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AID IS URGED FOR LIBRARY

Present Work is Shown as Worthy of Assistance

(Contributed.)

The Ruffner-Carnegie Library will ask the Manassas Town Council for an annual appropriation of two hundred dollars to use in purchasing books for the use of the general public.

The reasons for this request follow:

1. When the library was organized as the result of a bequest of one thousand dollars which Mr. George C. Round obtained from Mr. Andrew Carnegie it was with the understanding that the School Board should furnish a room, and the public should always have access to the books.

2. The library has now about three thousand volumes all of standard value or of current interest and it is also building up a good collection of reference books. We feel very strongly that the public should have more access to its very worth-while collection.

3. The library is now open from 9 until 4 o'clock on school days and one day in the week through the summer; but, for all the public to have access to the books, reference material and periodicals, it is necessary to open it at least once or twice a week at night (the school authorities would agree to provide heat and light during those nights).

4. In order to make the library more accessible to the public, however, by opening it some at night, it is necessary to have at least a small certain income to buy new books, else the public interest could not be kept up.

5. The library now has a small yearly appropriation from the School Board but this has to be spent altogether for reference material for use in class work. It has appropriation also from the Parent-Teacher Association and from two of the three Women's Clubs but these appropriations are small and uncertain, and only help provide for reading material for the English classes. A very small amount of this appropriation is available for books for the general public.

6. If the appropriation is given the Council, if desired, might appoint a committee to assist in selecting the books.

7. It would be also understood that any appropriation given by the town would in no way decrease the appropriation given by the School Board. That is fixed by the state requirements.

Manassas now has a number of attractions for home makers: good highways and train service, paved streets, water, electricity and gas for household purposes, but a number of the people feel very strongly that the town is large enough to have some library facilities. While the town might not feel that it could put up a building and pay the running yearly expenses of at least \$1200 to \$1500 for even a very small public library, it could by a small annual appropriation made available for public use our plan has been used successfully by the city of Richmond and the John Marshall High School Library; it could be used equally well for Manassas.

CHARLES FRANKLIN WHITMER

Charles Franklin Suffery Whitmer was born near Broadway in Rockingham County on August 30, 1866. He moved to Prince William County over fifty years ago.

March 20, 1890 he married Bertie Lee Armentrout who died July 8, 1894. Of this union two children survive, Mrs. Bessie Moore of Manassas and Mrs. Ola Hutchison of Washington, D. C.

April 10, 1898 he married Emma M. Cornwell who died June 10, 1936. Of this union three children survive, Mrs. Beulah Bauserman of Pomomkey, Md., Gilbert I. Whitmer of Baltimore, Md. and Guy C. Whitmer of Manassas, Va.

He is also survived by four sisters, Mrs. Mary Dove, Bergton, Va.; Mrs. Susan May, Nokesville, Va.; Mrs. Sarah Van Geuder of Capitol Heights, Md.; and Mrs. Angie Runaldu of Manassas; two brothers, Wm. Whitmer of Clifton, Va. and Riley Whitmer of Manassas Va. and four grand children, Vernon, Thelma, Alvin and Garland Moore.

Mr. Whitmer was a member of Woodbine Baptist Church and Bull Run Council, No. 15, Order Fraternal Americans.

DAIRY CATTLE BREEDING MEETING

It is hoped that all dairymen and farmers interested in breeding up their herds will attend the meeting at the Manassas Post Office from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Thursday, December 2. Dr. E. E. Heizer of Ohio State University and Mr. Allen N. Crissey, Fieldman for the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, will be present to handle the subject of dairy cattle breeding.

FEDERAL FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOLS

State Budget Is Held In Abeyance

An elaborate expansion of vocational education in Virginia will be gained through the allocation of new federal funds to the State, Dr. Sidney B. Hall, Superintendent of Public Instruction, announced. The federal funds allocated to Virginia will total \$142,269 for July 1 to December 31, the first six months of the federal fiscal year. Dr. Hall said a similar allocation would be made after January 1 for the last six months of the federal fiscal year.

The allotment is part of the \$12,000,000 George-Deen Act passed by Congress in June, 1936, and must be matched by the State on a basis of 50 cents on a dollar. At this rate the total allocation will be \$213,403 above the allotment made yearly under the older Smith-Hughes Act for the vocational education program, Dr. Hall said. The State Department of Education has made plans for the use of the funds but the budget will be held in abeyance, Dr. Hall said, pending the actual allocation of the George-Deen funds.

