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Early History Recalled by R. M. Waters.

With this issue The Journal passes its sixty-third milestone as a weekly newspaper in Manassas. Founded in 1869 as "The Manassas Gazette," our publication became The Journal thirty years ago. During all these years, under varied ownership, The Manassas Journal has faithfully served Prince William county and so far as we know, even at the time of the big fires, has never missed an issue.

We take pleasure in publishing the following communication from Mr. Waters, whom we thank for his kind wishes and for whom we wish many years of continued health and happiness:

Editors, The Manassas Journal. Gentlemen:

I note with interest the fact that The Journal this week will complete its 37th volume, having been established in 1895.

Complimenting you upon the splendid progress you are making with this newspaper, I am taking this occasion to call attention to some interesting facts about the early history of the Manassas newspaper and especially to the fact that you are not really completing your 37th year, but your sixty-third. This is a fact which you should note on your masthead, because your newspapers is one of the older publications of the state and entitled to recognition as such, it having been merged with the older Manassas Gazette which was established by me in 1869.

When you have reached the age of 84 you will appreciate that many details through life are forgotten. I cannot give you accurate dates on Journal history, but I know you will be interested to have this brief statement. My father, R. A. Waters, established me in business here in Manassas under the firm name of Waters and Whiting. My partner, Daniel Webster Whiting, was the experienced reporter of the concern. We were located next to the old Varnes Hotel which stood on the lot on Main Street across the street from Newman-Trusler Company.

About four years after establishing the Gazette we sold to H. B. Varnes and James Clark, the latter then being Commonwealth's Attorney. Later ownership passed to others, among whom were William Willis Thornton and later to Judge William E. Lipcomb, Hon. Thomas H. Lion, who finally sold to W. H. W. Moran, who, I believe, merged the Gazette into the present Journal. The recent history is well known. The late Dan Lewis became proprietor and publisher. In failing health he sold to H. B. Trundle, who finally relinquished it and ownership was transferred to Major Patterson, from whom you gentlemen acquired possession.

There may be some omissions and inaccuracies in this brief survey, which I hope you will pardon. I believe, however, that you should recognize the real volume number of The Journal as 63 and not 37.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am

Very sincerely yours,
R. M. WATERS.

MARRIAGE RECORD

Colored

May 5—James Ash, of Warrenton, and Lillian Lucas, of Thoroughfare.
May 14—Clarence Ewell and Ruth Tibbs, both of Manassas.

MISS CAMERON TO MEET FOODS LEADERS

Leaders of Home Demonstration groups will hold the last of their series of meetings for the year with Miss Janet L. Cameron on Monday, May 23. "Supper Dishes" and "Canning of Fruits and Vegetables" are the topics to be taken up by Miss Cameron.

The meeting will be held in the Home Economics kitchen at the high school building in Manassas beginning at 10 o'clock Monday, May 23.

Haymarket, Greenwich and Nokesville groups have the distinction of having one hundred percent attendance of leaders at all these meetings during the year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

A clean-up day will be held at the Valley church cemetery on Friday, May 27. Bring your scythes, rakes and let us all help.

D. S. DIEHL.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN UPPERVILLE RESIDENT

On Saturday morning last, Mrs. James Mason Kincheol died at her home in Upperville. Mrs. Kincheol was Miss Anne Warren and a sister of Mrs. R. S. Hynson of Manassas. She was prominent in the social life of Upperville and will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends.

WOMAN'S CLUB AT SWAVELY

Delightful Tea-Dance Much Enjoyed.

Members of the Manassas Woman's Club and Junior Club enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon at a tea-dance given at Swavley School Saturday, May 14.

The president, Mrs. Robert Smith, Mrs. Broadus, Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Kline, Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. Swavely were hostesses.

Music for dancing was furnished by Mrs. Wm. Leachman. Simple refreshments of sandwiches, punch and cake were attractively and daintily served. The gymnasium was prettily decorated in evergreens and colorful spring flowers.

MRS. ROBERT HUTCHISON'S INTERESTING REPORT

The fourth district convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy met at Standardsville, Va., April 14-15. The historical evening at 8 p.m., the 14th, held in the Methodist church, was well attended and the program interesting.

Rev. W. L. Ribble was master of ceremonies. One of the most interesting features of the program was a sketch of Greene county, prepared by Miss Helen Ewell, descendant of Gen. Ewell. Addresses were made by the district chairman, Mrs. Berkeley Calfee, and Miss Anne B. Mann, president of the Virginia Division. Mrs. Cabell Flournoy, representing Mrs. F. L. Palmer, the state historian, was present on this occasion, and charmed the audience with her eloquence.

