

HIGHWAY DEPT TO DECIDE ROUTE

Loudoun Board Appears In Interest of New Connection.

EXTENDS AID IN PRESERVING OLD COURT HOUSE

Viewers Appointed For Carriage Ford Bridge. County Will Purchase Tractor.

The budget hearing on Monday was attended by a very small crowd, and apparently no one had any comments to make. After a brief deliberation, Supervisor J. L. Dawson moved that the budget be passed as published, and upon the second of Supervisor D. E. Earhart, the motion was passed unanimously.

Tuesday presented a very different state of affairs. The old courtroom where the hearing was held was packed with interested citizens. The recent act of the General Assembly assigning additional state road mileage gives Prince William something over eleven miles. Previously, it had been supposed that the county would receive about fourteen miles. Therefore, the extension of the cross county route toward the Loudoun line was urged toward the locality of Woolsey.

Considerable feeling was exhibited in the matter, and some acrimony was in evidence. Supervisor Coleman, of Broad Run District, in Loudoun, along with other members of the Board, presented a resolution calling for a different route than previously advocated. The Prince William Board having adopted a plan calling for a route through Catharpin, Hickory Grove, and on to the Loudoun line.

The Board finally passed a resolution with Supervisors Earhart dissenting, reading in part as follows: "In the interest of harmony and promotion of a common object of more and better roads that this matter be referred to the State Highway Commission."

Messrs. D. E. Earhart and H. Thornton Davies presented a petition from citizens of the Brentsville neighborhood in the interest of preserving the old courthouse. Upon a motion, unanimously adopted, the sum of four hundred dollars was appropriated, which the citizens will match with the sum of two hundred dollars. Mrs. Laura K. Payne was designated as paymaster, but all bills are to have final OK of the Board.

Mr. C. S. Smith, of Catharpin, presented a petition for a bridge over Cedar Run at Carriage Ford. It appears from the resolution passed that the State Highway Commission is about to abandon certain iron bridge spans in Fauquier.

The Board appointed Supt. H. L. Tubbs, H. W. Herring and Mr. Smith as a Board of Viewers to meet with a similar Board from Fauquier to report back at the April meeting of this Board, giving its recommendation at that time.

The Board decided to improve the County road from Posey's Store to the cross county road between Dumfries and Independent Hill. Also the road from Triangle to Independent Hill, via Joplin, if there be any residue of said gas tax. Any funds out of the gas tax apportionment of Dumfries District which is used in Coles District will be repaid by that district during the current year.

The Board authorized Mr. Tubbs to purchase a caterpillar tractor for the county.

The Board adjourned after certifying payment on a number of accounts and bills, to meet again on April 29.

HAYMARKET COMMUNITY LEAGUE.

The Community League of Haymarket held its regular meeting on last Friday night. There was a good attendance and a most attractive little program was put on by the school under the direction of Miss Foster, Miss Massey and Mrs. Carter. Our speaker, Mr. Council, was unable to be with us, we hope he can come another time.

The main business under discussion was the music in our school as outlined by Mrs. Illingworth. In as much as our present music teacher is doing such good work, it was decided to make no change.

We trust everyone will think very deeply before casting their vote on March 28. Our next meeting will be April 18th.

CUTTING AFFRAY CASE HEARD

Judge Payne Sends Two To Grand Jury.

Judge Wilson Payne had a lengthy session at the courthouse to determine the status of a row which took place last Wednesday night at a private dance at Canova. From informal rumor it appears that certain Fairfax county lads went down with the avowed intention of breaking up a dance. The upshot of the affair was that Carl Davis was badly cut and Andrew Sholtis severely mauled.

Real evidence in the trial seemed to be scarce, although the following had been summoned: Allen Herring, Emory Mills, Jesse Wheaton, Bradford Low, Carlton Payne, Raymond Simmons, T. M. Russell, Billy Payne, Kenna Payne, James Barbee, Richard Wheaton, Richard Cornwell, Jute Shutlock, Madison Holmes, Alton Cornwell, George Beavers, Scott Winfield, Herbert Robinson, Fred Carter, George Carter, Lewis Carter and Tom Beavers.

