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## RETIRED ATTORNEY PASSES AWAY

John H. Nelson, Formerly of District, Author of Several Books.

John H. Nelson, prominent practicing attorney in Washington until three years ago, when failing health forced his retirement to his residence here, died last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Nelson was a native of this county and was born at Grinstead, near Dumfries, August 14, 1866. Following his preparatory education at the Brentsville School and Bethel Military Academy, Warrenton, he attended the University of Virginia, graduating in law with the class of '88. He first practiced in Prince William County and at Leesburg and moved to Washington in 1889, where he was first associated with Morgan Beach. Specializing in matters of interstate commerce, he was connected with the legal department of the Interstate Commerce Commission for many years, representing it in Washington and at numerous points throughout the country. He was the author of several books, the most noteworthy being "Nelson on Interstate Commerce," and was a frequent contributor to periodicals on interstate matters, and as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and a close student of history, he wrote several historical papers.

Services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Primitive Baptist Church, the edifice which was rebuilt and modernized by the deceased recently as a memorial to his parents, with Elder R. H. Pittman of Luray officiating.

Mr. Nelson was unmarried. He is survived by two brothers, James E. of Manassas and C. P. Nelson of Huntington, W. Va., and Manassas, and two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Weedon and Mrs. Albert Speiden of this place.

The pallbearers were Frank Lyon, Thos. H. Clark, Blackwell Smith and C. J. Weedon, of Washington, J. Lee Chapman of Baltimore and R. L. Byrd of Manassas. Interment was in the Nelson lot in the local cemetery.

## MANY ENTRIES FOR FAUQUIER FAIR

Annual Event at Marshall, Va., Aug. 19 and 20 to Have Fine Exhibits.

Entries in Fauquier County Fair, to be held at Marshall, Va., August 19 and 20, have closed with unusually well-filled classes. The Horse Show exhibits will be excellent. Mrs. D. C. Sands and Mr. E. L. Redmon, as well as a number who have not shown at Marshall for several years, including Capt. Ewart Johnson, Miss Julia B. Whiting and Mr. B. O'F. Randolph, are showing. The pony classes that always prove interesting are large and will have exhibits from all parts of Northern Virginia. With only two classes fewer than were shown in three days last year to be shown in two, the program will be filled with features of keen interest to lovers of the horse.

There will be extensive exhibits of beef cattle with large showings by the Ruckers, both senior and junior, Green Brothers, Kelvedon Farm, Canterbury Farms and Cobbler Mountain Estate. The dairy cattle are well filled with large exhibits from Courtland H. Smith, Dick Goode, Welton Rose, Jr., and others.

The Women's Department has many more than the usual number of exhibitors. There are many large entries but Miss Susie Monroe with 75 and Mrs. H. C. Grimes with 55 lead the list. The floral display will be beautiful and should not be missed. Mrs. T. U. Dudley's name should be added to the list of judges in this department as announced in a recent issue.

The Poultry Department will have such that is of interest to the poultry fancier. Mrs. Logan Gibson, with 48 separate entries, presents the largest showing. Mr. E. M. Keiter has accepted the invitation to judge in this department.

The races promise to be especially interesting and exciting. More owners with more horses than in recent years have signified their intention to compete for the large awards offered. The Midway, running night and day, will draw large crowds and the polo game on Thursday will attract many lovers of that sport.

## SACRED CONCERT AT CLIFTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Next Sunday, August 16, a sacred concert will be given at the Clifton Baptist Church at 8 p. m. A double quartet from Manassas will sing. The public is cordially invited.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Prince William S. S. Association Will Meet at Brentsville, Aug. 30.

The Prince William Sunday School Association will hold its meeting on Sunday, August 30, beginning at 10 a. m., in the old Court House at Brentsville.

Mr. A. Armstrong is president, Mr. J. M. Bell vice president and Mr. R. A. Rust, secretary-treasurer.

In the morning the devotional exercises will be led by Rev. J. M. Cline. This will be followed by an address of welcome by the Superintendent of the Brentsville Sunday School, with President Armstrong responding. Special music will follow and then the address of the morning will be delivered by Rev. Murray Taylor. The forenoon session will close with appointment of committees and announcements.

