



KIWANIS PLAYS SANTA CLAUS

300 Prince William Children Receive Presents.

Following the plan adopted a number of years ago, the Manassas Kiwanis Club this morning set out to distribute gifts to underprivileged children over the entire county. The number that Santa will thus visit was estimated at about 300, a much larger number than when the work first began in the early days of the Club. It was the direct contact with the children that first year that inspired those who participated to extend the work and to encourage others to help them. In this way many children are reached who would otherwise see a mighty cheerless Christmas morn.

The gifts consist principally of toys, candy and fruit for the smaller children, and an occasional article of usefulness for the larger ones, together with books.

Six cars were required this year to effect the distribution of these articles, each automobile being packed and routed to the various sections of the county.

This year the committee in charge of this activity consisted of Fred R. Hynson and Arthur S. Boatwright, who were assisted by Mrs. Ruby Ryan Haydon, former County Nurse, and Miss Sabina Neel, present County Nurse. The success of this yearly undertaking has depended largely on the knowledge and whereabouts of these children, which information these two ladies have given much time and helpful suggestions in furnishing the committee.

The energy and effort displayed by the public spirited citizens of this county have been an inspiration in the dark days of drought and business depression that has swept over the land. It is not a gigantic undertaking but it carries with it an effect that reaches beyond Christmas Day and beyond Prince William county. May it continue to grow and prosper!

A GOOD RECORD BEHIND R. D. O'CALLAGHAN

A good record is behind Robert D. O'Callaghan, whose services have been transferred from the Patent Department to the Law Department in the unification of legal administration in this one department under Colonel Manton Davis, as chief law officer of the Radio Corporation.

At the University of Georgia from which he was graduated in 1920, Mr. O'Callaghan had the highest scholastic standing ever attained there—an average grade of more than 95 for his four years. Incidentally, he showed business ability as proprietor of a hotel throughout his college course and took part in all extra-curricular campus activities and student organizations, except varsity athletics. With that record of grades it goes almost without saying that he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic fraternity. Mr. O'Callaghan then spent a summer in Ireland and was offered a post under Eamon De Valera in the Sinn Fein organization. He decided to return to study at Harvard Law School, however.

Since his graduation there he has been active in all Harvard matters in New York. He has been treasurer of the Harvard Law Club for the last seven years and was chairman of the New York City alumni committee, which obtained approximately half of the Harvard Law School endowment fund.

In his New York legal connections, Mr. O'Callaghan has specialized in corporate reorganizations and general advice to corporations. Resigning as managing partner of the law firm of Davis, Wagner and Heater to become senior assistant to Robert T. Swaine and Wood, Mr. O'Callaghan became active in the work of the Radio Corporation, which was then headed by that firm. He came from there as attorney to the Patent Department on intercompany license and patent legal matters.

He is a member of the city, state and national bar associations. (The above clipping is from The Broadcast, a national radio magazine) He is the son of the late Michael P. O'Callaghan and grandson of the late Capt. and Mrs. C. Robert Limstrong. He is at present in Europe, representing the R. C. A.

ASSEMBLY DANCE

Don't forget the assembly dance Tuesday, December 29, at the high school gymnasium.

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May the spirit of Christmas
Descend on your nest,
And bring you whatever
Is sweetest and best.

MANASSAS INDEPENDENTS TO PLAY HAYMARKET ON DECEMBER 30

The Manassas Independents will battle the Haymarket quintet in the second game of the doubleheader.

The local independent quint has been practicing and are rapidly rounding into form.

The boys for positions on the local five are all former high school or college luminaries. These basketeers are Delmar Cosgrove, last year's captain at Gallaudet; John Duich, former Colfax, Iowa high school and John Carroll University star; Doug Dodson, one of Coach Pullen's outstanding proteges last year; John Burke, University of Maryland; Carl Hogendorf, another Colfax high school basketeer; Sedrick Saunders, and John Wurdemann, another Gallaudet player.

Others who may see action in the Haymarket hardwood tussle are Coaches Reeves and Kline of Swavelly and Wallace Lynn, a luminary at William and Mary this year.