Meetings will be held in Williamsburg on Dec. 7, Charlottesville on Dec. 9 and Wytheville on Dec. 11 so that superintendents can re-check sectional vocational needs for the winter under the four parts of the expanded program included in the budget, Dr. Hall explained.

According to the superintendent, the four divisions of the expanded program are vocational agriculture, vocational economics, trade and industrial training and teaching distributive occupations such as salesmanship. Tentatively, in the trade and industrial classes, the vocational classes for police and firemen will be greatly enlarged. Eighty new schools will be included in the home economics classes, making a total of 200. Agriculture will be taught in over 200 schools, under the enlarged program, and agriculture classes will include training in other vocations other than that of farming for the benefit of unschooled rural residents, who wish to learn some other trade.

TENTATIVE ALLOCATION OF PRIMARY ROAD FUND JULY 1, 1938 TO JUNE 30, 1939

Culpeper District, Regular Federal Aid: Route 7, Fairfax county, Falls Church-Leesburg, \$116,599.90; Route 211, Fairfax county, Fairfax By-pass-West, \$250,000.00; Route 250, Fluvanna and Louisa counties, Zion Cross Roads-East, \$150,000.00.

Secondary Federal Aid: Route 28, Prince William county, Manassas-Centreville, \$21,085.72.

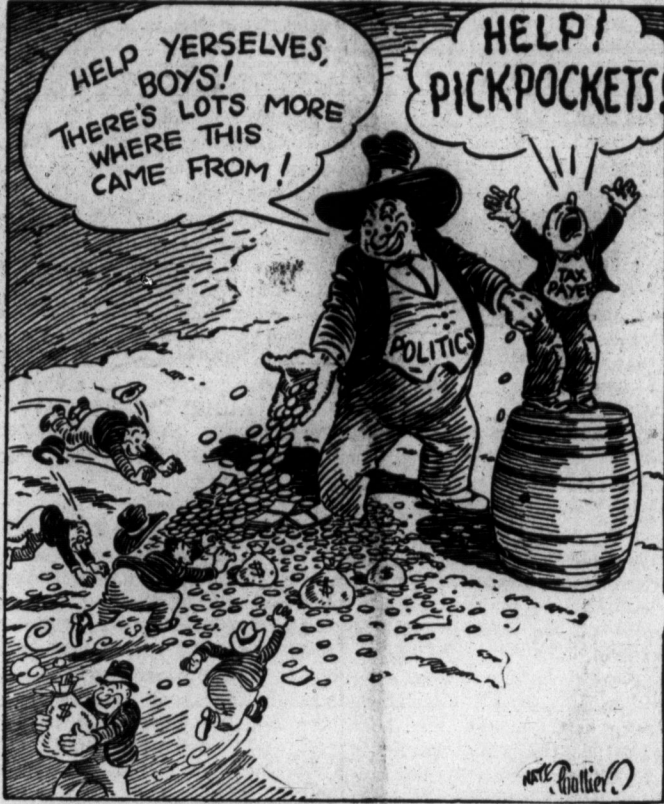
Convict Camps: Route 3, Rappahannock county, Woodville-East, \$160,000.00; Route 230, Madison county, Int. Route 29-(Madison)-Greene Co. Line, \$120,000.00; Route 231, Albemarle county, Gordonsville-Cismont, \$80,000.00; Route 234 Loudoun county, Wheatland-North and South, \$40,000.00; Route 234, Prince William county, Lake Jackson-Dumfries, \$80,000.00.

State Funds: Route 3, Culpeper county, Lignum-Stevensburg, \$40,000.00; Route 28, Prince William and Fairfax counties, Manassas-Centreville, \$44,057.26; Route 230 Albemarle county, Route 29-Batesville, \$40,800.00.

BUFFET SUPPER

Mrs. Jack Leachman entertained at a Buffet Supper at the Prince William Hotel on Saturday evening for some friends from Washington. Among the Manassas people who were invited to meet the guests were Col. and Mrs. B. L. Jacobson, Mr. and Mrs. John Hynson, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Didlake, Rev. and Mrs. A. Stuart Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Briscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jamison, Miss Margaret Lynch, Miss Eleanor Gibson and Mr. E. R. Conner.

THE MODERN "LIBERAL"



SYMPHONY GROUP TO TOUR NORTH AMERICA

The National Symphony Orchestra of Washington, D. C., Dr. Hans Kindler, conductor, will pack bag and baggage this week for its first extended tour of the 1937-38 season that will take the symphony as far north as Ottawa, Canada. The schedule calls for 13 concerts in 11 cities during the 12 day period between Nov. 28 and December 9.

