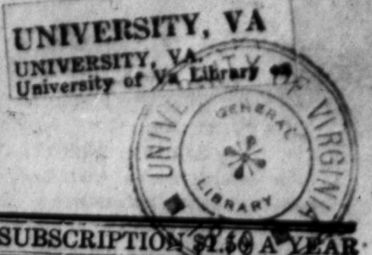


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## JACKSON BANQUET AT MANASSAS

### Judge Smith Explains Administration Measures.

The Jackson Banquet attended by county Democrats was an unprecedented success. Although the weather kept some away, when the guests began to arrive there was not table room for the crowd and the ladies had to immediately get busier than they already were.

The dinner was held under the auspices of a special committee, of which Judge W. Hill Brown, Jr., was chairman, and was prepared by the ladies of the Manassas High and Bennett School Community Leagues. The object of the dinner was to raise funds for the contribution to the National Democratic Committee assessed on Prince William.

The menu was delightfully prepared and beautifully served amid a patriotic color scheme carried into every detail.

Local talent entertained the guests during the banquet. Piano recitals were given by Mrs. May Smith and Miss Harriet Bozarth who is also a skillful violinist. Misses Mollie and Nancy Leachman gave a song and dance number that had rousing applause. Mrs. Trimmer's pupils gave attractive song and dance numbers which included a tap dance by Misses Edla Blakemore, Shirley Hynson, Mildred Parrish, Margaret Blakemore, and Lucy Morris; a song and dance by Fanelle Pickler who was quite attractive in a quaint flowered frock of Sixties, and a solo number by Mr. Paul Cooksey. Group singing was led by Mr. G. R. Ratcliffe, with piano accompaniment by Miss Bozarth.

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Gibson who also gave the benediction.

Mr. R. D. Wharton, acting as chairman, introduced Judge Brown who introduced Hon. T. H. Lion as toastmaster.

Mr. Lion introduced the various officials of the county present.

The first speaker was Col. R. A. Hutchison who made a feeling statement to the effect that he is a staunch Democrat and believes that the Democratic Party has within its grasp wonderful opportunities. His remarks showed earnest and sincere thought and study of the present problems. His ominous references to the evils that might beset the Party were not in accord with the other speakers. He stressed this especially in reference to the Constitution, stating that he as a young attorney had taken oath to stand by it and that he was not a party man to the extent of his Party, right or wrong, but still his party.

Mr. Holmes Robertson, a farmer of much practical experience, upheld the policies of the New Deal with vehemence and showed a very logical grasp of the farmer's problems.

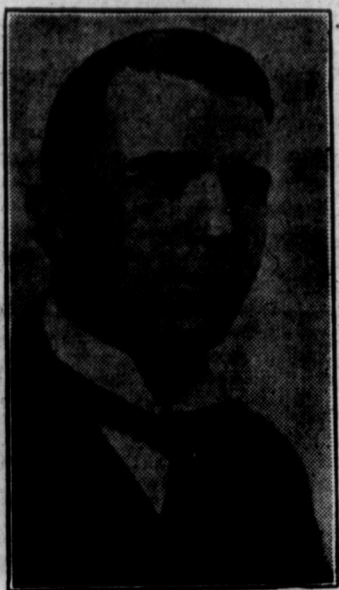
The key speaker of the evening, Congressman Howard Worth Smith, was then introduced. His presence in any gathering in Prince William is always hailed with joy and hearty applause punctuated his remarks.

Judge Smith began by stating that in Prince William County where he had so many friends and relatives that he never formally prepared a speech. He briefly reviewed the horrors of March 4, 1933, and stated that the billions wasted by Hoover did no good while the billions spent by Roosevelt had saved the business world from ruin and millions of people from starving.

While frankly stating that there were many instances where he disagreed with the Administration and had voted his convictions on the floor of Congress, that he agreed with Senator Glass "that the Democratic Party at its worst was better than the Republican Party at its best."

Referring to the matter of the oath taken by any official, as referred to by Col. Hutchison, Judge Smith stated "In taking oath to support the Constitution I believe that I fulfilled that oath. People differ on constitutional questions. Two great men started that argument 150 years ago. They were Thomas Jefferson and Chief Justice Marshall, one taking one view as to the interpretation of the Constitution and the other taking another. From those days down to the present moment, men, great and small, have differed seriously as to the interpretation of that great and inspiring instrument. They will continue to do so. The Constitution itself is the guiding star of this, greatest of all republics.

