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RED CROSS NAMES MRS. LLOYD HEAD

Progressive Leader Retained and Reports Show Gains.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Prince William County Chapter, American Red Cross, was held on Tuesday of this week in the Presbyterian Sunday school room, Manassas, with a splendid representation of chapter people.

Reports of standing committee chairmen brought out the many and varied enterprises in which the chapter has been engaged during the past year.

Outstanding among these was the work of the Junior Red Cross chairman, Mrs. Marshall Hayden, who reported that Junior Red Cross had been organized in practically every school in the county, with between five and six hundred members.

The Juniors present gave some very interesting reports of work done by them in the brief time they had been organized, listing among their achievements the making of scrap books and toys to be distributed by the county nurse to sick children; collecting and distributing food and clothing at Christmas time. One group at Manassas High School was planning a correspondence course with Juniors in France.

Rev. John M. DeChant, roll call chairman for 1935, gave a most interesting report on the membership drive. While the results financially were not all that had been hoped for or needed, the chapter was pleased to learn that the goal of 400 members set by the National Organization had been reached, and the total showed a decided increase over last year. It was also interesting to note that the increase in the number of \$5.00 memberships, and the interest of local social and fraternal organizations, who expressed their approval of and interest in the chapter work by taking out memberships.

The report of Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson, chairman of the civilian home service committee, was likewise of interest, and showed that the committee had done a most creditable piece of work during the past year in furnishing shoes to needy school children, and in assisting the nurse in supplying food and other things to sick folk. Mrs. Johnson spoke of the very generous donations made to this committee by local clubs and organizations, which added to her Red Cross funds made it possible to carry on.

HEAVY LOSSES FROM EXPLOSION

Cocke Pharmacy Rocked by Sharp Blast.

The business section of Manassas was thoroughly shaken by a giant explosion which took place in the drug store of Doctors Cocke and Cross just before 5 o'clock last Sunday afternoon.

It is miraculous that someone was not injured. Gas of some description ignited and the floor in front of the fountain was ripped up. Mr. Bob Smith, who was standing at that point, is said to have been raised several inches by the force of the impact but is not known to have been given any injuries.

It is reported that one lady whose name is not given was slightly cut by flying glass and Dr. Cross was slightly cut in the face. There were more than a dozen people in the back of the drug store and the public were coming and going right along.

The front of the store including many valuable show cases, the expensive soda fountain and the machinery connected therewith were partially or totally wrecked.

Despite the intense bitter weather, business has gone on during the repairs and every effort is being made to restore surface conditions to a state of normalcy. The proprietors have the sympathy of the whole town in their serious losses, for until the exact cause of the explosion is definitely assigned it is not known whether they will recover any amount of any source whatever.

The insurance agents in town are said to have been doing a live business in explosion insurance.

MR. AND MRS. PARRISH IN RICHMOND

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Parrish attended the Virginia Ice Manufacturers Association in Richmond last Wednesday and Thursday at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond.

BASKETBALL NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

A basketball game sponsored by the Manassas Volunteer Fire Department will be played between C.C.C. Camp No. 26 and Manassas at the high school gymnasium on Monday night, Feb. 3, at 8 p.m.

BURNS CAUSE DEATH OF LADY

Aged Resident Victim of Unfortunate Accident.

Shortly before noon on Monday, Mrs. Rebecca Prescott, age 83, and a lifelong resident of the county, was so horribly burned that death occurred early Tuesday morning at the Alexandria Hospital.

It is stated that Mrs. Prescott frequently warmed herself by the stove oven and the assumption is that she went to sleep and some part of her clothing came in contact with the stove. Apparently no one witnessed the accident and by the time help arrived she had suffered painful and fatal burns. The fire department responded quickly and gave such first aid as they could.

Mrs. Prescott was born in Prince William County on June 11, 1852, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Goodwin. She married John Prescott by whom there were two children, a son who died quite young, and a daughter, Mrs. Mamie Goode, and four grandchildren who lived with her at the time of her death.

Mrs. Prescott belonged to a well-known and prosperous family. Her husband at one time operated a spoke factory for many years which employed many men here.

Her unfortunate death has caused grief to her many relatives and friends. Those who survive her are her daughter, Mrs. Mamie Goode; one sister, Mrs. M. V. Conner and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Harvey Jonas, tomorrow afternoon, and interment will be in the Manassas cemetery.

