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LOCAL TALENT FOR KIWANIANS

Youngsters Put on Impromptu Program

The Leachman troupe, Mollie and Nancy, brought smiles and cheers from the Kiwanians who gathered chilly and damp, at the regular meeting last week.

Their little song fest, together with several songs by Miss Eleanor Kline who accompanied herself on the guitar, was well received and brought a rising vote of thanks to the performers, and their parents who were present.

The subject of the Dairy Festival was brought up, and on suggestion of Mr. Cocke, it was decided to devote five minutes of each period for the next few weeks to a progress report and suggestions for helping the affair.

FORMER TEACHER RECALLS NAMES OF PUPILS

Editor Journal,

Recently I passed my 84th birthday. These oft recurring milestones bring many memories, and I marvel why so many of my former pupils in the early Manassas should have been called to the other side and I, their teacher, yet here. I am asking you to publish this list and if anyone recalls any other's who have left us I would be glad to have their names.

Althea Bennett, Augie Phillips, Theta Phillips, Augustus Brenton, Addie Woodyard, Will Woodyard, Anna McCann, Albert Davis, Alfred Davis, Hattie Wilcox, Mrs. Lewis, Ben Lewis, Raymond Free, Lamartine Free, Gertie Free, David Price, Fowell Merchant, Edson Phillips, Althea Newman, E. Newman, Will Andrews, John Weiler, Wood Weir, Charles Fitzgerald, Edis Ketchum, Ella Howard, Lucy Hixon. A list of whom we may well be proud. The space they occupied may be well filled but the world has lost good men and women.

ESTELLE GREENE DAY,
Long Beach, Calif.

VIRGINIA PUBLIC SERVICE CO. (Subsidiary of Seaboard Public Service Company)

Second Quarter's Earnings.

Virginia Public Service Company, subsidiary of Seaboard Public Service Company, reports gross operating revenues of \$7,513,687 for the twelve months ended June 30, 1931, compared with \$7,219,519 for the same period a year ago. Net earnings, before depreciation, amounted to \$3,822,309, compared to \$3,466,764, and net income was \$1,962,103 compared to \$1,863,394.

For the quarter ended June 30, operating gross revenues were \$1,873,479 in 1931, compared with \$1,853,986. Net earnings, before depreciation were \$985,650, compared with \$885,428. Net income was \$444,926, as against \$449,193.

Statement follows:

2nd quarter gross	\$1,873,479	\$1,853,986
*Net earnings	985,650	885,428
*Net income	444,926	449,193

Year to June 30 gross	7,513,687	7,219,519
*Net earnings	3,822,309	3,466,764
*Net income	1,962,103	1,863,394

ILLNESS OF MR. KEITH

As we go to press we are advised that Hon. Thomas R. Keith, of Fairfax, is so ill that his recovery is a matter of considerable doubt.

BACK TO NORMALCY

August will go down into history as one of the dampest months of August in recent years. In the past two weeks there has been as much rain and more than during the growing season of 1930.

Most of the rain has been of the type which sank into the very dry soil and wells are coming back to normal more rapidly than at any time in the past six months.

The storm of Tuesday of last week carried with it an unusual amount of lightning and several reports came in of buildings burned.

Yesterday hail of a rather severe nature was reported in the Haymarket area, and at least one fine barn in the county went up in flames after being struck by lightning.

MANY THANKS

The Journal thanks Mrs. C. E. Nash for some delicious cake and Mrs. Sprinkle for two jars of most appetizing preserves.

HOUSE PARTY AT WIDEWATER

Jack Ratcliffe was host to a very pleasant house party at Widenwater bungalow last week. His guests included Miss Virginia Conner, Lucy Arrington, Madeline McCoy and Messrs. Jack Holt Merchant, Robert Weir, Jr., James Jenkins Davies and Preston Lyon of Manassas; Mr. LeRoy Bowers of Pennsylvania, Misses Gazelle Farmer, Blanche Leavell, Mr. and Mrs. Mercer Nalle and Mr. Leon R. Waters of Culpeper; Misses Frances Hurst and Lucy Wills of Warrenton, Miss Elizabeth Griffin of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Raymond Ratcliffe and Mrs. Eula Holt Merchant of Manassas.

JUDGES ARE INVITED TO FOX HOUND TRIALS

Bench and Field Events Will Be Held at Leesburg October 12.

