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## JUNIOR WOMEN PLAN SPRING BALL

Club Scheduled April 16 as Date for Social Affair.

The Junior Women's Club of Manassas held a very interesting meeting at the home of the club sponsor, Mrs. J. P. Lyon last Thursday evening, Miss Walser Conner, president, presiding.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Frances Saunders, Miss Marion Lynn read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved. Miss Rose Ratcliffe gave the treasurer's report and the various committees also made reports on the work done during the month.

Four new members were welcomed into the club. They were Misses Ethel Cadmus, Mary Currell Pattie, Katherine Luck and Margaret Carter. The club voted to contribute \$10.00 to flood the relief fund, which was carried out in proper order.

It was decided that the club hold a spring dance and Miss Sally Lewis was made general chairman of the dance committee. She appointed the following chairmen to work with her in furthering plans for this social function: Invitations, Miss Esther Warren Pattie; tickets, Miss Irma Ball; music, Miss Mary Currell Pattie; publicity, Miss Rose Ratcliffe; arrangements, Miss Nancy Lynn and flowers, Miss Rena Bevans.

Following the business session, the group enjoyed a delightful social hour. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Meaker Hurst and Miss Margaret Hottle.

At a special meeting of the dance committee, held at the home of Miss Rose Ratcliffe last evening, April 16 was set as the date for the spring dance.

## RED CROSS REPORT

A report by the Treasurer of Prince William Co., Chapter American Red Cross of cash received to the 16th day of February 1937 for aid to the Flood Relief Campaign.

Previously reported	\$1050.66
Collected by Mrs. Janie Abell	62.
" " M. H. School	40
" " Trinity Church	5.
" " G. C. Russell	5.
" " Mrs. Helen B. Janney for Occoquan School	93.74
" " Catholic Women's Club	5.
" " G. C. Russell	5.
" " Manassas Baptist Church	5.
" " Valley View Church	30.94
" " Mrs. Ella Mayhugh	1.
" " Bristow Community League	25.
" " Juniar Women's Club	10.
	\$1293.74

O. D. WATERS, Treas.

## SPLIT BASKETBALL DOUBLE HEADER

The local high school basketball teams journeyed to Haymarket on Friday evening where a double header was split, the Manassas boys and Haymarket girls winning.

For the boys, the high scorers were Lynn for Manassas who made eight points, and Godfrey of Haymarket who ran up four points.

In the girls' game, the counters were Beeton for Manassas, twelve points, and Robertson for Haymarket, fifteen points.

The outstanding players of the evening were Lynn of Manassas and Godfrey of Haymarket.

## FRATERNAL NEWS

Daughters of America, No. 45, will go to Nokesville tomorrow afternoon to present a flag to the high school there. Miss Virginia Polen, councilor, will preside. A program has been arranged by the student body and exercises will begin about 2:30.

Word has been received from State President Alvin Shade of Winchester that he will attend the District meeting of the O. F. A., which will be held with Bull Run Council on the evening of March 9.

## STATE CROP SUPERVISOR

Hugh Bridges of Lynchburg has been appointed State Supervisor of Emergency Crops Loan Offices of Virginia, it was announced in Baltimore this week. The State headquarters of this office is in Lynchburg.

## KIWANIS WOULD PROTECT GAME BETTER

More complete protection and better arrangements for promoting Virginia's wild life, both for hunting and for practical uses was the sense of a resolution passed at the last session of the Manassas Kiwanis club in response to a similar resolution passed by the West Point Club. It calls for an early session of hunters and wild life lovers in Richmond.

Arthur Boatwright opened his February campaign with a dissertation on the Bible. Arthur admitted before he finished that it was a big job for one discussion. The speaker developed a number of interesting facts.

## R. B. GOSSOM GETS SCHOOL CONTRACT

Contraction at Nokesville to Begin at Once.

The adjourned meeting of the County School Board was held last week with all members present.

The most important item of business was the formal letting of the contract for the construction of the home economics cottage at Nokesville to Mr. R. B. Gossom of Waterfall. Mr. R. S. Britten was named the inspector of construction.

In connection with this project it was found necessary to purchase certain additional land from Mr. J. A. Hooker which will also be used for play ground purposes.

The School Board also approved the tentative budget for 1937-1938 which will be submitted for approval by the Board of Supervisors at its adjourned meeting on February 25.

