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HERRING FILES CONTEST NOTICE

Charges False Returns in Stafford County.

On Tuesday of this week Hon. George W. Herring filed formal notice of contest at Stafford Court-house. The petition was presented by George E. Allen, prominent Richmond attorney, and signed by seven voters of Stafford and Prince William.

The complaint charges that the primary was an "undue election" and that the "returns thereof are false returns." A number of voters are cited as "illegal" and the petition states that when these are stricken from the count the figures will show that Mr. Herring was elected.

The petition asks that a certificate of nomination be issued to Mr. Herring, and that Mr. Moncure be declared "ineligible to hold office."

The vote of 85 Stafford citizens who voted for Moncure are declared illegal because of alleged failure of the individuals to make written application for registration. The Moncure margin is only 23 votes.

In addition, 52 mail ballots are challenged for various reasons, and 6 more are questioned because the names do not appear on the poll tax list of qualified voters.

The petition also states that Mr. Moncure "did knowingly violate the provisions of the code relating to the method of voting by mail and thereby aided in the illegal casting of votes, and by said conduct has disqualified himself from holding office."

The petition must be answered by Mr. Moncure within ten days and it is stated that the defendant has retained the services of Mr. Frank M. Chichester, of Fredericksburg, as his attorney.

GROUP BIRTHDAY IS CELEBRATED

The Conner and Kincheol families held a joint birthday party on Sunday, last at the Wigglesworth Cottage on the Potomac River in honor of eight members of the families whose birthdays take place within the last two weeks of August.

Those whose birthdays were celebrated and others present included Mr. E. R. Conner, Mrs. Maude Kincheol, Mrs. J. D. Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kincheol, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ratcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Connie Kincheol, Misses Elvere and Walsen Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kincheol of Fairfax, Mrs. James Bradley and Freddie Bradley of Roanoke, Delmar Ferrell and Thomas Coffin of Warrenton, Dr. and Mrs. Jimmy Coffin, Wallace Coffin and Misses Mary and Margaret Coffin of Alexandria.

TIMOTHY RHODES

Mr. Timothy Rhodes, aged 8, died on August 14 and was buried at Valley View Cemetery on August 16. Services were conducted Rev. O. E. Kesner, assisted by Rev. Schaeffer, of Shenandoah.

Mr. Rhodes was highly esteemed and his death was the occasion of much regret. He is survived by a son, Mr. C. K. Rhodes, of Fairfax, and a daughter who lives in Toledo, Ohio.

REVIVAL AT NOKESVILLE

The revival at the Nokesville Church of the Brethren will begin Monday night, August 23, with the Rev. R. L. Cocklin of Mechanicsburg, Pa., doing the preaching. All are invited. Come, and enjoy the splendid messages he will bring to us. Some of the topics of the sermons are: "Soul Winning," "Repentance, the Defense of the Gospel," "Christ's Second Coming," and "Weighed in God's Balances."

MISS THOMAS GOES TO CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Miss Sarah Thomas, Home Demonstration Agent, for Prince William County, will leave about Sept. 15 to attend the coming session at Cornell University. She will be replaced in Prince William County by Miss Alice Webb, Home Demonstration Agent of Louisa County.

P.-T. A. MEETING

A meeting of the Manassas Parent-Teachers Association will be held in the Parish Hall, Tuesday, August 24 at 3:00 p.m. Members and all interested are asked especially to be present as there are questions of importance to be discussed.

KIWANIS GOVERNOR WILL VISIT HERE TOMORROW

Frank Sigman enlightened his fellow Kiwanians at last Friday evening's meeting with a discourse on Canada. This exposition was planned in honor of Governor Peery, of Salem who will visit the Club tomorrow night, this gentleman being a native of Canada.

This Kiwanis official is named George, the same as the Governor of Virginia but is quite another individual.

Frank told some wonderful stories using a hypothetical base map for his inspiration. Frank did everything but recite poetry, the muse apparently having deserted him.

