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DAIRY FESTIVAL  
at Manassas  
October 31, 1931

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\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

## Prince William County Bi-Centennial Celebration at Woodbridge

### INTEREST GROWS IN FESTIVAL

#### All Committees in High Gear.

A good-sized crowd attended the weekly meeting held Tuesday in the interest of a dairy festival to be held in the vicinity of Manassas on Saturday, October 31.

Mr. Howard, of the Apple Blossom Festival, was present, E. W. Middleton, of Floris, Fairfax county, and a number of other important personages in this area.

There was some debate as to a possible postponement of the festival, but the idea was thoroughly scouted by all present.

Director General Fred R. Hynson was much enthused over the magnitude of the affair, stating that it had assumed proportions which neither he nor anyone else had fancied at first.

Outside commercial interests appear to be taking hold, and a large number of beautiful floats will be in the parade as well as bands, school children, pretty milkmaids, etc.

E. H. Hibbs, of the Ways and Means Committee, has issued a strong appeal for funds to assist the work, and a full time manager will be on the job in a few days.

### OCTOBER TERM CIRCUIT COURT

#### Juries Announced Contains the Names of Two Men Having the Same Name.

The following is the list of grand jurors: Bronston Cave, Cecil W. Garrison, Z. R. Clarke, Wallace Dawson, R. C. Cooper, J. R. Evans, E. L. Brockett, Harry P. Davis, W. G. Bushey, C. H. Seeley, Franklin Hibbs, J. F. Cockerville, J. B. Fearnough, Edmond Roland, W. J. Davis, J. P. Pullen.

Criminal jury: F. L. Mayhugh, George A. Wood, Joseph L. Rollins, Virginia Polen, C. S. Smith, W. S. Brawner, W. R. Gossom, J. C. Her-ring, John H. Burke, E. H. Hibbs, J. Humphrey Lynn, W. L. Compton, E. M. Roof, J. C. Bean, E. P. Davis (Hoadly), C. L. Garrison, A. O. Mac-Learn, T. M. Cooke, E. P. Davis (Gainesville), W. E. Trusler, R. L. Lewis, jr., W. H. Leachman, John Moncure, E. R. Conner.

Civil jury: N. N. Free, A. W. Smith, B. F. Dabney, Michael Oleyar, John Seymour, Shirley M. Reid, F. B. Morgan, I. J. Wright, J. C. Weaver.

The following cases have been set: Mary McPherson, prohibition misdemeanor, second offense.

Under bond to appear before grand jury: A. T. Fisher, George Shoemaker, Archie Liming, Jesse Mountjoy, appeals, Elizabeth Molair (larceny), Joseph Jowanna (larceny), Catherine Bocoek (reckless driving), Thomas Beavers (reckless driving), cited in prohibition misdemeanor cases, Emory Abel, Paul Williams, Joseph Brown, Parker Williams, George Jones, Charlie Jones, Frank Hogan, Emmett Umphlett, George Herring, jr., Fred Holmes, Elizabeth Brown, I. Smith, Sam Wood, John Henry Gaskins, Robert Williams.

#### HALL-JONES

Miss Elva Virginia Jones and William Alfred Hall, jr., both of Richmond, Va., were united in marriage on Saturday in Eastern Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., with Rev. W. A. Hall, pastor of the Manassas Presbyterian Church, and father of the groom, conducting the ceremony.

The wedding was a quiet one attended by the immediate families of the contracting parties, and following a wedding breakfast the couple departed for a short honeymoon. They will make their home in Richmond, where Mr. Hall is a prominent practicing attorney and counsellor at law.

#### U. D. C.

The regular monthly meeting of the Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held next Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the home of Mrs. C. A. Sinclair, instead of the 13th as has been previously stated.

#### PLEASE NOTICE

In order to help the unemployment situation in our Town and Community, Tuesday, October 6, 1931, has been designated for all who are unemployed to register with the Clerk of the Town of Manassas.

All registrations will be filed with the Committee on Unemployment for the State of Virginia.

In the event of persons desiring to register who are working part time, it is suggested that they indicate the type and amount of work now being done.

Respectfully submitted,  
HARRY P. DAVIS,  
Mayor.

