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CISTERNS URGED TO FIGHT FIRES

Chief Speiden Tells of the Several Methods of Fire Protection.

As we travel along our highways and byways how often we see an old brick or stone chimney standing a mute reminder of a once happy home. If these old piles could speak, what interesting though harrowing tales they would tell.

Perhaps of a happy little family, father and mother sitting by the open hearth and several small children playing gaily on the floor. A wild night with the wind whistling around the house corners and piling the fast falling snow in great drifts about the house. But this peacefulness is soon to be disturbed. A cracking noise is heard, the house is afire. With no fire protection this happy little family is driven out in the storm and compelled to stand by and see their home destroyed, not able to do a thing to stop the demon, fire, in his devouring work.

We pass another and it tells the story of a young couple just returned from their honeymoon trip. They have been in their little home but a few days when, from some unaccountable cause, a fire occurs—no fire protection, and they can only stand at a distance and see their dream of the future go up in smoke.

And so we get a different story from each old chimney as we stop and ask for its history but, their tales are alike in one common respect—no fire protection. But these were in times past. Things have changed. With the good roads gradually connecting the towns and thus traversing the rural districts throughout the country-side and with the advent of the modern motor driven fire engine even the remote places now enjoy a protection such as was not dreamed of a few years ago. A fire occurs—a telephone message to the nearest town, even though it be ten or fifteen miles away, immediately starts to the scene a company of picked men, all the necessary apparatus to combat the dread enemy, speeding over the road at the rate of a railroad train. They soon arrive at the scene of destruction and immediately look for some source of water. If they can find a good dug well or a small stream, well and good, and but a few minutes elapse before a strong stream of water is playing on the blaze and in most instances the fire is conquered. But if no water is to be found other than a driven well, with no way of attaching their engine the chances of a successful fight is very remote. Water, and plenty of it is wanted, especially if the fire has gained some headway.

Now if there is no dug well or no available stream about the place a cistern is the next best bet, if indeed it is not preferable to the others, as in most cases it is more easy of access. A cistern holding about fifteen thousand gallons is amply large for the ordinary dwelling. This could be about twelve feet deep by about twelve feet wide and could be made by digging a hole of the proper size, lining it with cement with a reinforced cement slab over same, an opening in the top about two feet square, with cover would be large enough to admit the suction hose of the fire engine. This cistern could be kept full of water by connecting with the down spout from the roof or allowing the stream from a spring to flow in. Its location should be far enough from the house to allow the engine to stand without being scorched by the flames. In small communities a single cistern could be provided for quite a number of houses if placed so that a run of not more than seven or eight hundred feet of hose would reach the farthest house or barn. This would throw the expense of building the cistern on quite a number of property owners which would fall lightly on all. These cisterns, if placed generally over the country where there is an available motor driven fire engine, should provide very good fire protection, perhaps reduce the cost of insurance and if it did nothing more than give you a feeling of security, particularly at night, the small amount put into the cistern would be money well expended.

Albert Speiden,
Chief, Manassas Fire Department.

DISTRICT SHORT COURSE TO BE HELD AT FRONT ROYAL

Arrangements have been made to hold the Northern Virginia 4-H. Short Course at Randolph Macon Academy, Front Royal, Va. during the week of August 11-16. The various 4-H. clubs in the county have included the sending of representatives to the district short course in their goals for the year and a large representation from Prince William County is assured. Any club member in good standing and having projects and records in good order up to date of time of short course may attend and will be in charge of the county home and farm agents and local club leaders while at Front Royal. Instruction will be given in animal husbandry, poultry, self-improvement, basketry and clothing.

CLUB ADOPTS CONSTITUTION

Manassas Men's Social Club Elects Permanent Officers and Completes Organization

The Men's Social Club of Manassas completed its organization last Thursday evening by adopting a Constitution and set of By-Laws and electing the following officers for one year: Welton P. Farrow, president; Chas. W. Alpaugh, vice president; Cedrick Saunders, secretary-treasurer. These three officers with the chairman of the Entertainment Committee who will be appointed by them, constitute the Executive Committee of the Club.

The business session was preceded by a delicious steak supper prepared and served by Messrs. Eugene Davis, F. R. Saunders and Geo. W. Meetze.

Following are some excerpts from the constitution:

Object: "The object of this club shall be cooperative effort among members."

Membership: "All men not under seventeen years of age who are in sympathy with the aims of this club shall be eligible to membership."

The club has devised a novel means of maintaining an active membership at all times. The by-laws provide that "When a member is compelled to be absent from a meeting of the club he shall give his reasons to the President or the Secretary-Treasurer. If a member is absent from three consecutive meetings without 'good cause' he shall be automatically dropped from membership. The President and Secretary-Treasurer must agree on what does not constitute 'good cause' in any particular case before any member can be dropped. Any member thus suspended shall be granted the right of appeal to the Executive Committee for final decision if he so desires."

