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WOULD IMPROVE STATE ROUTE 234

Organization Effected Last Night.

The meeting at Herndon held last night in the interest of the permanent improvement of the cross-county through Loudoun to Gilbert's Filling Station was unusually well attended. At least 150 persons from all sections were present.

Senator John W. Rust presided and Hon. Wade Massie was the guest of honor. Prof. R. C. Haydon was elected secretary of the meeting. In very complimentary language, Senator Rust introduced Delegate Frank P. Moncure, who advanced the cause of this road as an important link rather than a local affair.

The next speaker was Ray Hall, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce from Fredericksburg. He spoke of the developments around Fredericksburg, both by private and public interest and mentioned the tie-up between the battle fields which would be created by the improvement of the road.

Hon. Harry P. Davis of Manassas cited several reasons for the hard-surfacing of the road, claiming that the bad condition diverts traffic and that the main function of a road is to get people somewhere as well as to have people live along it. He recognized the problems of the Highway Commission and closed his remarks stating that "this road means lots to lots of people."

The first speaker from Loudoun County was E. C. Norman from Ashburn, who cited some of the history of attempts to get this road improved. He also advanced the importance of the road as a main battle ground thoroughfare. Mr. Coleman, supervisor of Board Run District, largely echoed the sentiments of Mr. Norman.

Hon. James Ashby, County Clerk of Stafford County, emphasized the importance of the road not only to his county but the entire section.

Mr. T. E. Didlake, speaking on behalf of the Manassas Kiwanis Club, read a set of resolutions demonstrating that the proposed road is the shortest between the greatest number of historic points and that much of this route is already hardsurfaced.

Others who spoke briefly in favor of the road were Supervisor G. C. Russell of Woodbridge, former Mayor A. H. Kirk of Herndon, George Harrison, former supervisor of Dranesville District, C. H. Powell, supervisor of Falls Church District and C. W. Alpaugh of Manassas.

Col. R. A. Hutchison gave an amusing talk, citing instances where hardsurfaced roads were put where no one lived.

Mr. A. S. Boatwright dwelt on the importance of the road as a by-pass for north and south traffic. Mr. Ben Pitts, owner of a chain of moving picture theatres in Northern Virginia, stated that he dreaded the section between Manassas and Dumfries more than any road leading to any town where he had business.

Hon. Wade Massie gave a brief address at this time. He added that there is no state money to allocate this year and no federal money available, in as much as Route 234 is not in the federal system. He added further that next year's fund are very uncertain and that Culpeper District, next to the smallest in the State, always receives small allotments.

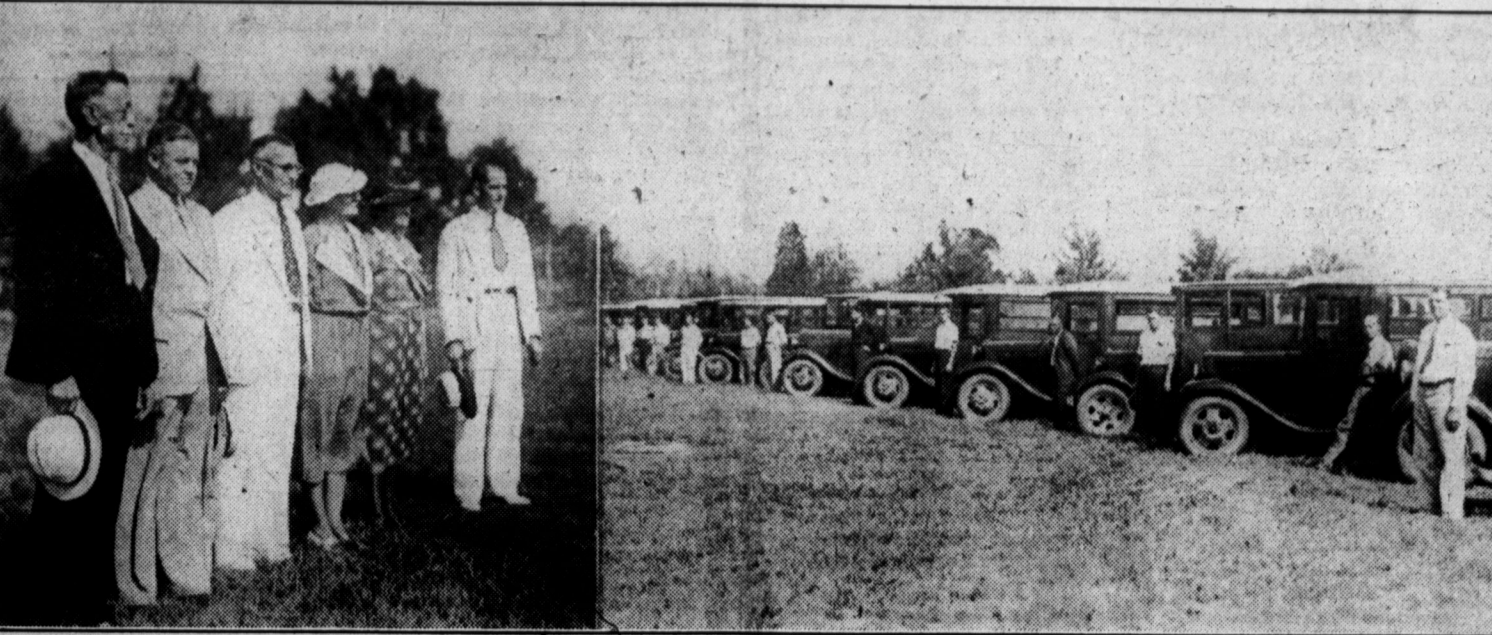
He told of the location of the convict camps and how they are taking care of some of the major needs of this construction district at the present time. He advanced the idea that the use of one of these convict camps would be one of the most certain methods of getting improvement on the cross-county road.

