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## CLUB INFLUENCE THEME OF TALK

### State President Addresses Manassas Ladies.

Mrs. Fred Alexander, president of the Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs in Virginia; was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Woman's Club held in the high school auditorium Wednesday afternoon, April 8.

Mrs. Alexander's theme comprised "Is this a woman's world or a man's world?" This subject was clearly outlined, drawing many helpful points for both sides and finally bringing out the enormous influence of woman club activities in broadening the field for women and making them better helpmates now than any time in history.

The committee women gave their annual reports which shows excellent work in the club. Many charities were benefited, civic interest extensively taken, music and literary study made and garden club activities renewed.

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers selected for the new year. These were unanimously endorsed by the club. They are as follows: Mrs. William Lloyd, president; Mrs. C. C. Lynn, first vice-president; Mrs. William Trusler, second vice-president; Mrs. Wade-Dalton, recording secretary; Mrs. R. C. Haydon, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Harvey Steele, treasurer; delegates for the state conference to be held at Fredericksburg, May 13 and 14 and 15: Mrs. W. L. Lloyd; alternate, Mrs. C. C. Lynn.

Delightful refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Alfred Mylander, Mrs. H. E. Pickeral, Mrs. Edgar Parrish, Mrs. G. R. Ratcliffe and Miss Virginia Speiden.

### SHOOTING AT DUMFRIES

Shortly after 8 o'clock Tuesday morning shots were heard to issue from buildings on the land of Mr. John Clark, of Dumfries.

Those preparing to leave for work in Quantico are said to have credited the reports as arising from backfire of a starting automobile.

Almost immediately, however, one of the tenants in the building is said to have called for someone to come in at once, saying that some kind of shooting had been done.

Those who entered the quarters that were occupied by Private W. D. Boone and his wife are quoted as saying that Mrs. Boone was lying stretched out with a bullet in her side. Private Boone was described in the same report as lying on the bed, dead, a rifle shot having pierced his heart and entering the floor underneath the bed.

At the request of the military police the civil authorities have left the investigation to them, as Mr. Boone was an enlisted man.

Nothing in the current report indicates that there were any observers of the crime other than the principals involved. Dr. Phillips is assisting the military authorities.

### GARDEN CLUB SEEKS TO IMPROVE CENTREVILLE ROAD

The Manassas Garden Club of which Mrs. Robert A. Hutchison is president, has taken for its conservation project, which is part of the federation program, the road between Manassas and Centreville.

This road is one of the prettiest drives in northern Virginia and the Garden Club is expressing the ardent wish that the property owners along the road will co-operate with them in preserving shade trees helping to get rid of unsightly signs and to take part in a general clean-up.

In this way they will aid in making this stretch of road inviting to the many visitors who will come to Manassas, particularly during this summer when the 75th anniversary of Manassas will be observed.

At this time the Garden Club is also announcing the fact that they have chosen lilac as the garden flower.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Manassas - Prince William County Chamber of Commerce will be held next Wednesday evening, April 15, at the Town Hall in Manassas. Officers and directors will be elected for the ensuing year.

### A CORRECTION

In printing last week's list of guests at the Kiwanis Ladies Night, the Journal inadvertently omitted the name of Miss Laura Beachley who was the guest of Mr. L. Ledman.

According to the plan heretofore adopted by the business men, most of the business houses of the town will be closed tomorrow afternoon from 2 to 3 o'clock.

This is a part of the general Good Friday observance as established by the ministerial association.

## ASSEMBLY BALL EASTER MONDAY

### All in Readiness for the Big Event.

On Monday evening, April 13, the Woman's Club will hold its annual Ball in the high school gymnasium.

Miss Margaret Lynch, chairman of the executive committee, announces that all arrangements have been made, for the event is always looked forward to with eagerness by the younger set.

The assembly ball is one of our outstanding social events and is sponsored by the Manassas Woman's Club. The funds derived are used for charity.

Among the patrons and patronesses are: Lt. Col. and Mrs. Jacobson, Dr. and Mrs. Emyl Marsteller, Dr. and Mrs. Stewart McBryde, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hooff, Mr. and Mrs. Hawes T. Davies, sr., Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ratcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jamison, Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hynson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jackson Ratcliffe, Judge and Mrs. W. H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Sedric Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins J. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Arrington, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hixson, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mylander, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Pickeral, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Roseberry, Mr. and Mrs. John Broadus, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cooksey, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith.

