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RAILWAY SUITS SETTLED AT \$500

Damages Awarded to Fathers Of Boys Killed by Train at Bristow Crossing.

Judgments for \$500 each were handed down in the circuit court here on Tuesday in the cases against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway growing out of the deaths of two boys, Albert W. E. Cornwell and C. Brown Ennis, who were killed by a train at Bristow a few months ago, when they were coming to town to dispose of rabbits bagged on a hunting trip. Suits were entered for \$5,000 each, the railway company pleading not guilty to contributory negligence, and the cases were settled for \$500, payable to the fathers of the victims.

The February term of court convened here on Monday of last week, is in session today and probably will adjourn tomorrow. A summary of proceedings continued from the last Journal follows:

Common Law.

Accounts of Thomas H. Lion, commonwealth's attorney, Wilson Payne, justice of the peace, J. C. Parrish, juvenile justice, and Hibbs & Giddings certified for payment.

Commonwealth vs. Herbert Tibbs—One month in jail and \$5 fine; prisoner ordered released upon payment of fine, having been in jail since December 18 while awaiting trial.

Re estate of Arthur Keys—C. A. Sinclair, executor of the will of T. B. Whedbee and administrator of Keys estate, ordered to pay interest of Carrie Keys to her mother, Rosa Keys, Carrie Keys having assigned her interest to her mother.

Commonwealth vs. J. W. Wilts, information for a misdemeanor (breach of prohibition law)—\$50 fine, one month in jail and costs; jail sentence suspended on defendant's good behavior.

Commonwealth vs. Robert Richie, information for a misdemeanor (automobile collision, etc.)—Defendant, indicted jointly with Lloyd Richie, entered plea of guilty to third count in said information and was fined \$10 and costs.

Commonwealth vs. Lloyd Richie, information for a misdemeanor (automobile collision, etc.)—Commonwealth's attorney declined to prosecute and defendant was discharged.

Commonwealth vs. Luther Price, appeal—Accused entered plea of guilty to charge of stealing bag of corn meal and given sentence of three months in jail to be credited with two months spent in jail awaiting trial.

Clerk directed to write to Major R. A. McIntyre, Warrenton attorney, asking immediate return of papers in case of Moss vs. Withers—loaned to him by permission of court on March 18, 1924—under penalty of rule to be issued against him for contempt of court.

F. W. Hornbaker vs. C. F. Hawthorne, notice—Case continued and set for trial on second day of April term.

Southern Railway Co., vs. Manassas Motor Company, notice—Continued generally and set for trial on 13th day of April term.

O. Wells vs. John T. Robert—(Continued on Page Eight)

PHILADELPHIA SLEUTH RECOVERS STOLEN CAR

New Jersey Boys Attempt to Drive Home in Auto "Borrowed" at Occoquan.

Two 15-year-old boys—Abraham Gass and Jacob Bacher, of Linden, N. J.—were arrested in Philadelphia Saturday with a car belonging to Mr. R. H. Whalen, a merchant at Occoquan. They were to be tried yesterday before the juvenile court in Philadelphia, but no word of the court's action has been received. The company through which the car was insured will take care of its return.

The boys are said to have admitted the theft of the car to the city detective who questioned them on suspicion before making the arrest. He telegraphed to Richmond for the name of the owner of the car and Mr. Whalen and Sheriff Kerlin were notified.

The young strangers were seen in Occoquan on the day of the theft and suspicion was directed to them when Mr. Whalen missed his car, which disappeared while he was making a call in the town. Indications were that the car had been pushed a short distance before the engine was started.

It is the opinion of those familiar with the case that the boys are not old offenders, but that they were out of funds and seized upon this opportunity to hasten their journey home from a southern trip. Apparently they were "beating" their way along the highway.

RED CROSS TO MEET TOMORROW

Session to Take Place at Haymarket—365 Members Greet Annual Roll Call.

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Prince William County Chapter of the Red Cross will be held at the Parish Hall, Haymarket, Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

This meeting is called at the suggestion of the Washington National Headquarters in the interest of the county nursing activities. Miss Dugger, nursing field representative, and Miss James, Red Cross field representative, will be present. This will be the first executive committee meeting of the chapter since the nursing activities were established in the county under the auspices of the local chapter of the Red Cross.

The Eleventh Annual Roll Call has given a total to date of 365 members. This gives the chapter for its 1928 fund the sum of \$182.50; considerably less than the goal of 600 members named by the national chairman as the quota for Prince William county. Yet those who labored for the annual drive are to be commended for their zeal. The returns from the various centers were as follows:

- Bristow, 11; Buckland, 8; Catharpin, 8; Cherry Hill, 9; Catlett, 1; Gainesville, 21; Haymarket, 50; Joplin, 4; Manassas, 190; Nokesville, 41; Quantico, 4; Thoroughfare, 9; Waterfall, 12; Wellington, 1. Total, 365 members.