Judge Payne at first dismissed the case against Max Weber for assaulting Mr. Sholtis, but Sheriff Kerlin immediately took out another naming Emory Mills as state's witness. On this charge, Mr. Weber was fined \$10 and costs, and put under a peace bond of \$200.

Carl Davis and Lee Reid were both held for the April term of the Circuit Court.

OCOQUAN CLASS AT GETTYSBURG

American History Class Visits National Battle Ground.

The American History Class of Ocoquan District High School, accompanied by a few other pupils and several members of the faculty, left early Saturday morning, March 22, by bus for the historical battlefield of Gettysburg, Pa., there to see and receive first hand information about a decisive battle of world history.

The party which included about twenty-five, viewed with interest our National Capitol, the beautiful country of Maryland, the historical Fredericktown, and finally crossed the Mason-Dixon line into Pennsylvania, and finally reached the historical park.

After a delightful lunch, the group set out by the aid of a guide to view the battlefield. It was two long hours that it viewed the beautiful statues and markings, and heard related the story of how the two opposing armies clashed on the field of battle.

Early in the afternoon the party left for Virginia, and several hours later arrived again at Ocoquan, full of historical information that would require pages of printed text to tell.

Those that made up the party were as follows: Miss Elizabeth Vaughn, principal of the school; John M. Kline Jr., instructor of History; Georgie Brockett, instructor at Alexandria; Frances Brunt, Jane Selecman, Thelma Austin, Katharine Brawner, Louise Brawner, Burnetta Brockett, Ann Bubb, Dorothy Hoyt, Janet Russell, Maxine Rison, Ellen Selecman, Malissa Lacey, Katharine Keys, Robert Bryant, Dudley Dawson, Lester Malcolm, Francis Malcolm, Wolford Reid, Wallace Lynn, Billie Sanford, Elwood Davies, Mr. Keys, bus driver.

RAILROAD TROPHY IN TOWN.

On Tuesday Mr. Wilkins, superintendent of Lines East of the Southern Railroad, was in town exhibiting a handsome bronze trophy won by his division in 1929 for its showing in safety work.

This trophy goes annually to the division winning, and has been in the hands of the Western division since the first presentation in 1927. It is the personal gift of Hon. Fairfax Harrison, and the men on Lines East are quite chummy over their showing for 1929.

Lines East comprise Virginia, the Carolinas, Tennessee and Northern Georgia.

Brentsville Community Association.

Miss Maude E. Wallace, State Home Demonstration Agent, will speak at the Brentsville Community Association meeting on Tuesday night April 1, at 7:30 o'clock. An interesting program will be put on by Woodlawn School.

MANASSAS MAN FATALLY INJURED

Mr. Arch Thompson Dies After Three-Day Fight To Overcome Shock and Loss of Blood.

Mr. Arch Thompson died at 8 o'clock last night at the Alexandria Hospital after a heroic struggle for life following the horrible accident which took place in the Potomac yards Monday morning.

It appears that Mr. Thompson, who was foreman of his crew, while watching the activities of his men, stepped from one track onto another almost in the path of a car which had been switched. Cries of warning failed to attract his attention in time to avert the tragedy.

One leg was frightfully mangled and Mr. Thompson had practically bled to death before he was put on the operating table. Strenuous blood transfusions brought a favorable rally Tuesday, and life was hoped for, but the shock and subsequent complications were too much.

The funeral will take place on Saturday, March 29, at 2 p. m., from the Manassas Baptist Church, Rev. H. D. Anderson officiating. Interment will be at Valley Cemetery.

Mr. Thompson leaves a widow, who was Miss Pearl Hedrick, of Nokesville, and five children. He also leaves his mother, Mrs. Susie Thompson, of Manassas, and four sisters and three brothers, Mrs. Emily Speaks and Mrs. Ada Steevens, of Manassas; Mrs. Susie Hollinger, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Delia Pearson, of Alexandria; Mr. Will Thompson, of Manassas; Mr. Edgar Thompson, of Haymarket, and Mr. James Thompson, of Baltimore.

