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U. D. C. CHAPTERS OF THE 4th DIST. TO MEET HERE

On the afternoon of Wednesday, March 4, the Manassas Chapter U. D. C. held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. G. G. Allen with Mrs. L. L. Lonas assistant hostess. In the absence of Mrs. Sinclair, president, Mrs. Albert Speiden presided and opened the meeting with the Lord's prayer. She read a letter from Mrs. Sinclair, who is quite sick, expressing her regrets at not being able to attend the meeting. The members were grieved to learn of their president's illness.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. R. L. Byrd, Chapter treasurer, read a number of interesting letters from out of town members. Among those heard from were Mrs. Christine Moser Keith, Mrs. Robert Gulick, Miss Clara M. Lamb, Mrs. L. B. Kasehagen, Mrs. W. B. Lynn, and Mrs. Maud J. Hutchison. It is a real pleasure to the Chapter to hear from these members whose loyalty and interest is not lessened in their absence. The name of Mrs. Guthrie, Superintendent of the District Home, was presented to the chapter and the registrar authorized to send her application blanks. Mrs. Asa Jenkins, Mrs. Maud Kincheloe, Mrs. James Conner, and Mrs. Paul Kincheloe were also accepted as applicants for membership and will be welcomed into the chapter. The chapter extended an invitation to Mrs. B. F. Calfee, chairman of the Fourth District, Virginia Division to hold the next District convention at Manassas early in May. No definite plans have been made for this meeting, but it is expected that historical Manassas will attract a large crowd.

Mrs. Robert Smith and Mrs. Eli Swavely representing the Garden Club Section of the Manassas Woman's Club, were present. They offered many helpful suggestions in beautifying the "Old Stone Bridge." They stated that, after consulting the state landscape architect and others regarding the matter, it would be better to plant few shrubs and vines which required watering and special care. A plan was suggested to use grass and a narrow walk of stone dust to be enclosed with pipe posts chained to get her. The State Highway Commission offered to help with the work by furnishing the labor to do the grading etc. A rising vote of thanks was given to the committee for their active interest and cooperation in this work.

Mrs. M. M. Washington read a clipping entitled "How General Pope caught a menagerie," and turned same over to the scrap book committee.

The Chapter has been called upon to bear another sorrow in the passing of Mrs. James Larkin, a loyal and enthusiastic member who was much loved and honored by all who knew her.

In the absence of the historian Mrs. Robert Hutchison, Mrs. L. L. Lonas gave a report on the conference with the teachers of the Manassas High School regarding the prizes offered this year. It is hoped that the history class under Miss Lucy will enter the contest for the Virginia Division prize of \$25.00 on "Robert E. Lee, Defender of the Constitution." Miss Grace Metz's class will compete for the Eloise Armistead Sinclair prize. A prize was also offered to the sixth and seventh grades by the Virginia Division.

Another historical program was given and among those taking part were Mrs. R. L. Byrd who read a paper on the three separate govern-

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Why the farmer and laborer bear all the expenses? Why not the doctor, the lawyer, and all the professional men and women bear their portion of the burden?

For example: the farmer gets about one-half for what he raises on the farm; the laborer gets half price for his labor, living expenses have been cut nearly half, but I see no cut in doctor's bills on medicine. I see no cut in the lawyers' fee, neither do I see any cut in skilled labor. Why is this? (It seems to be an unfair world). If every man or woman, professional or skilled, would bear his or her part of the burden, the depression would not be felt nearly so hard by the men who dig in the ditch or follow the plow.

E. R. CONNER.

HOME BURNED NEAR CENTREVILLE

The residence of Mrs. Sarah Jane Wells, near Neverlet, in Fairfax County, suddenly caught fire just before noon on Friday and was totally destroyed, along with a number of pieces of old furniture which were quite valuable.

Neighbors observed the shingle roof on fire and hurried over to warn those inside. By the time they arrived the roof was about to collapse and the blaze so furious that practically nothing was saved. Sam and Luther Wells, who lived with their mother, Clayton Harrison and John Davis and Claiborne Wells, a son who hurried down from Centreville, tried to save what they could. It is stated that little or no insurance was carried.

The fire spread to the underbrush and a fire fighting crew was organized under Mr. Vernon Rector. Some ten or twelve men assisted him in stopping a fire which would have spread down the Bull Run Valley by nightfall. Mr. Rector was slightly burned in his efforts to keep the fire under control.

Mrs. Wells is eighty-seven years old, and the widow of a brave Confederate soldier. The shock was a severe one, and the many friends of the family have offered every assistance they could. She is staying at present with her son, Claiborne Wells at Centreville.

A PREPARED EASTER EGG

There is on exhibit at the JOURNAL office a phenomenon brought in by Ed (Drouth Relief) Conner which is in the shape of an unusual piece of hen fruit that Ed swears was laid (not lied) by one of his hens a day or two ago.

The egg is colored a nondescript reddish hue, remarkably uniform in color.

We have not picked the egg to see whether Ed is lying, but anyone who puts up a \$500 bond can go as far as he likes.

