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BOARD SELECTS SCHOOL SITE

Waiting for OK on Loan Application.

The county school board with all members present met in the Woman's Club rooms at Haymarket to study the selection of a school site.

Despite a heavy drizzle, nearly a hundred interested citizens of Gainessville district attended the session.

Several sites were advocated and the board visited them. The final verdict was a property owned by W. M. Jordan. An appraisal committee composed of J. W. Alvey, M. G. White and Percival Lewis will determine the exact lot which is to be four hundred yards long by depth enough to give six acres. The outline of the lot will be rectangular. This land is on the northeast side of the John Marshall Highway, nearly at the edge of the town.

The exact site of the building will be determined by a committee composed of D. J. Arrington, Mrs. Anita Piercy, Superintendent Haydon and a representative from the State Architects' office. The building will be modern, containing nine rooms, auditorium (which may also be used as a gym), an office and the usual accommodations which go with a structure of this type.

Applications for a \$12,000 loan from the Public Works Administration has gone in and the Board is marking time until it is approved. Immediately after this is granted, a literary loan will be asked for to supplement the amount needed.

The Board will hold a special session on the 26th when the Supervisors will also meet to hold hearings on the budget.

KIWANIS HEAR DAN HOLLENGA

Secretary of Alexandria Chamber Wants Local Body.

Dan Hollenga, executive secretary of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, came into the midst of the Kiwanis last Friday night and again proffered two weeks of his time to assist in the Dairy Festival this Autumn.

Dan's talk was typical. He's quite a booster—in fact it's his trademark. This time Dan boosted for all he was worth to urge to business men to organize a trade body.

Everybody listened with great interest to the talk which was colorful and picturesque with varied and unusual phraseology such as Dan delights in.

Ladies Night seems to have gone by the board for a week or so. Something got into the works and slowed things down.

CREDIT THRU CREDIT ASSOCIATION NOW AVAILABLE

The Warrenton Production Credit Association is now ready to furnish credit to farmers for the production of livestock and crops. These loans are best suited to those needing longer term credit as for purchasing cattle.

Inspection and abstracting costs together with the requirement that the borrower subscribe 5 per cent of the amount of his loan as stock in the association does not make the credit offered particularly adapted for smaller amounts for short periods of time.

The association is not in competition with local banks but due to regulations under which it is established may be able to accept collateral for loans which banks can not take.

By filing out the applications now, credit may be established with the association and the money drawn at the time needed with interest charges not starting until that time. Application forms may be obtained at the County Agent's office.

GETS ROUGH RECEPTION

Engineer Hubbard, local engineer for the Highway Commission, has certainly had a bad reception.

Coming in on the 1st of February, he arrived in a period of cold which got colder by the day. The rough roads have literally kept him in a saddle for this county has a wide secondary system and the folks who live on them like to travel just as much as the others.

Mr. Hubbard has acclimated himself quickly as he is making good progress under the most discouraging conditions.

(Phoned to The Journal by Delegate Herring)

At 5:30 this afternoon, by a vote of 25-13, the Senate passed the Peery tax program which goes back to the House tonight for concurrent in some slight changes.

CLUB TO HOLD CHARITY BALL

Mrs. G. R. Ratcliffe, General Chairman.

The Manassas Woman's Club is again making plans to put on its annual charity ball on Easter Monday, April 2. This has become an established custom of the club and is one of the high lights of the social season. The proceeds each year have been contributed to hospitals which have given hospitalization and treatment to the underprivileged children of Prince William County, and has the whole-hearted support of not only the members of the club, but every organization and citizen interested in the well being of "the least of these."

Mrs. Robert Smith, chairman of the Woman's Club, has appointed Mrs. G. R. Ratcliffe as general chairman, and the following committees to assist her:

Reception: Mrs. Robert Smith, Mrs. Ayline Guthrie, Mrs. J. P. Lyon, Mrs. C. C. Lynn, Mrs. T. J. Broadus and Mrs. F. R. Hynson.

Music: Mrs. O. D. Waters, Mrs. Hawes Davies.

Invitations: Mrs. H. E. Pickeral, Mrs. T. H. Howard, Mrs. Edgar Parrish.

Decorations: Mrs. A. A. Hough, Mrs. C. C. Lynn, Mrs. F. R. Hynson, Mrs. Harvey Steele and Mrs. Harry Love.

