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MANASSAS MINUS TOWN MANAGER

W. R. Smith Resigns Position—Parking Conditions on Center Street Discussed.

Manassas, after three and a half months of government under a town manager, is without the services of that office. At the meeting of the town council Monday night the resignation of Town Manager W. R. Smith was accepted. While his original resignation would have become effective November 30, an amendment, offered by Councilman H. P. Davis, provided to relieve Mr. Smith of his duties October 31, the date of the meeting. The town manager's salary for the month of November will be paid, it was stipulated in the amendment, which was passed by the vote of the council.

Mr. Smith's plans for the future were not disclosed, nor according to Mayor C. A. Sinclair, has any provision been made to name a successor or a temporary town manager. The matter, it is expected, will be brought up at the next regular meeting of the council, unless a request for a special meeting is made through the proper channels.

Mr. Smith, who came to Manassas from Burdette, Va., was employed at a salary of \$2,400 a year. He was chosen from a field of 26 candidates. The ordinance providing the town manager form of government is effective four years, beginning last September 1.

Among the other matters brought before the council was the request of T. H. Lion that the parking restriction on Center street be removed to allow parking on both sides of the street, whereas one side only at present may be used, the side being changed from time to time that the benefits may be evenly distributed among the merchants. Mr. Lion's contention was that the ordinance was a source of annoyance to drivers coming to Manassas who were unfamiliar with the town and particularly with the parking law applying to the busy section of Center street. The matter was referred to a committee composed of Councilman Davis and E. G. Parrish for investigation and report.

The removal of trees on Lee avenue, which were planted in honor of soldiers of the World War, will be replaced, those that have failed to live. The matter was called to the attention of the council by the Rev. A. Stuart Gibson, rector of the Trinity Episcopal Church. Councilman Parrish was appointed to obtain the trees and have them planted.

A police gong, or alarm, was ordered purchased to be placed in some central position in the business district of the town. It will be operated from the telephone office and is designed especially for use by persons in the outer sections of the community, who, when in need of police protection, will call central, who, in turn, will ring the gong and its telephone, the use of which will be free.

The sum of \$187 was appropriated for the use of the Ladies Rest Room for the period of September 1, 1927, to August 31, 1928. The motion was made by Councilman D. J. Arrington.

Mr. Lion, who made the motion to have the Center street parking restriction lifted, also requested that free burying space be provided in the cemetery for inmates of the county home. The matter was turned over to Councilmen Arrington and Whitmore for investigation and report.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. Fines to the amount of \$64 for the month of October were reported, along with a special 1927-28 license for \$5. A number of bills were ordered paid.

EASTERN STAR MEETS

Wimodaus Chapter, O. E. S., had a very enjoyable meeting here Saturday night. Many distinguished guests were present, among them being Mrs. Carrie Lee, grand matron of the state of Virginia; Mrs. Percy Clift, of Alexandria, past grand matron; Mr. Emerick Beall, past grand patron, state of Virginia, and others. Visitors from Culpeper, Alexandria, Clarendon, Clifton and other nearby places were present. Addresses were made and delicious refreshments were served by the local chapter.

W. C. U. TO MEET

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet at the home of Mrs. Bywaters, Wednesday, November 9, at 8 p. m.

Midnight Curfew On Public Dances

Cinderella had to be home before the clock finished striking the hour of midnight and so will the followers of the terpsichorean art who attend the public dances in Manassas hereafter, according to a motion passed by the town council at its meeting Monday night. The provision was prompted, it seems, from conditions of the past which have accompanied some of the dances in public halls.

The motion was made by Councilman H. P. Davis and passed by the vote of the council. It provides "that it shall be unlawful for any person to dance in a public hall or public place in the town of Manassas at a later hour than 12 o'clock midnight." The fine for violation will be not less than \$5 nor more than \$20.

CAPTAIN HOBSON TO SPEAK HERE

Hero of The Spanish-American War, to Lecture Monday on "The Crisis."

Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson, who will speak here in Conner's Hall Monday night at 8 o'clock, is an outstanding example of a soldier who has beat his sword into a plowshare. He was one of the outstanding heroes of the Spanish-American War, but the hero-worship bestowed upon him by a grateful nation did not cause him to rest upon his laurels. His particular act of heroism during the war was the sinking of the Merrimac in the harbor of Santiago which completely bottled up the Spanish fleet operating in Cuban waters.

The subject of the lecture, which will be delivered free, will be "The Crisis." In it he outlines his views on the destructive havoc wrought by alcohol and he will give arguments in favor of prohibition. His oratory is known the country over.

As representative in Congress from Alabama, he introduced the resolution submitting to the states the prohibition amendment to the Federal Constitution prohibiting the manufacture, importation and exportation of ardent spirits for beverage purposes. His activity for this purpose is declared to have been largely responsible for the final submission of the amendment to the states for ratification.

