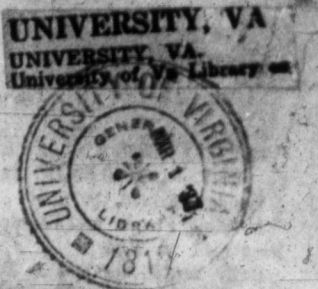


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BEER RULING DRAWS PROTEST

Conflicting Views on Enforcement Cited.

The recent ruling of the A. B. C. Board abandoning the sales of all alcoholic drinks by their licenses from twelve o'clock midnight Saturdays until five o'clock Monday morning has caused the expected throughout the State.

This "blue law" regulation is being viewed with considerable apprehension both by those in charge of local law enforcement units and also by those interested in the manufacture of beer. To quote from a release sent out this week to all Virginia editors the Associated Brewers of the Fifth region the following statement is given in part:

"We greatly feel that if we say by law that the public can not buy beer on Sunday, we will to a degree create the same situation that existed during the years of prohibition. People will go to road-houses, drug stores and restaurants and purchase bootleg liquor. We believe that the effect of this practice will be bad. Beer is a respectable beverage and it should be kept as such. By passing a law that would prohibit the buying of beer on Sunday we are in effect doing an injustice. Beer is recognized as a legal beverage. Its sale is widespread the same as the sale of all other beverages, and, therefore, there is no reason to prohibit the sale of beer on Sunday than the sale of soft drinks, tea or any other beverage of a like type. It is bad psychology to pass a law that is unpopular, for by so doing violators of the law are in fact being abetted by the lawmakers."

Without indorsing the above sentiment, local law enforcement units such as are in the incorporated towns, feel more or less naturally that the A. B. C. Board has dumped an unfair regulation on their shoulders, and in defense of that attitude, quotation is made of Section 65 of the Acts of the 1934 Session of the General Assembly of Virginia, as follows:

"No county, city or town shall, except as otherwise provided in Secession of local licenses, pass or tion 26 of this Act providing for the adoption and Ordinance or resolution regulating or prohibiting the manufacture, bottling, possession, sale, distribution, handling, transportation, drinking, use, advertising or dispensing of alcoholic beverages in Virginia."

It would appear that Section 26 as above quoted merely permits localities to require a license in all matters relating to the quoted section above. In sharp contrast to this sentiment we produce a letter from the Commonwealth Attorney of Prince William County to one of the licensees of the A. B. C. Board in the same county which is as follows:

February 20, 1937.
Mr. John R. Clarke,
Gainesville, Virginia.
Re: Sale of Beer and Wine on Sunday.
Dear Mr. Clarke:

I appreciate the fact that your best sale days are Sundays, still, notwithstanding your permit to sell beer and wine, allowed you by the ABC Board, and their change saying that you shall not sell on Sunday, I beg to say that the Board has absolute right by legislative authority to say whether you may sell on Sunday or not. The legislature, when creating this Board, gave it authority to make regulations as to how, when, and where sale should be made. In the Acts of Assembly, approved March 7, 1934, designated as Chapter 94 of the 1933 and 1934 Acts, you will find that under Section 24 on page 14 thereof the law states as follows: "The Board shall prescribe by regulations, which it may from time to time alter, amend or repeal, between what hours and on what days wine and beer shall not be sold by persons licensed under the provisions of this act." So it is apparent, on the face, that when it says you shall not sell on certain days, or between certain hours, it has a force and an effect of law.

Notwithstanding the power of the Board to regulate the sale, you have not legally had the right to sell beer and wine on Sundays, for by Section 4570 of the Code of 1919, by what is known as one of the Blue Laws, you had not the right to sell, even in the absence of the regulation of the Board. They just haven't enforced the same.

While this law has been amended several times, it has been in force ever since 1887, and in my opinion, (See RULING, page 5)

"WILD GINGER" PRESENTED BY DRAMATIC CLUB

"Wild Ginger," the play produced by the Manassas high school Dramatics Club, will take place tomorrow at eight o'clock. The leading roles will be portrayed by Elizabeth Davies and Gilbert Rellins. Billy Jamison who furnishes the humor in the play, takes the part of a would-be chiropractor of Squatter Town.

The play centers around Virginia Tallman, a resident of Squatter Town, whose mother had run away when Virginia was very small.

Virginia has acquired a reputation of being very wild and was therefore named "Wild Ginger." Also, the story centers around a mystery concerning Miss Rachael L. Lee, played by Jessie Mae Conner.