Several of these hoopsters are newcomers to the fans of Manassas, and all of these boys are hoping for a large following when they engage the Haymarket net swishers on Wednesday, December 30.

FICTION FAVORITE ON SCREEN

J. Rufus Wallingford, gentle grafter and genial appropriator of "sucker money," relives his hilarious adventures on the screen in "New Adventures of Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford," at the Dixie Theatre on Dec. 28 and 29.

Suggested by the famous Cosmopolitan Magazine stories of George Randolph Chester, the comedy takes William Haines, in the role of Wallingford, through an amazing series of plots, high finance, comical trouble, tribulation and a hairbreadth escape from a detective. It then lands him in love, reforms him, and all ends happily. A pretty love story runs through a collection of hilarious happenings.

Sam Wood directed the production. Ernest Torrence plays the role of Blackie Daw, sanguinary and saxophone-blowing abetter of the Wallingfordian deceptions. Incidentally the new picture brings to the screen for the first time Jimmy "Schnozzle" Durante, New York's famous "I Ups to Him" comedian. Jimmy is seen as the comedy chauffeur and offers one of the most hilarious moments in the picture with his impersonation of the "Senator."

Lella Hyams, who has appeared with Haines in "Way Out West," "The Girl Said No" and other pictures, plays the heroine. The supporting cast includes Guy Kibbee, Hale Hamilton, Robert McWade, Clara Blandick and Walter Walker.

Among the comedy highlights are the bilking of the Syracuse man in the New York bank, the comical adventure in organizing the clay products company, Wallingford's amazing escape from the detective, and the dramatic climax on the train.

KLINE-MILSTEAD

Mr. George Eugene Kline and Miss Naomi Milstead of Indian Head, Md., were quietly married at the Manse Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. W. A. Hall performing the ceremony. The young couple will make their home at Indian Head.

BOARD TRANSACTS ROUTINE BUSINESS

Very little out of the ordinary occurred at the meeting of the Board on Tuesday. There was more or less lengthy discussion on county finances.

The road engineer (Mr. Tubbs) was authorized to purchase a caterpillar tractor and a second-hand truck for the roads.

Deputy Clerk Ledman was authorized to purchase three typewriters and to dispose of two now on hand.

FREE CLINIC ON JANUARY 4

Open to Everyone over 15 Years of Age.

On Monday, January 4, a free clinic will be held in the office of the County Red Cross Chapter in the Peoples Bank Building, Manassas. This clinic is for anyone in the county, either white or colored, who is over fifteen years of age.

If you are not sure that you are free from any lung trouble, get in touch with your doctor or the County Public Health Nurse. If this is not possible, try to report early to the clinic.

The hours set are: 9:30-12 for white people and 2-4:30 for colored. You are asked to report within these hours.

This clinic is made possible by the County Board of Health and the Prince William County Chapter of the American Red Cross in cooperation with the Tuberculosis Out-Patient Service of the State Board of Health. Incidental expenses are met by the Red Cross Chapter.

Dr. C. W. Scott, specialist from the State Health Department, will make the examinations. You do not need this examination yourself, but have friends or neighbors who do, urge them to come. You will have a good clinic, help those suffering from the disease and protect you and your children from contact with Tuberculosis.

MRS. SABINA NEEL,
County Public Health Nurse.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Under the auspices of the Manassas Ministerial Association, the Kiwanis Club, the Men's Social Club and the Women's Club, a Christmas service has been arranged. The service will be held at the Manassas Baptist Church on Monday, December 27, at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. A. Stuart Gibson will preside. Mr. L. Ledman will read the scriptures and the Rev. Gochenour offer prayer. The address will be given by the Rev. W. A. Hall.

Mesdames Stewart Pattie and A. L. Hatcher will sing a duet with Mrs. Robert Smith accompanist. Many Christmas hymns will be sung and the offering will be given to the County Nurse Fund.

ATTEND HUNT BREAKFAST

Mr. and Mrs. H. Thornton Davies and Mrs. Howard Jamison attended the hunt breakfast given by Mr. and Mrs. William Harold Lipscomb at their new home in Leesburg on Saturday.

OFFICERS NOMINATED

At the regular meeting of Bull Run Council, O. F. A., No. 15, on Tuesday night, officers for 1932 were nominated. The election will be held on January 12.

