

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF DISTRICT HOME DIES

Benj. E. Guthrie Expires Suddenly of Heart Attack

On Monday, January 12, at 8 p. m. Mr. Benjamin E. Guthrie, Assistant Superintendent of the District Home, near Manassas, died suddenly of heart disease.

Mr. Guthrie was born August 26, 1871 near Shelbyville, Kentucky, and was 58 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie were married in Louisville, Ky., in 1910 and came to Virginia 13 years ago.

Due to a health condition of Mr. Guthrie, they had purchased a farm in Lancaster County where they had lived for a while.

During the progress of the court trial in the District Home last Monday night, Mrs. Guthrie heard her husband fall in his room near the reception hall where the proceedings were in progress.

A number of Manassas business men were present and they also rendered all possible assistance, several calling their wives on the phone to come and be of whatever aid they could be to Mrs. Guthrie.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie had not resided here long they had endeared themselves to a wide circle of friends and they were particularly beloved by the inmates of the District Home, both white and colored.

Mrs. Guthrie has been especially active in Church work of her life. She is of the Methodist faith and an enthusiastic and tireless social worker, interesting herself here in Red Cross and other charities.

In recognition of this the county organizations sent a beautiful tribute, which was telegraphed together with quite a number of similar expressions of sympathy from friends here, including a large floral piece from the merchants and business men of Manassas.

INTERESTING CENSUS FIGURES

Table with 3 columns: Town or City, Population 1920, Population 1930. Lists figures for Richmond, Norfolk, Roanoke, Alexandria, Danville, Charlottesville, Staunton, Hopewell, Winchester, Front Royal, Culpeper, Dumfries.

DISTRICT MEETING O. F. A. AT WARRENTON

District No. 5, Order Fraternal Americans met at Warrenton last Monday night. The councils of Manassas, Aden, Greenwich, Middleburg and Warrenton were represented by sizable delegations.

Three candidates were initiated. A delightful luncheon was served and all present reported a profitable and enjoyable evening.

KIWANIS CLUB APPRECIATED

Secretary F. R. Hynson Receives Heartfelt Thanks

Mr. Secretary, Dear Sir:

Thru the generosity of the members of the club of which you are Secretary, my children and myself were enabled to enjoy, more fully, a time of the year (Christmas) when everyone is supposed to be happy and carefree.

RED CROSS REPORT AND REQUEST

The Civilian Home Service Committee of the local Red Cross has issued the following statement:

"Since the first of the year the following donations have been received:

- Episcopal Sunday School Christmas collection \$ 5.00
Presbyterian Church 10.00
Hickory Grove Good House-keeping Club 5.00

The Committee wishes to ask the citizens of Manassas to refuse to give to anyone soliciting clothes or food from door to door. With the co-operation of the Town Manager and the different relief organizations all cases of real need in this county can be provided for without such aid.

District Deputy State President J. Frank Spart Wednesday night installed the new officers of Fairfax Council, Order of Fraternal Americans.



IN MEMORIAM ROBERT E. LEE STONEWALL JACKSON



KIWANIS NEWS

Kiwanis to Celebrate its Anniversary

"The birthday of Kiwanis International will be celebrated in Manassas during the week of January 18 to 24, when Kiwanians here will join with the 1,369 other clubs in the United States and Canada to commemorate the 18th anniversary of the founding of the organization."

The first club was organized in Detroit in 1915. On January 21 of that year the first meeting was held. The service organization has grown rapidly and today there is a membership of approximately 100,000.

"The Manassas club is now six years old," said Dr. Johnson, "and we have enjoyed the growth and development that has come to the international organization of which we are a chartered and active unit."

"The major work for community activities for 1931 will be emphasized at the meeting and there will be reports of the work accomplished by the local club during the past year."

McCOY TRANSPORTATION COMPANY SEEKS EXPANSION

Intra-State Permit Between Richmond and Alexandria Would Benefit Large Area Westward

The McCoy Transportation Company, of Manassas, has filed application with the Corporation Commission at Richmond requesting intra-state service between Richmond and Alexandria, destination Washington over Jefferson Davis Highway, U. S. Route 1.

The McCoy system has now an inter-state service between Baltimore and Richmond, but may not under the existing authorization accept freight from points between Alexandria and Richmond for delivery to points now exclusively served by the McCoy Transportation Company from Alexandria westward to Winchester, Manassas, Warrenton, Luray and Culpeper.

