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DEMOCRATS RALLY TO THE STANDARD

Wm. Hill Brown Highly Praised for Party Service

Nearly one hundred and forty hungry Democrats assembled at the Manassas high school last Thursday evening to partake of a sumptuous repast prepared by the Patrons League and served by the girls of the Home Economics Department. Judge W. Hill Brown, jr., presided and the invocation was pronounced by Rev. Stuart Gibson.

Judge Brown gave the crowd a very hearty word of welcome prior to the banquet and Mrs. Beatrice Leachman rendered a number of selections.

During the evening there was considerable group singing with an impromptu squad of the school girls led by Mr. Raymond Ratcliffe. The girls in this sextet were Frances and Elizabeth Miller, Sara Margaret Senseney, Dorothy Rollins, Elizabeth Davies and Jane Beeton.

Prior to the main speech which was given by Mr. Arthur Watwood, Judge Brown called on a number of the county officials who were present. The Honorable Clerk of the Court, George Tyler, gave a charming address in which he stressed greatness of the occasion. He lauded President Roosevelt and stated that the times called for party harmony.

Other officials who responded with a word of welcome were Mrs. Janie Abel, Rev. J. Murray Taylor, C. B. Roland, Lester Huff, L. Ledman, Postmaster Davies, Delegate Frank Moncure, Treasurer C. A. Sinclair, Commissioner of Revenue Robert Weir, Superintendent R. C. Haydon, Principal of Manassas schools William Peters and Hon. George Herring, former member of Delegates who was greeted with hearty applause.

Senator Conner read a poem which was received with enthusiasm. Mr. William Leachman was introduced as the first president of the Young Democrats of the county. Mr. O. D. Waters made a few remarks that were soundly applauded.

Mr. W. T. Sweeney was also recognized as present head of the Young Democrats.

Mr. G. R. Ratcliffe was next called on, but Mr. Ratcliffe said he preferred to sing.

Mr. Hawes Davies, sr., paid a tribute to Hon. Howard Smith who was to have been the speaker of the evening, but was prevented by the sudden illness of his mother.

Mr. J. J. Davies then introduced the speaker, Mr. Arthur Watwood.

Mr. Watwood, beginning his address, paid the very highest compliments to Hon. Howard Smith stating that Judge Smith, when he cast a vote in Congress, did so with due consideration not only of his own constituents, but in the best interest of the whole country and that the Judge was highly esteemed in Congress. Mr. Watwood said that he realized he was

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KIWANIS HAVE PASTORAL VISIT

At the Kiwanis meeting last week, patch Rev. Paul Baker of the Southern Methodist Church was introduced to the Club by Al Hooff as speaker for the occasion.

The Reverend had a splendid assortment of jokes and sober talk both of which high were greatly appreciated.

Everyone was glad to welcome Jim back and we expect he will be on the floor as a travel tour relator in the near future to keep pace with Al and Fred. Dick Haydon reported for those who had a nice trip to Alexandria and seemed to have his lines very good.

No announcement was made of the program for this week.

ON THE JOB

The Manassas Volunteer Fire Department made another splendid record this week when they answered several local and near-town calls.

The fire squad were quickly on the job and showed efficient service on all occasions. The department is to be highly praised for its promptness and efficiency in extinguishing fires.

P-T. A. MEETING

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will meet at the high school on Thursday, March 8. All patrons are requested to be present.

A special feature of the program will be an exhibition drill at 2:15 by the high school pupils. Mr. Jack Ratcliffe will talk on boy scout work.



MR. ARTHUR WATWOOD

who was sent by the National Democratic Committee to substitute for Judge Smith whose absence from the dinner was occasioned by the serious illness of his mother.

WILL RECOMMEND FARM POLICIES

Farmers to Meet at Manassas This Saturday.

Farmers from each community of the county will meet at the assembly room of the Manassas Post Office, Saturday afternoon, March 13, at 1:30 o'clock, to prepare recommendations for National agricultural policy to submit to Washington from the country as a whole.

Statistics will be checked and the uses to which farm land is now being put in the county will be considered. It will be discussed also whether the acreage of depleting crops should be increased or decreased from the standpoint of soil conservation.

A map, showing acreages of cropland, woodland, etc., will be completed at this time.

Recommendations made at the community meetings held during the past few weeks over the county, notes taken by the chairmen at these meetings, and additional recommendations made at the Saturday county get-together will be summarized.