### EPPA LUTHER CORNWELL

Mr. Eppa Luther Cornwell, of Washington and formerly of Manassas, died in a Washington hospital Tuesday evening at 9:00.

Mr. Cornwell was born at "Walnut Hill Farm," May 10, 1880, where he spent the early part of his life, later moving into town where he set up an ice plant. He served in this capacity for many years before moving to Washington where he continued his active business life.

He is survived by his widow, Portia Cornwell; two daughters, Dorothy and Elizabeth; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Whitmer of Manassas, and Mrs. Harry Blakeney of Baltimore; three brothers, B. C. Cornwell of Manassas, Ed Cornwell of Independent Hill and Isaiah Cornwell of Baltimore; two half-sisters, Mrs. Will Smith and Mrs. James Russell of Manassas, and one half-brother, Mr. Paul Cornwell of Washington.

Funeral services will be held at the Woodbine Baptist Church Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. with interment in the Woodbine cemetery.

Mr. Cornwell was well known in Prince William where he has many friends and relatives, and where he will be greatly missed.

### SOUTHERN METHODISTS TO CONFER HERE

The Washington district conference will meet in Manassas next Wednesday and Thursday, April 15 and 16.

This district embraces 39 pastoral charges in Washington City and adjacent territory. At the conference there will be preaching Wednesday and Thursday at 11 o'clock and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The preachers will be Rev. Dr. W. T. Locke of Washington; Rev. Ed Sheppe of Rockville, Md., and Dr. W. Angie Smith, pastor of Mt. Vernon Pl., Washington, D.C. All sessions of the conference are open to the public.

There will be two business sessions each day. Dr. E. C. Beery, presiding elder, will be the chairman. About two hundred preachers and delegates are expected to be present.

### NEW REAL ESTATE FIRM

Mr. Charles F. Broadwater, well-known realtor of Fairfax, has opened an office in the Peoples Bank building at Manassas. He will be assisted by Mr. Edward LeGallais. Mr. Broadwater is a member of a distinguished Fairfax County family, his ancestor of the same name having served with George Washington on the Fairfax County Committee of Safety.

But Not a Line About Their Batting Averages! —By Talburt



### ALEXANDRIA IS HOST TO SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

The Northern Virginia Principals' Association met in the new George Washington High School, Alexandria, Va., Wednesday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. After a pleasant social hour during which a very delicious dinner was served by the home economics department of the high school, the association went into executive session. Charles S. Monroe, principal of Leesburg High School and president of the association, presiding.

The program for the evening was in charge of W. G. Coleman, principal of Marshall High School, who introduced Dr. Darter, professor of economics, Fredericksburg State Teachers College, who spoke on "The Measure of Education Today." His main point was the light reflected in life determines the quality of instruction.

Mr. Vanderslice, principal of Washington and Lee High School and chairman of the committee on revision of secondary school standards, moved that sub-committees be appointed to assist the State Department in the writing of the manual on the revision of secondary school standards. The following were appointed: W. G. Coleman, R. R. Talbot, G. C. Cox, R. W. Peters, and A. C. Hutton.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a round table discussion of current school problems.

The association adjourned to meet at Marshall, Va., Wednesday, May 13.

At this time the entire program will be devoted to discussion of problems which have arisen in our schools.

### ATTEND GARDEN SCHOOL

Mrs. Robert Hutchison, Mrs. Margaret Lewis, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cooksey attended the two-day garden school put on by the Richmond Times-Dispatch in Richmond.

Dr. Hugh Findlay of Columbia University, noted horticulturist and gardener, gave a lecture, illustrating the same with slides. Dr. Freydeck of the Richmond Medical College showed 100 slides of the beautiful scenes of Virginia which he had handpainted. Dr. Kirk of Roanoke, president of the American Horticultural Society, talked on roses.

Mrs. Cooksey, state director of the federated garden clubs of Virginia, and Mrs. Robert A. Hutchison, president of the Manassas club, were guests of the Times-Dispatch at an interrogation luncheon on Friday at the John Marshall Hotel.

### SAD OCCASION

Our high school principal, R. Worth Peters, returned to his classes last week after being detained in Suffolk by the sudden illness and death of his father.

Everyone in the community feels keenly for Professor Peters who has a firm hold on the affections of his patrons and the town people.

### COL. JACOBSON INITIATE OF KIWANIS CLUB

The Kiwanis Club announced at its meeting on Friday evening that Col. B. L. Jacobson, a resident of the town for some months past, had been accepted by the board as an initiate, the club's first for 1936. C. C. Cloe was also nominated as an honorary member. The initiations will be held in the near future.

