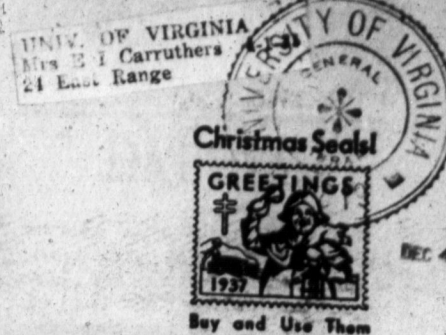




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## MRS. JOHNSON REVIEWS BOOKS

### Program of Woman's Club is Especially Enjoyable

The Music and Literature Section of the Woman's Club met Tuesday evening, November 30, at the home of Mrs. Raymond Ratcliffe.

Some new thought was suggested in having a musical program for the regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Chas. Linton was named chairman to take care of the program, her committee being Mrs. Cyril Wade-Dalton and Mrs. Eula Holt Merchant. This will be a delightful addition to the regular program.

Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson, guest speaker for the evening, presented reviews of contemporary literature, covering four books, namely: "Henry of Navarre" (Heinrich Mann), "Bugles Blow No More" (Clifford Dowday), "Bulwarks of the Republic" (Burton J. Hendricks), and "Northwest Passage" (Kenneth Roberts.) At this present time these books are being greatly discussed and Mrs. Johnson gave the members of the Club an opportunity to know their value, as they all bring out thoughts covering many present day conditions that are just as prevalent now as they were in the period when the stories were lived and history created.

Mrs. Dennis Baker, chairman of the evening, gave an outline of the life of the Russian composer, Tschalkowsky. As Mrs. Baker is very talented in her musical career, she characterized this great composer, and put deep feeling in her various descriptive remarks of his ability as a pianist, and what he has left to the world to study and enjoy.

At the close of her illustration she played his "Romance", as an interpretation of his talent. She also gave, as an encore, a delightful selection "Colonial Song" by Percy Selinger.

As the regular monthly meeting falls on the last Tuesday of each month, it was decided to have the December meeting postponed until the evening of January 4th.

The Club enjoyed as guests Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson, Mrs. Edward Wissler and Miss Sarah Donohue.

At the close of the session delightful refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Raymond Ratcliffe, and it was regretted that the assistant hostess, Mrs. Worth Peters, was unable to be present on account of a death in her family.

## DISTRICT COUNCIL TO ORGANIZE

Next Sunday afternoon, December 5th, at 2 p.m., at the Episcopal Church will be held a meeting for organization of the Manassas District Council of Religious Education. Delegates are being appointed by the ten Sunday Schools in this district, the Episcopal, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, United Brethren, Lutheran of Manassas; the Sudley Methodist, the Cannon Branch Brethren, the Buckhall United Brethren, the Bradley Brethren.

The program provided for includes an address by Rev. Minor C. Miller, State Secretary, on "What a District Organization Can Do"; a talk by Miss Emma Perkins, Prince William County Teacher of Religious Education on "Weekday Religious Education"; a forum on "Sunday School Problems" by Rev. John M. DeChant.

The meeting is being made more attractive by music by Jessie Mae Conner and the choirs of the Cannon Branch Church and the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Sensinger will give a suitable reading. The devotional service will be in charge of Rev. Kesner and Rev. Baker.

## HOLD CHRISTENING PARTY

Maria Joanna, otherwise Mary Jane Papa was christened last Sunday at All Saints Church by Father Widmer in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives.

Later in the day, the party assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Papa on West Church street where the happy father treated them all to a gala repast which was much enjoyed. Some twenty or thirty persons were in the group of merry-makers.

## ISAIAH WALTON LEAGUE TO HOLD "TURKEY SHOOT"

The Falls Church Chapter of the Isaiah Walton League will hold a "Turkey Shoot" on December 4th at the Carnival Grounds, Falls Church, beginning at 12:00 noon.