Another interesting and inspiring feature of the evening was the singing of Southern songs by the local children of Confederacy Chapter, "Dixie Land," "Old Black Joe," "Southern Girl" and "Jim the Cavalier." The hostess chapter, Mrs. E. C. Dickerson, president, is the newest chapter in the fourth district and a most ambitious chapter, the Blue Ridge Grays, taking its name from the beautiful mountains near them, that can be seen in every direction.

The Business session Friday morning was held in the beautiful old historic Courthouse, and was full of interesting and stimulating reports from the chapters in the fourth districts, the report from the Manassas chapter receiving its share of favorable comment, and one of the Manassas delegates was made chairman of resolutions.

Miss Mann presented most ably all phases of the U. D. C. work. Adding needy Confederate veterans and their wives was stressed as of supreme importance in the work of the chapters, and historical work the next, following the programs as outlined in the year book, placing Southern books in school-libraries, getting the students interested in Southern research work, etc.

A typical Southern lunch was served by the hostess chapter, after which an open discussion on the work of the different chapters. Exchange of ideas was enjoyed.

At 3 p.m. delegates and visitors adjourned to the Hillside cemetery where a monument to the Confederate dead of Greene county, erected by the local chapter, was unveiled by Miss Helen Ewell and an eloquent speech by Senator N. B. Early was delivered.

Then we turned our backs to the beautiful Blue Ridge mountains, and started homeward to meet again this fall at the State U. D. C. convention in Fredericksburg.

Those attending from the Manassas chapter were Mrs. T. J. Ashford, Mrs. R. A. Hutchison, Mrs. Walter Newman, Mrs. Norvell Larkin, and Mrs. Albert Speiden.

ROLAND L. DAVIDSON

Roland L. Davidson, retired Government Printing Office proofreader, died May 7, at his home in Washington, D. C.

Surviving Mr. Davidson are his wife, who was Miss Mary J. Matthew of Manassas, and one sister, Mrs. Geo. Watson of Bristol, Va. The body was sent to Bristow, his former home, for burial.

NOKESVILLE AND CATHARPIN WIN HONORS

THE COST OF GOVERNMENT

By Hon. Harry Davis, Mayor of Manassas.

(An address delivered before the Woman's Club of Manassas April 13, 1932)

(Continued from last week's Journal)

We have left definitely behind the horse and buggy age and in carrying forward the idea of consolidation of political units and taking action to accomplish constructive developments over an area covering larger number of units, is but using the same guiding principles that motivated those who established the present units and who used the yardstick of most effective service to all the people in setting up the smaller units of government.

Using these principles as a guide, tradition will give way to cold logic and actual analysis of present-day conditions, and through such, economy and efficiency in local government can be secured and maintained.

The Bureau of Municipal Research estimates that an annual saving of approximately one million five hundred thousand dollars in the operating costs of local governments could be made to the taxpayers of Virginia by centralizing administrative functioning.

This estimate is based on a complete reorganization of the local governments, the elimination of the fee system, the establishment of modern financial and accounting methods, co-operating between adjoining counties in carrying on certain administrative functions.

Outside of political reasons, the only objection voiced against consolidation of county units is the sentimental desire to perpetuate the county names and boundaries and their historical significance, but there is no cause for alarm because it is possible to retain both of these features and still effect a more efficient government from an administrative standpoint.

Some movements in this direction can be observed. For instance school districts comprising one or more counties are already in existence in some sections and our own school system is operated on a county unit basis for administrative purposes, yet these districts are still recognized as such and retain any and all of their historical significance, and they are operated on the county unit basis because it has been found to be cheaper and more efficient than the separate and independent school districts.

Another example is the districts formed into the State Highway Department for administrative purposes and finally an example a little closer home is the consolidation of the county poor houses of the five counties into the District Alms Home.

The capital outlay at this District Home amounts to approximately \$50,

000 as against an open market value of the several county poor houses of \$67,000 while the average monthly per capita inmate cost in the old county poor houses was \$27.47, whereas in the District Alms Home, this per capita cost has been reduced to less than \$22.00 a month.

The investment on the District Alms Home is much less than the old county poor houses which it replaced and the overhead cost has been materially reduced which accounts for the lower cost of operation and at the same time, there is absolutely no comparison of the living conditions of the inmate. As a matter of fact, the manner in which the old county poor houses were conducted was a disgrace to civilization, while under the present method the inmates enjoy all modern conveniences and attention which was not possible under the old method and at much less cost per capita.