### U. D. C. HONORS VET'S GRANDSON

#### Westwood Gray Hutchison Recipient of Cross of Honor.

The Manassas Chapter, U. D. C., met at the home of Col. and Mrs. R. A. Hutchison on Sunday, September 27, at 2:30 p. m., for a memorial service in honor of Admiral Semmes, Confederate States Navy.

The chief feature of the program was the bestowal of two crosses of honor to Westwood Gray Hutchison, son of Othneil Gray Hutchison, veteran of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection, and grandson of Westwood Hutchison, Confederate veteran. The Philippine Insurrection Cross is the ninth to be given by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Other features of the program were: "How Firm a Foundation," reading of the Ritual by Col. R. A. Hutchison, reading of the rules of bestowal of crosses by Mrs. R. A. Hutchison, sketches of the life of Semmes by Mrs. L. L. Lonas.

Mrs. C. A. Sinclair, president of the chapter, presided over the meeting and presented the crosses to Miss Isabelle Hutchison for her nephew.

### CLUB LEARNS SHOW POINTERS

#### Reports on Blacksburg Meeting Given.

A very interesting 4-H Club meeting of the agricultural and home economics groups was held at the Brentsville District High School last Thursday evening.

A report of the clubs' participation in the State 4-H Short Course at Blacksburg was made by Geraldine Shepherd and Goldie Kniceley while Woodrow Manuel, Billy Hale, Ruth Hooker, LaPoint Trenis and Marie Harpine gave excellent reports of the part taken by their club in the Northern Virginia Short Course held this year at Jamestown and in which thirty-seven Prince William 4-H boys and girls were enrolled.

Following the general program, the groups divided for separate instruction.

R. G. Connelly, Extension Dairyman, went into the minute details of fitting of animals for the coming Nokesville Fair and urged each dairy club member to begin training and fitting his dairy animals at once. He placed emphasis on the importance of knowing how to show as well as having a good animal to show. A report from the club showed that the boys having purebreds were in the majority and that the proportion of purebreds was gradually becoming larger.

#### COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

Professor Haydon announces that the enrollment this week reached 2606, both white and colored, under a faculty numbering exactly ninety teachers.

C. J. Hyslop, state supervisor of vocational guidance, visited the Manassas High yesterday, and outlined his program which Prince William has accepted, being the 26th county in the State to do so.

Miss Beatrix Clark, supervisor, and the teachers have been giving the Fall tests this week. This classification work is given twice a year, just after school opens and just before the session closes in the spring.

To the Editors and Publishers of  
The Manassas Journal,  
Manassas, Va.

Gentlemen:

I want to pay a tribute of praise and commendation to you and your paper for the fine spirit of public duty displayed in inaugurating the movement which culminated at Woodbridge last Friday in the celebration of the Bi-centennial of old Prince William County. You have done a splendid piece of work. You have helped to plant in the minds of all the good people of your section of Virginia, and especially in the minds of the boys and girls who will be the citizens of the future, a deeper love and reverence for the institutions of their country, and for the pioneers whose labors and sacrifices gave us the government of liberty and order which we enjoy today. The old and the young in Prince William County now know something more and something really worth while of the history of their home land, and this makes for better citizens, better neighbors and better friends.

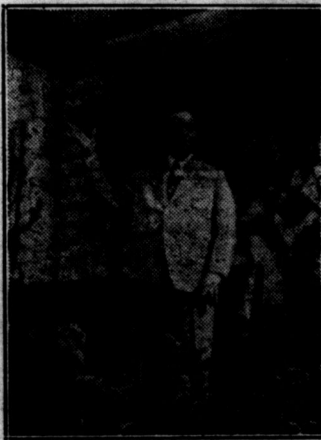
I think it also appropriate to acknowledge the intelligent and untiring assistance of your Superintendent, Prof. Haydon, Rev. A. H. Shumate, Dr. Malcolm, Mr. R. S. Hall, Mr. Ratcliffe, Mrs. Hibbs, Mr. Dawson, Mrs. Cline, and the many others whose unselfish work made the celebration possible. Certainly a vote of thanks is due to Mrs. Corbin Thompson for the generous hospitality she extended at her beautiful home; and, finally, Miss Beatrix Clark, Supervisor of Rural Schools, together with the teachers and parents who assisted, are entitled to the highest praise for the work so splendidly done in such a brief space of time in arranging the pageant, and drilling the school-children for the graphic representation of important episodes in Prince William County history, which delighted all who witnessed it.