The Board was advised by Dr. Sydney Hall of the necessity of electing a division superintendent of schools for a four year term beginning July 1, next. A list of the eligibles have been submitted to the Board which will hold such election on March 3.

The Board also approved the purchase of two car loads of coal.

Libraries were ordered for the following schools: Bennett, Bethel, Aden and Cherry Hill.

The report of the Virginia fire marshal, who was in the county last week inspecting two-story school buildings reflected credit on the schools at Bennett and the old Haymarket high school, both of which were held to be in good shape in the matter of exits and in general condition.

## BRIDGE PARTY TO BE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE WEEK

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Earl Hurst will entertain several friends at a bridge party in her home on Prescott avenue.

The invited list includes Mesdames Ralph Sharrett, Stanley Owens, Sedrick Saunders, Jenkins Davies, Hawes, jr., Carl Kincheloe, Jackson Ratcliffe, W. Hill Brown, jr., Paul Arrington, Higgs Lewis, Robert Davis, and Walter Dredger and Misses Hilda Moser, Rose Ratcliffe, Sally Lewis, Esther Warren Pattie, Ellen Bisson, Nina Wade-Dalton, Marion Lynn, Christine Meetez, Evelyn Cocks, Lucy Arrington, Madeline McCoy, Nancy Waters, Rena Bevans, Loriece Carter, Ann Bradford, Walser Conner, Virginia Hurst, Jo Hurst, Margaret Hottle and Charlotte Dredger.

The decorations will honor George Washington, carrying the national colors of red, white and blue.

## PORTER DISMISSED FROM FEDERAL JOB

Colonel Daniel L. Porter of Orange County, formerly in charge of prohibition enforcement in New York State, former member of the Virginia House of Delegates and widely known throughout the State, has been removed from his latest post, chief of the Fifth District Federal alcohol tax it was learned here.

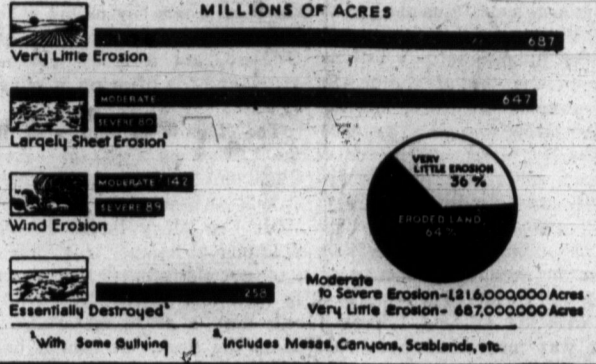
In Washington, Stewart Berkshire, chief of enforcement of the alcohol tax unit, said Colonel Porter was removed some time ago after an investigation into the administrative conduct of the Baltimore office. He would not amplify that statement.

## LIGHT FIRE EQUIPMENT PURCHASED AT WARRENTON

The Warrenton Fire Department has just been equipped with a light weight fire truck for service on the rural roads of that vicinity.

Sometime ago there was considerable discussion of the need for a similar equipment in Prince William County at which time the great need here was demonstrated.

## EROSION CONDITIONS IN THE UNITED STATES



The recent floods, now subsiding, and the fearful dust storms now arising in the west are said by experts to be the result of the destruction of our native forests.

As indicated in this diagram, 64 per cent of our land is now subject to some kind of erosion. Yet few people know very much about our native trees and how to perpetuate their growth.

Who, for example, knows how many different kind of trees grow naturally in Prince William County and can call them by name?

## ELEANOR SMITH ADAMS

Mrs. Eleanor Smith Adams, wife of Mr. Chas. H. Adams, of Manassas, Va., passed into Eternal Rest on Feb. 11th at 5 o'clock in the morning. She was the youngest daughter of Andrew Jackson Smith and Ellen Lewis Smith, of Fauquier Co., Va., and was born April 20th, 1882, near Bealeton, Va.

Mrs. Adams had been suffering several years from serious heart trouble which grew worse the past 7 or 8 months.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Manassas, and loving music greatly, took great interest in the choir as long as she was able to attend the services of her church.

Her kindness of heart and thoughtfulness of others made her many friends. She taught in the schools of Virginia a number of years.