The Club had as an honor guest on this occasion B. Lynn Robertson, a charter member, who is now residing in New York City. Lynn came along with his little brother, Rolfe, and both were quite welcome.

DAIRY FESTIVAL IS POSTPONED

Event Will Not Be Held In Manassas This Year

The call meeting of the Piedmont Dairy Festival Association was held Wednesday of last week, with Pres. R. S. Hynson presiding.

There was considerable discussion concerning the expenses involved and the present deficit incurred over a period of five years during which Manassas has virtually taken care of all the expenses.

Offers were made to representatives of other areas present to take over for 1937 with the pledge of support from Prince William County. There being no apparent willingness on the part of any other locality to sponsor the 1937 Festival, the matter will go over until 1938.

It would be a great pity for any proposition which so ably represented the dairy interests of Northern Virginia to be allowed to pass out of existence. It has cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000 each year and the deficits would have been much larger, if any one festival had been subjected to bad weather. Although the deficit did not present such a serious handicap at the present time, those representing Prince William County did not feel that Manassas could not take it on for this year.

FAMILY REUNION

The Vetter family reunion was held on the old Vetter home place near Wellington, Va., on Sunday, August 5.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Vetter, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vetter and sons, James, Wade and Stewart, Mr. and R. L. Vetter and son, Bobbie, and daughter, Gloria, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vetter and son, Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Vetter, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Vetter and daughter, Betty Jean, Mrs. John Vetter and son, Alvin, and daughter, Elizabeth Ann, Mr. Jake Vetter, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Lam and son, Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Gareau, Mr. and Mrs. Donation Libeau, Jr., Mrs. W. H. Maisel and son, Billy, Mrs. J. H. Langyher and son, Billy and daughter, Elizabeth, Mrs. Virginia Breeden, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Butler and son, Junior, Mr. S. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cranford and son, Junior, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beeton and children, Frank, Jr., Ralph, Nancy, Pauline, Jane and Frances, Mr. Edward K. Atkins, Mrs. J. E. Atkins, and Mr. George W. Atkins.

Dinner and supper were served by the ladies.

IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE MEETS IN FALLS CHURCH

There will be a regular monthly meeting of the Falls Church Chapter of the Izaak Walton League on Thursday, August 26, at 8:00 p.m. in the Masonic Hall, Bank Building, East Falls Church.

The special subject for discussion will be Fish and Game Law Enforcement in Northern Virginia. This will be a continuation of the discussion of this important problem, recently before the Executive Committee.

A delegate to the State League Convention at Old Point Comfort on September 11, will be chosen at this meeting.

ICE CREAM FESTIVAL

There will be a Cake and Ice Cream Festival on the Gainesville M. E. Church Grounds on Wednesday, August 25, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

AN APPEAL TO EVERY CITIZEN IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

(By the Manassas Volunteer Fire Department)
Would you give ONE DOLLAR to save a person's life?

The horrible tragedy that happened at Lake Jackson Wednesday afternoon, when the life of a sixteen-year-old girl was snuffed out by drowning might have been saved had there been at their disposal a pulmotor—an instrument for the resuscitation of persons apparently dead by forcing oxygen into the lungs when the lung is distended, sucking out the air.

Heroic efforts were made by the members of the Rescue Squad of the Manassas Fire Department who worked for over three hours giving artificial respiration all this time in the hope of saving this girl's life and when an appeal was made to the Alexandria Fire Department to send their pulmotor—in twenty-three minutes these men were on the ground and trying to revive this girl. No word of praise is too strong for the gallant way in which these men worked and the rapidity with which they answered the call for help.

We need a pulmotor for the Manassas Volunteer Fire Department NOW, for use anywhere in Prince William County. Would it not be gratifying to you to know that your DOLLAR has helped to save a person's life? Who knows when some one near and dear to you might suffer the same fate.

Will you answer this call for help as quickly as the Alexandria men did?
Send your donation to George B. Cocke, President of the Manassas Fire Department.

HISTORY OF BATTLEFIELD PARK

Interesting Letters Describe Work Devoted to Patriots.
Mr. B. Lynn Robertson was one of the prime movers in raising money to pay for the Henry Farm.

