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BIG ROAD PROJECT FIRE COMPANY WILL START SOON TO MEET MONDAY

Road From Manassas to Stone House to Be Built in Day.

KIWANIS CLUB WILL SPONSOR MOVEMENT Citizens Will Be Asked to Give One Day to Repairing of This Road.

A movement was launched on Friday night at the meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Manassas, which, when brought to fruition, will mean that the road from Manassas to Stone House will be placed in such condition as will make it one of the best roads in the county system.

Dr. S. M. Johnson, of the Lee Highway Association, who was a guest of the Kiwanis Club and whose visit was in the interest of the model county road system which he has advocated and plans for which are now well under way, suggested that the citizens of Prince William undertake a "build a road in a day" plan and take as their objective the completion of the Sudley road.

Preliminary Work Under Way. The plan outlined by Dr. Johnson was enthusiastically received and committees were appointed to work out the plans necessary to carrying out the successful completion of the project. Trucks have been procured and are now engaged in placing material along the road which is being gotten out under the direction of the county supervisors; steam shovels will be used and a large number of trucks have been loaned for the use of the committee in its preparatory work.

With the completion of the preliminary work a day will be set by T. E. Didlake, president of the Kiwanis Club, for the actual work on the road, and citizens of Prince William will be called upon to turn out for the day so that the road may be resurfaced without delay. Ladies' committees will be formed with a view of having them close at hand to encourage the citizen-workers, and another of their functions, and not the least important, will be the furnishing of luncheon for the host of workers who will be spread along the highway.

Experts Will Assist. In addition to the steam shovels and trucks which will be used in the work, it is planned to have a number of steam rollers on hand, and because of the fact that the work in hand is the resurfacing of a road already built it is believed that when the volunteer citizens' committee completes its work the road from Manassas to Stone House will be one of the best in the county system.

Fred E. Schnepfe, of the Highway Engineering Bureau, Washington, and the supervisors of the county will be on hand to direct the work and see that it is done in accordance with sound county road building policies, while Dr. H. M. Johnson, father of the Lee Highway, will be on hand to inspire the workers, a task in which he has had notorious success on other similar projects.

CLIFTON O. E. S. HAS INSTALLATION

Election Held on Tuesday Night Followed by Installation Exercises.

The Clifton Chapter, Order Eastern Star, met in the Masonic Hall, in Clifton, on Tuesday night for the annual election and installation of officers.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Worthy matron, Miss Helen Elgin; worthy patron, Mr. Robert Buckley; associate matron, Mrs. Nannie Johnson; associate patron, Mr. Roger Elgin; secretary, Mrs. Grace L. Mathers; treasurer, Mrs. John C. Curtis; conductress, Mrs. Alice Woodyard; associate conductress, Mrs. Ruth H. Pyles; chaplain, Mrs. Anthony Hart; marshal, Mrs. Lulu Mantiply; star points - Odah, Mrs. Miriam B. Spraker; Ruth, Mrs. Fannie Fullerton; Martha, Mrs. Winfield Clinton; Electa, Miss Elizabeth Buckley; Warder, Miss Alice Mantiply; Sentinel, Mr. M. W. Davis.

Mrs. Maude Veach, of Martha Washington Chapter, was made an honorary member, while the installation was by Mrs. Maude West.

Chief Speiden Calls Meeting to Hear Reports of Committees on Fire Hazards.

The first meeting of the Manassas Fire Department since its reorganization and adoption of new governing regulations will be held in the Fire House on Monday night at 8 o'clock.

While there are several important matters coming up for discussion, the most interesting feature of the meeting will be the reports to be submitted by several committees appointed to study various buildings within the fire area with a view to making known their weak points, as well as their best points, in case of fire. Other buildings will be inspected and charted later on, so that the members of the department will be in a position to intelligently tackle any fire problem that may present itself in or near Manassas.

Another matter of interest will be the discussion of various types of fire apparatus, and it is hoped that within a short while the Fire Department will have selected a type for use here so that the matter may be passed on to the Town Council for final action.

CENTRAL MUTUAL BUILDING READY

Telephone Building Ready for Equipment; Move Will Be Made Soon.

The handsome new building of the Central Mutual Telephone Co., which serves Manassas and vicinity, is ready for occupancy and it is expected that the new equipment will be installed and the exchange and offices moved to the new quarters within a few days.

Officers of the company were in Washington and Alexandria on Monday looking over installation systems and arranging for new and modern equipment to be placed in the local company's building, and it is believed that upon completion of installation the local company will have one of the most modern and complete of the smaller telephone plants in the state. Officers of the company are: C. E. Nash, president; George Berger Cocks, vice president; Harry P. Davis, secretary and treasurer, and Arthur Vetter, manager. The officers and A. A. Hoof, T. E. Didlake and Richard S. Hynson compose the board of directors.