Recent county consolidations have been effected in the states of Tennessee and Georgia, with immediate good results. Needless to say, Virginia is still concerned with county government reform.

The last session of the General Assembly made it possible to effect county consolidations through referendum. However, it is recognized that it will take time to secure majority support for county consolidation in Virginia, because there exists a serious menace that must first be corrected, namely, the wide spread indifference of many citizens to the needs and welfare of county government, which neither government nor the General Assembly can remove, but must be done by the citizens themselves. No plan of government, however ingenious, can succeed in the face of general civic indifference.

There is no substitute for an enlightened and an alert electorate. If the citizens do not play their part, the inevitable price of such neglect will eventually be the loss of local self-government to the rural communities, and State assumption of local functions. This is evidenced by the gradual absorption from time to time by the State of local functions formally operated by the counties.

If the principle of local self-government is to be preserved, it must be through the efforts of an interested and informed rural citizenship.

We cannot call ourselves either wise or patriotic if we seek to escape the responsibilities of remodeling our local government, to make it more efficient and serviceable to all the people and more responsive to modern needs and at a less burden to the taxpayer than at present.

DAIRY FESTIVAL MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Piedmont Virginia Dairy Festival Association will be held at the Manassas Town Hall, Wednesday evening, May 25, at 8 o'clock.

It is anticipated that other counties will be well represented and there should be a good attendance from our own county.

KIWANIS TO FEAST LOCAL HIGH GRADS

Annual Feature Will Take Place This Month.

Bill Cocks put on an impromptu program last week which was highly successful. An interesting discussion intermingled various observations.

Several of the club, with Al Hooff in the lead, went into town today to help Washington celebrate its birthday (15th).

On Friday evening, the 27th, the graduating class of Manassas high will be the guests of the club at the annual entertainment given them by the club.

OCCOQUAN TAKES FINAL GAME FROM HAYMARKET

The Occoquan boys ended their county schedule by defeating the Haymarket nine at Occoquan by a score of 16-3.

Both teams showed unusual good form at first, but the Haymarket boys weakened as a result of several costly errors. The excellent fielding and batting punch of the Occoquan team soon put them leading. R. Shepherd on the mound showed his usual twirling ability.

OCCOQUAN	AB	R	H
Pearson, 3b	5	1	1
Riley, cf	5	3	2
Bryant, 2b	3	2	1
Hinton, c	6	3	1
Taylor, rf	3	3	1
Shepherd, p	6	2	0
McCullum, ss	5	1	3
Lynn, lb	4	1	2
Bolton, lf	5	0	1
Total	42	16	12

HAYMARKET	AB	R	H
Thomasson, ss	4	0	2
Melton, p	4	1	1
C. McCuin, 2b	4	0	1
Garrett, c	4	1	0
Garrison, 3b	4	0	0
Ashby, cf	4	1	1
C. McCuin, lb	4	0	0
Piercy, lf	3	0	1
Smith, rf	3	0	0
Total	34	3	6

DEATH OF ROBERT L. PATTERSON

On May 10, near Woodbridge, Va., the soul of Robert L. Patterson took its flight to God. He was stricken with a paralytic stroke about April 1 last, and was confined to his bed almost from that time. On May 8, another stroke occurred, from which he never revived. All that loving hands could do, could not sustain him for God wanted him in the better world.

He was seventy-six years of age; born October 25, 1855, near Neabsco, Prince William county, Va. He lived his entire life near where he died. He was well known and loved by all who knew him.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Amanda L. Patterson, and four sons, Wilbert B., Elmer S., and John W. Patterson of Woodbridge, Va., and Jesse D. Patterson of Indian Head, Md., and one grandson, Dale Patterson, Indian Head, Md.

The funeral services were held in Pohick Episcopal church, Fairfax county, Thursday, May 12, 2 p.m., Rev. R. C. Cline officiating, and Rev. C. A. Langston assisting. The body was laid to rest in the family lot in Pohick cemetery. Many floral offerings covered the grave.

He was a member of Dumfries Council 37, Jr. O. U. A. M.

MANASSAS FLYING FIELD

Town Manager Cocks announces the formal opening of the local flying field on a date early in June. Details later.

Take First Place in Their Respective Classes.

The annual exhibits and field day came as a happy ending to a very disagreeable week of rain. The attendance was excellent and the competition keen and interesting.

The exhibit of the work done by the children naturally echoed the bi-centennial atmosphere. Perhaps the most unique and painstaking was that of the Hickory Grove school.

