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PASTOR SUGGESTS SKYLAND SHRINE

Cites Views in Letter to Hon. Wilbur Hall.

The Rev. Dr. J. J. Scherer, president of the Lutheran Synod of Virginia of the United Lutheran Churches in America, and among the most deeply beloved and consecrated ministers of the South, has suggested to the State Commission on Conservation and Development that a holy shrine be erected at some suitable point along Skyline Drive, the shrine to be interdenominational in character and dedicated to the God of the Christians, "our God."

The proposal was made in a letter addressed by Dr. Scherer to Chairman Wilbur C. Hall, which communication will be laid before the commission at its next meeting. Dr. Scherer pledges the Lutheran Synod of Virginia to make the first contribution towards the undertaking he suggests. His letter to Chairman Hall, embodying so graphically his own thoughts on the subject, reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. Hall:

"On several trips over the Skyline Drive recently, the urge to stop and worship God the Creator of all the glorious beauty seen was almost overpowering. Truly this is 'holy ground.' God seems so near.

"It occurred to me that certainly here was the place for a Shrine wherein we weary mortals might pause to receive strength and to give thanks to Him who grants us such blessings and to worship, whatever our creed or religion, our God.

"If the idea appeals to you may I suggest that your Commission authorize a committee to raise funds and with the approval of the Commission and under its direction, erect along this Heavenly Way an outdoor Shrine, dedicated to the God of our fathers, our God.

"The Lutheran Synod of Virginia, of which body I have the honor to be President, will be glad to make the first contribution toward an undertaking which will give so much spiritual help to our folks and to the strangers within our gates.

"With kindest personal regards, I am
Sincerely yours,
J. J. SCHERER, Jr."

SIXTEEN YEAR OLD MINISTER TO PREACH FIRST SERMON

On Sunday evening, August 25, the pulpit of the Buckhall United Brethren Church was occupied by Raymond Davis, a member of the congregation. His sermon was on the subject "The Neglect of Salvation." The church was filled to capacity having a large number of friends and relatives as well as the ordinary congregation of the church present. Others having parts in divine service were Rev. Jesse Bell, Rev. Dorothea Randall and Rev. Olin R. Kesner.

This is the first sermon of the young man who is just sixteen years old. He is a senior in Manassas High School and plans to continue his preparation for the ministry in the Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa., and the Bonebrake Theological Seminary at Dayton, Ohio.

In the course of the sermon Mr. Davis quoted from Hebrews 2:3 "For how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation," using this as his text. He stated that not only are the people who have not confessed Jesus Christ unsaved but those as well who neglect their religious opportunities, claiming membership in the church. He also said that only a small percentage of the church members who had their names on the rolls would be saved primarily because of neglect. The congregation had many comments to make on the truths of the sermon. They all hope for another opportunity to hear the young minister in the future. (Written by a member of the congregation)

BLIGHT NOW IS KILLING LOCUST TREES OF STATE

The locust trees which grow plentifully in the mountains west of Danville are all dying from a disease similar to that which years ago singled out the mountain chestnuts for attack and which within a few years destroyed an industry and left stark timber as evidence of destruction.

In the higher reaches of the Blue Ridge the full green of late summer is tinged with the tan of dying trees. Millions of locusts are withering and will be dead by the time spring comes again. The disease appears to miss all the other trees but is proving deadly in its onslaught on the locusts.

There will be a special meeting of all committees of the Dairy Festival Association, Wednesday night, September 4, at 8:15 p.m., in the Town Hall.

At this time detailed arrangements and plans will be made for the Fifth Annual Dairy Festival.

STATE POLICE ARE ACTIVE

Arrests for Drunken Driving Increase.

A striking increase in state police activity, particularly in arrests for drunken driving, reckless driving, manslaughter and hit-and-run cases, was revealed in figures for the first six months of 1935 made public this week by John Q. Rhodes, Jr., director of the motor vehicles division of Virginia.

Mr. Rhodes' report, which compares activity during the first half of 1935 with the corresponding period in 1934, shows a marked tightening up of traffic law enforcement all over the state.