Please accept my best wishes for The Manassas Journal. In the words of Rip Van Winkle may it "Live long and prosper"!

Very truly yours,

WADE H. ELLIS.

### Snapshots at the Bi-centennial Celebration



Hon. Wade Hampton Ellis, introducing one of the speakers.



Hon. Charles Creighton Carlin complimenting the power of women in world affairs.



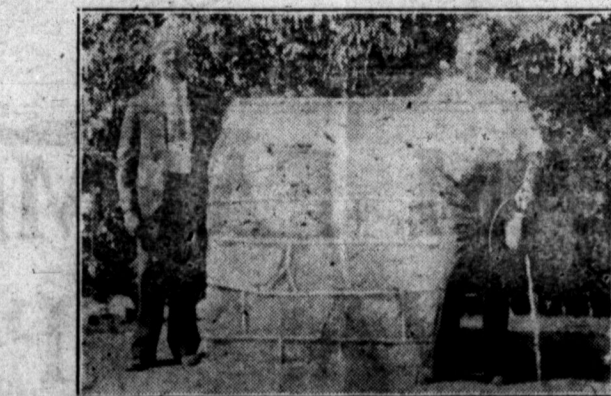
Hon. Howard Worth Smith urging return to the Democratic ideals of our forefathers.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY  
YARDS EAST  
OF THIS SPOT STOOD  
THE FIRST COURTHOUSE  
OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY  
ORGANIZED IN 1731

This monument, erected by the Bi-centennial Committee of Prince William county, September 25, 1931, was presented to the people of the county by Wade H. Ellis, of Rippon Lodge, Chairman of the Committee.

G. RAYMOND RATCLIFFE,  
Secretary.  
ROGER D. WHARTON,  
Vice-Chairman.

#### INSCRIPTION ON THE BRONZE TABLET



The monument and the men who constructed it: Messrs. Milton Hottle (Right) and Otis Holler (Left), of Manassas.

### NOKESVILLE WOMEN TO ENTERTAIN HUSBANDS

Husbands' night will be observed by the Nokesville Home Demonstration Group on Thursday, October 8. The evening's program will be held in Free's Field, opposite District High School, beginning with weeper roast which will be served at 7:00 o'clock. A program of recreation and entertainment will follow. Ladies of Nokesville group are asked to notify the following committee women as to the number attending from respective homes: Mrs. J. O. Bittle, Mrs. M. J. Shepherd, Mrs. Joe Hale, Mrs. Ernest Spittler and Mrs. W. R. Free. Husbands are cordially invited to be present.

### THREE PERISH IN FIRE AT JOPLIN

#### Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin Miller and Infant Son Perish Last Friday.

Fire of undetermined origin wiped out three lives at Joplin last Friday night, leaving no evidences as to the causes of the tragedy. On the theory of the possible foul play, Sheriff J. P. Kerlin made a careful investigation, but the fearful heat of the fire and the subsequent rain eliminated all clues that might have existed, if murder was a feature of the affair.

The fire was discovered early in the day but it was not until later when the ruins were visited by Mrs. Raymond Miller, sister-in-law of Mr. Goodwin Miller, who perished in the fire, that the sad tragedy which accompanied the fire was discovered.

Dr. E. H. Marsteller, the coroner, and Sheriff J. P. Kerlin made careful investigations but found no evidences of foul play, beyond the fact that the remains of Mr. and Mrs. Miller were found resting so undisturbed by any apparent struggle, preceding death, that the conclusion was reached by some observers, especially representatives of Washington newspapers, that a murder mystery was involved, and the Associated Press featured the story in leading papers throughout the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin Miller and their infant son were buried in a single casket on Sunday, a large gathering following the remains to their last resting place, and unless some new evidence comes to light, it will only be positively known that they perished in their beds when their home was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin.

The tragedy is one of the most appalling that has visited the county in recent years.

### NOKESVILLE TO GREET FACULTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Brentsville District Community Association will be held in the High School auditorium at Nokesville on Tuesday evening, October 6, at 7:45 o'clock. A program to include a welcome to the teachers of Brentsville District is to be arranged by J. A. Hooker and Mrs. Ernest Spittler, Chairmen of the Educational and Social Committees.