Charter members of the club are as follows: C. W. Alpaugh, Joe Ambrose, E. M. Arey, Geo. D. Baker, J. Dennis Baker, J. L. Bushong, Wm. F. Coker, A. B. Compton, Eugene Davis, Jos. Dodge, W. P. Farrow, Frank Gue, Ferris Gue, Rev. W. A. Hall, Robert S. Illingworth, Geo. W. Meetze, Stuart Monroe, J. J. Murphy, J. H. Rexrode, E. L. Sadd, W. C. Sadd, F. R. Saunders, Robert Saunders, Cedrick Saunders, Frank G. Sigman, J. H. Stauff, O. B. Tabor and A. S. Wilfong.

The club will meet regularly on the second Thursday each month at 7 p. m.

FIRST CENSUS FIGURES GIVEN

Two Towns Show Increase Over 1920 While Two More Show Heavy Decreases.

Supervisor William E. Trusler has issued the following preliminary population figures.

Town	1920	1930
Manassas	1905	1193
Haymarket	123	167
Dumfries	182	157
Middleburg	283	295

A CORRECTION

Last week one of the local correspondents published the engagement of Miss Amy Cornwell, of Manassas. Miss Cornwell has asked us to state that this report is not correct. Hereafter, no notes of any sort will be received unless the authorship of the same be clearly marked.

Judge Howard W. Smith.



Lauded by Prince William Bar

Following are the resolutions adopted at the close of the April term today.

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Bar of Prince William County in the 16th Judicial Circuit of Virginia that the resignation of Hon. Howard W. Smith is to be regretted:

"THAT it is likewise the opinion of the Bar that he has presided over this Court with ability, dignity, energy, fairness and courtesy, and therefore:

"BE IT RESOLVED that this Bar do hereby express its appreciation for his services aforesaid and its regret upon his said resignation."

NEW COUNTY PLAN TO BE STUDIED

Consulting Engineer Will Lay Plans and Reports Before Kiwanis Club.

Tomorrow night, B. Lynn Robertson, chairman of the special county highway committee of the Kiwanis Club, will render an accounting of his stewardship in this valuable work.

Over a year ago, Dr. S. M. Johnson laid the idea before the local club, citing the advantage of a unified plan not now in existence for grouping the county road system in such a way as to develop a large mileage and provide for proper maintenance of the remainder of the 900 miles of county roads.

The Kiwanis Club appointed Mr. Robertson chairman of this committee and Mr. Robertson raised funds sufficient to promote the mapping and planning work. At this meeting will be Dr. Johnson and Fred E. Schmefer, of the Engineering Highway Bureau.

Two progress reports and a map have been submitted to the Board of Supervisors showing the state and county system.

The plan is to build about 150 miles of a primary system and to provide maintenance for the balance. In this way about eighty percent of all the farms in the county would be less than one mile from an improved road.

On Saturday, the committee from the Board of Supervisors conferred with Mr. Shirley who will have his department study the plan. Construction cost would be carried on under one of two alternative plans, either successive bond issues of \$100,000 each, all issues to be long term bonds, or a "pay-as-you go" plan over a fourteen year period.

The club will consider the proposition and its expression will represent considerable of the public opinion in this matter.

CIRCUIT COURT ENDS TODAY

Judge Smith Winds Up Docket and is Given a Resolution of Appreciation by Bar.

W. B. Doak was awarded a claim of \$100 against the Bull Run Power Company. This case was fought over the best part of two days and the jury was out over an hour on the decision. An appeal has been noted.

Mary McPherson (alias Plenny McPherson) was found not guilty of a charge of unlawful possession.

Charles B. Allen was re-appointed county surveyor.

E. S. Carter entered a plea of guilty to a charge of unlawful possession and was given a fine of \$50 and suspended sentence of thirty days.

The case of Allen Weaver, indicted for driving drunk, was postponed to the June term of court. Charles Pickett is his surety.

Certain citizens of Gainesville District (E. H. Sanders, et als) appeared to have the Gainesville school bond issue election declared illegal. To give the court due time for deliberation, this matter was postponed to the June term.

Ada Robinson and James Lloyd Bailor were tried for violation of the morality laws. The woman was tried without jury by consent, and found guilty, with sentence of six months and fine of \$25. Upon motion of counsel, a new trial was granted.

Bailor was fined ten dollars, in default of payment of which he was remanded to jail.

A number of civil suits were dismissed and judgments of varying amounts entered.

(The resolutions of the Bar appear in another column)

SEEKS OLD WAR INFORMATION

David A. Lyon, Jr., of Petersburg, has addressed a note to the Journal office inquiring if any one knows what regiments or troops worked on the lines of fortification between Fort Hell and Fort Damnation, at Petersburg.

4-H CLUB ENTERTAINS AT HAYMARKET

An entertainment sponsored by the Haymarket 4-H. Club will be held at the Parish Hall in Haymarket, Friday April 26, at 8:00 p. m.

Two educational motion pictures, captioned "Carry On" and "Roads in our National Forests" will be shown. There will be special music and refreshments will be served. The proceeds from the entertainment will be used in helping defray the expenses of representatives of the club at the State Short Course this summer.