"We have been able to increase police activity and improve enforcement partly because we have had fewer strikes and other disturbances in the state this year," Mr. Rhodes said. "In the main, however, the increased activity is due to your increased efforts to combat crime and reckless driving and to cut down the deadly toll of motor vehicle accidents in Virginia."

The figures showed that 3,079 arrests were made the first half of 1935 compared with 1,734 for the same time in 1934. Arrests for driving while drunk increased from 278 to 612. Other increases in arrests were: Manslaughter, 27 to 59; car theft, 95 to 116; transporting, 49 to 133; hit-and-run, 36 to 95; reckless driving, 246 to 443 and improper licenses, 137 to 195.

Two hundred and thirty-two stolen cars were recovered, as against 146 in the 1934 period. A total of 4,107 convictions for law violations were secured, as compared with 3,350; fines, increased from \$48,441 to \$78,987, while jail sentences jumped from a total of 3,009 months to 5,136.

DAUGHTER OF STUART MAY CONTEST HIS WILL

It is stated that Mary Stuart, daughter of the late Henry Carter Stuart, former governor of Virginia, may contest her father's will on the grounds that he was unduly influenced by nephews in drawing the document.

Miss Stuart, in the instrument filed in the Russell County Circuit Court, is said to have stated that the \$2000 bequeathed to her "is small and insignificant when compared to what she would have and would take under the law of descents as his child."

Former Governor Stuart was the nephew of General J. E. B. Stuart, famous Confederate Cavalry Commander and was reputed to be the largest cattle owner east of the Mississippi. The estate is reported to be valued at \$942,310, with incumbrances at the time of Governor Stuart's death of \$609,131.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Manassas, Virginia
August 24, 1935

A special meeting of the County Board of Health of Prince William County was called to determine to open the Public Schools of Prince William County and consider any other business.

Present: J. L. Dawson, chairman; Dr. E. H. Marsteller and Dr. Wade C. Payne.

On a motion made by Dr. Marsteller and seconded by Dr. Payne the Board decided to open all Public Schools on September 26, 1935, and remove all restrictions in regard to public meetings after September 25, 1935.

Signed,
J. L. DAWSON, Chairman
DR. WADE C. PAYNE, Secy.
DR. E. H. MARSTELLER

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Mason Benoit wishes to announce the marriage of her ward, Otie Brodene, to Mr. Vincent Daniel Gilraine on Sunday, September 29, at 9 o'clock a.m., at St. Mathew's Catholic Rectory.

DAIRY FESTIVAL DATE SET FOR OCTOBER 11

Macs to Play White Star in League Game Sunday and Middleburg in Holiday Special Monday

Macs Upset by Middleburg Last Sunday in Game Marked by Numerous Disputes.

Local fans will have an opportunity to see the Macs perform twice in as many days this week, with White Star appearing here Sunday in a league game, and Middleburg Monday in a holiday special. Though the White Star has an unimpressive record in league competition they have greatly increased their strength since the last time they were met and the locals are not taking the Sunday game lightly.

The game on Monday with Middleburg promises to be an epic struggle, in view of the intense rivalry existing between the two teams. Manager Lynn was in telephone conversation with Jim Tennant Tuesday night and he is very anxious to have another chance at the boys from Middleburg, in view of his defeat at their hands last Sunday. All the Manassas fans were greatly disappointed at last Sunday's game, particularly with Umpire Katzman, and it is expected that a record crowd will be on hand Monday.

Play will be called on Swavely field at 3 p.m.

In a wild and turbulent game that threatened several times in the early innings to turn into a free-for-all, Middleburg snapped the Macs' winning streak Sunday, winning by a score of 7 to 5. It was the fourth consecutive defeat for the Macs on the Middleburg diamond, and the loss forced them to share first honors with the Ballston nine.

Tennant was wild and generally ineffective during the three and a fraction innings he was on the mound before being banished by Umpire Katzman. Dreifus took his place in the box and pitched in brilliant fashion during the remainder of the game, granting but two hits and fanning seven.

