

ANNOUNCES VALUABLE PRIZES

UPLAND GAME BIRD FEEDING CONTEST

More Birds to Those who take Care of the Birds they have! Also, Money Prizes.

To provide an additional incentive for the feeding of upland game birds this winter the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries announces a series of prizes which should make any sportsman or lover of the bobwhite sit up and take notice.

Who is Eligible? Any person or persons who feed upland game birds in Virginia, except employees of the Commission or members of their immediate families.

Prizes: For both organizations and individuals. Everyone has an equal chance. There are no strings attached; nothing to buy, and nothing to sell to entitle you to a prize. Simply read the rules and get down to work to make hunting better for yourself and at the same win a prize. First Contest—Both Individuals and Organizations Eligible—975 Quail for the Winners.

Three officers of the Commission will serve as Judges to determine the twenty-seven most active individuals or organizations (any group having elected or appointed officers) in winter feeding of upland game birds between December 16, 1930 and March 15, 1931, under the rules hereinafter enumerated. To be taken into particular consideration in determining the winners will be: (1) the size of the area successfully covered; (2) the number of upland game birds actually fed; (3) the methods used.

The individual or organization making the best showing will receive One hundred game farm quail. The individual or organization making the second best showing will receive seventy-five game farm quail. The next ten individuals or organizations making the next best showing will each receive fifty game farm quail. The next fifteen individuals or organizations making the next best showing will each receive twenty game farm quail. The quail will be delivered during the summer of 1931. These prizes are entirely independent of our regular summer distribution. Should an individual win a quail award in the first contest, he or she is also eligible for a cash prize in the second contest.

Second Contest—Only Individuals Eligible. \$100.00 in cash for the winners.

Three officers of the Commission will also determine the twelve individuals who have carried on the most all-round, successful feeding of upland game birds between December 16, 1930 and March 15, 1931.

The individual making the best showing will receive fifty dollars (\$50.00) in cash. The individual making the second best showing will receive twenty-five (\$25.00) in cash. The individual making the third best showing will receive five dollars (\$5.00) in cash. The next twenty individuals making the next best showing will each receive one dollar (\$1.00) in cash.

Rules for the Upland Game Bird Feeding Contest

1. Each contestant must make application on blank furnished by the Commission.

2. Applications of all contestants will be received up to March 1, but preferably should be in by December 16.

3. Ten quail shall be considered to constitute a covey and five wild turkeys a flock.

4. A unit basis of totaling coveys of quail, flocks of wild turkeys or individual ruffed grouse fed will be used. Each covey, flock or individual, respectively, fed regularly from December 16, 1930 to March 15, 1931, will count as one Unit. Each covey flock or individual fed for less than this period will count for the number of days maintained. (A covey of quail fed for 20 days would count for 2-9 of one unit.) On this basis an organization might come into the lead by very extensive feeding over time in the real emergency period. It will be a real contest. Double credit will be given if feed is supplied from any source other than the Commission.

5. Coveys of quail, flocks of turkeys or individual ruffed grouse fed by an employee of the Commission or member of his immediate family will not count toward a prize.

6. Work of individuals competing for award of Game Farm Quail will be...

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 28, 1930 at 7:30 P. M.

Manassas High School Auditorium

REV. GEORGE HASEL, Presiding

ORDER OF SERVICE

- 1. Carol No. 1 "Joy to the World"
2. Invocation Rev. H. D. Anderson
3. Solo Mrs. L. F. Pattie
4. The Christmas Story Mr. Noel Gill
5. Solo Mr. Cleveland Fisher
6. Offering Prayer by Rev. W. Hall
7. Anthem H. S. Glee Club
8. Address Mr. R. S. Illingworth
9. Anthem H. S. Glee Club
10. Carol No. 6 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"
11. Benediction Rev. A. S. Gibson

PROGRAM AT MANASSAS H. S.

White Gift Service Includes Interesting Features

The White Gift Service, presented by pupils of the Manassas High School and sixth, seventh and eighth grades on Monday evening was much enjoyed by a appreciative gathering of patrons and friends.

Under the direction of Miss Virginia Speiden, the Girls' Glee Club and Chorus rendered special music. A processional, "O Come all Ye Faithful," was followed by the invocation which was delivered by Rev. W. A. Hall.