WILL INITIATE CLASS

The Vienna drill team will be on hand Saturday night to initiate a class of several candidates at Greenwich Council, No. 33. A large attendance is expected as Vienna has one of the best teams in the State.

MARRIAGE RECORD

Dec. 22—George E. Kline and Naomi Milstead, both of Manassas.
Dec. 22—Ira Thomas Cornwell and Julia Ann Payne, both of Manassas.
Dec. 23—Mackall T. Hansborough of Bristow and Lena G. Scheaffer of Nokesville.

KIWANIS HEAR XMAS STORY

Dick Haydon made good on his promise to give the Kiwanians a good program last Friday evening. For a time the Kiwanians waited back into the days of by-gone Christmas's and listened to Mrs. Warren Coleman (for a number of years our principal at Bennett School) as she told them of The Gift, a recital of the experience of a little Jewish boy at the time of the first great Christmas gift. It was certainly charming and inspiring.

Following this, Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. J. L. Hatcher sang the old German song (translated), "Silent Night."

For a quarter of an hour, the music section of the Woman's Club came in the dining hall and led in a number of old-time carols, all well-known but which everyone likes to sing over and over.

Last evening the Club assembled at the court house and sang carols about the Community Tree with the Woman's Club.

HEALTH BOARD MAKES RULING

Passes Local Ordinance Effective at Once.

Acting under authority from the General Acts of the Assembly, J. L. Dawson, chairman of the County Board of Health, called a meeting of the committee Tuesday morning at the court house to consider housing and roadside establishments in this county. The meeting was attended by Dr. Wade C. Payne, president of the Bank of Haymarket, and E. H. Marsteller, county coroner, both being among the county's leading physicians. Miss Lulu Metz, of the Manassas high school, another member, could not leave her class to attend.

The matter immediately before the meeting was the regulation of all places proposing to act as housing places or dispense of food and refreshments, or which are now doing so, with special regard to water and sanitation. As the matter now stands a fine will be placed on all who do not meet with these requirements as will be explained by the state sanitation officer (Mr. Smith of Fairfax county) on his round.

The nearness of the Bi-centennial is the basis of this move, as the Board realized; the necessity for regulating public housing places so far as the law will extend.

PROGRAM AT NOKESVILLE

Quilt for U. B. Church Benefit Will Be Presented.

At the Community Christmas program in the Brensville District High School auditorium next Sunday evening, Dec. 27, the name drawn for the quilt that was donated for the benefit of the Church Building Fund of the Aden U. B. Church will be announced. There will be many interesting and entertaining features on the program.

COUNTY MERCHANT DIES

Wm. L. Beale, business man of Quantico, died very suddenly early Monday morning. Interment was yesterday at Hartwood in Stafford county.

He leaves one daughter, a Mrs. Utz, of Baltimore.



PRINCE WILLIAM SEEKS ROAD

Delegation Addresses Commission at Culpeper.

The Prince William delegation which went to the hearings before the State Highway Commission on Monday came back considerably elated and in high hopes of securing some assistance in maintaining the present surface of the cross county road (known officially as Route 709).

Considerable money has been already spent by the State and county in improving this valuable stretch, and lack of funds is seen to be endangering its wearing qualities. Manassas District alone expended some \$9,000 not so long ago on the portion just north of Manassas.

Those addressing the Board were Hon. Thomas H. Lion, Commonwealth's attorney; J. L. Dawson, chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors; Dr. E. H. Marsteller and George W. Herring, Representatives of Prince William and Stafford in the Legislature. Others in attendance were William H. Leachman, W. F. Coker, town manager; Hon. Harry P. Davis, mayor of Manassas; C. E. Nash, A. S. Boatwright, J. E. Nelson and the following members of the Board of Supervisors: C. C. Lynn, D. E. Earhart, C. R. Earhart, W. E. Merchant and Rolfe Robertson.

Mr. Dawson and Dr. Marsteller both asked for an allotment of funds for the route above mentioned. The commission examined the maps and asked a number of questions, indicating interest. Their talks were summarized by Mr. Lion in his address emphasizing certain local needs. All the speakers, particularly Mr. Dawson, realized the importance of this road during the Bi-centennial to take people into the interior of the county from both Stone House and at Dumfries.