Refreshments: Mrs. T. J. Broadus, Mrs. Geo. McDonald and Mrs. R. B. Bisson.

Chair-up: Mrs. John Hynson, Mrs. V. V. Gillum and Mrs. Paul Cooksey.

SCHOOL TEAMS IN TOURNAMENT

Nokesville Teams Play Manassas Boys and Haymarket Girls for Titles.

The finals of the county high school basketball tournament will be held in the M. H. S. gymnasium this Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

In the boys division, the Manassas and Nokesville teams will play for the championship of the county, and in the girls division, the title rests between Nokesville and Haymarket.

These four teams earned the right to play for the title by scoring decisive victories in the preliminary round held at Nokesville last Saturday, March 3. The final results were as follows: Nokesville girls 36, Manassas girls 6; Haymarket girls 54, Occoquan 13; Manassas boys 42, Occoquan boys 20, and Nokesville boys 39, Haymarket boys 17.

Manassas boys and Haymarket girls, the championship teams of last year, are still in the running for the title and bid fair to offer stubborn opposition to the teams which are attempting to take their titles away from them. On the basis of play in the preliminaries both games should be very hotly contested, and a very few points should separate the winners and losers.

C. C. C. DANCE

The men of the Conservation Camp will give a dance on the evening of Saturday, March 10, to which the young ladies of Manassas are especially invited. The officers in charge state that competent chaperones will be in attendance and that transportation will be furnished, leaving the Prince William Hotel between 8 and 8:30 p.m. and returning there after the dance. Refreshments will be served and the committee in charge has made every effort to insure an enjoyable event.

HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

The High School League will meet at the Manassas High School on Tuesday, March 15, at 3 p.m. Business of importance will include the annual free-will offering for State work.

The fee bill abolishing the fee system will be finally voted on tomorrow and also the budget.

ON CAPITOL HILL

Direct from the Press Gallery.

Ever since Congress convened, it has been struggling with the problem of how much of the 15 percent pay cut to restore to Government employees, and the final solution is still just as much in doubt as it was two months ago.

The pay cut question is all tied up, along with so-called veterans' benefits, in the Independent Offices Appropriation Bill. This measure has passed both the House and Senate, but because of the controversial pay cut and veterans' benefits features, its legislative journey is still far from completion.

Right now, the Bill is back in the House Appropriations Committee, where it originated early in January, soon after Congress convened. Speaker Rainey sent it there last week when it was returned from Senate, bearing the scars of a furious political battle, and changed in many respects from the form in which it originally left the House.

The House wrote into the Bill originally a provision to restore five percent of the Government pay cut when the new fiscal year begins July 1, and left with the President the authority to increase the percentage if the rise in the cost of living justified higher Government wages.

The Senate, however, voted to give the Government workers 5 per cent of the pay cut back, effective February 1, and remaining ten per cent July 1. In addition, the Senate prescribed a number of veterans' benefits, and increased the total called for in the House Bill by approximately \$354,000,000. Of this amount, it was estimated \$190,000,000 would be absorbed by full pay cut restoration.

The best authority on what is likely to happen to the pay cut provision on the House side of the Capitol is Representative Clifton A. Woodrum, Democrat of Virginia, chairman of the sub-committee on appropriations which framed the Bill.

Ever since the Bill with the amendments was returned from the Senate, Mr. Woodrum has been holding a series of informal conferences with House members to ascertain their sentiment on the question of pay cut restoration and veterans' benefits. His predication is that the House will agree to give the Federal workers 5 percent back, retroactive to February 1, and another 5 per cent beginning July 1, and clothe the President with

authority to return the remaining 5 per cent if living costs go up. He also believes the House will trim the Senate figure for veterans' benefits.

Whatever the outcome of the Government pay fight, Mr. Woodrum, as well as Senator Carter Glass, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, will give a sigh of relief. On these two Virginians has fallen the burden of steering the Independent Offices Bill through Congress.

In fact, Mr. Woodrum has been working on this measure ever since early December, a month before Congress met. His subcommittee held numerous hearings before framing the Bill, and after it was reported to the House, it fell to his lot to take charge of it on the Floor and defend it from attack. Now he has the job to do all over again.

