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## PUBLIC IS URGED TO COOPERATE

### Annual Banquet Proves Enjoyable and Instructive.

Education, both of the fireman and of the general public, seemed to be central theme of the speeches at the annual banquet of the fire department which was held in the Masonic Temple last night.

The evening was off to a head start with a splendid meal served by the Eastern Star girls, Rev. R. M. Graham asking the blessing prior to general consumption of the bountiful food supply.

Dr. George Coker, president of the local fire department, made his usual address of welcome as soon as the members and guests had eaten their fill. His introduction of the hosts and their guests put everyone in closer touch, and in readiness for the really fine talks that followed.

His Honor, Mayor Harry P. Davis, made a very brief talk in which he stressed the widening field of activities of the fireman, such as first aid and rescue. Mr. Davis predicted the appearance of a rescue launch upon the scene in the not so distant future.

Mayor yielded to the popular fire chief, J. Arthur Vetter, who made one of his characteristically modest addresses.

The next speaker was an old friend who has been to other such meetings, none other than Fire Marshal Calvin Lauber, of the Washington (D. C.) Fire Department.

Calvin split his talk into several sections which included some side lines developed by questioning. At the beginning of his address, he struck the keynote of education, first among the firemen themselves in Washington, citing the necessity of training and the various methods and periods of the same.

With the same thought, he showed how intelligent attack through knowledge of ventilation and "back draft" could be applied to quickly and safely quell blazes of all types. He described some of the most modern methods of "gassing" the fire. He urged that constant and thorough inspection would give information by which the fireman would know where a blaze would likely spread fire banquet.

He closed his talk with a hearty word of praise for the volunteer fireman.

Dr. Coker then read a letter from our old friend, Mel Hazen, in which he stated that he was in the act of leaving for Florida and thus could not present. A wire from Wade T. Ellis disclosed that gentleman's regret not be able to get out for the evening.

In connection with this last communication, Dr. Coker called attention to the fact that Mr. Ellis had been a very great factor in the purchase of the inhalator which had already saved a life since its purchase.

Responding to a call from the toastmaster, Rev. Graham gave a bracing talk, in which praise for the fireman was interwoven with humorous tales that Reverend always has on hand for any occasion.

L. P. Strobel, of the First Aid Squad, Alexandria, and also instructor for the local squad, made an earnest (Continued on page 5.)

## WOMAN'S CLUB TO SPONSOR PIANO CONCERT

Mrs. Charles Mugler, Jr., State Chairman of Fine Arts, Virginia Federated Women's Clubs, addressed the Music-Literature section of the local Woman's club on Tuesday night, March 8 in the home of Mrs. Eula Merchant. Mrs. Mugler used as her subject "Candle Light". Miss Jesse Mae Connor sang two charming solos with Mrs. Lewis Carper accompanying her.

As its sponsors this section is anticipating the outstanding event of the season. The John Powell Concert to be held in the auditorium of the Osborn High School on April 7. John Powell is a world renowned pianist and it is gratifying to find that interest in this concert is running high not only in Manassas and Prince William County but also in the surrounding counties and towns as well. Tickets will be on sale very soon. Hostesses assisting Mrs. Merchant were Mrs. John Broadbudd, Mrs. Dennis Baker and Mrs. Fred Hynson.

## LEGION BANQUET

Time and space do not permit us to do justice to the annual meeting here Tuesday night, and the same will be produced next week.

## NOTICE TO FARMERS

J. Gray Beverley, Field Supervisor will be at the office of Mr. Frank Cox, County Agent, Post Office Building, Manassas, Virginia, on Wednesday morning, March 16, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and noon, for the purpose of taking applications for loans under the Emergency Crop Loan Act.

Farmers desiring these loans should apply on that date.

## CRIME IN YOUTH BANQUET THEME

### Annual Assembly of Religious Council well Attended

The annual banquet of the members and friends of the county council of Religious Education was held recently at the high school auditorium, some hundred guests being present.

