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MRS. HOLMES ANNOUNCES

First Woman to Run for Office in This County.

A bit of interesting news that gives a new fillip to politics in our community is the announcement in this issue of Mrs. Nelle Hyde Holmes' candidacy for the House of Delegates, subject to the August primary, to represent Prince William and Stafford Counties. Mrs. Holmes is the wife of Stanley S. Holmes, well-known young business man also of this community.

Marking the beginning of a new era is the ever-increasing trend of feminine interest in national affairs, and confidence in the capabilities of women is exemplified in the appointment of a woman by the President to one of the most important posts in his Cabinet.

Mrs. Holmes is a native of Prince William County, having been born near Bristow, and with the exception of a few months has been a continuous resident of this county. She was an honor graduate of Manassas High School in 1922, and shortly afterward was employed by the Manassas Milling Corporation for a period of six years, first in a secretarial and later a promotional capacity, in charge of advertising and sales.

While young enough to put her customary pep and enthusiastic effort into anything she undertakes, Mrs. Holmes' varied experience and responsibility will, on the other hand, enable her to weigh with clear thinking, and decide with judgment any thing that may affect the interests of her potential constituents.

HAYMARKET HIGH WINS FLAG AWARD

Della Beach Winner of Silver Medal Given by Prince William Post No. 158.

Haymarket High School was awarded a large American flag, the prize offered by Prince William Post No. 158 of the American Legion, given to the high school handing in the best paper to the judges in the American Flag contest.

Miss Della Beach, whose paper represented Haymarket High School, was awarded a handsome silver medal as the individual paper that ranked highest in the opinion of the judges.

In presenting the flag and medal, Commander Carpenter explained the American Legion's interest in education in part by the following words: "Proper education builds character and ideals which are the first requisites of good citizenship. The American Legion is deeply and vitally interested in the making of loyal Americans and is very conscious of the fact that the schools of our country must bear the burden of starting our young people on the right road. It is the ambition of the American Legion, whenever possible, to co-operate in any way to advance the work of our schools and to bring about the appreciation of our citizens for the sincerity of purpose which our teachers give to their work. Their pay in that of finest of all satisfactions—consciousness of a task well performed. In addition to that, however, our people can help repay them in part by united co-operation in advancing their objectives."

The papers offered by Miss Jane Lynn of Manassas, Miss Nellie Hinton of Occoquan, and Miss Hazel H. Owens of Nokesville received honorable mention.

BARLEY GROWERS TO MEET

All farmers interested in the growing of barley are urged to attend the barley field meeting at Clover Hill, the farm of Johnson Bros., on the Blands Ford road, just outside of Manassas, Saturday afternoon, June 3, at 2 o'clock.

Tests with about twenty-five different varieties of barley are being carried on there to determine varieties best adapted and most resistant to smut and disease in this section.

J. W. Taylor, of the Department of Agriculture, will be present to explain the work and demonstrate the actual results to be seen from the barley now standing in the field.

W.C.T.U. GOLD AND SILVER OFFERINGS DUE BY JUNE 3

Those who have received the envelopes for their old gold and silver offerings to the W.C.T.U. fund, please send them to the president by the third of June if possible.

THE BIG DRIVE

The local post, American Legion, will sponsor a war picture at the Dixie Theatre, on June 12 and 13, afternoon and evening, at popular prices, which gives an authentic view of "The Big Drive," not before available to the public. This official government film comes from the secret archives of the warring nations, on both sides. The boys of the local post, American Legion, have shown much enterprise in bringing this great picture to Manassas and they deserve a big attendance. Further announcement and advertisement of the great picture will appear in The Journal next week.

STATE GAME MAN TO VISIT COUNTY

To Address Meeting at Nokesville.

M. M. Ellis, president of the Prince William Game Association, is in receipt of a letter from Judge William Snow, of Alexandria, member of the State Game Commission, that he expects to be able to attend the meeting of the local sports group at Nokesville on June 13.

Judge Snow is known all over northern Virginia as a real bona fide sportsman, and if he attends he will be able to give a good talk on the conservation work now being done in the State.

Mr. Ellis is anxious to have a good turnout, and urges everyone interested to attend whether he be a member or not. Prince William has the largest group of members of any northern Virginia county.

SPEAKERS AT THE SEVERAL COMMENCEMENTS

Manassas — Dr. Augustus O. Thomas, Secretary World Federation Education Association, Washington, D. C.

Occoquan — Mr. J. L. B. Buck, supervisor Secondary Education, Richmond, Va.

Haymarket — Dr. Ashby, National Education Association, Washington, D. C.

