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## SHERIFFS ENJOY ANNUAL MEETING

Convention Urges Study of Fee System by Legislature.

Virginia State Sheriffs' Association met July 14, 1937, with sixty seven members present, which included the following: G. M. Gilkerson, Sheriff Augusta County, President; Geo. T. Turner, Sheriff Northampton County, 1st Vice President; J. P. Kerlin, Sheriff Prince William County, 2nd Vice President; J. Frank Culpeper, Sheriff Nansemond County, Treasurer, and Chas. C. Curtis, Sheriff Elizabeth-City County, Secretary.

Addressing the Association Convention were Hon. George T. Huff, Mayor Charlottesville, Va., welcome; Hon. W. O. Fife, Commonwealth Attorney, Charlottesville, Va.; Hon. J. H. Boyce, President Chief Police Association State; Hon. R. B. Jordan, Chief Police City, Richmond, Va.; Mr. A. S. Wright, Captain of Detectives, Richmond, Va.; Hon. A. G. Berens, Special Representative Federal Department of Justice.

The Hon. Russell B. DeVine consultant of the Page Fee Commission, delivered a very interesting address on the jail situation throughout the State with reference to present compensation of sheriffs and what he believed to be an improvement in compensation by placing all sheriffs and city sergeants on an equitable salary basis, which address was very interesting and instructive.

The Department of Justice representative, Mr. Berens, gave a very interesting talk in which he offered the services of his Department to every sheriff and law enforcement officer in Virginia, and said it would be his pleasure to serve them at all times.

Chief Jordan also gave a well received discourse with reference to police and sheriffs cooperation, and also placed his Department at the service of all sheriffs and law enforcement officers. He strongly urged full cooperation by the public in all law enforcement.

### CHEST CLINIC RESULTS

At the chest clinic held at Court House on Monday, July 19 twenty patients were examined by the State specialist. The reports of the examinations have been sent to the referring physicians and all positive and suspicious casts advised to consult their family physicians for advice and treatment. Some of them will doubtless go to the State sanatoria, but most of them must remain at home. Doctors report that it is easier to get well at a sanatorium because people at home do as they please and not as the doctor advises. The advice of the family doctor if followed out in the home is just as effective as the advice of a doctor at a hospital. People with tuberculosis should realize this when they must remain at home with the disease, act sensibly and obey the doctor. Medicine is not needed. Plenty of rest, good food, and fresh air will work the cure if they begin soon enough.

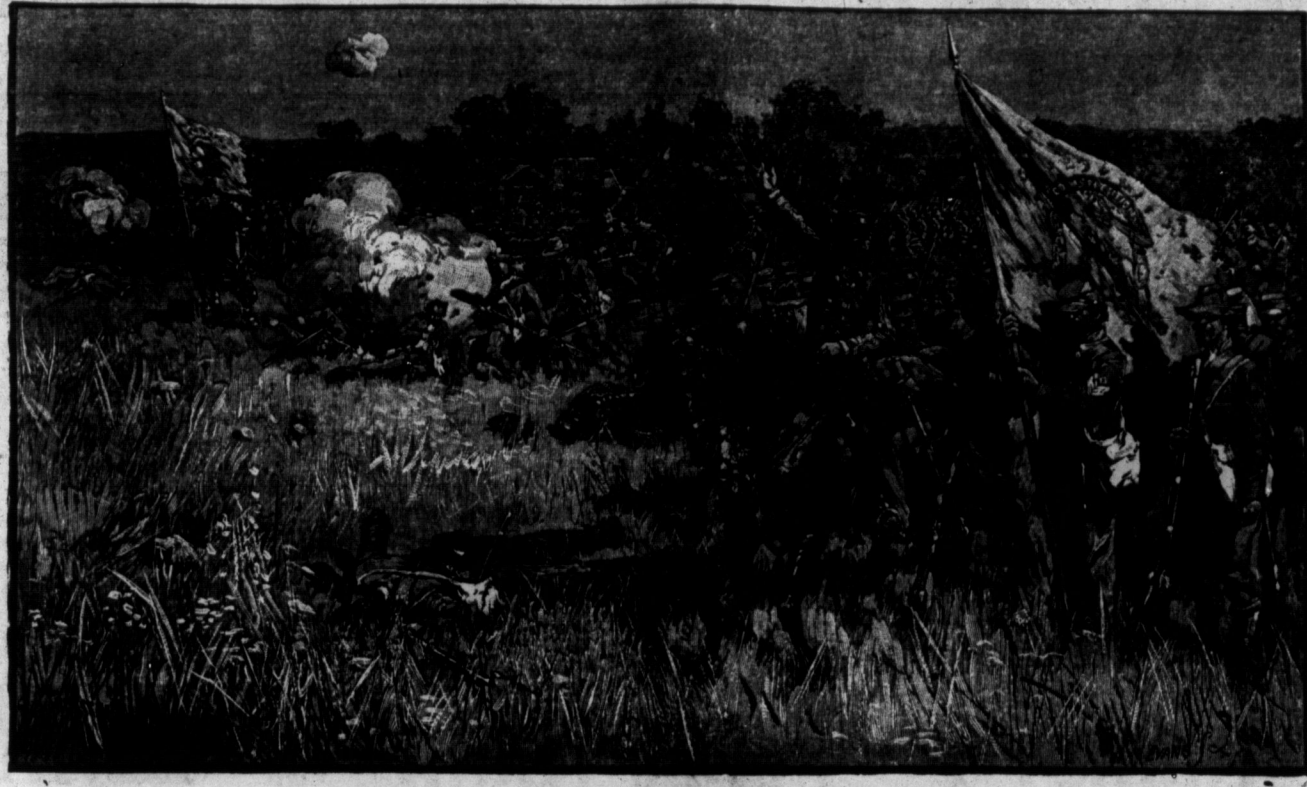
### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. William Fauntleroy Coker announce the engagement of their daughter, Evelyn Harrison, to Mr. John Holt Merchant, son of Mrs. W. F. Merchant, and the late Dr. Merchant.

