

COMMUNITY XMAS MEET DELIGHTS

Large Attendance Marks Christmas Night Service in Manassas Auditorium.

SINGING OF CAROLS BY CHILDREN FEATURES

Audience Votes To Make Service An Annual Christmas Celebration.

Although it is a far cry from those days when throughout Merrie England groups of musicians and singers went strolling about in the snow and singing Christmas carols...

Children's Chorus Charming. While the singing of Christmas hymns by the audience, under the direction of Mrs. Robert S. Illingworth...

Started by Kiwanis Club. The Community Christmas service in Manassas may now be said to be a fixture. Started three years ago at the suggestion of Mr. Eli Swavely...

Mr. E. Swavely, president at the Christmas service, and the following program was presented. Processional—"Hark, The Herald Angels Sing!"

Invocation—Rev. W. A. Hall. Carol No. 2—"O Come, All Ye Faithful!"

Responsive Reading. Chorus: (a) "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

(b) "We, Three Kings of Orient Are."

(c) "O Little Town of Bethlehem." By the School Children's Chorus.

"The Story of Christmas"—Mr. Noel Gill.

Solo—"Cantique de Noel"—Mr. Domingo Caino.

Announcement—Rev. George Hasel, President of Ministerial Association.

Carol—"Joy to the World, The Lord Is Come."

Benediction—Rev. H. D. Anderson.

BOY, 17, IS SHOT DEAD BY FRIEND IN ACCIDENT

(Special to The Journal.) Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 26—Hope Stevens, Jr., 17, son of a Nelson County farmer, was accidentally shot and killed Christmas afternoon at Coleen when a pistol in the hands of a youth named Henderson, was discharged.

FRIENDS RESCUE MAN FROM INFURIATED DEER

(Special to The Journal.) Heathsville, Va., Dec. 26—Howard Day, colored, living near Heathsville, was attacked by an infuriated deer Saturday near his home. The animal was being pursued by dogs, which were driven off by Day and others, when Day was attacked by the deer.

GRACE CHURCH IN ITS NEW HOME

Special Programs Mark Entry Into First Complete Unit Of New Building.

The congregation of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, South, celebrated the opening of the first unit of the new church on Sunday, December 23, with appropriate programs at both the Sunday School service, the first service held in the new unit, and the 11 o'clock morning worship.

There was a large attendance at the Sunday School and in addition to the special music which included short talks by the pastor, and school officers, Miss Florence Kincheloe read a history of the old church building and the organization of Southern Methodism in Manassas.

The main celebration of the company of the new unit came at the 11 o'clock hour of worship, which was followed by an appropriate service. The pastor cited a number of facts regarding the history of the church then followed with an inspirational sermon on the peculiar uses of the Christmas season.

The evening service carried out the celebration of the entrance into the new church home and was conducted under the auspices of the Senior League. The spirit of Christmas dominated the program which included solos by Mrs. Roswell Round and Mr. W. R. Meyers, the singing of carols and the reading of a Christmas story by Miss Sara Donahue.

Lipscomb Memorial Brings Cheer. On Christmas Eve, the Sunday School had its annual Christmas celebration, and the presentation of gifts to members of the school, made possible by the annual cash present of Mrs. F. E. Lipscomb, of New Market.

mother, the late Mrs. Henrietta Lipscomb, who was a charter member of the church. There were short addresses by the pastor and Rev. Harold Meyers, a solo by Mrs. Stewart Pattie, and a reading of a Christmas Eve story by Mrs. C. E. Nash.

Christmas tree programs were also held during the day by several of the classes, and the usual Freshman Christmas party with abundance of games and with copious refreshments was held at the Gymnasium Thursday night. The Bennett School also celebrated Christmas joyously with Christmas tree parties in every grade.

KIWANIS CLUB GIVES PRESENTS

More Than 150 Poor Children Receive Xmas Gifts From Manassas Kiwanis Club.

Believing that the sublime beauty of the Christmas time is more strikingly born out by the typical Christmas spirit that finds its best expression in generously giving to the poor and needy, the Manassas Kiwanis Club carried out its annual custom of delivering gifts into homes where it was known that otherwise the joy of receiving gifts would be missing.

Headed by Fred R. Hynson, retiring president of the club, a group of local Kiwanis set out by automobile on Christmas Eve laden with gifts of toys, candy and clothing for more than 150 little children of Prince William County. There was no busier spot in Manassas on Saturday and Monday than the rooms of the club, where new toys and other articles were piled prior to being wrapped and labeled with the names set out on the card index and Hynson and his band of assistants fairly beamed as they prepared the joy bringing packages for safe delivery to the needy little ones.

Reports brought back by those who assisted in the delivery of the Kiwanis gifts were good to hear, and as many of the members were told of the shouts of joy as the youthful inmates of the poor homes were presented with their gifts, they expressed themselves as ready to put forth even a greater effort next year to assist in making Christmas merry for unfortunate children.

VIRGINIA CORN AND GRAIN SHOW

Show Will Be Held In Leesburg January 24 and 25.