Mr. Woodrum is regarded as one of the foremost leaders in the House on Government economy. His background of experience began several years ago when he was drafted to serve on the Special Economy Committee, which framed the original economy program. Since then he has been in charge of the subcommittee handling the Independent Offices Appropriation Bill, which has contained the Government Economy program for the last two years.

Political Talks Tabooed

Members of Congress are smiling wisely but saying nothing about the latest move of President Roosevelt to muzzle the political spellbinders in the Government service.

The President's order forbids Members of his Cabinet, as well as other high officials from making political speeches.

The President, it is said, was especially anxious to avoid having any member of his official family refer in public to the first year of the "new deal" as a political triumph for the Democratic party.

The rule was invoked at this time in order to shut off a possible outburst of political oratory to commemorate the close of the first year of Mr. Roosevelt's Administration. It will, however, be kept in force for the remainder of his term.

While the rule does not apply to Members of Congress, and could not, the President has let it become known to party leaders in both the Senate and House that the less said at this time about the first year of his Administration, the better he will like it.

YOUNGER SET TO UTILIZE LEISURE HOURS

A Home Arts class composed of Misses Esther Warren Pattie, Rena Bevens, Charlotte Tiffany, Meaker Burke, Charlotte Brown, Walsler Conner, Marion Lynn, and Janet Trusler met Monday, March 5, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the home economics department of the Manassas High School.

The aims of this group are to develop ability in the economical selection of consumer-food supplies, to develop skill and judgment in the preparation and use of breads, meats, vegetables, salads, salad dressings and desserts in the day's menu plan, and to collect and exchange ideas for attractive table decorations.

Each member of the class, after observing a demonstration, made biscuit and biscuit variations. The products were then scored. Comparative cost and quality of brands of flour, baking powder and lard were made.

Provision for the instruction of this class is authorized by the George Reed Federal Home Economics Appropriation. The work will come under the supervision of the regular home economics instructor.

Results of the class will appear in this paper each week.

W. M. S. TO OBSERVE WEEK OF PRAYER

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church will observe the "Season of Prayer for Home Missions" at the mid-week service Wednesday, the 14th, at the church at 7:30 p.m. at which time the W.M.S. will have charge of the program.

An all-day meeting in the interest of the same cause will be held on Friday, the 16th, at the home of Mrs. R. M. Jenkins, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

It is hoped that many will come out and attend these meetings.

WILL SPEAK AT HAYMARKET

Mr. C. B. Roland and Mr. Charles Lynn will talk on "Taxes and What is Done With Them" on Friday night next at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Hall at Haymarket. This is under auspices of Bull Run Grange and the general public is cordially invited to be present.

C. W. A. WORKERS ARE REDUCED

County Force Cut to 151 Men. 10 Per Cent Go Off Each Week.

In accordance with the Government requirement, the C.W.A. force in Prince William County is being reduced 10 per cent a week, both on Federal and on local projects. At the same time the National Re-employment Service is launching a campaign throughout the nation to stimulate the employment of these men under private industry. Personal contact is being made with employers, urging them to make use of the list of eligibles on file with the National Reemployment Service in filling positions.

As spring work advances, farmers and householders are being urged also to call for these workers. It is pointed out that these eligibles represent the most worthy cases as investigations by the local welfare agencies reveal.

In Prince William County only 151 men are now on the C.W.A. rolls and these face the necessary 10 per cent per week curtailment. At present they are assigned to the various C.W.A. projects in the county as follows:

Dumfries and Occoquan School Project 29, Manassas School 14, Haymarket School 7, Town of Occoquan 16, Nokesville 15, Town of Manassas 35.

In as much as the men who are being laid off are still in great need, the public has been addressed by the following statement issued from the Prince William County Office of the National Reemployment Service, of which Mr. H. C. Dulaney is in charge:

"With the removal of numbers of C.W.A. workers, the public may feel that the National Reemployment Service offices are showing less activity. The fact is that with the President's new program the N.R.S. has a much more responsible part to play, but in order to give our best, the co-operation of the private employer—the farmer, all who expect to need help in one form or another, is necessary.

"We hope that fraternal and civic bodies, as well as the individual, will feel the subtle urge that the Spring seems to inspire to clean up, freshen up, and do the various jobs that a severe winter has made impossible to do before.