MARTIN LYNCH KILLED BY TRAIN LAST NIGHT

Another note of sadness was added to the town this morning when news spread around of the tragic death of Martin Lynch, age 49, who was killed by a Southern Railroad train sometime after midnight.

Shortly before midnight he was in a lunch room awaiting returns on the basketball game.

Taking a can of coal oil and a small bag of groceries, he was evidently on his way home and for some unaccountable reason he must have stopped for the oil and the groceries were placed in an undisturbed fashion between the tracks.

It is reported that shortly after midnight a call for help came from the tracks and it is thought that he was hurt and no one responded to the call.

Early this morning when T. M. Reeves, crossing watchman, went to work, he noticed the mangled form a short ways up the track and immediately notified Sgt. Herring who in turn notified Dr. Marsteller who ordered the badly mangled remains to be removed to an undertaking establishment.

Mr. Lynch leaves two sisters, Mrs. Dolly Hixson of Culpeper and Mrs. Mary Neilan of Washington. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

For many years Mr. Lynch has been identified with Prince William County politics and took an active part in every campaign, running for several offices himself. He was a fluent talker with a splendid sense of humor and a veritable mimic.

His tragic passing will grieve the many whom he numbered as friends.

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO JACKSON BANQUET

Contributions to the Jackson banquet were increased this week by donations from G. C. Russell of Agnewville and H. C. Dulaney of Thoroughfare.

The committee in charge is awaiting a substantial contribution from Dumfries district after which time the fund will be sent in, probably by the middle of next week.

NEW PRIEST ASSIGNED TO ALL SAINTS

Rev. John Kociela, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Norfolk, Va., has been transferred to All Saints Church here.

The appointment will become effective February 12.

Breathing Spell

—By Talbot



Wash. Daily News

WCTU'S DISCUSS NEW LEGISLATION

Manassas Union Meets With Miss Maggie Smith.

The January meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held at the home of Miss Maggie Smith, Vice-President Mrs. Sadd presiding. Mrs. Harrell had charge of the devotional period.

"Temperance Education Day" was observed in connection with this meeting and some very informative articles were given from the Union Signal, the official organ of the W. C. T. U.

Miss Kincheloe told what the "Lillian Stevens Legislative Fund" is and how used. The National W. C. T. U. is a part of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council which meets annually in Washington to confer on a program in which all temperance organizations can unite.

The expense for the participation of the National W. C. T. U. is borne by the "Lillian Stevens Fund." It also makes possible the maintenance of a qualified representative at legislative headquarters who keeps watch of all measure pertaining not only to prohibition but to our entire program of service.

Mrs. Bywaters gave the plan that Senator Capper offers as a curb on liquor advertising. He says, "The press of the nation will determine the future of the liquor problem of the United States, and the people may determine if they will what attitude the press will take." In these words he made forceful and clear what may be accomplished through support of the Capper Bill introduced in the Senate on January 10, 1935, which is a bill for national prohibition of liquor advertising. This measure would prohibit liquor advertising by means of the radio.

The "Sheppard Amendments" was given by Mrs. Gorrell. These two amendments of different types were introduced in the Senate by Senator Sheppard in January 1935. The one resolution was for national constitutional prohibition. It embodied the original Eighteenth Amendment, with a few changes, which Senator Sheppard said in his judgment provided the best way of handling the liquor traffic.

The other resolution was an enabling amendment which would empower Congress to prohibit alcoholic liquors or not, as it should see fit. A significant ending to this article in the "Union Signal" is "the need of the deepening of the spiritual life of the nation and when that is attained there will be an overwhelming demand for the arraying of all the powers of the Government for the suppression of the liquor traffic."

Mrs. Walter Sadd gave the concluding article, "Liquor and our Nation's Capitol," which is a comment by our national W. C. T. U. president, Mrs. Ida Wire Smith, on the bill introduced in the House by Hon. H. S. Guyer on July 9, 1935, a measure to bring back Prohibition to our National Capital, and applies to the District of Columbia only, and is introduced in behalf of the defenseless citizens of Washington because they are powerless to defend themselves against the flood of liquor and the curse of intoxication which is overwhelming the Nation's Capital, made also for the protection of young em-

CERTIFICATES TO FIRST AIDERS

Class Trained Under Supervision of Capt. Strobel.

