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## APPEAL GRANTED ON SCHOOL BONDS

### Haymarke Matter Finally Carried to Richmond

The rumbling in the school dispute over the bond issue election held last Spring were heard again this week when Deputy Ledman, of the County circuit court, received from Clerk of the Court of Appeals an order commanding the sheriff to stay the judgment granted by Judge McCarthy on July 7 last, and to notify the county school board of a hearing to be held in Richmond next week.

The opposing counsel in this matter are Charles Pickett, of Fairfax, for the complainants and R. A. Hutchison and T. E. Diddle, for the school board.

An appeal of his sort is novel, and represents a community dispute which is reported as having stirred up considerable ill feeling. There have been a number of hearings in this matter, and the plaintiffs have evidently shown that they are going to the bitter end.

### DISTRICT MEETING O. F. A.

District No. 5, Order of Fraternal Americans will meet at Warrenton on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:30. District Deputy George D. Baker will be present. A number of candidates will be initiated and all members throughout the district are urged to be present.

### MANASSAS HIGH SCHOOL WINS OVER NOKEVILLE

Manassas High defeated Nokesville High Tuesday January 6 by a score of 31 to 24. The game was slow and showed that both teams needed practice.

On Friday, January 9 at 8 p. m. the Manassas High School team will play Calverton High and Clifton High basketball teams at the High School gymnasium. These games promise to give local basket ball fans a real treat.

### MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club will be held at the High School Wednesday, January 14, at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. J. L. B. Buck, our State President will be with us and we are anticipating an interesting talk by her.

The Executive Board will meet on Monday at 8 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Robert H. Smith and it is urged that every member be present or send her alternate as important business regarding the budget for the new year must be decided.

### DR. HALL HEADS PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Dr. Sidney E. Hall, for the past two years head of the department of secondary education at Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., has been named State Superintendent of Public Instruction as successor to Harris Hart, resigned. Dr. J. L. Jarman, president of Farmville State Teachers' College, was the first appointee of Governor Pollard, and he accepted. But he was so strongly urged by the faculty, students and alumni of the Farmville institution to reconsider that he finally did so, and withdrew his acceptance.

### A HOME TOWN "BOOSTER"

Your town—it's what you make it; By "team work" towns are made; It's up to you to your "Bit"; And give your town your trade! The local firms depend on you For part of their income, And they deserve your backing, too, To help make business hum! To distant parts, some people roam To spend their money there, Instead of buying goods at home—The things they eat and wear; And yet they want their town to grow To prosper and to thrive, But do not spend their home-made "dough" To keep their town alive! Build up your town, and "boost" it; And bank your money there; Don't let your local merchants quit Because you buy elsewhere! Your dollars help build shops and schools, And fine streets, up and down; So buy your food and clothes and tools At home—and "boost" your town!

—By J. E. Hungerford  
In the Office of the Editor, published weekly by Virginia Public Service Company Northern Division.

## MANASSAS MASONS INSTALL OFFICERS

Manassas Lodge No. 182, A. F. and A. M. installed officers last Friday evening as follows:  
John T. Broadus, Worshipful Master; R. C. Haydon, Senior Warden; W. N. Wenrich, Junior Warden; F. R. Hynson, Senior Deacon; J. L. Bushong, Junior Deacon; G. Raymond Ratcliffe, treasurer; M. M. Ellis, secretary; G. W. Merchant and G. G. Allen, stewards and A. Mac Millan, Tiler.

## MRS. R. S. HYNSON U. D. C. HOSTESS

On Wednesday, January 7, at 2 o'clock p. m. The Daughters met at the home of Mrs. R. S. Hynson. The usual opening exercises were observed with Mrs. C. A. Sinclair, president in the chair. There were nineteen members present. A letter was read from Mrs. Bolling, state president, urging the chapter to be prompt in responding to the causes sponsored by the U. D. C. putting special emphasis on the Stratford Fund, of which Virginia's quota is \$8,000.00. The Manassas Chapter recently contributed fifty dollars to this cause.

