



The Manassas Journal

VOL. LXVII, NO. 43

MANASSAS, VIRGINIA THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1936

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.50 A YEAR

CELEBRATION OF FIRST MANASSAS

Plans Discussed at U. D. C. Meeting Here.

Mrs. W. A. Newman, Mrs. Frank Peters, and Mrs. Norvell Larkin were hostesses on Wednesday to the Manassas Chapter, U. D. C., at the home of Mrs. Newman.

Greetings were read from the following members, residing at a distance: Mrs. R. L. Redding, Miss Sadie Lynn, Miss Ella Garth, Mrs. Robert Gulick, and Mrs. Cashagen; also a letter of appreciation from Mrs. Magnus S. Thompson.

The chapter decided to subscribe for a copy of "The Southern Magazine" for the high school library. Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson spoke of the library's splendid stock of Southern literature, and recommended a recent addition, "The Lees of Virginia," as being most delightful.

Mrs. William Hill Brown said she was having a building razed, that had quite a lot of stone foundation, and offered the stone as a gift to the chapter for their proposed Memorial Hall.

The next meeting of the chapter will be in the home of Mrs. Ernest Spitzer, Mrs. Alvin Compton, assisting hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cocke were guests of the chapter. Mr. Cocke gave an interesting and informing talk on the restoration of the old Chinn house by the P. W. A., with four miles of good driveway. He said the project would not extend to the Henry House, as the Sons of Veterans were opposed to that property being taken over by the government. Mr. Cocke also spoke of the big program to be put over this summer, celebrating the 75th anniversary of the First Battle of Manassas. He said all the organizations in town would be called upon to assist in this undertaking, and Miss Speiden appointed the following committee from the chapter: Mrs. Jacobson, Mrs. Marsteller, and Mrs. Newman. Mr. Cocke was warmly thanked for his informing talk.

In the historical period Mrs. Newman read a letter, written by her father, Captain Herrell, when he was in the Confederate army in camp near Fredericksburg. Captain Herrell was then twenty years of age; he wrote very graphically of a battle engagement, in which the Confederates were victorious, and how he rejoiced in their bravery. Mrs. Hutchison read extracts from the Virginia Div. minutes, relating to the Manassas Chapter.

Dainty refreshments and a social period ended a pleasant afternoon.

M.F.D.'S EXTINGUISH BAPTISTS AND G. P. O.'S

The Manassas Fire Department cagers had no difficulty annexing their tenth and eleventh straight wins Monday and Tuesday nights when they played the Second Baptist and Government Printing Office quintets in the local gymnasium. In both instances the visitors presented clean, hard-fighting combinations.

In the game with the Baptists Monday night the locals piled up a convincing lead in the early stages of the game. The half found the M.F.D.'s leading 26-3. At the outset of the second half the visitors found new life and played inspired basketball and lacked only four points of matching the home team's second-half performance. Griswold, with 4 field tosses, was the outstanding scorer.

Tuesday night's set-to found both teams battling at the start for first-goal honors. Only after a few minutes had elapsed, Johnnie Wurdemann broke loose for a toss and followed with another in quick order. From then on the outcome was never in doubt. The half ended 19-6 for the locals. Credited with five field shots and one foul shot, Cosgrove, starting the second half, did most of his team's scoring.

MANASSAS	G	FG	P
Lynn, f	3	0	6
Leith, f	3	0	6
Cosgrove, f	3	1	7
Griswold, c	4	0	8
Smith, c	1	0	2
Mahan, f	1	2	4
Wurdemann, g	2	0	4
Vetter, g	2	1	5
Totals	19	4	42
2nd BAPTIST	G	FG	P
Weger, f	1	0	2
Taylor, f	1	0	2
Moore, c	2	0	4
McGehee, g	1	1	3
D. Moore, g	1	0	2
Jennison, g	1	0	2
Totals	7	1	15



CONGRESSMAN SMITH SEEKS CURB OF LOBBYISTS

To the end that Congress may be relieved of expensive investigations of unlawful means used to bring pressure for certain legislation, Hon. Howard Smith, of Virginia, has introduced a bill requiring every person or group engaged in lobbying to make regular reports to the Clerks of the Senate and House on their activities, affiliations, revenue and expenditures.