D. C. Sands, master of fox hounds, the Middleburg Hunt, will be one of the judges for the bench show, listed as one of the features on the program for the tenth annual fox hound trials of the Virginia Fox Hunters' Association, to be held in Leesburg the week of October 12, according to an announcement made by J. M. B. Lewis of Lynchburg, president of the organization. Mr. Lewis also added that William du Pont, Jr., master of fox hounds of the Foxcatcher Hounds, Wilmington, Del., had been invited to serve with Mr. Sands, but so far had not been heard from. Both Mr. Sands and Mr. du Pont are widely known in hunting circles, and both have frequently judged at the leading bench shows in the East.

The field judges are: Dr. F. A. Sinclair of Newport News, Va.; Jefferson C. Phillips, Hampton, Va.; Samuel P. Goodloe, Afton, Va.; Clagett C. Dorsey, Glenarm, Md.; R. V. Martindale, Amherst, Va., and J. E. Keyser, Flint Hill, Va., all of whom are well known horsemen and fox hunters of wide experience. William Skinner of The Plains will serve as master of fox hounds.

BI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE AT HAYMARKET

The final meeting of the special subcommittee handling the Woodbridge celebration on September 25 will take place at the Parish Hall at Haymarket on Wednesday evening, Sept. 2, at 8 o'clock.

While no formal action has been taken, it is generally expected that the school system will declare a county-wide holiday, and that the school children of the country will be drilled by Miss Clark and the county faculty to take part in the exercises.

Hon. Wade Ellis, general chairman of the county, is expected to return on September 15 from England where he has been spending the summer while acting as associate counsel to the Overseas Exposition.

LARGE BARN BURNED AT THOROUGHFARE

It is reported that a large barn and contents on the old Chew place, near Thoroughfare, belonging to R. G. Williams, was burned late yesterday afternoon after being struck by lightning. It is not known whether the owner was protected by insurance.

MARRIAGE RECORD

August 15—L. D. Golladay, of Brentsville, and Edna Boley, of Greenwich.

Aug. 22—E. M. Jeffries and Mary Payne, both of Manassas.

Aug. 26—Charles A. Benson and Irene G. Paul, both of Baltimore, Md.

ENTERTAINED THREE GOVERNORS

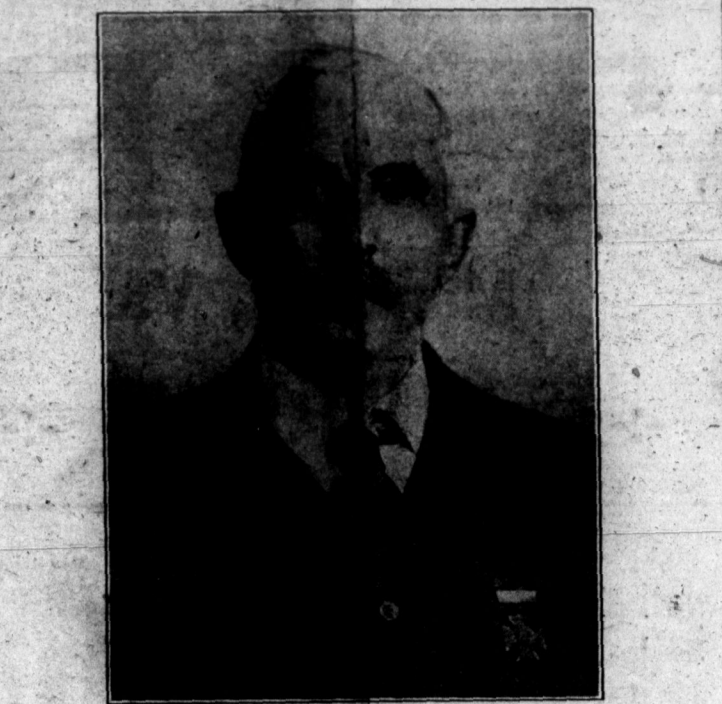
Gov. Pollard, Gov. Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland, and Gov. Wm. G. Conley of West Va., had dinner with Miss E. Davis recently at the Jefferson Davis tea-room at Haymarket. Other prominent people visit their charming shop but Miss Davis says she has not had such a galaxy of prominence before.

U. D. C. MEETING

The Manassas Chapter of the U. D. C. will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Grove, Greenwich, the home of Mrs. M. M. Washington, at 2:30 p. m. The assistant hostesses will be Mrs. N. K. Middlethon and Mrs. John Ellis. At this meeting the annual election of officers will be held, and a full attendance of members is requested.

WOODBINE BAPTIST CHURCH

Preaching Sunday morning at 11 a. m.



JOHN WILLIAM HALL

John William Hall, of Bristow, Va., was born in Prince William County May 9, 1840 and passed his life's end August 10, 1931 at the age of 91 years, 2 months and 1 day. He was the son of William T. and Mary Ellis Hall.