August 5, 1937
Col. T. Gilbert Wood,
Commander-in-Chief, S. C. V.
c/o Norfolk and Western Rwy.
Roanoke, Virginia

My dear Col. Wood:

Your letter of August 4, enclosing copy of letter from a Mr. Bolling Lynn Robertson, of New York City, addressed to Senator Rust, received, for which please accept my thanks.

As you know, I have been Adjutant-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans since 1922 and that I have attended every General Convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, both State and National, since 1921. But I have never seen this gentleman at a single Convention, either State or National. I have searched the records here carefully, but fail to find that he is or ever has been a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I have what is apparently a complete list of the members of New York Camp No. 985, of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, New York City, but he is not listed as a member of this camp.

It seems that I have a faint recollection of this gentleman being from Manassas, Virginia originally, and I am writing you on a supposition that he was originally from that town.

I have always found that those who criticize the most are those who do the least. Mr. Robertson, in this case, is running true to form. If he is from Manassas, he is also running true to form to the people of Manassas in regard to the Manassas Battlefield.

For your information, I wish to state that if it had not been for the Sons of Confederate Veterans the Manassas Battlefield would have long ago been in the hands of Northern Yankees and would now be used for strictly commercial purposes. This property is located just outside of the town of Manassas and laid there undeveloped for more than sixty years, yet the people of Manassas were not sufficiently interested to purchase this property, but it was left for the Sons of Confederate Veterans of Virginia to initiate the purchase of this property. As you know, the purchase of this property was initiated by Major E. W. R. Ewing, then Historian-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Mr. J. Roy Price, then Commander of the D. C. and Maryland Division of the Sons. The purchase was first endorsed and approved by the Virginia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans' Convention in 1921 and by the General Organization of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 1922, and was purchased by the Sons through this Committee, through Major Ewing, who held a personal option on the property, I believe, in 1923, and was placed in a separate and distinct corporation, known as the Manassas Battlefield Confederate Park, so that it could be properly administered.

At the beginning, the Manassas and Prince William County citizens contributed small sums to its purchase, which was raised at the solicitation of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I believe it was in 1924 when a Bostonian Yankee stated that he would pay \$50,000 for the Manassas Battlefield if he then present members of the Board of Directors would resign and allow him to ap-

point a new Board of Directors. Of course, the Board of Directors refused to accept this insulting offer. A great majority of the citizens of Manassas and Prince William County were in favor of accepting this insulting offer and as a result, in 1924 they had the Virginia Legislature to pass a statute in order that this offer might be accepted. It is a matter of common knowledge, that the Sons of Confederate Veterans spent about \$5,000, (which would otherwise have been applied to the purchase of Manassas Battlefield), in fighting this iniquitous law. Court proceedings was instituted and the case was carried to the Supreme Court of Virginia twice and the Supreme Court of the United States once, the Sons finally winning the case.

I, also, wish to call your attention to the fact that in 1935 I personally prepared a resolution, at the instigation of a few loyal members of the U. D. C., protesting against the conveyance of this property to the Federal Government, and presented it officially to the 42nd Annual Convention of the U. D. C., which was held at Hot Springs, Ark., in November, 1935. Our Commander-in-Chief, W. Scott Hancock, went from St. Louis to Hot Springs, Ark., and personally appeared before the U. D. C. Committee, urging the Convention to adopt this resolution. This resolution, not a substitute, was adopted by the U. D. C.

Of course, you are well acquainted with the Memorial presented to our Convention at Jackson, Miss., this past June, by the Manassas Chapter No. 175, United Daughters of the Confederacy, of Manassas, Virginia, of which Mrs. Lewis J. Carper is President, begging and pleading with the Sons to consent to the conveyance of the Manassas Battlefield to the Federal Government. This petition was headed "Memorial of the United Confederate Veterans, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy" and is signed by a number of people, including Mrs. Carper, President of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter at Manassas, probably some Confederate Veterans, but I note with interest that notwithstanding the fact that the Memorial states it comes from the Sons of Confederate Veterans, it does not bear the signature of a single member of our Organization.

