

# ATTEND THE MANASSAS VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S BALL, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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## HEAR OLD TIME POEM READING

### U. D. C. Chapter Reports on Various Activities

Mrs. A. O. Weedon, Miss Nolie Nelson, and Mrs. Lewis J. Carper were hostesses to the Manassas Chapter U. D. C. at the February meeting, at the hospitable home of Mrs. Weedon. Mrs. Kasehagen, and Mrs. Dodge were welcomed by the President, Mrs. Byrd, as members from a distance.

After the opening exercises Mrs. W. A. Newman, Historian, announced the topic for February, as outlined by the Division historian, was "The Culture of Tobacco in the South", its use by the Indians, and of its introduction into England by Sir Walter Raleigh. Tobacco was used for money in the early days of the colonies—the Indians had a saying that "God first made man, then woman, then tobacco". John Rolfe assisted in developing it as a prolific export crop, and it now has its effect upon the economic, social, and business life of the nation.

The following poem entitled "Smoking Spiritualized" was found in an old book published in Pittsburg in 1831 called "Gospel Sonnets and Spiritual Songs", written by Rev. Ralph Erskine, a minister in Dunfermline, Scotland, the birthplace of Andrew Carnegie. Rev. Mr. Erskine must have lived about two hundred ago, as there was a volume of his sermons published in London in 1738.

This is the poem.  
Though this Indian weed now withered quite  
Though green at noon, cut down at night

Shows thy decay  
All flesh is hay  
Thus think, and smoke tobacco.  
Thy pipe, so lily-like and weak  
Does thus thy mortal state bespeak  
Thou art e'en such.  
Gone with a touch.  
Thus think, and smoke tobacco.  
And when the smoke ascends on high  
Then thou behold'st the vanity  
Of worldly stuff,  
Gone with a puff  
Thus think, and smoke tobacco.  
And when the pipe grows foul within,  
Think on thy soul defiled with sin:  
For then the fire  
It does require,  
Thus think, and smoke tobacco.  
And see the ashes cast away:  
Then to thyself thou mayest say:  
That to the dust  
Return thou must  
Thus think, and smoke tobacco.  
The smoke, like burning incense  
towers:  
So should a praying heart of yours  
With ardent cries  
Surmount the Skies  
Thus think, and smoke tobacco."

Mrs. A. C. Hart read an original poem copied from her mother's autograph album, written by Thomas L. Swinton, of the 23rd S. C. V. South Carolina, September 20th, 1862.

Mr. Swinton was born in Ireland and hoped to return there, if he lived through the war. Mrs. Hart also read a most interesting letter, written during the sixties, by her mother, Miss Mary Jane Ashby, afterwards Mrs. Covington.

The topic for the Chapter prize contest for the seventh grade, was announced by the committee in charge "Sidney Lanier." The topic for the memorial Society prize, given by Mrs. Carper, "J. E. B. Stuart"

The Chapter learned with regret the illness of Mr. Cockrell, and Miss Senie.

The building committee reported the addition of twenty five dollars to the building fund.

All present signed a birthday card to be sent Miss Lou Moxley, who was ninety-seven on February 6th.

At the close of the business session dainty refreshments were served, the Valentine favors bring in the Chapter colors, and the social period enjoyed.

### P-T-A MEETINGS

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the P-T-A. will be held in Mr. Peters' Office at the High School on Tuesday, February 15, at 3 p.m.

The Manassas P-T-A. will hold its regular monthly meeting at Bennett School on Thursday, February 17, at 3 p.m. A program in observance of Founders' Day will be given and all patrons and friends of the school are urged to attend.

### POST OFFICE HOURS

On Tuesday, February 22, 1938—Washington's Birthday the windows at the Post Office will be opened as follows.

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
The money order and registry will not be opened.  
H. H. DAVIES, p.m.

## COUNTIES GROUP MEETS NEXT WEEK

### Notables To Address Richmond Gathering

The League of Virginia Counties will hold its regular semi-annual meeting in the Winter Garden of Hotel Richmond at Richmond, Virginia, on February 15th and 16th, 1938. The meeting will be preceded on the evening of the 14th by a meeting of the Executive Committee and the Legislative Committee of the League. The meeting will be called to order by the President, Dr. K. O. Tume, of Brookneal, Virginia, at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, February 15th, and will continue through until the afternoon of Wednesday, February 16th.

