

## COUNTY CONTESTS BIG SUCCESS

The District Contests in Reading, Story Telling and Spelling opened Monday, April 20 in Dumfries District. The following schools competed for District championship: Cherry Hill, Dumfries, Forest Hill, Minnieville, and Quantico. The winners in Dumfries District are: First Grade Reading, Laura Abel, Dumfries; Second Grade Reading, Ralph Doyle, Dumfries; Third Grade Reading, Kathleen Abel, Forest Hill; Fourth Grade Reading, Warren McIner, Quantico; Fifth Grade Reading, Vera Anderson, Dumfries; Sixth Grade Reading, tie Ellen Anderson, Quantico and Elizabeth Brawner, Dumfries. Primary Story Telling, Sylvia Tucci, Quantico; Grammar Grade Story Telling by Virginia Persons, Quantico. Dumfries won the Spelling Contest.

The Contest was held at Occoquan Occoquan District on Tuesday, April 21, with Bethel and Occoquan competing for championship. The winners are as follows: First Grade Reading, Virginia Sanford, Occoquan; Second Grade Reading, Amy Brown, Occoquan; Third Grade Reading, Mary Catherine Sanford, Occoquan; Fourth Grade Reading, Floyd Beach, Occoquan; Fifth Grade Reading, Robert Smith, Bethel; Sixth Grade Reading, Vivian Hampton, Bethel.

On Wednesday, April 22, contest was held at Woodbine for Coles District. The schools competing were: Fayman, Goldridge, Hayfield, Purell and Woodbine. The winners were: First Grade Reading, Maxine Weber, Hayfield; Second Grade Reading, Louise Beavers, Woodbine; Third Grade Reading, Martha Grymes, Hayfield; Fourth Grade Reading, Iona Beavers, Woodbine; Fifth Grade Reading, tie, Dollie Fritter, Fayman and Helen Gaba, Hayfield; Sixth Grade Reading, Dorothy Linton, Hayfield.

### IS YOUR KITCHEN PLANNED FOR CONVENIENCE?

Can you stand in the middle of your kitchen and with arms outstretched reach all working surfaces? Perhaps your kitchen is one of the large type in which careful planning is needed in order to have equipment arranged in step saving sequence. In food preparation and sewing we work easiest when working from left to right. Is your kitchen so arranged that vegetables brought from the cellar may be cleaned at sink, pared at work table, put in utensil for cooking and passed to stove without retracing steps? The sink or work table should be placed close to door leading from basement and garden in order to save steps in bringing in of vegetables. Stoves are most conveniently used when placed near dining room door in order that time and steps may be saved in serving of meals.

Have you a working surface for each type of work to be done in preparation of food?

Namely—preparing, cooking, serving, and clearing away. You may spare yourself much confusion of a distinct surface is provided for each. In clearing away dishes do you need to cross yourself in putting dishes in cabinet? Cabinets placed to left of sink or work table save much effort. The china cabinet needs to be conveniently near the stove in order that steps may be saved in the serving of meals.

### MRS. GIBSON PASSES AWAY AT HER HOME AT UPPERVILLE

Mrs. Eliza Naomi Gibson, widow of the late John Nelson Gibson, died at her home at Upperville Friday after a long illness. She was the mother of Mrs. William A. Reid of Washington, of the late W. Preston Gibson, vice president of the Takoma Park Bank; Mrs. Richard S. Hynson of Manassas; Mrs. R. B. Gochnauer and Mrs. James M. Kincheol, both of Upperville.

## MUSIC MEMORY CONTEST

Much interest has been manifested in the Music Memory Contest which will be conducted in the Manassas High School Auditorium by Miss Virginia Speiden on May 15, at 8 p. m. Patrons and friends of the school are urged to interest themselves in the contest and to compete for the prize offered by the Junior League. The contest will be in the form of a musical concert. The contestants write the name of the piece, its composer and his nationality as each selection is played. The full list was published in the Journal last week.