Judge Smith believes that the right of citizens to petition Congress should not be restricted and that legitimate group action should not be stifled, but that the questionable sources of pressure on Congress should be better regulated.

A.A.A. BENEFITS IN VIRGINIA

Total for State Is \$7,074,492.00 for 1935.

Rental and benefit payments to farmers in Virginia co-operating in five adjustment programs under the AAA during the calendar year 1935 totaled \$7,074,492.76.

These figures were revealed by the Department of Agriculture in a recapitulation for the year which showed total expenditures under the program in the State during the year amounted to \$7,912,977.06.

General administrative costs were given as \$837,456.81, and \$1,027.49 was listed for "trust fund operations."

Rental and benefit payments to counties in northern Virginia for 1935 were as follows:

Culpeper \$43,927.99, Fairfax \$27,005.24, Fauquier \$51,957.21, King George \$23,648.65, Loudoun \$156,934.86, Louisa \$17,844.81, Madison \$68,260.84, Orange \$58,242.74, Prince William \$61,321.29, Rappahannock \$41,114.68, Stafford \$17,010.79.

SCHOOL BOARD VOTES ADDITION FOR OCCOQUAN SCHOOL

At its meeting yesterday the Prince William County School Board approved a four-room addition for the Occoquan School, including facilities for a gymnasium. Mr. C. B. Linton was designated to have charge of the new construction. Other actions of the Board included election of principals, supervisors and jeans worker for the ensuing year. Official announcement of the teaching staff will be made later.

PLUMLEY-BROWN

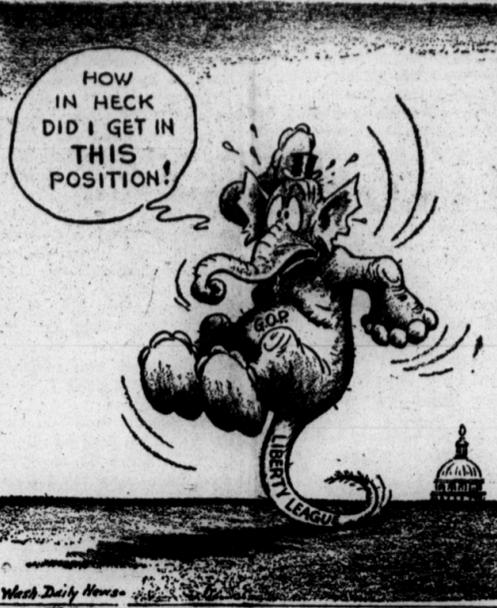
Miss Charlotte Ashby Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ashby Brown of Remington, Va., and Mr. Fletcher Plumley, son of Representative and Mrs. Charles A. Plumley of Vermont, were married in the Chapel of St. Thomas' Church at high noon on March 4 with only members of the immediate family in attendance.

Mrs. Plumley is a cousin of Mrs. William Hill Brown, jr., and is well known among the younger set of Manassas.

MANASSAS	G	FG	P
Lynn, f	1	3	5
Cosgrove, f	5	1	11
Leith, f	2	1	5
Wurdemann, c	3	0	6
Smith, c	0	0	0
Saunders, g	1	1	3
Vetter, g	4	0	8
Totals	16	6	38
G. P. O.	G	FG	P
Madigan, f	0	0	0
Felter, f	2	0	4
Paxton, c	2	0	4
Myskowski, g	3	1	7
Coon, g	3	0	6
Totals	10	1	21

The Tail That Wags the Dog!

—By Talburt



CHAIN STORE TAX IS KILLED

Truck Overload Bill Passes Virginia Senate.

With this Saturday night placed as the time for adjournment the General Assembly of Virginia went into high gear this week and made much progress on pending legislation.