This is an important farm meeting and, in addition to the agricultural committeemen representing the various communities, all farmers who are interested in helping to contribute toward the recommendations concerning National policy are invited to attend.

HEAR OF RELIGIOUS LIFE CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS

Mrs. E. H. Marsteller, Mrs. C. R. Johnson and Mrs. O. D. Waters were hostesses at the March meeting of the Manassas Chapter U. D. C., which was held in the home of Mrs. Marsteller. After the usual opening exercises the meeting was turned over to the historian, Mrs. T. J. Ashford, who entertained with a program on the religious life of the Virginia soldiers.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer, Mrs. R. L. Byrd, reported a balance of \$3.43, having paid bills amounting to \$6.85 and state obligations amounting to \$74.05. She read a number of letters from out of town members who had sent dues.

The corresponding secretary sent her report and a number of letters which were read.

Mrs. Hibbs told of the delightful meeting of the children in the home of Mrs. B. F. Knox with Mrs. R. L. Byrd, assistant hostess.

The recorder of crosses holds a cross of honor to be presented to Mr. W. Fred Dowell on June 3rd.

Hostesses for the April meeting are Mrs. Margaret Lewis, Miss Katie Lewis and Mrs. Susie Gibson Fox. The building committee was authorized to pay a bill of \$35.00 for hauling stone.

Mrs. Robert Hutchison who has been trying to secure a pension for Mr. Palmer, an aged veteran hopes to have completed report by the next meeting. A motion was carried to give \$5.00 for the Stratford Maintenance Fund, and \$2.00 for the Lee Chapel organ.

The Chapter was invited to take part in a "spelling bee" to be held at the Manassas High School and Mrs. Weedan and Mrs. Marsteller were asked to represent the chapter on that occasion.

MRS. W. W. SMITH, SR., VERY ILL

Mrs. William Worth Smith, sr., continues very ill at the home of Hon. Howard W. Smith of Alexandria. All of her children have been summoned to her bedside.

HOME DEMONSTRATION NEWS

Schedule for March 11th to March 11th, The Home Demonstration Advisory Board Committee will meet at the Post Office Building at 2 p. m., to plan the achievement program and exhibits. The members of the committee are Mrs. E. C. Spittler, Chairman, Nokesville, Miss Katie Baley, Greenwich, Mrs. Walter Gardner, Hickory Grove; Mrs. Myrtle Keys, Dumfries; Mrs. E. W. Thompson, Woodbridge; Mrs. Philip Senseney, Wellington; Mrs. Ora Keys, Brentsville; Mrs. Mack Keiler, Oden.

March 12th — The Nominating Committee for the Home Demonstration Advisory Board will meet at the Dumfries School at 10 A. M. Members of the committee are Mrs. Wallace Dawson, Chairman, Mrs. A. B. Persons, Mrs. Herbert Thompson, and Mrs. D. A. Shoffer.

March 13, at 2 P. M., Nokesville 4-H Club will meet at Mrs. W. R. Tree's for their regular meeting.

March 15 Aden 4-H Club will meet at the school for a demonstration on "Comfortable Corners" for the living room.

March 15 Woodline 4-H Club meets at the school for their regular meeting with Miss Bessie Cornwell, leader in charge.

March 16th Greenwich 4-H Club will meet at the school for their regular meeting with Miss Katie Boley, leader in charge.

March 17, Hickory Grove House Demonstration Club will meet at the Hall for a demonstration on Home and Highway Beautification.

March 18, Dumfries 4-H Club will hold its meeting at the school. Mrs. Cato will assist the agent in the meeting.

March 18, Occoquan 4-H Club will hold its regular meeting at the school with Mrs. E. W. Thompson, leader in charge.

March 18, Bethel 4-H Club will meet at the school with Mrs. Janet Murphy, leader in charge.

March 19, Bethel 4-H Club will meet at 1:30 for a demonstration.

Sarah E. Thomas, H.D.A.

4-H CLUB BOYS NAME McMICHAEL

Each Boy Makes Report of Projects.

At a meeting of the Nokesville Boys 4-H Club Wednesday, Stuart McMichael was unanimously chosen to serve as leader and advisor of the group. McMichael is a member of the State 4-H All-Star Organization and while an active member of the Nokesville club several years ago, represented Virginia as a member of the State dairy cattle judging team at the National Dairy Show at St. Louis.