I wish further to call your attention to the fact that when suit had been brought to foreclose this property and it was necessary to raise about \$5,000, immediately by the Sons Organization, that \$2,000 of this amount was allotted to Virginia. I sent out hundreds of letters asking for \$5.00 contributions. I sent a letter to the 112 Chapters of the U. D. C. in Virginia, urging the Chapters to contribute \$5.00. After sending these Chapters two letters, one Chapter, the Ashland, Virginia Chapter, contributed \$5.00. This, to my mind, did not show a very deep interest.

I wish further to call your attention to the fact that through and under the auspices of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, that approximately \$40,000, has been raised for the purchase and upkeep of this property, but in the raising of this money I have never seen Mr. Bolling

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR THE MANASSAS FIREMEN

The Manassas Volunteer Fire Department attended the Firemen's State Convention at Charlottesville on August 13.

Those who attended were: J. A. Vetter, R. J. Davis, J. H. Stauff, A. McMillan, R. W. Cross, F. D. Vetter, C. H. Mathias, Proctor Byrd, Bobbie Davis, Judd Holmes.

The boys who took part in the one man hook up and the four man ladder contest lost by a fraction of a second, but were victorious in the four man hook up. They brought home another beautiful cup which makes a total of 16 cups which the boys have won.

Next year the Convention will be held at Luray, Va., and we hope that all members of the Volunteer Fire Department of Manassas will be able to go.

FIELD DAY HOLDS MUCH INTEREST

Annual Event By Bull Run Grange on August 20.

An elaborate program is scheduled for the Fifth Annual Field Day of the Bull Run Grange at Haymarket on Friday, August 20.

Beginning with the track events at 10:00 a. m. at Peter's Field, Symkhana and calling contests, an automobile tournament, the jousting tournament in which many Northern Virginia Knights will participate, coronation ceremonies for the tournament queen, speeches by prominent officials, and a baseball game between the Moses and Edinburgh Athletic Clubs will follow.

At night, the annual Tournament Ball will be held in the new Haymarket High School gymnasium.

This annual Field Day, sponsored by the Bull Run Grange, is attended by hundreds of people from Prince William and nearby counties each year. Several new features have been added this year and a record attendance is anticipated by the Grange Committee headed by Preston Smith, Master of the Bull Run Grange.

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB TO HOLD DANCE SEPT. 10

At the Junior Woman's Club meeting at the home of Miss Walsen Conner last Thursday night it was decided that a dance would be given on the 10th of September as a farewell to the young people who go to college during the winter months. Miss Irma Ball was appointed general chairman of the dance in charge of the following committees: Publicity, Miss Walsen Conner; orchestra, Hall and decorations, Miss Lucy Gibson; invitations, Mary D. Lynch; flowers, Mrs. R. Jackson Ratcliffe. A popular orchestra has already been engaged and plans are being made for specialty numbers during the evening.

Two new members, Mrs. Stewart McBride, Jr., and Miss Evelyn Cocke were unanimously voted into the club. Following the business meeting, which was presided over by Mrs. Stanley Owen, the club president, a most interesting talk was given by Hon. Harry P. Davis on civic improvement. Mr. Davis spoke of the possibilities of a portion of the Porter estate as a community park and memorial to Mr. Robert Porter, and of the future usefulness of the town airport to the younger generation. He said that a number of aviators had praised the airport for its fine location and that in years to come he thought it would be of great benefit to the town. After his talk the club members questioned Mr. Davis about the possibility of having a sign put up at Camp Washington Cross-Roads indicating the direction of Manassas, as there is no marker at that important section. They were told however, that they would have to approach the state authorities in regard to it, as the town authorities could do no more than render their support. Cooling refreshments were served by Misses Mary D. Lynch and Mary Fautleroy Cocke, hostesses of the evening.