Middleburg lost no time in getting to Tennant, scoring three times in the opening inning on a pair of hits, a fielder's choice and a sacrifice. They added two more in the second on a pair of walks and a triple by James. Trouble flared up in the next frame which Risler opened with a walk. On Hartman's drive to left he came all the way home and was called safe at the plate on a close play. After considerable wrangling, play was resumed. On an attempted

sacrifice, Hartman was caught between home and third. Waddell reached first on Blackwell's error but was forced at second by Mankins. Furr fanned to end the inning.

In the following inning Tennant kicked so strenuously against one of Katzman's decisions that he was ordered to the showers. Dreifus replaced him in the box and after pitching a single to Hartman, held the Middleburg team in check for the remainder of the game.

The Macs picked up single runs in the second, third and fifth innings and then rallied in the ninth to push across two more. With one out James dropped Lynn's fly but Vetter popped to Mankins. Sheedy singled to center to send Lynn to third and the latter scored as Frame bobbled Woodard's grounder. Dreifus beat a high bounder to Furr to fill the bases and Wurdeemann, batting for Kite, was hit by a pitched ball to force across another run. Saunders, however, rolled out to Frame to end the game.

The box score:

Manassas	AB	H	O	A
Blackwell, ss	2	0	1	2
Lynn, cf	4	1	1	0
Vetter, 2b	5	0	2	2
Sheedy, 1b	5	2	5	0
Tennant, p	2	2	1	1
Woodard, rf	3	0	1	0
Dreifus, rf	4	0	1	0
Kite, 3b	4	1	0	0
Saunders, rf	4	0	2	0
Buckner, c	4	0	10	0
Wurdeemann	0	0	0	0
Totals	37	6	24	5

Middleburg	AB	H	O	A
Downs, cf	4	2	2	0
Frame, 2b	5	0	2	6
James, rf	5	2	4	0
F. Hartmann, ss	4	2	0	2
Risler, c	2	1	1	1
C. Hartmann, lf	4	1	0	0
Mankins, 3b	2	0	2	1
Waddell, 1b	2	0	2	1
Furr, p	3	0	0	3
Totals	33	10	27	13

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Runs—Downs (2), James, F. Hartmann, Risler, Mankins, Furr, Lynn, Vetter, Sheedy (2), Tennant. Two-base hits—James, Tennant. Three-base hits—C. Hartman, James, Tennant.

BRENTSVILLE DIST. COMMUNITY ASS'N TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Brentsville District Community Association for September will be held Tuesday evening, September 3, at 8 o'clock, at the District High School at Nokesville.

In addition to the regular reports of the various committees, there will be a special report from the committee in charge of erecting the new building at the school.

A. L. Dean, poultry specialist, V. P. I., has been invited by the agricultural committee to lead a poultry discussion at the meeting. Arrangements have also been made for Mr. Dean to meet with poultry keepers at the farm of Mark S. Kerlin at Aden next Monday morning at 9:30 and at Mrs. W. R. Free, jr.'s, at Nokesville, Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, at which places culling demonstrations will be given and general poultry problems taken up.

Mr. John Harpine, president of the association, announces that the Tuesday evening meeting is an especially important one and urges all people of Brentsville district to attend.

SPECIAL NOTICE

After having been closed for one month, the Manassas Baptist Church will open next Sunday, Sept. 1. Preaching 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. No Sunday school until after public schools open. The official board is anxious that we have a full attendance for the day and ask that all, who have not, bring your offering for the month of August. Let us come, pray, give, and expect a real blessing. All are welcome.

BANKS CLOSED MONDAY

Next Monday being Labor Day the Peoples National Bank and the National Bank of Manassas, and similar institutions throughout the State will be closed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION

At the regular meeting of the Manassas Volunteer Fire Department, held August 19, in the Town Hall with 23 out of 25 members present, the annual election of officers was held.

There was only one office being contested, that being for Captain.

The following officers were re-elected for another year as follows: Dr. Geo. B. Cocke, pres.; Thos. W. Howard, chief; R. Bruce Hynson, asst. chief; Raymond J. Davis, capt.; Arthur Vetter, 1st. lieu.; A. MacMillan, 2nd. lieu.; and Warren Coleman, secy. and treas.