## SOCIAL CLUB LISTS PROGRAM

The Men's Social Club of Manassas F. A. Sigman, president, has issued its program for the balance of 1931. There are many interesting events scheduled as a glance will show.

May 14—Spelling Match, J. J. Murphy and John Kline; Dinner: J. L. Bushong, Jack Stauff, O. B. Tabor.

June 11—Musical Evening, Kline Brothers; Dinners, R. S. Illingworth, A. S. Wilfong, Ferris Gue.

July 9—Short Story and Comic Poems, Geo. Baker and R. D. Wharton; Dinner, Frank Gue, F. G. Sigman, A. P. Johns.

August 13—Leaders Walter Sadd, W. H. Lamb; Dinner, Alvin Compton, W. F. Cocke, Robert Saunders.

September 10—Eugene Davis, Edgar Arey; Dinner, F. R. Saunders, J. Dennis Baker, Clarence Hickson.

October 8—W. A. Hall, O. B. Tabor; Dinner, Rev. Jno. Kline, Sedrick Saunders, R. L. Sadd.

## OCOQUAN PUPILS TAKE HISTORIC TRIP

A party of twelve and thirteen boys, pupils of seventh grade of Occoquan School made a historical pilgrimage over the Virginia Peninsula on Saturday, April 16, returning on Sunday.

They were accompanied by Misses Elsie V. Morris and Lula Brydie of the faculty.

The trip was made in a bus driven by Mr. Eastman Keys of Dumfries. Among the points of interest were Hampton Roads, The Ship Building Yards of Newport News, Yorktown, and Old Historic Jamestown, where our first permanent English settlement was made under Captain John Smith.

The students in the party were Margaret Sheppard, Virginia Malcolm, Lois Davis, Gladys Armstrong, Bertha Gordon, Sara Bubb, Lillian Bailey, Leota Mills, Mary Dixon, Lucy Hinton, Kathleen Mills and Nellie Hinton, Gordon Davis, Elmer Lunsford, Howard Mauck, Robert McCullum, George Steffko, Jack Shepard, George Arrington, Clayton Alderman, Calvin English, Ambrose Pettellat, Eddie Russell, and Egbert Thompson, Billie Sandford, of the High School was also a member of the party.

## ADEN

Several one-act negro plays will be given at the school house Tuesday night, the 28th. Special music will be given.

Miss Evelyn Kerlin spent Thursday night with Miss Theresa Payne.

The Sunbeam class held their monthly meeting at the home of Miss Evelyn May and Miss Louise May. Mrs. Lula Wright had charge of the program. After the business meeting the evening was spent in a social way.

Miss Faith Shepherd spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Hazel Bowman.

Mr. Harry Bear of Allentown, Pa., has been spending some time with home folks here.

Miss Georgie Horn of Washington spent Sunday with Miss Louise May.

Mr. Joseph Smith of Washington spent the week end with his grand mother, Mrs. Barbara Smith.

Mr. J. K. Moyers spent several days the past week visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Stultz spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. William May.

## TOKEN

Miss Catherine and Helen Cebula have returned to Baltimore, after spending several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cebula of Token.

Misses Zella, and Rowena Posey, and Mr. Joseph King called on Misses Cathern and Helen Cebula Sunday night.

## FREE SUGAR AT WOODS

### Manassas Grocer Offers Premium for Journal Subscriptions

The firm of W. Atlee Wood and Company, of Manassas, introduced a new idea in merchandising last week when they inserted in their advertisement the offer of 10 pounds of sugar to every customer who would subscribe or renew subscription to the Manassas Journal.

"We want our customers," Mr. Wood stated, "to read our advertisements every week. The local newspaper really costs them nothing because they can save its value many times over by taking advantage of the specials advertised each week by my company."

The offer proved so popular that it is being repeated this week in connection with the Coupon Sale advertised in this issue of the Journal.

