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STATE U. D. C. PRESIDENT HERE

Interesting Reports Made to Chapter.

The December meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was one of unusual interest. The attendance of Daughters was excellent, also many visitors were present, six chapters being represented.

Mrs. Severn Nottingham, president of the Virginia Division, and Mrs. Frank Cary, State historian, were the guests of honor.

Mrs. Smith reported that the Red and White ball given for the benefit of the museum to be erected in the near future, on the Manassas Battlefield, was not only a success financially but also a very beautiful affair.

Assistant Secretary R. Walton Moore and Senator John Rust sent their regrets at not being able to attend.

Mrs. Dogan and Mrs. Chas. Lynn, grandmother and mother of the little lady of four summers who led the grand march which opened the ball, were presented to the chapter.

Mrs. M. M. Washington gave a very interesting report of the fortieth annual U. D. C. convention recently held in Baltimore and which was attended by ninety Virginia Daughters. Miss Mann of Petersburg, known to many in Manassas, was elected secretary.

Mrs. Marsteller told of her correspondence with Mr. Shirley relative to the preservation of the historic Council Tree under which Lee, Longstreet and Hill planned the second Battle of Manassas. Mr. Shirley expressed his willingness to protect this historic tree and it was suggested that Messrs. Eckingrode and Moore be communicated with relative to placing a marker there.

The use of Muzey's History in the schools was discussed and it was ascertained officially that nothing could be done until the contract was ended and then a change would be made.

The business session completed, the historian, Mrs. Hibbs, presented Mrs. Marsteller who read effectively a beautiful tribute to Jefferson Davis.

Mrs. Frank Cary was next introduced. She urged the chapters to preserve Confederate history, stressing the importance of local history and advised that each member of the chapter make a scrap book and preserve invaluable history. She also referred to Virginia having won the Raines prize and said with the assistance of the chapters she hoped to secure it again this year.

Mrs. Severn Nottingham, State president, was presented to the chapter. She expressed herself as being honored and pleased to be the guest of Manassas Chapter. She emphasized the principal objectives to be considered this year, Stratford, the Raines fund and the Jefferson Davis Foundation fund and urged that these be contributed to at once. She stressed the importance of publicity as a means of valuable educational information and urged the chapters to co-operate with Mrs. W. H. Lamb, member of the special publicity committee for the 4th district. Mrs. Nottingham praised the work of her publicity committee very highly.

A request was also made that each chapter send a dollar for the expense of painting a portrait of Dr. Lyon G. Tyler. The preservation of true history is the first object of the United Daughters of the Confederacy now that the veterans in gray are so rapidly passing away.

Mrs. Nottingham's address was well given and met with much applause.

A delightful social hour was enjoyed while the hostesses served delicious refreshments.

The chapter will be the guests of Mesdames Jackson and Giddings for the January meeting.

FAMILY REUNION

The home of Mrs. Mary F. Steele near Hoadly was the scene of a pleasant surprise party on Sunday afternoon, December 10, in the form of a family reunion.

Mrs. Steele, a lifelong resident of Prince William County, celebrated her seventy-fifth birthday.

Among those present were her two sons, John Steele of Canova and Edward Steele of Clifton; her daughters, Mrs. Charles McDougal and family of Washington, D. C., Mrs. M. A. Hensley and family of Hoadly and other friends and relatives.

Mrs. Grace Deavers of Alexandria was unable to be present.

RED CROSS CHAPTER TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting and election of officers for the Prince William County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held on Friday, December 22, at 2:30 p.m., in Manassas. Place of meeting to be announced in next week's Journal.

Reports from the standing committees will be heard at this time. All persons who have either renewed their membership or taken out one during the recent Roll Call are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, Chairman.

WOMAN'S CLUB HEARS MRS. GILES

Christmas Assembly Dec. 27.

Mrs. L. J. Giles of Clifton Forge, state president of the Federation of Woman's Clubs of Virginia, was the guest speaker at the December meeting of the Manassas Woman's Club on Wednesday afternoon at the high school. She chose as her subject "Youth today—Adults tomorrow." Dividing her topic into two parts she spoke first of the informal education, the part given to children of preschool age by parents, and pointed out the importance of proper guidance and good example for these tender years. She spoke of the importance of children being taught to control their emotions, that they might develop their good habits and suppress those of harmful nature.

Taking up then the formal education, or the part played by our public schools and institutions of higher learning, Mrs. Giles told of the present situation in the state of Virginia in regard to funds to carry on during the year.

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Not only is it important to hold our program as at present, but it is hoped some plan might be worked out whereby Virginia might get back to where it was a few years ago, and more forward until we would rank the best in educational achievements.