The feature of the evening was an address by Rev. A. W. Ballentine on "Crime", with special reference to the so-called crime wave among youth.

Mr. Ballentine spoke of the great army of miscreants and of the tender age of the large majority. He quoted an eminent authority as stating that a religious revival was the thing most needed in the world, and that it had actually already gotten well under way.

The speaker gave some alarming figures in crime statistics and illustrated the lack of religious training among the host of evil doers. The hopeful thread of thought was brought out by showing that religious statistics to be running ahead of vital statistics.

Another forceful speaker of the occasion was Miss Martha Bennett, director of religious education in Arlington County for the past three years. Miss Bennett declared that week day training is now being given to 14000 children in two cities and twenty counties by twenty-eight religious instructors, all operating under the State Council of Religious Education.

According to Miss Bennett some thirty additional sections are about ready for development, a very interesting disclosure.

The county director, Miss Emma Perkins, and assistant, Miss Hazel Saunders, gave brief but encouraging reports. Mr. J. J. Conner, county treasurer, made a report on finances. Other county workers were present. The president, Rev. J. M. DeChant, presided.

The banquet, which was served by the P.-T. A., with the home economics girls assisting, was much enjoyed.

## BINGO PARTY AT WOODBINE

The Woodbine Community League will sponsor a "Bingo Party" at the schoolhouse Thursday night, March 17. Prizes for all winners; "Grand Prizes" for the one who wins the most games.

A short program will be given under the direction of Mrs. Eloise Trimmer. Refreshments for sale. Proceeds for benefit of school. adv.

## BASEBALL BEGINS AT M. H. S.

The first meeting of the M. H. S. baseball squad was held Monday evening, with 41 candidates reporting for practice. This is the largest squad Manassas High has had for years and among this group there are eleven lettermen from last year's team.

Coach Litwin is very pleased with the material and has bright prospects for a successful season.

## HATCHERY ADDED TO HONOR ROLL

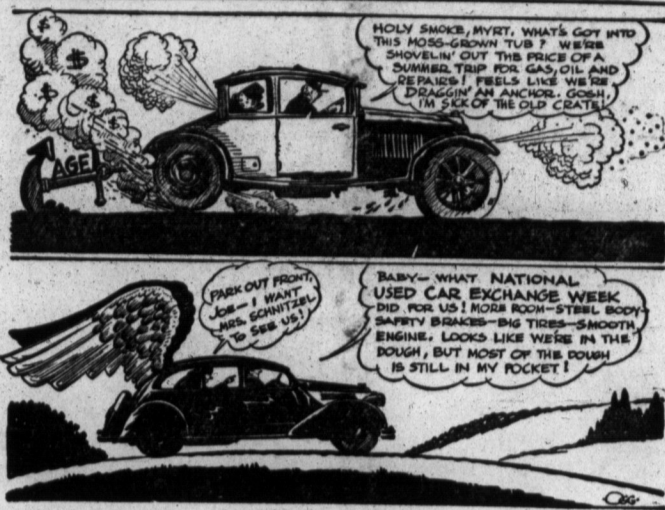
County Agent Cox was recently notified that the hatchery of Mr. Lester Huff has been placed on the certified list as being free of the much dreaded disease generally called white diarrhea.

This represents much time and effort to absolutely remove all reactors from a flock of hens that contain "reactors". The approval of the State Division of Markets is a worth while honor.

## FOOD SALE

The Junior Woman's Club will hold a food sale at Coker's Drug Store this Saturday, March 12th, from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. Cakes, pies, candy, and cookies will be sold.

## Anchors or Wings?



## WOMAN'S CLUB HAS CLEVER ARTIST AS GUEST SPEAKER

The Woman's Club of Manassas held their meeting March 9th at the Prince William Hotel. The president, Mrs. William Lloyd, opened the meeting by having a unison reading of the collect.

The old business was attended to in short order and the committees for the Easter Ball, which is to be given April 18, were announced.

