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FORESTRY REPORT TO SUPERVISORS

Warden Russell Urges Greater Care in Reporting Fires.

The Members of the Board of Supervisors

Prince William County, Virginia Gentlemen:

I beg to submit a report on fire protection and fire suppression work as carried on in Prince William County during the calendar year 1934. This report is for the information of the members of the Board of Supervisors, other county officers, chief forest warden and all persons interested in fire control and conservation activities. In commenting on the work in the county during 1934, it might not be out of place to say that compared with the work of former years the results have been highly satisfactory. We have been very materially aided in the work, however, (both as a means of reducing annual burned over area and in reduction of suppression costs) by the Emergency Conservation Work that has been done in the county during the past two years. This has been of great assistance, not only as a means of immediate fire suppression relief but also as a means of providing us with fire protective facilities thereby affording us potential means of reducing our fire suppression costs in the future. It is scarcely possible in this letter to give a list of protective improvement facilities constructed within the county during the past two years through this Emergency Conservation Work. In case the Board of Supervisors and other officers of the county are interested in a detailed statement of the improvements constructed and planned for the county I would be more than glad to appear before the Board in session at some convenient time and outline the completed work and proposed work in detail to the Board. I would be gratefully appreciate any comments or suggestions the Board or other officers of the county might make concerning the work at any time. Please be assured that your interest in the work is my interest and is greatly appreciated.

The total expense vouchers for the work in Prince William County during the calendar year 1934 amounted to \$37.25. Of this amount, \$17.25 was paid out of State and Federal funds for forest warden services and travel on fire prevention and fire suppression activities. The balance, \$20.00, was charged and billed to the county in accordance with the provisions of Section 541 of the Code. This represents the cost of fire suppression services, provisions and travel employed by the chief and local forest wardens of the county in the suppression of fires during the year.

The forest fire record for the year in Prince William County as reported by the forest warden organization is as follows:

Number of Fires: 5.
Acreage Burned: 41 1-2.
Estimated Damage: \$113.00.
Causes: Brushburning, 2; Miscellaneous, 2; Unknown, 1.

Of the total forest area protected in the county, consisting of approximately 147,144 acres, three hundredths of one per cent was burned over during the year. The average size of the 5 fires which burned in the county during the year was 8.3 acres and were suppressed at an average cost of eight cents per acre.

The Virginia Forest Service wishes to express its thanks for and its appreciation of your co-operation and support in this important work, thereby making possible our excellent record for 1934. We solicit your continued co-operation and help in the future as you have given it in the past.

Very sincerely yours,
J. M. RUSSELL.

WILLIAM P. SHAW

William P. Shaw, aged fifty-four, was killed in an automobile accident on Saturday, February 23, that occurred when the car in which he was riding was struck by a Pennsylvania line train.

Mr. Shaw was born in Charles County, Md., in 1881, and was a resident of Manassas for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Shaw; four children, Willard, Eula and Russell Shaw of Manassas, and Mrs. Emory Russell of Washington, D. C.; three brothers, Mr. Orvid Shaw of Trenton, N. J.; Mr. Justin Shaw, Washington, and Mr. Hallie Shaw, White Plains, Md.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Waldorf, Md., and interment in Piney Church cemetery in Waldorf.

SELUM, THIRTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD HORSE, DEAD

Selum, the thirty-five-year-old horse, which for many years so faithfully delivered goods for his owner, E. R. Conner, died Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Mary V. Conner, where he had been retired since automobiles came to take the place of delivery wagons. Selum will probably be remembered by many business men, lawyers and doctors who made their start in life by delivering goods with this horse twenty-five or thirty years ago. No animal ever lived more faithful and useful than a good horse, and Selum was one of the best.

MACS TO PLAY ALEX. FIREMEN

"Doc" Dreifus, Manassas Pitcher, Plays on Opposing Team.

On Tuesday, March 12, the Manassas A. C. will meet one of the outstanding teams of northern Virginia on the local court, the team of the Columbia Engine Company of Alexandria. Composed of several former college stars, this team has made an enviable record this season.