The other characters are portrayed by Bobbie Byrd, Nelson Lynn, Bobby Jenkins, Virginia Newman, Sally Porfitt, Betty Beane and Samuel Hotte.

OLD BATTLE FLAG GIVEN MUSEUM

Fighting Emblem of 5th Louisiana Now at Rest.

Ceremonies were held on Monday of this week for the presentation of another battle flag of the South which was given by Col. and Mrs. S. P. Wetherill of Philadelphia to the Louisiana Room of the Confederate Museum at Richmond.

This banner was used by the Fifth Louisiana Regiment during the great struggles of the "Sixties." This Regiment was stationed at Yorktown during the early part of the war and participated in the Battles of the Peninsula and Fredericksburg.

A very interesting and thrilling little story accompanys this flag as it was carried by Mrs. John James, formerly of New Orleans, who with a group of volunteers took medicines to the Confederate soldiers through the Federal lines. After making her way to Baltimore on horseback, Mrs. James, while there, was asked to take this Confederate flag to Richmond, which she succeeded in doing by concealing the banner of Stars and Bars beneath her skirt.

Later on she went to Jamestown where the flag from Baltimore was presented to the Fifth Louisiana.

This flag, prior to its presentation to the Museum, passed through the hands of several Southern sympathizers, who carried out the request of a dying Confederate soldier who was carrying it at the time of his death, and who asked for it not to fall into the hands of a "Yankee."

The Pitts' Theatre is putting on a movie Monday and Tuesday, March 1 and 2, for the benefit of the school dental clinic. There will be one show each night beginning at eight o'clock. On Tuesday afternoon there will be a special matinee beginning at 1:30.

The picture they are showing is "College Holiday" with the well known comedians Jack Benny and Martha Ray.

This movie is being sponsored by the P.-T. A. of the Bennett School and tickets are now being sold by school children.

Tickets will be on sale at Cooke Pharmacy and may also be secured in advance for school children tickets.

MORE ABOUT THE INNER EGG

Since publishing our report last week of the unusual "egg within an egg" brought to the Journal office by Mrs. Lucille Free of Nokesville, we have had a letter from Harry C. Oberholser, senior biologist of the section of Wildlife Surveys, Washington, who displayed a keen interest in the circumstance.

Mr. Oberholser states in his communication that while abnormal eggs frequently occur, it is much more common to find such as double yolks than eggs within eggs which is decidedly a rare circumstance.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO OBSERVE SEASON OF PRAYER

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church will observe the "Season of Prayer for Home Missions" by having the meetings next week on Tuesday, 2nd, and Thursday, 4th, at Mrs. Harrell's at 2:30 p. m.

On Friday night at the church at 7:30 p. m. the W. M. S. and Y. W. A. will have a joint meeting.

The "Annie W. Armstrong" offering for Home Missions will be taken at these meetings.

Principals of the National Democratic Victory Dinner to be Held in Manassas on March 4



JAMES A. FARLEY
National Democratic Chairman



WM. HILL BROWN, JR.
Chairman for Prince William



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
President of the United States

FLAG PRESENTED AT NOKESVILLE

Rev. DeChant Officiates at Dedication.

A very pretty ceremony took place last Friday afternoon at Nokesville High School when the Daughters of America, Prince William Council No. 45, presented a handsome flag to the school.

The exercises were opened by Rev. J. M. DeChant, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Manassas, who is also head of Bull Run Council, Order of Fraternal Americans, who gave the invocation.

The assembly then sang several verses of America. This was followed by a number of features by members of the student body, all of which were patriotic in nature.

The first of these was a recitation, "The Flag Goes By" by Frances Ellis, "The Story of Flags" was told by Virginia Estes, and Billy Hedrick gave a talk on "Etiquette of the Flag". The student body then sang "It's My Flag Too". The Glee Club then rendered America The Beautiful.

Rev. John M. DeChant gave a brief talk on patriotism which was greatly appreciated by all and George D. Baker, Junior Past Counselor of the Daughters of America, and also Past District Deputy of the Order of Fraternal Americans, followed with a brief address which was serious and humorous.

Miss Virginia Polen, Councilor of the Daughters, presented the flag in a graceful manner urging respect and loyalty for the same. Division Superintendent R. C. Haydon accepted on behalf of the student body. The flag was then raised and the entire audience saluted it.

The Star Spangled Banner marked the closing of the exercises and invocation was announced by Rev. DeChant.