## SHOULD PAY POLL TAXES

All voters must qualify by May 2

The citizens of Prince William county who desire to participate in the Democratic Primary in August are advised that the Virginia election laws require payment of poll taxes sixty days before the election. May 3 is the actual dead line, but to avoid any last minute complications, all voters are urged to attend to this important detail by May 2.

Most of the county elective offices will be voted upon in the Democratic Primary on August 4. In addition the selection of State Senator will also be made. Nomination in the Democratic Primary this year is widely believed to be equivalent to election as on former days.

## SUSIE GRAHAM POWELL

Susie C. wife of J. R. Powell, of Woodmont, Bethesda, Md., died at a Washington Hospital following an operation on Saturday.

Mrs. Powell was the daughter of John Graham and Mary Sweeney. She was born near Thoroughfare in 1875 where she was reared and spent part of her married life.

The family moved to Bethesda where Mr. Powell became associated with the Government during the World War.

While not an active civic worker Mrs. Powell was surely most generous in assisting any public or church affair with donations. She was a kind, faithful wife and a loving mother.

Those surviving her are her husband, J. R. Powell, two sons, W. C. Powell, of Bethesda, R. P. Powell, of Charlotte, N. C., Mrs. Virginia Schwartz, and Mrs. Grace Yowell, both of Bethesda; two sisters, Mrs. Janie Dodd, of Bethesda and Mrs. Mollie Rookwood, of Luckett, and one brother, R. B. Graham, of Thoroughfare.

The funeral took place yesterday at her late residence with interment at the Manassas cemetery. Rev. C. E. Burrows, of the Woodmont M. E. Church, officiated at both services. The pall bearers were two brothers-in-law, C. H. Powell, of Bailey's Cross Roads, D. B. Powell, of Danville, and four neighbors, Leslie Lee, W. C. Coffee, Edward Seeks and Roger Day, all of Bethesda.

## GAINESVILLE

Mr. John Ellis, of Baltimore was the guest of his brother, Mr. Buck Ellis Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fisher of Manassas were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Ellis on Sunday.

Miss Mary Florence spent the week end at her home here.

Rev. Atkins preached an impressive sermon Sunday morning. We are glad that Bro. Atkins is able to be with us again.

Miss Gladys Crouch and Miss Evelyn Ellis were Manassas visitors Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ellis of Baltimore were week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Ellis.

Misses Helen and Regina Rollins were Sunday visitors of Miss Blanche and Viola Ellis.

Mr. Franklin Bodine of Washington spent the week end with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. George Davis of Catkins spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Mary Davis.

# SPRING FESTIVAL AT MANASSAS

## Fourth District Convention UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

### PROGRAM FOR HISTORICAL NIGHT APRIL 30, 1931, HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Master of Ceremonies	Rev. Westwood Hutchison
America	Audience
Invocation	Rev. J. Murray Taylor
Historical Talk on Manassas	Mr. W. F. Cocke
Duet	Mrs. Hatcher and Mrs. Pattie
Welcome Address	Mayor Harry P. Davis
Introduction of District Chairman	Mrs. C. A. Sinclair
Introduction, President Virginia Division	Mrs. Calfee
Address	Mrs. Charles Bolling, President, Virginia Division
Music	Male Chorus
Reading	Mr. Worth H. Storke
Battle Park Address	Mr. John W. Rust
Dixie	Mrs. Cloe E. Lay Hodge
Reading	Miss Catherine Smith
Use Gwine Back to Dixie	Audience
Benediction	Rev. Westwood Hutchison

The reception which will be given to the 4th Division, U. D. C. by the Manassas Chapter will be held in the high school auditorium in the evening of April 30, at 8 o'clock.

The public has been issued a general invitation to attend.