FIVE POINTERS OF THE MANASSAS HIGH SCHOOL

Senior Room—Robert Athey, John Hopkins, Claron Kline, Beverly Mitchell, Bobbie Waters, Eloise Compton.
Commercial Class—Margaret Farquhar, Lillian Fletcher, Mary Harver, Genevieve Spinks, Beulah Sowers, Albin Taylor, Ruth Boteler, Lora Bell, Esther Rollins, Ethel Ritenour, Marie Jasper.

Junior Room—William Bowers, Francis Compton, Chester Harley, Robert Lloyd, Lenore Alpaugh, Laura Beachley, Dorothy Beachley, Rena Bevas, Martha Foster, Adaline Polen, Marion Lynn, Christine Breeden, Helen Lloyd, Barbara Neill.

Sophomore Room—Edgar Conner, John Hottie, Robert Leith, Harvey Luck, Burton Lyons, Keith Lyons, Stuart Monroe, John Pattie, Robert Saunders, Arthur Sinclair, Martin Wetherall, Hilda Herndon, Esther Warren Pattie, Rose Ratcliffe, Helen Reeves.

Freshman A—John De Bell, Anne Lynn, Eula Shaw, Ruth Young, Claudia Thomason, Virginia Muddiman, Martha Deane, Edna Robertson, Etuart Hefin, Thomas Kite, Flora Hottie.
John Roseberry, Maurice Smith, Walsor Conner, Roselle Hyde, Inez Rollins.

Seven B—Emlyn Marsteller, Arvin Pearson, Henry Peters, Ellen Bisson, Maude Larkin, Louise Muddiman, Ruby Russell.

CHARMING BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Miss Virginia Hyde entertained a number of friends Sunday afternoon at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hyde, at Bristow, in honor of her seventh birthday. After playing games they marched to the Dining Room where Virginia cut her birthday cake and served refreshments to her guests.

Those present besides Virginia and her little brother, Stewart, were Dorothy, Jeanne and Joyce Leache, Peggy Doyle, Mary and Billie White, and Bobby, Billy and Tommy Lion.

Seniors Best Under Classmen.

Battling the wintry breezes, local athletes have already decided that spring is here, for last Thursday when Conner and Waters hooked up for a little pitcher's dual in an interclass game at Manassas High. It was largely to get loosened up, and Taylor took up the task for the latter part of the game.

The Athlys, C. and R., Vetter, Saunders, Mitchell, Taylor, Waters and others showed good early season form at bat. The score was 13-11.

NEW CATHEDRAL TOPIC OF TALK

Mr. Gummere Tells Kiwanis Club How the Work Is Being Carried to Completion.

The Kiwanis Club had as its special feature at its regular Friday evening meeting an address by the Rev. Mr. Gummere, of the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul in Washington describing in detail the history of the work on this magnificent building from the inception of the project up to the present day.

It would be impossible to reproduce the thoroughness and the feeling with which Mr. Gummere developed the mysticism and romance of the heroes of the church who have aided in the wonderful progress of the Westminster Abbey of America.

Mr. Gummere extended a hearty invitation to the club to visit the building, explaining that there were many things he would like to show and tell them about which many visitors last year failed to see.

For the benefit of any who wish to reach the Cathedral, about the easiest way to remember is the Lee Highway into Washington up M Street to the car line on Wisconsin Avenue, and out to Massachusetts Avenue. Those entering by the highway bridge at South Washington can go either to Georgetown and up Wisconsin Avenue, or else seek Massachusetts Avenue and follow it out.

The Cathedral is now easily the outstanding figure on the Washington skyline, and the tower when completed will have an elevation 107 feet higher above the Potomac River than the top of the Washington Monument.

COUNTY TREASURY IN GOOD SHAPE

Treasurer Sinclair Has Statement From Richmond To That Effect.