In the afternoon there will be reports of Sunday Schools, and Special Committees, special music, election of officers and an address by State Secretary Minor C. Miller. A collection will be taken for State work and after a period of questions and answers the benediction will be given.

## PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY TEACHERS

Session 1931-32

Aden: Jeannette Mathews, Alice Breeden.

Brentsville: Dorothy Woodhouse. Greenwich: Helen Dunkley, Jane Lightner.

Nokesville High School: C. O. Bittle, Mary S. Meade, Elizabeth Thomason, Helen Henrickson, Gladys Cockrell, Lucy J. Hillsman, Elizabeth Q. Morris.

Woodlawn: Helen Berg.

Bristow: Elizabeth Hovey.

Kettle Run (col): Geneva A. Payne.

Goldridge: Charlotte Cotten.

Hayfield: Emma W. Carter.

Purcell: Allie B. Doughtey.

Woodbine: W. Y. Ellicott.

Cherry Hill: Annie L. Via.

Dumfries: Elizabeth Weatherman, Frances Scott, Dorothy White, Lucy G. Lewis.

Quantico: Patricia Sledd, Virginia Rorer.

Forest Hill: Mary E. Upson.

Cabin Branch (col): Harriett Gray.

Neabco (col): Winnie Walliser.

Quantico (col): Grace Evans.

Chatharin: Margaret Adams.

Hickory Grove: Selina T. Wilson.

Haymarket High School: Elizabeth M. Vaughan, Mrs. Foley, Maud Jordan, Marion Broddus, Arthur G. Harantioch (col): Ella Morgan, Edith Brown.

North Fork (col): Evelyn Primas.

Thornton (col): Grace Reynolds.

man, Sallie Massie, Katherine Foster, Ellen Eskridge.

McCrae (col): Dorothy Walker, Susie B. Nickins.

Buckhall: Winnie Hensley.

Wellington: Helen Sowers.

Bennett Graded School: Mary Bowen, Ethel Robinson, Grace L. Hite, Anna May Ellis, Loriece Carter, Ruth P. Smith, Margaret Frye, Catherine B. Smith, Virginia Polen, Grace E. Metz, Virginia Frazier.

Manassas High School: E. H. Osbourne, Emily J. Johnson, Cornelia Mayer, J. P. Pullen, Lulu D. Metz, Veta Marie Draper, Anna Waters, Pauline Smith.

Brown (col): Bessie White, Lutie Lewis, Julia V. Singleton.

Manly (col): Georgia H. Berry.

Bethel: Lula J. Hammond, Jane Mayhugh.

Ocequan District High School: R. Worth Peters, John Kline, Aileen M. Baker, Lula Brydie, Ellie V. Morris, Agnes Love, Dorothy Lankford.

Summit (col): Corinne E. Hughs.

## DELIGHTFUL WEEK-END PARTY

Miss Rose Ratcliffe gave a very delightful week-end party at the Wide-water bank-alow. The guests included Misses Walser Conner, Ann Bradford, Eleanor Gibson, Sally Lewis, Lena Bevans, Frances Bushong, Esther Warren Pattie and Messrs. Keith Lyons, Sédric Saunders, Arthur Shclair, Maurice Smith, Charles Lewis and Jack Ratcliffe of Manassas, John Kress of Pittsburgh, Pa., Bob Myers of Des Moines, Iowa, Rector Green and Everett Brewer of Alexandria and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bradford and Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Ratcliffe.

## VISITING IN NEW YORK

Mrs. J. F. Lyon spent the week end in New York with her husband, Mr. J. F. Lyon, the trip being made by plane.

## MANASSAS KIWANIS GUESTS MAKE NATIONAL RECORD

Kiwanis Guests Who Visited Manassas Friday.



Z. D. Blackistone



Eugene R. Woodson



Edwin F. Hill



Harry G. Kimball

## MRS. R. L. BYRD HOSTESS TO MANASSAS CHAPTER

On Wednesday, August 5, at 3 p. m., the Manassas Chapter U. D. C. met at the home of Mrs. R. L. Byrd on Center street. There were twenty-one members present and after the usual business proceedings a delightful historical hour was spent. Among those taking part were Mrs. E. H. Hibbs who read an article on the last Confederate White House which was the home of Major W. T. Sutherland at Danville, Va.