### LAWN PARTY AT DUMFRIES

A lawn party will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall at Dumfries for the benefit of the Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, July 27. The candidates for the General Assembly, Hon. Geo. Herring and Hon. Frank Muncure, and other candidates have been invited to speak.

Mr. W. C. Sadd leaves for New York this evening on a business trip.



THE FIRST BATTLE OF MANASSAS, JULY 21, 1861

## 76th Anniversary of First Manassas Celebrated at Historic Old Henry Farm

### EYE-WITNESS OF BATTLE IS HONOR GUEST.

It was an all-Southern day at the 76th anniversary of the First Battle of Manassas which took place as usual in the Henry Farm grove. Rather a small crowd was in attendance, probably not over two hundred people. This was due in part to the apparent uncertainty of the celebration, it being reported that the property was going into the hands of the Federal Government and that there would be no more anniversary celebrations.

State Senator Rust, president of the Battlefield Association, was the presiding officer. Guests included Mr. Robert Cushing, Company A, Prince William Cavalry, C.S.A., and an eye witness of the famous conflict, Congressman J. Ridley Mitchell, of the 4th district of Tennessee, (which is also the home district of Secretary of State Cordell Hull, who formerly sat for this district in Congress), Mr. Herbert Williams, of Vienna, and the following members of the Washington Opera Guild, Marie Morris, accompanied, Dorothea Cutting, Ida Wood, Maria Nabholz and Dorothy Freeman.

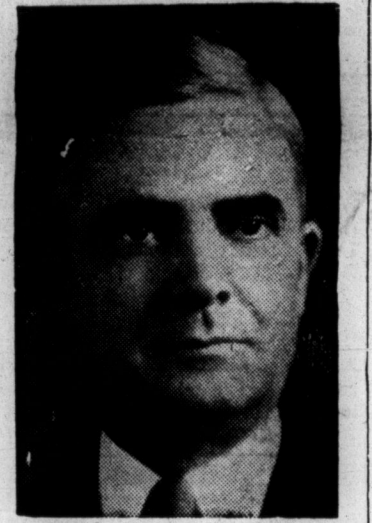
After a delightful picnic, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Rust who introduced Mr. Mitchell as the speaker of the day. The gentleman immediately established himself as a bonafide Southerner from the "deep South". His voice was fervent with genuine emotion as he spoke of Virginia's heroes, George Washington, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, Robert E. Lee, "Stonewall" Jackson, and others.

In passing, he gracefully paid homage especially to Howard Smith, Congressman from our District, and also praised our Senators. The speaker declared that "all war is not unnecessary". He urged respect for the man who fights for his home. He characterized the spot in which he himself stood as "sacred ground."