PETRIK—MOORE

Mr. Joseph Vincent Petrik of Yonkers, N. Y., and Miss Julia Marie Moore of Mount Tineah, N. C., were married February 27, at the manse, Rev. W. A. Hall, the pastor of the Presbyterian Church, performing the ceremony. The groom is in the United States Marine Service. The young couple will make their future home in Yonkers, N. Y.

THE NEW CONGRESSMAN FROM THE EIGHTH DISTRICT

(Editorial)

Yesterday Judge Howard W. Smith succeeded Mr. Moore as Congressman from the Eighth District.

Very few men in public life in Virginia have the popular following that is readily conceded Smith.

His campaign last summer was marked by a vitrolic display of poor sportsmanship on the part of a few of his opponents which only served to make friends for him among the fair minded men and women who voted against him.

He enters Congress with the good wishes of all. We predict for him a successful career in national affairs.

CLASS PLAY GOES OVER BIG

Manassas High Students Stage Successful Vaudeville Show

The Senior Class Play given last week was very much of a credit to the whole school as the class was generously supported by the student ensemble.

There were a number of choruses, peppy dancing and humorous black face stunts (including some of young Hibbs' stuff). Eddie Conner, as the hero, backed up by two charming young ladies (Christine Meetze and Frances Bushong) put some real punch into things. Christine showed everybody something about love-making, #31 style, (using Chester Harley as a victim). Eva Lunsford took the part of a secretary in approved style, while Edward Dalton as the dusky janitor, and Albin Taylor, as the office boy, added quite a bit of humor.

Young Lloyd ran around with something that looked like a fly-swatter, while Lacey Compton tried to fall over a stylish cane and his younger shadow pulled a perfect dude part.

Everybody did well, especially the door keepers who took in plenty of change.

OCCOQUAN

Miss Elizabeth Vaughan, Principal of Haymarket High School was a recent guest of Mrs. Stewart Lambert.

Mrs. Pauline Thornhill and Mr. Barton Padgett of Seat Pleasant, Md. visited Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wayland on Sunday.

Dr. Clifford Beach of Richmond spent Sunday last with his mother Mrs. Isabel Beach.

Messrs. Jack Wayland and Robert Bryant visited friends in Elkwood last week.

Miss Lula Byrdie of the High School faculty attended a teachers' meeting at the Haymarket High School recently.

Messrs. Fred Lynn, Caldwell Slack, and Wilton Hixson have purchased a new 1931 sport car of popular make.

Mrs. Roscoe Clarke and Mrs. Willie Burdette were guests on Wednesday of Mrs. Carlton Peglow of Lorton.

A WARNING TO THE PUBLIC

The information has come to my attention, that persons and organizations who reside outside of Prince William County, are making a practice of soliciting articles of clothing and other things of value, including money, from citizens of Manassas and Prince William County, and the indications are that some of these solicitors are commercializing the practice for personal profit.

While it is not my purpose to discourage contributing to worthy causes, yet I suggest a word of caution, to investigate before contributing.

Charity begins at home, and Prince William County has its own problems which will tax the ability of those who are able to contribute for relief, and it is suggested that you make your contributions to the Civilian Relief Committee of the County Chapter of the American Red Cross and if you are solicited by strangers, refer them to this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY P. DAVIS, Mayor.

LUCY ARRINGTON

Mrs. Lucy Arrington, wife of D. J. Arrington, local business man and school official, died early Saturday morning, after a very brief illness.

Interment was on Monday, following services at the Primitive Baptist Church, at which Elder T. S. Dalton, of Baltimore, officiated, assisted by Rev. A. S. Gibson.

The church was crowded with relatives and friends, a number coming from nearby States and the District of Columbia. The floral tributes were unusually profuse and very beautiful.

Mrs. Arrington before marriage was a Miss Hixson, daughter of George Hixson and Harriet Hicker-son. They were real Prince William County people. Up to the time of her marriage in 1899, she taught school, mostly here in Manassas.

Faithfulness to her husband and family, at home and in business was an outstanding attribute of Mrs. Arrington's life. They were everything to her. Two of her children died in early life. Three survive. They are Mrs. Noel Lynn, of Washington, and Miss Lucy and Paul, both of whom live here.

WOULD RE-Forest SCHOOL LOT

Professor Swavely Agitates Movement to Memorialize Washington

At the meeting of the county school board yesterday morning, Dr. Eli Swavely appeared as a committee member from the Kiwanis Club to ask cooperation of the school board in a plan to re-forest a portion of the school grounds, having the children take part in the various exercises to memorialize Washington during the Bi-Centennial.

The Board appointed Chairman Arrington to act as a committee from the Board to meet with a committee from the town council and the Kiwanis Club is working up a plan.

The resignation of Miss Ozlin at Goldridge was accepted and Professor Haydon authorized to fill the vacancy. The budget as prepared by the budget committee was ratified.

The board appointed Mr. Lloyd and Professor Haydon to draft a letter of condolence for Mr. Arrington whose wife has just died.