INTERESTING MEETING AT MRS. A. A. MALONEY

The Manassas Garden Club will meet at the home of Mrs. A. A. Maloney on Tuesday, August 24 at 2:30. There will be two interesting talks about bulbs which will be very helpful in selecting bulbs now for Fall planting. All members are specially requested to attend this meeting.

TRAGIC DEATH AT LAKE JACKSON

Madison County Visitor Victim of Water Accident.

A sad accident occurring yesterday threw a gloom over the whole community when Miss Margurite Shoemaker, aged 16, of Madison, Va., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Shoemaker, of that town, drowned in Lake Jackson.

The young lady came here a few days ago to visit the Misses Helen and Hilda Lion. After lunch yesterday, she and Hilda, in company with others, went to the water side, at Lake Jackson.

Accurate accounts are somewhat difficult to obtain but it appears that the young lady who could not swim had been playing about the shallow water when she suddenly took a mood to go further into deep water. The bank does not deepen rapidly for some thirty feet, and apparently she did not realize that she was getting beyond her depth until she plunged to the bottom.

Those on shore, and there were no good swimmers nearby, set up an outcry which attracted Messrs. Roger Cross and Douglas Dodson, who were fishing. They were coming in for some drinking water, and hurried faster to learn the trouble. As soon as it was seen that a person had gone down, Mr. Dodson dived into the water and almost immediately located Miss Shoemaker, who was already suffering badly from strangulation.

As the two gentlemen were getting their burden into the boat, others who had ventured out, swarmed onto the same side as the young lady, upsetting the boat, and making the rescue almost hopeless, as a second dive was necessary, and more time was lost getting her to shore as the boat was still capsized.

A call to Manassas brought more members of the fire department rescue squad in a few minutes and a call was later sent to Alexandria for a pulmotor.

Although the Alexandria Fire Department responded with almost unbelievable haste and worked faithfully, their efforts were unavailing. It is generally admitted that a pulmotor sooner on the scene of accident might have averted the tragedy.

ENTERTAINS FOR BRIDE

Miss Elvere Conner is entertaining this afternoon at a miscellaneous shower and beach party in honor of Mrs. Connie Kincheol. The party is being held at the Wigglesworth cottage on the Potomac and the Mrs. Maude Kincheol, Mrs. Guy Allen, Mrs. Minnie Conner, Mrs. Raymond Burden, of Washington, Mrs. Grace Rudy of Marshall, Mrs. Paul Kincheol, Fairfax, Mrs. Jackson Ratcliffe, Mrs. Ralph Sharrett, Mrs. Paul Arrington, Mrs. Higgs Lewis, Mrs. John Barrett, Mrs. C. A. Sinclair, Jr., Mrs. Sedic Saunders, Mrs. Stanley Owens, Mrs. Jenkyns Davies, Mrs. Stewart McBride, Jr., and the Misses Walsen Conner, Nancy Waters, Lucy Arrington, Madeline McCoy, Irma Ball, Rose Ratcliffe, Hilda Moser, Anna Bruce Whitmore, Evelyn Cocke, Marion Lynn, Mary Currell Pattie, Mary Dede Lynch, and Christine Meetze, of Manassas.

AMATEUR NIGHT FOR FARMERS

An interesting program will be featured on Thursday night, August 26, at the Manassas High School Auditorium, when patrons of the Southern States Co-operative hold their annual program and election of Advisory Board members. The program will be in charge of Mr. P. A. Lewis and Mr. O. D. Waters. Prizes will be awarded as advertised in another column of this newspaper.

The Southern States Co-operative, which is represented in Prince William County by the Prince William Farmer's Service, makes its annual refund, or distribution of earnings to its patrons at this time. The distribution, Mr. Sudd states, will approximate \$1500.00 in cash and stock.

HOME COMING DAY AT BETHEL

There will be an All Day Meeting and Home Coming Day at Bethel Church on Sunday, August 22. Dr. E. C. Berry, presiding elder of Washington District, will preach in the morning at 11:00 A. M. There will be another speaker in the afternoon. The public is cordially invited to attend.