Mrs. L. L. Lonas read reminiscences of Mrs. Normah Randolph, whose home is Carter's Hall, Warrenton, Va. She pictured so clearly the wonderful courage of the Southern woman during those stirring days of the 60's, and the spirit with which she met the privations and hardships of war. Surely the south was never defeated.

Mrs. C. M. Larkin read "The First Battle of Manassas" by Mrs. Hannah Johnson. Mrs. Lonas also read the memorial day address by District Governor Plummer of the Kiwanis Club which preceded the placing of a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier. He urged one memorial day for our United States honoring the blue and the gray alike.

The historian, Mrs. R. A. Hutchison, received a rising vote of thanks for her splendid work during the year reviewed in her yearly report which will be included in the chapter's final report next month and published later.

A letter was read from Mrs. Fannie Ransdall, one of the chapter's out-of-town members.

The names of Mrs. Lucille Merchant Rose and Miss Mary Roseberry were presented to the chapter for membership.

Mrs. M. M. Washington and Mrs. Nannie Middleton invited the chapter to meet with them in September at the home of Mrs. Washington at 2:30 p. m.

The election of officers will come before the chapter at this time and also the election of delegates to the state convention which meets in Lynchburg.

The hostess served delicious ice cream and cake in the confederate colors.

## DAIRY FESTIVAL

A meeting of the Directors of the Piedmont Dairy Festival is being held this evening in the Manassas Town Hall at 7:30. Chairman R. S. Hynson is working diligently to make this important project a success and should have hearty co-operation.

INFORMATION wanted about a bag of golf clubs left on Swavelly Field, Wednesday, August 12.

Frank G. Sigman.

## STAFFORD CANDIDATES APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT

The Democratic Committee of Stafford County decided to hold a Democratic Primary. Certain qualified Democrats filed for nomination. The Committee then decides not to hold a Primary, but refuses to declare those who filed the Democratic nominees. The candidates, desiring to go before the voters in November as Democratic nominees, have appealed to the Supreme Court for a mandamus requiring them to declare these candidates.

The matter has aroused statewide interest and involves the autocratic power of any county committee to deny Democratic nomination to qualified aspirants.

## GUERNSEY FIELD DAY, AUG. 20

Annual Virginia Guernsey Field Day at Sherwood Forest Farm, Fredericksburg.

## JUDGE ALVIN T. EMBRY WILL MAKE ADDRESS

The annual Virginia Guernsey Field Day is to be held at Sherwood Forest Farms near Fredericksburg on Thursday, August 20. The program will start at 10:30 a. m. and end about 3:30 p. m. Although some of the serious aspects of dairying from the Guernsey point of view will be considered during the day, the keynote of the program will be one of good fellowship among all present. T. Benton Gayle, Manager of Sherwood Forest Farms, is to be host. Mr. Gayle's jovial hospitality is well acknowledged among all who know him.

C. T. Rice, President of the Virginia Guernsey Breeders Association, will have ideas pertinent to the good of the Guernsey industry to discuss during the program. L. McL. Merryman of the Herrick-Merryman Sales Co., Sparks, Md., and F. A. Buchanan, Secretary, Manager, Richmond Co-operative Milk Producers Association, will also appear on the program in the interests of Virginia Guernseydom.

Judge Alvin T. Embry of Fredericksburg will give one of his entertaining historical accounts of Fredericksburg and vicinity. In addition there will be a 4-H dairy cattle judging demonstration staged by 4-H Club members.

A luncheon, proposed to weld favor stronger than ever to the Guernsey cause in Virginia, will be served by Sherwood Forest Farms on the beautiful shaded lawn before the residence at 1:00 p. m.

## ANNUAL PICNIC OF FRATERNAL AMERICANS

### O. F. A. Holds Enjoyable Event at Davis Beach.

The O. F. A. held its annual picnic at Davis' Beach near Woodbridge on Saturday, August 8. Each of the five Councils in the District was represented and together with their families swelled the attendance to between four and five hundred.

The morning was spent in swimming and various water sports enjoyed by old as well as the young. At noon a number of tables were spread with all kinds of good things in abundance which marked another enjoyable feature of the day.