The sponsors of the lecture have invited the public to attend.

MILK-FOR-HEALTH CAMPAIGN SUCCESS

Prominent Men and Women of County Comment on Beneficial Results Expected.

Prince William County's first milk-for-health campaign came to a close Saturday, October 29.

Enthusiastic comments have been made on the campaign's success and the results which are expected from it.

Mr. R. C. Haydon, division superintendent of schools, says: "My observation is that it has stimulated a great deal of thought along the line of health."

Miss Grace Moran, rural supervisor of schools, says: "The milk campaign has been very successful. The response on the part of the parents, teachers, and pupils has been very gratifying."

Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson remarked: "Why put on a milk campaign when there is not sufficient milk to supply the demand? But if we do create a demand for milk, the supply will come."

Miss Helen Ricks, district home demonstration agent from Blacksburg, commented upon the enthusiastic manner in which her audiences responded to her talks.

Miss Hall, U. S. Department of Agriculture, stated that the milk-for-health posters were among the most attractive she had ever seen.

COUNTY NURSE SECURED

Prince William county has been most fortunate in securing, through the Public Health Service and Red Cross, Miss Ruby Ryman, graduate nurse of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Miss Ryman will be well able to supervise and do the county nursing, as she has done in the wild, mountainous sections of Tennessee.

HEALTH OBJECT OF CAMPAIGN

Urge Use of Dairy Products in Daily Diet—Farmers Asked to Increase Herds.

The Milk-for-Health and Dairy Improvement campaign has as its objective not only the improvement of the health of the children in the county by use of more dairy products in the diet, but much attention has been devoted to plans for increasing the number of dairy cows kept on the farms of the county.

The speakers who have visited the farmers at farm meetings during the campaign week and talked at night in school houses throughout the county have emphasized the need for getting more dairy cows kept on the farms and the necessity of feeding and caring for these cows so that they will produce milk during the entire year.

It has been shown by the speakers that some dairy cows have been capable of making good returns for feed given them while others furnished a very unprofitable market for crops grown on the farm. One of the speakers brought out the fact that from actual study of dairy cows, it has been found that the cows which produced 150 pounds of butterfat per year paid only \$3.32 per ton for the hay consumed, and \$21.70 per ton for the grain consumed. Under the same conditions and the same kind of feed, cows that produced 300 pounds of butterfat per year paid \$33.10 per ton for hay consumed, and \$92.50 per ton for grain consumed. In the first instance the cows proved to be a very poor market for the crops on the farm; in the other instance, they were a very profitable market for such crops.

The plans for the county agricultural extension office are to get information as to what people of the county need cows and then work up a co-operative car load purchase of cows decided.

Plans are also to be put under way for organizing a dairy calf club which will not only be the means of getting more dairy cattle into the county, but will also increase the interest of boys and girls in dairy farming.

Among the speakers who talked to farmers during the week were: Messrs. H. C. Bates, agricultural agent of the Southern Railroad; George Cary, Jr., assistant dairy husbandman of V. P. I.; J. P. Pullen, agricultural instructor of Manassas High School, and F. A. Buchanan, dairy specialist of V. P. I. extension service.

ACCOMAC COUNTY LEADS IN POTATO PRODUCTION

Peninsular Province Boasts of Raising Over One-third of State's Crop in 1925.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 3.—Of the 17,134,931 bushels of white potatoes raised in Virginia during 1925, the last year for which authenticated figures by counties is available, Accomac and Northampton counties raised nearly 13,000,000. These figures are made public by the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce from the Statistical Survey of Virginia compiled by Dr. Wilson Gee and J. J. Corson, Third, for the University of Virginia.

Accomac is credited with being the leading potato producing county in the Old Dominion with a total production of 6,707,910 bushels, while Northampton produced 6,165,840. Arlington county raised the smallest amount of potatoes grown in Virginia, 1,389 bushels. The average per county for the states is given as 171,349.

Eighty-two of the Virginia counties raised more than 10,000 bushels of potatoes each, while forty-three counties raised more than 25,000 bushels of potatoes. With the exception of the two counties on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, there was no county which raised 1,000,000 bushels. Seven besides the two leaders mentioned above, however, raised more than 100,000 bushels each. They were Norfolk, Princess Anne, Nansemond, James City, Middlesex, York and Hanover.

CAN YOU BEAT THEM?

Mr. W. S. Athey brought to this office on Friday, four potatoes of the Rural New York variety, weighing six pounds and fifteen ounces. The largest potato weighed one pound and eleven ounces. They were grown on a lot at Swaley.