EDWIN F. HILL DIES SUDDENLY AT HIS HOME IN WASHINGTON

C & P Official Had Many Friends in County.

Edwin F. Hill, 55, past international trustee of Kiwanis International, former governor of the Capital District and director of information for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co., died late Saturday at his home, 28 East Woodbine street, Chevy Chase. He had not missed a Kiwanis meeting in almost a decade.

A beloved and familiar figure to thousands of Washingtonians, Hill was ill about two weeks.

Death was due to leukemia, physicians said. As Hill lay in bed at his home, fellow Kiwanians saw to it his perfect record for attendance was not marred.

Born in Orange County, January 5, 1882, when the South was still in the throes of the Reconstruction that followed the War Between the States, Hill attended common school, then Locust Dale Academy.

As a strong, well-knit youth he joined the Southern Bell Telephone Co. as a lineman's helper in Portsmouth, Va., in 1900.

Because of his intelligence and strength he became a lineman shortly afterward. He worked atop telephone poles in the coastal Virginia country, repairing wires ripped down by gales and storms, and he worked

BURDETTE WILLIAM SELECMAN

Funeral services are being held today at 2:00 o'clock p. m. for Burdette William Selecman, Rev. F. L. Morrison officiating, assisted by Rev. L. B. Atkins. Burial took place in Pockhick Cemetery.

Mr. Selecman passed away at his home in Occoquan Monday night following a severe illness of pneumonia.

Besides his widow, Lou Selecman, he is survived one son, Willard Selecman of Occoquan, one daughter, Mrs. Alice Roscoe, both of Occoquan; three brothers, Capt. John Selecman and Silas Selecman of Occoquan and Mr. Harry Selecman of Lorton, and three sisters, Mrs. Ledman of Manassas, Mrs. Paul Hamill of Washington and Mrs. Charles Pierce of Occoquan.

Mr. Selecman formerly lived in New Jersey but in latter years he moved to Occoquan where he worked for many years and from which he had been retired for some time. Mr. Selecman was well known in Prince William County where he had many friends and relatives.

OCCOQUAN FACULTY WILL PRESENT PLAY

Friday night, March 5, at 8 o'clock the faculty of Occoquan District High School will present a three act comedy, "Everybody's Crazy". The cast, composed of faculty members and young men from the community, is as follows:

Misses Elizabeth Vaughan, Grace Madden, Lula Brydie, Mary Page Barnes, Ellen Eskridge, Jessie Neale, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Sanford and Messrs Webb, Mooney, Jimmy Shepard, Wallace Lynn, Roger Sanford and Francis Malcolm.

Mr. Harman and Mr. Sigman are in charge of stage and tickets. Miss Evelyn Irons is directing. This entertainment is for the benefit of the elementary library fund. Remember "Everybody's Crazy" on March 5 at Occoquan.



EDWIN F. HILL

so well that soon he became a cable splicer.
In 1902 "Ed" Hill was sent to Augusta, Ga., as a line foreman. Next he became district foreman for the American Telegraph & Telephone Co., for the entire south. Hill became general foreman of the (See EDWIN F. HILL, page 7)

MANASSAS WINS AT OCCOQUAN

Basketball Encounter Brings Two Victories for Local Teams.

Manassas high school won both games of a basketball doubleheader at Occoquan last Saturday. The girls' score was 14-10, and the boys' was 21-16.

The victory of the girls put them in a tie with Haymarket for the county championship. Occoquan took an early lead, but was unable to hold it. The first half was slow and found the score tied at 6-6. In the second half Manassas began to pull away, although Occoquan was still fighting. The high scorer was Beeton of Manassas. The high scorer for Occoquan was Allen.

The Manassas boys won their second consecutive county championship by winning the boys' game, 21-16. Manassas swept through its county schedule without a defeat. Last year Manassas was also unbeaten so that they now have an unbroken string for two seasons in the county.

Bourne and Chaves led an Occoquan attack which threatened to hand Manassas its first beating in county play in two years. Manassas was able to score only one field goal during the whole first half. The score at the half was 11-5 in favor of Occoquan. In the second half Lynn, Vance and Worley led an attack which won the championship for Manassas.

Occoquan was still fighting when the game ended but was unable to match Manassas' second half drive. Bourne of Occoquan and Morris of Manassas were sent out on personal fouls. The high scorers were Vance of Manassas with eight points, and Chaves of Occoquan with seven points.