County Treasurer C. A. Sinclair has just received a letter from C. Lee Moore, Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Virginia, which shows that on July 1, 1929, the county treasury had in it \$1,339.11 over and above all items of indebtedness to any county fund.

Considering the unfortunate upsets that have occurred in some of the Virginia counties, Mr. Sinclair is to be congratulated upon the showing that his office has made.

COURT APPOINTS NEW TREASURER IN CULPEPER

Judge T. R. H. Alexander, of the Circuit Court has appointed William Mitchell, treasurer, to fill the unexpired term of S. Russell Smith, whose resignation followed a report of the State auditor of an apparent shortage of \$13,000 in the books of the treasurer.

Mr. Smith served as county treasurer of Culpeper County for 50 years. Much of this shortage is believed to years with the exception of two terms. He has been caused by the treasurer crediting the books with taxes which he has not been able to collect.

GAINESVILLE

Miss Dora Davis, of Haymarket, visited Miss Louise Cave and Mrs. John Clark on Thursday.

Mrs. Annita Piercey was the guest of her aunt, Miss A. D. Marsteller, last week.

Miss Louise Pearson and Mrs. W. C. Pearson and little son "Bob" visited Mrs. H. L. Triplett on Thursday.

Mr. Spencer Buckner is now visiting his aunts, Misses Mary and Lucy Buckner. The Misses Buckner have just recently returned to their home after visiting their brother who has been quite ill in the Fredericksburg hospital.

Miss Mae Clark spent the past week-end in Washington.

Mrs. R. A. Pearson has returned home from visiting her sister-in-law who is seriously ill in the Alexandria Hospital.

Little Miss Margaret Mansel entertained her little friends at a birthday party on Saturday evening.

Miss Gladys Crouch is quite ill in the Warrenton Hospital, where she underwent an operation on Monday for internal troubles.

WILL REPRESENT MANASSAS AT ORATORICAL FINALS



ELOISE COMPTON

Miss Compton was selected out of a group of nearly twenty contestants on Monday to represent Manassas High in the county finals which will take place in the high school auditorium at 3:30 p. m. on Wednesday of next week.

JEROME DOWNS DIES AT HOME

Highly Esteemed Citizen of Hickory Grove Is Mourned By Many Relatives.

Jerome E. Downs died at his home at Hickory Grove on Sunday morning March 16th, at the age of 73.

The high esteem in which he was held was shown by the throngs that attended his funeral at his late home at Hickory Grove on Tuesday, 9 p. m. As was also evidenced by the generous floral offerings a fitting tribute to one who loved flowers so well.

He was laid to rest in the family burying ground on the farm on which he lived most of his life.

He was a native of Fauquier County, born near Landmark on October 19, 1856, but came to Prince William in his early manhood establishing a shoe shop at Hickory Grove. In those days making and repairing boots and shoes, a conscientious workman of the old school. Later, buying the farm on which he lived and died.

After working at his trade for over a quarter of a century he retired to his farm, devoting his time to farming and poultry raising with great diligence and success.

With the passing of Jerome E. Downs, the community has lost a good man and a valuable citizen. One of the reliable, dependable, steadfast men who have made for the permanent growth of what is best in Virginia. A kindly, home-loving neighbor, a true friend and a devoted husband and father.

He was twice married, his first wife, formerly Miss Rosa Polen, died several years ago. His second wife, formerly Miss Blanche Downs, survives him, together with four children, C. R. Downs, of Lenah; Mrs. E. H. Polen, of Pleasant Valley; C. A. Downs and Mrs. C. V. Downs, of Arcola, and one adopted son, Archie Downs, of Glenclary. Also two brothers, R. H. Downs, of Jermantown, Fairfax County, and O. J. Downs of near Annandale, Fairfax County.

Rev. V. H. Council, of the Clifton Baptist Church, conducted the service. The pallbearers were: Bailey Tyler, W. P. Wilson, G. L. Hutchison, T. E. Thomas, W. L. Gardner and Samuel Downs.