Nokesville — United States Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

TROOP NO. 1 BOY SCOUTS REGISTER FOR ANOTHER YEAR

R. O. Bibb, scoutmaster; Chas. E. Lawson, assistant scoutmaster.

Troop committee — Frank G. Sigman, Fred R. Hynson, L. Ledman.

Scouts — Robert H. Adamson, Chas. L. Bauserman, Richard P. Bowers, Warren V. Bauserman, Paul N. Cookrey, Harry P. Davis, Cleveland H. Fisher, Warren N. Hynson, Samuel H. Hottle, Herbert H. Hibbs, William L. Jamison, Charles C. Lynn, William W. Lynn, G. Kenneth Lyons, E. Dickson Morris, Douglas C. Morris, Vernon C. Moore, Henry E. Peters, Allan H. Ritter, Herwin M. Ritter, W. Edward Smith, T. Woodrow Smith, Russell W. Shaw, Sidney E. Worley, John M. Waters, Wilson K. Wenrich, Maury L. Wells, Charles N. Yates.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Brentsville District High School—boys: Thomas Berryman, Robert Gray, Sidney McLearn, Howard Müller, Elson Summers, Bendil Wood; girls: Elizabeth Allen, Ella Beahm, Viola Gough, Mabel Hedrick, Lettie May, Faith Shepherd, Louise May.

Haymarket High School — boys: Bradshaw Beverley, William Garrett, Howard Melfon, John Piercy; girls: Alwylda Adams, Gloria Godfrey, Annie Mayhugh, Helen Osborne, Frances Smith.

Occoquan District High School — boys: Robert Bryant, Ralph McMillan, Jack Persons, Howard Petellat, Billy Sanford, Woodrow Taylor; girls: Lorraine Allen, Wilda Bourne, Doris Bubb, Marion Flatford, Beatrice Gordon, Lucille Granger, Marjorie Hoyt, Katharine Keys, Janice Persons, Margaret Reid, Maxine Rison, Ellen Selecman.

HON. D. M. CHICHESTER NOT A CANDIDATE

Much regret is expressed in Prince William County that Mr. D. M. Chichester will not run for the House of Delegates. "Dan" is very popular in these parts.

COMMENCEMENT AT MANASSAS

Class Night

The graduates of Manassas High started their activities last week with a lovely party at Miss Eugenia's.

On Thursday evening, the auditorium stage was turned into an impromptu barn floor, with plenty of hay, and the grads dressed like farmers and farmerettes.

There was an unusual number of cunning stunts, principally that of Robert Leith and Meaker Burke who subbed for Miss Lula Metz and Miss Eugenia in the hereafter, and told what their class mates will be doing. It was a fitting close to an excellent program.

Burton and Arthur put on a nice cross between a clog and a tap dance, with all the trimmings, and then the same two with Martin Wetherall to aid, sang "Happy Days." Arthur was the orchestra.

The rest of the program involved the usual class history, class will, class poem, class gift, etc. The evening closed with the singing of the school and class songs.

Alumni Banquet

On Saturday evening the pre-finished grads assembled on the event of the sailing of the good ship Alumni which was anchored in the west end of the Grace church basement.

The alumni first elected the following officers for next year: William Lloyd, president; Lucy Arrington, vice-president; Ned Bradshaw, treasurer; Marion Wells, secretary. (Marion got into action right away, keeping the notes of the meeting on a piece of paste board box.)

After this the grads marched in while Mrs. Bob Smith played a lively march.

Then everybody proceeded to anchor down with a fine meal put up by the Methodist ladies. Incidentally, the absence of Rev. Joe Gulick, of '05, was regrettably noted and OD said the blessing.

This made it necessary also for friend Wheatley Johnson to call in feminine aid in order to give his accustomed class yell.

About three and three quarter bells, Hawes Davies pulled up the big black anchor after Captain Holt Merchant had directed Skipper Virginia Conner to start the cruise. Barnacle Bill (Charmie Sinclair) and the would-be charmer, (Stewart Pattie) sang and acted a duet. Both looked real cute.

The cruise to no-where brought several surprises. Captain Merchant pretty near went round the class before he could get a transverse section of a boat inscribed on the handy blackboard.

Everyone shuddered and roared when three dainty little ladies (Meaker Burke, Nancy Lynn and Nina Dalton) untied regular sailor's knots with their teeth and one hand. They all finished in a dead heat.

