

# The Manassas Journal

## RAID BIG STILL NEAR HOADLY

One of The Most Complete Plants Ever Found in County Confiscated Saturday.

Even the moonshiner has a sense of humor, for written on the walls of a large frame shack housing mash containers holding over 1,000 gallons of mash, which was raided last Friday by prohibition officers near Wolf Run Shoals, was written a sign which read "Monticello Distilling Company - Frog Eye Distilling Company," R. H. Duvall, Manager. Mr. Duvall led the raid on the place, and as he stated afterwards, actually assumed the management for which he had been given credit.

Edward Posey and Randolph Crouch were arrested by officer Duvall, and charged with operating the 100 gallon still which was found at Wolf Run Shoals. The plant was one of the most complete illicit whiskey manufacturing outfits ever captured in the county. In addition to the 100 gallon still and 1,000 gallons of mash the officers found 60 gallons of whiskey, a steam boiler, several buckets, two copper coils, cap, and a one-horse wagon. Mr. Duvall was assisted in the raid by officer C. L. Reading and E. S. Hooker and H. A. Seese, of Nokesville.

The Wolf Run Shoals plant was located about three miles North of Hoadly. The frame shack which housed mash containers was nearly forty feet long.

A ten-gallon still was found by the officers in a raid Saturday on an outfit about two miles South of Minnieville on the Neaboo road. George Tacey and Ira Bland were arrested on warrants sworn out by officer Duvall, and charged with ownership of the still.

Eight negroes found in the house of Martha Hinton, near Haymarket, when it was raided about two weeks ago, were arrested Saturday. The warrant was executed at the time charged with operating a still.

## SWAVELY WINS THREE

The Swavely School basketball team closed its season the past week with victories over Tech High School, of Washington; St. Albans, also of Washington, and the Alexandria High School, district high school champions.

On Friday the local team traveled to Washington and decisively defeated the strong St. Albans five by the score of 23 to 16. During the first half the game was evenly played and there appeared to be little to choose between the teams, but at the start of the second half the passwork and accurate shooting of the local team enabled them to obtain a comfortable lead, which was maintained to the finish. Draper and Proctor were the main cogs in the Swavely offense, caging six goals between them.

On Saturday, Swavely defeated the Technical High School, in Washington by the score of 21 to 20, in the closest and hardest fought game of the season. The teams were so evenly matched that for three quarters the score was deadlocked. In the final minutes of play the spectators were thrilled twice by the brilliant playing of both teams. With about five minutes to play Captain Zahn, of Tech, caged two baskets in rapid succession to give his team a four point lead. At this crucial moment Hampton, star Swavely forward came to the front and scored two baskets. A free toss gave Tech the lead once more, but in the last minute of play, Runnels, of Swavely, won the game with a goal as the Swavely adherents cheered.

The local five closed the season by easily defeating Alexandria High School here Monday 30 to 23. During the first half the Swavely team outplayed the visitors and secured a commanding lead of 18 to 11. The lead was maintained despite better playing by Alexandria in the last year.

## TO CONDUCT MISSION

The Rev. Nelson P. Dame, of Richmond, missionary for the diocese of Virginia, will conduct a mission at Trinity Episcopal Church beginning Sunday, March 15, and continuing through the week. The closing service will be held Sunday, March 22. Services will be held each week day night at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Dame has conducted a mission in Manassas before and is a friend of a large number of people in the community.

## FIRE CAUSES SMALL LOSS

Fire of undetermined origin, but which is said by residents of the building to have been started by defective wiring, was discovered in a two-story frame building on Main Street, between Centre and Church Streets, owned by Mrs. R. B. Sprinkel, about 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The flames were extinguished before they had gained much headway. The damage to the building is estimated to have been about \$25. The first floor of the building is occupied by a chain grocery store and the second floor flat is occupied by Michael Papa, local barber.

## KIWANIANS HOLD WEEKLY MEETING

Discuss Many Projects of Interest to the Club and Community Friday Night.

J. R. Larkin, Thomas H. Lion and C. E. Nash, members of the entertainment committee for the evening, lead in the discussion of various topics in which Kiwanians are interested at the regular weekly meeting of the Club on Friday night at Masonic Hall. President G. Raymond Ratcliffe turned the meeting over to the entertainment committee after presiding during the dinner.

Several committee reports on activities of the Club were made. Underprivileged children, business development projects, and many other matters of importance to the Club and community were discussed.