Permission having been granted by the local Red Cross Chapter, the second class of first aiders, organized and sponsored by the local fire department under the competent instructions of Capt. L. P. Strobel of the Alexandria Rescue Squad, have received their cards of proficiency in this art as recognized first aiders.

Those receiving cards are as follows: Miss Emily Johnson, Mrs. J. L. Bushong, Mrs. Orma Davis, Mrs. William Lloyd, Miss Pauline Smith, Mrs. Beulah E. Stauff, Miss Sabina Neel, Miss Sarah Pitts, Mrs. Grace Hite, Mrs. Fred Hynson, Miss Veta Draper, Mr. Edwin Beachley, Mr. Clayton Libeau, Mr. Billy Jamison, Miss Abbye Lutes, Miss Sue Ayres, Mr. Earl Marsteller, Mr. Warren Hynson, Mr. T. W. Howard, Mr. R. J. Davis, Mr. Charles Mathias, Mr. John Roseberry, Mr. R. W. Cross, Mr. Douglas Dodson.

The last six named are members of the local fire department. These added to those who have already qualified in the fire department brings the total of first aid members up to nineteen. This is proof that the local fire lads are always willing to serve their community in more ways than one.

BEGINNERS PROGRAM FOR COUNTY SCHOOLS

We are very anxious to do even better than last year for the children who will enter school for the first time in the fall. With the full cooperation of the parents and school leagues we should have a physical examination of every child with immunization against Smallpox and Diphtheria before school closes in the spring. This will allow vaccinations to heal before hot weather and will leave the summer for the correction of any physical defects the examination might show to be needed to put the child in condition for beginning school life.

We hope to get the enrollment blanks out through the schools early in February and ask that the parents return them promptly to the teachers. If there are children to enter school in the fall who have no children in school to report them, parents or friends should report them to the school or Public Health Nurse.

M. SABINA NEEL,
Red Cross P.H. Nurse

employees of the United States in the different branches of the Government who have come from the best homes of the country, the brightest and most promising young men and women for employment in the District of Columbia."

Mr. Guyer further says it is the business of the Congress of the United States which possesses absolute power to govern the District of Columbia to make Washington a model city not only for the United States but for the world and also the safest place for family homes, which is the foundation of our free institutions."

The W.C.T.U. meets regularly each fourth Wednesday. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. T. R. Bywaters Wednesday, February 26, at 3 p.m. Please remember date and bring your friends with you.

SILVER TEA

The Junior Woman's Club will entertain at a silver tea at the home of Mrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe on Saturday, February 15, from 3 to 5 p.m.

FARMERS DISCUSS A.A.A. COLLAPSE

Meetings at Catharpin and Haymarket to Aid Agriculture.

The first agricultural discussion meetings were held at Catharpin and Haymarket last week and farmers in each community contributed to the topic under consideration. C. R. McDonald led the round-table discussion at Catharpin, R. B. Gosson at Haymarket, M. S. Kerlin at Nokesville and W. M. Kline at Manassas.

Because of the unfavorable weather and condition of the roads, meetings were not held at Independent Hill and Bethel.

Charts showing the long-time trend of prices of farm and non-agricultural products, production and population trends, etc., were used. By means of graphs, prepared from Government statistics, several interesting facts as the widespread distress following marked changes in the general level of prices after the war with England in 1812, the War between the States, and the World War, were brought out.

It was shown that in periods of major price changes that prices received by farmers rise faster and fall faster and further than prices paid by farmers. In periods of rising prices and land values many were inclined to become over-optimistic and to increase their indebtedness to buy additional land and equipment. In the subsequent decline of prices and values, many as a result were unable to meet their maturing obligations. It was generally agreed by all groups that this was one of the major causes of the depression.

It was also shown that the disparity between prices received and paid by farmers is in very large measure due to industrial price policy and to differences between the economic organization of agriculture and industry. Many industries seek to maintain relative stability in the prices of their products. Shrinking demand is met promptly by shrinking production. Agriculture, on the other hand, tends to maintain production and absorbs almost the full impact of reduced demand by reduced prices. Despite the drought and agricultural adjustment programs, agricultural production in 1935 was 88 per cent as large as the average for the five-year pre-depression period of 1925 to 1929, and this was the smallest agricultural production during the entire depression period.

