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## VISITING CLUB PRESENTS GAVEL

### Historic Wood Used in Doc Johnson's New Badge of Office

Fifteen members of the Washington Kiwanis Club headed by Edwin F. Hill, vice president, were dinner guests at an inter-club meeting held with the Manassas Kiwanis Club March 27. Vice president Hill, on behalf of the Washington organization presented Dr. C. R. C. Johnson, president of the Manassas Club, with a speaker's gong and gavel for calling club meeting to order. The gavel was made from wood dismantled from the White House when it was being remodeled. This wood was donated for the purpose by Martin T. Wiegand of the Washington Club. The members of the Washington Club were given a warm reception by the officers and members of the local organization led by Robert A. Hutchison, lieutenant governor of the first division and President Johnson. Mr. E. R. Conner made the speech of welcome.

The evening's entertainment provided by the Washington Club included a Kiwanis educational stunt consisting of a jury trial of Rev. Simpson B. Daugherty, member of the Washington Club, who had been "indicted" for a lack of knowledge of Kiwanis objectives. Objectives of the organization are:

To encourage every Kiwanian to render enduring service to underprivileged children, emphasizing personal contact with and assistance to an individual child.

To promote intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship by:

Emphasizing the need for adequate instruction in the home and in the schools on the fundamental principles of government.

Vigorous combating destructive influences in national and home life.

Extending an effort to secure a universal exercise of the franchise in all elections.

Creating a better individual understanding of the problems of government, to the end that Kiwanians may better assist in the development of a sound public opinion.

Developing participation in community service.

To promote as fundamental principles in business and professional life the ideals expressed in the Kiwanis Statement of Business Standards.

To promote the spirit of mutual understanding between the farmer and the city man by encouraging an appreciation of their common aims and purposes.

To provide vocational guidance for young men and women throughout the cooperation of every Kiwanian with those interested in his business or profession.

Following dinner, a Kiwanis "Court" was concerned with Claude W. Owen, chairman, Washington inter-club relations committee, judge; Charles R. Huff, secretary, prosecuting attorney; Harry G. Kimball, defense attorney; and Charles W. Pimper, bailiff. The jury was composed of James E. Edmunds, foreman, C. Ralph Barker, James C. Dulin, F. Archibald Mead, William F. Smith, Col. Claude C. Jones, and Raymond Zepp.

George H. Winalow was called as witness for the prosecution. The defense "swore" in the entire Manassas Club membership to prove that the average Kiwanis member has a good working knowledge of the aims and ideals of the organization.

The jury, after a short deliberation, returned a verdict of "guilty." "Judge" Owen announced that he would take the verdict under advisement and that sentence would be imposed later.

Invited guests included Ernest Hackett, Sunday Editor of the Washington Post and W. H. Donny.

## "IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE"

Conner & Kinchele, Manassas, Va.  
I see in the "Manassas Journal" of March 12, 1931, where you have "Canned Herring", 2 cans for 18c. Enclose you the amount and will forward cost of postage.

Am hungry for Potomac Herring. Respectfully Yours, Mrs. Alice Smith Meriwether, Meriwether, S. C.

## "THE WILD ROSE"

The Glee Club of the Manassas High School is very busy making preparations for its annual operetta "The Wild Rose," under the direction of Miss Virginia Speiden. The operetta will be held in the High School Auditorium on Friday night, April 10, at 8 o'clock. Miss Pattie Hatcher has been chosen as the leading lady and will be ably supported by Misses Rena Bevans, Eleanor Gibson, Walser Conner, Ann Bradford, Margaret Hottel, Marion Lynn and Christine Meetze as well as a chorus of maids.

## MRS. BOB WINS SPELLING MATCH

### Wins in Crowd of Nearly 100 Good Letter Jugglers

The spelling match and cake walk last Friday revived ancient memories. The high school auditorium was packed before 8:30, when light and winsome chords urged several couples to strut before the crowd and august body of county officials assembled to judge them. The dancing was good all the way through, and it took the judges several minutes to confer and to decide. Much applause greeted nimble Wade Dalton and pretty Miss Mariah Lynn, when the couple came back on the stage partially disheveled after the frolic. Wade cut some entirely new antics which his partner could not match much to general amusement. We haven't found out what went with the cake.

There was some doubt as to whether the audience was standing or sitting, when Professor Haydon called for contestants in the spelling match.

Major Fred Patterson called the words, while three teachers acted as judges. The crowd held on for several rounds and then began to shrink rapidly. There were several protests but all in a spirit of fun. It took over an hour before Mrs. Bob Hutchison was finally declared victor. Since then, we understand that the county's best spellers have whetted their knowledge and are calling for blood again.

