

## COURT APPOINTS ZONING BODY

### Manassas Takes Forward Step in Community Development.

The circuit court disposed of the following cases since last publication of court news:

Pleas of guilty:  
Emory Abel, pro. mis., one month and fifty dollars; George Mason, pro. mis., three months and fifty dollars, sentence suspended.

The court tried the following cases without jury: Thomas Beavers, reckless driving, not guilty; Archie Lining, pro. fel., not guilty.

Jury trials as follows: Charles Wearing, felony (stabbing John Duritz), six months, A. S. Boatwright, foreman; Robert Watson, pro. gel., not guilty, R. C. Linton, foreman; Emmett Umphlett, pro. mis., not guilty, R. H. Smith, foreman.

The following were licensed to sell soft drinks: John W. Carroll and Ernest Reid.

The court made the following appointments: county coroner, Dr. E. H. Marsteller; member electoral board, T. E. Diddlake; zoning commission, C. R. C. Johnson, W. E. Trusler and O. O. Holler.

Walter Woolfenden will go on trial for housebreaking on Saturday, Feb. 13.

J. E. Saunders, on motion of T. E. Diddlake, was admitted to practice before this court.

## GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION

### Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller Receive Many Congratulations.

Oak Lawn, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller at Nokesville, formerly of Bridge, was the scene of a very happy occasion when Mr. and Mrs. Miller celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

The home was beautifully decorated with potted plants and gold paper.

The friends and relatives began gathering early and by 1 o'clock there was quite a crowd of people. When most of friends had gathered, Mrs. Miller, assisted by her husband and son, Ora, sang "Have Courage, my boy, to say no," and "Just Fifty Years Ago." Miss Edna Miller accompanied on piano, after which they marched to the dining room, to the strains of the wedding march played by her little granddaughter, Miss Gertrude Shirkey.

The center piece of table was a five tier wedding cake, golden candles and beautiful roses.

They served a buffet lunch to seventy-one guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller had with them their three children, Miss Edna Miller of Washington, Mr. Ora K. Miller, Mrs. Ora Miller and five children, Leo, Otis, Hazel, Helen and Naby of Herndon, Va., Mrs. Lena Shirkey and daughter, Gertrude, of Nokesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller received many useful and beautiful gifts in testimony of the high esteem in which they are held, and all joined in wishing them many years of continued health and happiness.

Among the guests were Rev. and Mrs. M. G. Early, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hale, Mrs. M. E. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Garber, Mrs. Minnie Spitzer, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Britton, Mr. and Mrs. Malvon Seese, Mrs. Jane Harpne, Mrs. J. A. Hooker, Mr. C. N. Rheads and Mr. Nathan Schaeffer of Nokesville.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Harpley, and Mr. J. J. Conner of Manassas.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Shogwalter of Bristow.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Goulder, Miss Ollie Saunders, Mrs. Dan Hale, Miss Sarah Garber, Miss Grace Gice, Mr. and Mrs. Will Miller, Mrs. D. S. Miller and Mr. Moffitt Baker of Washington.

Sheriff J. P. Kerlin, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Flory, Mrs. Jane Hedrick, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob W. Flory, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Flory, Mr. O. W. Hedrick, Miss Mollie Hedrick and Miss Mabel Hedrick of Nokesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Flory of Fort Defiance, Va., and Mr. Oscar Flory of Mt. Crawford, Va.; Miss Mary Flory, Miss Elizabeth Flory and Mr. and Mrs. Saylor Neff of Harpersburg, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Minor Miller and Miss Mamie Miller of Bridgewater, Va.

### MR. RATCLIFFE CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

The many friends of Mr. G. R. Ratcliffe are delighted to know that he is much better.

# EIGHTH DISTRICT WINS THE FIGHT AT RICHMOND

## HOW THE EIGHTH WAS SAVED

(Editorial)

For two generations or more men will tell how the Fighting Eighth was saved from ignominious oblivion.

Many did not realize how vitally this area would have been affected had its political identity been submerged. But there were enough who did go "to the aid of their party" and the Eighth is safe for at least another fifty years by which time its population will go a long way toward bringing back the ten districts to which Virginia is really entitled.