## STATE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT HALL IS HONORED

Dr. Sidney B. Hall, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was elected president of the State Superintendents of Schools at the National Association's annual convention in Washington on Sunday. He succeeded Dr. Ernest W. Butterfield of Connecticut. Dr. Hall has been head of the Virginia Public School System since January, 1931. He received his bachelor's degree from the college of William and Mary, his master's degree from the University of Virginia and his doctor's degree from Harvard.

## DEMOCRAT CLUB TO HONOR PRICE

### Brilliant Affair Scheduled for Saturday

More than 1000 young democrats, members of the Young Democratic Clubs of the Eight Congressional District, are expected in Alexandria on evening of December 4 when the district clubs will honor Governor-elect James H. Price with an elaborate reception and ball.

Special accommodations have been provided for dressing rooms for those coming from distant points and every facility of the George Mason Hotel, where the affair will be held, has been made available for the visitors who will honor the incoming governor, long a sympathetic friend of the younger members of the Democratic organization.

James King, chairman of the Eighth District young democrats, has designated the president of each club and the officers of the clubs as members of the general committee arrangements which is headed by J. Ray Larcombe of Warrenton.

Clyde C. Lamond of Alexandria is chairman of the decorations committee; Barnett Keith of Arlington County, music; Miss Ruth Jennings, Culpeper, Finance; John A. K. Donovan, Arlington, floor committee.

In the receiving line with the honor guest and with other dignitaries of the district, will be Mrs. Howard Worth Smith, wife of the Representative from the Eighth District in Congress.

## ARLINGTON LADY WINS NATIONAL ELECTRIC PRIZE

In a nation-wide contest now being conducted by the General Electric Company, Mrs. A. B. McCrary, of 912 South Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia, won a prize for her essay on "The Electrical Standard of Living". Announcement of the award was made on the General Electric "Hour of Charm" radio program, Monday Evening, November 29.

The contest is in its seventh week. Participants are those people who write an essay of 100 words or less on the subject, "The Electrical Way of Living Appeals to Me Particularly, Because...". The announcement of the award carried with it a prize of \$200. In addition, Mrs. McCrary is placed in a position to win possible other awards amounting to as high as \$12,000. The latter prize is for the best essay selected from all prize-winning articles.

Mrs. McCrary is a resident of Arlington County and a customer of the Virginia Public Service Company to receive this award, Mrs. McKinney of South Boston, Virginia, having received a prize three weeks ago.

The contest has three more weeks to run. Entry blanks for those who wish to participate in this contest may be secured from any of the offices of the Virginia Public Service Company.

## ARTHUR WOODYARD

Arthur F. Woodyard, age 68, passed away at Gallinger Hospital on Thursday, Nov. 25th.

His funeral was conducted by Rev. Murray Taylor at Valley View Church on Sunday, Nov. 28th. He was laid to rest beside his wife, who preceded him about six weeks ago. He passed beyond not knowing his beloved wife had gone before him.

There was a large gathering of friends and relatives who attended his funeral.

He leaves two children, Mrs. Sadie Daniel and Clarence Woodyard of Washington, D. C., beside several grandchildren.

## TRINITY CHURCH GUILD

The regular December meeting of the Trinity Church Guild will be held on Tuesday, December 14th, at the Rectory at 2:30 P. M. Please note the change of date.

## A Greeting

It has been our policy for several years past to issue a general invitation at this season of the year to our old subscribers to renew their subscriptions promptly and to suggest to all newcomers or former subscribers, into whose hands the paper may come, to join our happy newspaper family.

All in all, there is no other medium, daily or weekly, which gives more authentic news of your community and that of others nearby. Your subscription helps make this possible.

Won't you old subscribers PLEASE examine your label on the paper. IF you think it is incorrect, please advise us; otherwise, we shall hope and expect payment before January 1, 1938. The increased cost of news print is penalizing us so heavily, that we shall hereafter be forced to make some distinction between those who pay within the current year and those who let their subscriptions drag beyond that period.