Your department has made many improvements during the past year chief among them, being, new, modern, sliding overhead front doors for the fire-station and a new 30 ft. brick hose-tower for drying fire-hose and each member of the department has been equipped with new boots, helmets and rubber coats.

The members of your department again wish to take this means of thanking our friends through the columns of the Manassas Journal for their unstinted and whole-hearted support given us in all of our undertakings.

NO NEW CASES OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS

The State Department of Health in Richmond announced Wednesday morning that for the first time since July 1 there had been no new cases to report for the day preceding. State Health Commissioner I. C. Rigin stated, however, that this does not mean that there will be no more reports, but that it certainly does indicate that "poliomyelitis is on its last legs."

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF PR. WM. FARMS REPORTED

According to the 1935 census, the number of farms in Prince William

At a meeting held by the Piedmont Dairy Festival Association on Monday evening the decision was reached to proceed with the Dairy Festival at a postponed date, this date being October 11.

Owing to lack of certainty, work on the Dairy Festival has slackened considerably since the first of August, but with renewed effort, President Hynson and his associates are attacking the job to make it another success.

WORKS PROGRESS ALLOTMENTS

Announcements of Projects Approved for Virginia.

Federal funds totalling \$316,135 were allotted this week by President Roosevelt on 79 Works Progress Administration projects in Virginia, to which, it is stated, an additional \$109,857 will be added in local contributions.

It was stated by State Director William A. Smith, in making the announcement of this allotment, that while a large sum has been earmarked for Virginia projects, so far only \$132,000 of actual cash has been spent in Virginia on Works Progress Administration (WPA) projects.

"We have," Director Smith stated, "unofficial notification that between \$600,000 and \$700,000 in projects for Virginia have been approved by the President. Some times a lapse of several weeks follows approval of a project and the time that the money actually becomes available."

It was also announced that Virginia would receive a share of the twenty million dollar appropriation for special projects for the women. Virginia's share of this fund is said to be something like half a million dollars.

Some of the projects included in the announcement this week are the following in northern Virginia:

Prince William County: Manassas—Constructing four-room addition to school building. Federal funds, \$3,898; sponsor's contribution, \$11,078. Alexandria—Constructing gravel road; treating surface of streets, Federal funds, \$6,721; sponsor's contribution, \$2,144. Excavating for and laying sanitary sewer system. Federal funds, \$19,993; sponsor's contribution, \$4,948.

Culpeper County: Culpeper—Grading and leveling six acres addition to Fairview Cemetery. Federal funds, \$3,328; sponsor's contribution, \$600. Construction of sidewalk, widening street and macadam surfacing. Federal funds, \$1,308; sponsor's contribution, \$658. Installing new sewer line to connect with main city sewer. Federal funds, \$647; sponsor's contribution, \$261. New sewer line to connect outside sewer to disposal plant and prevent dumping in Mountain Run. Federal funds, \$2,574; sponsor's contribution, \$760. Building cement wall around filtration plant. Federal funds, \$523; sponsor's contribution, \$214.

PLANS FOR JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB DANCE

At a call meeting last night, the Junior Woman's Club made plans for a dance to be given Friday, September 13, at the high school gymnasium. Miss Walser Conner was made chairman of the dance and appointed the following committees: orchestra, Mary Lynch; publicity, Sally Lewis; Meaker Hurst; invitations, Marion Lynn, Eleanor Gibson; hall arrangement, Janet Trusler, Rose Ratcliffe.

Notwithstanding the fact that Friday the 13th is considered an unlucky day, a large crowd is expected to attend the dance, it being the first dance within the town limits since the first of June, also the last dance the younger set will have a chance to attend before returning to school.

The Junior Woman's Club has a reputation for giving successful dances, and it is thought the coming dance will be one of the best of the year.

County increased during the five-year period 1930-35 from 818 to 1,383, a gain of 69 per cent.

Postponement Occasioned by Later Opening of Prince William Schools.

Committees Intensify Activity to Secure Outstanding Attractions.