Early action (with Senator Early behind it) had a tendency to rather stun the forces of the Eighth. Avenues were rapidly closing by which it might escape, when something happened. At the zero hour when the opponents of the Eighth were doing everything possible to stampede it, Howard Smith remained perfectly quiet until the situation clarified, and a direct line of action could be pursued. With characteristic swiftness, the attack was then centered on the committee. It was a clever move indeed to present only two speakers on the night of the committee hearing for time was a big element in the success of that occasion. It is history now that the committee met immediately after the hearing and ordered the Wright-Hall bill out in a scant quarter of an hour, a thing that would not have happened had a ceaseless lot of jargon gone on in the hearing.

The Senate Committee, already virtually stacked against the Eighth, heard with dismay that the Wright-Hall bill was out. It was an unexpected coup. Even the vote by which it went out was not quoted correctly in the press. The legislative week was then over, and the last grapple took place behind the scenes.

Up to this time, the Fourth District remained motionless, rather against than for the Eighth. But the committee vote showed the tendency of the other Districts, and over the week end the Fourth fell into line very gracefully. By Monday morning, it was indicated that the Sixth was also in line, and then the stampede began, with every man out to save himself and the "Devil take the hindmost."

The Wright Bill which was then in the ascendancy would have brought in the counties of the Seventh on this side of the Blue Ridge. But the Tenth sued for peace by Monday night, and the stage was all set for a quiet ensemble. Envoys of the Senate agreed to accept legislation which would leave the Eighth utterly undisturbed, and give Craig, Alleghany, Botetourt and Bath to the Sixth.

Such a bill was brought into the Senate at noon, passed unanimously, went to the House and was brought back to the Senate a law by 12:25, lacking only the Governor's signature. Only four votes by Republican members were cast against it. The Fighting Eighth had won!

For four weeks Howard W. Smith, with his district solidly behind him, engineered a tremendous political battle. His cool, calculating deliberation on one hand and his rapid action on the other equalled in the Council Chamber anything that "Stone-wall" Jackson ever did on the battlefield.

At the beginning of the contest the odds were badly stacked against him and a few "Job's Comforters" among us held that all was lost. Smith fought with his back to the wall at first. Before the finish the opposition was in confusion and Smith was the dominant figure in the brief campaign.

"He's in Congress for life," said one onlooker as news came from the Senate. "He's licked everything in sight and it's not likely he'll ever have opposition in his district." So say we all! Hurrah for Smith!



HOWARD WORTH SMITH, who directed the fight made by the gallant old Eighth against annihilation.

## KIWANIS CLUB WILL VISIT ADEN

The Kiwanis Club will journey to Aden tomorrow night to partake of a supper being put on by the local school league. A full attendance has been requested and a program of much interest to the whole county has been promised.

Last Friday evening Professor Leon Schwartz, instructor of romance languages at Swavely School, entertained the club with a number of humorous monologues which were well received. After this Dr. Swavely read some jottings on the Old South by John Kendrick Bangs.

## JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB ENTERTAINS

The Junior Woman's Club entertains eleven tables of bridge at a delightful benefit bridge party Saturday night, in the reception room of Swavely School. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening and prizes were given to the winners at each table. This was the second project of the club and was considered quite a success, the first being a candy and cookie sale.

## PLAY AT NOKESVILLE

All who like first-class entertainment will certainly come out to the high school auditorium Friday night, Feb. 12, to see the play given by the Methodist Church, entitled the "Wild Oats Boy."

There will be about two and a half hours of fun, laughter and music and what not. Thirteen of the best amateur actors in the community will perform for you. It'll be worth while to see what happens to this "Wild Oats Boy."

It is a splendid play, in a good cause. Everybody is cordially invited.

Following is a list of the characters:

Aunt Amie, housekeeper in Uncle George's home — Beula Della, the maid — Theresa Payne Judy, Uncle George's adopted daughter — Dorothy McMichael Danny Murphy, the cook — maybe Emory Gray Patricia Gilden (Pat), Judy's friend Christine Hedrick Eve Martin, another friend, more or less — Elizabeth Allan Eddie, the Wild Oats boy — H. Miller Jake Peters, cousin from New York Verpon Wood Prue, the country cousin

Janet Trenis Charlie Benton (Chuck), the ex-prize fighter — Woodrow Manuel Trout, Prue's pestiferous son William Allan Seth, the uncle from Maine Harold Schaeffer Mose, Uncle George's darky servant Refus Britton

## SURPRISE PARTY

A delightful surprise party was given in honor of Mr. L. B. Williams at his home on February 3.

