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## COLORFUL SCENE AT ADIEU DINNER

Prof. and Mrs. Walter Receive Many Honors at Swavely School Social Affair.

Professor and Mrs. Robert Stanley Walter, who endeared themselves to the hearts of Manassas folks within the last few years, during which time they took great interest in both educational and religious work here, vied with each other in receiving gifts at the farewell dinner given in their honor last Friday evening at the Swavely School, which they are leaving in order that he may engage in business, announcement having been made that he will become identified with one of the leading life insurance companies of New York.

Guests and students, instructors and their families, as well as servants, assembled near the spacious dining hall to await the call made by Bugler "Bill" Arnold, of Washington, who was among those who received prizes last Saturday at commencement exercises, when a number of prospective future admirals and boys who may become commanding officers of army divisions were awarded honors.

**Fashionable Assemblage.**

Professor Eli Swavely, headmaster of the school, presided at the feast. He greeted one of the most fashionable assemblages ever seen at the institution. The hall was most attractively decorated for the occasion, candles lending a shaded glow amid a scene of splendor.

Handsomely gowned members of the fair sex, girls in dance costumes, men in evening dress and others in less conventional attire resembled a crowd in a big ballroom rather than guests at a sumptuous repast.

Numerous toasts and brimstone, wails and rials, belles and beaux, who were wont to describe such long persons in a day, not only participated in the feast, but were especially happy at the dance which followed in the gymnasium.

**Entire School Praised.**

After uttering his salutatory, in which he used the words, "friends, patrons of the school, boys and girls," Professor Swavely prefaced his preliminary remarks by making complimentary reference to the cordial relations existing among members of both the student body and the faculty.

The headmaster was so felicitous and pleased that he seemingly felt constrained to glowingly describe the student body as "chaps" with high aims in life. He also referred to the fitting recognition accorded Mr. Walter.

"We have gathered together with our friends to show some of the good will and some of the esteem in which we hold him," Professor Swavely continued.

**Sunday School Worker.**

Mr. Walter has made a very definite and permanent place in the hearts of Manassas. I shall call upon Dr. C. R. C. Johnson to speak for the citizens of Manassas on this occasion. Dr. Johnson highly praised Professor Walter's worth to the community.

"In the first place," the speaker asserted, "it is a pleasure to me to tell something about Mr. Walter. 'Bob,' as many of us know him, came among us four years ago. Among other things, Mr. Walter picked up a few boys, and started with them toward Sunday School. I then thought he must have something in him.

"We are more than sorry to part with him. We wish both Mr. and Mrs. Walter the best of luck and god-speed in their new efforts."

Professor Swavely said the work done by Mr. Walter at Trinity church was well worth while. He then called Mr. O. D. Waters to read a set of resolutions adopted by the vestry of the church. Mr. Walter was described as being an inspiration to young men in moulding lives and character.

**Student Body's Gift.**

"Bill" Lyons, who was nominated by the boys' committee to act as its spokesman, was the next speaker. He said he felt it necessary to look in the dictionary for the real definition of the word farewell. "I have learned that regret is the strongest element linked with the parting of friends," Mr. Lyons asserted. "I know all too keenly the loss of his services at the school. We are giving his this send-off with the hope of buoying up his spirits."

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## SOCIAL AFFAIR AT SWAVELEY TOMORROW

Kiwanis Club's Ladies' Night Festivities are Expected to Attract Large Crowd.

What promises to be the chief social event of the week here will be the Kiwanis Club's Ladies' Night festivities tomorrow evening at the Swavely School. It is expected that a large number of members of the fair sex will be present.

President Hynson today urged all members of the club to be prompt in arrival at the school.

A large number of members of the club were guests at the farewell dinner given at the school last Friday evening in honor of Professor and Mrs. Walter.

## MUST FILE TAX RETURNS SOON

Commissioner Gives Warning to Those Who Would Avoid Penalty This Year.

