

TOWN TO OPEN EQUIPMENT BIDS

Bids On Fire Apparatus Will Be Opened At Meeting On Monday Night.

Bids are being received by the Corporation of Manassas on modern equipment for the Fire Department and these will be opened in the presence of the Town Council on Monday night.

It has been learned that some seven or eight manufacturers or distributors of fire equipment have submitted bids on the specifications sent out by the town manager several weeks ago.

While it is hardly thought that the Council will make an award of a contract on Monday night, it is believed that there will be a free discussion of many of the bids, and it is expected that representatives of the bidding companies will be given an opportunity to say something on behalf of their equipment.

Several representatives have been in town calling on members of the fire department, and some of them have called upon members of the town council with illustrations of apparatus and other data on fire equipment. Several of the council have been making a close study of the numerous types of apparatus in an endeavor to determine which is best suited to the needs of Manassas, and when the time comes to award a contract they will be able to approach the matter intelligently.

FAIRFAX FAIR IS REORGANIZED

E. R. Conner Elected To Board of Directors. Many Changes.

Fairfax, April 24.—The Fairfax County Fair Association has reorganized its board of directors and list of officers. Many new names appear on the list of men selected to direct the sixteenth annual fair and horse show, to be held this fall, on the Fair Grounds at Fairfax.

The stockholders' meeting in the office of R. R. Buckley at Fairfax elected the following directors: D. M. Woodard, Thomas R. Keith, R. R. Buckley, John Rust, O. B. Campbell, and E. S. Whiting, of Fairfax; Clifton Laughlin, Oliver Gash and John C. Mackall, of McLean.

Conner Is Director.

Edward R. Conner, of Manassas; George K. Pickett, of Groveton; Melvin Hazen and Fred Drew, of Washington; Franklin Williams, of Vienna; Dr. F. M. Brooks, of Fairfax Station; J. V. Turner, of East Falls Church; Estler M. Palmer, of Barcroft; H. H. Wakefield, of Anandale, and J. W. Gaines, of Baileys Cross Roads.

The directors elected Estler M. Palmer as president of the association. He will succeed Cliff Laughlin, of McLean, who has managed the fair for the past five years. J. W. Gaines was chosen vice president; Robert G. Graham, of Fairfax, secretary; Edgar Littleton, of Fairfax, treasurer; Miss Ida Jones, of Fairfax, assistant secretary, and John C. Mackall, assistant treasurer. Graham succeeds R. R. Buckley, who has served as secretary for the past four years and who declined reelection, stating that his health would not permit him to continue the work. Graham acted as treasurer of the fair last year.

DOG QUARANTINE MUST CONTINUE

Board of Supervisors Extends Time For Confining Dogs Thirty Days.

Dogs in the Manassas District which have been confined for thirty days from March 26, by order of the Supervisors of Prince William County, must be continued confined for another thirty days, according to a vote of the Supervisors at Tuesday's meeting.

This action of extending the time for another thirty days followed a discussion of the situation with regard to rabies in the county. While it was not believed that there were at this time any mad dogs in the community, it was deemed best, in view of the fact that the mad dog which ran amuck last month covered so much territory to continue the quarantine in the interest of safety.

SCHOOL CONTEST IN FULL SWING

Tests In Reading and Spelling This Week, Finals In Manassas Soon.

Contests are now being held in the schools throughout the county to determine the best readers, spellers, and those reciting the best story, in each grade.

The winners in each of the school contests will come to Manassas where final tests will be held to determine the county champion in each of the three tests.

Superintendent Haydon and Miss Cook, rural supervisor, have been conducting the contests which it is believed will be completed this week. The tests will be made in the Nokesville School today and on Friday, the Manassas school will contest.

The schools where contests have been held and the winners in each class are as follows:

DUMFRIES DISTRICT.

Reading.
 First—Quantic, Jimmie Reid; second—Dumfries, Dorothy Crawford; third—Dumfries, Harry Winefree; fourth—Dumfries, Lavinia Kincheloe; fifth—Quantic, Emory McInteer; sixth—Quantic, Jim McInteer.

Spelling.
 Quantic—Janice Persons.

Story Telling.
 Quantic—Virginia Persons, primary; Minnieville—Minnie Stanley, grammar grade.

OCCOQUAN DISTRICT.

Reading.
 First Grade—Occoquan, Eula Jellison; second grade—Occoquan, Eunice Jellison; third grade—Bethel, Bobbie Smith; fourth grade—Bethel, Vivian Hampton; fifth grade—Bethel, Leota Mills; sixth grade—Occoquan, Louise Mann.