Some discussion was had concerning the battlefield celebration in July. E. R. Conner, executive chairman, announced that progress was being made.

No program was held, a roundtable taking the place of the usual entertainment. Edgar Parrish has charge of this week's program.

### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AT OCCOQUAN

On Saturday night, April 4, an alumni association of Occoquan High School was organized at the school. Of the seventy-eight graduates of the school, twenty-three were present. Many who were unable to be present sent letters expressing a desire to join.

The following officers were elected: President, Jane Selecman; vice-president, Janet Russell Murphy; secretary, Muriel Hicks; treasurer, Lawrence Hoover; chairman entertainment committee, Bernetta Brockett. The purpose of organizing such an association is to try to do something for the school that has done so much for its alumni.

The meeting proved to be a gala reunion as many old classmates had not seen each other since graduation. The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, at which time the by-laws, time of meeting, and further business will be discussed.

### YOUNG REPUBLICANS RALLY

Quite a crowd of Young Republicans attended the booster rally on Tuesday evening at the Town Hall. John Locke Green, Arlington attorney and 1936 candidate for Congress from this district, gave the keynote address. Mr. Green is a live talker and gave his audience an excellent speech.

The present officers of the club were rewarded for their work by being retained for another year. They are: President, Stuart McMichael; vice-president, Oran Kline, and secretary, Earl Hurst.

### FOOD SALE

The ladies of the Manassas Church of the Brethren will have a food sale at the Manassas Motor Co. Saturday, April 11, at 10 a.m. Come and purchase your Easter supply of good fresh eggs, colored Easter eggs, pies, cakes, cookies, dressed chickens, rolls, etc.

### BINGO PARTY AT DUMFRIES

I. O. O. F. Hall, Dumfries, Va., Friday, April 17, 8 p.m. Benefit building fund. Big door prize. Evening play. All for one price, 25cts. 48-pd

## A PROCLAMATION

Dedicating the Annual Spring Clean-up, Paint-up campaign to a Town Beautiful, should be an inspiration and goal of constructive citizenship.

Few activities offer such wide opportunities for an effective practice of citizenship in unselfish service to one's town without expectation of personal benefit. This is the essence of Citizenship—Therefore, I, Harry P. Davis, Mayor of Manassas, do proclaim the week of April 13, 1936, as Spring Clean-up, Paint-up week.

HARRY P. DAVIS, Mayor.

### GAME BODY TO SHOW REELS ON WILD LIFE

Four reels of moving pictures will be shown at the Dixie theater, on Saturday, April 11, beginning at 2 p.m.

These are pictures of wild life which are loaned to the Prince William County Fish and Game Protective Association by the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, which will present them. Your 1936 dues are now payable, and the same can be paid at the door and will be your admission to the show.

## BOARD RESTORES TEACHERS PAY

### 1937 Wage Level Wipes Out "Depression" Cuts.

The County School Board met yesterday with all members present.

A large volume of routine business was transacted, most prominent of which was the election of teachers in service.

The Board made a dynamic decision in creating a ten per cent restoration in the salary for all teachers which will bring the wage level to approximately what it was before the "depression."

The general repair program for the vacation period was adopted.

The board contemplates another extremely important step in calling a special meeting for April 20 at which time they will consider proposals for refunding all school bonds at a lower rate of interest.

Mrs. Floy McInteer, Mr. F. M. Lynn and Mr. Alvin Barnes were named a committee to act in the acquisition of land adjacent to the Occoquan High School for the purpose of enlarging the school grounds. This act is proposed in co-operation with the school leagues of Occoquan and Quantico.

The board also created the office of principal of the Manassas schools, appointing Prof. R. Worth Peters for that position. In this co-ordination of the two schools, Mr. Peters will have an assistant at Bennett who will be appointed later.

### SENIOR PLAY AT OCCOQUAN HIGH

The senior class of Occoquan High School will present a play, "The Yellow Shadow," in the school auditorium in the very near future. From yellow shadows, kidnappers, lunatics, to gillyloo birds the fast moving murder-mystery promises to hold interest to the last moment. The action centers around the murder of a newspaper reporter, who is trying to get the lowdown on Chinese smuggling headquarters at a supposedly isolated estate in the mountains of Washington state. At the same time, the heiress to the estate comes with friends to live in the house.

The cast includes Margaret Sheppard, Thomas H. Selecman, Madeline Dawson, Dorothy Bradley, Margaret Burdett, Noel Vaughan, George Cooper, Carlton Post, Virginia Persons, and Clinton Abel. The play is under the direction of Miss Mae Thomasson.