SIGNAL LIGHT ACTION POSTPONED

Railway Officials Heard at Council Meeting as Citizens Vigorously Protest.

Citizens of Manassas crowded the council chambers on Monday night to again make vigorous protest against the installation of automatic signal lights by the Southern Railway at the crossing within the corporate limits of the town.

The proposal for the installation of signal lights and the abolition of crossing watchmen had been made by the railway at a previous meeting and the date for a final hearing was set for Monday night.

After hearing from several of the property owners whose children are compelled to use the crossings each day in going to and from school, the council called upon railway officials for a further statement from them and a detailed explanation of the plans of operating the signal lights.

Harry DeButts, division superintendent, told how the signal lights work at other places, stressed the fact that crossing watchmen are obsolete and stated that it is the belief of the railway officials that the automatic light system is superior in every way to the system in use here. Asked by one of the citizens whether he thought the recent crossing accident at Bristow would have occurred had there been a man on duty there, he replied that he believed that it would have made no difference.

The council voted to defer action at this time and the matter will not be disposed of until a later meeting.

CROSSING TAKES TOLL OF FOUR

Lives of Four Popular County Boys Snuffed Out at Bristow Crossing.

ALL FOUR VICTIMS ARE BURIED TUESDAY Community Is Greatly Shocked, and Funeral Crowd Attested Popularity of the Boys.

The lives of four of Prince William County's popular young men were snuffed out at a grade crossing at Bristow on Sunday afternoon, when an automobile, said to have been driven by W. Hampton H. Kerlin, attempted to cross the tracks and was hit by a southbound freight train of the Southern Railway. The accident occurred at 3:10 p. m. Three of the boys were killed outright and the fourth died several hours later in the Alexandria Hospital.

All of the boys lived near Aden, this county, the sons of prominent families in the life of Prince William. The victims were Franklin M. Whetzel, aged 17; Grant W. Whetzel, 14; W. Hampton H. Kerlin, 18, and Amos Smith, Jr., 17. The Whetzel boys were sons of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Whetzel; young Kerlin was the son of Will Kerlin, and the parents of Amos Smith are Mr. and Mrs. Amos Smith, Sr.

News of the tragedy caused gloom among the families and friends of the young men, all of whom were well known and popular throughout the county.

A joint funeral was held in the Valley Church on Tuesday afternoon, and more than 2,000 people, said to have been the largest number ever to attend a funeral in this county, were present.

At the church the Rev. Nolley opened the service and other parts of the rites were conducted by the Rev. Jesse M. Bell, Rev. Lee E. Sheaffer and the Rev. C. W. Clark.

Assisting at the interments, which were made in the churchyard, was a delegation from the Order of Fraternal Americans, the three older boys being members of that order.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB HAS BUSY AFTERNOON

Mr. R. S. Illingworth Gives Lecture; Busy Business Session Follows.

Mr. Robert S. Illingworth, headmaster at Swavely School, was the guest-speaker at yesterday's meeting of the Woman's Club of Manassas.

Mr. Illingworth spoke on "The New American Language" and gave an interesting and enlightening sketch of the changes in American English brought about through the use of slang and for other reasons. Before closing, the speaker read a number of delightful dialect poems.

The business session developed that plans for the Easter charity ball were making splendid headway, and that the music will be furnished by Goebel's Orchestra, of Washington, famous for its dance rhythm. Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson reported that she had purchased and presented the book, "The Story of Virginia's First Century," to the library of the National Federation of Women's Club in Washington in accordance with plans approved at a previous meeting. It was decided that a meeting of the garden club section would be held at the home of Mrs. C. M. Larkin on Monday at 2:30 p. m.

The hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. A. Stuart Gibson, Mrs. J. L. Bushong, Mrs. H. T. Davies, Mrs. E. H. Denton and Mrs. E. S. Farrow.

TWO NEW HOMES FOR COUNTY SEAT

The application of Charles W. Alpaugh for a permit to erect two residential properties on the Johnson lot came up for consideration of the council on Monday night and was approved.

The plans submitted to the council showed that the houses would prove an attractive addition to that section of the town wherein they will be located. The dwellings will have six to seven rooms and will cost approximately \$7,600 each. Both houses front on East street.

BRENTSVILLE PLAN GETS UNDER WAY

Community Association in Brentsville District Formulates Plans.

SUCCESS OF PROJECT WILL START MORE CLUBS

County Agents Assist in Mapping Program For Ensuing Year.

Officers and committee members of the Community Association in the Brentsville District met on Wednesday afternoon with Frank Foster, president, presiding.

This association was only formed recently and the purpose of the meeting was the selection of a program of work for each committee during the ensuing year.