"In some instances my doubts upon the constitutionality of certain measures were so deep seated that I



HON. HOWARD W. SMITH.

## C. OF C. URGES LEGISLATION

### Manassas - Prince William Chamber Passes Resolutions.

At the regular January meeting of the Manassas - Prince William County Chamber of Commerce, which was held at Manassas on January 9, a number of legislative problems were discussed and resolutions were passed urging John W. Rust and Frank Moncure, members of the State Legislature, to support the Hall Education Program and the Commission on Conservation and Development in their effort to secure more funds to advertise Virginia.

The meeting also adopted a resolution requesting the County of Prince William to purchase a light piece of fire fighting apparatus to be used in combating fires in the rural section. It was pointed out at this meeting that the Manassas Fire Department had always answered county calls and Dr. George B. Cocke, who spoke for the local fire company, stated that while his company was always ready and willing to answer these calls outside of the town limits, the equipment was of such a heavy nature that there was a possibility of a wreck or becoming stuck on some of the roads outside of town. The resolution did not contain any recommendations as to where this equipment, should it be purchased, should be housed as it was thought best to leave this matter for the people of the county and the Board of Supervisors to decide.

A resolution asking that the laws of Virginia be amended so as to have appointed to the State Highway Commission one member from each Congressional District in the State instead of the present five man commission was tabled. The sponsors of this resolution contended that with a larger number on the commission there would be a more general representation of the people in the various sections of the state.

The meeting was presided over by John W. Ellis of Greenwich, C. C. Cloe, president, having been called away on account of pressing business.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, either in Quantico or Dumfries.

## PERSONNEL OF KIWANIS CLUB

The Kiwanis Club of Manassas under the leadership of the newly installed president, Prof. Richard C. Haydon, has associated with him as vice-president James E. Bradford; treasurer, L. Ledman and secretary, Frank G. Sigman. The Board of Directors includes these ex-officio and the following elected members: William F. Cocke, Fred R. Hynson, A. A. Hoeff, J. Carl Kincheloe, Charles C. Lynn, G. Raymond Ratcliffe and Albert Roseberry.

There are twenty other members: David J. Arrington, Winfield S. Athey, Arthur S. Boatwright, Ed R. Conner, Walter G. Covington, T. E. Didlake, Rev. A. S. Gibson, Richard S. Hynson, Robert A. Hutchison, William L. Lloyd, William H. Leachman, A. L. Mylander, D. J. Martin, Edgar G. Parrish, R. Worth Peters, Walter C. Sudd, Hunton Tiffany, William E. Truster, O. D. Waters, Robert M. Weir and Roger D. Wharton.

Added to the above personnel there are the charming sponsors, Mrs. Robert Smith, Mrs. Stewart Pattie and Mrs. William Leachman.

## Proposes Reorganization of Government Departments

### STATEMENT OF HARRY F. BYRD

"In the debate on public spending, let us remember that not one single dollar can be spent unless first authorized by Congress. Both political parties in Congress have given support to the spending program. A case in point is the \$4,880,000,000 relief bill when a majority of the Republicans in the Senate voted in the affirmative. The Republican party may criticize now but cannot escape responsibility for the support given these measures when enacted.

"The Resolution introduced by me provides for a Senate Committee to present a plan of reorganization of the Federal Government; to do what I can best describe by taking the language of the Democratic Platform of 1932:

"An immediate and drastic reduction of governmental expenditures by abolishing useless commissions and offices, consolidating departments and bureaus and eliminating extravagance to accomplish a saving of not less than 25 per cent in the cost of Federal Government."

"This condition of top-heavy and overlapping boards and bureaus—bad enough in 1932—is much worse now. Boards, commissions, bureaus and departments in the last three years have sprung up like mushrooms. We have today at Washington the most complicated and costly bureaucracy in the history of our country. The only relief is a drastic reorganization and simplification of the Federal Government."

"Congress does not hesitate to investigate waste and means to spend public money. I hope my resolution to investigate the saving of public money may be adopted.

"IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES  
"RESOLUTION

"Resolved, by the Senate, That there is hereby established a Senate committee to be composed of five Senators, of whom three shall be from the majority political party and two shall be from the minority political party, to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The committee is authorized and directed to make a full and complete study of all the activities of the departments, bureaus, boards, commissions, independent agencies, and all other agencies of the executive branch of the Government, with a view to determining whether the activities of any



Harry F. Byrd  
Virginia

such agency conflict with or overlap the activities of any other such agency and whether, in the interest of simplification, efficiency and economy, any of such agencies, any officials and employees thereof should be coordinated with other agencies or abolished. The committee shall report to the Senate at the beginning of the session of 1937 the results of its investigations, together with its recommendations, if any, for necessary legislation.

