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## BICENTENNIAL DRAWS THOUSANDS

### Midnight Ceremony to Close Colorful Fete.

"Cavalcade of the Cavaliers," the mighty drama built around Richmond and her notable history during the past 200 years, will come to a conclusion in a blaze of glory September 25. This mammoth spectacle has drawn thousands of visitors to the city and has received unqualified praise from all sides.

The fore than 1,000 trained actors on the huge water screened stage represent the men and women of Richmond's glorious past who have played such important roles in the world's history since the founding of Richmond. Authentically costumed, these actors present a vivid picture as they move through the spectacle.

Records on the Richmond Bicentennial celebration will be sealed at midnight September 24. These records will not be opened until the 300th anniversary of the city. The largest candle in the world, which has burned steadily since the opening of "Cavalcade" on September 13, will be set aside for civic celebrations of the future, and it is hoped that some of it will be available for use on the 300th anniversary.

A football game between the University of Richmond and Randolph Macon College will be played at 3:30 o'clock Saturday as one of the closing features on the Bicentennial program. The Virginia Kennel Club will give an exhibition of thoroughbred dogs at 3:30 o'clock the same afternoon at Monroe Park. The grand finale to "Cavalcade" will be presented at the Stadium at 8:15 o'clock on September 25.

## MAC'S VS. NOKESVILLE SUNDAY 3 P.M. FINAL GAME

Manassas A. C. and the Nokesville A. D. will cross bats on Swavely Field Sunday at 3 P.M.

This is the final game of a five game series. Each team having won two games. Each one of the games have been decided in extra innings.

"Cannon Ball" or "Plumber" Conner will start on the mound for the Macs. He has a record of nine victories and two defeats, both of the defeats came at the hands of the Quantico Indians. He has been trained especially hard for the game this week, tossing bolts, pipes and nuts around. He promises to be "ready". Gorman will probably be on the mound for the visitors. The writer does not know his average but know he has beaten the Mac's twice. This should be a pitcher's battle.

The baseball club treated the boys to a big league baseball game last Sunday in appreciation of the boys' interest in their team this year. Every one of them seemed to enjoy it.

Sunday will be the last game of the year so come out and help the boys. They promise a good game. Don't forget, time: 2:30 p.m., place: Swavely Field, Date: Sunday, Sept. 26th. Be there and see a good ball game.

### NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of Falls Church Chapter of the Izaak Walton League will be held on Thursday, September 30th at 8:00 p.m. in the Masonic Hall, Bank Building, East Falls Church.

There will be a continuation from the last meeting of the warm discussion on Fish and Game Law enforcement in Northern Virginia. A member of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries of Va., will be present.

The chapter will receive the report of its delegates to the State convention of the Izaak Walton League held at Old Point Comfort, and a program of definite objectives for the Falls Church chapter will be discussed. The public is cordially invited.

## STATE HOLSTEIN BREEDERS TO HOLD SALE

Virginia Holstein breeders have consigned 77 high quality registered cows for the sale at Orange, Va., at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 6.

The Holsteins to be offered are mostly fresh cows and heavy springers and are 100 per cent negative to both the Bangs and T. B. tests. All consignments are from Virginia's best production tested herds and are well supported by high production records and high pedigrees. This sale offers an opportunity to select foundation Holsteins of excellent quality.

## FACTORY AGENT HERE

Mr. Rosenstein, representative of a woolen products factory which has been investigating this area for several months past, was in town today to personally contact some of the business men.

He was introduced by Mr. Owens, secretary of the county Chamber. He received detailed information from Town Manager Cocke as to various utility costs, water analyses, etc.

Mr. Rosenstein expressed himself very favorably and it is very possible that the plant will come here within the next twelve months.

## TWO MEN DIE OF INJURIES

### Baxter Blevins and John Burgess Struck by Locomotive.

A shocking accident took place in the early evening on Monday, Sept. 20, when two employees of the Manassas Mills met death suddenly near the Coal Bin.

Shortly after leaving work John Dawson Burgess, age 50, and Baxter Blevins, age 52, were struck by train No. 31, Burgess, being killed outright and Blevins living a short while thereafter.

It is reported that the engineer saw the men and sounded his whistle but that neither of them cleared the path of the oncoming train. Blevins was rushed to the Alexandria Hospital, in a vain effort, but died to death before any substantial aid could be given.

Mr. Burgess, who was a native of Fauquier County, has been living here since his employment by the Milling Company last spring.

Funeral services were conducted in Baker's Chapel at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday by Rev. DeChant and he was buried at Little Georgetown.

He is survived by his wife and several children.