Entering the Confederate Service at an early age he fought gallantly with Company A, 39th Virginia Cavalry, serving as bodyguard and courier for General Robert E. Lee. At Gettysburg, while on a special mission he was captured and imprisoned, suffering many hardships during his confinement. He was finally exchanged and at the close of the War between the States was honorably discharged at Winchester.

Mr. Hall was a staunch Southerner and related many interesting experiences of stirring drama in which he participated, among these being the fact that he was carrying a dispatch to Stonewall Jackson the night that intrepid General fell mortally wounded.

In January, 1872 Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Virginia Haislip.

AUTO ACCIDENTS ARE INCREASING

Virginia Facilities for First Six Months Increase 22.42 Per Cent over '30.

Statistics compiled from insurance records and released Wednesday showed that automobile accident deaths in Virginia during the six months of 1931 increased 22.42 per cent over the number for 1930.

The records showed a total of 273 automobile accident fatalities in the State in the first six months this year and 223 last year.

With 58 deaths recorded as the result of automobile accidents in June this year the peak of the year had been reached. There were 55 in May, 45 in April, 50 in January, 34 in February and 31 in March.

Automobile accident deaths in the United States during the period this year numbered approximately 17,800 on the basis of the insurance records. Compared with 16,800 in the corresponding period of 1930, the number this year was 5.7 per cent greater.

On the basis of figures reported deaths this year averaged 84 per day for the period, against 79 during the corresponding months of last year.

Figures for the country as a whole showed an increase in street and highway facilities over the corresponding period of last year.

None of the months, according to the figures for the Nation, however, showed as large a gain as occurred in January. The indicated loss of life for the period averaged more than 2,500 a month, as against 2,400 during the same time last year.

Of all the States from which reports were received 18 showed a reduction in the loss of life on the basis of available figures.

VISITING IN PORT HURON

Miss Rose Ratcliffe left yesterday to visit her schoolmate, Miss Gayle Wilson, in Port Huron, Mich.

ENSIGN WATERS AT HOME AGAIN

O. D. Waters journeyed to Newport News last week to greet "Buddy" when the fleet came in.

FRED M. LYNN APPOINTED SCHOOL TRUSTEE

The Trustee Electoral Board of Prince William County met on Monday to consider filling the vacancy created by the recent resignation of Mr. E. S. Brockett as school trustee for Occoquan District.

After a careful canvass of the situation and consideration of several names, the Board decided to appoint Mr. Fred M. Lynn. Mr. Lynn has been prominently identified with educational and community progress in Occoquan District and the selection seems to meet with approval throughout the County. As Trustee for Occoquan District, Mr. Lynn becomes a member of the Prince William County School Board.

'SPORTING BLOOD' DEPICTS CAREER OF RACEHORSE

Thrills of Turf Serve as Background for Unusual Screen Drama.

The aristocracy of the American turf lined up as a company of screen actors at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, when "Sporting Blood," adapted from Frederick Hazlitt Brennan's Saturday Evening Post story, "Horsethief," was filmed. This picture will open Monday at the Dixie Theatre.

Among the racers engaged to act in the picture were "El Elegante," former record holder at Caliente, "Duck Pond," "Blue Lane," "Blue Cedar" and other horses equally well-known to the track.

Racing Panorama. The story deals with the career of a racehorse, but the human beings who affect his fate are really the characters of the play, though the entire panorama of racing, with thrills of the Kentucky Derby, exposures of crooked racing and gambling, and other details form a background. Charles Brabin, noted for "The Bridge of San Luis Rey" and other screen hits, directed.

Clark Gable and Midge Evans play the lovers, as a gambling dealer and a gambler's "moll" who find regeneration in bringing back to form a racehorse that has been mistreated.

Ernest Torrence, Lew Cody, Marie Prevost, Harry Holman, Hallam Cooley, J. Farrell McDonald and others are in the cast. The actual Derby, and several other races furnish thrills and suspense, and intimate scenes in Kentucky paddocks, racing stables and horse farms are among the interesting touches in the production.

One race is filmed in "close-up," camera and microphone following the careening horses around the track.

EVEN HORSES WEAR MAKE-UP

Make-up for horses is one of the odd tricks that the ever resourceful moving picture technician had to devise for photographic purposes.

"Tommy Boy," famous racehorse who plays the central equine role in "Sporting Blood," was as carefully made up for his role as any star.