MANASSAS HIGH TAKES THREE

In the presence of a large audience the Manassas High School teams added three more scalps to its trophies. It would be appropriate to report the games in these famous words, "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

The first game was played between the Calverton and the Manassas boys in a fast game, which was a little rough. At the final whistle the Manassas team was on top with a score of 14 to 6.

The second game was between the girls from Calverton and Manassas High Schools, in which the Calverton played a fine game but they were not able to overcome the fine teamwork of the Manassas girls.

The Manassas High School team has shown a marked improvement in endurance and shooting ability. Gilroy and Vetter have an equal hold on the position of outstanding star, while W. Kite, Leith and Smith have made worthy showings of playing ability.

If you desire to see really good basket ball, our team can furnish it on Tuesday, January 20, when Manassas plays Alexandria at the High School Gymnasium.

M. H. S. NEWS

Manassas High School students are back at school after a delightful Christmas holidays, preparing for mid-term examinations.

The advertisement committee has been appointed for the Senior play to be given February 26 and 28.

Member of the Chemistry Class are working on their contest essays.

ASSIE APPEALS TO UPPER COURT

Colored "Social Worker" Arrested at District Home

Randolph Massie, colored social worker, of Washington, has appealed the judgment of the magistrate's court which sentenced him thirty days in jail and \$100 fine and required him to give bond to keep the peace.

The trial was held at the District Home on Monday evening at 7:30 and was climaxed by the death of Mr. B. R. Guthrie, whose wife is superintendent of the Home and who had preferred the charges which had caused the negro's arrest and trial.

The incident appears to have been an outgrowth of Massie's complaining of the treatment of the colored inmates and the discourtesies he charges his wife had received at a former visit to the Home.

His seems to have incensed the Negro still further and, it was testified, he became very loud and demonstrative, finally threatening to strike Mrs. Guthrie. Being apprehensive of the condition of her husband, she endeavored to get Massie out of the building and failing, she called the Secretary of the Board, Mr. L. Ledman, who immediately notified Deputy Sheriff Partlow who arrived within a short time and placed him under arrest.

Mr. H. Thornton-Davies, local attorney, represented Massie and noted an appeal from the sentence imposed by the three justices. Judge Parish having called in Justices Wilson Payne and Thomas H. Cobb to be associated with him on account of the wide public interest manifested in the affair.

The case is scheduled to be heard at the February term of the Circuit Court at Manassas, presided over by Judge Walter T. McCarthy.

SWAVELY NOTES

In honor of the visiting basket ball team of Shenandoah Valley Academy the school orchestra rendered selections of music during dinner on Monday.

On Tuesday Mrs. Swavely attended in Washington the reception given by the President and Directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

On Wednesday afternoon the basket ball team played against that of the Episcopal High School, of Alexandria. The Episcopians won the game by the score of 25 to 21.

The team will go to Woodberry Forest on Saturday to play basket ball there.

An interesting feature of morning Assembly these days is the part being taken by the students themselves in the form of brief addresses on varied subjects.

Madame de Vogel's Recitals of Folk Songs last Thursday was greatly enjoyed by all present.

HOADLY

Mrs. Steve Chapura Jr., of Boston, is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Chapura.

Miss Otis Pearson, Miss Mary Chapura, and Miss Anne Chapura attended the dance at Fobick Thursday night.

Miss Mary Chapura, Miss Leota Mills and Miss Anne Chapura accompanied by Mr. Pat Murphy, Mr. Jack Fairfax, Mr. Howard Davies and Mr. Malcolm Reid motored to Dumfries Sunday afternoon.

Misses Anne and Mary Chapura are home from work for a week. Mr. Frank Williams who has been visiting Mrs. Leota Mills over the

MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held at the High School on Wednesday, January 14. Reports were read from the various committees. One of the interesting ones was the report of the Charities Committee which told of the Christmas baskets sent out to the poor families in the county.

The speaker of the day was Mrs. J. L. B. Buck, the State President. She said, in part, that the first clubwoman was Mrs. Anne Hutchinson of Boston, who was listed as a bold woman with bright wit.

With courage to tackle the hardest thing, With feet that climb and hands that cling, And a heart that never forgets to sing, With a spirit that helps when another is down, That knows how to scatter the darkest frown, That loves her neighbor and loves her town.

HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

Haymarket 4-H Club will meet Wednesday, January 21, at 11:30 o'clock in the library of the school building.

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The women of Haymarket are going to meet Wednesday, January 21, at 1:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Gillie.

Greenwich Home Demonstration Club will meet Thursday, January 20, at 1:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. N. K. Middlethorpe.

Mrs. Johnnie Chapura motored to Occoquan Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Pearson have rented Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reid's house and will soon move in.