Featured in the Alexandria lineup will be "Doc" Dreifus, pitching star on the MAC nine last season. It will be unusual to see "Doc" on the opposing team and a record crowd is expected out to welcome him in spite of his position with the enemy. "Doc's" reputation as a basketball player is as good or better than as a baseballer and next Tuesday night will tell.

DRAMATIC CLUB WILL GIVE PLAY

"Grandma Pulls The String" Will Be Presented March 8.

The one-act play, "Grandma Pulls The String," will be presented Friday night, March 8, in the school auditorium. This play promises to be most entertaining and interesting. "Grandma," to be played by Virginia Hurst, is conveniently deaf, hearing only what she cares to hear. Eula Slusher takes the part of Mrs. Cummings, who wants to do everything she can to help her children, and wishes there was some way to keep Grandma from meddling.

Hildegard, who has begun to explore life and loves to read love stories and adores the movies, will be portrayed by Virginia Newman.

Romance incomes itself into this comedy, with Julia Cummings and William Thornton on the verge of getting married. Mary Cocke and Nelson Lynn act the parts of the young lovers. Nona, who is Louise Kincheloe, is very sophisticated and had experienced two years ago the same thing that now confronts Julia.

As this play is to be presented in preparation for the three-act play which will be given later in the year, there will be no charge. Everyone is invited to attend this performance of the Dramatic Club, as it is the last performance to be presented before the three-act play which will be given March 29.

NEXT HIGHWAY HEARING AT CULPEPER, MARCH 25

The legislative commission considering changes in the present State highway system, primary and secondary, which held a public hearing in Newport News on Monday, has three other similar hearings scheduled, according to William R. Shands, State research director and secretary of the commission.

The next open hearing will be held at Culpeper on March 25 to consider proposed changes in the Culpeper-Fredricksburg Highway districts. On April 15 the commission will meet in Lynchburg to take up questions concerning the Lynchburg-Staunton districts, and on May 20 it will meet in Wytheville to take under advisement any recommendations involving the Bristol-Salem districts.

The commission is headed by W. O. Rogers of Waverly, former State Senator and now treasurer of Sussex County.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Manassas Ministerial Association met this morning and held an interesting session. Matters pertaining to the religious life of the community were discussed.

It was decided to hold union services on Good Friday, April 19. The business concerns of Manassas, as last year, will be invited to close from 2 to 3 p.m. to permit all to attend services.

U. D. C. JUNIORS ARE PROGRESSING

The Manassas Chapter, U. D. C., met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. E. H. Marsteller. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Waters assisted in entertaining. The attendance was large, among the guests were Mrs. Jacobson, formerly of Washington, Mrs. Hubbard, and Mrs. St. Noble, of Washington, and London. Mrs. Lonas, chapter president, presided over the meeting.

Mrs. W. A. Newman, historian, reported three lectures had been made on Sidney Lanier, two at the Bennett School and one at the Ocoquan High School. The president expressed her appreciation and that of the chapter to Mrs. Harry Love, who gave these lectures.

Mrs. Hibbs gave a glowing report of the Junior Chapter, thirty-nine papers having been filled out, and seal affixed, and one or two other papers almost ready.

Mrs. Hibbs spoke of the splendid work of Mrs. Grace Hite and her interest in this Junior Chapter, and of the interest aroused in the chapter itself. Mrs. Lonas expressed the appreciation of the chapter for the work done by Mrs. Hite, Mrs. Hibbs and Mrs. Dowell in the formation of this U. D. C. Chapter. The chapter is busy trying to win a \$2.50 prize, offered by the State for the U. D. C.

The second volume of Lee's Biography by Dr. Freeman is to be purchased through the chapter, and presented to the library.

The names of Mrs. T. E. Didiak

and Mrs. St. Noble were presented for membership. Mrs. Jacobson is going to unite with this chapter, through a demit from the Dixie Chapter in Washington.