A banquet will be held on Tuesday evening in the Winter Garden of the Richmond Hotel at which Governor Price will address the members of the League. Dr. Raymond B. Pinchbeck, Chairman of the Henrico County School Board and Dean of the University of Richmond, will be toastmaster at the banquet and an entertainment program of music and dancing is being planned by one of Richmond's most popular dance classes.

More than two hundred County Officials from the seventy Counties composing the League are expected to be in attendance at this meeting. Special programs are being arranged for the Boards of Supervisors, County Clerks, and County Commonwealth's Attorneys.

Prominent among the speakers are Mr. Henry G. Shirley, Commissioner of the Department of Highways, who will make an address on "The Secondary Road System"; Mr. T. McCall Frazier, Chairman of the A. B. C. Distribution of A. B. C. Revenue to Counties"; Mr. Arthur W. James, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, will make an address on "Public Welfare and Social Security in Virginia"; Major Charles J. Calow, Director and the Virginia State Planning Board, will make an address on "County Planning in Virginia"; and Mr. C. H. Morrisett, Director of the State Department of Taxation, will make an address on "County Aspects of Taxation".

The Legislative Committee of the League of Virginia Counties is composed of C. Purcell McCue of Greenwood, Virginia; V. G. Eberwine of Suffolk, Virginia; Joseph C. Smith of Craddock, Portsmouth, Virginia; R. T. Linkous of Narrows, Virginia; and C. J. Leache of Hiawasse, Virginia.

The subject of Governor Price's remarks were not disclosed, but it is known that he is very much interested in the activities of the County group and that he made an exception of his rule not to speak to outside on account of his interest in the work of the County Officials.

### SAILS FOR SOUTH AMERICA

Mr. William A. Reid of the faculty of the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, and formerly the foreign trade adviser of the Pan-American Union, is sailing from New York today for another South American trip on the Normandie. During the cruise Mr. Reid will deliver a series of lectures aboard ship on inter-American topics.

Mr. Reid is a brother-in-law of Mrs. R. S. Hynson.

### GRAND LODGE IN SESSION

The Virginia Grand Lodge of Masons is holding its 160th annual session in Richmond this week at the Masonic Temple.

The sessions are attended by prominent Masons from all sections of the State and constitute one of the most important fraternal gatherings of the year.

Retiring as Grand Master is C. Vernon Eddy, of Winchester. The unopposed candidate for the highest Masonic office is Dr. J. N. Hillman, President of Emory and Henry College.

## THE "HOLDING COMPANY"



### COL. HUTCHISON SPEAKS ON CONFEDERATE HEROES

The Manassas Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, commemorated on February 3rd, the birthdays of Sidney Lanier, James Ewell Brown Johnston, and Joseph Eccleston Johnston, in the assembly room of the Manassas High School.

The numbers on the program were announced by Mr. Harry Parrish. The program opened with the singing of Dixie, followed by the reading of a poem of Lanier's entitled "Barnacles", by Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson. Miss Jessie MacConnor sang "Jeanie With The Light Brown Hair."

Col. Robert A. Hutchison gave a very interesting and inspiring address on two of the famous Southern Generals—J. E. B. Stuart, and Joseph E. Johnston. The singing of "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia, concluded the program.

Prior to this program talk on Sidney Lanier were given by members of the U. D. C. Chapter in the various rooms of the Bennett School. Those taking part were Mrs. Byrd, Mrs. Herbert Nash, Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson, Mrs. Lewis J. Carper, Mrs. W. A. Newman, Mrs. Asa Jenkins, Mrs. V. V. Gillum, Miss Florence Lion, Mrs. R. A. Hutchison, Mrs. L. L. Lonas, Mrs. Connie Kincheole, Mrs. Dennis Baker, and Mrs. P. L. Proffitt.

### STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLINIC

A clinic will be conducted by a specialist of the State Department of Health for this purpose in the Court House at Manassas on Friday, February 18th. This clinic will be under the auspices of the County Board of Health and in cooperation with the physicians of the county.

Anyone desiring examination must have a signed request from his family physician and must consult the nurse about an appointment. Examinations are free. If any treatment is found necessary, it should be carried out by the family physician on whose care and advice they depend for their health and happiness.

Children under fifteen years of age are not examined at this clinic unless especially referred by a doctor. It has long been recognized that tuberculosis in children cannot be found without a special examination in which the tuberculin test and X-ray are used.