To make it possible to avoid any confusion, we are offering to make a discount of 25 cents per year on all subscriptions paid for MORE THAN a year in advance. This offer will not remain in effect after FEBRUARY 1, 1938.

## GARDEN CLUB POSTPONES PROPOSED LANDSCAPING

The November meeting of the Manassas Garden Club was held at the residence of Mrs. Ed. Wissler on Tuesday, November 23.

The hostess and members had many attractive winter gardens and arrangements on exhibit.

During the business session the conservation committee reported the highway landscaping would have to be postponed until Spring as workmen are not available now.

The club decided to give its usual prize, a shrub to the merchant displaying the most attractive Christmas window. The windows will be judged Wednesday night, December 22. Mrs. B. L. Jacobson gave an interesting and instructive report from the Piedmont District meeting in Richmond.

Five of the Garden Club members, Mrs. Paul Cooksey, Mrs. Margaret Lewis, Mrs. B. L. Jacobson, Mrs. T. E. Didlake and Mrs. V. V. Gillum received certificates for judging in amateur flower shows.

The club has a few winter gardens for sale at Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson's drug store.

## LARGE EXPENDITURE NEEDED FOR HIGHWAYS

A minimum expenditure of \$33,000,000 annually for the next 10 years is necessary if Virginia's primary and secondary highway systems are to be kept at "proper standard," R. P. Ellison, equipment engineer of the department of highways, told the Virginia Highway Users Association at a convention in Richmond last week. Mr. Ellison said this appears to be a large amount, but that it should be remembered that more than more than \$80,000,000 a year is brought to Virginia by tourists and spent in the State. The problem of obtaining enough money to maintain the road system and to provide for necessary construction is "serious," he said, considering the fact that last year—peak of highway expenditures—a total of only \$21,000,000 was spent. This is \$12,000,000 short of the amounts needed in each of the next 10 years, he declared.

Virginia's road systems have developed rapidly since 1918, according to Mr. Ellison, and today there are 9,000 miles in the primary system and 38,000 miles in the secondary system. A total of 4,500,000 vehicle miles of travel are recorded each year over Virginia Highways, he remarked.

H. Lester Hooker, chairman of the State corporation commission, told the highway users' group that he was opposed to imposition of additional taxes on motor vehicle carriers by the 1938 General Assembly. He said: "I feel that you are now paying reasonable taxes."

## DISTRICT NO. 5, O. F. A. TO MEET NEXT WEEK

Greenwich Council will act as hosts at the fall assembly of members of Order Fraternal Americans in Prince William County, the meeting to take place on December 9th.

Every council in the district has had some notice but unless two or three in each council will definitely arrange transportation for the others, then the attendance will not be good.

Council Secretaries are urged to personally communicate with those most likely to attend to give all notice possible as no other meeting will be held before March. Several state officers are expected to attend, and State Secretary Babcock has a special message that he wishes to give.

## MRS. HARRY P. BAKER'S FATHER KILLED

On last Saturday evening, while he was returning from the Mount Rainer Methodist Church, as he was crossing Rhode Island Avenue to his home, Mr. John William Henley, father of Mrs. Harry P. Baker, wife of the pastor of Grace Methodist Church, of Manassas, was run down by a drunken driver in an automobile and instantly killed. Mr. Henley was buried on Tuesday afternoon from the Mount Rainer Methodist Church by Rev. Robert K. Nevitt, assisted by Rev. Harry P. Baker. Mr. Henley was in his 79th year and was very active in his church. Mrs. Baker desires to express her appreciation for the messages of condolence and expressions of sympathy from the good people of this community.