Following talks by B. L. Hummel, specialist in community organization, who spoke on the further development of the organization plans; Miss Mary E. Bell, home demonstration agent; T. T. Curtis, retiring county agent, and F. D. Cox, his successor, and Miss Ruby Ryman, county nurse, the following work was selected by the five standing committees of the association:

Much Work Ahead.

Agricultural Committee—1, Five fertilizer demonstrations; 2, A "surplus sale" at or near Nokesville, April 18; 3, To replace three scrub or grade sires with pure bred by November.

Home Making Committee—1, To encourage improvement of home grounds; 2, To conduct a class in home nursing, including the selection of foods; 3, Observe "Better Homes Week"; 4, Secure leader for girl's clubs.

Educational—Arrange for at least one piece of home-made equipment for each school in the district; 2, Conduct a spelling and essay contest next fall; 3, To cooperate in the holding of a community commencement this spring; 4, Arrange for regular school visitation by the patrons of the district; 5, Conduct a special educational and welcome program for the teachers in the entire community next fall.

Civic Committee—1, Arrange for the erection of road markers at the important road crossings; 2, Erect two community sign boards; 3, Arrange for painting and putting names on all mail boxes in the community.

Social Committee—1, Give a home talent play next fall; 2, hold a community picnic in August, and arrange a trip to Blacksburg, to attend the State Farmers Institute; 3, To encourage community singing at all times and hold a special musical program in May; 4, To organize a male quartet and orchestra by May.

Community Benefits Expected. While the Brentsville district has undertaken a comprehensive program for the first year of the community association the membership feels that the successful carrying out of these plans will work a wonderful benefit to the community. This, the first demonstration of this kind in this part of the state, will be carefully watched by other communities and districts in the county as the success of this project will undoubtedly mean the organization of similar organizations in other districts.

Officers of the Community Association in the Brentsville district are: Frank Foster, Nokesville, president; D. E. Earhart, of Bristow, and V. W. Zirkle, Nokesville, vice presidents; Ralph Beahm, secretary and treasurer.

LOCAL TEMPERANCE LEAGUE TO ORGANIZE

W. C. T. U. Is Sponsoring Movement for Young Peoples Organization Here.

The young people of Manassas and vicinity are invited to the Sunday School room of the Presbyterian Church, Sunday at 3 p. m., for the purpose of organizing a Loyal Temperance League, under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

METHODIST AID WILL HAVE SALE THURSDAY

The Ladies Aid Society of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will hold a food sale on Thursday, March 21. The sale will be conducted in Fisher's store.

Richmond, Va., March 13—J. D. Richardson and P. L. Butler critically injured in auto accident near here.

GALA NIGHT AT SCHOOL FRIDAY

Huge Supper and Bazaar Given by High School Senior Class

One of the largest bazaars and suppers ever given in the county will be held on Friday night, March 15, at the Manassas High School, and elaborate preparations have been made for serving the suppers, the service beginning at 5 p. m., while the bazaar proper will have many useful objects on sale and an elaborate program of entertainment.

The senior English class is sponsoring the supper and bazaar, which is being given in place of the usual senior play. The proceeds will be used to pay off the remainder of the debt on the handsome stage curtain now in use in the auditorium.

Active Committees. The following committees, under the direction of Miss Virginia Conner, class president, have been working diligently in the interest of the enterprise:

When and where committee—Evelyn Moss, Elizabeth Wine and Tommy Broadus.

Entertainment—Bertha Luck, Lucretia Larkin, Milton Wells, advisor, Miss Lucy.

Refreshments—Gertrude Buckley, Hazel Doak, Elva Ramey, advisor, Miss Metz.

Stunts—Hazel Lunsford, Maline Smith, Elmer Fisher, advisor, Miss Haile.

Property—Mary Libeau, Lydia Hensley, Robert Athey, advisor, Miss Johnson.

Soliciting—Virginia Conner, Evelyn Miller, Bertha Luck, Leda Sowers, Mary Harley, Margaret Ivey, Frances McDonald, Bob Weir, Ralph Luck; advisors, Miss Shenk and Miss Grammar.

Flowers—Elyse House, Anna Blough, Mable Payne, Betty Foster, advisor, Miss Myers.

Advertising—Bobbie Weir.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY MEETING

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Manassas Baptist Church will meet with Mrs. Frank Peters on Tuesday, March 19, at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. John Lyons will have charge of the program, the subject being "The New Negro—A Missionary Challenge."

CHOIR TO HAVE GOOD EASTER REHEARSALS

Choirs of Town United for Choral Work to Be Given at Union Service Easter.

A very successful rehearsal of "They Have Taken Away My Lord," an Easter anthem, was held at the Presbyterian Church in Manassas on Wednesday night. The choir of the town, under the direction of Mrs. Robert S. Illingworth, united in this rehearsal.