The Senate Finance Committee killed the Chain Store Tax bill. The Truck Overload bill got past the Senate by a vote of 23 to 15, and a committee is at work ironing out the difficulties on the Old Age-Pension bill. In passing the School Code bill the House eliminated the section prohibiting relatives of school board members from securing employment as teachers.

The Senate reported favorably on a bill outlawing all slot machines involving the principle of chance, although it is predicted that the measure will be caught in the last minute jam and die before action can be taken.

GARDENING SPECIALIST TO ASSIST COUNTY GROUPS

Mrs. Mary C. McBryde, landscape gardening specialist for V. P. I. extension division, will give special help on home grounds improvement in Brentsville district March 13 and 14.

Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock Mrs. McBryde will discuss the Economic Value of Home Grounds Improvement. This meeting will be held at Aden School. Arrangements have been made by the Aden Home Demonstration Club. The social committee under the direction of Mrs. Marshall is arranging for the social hour.

On Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock Mrs. McBryde will discuss Planning of the Back Door Yard before members of the Nokesville Home Demonstration Club. This meeting will be held at the school building.

While in the county Mrs. McBryde will visit the homes for special help to those who have requested her help on plans for home grounds improvement.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

Office Memo No. 8
March 4, 1936

At its regular meeting March 4, the County School Board decided to curtail the present school term five (5) days, eliminating the necessity of teaching any Saturdays and thereby closing on Wednesday, June 3. You are requested to adjust your work and closing exercises accordingly.

The Board wishes you to know that this curtailment is made necessary due to two 5% reductions in State appropriations, one as of July 1, 1935, and one as of October 1, 1935. The aggregate of these losses amounted to approximately \$5,000.00. Every effort has been made during the present session to absorb these losses, but the unusually severe winter with added expense for fuel, etc., has prevented the absorption of the total amount. It becomes necessary, therefore, to take this step now in order not to jeopardize the program for the coming session.

With sincere regret that this step has to be taken and trusting that you will realize that it was not taken until there appeared no other practical way out, I am

Sincerely yours,

R. C. HAYDON,
Division Superintendent.



JUDGE BROWN HANDS DOWN DECISION

For many years an anomalous situation has existed throughout Virginia in the matter of slot machines which are said to be operated on the principle of chance. In some counties they have been frowned upon and in others alternately permitted and restricted.

Although their character and use have been a matter of common knowledge, they have been licensed extensively, and permitted to operate, although it is stated that the law restricting their use is perfectly plain.

Last week in what appears to be the first Court test a decision was handed down by Judge William Hill Brown, Jr., which is destined to become notable in State jurisprudence. The court has spoken adversely on these machines.

PUBLIC WORKS TO GIVE JOBS

Much Employment Promised for 1936.

James A. Anderson, State Director of the Virginia Public Works program, is reported in press dispatches from Richmond as stating that much employment will be available in Virginia during the remainder of the year. It is stated that around 5,000 will be given direct employment on P.W.A. projects and that indirect benefits will reach as many as 20,000.

This employment is said to be in addition to the work given some 15,000 men by the State Highway Department. Under the 1935 Relief Act preference must be given to men on the relief rolls.

The total estimate of non-federal public works projects in Virginia is placed at \$23,000,000.

JULIA F. HIXSON

Mrs. Julia Hixson, (nee Florence), died at her home near Manassas Sunday evening, March 1, after a brief illness of pneumonia.

Mrs. Hixson was a daughter of the late James W. and Juliet Virginia Florence, and was born on February 28, 1859. She spent her girlhood in this vicinity, later marrying Joseph Hixson to which union was born three children. Mr. Hixson died in 1927.

She is survived by her son, Elmer E. Hixson, and daughter, Mrs. Mattie Lawson; 3 sisters, Mrs. Bettie Colbert and Mrs. Annie Langford of Manassas and Mrs. Susie Barrett of Washington; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hixson was a loving mother, a kind friend and a good neighbor, and will be greatly missed by her many relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held from the residence Tuesday afternoon, Rev. John M. DeChant officiating, with interment in the Hixson cemetery. Pallbearers were Messrs. Richard Sullivan, Henry Payne, Ben Bradford, Gilbert White and Henry Robinson.

