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ROANOKE DIVINE TO SPEAK HERE

Will Develop Leading Theme of S. S. Convention.

It is hoped that every Sunday school in the county will be represented at the meeting of the annual Sunday school convention which will be held at Manassas Tuesday afternoon and night, June 30.

The afternoon meeting will begin at 1:30 in the Presbyterian church. The night meeting at the Methodist church beginning at 8:00. Much business is planned for the afternoon meeting and it is sincerely hoped that the Sunday school workers will plan to take part in the round table discussions for the advancement of the Sunday school work in Prince William county.

We cannot afford to shut our eyes to the fact that the crime situation in Virginia has been growing steadily worse for the past few years. In 1931, for example, the combined population of the State penitentiary, the state farm and the convict road camps was 6,827. In 1935, that number had increased to 8,989, a jump of more than 30 per cent. In 1931, the combined population of the city and county jails was 53,758. In 1935 it had increased to 74,599, a rise of a little more than 38 per cent. During the same period the group of juvenile delinquents in industrial schools increased from 1,029 to 1,210.

This so called spiritual illiteracy cannot be charged to heredity for, we all must agree, every child comes into the world with a religious nature and a definite capacity to live a religious life. So it seems it must be a condition which results from lack of opportunity for effective nurture; increase in the crime situation could not be laid upon the shoulders of childhood and youth. Many of us are reminded that the primary cause, then, may be attributed to the failure of the church to develop for the masses an educational program in harmony with the rapid development of many other phases of modern life.

The Sunday school has been a mighty factor in the religious life of Prince William county, but it could hardly be expected that the Sunday school on one day a week using one hour of that day, could take over and handle successfully a task which had formally occupied the very center of interest in education.

It now seems that the Sunday school, as now operated, will be unable to provide adequately for the religious nurture of the young people. We wonder if the development of character does not depend upon two factors. The knowledge of the right and a disposition to do right when we know that in Virginia only 35 per cent of the total white population is enrolled in Sunday school and many who receive no religious training. We are compelled to face these facts. Should we not feel that each one of us as leaders should assume our share of responsibility?

It is hoped that a large group of young people, as well as old, will come out to hear the Rev. Mr. West deliver the night address on "Christian Youth Building a New World." Rev. Mr. West has had a lot of experience in the field of Religious Education. Come and enjoy an afternoon and night of spiritual worship.

GRANT OF FUNDS TO BULL RUN POWER COMPANY

The Rural Electrification Administration at Washington has announced a grant of \$30,000.00 to the Bull Run Power Company of Prince William County for the extension of rural electrification.

Officials of the Company are not ready at this time to state definitely just where the new power lines will be extended but, when interviewed, stated that an announcement from the Company could be expected within a few days.

JOHNSON-PITTS

At noon today in the Methodist Church Miss Sarah Pitts became the bride of Benjamin Johnson. The marriage was solemnized by Rev. Compton.

The bride was unusually lovely in a travelling costume of white linen and carried roses.

Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for the bride's home in South Carolina.

Both young people are well known and very popular in Prince William County. They will reside near Manassas.

SWIMMING CLASSES TO BE GIVEN RED CROSS SPONSORS PROJECT

Immediately upon the return of Mr. Edwin Beachley from Annapolis where he is attending a course in First Aid and Life Saving, now being conducted by the American National Red Cross, a number of classes will be organized in Prince William county. Mr. Beachley who is chairman of First Aid and Life Saving in the Prince William county chapter is well qualified to teach these classes, and all who wish to take advantage of this splendid opportunity will apply to Mr. Beachley, after June 27. Make your application at once, as only a limited number can be accommodated in each class.

LEESBURG EXPERT ADDRESSES CLUB

Garden Club Reports on Many Activities

The Manassas Garden Club held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 23, at the home of Mrs. T. E. Diddlake with the president, Mrs. Robert Hutchison present.

Reports were given of the recent flower show held in Trinity church Parish Hall and on the progress of the conservation committee in its landscaping of the Manassas-Centreville road.

Mr. Neal, state landscape engineer, will be here at an early date to go over the project and determine what portion the state can undertake.

Upon invitation from the Prince William Chamber of Commerce the conservation committee went before the group at its last meeting and told of the plans of the Garden Club for the improvement of the Manassas-Centreville Road.