HONOR ROLL OF THE MANASSAS HIGH SCHOOL

Commercial Class—Bertha Luck, Alice Wilson.

Junior Class—Barbara Neill, Chester Harley.

Eighth Grade—Emlyn Marsteller, Jane Lynn, Mariam Blough, Helen Marsh.

Conditional Honor Roll.

Commercial Class—Lucretia Larkin.

Sophomore Class—Charlotte Tiffany.

STERLING-HERRING.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Herring, of Nokesville, Va., announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to Mr. George Sterling, of Washington, D. C., on March 1, 1930.

PARKING REGULATION AT MANASSAS

On March 26 the new ordinance went into effect at Manassas limiting parking on Center Street to two hours between the hours of 7 a. m. and 6 p. m.

MOCK TRIAL OF SOIL ROBBER

Nokesville In Great Excitement Over Pending Court Action.

DEFENDANT HAS SECURED EXCELLENT COUNSEL

Feeling Running High. Mixed Jury Will Hear Indictment Saturday.

In the High Court of Agriculture, held this 29th day of March, 1930, Nokesville High School Auditorium—

"County of Prince William in the great and productive Commonwealth of Virginia, versus Mr. Hiram Hippocket, of Brentsville District. Indictment: That on and during and throughout the past thirty years said Mr. Hippocket has farmed in a shiftless, unsuccessful way, resulting in depleting, eroding and damaging the soil of the said farm greatly, thereby reducing the land value of his community, robbing posterity of its right to a fertile soil, by reason of which he is by this court to be tried for the grievous and highly malicious act of robbing the soil."

Personnel of Court:

Defendant—G. A. Wood.

Judge—Thos. Marshall.

Attorney for Defense—V. M. Zirkle.

Attorney for Prosecution—Edmund Hooker.

Clerk of Court—Mrs. J. F. Hale.

Sheriff—John Kerlin.

Witnesses for Prosecution—W. B. Kerlin, Lester Huff, F. D. Cox.

Witnesses for Defense—Mr. Oleinger.

Jury—W. H. Herring, Myzak Wood, Mrs. N. F. Wells, Mrs. O. A. Marsteller, A. Armstrong, Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. John Ellis, Mrs. Dicken, Mr. Liskey, D. E. Earhart, G. E. Garman.

Instrumental music included in program. A small admission will be charged.

Miss May Fountain, chairman of Social Committee of Brentsville District Community Association, has charge of arrangements, etc.

BENEFIT BRIDGE PARTY.

For the benefit of the Bleacher Fund the Manassas High School Athletic Association is planning to put on the biggest bridge party ever held in Manassas. The affair will take place in the gymnasium, Saturday, March 28th, at 8:00 p. m. Admission will be Fifty Cents and prospective players are asked to notify a member of the committee in order that sufficient tables may be supplied. Those not desiring bridge will have the choice of many other games. Refreshments will be served and many prizes given. It will be appreciated if those patrons who find they cannot attend will buy a ticket, autograph it and return it to the committee.

RENA BEVANS,
DOUGLAS DODSON,
ESTHER WARREN PATTIE,
Committee.

ADVISORY BOARD MAKES PLANS

Campaign On For Better Storage Space In 1930. Miss Burke Presents Details.

The Board met Tuesday with sixteen of the seventeen members present. Miss Belle Burke, District Agent, presented plans by which the ladies over the entire county will study better facilities in storage space this year. The Board will sponsor this movement.

Mrs. E. W. Thompson was appointed as delegate to Blacksburg at the summer meeting at Blacksburg, with Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, as alternate.

REVIVAL AT BRISTOW.

The Nazarenes of this section are being greatly uplifted by the inspiring revival now going on at the union church at Bristow.

Rev. E. C. Landes and Mrs. Landes, formerly of this vicinity, but now of Richmond, are in charge. Services are being held every evening at 8 o'clock and Sundays at 11 a. m. until the first Sunday in April.

Mr. Landes expresses great satisfaction in the results of the work.