"For the purpose of this resolution the committee, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings, to sit and act at such times and places during the sessions, recesses, and adjourned periods of the Senate, to employ such experts, and clerical, stenographic, and other assistants, to require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, papers, and documents, to administer such oaths, and to take testimony and to make such expenditures as it deems advisable. The cost of stenographic services to report such hearings shall not be in excess of 25 cents per one hundred words. The expenses of the committee, which shall not exceed \$50,000, shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the committee."

## SEES ERUPTION OF A VOLCANO

### Former Resident of Manassas Witnesses Spectacular Event.

Writing in the feature section of a Washington newspaper, Mrs. Harriet K. Whitman, a former resident of Manassas, describes in charming language the mighty eruption of the great volcano in Hawaii, known as Mauna Loa, which she witnessed from an airplane.

In company with eight other passengers Mrs. Whitman made a perilous flight across the crater during the recent eruption and her description of the phenomenon as observed at an elevation of over 13,000 feet is very graphic.

The occasion of Mrs. Whitman's presence in Hawaii is the position held by her husband, Chauncey B. Whitman, who has been stationed at Honolulu by the Sugar Administration of the United States Government. She is well known in Manassas as the daughter of Mrs. M. H. Kincheloe and sister of Mr. J. Carl Kincheloe, prominent business man and sportsman of Prince William County.

## FIRE COMPANY PREMIERE SET FOR JANUARY 22

When the local Fire Company cagers make their debut against the strong National Guard quint from Hyattsville, Md., next Wednesday night in the high school gym, local basketball fandom will have an opportunity to see action aplenty.

Off to a belated start, the locals, under the sponsorship of the Manassas Volunteer Fire Department, have been holding strenuous workouts for the past two weeks. The results here have been gratifying and the basketballers hope to break in the win column consistently throughout the season.

## WM. HILL BROWN, JR., TO MAKE MEMORIAL ADDRESS

The Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will hold its usual memorial service on January 19.

The program committee is arranging one of unusual interest and invites the public to be present.

Mr. Jenkyn Davies has consented to preside over the meeting and Judge William Hill Brown, jr., is to make the address.

Other young Southerners appearing on the program are Mrs. Jack Ratcliffe who will give a reading, and Mrs. Dennis Baker, organist. There will be several musical numbers and hymns by the congregation.

The meeting will be held at 3:00 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, the 19th in the Methodist Church. Bring your friends.

## U.D.C. MEETING FOR JANUARY

### Entertained by Mrs. Hynson, Mrs. Pattie and Mrs. Bevans.

The Daughters of the Confederacy held their January meeting at the Prince William Hotel on Tuesday, the 7th. The hostesses, Mrs. Hynson, Mrs. Jamison and Mrs. Dorrell, were assisted by Mrs. Pattie and Mrs. Bevans. The president, Miss Virginia Speiden, was in the chair. As usual the Lord's Prayer was repeated, followed by salute to the Confederate flag. Among the absentees were Mrs. R. A. Hutchison and Mrs. R. L. Byrd who were sick.

A letter was read from the state historian, Mrs. B. Ferguson Cary, calling attention to the aims for 1936.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on the checking account of \$21.76 and \$237.60 on the building account.

Mrs. W. A. Newman read a letter from Mr. Conrad and displayed a drawing of the house occupied by Beauregard during the war. The drawing is undoubtedly one of "Liberia" now occupied by Albert Roseberry.

Mrs. Hibbs told of the beautiful Xmas party given the Children of the Confederacy by Mrs. Roger Cross.

The chapter voted to give \$85 to the Civilian Home Service Committee for shoes.

A letter was read from the Virginia Division President, Mrs. Ann Pendleton Forrest. She outlined the objectives for the year and urged the support of the chapter, making special mention of the Southern Magazine, a 1936 membership drive, and full representation at both district and state conventions. The 4th district meets at Winchester and the state convention at Lexington.

Mrs. Frank Peters read a letter from her uncle, Daniel S. Keeton, telling of his last experiences during the war. Soon after receiving the letter she received a telegram telling of his death, January 4, at the age of 91.

The remembrance committee was asked to send cards to the sick at this time. Mrs. Ashford was given a rising vote of thanks for her faithful work in caring for Miss Reeves.

The February meeting will be with Miss Speiden, Mrs. Weedon and Miss Nelson.