The occasion marked the retirement of Mr. Williams from forty-one years of active service in the Railway Mail Service.

He was presented with a chair, a gift from his fellow-clerks.

After a most enjoyable social evening, a buffet supper was served to the thirty guests present.

One of Prince William's Leaders in the Redistricting Contest.



D. E. EARHART, Supervisor from Brentsville District and recently elected chairman of the Board. He went with the county delegation to assist in saving the Fighting Eighth.

## NOTES FROM MONTHLY REPORT OF SARAH PITTS, HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

Prince William County, Va., for January, 1932.

1. Names of communities in which home demonstration agent worked: Manassas, Greenwich, Nokesville, Haymarket, Woodbine, Dumfries, Cherry Hill, Occoquan, Woodlawn, Hayfield, Buckhall, Bethel, Quantico, Aden and Purcell.
2. No. girls clubs met: 19.
3. No. Women's groups met: 7.
4. No. other meetings held: 7.
5. No. letters written: 143.
6. No. home visits: 70.
7. No. miles travelled: 731.

Programs, community and project work have shown the interest and initiative of the club folks themselves. In not one of the nineteen groups met did I find the boys and girls unwilling or not ready to work. Local leaders have increased the effectiveness of their assistance wonderfully since the beginning of this project year.

Two meetings have been held in most of the 4-H groups during the month. Seven meetings were held with the local project leaders, making a total of twenty-six 4-H club meetings held during the month of January. Four days were set aside as canning days and in that time the home agent, with the assistance of local leaders and in some cases a few of the women of the community, canned beef stock for hot lunches in Purcell, Woodbine, Hayfield and Woodlawn schools. The club folks of those schools are serving hot lunches regularly during the winter months.

Woodbine and Purcell boys and girls are working on the food for health project. Through this project, they expect to learn what, why, and how to eat health building foods; they will work out garden projects which will supply green and succulent vegetables over a long period of time. A study and practice of health principles is being taken along with the foods work.

The 4-H clothing leaders held their second meeting of the year on Thursday, January 14. Nine leaders were present to get the help and plan of work for the following few months. Miss Cymbel Taylor, clothing specialist, assisted with the clothing work. Four of the five home demonstration groups had a hundred percent attendance of leaders at the meeting for foods project instruction. This meeting was held on Saturday, Jan. 16. Miss Janet L. Cameron, foods and nutrition specialist, outlined work and presented demonstrations which will be given in the various home demonstration groups during two successive months.

Nokesville and Haymarket home demonstration committees were assisted with the making of plan of work for the year. In each of these groups the entire program is centered around the Live at Home program.

### C. & P. TELEPHONE CO.

The annual meeting of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia was held in Richmond yesterday. The following directors were re-elected: John S. Eggleston, William T. Reed, Richmond; Goldsborough Serpell, Norfolk; Homer L. Ferguson, Newport News; Junius P. Fishburn, Roanoke; Lloyd B. Wilson, Walter B. Clarkson, Marshal D. Sedam, Philip O. Coffin, Washington, and Walter S. Gifford and Eugene S. Wilson, New York.

## MASTERFUL STRATEGY BRINGS CONTEST TO SUDDEN END

### Skillful Leadership by Congressman Smith and Dogged Determination of Delegations Result in Overwhelming Victory.

## EIGHTH DISTRICT REMAINS UNCHANGED

With only the vote of four Republicans in the House dissenting, the General Assembly of Virginia on Tuesday unanimously passed the Re-Districting Bill which reduces the Congressional Districts from ten to nine.

The Eighth District remains unchanged and will consist as in the past of Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, Culpeper, Orange, Stafford and King George.

The Seventh and the Tenth become united into one big area, from which only the counties of Craig, Botetourt and Alleghany are taken and placed in the Sixth.

## FOR BENEFIT OF FIREMEN

### Valentine Dance to Be Enjoyable Event.

Arrangements are complete for the Valentine Dance to be held Friday evening of this week for the benefit of the Manassas Volunteer Fire Department.

