

ROAD PROJECT IS MAKING PROGRESS

Highway Engineering Bureau Makes Preliminary Report.

MODEL COUNTY ROAD PLAN NEARS COMPLETION

Engineers Report At Meeting Last Week In Washington With Delegation From Prince William Present.

One of the most important steps taken in the plan advanced by Dr. S. M. Johnson, to make Prince William County a model for the entire country with respect to its roads, was the meeting held last week in the offices of the Highway Engineering Bureau, Washington.

With members of this bureau and highway engineers of prominence, as well as members of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, and representatives of the Kiwanis Club and Prince William Chamber of Commerce present, an interesting report was made on the survey just completed by representatives of the Highway Engineering Bureau.

The work done thus far consists of a "fact-finding" survey, a search for every form of information that may be of value in planning the proposed highway system. Maps show the location of the roads and their condition and indicate the present tangled network from which it is necessary to develop a comprehensive system of highways.

Economical Side Considered.

The economical side of the problem has been dealt with in much detail and special care has been taken to collect all information pertaining to that phase of the work. Practically every road in the county has been inspected, their lengths, widths, characters and conditions noted. Bridges and culverts have been examined. Samples of local road building materials have been collected and classified, and it is the plan of the Bureau to go still further into this phase of the problem.

The next steps to be taken in carrying on this work will consist of planning the proposed highway system from the standpoint of location, types of construction, and order of construction based on traffic demands and the ability of the County to finance such a program, according to Fred E. Schnepfe, managing engineer of the Highway Engineering Bureau, under whose particular direction the survey of Prince William was made.

On Thursday last, Mr. Schnepfe headed a delegation of highway engineers to Manassas where they were entertained at luncheon by a group of citizens and afterwards conducted on a tour of inspection.

The condition of many of the county roads, due to rain, and other things, caused an abandonment of much of the inspection trip, but the engineers will return at an early date to complete a county-wide investigation of the roads.

UNITED BRETHREN TO CONFER IN MANASSAS ON SATURDAY

Rev. J. H. Brunk, D. D., conference superintendent of the Virginia Conference, United Brethren in Christ, will conduct the Quarterly Conference on Saturday in the Manassas United Brethren Church, at 7:30 p. m. It is expected that Dr. Brunk will spend Sunday on this charge.

GERMANS PRAISE VIRGINIA MARKETS

Richmond, Dec. 18.—Virginia's progress in marketing farm products has attracted the attention of the institute for farm marketing in Berlin, Germany, established this year for the first time in connection with the State Agricultural College in Berlin.

Prof. K. Brandt, director of the institute, has written J. H. Meek, Virginia, director of markets, for copies of the State acts on standardization and inspection of farm products.

"I am convinced," wrote Professor Brandt, "that your fast-progressing work in the marketing of farm products will give us many good points for our work in the same field."

Pamphlets were sent by the State director covering inspection of agricultural products, fruits and vegetables; grading and marketing of apples, rules for certifying poultry flocks and for certifying hatcheries. The German institute was also placed on the mailing list of the Virginia department.

COMEDY AT NOKESVILLE IN CHRISTMAS WEEK

Play Presented By Community Players In Brentsville District High School.

A comedy "That's One on Bill," will be presented by a cast from the Brentsville District at the Brentsville District High School, Nokesville, on Saturday, December 28, at 8 p. m.

The characters and those portraying them will be as follows:

Uncle Jimmie by Randolph Olinger; Battling Bennie Bozo, M. J. Shepherds; Bill Haley, Otho Fitzwater; Harry Dover, "Snookey" Hedrick; Ned Collins, called Puffy, Lester Huff.

Patricia Niles, a movie actress, Miss Minnie Smith; Lil Haley, her friend, Mrs. Alice Spitzer; Mab Allen, Evelyn Kerlin; Mrs. Haley, Mrs. Joe Hale, and Rosie, a maid, Dorothy McMichael.

Mrs. V. W. Zirkle's orchestra will play before the performance and during the intermission, while a quartette from Washington will also appear on the program.