Story Telling.

Primary—Bethel, Stanley Reid; grammar grade—Occoquan, Egbert Thompson.

Spelling.

Bethel—Leota Mills.

COLES DISTRICT.

Reading.
 First grade—Hayfield, Emma Shutlack; second grade—Fayman, Katherine Kearnes; third grade—Fayman, Dollie Fritter; fourth grade—Hayfield, Dorothy Linton; fifth grade—Purcell, Hazel Cornwell; sixth grade—Smithfield, Ashby Barber.

Spelling.

Gold Ridge—Elsie Petty.

Story Telling.

Primary—Hayfield, Helen Gaba; grammar grade—Fayman, Helen Fritter.

LOCAL KIWANIS MEET PRESIDENT

Will Journey To Washington To Meet International President On Monday.

O. Sam Cummings, of Kansas City, Mo., president of Kiwanis International, will be honored by members of the Washington, Kiwanis Club, on Monday, April 29. A delegation of Manassas Kiwanis will be among those present for the official visit of Mr. Cummings to the Capital Kiwanis District, and headed by T. E. Diddlake, president, the local membership will motor to Washington on Monday afternoon, where they will be guests of the Washington Club.

The Capital Kiwanis District comprises 48 clubs with a membership of more than 3,000 business and professional men in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The Washington meeting is being arranged by Harry G. Kimball, district governor, in conjunction with Lieutenant Governor Finley C. Hendrickson, of Cumberland, Md.; Edgar Morris, president of Washington Kiwanis, and other officers of the clubs of the first division.

EASTERN STAR CHAPTER TO OBSERVE BIRTHDAY

Clarendon, April 25.—Plans for celebrating the sixteenth anniversary of Mary Washington Chapter, No. 50, of the Eastern Star, in the Masonic Temple at Clarendon, Friday night, are being rapidly completed by the committee, it was announced today.

Several members of Wimodaus Chapter will join in the celebration.

IMPROVED ROAD FOR CATLETT

Road From Nokesville to Callett To Be Improved.

SUPERVISORS VOTE IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

Prince William Citizens Raise \$2,200 Which Is Matched by Supervisors.

With the action on Tuesday of the Board of Supervisors of Prince William County in appropriating \$2,250 for the purpose of improving the highway leading from Catlett to Nokesville, the machinery was set in motion for the construction of an improved highway on one of the worst stretches of road in the county.

While the action of the supervisors does not make it possible to start work on the highway at once, it is believed that all obstructions now holding up the project will shortly be removed.

CITIZENS CONTRIBUTE FUNDS.

Recently a petition was circulated in the Brentsville district and in the town of Manassas asking that this road work be started, and at the same time residents along the route, in Nokesville, and Manassas merchants were asked to subscribe to a fund to be used as a part of the construction cost. Prince William people subscribed \$2,250, and residents of Fauquier County subscribed a like amount.

On Tuesday the Board of Supervisors of this county were urged to match the amount subscribed by Prince William, which they did, after a great deal of discussion and considerable opposition.

The Prince William Supervisors in appropriating the \$2,250 did so with the proviso that the county and citizens of Fauquier County shall construct that portion of the road as is in that county. It was further provided that \$1,125 of the sum appropriated shall be charged to the one-cent gas tax fund, and the other \$1,125 to be charged to the Brentsville District Road Fund.

Money Appropriated Conditionally.
 None of this money shall be available until Fauquier County shall have made a definite appropriation for the end of the road in that county. However, as it was stated that the neighboring county had promised to make such an appropriation and as the citizens have already subscribed to a special fund, it is not believed that there will be much delay in getting the work started.

Before adjournment of the meeting routine business was transacted which included the examination of certain accounts most of which were approved and warrants were ordered drawn on the County Treasurer, in payment of the same. The miscellaneous bills were ordered paid from the County fund, while work for roads was paid out of the road funds of the districts of Gainesville, Coles, Occoquan and Manassas.

Supervisors attending the meeting were: James R. Larkin, Manassas district, chairman; D. E. Earhart, Brentsville district; E. Rolfe Robertson, Gainesville district; C. R. Earhart, Coles district; J. W. Merchant, Dumfries district, and Lindsay Dawson, Occoquan district.

W. C. T. U. INSTITUTE HERE NEXT WEEK

All Day Session Will Be Held In Presbyterian Church On Friday.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold an Institute on Friday, May 3, in the Presbyterian Church, Manassas, beginning at 10 a. m. The afternoon session will be called at 2:30 p. m., following a luncheon which will be served after adjournment of morning meeting.