"In spite of the fact that Recovery is becoming more apparent, we are still confronted with a vast amount of unemployment; everyone that is employed privately is just one less to be considered on our files, and every dollar that is put into circulation through wages means that the local merchant, and business in general, will benefit. Our files show a wide range of workers to choose from: Mr. Business Man, do you need another clerk, or part-time clerk, a typist, or a bookkeeper, or, if you are a home owner, does it not need some repair or freshening up that we can send a carpenter or painter to take care of, or perhaps a mere cleaning up that would require only unskilled labor.

"And you, the farmer, whose busy season is just approaching, let us supply your labor, we have plenty of applicants who can qualify for any sort of farm work that you may need them for.

"You, Mrs. Housewife, do not forget that there are women in the county, too, who are seeking employment, can you not find work, whole or part time, for a cook, or any general housework, and is there not sewing that it would be to your advantage to secure some help for?

"The National Reemployment Service is just exactly that, a service that the public should feel is theirs to call on. The employer or employee pay no fee, and we can get in touch with the particular sort of worker that is required. As some erroneously think, there is no set wage scale for private employment, but it is based on the prevailing wage of the community.

"We would like the confidence and the co-operation of the public who is

RATCLIFFE HEADS DEBT COMMITTEE

Committee Makes Public the Plan of Work.

Acting as temporary chairman at request of Governor Peery, Mr. G. Raymond Ratcliffe called an organization meeting last night in Manassas to perfect the work of the County Farm Debt Adjustment Committee. Mr. Ratcliffe was elected chairman, Mr. E. W. Thompson vice-chairman, and Mr. Wilbur Kline secretary. The other members of the committee for Prince William County are Messrs. Thos. H. Lion, J. W. Alvey, Mahlon Seese, E. M. Briggs, A. E. McInteer.

In order to bring about a better understanding of the function of this committee, the following statement was immediately made public after the meeting held last night:

"The function of this committee is set forth in the Governor's letter of appointment, part of which is as follows:

"It is our thought that such committee will serve as a material assistance to both debtor and creditor in an effort to arrive at a friendly, sensible and fair solution of the debt problems, and that such efforts will tend to conciliate many problems of the type which have heretofore resulted in unnecessary foreclosures. It is likewise hoped and expected that these voluntary committees will serve in the future as a basis of developing harmony between contending interests in various localities of the State."

"The local committee, in order to avoid any misunderstandings as to its duties, wishes to make public the following statement concerning its work:

(a) Any debtor or creditor seeking a readjustment in the debt relationship, one with the other, may ask this committee to investigate and make recommendations to either or both parties for the purpose of effecting a satisfactory solution of any existing difficulties.

(b) Application blanks will be furnished to either the debtor or creditor seeking adjustment. These blanks supplied by members of the committee may be used to request the aid of the committee.

(c) This committee has nothing to do with the actual refinancing of farm loans under the Federal farm relief legislative program. Such relief should be sought through the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore, of which Mr. Bruce Whitmore, of Manassas, is the local representative.

"In commenting on the proposed work of the committee, Mr. G. Nelson Beck, secretary Virginia Farm Debt Committee, stated that obviously if the local committee is to accomplish its purpose, debtors and creditors who desire to submit their problems to the committee should recognize that conciliation is the keynote and that the recommendation of the committee is for the guidance of both parties in their efforts to reach a friendly and mutually satisfactory settlement of their problems."

The committee's decision. When an agreement between debtor and creditor has been reached through the suggestions and recommendations of the county committee, a final contract should be drawn up between the two interested parties. At this point the services of a lawyer, either as a member of the committee or as an adviser, will be found almost indispensable because the contract should be in legal form.

The Local Committee in Operation. There are several ways by which the county committee may aid in the adjustment of farm debts.

1. The mere fact that such a committee exists means that people of the community will give more attention to debt-adjustment problems and will frequently cause debtors and creditors to seek an amicable adjustment of any differences that may exist. It has been the experience of many county committees that in many cases it is only necessary to suggest to a debtor applicant that he go to his creditor and "lay his cards on the table." He should do this before officially submitting his case to the committee. It will promote better relations between debtor and creditor. In many cases it may be

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in any sort of position to furnish employment to one or many. We will do our utmost to secure you competent workers, please tell us your needs and let us show you that it is our business to fill them."

KIWANIS MINSTREL SHOW

April 13 and 14