## MISS TRENIS RECOVERS

Miss Janet Treinis, a student of Fredericksburg State Teachers College, and one of the most popular young ladies in Prince William County, who has been so desperately ill of cerebro-spinal meningitis in Providence Hospital has entirely recovered and returned to her home in Nokesville on Tuesday last. Miss Treinis who was stricken quite suddenly, while at school was at once removed to Providence Hospital under the direct care of Drs. Christopher J. and Murphy and C. Francis Scalessa. Her recovery is said to be one of the miracles of modern medical science due in a large measure also to the untiring efforts of Dr. Scalessa who fought bravely on and refused to give up at any time regardless of how serious the case was. Dr. Scalessa who is quite young and only at the beginning of his life work certainly has the character and determination which indicates for him a brilliant future in the medical profession which he has chosen.

## V. E. A. DRIVE TO BE PRESSED

Active campaigning in behalf of the three-point legislative program of the Virginia Education Association has been pledged by the several thousand members of this organization, who discussed the proposals at a convention in Richmond last week. The association passed a resolution, urging the teachers to arrange open forums in support of the program in every school community. The V. E. A. will ask the legislature for a minimum salary of \$720 a year, an actuarially sound retirement law and textbooks furnished by the state. Roland E. Cook, V. E. A. president and Salem superintendent of schools, said that if the program "doesn't go across after our battle of the next six weeks, I'm confident it won't be because we haven't tried."

## "PETE" PENCE RETURNS

Manassas was very happy today to welcome back German H. Pence who has been convalescing since last August.

The details of the terrible accident which took the life of Joe Muddiman and caused the injuries to all members of the party are too well known to be repeated.

"Pete" looks very well despite his harrowing experience, and we all wish a complete recovery for him in speedy time.

The young people of Farrington Union will hold their regular bi-monthly meeting at Sudley Church on Thursday, Dec. 9th, at 8:00 P. M.

## KIWANIS CLUB ENDORSES EDUCATION PROGRAM

At the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club last Friday, a resolution made by R. Worth Peters was endorsed after lengthy discussion. Several of the members of the club spoke, both for and against.

The resolution was simply to support the "three point" program advocated by the Virginia Educational Association.

A moment of happy expression was afforded by the presence of Dave Arrington, who has been out nearly two months. He is looking fine.

## XMAS CAMPAIGN GETS UNDER WAY

### Merchants' Committee Anticipates Increased Trade.

Beginning with this Saturday, the merchants of Manassas and locality are starting their annual shopping campaign at the close of which prizes will be given to holders of tickets given with purchases made at the places of business indicated by signatures on the page 7 of this issue of the Journal.

As usual, the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the movement and information desired may be obtained by communicating with Mr. Stanley Owens, secretary.

The drawing was held last year around mid-afternoon, and same procedure will be largely followed this year but the exact hour has not yet been decided on by the merchants' committee, of which Dr. George Cooke, is chairman.

Many thousands in trade was evidenced by the ticket stubs turned in by merchants last year—and it is expected that the same will be true again this season.

Tickets must be presented at the time of drawing, and this fact should be borne in mind by all.

## V. F. W. TO ORGANIZE POST IN FALLS CHURCH

All overseas veterans in Fairfax County are urged to be present at a mass meeting to be held in the auditorium of the Madison School on the Lee Highway in Falls Church, Virginia, Thursday evening, December 9th, 1937 at 8 p.m. to organize a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Fairfax County, for Fairfax County overseas veterans.

There are enough overseas men in Fairfax county to make one of the largest and strongest V. F. W. Posts in the State of Virginia, according to a roster recently compiled by Miss Jennie Moore for Captain John F. Bethune of Falls Church who will act as master of ceremonies.

Miss Moore will be present at the meeting and is anxious to see and talk to the boys she saw off to France in 1917 and 1918. All of them did not come back, but it is up to those who did come back to "keep the faith". The motto of the V. F. W. is "honor the dead by helping the living".

A nationally known speaker of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Millard W. Rice, National Legislative Officer, will review the accomplishments of the V. F. W. and outline the objectives of the future, according to word received from Austin J. Matthews, Commander of the 8th District of the Dept. of Virginia.