### MRS. ALEXANDER ENTERTAINED BY MANASSAS LADIES

While in Manassas, Mrs. Fred Alexander of Newport News, president of the Federation of Women's Clubs in Virginia, was a guest at the home of Mrs. Paul Cooksey.

Miss Margaret Lynch was hostess at a delightful luncheon Wednesday given in honor of Mrs. Alexander. Other guests were Mrs. Paul Cooksey, retiring president of the Manassas Woman's Club; Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, incoming president, and Mrs. Fred Hynson, retiring corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Robert Smith entertained Mrs. Fred Alexander and Mrs. Paul Cooksey at a delightful dinner Wednesday evening.

### YOUNG DEMOCRATS HOLD SESSION

The Young Democratic Club of Prince William County met at the Occoquan High School last evening. A large crowd was in attendance to hear the key speaker, Hon. Clifton Woodrum.

A fuller account of the meeting will be published next week.

Mr. Will Sweeney, president of the club, presided and Representative Frank Moncre introduced Mr. Woodrum. The latter made a splendid address dealing with the failures of the Hoover Administration and the subsequent betterment secured under the Roosevelt Administration.

## CONSERVATION SOIL PROGRAM

### County Agent Announces Substitute for AAA Payments.

**Soil Conservation Program**  
Goal—The object of the 1936 Soil Conservation Program is to conserve and improve soil fertility, halt wasteful exploitation of soil resources, and establish a balanced agriculture.

**Organization**—The program is to be conducted by farmers through Community, County and State Committees, with the help of the Extension Service and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

**Bases**—A base of all soil depleting established from the 1935 crop his-crops for each farm in 1936 will be tory with such adjustments as may be necessary to make bases fair and equitable between growers.

**Forms**—The first step for farmers who want to participate, will be to fill out, with the help of a committee-man, a work sheet on 1935 crop history of the farm. To make this easier, it is recommended that a sketch be made of the farm indicating acreage and use of each field in 1935. Later, applications for grants and statements of performance will be executed. There will be no contracts.

**Payments**—Two classes of payments will be made: (1) a SOIL CONSERVING payment for devoting a part of the base acreage of soil depleting crops to soil conserving or soil building crops or practices of an average of approximately \$9.00 an acre in Virginia, varying according to the productivity of land by counties and individual farms; (2) a SOIL BUILDING payment for the planting of such soil building crops and the use of such soil building practices as may be recommended by the State Committee and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture.

**Maximum Soil Conserving Payment**—Payment for diverting land from soil depleting to soil conserving or building crops will be made on up to 15 per cent of the land in soil depleting crops in 1935.

**Maximum Soil Building Payment**—The maximum for this payment shall not exceed an amount equal to \$1.00 for each acre in soil conserving and soil building crops on the farm in 1936, except that in no case will such maximum be less than \$10 in any farm.

**Minimum Performances**—No payment will be made unless the total acreage in soil building and soil depleting crop base, with one exception which will be explained at the community meetings later.

**Time of Payments**—One payment will be made direct to each farmer as soon as possible after actual performance has been determined.

The new program gives the farmer much leeway in his farming practices. Only certain minimum and maximum conditions are set forth. The farmer is free to plan his farming operations in line with these conditions, if he so desires, and receive grants for the soil improvement he carries out.

The 1936 Soil Conservation Program should enable the individual farmer to maintain or improve the fertility and productiveness of his soil which he has long desired but could not afford to do because of the necessity of making both ends meet.

### UNUSUAL WILL PLACES SHAFT AT MANASSAS

By the terms of a will of the most unusual nature a Fauquier citizen has stipulated that a substantial granite monument ten feet in height be erected in the cemetery at Manassas "to the memory of those who have been disappointed and suffered in this life."

Under terms of this will which has just been filed with the Clerk of the Court at Warrenton, it is stated that \$10,000 of the estate of the late John Lillian Jeffries, of Fauquier County, must be set aside for the erection of such a monument at Manassas where he is buried. The widow and son of the deceased will inherit the residue of the estate.

Mr. Jeffries was a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute and owned property in upper Fauquier County and in Manassas, according to press reports.

### PARENT-TEACHERS WILL NOT MEET

The Parent-Teacher Association of Manassas High School will not meet April 16 as scheduled. Date of the next meeting will be announced later.

For Good Friday and Easter services, please read your church columns.