The proceeds from this performance will go into the curtain fund. A handsome stage curtain has been purchased and installed at a cost of approximately \$400, and as no part of the cost is provided from school funds people of the Brentsville District are raising the money. The Home Demonstration Club, the Zirkle Orchestra, Mr. George Snooks and other community organizations have already contributed handsomely toward the fund, and it is hoped that people of the Brentsville and other districts will contribute their share by attendance at the performance of "That's One on Bill."

POST OFFICE HAS HEAVY XMAS MAIL

Rush Begins On Monday and All is in Readiness For Prompt Dispatch.

A heavy outgoing Christmas mail is being dispatched daily by the local postoffice. Robert E. Newman, postmaster, said today that people this Christmas appear to be mailing earlier. However, the peak of outgoing mail will begin Saturday and continue until Monday afternoon. The majority of the outgoing mail is being sent by parcel post.

The bulk of the incoming Christmas mail will start Sunday and from then on to closing Christmas Eve, is expected to be unusually heavy.

Besides the package mail thousands of Christmas cards will be received for local distribution beginning Monday, it is expected. On Christmas Day the Postoffice will be closed all day. The office also will be closed on Sunday.

WORSHIP THE CHRIST.

Come and worship the Christ of the East,

Come and worship the Christ of the West,

Come and worship the Christ of the earth,

Worship the whole world's Saviour.

May all share in love's Christmas feast,

Worship Christ and with others be blest,

Hearts all glowing with joy o'er His birth,

Worship the new-born Saviour.

Christ re-born in the hearts of men,

Sets the angels rejoicing again,

Warm's God's heart when His gift is received,

Gift of the new-born Saviour.

Come, rejoice o'er Christ's birthday again,

Christmas keep with all races of men,

And 'this day may men's needs be relieved,

Just for the love of Jesus.

Then when Christmas is merged in the past,

May the love that is born in hearts last,

And the bread on the world's waters cast,

Bring men to worship Jesus.

Come and worship with hearts beating fast,

Giving Jesus the best that thou hast,

Christ forever, the First and the Last, Jesus the living Saviour.

F. B. STONE.

COMMUNITY SING PROVES POPULAR

Illuminated Tree Draws Community Families Who Join In Carols.

Despite the inclement weather the Community Carol singing sponsored by the Manassas Woman's Club, drew a large share of the local residents and many from other districts to the lot adjoining Trinity Episcopal Church where a huge tree had been planted and gaily decorated with lights and usual Xmas trimmings.

With the Woman's Club chorus and a group of boys from the Swavely School grouped around the tree many of the familiar Christmas carols were sung admirably by the chorus and with much enjoyment by many of those who stood around the lot eager to catch and enter into the Christmas spirit.

The chorus was under the direction of Mrs. Robert S. Illingworth, while trumpeters from the Swavely School furnished the music.

Among the numbers sung were: O Come All Ye Faithful, The Evergreen, Hark The Herald Angels Sing, O Little Town of Bethlehem, It Came Upon The Midnight Clear, Silent Night, The Light of Bethlehem, and Joy to the World.

OCOQUAN YOUTH DIES IN SAND SLIDE

John Edwin Bubb Is Victim of Accident While Loading Gravel.

John Edwin Bubb, seventeen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bubb, of Occoquan, was instantly killed on Monday afternoon, December 9, near Occoquan High School.

The youth and his helper, Victor Ramsey, were loading a wagon in a gravel excavation, when a loosening of the gravel caused a slide which buried him under its weight. Ramsey, with the aid of passers by, worked desperately to remove the mass, but life was extinct when the body was recovered.

Bubb was a young man of sterling character and admired by all who knew him. Funeral services were conducted at Lewis Chapel, near Cranford, on Wednesday, December 11, with Rev. H. H. Hoyt officiating, and interment was in Cranford Cemetery. The many beautiful floral tributes showed the esteem in which the deceased was held.

Surviving are the parents and four sisters, Miss Mary Bubb, of Washington, and Misses Anne, Doris and Sarah Bubb, all students at the Occoquan High School.

Buy your Tuberculosis Seals now.

ROAD ALLOCATION LIKELY STANDS

Manassas Represented by Mayor Harry P. Davis At Allocation Hearings, While D. M. Chichester, Looked Out For District.