A letter was read from Mrs. Carrie Hancock Kelly, state historian, expressing her enthusiasm over the chapter's interest in trying to carry out a full historical program for the year under the direction of Mrs. R. A. Hutchison, chapter historian.

The most interesting feature of this month's program was a paper by Mrs. C. M. Larkin on "Why General Lee resigned from the Federal Army." The chapter was most appreciative of Mrs. Larkin's able efforts in the preparation of this article and requested that it be read again at the Lee-Jackson Memorial Service to be held here Sunday evening at 8 o'clock p. m., at which time the public is invited to be present. A program of this celebration will be published in the next issue of the Journal. Mrs. R. S. Hynson and Miss Virginia Nelson Speiden are to prepare the musical program for the occasion.

Mrs. J. B. T. Thornton read an article from the State minutes of 1914 describing the presentation of the Prince William Cavalry Chapter U. D. C. This flag was made from the dress of the mother of one of our most faithful members, Miss Florrie Lion. It has long been the desire of the Chapter to have it placed in the Museum at Richmond with many other beloved relics.

The treasurer, Mrs. R. L. Byrd, was authorized to pay the obligations of the Chapter as usual.

Mrs. Ruby Ryman Haydon's name was presented to the Chapter for membership and most heartily accepted. Mrs. Speiden was requested to forward her application blanks.

During the past year the daughters have completed a quilt of forty-two squares—in the Confederate colors, embroidering the names of contributors in red on the white background. This work was accomplished thru the untiring efforts of Mrs. Albert Speiden and much credit is due her for the large sum it realized adding \$156.00 to the treasury. Many citizens of Prince William prominent for their generous loyalty to the cause for which the U. D. C. stands will find their names thereon.

Miss Florrie Lion won the laurels for the largest contribution, her square netting eleven dollars. Mrs. Speiden was second in the race bringing in \$9.40. Many others secured as much as five or more dollars.

After the meeting adjourned a delightful social hour was spent while the hostess served tea and cakes.

Mrs. Albert Speiden and Miss Nolie Nelson invited the daughters to be their guests in February.

The chapter has been called upon to bear another sorrow in the loss of Miss Katie Bridewell who was much beloved by all who knew her, a faithful member and former officer. She had for a number of years taken an active part in the Jefferson Davis Memorial Service held here on June 5 of each year, personally supervising the decoration of the graves of those who wore "the gray," and assisting wherever she could lend a helping hand. It is with hearts full of grief that we bow to the Will of Him that doeth all things well.

### SCHOOLS OPEN

After an enjoyable vacation of three weeks, the Prince William County schools will open Monday, January 12.

## REVIEW PERIOD NOT AFFECTED

### Prince William Students Will Have Full Allowance of Time to Prepare for Examinations

The county school board met Wednesday with all members present.

The most important action taken by the Board was in regard to the review period preceding the examinations which close the first semester. The first week of January has been lost, but to compensate for this, the closing of the first semester was moved up to January 30. This means that the loss will be carried over into the first report period of the next semester, and that students will not have the time curtailed in which they have to review for their mid-winter examinations.

A motion was passed given joint ownership and control of the old Brentsville courthouse to the Board of Supervisors which was so generous in assisting in the restoration work last year.

Plans are to have the new well at Occoquan in use by time of school opening on Monday. Mr. C. H. Wine is putting in the finishing touches to the work.

A request from the University of Maryland was granted for students from that institution to come over under the supervision of one of their own professors and do practice teaching and observation work in the agricultural departments here and in Nokesville. Professor Pullen will have joint supervision of such work.

A number of school patrons were present in the interest of their respective localities.

### APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE EARLY

Applications of Virginia farmers for Federal loans for the purchase of seed, fertilizer and other necessities should be made promptly, in the opinion of Harry F. Byrd, chairman of the State Drought Relief Committee, since in Mr. Byrd's opinion the \$45,000,000 provided by the national government for the farmers of the United States for drought relief is insufficient.