The orchestra will travel in its own special cars over a route planned in advance last week by C. C. Cappel, manager of the National Symphony, who will personally supervise the musical organization's trip. The tour includes appearances at four well-known institutions of higher learning, a concert in time-honored Massey Hall in Toronto, long a center of Canadian musical activity, in the Bushnell Memorial Auditorium, Hartford, Conn., for the third year on a series that also schedules concerts of the Boston, Philadelphia, and New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestras. Lord Tweedamuir, Governor-General of Canada, and Lady Tweedamuir, Norman Armour, United States Minister to Canada, and Mrs. Armour will attend the concert in Ottawa.

The tour begins on Sunday, Nov. 28, when the orchestra plays the first in a series of three concerts to be given at Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Va., during the season. On Nov. 29 there will be a student concert and an evening program at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J. In the latter Ethel Bartlett and Rae Robertson, English due-pianists, will appear as soloists in the Mozart Concerts in "Flat and Saint-Saens" "Carnival of Animals." Other dates on the tour include Dec. 1, Utica, N. Y.; Dec. 2, Hamilton, Canada; Dec. 3, Toronto;

ELIZABETH JACKSON LARKIN

Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson Larkin, age 75, widow of the late Charles M. Larkin, died at her late residence in Manassas on Monday, Nov. 22, after a very brief illness.

She was born March 15, 1862, the daughter of Lucian A. and Sarah Jane Norvell Larkin. Much of her life was spent as a school teacher. Both in her teaching work and in her labors as a member of the Episcopal Church and in her patriotic duties as a member of the U. D. C., she was an ardent enthusiast and greatly beloved and respected by the many people with whom she came in contact.

The deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Maude Ashford and one brother, Mr. Norvell Larkin, both of Manassas.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at Trinity Episcopal Church at 3:00, Rev. A. S. Gibson officiating. The pallbearers were all nephews of the deceased, namely, Messrs. Peyton, Lucian, William, Norvell, George and Charles Larkin.

The Children of the Confederacy will meet at the home of Mrs. Dennis Baker on Monday, Nov. 29th, at 3:30 p.m.

Dec. 4, Ottawa; Dec. 5, Springfield, Mass.; Dec. 6, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass.; Dec. 7, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.; Dec. 8, Hartford, Conn., two concerts; Dec. 9, New Bedford, Mass.

The basis program for the tour will consist of the Toccata by Prescobaldi, Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony, Sibelius' tone-poem, "En Saga," and the brilliant "Capriccio Espagnol." Music of Wagner, Strauss, Moussorgsky and Humperdinck will also be heard in several programs.

Confederate Solider Describes Horrors of Conflict in Letter to Aunt

Near Centreville, Fairfax Co., Va. Friday, August 2nd, 1861.

Dear Aunt:

According to promise, I take this opportunity to write you a few lines. I am now in camp near the above named place, and have been ever since last Sunday—at which time our regiment marched here from within one mile of the great and ever memorable battlefield of the 21st inst. I have thus far been spared from the bullets of the enemy, though subject to their fire in both fights.

I left Culpeper C. H. on the 26th day of June, arrived in camp at a place called Wigfall some two miles from Manassas; stayed there six or seven days then marched with the regiment (which is called the 7th Va. Regiment) to a place called Occoquan—a distance of 18 miles. We remained there a week and returned. In some five or seven days after our return we were ordered out to meet the enemy, a distance of about two miles, where we camped on the ground, and many of us without blankets! On the next day, which was Thursday, the 18th, we marched some three or four miles in a different direction where we met the severest volley of musketry from the enemy (who were

some 300 yards upon the hill hidden entirely from our view) that you can conceive of. As luck would have it, not many of our regiment got killed or wounded, but many of the enemy were slain.

It was really a sight to find the blankets, oil cloths and many other things scattered over the field after their defeat.

You may think it strange, but many of our men went upon the field the next morning and got off the dead bodies of the Yankees money, cards, likenesses and many other little notions. Many things, no doubt, that had been stolen from private citizens upon their route from Washington to the field.

We then stayed in our tentches for two days and nights waiting for them to return, but they did not return. They brought up a flag of truce for "permission to bury their dead." Instead of acting honorably, they left the dead and wounded and went some two miles higher up the run, where they threw up a most tremendous breastwork against us. We took up the wounded and had them cared for, and believe Gen. Beauregard had the dead buried.