Mr. Blevin, who was a native of Southwest Virginia, located in Fairfax County near Clifton Station for some 15 or 20 years, where he farmed until his removal to Manassas in 1929. He has been constantly employed by the Manassas Mills since that time.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Graham at the Baptist Church at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday. Interment followed at Fairfax Station.

He is survived by his wife and a large family of children, most of whom are very small.

## RED CROSS DRIVE OPENS ON ARMISTICE DAY

The annual Red Cross Roll Call drive open formally on Armistice Day, November 11. But the District of Columbia and nearby counties like Fairfax and Arlington have already begun their drive.

Will you government workers and other Prince William people who work in the city please tell the canvassers that you will enroll in your home county? Or, if you must enroll in the city at your place of business, be sure to give your home address so that our county will receive credit for your enrollment.

Residents of Occoquan and Dumfries districts have the privilege of joining the Red Cross now. The local Chapter has thought it wise to begin the Roll Call in these districts at this time. Canvassers have their new 1938 supplies and are already at work.

After the magnificent work of the Red Cross in the floods of last spring, no one needs to be urged to join. Everyone will be wearing the membership button for 1938.

## PRISONER ESCAPES

Willie Brown, a colored prisoner at the local jail, escaped Wednesday morning while working at Thornton School. Mr. Robert Vetter, who was in charge of the prisoners, had left them and returned to Manassas. Upon returning he found that Brown had disappeared from the group.

Brown was taken in Sunday on a gambling charge and was sentenced six months by Judge Wm. Hill Brown.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS PROGRAM

A Stereoptican lecture depicting scenes in 16 foreign countries and describing work on the mission field, will be given in the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday night Sept. 29 at 8 o'clock. This lecture was specially prepared to commemorate 100 years of Foreign Mission in the Presbyterian Church. All the pictures are new. The public is cordially invited.

## To the Taxpayers of Prince William County

In discussing the proposition of an addition to the courthouse, it would seem that one should use the same reasoning for the county's business as he would for his own.

It has always been my policy, after suffering a set-back in business, and when things began to prosper again and money became easy, to liquidate any debts contracted during the bad period and spend only when it was impossible to do otherwise.

This does not mean that one should refuse to take advantage of any new project that promises fair returns, but it does mean that to spread out and spend for new equipment that is not going to increase one's income while the old equipment is giving fair and adequate service, is very bad business.

Continuing to pay interest on a person's debts while he discards his old car, which is giving him good service, because family pride has outgrown it, and buys a new car with funds that should have been used to pay debts leaves him open to criticism.

This should apply to the county as well as the individual. There are many reasons why, at this time, we should be very careful as to how we spend.

A great deal of land in the county has been bought by the Federal Government. I understand that we receive no taxes on government-owned land. This means that the remaining land-owners pay the difference.

It also means that a reassessment may be necessary. There are some that will tell you that this land was assessed very low and did not mean a great deal in taxes. That may be true, but the loss of that tax may mean a deficit in our county funds where today there is a small surplus.

With much trouble in the world and a spirit of uncertainty everywhere, it would seem that if we have any surplus funds they would go to liquidate debts and in so doing would reduce the interest we are paying. This would help us to offset the loss of taxes noted above.

Overlooking our obligations we are about to spend from \$20,000 to \$24,000; on an addition to the Court House which is giving us good service at the present time. There is need for more room, and of this there is no question, but there is a large question whether at this time we should spend this amount of money or use it to reduce our obligations or possibly to return it to the taxpayer in a reduced levy.

A public discussion of this subject now would be of much value to the Board of Supervisors in determining how to handle it. I cannot at this time support a measure that may lead to an increase in the county levy unless there is public demand for the same.

We have become in the last few years conscious of many social disorders that need adjusting. I am very glad to report that the Board realizes that something is to be done along this line and are going forward in a conservative manner.

At our last meeting a committee of two doctors, namely Payne and McBryde, from the Medical Fraternity of the County, reported some serious conditions that threatened the very base of our social institutions and asked aid in remedying them.

We have sufficient funds coming in that will enable us to take care of the doctors' suggestions, and also to have the school children taken care of in a way to avoid the spread of many diseases that in the past have often cost young lives in the community.

If funds are used to build an addition to the Court House it looks very much as if we would have to drop this very important work or raise the 1938 levy.