## EX-SLAVE BURIED WITH HONORS

Epps Barnes, colored, aged about eighty-eight, died at his home at Independent Hill in the closing hours of 1930 after an illness of several years.

The old fellow was very popular. During his long confinement many people would call on him to cheer him up. His wife, who survives him, is equally well known and well liked.

Back in the days "Befo' de war," Uncle Epp is stated to have been domiciled with the Copen family, well known in the annals of Prince William. The family plot in which he was buried was a part of the old estate.

He leaves eight sons and one daughter.

The funeral which took place on New Year's Day was one of the county's biggest in recent months, and there was a profusion of beautiful flowers.

Elder A. J. Garland, of Clarendon, performed the rites at Uncle Epp's home, and many who attended came from without the county.

Prince William misses its old timers who have lived right and tried to lead their sons and daughters in the same path.

### 2,000 IDLE MEN TO HAVE WORK

The State Highway Commission estimates that 2,000 idle men can be given work on the highways of the State by February 15. These men will be put to work by the contractors who are awarded the contracts for the \$3,000,000 worth of road construction to be carried out by the commission in the near future as a result of the \$2,000,000 loan of the Federal government for emergency road work for unemployment relief.

### TAX REDUCTION

The Town Council of Manassas, at its regular meeting will consider a 25 cents reduction of the local tax levy. Other towns are expected to follow the example.

### ILLNESS OF HARRY HUNDLEY

Mr. Harry Hundley, who was operated on at Charlottesville on December 30, is critically ill, but his many friends are hoping for an early recovery.

## COMMITTEES ARE NAMED FOR 1931

### Kiwanis Club Renews its Activities for the Coming Year

The Kiwanis Club of Manassas began another year with its session on Friday evening. Dr. Johnson assured his audience that the work of the club would carry on with equal intensity in 1931 as in 1930.

The following committees have been announced by President Johnson:

Public affairs, W. F. Coker, chairman; Hinton Tiffany, Charles C. Lynn and Arthur S. Boatwright. Vocational guidance—Richard C. Haydon, chairman; R. S. Hynson; E. Swavely, O. D. Waters. Finance—M. M. Ellis, chairman; J. E. Bradford. Program and efficiency—F. R. Hynson.

Agriculture—W. L. Lloyd, chairman; J. Fowers Pullen, W. S. Covington; Housing—Rev. George Hasel, chairman; Rev. A. Stuart Gibson and D. J. Arrington. Publicity—Major F. W. Patterson and Frank G. Sigman. Reception—O. D. Waters, chairman; E. R. Conner and Rev. George Hasel. Membership—A. A. Hooff, chairman; W. E. Trusler and F. G. Sigman. Good will and grievance—E. Swavely, chairman; T. E. Diddle and G. Raymond Ratcliffe. Kiwanis education—T. E. Diddle, chairman; Rev. A. Stuart and Eli Swavely. Music—G. Raymond Ratcliffe, chairman; Major F. W. Patterson and W. S. Athey. Interclub relations—Robert A. Hutchison, chairman; M. M. Ellis and G. Raymond Ratcliffe. Business standards—W. H. Leachman, chairman; Hinton Tiffany and L. Ledman. Attendance—W. E. Athey, chairman; E. R. Conner and Rev. George Hasel. Classification—J. E. Bradford and board of directors. Red Cross members of Civilian Home Service Committee—Robert A. Hutchison and R. S. Hynson. Children's Christmas—A. A. Hooff, chairman; F. R. Hynson, Robert A. Hutchison and Eli Swavely.

One of the leading incidents of the evening was the presentation of a silver pitcher to the retiring president.

The presentation was made on behalf of the club by one of its former presidents, Fred R. Hynson.