Many important subjects will come up for discussion and there will be able speakers. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings, according to announcement yesterday.

WIMODAUS CHAPTER O. E. S. RUMMAGE SALE

Wimodaus Chapter, No. 106, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, April 27, at the Nelson Building, Main and Church streets, Manassas.

Himmelmarg, Germany, April 24.—Prince Henry, of Prussia, was buried this afternoon.

PROPER STEPS NEEDED TO VOTE

Promise To Support Ticket Does Not Transform Republican Into Democrat.

ATTORNEY GENERAL ANSWERS MAPP QUERY

Mapp, a Gubernatorial Candidate, Asks Whether Former Republicans Can Vote In Democratic Party.

Former republicans who are willing to pledge themselves to support the nominee in the November election cannot take part in the Democratic primary, according to the ruling of Attorney General Saunders, in response to a query from G. Walter Mapp, gubernatorial candidate.

Colonel Saunders did not say, in his reply to Mr. Mapp, just what constitutes "the proper steps" for any one desirous of joining the Democratic party. His reply to Mr. Mapp, in part, follows:

Section 228 of the Code provides, in part:

"All persons qualified to vote at the election for which the primary is held, and not disqualified by reasons of other requirements in the law of the party to which he belongs, may vote at the primary; except that:

"No person shall vote for the candidate of more than one party;

"No person shall be permitted to vote for the candidates of any party in any primary unless such person is a member of such party and in the last preceding general election, in which such person participated, he or she voted for the nominees of such party; and, upon challenge, such person shall declare on oath that he or she is a member of such party and supported such nominees as hereinbefore required before being permitted to vote."

The law of the party on this subject is found in the plan of organization of the Democratic party in the State of Virginia adopted by the Norfolk convention on June 11, 1924. It provides, in part, as follows:

"No person shall be permitted to vote unless such person is a member of the Democratic party and at the last preceding general election in which such person participated voted for the nominees of the Democratic party; provided, further, that if he did not vote at such general election then upon his declaration that he will support at the ensuing election the nominees of the party, he shall be allowed to vote. When challenged, he shall make his declaration on oath."

A Republican, of course, is not a member of the Democratic party, and, therefore, cannot be permitted to vote in a Democratic primary. I am not sure that I understand just what is meant by the words "former Republicans," as employed in your question. They would seem to indicate that such persons had previously voted the Republican ticket.

There is nothing to prevent a former Republican from becoming a member of the Democratic party, if he takes the proper steps to do so, but, until a former Republican or a former member of any political party other than the Democratic party becomes a member of the Democratic party, he is not, in my opinion, entitled to vote in a Democratic primary.

If you will be more specific in your question, I shall be glad to further advise you."

BIG STILL TAKEN BY COUNTY OFFICERS

One Hundred Gallons Whiskey, A Lot of Mash and Apparatus Seized by Sheriff.

Headed by Sheriff J. P. Kerlin, officers swooped down on a still in full operation near Neabsco last Friday and seized the still, whiskey stored nearby, and about 500 gallons of mash.

The still was in a section where the land was hilly, and full of underbrush, and when the officers advanced warning was given the illicit manufacturers who scurried in every direction and thwarting the efforts of the officers to overtake them, made a getaway.

This is one of the largest seizures in many months and the sheriff was assisted in his work by Officers M. A. Lynch and W. E. Partlow. The location of the still gave evidence of being one of the chief sources of supply for rum runners operating out of the lower section of the county.

ATHLETIC GUIDE U. OF VA. RESIGNS

D. E. Brown, Graduate Manager of Athletics, Offers Resignation Which Is Accepted.

The resignation of David Ellis Brown as graduate manager of athletics in the University of Virginia has been tendered the executive board of the athletic association and has been accepted, it was announced today, says a dispatch in the Washington Evening Star.

Brown took up his duties as graduate manager on May 15, 1922. His resignation is to take effect at the middle of next month, but he has been requested by the athletic board to continue in office during the summer until his successor has been appointed.

Bolsters Athletic Scope.

Under the direction of Brown, the scope of athletics at the university has so broadened that there are now more men out for the squads of varsity and first-year teams than were enrolled in the university 20 years ago. During the current season there have been 19 teams in intercollegiate competition, almost double the number that wore the Orange and Blue when Brown took office.

Boxing has been developed as an intercollegiate sport, not only at Virginia, but throughout the South, largely due to the activities of Brown, whose home is in Huntington, W. Va., graduated in geology in June, 1922, a month after he accepted the position he has held for seven years. He has resigned to enter the wholesale coal business. He will maintain headquarters in Charlottesville.

Several Other Changes.