Mr. Herring is reported to have stressed the need of work on the Richmond road, using the heavy travel next year as a basis for argument. The Arlington delegation (Messrs. Reid and others) and the Fairfax delegation (Hon. John W. Rust, state senator and Hon. E. H. Allen, delegate) joined hands in pleading for improvement of the Richmond road. Mr. Rust also asked for consideration of the cross county road in Prince William.

No results of the findings of the Commission will be made public prior to January 1, and no funds will be available prior to March 1. No assignments under the Porter-Rhodes act will be made prior to December 1, 1932.

BUCKINGHAM SCHOOLS FACE MONEY CRISIS

The public schools of Buckingham county are facing a financial crisis and are asking that the General Assembly come to their aid. Superintendent Plummer F. Jones has stated that a collapse of his county school system is likely unless outside aid is secured.

POLLARD OPPOSES TEACHERS PENSIONS

Governor Pollard has turned thumbs down on the proposed appropriation of \$247,000 for the teachers pension fund. The Governor takes the position that teachers are state employees and that he cannot separate them from other employees in the matter of pension.

FINDS DEFECTS IN EXISTING SYSTEM

The Commission on County Government, which was provided for by the General Assembly of 1930 on recommendation of Governor Pollard, has completed a comprehensive report and copies thereof have been mailed to the members-elect of the General Assembly. This report which is the result of many months of investigation and study, including several public hearings, goes into considerable detail as to the present status of government in the counties and makes material recommendations looking toward improvements.

The first duty of the Commission was to draft a general bill setting forth optional forms of county government, to become effective when submitted to the qualified voters of any county in an election held for the purpose and approved by a majority of those voting thereon. The recommendations of the Commission as to these optional forms are the most outstanding part of its findings.

As a remedy for the defects in organization which characterize the counties of Virginia, the Commission recommends two optional forms of county government. The first is known as a county executive form, which is intended to be sufficiently flexible to meet the needs of counties of varying sizes and conditions throughout the State. The second is a county manager form, which is especially recommended for counties with urban conditions and the larger rural counties. The report describes these optional forms and gives facts and arguments showing the advantages of each.

In the county executive form the powers of the county are vested in a board of supervisors of not less than three nor more than seven members to be elected, one from each magisterial district; by the qualified voters of the county. This board is to be the legislative or policy-determining body of the county, charged with responsibility for all the financial and business affairs of the county. The board is empowered to appoint a county executive—a full time officer or the head of one of the departments of the county government—whose duties will be to act as the administrative head of the county. The county executive would carry out the policies determined by the board, coordinate the affairs of the county, and see that business procedure is installed and enforced. He would prepare the budget and make monthly reports to the board on the financial affairs of the county. The board is empowered to appoint, upon recommendation of the county executive, all officers and employees in the administrative service of the county, except the county clerk and the Commonwealth's attorney. Provision is made for the consolidation of the activities of the county into divisions or departments as follows: finance, including the assessment of taxes and the collection custody and disbursement of county revenues; the purchase and distribution of supplies, and the supervision of county accounts; public works, including the construction and maintenance of roads, buildings and other public works; law enforcement, including the county functions performed by the Commonwealth's attorney and the sheriff; education, including the work of the school board and the division superintendent of schools and that of the home and farm demonstrators; public welfare, including poor relief, hospitals and charitable institutions; public health, including the work of health and sanitation officers, and records, including the functions of the county clerk.

In order to meet the needs of counties of varying sizes and conditions, provision is made in the county executive form for such transfer and allocation of functions, and such further consolidation of departments by the board of county supervisors as the conditions may seem to require. "Flexibility is further promoted by empowered the board in its discretion, to establish separate departments for the assessment of taxes and for farm and home demonstration work. Provision is also made for cooperation between the State and county authorities in the appointment of certain officers, engaged in performing extensive services for the county." (continued on back page)



Merry Christmas!
We like this town, we like its folks,
They give us smiles instead of croaks;
We like the whole wide country round,
And that takes in a lot of ground!