(By Carter W. Wormeley)

Richmond, Va., June 21.—State Tax Commissioner Carlisle H. Morrisett today stated that July 2 is the last day on which State tax returns of intangible personal property and individual income may be filed without penalty.

The tax forms have been in the hands of the local commissioners of the revenue since the first of the year and any person liable to file these returns who has not received a form should apply to the local commissioner of the revenue for the same.

After July 2 no officer is authorized to receive a State tax return without extending the penalty imposed by the law.

Persons who have an estate tax return, after having been received by the commissioners of the revenue, must be by that officer forwarded to the Department of Taxation in Richmond for examination and audit.

The department also checks these returns against the information lists which it requires, which lists contain the names of persons who should file returns. All delinquents are then called upon to file returns in order that the tax burden may be equalized. Delinquents are assessed with the penalties prescribed by law.

Mr. Morrisett stated that it is not the desire of the Department to penalize any taxpayer, but on the other hand, he stated that it is only fair that the expense of tracing delinquents should be borne by those who have neglected to file returns and not by those who have complied with the law.

The Department of Taxation has in its files the record of salaries paid by corporations, associations, partnerships, and individuals and also a record of all persons who have filed Federal returns. This information is used to trace delinquents.

The state tax commissioner again called attention to the fact that the test of the liability of a taxpayer for the filing of a State income tax return is gross income and not net income. The fact that the taxpayer does not have an income tax to pay does not relieve him of the liability of filing a return, provided his or her gross income exceeds \$1000 in the case of a single person and \$2,000 in the case of a married person living with husband or wife.

## MUCH LIQUOR UNFIT FOR USE VANISHES

Court Orders Sheriff to Pour Out Ardent Spirits Seized in Numerous Raids.

Sheriff J. P. Kerlin has just emptied into gutters and drain pipes large quantities of ardent spirits seized in raids in Prince William county. He thus complied with an edict issued at the June term of court here. Much of the liquor was described as being unfit for use.

The sheriff is to offer for sale certain equipment seized at stills.

Two receptacles containing liquor bore the name of Marshall Beavers, who was convicted of violating the prohibition law.

A son, Archie Lee Muddiman, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Muddiman, June 12.

## FIRE IS CAUSED BY SEVERE GALE

Lightning Strikes Building Near Clifton Station—Damage is Done in Manassas.

A severe storm, accompanied by thunder, lightning and rain, last Tuesday afternoon did damage here and caused the destruction of a large frame structure in Fairfax county.

Lightning caused the destruction of a barn belonging to "Babe" Wells, a prosperous farmer who lives near Clifton Station. A colt, three calves and a pig were killed. The barn was quickly enveloped in flames and burned to the ground before efforts could be made to save any of its contents.

Winfield Scott Athey, who was standing near the new Methodist church building, lost his hat in the gale which was raging. The hat was wafted to the top of the National Bank of Manassas building. Mr. Athey finally succeeded in recovering his hat.

Walter F. Hibbs is among those who suffered losses as a result of the storm. A large cherry tree in his yard was damaged.

Two trees were blown down in front of the home of Mr. W. F. Dowell.

## AMENDMENTS ARE APPROVED

Short Ballot Defeated in Manassas and at Several Precincts in County.

According to information received here today, the constitutional amendments were approved in the special election in Virginia Tuesday by a majority ranging from 12,000 to 15,000.

Despite the fact that Manassas approved the tax segregation plan and rejected all other proposals, the amendments were ratified by the voters of Prince William county by a majority of about 400. Tax segregation triumphed here by a majority of 28, while the first proposal known as the omnibus collection of amendments and three proposals known as the short ballot were defeated by a small majority in Manassas.

A singular situation arose at Horizons precinct. Three judges of election were present, but not a single vote was cast at the precinct. The judges themselves even refrained from casting their own ballots.

Headly precinct returns, which were delayed, were not received here until today. Headly, Brentsville and Occoquan voted against the amendments.