Mrs. William Coker, chairman for the John Powell Concert, which will be April 7th, stated that the plans were progressing smoothly. A large crowd is anticipated as the Music-Literature Section of the Woman's Club feel that this is undoubtedly the most uplifting and inspiring event they have ever offered to the public.

Mrs. Fred Hynson, chairman of the Music-Literature Section, introduced the speaker for the afternoon, Mrs. Charles Mugler, Jr., of Hilton Village, Va.

Mrs. Mugler, before giving her splendid review of Dr. Cronin's new book "The Citadel", said that she wanted the listeners to bear in mind that the book is a criticism of the English medical profession and not the American.

Mrs. Mugler dramatized several parts of the novel during her review, which were much enjoyed by the audience.

Delightful refreshments were then served by the hostesses.

## LOCAL RED CROSS TO URGE FIRST AID STATIONS

National Headquarters, American Red Cross, was represented by Miss Sadie James, Field worker for this district at the annual meeting of Prince William Chapter, held March 8, in the Presbyterian S S room Manassas.

Reports of the Chapter's secretary, and treasurers and Junior Red Cross, Roll Call, Civilian Relief and Nursing Committees were read, and disclosed a year of constructive work accomplished under the able leadership of Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, chairman of the Chapter.

Since the nursing unit has become affiliated with the State and County, the Chapter during 1938 will concentrate upon the establishment of First Aid Emergency Stations on the Lee and Richmond-Washington Highways through the county, instruction classes for First Aid in swimming, Home Hygiene Adult Classes to be taught by resident graduate nurses of the county.

Robert Watzel accompanied by the Junior Red Cross sponsor of Manassas High School, and members of that group, read a comprehensive report of outstanding activities of the Juniors during the past year.

The Civilian Relief has spent \$58 in supplying shoes, clothing, hot lunches, food orders, etc., during 1937.

The Roll Call and Nursing Committee reports were most encouraging. Informal talks upon the early work of the Red Cross in Prince-William county were made by the Rev. A. S. Gibson and the Rev. J. R. Cooke this year being the 21st anniversary of the Red Cross which makes this County one of the oldest Red Cross Chapters in the U. S.

Officers of the Chapter and members of the Executive Board who were reelected are as follows: Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, chairman, Rev. A. Stuart Gibson, Vice Chairman, Miss Loretta McGill, Second Vice Chairman, Mrs. E. H. Marsteller, secretary; Mr. O. D. Waters, Treasurer; from Manassas, Mrs. E. H. Marsteller, Mr. G. R. Ratcliffe; Brentsville, Rev. J. R. Cooke, Mrs. E. C. Spitzer; Gainesville, Mrs. K.

## KIWANIS CLUB INITIATES MR. HARRIS

The Kiwanis Club formally inducted into its midst on Friday evening C. M. (Bucky) Harris, with former president O. D. Waters acting as conductor.

O. D. Made one of his usual vivacious and equally serious talks on the theory and application of the Kiwanis idea (even if he did go off on the history side of the question). "Bucky" got a big hand and was royally welcomed.

After a declaration by Ray Ratcliffe that he wanted to start at 6 p.m. next Friday (later agreed to 7 p.m.), the program committee relieved itself of the weekly burden.

President Bill called a meeting of all committee chairmen for Friday evening, March 19th, at the Peoples Bank, at 6 p.m.

Mrs. Kincheloe and Miss Jo Miller gave a charming repertoire of songs, many of which the members joined in singing.

Mr. James R. Simpson, the new county sanitary engineer, was present as a guest.

## MARCH U. D. C. REPORT

Mrs. W. A. Newman and Mrs. Norvell Larkin were hostesses to the Manassas Chapter U. D. C. last Wednesday, at the home Mrs. Newman.