APPROVES WORK OF COUNTY NURSE

Kiwanis Sees Its Value And Favors Retention of Nurse Another Year.

Friday's meeting of the Kiwanis Club included the usual supper and a program arranged by Mr. J. E. Bradford in the form of an open forum which resolved itself into a discussion of the work of the county nurse. Mr. F. R. Hynson presided. The matter of retaining the county nurse was discussed at length by Supervisor James R. Larkin, Dr. E. H. Marsteller and Superintendent of Schools R. C. Haydon, while interest and opinions were expressed more briefly by others present.

It was apparently the consensus of opinion of all who spoke that it should be the policy of the club and other organizations formerly sponsoring this movement to give financial support to the county nurse for another year in addition to the year already under way and financially taken care of, the suggestion being made that Kiwanians endeavor to co-operate with the school leagues and various organizations as before.

Several of the speakers advanced the idea that in consideration of the county-wide scope of the work it should finally be sustained by taxation and paid by the county. Supervisor Larkin explained the condition of the county fund for such purposes and stated that in his opinion it would be impossible to get any action from the Board of Supervisors without more evidence from the taxpayers that an increase in the tax levy would be acceptable.

WARRENTON DIVIDES DOUBLE HEADER HERE

Boys Win and Girls Lose in High School Contests—Both Games Exciting.

The Manassas and Warrenton High School basket ball teams divided the double header which was played here Friday night. The Manassas boys won by a score of 24 to 18. The girls lost to Warrenton by a score of 17 to 13. The boys' game was a very fine game indeed. It was marked by fast playing and good team work on both sides. While the girls lost, they played a splendid game, giving up their lead and the game in the last quarter. Of course we like for our teams to win, but in basket ball, as in every sport, someone has to lose every time. To lose with good grace is one of the best features of sports, and it is not every team that can do it, but our girls' team certainly proved their wonderful spirit.

Tomorrow night the local teams play another double header with Washington and Lee High School. These games are expected to be very fast and interesting. We had the largest attendance of the season, thus far, at the Warrenton game. We hope to see still more at our next game. The school appreciates the interest the community has shown in our sports and we are also glad to see it growing.

Miss Rena Bryant Bevans will entertain a party of young friends at bridge Saturday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart E. Bevans, in East street.

GREENWICH CLUB PLANS PROGRAM

Mrs. Middelthon Hostess to February Meeting—Standard Work Agreed Upon.

The Greenwich Home Demonstration Club met on Tuesday, February 7, with Mrs. N. K. Middelthon. Since the Greenwich Home Demonstration Club was one of the 44 standard home demonstration clubs in the state for 1927, all plans and programs were decided upon with the view of meeting the requirements of a standard home demonstration club. They chose for their community piece of work to continue the hot lunches at Greenwich school, to name their homes and to contribute towards the happiness of others. The following program was decided upon for the March meeting:

Roll call and answer: Best definition of home. A prize to be given for the best definition. Discussion led by club members:

- 1. How the farm house may be made more attractive for the young people.
2. Music for the home.
3. Co-operative work between parents and children.
4. Value of club work to children in the home.
5. Good books and magazines for the home.

1928 State Wash Dress Contest.

Demonstration: Spring dress materials and designs. Shrinking and setting of colors.

Social hour: Games, contests, music and light refreshments.

GAINESVILLE RESIDENT DIES AT AGE OF 80

Funeral of Jos. A. Florance Held at Greenwich Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Joseph A. Florance, a lifelong resident of Prince William county, passed away peacefully on Friday last at the home of his son, Mr. Robert H. Florance, at Gainesville. Mr. Florance was 80 years old and until several years ago was an active, successful farmer. Failing health compelled him to give up his old home, and he had been tenderly cared for at the home of his son.

Mr. Florance leaves three sons, Mr. Robert H. Florance, of Gainesville, Mr. J. A. Florance, of Norfolk, and Mr. William L. Florance, of Berkeley county, W. Va.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday by Rev. J. Royal Cooke in the Presbyterian Church at Greenwich.

DUVALL SEIZES TRUCK

A Ford truck driven by R. H. Hampton was seized near Agnewville on Saturday by State Prohibition Officer R. H. Duvall and is held pending decision of the court as to its confiscation as a vehicle used for transporting liquor in violation of the prohibition law. The driver of the car is said to have served two terms—six months and three months, respectively—for prohibition violations in Fauquier county.