Ways and means of building the new gymnasium will be discussed. Everyone interested in the carrying out of this important project should be present at the meeting Tuesday evening.

### SWAVELY NOTES

Mrs. and Miss Earle, Mrs. and Miss Crenshaw, and Col. Puryear, all of Washington, visited their sons at the school on Sunday.

Mr. Gill conducted the service at Trinity Church on Sunday, in the absence of the pastor.

The first football game of the season will be played tomorrow (Friday) afternoon on the home grounds, against Business High School of Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Zollinger, of Canton, Ohio, visited their son, William, at the school on Monday.

The School Glee Club has begun rehearsals under the direction of Dr. Harned, of Washington, conductor of the National Church Choir.

Bright skies and a cool breeze greeted the many hundreds of Prince William folks last Friday morning when they arose to make ready for the day of celebration toward which they had long looked.

Before ten o'clock the roads were cloudy with the dust of passing machines and buses. The marine band from Quantico was present through the courtesy of Rev. A. H. Shumate, Chief Gunner Talbot and the post adjutant of Quantico. They all entered into the spirit of the day and appeared to get as much pleasure out of their work as the others did out of play.

Coleschester, more latterly known as Colchester, the settlement at the mouth of the Occoquan, and which lost its south wing to be called Woodbridge sometime after the separation of the counties, has a marker which can be regarded as permanent. It is of native rock taken from the old cotton factory just upstream, and dressed beautifully by Messrs. Milton Hottle and Otis Holler, who are shown elsewhere in this issue standing beside their handiwork. With a sum of \$450 available for landscaping, sidewalks, benches, etc., it will certainly be the most unusual marker between Richmond and Washington on the Jefferson Davis Highway.

The committee, of which Mrs. Annie G. Cline was chairman, decided on this location after considerable archaeological work and careful consideration of the general setting of the original courthouse, which will later be marked by a small monument to satisfy any person so industrious as to climb the railroad barrier and scuttle down the steep bank.

After a concert, Miss Beatrix Clark, rural supervisor of Prince William county, put on a pageant by the children which was little short of marvelous considering the time that she had had to prepare. In the writing, she was assisted by Mrs. E. H. Hibbs and in the presentation by Mrs. Hibbs, Miss Eula Morris, Miss Helen Dunkley, Miss Lulu Hammond, Miss Lucye Hillsman, Miss Elizabeth Weatherman, Miss Jeannette Matthews, Miss Katherine Foster, Miss Grace Hite and Miss Patricia Sledd.

History from the days of Captain John Smith was announced by the Herald, Miss Margaret Frye, as each group appeared, enacting Prince William history from the days of the Dogus Indians to the recent World War. When the Confederates under Stonewall Jackson (Charles Lynn, who was mounted) chased off the Yankees, the Band struck up "Dixie," and the grounds rang with cheers.

Little Miss Mary Lynch, with a chorus, first danced the "Spirit of Youth." It was lovely and quite impressive. Soft music came from the Thompson house in front of which the ceremony was held.

Three dances were put on, the first two being minuets and the last a "Virginia Reel."

Billy Jamison, a scion of the Lee family, was given the distinction of taking the part of General Lee in which he vied with "Stonewall" who was also on horse.

Billy Hale, of Nokesville, as "Prince William" and the Nokesville youngsters staged the arrival of the Prince and his retinue.

History was carried out faithfully in the dispersal of the Indians by the white settlers (who had a dwelling, a coach, and numerous firearms).

The removals of the various court-houses was portrayed by Aden pupils, the settling of Dumfries by the school in that locality, the coming of the white man, by Occoquan High, the earliest settlement, by Greenwich, the militant white settlers, by Bethel, the Revolutionary Period, by Haymarket High, the First Battle of Manassas, by Bennett, and the World War period by Quantico.

The children then massed and sang very prettily.

It was then noon, and the hour for the unveiling was at hand. To martial strains, the twelve hundred spectators marched down and along the highway. After a medley of patriotic airs, R. D. Wharton, vice-chairman of the county committee, presented the monument in the name of Mr. Ellis. In so doing, he briefly lauded the spirit of the old-time people from the days in which Captain John Smith sailed to the mouth of the Occoquan to the latter time in which an even more strenuous effort was made to guarantee the liberty we now enjoy.

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