## JURIES DRAWN FOR APRIL TERM

Grand Jury: R. C. Linton, J. M. Russell, G. W. Beahn, A. E. McInteer, C. H. Earhart, W. J. Davis, Oscar Kline, S. C. Harley, E. N. Pattie, Bronston Cave, C. G. Paris, J. H. Dodge, C. L. Garrison, R. B. Hynson, Wallace Dawson and Geo. A. Hedges. Criminal jury: Clyde Savage, Lee Pattie, J. L. Mayhugh, Wyatt Butler, Elmer Hurst, Frank Egan, C. S. Lynn, Wilbur Brawner, S. G. Whetzel, J. N. House, E. S. Hooker, R. B. Abel, M. C. Simpson, E. H. Dickens, H. J. Schaeffer, G. W. Clem, T. Powell Davis, Percy G. Dawson, W. R. Free, Jr., W. C. White, R. C. Downs, F. B. Gaines, F. W. Rollins, Davis Nolly. Civil Jury: Luther Lynn, A. B. Rust, L. E. Beachley, Geo. F. Waters, A. B. Parsons, C. M. Dodson, Grayson Tyler, A. H. Roseberry, E. B. Fearneyhough.

Case of Mrs. Anne Peyton Robertson vs A. W. Amphlett set for Tuesday.

Criminal cases set for this term: Walter Polen, Harry Gladis, G. W. Clem, W. E. Sherry, Howard Wells, W. S. Stokes, Charles Hampton, A. J. Coffman, Marshall Beavers, Ashby Henderson, Silas Russell, T. J. Norris, John May, Carl Wells, Paul Lubinski, Roosevelt Mosely, Stanley Ayers, and S. E. Dawson, also a number of fugitives.

## PUPPET SHOW ON APRIL 7

The Puppet performance, Cinderella, which was to have been given on the night of April 2, has been postponed to the night of April 7. Tickets which have been sold for the 2nd will be used for the performance on the 7th. Jack and the Beanstalk will be held on the afternoon of the 7th at 2:30. Both plays will be given in the High School Auditorium.

## NOTICE

An account of the lecture by Miss Macken before the W. C. T. U. will be printed next week. Other very interesting news matter which came their usefulness in the year of 1931 in late will also be published next week.

## COOKING CLASS AT MANASSAS

### Demonstration by Virginia Public Service Company

A free demonstration of modern scientific cooking will be conducted under the auspices of the Virginia Public Service Company at the Presbyterian church on Saturday night, April 4, at 7:30 o'clock. The school to which the public has been invited, will be conducted by Miss Dorothy Sweeney, of the Hot Joint Company, assisted by home demonstration representatives of the Virginia Public Service Company. The school to be held here is one of a series given in communities served by the Virginia Public Service Company, and are intended as a help to housewives in economizing in use of electricity and its many advantages over other methods of preparing foods.

## APPLAUDS SMITH ON BOOK SAVING

### Manassas Man Offers Timely Suggestions in School Book Situation

Editor, Manassas Journal: The State Board of Education wants to introduce 16 new text books 500,000 in number into the public schools of Virginia. Senator Worth Smith has asked for information necessary to file a bill of injunction restraining the Board from introducing them. He also states it is illegal that a bill was passed in the Virginia Legislature in 1928 compelling schools to use the books for 5 years. I was so much impressed with Senator Smith's article in Richmond Times-Dispatch Sunday paper that I sent him the following telegram:

"The Majority of Prince William taxpayers heartily approve your stand relative to school books."

Senator Smith's reply: Mr. E. R. Conner, Manassas, Va. Dear Sir:—

I have your telegram advising "taxpayers of Prince William heartily endorse stand on school books." I appreciate very much your wire and will probably call upon you to render me some assistance.

I would be glad to have letters from taxpayers telling what they pay for text books and how many children they have, but of course I will not be expected to answer these letters. I will, however, answer telegrams.

Yours very truly,  
W. WORTH SMITH.

I think this a matter of vital interest to every County in the State. It will mean thousands of dollars. The patrons of schools will have to pay for these 500,000 new books and the old ones discarded. Senator Smith should have the backing of every County in the State.

Very truly yours,  
E. R. CONNER.

Following is a letter sent to State Superintendent Sydney B. Hall yesterday by Senator Smith:—

"In order that I may have the necessary information to file the bill for injunction, which information you have as the public's custodian thereof, paid by the taxpayers to compile and retain for them, I call upon you to furnish the following data:

"First: How many children are now enrolled in the public schools of Virginia?"