(See LETTER, page 7.)

DELEGATE MILLER TO ADDRESS THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE

The next regular meeting of the Falls Church Chapter of the Izaak Walton League will be held Wednesday, Dec. 1st at 8:00 p.m., in the Masonic Hall, Bank Bldg., East Falls Church.

The honored guest and speaker of the evening will be the Honorable Francis Pickens Miller, President of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, and Delegate (Elect) to the Virginia Assembly. Delegate Miller is thoroughly familiar with the conservation problems confronting Northern Virginia and is alive to the necessity for prompt action to save, and build up our game supply.

The public is cordially invited to this meeting.

4-H OBJECTIVES ARE OUTLINED

Officers Elected For Coming Year

On November 18, 1937 at 1:30 p.m., the 4-H country council was held in the Manassas School house. The meeting was opened by singing the 4-H trail.

The new officers were elected, they are as follows:

President, Margaret Blackmore; First Vice-President, Dorothy Browne; Second Vice-President, Pearl Hope Shepherd; Secretary and Treasurer, Margaret Haislip; Reporter, Frances Hale; Song Leader, Jean Akers; Recreation Leader, Ardean Clark.

The following goals were set up for the coming year.

1. Make each club a standard club (to be a standard club it is necessary to meet the following requirements.)
1. Hold 12 meetings.
2. Have 2 leaders (all clubs having 15 or more members).
3. Make written plan of work at beginning of year.
4. Program themes for entire year be made at the beginning of year.
5. Each member complete each prayer. (Have records checked monthly)
6. Each member take part on the program once during year.
7. Attendance at club meeting must average not less than 85 per cent (Clubs may have associate rolls.)
8. There must be not less than 75 per cent of members at county achievement program.
9. Have 50 per cent of officers attend county council meeting.
10. Hold one special program for visitors.
11. Enter contests for which members are eligible.
12. Hold at least one social during the year.
13. Each club complete a community project.
14. Each club contributing song and yell for Contest Day.
- II. Send representatives to State and District Short Course age permitting.
- III. Learn Songs. Follow the gleam, Tiritomba, Rosa, Let US Be Dancing, Your Leaf Clover.
- IV. Hold County Song Contest.
- V. Take part in Contest Day, help provide float for Dairy Festival, take part in Achievement Program.
- VI. Conduct tour of inspection to project of members.
- VII. Inform the public about the 4-H program through exhibits, special meetings and local Achievement Day.
- VIII. Hold training meeting for recreation, song, hobbies and personality development in January.
- At 4 o'clock the meeting adjourned to meet again in 1938.

CHRISTMAS DANCE PLANNED BY MANASSAS WOMAN'S CLUB

The ladies of the Manassas Woman's Club have made plans for the annual Christmas dance sponsored each year for the younger group as a special holiday dance, to be held the evening of Wednesday, December 29th, in the Manassas High Gymnasium. Mrs. Allison Hooff, general chairman, has named the following ladies on various committees to aid her in making this dance a success. Reception of officers, Mrs. William Lloyd, president of the Club; Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Cyril-Wade Dalton, and Charles C. Lynn, Mrs. Richard C. Mrs. John Barrett.

Music committee, Mrs. Cyril-Wade Dalton and Mrs. Lewis Carper. Floor and Decorating Committee: Mrs. Charles C. Lynn, Mrs. Richard C. Lynn, Mrs. Dudley Martin, Mrs. Paul Arrington, Mrs. Richard C. Haydon, Mrs. Vivian V. Gillum, Mrs. Edgar Parrish, Mrs. Charles C. Lynn, Mrs. Charles B. Linton.

Invitation and Publicity, Mrs. William F. Cocks, Miss Margaret Lynch, Mrs. Paul Cooksey, Mrs. Dennis Baker.

A delightful orchestra has been selected and everything will be done to make the dance a festive evening for everyone.

The Ladies of the Baptist Church of Haymarket will give an Oyster and Turkey Supper at the Parish Hall in Haymarket beginning at 4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 3rd, 1937.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The County Engineer opened the span over Broad Run at Milford Mills at 6:00 P. M. yesterday.

All merchants in the Town of Manassas or its suburbs who are interested in repeating the Christmas ticket drawing (each merchant giving customers one ticket for each \$1.00 purchase) again this year please attend an organization meeting, Monday afternoon, November 29, at 3:00 p.m. in Manassas Town Hall.

GEORGE F. COCKE