In marked contrast, manufacturers of products made from non-agricultural raw materials, had reduced production by 1932 to 45 per cent of the pre-depression average. With the fall of prices generally, prices received by manufacturers for their output fell somewhat, but nothing like the extent they would have fallen had manufacturing production been maintained. It has been suggested that the solution for these difficulties would be for industry to maintain production at low prices.

Many reasons were given by the men attending as causes of the farm depression, some of which were due to farmers themselves and some beyond their control.

The topic for this week's discussion is "Do Farmers Want the Federal Government to Help Them Deal With Farm Problems?"

FAIRFAX LADY TO ADDRESS GARDEN CLUB

The garden section of the Woman's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. V. V. Gillum Monday at 2:30, February 3. The main speaker of the afternoon will be Mrs. A. H. Chilcott of Fairfax. The subject will be "Planting a Formal Garden."

All members of the garden club of Manassas are invited to attend and also all interested in flowers.

The chairman, Mrs. Ayleene Guthrie, requests a full attendance as this is to be a most interesting meeting.

AT SEED SHOW

Those who attended the annual convention and seed show of the Virginia Crop Improvement Association at Warrenton today were Messrs. C. C. Lynn, J. C. Kincheloe, Frank Cox and Judge Parrish.

Manassas Fire Dept. basketball team was victorious over its ancient rival, Warrenton A. C., on the latter's floor last night by a score of 31-25.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO HEAR SMITH

Annual Elections Will Feature Meeting.

A meeting of the Young Democratic Club of Prince William County, which should be of interest to every Democrat, young and old alike, is scheduled for Wednesday evening, February 12.

This meeting will be held at Haymarket in the auditorium of the new high school at 8 o'clock, and will afford the citizens of the county an opportunity to inspect this modern school building.

The public-spirited people of Haymarket who have invited the Young Democrats to hold this meeting there have promised an evening of delightful entertainment furnished by local talent.

The speaker of the evening will be Hon. Howard W. Smith, who always has an interesting and enlightening message for his constituents.

The principal purposes of this meeting are the election of officers of the Young Democratic Club for the year 1936, and the enlistment of new members.

The public is cordially invited to be present, and it is hoped that every true Democrat will take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy an evening's entertainment as the guests of the Young Democrats.

MUSIC LOVERS AID CHILDREN

Club Meeting Hears Progressive Reports.

The music-literature section of the Manassas Woman's Club held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Margaret Lewis' on Tuesday evening, January 28, with Mrs. Ayleene Guthrie acting as assistant hostess. Despite the bitter cold weather, twelve members were present. After the regular business was disposed with, the program for the evening was handled by Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Cooksey and Miss Virginia Speiden.

Mrs. Lloyd gave a most interesting book report on "North to the Orient" by Anne Morrow Lindberg. After hearing little bits of this book, everyone present who had not read it, agreed that they must do so. Mrs. Cooksey gave a most enlightening report on current events, International, National and Local, bringing out especially under local news the fact that Virginia now had an art museum recently opened in Richmond. Miss Speiden, though substituting at the last minute for another member, gave a delightful report on current music and things happening in the musical world.

This section, working through Miss Speiden and Mr. Peters, principal of the high school, has purchased season tickets for fifteen school children to attend the National Symphony concerts in Washington. There are four of these concerts to be given. One was in January, two will be held in February and the final one in March. Miss Speiden and Mr. Peters select fifteen children to attend the first three concerts and the final selection of fifteen will be made from the first forty-five. It was reported that the children thoroughly enjoyed the concert on January 16.

The transportation committee to arrange for getting these children to and from Washington is asking for volunteers to drive their car and take five children each if possible. Anyone interested and willing to do this, should get in touch with Mrs. Mylander, chairman of this committee. Delightful refreshments were served by the hostesses and the meeting adjourned at a late hour.

DR. McDOWELL PRAISES NEARBY DAIRYMEN

The Jan. 10th issue of Hoard's Dairyman, a national dairy magazine published at Fort Atkinson, Wisc., carried a full-page illustrated story of the last Dairy Festival, written by Dr. J. C. McDowell of the U. S. Bureau of Dairying.

Following a complimentary description of the program, Dr. McDowell answers the question "Is the Festival Worth While?" as follows: "Certainly it has served to advertise Northern Virginia as a dairy district. In this district are to be found many dairy herds that are not excelled in any other dairy district in the country. Nowhere can you find more fertile dairy farms, better bred dairy cattle, a higher quality of dairy products, or more enterprising dairy farmers."