Honorable service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States on foreign soil or in hostile waters during a time of war for which the Government of the United States authorized the issuance of a campaign medal, constitutes the basis of eligibility to membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

In addition to those who served overseas in the World War, Men who held or are entitled to receive the Spanish Campaign Medal, Philippine Campaign Medal, Cuban Occupation Medal, China Relief Expedition Medal, Cuban Pacification Medal, Nicaraguan Medal, 1912-1913, Haitian Campaign Medal, 1915, Dominican Campaign Medal, 1916, Mexican Service Medal, Haitian Campaign Medal, 1919-1920, Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal, 1928-1933, Yangtze Campaign Medal for service in China in 1926-1927 and 1930-1932, are entitled to membership in the V. F. W.

Commander Matthews stated that the V. F. W. was founded in 1899 and is a permanent organization composed of ordinary men with extraordinary service.

## CROP REDUCTION PLANS FOR 1938

### Local Committees Will be Formed as in the Past

When farm production is excessive and crop surpluses pile up, farm income goes down. Farmers then are unable to buy as many city-made goods, business in general slows down, and unemployment in cities follows. Unemployment in cities means lack of buying power for farm products, and prices received by farmers and farm income are pushed down further.

Under the pinch of low income, farmers in the past have been forced to overcrop their soil by keeping every possible acre in cash crops which deplete the soil and subject it to erosion. It is estimated that land permanently ruined by erosion within the last 100 years in the United States is equal in area to all the farmland in two of the large midwestern agricultural states. If all this soil destruction had occurred in those two states, the ruin would have been more impressive but no less costly to the Nation.

The practice in some farming areas of continually growing a single cash crop with rarely a compensating soil-building crop in rotation, or as a cover crop, has so reduced the fertility that it is impossible for the farmers in those areas to maintain an equitable standard of living.

Goals provided in the 1938 AAA programs are planned to bring about a better-balanced system of farming and to promote conservation of the soil which incidentally will protect business and the consumer as well as the farmer from widely-fluctuating prices.

These goals, in the form of definite acreages of soil-depleting crops and a definite amount of soil-building practices, will provide abundant supplies of all crops for domestic needs and export, without the large surpluses that ruin prices; and at the same time the program encourages practices to conserve soil fertility. The new conservation program, like previous programs of the AAA, is expected to raise and sustain farm income in these ways:

First, by keeping down burdensome surplus, thereby influencing the prices of and income from farm products; second, by encouraging more extensive use of efficient farming methods; third, by providing conservation payments to farmers; and, fourth, by making the land able to produce more, when and if needed.

As in the past, state, county and community committees of farmers will assist the AAA in carrying out the 1938 program.

## OCOQUAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

There is one case of spinal meningitis in Occoquan High School. The sufferer is a third grade student, Thomas Butler. Seventy-four students, mostly of the third grade, are quarantined from school until December 6, 1937. Many reports have been circulated that the whole student body would be kept from school for a few weeks, but the school remains open and the work continues as before. None of the students are particularly alarmed since the disease seems to occur only once in a community.

All the Occoquan school teachers spent an enjoyable vacation at their respective homes a few of the teachers had a little trouble returning to school. This was caused by the bus strikes. It proved not to be very serious and the teachers arrived at school safely.

The ending of the Thanksgiving Holidays brought a tragic climax to the four occupants of a car bound for the South when it crashed into a truck going in the opposite direction.

Two of the occupants, Aime J. Cours and son, Joseph R. Cours were killed instantly. They were removed to Hall's Funeral Home in Occoquan until they were sent to Pennsylvania. Miss Ida Culley and Charles A. Thompson were taken to nearby Hospitals, where they were treated for their injuries.

The accident occurred early in the morning of Monday, November 29th, on the Richmond-Washington highway, a few miles south of Woodbridge, Virginia.

## TO REGISTER UNEMPLOYED

Mr. Speucks will be in the Welfare Office every Tuesday from 10:00 to 1:00, for the purpose of registering men for employment.