Located on the historic Carolina road and in full sight of the beloved mountains, a scene depicting the mountains and an Indian trail with Indians in file were shown traversing the road which lead from Carolina to New York, together with appropriate setting, gave a real history lesson.

A composition by a third grade pupil gave the explanation of the significance of the whole episode.

Dumfries chose the decadence of old Aquia as its theme. Bennett school displayed settler days in its work. Three schools gave excellent reproductions of Mt. Vernon—Nokesville high, Joplin and Aden. Bethel had some unusually good patriotic posters. The exhibit of Goldridge was composed of prettily bound historical compositions. Quantico featured a number of good models and posters. All of the schools were well represented in their exhibits.

At noon, after an interesting meeting, the School Board gave the faculty of the county their usual luncheon treat which was greatly enjoyed.

By noon, the children had gathered in scores for the afternoon games which took in promptly after everyone had lunched.

When the evening shadows gathered, Nokesville had rounded up forty-four points and was declared the winner in the consolidated school class while Catharpin with 22 1-2 points won in the two-room class.

The winners and the events are listed as follows:

50 yard dash (85 lbs. and under)—1. Thad Curry, Haymarket; 2. Robert Beahm, Nokesville; 3. Raymond Spittle, Greenwich; 4. Franklyn Keeney, Occoquan; 5. Stanley Watson, Dumfries.

50 yard dash girls (85 lbs. and under)—1. Mildred Clark, Haymarket; 2. Virginia Robinson, Nokesville; 3. Julia Anne Beane, Bennett; 4. Doris Fick, Quantico; 5. Courtney McCullum, Occoquan.

70 yard dash boys (100 lbs. and under)—1. James Vetter, Bennett; 2. Howard Bell, Haymarket; 3. Elwood Waite, Dumfries; 4. Charles Stemberman, Occoquan; 5. Robert Beahm, Nokesville.

70 yard dash girls (100 lbs. and under)—1. Evelyn White, Bennett; 2. Marie Anderson, Nokesville; 3. Virginia Carter; 4. Alberta Breen; 5. Beatrice Sullivan, Dumfries.

100 yard dash boys (over 100 lbs.)—1. Clarence Beach, Dumfries; 2. Clifton Hedges, Occoquan; 3. Francis Payne, Nokesville; 4. John Earhart, Aden; 5. Harry Ellison, Catharpin.

70 yard dash girls (over 100 lbs.)—1. Marie Anderson, Nokesville; 2. Lavinia Kincheol, Dumfries; 3. Lucille Turner, Quantico; 4. Elva McQuinn, Haymarket; 5. Mary Sponser, Catharpin.

Broad jump boys (100 lbs. and under)—1. Leo Garman, Nokesville; 2. Jack Alvey, Catharpin; 3. Frankie Hogan, Haymarket; 4. Stanley Watson, Dumfries; 5. Warren McInteer, Quantico.

Broad jump boys (85 lbs. and under)—1. Jack Alvey, Catharpin, Catharpin; 2. Frankie Hogan, Haymarket; 3. Franklyn Keeney, Occoquan; and Robert Beahm, Nokesville; 5. Warren Bauserman, Bennett.

Broad jump boys (over 100 lbs.)—1. Clarence Beach, Dumfries; 2. Vincent Fogle, Bennett; 3. William Hensley, Bethel; 4. Roy Bredens, Aden; 5. Francis Payne, Nokesville.

High jump boys (over 100 lbs.)—1. Clifford Little, Haymarket; 2. Francis Payne, Nokesville; 3. Richard Bowers, Bennett; 4. Harry Ellison, Catharpin; 5. Clarence Beach, Dumfries.

High jump boys (100 lbs. and under)—1. Leo Garman, Nokesville; and Howard Bell, Haymarket; 3. James Vetter, Bennett; 4. Stanley Watson, Dumfries; John Busell, Bethel; James Brown, Occoquan; Jack Heflin, Greenwich; and Jack Alvey, Greenwich.

High jump boys (under 85 lbs.)—1. Robert Beahm, Nokesville; and Jack Alvey, Catharpin; 3. Frankie Keeney, Occoquan; 4. Frankie Keeney, Occoquan; 5. Frankie Keeney, Occoquan.



GROUP AT DISTRICT HOME LUNCHEON MAY 10



THE DISTRICT HOME BOARD

Reading left to right: D. W. Buckley; J. W. Merchant; J. M. Lewis; T. J. Fannon; Mrs. Ayleene E. Guthrie, superintendent of the Home; L. L. Triplett, chairman of the Board, and L. Ledman, secretary of the Board.