The president of the Chamber of Commerce appointed a committee to serve with the conservation committee and the meeting was held Monday evening when ways and means were discussed.

Following the business session, the guest speaker, Miss Eleanor Chamberlin, who is president of the Leesburg Garden Club, and rosarian of Northern Virginia, was introduced. She gave a very delightful and most instructive talk on roses, which included preparations of soil, culture and habits of roses.

She brought a number of beautiful specimens from her experimental test garden of the newer varieties.

Mrs. Talbot Pierce, rosarian of the Leesburg Garden Club, made a short talk on rose cutting.

The club regretted having a small membership present to hear such a helpful talk but were pleased to have a number of guests present.

The July meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert Hutchison.

MANASSAS WINS SHUT OUT OVER QUANTICO

Scoring all of its runs in the fifth and sixth innings, the Manassas base ball team shut out the Quantico Indians, 4-0, last Sunday on the local ball field. "Doc" Dreifus was on the mound for the locals and pitched masterful ball all the way, allowing only five scattered blows. Triples by Blackwell and Bradshaw enabled the locals to make their six safeties count.

The locals threatened at the outset. Vetter singled after two were out in the first inning and was advanced to third by Saunders' one-base tap. Buckner then grounded out second to first ending the inning. After the first inning the home team was unable to advance a runner farther than first base until the fourth.

"Dee" Vetter singled to right after Wurdemann had grounded out in the local's half of the fourth. Leith, hitting for Bowers, flied out to center for the second out. Blackwell then tripled down the right field foul line scoring Vetter with the first run of the ball game. F. Vetter grounded out to end the inning.

Coming up for the fifth, Saunders grounded out, Buckner was safe on an error and Dreifus walked placing men on first and second. Bradshaw sent one of Shelton's pitches to deep right for a three base knock scoring both runners and later scored on an error for the final tally of the ball game.

The visitors, unable to bunch their hits, never threatened and failed to advance a runner past second.

The home team will be guests of the Warrenton Wanderers this Sunday.

The Manassas Chapter, U. D. C. will meet at the home of Mrs. Lucy Washington, Wednesday, July 1, at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Nancy Middlethorn will be assistant hostess.

ROOSEVELT NOMINATORS TO HOLD RALLY

A Banner With A Strange Device—For Him



CLUB MEMBERS SEE TRAVELOGUE

Kiwianians Also Greet the New Benedict in their Midst.

The ranks of the bachelors in the Kiwanis Club received a serious setback last week when J. Carl met with them the last time before becoming a benedict.

In view of the lovely picture (The Travelogue of Virginia) which Ben Pitts presented for the benefit of the Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce, there was no program other than the shower for Carl, details of which would hardly bear repeating.

Notation was made for the last time of the International Convention which has been going on this week.

Ray Hall, of the Fredericksburg club, was present to invite the personnel of the Club to the interclub meet on June 30 at which time there will also be ladies night. T. I. Martin of Culpeper and Ben Pitts of Fredericksburg were also welcome guests.

It would be quite difficult to describe the wonders of the Travelogue. It kept the crowd spellbound for the entire period of the showing. History and scenery were blended in a most pleasing fashion.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS WILL SPONSOR DANCE AT HAYMARKET

What promises to be one of the outstanding social events of the season will take place Friday evening when the Young Democratic Club of Prince William holds its first dance in the High School Auditorium.

The Committee in charge of arrangements reports that an excellent orchestra which is very popular in this section has been engaged, and lively strains will fill the auditorium from 9 'til 2.

Delicious refreshments will be provided by the Ladies of Haymarket, and some lucky guest will take home the beautiful bronze bust of President Roosevelt which will be given away as a door prize.

The Club wishes it to be known that you don't have to be a member to attend this dance, and extends a special invitation to all the people in the County to come out and have a good time as guests of the Club.

Mr. Sweeney, president, announces the appointment of the following Committee chairmen:

Mr. Dudley J. Martin, Manassas District chairman; Mrs. Janie Abel, chairman membership committee; Wm. Hill Brown, jr., chairman entertainment committee; W. H. Leachman, chairman publicity committee.

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS

Allen Keller, on appeal, was fined \$50.00 for driving while intoxicated.

TO BROADCAST BATTLE EVENT

Committees Announced for Re-enactment of First Manassas

It is likely that the re-enactment of the First Battle of Manassas on July 21 will go on the air in a coast-to-coast hook-up.