Mayor Harry P. Davis represented the Town of Manassas, at the hearings on Monday of the State Highway Commission, at Charlottesville, on the tentative allocations for road work in Prince William County, while Rolfe Robertson, of the Board of Supervisors, was there in the interest of the county, and D. M. Chichester, member of the legislature for Prince William and Stafford counties, was an interested member of a group of citizens.

The Commission had announced a tentative allocation of \$60,000 for the Manassas-Centerville road, which has been in the building process for several years, and it is believed that the amount named will be finally allocated at the next meeting of the highway commission.

The hearings conducted were considered most successful, not only by the Highway Commission but by those representatives of the Clupeper District who attended. There was very little contention and it is thought likely that there will be little change in the allocations already made for this road district.

MANASSAS F. F.'S HOLD BANQUET

Agricultural School Organization Has Gala Night With Notables Present.

The Manassas Agricultural boys held another successful banquet last week in the Methodist Church for the purpose of bringing together friends and fathers of the agriculture club boys and getting them more interested in the activities of the department.

Members of the high school faculty, Supt. R. C. Haydon, Mr. Arrington, member of the school board, many fathers of club members, and officers of the Nokesville Agriculture club were guests of the club.

Douglas Dodson, president of the club, presided and called upon the speakers. Mr. Pullen, Miss Lula Metz, Mr. Haydon, Mr. Sam Harley, and Dr. Marsteller responded with interesting and appropriate remarks.

An interesting program, featuring selections by the Carter Brothers orchestra, songs by Eloise Compton and Hilda Moser, Hawaiian music by Eugene Herring of Nokesville, and entertainment by Mr. Wood and Oris Grim, was given. This, with the delicious food and excellent speeches, made the banquet an enjoyable event.

RICHMOND ORPHANAGE WILL BUILD NEW GROUP

St. Joseph's Orphanage Will Begin New Group of Buildings Costing \$1,000,000.

Richmond, Dec. 19.—Another \$1,000,000 to the 1930 building construction program here was added this week, with announcement by the Right Rev. A. J. Brennan, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Virginia, that work would be started next spring on a group of buildings for use by St. Joseph's Orphanage.

Plans for fifteen buildings, each of two stories, are nearly completed and bids will be asked some time after the first of the new year, Bishop Brennan stated yesterday.

Under the terms of the will of the late Major James H. Dooley, Richmond philanthropist, St. Joseph's Orphanage was bequeathed \$3,000,000. Of this amount, \$1,000,000 will be spent for new buildings and equipment and \$2,000,000 will be retained as an endowment, Bishop Brennan states.

Provides For 200.

The new buildings will provide for 200 children at the outside, with provisions made for an ultimate capacity of 500, Bishop Brennan states.

PLAYERS PRESENT ONE ACT PLAYS

Much Appreciated By Large Audience.

The efforts of The Swavely Players had a bright beginning for the year with last Friday's evening of one-act plays. Last year's successes had apparently spread the Players' fame, as the audience was quite large. The excellent reception of the plays can only re-inforce the previous fame of the organization, says the Swavely Sentinel.

RELEASE.

This tragedy was the first number. Lefty, Bull, Kid and Rabbit were in a cell awaiting the chair for a murder, their handwork. Altruism struck them, and they "tossed up" to see which should confess the whole guilt, thus saving his comrades. Lefty lost, but refused to confess, and was therefore choked by Bull.

EPISODE

This comedy shows a whimsical artist of vast romantic accomplishments in the person of Anatol, who comes to Max's apartment laden with souvenirs of some of his past affairs. The host is a matter-of-fact friend, and serves as a butt for the artist's sentimental laments. After perusing the relics Anatol affirms his passion for Bianca to have been the strongest. She calls to see Max, and as she fails to recognize her former lover, he stamps out in a huff of revived flame. Max then enters into his duties as sole entertainer of the beauty by giving her an ample kiss as the curtain falls.

THREE PILLS IN A BOTTLE.

This fantasy boasted the largest cast of the evening, and was quite a complication. It dealt with a sick boy Tony, his poor mother, three pills she bought him with her last money, his giving the pills to ailing strangers, Mama's consequent despair, and the happy ending wherein a rejuvenated stranger rewards his benefactor with the necessary pills.