In the Historical period the important Southern crops were in order. Miss Florence Lion gave an interesting history of the old townships—Fairfax, Prince William, and Alexandria, and told of the important part tobacco played in their early days. She reviewed the wonderful growth of Dumfries at one time the most thriving seaport town in the U. S. Dumfries was made a township in 1749, and flourished for thirty years. Mr. John Graham, of Scotch descent, played an important part in the success of Dumfries. Cotton was also a subject for discussion Miss Lion informed the chapter of the book, "Landmarks of Old Prince William" which could be read at the C. H., but could not be removed.

Mrs. Newman read a thrilling story about "Laughing Loss", a blockade runner, operated by Capt. Harry Rockhill, an English sportsman, who aided the South during the sixties. The President, Mrs. Byrd, stated she had purchased two copies of the book, "Things to Know About Lanier", to present to the High School Library; and recommended to the Chapter "Confederate Leaders", by Miss Sallie Dickinson. Mrs. E. H. Nash, and Mrs. A. O. Weedon were appointed a committee to meet with the Community Hall committee. Mrs. Bryde announced the appointment of Mrs. Lewis J. Carper as Chairman of the Publicity committee of the Virginia Division, and Mrs. Carper was warmly applauded.

After the social hour, dining which the hostesses served delicious refreshments, the members departed, to meet in April at Nokesville, Mrs. E. C. Spitzer, Mrs. Compton, and Mrs. Harley, hostesses.

## BETHLEHEM MEETING POSTPONED

The meeting of the Bethlehem Good Housekeeping Club has been postponed from Wednesday, March 16th, to Wednesday, March 23rd. The place of meeting will be announced in next week's issue.

O. M. Douglas, Mrs. C. R. McDonald; C. Oles, Mr. W. Y. Ellicott, Mr. R. C. Linton; Dumfries, Mrs. Janie Abel, Mr. H. O. Russell; Occoquan, Mrs. E. Garner, Mrs. Helen B. Janney.

## ANTIQUE IS IDENTIFIED

The brass antique, owned by Mr. Worth Storke, of Manassas, which was illustrated in last week's issue of the Journal, has been definitely identified by Miss Lily Edmonds, of Catlett, as a coffee percolator.

Miss Edmonds brought in a similar vessel, smaller, but complete, which belonged to her father, Dr. William Sydnor Edmonds, of Catlett, who died in 1892 at the age of 71 years.

Miss Edmonds' percolator was placed on exhibition at the Peoples Bank, in Manassas, and an interesting story associated with these old coffee-pots will appear in an early issue of the Journal.

## FORMAL OPENING OF LIBRARY

### Ruffner Library Benefit by Action of Council

The Manassas Town Council voted in January an appropriation of \$100 to the Ruffner-Carnegie Library for the purpose of purchasing books and magazines of interest to the general public, and at the February meeting last week, put a similar appropriation into the budget for the next year. The Library can now be opened for the use of the public two nights in the week as well as during the day. Also the W. P. A. which has been giving assistance through the school year will continue it during the summer, so that the Library can now be opened daily through the summer months.

By thus helping the High School Library to increase its service to the general public, Manassas is falling in line with the constantly growing library movement throughout the country. For one of the most outstanding developments in recent years has been the phenomenal growth of libraries, not only in the large cities but in all high schools and in an increasing number of small towns. In some of the states every small town has now a library, either independently, or in connection with the town high school.

The opening night to which the public is especially invited will be on Thursday, March 24, from 7:30 to 10 o'clock. The Library has been fortunate enough to secure as speaker for the occasion, Dr. James McManaway, the Director of the Folger Shakespearean Library of Washington, D. C., who will give some account of this famous institution in his address. A brief musical program will follow under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Carper.

After March 24, the Library will be open every Monday and Thursday night from 7:30 to 10 o'clock. Summer hours will be announced later.

## STUDENTS GIVEN AID

Exactly 4040 students in Virginia high schools held jobs under the National Youth Administration during the session of 1936-37, George J. Oliver, newly appointed State Supervisor of the NYA School aid program, announced at Richmond. The total expenditure was \$138,198. Students earned as much as \$6.00 a month.