GEORGE CLARK TO BE HONORED

Representatives From Several States to Visit—Virginia Soon to Honor Soldier.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 3.—Virginia cities are preparing to greet with open arms the representatives of her children, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky, who will come to Virginia, November 17, 18 and 19, to honor George Rogers Clark, Virginia soldier who conquered the old north-west territory. Receptions and entertainments for the distinguished delegation which will number approximately 75 are being prepared at Williamsburg, Richmond and Charlottesville by local organizations who will entertain the party.

Colonel LeRoy Hodges, managing director of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, has just returned from Indianapolis, where final arrangements for the visit of the delegation in honor of the Virginia soldier were perfected. Present indications are that the personnel of the visiting party, which is being assembled by the Indiana George Rogers Clark Memorial Commission, will include Nicholas Longworth, Senator Watson, of Indiana, and representatives of the governors of all the states mentioned above.

The visitors plan to spend November 16 in Washington, D. C., capital of the Nation, leaving for Richmond, old capital of the Confederacy, at 12:40 o'clock. They will arrive here at 3:25 o'clock and immediately go on a tour of the interesting spots in the city. At 7 o'clock they will be guests at a dinner to be given in their honor at the Jefferson Hotel, to which it is planned to invite Governor Byrd, Senator Glass and Representatives Montague to be among the speakers.

On November 18 the party will leave for Williamsburg at 9 o'clock to inspect the ancient capital of Virginia, with a side trip to Jamestown and Yorktown. In the evening the visitors will entrain for Charlottesville, departing at 9:50 o'clock. The next day will be devoted to pilgrimages to the birthplace of George Rogers Clark, to Monticello, home of Jefferson, Clark's best friend and a visit to the University of Virginia. A speaking program will also be arranged for a luncheon to be given by the Charlottesville Chamber.

AGED LEGISLATOR AND SOLDIER PASSES AWAY

P. B. Young, Eighty-five-Year-Old Confederate Veteran Dies at Shipman.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 3.—In the recent passing at Shipman of P. B. Young, death removed from the general assembly of Virginia the last of her representatives who wore the gray. Mr. Young served his district in the lower branch for the past four sessions. He was eighty-five years old.

An almost unprecedented distinction was twice accorded the veteran legislator and soldier when the House of Delegates placed itself as a body on record through resolution in requesting his constituency to return Mr. Young to the halls of legislation. This tribute was intended as a mark of confidence and of affection. Its recipient at all times held the highest respect of his associates.

The aged law-maker was conspicuous for gallantry in battle. He was desperately wounded during an engagement in the Civil War, from the effects of which disablement he never entirely recovered. He narrowly escaped with his life in Richmond some years ago when the old Lexington Hotel was burned.

To those who knew him and who were thrown with him, the memory of "the gentleman from Nelson" will remain always as a treasured pleasure. He was a soldier, a legislator, a gentleman and a man. He was one who brought down into the present generation that high standard of honor which characterized the men of the Old South. He was one of the last of the fighting men who followed Lee.

RAISES LARGE POTATOES

Amanda Barnes, colored, brought to this office this week two Irish potatoes each weighing one and three-quarter pounds. They were raised on a farm near Independent Hill at one time said to have been the poorest farm in Prince William county.

Nimrods Urged to Observe Laws

In a statement given out by Major A. Willis Robertson, chairman of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries he says that in a short time there will be some in a number of counties and especially in those counties where quail are mature who will be attempting to get the jump on other hunters by shooting before the open season on November 15, and he urgently appeals to the sportsmanship and good citizenship of the people of Virginia to await the opening of the lawful season.

In his appeal he draws a comparison with Pennsylvania, which spends five times as much as Virginia in game conservation, which has no open season on turkeys and quail and much shorter seasons on other game. Pennsylvania resident hunters pay a license of two dollars.

LARGE PER CENT TAKE TREATMENT

Immunity to Diphtheria Attained by Toxin Anti-Toxin Inoculation.

The boys and girls of today will be the men and women of tomorrow, and without physical health there is little hope for mental health, so we must strive to make the younger generation "healthy, peppy and wise." Darwin stressed the importance of health in his "Five Link Chain" when he illustrates the survival of the fittest.

The doctors and educators of today realize what a great factor health is in the development of children, and since the introduction of toxin anti-toxin into medical science, they have been urging it to be given in schools. The Prince William county schools have given the children their first of three inoculations, and the second will be given according to the schedule announced by The Journal last week.

The county has been very fortunate in procuring the services of Drs. McBryde, Marsteller, Gray, Payne, Cook, Hornbaker, Starkweather and Williams.

The State Board of Health is helping in the work by sending Dr. Anderson and Dr. Chapin and Nurse Cowling, all of whom are associated with the Board.

The new county nurse, Miss Ryman, will also assist in this work. Diphtheria is a dreaded disease, and once it breaks out, an epidemic will probably follow, but with these toxin anti-toxin injections one becomes immune to it.