Little Miss Newman, of the town, gave a very satisfactory rendering of a part which could hardly have been acted successfully by a boy.

U. D. C. SEND CHRISTMAS BOXES TO WAR VETERANS

The December meeting of the Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, was held last week at the residence of Mrs. R. L. Byrd. The meeting was devoted almost entirely to the preparation of Christmas boxes to be sent by the organization to Confederate Veterans of Prince William County, as has been the custom for many years.

Announcement was made that in the absence of Mrs. W. G. Covington, treasurer, dues which are due in January should be sent to Mrs. R. L. Byrd, acting treasurer.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Albert Speiden, Battle Street, on Monday, January 6, at 2 p. m. The time for meeting has been changed to accommodate out-of-town members during the winter.

EDUCATION HEAD WILL SERVE AGAIN

Governor-Elect Pollard Announces He Will Reappoint Harris Hart.

Formal announcement that he would reappoint Harris Hart, incumbent, state superintendent of public instruction, was made by Governor-elect John Garland Pollard Tuesday.

Mr. Hart received his B. A. degree from Richmond College and subsequently did graduate work at Harvard and the University of Chicago. The incoming governor later will announce his appointments for the new Board of Education to include seven members. All of the board will be laymen, it is understood. Former Governor E. Lee Trinkle of Roanoke, Robert M. Hughes, sr., of Norfolk, and H. H. Harris, Lynchburg, have been offered places on the board, it is said. At least one—Mr. Trinkle—has indicated he would accept.

The new board replaces the old group of eight, including the governor and attorney-general as ex-officio members. In this capacity, Governor Trinkle had four years' experience on the board.

Mr. Hart, who recently had the LL. D. degree conferred on him by Hampden-Sydney College, has had wide experience in educational work, including more than 10 years' service in his present position as well as public school teacher, principal and superintendent of schools in Roanoke.

INDIAN OPERETTA IS DECIDED HIT

Manassas High Glee Club Charms In Rendition Of "The Feast of the Red Corn."

The performance of Paul Bliss' Indian operetta, "The Feast of the Red Corn," given by the Manassas High School Glee Club in the school auditorium on Saturday, added further interest to the sparkling crown of this splendid musical organization.

The operetta centered around the desire of the Indian queen, "Weeda Wants," to find the red ear at the annual "Feast of the Red Corn." She seeks to find the red ear in order to have granted her wish to see an image of her king, who had been away at war for a long time. The old squaw a sorceress, declares that her desire will not be realized for "great crime" has been done. The Indians decide that "Impee Light", sister of the queen, is the one who has caused all the trouble, for she always bothered "Fudgee", "Pudgee", and "Wudgee", the three children of the queen. Everything works out all right, however, and the queen, who found the red ear, is granted her vision.

Eloise Compton, as the queen of the tribe, sang "O Star of the Farthest North" exceptionally well.

When Hilda Moser, as the old squaw, muttered and sang about "green snakes" and "black spiders" every one felt little shivers run up his spine.

Esther Warren Pattie, as "Impee Light", also deserves praise for her interpretation of the "Three Little Bears" song.

Christine Meetze, Pattie Hatcher, and Frances Bushong were "Fudgee", "Pudgee", and "Wudgee", who always "tattled of the pranks of 'Impee Light'."

The choruses were effective and tuneful and the songs delightful, while the High School orchestra contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening by their able playing of several Indian numbers.

Miss Catherine Weir, the director, whose first effort with the Glee Club was in the production of "The Nifty Shop," which scored so heavily last year, was at her best in the direction of the Indian Operetta, and the hope was freely expressed that she would continue her interest in the production of good musical performances by the Glee Club.

BOY CRITICALLY INJURED

Charlottesville, Dec. 18.—University Hospital doctors today are trying to save the life of 14-year-old Alexander Thelin, jr., of Ivy, this county, who went hunting yesterday morning, stumbled and shot himself in the leg. The limb was so badly mangled it had to be amputated close to the knee.

Read The Manassas Journal for Christmas Shopping News