Jokes were told on several members of the club, and a general good fellowship spirit prevailed at the meeting. The Club, as usual will hold its next meeting tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock.

## FINDS COPY OF OLD NEWSPAPER

William T. Monroe, of Wellington Finds Copy of Baltimore Advertiser of 1840.

A copy of the last issue of "The Log Cabin Advocate," of Baltimore, Md., published December 15, 1840, and which contains among other interesting news items of that period the official election returns of 24 of the 26 states in the national election at which William Henry Harrison defeated Martin Van Buren for the presidency, was found by Mr. William T. Monroe, of Wellington, among old files of his father's papers. Mr. Monroe's father, William Walker Monroe, died in 1867.

The vote in the Harrison-Van Buren election of the state of Virginia was given in detail. Van Buren received 43,893 votes in Virginia to 42,501 for Harrison, or a majority of 1,392. Prince William county cast 393 votes for Van Buren to 167 for Harrison. Fairfax county cast 321 for Van Buren and 366 for Harrison. The population of Baltimore was given as 101,378, and New York as 312,334.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. BRADFIELD

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Jane Bradfield, 84 years old, a former resident of Manassas, who died in Newton, Kansas, February 25, were held from the Baptist Church here at 11 o'clock Monday morning. The services were conducted by the Rev. T. D. Clark, assisted by the Rev. J. Murray Taylor. Interment was made at Buckhall.

Mrs. Bradfield, before her marriage to Redman F. Bradfield, was a Miss Bryant, of Falmouth, Stafford county. She was married in 1857 and from that time until about five years ago, when she moved to Kansas to live with a son, had made her home in this county. She enjoyed good health throughout her life until last March when she suffered a stroke of paralysis, and had since that time been an invalid. She was a devout christian woman, and was a member of the Baptist Church for over 40 years. Her remains were accompanied back to Virginia by her son, S. A. Bradfield, with whom she lived in Kansas.

Mrs. Bradfield is survived by four children, George W. Bradfield, of Washington; S. A. Bradfield, of Newton, Kansas; J. E. Bradfield, of Manassas, and Mrs. A. E. Bynum, of Oxley, West Virginia.

## Worn Out Macadam Included in Mileage of Hard Surfaced Roads

Over Six Hundred Miles of Highways Not Built by State and \$6,000,000 Would Be Required to Repair Them, Says Chairman Shirley.

Six hundred miles of the 1,753 miles of hard surfaced highways which Governor Trinkle claimed for Virginia in a statement which he issued comparing this mileage with 1,692 miles of hard surfaced highways in North Carolina, was taken over from the counties and it will require \$6,000,000 according to an estimate of Chairman H. G. Shirley, of the State Highway Commission, to put it in shape to compare with new construction. The 1,753 miles referred to in the Governor's statement also includes sections of road which will have to be relocated, thus rendering useless portions of the old hard surfaced roadbeds included in Governor Trinkle's statement. The total of hard surfaced highways given by the Governor also includes 39 miles of hard surfaced highways built by the United States government in proximity to army, navy and marine corps cantonments, for which Virginia is not due credit, nor are the roads so located as to best suit the farm to market or tourist travel.

Virginia will have a total of \$5,840,000 available for new construction in 1925 instead of approximately \$15,000,000 claimed by Governor Trinkle in a statement issued from his office and circulated in plate form to weekly newspapers of the state free of charge by the Pay-as-you-go Roads Association, of Richmond. Of the \$5,840,000 available for new construction in 1925, \$1,900,000 represents funds loaned to the state under the Robertson act. Of the net total of approximately 1,100 miles built by the state several hundred miles have been built with money advanced to the state under the Robertson act. The present plan for the full million dollar road law, approved by the Legislature in 1924, and the vice president of the association, estimated that approximately 250 miles of new roads of which I should say our plans at the present time indicate will consist of about 75 per cent to 80 per cent hard surface.

I have been out of town for some little time which caused the delay in answering your communication. Very truly yours, H. G. SHIRLEY, Chairman.

The Journal determined to ascertain the facts from the chairman of the state Highway Commission. The letter of Chairman Shirley follows:

February 28, 1925  
Mr. A. B. Land, Editor, The Manassas Journal, Manassas, Virginia.

I am sending you under separate cover two reports of the State Highway Commission and if you will note the tables in the back of these reports it will give you the data you requested in regards to type of surface, mileage, etc.