Means were discussed for raising funds to help defray the expenses of delegates to the Jamestown and Blacksburg 4-H Short Courses next summer. At the roll call by Frederick Harpinc, Secretary, a report on the projects carried was made by each boy in the club. Billie Harpinc, Vice-President, presided in the absence of William Hedrick, President.

Several of the contests sponsored by the State 4-Club Department will be participated in.

CIRCUS AT OCCOQUAN SPONSORED BY LEAGUE

More than a hundred persons figure in "The Circus" to be held in the Occoquan District High School on the evenings of March 18 and 19. The entertainment is sponsored by the Senior League and is produced by the Theatre Guild under direction of Mrs. Theodora Gleason.

It is stated that much fun is incorporated in the presentation and that freaks of all kinds, including tall people, fat people and laughingly funny mis-fits will be featured in a most enjoyable manner.

The committees have been working very energetically to make the affair a success. Mr. B. W. Brunt, President of the Senior League, has appointed a large committee. Mrs. John Powell is Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and Mr. H. L. Mooney is assisting. The publicity committee includes Capt. Joyce, Mrs. Purvis, Mrs. Mooney, Miss Brydie, Mrs. Shanklin and Mrs. Dawson.

Next Thursday and Friday evening, March 18 and 19 are big nights in Occoquan and all interested in the progress of the school and community are urged by the committees to attend the Circus and to co-operate fully in advance to make it an outstanding success.

NOTICE TO FARMERS

J. Gray Beverley, Field Supervisor will be at the office of Mr. Frank Cox, County Agent, Post Office Building, Manassas, Virginia, on Wednesday, March 17, from 9:00 a. m., until 1:00 p. m., for the purpose of taking applications for loans under the Emergency Crop Loan Act.

Farmers desiring these loans should apply on that date.

WILL PRESENT PUPILS

IN RECITAL

Mrs. Eloise Compton Trimmer will present her pupils in a recital Wednesday, March 17th, at the Manassas High School Auditorium. The program will start at 8 P. M. Mrs. Trimmer and her pupils extend a cordial invitation to all.

TUBERCULOSIS DIAGNOSIS CLINIC

A clinic for adults conducted by a specialist of the State Health Department for the diagnosis of diseases of the chest will be held in the Court House at Manassas on Friday, March 19. This clinic is in co-operation with the physicians of your county.

If you have a bad cold of long standing, with cough, especially if any of your family have died of tuberculosis, you have a chest examination, either by your physician or the clinic physician.

If you wish to be examined in the clinic, secure a written request for same from your physician and then see the tuberculosis nurse in your community for a clinic appointment.

FUNERAL RITES FOR MRS. CONNER

Large Gathering Follow Beloved Lady to her Last Resting Place.

At 7:15 on Sunday, March 7, Anna Ursula Conner entered into rest. The deceased was the daughter of Edwin and Augusta Newman and was born in Manassas where in 1907 she married Edgar R. Conner. In her earlier years of married life Mrs. Conner was active in the church, social and civic life of Manassas and is remembered as beautiful in person and of lovable character. Although an invalid for years she never lost interest in current affairs and was devoted to her husband and children to the last.

The funeral services were held Tuesday last at 2:00 p. m. in Grace Methodist Church where Mrs. Conner had been for years a member. Rev. C. P. Baker, pastor of the church and Rev. George Hazel, a former pastor, and friend of Mrs. Conner, conducted the last rites for this highly esteemed lady, which were simple and impressive. Mr. G. A. Sinclair, jr., sang with deep feeling "Somewhere" and Mrs. Kitty Baker played softly old familiar Gospel hymns before and after the service. The crowded church and masses of flowers bore eloquent testimony to the affection in which Mrs. Conner was held. Final services were held in the family lot in the Manassas cemetery.

Active pallbearers were C. A. Sinclair, jr., Carl Kinchele, Paul Kinchele, William Leachman, Francis Conner and Percival Lewis.

Honorary pallbearers were Hon. H. W. Smith, Congressman from this District, Hon. Melvin C. Hazen, Commissioner of the District of Columbia, Hon. Tom Frank, Mayor of Warrenton, Hawes Davies, sr., G. R. Ratcliffe, D. J. Arrington, T. E. Didlake, Col. R. A. Hutchinson, C. A. Sinclair, sr., John Burke, T. J. Broadus, R. S. O'Donoghue, C. F. M. Lewis, H. P. Davis, O. D. Waters, James Birkett, C. C. Lynn and W. H. Lamb.