Rev. A. S. Gibson also spoke to the club on the importance of the sale of the Christmas Seal, being put on in Prince William County and asked that club members not only buy but urge their friends to buy as there are a number of sanatorium cases now, waiting for the aid given by this fund. He spoke of the great amount of good done during the past year, especially in the hospitalization of children.

Reports of committees were interesting, and all reported having accomplished some work along their particular line of endeavor, during the past month.

Mrs. C. W. Dalton, general chairman of the Christmas assembly, announced that plans for this gala occasion were progressing nicely. An eight-piece orchestra has been engaged, decorations in keeping with the holiday season are being arranged for, and invitations are to be issued this week. This promises to be a most outstanding event, socially and it is hoped that the "younger set" of Manassas will keep in mind the date, Wednesday, December 27, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Officers of the club will act as a reception committee.

Hospitality for January, Mrs. W. F. Cocks, Mrs. C. Wade-Dalton, Mrs. Noel Gill, Mrs. S. Hawes Davies, Mrs. A. S. Gibson, Mrs. J. A. Delaney.

LOCAL JUNIORS ELECT

Bull Run Council elected the following officers on Tuesday night for the term ending June 30, 1934:

Councilor, Ashby Marsh; vice-councilor, J. H. Boley; financial secretary, J. S. Woodard; recording secretary, R. D. Wharton; assistant recording secretary, J. M. Bell; treasurer, B. C. Cornwell; conductor, J. N. Muddiman; warden, A. A. Muddiman; inside sentinel, Eugene Davis; outside sentinel, Francis Evans; junior past councilor, H. W. Bredend; two-year representative to State council, A. A. Muddiman; alternate, H. W. Bredend; three-year trustee, F. R. Hynson.

FOOD SALE

The ladies of the Guild of Trinity Church, Manassas, will hold a food sale at Conner's store on Saturday, Dec. 16.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY IS LENGTHENED

Board Adds Week to Christmas Vacation.

At the meeting of the school board last week, it was decided to close the schools on December 21 and not to reopen until January 8.

Mrs. Piercy was appointed a committee to ascertain the wishes of the Gainesville people for improvements to the schools under the civil works administration.

The use of the public funds under a supplementary application was authorized and a committee composed of Chairman D. J. Arrington, W. L. Lloyd and Supt. R. C. Haydon was appointed.

In view of applications to change the bus route at Hickory Grove, the Board promised to make a study of this next summer but could make no changes right now.

A forty-dollar library was authorized for Manassas High School.

BASKETBALL TEAMS LOSE OPENING GAMES

M. H. S. boys and girls basketball teams lost the opening games of the season against Lee-Jackson at Alexandria. Both teams went down fighting before two more experienced teams, the girls losing 13-11 and the boys 30-9.

This, however, does not tell the whole story. After trailing the first quarter the Manassas girls rallied and outplayed the Lee-Jackson girls during the last three quarters. The team took command of the floor play and proceeded to take the ball down the floor at will. Frances Allison and Margaret White played especially well in the center with Mildred Moore at guard. Moore's opponent, who played spectacularly in the first half, only succeeded in making one goal during the last half.

The M. H. S. boys were not able to penetrate the strong Lee-Jackson defense and were not able to get near the scoring line thus they were forced to take long shots. Albrit, in spite of his sprained back, was the star of the evening with Ashby White and Frank Compton playing good basketball.

HOME FOR CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF HIS CHURCH

When Father Ryan, the popular young priest at the Catholic Church in Manassas, dutifully drove his mother home to New York several days ago, he did not know that he was running into the centenary celebration of his old home church at Flushing, N. Y.

When it was noised around that he was at home the town made a dash for him and he says that the round of feasting and hospitality extended kept him busy for a week.

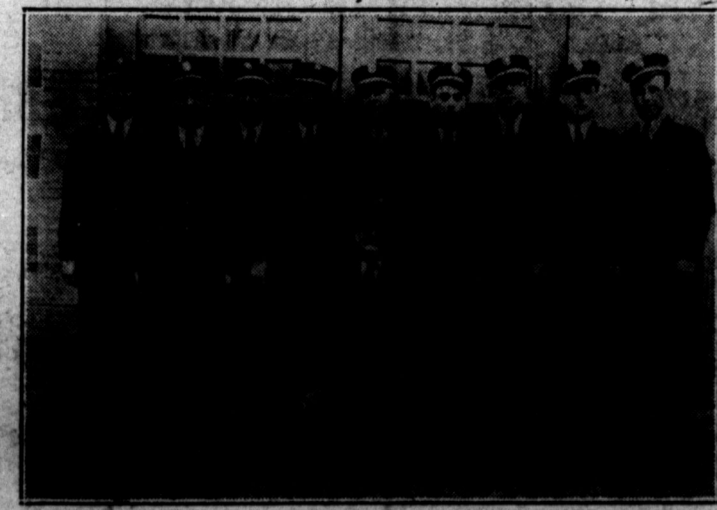
Father says they all had a dandy good time but if it happened more than once every hundred years he'd never catch up with his sleep.