Christmas carols were sung by the Glee Club and Chorus. Anthems were also beautifully rendered by the Glee Club with Miss Patty Hatcher as soloist.

In carrying out the idea of the "White Gifts" the attributes, loyalty, service, faithfulness, sincerity, love, faith, and courage were presented by Misses Frances Bushong, Margaret Hotte, Elizabeth Beavers, Clara Cross, Viola Shifflett, Virginia Newman and Helen Fincham, representing their respective classes.

The benediction was delivered by Rev. T. D. D. Clark, and this was followed by the Recessional "The First Nowel" by the Glee Club and Chorus, with Miss Nancy Waters at the piano.

Many gifts wrapped in white were presented by those taking part in the exercise and these together with the large baskets of provisions previously contributed by each class have been distributed among the needy in the community.

Persons from any organization must be individually carried on.

7. On or before March 25, 1931 each contestant must submit a detailed map showing the approximate location of each successful feeding station maintained, the name of the owner of the land where fed, and the approximate number of upland game birds of each species at each station. Maps to be furnished by the contestant.

8. Accompanying this map, the contestant must submit a statement of the methods used; the number of coveys of quail, flocks of wild turkeys and individual ruffed grouse fed, and the approximate number of individuals in each covey or flock; the amount of grain used and by whom it was furnished.

9. Each contestant must sign a statement that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief the report and map are reasonably correct and are submitted in good faith.

10. The three Judges shall be: Executive Secretary, M. D. Hart; Supt. Game Propagation, Chas. O. Handley; Supervisor of respective Districts: Northern District, Albert Fletcher; Southwest District, R. P. Fuller; Lexington District, R. L. Seay; Southside District, W. C. Rivas; Central District, J. B. West and Tidewater District, E. G. Dillard.

CLIFTON SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

The Baptist Sunday School at Clifton will hold its Christmas entertainment, Friday night, December 26th at 8:00 o'clock.

The Manassas Journal wishes you a Merry Christmas

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Laura Bradon halted in almost superstitious amazement.

"Bertha!" she gasped. "Come here! It's happened—again!"

Bertha dropped the letters she was sorting and hurried to the door.

"Laura!" her tone expressed awed disbelief. "Are you sure?"

"Perfectly. Aren't you?" Bertha's eyes narrowed reflectively. "Yes!"

For a moment the two stared at each other in tight-lipped silence.

"Did you see anyone when you came to work?"

Bertha shook her head. "Not a soul. The building was locked."

"If it weren't so near Christmas and the whole force working overtime it would be easier to imagine."

From her brown curls and sparkling eyes to her slim ankles Laura was beautiful and genuine. Because she never posed she wasn't self-conscious that may have been her charm, and why—in spite of her youth—Culver had elected her postmistress.

"Imagine a young girl running a post office!" some said. But immediately they added, "Laura can do it if anybody can!"

And Laura had been doing it. She had to. Aunt Juley had left her only a small annuity and the use of the old residence for five years, at which time it went to some charity. That was all.

No, it wasn't quite all. And strange as it may seem, this legacy to another, was apparently causing all the trouble. Even the office mystery had begun at about the time of the disappearance of the grandfather clock. Laura loved that clock. It recalled childhood associations. Maybe that was why per se old Aunt Juley, dying, had made her promise to repair it for an Ernest Hamilton, the son of Aunt Juley's childhood chum.

"The boy was always good to me when I visited his mother," Aunt Juley explained.

Restoring it would cost unbelievably. Aunt Juley hadn't provided for that, and Laura was saving every penny toward it.

But by Christmas she'd have enough to send to Ernest Hamilton, a total stranger, the most expensive present she had ever bought.

"With my first of December check I'm going to send it to the clock-makers," she told Bertha and Bob, her two best friends.

But one morning just before that Laura had missed the old clock! It was an awful feeling. She couldn't believe it. Neither could Mrs. Adams, the caretaker's wife.

"It's spirits, Miss Bradon!" Mrs. Adams gasped. "Your dead ain't gonna see that clock leave the family! Last week I've had a feeling—"

Laura didn't listen to Mrs. Adams' sincere but terrifying theories. It must have been stolen. But by whom? A stranger couldn't slip unnoticed into Culver where everybody knows everybody else.