Mr. Massie was quizzed by Mr. Moncure and Mr. Davis as to his stand on putting route 234 on federal assistance and Mr. Massie promised he would aid, stating that it is largely a question as to whether this District has any federal mileage coming to it.

On motion of Mr. Ray Hall that a permanent organization be set up, Mr. Hall was named head of that group and Mr. W. F. Cocks, secretary, with the idea that the organization is to remain in existence until the road be permanently improved.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Herring of Independent Hill announce the marriage of Annie Virginia Keys to Mr. Ray E. Wood.



Left to right: D. J. Arrington, N. N. Free, Prof. R. C. Haydon, Mrs. Floy McInteer, Mrs. Anita D. Piercy, Fred M. Lynn. On extreme right: Robert Vetter.

PRINCE WILLIAM SCHOOL BOARD HOLDS ANNUAL BUS INSPECTION

SCHOOL BUSES ARE INSPECTED

Remarkable Efficiency of Transportation System

Last week the Prince William County School Board held its annual inspection of the school buses. The occasion was not one to attract a large gathering of patrons because they all know what the buses are like and are confident from past performance that the vehicles represent the last word in safe and efficient transportation of school children.

However, the sight of so many large motor vehicles under the operation of the efficient and business-like corps of drivers was well worth the effort of those who witnessed the display. There were eighteen buses, all freshly painted and mechanically perfect and these motor-cars handle the difficult job of transporting approximately a thousand children daily to and from their respective schools. Their total mileage for each school day approximates 675 miles. This means that the annual bus-miles covered for the school term is something like five times around the world at this latitude, or to be more exact, 121,500 miles.

Mr. Robert Vetter has charge of the garage and bus equipment of the Prince William County Schools and the splendid record which has been made is due to him and to the care exercised by Professor Haydon and the School Board in selecting men of mature experience and alert personality. The service of some of the men driving the school-buses in this county runs as high as 12 years.

School consolidation and transportation in Prince William County dates approximately from the close of the World War, about 1920. The first bus put into service was used to carry children from the Bacon Race School to Bethel. The next experiment provided facilities for bringing pupils from Greenwich to Manassas and at about the same time a bus was put into service to bring children in to the Haymarket School. From this beginning has developed the present efficient system to which patrons may point with pride. No child has ever been injured in a bus accident in Prince William County.

DR. LEO KASEHAGEN, III PRESENTS SCIENTIFIC PAPER

When chemists from all over the globe gathered at the fall meeting of the American Chemical Society in Pittsburgh last week, Dr. Leo Kasehagen, III, a former resident of Manassas, presented a paper on the Hydrogenation Process of Coal.

The Sun-Telegraph has to say "Further elaborating on the days symposium, Dr. Leo Kasehagen, III of the Carnegie Institute, explained the likely future of coal-gasoline."

"Gasoline produced through the coal hydrogenation process is more expensive than gasoline obtained through petroleum, due to the fact that the process involved is so much more complicated and expensive. The price of our present gasoline will have to go up, due to scarcity, before coal-gasoline can become a commercial actuality."

"At the present time, geologists do not agree on how long before the United States petroleum supply will give out, there being various estimates ranging a generation, Dr. Kasehagen said."