After the repeat State Deputy Geo. D. Baker introduced the speakers of the day, first being Past State President Alger of Millwood, Va., who made a most interesting as well as instructive address on "Junior Life Insurance."

State President Samuel T. Park of Alexandria, Va., followed with an address on "The Junior Orphanage," which was very interesting. The next speaker, Rev. John Seay, State Chaplain, of Upperville, Va., gave an inspiring address on "Juniorism and Patriotism."

Following this speaker we were then addressed by the Hon. C. J. Meets who gave as usual one of his most inspiring talks in which he recited so well a number of poems bearing on brotherly love and fellowship.

After the addresses Mr. Joe Muddiman, as chairman of the refreshments committee, served ice cream and each one returned to his home much benefited by the occasion.

## Delightful Program Provided by Visitors.

All records for continuous attendance of Kiwanis meetings in the 1,877 clubs in the United States and Canada during a single week were broken here August 7, when four members of the Washington, D. C., club attended their tenth regular meeting during the week at the Manassas, Va., club, Friday night.

The Washington party, all of whom are directors of the club, included Harry G. Kimball, former governor of the Capital Kiwanis District, Eugene R. Woodson, and Edwin F. Hill, vice presidents, and Z. D. Blackistone. Other members of the Washington Kiwanis club present were Merritt O. Chance, president, William B. Schmicker, song leader, George H. Winslow, Robert Saunders, Charles W. Guest, Jullien Winemore and Robert Fleming. The list of guests from Arlington: Amos C. Crounse, president, W. Thomas French, secretary, Stephen Child of the newly formed Arlington County club.

The inter-club group attended meetings at Richmond and Ashland, Va., at noon and dinner, respectively, Monday; Frederick, Md., and Fredericksburg, Va., Tuesday; Arlington, Va., and Towson, Md., Wednesday; Washington, D. C., and Martinsburg, W. Va., Thursday, and Lancaster, Penna., Friday noon.

Another feature of the inter-club trip is that the Washington club members have provided the program at each meeting made during the week, with the exception of the one at their home club. "Prophets continue to be not without honor, save in their own country and in their own home," it would seem.

Former Governor Kimball and present historian of the Capital District in commenting on the record-breaking event of the Washington Club members in attending ten consecutive meetings in five days said:

"This series of inter-club meetings is undoubtedly the most outstanding event of its kind that has ever occurred in any of the 1,877 clubs of Kiwanis International, which includes clubs in every section of the United States and Canada.

"To have been present at ten club meetings throughout the entire program, from the opening verse of 'America' to the final tap of the bell, is a record that may be equalled but it is hardly probable that it will be surpassed, since Kiwanis clubs meet only at lunch and dinner. Few, if any, clubs meet on Saturday and none on Sunday, so it would seem that we have made a record that will stand.

"A number of Kiwanis clubs in California have maintained 100 per cent attendance at meetings for several years; that is, every member of each of these clubs has attended a Kiwanis meeting each week during the year. This, however, is the first time to my knowledge that any group of men from one club have visited ten club meetings during five days.

"On the entire trip the Washington inter-club group has been cordially received and in each instance we have invited Kiwanians at the clubs visited to come to Washington often with their families so that all may know more of their city, 'The Capital of the Nation.' The entire trip was a distinct success in every way and I deem it a great honor to have been one of the men to have established such an inter-club record."

Speakers at the meeting were former Governor Kimball and Mr. Woodson. The latter talked on the "George Washington Bi-centennial As It Effects Virginia," and Mr. Kimball on "Kiwanis Stewardship."

Mr. Woodson told of the George Washington Bi-centennial, a world-wide celebration to begin February 22, 1932, and extend to Thanksgiving Day. "Kiwanis International," he said, "was the first service club to adopt resolutions commending the Bi-centennial, and is the outstanding service club supporting the celebration."

Instead of concentrating on one section of the country for the celebration, the Bi-centennial Commission will take this international event directly to the people themselves in their cities and in their homes. "Here in Manassas," Mr. Woodson said, "you will participate in the celebration which is being carried on in Washington and at other places throughout the world."

On February 22, Mr. Woodson said, the President of the United States will inaugurate the beginning of the celebration by a speech from the National Capitol. Following the President on the air will come the United States Marine Band, an organization (Please turn to page 8)