## MRS. OMEIO WELLS MOURNED BY MANY

Former Miss Addie Wheeler is Laid to Rest—Cousins are Pallbearers.

Mrs. Addie Wheeler Wells, 45 years old, wife of Omeio Wells, died May 25 at her home at Wellington after a lingering illness.

She was a daughter of the late William M. and Nannie Lynn Wheeler. She is survived by her husband, two sons, M. Keen and Maury Lewis Wells, and one daughter, Marion K. Wells, three brothers and a sister.

Mrs. Wells will long be remembered by all who knew her for her bright disposition and noble character.

Interment was made at Sudley, the Rev. Charles F. Phillips officiating. The pallbearers, all cousins of the deceased, were C. C. Lynn, L. J. Pattie, L. Kyle Lynn, Luther Lynn, J. E. Adams and Ernest Demaine.

Those attending the funeral from a distance were Mrs. James R. White, Borderland, W. Va.; Miss May A. Lynn, Chestertown, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Demaine and Miss Elizabeth Demaine, Mrs. J. E. Compton, Alexandria; Miss Mary B. Smith, Marshall, Va., and Miss Laura S. Chamblin, Washington, D. C.

## MARION SCOTT INDICTED

A special grand jury composed of Rolfe Robertson, foreman; C. L. Rector, A. H. Jenkins, J. L. Hinton, Van Herndon and C. T. Herndon a few days ago indicted Marion Scott on a felony charge. Scott is accused of breaking into a store in the county. His case has been continued until the next term of court.

## MAMIE J. DAVIS ELUDES POLICE

Headly Woman, Convicted of Violating Dry Law, Reported to Be Fugitive.

Mrs. Mamie J. Davis, of Headly, who was convicted in the Circuit Court of Prince William county following her arrest a few months ago on the charge of violating the prohibition law and who was fined \$250 and given three months in jail, is now a fugitive from justice, it was learned today.

The woman was arrested on the charge of having ardent spirits in her possession. She was not only fined and given a prison term, but was placed under bond of \$1,000 not to violate the prohibition law within a period of twelve months. She pleaded guilty.

It became necessary for the woman to undergo medical treatment. Sheriff Kerlin was directed to permit her to go to the Alexandria Hospital.

Judge Howard W. Smith, who presided in court here last week, directed Clerk George G. Tyler to issue a capias for the woman. County officers have not as yet succeeded in taking her into custody again.

## DOVE OF PEACE HELPS COUNCIL

Troublesome Situation as to Center Street Paving Overcome at Meeting.

Almost turbulent scenes at previous sessions, which were marked by threats of lawsuits and open defiance to encroachments upon property rights, gave way to a most amicable meeting of the Council last night, when all obstacles in the way of proposed improvements, including the paving and guttering of Center street eastward, were overcome.

A resolution in favor of accepting the bids of William Hottle, of Manassas, and Rhoades & Walters, of Culpeper, as to the proposed work was adopted.

Mayor C. A. Sinclair presided at the meeting. D. J. Arrington, Edgar G. Parrish, M. Bruce Whitmore and Harry P. Davis, who are credited with having co-operated with the mayor in an effort to adjust the grievances of certain property owners, took part in the meeting.

Judge J. C. Parrish, of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, was present to explain the better feeling which has developed as to the proposed work and to state that the property owners have agreed to bear their proportionate share of the cost of the improvements.

**Council Gets Thanks.**

Roy H. Blakemore was present to present a letter signed by certain property owners. Among the signatures attached to the communication were those of Otis O. Holler, G. G. Allen, B. F. Knox, L. B. Williams, D. B. Davis, R. J. Prescott, Angie L. Runaldue, C. B. Compton, Leonard L. Lomas. The letter, which was addressed, "To His Honor, the Mayor and Worthy Members of the Council, Town of Manassas," was as follows: "We the citizens residing on Quarry road and Prescott avenue, whose names are appended hereto, wish to thank you and your honorable body for the great interest you have taken and the valuable time given in bringing about what seems an amicable settlement of the trouble that beset and menaced our prospects of the paving of Prescott avenue.

## DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT

Messrs. Paul C. Kincheloe, O. D. Waters and E. R. Conner, who comprise the committee in charge of the dance to be given tomorrow evening in Conner's Hall by the Little Pep Club of Manassas, announced today that the dancing will begin at 8 and continue until 12 o'clock. Music will be furnished by Charmie Sinclair and his Virginians. Mrs. H. T. Davies, Mrs. M. H. Kincheloe, Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson, Mrs. G. R. Ratcliffe, Mrs. O. D. Waters and Mrs. A. Stuart Gibson will act as chaperones.

## WORLD CONGRESS OF BAPTISTS IN TORONTO

Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Anderson Will Spend Next Week at Great Meeting.

The Rev. and Mrs. Hiram D. Anderson, of Manassas, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson's mother, Mrs. J. K. Mathews, of Bentonville, will spend next week in Canada. They will attend the sessions of the Baptist World Congress in Toronto.

In the absence of Mr. Anderson, the pulpit of the Baptist Church will be occupied next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Timothy A. Hall, founder and former pastor of the church. No evening service will be held. The B. Y. P. U. meeting will be held at 7 p. m.

## ADEN TRIUMPH CAUSE OF FEAST

Victorious Members of Order Fraternal Americans are Honored by G. D. Baker.

George Dennis Baker, who declined reappointment to the position of district deputy of the Grand Council of Virginia, Order Fraternal Americans, was reluctant in giving up the place, according to a statement made by him today.

Urgent duties at home caused him to refrain from holding the position another year, despite the fact that James R. Mansfield, state secretary, communicated with him and tried to prevail upon him to continue the effective work he had been doing. W. B. Kerlin, of Aden, has been chosen to succeed Mr. Baker as district deputy.

Aden Council, No. 36, was promised a feast of ice cream and strawberries in the event that it succeeded in increasing its membership. The promise was made by Mr. Baker. The council's membership was about doubled. Mr. Baker made good his promise by giving the feast to the victorious members. In an interview here today Mr. Baker said:

"About a year ago, when I took the job as district deputy, Aden Council was in pretty good shape, but the others lacked membership and enthusiasm. They have all improved to such extent that they are in good shape now, and the work of the order is progressing most satisfactorily in No. 5 district.

"I guess Catharpin has about doubled itself. Greenwich is forging ahead. A feast was given about two weeks ago in honor of the members there. About 100 guests were present. At least 250 persons attended the feast at Aden."

## PORTNERS IN LAND CASE HEARING HERE

Robert A. Hutchison is to Appear as Counsel in Road Project Proceedings.

Robert A. Hutchison has just been appointed temporary guardian for Sylvia C. Meredith, Mary D. Portner, Robert J. Portner, John A. D. Portner and Edward Portner, who are described as infants in the eyes of the law and incapable of taking care of their interests in the case of Henry G. Shirley, Chairman of the State Highway Commission, vs. Alvin O. Portner, Alma M. Portner, Hilda P. Derby, Elsa P. Hume, Anna P. Flood, Etta P. Meredith and others in the matter of land condemnation proceedings in Manassas magisterial district. The case is to be heard by commissioners June 26.

## GETS TERM ON ROADS

Marshall Beavers, who was arrested in a raid last month, when a copper still was seized by Sheriff Kerlin and two of his men, was convicted here June 13 of violating the prohibition law. He was fined \$50 and given three months in jail. He is to be delivered to C. R. Earhart, supervisor, to work on the roads in Coles district.

## GETS ON VOTING LIST

A court order has been issued here to have the name of S. E. Lovell, whose name was inadvertently omitted, added to the 1925-6-27 list of voters of Dumfries district, it is learned.