"And," Bob reasoned as he and Laura talked it over the next day. "Culver people don't go in for anecdotes."

"Then, you," Laura added, "there wasn't a sign of breaking in. In the winter Mrs. Adams locks everything. And everything was still locked this morning."

Bob whistled. "Looks like inside work."

But Laura had known the Adamses too long not to be certain they were guiltless.

Bob's eyes held more concern for the slim wonderful girl than for the clock. "Don't you worry," he admonished. "I'm going to trace this. Please, he patted, 'don't worry'."

Because Laura didn't want Bob to think her foolish, she hadn't spoken about the mystery in the office. But for days she'd had a feeling that strange hands had arranged things at her desk. She wasn't positive at first. There was something so strange about it that Laura's nerves tightened.

"I'm going to find out about this," she determined.

When Bob waited as he always did to stroll the seven blocks to her corner, he exclaimed: "Laura, you're pale! You ought to get more help during Christmas week. I'd help free of charge."

"It's 'n't in the law," Bob. Thanks anyway," Laura smiled into his serious eyes.

Bob was tall and straight and good looking. He'd been practicing law in



So, Robert Howard! You're a Common Thief!"

Culver for almost a year and Culver people were saying, "At last there's a fellow good enough for Laura—only it's funny he'd settle here. All our boys with any g't. go to the city."

"A lawyer's got to start in a small place," Bob explained to Laura.

But Bob never intimated that she was more to him than a very good friend. And Laura tried to make herself regard him in as calm a light.

Three nights, without telling either Bob or Bertha, Laura had hidden in her office.

Then it had happened. The light burning over the safe had thrown everything into grotesque shadow. Great heaps of Christmas packages became vague ghosts. Into that silence, a sound: Laura drew back. The door had opened!

Slowly a circle of light advanced behind it a shadow. It reached her desk. Laura suppressed a scream. She switched on a light.

In horror and amazement, the two faced each other speechless. He dropped his flashlight.

Laura's lips trembled from a sudden, deep hurt.

"So, Robert Howard! You're a common thief!"

"Laura!"

"Tell me, now, about my clock. You're the only person."

"All right!" The man before her tightened his jaw.

"How did you get in?"

"That night you left your purse in my car. I had keys copied after yours. I—I'm really Ernest Hamilton."

HAYMARKET HIGH BOWS TO UPPERVILLE FIVE

The Haymarket High School basketball team invaded the Upperville High School five on last Friday night in the latter's gymnasium and took the short end of a 20-10 score with their new opponents in a thrilling and hard-fought game.

It was not the game that the score indicates, as the Upperville boys were leading by only one point at the end of the first half.

At the beginning of the third quarter the local boys added another point, but Lightner soon tied the score with a beautiful shot from the center of the court to make it 8-8.

After this the game was much more exciting, but many fouls were made by both teams. Wiltshire led in this respect with four personals and had to be replaced by Saffer in the last few minutes of play.

Edwards was the outstanding player for Upperville, scoring twelve of his team's points, while Garrison was high scorer for the boys in Scarlet with five points. The line-up was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Haymarket and Upperville. Names include Garrison, Rucker, McQuin, Saffer, Ashby, Center, Edwards, Lightner, R.G., Wine, Senseney, L.G., Wiltshire. Substitutions: Upperville—Roszel for Rucker; Palmer for Saffer; Saffer for Wiltshire. Referee—Peach, Leesburg.

MOORE APPOINTED BY POLLARD

Governor Announces Selection of R. Walton Moore for State Board of Education

Governor Pollard has announced acceptance by R. Walton Moore, of Fairfax county, of appointment to membership on the State Board of Education to fill out the unexpired term of Thomas G. Burch, of Henry county, who was appointed to serve as a member of the board for a four-year term beginning January 30, 1930.

On March 4, 1931, Mr. Moore, now member of the national House of Representatives from the Eighth District of Virginia, will retire from Congress. On the same date Mr. Burch will enter Congress as the Representative from the Fifth District. At that Mr. Burch will cease to be a member of the State Board of Education and his place will be taken by Mr. Moore.

HAYMARKET HIGH QUINTET TAKE TWO

The Haymarket High School team added two more victories to their list on Tuesday night in the Manassas gymnasium when they defeated the Occoquan High School basket ball team by a score of 22-15 and the strong Manassas picked team by a score of 20-13.