Leading up in the State's history, he stressed the sacrifices made by our pioneer forefathers. In referring to the matter of the State's sovereignty, he averred that it is still a very live issue. Much applause echoed his statement of the "Southern Army fought the greatest battles ever fought in the defense of local self government" and "for bravery and self sacrifice no people has ever witnessed the like."

Proceeding he added, "These men left us a heritage never exceeded on any battlefield in the whole world. The dispassionate historian will always honor them and their peerless leaders, Lee, Jackson and the rest of their heroes. It was just a few yards from here that they fought the battle of Manassas. (See CELEBRATION, page 12)

### NEXT GOVERNOR



Lieutenant - Governor Price was in town today in company with Hon. James U. Kincheloe, of Fairfax and Senator Ed. Conner. We hope he will visit us again.

### YOUNG DEMOCRATS WIND UP MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Tomorrow evening (July 23rd) the Young Democratic Club will hold a business session and dance at Occoquan. A splendid orchestra has been promised by the committee.

Next Friday evening (July 30th) the final meeting will be held here at the High School gymnasium, also to be followed by a dance. Special committees are arranging for prominent speakers of note, whose names will be published next week.

The membership drive, with Judge Brown as chairman, has met with flattering success thus far, and the next two meetings, it is believed, will give them even greater success.

### VISIT OF FIRE MARSHAL

Mr. Samuel Steiner, Deputy Fire Marshal, of Richmond, has been making an inspection of the business district of Manassas, in co-operation with Fire Chief, Arthur Vetter.

Mr. Steiner expressed himself as highly pleased with the co-operation extended by citizen's of the town in reducing fire hazards. He stated that there has been much improvement and expressed the hope that fire hazards will be eliminated to the fullest possible extent.

Announcements have been received in Manassas of the marriage of Miss Mary Margaret Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Bell, of Richmond to Dr. R. Terrell Johnson of this town. The marriage took place in Richmond on Saturday, July 17. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson will make their home in South Main St., in Manassas.

### ASKS BATTLE PARK CONTROL BY SOUTHERN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

At the Battle Park yesterday Mrs. Clay of the Stonewall Chapter pointed to the work of the U.D.C. in restoring Stratford and asked that the Battle Park Restoration be turned over to the Southern Memorial Association. It would seem to us that the suggestion of Mrs. Clay should be earnestly considered. It must be remembered that, after all, the women of the South have preserved the history and honored the heroes of the War between the States.

### GAY NINETIES ARE RE-ENACTED

Many Take Part in Revival of Past Styles and Games.

The party of the gay nineties was given by the Junior Woman's Club was a pronounced success. But for very sweet gowns of that period, the limp and faded aspect of the scene was most realistic.

Throughout the afternoon and evening songs and music of the nineties were rendered by Mrs. Dennis Baker, and Mr. Cleveland Fisher.

The judges of the fashion show were Mesdames Grayson Tyler, W. E. Newman, G. R. Ratcliffe and Messrs, Charlie Cloe and H. T. Davies, Jr.

First prize was won by Miss Walter Conner, Mrs. John Roseberry receiving honorable mention. First prize for men was won by Mr. Jack Ratcliffe.

The outstanding guests were Hon. Geo. W. Herring, Hon. John W. Rust and Mr. Charlie Cloe. There was a country wide crowd and dancing in the evening.

### STATE FARMER'S INSTITUTE

Attention is again called to the State Farmer's Institute to be held on the V.P.I. Campus at Blacksburg on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Of especial interest will be the tours of the Experiment Farm and the special programs dealing with general crops, soil improvement, better pastures, poultry, fruit, dairying, livestock, etc. Arrangements for rooms may be made at the registration booth on the campus.

### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Dr. and Mrs. C. Haydon Metcalfe, of Sudlersville, Md., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Frances Gwynne Metcalfe to Mr. Charles Leland Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Harrison, of Rydal Pa., and Land's End Farm, Queen Anne Co., Md.

### DATED OF MEETING CHANGED

Attention is called to the fact that the Board of Supervisors has changed its regular monthly meeting from August 5th to August 6th.

### GASOLINE EXPERT KIWANIS GUEST

Gives Interesting Facts and Figures to Audience.

E. A. Kyhn, Secretary of the Virginia Petroleum Industry Committee was present as the guest of Edgar Kiwanis Club.

In his capacity as industrial research expert, Mr. Kyhn gave a concerning the origin, development and use of gasoline and its by products.