The historian reported the third-year high were working on the State prize essay—topic, "The Confederacy."

Mrs. Johnson, librarian, delighted the chapter by saying there were fifty-four books in the library available for reference on that topic.

Mrs. Marsteller informed the chapter that a marker is to be placed at the Council Tree, which is on the property formerly owned by the late Dr. A. Marsteller.

Mrs. Kasehagen told of her enjoyment as a delegate to the Gen. U. D. C. convention in New York last fall and of attending the Semi-Sesquicentennial of Zachary Taylor, at the Waldorf-Astoria. She presented a scrapbook compiled of interesting happenings at the convention to the chapter for which she was warmly thanked.

In the historical hour a poem by Sidney Lanier, "My Springs," was read by Miss Elizabeth Marsteller, and Mrs. C. M. Larkin read a most interesting paper, "A Yankee Girl's Impression of Jefferson Davis." This girl visited Fortress Monroe while Davis was imprisoned there, and paid high tribute to his character and friendship. At the close of this reading refreshments were served by the hostesses, and a social time enjoyed.

DAIRYMEN TO HAVE FEEDING SCHOOL

Educational Program Discussed at Meeting.

At a meeting of dairymen at the county agent's office, Wednesday of last week, existing problems were discussed at length and suggestions made for a program of dairy improvement for Prince William County.

The Bang's disease came in for the most discussion. Spirited arguments for and against the area test, in which all cattle of the county would be tested for the disease, showed a divided opinion but the group was unanimous in recommending the use of control measures as separating young from old stock and isolating cows in maternity stalls at calving time.

The raising of all herd replacements, from the standpoint of disease control, herd improvement and economy was advocated.

Organized breeding, through enrolling sires in the bull registry project, bull exchanging and keeping of proven sires in the county as long as they are useful, was discussed at length. At present, twenty-three sires are enrolled in this project and are in the process of being favorably or unfavorably proven. These, and others that will be enrolled, that show themselves capable of bringing about improvement in offspring over their dams would be kept in the county and those proving inferior sent to the butcher.

After a discussion of feeding, a tentative date was set for a County Dairy Feeding School. If enough men enroll to justify holding the school, this will be held on March 13 and 14.

MANASSAS HIGH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

An assembly program of very unusual interest was presented at the high school last Friday afternoon, the speakers being Mrs. Guthrie, superintendent of the District Home, and Mrs. Marion Lewis, in charge of the Federal Relief work in Prince William County.

Mrs. Guthrie spoke on Social Service as a Career which she explained in detail. This was followed by an unusually interesting discussion of the Federal Emergency Relief work in the county by Mrs. Marion Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

Everyone who is interested in Sunday school work is urged to attend the Institute at Nokesville Church of the Brethren, Monday night, March 11, at 8 o'clock.

There will be a very important meeting of the Manassas A. A. Wednesday, March 13, at the Town Hall at 8 p.m. All baseball lovers are urged to be present to assist in laying plans for the coming season.

LOCAL W.C.T.U. HONORS FAMOUS WOMAN

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union observed "Frances Willard Memorial Day" at the home of Miss Maggie Smith on Feb. 27. Many beautiful tributes to this gifted woman were read from the "Union Signal," among which was a poem composed by Katharine Lent Stevenson on the "Statue of Frances Willard" which stands in Statuary Hall in the Capitol of our country. Also an article from the same paper, "The Story of the State" by Anna DeYo, a gifted writer in which she tells of the death of Frances Willard which occurred in New York City. When the funeral train reached Chicago the flags of the city were at half-mast in respect to the memory of the "city's most honored woman." At Washington, D. C., Miss DeYo tells us a similar tribute was paid on the day of her burial. And in Evanston, Ill., her home, "the flags carried their mute message from the hour of her death." Miss DeYo says "It remained for the legislative wheels of the Federal Government to be stilled for the first time in paying tribute to the memory of a woman, when on Feb. 17, 1905, the United States Congress formally accepted from the state of Illinois the statue of Frances Willard, placing it in Statuary Hall under the dome of the National Capitol." She was referred to as "Illinois' most illustrious citizen and distinguished for civic service in Europe and America."