She is survived by three brothers and one sister, A. W. A. Smith, of Springfield, Virginia, P. G. Smith, of Cumberland, Md., P. B. Smith, of Sanford, Fla., and Mrs. Carlisle H. Gilkerson, of Fairfield, Rockbridge Co., Va. She also leaves a number of nephews and nieces.

She was laid to rest in the Manassas Cemetery on Saturday morning, Feb. 13th. Mild beautiful floral offerings. Rev. J. M. DeChant conducted the services.

## COUNTY AGENT'S COLUMN

Federal laws recognize the lack of ability of clover seed of foreign strains to produce in this country and require that they be stained before being brought into the United States. Even the highest yielding of the foreign strains produce much less than the lowest yielding of our domestic strains. Virginia clover seed is best and seed from the Central and Middle Atlantic States are better adapted than seed from other sections of the United States.

Even though some foreign seed is better than some foreign seed from other sources, there is no way to distinguish the part of Europe from which it comes (with the exception of Italy which has 10 per cent of the seed stained red and is the poorest of foreign sources). Some of us may have the erroneous impression that seed from Northern France is almost as good as domestic seed. Even if this were backed up by experimental evidence (which it is not), there is no way to distinguish between it and Southern France or other European strains.

The best procedure is not to buy any stained seed and to insist upon knowing the part of the United States from which domestic seed comes before buying.

## ENTERTAIN AT CARDS

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Weatherall entertained a number of friends at cards on Monday evening.

The home was very prettily decorated with St. Valentine's Day colors, the same scheme being carried out in the delightful refreshments which were served the guests.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Herrell, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Bean, Mrs. R. M. Jenkins, Mrs. A. L. Mylander, Mrs. John Sutphin, Miss Abbye Lutes, Miss Katherine Jenkins and Mrs. Lizzie Kite.

## U. OF VA. FOOTBALL COACH

Frank J. Murray, coach of Marquette University, Wisconsin, has just been appointed football coach at the University of Virginia.

## LATEST SIT-DOWN STRIKE

The latest thing in sit-down strikes is said to be that now going on at Saluda, Va., where thirty-two high school pupils have refused to leave a school bus until the authorities restore the water supply of the school, where wells are said to have been dry for three weeks.

Press reports indicate that the pupils have been warned by the principal that they must be prepared to suffer the consequences of their unexcused absence from class, but it is stated that they are acting with consent of their parents who are said to backing the young people in their vigorous protest.

## FARMERS DISCUSS SOIL POLICY

Saturday Meeting is Important.

A Farmer's Discussion Meeting will be held at the Manassas Post Office, Saturday Afternoon, February 20, at 1:30 O'clock.

The topic for discussion is "What Kind of Agricultural Policy Is Necessary To Save Our Soil?"

Some of the questions bearing on this subject to be discussed are:

1. Are losses through soil erosion and soil depletion serious enough to require a continuous national policy?

2. Can we work out of our difficulties by using individual judgment on individual farms?

3. What has been the history of our forests under private initiative?

4. Should we have agricultural policies put into effect in times of drought—like 1934 and 1936—and in times of price depression—like 1932—but not in normal times?

5. Is local policy, or state policy, adequate to deal with droughts and depressions? With production in normal years?

6. Why haven't more farmers in the past been careful with their soil? Would most farmers be willing to take care of their soil if they could afford it?

7. What can be done to save our soil? How can farmers afford to do it?

8. Who suffers eventually when we waste our national resources? Why should the Government be interested in conservation?

9. If you were working out an agricultural policy for the nation, would you stress a long-time point of view? What would you include? Why?

## STATE OFFICERS ATTEND OBSEQUIES

In view of the special services rendered to the Daughters of America by Miss Syney Ann Runaldue whose funeral took place on Saturday, four of the State officers attended and took charge of the ceremonies at the grave. They were Miss Sophie Mann and Mesdames Crump, Danton and Foland. The last two named sang a beautiful duet during the rites. Practically every member of the local council was present.

Mr. Cleveland Fisher returned from College especially to act as one of the pallbearers, the others being Professor R. Worth Peters, of the local schools, Messrs Francis and Lacey Compton, Orville Holler and Herve Ritter; other honorary pallbearers were John Waters, Charles Bauserman, Vernon Moore, Henry Peters.