BUSINESS MEN ATTEND MEETINGS

Messrs. Hynson and Compton Are at Norfolk and Chicago This Week.

A. B. Compton, popular salesman of the firm of Hynson and Bradford is this week attending a national convention of Delco Light Salesmen and executives in Chicago. This is the annual meeting and Mr. Compton was selected from this area for meritorious service.

On Monday, Mr. Fred Hynson journeyed to Norfolk to attend the district meeting of Frigidaire dealers.

Business is good and it is going to get better, says Mr. Hynson, local Frigidaire dealer, who has received word that the factories at Dayton, Ohio, are employing more men than they ever did before at this time of year and that all first quarter production records were broken during the first three months of 1930.

"There are more Frigidaires in use than all other makes of electric refrigerators combined," he said. "This is because the outstanding value of the product, backed by General Motors guarantee of absolute satisfaction, has won and held public preference."

"The Frigidaire cabinet is finished inside and out, in flexible porcelain-steel and will not rust, peel or blister. The mechanical unit is placed at the bottom where it operates in cool air near the floor. This means efficiency and lower operating costs. All household cabinets have elevated food shelves, the famous cold control, the new acid proof hydrator, which keeps vegetables crisp and fresh, and all other features which have contributed in making Frigidaire the outstanding choice of discriminating buyers."

LEADING BALL GAME RESULTS

Season in Full Swing, Manassas Wins and Loses, Nokesville Dives for the Cellar.

Haymarket faced demoralization last Thursday when Herrell, E. McCuen and Ashby were forced to sit on side lines and watch Manassas wipe up their class mates. League rules on qualifications apparently was the reason, but it is reported that before Haymarket goes any further in the race the players will have removed the cause of the trouble.

Harrover was switched to the pitcher's box. He and the rest of his team made a brave stand, but sluggers like Brawner and Dodson just took the heart of things, and Garrison finished the route. Conner was going at top form as the box score will reveal. Haymarket apparently had only one earned score.

Manassas High School

Player	AB	H	E
Ambrose, 2b	6	4	0
Gitroy, ss	3	1	3
Smith, ss	2	1	2
Taylor, c	1	0	0
Brawner, lf	5	3	1
Saunders, cf	5	3	0
Hopkins, rf	1	1	0
Dodson, 3b	5	3	1
Monroe, 1b	5	0	0
Conner, p	3	2	0
Grimm, rf	2	0	0
Totals	39	18	7

Haymarket High School

Player	AB	H	E
Garrett, lf	4	2	1
E. McCuen, c	4	1	1
Harrover, p	2	1	0
Garrison, 3b	4	2	2
Lighner, 2b	4	1	0
C. McCuen, 1b	4	0	1
Rollins, rf	4	2	2
Mellor, cf	3	0	0
Hery, lf	1	0	0
Senseny, cf	4	0	2
Totals	33	9	9

Bases on balls: off Conner, 2; Harrover, 1; and Garrison, 1; struck out by Conner, 12; by Harrover, 4; by Garrison, 1; Sacrifice hits, Ambrose, 1; E. McCuen, 1; 3 base hit Browner, 2; base hit Browner.

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Ocoquan High Defeats Nokesville

Ocoquan High School opened their baseball season Thursday by defeating Nokesville with the score of 14 to 4.

Bryant kept Nokesville ten hits well scattered with the exception of the third inning, when they launched enough hits to net three runs. After the fourth inning Ocoquan was continually in the lead.

The thrill of the game came in the sixth inning when Dawson made a spectacular running catch of a low liner in right field. The playing of Hinton, and Lynn also, proved a big factor in Ocoquan's able defense.

Errors were responsible for many of Ocoquan's runs. Bodine pitched Galley 2— HAY market well for Nokesville but faulty support wrecked his pitching.

In the eighth inning Wright retired Ocoquan in order.

Summary:

Player	AB	H	R
Ocoquan—			
W. Reid, ss	5	2	4
L. Hinton, 2b	4	2	3
W. Pearson, 3b	5	2	2
R. Sheppard, lf	5	2	2
D. Riley, cf	5	1	1
W. Lynn, 1b	5	0	0
D. Dawson, rf	5	1	0
R. Austin, c	5	2	1
R. Bryant, p	3	1	1

Nokesville—

Player	AB	H	R
Wood, c	5	1	1
Wilkins, 1b	5	0	1
Swank, 2b	4	1	1
Redding lf	4	1	0
May, cf	3	0	0
McMichael, rf	4	1	0
Wright, 3b	4	2	0
Bodine, p	4	2	0
Fountain, ss	5	2	1

Two base hits, Hinton, 1; Base on balls, off Bryant, 0 off Bodine 3.

Locals Strike Snag

This was blue Tuesday for Manassas for the Fredericksburg flyer came up like a young tidal wave and swamped things. Conner stuck it out like Casablanca but the heavy duty bats of Brawner and Dodson seem to have been in the ice box. The

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