Mrs. B. F. Calfee, of Culpeper, District chairman, is expected to be present. She will preside over the Friday meeting which will assemble at

## MANASSAS HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The Commercial Club will send students to compete in the preliminary contests held at Washington and Lee High School, on Saturday. The following will be sent: A Junior Shorthand Team, consisting of Barbara Neill, Reba Crawford, and Christine Breeden; Senior Shorthand Team, consisting of Eva Lunsford, Christine Meetze, Beulah Sowers, Marion Wells, and Sylvia Showalter; and an individual competitor in Bookkeeping, Mazyck Wood.

Several students took the Strayer Business College's examination at Warrenton High School on April 11. Barbara Neill won first place, with the subsequent scholarship, and Mazyck Wood tied for second place with Charles Beahm of Nokesville. The Manassas students in general distinguished themselves, making the highest average of any school represented.

An impressive outdoor Arbor Day program was given by the Junior League on Monday. The Glee Club rendered Kilmier's "Trees," and each of the English classes gave a reading on the beauty and usefulness of trees. The School was presented with some beautiful shrubs by Mrs. S. T. Weir and Mrs. J. B. Thornton. Members of the Senior League were present at the program.

On Friday, April 17, the Junior League of Prince William County sent a representative delegation to the District Conference which met at Warrenton. Reports were given and the convention was entertained by Mr. George Russell, an Irish poet. Prince William is the only Banner County in this district. The meeting was well attended and all had a pleasant and profitable time.

## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS DO WELL IN OPERETTA

The young ladies of Miss Speiden's classes presented the operetta "The Wild Rose" on Friday evening.

The play was in two acts, with scenery in both very elaborate and beautifully arranged.

The girls sang easily and with good volume of tone. Miss Hatcher had the leading role which was quite difficult for one of her years, but she went through with flying colors. Miss Walser Conner also had a difficult part. There were several duets and a number of group songs, all of which went off without a hitch.

Miss Speiden's work shows the result of intense application and sincere efforts to give our girls a good musical training.

Miss Nancy Waters at the piano gave her usual excellent rendition of all numbers.

(Editor's Note: The above was inadvertently omitted last week.)

## BETHEL COMMUNITY REPRESENTED IN KITCHEN CONVENIENCE CAMPAIGN

Enrollment cards for the Kitchen Convenience Campaign have been received from the following ladies of Bethel Community: Mrs. L. Saunders, Mrs. E. S. Butler, Mrs. M. M. de Nicola, and Mrs. C. N. Snapp.

the high school auditorium at 10:30 a. m.

An excursion to the Bull Run Battlefield will be given to all visiting delegates at 3 p. m. Friday. The transportation committee will be glad to have offers for use of automobiles for the occasion. Please communicate either with Mrs. C. B. Compton or Mr. C. A. Sinclair.

## NOTES TAKEN FROM HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENTS' REPORT

Names of communities in which Home Demonstration agent worked: Woodlawn, Greenwich, Manassas, Bethel, Occoquan, Nokesville, Bristow Woodbine, Haymarket, Quantico, Dumfries, Hayfield, Aden, Catharpin, Independent Hill, Buckhall, Minnieville, Cherry Hill.

No. of girls clubs met, 19; no. of women's groups met, 5; no. other meetings attended, 17; no. homes visited, 68; no. of miles travelled 797 no. of letters written, 234.

The eleven clothing project groups were met during the month and assisted in their construction problems. On the absence of the leaders, Greenwich, Quantico, and Dumfries were met twice during the month. 4-H club groups were met at Woodlawn, Aden, Cherry Hill, Bristow, each of the communities where the groups are majoring in gardening a demonstration garden is being planned. These have been arranged for in Woodlawn, Cherry Hill, Hayfield, and Aden communities. Committees were met in ten of the organized clubs and assisted with the year's plan for programs.

Leaders' meetings for project leaders for junior and adult groups were held in Manassas on March 3 and 4. At the meeting for leaders of adult groups topics were taken up on Home Management, which is the major project. The series of meetings on Home Management topics will begin in April. Specialists were present for both leaders meetings.