Radio broadcasting interests are being contacted and daily and weekly newspapers are welcoming releases on all developments of the plans for the event.

The various committees associated with the celebration next month are getting down to the serious business of completing plans, making numerous trips and contacting such parties that have to do with making the day one of great success.

The various committees and their chairmen are: General chairman, Hon. H. P. Davis; reception, Hon. Howard W. Smith; invitations, Senator John W. Rust; finance, A. S. Boatwright; grounds and stands, E. R. Conner; concessions, and stands, C. C. Lynn; military, C. C. Cloe; traffic, W. T. Cooke; disbursing officer, C. A. Sinclair, and publicity, R. E. Hall.

The committees are eager for all Manassas and Prince William residents and others who are close to the community to lend their support toward making this one of the outstanding events in the state for 1936.

They feel that it will be only with the help that all may give that the event will be of the magnitude commensurate with the opportunity offered.

CLIFFORD BEAR STATE FARMER

Clifford Bear was elected to the degree of State Farmer at the annual F. F. A. Rally which was held at V. P. I. June 16-18.

Out of the 5,675 F. F. A. members Clifford was one of the 70 receiving this honorable reward for doing outstanding work.

The judging teams left Saturday, June 13, and did some practice judging around Winchester. They were entertained very hospitably at the weekend. They left early Monday home of Mr. J. M. Fishpaw over the morning for Blacksburg.

Selwyn Smith, Clifford, and William represented the Nokesville Chapter, Clifford Bear being the high man of this chapter.

Elmer Lunsford, Clayton Libeau and Richard Vetter represented Manassas. Elmer Lunsford being the high man of this chapter.

Eugene Flory represented the Nokesville Chapter as a Alternate. Both teams showed a very creditable rating, Nokesville being 13 out of the 61 teams.

Mr. R. R. Fishpaw was very proud of the results.

BONUS BONDS SENT TO RICHMOND FOR CASH

According to figures released by Postmaster H. T. Davies, Jr., local World War Veterans' bonds have been received at the post office at Manassas amounting to \$31,300.00. These bonds have been received daily since June 15 and sent to Richmond to be cashed.

Mr. Davies reports that on June 16 bonds amounting to over \$10,000 were handled.

Following are amounts of bonds sent to Richmond to be cashed; June 15, \$7,950; June 16, \$10,550; June 17, \$4,400; June 18, \$4,950; June 19, \$1,500; June 20, \$1,750 and June 22, \$200.

ENJOYABLE DANCE GIVEN BY CLUB

Junior Women Hostesses to a Large Gathering of the Young Set.

One of the most delightful entertainments of the year took place last night when the Junior Woman's Club was hostess to the Manassas young social set at a dance given in the high school gymnasium. The club, which is composed of twenty-five young ladies, who make charity their outstanding objective, has heretofore set aside the month of June as its play season and given a picnic for its own entertainment, to which it invites its friends. This year it was decided at the May meeting of the club that a large number of young people could be entertained at a dance, and arrangements were made accordingly. Miss Mary Lynch and Miss Sally Lewis were appointed to take charge of the entertainment, and their tireless work in arranging every detail to perfection was evidenced by the immense success of the dance.

Miss Lucy Gibson assisted the chairman with equal fervor.

Each club woman was allowed to invite her date, another couple and a stag, so the guests numbered well over a hundred. The town orchestra furnished music and is to be highly complimented for the splendid way in which it performed. The Lake Jackson pavilion had been engaged for the dance but due to the inclement weather the gymnasium was resorted to in the final preparations. Delicious punch was served by Mrs. Joe Lyon, the club sponsor, throughout the evening.

Among the chaperones were Mrs. (Continued on page 8)

EDNA VAULK BIRKETT

Mrs. James Birkett, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Prince William County, passed away at her home in Washington last Friday, June 19, at the age of 73 years. She had been ill for about two years.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. James Birkett, a daughter, Mrs. Robert Lee Lewis, and a son, Mr. J. W. Birkett, of Fairfax. Previous to her marriage she was Miss Edna Vaux Weir. Her family is one of long inheritance and prominence in Prince William. Her father was the late Edgar V. Weir, and her mother was before her marriage Miss E. M. Alexander. The other children were Walter D. Weir, deceased; Robert M. Weir, Commissioner of Revenue of Prince William county; Hattie B. Marsteller, deceased; May A. Norman, Baltimore; Norwood A. Cockeralle, California; Lottie A. Wilhelm, California, and James Weir, of Arlington county, Va.