Attention was again called to the fact that the school board will elect teachers now in service at the April meeting.

MEETING OF HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS

Bethel Home Demonstration club will meet Thursday, March 12, at 1:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. M. M. deNicola. The topic for demonstration will be "Vegetable Substitutes." All women of the community are invited to come to the meeting.

Catharpin Home Demonstration Group will meet Friday, March 13, at 2 o'clock. All ladies of the community are invited to attend the meeting.

Nokeville Home Demonstration Club will not hold its regular meeting on Wednesday but will meet on March 20 instead. Mr. Allen H. Reid, Landscape Gardening Department of V. P. I. will be present at that time to give practical demonstration.

Facts and Figures on Your Telephone

BY EDWIN F. HILL



Edwin F. Hill

A new use has been found for gold, platinum, and silver. Each of the millions of Bell telephones contain these precious metals. It has been found that gold, platinum and silver, although high in initial cost, are inexpensive over a long period, as they resist erosion due to electrical and mechanical action, which in time would prevent telephone equipment from functioning properly.

Telephone users in this country now make about 83,000,000 calls daily. When the telephone receiver is lifted from its hook, two springs come to gether until their points make contact and establish a circuit to the central office. Gold is one of the metals out of which the contact points of these springs are made, the others being platinum and silver.

Platinum wires conduct the current into the glass globes and thus light the filaments of the almost numberless electric signal lamps used as telephone switchboards. Platinum is used for this purpose because it expands and contracts, when subjected to temperature changes, at the same rate as does the glass in which the wires are imbedded. Wires of other materials might shrink away from the glass and destroy the usefulness of the bulb by permitting air to enter its vacuum.

These metals are also employed in making contact points of the thousands of relays, or electrically controlled switches, used on equipment throughout the Bell Telephone System.

AMERICAN LEGION TO ORGANIZE

Meeting of Ex-Service Men at Manassas Town Hall Friday, March 13

A meeting of ex-service men has been called for Friday, March 13, at 8 p. m. in the Town Hall, Manassas, for the purpose of organizing an American Legion Post here. Vice Commander Breckenridge will be present and all World War veterans are urged to be present.

The project is one which has the endorsement of prominent citizens who will be pleased to see the influence of our veterans exerted in an organized way.

The patriotic and welfare work of the American Legion throughout the country is too well known to require description and it is felt that the organization of a Post at Manassas will be very opportune.

GUEST AT BANQUET

Mr. G. R. Ratcliffe attended last week the father and son banquet at Lafayette College where Mr. Jack Ratcliffe is a student.

MR. E. R. CONNER ISSUES STATEMENT

Drought Relief Loans Are Being Made

Amendments to the regulations relative to the loans for seed, fertilizer, feed, etc., in the drought stricken area of the United States.

Pursuant to the authority contained in the Act of Congress approved February 14, 1931, the regulations governing loans for seed, fertilizer, and feed in the drought stricken areas are hereby amended to authorize loans to farmers for the purchase of feed for livestock used for the production of food for the family (dairy cows, hogs and poultry). Loans for feed for such live stock will not be made to any applicant in excess of \$75.00. This should be a great help to these in need of food and will be included in the applications hereafter, making the maximum amount to any applicant \$600.00. We have filled out about forty applications, owing to quite a lot of red tape, a number of them have been returned for additional security, while quite a few have received their checks. We are still receiving applications and I think by April 30 we will have at least one hundred. I would suggest to those who expect to file applications for loans not to wait, but to get your applications in soon. Frank Cox, County Agent, will be in his office Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday to wait on you.

E. R. CONNER,

Chairman Drought Relief Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS MEET

Baptist Association Studies Many Problems

On Tuesday, March 3, the pastors Sunday School superintendents and secretaries of the Potomac Baptist Association met at Manassas Baptist Church in conference for purpose of devising plans and stimulating interest for an enlargement campaign in Sunday schools.

A large delegation was present representing the majority of the Sunday schools of the sixty-three churches composing the Association.

The Association's work, Rev. C. Wirt Trainham of Marshall called the meeting to order at ten a. m. After devotion and briefly stating purpose of meeting, he introduced State Sunday School secretary, Dr. J. B. Hill, of Richmond, who made an interesting, informing and inspiring address. After the address conferences were conducted when problems were presented.

In the afternoon these problems—indifference, enlistment, evangelism, etc.—were discussed by Dr. Hill, who told in a very helpful way how he handled similar situations when he was a pastor. Hearts were encouraged and inspired to try again by his coming.

The day will prove to be of real worth to the progress of the Kingdom.

ADEN

Mr. Rowe of Washington and Miss Edna O'Shaughnessy of Bailey's Cross Roads visited their friend, Miss Frances Hummer recently.

Mrs. Noah Garber, Mr. Newton Berryman, Paul Diehl and Mr. H. C. Earhart are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whetzel invited friends at Woodbridge on Sunday.

A large number of members and some visitors met at the home of Mrs. Ervin Corder in the regular meeting of the Kensington Club. After the business session the ladies

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