"Second: How many new books will these children be required to purchase in order to be properly equipped to attend the public schools? (In your reply please include the books to be used in the City of Richmond and the county of Arlington and other places, if any, where books are purchased by the taxpayers and furnished to the pupils free.)

"Third: Kindly itemize the cost of each of the sixteen (16) books adopted, including the estimated total cost of all such books for the session beginning in the fall of the year of 1931.

"Fourth: Please designate each of the sixteen (16) books that have been adopted and state the number of years that each book has survived your censorship.

"Fifth: Why were the books now in use adopted by your board if they were not adequate?"

"Sixth: Why does it so happen that sixteen (16) text books, just their usefulness in the year of 1931?"

"Your prompt and frank reply will expedite this matter."

## Intense interest in County Budget

### HIGH SCHOOL CONTEST AT MANASSAS

#### Manassas to Have Its First Music Memory Contest on May 15

A Music Memory Contest will be held in the High School Auditorium on May 15 at 8 p. m. The contest, which will be in charge of Miss Virginia N. Speiden, Director of Music in the local schools, will be conducted in the form of a concert, the object being to recognize as many as possible of the compositions played. The contest is being held principally for the students of the Manassas High School who will compete for prizes which will have been offered by various organizations and individuals interested in the project. There is also a prize offered by the High School Junior League to the person in the audience totaling the highest score. Elsewhere in this issue of the Journal will be found a complete list of the compositions included in the contest. Almost fifteen or twenty from this number will be rendered on the night of the contest. Every selection in the list is a standard work and is available in record form. The list will be republished from time to time during the six weeks preceding the contest.

## MANASSAS HIGH LOSES AND WINS

### M. H. S. Loses to Washington- Lee but Takes Ten Inning Game from S. Greenwich

On Friday, March 27, the Manassas High School Baseball Team played the first game of the season with Washington-Lee High School. The local boys played well in the first part of the game and started the fifth inning leading the "Little Generals" by the score 2 to 1. At this period of the game the team suddenly went to pieces and were downed by a 15-3 score.

On Tuesday, March 31, the M. H. S. boys met the strong South Greenwich Team in the second game of the season and won by the score of 8-7.

The High School Boys showed improvement in their play and took an early lead in the first part of the game.

South Greenwich came to life in the last half and were leading by a score of 7-4 in the seventh inning.

With two men out Hopkins walked Roseberry, Conner, next up then doubled to right field and both runners circled the bases as Bailey muffed the ball.

Trailing by one run, Manassas went into the ninth inning and immediately filled the bases. A run was scored on W. Kite's sacrifice before the side could be retired.

In the tenth inning, after Greenwich had been retired with no runs Gilroy and Taylor reached the pathways, Gilroy scoring the winning run as Smith confused the catcher on a wild pitch.

The Manassas Boys will meet Culpeper on Tuesday, April 7, on the local diamond at 3:30 p. m.

## ADOPTS BUDGET AS PRESENTED

### Board Indulges in Considerable Debate

The Board of Supervisors, with Messrs. C. R. Earhart and D. E. Earhart, dissenting, passed the budget already tentatively adopted. The matter was not finally voted on, however, until after a length discussion.

H. L. Tubbs, road superintendent, presented a report in which he stated that he had interviewed the property owners from Keys' Corner to Seymours and found everyone friendly and ready to cooperate with the Board, and that they are praying to have the said road widened and straightened.

Formal acceptance was made of certain streets and alleys long since dedicated informally in the Town of Quantico.

Clerk Ledman was ordered to purchase grass seed and lime for courthouse lawn.

## HON. C. C. CARLIN TO SPEAK HERE

### Will Make Presentation Address at Courthouse

#### HON. ELISHA E. MEREDITH'S PORTRAIT PRESENTED TO COUNTY

There will be presented to Prince William County, a portrait of the late Hon. Elisha E. Meredith who was one of Prince William's most honored sons, having been Commonwealth's Attorney for many years and later a representative of this District in Congress.

The portrait is the gift of his widow, Mrs. Sylvia E. Meredith and his two sons E. Contee and William P. Meredith.

The presentation and acceptance will take place at the Court House on Wednesday, April 8, at 10:30 a. m. Friends and admirers of Mr. Meredith are invited to be present.

## STATE HISTORIAN PRAISES U. D. C.

### Manassas Chapter Complimented on Historical and Other Work

At the regular monthly meeting of the Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, held Wednesday, April 1, at the home of Mrs. C. B. Compton, a letter was read complimenting the splendid work of the local chapter. The State Historian was unstinted in her praise.