### A NEW FEATURE FOR THE JOURNAL

A prominent worker in the Manassas Garden Club has offered to write for the Journal, monthly or semi-monthly as conditions may arise, a series of hints or tips to ladies around over the county who are interested in things which grow in a flower garden.

The first article will appear next week and will be concerning some one flower or some phase of February work in the garden.

Questions may our readers may have to ask can be addressed to "Flower Garden Editor, c/o Manassas Journal".

### STUDENTS SING FOR KIWANIS

A series of vocal offerings by a male quintet from the Manassas Regional High School furnished a delightful period for the Manassas Kiwanis Club on Friday evening.

The students, sponsored by Worth Peters, program chairman, were directed by Prof. William H. Barnes, principal of the school.

Members of the quintet were Augustus Gaskins, John Jackson, Moses Poles, George Alexander, and James Williams. Robernetta Derry, pianist, accompanied the group.

Ranging from fine old spirituals to "McDonald Had A Farm", the boys just couldn't sing enough for the Kiwanians who repeatedly encored both their numbers and two solos which the Professor inserted "by request".

That was about the entire proceedings and at that the Club kept their visitors a full ten minutes over time.

### CHILDREN ATTEND CONCERT IN WASHINGTON

On Monday afternoon, February 7, fifty-one Bennett School children attended the National Symphony Orchestra concert in Washington. The concert was held in the auditorium of Central High School.

This was the first concert in the students' series.

The program given included celebrated numbers by Dvorak, Bach, Gluck, Haydn, Beethoven, White and Gliere.

Before each selection played by the orchestra, Dr. Hans Kinder, explained and demonstrated the different instruments. He also told the significant facts about the composers and their compositions which enabled the children to understand and appreciate the program more fully.

The children were taken to Washington in cars furnished and driven by Mrs. Lewis Carper, Miss Emily Johnson, Mrs. A. O. Beane, Rev. J. M. DeChant, Mrs. T. E. Didlake, Elizabeth Davies, Althea Hooff, Sammie Hottle, Bobby Byrd, and Harry Parrish. Misses Miller and Lowman of the Bennett School faculty also attended.

### BULL RUN COMPANY TO MAKE FURTHER EXTENSIONS

Mr. John Carmody, R. E. A. Administrator, this week notified Mr. A. A. Hooff, President of the Bull Run Power Company, that \$36,000 is immediately available for projecting the lines of the company in Fairfax and Prince William Counties.

It is stated that citizens in certain sections of Southern Loudoun have applied to the company for the service in their sections.

### FINDS REVOLUTIONARY RELIC

Mr. Jack Hereford, of near Wellington, has a belt buckle belonging to an officer of the Palmetto Guards of South Carolina. It is dated 1776.

Mr. Hereford found it in moving a rock pile near a branch. He thinks an Indian may have killed the original owner and buried him in this rock pile.

### AID FOR CHINA

The local chapter of the American Red Cross is asking for contributions to aid stricken China.

President Roosevelt has called attention to the fact that both China and Japan have been offered Red Cross aid, but that Japan replied that their own resources were adequate. The Chinese, however, are imploring assistance.

The funds collected will be expended through reliable and effective agencies, which already exist in China under the supervision of the American Advisory Committee, composed of outstanding Americans residing in China, appointed by the American Ambassador.

The quota for Prince William County has been limited to fifty dollars and those desiring to contribute should get in touch with Mr. O. D. Waters, of Manassas.

## POET ADDRESSES WOMAN'S CLUB

### Mr. Emma Grey Trigg Is Guest of Honor

The Manassas Woman's Club held their regular monthly meeting at the Prince William Hotel February 9th. The meeting opened with the reading of the collect and singing of the club song. After the secretary's and treasurer's reports the Various Committees were called on for their reports.

Mrs. Wade-Dalton was appointed general chairman for the Charity Easter Ball which is to be given April 18th. Northrup Church and his orchestra will furnish the music.

After the business session Mr. Lewis Carper played two well known pieces by Schumann on the violin accompanied by Mrs. Lewis Carper.

Mrs. Margaret Lewis, president of the Garden section, introduced in a most pleasing manner, the guest speaker, Mrs. Emma Grey Trigg. Mrs. Trigg is not only recognized as a beloved Richmond poet but is also acclaimed by the nation as well. For years now, critics of belles-lettres have been urging the publication of Mrs. Trigg's poems in book form. "After Eden", her new book, is the answer to these many requests.