Quoting again from the Union Signal "a commemorative service by the children preceded the formal acceptance of the statue by the Congress, where two thousand pairs of childish hands of the school children of the City of Washington dropped their blossoms at the foot of the white marble statue." The like of which has never been seen there before or since.

"Stand, radiant soul!

Here, in the center of our nation's heart,
Forever of its best life thou'st a part
Here thou shalt draw thy land to
what thou art
Stand, radiant soul!"

We, the members of the Manassas W.C.T.U. pledge our loyalty and support to that for which this noble woman stood.

TO DISCUSS CO-OPERATIVE MILK HAULING

A meeting of dairymen has been called by parties interested in co-operative milk hauling on Friday, March 15, 1935, at the Manassas High School auditorium. Experts in co-operative marketing and farmers co-operatives from Richmond and Blacksburg have been invited to address the meeting. Those interested in the proposition advance the claim that such cooperative enterprises are profitable and invite the dairymen of the county to attend.

NOTICE

There will be a bingo party given by the Children of Confederacy, March 16, from 6 o'clock to 10, at the home of Dr. W. F. Dowell. Refreshments will be served.

OWEN LYNCH APPOINTED

Popular Democrat Selected for Alexandria Post Office.

Announcement was made yesterday by Hon. Howard W. Smith that Mr. J. Owen Lynch had been recommended as Postmaster for Alexandria City. Mr. Lynch was born at Nokesville in Prince William County and has many relatives and friends here.

The selection evidently is regarded as a very appropriate one as Mr. Lynch is recognized as worthy in every way for recognition by the Democratic party.

BIDS CALLED BY LOCAL BOARD

Early Date Indicates Prompt Start on Work.

The county school board met yesterday with all members present.

The biggest piece of business was the formal calling for bids on the Haymarket High School, an advertisement of which is printed in other columns.

Mrs. Virginia Lewis made a very satisfactory report on Emergency Educational work in the county. The board congratulated her heartily on the work as described in her report. One piece of industrial work by Margaret Twones, colored clothing worker, was exhibited and approved.

Two forty-dollar libraries were ordered, one for Greenwich and one for Woodbine.

Two applications for bus drivers were received and filed to be taken up at a later meeting.

STUDENTS ACT LIFE PROBLEMS

Playlet Given at Kiwanis Meeting.

Not to be outdone by the boys' and girls' committee, the vocational guidance committee got into action last week with an excellent performance of lecturing and histrionics.

In connection therewith two dignified members of the club were drafted into impromptu parts in the playlet which demonstrated the difficulty of choosing professions. They were Edgar Parrish as the young man's father and Ernest Trusler as a Kiwanian.

Frank started the works by reading a paper describing the general dilemma of the situation and how the average small town is unable to cope with the problem.

Three of the high school students, namely, Eula Slusher, Irma Ball and Alden Dodson, took the part of young people of their own age and described their problems and the subsequent success that was afforded the young man who consulted the proper authorities in choosing his vocation.

In all, the little play, which was entitled "Vocational Guidance," occupied four scenes, all of which passed unusually smoothly and the young people behaved very unaffectionately.

Frank and his charges got quite a hand after the conclusion of the evening.

According to unauthorized advice it is reported that Ed Hill, International Trustee, will be on the job tomorrow night with another of his charming programs.