Blacksburg, Va., Dec. 25—Arrangements are being made for the annual State Corn and Grain Show to be held in Leesburg on January 24 and 25, according to W. H. Byrnes, of the Virginia extension service and secretary of the Crop Improvement Association. Prizes will amount to more than \$650.

Many farmers of Virginia now are making selections for exhibition at the show, reports indicate. Classes of produce will include white and yellow corn, wheat, rye, oats, barley, soy beans, cloverseed, peanuts, cotton and potatoes.

Corn entries will consist of ten ears, and all other grain entries will be in peck samples. There will be classes also for certified and uncertified, or ordinary seed, as well as an interstate corn class which will be open to the United States and Canada.

The annual meeting of the Virginia Crop Improvement Association will be held during the corn show. Among those who are on the program are Dr. James Speed, editor of the Southern Agriculturist; Prof. J. E. Metzger, agronomist, University of Maryland; J. M. Hammerly, United States Department of Agriculture; Dr. T. K. Wolfe, editor of the Southern Planter; G. W. Patterson, district manager of the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau; a representative of the Virginia Seedmen Association, and Prof. T. B. Hutcheson, head of the department of agronomy, V. P. I. A banquet will be one of the entertainment features.

Arrangements are being made for a corn-judging contest during the grain show. There will be separate contests for juniors and adults.

JOHNSON-TILGHMAN NUPTIALS.

A quiet wedding was solemnized in Washington, D. C., on Saturday, December 22, 1928, when Miss Una Gladys Johnson, of Manassas became the bride of Mr. R. C. Tilghman, of Washington.

The ceremony was performed at high noon in the presence of a small number of relatives, by the Reverend E. Hez Swem, pastor of the Centennial Baptist Church, of Washington, D. C. The bride, who was attractively attired in navy blue georgette and transparent velvet, was attended by her cousin, Miss Elva Dawson, of Perryville, Maryland. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left on a short wedding trip, and following their return they will make their home in Washington.

UNITED CHURCH SERVICE SUNDAY

Manassas Congregations To Have Union Service In U. B. Church At Night.

The congregations of the several churches in Manassas will come together on Sunday night in a union service to be conducted in the United Brethren Church, and beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. George Hasel, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will preach the sermon, while pastors of other churches will participate in the service.

The hearty response of churchgoers in their attendance at union services held last summer would indicate that Sunday's service will witness a large attendance at this special service arranged by the Ministerial Association.

VIRGINIA CROP REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1928

The area sown to wheat this fall is estimated to be 723,000 acres, which is an increase of one per cent over the acreage sown last fall, according to the Virginia Crop Reporting Service. The acreage was increased slightly in most sections except in the Southwest where there was a reduction of nearly 10 per cent, largely due to the poor returns from the 1928 crop, which was badly winter killed.

Wheat seeding was later than usual as the late corn crop prevented farmers from preparing the land. On December 1st the growth was not as advanced as usual and in some sections the stand was reported to be thin as the seed did not germinate properly on account of the dry fall. The condition is reported to be 84 per cent of normal, compared with 90 per cent last year and 86 per cent, the average for the past ten years.

The Virginia rye acreage is estimated to be 47,000 acres, which is an increase of 3 per cent over the acreage sown during the fall of 1927. The acreage of this crop has been increasing in recent years as the demand for seed has grown, because more farmers are using this crop for early pasture, hay and for soil improvement. The condition on December 1st was reported to be 86 per cent of normal, compared with 98 per cent last year and 88 per cent the ten-year average.

As is usually the case during November the production of milk declined and the average on December 1st was only 12.2 pounds per cow, compared with 12.2 pounds last year. Approximately 69 per cent of all cows were milked, while last December 72 per cent were milked. The production of eggs was reported to be 15 eggs per hundred hens, which is the same as reported on December 1, 1927. The December production is the lowest during the year. The number of pullets raised this year and being saved for layers is reported to be 48.5 per cent of all hens and pullets of laying age. The average number of hens and pullets on more than 600 farms reporting was 90, while last year the average was 100.

COOLIDGES REST AT SAPELO ISLAND

President and First Lady Rest After Trip From Washington.

Sapelo Island, Ga., Dec. 26—President and Mrs. Coolidge rested tonight at the luxurious home of Howard E. Coffin, on Sapelo Island, looking forward to a week's midwinter vacation among the islands off the Georgia coast, says an A. P. dispatch in the Washington Post.

The chief executive and Mrs. Coolidge arrived at the island shortly after lunch today, after an overnight train ride from Washington to Brunswick, Ga., a short automobile trip up the Georgia coast to St. Simon's Island and a two-hour water trip to Sapelo Island aboard Mr. Coffin's yacht, Zehala.

MRS. S. W. BURDGE DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Harriet L. Burdge, widow of the late S. W. Burdge, died suddenly last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walker Merchant. Mrs. Burdge was 87 years of age.

Funeral services will be held Friday at the United Brethren Church, Manassas, at 2 p. m.

RICHMOND GETS A CLEAN TITLE

City Wins Cup As State's Cleanest City In Clean-up Campaign.