The poet insists that poetry must seek truth but that it should find beauty without seeking. She argued away the old adage that "poetry is an escape from life" rather she said "it is an escape into life."

Mrs. Trigg delighted the audience by giving little intimate details concerning the different poems she read. Mrs. Trigg's poems are beautiful in their logical quality but reading them with her charming voice added much to the ear of the listener.

When Mrs. Trigg had finished Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson announced that she had already obtained a copy of "After Eden" to be placed by the club in the Manassas High School and Mrs. Trigg graciously autographed the book.

Delightful refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned.

### THE SOPHOMORE JAMBOREE

This year the Sophomore classes will give an entirely new and gigantic party to be called, "The Sophomore Jamboree." This auspicious occasion will be in conjunction with a dance on Friday, February 18, at nine o'clock.

This affair will be held in the Manassas High School Auditorium, after which, the dance will begin at nine o'clock in the Gymnasium. Everyone is invited to attend the Jamboree.

The entertainment will be divided into four parts. The first will be a fashion show which will be interesting to both young and old. The next thing to come is the Baby Show which will continue through the evening. The Baby Show will afford surprises to all who attend. Members of Miss Smith's class will present a Magic Show which will be presided over by an "Al-chemist". It will be well worth your time to see an act called "Impersonations."

During the entire evening ice cream and candy will be sold. If you are lucky you may win the door prize which is offered.

## PROGRESS OF LEGISLATION

### Bills Recently Passed and Under Consideration

The House Committee on Counties, Cities and Town has approved a bill to regulate public dance halls in suburban counties such as Chesterfield, Henrico, Arlington and Fairfax. It provides that in these counties such places of amusement must secure permits granted by the Circuit Court of the respective counties.

Three bills, all providing for some new method of electing school trustees were all passed by "indefinitely". Unless revised by some amendment designed to make such changes optional among the counties, these proposals are believed to have been definitely killed, so far as this session of the General Assembly is concerned.

The bill liberalizing bank loans has now passed both branches of the General Assembly and has gone to Governor Price for signature. Under its terms banks are permitted to loan more than 50 per cent of the appraised value of real estate, where the loan is supported by additional security.

The bill to regulate bill boards passed the House on Tuesday. It is said to be similar to one rejected by the Senate at the last session by a margin of one vote. Its passage by this Senate is predicted by its sponsors who include woman's clubs and other organizations interested in the beautification of highways.

The highway bill, which would have provided for a ten year program, was greatly revised and reported favorably in a form which continues the present plan of allocating funds annually to the eight construction districts of the State. A new provision would permit the highway department to build sidewalks and pedestrian pathways along roads where traffic conditions warrant such action as a safety precaution.

Hearings are being held this week on the jail reform bill which would provide a system of prison farms and would place sheriffs and city constables upon a definite salary basis. Many other improvements of Virginia's penal system are included and the bill has extensive backing among law enforcement men.

Considerable opposition has been voiced to the proposal under the jail reform bill to place the probation system under the sheriff, instead of under workers trained in social welfare. The Senate unanimously passed the Parker bill giving governing bodies of towns, cities and counties the power to decide whether wine and beer may be sold within their limits on Sunday.

The soil conservation bill has encountered stiff opposition Senator Wickham charged the measure was unfair to small farmers, and unworkable. He stated that the method of holding a referendum among land occupiers would result in bringing only a "hand-picked" group to the polls. He proposed appeals to the Circuit Court.

### TEACHERS COLLEGES TO BE RENAMED

The Virginia Senate yesterday passed without dissent two measures of primary interest to Fredericksburg and sent them to the House of Delegates where it is expected they will receive favorable action without delay.

No objection was noted when the Senate approved the bill introduced by Senator S. Bernard Coleman changing the name of State Teachers College here to "Mary Washington College."

The measure also changes the name of Harrisonburg Teachers College to "Madison College" and permits the Farmville and Radford Teachers Colleges to adopt new names with consent of the State Board of Education.

Previously passed by the Senate was the bill permitting the local college to borrow \$100,000 for construction of a new dormitory with accommodations for 100 students.

### DRY LEADER DIES

Word has been received of the death in South Boston, Va., of Robert S. Barbour on February 7 at the age of 80. He was the first President of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia and had recently been prominently identified with the annual tobacco festival at South Boston.