PROGRAM OF MUSIC TO BE RENDERED

Sunday night, March 10, the music section of the B. Y. P. D. of the Cannon Branch Church of the Brethren is presenting a program of music as follows:

Guitar solo, Everett Kline; Ivory Palaces, mixed quartet (Eleanor M. Kline, Jessie M. Conner, Everett Kline, A. P. Johns); vocal solo, Jessie M. Conner; The Spacious Firmament on High, chorus; Pilot of Galilee, male trio (Wilmer Kline, Everett Kline, A. P. Johns); reading, Mary Senseney; Rose of Sharon, mixed quartet; Beautiful Gates of Gold, male quartet; Whispering Hope, duet (Eleanor M. Kline, Jessie M. Conner); piano solo, Jessie M. Conner; Go and Seek, male quartet; trio, Jessie M. Conner, Eleanor M. Kline, Miriam Blough.

FEDERAL RELIEF

Federal grants totaling \$1,057,395 have been allowed by the Federal Government for general relief work in Virginia for the month of March. This allotment exceeds February by \$42,904 and is \$286,722 greater than January, indicating a steadily increasing amount of public relief.

BYRD AGAINST PUBLIC WORKS

Cites Failure of Virginia in Using the Plan.

Senator Byrd in an interview regarding the proposed Five Billion Dollar Public Works Bill said:

"The plan to revive prosperity by expanding borrowed public funds to construct public works," he said, "is not new and has never been successful in any country."

Cites Virginia Example.

He said Virginia tried that plan 100 years ago and "the state still owes more than one-third of the debt then incurred but the public works then constructed have long since passed away."

"From 1820 to 1861," he said, "Virginia issued state bonds for \$33,000,000. This sum was mainly expended for the construction of canals and railroads and much smaller amounts for turnpikes and toll bridges. The projects were supposed to be self liquidating."

"Today, Virginia has left only the stock in the R. F. and P. Railroad, valued at \$1,368,744. Nearly thirteen millions of the original bonds are still outstanding. More than one hundred millions of interest has been paid on these bonds. At the conclusion of the War between the States, when Virginia was devastated like France and Belgium in the late war and West Virginia was taken by the force of arms, Virginians found themselves saddled with a huge bonded indebtedness for public works which had even then become nearly valueless. Undismayed by this staggering debt and despite our impoverished condition, to the eternal honor of Virginia this debt was financed without repudiation by sacrifices nearly as great as the war itself.

Don't Mortgage Future.

"National prosperity can never be restored by a public works program on borrowed money. If the pending five billion dollar public works bill is passed the federal debt will increase to the extent of eighteen billions in five years.

"Virginia's share of this public debt incurred since the beginning of the depression will be \$500,000,000. It is in fact more because Virginia is the seventh tax paying state in the union and pays more federal taxes than fifteen other states.

"I am opposed to mortgaging the future welfare of our children, grandchildren and even generations to come. The time has come to reduce the spending orgy at Washington and to install economy, efficiency and simplicity in our public affairs."

Favors Reduced Interest Rate on Farm Loans.

Senator Byrd further said: "I voted to reduce the interest rate on farm loans made by the Federal Land Banks from 4 1-2 per cent to 3 1-2 per cent. I am glad this amendment passed the Senate and hope it will be adopted by the House. I think the most practical thing we can do to improve the condition of the farmer in debt is to make it possible for him to pay his debt. Therefore a reduced interest rate will be valuable and is warranted by the conditions existing."

THE MESSAGE AND PROGRAM OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION

The course on "The Message and Program of the Christian Religion" will prove to be most interesting and practical. It will deal with applied Christianity in the life of the individual and community and nation. It will show Christ's teaching as touching the whole life of the nation, seeking to set up the kingdom of God on earth. It will touch the problems of evil and suggest remedies. It will challenge to Christian endeavor.

The teacher, the Rev. John M. DeChant, is the popular pastor of Manassas Presbyterian Church. He has had experience in rural and urban work. He is alive to the moral problems that confront church and state today. He has taught in Leadership Training schools before.

The school will be held Mondays and Thursdays, March 18 to April 4, at 7:30 p.m., in the high school building, Manassas, Va.

BIG BINGO PARTY

The Manassas High School and Bennett League are sponsoring a big bingo party on Saturday, April 27. The final arrangements will be announced later. The committees in charge are making elaborate plans for a very successful event.