The resignation of Brown comes just at a time when there have been several changes in the athletic staff at the university. Last fall, Earle Neale, coach of football and baseball since 1923, asked to be released from his contract to become assistant manager of the St. Louis Cardinals. Earl Abell, head coach at College, was named as his successor.

Early this year the athletic council, in co-operation with university authorities, established the position of director of athletics. This has not been filled, but an appointment will probably be made at the next meeting of the board of visitors.

GIRL ENDS LIFE BY DRINKING POISON

Seventeen-Year-Old Girl Had Made Several Attempts To End Life.

Bedford, April 24.—Miss Esther Verona Smith, 17-year-old daughter of the late J. S. Smith and Mrs. Martha E. Smith, committed suicide by drinking poison at her home on Railroad Avenue late Monday. The motive is not known, but it is said that she had attempted to kill herself several times in the past year.

KIWANIS CLUB WILL GO TO OCCOQUAN DISTRICT

Manassas Kiwanis Club will journey to Bethel School House on Friday evening where they will be the guests of the ladies of the Occoquan District, at a supper and entertainment.

When the invitation was extended by Lindsay Dawson, on behalf of the ladies, members recalled the delightful time had there last year and quickly voted to go again.

The Kiwanis committee on the road project between Manassas and Stone House reported that plans were progressing and the date upon which the citizens of the communities through which the road passes will be called upon to assist in its construction will be announced shortly.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL WORK IN MAY

The annual session of the Virginia Conference of Social Work will meet at the Monticello Hotel, Norfolk, May 5, 6 and 7. An interesting program is being arranged, and many notable speakers will be on the program.

Dr. H. C. Henry, Petersburg, is president; Judge H. G. Cochran, Norfolk, first vice president; Miss Louise F. Price, Richmond, treasurer, and Arthur W. James, executive secretary. The executive office is at 103 State Office Building, Richmond.

SAUNDERS FIRST TO FILE CANDIDACY

Attorney General Pays Entrance Fee For Primary Next August.

Attorney General John R. Saunders is the first of the candidates in the Democratic primary of next August to pay his entrance fee to State Treasurer John M. Purcell.

Colonel Saunders paid the fee on Monday. Each candidate must pay an amount equal to 2 per cent of the annual salary, attached to the office he seeks, this being \$120 in the attorney general's case.

The only other step needed is for the candidate to file with the chairman of the State Democratic Central Committee a list of 250 qualified voters, together with a receipt from the State treasurer saying that the necessary fee has been paid.

If no opposition develops in the primary, the fee is refunded, or if the candidate withdraws from the race, he gets his money back. If he is opposed in the primary, however, the treasurer keeps the fee, and it goes to the literary fund.

MANASSAS FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Interesting Meeting Held On Monday Night. Department Making Great Progress.

The Manassas Fire Department held its regular monthly meeting in the Fire House on Monday night with Chief Albert Speiden presiding.

Following the routine business and the reports of special committees on local fire hazards and how best to fight fire in the event of a conflagration in any of these buildings, a discussion of various classes of fire apparatus was held.

During the evening an interesting talk on fire equipment was given by a representative of the American-LaFrance Fire Engine Company, who described the various kinds of pumps in use on engines as well as the types of equipment which numerous manufacturers of standard apparatus made.

The committee which had been working with W. F. Cocke, town manager, in an examination of fire-fighting apparatus in use in the departments in other towns in Virginia explained that the result of their findings would be found embodied in specifications which had been sent out by the Corporation of Manassas calling for bids on equipment.

The bronze tablet to be unveiled the afternoon of May 24 under the auspices of the various Confederate bodies of Alexandria to the memory of James W. Jackson, who was killed at the Marshall House, of which he was proprietor, after he had killed Colonel Ellsworth of the New York Zouaves when Ellsworth removed the Confederate flag from the old hostelry is being cast.

The tablet, which is 18 by 36 inches, will be erected on the west wall of the Marshall House. The ceremonies incident to the unveiling will take place immediately following the annual memorial exercises at the Confederate Monument at Washington and Prince Streets, which are to be held at 6 o'clock. After the exercises at the monument, the gathering will proceed to Christ Church Cemetery, where flowers will be strewn over the mound where rest the remains of a number of men who served in the cause, and next the tablet will be unveiled.

Many members of Manassas Chapter, U. D. C. are planning to attend the exercises.

MANASSAS CHAPTER U. D. C. MEETS WEDNESDAY

The monthly meeting of Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held in the Parish Hall, Wednesday, May 1, at 2:30 p. m. Important matters will come up for discussion and all members are urged to be present.