The boys in Scarlet had no trouble in cleaning up their opponents in either game. In the first game both teams showed the lack of practice, this making the game very rough, seventeen fouls being made in the game.

Many long shots were made to make them interesting. Senseney and Lloyd starred in this respect making six and four points respectively.

The last game with the Manassas team, which included two college boys was an easy scalp for the Haymarket troopers.

"No. The lawyer said she asked that it be shown to no one for a year or—"

He nodded. "Here's why—a copy of it. She said you were stubborn."

Laura read, "If Ernest Hamilton will marry my niece before the year is out, my entire estate will go to them instead of to charities."

"I wanted to see you. And after I had, and knew you for yourself, I couldn't," tenderness moved in his eyes. "I couldn't even ask you, until that year was up. I wanted you to know that I didn't."

Again Laura's heart sang. The radiance which returns to youth so easily reflected in her eyes.

"Bob!" her heart spoke the name. "I'll be busy Christmas, but what plans have you for the Sunday before New Year's?"

"Why, none."

"She threw back her head and smiled a happy, eager smile. 'Neither have I!'"

SCHOOL VACATION EXTENDED

Tax Situation is Responsible

The county school authorities have decided to extend the holiday season a week, making the opening date January 12, instead of January 5. This action comes because of the slowness in which taxes have been coming into the treasurer's office.

If payment is correspondingly slow during the next few months, a similar shortening of the term will be made in June. On the other hand if taxes are paid in sufficiently by that time, the term will be lengthened five days to make up for time now being lost.

By equalizing the amounts of time and by giving warning of what may yet have to be done, the whole school term is less affected. Besides, most of the teachers will be at home and the burden will be less on them than to have return and have a week out of school while paying bond.

It is hoped that the entire term may be completed, but the failure to do this will not affect the credit of the standard high and elementary schools, according to advices received by the Board from State Superintendent Hart a few days ago.

CIVILIAN HOME SERVICE COMMITTEE

Cash Contributions to Christmas Baskets

Table with 2 columns: Organization and Amount. Includes Woman's Club (\$16.42), U. D. C. (10.00), Senior Class (1.60), Manassas Milling Co. (32 lbs. of flour in 2 lb. sacks).

Organizations contributing to Christmas baskets:

Table with 2 columns: Organization and Amount. Includes Nokesville Home Demonstration Club (5), Dumfries Community League (2), Quantico M. E. Church (1), Manassas Postal Clerks Wives Club (3), Manassas Bethlehem Club (3), Margaret Barber Bible Class (1), Baptist Ladies Aid Society (3), Cannon Branch Young People's Society (1), Mrs. Howard (1), Mrs. Lynch (1), Manassas High School (5), Home Demonstration Room Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshman (5 classes) (5), Bennett School, a great quantity of provisions, about (6), Presbyterian Church, provisions, clothes, toys, etc. (1).

In addition the Home Service Committee wishes to say that the Eastern Star have allocated \$25.00 for use for general relief. The Men's Club of the Presbyterian Church have given \$5.00 Mr. Eugene Davis, \$1.00, in addition to amounts mentioned in the annual report.

The Colored Baptist church made up baskets for their families in their church.

Forty-five families were remembered with baskets of Christmas food, clothes and a few toys.

The Home Service Committee wishes to express its appreciation of the generosity and co-operation of the citizens of the County in this relief work for contributions and work and assistance in delivering the baskets and for the aid of the merchants from whom provisions were purchased.

Last but not least the committee acknowledges its indebtedness to Mrs. Ruby Byman Haydon and Mrs. Mamie Lynch Dulaney with out whose knowledge of the situation and untiring efforts for relief it could not function efficiently. Which could be said about these two helpers but it isn't necessary. All the county knows them and appreciate them.

HAYMARKET GIRLS VICTIMS OF WARRENTON AND UPPERVILLE

The Haymarket High School Girls basket ball team suffered two defeats in thrilling and hard fought games at Warrenton on Friday night, December 12, and at Upperville on December 19.

The game at Warrenton was very exciting from beginning to end, the score was tied many times. The final score was 21-14.

The game at Upperville was very one-sided from the beginning, but after the half the score-keeper was kept busy marking up points that were made by Merrill and Rollins. The final score was 31-14.

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