Part of his remarks are quoted briefly as follows:

"President Bob, For another whole year this Club will have inflicted upon it, the same old name, PRESIDENT Bob; when addressing the chair. We have changed Presidents but not his name, and it does seem that we should have selected a more common name, like Jim, John, or Bill or perhaps Tom, Dick, or Harry, but this Club stands for uncommon things and since our new President has so many names, it will not be hard for us to take our choice when addressing the chair, and whether Kiwanis has made him or he Kiwanis I will leave to you, yet in my humble opinion he is the one outstanding man who has invested in Kiwanis—and has, I am sure, received in return for this investment priceless dividends, the proper compensation he so rightly deserves.

What to on hamefly fare we dine Wear hodden gray and all o' that, Give fools their silks, and knaves their wine; A man's a Man for all o' that.

Therefore in behalf of the members of the Manassas Kiwanis Club it gives me unusual pleasure to present to you, Bob Hutchison, this token of our esteem friendship, in appreciation of your untiring devotion to the club and your unselfish leadership for 1930.

Gold buttons to each of the past presidents were presented by O. D. Waters, the silver tongued orator of the club, and he did not shrink from his duty.

Those receiving a beautiful emblems are G. R. Ratcliffe, Eli Swavely, F. R. Hynson, T. E. Diddle and R. A. Hutchison.

### MISS KATIE BRIDEWELL

At 6 a. m. Wednesday morning Miss Katie Bridewell passed away. She has lived in Manassas for many years and was a consistent member of the Episcopal church and an earnest worker in the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

### O. F. A. DISTRICT MEETING

Deputy Baker has announced a district meeting in his district (No. 5) at Warrenton on the night of January 13 (Tuesday).

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REPLIES TO CHAIRMAN CONNER'S SUGGESTIONS

### Ex-Governor Byrd Forwards Statement of Secretary Warburton to Prince William County Chairman

#### IMPORTANT MEETING

The Civilian Home Service Committee of the Red Cross will hold an important meeting at 2 p. m., Saturday, January 10 in the office of the County Nurse, Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson chairman of the committee is anxious to have a good attendance from all districts. Among other matters the project of a drought survey will be considered.

## CHURCH WORKER DIES SUDDENLY

### George B. MacDonald III only Since New Year

At midnight Tuesday, George B. MacDonald, aged 54, husband of Melza Isabel (Rudasill) died of pneumonia after a very brief illness which resulted from a heavy cold contracted during the Christmas season.

He kept at work in spite of this condition until it was necessary to call in Dr. McBryde, but pneumonia had already set in, and Mr. MacDonald weakened rapidly.

He leaves but one child, Miss Frances McDonald. Also surviving him besides his widow are his father, Joseph, and his brothers and sisters who live on a farm near here. They are William and the Misses Gertrude and Claude.

The deceased was a native of Front Royal coming to this county shortly before the World War. He farmed and had a large orchard near Brentsville. While there he was a very active worker in the Presbyterian church, becoming an Elder. His activities in Sunday School work are a matter of record.

After coming to Manassas, he assisted in the operation of the old Farmers' Exchange, later going into the business which he was conducting at the time of his death.

He was a faithful member of the local council of Juniors and the members of the order will have charge of the ceremonies at the grave. J. M. Muddiman, president of Bull Run Council will preside.

The funeral will be held at 2 p. m. at the Presbyterian Church, with Rev. J. Royal Cooke, of Greenwich, officiating. He will be assisted by Rev. A. S. Gibson and Rev. W. A. Hall.

### PROSPECTS FOR MANASSAS SCHOOL BAND BRIGHT

Questionnaire cards returned from the Band survey are more than sufficient to assure Manassas of securing the Trial Rental Plan, the plan by which the ability of boys and girls is determined before parents decide definitely to enroll them in the School Band.

Points of outstanding interest are that by the School Band Plan, not only does the school have a regular Band and the community profit there by, but every boy and girl is enabled to secure a complete and thorough music education at a small fraction of the cost of what it would be if attempted by any one parent alone.