C. H. S. COMMITTEE TO MEET ON DEC. 19

December meeting of the C. H. S. committee will be held Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 2:30 p.m. in the office of the county nurse. Lists for Christmas baskets to be made. Please, everybody come.

GET YOUR RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP.

FIRST AID SQUAD, MANASSAS FIRE DEPARTMENT



Left to right—C. W. Fitzwater, Shelton Holmes, Arthur Vetter, J. H. Stauff, Dr. G. B. Cocks, Julian Rector, J. T. Broadus, Warren Coleman, Floyd Vetter. In front: A. McMillan.

We must ask our correspondents and advertisers next week to get in as much matter as possible before Wednesday evening.

There are certain classes of items which we publish with pleasure and which are consistently brought in so late that it causes no little trouble to get them set up and printed.

To begin the New Year right, we are asking for this co-operation to start right here in the Christmas-rush season.

WALTER NEIL MERCHANT

All Manassas was deeply grieved on Tuesday to learn of the sudden death of its oldest inhabitant, Walter Merchant, who came here from Dumfries in the latter 70's.

Born of sturdy Scotch ancestry, whose forebears landed in the upper portion of the Northern Neck before the Revolution, Mr. Merchant enjoyed a rugged health which appears to have been interrupted rarely and his last illness was of very brief duration.

He was born at Dumfries on February 25, 1851. His tales of the War Between the States were very realistic. As a boy, he recalled when the old bell in the deserted courthouse fell to the pavement and broke.

As an amateur ventriloquist, "Watt" Merchant made many a youngster laugh at his tricks. His utter cheerfulness was infectious to a great degree.

In 1874, he married Roberta Bolling Weir, daughter of Robert Weir, of his community. This union was blessed by eleven children, three of whom have been dead for some years. These are Bolling Merchant, his oldest son; Mrs. Lula Groff and Walter Merchant, his namesake. Had he lived until next fall, he would have seen his sixtieth wedding anniversary.

Besides his widow, he is survived by the following children: Mrs. A. L. Nalls and Mrs. S. B. Lillard, of Alexandria; Mrs. G. E. Dombhart, of Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. M. H. White, of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Frank Smart of Washington, and Messrs. H. D. and W. T. Merchant of Manassas, and M. B. Merchant of Burke. Also the following brothers and sisters: Tilden Merchant, of Purcellville, and Walker Merchant and Mrs. R. J. Adamson, of Manassas. There are a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral took place from the Episcopal Church this afternoon, the Rev. A. Stuart Gibson officiating. The pallbearers were Hawes Davies, W. S. Athey, R. M. Weir, G. G. Allen, Wilson Merchant and Rizey Embrey. Interment followed at the local cemetery. Business in the town was practically suspended during the services.

Truly to use the words of one of the citizens, "He is a man that the town will miss very greatly." An old-time gentleman, an observer of the Golden Rule in all things, Walter Merchant gave the town an example of gentleness and good fellowship that will long be remembered.

The Journal extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved widow and family.

MARINE CORPS RE-ORGANIZED

Late today the Navy Department announced a complete re-organization of the entire Marine Corps with headquarters at Quantico, in this county.

Tuberculosis still kills more people between the ages of 15 and 45 than any other disease. Buy Christmas Seals, they fight tuberculosis.



F. R. HYNSON.

FRED HYNSON CHOSEN MASTER

Manassah Lodge Will Install Next Month.

Manassah Lodge, No. 182, A. F. and A. M., of Manassas, elected, the following officers for 1934:

Worshipful master, Fred R. Hynson; senior warden, J. L. Bushong; junior warden, R. A. Hutchison; treasurer, G. R. Ratcliffe; secretary, M. M. Ellis; senior deacon, Howard Luck; junior deacon, William Hill Brown, jr.; chaplain, Rev. A. S. Gibson; steward, G. Walker Merchant; steward, G. G. Allen; tiler, A. McMillan.

XMAS VESPER SERVICE DEC. 17

Swavely School to Give Unusual Program.

Swavely School most cordially invites the people of Manassas and vicinity to attend their Christmas vesper service on Sunday, Dec. 17, 5:30 p.m., in Trinity Episcopal Church. Faculty and students alike join in this invitation to their many friends, and have agreed on the 5:30 hour instead of the customary 6:30 hour, in the hope that the change will accommodate a still larger circle of friends than usual.