IMPORTANT STATE ISSUES FACED BY YOUNG DEMOCRATS

The Annual Convention of the 114 Young Democratic Clubs of Virginia at Roanoke last Friday and Saturday took on all the seriousness and sincerity of a National Democratic Convention. Young Democrats from every section of the State approximately 3,000 strong assembled in the City Auditorium to hear a ringing keynote speech from T. McCall Frazer of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to choose new officers and to plan for their part in the presidential campaign in Virginia.

Delegates of the Prince William Club who made the trip to Roanoke were W. T. Sweeney, president of the club, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davies. Congressman Clifton A. Woodrum of Roanoke, who was originally scheduled to introduce Gov. A. B. "Happy" Chandler of Kentucky, was advanced to fill the role of principal spokesman at the convention when the Kentuckian wired he would be unable to attend.

Representative Woodrum, who is widely known as an able speaker and a stanch New Dealer, coupled a stirring defense with a biting attack on Republican criticism of the Administration.

REPORT OF BARBECUE COMMITTEE

Plans for the Democratic Rally and Barbecue, which will be held jointly by the Democratic County Committee and the Young Democratic Club of Prince William on October 10, are rapidly nearing completion.

The Committee on Arrangements met at the Court House last Saturday with almost 100 per cent attendance. Mr. G. C. Russell, Mrs. Janie Abel and Mrs. Jacobson reported a total collection of \$80 in contributions toward the Barbecue fund.

There was some discussion of changing the place of this function from Brentsville to Manassas and a committee was appointed to confer with the Democratic County Committee on the matter.

It was decided to have Mr. E. R. Conner, who has charge of all foods, obtain prices on roast beef, Brunswick stew, etc. for the purpose of working out a suitable menu.

If it is decided to hold this affair in Manassas, a dance will probably be held afterward in the gymnasium. The Young Democrats will be responsible for the entertainment, advertising and publicity.

The next meeting of this committee will be held at the Town Hall Friday, September 18, at 7:30 p. m.

It is hoped that every loyal Democrat will be interested in this Rally and Barbecue, and that those who are able to do so will lend their assistance. You are welcome to attend this meeting.

"CHALLENGING FACTS" IS THEME OF W. M. U. MEETING

The meeting of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society was held on Friday, September 11, at the home of Mrs. F. R. Saunders.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Frank Gue. Mrs. DeChant gave a very interesting talk on the subject: The Young Generation.

The topic on Challenging Facts was very capably handled by Mrs. Murphy. Next meeting will be held October 9.

"Republicans," he said, "are current masters of the game of 'knock-knock.' They have only one theme and that is 'down with Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal.'" They don't have a single forward-looking plan for the country."

He charged that the Republican party is now largely interested in the dollar sign because it is afraid some of the large corporations are going to have to pay some of the bill for recovery measures through taxation.

"The Democratic Party also recognizes the necessity for fostering and for protecting in a legitimate way the business, commerce and industry of the country, but Roosevelt has been able to look beyond the dollar mark and hear and answer the cry of distress from the country's needy," he declared.

Replying to his own question as to how the bill is going to be paid, Mr. Woodrum asserted that taxes will be levied so that "people will pay according to their ability to pay," and added that this has already started with the enactment of the undivided profits measure.

The Prince William Club came in for signal honors in having its president, (See DEMOCRATS, page 8)

CONSTITUTION IS REMEMBERED

Kiwanis Club Will Plant Tree On Grant Avenue

In observing Constitution Day (which is today), the Kiwanis Club will assemble on Grant Avenue tomorrow afternoon to dedicate a tree as a memorial of the anniversary.

This is the first time that the local Club has used the occasion for a community celebration. The matter is attracting state-wide attention and a large crowd is expected to be present. A letter from Governor Peery expresses the general sentiment. This letter and the program are printed herewith.

September 14, 1936.
Mr. Richard C. Haydon,
President, Kiwanis Club,
Manassas, Va.

Dear Mr. Haydon:

It has been brought to my attention that the Kiwanis Club of Manassas is planning to hold patriotic exercises in commemoration of the signing of the Constitution of the United States, in which exercises you are asking the school children of your city to participate.

I take this opportunity to express my interest in and appreciation of the work you are doing in impressing upon the children of your city the importance of the Constitution and the need for its study.

With best wishes, I am
Cordially,
(Signed) Geo. C. Perry,
Governor.

Program

U. S. Constitution Day Tree Dedication by Kiwanis Club of Manassas in conjunction with Manassas school children September 18, 1936.