There was the usual delightful social hour and refreshments served by the hostesses.

## A WORD OF THANKS

The committee in charge of the Jackson banquet desire to give the most hearty thanks and praise to the ladies of the Bennett and High School Community Leagues for the splendid banquet which they served last night.

They also wish to thank Mrs. Trimmer for the floor show put on by her pupils and to Mrs. Leachman for the help given by her in the music and for the number put on by her two daughters; also to Miss Harriet Bozarth for the sweet rendition during the banquet hour and last but not least to Mr. Ratcliffe and his aides who led the group singing, and to Miss Carter and Mr. Holler of the Journal staff.

The published list indicated the Jacksonian Democrats who turned out in a mean rain and over bad roads from all parts of the county. Attached herewith is an appended list of those who either bought tickets and did not use them, or who made some sort of donation:

H. O. Russell, Cherry Hill, Va.; Hunton Tiffany, Edgar Parrish; C. C. Cloe, Quantico; Capt. Joyce, Occoquan; L. Ledman, G. G. Tyler.

## LOCAL MEETING ON FARM CRISIS

### Prince William Farmers Join in Developing a National Policy.

The first county meeting in connection with the agricultural planning and group discussion program was held at the county agent's office Tuesday, with all communities of the county well represented.

It is proposed that the community discussion and planning meetings to be held in the county, together with those that are being held at the same time in every county in the country, will lead to the development of a permanent national agricultural policy.

The first step will be for local community groups to make a careful study of information on soil resources, production practices and possibilities, and prospective demand for food and feeds. Charts covering fifty years of agricultural trends in the county, state and nation will be made use of. Farmers themselves will have much valuable first-hand information needed to solve local problems. Following a series of community discussions, the groups will send representatives to a county conference to prepare recommendations for the county as a whole. These will then be assembled in the states and for the nation.

Some of the topics that will be discussed are:

1. What Is the Chief Cause of the Farm Depression?
  2. Do Farmers Want the Federal Government to Help Them Deal with Farm Problems?
  3. Should American Agriculture Seek Recovery of World Markets or Arrange to Live at Home?
  4. What Kind of Foreign Trade Policies Do American Farmers Want? In Peace Time? In War Time?
  5. What Kind of an Industrial Policy is Best for Agriculture?
  6. The Farmer and the Consumer of Farm Products—What, if Any, Are Their Responsibilities to One Another?
  7. Do Farmers Want High Tariffs on Farm Products? On Industrial Products?
  8. Farm Prices—How Are They Made?
  9. What Kind of Land Prices Would Be Best for Agriculture? For the Nation as a Whole?
  10. Will Crop Adjustment Be Necessary or Desirable in Years to Come?
  11. What Possibilities and Limitations Do Farmers in this County Face in Seeking a Better Balance in Farm Production?
  12. What Objectives Are Desirable for Farming as a Business? As a Way of Life?
  13. What Should Farmers Seek to Accomplish Through Organization?
- The following men were chosen to lead the community discussions at the meeting Tuesday:
- Catharin — J. W. Alvey and Chas. R. McDonald; Occoquan district — E. W. Thompson and C. R. Yates; Brentsville district — M. S. Kerlin; Independent Hill — Ray Wood and J. M. Taylor; Haymarket — R. B. Gossom, T. O. Latham and R. H. Florence; Manassas district — W. M. Johnson.
- Further details and the time and place for community meetings will follow thru circular letters and the columns of the Journal.

## MEETING OF YOUNG DEMOCRATS

The Young Democratic Club of Prince William County will meet on Friday, Jan. 17, at 8 o'clock, at the Court House at Manassas.

It is particularly urged that all members and those eligible for membership (Democrats between the ages of 18 and 45) be present at this meeting, as officers for the current year will be elected.

## HIGHLAND LODGE, I.O.O.F., HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING

Highland Lodge, No. 252, I.O.O.F., held a very interesting meeting Monday night with installation of officers for the new term and initiation of new members. Quite a number of visitors were present.

Deputy Grand Master Elvan Keys and degree staff were present and conducted the exercises.

A committee was appointed to arrange for the annual anniversary services, to be held April 15.

## MARRIAGE RECORD

Jan. 10: Aubrey Stead, of Middleton, Va., and Catherine Middleton, of Bristow.

## CITY WITHOUT VIOLENT DEATH

Walla Walla, Wash., a city of 16,000 persons, went through 1935 without a traffic fatality, murder or manslaughter case, police records showed recently.