The next report giving the details of the work from October 1st, 1923 to July 1st, 1925, will be issued sometime during the latter part of July or August and I will be glad to send you a copy.

Of the 1753 miles referred to in the Governor's statement approximately 600 miles were turned over from the Counties and much of this was in very bad condition but has been put in good shape where it was macadam oil with asphalt or tar and placed in a serviceable condition. To widen this mileage out and strengthen it where the surface was thin we estimate will cost about \$6,000,000.00 to put in first class shape to compare with the new construction.

There are also sections that will have to be relocated. There was also included in this mileage 39 miles built by the Government which is in first class condition. As to what funds we will have available this year, there was \$3,840,000.00 allocated to the Eight Construction Districts, \$1,000,000.00 set aside for filling in gaps and we have included in the full million dollar road law, approved by the Legislature in 1924, and the vice president of the association, estimated that approximately 250 miles of new roads of which I should say our plans at the present time indicate will consist of about 75 per cent to 80 per cent hard surface.

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## EPIDEMIC OF RABIES HALTED

Town and County Authorities Order Dogs Confined or Muzzled For 30 Days.

With a quarantine in effect against dogs roaming at large either in the town or county, following reports of an epidemic of rabies, and the biting of two or three persons by infected animals, no further reports reached authorities this week of a spread of this disease.

Charles Harris, of near Blandford bridge, and two young children of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Gallahan, who were bitten by dogs with the rabies are undergoing the Pasteur treatment.

Mayor Harry P. Davis issued a proclamation last week ordering the confinement or muzzling of dogs for a period of 30 days. All dogs found on the street unmuzzled were impounded at the expense of the owner.

The Board of Supervisors of the county adopted an order at their monthly meeting last week compelling residents of the county to confine or muzzle their dogs.

It is said that the epidemic of rabies in the Blandford bridge section of the county originated with a pet dog, whose owners reside in Alexandria, and who sent the dog to friends in Prince William county to keep because of an epidemic of rabies in that city. The dog, it is said, was infected and developed the rabies shortly after being sent to this county. Several dogs in the neighborhood were bitten before the pet dog which started the epidemic could be caught and killed.

## GENERAL PERSHING BETTER

Havana, March 5.—General John J. Pershing, ill yesterday, is better.

## ROBERT S. RYLAND DIES

Robert S. Ryland, 87 years old, former member of the House of Delegates from King William county, and the father of William S. Ryland, a former resident of Prince William county, died at 4 o'clock Monday morning at Johnson-Willis hospital, Richmond. He had been confined to the hospital for several months.

Mr. Ryland was a Confederate veteran, having served in Carter's battery and the ninth Virginia cavalry.

Besides five children who survive him, Mr. Ryland leaves a number of relatives in this section of the state.

## BUYS HOTEL AT ELKTON, VA.

Mrs. E. V. Vaughan Will Give up Hotel Here June 1—F. E. Gulick Comes Here.

Mrs. E. V. Vaughan, for about five years manager of the New Prince William hotel, which she operated under a lease, has purchased "The Elkton," at Elkton, Va., and will assume charge there not later than June 1. "The Elkton," is a comparatively new hotel and cost over \$100,000. Its gardens are situated along the banks of the Shenandoah river, and is within the area to be taken over by the Federal government as the Shenandoah National Park. The elevation of the hotel is over 1,000 feet, and is situated at the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains and on the main line of the Norfolk & Western railroad. It is also situated on the famous "Spotswood Trail."

Mr. F. E. Gulick, of Culpeper, has leased the New Prince William hotel, and will take charge here June 1, or earlier.

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE OFFICER SPEAKS

Miss Clark Explains League of Women Voters of Virginia.

Miss Adele Clark, president of the League of Women Voters of Virginia, spoke before a joint meeting of the two local school leagues last Thursday in the interest of the social, educational and economic legislation in which women are interested.

Miss Lulu Metz presided and after a musical program had been rendered by the high school pupils, introduced Miss Clark. Miss Clark stressed the point that the League of Women Voters is not a political organization. The League, she said always invited all candidates to speak before it, for the purpose of informing women on the issues. She said the League stood for an efficient government which carried out the desires of the majority of the people by the best workable program.

She said that the organization was particularly interested in legislation affecting the welfare of women and children. The League also stands for an agreement between the nations of the world that will assure peace, she said.

## HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Following is the honor roll of the Manassas High School for January and February reports:

Fourth Year—Elizabeth Coleman, Gladys Ball, Ardath Evans, Lois Beahm, Lulu Hixson.

Third Year—Chester Lund, Anna Waters, Claude Smith, Ruth Hutchison, Hazel Beahm, Virginia Speiden, Treva Holler, Marion Broadus, Lida Sowers, Dabney Waters.

Second Year—Katherine Pattie.

First Year—Thelma Ramey, Nelson Bradshaw, Paul Curry, Bine Seleckman. The highest averages in the school were obtained by Miss Elizabeth Coleman, Miss Thelma Ramey and Chester Lund.

## COUNTY TESTER WINS PRIZE

Official announcement has been made by Assistant Dairy Husbandman L. P. Emmerick at Blacksburg of the points credited the tester of the Prince William County Cow Testing Association for the month of January in the Virginia Cow Tester's Efficiency Contest. The local tester won the prize of \$10 in January by a total score of 158 points.

## ALLEGED CHECK FLASHER HELD

C. E. Cox, alias Baxton, Arrested at Clarksville and Returned Here to Answer Charges.

C. E. Cox, alias R. L. Baxton, alias White, wanted here on the charge of swindling William Adamson, of near Manassas, out of \$280, the amount of a check which Adamson said he endorsed for Cox, who is alleged to have posed as a cattle buyer, was arrested near Clarksville, Va., Saturday and returned here to face local charges. Cox, who operated here under the alias of R. L. Baxton, is also charged with swindling T. E. Moore, of near Manassas, out of \$35.

According to information furnished the authorities, Cox, alias Baxton, came to Manassas and after communicating with Mr. Adamson, requested the latter to show him around through Prince William county, and introduce him to farmers who had cattle for sale. Mr. Adamson was deeply impressed with the manner of the stranger, who purported to be a man of means. In a deal for cattle Cox is said to have asked Adamson to endorse a check for \$300 because he was not known to the man from whom the cattle were to be purchased. Adamson was again obliging and readily endorsed the stranger's check.

Cox, alias Baxton, failed to keep an appointment with Mr. Adamson the day following the cattle "purchase," and the local man grew suspicious. A telephone call to the bank on which the \$300 check was drawn revealed the fact that "Baxton" had no funds on deposit there. Mr. Adamson obtained a warrant for Cox, but the authorities were unable to obtain any trace of him until his apprehension at Clarksville for an offense similar to the one which he committed here. Cox is said to have received the money to parties from whom he obtained it illegally at Clarksville, and the charges against him there were dropped, but he was not released.

Authorities on information furnished the police of Clarksville by bankers in that town regarding the operations of the man here. The local authorities were advised of his arrest, and Mr. R. M. Weir made the trip to Clarksville, bringing the prisoner back here Sunday.

J. C. Austin, of Marshallville, N. C., father of Cox, alias Baxton, whose real name is Leroy Austin, reached Manassas Wednesday, and is making an effort to settle the cases against his son out of court.

## HOLD POULTRY CONTEST

With a view to raising better poultry, an improvement contest will be put on among the Prince William county poultry raisers this year and prizes will be awarded to the ones making the greatest improvement, with the least outlay of money. This contest will supplement the Farm Flock Management contest which has been conducted in the county for three years, and is still in operation, there being eight demonstrators for 1925.

The motto to be adopted is "Make the Farm Flock Pay." The county home demonstration agent will have charge of the contest and will do the scoring.

The contest will run from March 1925, to December, 1925. The first scoring will be done the first of March. Persons wishing to enter the contest do not necessarily have to have standard bred flocks, but the owner must be willing to build up the present flock to a standard bred one.

The county home demonstration agent states that already eleven persons have signed up to enter the contest, and if others, after reading this article are interested and wish further details, get in touch with her by addressing Miss Lillian V. Gilbert, Manassas, Virginia.

Already the first prize, an incubator, one of the best makes, is in the office of the county agent, and may be seen by any one interested.

## LECTURES TO FARMERS

C. C. Taylor, expert farm accountant, of the V. F. L., Blacksburg, lectured to farmers of Prince William county on "Farm Accounting," in the Manual Training building at the local school last Thursday. Mr. Taylor discussed the prospects for the 1925 farm crop, and outlined to farmers the importance of keeping accurate financial records of crops.