The special emphasis of his talk was directed, however, at the important position that gasoline holds as a tax revenue producer. Here again Mr. Kyhn gave interesting sidelights on the development of the gas tax since its origin in 1919, when a levy of one cent was imposed by the Legislature of the State of Oregon.

The speaker stated that the average gallonage per vehicle per year in Virginia is 726 gallons and that the average motorist in Virginia pays \$43.66 in gasoline taxes each year.

Other guests present for the evening were Mr. Ellis Cornwell, a business man of Manassas, and Col. Hulvey, who is contemplating establishment of a school here.

### HON. GEO. HERRING ATTENDED CELEBRATION

Mr. Geo. W. Herring, of Woodbridge was present at the Battle Park Celebration yesterday.

His Prince William friends were glad to see him and congratulated him on the progress he is making in his campaign for the House of Delegates.

### YOUTHS ADMITTED TO BAR

Distinguished young men from this area who were admitted to practice at law through announcements of the Virginia Bar this week are Howard W. Smith, Jr., of Alexandria, Va., son of Congressman Howard W. Smith, of the 8th Congressional District, and Elijah White, Jr., of Leesburg, Va., great grandson of the great Mosby leader.

### SAVE YOUR DOGS

The county game warden is again warning all dog owners of the ordinance passed by the Board of Supervisors in June, which ordinance was published in the Journal and copies of which are being distributed to again remind dog owners that their dogs must not run at large during the months mentioned in the said ordinance.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN CONVENTION

Coles District Group Hold Interesting.

The Coles District Sunday School convention was held at the Independent Hill Sunday School on the second Sunday in July, after being inactive for the past two years, with the representatives from Belle Haven, Woodbine, and Purcell, and was very well attended.

At 10:00 o'clock all the schools joined in the Sunday School lesson after Bro. Runion delivered a scriptural address on Nehemiah 4th, chapter 6th verse.

The Moderator W. A. Wine arrived and took charge. The program was then followed as was published in the Journal.

The song service by the children was very delightful, rendered with W. A. Wine as leader.

After announcements and adjournment dinner was served on the grounds.

Reassembling at 1:30 P. M. the committee reported their selections of time place and officers, W. A. Wine resigned as moderator claiming lack of time for the duties of the office Bro. Runion was then elected as moderator by the convention. Bro. E. E. Cornwell, Vice Moderator and Bro. Ray E. Wood, Secretary and Treasurer.

The following ministers and Sunday School leaders gave 5 minutes J. M. Bell talked on the Sunday talks on Sunday School work, Rev. School as a connecting link between the home and church.

Bro. Sigman's topic was talking to the absent.

Rev. John M. DeChant talked on similar problems and needs of the different Demonstrations and the work and accomplishments of Miss Perkins, the Bible School teacher in the schools.

Rev. J. Murray Taylor talked on the need of encouraging the Sunday School officers and teachers and the need of studying the Bible.

Bro. C. H. Wine talked on the general subjects of the day especially expressing his regrets of anyone not attempting to do in religious work, and gave a few words of encouragement to the new moderator.

### HOMEMAKERS HEAR COURT DISCUSSION

The Bethlehem Club was entertained by Mrs. M. M. Washington and Mrs. N. R. Middleton at the home of the former near Greenwich on Wednesday, July 21st. The members were pleased to have as guests Miss Eugenia Osborne, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. John Broadus and Miss Lou Moxley.

After all business was disposed of Mrs. Hutchison brought out an old in Charlottesville, "Dixie" and interesting to note the changes since that time.

Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson, program committee chairman for the month presented the July topic, contemporary History". The opening numbers were "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner." Then each member was asked to contribute an item of outstanding interest during 1936-'37. This was instructive as well as entertaining especially Miss Osborne's discussion of the proposed change in the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Broadus and Mrs. Lloyd gave an interesting report of the Institute of Public Affairs which they attended in Charlottesville "Dixie" and "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" brought the program to a close.

The hostesses served delicious ice cream and cake. The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Wheatley Johnson and Mrs. Pierson in August.

### ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED

Mrs. Currel Elgin Tiffany, Warrenton announces the engagement of her daughter, Polly, to Dr. William Ribble Pretlow, son of Dr. Thomas Garrett and the late Frances Llewellyn Ribble Pretlow, of Chester, Va., the marriage to take place July 24.

Miss Tiffany is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Hunton Tiffany of Manassas.

Judge W. Hill Brown was in La Plata, Md., yesterday on behalf of clients involving important details in settlement of an estate.