The services of Mr. Allen H. Reid, landscape gardening department at V. P. I., were provided for Home-makers, Haymarket, Dumfries, and Nokesville groups. He talked before each of these groups on Foundation Plantings for Home Grounds, using slides for illustrating and giving practical application in yards where meetings were held. A member of individuals were visited and assisted with plans for the home grounds.

Two of Home Demonstration Groups devoted the March meeting to foods work taking up milk and egg dishes as foundations for simple meals.

A meeting of the Home Demonstration Advisory Board was held on March 27, at which Mr. E. L. Hummel rural sociology specialist and Miss R. Belle Burke, District agent, were present.

A meeting of agents and club representatives was held in Culpeper on March 31 to make plans for the Northern Virginia District Short Course. The Short Course will be held in Front Royal August 10 to 15. Due to lack of room, representation from the counties is having to be limited.

## MARRIAGE RECORD FOR APRIL

April 4—George L. Jones and Alice V. Roles (minor) of Dumfries.

April 10—Joseph A. Zitz, of New York City and Elena G. Beckham, of Dumfries.

April 13—Dallas Jett and Bessie Sullivan, both of Washington.

## Gala Event Sponsored by Woman's Club, April 25

### MISS ELLEN BISON CHOSEN QUEEN

Everything is in readiness for the Spring Festival which will take place in the School Gymnasium Saturday, the 25th. The contest held to select the queen and the six maids of honor has closed after an exciting week of voting. Miss Ellen Bison has been chosen queen and the six young ladies who will make up the court are Misses Ann Bradford, Frances Bushong, Sarah Lewis, Barbara Neal, Christine Meetze and Margaret Hottle.

Following the Coronation the side shows will open and all kinds of good things to eat will be on sale in the booths. There will be something for every one to enjoy. Those who are tired and desire a cup of tea may go to the picturesque Japanese Tea Garden and be served by pretty, dainty Japanese girls.

All enjoy trying their luck at the whirl of chance, especially when some one misses something every time.

For the children the fish pond is brimming over with all kinds of things they just love.

Those of us who have a sweet tooth will find every variety of nice home made candy in "Ye Candy Shoppe."

Everything delectable in salads, cakes, pies and desserts for your Sunday dinner can be found at the food sale. Do not wear yourself out cooking Saturday, but come and have a good time at the festival and take home a delicious treat for the family. A cafeteria supper will be served from five until seven o'clock.

Everyone interested in flowers will welcome the chance to obtain nice strong, sturdy plants of all descriptions at the flower booth. Some of the varieties on sale will be pansy, petunia, snap dragon and rock garden plants. All flower lovers should visit the booth.

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## COUNTY AGENTS QUESTION BOX

### SILAGE VARIETIES SUPERIOR

There is much dispute as to whether or not silage varieties of corn are superior to grain varieties for the production of ensilage. The work of the experiment station and results secured by farmers show conclusively that the ensilage varieties are superior for this purpose.

The acre yield of total nutrients is of first importance. The prolific or silage varieties are preferable as they produce more total nutrients per acre than do the grain varieties. However, the grain varieties produce a higher quality ensilage, because the ratio of grain to silage is greater.

In the five year average results of the experiment station the silage varieties consistently out yielded the grain varieties by several tons.

Can you answer this?

1. Does it pay to use Certified seed?

## OCOQUAN

Mr. and Mrs. J. Darlington Denit and children of Washington were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seletman.

Miss Sara Day of Vienna is visiting her grandfather Mr. Harry Slack.

Mrs. Anne Hoyt of Baltimore is spending some time at the Parsonage as the guest of her son Rev. H. H. Hoyt.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wayland and daughter spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Gosson of Waterfall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kline jr., were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Kline.

The Epworth League will give a chicken supper in the M. E. Church on Friday, April 24. The public is cordially invited.

April 21—Ryland D. Hall and Margaret Manning, both of Washington. Colored.

April 3—Jesse Champ and Ines Kelly, of Washington.

April 21—William A. Tinney and Mary Ray, of Washington.