Miss Runaldue's pastor, Rev. John M. DeChant, who is himself head of the Juniors at Manassas, preached a most lovely sermon and the old Presbyterian church was packed to the walls with grieving friends and relatives.

## BLAZE EXTINGUISHED

The Manassas Volunteer Fire Department was called out about 11 a. m. on Tuesday to extinguish a fire of undetermined origin in the home of Mr. Claude Hixson. Prompt action and efficient service reduced the damage to a relatively small amount, although, it is stated, the house would undoubtedly have been destroyed, but for the quick work of the Fire Department.

## NOTICE!

On Monday, February 22, 1937—Washington's Birthday—the windows at the Post Office will be opened during the following hours:

9 a. m. to 11 a. m.

The money order window will not be opened.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS

Arnold Lester given three year term for housebreaking. Case decided by Judge.

Charles J. Gilliss named to electoral board for three year term.

Andy Brady given \$25.00 fine for driving drunk.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holliday given permission to adopt Clarence Price.

## POSTMASTER

## FOUNDERS DAY IS CELEBRATED

Bennett and High School Leagues Observe Occasion Yearly.

On Monday afternoon the Bennett and High School Leagues held a joint meeting at Bennett school to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Parent-Teachers' Association, known as Founders Day.

In February of each year Founders Day is set aside in the local Parent-Teachers' Associations as a tribute to the ideals and traditions which have made this movement a significant part of the home, school and community life of the country.

Mrs. Percival Lewis read a very interesting article on the history and activities of the P.-T. A. and a poem "My Tribute" written by Mrs. Milton Higgins, a past National President, was read by Mrs. DeChant.

A free will offering was taken which will be used toward the support and extension of the State and National work.

Mr. Peters asked for an expression on the subject of having all school children finger printed. A general discussion resulted in unanimous approval of the plan. He also urged patrons to acquaint themselves with the advantages of the Dental Clinic and to make use of this service while it is available.

The Finance and Budget Committee reported that \$27.25 had been spent to meet a like amount from the School Board to purchase an encyclopedia which had been placed in the school.

It was decided to draw up resolutions of regret for the death on Dec. 31, 1936 of Mr. J. H. Montgomery, former Executive Secretary of the Co-operative Education Association.

A birthday cake with forty candles in honor of the occasion was cut by the two league presidents, Mrs. Walter Sadd and Mrs. Robert Newman.

A pleasant social hour with refreshments was followed by adjournment.

## COUNTY POULTRY MEETING AT MANASSAS TULLY AND MOORE SPEAK

Poultry keepers met for an all-day session at the Manassas Post Office Assembly Room last Thursday.

Hatching, selection of chicks, brooding and early management was discussed by Dr. W. C. Tully and Harry L. Moore, Extension Poultry Specialists from Blacksburg.

Among the recommendations made were selecting hatching eggs from Pullorum disease-free hens, obtaining chicks from hatcheries using eggs from Pullorum disease-free and certified flocks, the placing of not more than three hundred (preferably only two hundred and fifty) chicks under any one brooder, and using every sanitary precaution in their management.

Following the meeting, plans were made for carrying out a "Grow Healthy Chicks" campaign in the county.

## JULIA LARKIN

Word has been received here announcing the death in New York of Mrs. Julia Larkin Findley, wife of Maj. John P. Findley, U. S. A., retired. Mrs. Findley was the daughter of John Larkin and Vilette Burdan and niece of Gen. Hiram Burdan also a niece of L. A. and Thos. A. Larkin. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Flora Noble, wife of Capt. Noble, U. S. A., and Miss Mary Findley. Two sisters, Miss Ella F. Larkin and Mrs. William N. Roach, who is known in Manassas, having frequently visited relatives here and at "Larkinton", her birthplace.

Mrs. Findley spent much of her life abroad and only a short time ago returned to New York. She will be buried in Arlington Cemetery.

## ANOTHER DOUBLE EGG

An egg similar to the one recorded in last week's Journal as received from Mrs. Lucille Free of Nokesville is reported today in a press dispatch from Strasburg where an egg within an egg was laid by a hen belonging to Mr. Fred Beachley of that place.

We reported our egg to the Biological Survey for comment, but our letter was in the stolen mail pouch which disappeared from Manassas a few days ago. We have again asked the Washington experts to comment on this unusual type of egg.