Edna Vaulk Birkett was born in Manassas and was a life long member of the Episcopal church where her funeral services were held on Sunday, June 21. She and her husband donated the bell of the church in memory of their respective mothers, Mrs. Eugenia A. Weir and Mrs. Eliza Helen Birkett.

Services were conducted by Rev. A. S. Gibson and Rev. R. L. Lewis and Rev. Mr. Burke. The pallbearers were A. A. Hooff, Francis Lewis, Percival Lewis, Fred Hynson, James Bradford and O. D. Waters.

The passing of Mrs. Birkett was the occasion of deep sorrow in the community where she has lived so many years and where she was held in such high esteem. Her lovable character and sincerity in friendship had endeared her to a circle much wider than her immediate friends and relatives. The whole community suffered an irreparable loss.

Unique Event at Manassas Sponsored by National Committee.

On Saturday evening the Democrats of Prince William County will join the Roosevelt Nominators of the nation in nominating President Roosevelt as the standard bearer of the Democratic Party.

Never, before in the history American politics has it been possible for the rank and file of Democracy to actually participate in the nomination of a presidential candidate and those who attend and whose names will be placed upon the engraved rolls as original Roosevelt nominators will have participated in a manner to be viewed with pride in the years to come.

In effect the national convention at Philadelphia will adjourn to Franklin Field there, where in the presence of more than a hundred thousand participating nominators, and in radio contact with nominating rallies throughout the nation, President will deliver his address of acceptance.

The Nominator's Rally for Prince William County will be held at the Manassas High School at 8 p. m. on Saturday, June 27. Hundreds of letters have been mailed out to Democratic citizens of Prince William, enclosing tickets to the event. It will also be possible to secure tickets at the door.

The nominal price of each ticket is one dollar. Larger contributions are very acceptable to the National Committee, but the dollar admits to the Rally and places the contributor's name upon this historic honor roll of Roosevelt Nominators. The proceeds, of course, go to the National Democratic Committee, to aid in financing the national campaign which officially opens at this hour.

Mr. E. R. Conner and Supervisor Roland have headed the list with \$5 each.

Mr. R. D. Wharton, editor of the Manassas Journal, has been designated as chairman of the Finance Division of the National Democratic Committee for Prince William County. On the very short notice necessitated by the requirements of the national committee, a program has been arranged. The Rythm Ramblers have donated their services and through courtesy of Mr. Franklin Hibbs the radio broadcast of President Roosevelt's speech of acceptance will be heard at the Rally.

Purchasers of tickets to this Nominator's Rally are advised that these tickets will be honored at any other place where the rally is being held, and that the Prince William Rally will honor tickets secured from any locality.

VIENNA O. F. A. TEAM HOLDS INITIATION

The degrees of the Order Fraternal Americans were conferred by the Degree Team of Vienna Council, No. 12, on Tuesday night in the presence of a number of State officers and delegations of members from Fairfax and Herndon Councils. Six candidates for the degrees were received and three reinstated members. The six candidates were Louis Mathews, and Russell W. Henry for Herndon Council; and M. C. Sherwood for Vienna Council. Among those present were Charles E. Babcock, state secretary; Clinton A. Lane, state outer guard; E. E. Eldridge, state law committee; C. C. Carr, secretary of Fairfax Council; E. E. Gillette, secretary of Herndon Council; and George W. Darne, district deputy state president for Fairfax District. Following its usual customs refreshments were served by Vienna Council.

SACRED CONCERT AT CANNON BRANCH CHURCH

The Ladies Quartet of Bridgewater College will give a concert of sacred and secular music at the Cannon Branch Church of the Brethren on Saturday night, June 27 at 8:00. The college sends out a quartet of exceptional ability this year and everyone is invited to come and enjoy this concert with us.

MARRIAGE RECORD

June 23—Russell Cook of Alexandria and Isabelle Rainey of Woodbridge.

June 24—Walter Ward and Ruby Russell, both of Manassas.

June 25—Joseph B. Johnson and Sarah Pitts, both of Manassas.