The Parent and Student Band Meeting, which will be held directly after school opens, will be most interesting. One of each of the band instruments will be demonstrated and played at the meeting so that parents and students may hear how each one sounds.

It is not necessary that a boy or girl be able to play an instrument or have any previous knowledge of music. A competent instructor will teach and direct the band.

All points will be thoroughly discussed at this meeting and a careful explanation will be made of how boys and girls may have the advantage of this musical education and band membership without working any financial hardship on the parents.

Many boys and girls intend to use their music as a means of securing university scholarship, as a means of earning funds to pay for college education, or as a means of securing special consideration in the big industries for better positions.

It is requested by the school, that any band questionnaire cards that have not yet been turned in to the teachers, be handed in without further delay.

All parents and music lovers are cordially invited to interest themselves in this project.

## GOVERNMENT DECLINES TO CONSIDER LONGER TIME ON LOANS

County Chairman E. R. Conner, of Manassas, is in receipt of the following response to the valuable suggestions which he made recently and which were published last week's Journal. Acting with that administrative celerity for which he is noted, State Chairman Harry Flood Byrd immediately presented Mr. Conner's suggestions to the Federal Government, which has jurisdiction in the matter, and received the reply quoted below:

Winchester, Va.  
January 5, 1931.

Mr. E. R. Conner,  
Manassas, Virginia

My dear Mr. Conner:  
I enclose you copy of letter received from Mr. C. W. Warburton, Secretary of the Federal Drought Relief Committee with respect to your suggestions.

I thank you for making these suggestions which I think will be most helpful.

With best wishes, I am  
Cordially yours,  
HARRY F. BYRD.

### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Washington, D. C.  
December 30, 1930.

Hon. Harry F. Byrd,  
Winchester, Va.

Dear Mr. Byrd:  
Receipt is acknowledgment of your letter of December 29 enclosing letter from Mr. E. R. Conner, Chairman of the Drought Relief Committee of Prince William County, Manassas, Virginia, in which he makes suggestions regarding the administration of the seed loan funds recently authorized by Congress.

As this authorization provides that the security to be taken is a lien on the crop to be grown in 1931, we can not follow the first of Mr. Conner's suggestions that the loans be made for a period of from two to five years. I may say, however, that we have not hesitated to grant extensions of time for repayment of all or part of individual loans where payment out of the first crop would work material hardship on the borrower and his family. In instances where the crop on which we held a mortgage failed wholly or in part, we have granted extensions for one year, and further extensions where the individual circumstances seemed to justify.

The rate of interest charged on these loans has been 5 per cent and that is the rate we plan to charge in 1931. While it is slightly more than the Government pays on its own borrowings, the rate is very much less than farmers are accustomed to pay for production credit, and the margin over the rate paid by the Government will not be sufficient to pay administrative cost of making the loans and collections. The administration costs of making the loans is comparatively little but as you no doubt know, it usually costs more to get money back than it does to put it out. Then too, there is always a considerable element of loss in these thin credit loans.

The authorization states in the purposes for which loans may be made, and a penalty clause in the resolution is likely to insure the borrower's confining his expenditures to those purposes. Furthermore, we expect to advance money in installments, requiring a statement from each borrower as to how the first installment has been spent before a second is advanced to him.

Loans to the individual borrower will be on the basis of actual requirements for the acreage of crops he proposes to grow, including feed for the workstock required to prepare, plant, and cultivate this acreage. The acreage on which loans will be made will be approximately the normal acreage planted by the borrower as indicated by his crop report for 1929 and 1930 which constitutes a part of his application. We expect to incorporate in each application an agreement that the borrower will plant a garden for home use, and that he will plant a sufficient acreage of feed crops to provide for his livestock. This will simply be conforming to the usual practice in northern Virginia, but in the tobacco section of southern Virginia and generally

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