(Signed) C. B. ROLAND,  
Supervisor, Gainesville District

## Prince William Academy Opens

The first semester of the new Prince William Military Academy was opened yesterday. Inspiring addresses were made by Rev. Graham, pastor of the Baptist Church of Manassas and Rev. DeChant of the Presbyterian Church. There was a fairly good attendance for the opening, considering the circumstances, namely that there was so short a time to get ready, Colonel Hulvey said. He remarked that he feels very much encouraged, and expects a good increase now that the school is under way. Colonel Hulvey reports that he has a very satisfactory faculty consisting of six men, including himself. Two of these are substituting for regular members of the faculty who could not be present yesterday.

Boys present represented three states and Washington City, Prince William and Fairfax Counties.

Colonel Hulvey reports other good prospects from Washington and other places, including far-away Tucson, Arizona. Among his former students from Arizona, was Robert Neal, son of Dr. A. O. Neal, Dean of the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

## CAN REGISTER UNTIL OCTOBER 2

October 2 is the last day in which voters eligible to vote in the general election on November 2 may register. On account of the larger interest in the Democratic primary which is held in August, most who will cast their ballot in the general election have already complied with the necessary registration. It is pointed out, however, that Party affiliation is based upon what was done in the "last general election", and for this reason all qualified voters should properly register and vote in the November election.

## NOTICE TO FARMERS

J. Gray Beverly, Field Supervisor will be at the office of Mr. Frank Cox, County Agent, Post Office Building, Manassas, Virginia, Wednesday, September 29, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, for the purpose of taking applications for loans under the Emergency Crop Loan Act.

Farmers desiring these loans should apply on that date.

## CLUB TO HOLD LADIES NIGHT.

The Manassas Kiwanis Club celebrated the exact 150th anniversary of the Constitution on Friday last with an address to the Club by one of its prominent speakers, O. D. Waters.

"O. D." dwelt on the phases of the era, the sentiment surrounding much of the debate, etc. He developed very neatly the economic status of the several colonies, coupled with their immediate origin.

Tomorrow evening is the semi-annual family night, and the usual profusion of youth and beauty is looked forward to. The last one was given along with the entertainment of the 1397 graduating class at Manassas, and was eminently successful.

## ACHIEVEMENT DAY PLANS LAID

### Extensive List of Entries Named for Occasion.

The Prince William County 4-H Club Achievement Day will be held this year on October 9th, at the Manassas High School Gymnasium.

The exhibits that the members will enter are as follows: table linens, (napkins, crockets mats, luncheon sets) sampler, winter garden, furnishing unit, achievement record, club book, social progress, rural electrification, rag rug, exhibit of garden flowers, can of vegetables, can of fruit, cessory, record book, poultry exhibits, hobby, basket of vegetables, dozen eggs, ten ears corn, cattle blanket, handmade halter of rope or leather, best identified collection wood and leaves. Each member will be required to enter at least one of the above exhibits, in addition to the completed record book for the year. All exhibits must be in by 10:00 a.m. and arranged by 11:00 a.m. The judging will start at 11:00 a.m.

Mrs. Egbert W. Thompson, of Woodbridge, is the chairman of the committee on arrangements. Other committee chairman are: Refreshments, Mrs. Elsie Trimmer; refreshments, Mrs. Janet Murphy; prizes, Miss Flora Bullock. In the afternoon, the club members will be given a free movie at the local theatre. In charge of the Movie will be Mrs. C. F. Sinclair, with the ushers from the Occoquan Club, composed of Marjorie Bourne, Margaret Haislip, Allen Stapleton, Margaret Haislip, Allen Staples, John Russell, Mary Pettalett, and Thelma Simpson.

Miss Hollie Hughes, State Girls' 4-H Club Agent, will be present and will speak to the group in the afternoon. Reports will be given by County Agent, F. D. Cox, and Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Alice Webb.

P. T. A. RECEPTION  
TO NEW TEACHERS

A very nice reception was given the Manassas teachers on Tuesday night by the Parent-Teacher Association. The program opened with a prayer by Pres. DeChant, who then turned the meeting over to Mrs. L. L. Lomas.

Supt. Haydon made the address of welcome and Mr. Peters responded. He then introduced both the new and old teachers who arose when their names were called.

Mr. Lewis Carper rendered two delightful violin solos and Rev. Graham sang. Both were accompanied by Mrs. Carper.

The teachers then formed a reception line and the patrons were given an opportunity to greet them. Delicious refreshments, consisting of punch, sandwiches and cakes, were served.

Of particular interest was the fact that many men were present. The P. T. A. hopes to have many fathers join the Association this year.

## EVERETT EMBREY

Everett Embrey died very suddenly at his home in Washington on Monday night. Rev. Graham conducted the funeral services in Washington at 2:30 P.M. on Wednesday, Sept. 22 and interment followed in the Manassas cemetery.