The committee on arrangements consists of Warren Coleman, chairman, and Arthur Vetter, R. J. Davis, R. B. Hynson and Sedic Saunders.

Valentine decorations and especially fine music have been arranged and the committee is making every effort to make the occasion an enjoyable one for all.

Refreshments will be on sale for the benefit of the fire department and all who appreciate the splendid work that the firemen do in time of need are afforded an opportunity of helping the boys in their effort to secure funds for the purchase of equipment much needed to protect life and property in Manassas in time of fire.

## FARMERS TO HEAR SOIL EXPERT

### Tests at Manassas, Nokesville and Independent Hill

W. H. Daugherty of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Blacksburg will lead a discussion on the seeding of grasses and clovers, liming, fertilizing, etc., at meetings of farmers in the county this week. He will also explain how to take soil samples to bring to meetings at the same places later in February, which will be tested for lime and phosphate requirements.

The first meeting will be held tonight, Feb. 11, at 7:45 o'clock, at the Manassas Town Hall.

On Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, there will be a meeting at the hall at Independent Hill and on Saturday evening at 7:45 o'clock and another at the Brentsville District high school at Nokesville.

## TRAIN HITS HAND CAR

### Occupants Save Lives by Jumping.

On Friday afternoon a gasoline hand car was struck by a Southern Railway locomotive traveling at high speed about three miles east of Manassas.

The crew escaped death by jumping, but suffered minor injuries. The car was demolished.

Mr. W. H. Woodward suffered most severely, having a shoulder broken and other injuries. E. N. Payne and W. O. Cruitt were scratched and bruised but suffered no broken bones.

### ATTEND GRAND LODGE

District Deputy C. H. Wine, Professor R. C. Haydon, master of Manassah Lodge, and past district deputy Walker Merchant went to Richmond Tuesday to attend the grand lodge.

## BRILLIANT AFFAIR

### Ball at Manassas a Beautiful Feature of the Bi-centennial Entertainments.

Manassas society turned out en masse to make the dance last Friday night a success. The high school gymnasium was strikingly decorated with evergreens and the national colors.

The committee included Mesdames Hawes Davies, Hooff, Waters, Marsteller, Gillum, Parrish, Browning, Richard Haydon, Jamison, McBride, and Knox.

Supper was served at midnight and the dancing continued till 1:30 a.m. The music, which was exceptionally good, was furnished by Potter's orchestra.

There was a large number of guests present and the whole affair reflected much credit on the ladies who worked so hard to make the Bi-centennial ball a feature of the 1932 entertainments.

Sympathy was expressed for Mrs. Hibbs who started the work for the dance and withdrew on account of the death of her brother. Much of the success was due to Mrs. Hibbs' initial efforts.

## EASTERN STAR CARD PARTY BIG SUCCESS

The second floor of the Masonic Temple, on Tuesday evening, was the scene of a delightful benefit card party. The room was tastefully decorated with ferns, palms, etc., and the Bi-centennial colors were very much in evidence—the many beautiful flags on the walls, and the tallies being miniature lithographs in colors of Geo. Washington, Martha Washington, Mt. Vernon and historic Wakefield. The large number of guests being present added materially to the success of the occasion, and the evening was quite an enjoyable one.

Refreshments consisting of fruit salad, sandwiches, olives, coffee, nuts and mints were served.

The ways and means committee of Wimodausis Chapter is to be congratulated upon the work they are doing, and the successful way in which this benefit party was managed.

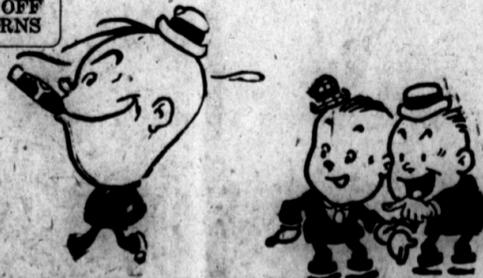
## PATRON'S LEAGUE

The Patron's League of Manassas high school will meet Thursday, Feb. 18, in the school building at 2:30 o'clock.

Hon. Harry P. Davis will speak at this meeting. His subject will be the reorganization of the county government. A full attendance is desired.

Virginia Congressional Districts, as seen by our staff artist.

KEEP OFF MY CORNS



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10th

7th