SWAVELY BREAKS STREAK OF ALEXANDRIA QUINT

Annexes Seventh Victory of Season After Alexandria Registers Ninth Win.

The most exciting basket ball game of the season was staged in the Swavelly Gymnasium Tuesday evening when Swavelly defeated the Alexandria High School team by a score of 23 to 21. This boosts Swavelly's string of victories up to seven, while it ends a winning streak of nine for the Alexandria team.

The Swavelly team, although outscored in the first half by five points, came back in the second half with such a burst of speed and variety of attack that the Alexandrians were swept off their feet.

Swavelly showed evidence of such good teamwork that no one player stood out. However, Aman led in points scored, with 10 points, while Hayes was second with five.

SWAVELY

Table with 2 columns: Name and Points. Aman 10, Lochrie 5, Criswell 5, Arnold 5, Hayes 5, Howard 5, Total 23.

ALEXANDRIA

Table with 2 columns: Name and Points. McMenamin 5, Smith 5, Travers 5, Williams 5, Travers 5, Total 25.

OPERATOR HELPS RECOVER LOOT

Violins and Victrola Abandoned on Freight When Thief Is Chased from Car.

Three old violins and a portable victrola, stolen Tuesday night from the combination grocery and jewelry store of Mr. D. E. Woodyard, Farmers' Exchange building, were recovered this morning on a freight car where they were abandoned by the thief when he was chased from the caboose by the inspector employed to guard the train from trespassers. The remainder of the loot—10 diamond rings and seven fountain pens—was small enough to be carried on his person and no trace of it has been found. The train inspector unfortunately had no suspicion that he was releasing a robber with his haul. The stolen articles had been on display in a window at Mr. Woodyard's place of business, the man having removed a pane of glass to get them.

The clue which led to the recovery of the violins and the victrola was furnished by Mr. O. N. Hudson, night operator at Manassas, who recalled that a strange white man lingered about the station the night of the robbery and probably had hopped the freight which passed through at 2 a. m.

It is said that the identity of the robber is sufficiently well known to aid materially in his capture.

TRUCK SMASHED

A Ford truck belonging to Smith's bakery was badly wrecked near Nokesville Saturday when the radius rod broke. Mr. Joseph Hyde, who was driving it, fortunately escaped injury.

SENATE DEFEATS GAMBLING BILL

Overwhelming Opposition Registered Against Pari-Mutuel Measure.

The Barron-Doughty racing bill to legalize the pari-mutuel system of wagering in counties under local option was voted down in the Virginia Senate on Friday, by the overwhelming majority of 36 to 2. The only favorable votes the bill received were registered opposite the names of the two patrons, Senator James S. Barron, of Norfolk, and Senator George L. Doughty, of Accomac. Senator Wark Swank, of Rockingham, was the only absent member.

After a motion by Senator Frank L. Ball, of Arlington, "to postpone indefinitely," Senator Barron conceded defeat and pleaded first that members be saved the embarrassment of a roll call and then that all members vote against the bill except the patrons. It is stated that several members entered the Senate chamber with the intention of voting aye.

Besides killing the pari-mutuel racing bill the Senate passed 22 measures divided equally between House bills already adopted and Senate proposed laws, most of which were local matters affecting the state capital.

Transmittal of the tax code, a document of 1,000 pages, to the House was completed at the session of last Thursday. The bill, which originated in the Senate, was approved by the House with only two dissenting votes. The upper house at this time was busy with the rejection of the Folkes substitute small loan resolution and the advancement to its third reading of the Price racial integrity bill.

The Porter bill, relieving county treasurers from furnishing corporate bonds, was passed by the House, 64 to 25. A bill is now before the Legislature giving mutual insurance companies the right to furnish fidelity and surety insurance. Walker C. Cottrell, secretary of the Chandler commission, said that when the law requiring corporate bonds from county treasurers was passed, the insurance companies jumped the rates from 30 to 60 per cent.

The House bill making the fee for magistrates the same for conviction as for acquittal, was passed. The vote on its companion measure which would have reduced magistrate fees for issuance of warrants and convictions by one-half, resulted in a tie, 42-42, which, if the former bill is adopted by the Senate, will mean an added charge of \$16,000 a year on the state treasury, according to the estimate of Auditor of Public Accounts C. Lee Moore, when the purpose of the legislators supporting both bills was to change the old law without lowering or increasing the fees.

FOOD SALE THURSDAY

The Ladies' Aid Society of Grace M. E. Church, South, which was entertained last Thursday afternoon by Mrs. R. S. Hynson, made plans for a food sale to be held next Thursday at Fisher's store and a chicken supper to be given at Conner's Hall on the last Thursday in March.