With eyes tightly bound the crew (Ned Bradford and Hawes Davies)

escorted three unfortunate castaways to the edge of the ship and made them walk the plank. (Walsler Conner, Louise Hibbs, Elizabeth Hibbs.) The jump they made into the briny deep was quite tense.

Walsler Conner was responsible for the derelicts (Class of '33) being taken aboard for after her pretty appeal to the Alumni, Ann Bradford advised their acceptance in another sweet little address.

When the Skipper brought the ship home, the anchor was ruled worthless and handed over to Walsler.

With a 15-second pause of silence for the departed alumni, a human chain was formed which is one of the touching customs of these occasions and the group dispersed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Baccalaureate Sermon.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached on Sunday evening at Grace M. E. Church, the Rev. J. J. Rives, of Emory Church, M. E. South, of Washington officiating.

The sermon was of unusual interest. Dr. Rives stressed the importance of the spiritual and intellectual life of man, and emphasized the fact that it is through education alone that we can enter into the rich cultural and artistic life of the world.

Graduation

On Monday evening came the final clause in the chapter of graduation—the presentation of the diplomas.

With the stage well filled with a splendid representation of young manhood and womanhood of Prince William, an adoring throng of relatives and sweethearts gathered to see the crowning glory of high school life. Rev. A. S. Gibson, pastor of Trinity Episcopal church, gave the invocation. This was followed shortly by Walsler Conner, the class president, who greeted the audience.

With Miss Waters at the piano, the student body sang.

Burton Lyons read a well-known poem (The House by the Side of the Road).

Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, an active worker in the local school league, spoke on the value of school and community league work, citing figures as shown in the local league.

With Miss Spiden at the piano, Mrs. Robert Logan sang a solo.

An address then followed by Dr. Augustus Thomas, of the World Education Federation. It was really one of the best talks ever presented to a class of young folks in these parts. Skill, the value of education, training, the nature of the times were some of the highwater marks in his talk which was directed right at the members of the class and there was little of it which they did not take in.

The speaker stressed the fact that our system of public education first visioned by the great Virginian, Thomas Jefferson, is along with religion, our only lasting safeguard against crime and social corruption. (Please turn to page 8)

JUDGE SMITH TO SPEAK

The memorial exercises will be held in the auditorium of the high school, Saturday, June 3, at 3 p.m. Hon. Howard Worth Smith will make the address.

FLOWER AWARDS AT HAYMARKET

The second annual flower show of the garden section of the Woman's Club at Haymarket was held on Monday afternoon, May 29, in the club room at Haymarket. In spite of the adverse weather conditions, there was a large number of beautiful exhibits. The judges were Miss Isabel Boswell of The Plains, Miss Jennie Ewell of Hickory Grove and Mrs. Grayson Tyler of Haymarket.

The following ribbons were awarded:

Mrs. Charles Gillis, 2 blue ribbons on roses, 2 white ribbons on iris; Mrs. Roland, 3 blue on white rose, delphinium and foxglove; Mrs. Newton Kerr, 5 white on pansies, foxglove, table decoration, roses, snapdragons; Mrs. John Carter, 2 blues and 1 white; Mrs. Albert Rust, 1 blue on peonies; Miss Nancy Rust, 1 blue on ragged robins; Miss Janet Low, 1 blue on climbing American beauty rose; Miss Anita Shumate, 1 white ribbon; Mrs. Wade C. Payne, 2 blue on lilies and pinks, 1 white on sweet William; Miss Edith Melton, 1 blue on iris, 1 white on iris.

Mrs. W. M. Jordan, climbing meteor rose; Mrs. Howard Butler, 3 blues on sweet William, miscellaneous collection and basket of iris; Mrs. Green, basket of iris; wild flower collection, blue—Miss Sara McDermont, white—Miss Maphie Welsh; Rev. W. F. Carpenter, 1 blue on bowl of peonies, 1 white on climbing roses; Mrs. Peters, 1 blue on white rose; Miss Peters, 1 blue on sweetheart roses; Mrs. Harrell, one white.

Mrs. Hall and Miss Williamson, 9 blue on named and unnamed variety iris, white peony, pink peonies, table decoration, talisman rose, oriental poppy, 4 white on garden pinks, delphinium, and named and unnamed iris.

A ribbon was given for the best single flower in the show and was awarded a white peony entered by Mrs. Hall and Miss Williamson.

Refreshments were served on the lawn during the afternoon, to the large number of guests who came to see this lovely collection.

Thanks are given to Mrs. Charles Gillis, chairman of the garden section.

MUSICALE AT HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Leachman is Assisted by Miss Ratcliffe.