"Tommy" is jet black. And hence, when his face was photographed in close-ups, there was no detail. The make-up department carefully lined his eyes with white, just as actors are lined with black against a white face. The high-lights in his nose were painted in and other deft touches used so that his face was "photographic." It took an hour each morning to apply the make-up—on mornings when "Tommy" was willing to stand still.

SERVICES AT HAYMARKET

The Rev. Clyde V. Hickerson, of Arkansas, will assist the Rev. V. H. Council in a series of meetings, at the Haymarket Baptist Church, beginning Thursday, Aug. 27, and continuing for the following week. Services each evening at 8 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

HERNDON MILL IS DESTROYED

A large quantity of flour, feed and machinery were destroyed or ruined by a fire in the D. M. McCarty Milling Co. early today.

The fire is believed to have started from spontaneous combustion in the wheat bins. The exact amount of the damage has not been determined, but will probably amount to several thousand dollars, it was estimated.

Firemen from Herndon succeeded in confining the blaze within the metal building.

HAYMARKET WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Haymarket will hold a meeting in the club room on Wednesday, Sept. 2. A full attendance of the members is desired.

GAS TAX GOES TO COLES DISTRICT

Carolina Road to Receive Treatment in Gainesville.

The Board met in regular session on Tuesday, with all members present. A large volume of routine business was attended to.

The sum of \$7.45 was transferred to the Manassas District school fund to be matched by School Board and a flag purchased for the Manassas High School.

\$6143.58 was transferred from the one-half cent gas tax fund to the Coles District Road Fund.

Edmond C. Fletcher, of Washington, was employed on a contingent basis to recover from the U. S. Government money lost in taxes for lands possessed by the Federal Government in Dumfries District on Nov. 4, 1918, and amounting to some 5,000 acres.

A warrant was ordered drawn to Gainesville Road Fund to be used on the Carolina Road from Haymarket toward the Loudoun Line and on the Gainesville Road from Mrs. Camill Hall's toward Catharpin.

Gainesville District repaid the county fund for \$500 borrowed during 1931.

SANITATION IS DISCUSSED BY LOUDOUN DAIRMEN

John Magill, jr., secretary-treasurer of the Maryland-Virginia Milk Producers' Association, addressed Loudoun County dairymen at Purcellville last night. The object of the meeting was to inform Loudoun producers more specifically of the general rules of the association.

The meeting was informal and much interest was manifested by the number of questions relating to the sanitary conditions of dairy barns which were asked by those present. A number of points hazy to dairymen were cleared, many complaints being heard of grades given by the inspectors.

C. E. Betch, field manager of the association, followed with a talk stressing the sanitary conditions necessary today and those which the dairymen will have to meet in the future. Regulations and proposed regulations brought out by Mr. Betch were the monthly clipping of cows, washing basin, sanitary strainer cloth, covered drains, metal milking stools, metal sterilizer, metal stanchions, sealed barns, cement floors and seamless pails.

J. V. Nichols, local dairyman, presided at the meeting.

BENSON-PAUL

Charles Adrian Benson and Irene G. Paul, both of Baltimore, Md., were married yesterday afternoon by Rev. George Hasel at the Parsonage. The witnesses were Mrs. Esther Terrell and Mrs. Philip Senseney, first cousins of the groom.

Mr. Summerfield F. Benson was the father of the groom, and Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth (Ferguson) Benson was his mother. Mrs. C. F. M. Lewis was his sister. A brother, Walter Summerfield Benson, lives at Ventnor, N. J.

Mr. Benson is a commercial traveler, living all of his life in Baltimore and is a World War veteran.

The couple will reside at Cathedral Apartments, Baltimore, Md., after spending a quiet honeymoon at Manassas and Ventnor, N. J., after Sept. 1.

A CORRECTION

In the meeting at which the Prince William Motor Truck Owners organized last week, we reported that Mr. G. C. Russell was made chairman. We are advised that this is an error, the chairman being W. E. McCoy, of Manassas, operator of one of the largest lines in northern Virginia.

FARMVILLE OFFERED \$500,000

The Town of Farmville has been offered \$500,000 for its municipal electric lighting plant. A press dispatch from that place states that the offer comes from the Virginia Public Service Company.

NOTICE TO WOMAN'S CLUB

All members of the Woman's Club of Manassas are urged to attend the Dairy Festival Mass Meeting at the Manassas High School auditorium on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 8 p. m.

TWO VIRGINIA GIRLS' COLLEGES TO MERGE

Martha Washington College, Abingdon, Va., and Sullins College, in Bristol, will merge September 16. Mr. C. H. Clyde of Quantico was in Manassas this week and called at the Journal office.