The next rehearsal will be held on Sunday afternoon in the Methodist Church. The men will meet at 2:30 p. m., and the women at 3 o'clock. More men are needed to make it a better balanced choir.

MUSICAL PROGRAM SOON AT SWAVELY

Old-Time Country Fiddlers and Entertainers Here on March 22.

The final number of the lecture course at Swavely will feature Charles Ross Taggart and his Old-Time Country Fiddlers, on Friday evening, March 22, these men will entertain in Baker Gymnasium. The troupe is known the country over, not only for their famous "Victor" records, but as Lyceum performers of unusual ability. Mr. Taggart is not only a fiddler, but also a story teller, a pianist and ventriloquist. Daniel Ross, another member of the company, is a Scotchman and he presents a Scotch-fiddler act in costume. He has appeared in the celebrated Scotch plays, "The Cotter's Saturday Night," "Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush," and "Auld Lang Syne," written by John Daniels. He has also played the part of the mountain fiddler in the John Fox, Jr., play, "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come." Thus there is delightful variety in the entertainment that this company of noted artists will furnish.

BENNETT PUPILS PASS HEALTH TEST

But One County In State Exceeded Prince William In Five Point Standard Last Year.

The following students at Bennett School have passed the five-point health tests for the current year:

First grade—Mildred Akers, Virginia Bokey, Callie Blevens, Betty Beane, Josephyn Gillum, Lucy Johnson, Violet Kane, Harriet Lewis, Helen Marsh, Lucy Morris, Jane Pickeral, Harry Blakemore, William Knox, Franklin Monroe, Harry Parrish.

Second grade—Jean Akers, Bobby Byrd, Ruth Blevens, Julia Ann Beane, Mary Fleming Bennet, Howard Cooksey, Wayne Coverston, Althea Hooff, Shirley Hynson, Raymond Jackson, James Keys, Comfort Lyons, Jr., Katherine Monroe, Rachael Meetze, Ethel Muddiman, Bolling Robertson, Leary Shifflette, Ruth Wright, Theodore Hundley.

Third and fourth grades—Sinclair Boatwright, Elizabeth Davies, Samuel Hottle, Belle Jamison, Marshall Johnson, Clayton Libeau, Elizabeth Lloyd, Charles Lynn, Janet Newman, Lizzie Randall and Mary Runaldu.

Third grade (section B) — Roy Breedeh, Louise Bryant, Annie Lee Brown, Pauline Cross, Ewing House, Harry Jarman, Harold Kane, Mary Robertson, John Robertson, Roy Runaldu, Lester Shippe, Evelyn White and Beulah Woodyard.

Fourth grade—Esther Akers, Bobbie Adamson, Ruth Breedon, Doris Flaherty, Warren Hynson, Sara Margaret Harley, Hazel Hottle, Bobbie Jenkins, Mildred Parrish and Eugene Worley.

Fifth grade—Ruth Akers, Charles Bauserman, Cleveland Fisher, Paul Jarman, Louise Kincheles, Cornelia Lewis, Wee-son Lloyd, Mary L. Nelson Lynn, Blanch Robinson, Marcus Runion and Sallie Ann Thomasson.

Sixth grade—Irvin Best, Walter Breeden, Herman Bryant, Paul Cooksey, William Dogan, Mason Metz, Elmo Sekkford, Raymond Showalter, Gordon Stephens, William Ward, Frances Allison, Irma Ball, Martha Carter, Mildred Cooke, Irene Cross, Dorothy Evans, Lucy Gibson, Mary Lunsford, Helen Marsh, Elizabeth Marsteller, Annie Mauck, Margaret Mills, Mary Senseney and Margaret Wheaton.

BLANSFORD PLAN IS SHOWN COUNCIL

Virginia Public Service Shows Drawing of Plan of Completed Dam.

Following the routine business of the council meeting on Monday night and after the hearing of the Southern Railway plan for placing signal lights at crossings, W. J. O'Connell, general manager of the Virginia Public Service Co., was presented to the council by C. A. Sinclair.

Mr. O'Connell said that he had no proposition to make the town, but merely wished to show the members of the council and citizens present at the meeting the artist's drawing of the layout of Blansford as it will look when completed. The utility company officer said that his company was deeply interested in Manassas and Prince William County and that it held high hopes of materially assisting in the future development and growth of this section of the state.

A number of routine matters were disposed of in advance of this hearing. Members of the council present were Harry P. Davis, mayor; James E. Bradford, M. Bruce Whitmore, Edgar Parrish and D. J. Arrington.

MANASSAS HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE MEET

Community League Will Meet Next Thursday; Social Hour to Follow Session.

The community league of Manassas High School will meet at the High School on Thursday, March 21, at 8 p. m.

There will be a brief business session followed by an interesting program and social hour. Patrons and friends of the school are cordially invited to attend.