Richmond, Dec. 27—Richmond has been awarded official distinction as "the cleanest city in Virginia." A large silver loving cup was received yesterday by the Richmond Chamber of Commerce from the National Clean-Up and Paint-Up Bureau, of New York. The cup, handsomely engraved, and of generous proportions, will probably be placed on exhibition. It is inscribed as follows:

RICHMOND Cleanest Town in Virginia Clean-up and Paint-up campaign 1928 metropolitan class based on progress shown by specific report national auspices Division of Community Service General Federation of Women's Clubs

Richmond's Clean-up and Paint-up campaign this year, held from April 21 to June 15, was the most widely undertaken here, although it was not the city's first "clean-up and paint-up" drive. The campaign, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, was directed by Dr. Charles R. Robins, general chairman, and was based on a plan devised by R. P. Saunders, manager of the Chamber of Commerce industrial bureau. Retail dealers, the public schools, various civic and social organizations and every interested agency in the city were enlisted in active support of the campaign.

NAVY GETS NEW SURGEON GENERAL

Captain Charles E. Riggs Nominated To Succeed Rear Admiral Stitt.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27—Capt. Charles E. Riggs, commanding the Naval Hospital here, was nominated to be surgeon general of the Navy, and chief of its bureau of medicine and surgery, by Secretary of the Navy Wilbur yesterday, to succeed Rear Admiral E. R. Stitt, whose term expired November 30, and who will be come inspector of naval hospitals on the Pacific Coast and in Hawaii.

Captain Riggs, who receives a rear admiral's rank with his new duties, was born in Iowa in 1869, and was graduated from the State University of Iowa College of Medicine in 1893, being commissioned an assistant surgeon in the Navy that year.

During the Spanish-American war, he served on the U. S. S. Newport, and after duty aboard various ships and at naval hospitals, was assigned to the Washington navy yard in 1916, remaining there until 1917 when he was appointed fleet surgeon of the Asiatic fleet.

He returned to this city the next year as a member of the naval examining board and board of medical examiners serving until 1921.

In 1923, he was given command of the naval hospital at Newport, R. I., and while there received a special commendation for assistance to civilian authorities in caring for victims of the boiler explosion on the excursion steamer, Mackinac, August 13, 1925, resulting in death and injury of many passengers. Captain Riggs immediately utilized all facilities of the hospital in this emergency, and his prompt assistance saved many lives. He became commandant of the local naval hospital June 3, 1927.

EDUCATION BASIS DRY LAW PLAN

California High School Youth Wins \$5,000 Durant Prize.

ESSAYIST SAYS TEACH WHAT THE LAW IS

Recommends All States Adopt Supplementary Enforcing Legislation.

Teach what the law is, declared Malcolm D. Almack, of Palo Alto, Calif., author of the \$5,000 prize-winning essay on the prohibition enforcement plan in the W. C. Durant contest open to students in high schools.

Young Almack's plan, made public on Wednesday, stresses three essentials of improving effectiveness of the dry law which he cites as better knowledge of the law, greater respect for the law and better administration of the law.

His plan, made public yesterday by the prize committee, was characterized by Mr. Durant, in a letter to the youth, as the work of "a clear, earnest mind." The boy's effort won for himself a check for \$1,000 and for his school \$4,000. The grand prize in the contest, \$25,000, went to Major Chester P. Mills, former prohibition administrator of the New York district.

Summary of Plan. Almack's plan, approximately 1,500 words in length, was summarized by the boy in these seven proposals:

- 1. Teach what the law is. 2. Convince people that it is a good thing, and persuade them to support it. 3. Provide a research division to study the effect and administration of the law. 4. Lead people to co-operate in the enforcement of the law. 5. Organize a body of enforcement officers. 6. Improve the courts through specializing duties, adding to the number of judges and electing capable and honest persons. 7. Legislation To Enforce. 1. Adopt supplementary enforcing legislation in all the States. 2. Almack stressed the economic value of prohibition which he would teach in history, civics, economics and other school courses. 3. The benefits of prohibition to health he would have set forth in courses in physical education, physiology, biology, chemistry, home economics, business and general science. He advocated that the history of prohibition be taught as a part of American history. 4. Prohibition, he wrote, has three economic and social benefits: "It prevents waste, makes labor more efficient, releases capital for productive enterprise, reduces the cost of government, and adds to savings; money spent for liquor cannot be spent for the necessities of life. Prohibition reduces the worst kinds of crime, decreases poverty, prevents accidents, improves character, prevents sickness and insures better nourished children." 5. Schools of Training. Almack proposed special training schools to teach enforcement officers of the law, how to gather and present evidence, and, in general, how to enforce the law. The proposed Federal research department would gather and disclose facts "to teach the people." 6. The results of his plan, he wrote, would "not only be better enforcement of prohibition, but greater respect for and obedience to all laws."

MURDER CHARGE AWAITS MAN HELD IN VIRGINIA

Charlottesville, Dec. 26—Andrew J. Hawkins, 31-year-old colored cook, of 1506 Twenty-sixth street northwest, was arrested today in Charlottesville, Va., at the request of the Washington Police Department, and will be brought back to this city today to face a charge for murdering Ruth Watkins, colored, 21 years old, of 1221 F street northwest, at his home last Saturday night.