Surviving him as his wife and three brothers, Rixey Embrey of Manassas, Berkeley Embrey of Washington and another brother in Penn.

## RUMMAGE SALE

A Rummage Sale will be held by the Ladies of the Catholic Women's Club on Saturday, September 2, in the Central Telephone Building. Coats, dresses, shoes, hats and various articles of appreciation will be found there.

## WELBIE REDMON KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mr. Welbie Redmon, aged 56, was killed instantly on Sunday night, Sept. 19, when struck by a car driven by Edward Mercer of Washington, D. C., while walking down Route No. 211, just below Gainesville. An oncoming car blinded Mercer and he failed to notice Mr. Redmon until within just a few feet of him.

State officer, E. H. Howe, who was the investigating officer, stated that the driver would be exonerated of all blame. No charges were placed against him at the trial held next day.

The body was removed to Hall and Cross Funeral Home at the order of the coroner. Funeral services were held at the Buckland Church at 1:00 on Wednesday, Sept. 22.

He is survived by 5 children and a brother and sister.

## REV. J. M. DECHANT HEAD LOCAL P. T. A.

### Progressive Year Planned By Organization.

The first meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association for the present school session was held in the High School auditorium Thursday September the sixteenth at 3 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. A. O. Bean, vice president.

The first order of business was the election of a president since Mrs. L. L. Lomas who was elected at the May meeting resigned at a call meeting in August. Mrs. R. L. Byrd, chairman of the nominating committee presented the name of Rev. John DeChant who was unanimously elected. The new president expressed his deep interest in school work and requested the cooperation of parents and teachers in making the year's work successful.

The teachers and parents were invited to a reception for the teachers to be held Tuesday night at the High School.

The constitution committee reported work completed so far and promised to have it ready for adoption at the October meeting.

Mrs. A. O. Bean and Mrs. Dennis Baker were elected delegates to the State Convention to be held in Roanoke October the twenty-first and twenty-second.

Mr. Peterson presented his budget which was adopted by the organization.

There were about sixty-five present at this meeting which was quite an inspiration to the officers and it is sincerely hoped that this good number will continue and even increase as the year goes on.

This organization earnestly solicits all parents and friends of the school and children to become members and help promote the work we are trying to do.

The regular meeting day is the third Thursday in each month.

The officers for this year are: Rev. John M. DeChant, Pres., Mrs. A. O. Beane, V. Pres., Mrs. H. M. McCall, Sec'y, Mrs. Frances Lewis, Treas.

The executive committee announces the following committees: Educational, Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson, Mrs. J. B. T. Thornton, Mrs. A. A. Hooff, Miss Emily Johnson, Miss Frances Johnson, Miss Nancy Waters; Program, Mrs. J. Dennis Baker, Mrs. R. C. Haydon, Miss Josephine Miller, Miss Thomas; Membership, Mrs. Robert Newman, Mrs. Walter Sadd, Mrs. Edgar Parrish, Mrs. Roy Blakemore; Health, Mrs. P. A. Lewis, Mrs. A. O. Beane, Mrs. T. E. Dillake, Mrs. Wheatley Johnson, Mrs. J. J. Conner, Mrs. J. H. Rexrode, Mrs. Conway Seely, Mrs. R. M. Graham; Additional committees will be announced as soon as they are completed.

## VIRGINIA BOY LEAVES HAWAII

When the USAT "Republic" leaves Honolulu, September 10, on it will be one of the finest young men ever to soldier in Hawaii. Thomas H. Cornette, who hails from Prince William County, Virginia, is returning to his home here.

Cornette is considered one of the best athletes ever to perform here. Starring in five major sports, he has a good record in all of them. He has had two offers to play baseball in California, but can not accept them as he is under contract to the Honolulu Braves, '37 champions of the Senior League.

Once again Hawaii loses a fine young man but it's only for a short while, though we hope he will return soon to make his home here permanently. So Hawaii says "Aloha" and the best of luck to you, Cornette, on your well-earned trip to the mainland.

## GARDEN CLUB WILL MEET WITH MRS. E. H. MARSTELLAR

The Manassas Garden Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Marstellar on Monday, September 27th at 2:30 o'clock, instead of Tuesday, the 28th, the regular meeting date. This change is mad so that the club members may attend the Leesburg Flower Show on Tuesday, the 28th, at which time the Manassas Club has been invited to exhibit in the "Inter-Club" class.

Mr. William Harrison Lamb will speak to the club on "Virginia Trees" and the members of the Garden Section of the Woman's club and others interested are cordially invited to attend and hear Mr. Lamb's interesting talk on our native trees.