Summaries:

MANASSAS	G	F	Pts
Adamson, f	0	0	0
Smith, f	0	0	0
Morris, f	0	0	0
Bauserman, f	1	1	3
Cooksey, f	0	0	0
Vance, c	3	2	8
Worley, g	1	2	4
Miller, g	0	1	1
N. Lynn, g	2	1	5

Totals	7	7	21
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OCCOQUAN	G	F	Pts
Katsarelis, f	1	0	2
Charves, f	3	1	7
Bourne, c	2	1	5
Hendrick, g	1	0	2
W. Lynn, g	0	0	0
Winfree, g	0	0	0

Totals	7	2	16
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FLOOD RELIEF REPORT SHOWS FURTHER DONATIONS

A report by the treasurer of Prince William Co. Chapter, American Red Cross of cash received to the 24th day of February, 1937, for aid to the Flood Relief Campaign:

Previously reported	\$1,293.74
Collected by:	
Rev. J. M. DeChant	15.00
First Baptist Church, Col'd	12.00
Manassas High School	.30
Trinity Sunday School	2.00
Bethel Lutheran Sunday School	13.16
Mrs. J. H. Dodge	1.00
Mrs. Mamie Lynch Delaney	5.00
Mis McGill: Mrs. Dawson 1,	
Bull Run Grange 5.	6.00
Total	1,348.20
O. D. Waters, Treas.	

VICTORY DINNER AT MANASSAS

Judge Brown Heads Prince William Event.

On Thursday evening, March 4, Democrats of Prince William County are holding one of a series of similar dinners being held simultaneously in every section of the country in honor of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Vice-President John M. Garner, to commemorate the completion of their first four years as the Nation's leaders and to raise sufficient money to pay off the deficit left over by the recent presidential campaign.

In the brief time available it has not been possible to mail out formal invitations, but all Democrats in the County are being urged to subscribe to this event and attend if possible.

The place is the Manassas high school auditorium and the time has been set at 6:30. The ladies of the Parent-Teachers Association are serving the dinner and a very pleasing program from local talent is anticipated. It is believed that something unique is in prospect, rather of the Gridiron type of dinner and it was rumored that Senator E. R. Conner's role would be an impersonation of Herbert Hoover who is said at one time to have had something to do with something or other.

It is planned to have President Roosevelt's address brought to the dinner by means of radio on the hook-up which will carry the President's message on all major stations at 10 o'clock from the \$100 a plate dinner at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington.

"Every true Democrat," Judge Brown stated this morning, "should join wholeheartedly in this nationwide party rally. We are honoring two great Americans and raising money for a purpose which should be dear to the heart of every loyal Democrat."

Writing from the national headquarters, Hon. W. Forbes Morgan stated this week to Judge Brown:

"I was particularly pleased to hear from Chairman Farley that he had appointed you as Chairman of the National Democratic Victory Dinner to be held in your town. I know in advance that we can count on you to produce a splendid return from the sale of tickets, which, added to that of the profits of other dinners will clear up the Party deficit and give us the working capital with which to keep the organization an active concern."

Among prominent guests invited to be present is Hon. Howard Smith, Congressman from our District who will be with his friends and neighbors here if his heavy duties in Washington at this time will permit.

KIWANIS MOURN LOSS OF LEADER

Arthur Boatwright stepped aside in his program work last week and called on Fred Hynson to give an analysis of his recent trip to the orange groves, etc. of Florida.

Fred gave an interesting sketch in part of his doings, including a trip to the Sharrett orchard where he was delightfully entertained. Fred also gave the Club some rare bits of humor.

An invitation was accepted to take part in the inter-club meeting with Alexandria at noon on March 4, Thursday next.

Members of the club are already aware of the death of their eminent leader, E. F. Hill of Va. and Washington. Ed always made it a practice to attend two clubs a week and thus he came to Manassas quite frequently as the visiting club for that week. Whenever he did so, he always brought a splendid program with him, many of which were prepared with a great deal of patient effort.

The Washington Club is stricken and so are all the other clubs in the Capital District. Ed, who had no children himself, tried to be a father to all of the unfortunate with whom he came in contact, and his wonderful example has been a great encouragement to the work in this county.

BASKETBALL DOUBLEHEADER

On Tuesday, March 2, local fans will have the chance to see what should be the best basketball treat of the year. In the first game starting at 7:30 the High School boys play Culpeper High School. The local iremen take on the Culpeper Town team in the second game. There will be no advance in prices and everyone should plan to take in this bargain show. Thompson of Warrenton will referee.