Mrs. Conner is survived by her husband, a son, Edgar R. jr., three daughters, Mrs. Jack Ratcliffe and Misses Elvere and Walsler Conner, all of Manassas, and one grandchild, Anne Walsler Ratcliffe. Three brothers, C. M. and E. H. Newman of Bridgeport, Conn., and E. F. Newman of Washington, and a sister, Mrs. Blanche Senior of Bridgeport, Conn., also survive.

Mr. Conner and his children and other members of the family have the heart-felt sympathy of a large circle of friends.

TO RE-ENACT BATTLE OF THE CRATER

Petersburg is making preparations to take care of a large crowd of visitors on Friday, April 30, when there will be a realistic re-enactment of the battle of the Crater. More than 300 acres will be the "Stage" for the Sham battle, which will be participated in by the V. M. I., Cadet Corps, U. S. Marines from Quantico and units of the Virginia National Guard. The grounds will be equipped with an amplifying system so that spectators may hear the commentator, Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman, Editor of the Richmond News Leader.

During the first phase of the battle the spectators will be on the hill across the Railroad track from the Crater, and during the second phase Crater Park Grounds, each position they will occupy the west part of the affording a good view of the Battle-aforded. Many committees are working on details of the event, which will be one of the most spectacular battle scenes re-enacted in Virginia.

MARRIAGE RECORD

March 5—John Dolinger of Fairfax and Aldenia Blevins of Manassas.

COMMERCE GROUP HOLDS SESSION

Budget and Road Work Receives Endorsement.

The Prince William County Chamber of Commerce held a well attended meeting Wednesday afternoon at the Town Hall in Manassas and made a number of important matters the subject of discussion and appropriate action.

Mr. C. C. Cloe presided with his usual efficiency and an unusual volume of routine business was handled.

Upon motion the name of the organization was changed from the Manassas-Prince William Chamber of Commerce to the Prince William Chamber of Commerce.

A resolution was offered by G. B. Cocks requesting retention in the county of the convict force now employed on secondary roads.

Hon. Harry Davis spoke on the many complaints received relative to the winter condition of our secondary road system and stated that he believed that as a whole these roads are in much better condition than they were before the County relinquished control. A number of others also voiced the opinion that there had been decided improvement. Mr. Hubbard, Resident Engineer for the Highway Department, also made a brief address and stated that it was impossible to keep secondary and only partially improved roads in first class year around condition, but that under the five year plan now in operation all principal secondary roads would be hard surfaced and the strictly neighborhood roads maintained.

Professor Haydon, Division Superintendent of Schools, stated that there has been a steady improvement of the roads over which the school buses operated.

A resolution was adopted endorsing the program of the Resident Engineer and expressing the hope that Mr. Hubbard would be permitted to remain in charge of the Prince William road work until the five year program could be completed.

Mr. A. S. Boatwright discussed the Citizens Road League of Virginia and expressed the hope that its objectives would have the endorsement of the Prince William County Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Cloe then took up the consideration of the County Budget and asked Mayor Davis to explain its varied features. A general opinion expressed was that the budget was about as it should be, particularly the provisions for business instruction in some of the schools. The teaching of languages and of higher mathematics in the high schools was eloquently defended by Judge William Hill Brown, jr., who stated that unless our schools gave instruction in these required subjects our young people would not be eligible for admission to any of our higher institutions and universities.

Mr. R. S. Hynson spoke on the need for industries in Manassas to provide employment and pay rolls. No definite action was taken on this beyond suggesting that a suitable committee be formed to keep in contact with the industrial agents of the Southern and the R. F. and P. Railroads.

CLUB CHANGES DANCE DATE

At a called meeting of the dance committee of the Junior Woman's Club this week, it was definitely decided that the Club would hold its Spring dance on the evening of April 23, instead of April 16 as was previously announced.

This change was made due to circumstances not known at the time preliminary plans were made for the affair.

However, the dance committee, under the capable chairmanship of Miss Sally Lewis, is busily engaged in forwarding plans and arrangements, and at this time announces that one of Northern Virginia's most popular orchestras has been definitely engaged for this social event, which promises to be one of the loveliest and most enjoyable ever held in Manassas.

The junior women will be hostesses to their friends on this occasion and invites you to attend.

MORE CONTRIBUTIONS

Since last Thursday Judge Brown has received contributions for the Victory Dinner from George B. Cocks, F. L. Cannon, Wallace Lynn, Lindsey Dawson, Mrs. Harvey Janney and G. C. Russell.