HOUSES VOTES FOR MANASSAS CELEBRATION

Attached to the fund for use of the Conservation Commission in advertising Virginia the lower House of the General Assembly has voted favorably on an appropriation of \$1500 to aid in financing the celebration this summer of the 75th anniversary of the First Battle of Manassas.

Mr. Ed Conner has returned from Richmond where he has been urging the co-operation of the State in making this event successful.

The occasion of the 50th anniversary was made a national event and it is hoped that the 75th celebration of this outstanding achievement of the Confederate Army will also attract national attention.

NOKESVILLE HOST TO DEMOCRATS

Prominent Officials and Guests to Speak.

The Young Democrats of the county have nearly completed preparations for one of their largest meetings of the year, which will be held at Nokesville High School on Wednesday evening, March 11, at 8 o'clock.

A concentrated drive for membership is being planned throughout the county, and in order that everyone may have a opportunity to become familiar with the Young Democratic Club of Prince William and its activities, meetings will be held from time to time in various parts of the county.

The main address of the evening will be delivered by Mr. John Gallaher, of Leesburg, president of the Young Democratic Clubs of Virginia, and Public Works Administrator for the State. Mr. Gallaher is one of the best-known and most active Democrats in the entire State, and he belongs to the younger group. He has a nice personality and is an interesting speaker, and he club will be very fortunate in having him present. It is believed that he will have a message of particular interest to the people of a thriving agricultural community such as Nokesville.

Hon. Frank P. Moncure, our member of the House of Delegates, will discuss the activities and results of the present session of the Legislature, which adjourns Saturday.

Judge J. Reece Duncan, of Alexandria, chairman of the Young Democratic Clubs of the 8th Congressional district, will give some interesting sidelights on the organization and activities of the various clubs in his district.

Inasmuch as this is the first meeting to be held at Nokesville, the club is particularly desirous of having all Democrats in that part of the county attend and become acquainted with the club and their fellow Democrats. The co-operation of the older Democrats throughout the entire county is earnestly solicited also, as the club is very appreciative of their interest and suggestions.

It is hoped that the public will turn out en masse at Nokesville next Wednesday, and help to make this a real Democratic rally.

BOATWRIGHT ADDRESSES KIWANIS CLUB

"Back to the Constitution" says Arthur Boatwright.

All the Kiwanians straightened up a bit as they thought Arthur to be a New Dealer.

Well, it went to naught so far as politics was concerned for Arthur was talking about the Kiwanis Constitution which Arthur considered needed a bit of stroking over.

Arthur waxed both logical and dramatic to the extent that he aroused the admiration of the entire club, even including Col. Hutchison whom Arthur insisted had been "agin" his ever making a speech.

Ex-Secretary Jim Braford made a speech on "back to the treasury" which he claimed was getting in sad shape. Mons looked mighty happy at the suggestions.

Ladies night is getting nigh but more of that later.

Arthur told the club also of the efforts being made to get legislative funds for the battle celebration and how Frank Moncure is helping.

FRANCES WILLARD CELEBRATION

"Frances Willard Memorial Day" was observed by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Sadd, vice-president, had an interesting program prepared. Mrs. Harrell had the devotional period and read first three verses of first chapter of Joshua and made the application. Rev. Byard Flory led in prayer.

Mrs. Sadd addressed the meeting on the value of the Union Signal and its news reliability.

Rev. Mr. Miller gave a most interesting resume of the life of Frances Willard, who because of her exalted character and noble achievements gained the distinction of being called "The Uncrowned Queen of America."

The speaker had in mind a store of facts to draw from, and followed the life of Miss Willard from early womanhood to its close Feb. 17, 1898, a life of high ideals spent in the service of humanity. She early espoused the cause of Temperance and traveled

(Continued on page 4)