With the date, October 11, finally decided upon for the Fifth Annual Piedmont Virginia Dairy Festival at Manassas, all committees have intensified their activities to insure that the huge event this year will be the best that has been held, a circumstance which will require the expenditure of plenty of brains and energy, as each event has been widely considered to have surpassed the one previously held.

Not only northern Virginia, but the country at large has evidenced great interest in this unique event, and the announcement this week that the date could be positively set, is welcomed by all who are promoting this event which has become the one big thing, really worth while community celebration of the year.

Participating, as in previous years are the counties of Arlington, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fairfax, Loudoun, Madison, Orange, Rappahannock, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Prince William, and the cities of Alexandria and Fredericksburg, as well as the District of Columbia.

The Piedmont Dairy Festival Association is "an organization for the promotion of increased consumption of Dairy Products, Education as to the food value of milk and herd improvement." As the dairy industry is the outstanding activity of Piedmont Virginia, the event has an exceptional popular appeal, as has been evidenced by the splendid attendance and co-operation in the years past.

At a meeting of the association held at Manassas Monday evening, the following officers, directors and committees for the 1935 Festival were authorized:

R. S. Hynson, Manassas, president; Frank D. Cox, Manassas, managing director; Mrs. Robert H. Smith, Manassas, assistant managing director; George B. Cocke, Manassas, secretary; R. L. Byrd, Manassas, treasurer.

Dr. Norbert Melnick, Clarendon, first vice-president; B. W. Middleton, Herndon, second vice-president; Dan S. Hollenga, Alexandria, third vice-president.

Directors—Melvin C. Hazen, Washington, D. C.; Frank Michelbach, Alexandria; Harvey Marcey, Clarendon; T. Benton Gayle, Fredericksburg; C. E. Griffith, Brandy Station; E. T. Willis, Culpeper; G. Wallace Carper, McLean; L. J. Turner, Washington; L. W. Huff, Nokesville; L. L. Triplett, Marshall; R. T. Corbell, Leesburg; A. H. Roseberry, Manassas; E. R. Conner, Manassas; F. R. Hynson, Manassas; C. C. Lynn, Manassas.

Entertainment—Mrs. H. T. Davies, Mrs. J. L. Hynson, Mrs. A. A. Hooff, Mrs. Stewart Pattie, Mrs. Howard Jamison.

Reception—R. S. Hynson, H. P. Davis, G. R. Ratcliffe, Thos. H. Lion, T. E. Didlake, A. A. Hooff, Hunton Tiffany, R. A. Hutchison, J. A. Hooker, W. M. Johnson, H. T. Davies, W. E. Trusler, E. R. Conner, E. R. Conner, F. R. Hynson, P. A. Lewis, W. F. Cocke, Jack Piercy, J. J. Conner, J. F. Hale, C. C. Cloe, W. M. Kline, E. W. Thompson, J. E. Barrett, Mrs. Corbin Thompson, H. O. Russell, Hon. Howard W. Smith, Harold Ogden, Quantic, Va., Chief, Marine; G. C. Russell.

Floats—E. G. Parrish, C. C. Lynn, Arthur Pence, A. S. Boatwright.

Finance—E. R. Conner.

Official cars—D. J. Martin.

Transportation and bands—R. M. Weir, Irvin Martin, Culpeper.

Judges—F. R. Hynson, Andrew Bell, Royder A. Blunt, B. B. Derrick.

Traffic—W. F. Cocke.

Grounds—A. H. Roseberry.

Marshals of parade—E. R. Conner and aide.

Press relations—J. J. Davies, R. F. Nelson, R. D. Wharton (Manassas Journal).

Emergency relief—Miss Sabina Neel.

Dances—W. S. Saunders. Decorating and lighting—R. B. Hynson.

Grange—Mrs. Rolfe Robertson. Dairy judging contest—H. M. Love, W. M. Johnson. Stage arrangements—Lee Sprinkle.

Aeronautics—Luther Alpaugh. Radio—H. B. Derr, Arthur Godfrey.

(See DAIRY FESTIVAL, page 8)