The letter was read by Mrs. Robert Hutchison, who also called attention to the prize of \$250 which was being offered by Mrs. Lou Gordon White, of Nashville, for the best story on the life of early colonists in Virginia.

The Manassas High School history class, under Miss Lacy, has entered the contest for the prize on "Lee, The Defender of the Constitution."

An account of the meeting, and annual report will be printed in full next week.

## PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADD LINES

### Many Thousands to be Spent this Year in Improving Properties in this and Adjacent Counties

Included in the budget of over \$4,000,000 for improvement of existing properties and new construction projects in the State of the Virginia Public Service Company for this year is well over \$100,000 to be spent in Prince William and adjoining counties.

A high power transmission line from Occoquan to Blandford line, it is estimated will cost nearly \$50,000. In addition to this, improvements are to be made to the Occoquan and Blandford substations costing it is said, over \$15,000 more.

The power lines from Warrenton are to be extended along Auburn County road. An extension is to be made to the Woodbridge-Dumfries line. A line is to be extended along Aldie pike. These extensions will cost over \$10,000.

The construction projects planned for Prince William county will aid materially in the agricultural development of the County, as well as provide employment for a number of people. It will also make available to Manassas a two-way power service with direct connection with the new \$3,500,000 power plant at Brems Bluffs.

## HONOR ROLL FOR HICKORY GROVE SCHOOL

Roife Robertson, Jr., and Phyllis Robertson.

A crowd of between 200 and 300 citizens and taxpayers gathered at the County court house to argue for and against the budget as published. While the adverse feeling in actual members present was nearly equal to the favorable sentiment, it was distinctly noticeable that those arguing against the budget came largely from one magisterial district.

The Board followed legal procedure in the presentation of the arguments full time being given both sides.

H. W. Herring, of Nokesville, took the leadership in the attack on the budget. None of those opposed appeared to desire any item entirely omitted. The main shafts were directed at the County nurse, and the teaching budget.

Supervisor Lynn in answer to a question from Hon. A. E. McInteer, mayor of Quantico, stated that on the \$100 of actual taxation, only \$3.38 is used for salaries of superintendent of roads, county agent, county nurse and home demonstration agent. This one statement had more of an ameliorating effect than anyone other thing.

The Woman's Club was out en masse under its capable leader, Mrs. Walter Sanders. Mrs. Sanders spoke in defense of each office, detailing the needs of the work of that office. She also explained the workings of the club to the assemblage present.

Mrs. Bob Smith called attention to the \$72,000 lower revolution of real estate in the County and stated this was cut enough in the budget. She added that "the ones doing the hollering are not paying the taxes."

Mrs. Bessie Lewis, of the Virginia Homemakers' Association, endorsed the budget "in toto."

Wheatley Johnson, local dairyman, struck out boldly in his language. He furnished a unique comparison in the time element basis of comparison, stating that a reduction meant just so much of the year when that particular line of work would be neglected. He called on the opposition to bring forward some detailed facts and not to generalize. He stated in conclusion that better farming and better education, or more plainly, "brains and guts" (to use his own expression) were the most potent factors in pulling each man out of his "own hole."

Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson, chairman of the Civilian Home Service Relief Committee, stated many farmers would get only a few cents rebate by a cut in taxation.

Mayor McInteer, of Quantico, stated that if the county nurse made but one correction a year, she earned her salary. He made light of the high salaries. In response to his questions, Superintendent Haydon stated that salaries here were higher than in Stafford or Spotsylvania, but somewhat lower than in Fairfax and Loudoun. Incidentally, Mr. Haydon stated that some taxpayers who paid from \$7 to \$9 had several children educated by the County at a cost of \$125 to \$150.

Mr. McInteer also observed in Stafford County, the county agent had brought in more value in prizes for the children than his salary amounted to. Supervisor Robertson remarked that practically the same condition exists in this County.

The address of Dr. Emlin Marteller was a stirring defense of the work of Mrs. Haydon, county nurse. He presented the yearly report of the nurse showing the thousands of visits made and the many corrections of defectives. He classed it as "the outstanding work in the County, second to none."

J. E. Bradford, local merchant and Kiwanis leader cited an instance where one taxpayer had his two children put in good health through an operation which cost him virtually nothing. He stated that no figures had been given to show where any 10 per cent or 20 per cent cut could be made.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Thompson, of Woodbridge, pleaded for no cut in the school appropriation. Mrs. Thompson spoke for the whole budget.

Other making brief addresses in favor of the budget were Prof. Eli Swavely, R. S. Hynson, Mrs. W. M. Johnson, Mrs. C. N. Abel, of Dumfries and Mrs. Sigby Keyes, also of Dumfries.

In introducing the speakers for the

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