This year, on account of a smaller budget, about \$124,170 is being spent to give jobs to approximately 2795 students. The number may be increased, however, as some high school principals pay less than the \$6.00 a month maximum and in that way provide jobs for a larger group of students.

In Prince William high schools \$918 is being spent this year to give aid to 17 students.

Among surrounding counties Loudoun will spend \$450 for 9 students, Louisa \$700 for 14 students, Orange \$324 for 6 students, Stafford \$350 for 7 students, Arlington \$500 for 11 students.

## RECREATION ASSOCIATION

After little more than a year of organized operation the Interior Department Recreational Association boasts facilities for nearly every form of recreation in which the average young man and woman is interested.

A story appearing in The Star next Sunday describes this organization, designed to make Interior employes happy in Washington, and all of its activities, which include camera, dramatic, pistol, hiking, outing, bridge, arts and badminton clubs; baseball, girls' basket ball, track and table tennis teams, dancing classes, a monthly magazine and choral groups, adv.

## ASSEMBLY NEARS ADJOURNMENT

### Road Fund Amendment Unexpectedly Defeated

With adjournment of the Virginia General Assembly, scheduled for March 12, it has become increasingly apparent that many of the 850 bills introduced as this session will be caught in the jam of the closing hours and will never come up for consideration.

Public interest has centered during the past week on the contention which has risen between the "organization" forces of the legislature, which are representative of the Byrd regime, and the Governor, over the question of appointment of a Chairman of the State Compensation Board. The so called Byrd group insists that the law should remain just as it has been through the administration of Governor Peery. Governor Price seeks appointment of a Chairman at a salary of \$4,500. Heretofore the chairmanship has been vested in the Attorney General without additional compensation. Governor Price is said to be standing pat on his insistence that appointment of Chairman rests with the Governor; that if Governor Peery wished to make the Attorney General Chairman, he had that right, just as the present Governor is given authority to appoint a new man. A compromise has been offered in the form of an amendment making the Comptroller chairman, the idea being that this should be acceptable to the Governor since the Comptroller is one of his appointees. Public interest in the matter centers around the pivot of which group shall win, rather than details of the arrangement.

An unexpected turnover occurred this week on the proposed Constitutional Amendment to prevent diversion of road funds for other purposes. The measure had the backing of such influential groups as the Citizens Road League and the Association of ever-so-much opposition developed. Rural Carriers and had been reported favorably by joint resolution. How against using the amendment plan, that the measure was defeated.

The Billboard Measure has been passed by the Senate, 31 to 5. The bill has the endorsement of Women's Clubs throughout the State, and now goes to the Governor. The idea of the bill is to regulate bill boards by a system of license.

A bill has passed the House forbidding the hiring of teachers in the schools who are related to school board members or school superintendents.

A joint resolution has been passed appointing a commission to study the question of restricting the state, to report at the 1940 session of the General Assembly.

The Moncre bill requiring health certificates before receiving license to marry was overwhelmingly defeated, it being pointed out convincingly that the various provisions of the bill would not accomplish the stated objects of the proposed legislation.

The House passed the Apperson-Harkrader Senate bill authorizing railroads and steamship companies to operate truck and bus lines. The vote was 67 to 25.

## P.-T. A. MEETINGS

The Executive meeting of the Manassas Parent-Teacher Association will be held in the High School in Prof. Peters' office on Tuesday March 15th, at 2:30 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the P.-T. A. will be held in the High School auditorium on Thursday, March 17th, at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Gordon Smith, vice president of the Piedmont Region of the C. E. A., will address the meeting. Patrons and friends are urged to attend.

## CHURCH SERVICES ARRANGED IN UPPER TRURO

The wardens of Upper Truro Parish met with Dean W. E. Rollins, of Seminary yesterday and made arrangements for services until June 15 after which time the vestry will make a regular call.

Rev. Marshall Milton will give services at the same hours as last year and the entire field will be served this Sunday (March 13th).

Upper Truro Parish of the Episcopal Church includes Herndon, Chantilly and Centerville, in Fairfax County.