Invocation, Rev. A. Stuart Gibson; salute to the flag; all: Announcement of exercises, by club president, R. C. Haydon; The U. S. Constitution, Major R. A. McIntyre; song "America the Beautiful"; Ratification: thirteen Manassas high school girls representing the Thirteen Colonies as follows: Margaret Goode, Dorothy Barksdale, Rachel Harris, Althea Hooff, Shirley Viar, Molly Leachman, Mary Mason Davis, Jocelyn Gillum, Jessie Lee Bolding, Jessie Mae Ritter, Thelma Ward, Louise Carter and Lucy Morris; Song, "Columbia, Gem of the Ocean," by all; reading, "Trees" (Joyce Kilmer) Mr. F. G. Sigman; dedication of tree, Mr. Edwin F. Hill, international trustee; Benediction, Rev. A. Stuart Gibson; song, "The Star Spangled Banner"—Key.

SEPTEMBER W. C. T. U. MEETING

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet with Mrs. Bertha Embrey, 339 West street, Wednesday, September 23, at 3 p. m. As this is the last meeting of the year all dues and money must be paid to the treasurer for her books closed at the end of September. Delegates to the State Convention to be held in Charlottesville October 9-12 will be elected at this meeting. The World's W. C. T. U. will be held in Washington next June, and the National requests every white ribboner to contribute one penny toward the entertainment of this Convention so it is important for each member to pay hers to the treasurer Miss F. Kincheloe this month so she can send it by the delegate to the State Convention in October.

NEW PLAY HOUSE DRAWS HUNDREDS

Ovation Given Mr. Pitts As He Appeared Before The Audience

Approximately a thousand enthusiastic patrons assembled Monday evening to witness and enjoy the dedication and first showing at Pitts' New Theatre in Manassas. No metropolitan opera house could have appeared more entrancing than did this beautiful edifice which represents the last word in efficient and luxurious enjoyment of motion pictures.

Promptly at 7 o'clock, with every seat occupied, the program began with a welcome by Hon. Harry Davis, Mayor of Manassas, who accepted the Theatre in the name of the Town and paid high compliment to the enterprise and personality of Mr. Ben Pitts, its proprietor. Mr. Davis spoke eloquently of the deep appreciation which is felt by the entire community and voiced the prediction that a new and greater Manassas may date from this occasion. He recalled many interesting facts about public entertainment in Manassas and particularly of the growth of appreciation of motion pictures, with their more recently developed sound accompaniment. His remarks were repeatedly interrupted with applause.

Hon. Frank Moncure, Delegate from Prince William, to the General Assembly was then introduced and paid tribute to Mr. Pitts as his friend and neighbor and he proceeded to present to the audience Mr. Pitts himself. Manassas is notably hospitable and appreciative of those who have advanced the welfare of the community, but the introduction of Mr. Pitts was the occasion of an ovation rarely seen. Finally, however, Mr. Pitts was accorded an opportunity to break through the hearty applause and his modesty in such an unusual situation was quite in keeping with a personality that has become endeared to hundreds of thousands of admiring friends over a very wide area.

Mr. Pitts presented some members of his staff to the audience, including Mr. T. I. Martin, of Culpeper, and his local Manager, Mr. Franklin Hibbs, whose Chesterfieldian bow to the audience was more eloquent than words. The show was then put on after a welcoming message from Mr. Pitts had appeared upon the screen.

It was a good show, as are all of the entertainments presented by Mr. Pitts, and it was particularly enjoyable in the luxurious new setting. The ultra-comfortable furniture, the soft lighting, the perfect acoustics, and the presence of almost the entire picture-loving community, all united to make the occasion a social event which will long be cherished in the minds of all who were so fortunate as to be present.

The second showing was like the first. The large auditorium promptly filled to capacity as the crowd outside entered to continue the community appreciation of both the theatre and the man who built it. And all who were there, with those now attending in subsequent showings, are delighted and astonished that such a genuinely metropolitan facility should have come to Manassas. On every side is voiced the opinion that the dedication of this beautiful playhouse marks the beginning of a greater Manassas which will not only provide all that the finest of towns can furnish to its citizens but which will have great attraction and pulling power over a wide area from whence large numbers may come to derive enjoyment and profit from their association with this hospital town.

MANASSAS MACS TO MEET MANHATTAN NINE SUNDAY

The Manassas Macs will meet the Manhattan Nine of Washington, D. C., winners of Section "E" championship of the National City League, in a double header, Sunday, September 20, on the Swavelly diamond.

The first game will start at 1:30 p. m.

The Manhattan nine is the team that won their last game with the Macs here several Sundays ago by the score of 2 to 1.

Those who attend will see two real hard fought ball games between two fast going ball clubs, and all for the price of one game. Come out and help the home team to victory.

The children of the Confederacy will meet with Mildred Parrish at their regular meeting on Friday, September 25. All members try to be present.