A large percentage of the school children have taken advantage of this opportunity and it is hoped that they will take the other two injections in order to attain immunity, as the three inoculations, one taken each week for three weeks is absolutely necessary.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF VIRGINIA GAS TAX

Director of Motor Vehicles Expects Fund For 1927 to Be Seven Million Dollars.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 3.—The director of the division of motor vehicles reports the collection of \$738,309.86 for September tax, 4 1-2c on each gallon of gasoline used in Virginia. The corresponding month of 1926 was \$630,840.98, an increase of \$107,468.88, with all the collections not in, in other words, 17 per cent increase.

The first nine months of 1926, the department collected \$4,484,284.08. In the first nine months of 1927, \$5,530,444.23, or \$1,045,560.15 increase, being an increase of 23 1-3 per cent. This heavy percentage of increase is due to the fact that the first part of 1926, that is January and February, and the first ten days in March, the tax was only 3c. Since that time the tax has been 4 1-2c.

From the collections for the first nine months of 1927, five and a half million, it would seem that the department would easily collect a million and a half more for the next three months, which will make the amount of seven million estimated.

EMERY—MAY

Charles J. Emery and Maphie E. May were married on October 31, at the United Brethren parsonage, the Rev. Lee E. Sheaffer officiating.

SUPERVISORS MET ON OCTOBER 25

Statistical Report Given on Prince William County Road Expenditures.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Prince William county board of supervisors held at the courthouse, Tuesday, October 25, a report on the following district road expenditures was made:

Dumfries district, \$979.56; Brentsville district, \$16.00; Gainesville district, \$138.20; Occoquan district, \$156.75.

J. P. Leachman's report showed that he had paid out for payrolls, from August 27 to October 22, \$3,112.83. This money was derived from the Manassas gas tax fund.

The Gainesville district road fund report showed that it had paid out on payrolls from September 3 to October 15, \$2,614.20.

The members of the board of supervisors agreed that the State Highway Commission be requested to add to the state highway system a road which would pass through Thoroughfare Gap to Gainesville. This road would be through Linden Gap in the Blue Ridge mountains via Oak Hill, the former home of Chief Justice John Marshall, for whom the road would be named. From Oak Hill the road would follow along the line of the historic march of Stonewall Jackson at the time of the second battle of Manassas. It would then pass through Thoroughfare Gap.

The objective of this road would be linking the northern end of the proposed Shenandoah National Park with Washington, D. C. The motion of this proposal was lost.

An amendment of this resolution was made, however, providing for the road to connect with route number 31 in the lower end of Prince William county. This motion was also lost.

It was decided at this meeting that the Rivers and Streams Electric Corporation be given permission to erect and maintain necessary poles and lines along the prince William county highways. A provision was made, of course, that they should be so constructed and maintained as not to interrupt the use of the highways or interfere with the lines of other corporations now using the same route. It was ordered that the foot bridge at J. Frank Wheat's ford be completed at a cost not exceeding fifty dollars.

It was further ordered at this meeting that the board accept the view of superintendent of roads leading from a point on Bethel road to Richmond-Washington Highway in Occoquan district, also the road from King's crossroads to Whetzel's corner, in Brentsville district, and that the applications to open the said roads be denied a change.

The supervisor of roads was asked to investigate and report on the application of Mrs. M. Baggott to open a road from the Baggott farm, adjoining T. E. Vance, to the Aden-Nokesville road in Brentsville district, and also to learn whether the road would be public or private.

The clerk was authorized to buy a couple of desks and tables for his office, after which the meeting adjourned.

MILK-FOR-HEALTH JINGLES

The Jingle Contest conducted in connection with Milk-for-Health Contest carried on in the schools of Prince William county during the past week created a great deal of interest among the children. Two hundred and fifty jingles were sent in to the office of Mr. T. T. Curtis, county agent. The jingles were judged by Miss Florence Hall U. S. D. A., Bureau of Dairying, Washington, and Miss Eleanor Eurig, West Virginia State Dairy Council, Blacksburg, Va., awarding the prizes to the following acted as judges.

Ten \$1 prizes have been awarded to the following prize winners: Loraine Abel, Dumfries; Anne Lynn, Manassas; Barbara Stone, Dumfries; Eula Miller, Haymarket; Anna Hines, Quantico; Margaret Selesman, Occoquan; Kathleen Brawner, Dumfries; Ambrose Cheshire, Hoadly; Frances Mildred Brunt, Occoquan; Mildred Hornbaker, Lorton.

COLBERT—CROUCH

John Colbert and Geneva Crouch were married October 27, by Rev. Lee E. Sheaffer at the home of the officiating minister. Mr. Colbert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Colbert and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Crouch.