The authorities have sought to arrange a service altogether worshipful, both in form and content. It consists of scriptural text, prophetic and narrative, interspersed with hymns suggested by phraseology of that text, and prayers; all presented in such a manner that everyone present can participate in the service throughout. The chaplain, the Rev. Stuart Gibson, will preside, with Master Frank Kaltner as his altar boy; Headmaster Swavely and Prof. Gill as readers; Mrs. Stuart Gibson at the organ, and an octette, consisting of Messrs. Stoops, Horton, Hurley and Brennan, baritones; Coward and F. Leinbach, tenors; Hays and H. J. Leinbach, basses, to lead the singing and furnish the special musical numbers.

As a setting for the service, special decorations and lighting effects have been planned. The whole service, in pamphlet form, will be put in the hand of everyone present. No pains have been spared to make this service truly worshipful and inspiring.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Beatrice Leachman is presenting a Christmas program at the parish hall Saturday evening, December 16, 8 o'clock. A most cordial invitation is extended to the public.

USE MOTION PICTURES

Through the courtesy of the extension service of the State University, the local high schools have had historical motion pictures all this week. Beginning at Monday at Haymarket, the last showing will be at Occoquan tomorrow afternoon.

TEACHERS MEET

The teachers of Prince William met at the high school on Saturday. D. W. Peters, of the State Department of Public Instruction, was present to aid in the discussion of the new curriculum which is being worked on by teachers all over the State.

FIRST AID SQUAD COMPLETES WORK

Manassas Firemen Observe Occasion with Feast.

Manassas firemen added another chapter to their already full history of achievements in recent years when they gathered in the Masonic Temple last Thursday evening to receive certificates upon the successful completion of a first-aid class.

The ladies of the Eastern Star had prepared a delicious turkey dinner which was served by members of the Order. Attractive Christmas decorations were placed along the tables. Music was furnished by another member, Mrs. Bob Smith.

President George Cocks announced that the arrangements committee under Fireman Jack Stauff had invited the Mayor, Hon. Harry P. Davis, Town Manager William F. Cocks, Rev. A. Stuart Gibson, vice-president of the county Red Cross; Doctors Wade Payne and E. H. Marsteller (others in county not being able to attend), Red Cross Nurse, Miss Sabina Neel; Mrs. Mamie Delaney and Mrs. Fred Gue. The honor guests were Captain L. P. Strobel, of the Alexandria Fire Department, and R. H. Roseberry, a member of the same organization.

The address of welcome was given by Doctor Cocks after the close of the meal. In this he explained how the class came to Manassas through efforts of Arthur Vetter and co-operation of Fire Chief Duncan. In the name of the squad, the speaker invited the public to take advantage of the training which the squad had just completed on November 27.

He also stated that classes would continue right along, meetings to be held once a week.

In response to hearty applause, Captain Strobel told something of the history of first-aid work, bringing it down to the present day. He dealt with the dangers attending inexperience and how necessary it was to know when speed and first work were needed. The speaker drew a realistic picture of how artificial respiratory work was brought into action.

Mayor Davis was thoroughly genial in commendation of the boys. Although he claimed to be a layman, it was easy to note that his conclusions were quite accurate by looks which the boys exchanged. He renewed his hope of greater co-operation for the department than ever before.

Bill Cocks claimed he was "too full for utterance" but took time while on his feet to stress the great value of the work and to emphasize the self-sacrifice of the firemen students. He urged the first-aid class to spread its influence and training.

"Bish" Gibson claimed he was "just battling for his superior officer" who was unable to attend. Bish also had some very nice things to say.

Doctor Payne gave some side views of his first-aid work in France during the recent World War, and claimed that the entire county should get in and help out with the movement begun here in Manassas.

Brief remarks were made by Miss Neel and other visitors present.

The concluding event was the presentation of the certificates which was done by Doctor Marsteller. On behalf of the town, Doctor Marsteller declared that the entire community felt deeply grateful to the newest attainment of the fire department.

Those receiving the cards were John T. Broadus, George B. Cocks, Warren Coleman, M. M. Ellis, C. W. Fitzwater, Shelton Holmes, Bruce Hynson, Wilson Kite, A. C. MacMillan, Julian Rector, Sedrick Saunders, John T. Stauff, Floyd Vetter and Arthur Vetter.

On motion of Mayor Davis a rising vote of thanks was given to Captain Strobel for his devoted efforts in training the class.

After the singing of Auld Lang Syne, the entire body accepted the kind invitation of Franklin Hibbs, manager of the Dixie, and departed thence to put a pleasant touch to an already enjoyable evening.

DATE OF PAGEANT CHANGED

The pageant entitled "The Star-Lighted Path" which was announced in last week's issue to be given at Grace M. E. Church, Manassas, on Thursday night, Dec. 21, will be given on Wednesday night, Dec. 20, at 8 o'clock instead.