A musicale will be given at the Manassas High School tonight at 8 p.m. by the pupils of Mrs. Beatrice L. Leachman, assisted by Miss Rose Ratcliffe. Those taking part in the program also include Billy Hale, Genevieve Garman, Jane Law, Frances Hale, Celestine McLearn, Dorcas Leachman, Jack Leachman, Molly Leachman, Billy Hedrick, Virginia Boley, Marian Cooper, Thelma Moore, Virginia Bradshaw, Edna Armstrong and Jeanne Janney.

W.C.T.U. MEETS WITH MRS. LEDMAN

A Mother's Day program was carried out at the May meeting of the W.C.T.U. at the home of Mrs. Ledman.

Prov. 33 was the appropriate chapter read, and roll call was responded to by many beautiful sentiments honoring our mothers.

"Mother Best," "The Road That Leads Back Home," "The Life of a Good Mother," "The Quiet Hour," "You Are The Best Mother" were among the articles read. Songs and solos were all suited to the Mother's Day program.

The June meeting will be held with Mrs. C. J. Meetze at her home on West street.

HON. GEO. W. HERRING ANNOUNCES

Hon. Geo. W. Herring of Woodbridge, present delegate for Prince William and Stafford, announces his candidacy to succeed himself. Mr. Herring has a number of friends in both counties who will do their best to re-elect him.

STRIKES AT POWER TRUSTS

Smith Builds Speech Around This Factor.

In his speech Tuesday at the Owl's picnic near Richmond, W. W. Smith made his main attack on Judge Peery's alleged sympathetic attitude toward the trusts.

Stock watering is illustrated in these remarks, taken verbatim from his speech:

"The Appalachian Electric Power Company closed its books one night and when they opened their books the next morning they had pumped into that corporation \$66,418,192.80 worth of water, on which additional \$66,418,192.80 they are permitted to earn the amount fixed by law just like they would have been permitted to do had they pumped \$66,000,000.00 dollars of gold into that company.

"Here is what Senator Norris, from Nebraska, had to say on this subject:

"Mr. President, what do you imagine is the total of the write-ups? How much water, how much air, have these financial jugglers changed into gold upon which they are taxing the American consumers of electricity? How much do you think, sir, it amounts to up to date, with the investigation probably not more than half finished? Here is the grand total of the sums I have just read: \$925,985,795.26."

"Just try to comprehend what that means. With the investigation only partially finished the Federal Trade Commission have disclosed write-ups in round numbers to the amount of \$925,000,000.00, upon which the poor people, the common people, must pay a profit for all time—not for a day, not for a year, but, unless some change is made by the proper authorities, it must be paid forever. Our people are thus burdened down with \$925,000,000.00 of water upon which we will make them pay through all their long tedious lives an income that will keep in luxury these financial vultures who are thus trespassing upon the rights of their fellow men. Who is going to stand for it? Where is there a representative of the Government of the United States who will say that we should permit this to go on? Yet, when we tax them they have influence enough to control the Congress of the United States to take the tax off of themselves and have it put on the poor devil who is already overburdened.

"As I showed yesterday in the beginning, all this investigation would have stopped if President Hoover had his way. He is opposed to it all. His own budget would have cut the Federal Trade Commission off without a dollar to continue this work in behalf of the people. I wonder how long a suffering country is going to stand that kind of treatment? Are we helpless? Is there any way under heaven by which this downtrodden people can be rescued from this great octopus that is hanging about the neck of the Government of the United States? Nine hundred and twenty-five millions of dollars of air for which we are paying, and then we are afraid to tax them."

"On Page 19 of the Congressional Record he said this:

"They never forget anything. While they are changing water into gold they are not forgetting about politicians in school districts, in legislatures, in senatorial campaigns, in presidential campaigns. They have their men ready to write a platform from prohibition to declaration of war to suit any convention that wants to use it if they can keep out of that convention platform anything that might hurt them."

In concluding his attack, he charged Judge Peery with the burden of replying how the Appalachian Power Company could get by with such stock watering.

FIRE DEPARTMENT VS. LEGION

American Legion Post No. 158 and the Manassas Fire Department will lay baseball on the Swavely diamond on June 14. From the amount of practicing going on, a good game is in prospect. The fire department boys are practicing every Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m.

GRAND JURY FOR JUNE TERM

E. R. Rector, J. L. Dawson, A. J. McMillan, C. L. Garrison, T. J. Ashford, Carl Eike, Jr., Ellis Cornwell, George R. Breeden.

No new criminal cases are to be presented except one appeal.

Candidate for Legislature.



MRS. NELLE HYDE HOLMES