## MANASSAS BOY GETS BIG HONOR

Odale D. Waters, Jr., is Among Those Who Receive Awards at Swavely School.

Odale Dabney Waters, Jr., of Manassas, received a large silver loving cup at the finals of the Swavely School last Saturday. He made the highest scholastic average for the year and was highly praised for being the best all-round student at the institution.

After the singing of the song, "America," and an invocation by the Rev. H. Jerome Leimbach, the salutatory was delivered by Alexander Brown Blair, of Washington. The oration was delivered by Odale D. Waters, Jr.

Harvey J. Kline, Jr., physical director, extended congratulations to the students for the splendid showing they made in athletic events within the session. He presented athletic prizes and certificates.

**Award of Certificates.**

Professor Robert S. Hillingworth, who succeeds Professor R. S. Walter as assistant headmaster, was present and presented to Sebastian Aman, of Washington, the Lafayette College cup for being the best all-round athlete for 1927-28.

Following is a list of names of those who received athletic certificates: John Sebastian Aman, William Potter Arnold, John Martin Barringer, Jr., Carl Samuel Bassett, Jr., Alexander Browne Blair, James Stewart Boyce, John Grant Burroughs, John Hubbard Cheatham, Jr., William Forrest Chiswell, Edward K. Cook, John Renfrew Criswell, Robert Livingston Denig, Jr., Hugo Eugent Grieshaber, Benjamin W. Guy, Colin Reed Hitchman, Paul Mason Howard, Neil Malcolm Lochrie, William Beauveau Borie Lyons, Howard Foster Moore, John L. Ritchey, Rodolfo Sandoval, Jr., Oscar Skinner, John Martin Strong, Charles C. Tarbutton, Samuel C. Wagner, III, Odale Dabney Waters, Jr., Prescott Lawrence Wetherill and George Clark.

Neil M. Lochrie was awarded the championship tennis cup. The faculty prize, a tennis racket, was won by Alexander Blair, and "Ned" Cook won the prize of one dozen tennis balls given by Dr. C. R. C. Johnson.

The decathlon medal was won by John Sebastian Aman. The high point award for intra-mural track meet was won by John Criswell, and the medal for the runner-up point score was won by John Barringer, who established a new shot-put record for the school—42ft. 10 1-2 in.

Winners of certificates were announced as follows by Professor Walter: Odale Dabney Waters, Jr., Manassas, physics, trigonometry; John Grant Burroughs, Easton, Pa., English, algebra, physics, French 1; John Martin Barringer, Jr., Flint, Mich., physics, ancient history; Ed Almon Williams, Washington, D. C., plane geometry, Spanish 11.

**List of Graduates.**

Professor Eli Swavely, headmaster of the school, announced the list of winners of diplomas. Following is a list of names of the graduates: Alexander Browne Blair, Washington, D. C.; James Stewart Boyce, Washington, D. C.; Howard Bertolet Kimber, Philadelphia, Pa.; Benjamin W. Guy, Washington, D. C.; William Thomson Mitchell, Watertown, N. Y.; Mom Chow Smargon, Bangkok, Siam; John Martin Strong, Gloversville, N. Y.; William H. Vesper, Jacksonville, Fla. "I have always felt it my privilege to watch boys at the beginning of the school year," said Professor Walter in presenting various certificates. "We get to know each other quite well. As to the highest distinction of the school, we call it morality, which is about the greatest thing with which we have to deal."

**Refers to New Freedom.**

Professor Walter said that, while the name of O. D. Waters should be placed upon the board, he thought No. 2 and No. 3 men often deserve special mention.

A warning against the new freedom of youth of today was sounded by Professor Swavely in his farewell to the graduates. He said the graduates will go forth and encounter a new freedom they did not find here.

"I wish you godspeed and hope, the Good Lord will make your lives happy. God bless you," said the headmaster in concluding his remarks.