



## MANASSAS BATTLE FIELD MUSEUM

### J. T. Richards Purchases Famous Fredericksburg Collections

The National Battlefield Museum, containing thousands of invaluable relics of the War Between the States, has been sold and will be removed to Manassas, it was announced this week by William Jeffries Chewning, Jr., of Fredericksburg, who has served as curator of the museum since the recent fatal illness of his father, Dr. William J. Chewning.

Mr. Chewning said the entire collection has been purchased by Mr. J. T. Richards, of Manassas.

The national Battlefield Museum was established at Fredericksburg nine years ago by the late Dr. Chewning. It embraces seven private collections which were originally gathered from the fields of battle in and around Fredericksburg.

In announcing the sale Mr. Chewning stated that both he and his mother Mrs. Anne Page Chewning, regretted the necessity of depriving Fredericksburg of this rare collection. He pointed out that an Act of Congress would have been required for the purchase of the museum for the National Park Service. No prospective purchasers who would keep the museum in Fredericksburg could be located, he said.

Mr. Chewning added that Fredericksburg had made no attempt to acquire the collection and, in fact, "had evidenced little real interest in it."

For these reasons, he said and Mrs. Chewning deemed it advisable to accept Mr. Richards' "highly attractive proposition."

The collection will be housed in a newly constructed building of colonial design on the Lee Highway at the scene of the famous Battle of Bull Run. The building contains 180 square feet of wall space, Mr. Chewning said, and the new owner has expended thousands for cases in which to display the various relics.

Mrs. Chewning said that while she regrets the removal of the collection from Fredericksburg, she is "happy to know" that it will be permanently retained in Virginia.

The collection was saved through the efforts of the late Dr. Chewning, who served as a First Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Medical Corps during the World War. His father served in the Confederate Army. A suitable tablet in memory of Dr. Chewning will be placed in the museum at Bull Run.

Among the many relics embraced in the Chewning collection were the field glasses used by General Ambrose Burnside during the Battle of Fredericksburg; the army stretcher that was used to carry General "Stonewall" Jackson from the field mortally wounded; countless Confederate and Union uniforms hundreds of muskets and rifles; candles from Burnside's headquarters that were used at the time President Lincoln was his guest; a table used for operations at the Field Hospital following the battle at Hamilton's Crossing; the field table used by General Sedgwick near Spotsylvania C. H.; a sash worn by General J. E. B. Stuart; uniform of Sergeant Mason, U. S. A., who afterwards shot Giteau, the assassin of President Garfield; the blood-stained table used when General Jackson's arm was amputated; an opera cloak belonging to John Wilkes Booth, the field glasses owned by General Joseph Hooker, and thousand of other valuable pieces.

### MRS. KIDWELL HOSTESS TO BETHEL CLUB

The Bethel Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. E. Kidwell of Woodbridge on April 21. Miss Webb gave an interesting and instructive talk on Short Cuts in Summer Housekeeping. Mrs. E. W. Thompson gave a report on the district meeting held at Fredericksburg and they discussed plans for the flower show to be held in May. Delightful refreshments were then served by the hostess and her assistant, Mrs. D. Shaeffer.

### ODD FELLOWS GO TO OCCOQUAN

On Tuesday evening, May 3, the Degree Team of Potomac Lodge No. 38, I.C.O.F., will come to Occoquan to confer a degree for Crescent Lodge No. 33, in the latter's hall. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and other Grand Lodge officers are expected to be present.

### CASH PRIZES OFFERED

Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, president of the Prince William County Young Democratic Club, announces the following cash prizes in connection with the membership drive now in progress.

A county-wide prize of \$25.00, the donor's name being withheld.

A \$10.00 district prize for Manassas District, given by the committeemen of that district as individuals.

A \$10.00 district prize for Gainesville District, given by several individuals whose names are withheld.

Two district prizes for Dumfries District of \$15.00 and \$10.00, Mr. C. C. Cloe being the donor.

Anyone wishing to enter the contest should notify Miss Nancy Lynn.

## POLL TAX MUST BE PAID SOON

### County Chairman Cloe Warns Voters of May 7 Deadline

The Democratic Executive Committee of Wm. Prince county calls attention to certain requirements necessary for persons desiring to vote in the general election to be held November 8, 1938.

Persons becoming 21 years of age after 1, 1938, and prior to November 8, 1938, must pay a poll tax of \$1.50 on or before October 8th in order to vote in the general election. Registration must take place after the payment of the poll tax. There is a registrar in each precinct to whom the tax receipt must be presented at the time of registering. Registration lists close thirty days before the general election. The tax collector's office closes at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 7th.

Persons coming of age after January 1, 1938, are not assessable for the year 1938, therefore when they pay their poll tax they are actually paying for 1939. This permits them to vote not only in 1938 but also in 1939 and again in 1940, although they have paid only the one poll tax for 1939. The poll tax for 1939 is assessable but does not have to be paid until December of that year which is after the election. If a person becomes 21 years of age between October 8th and November 8th, they may register before the books close by making affidavit that they will become of age on or before November 8th.

Non-residents moving into the State after January 1, 1937, and who will have been in the State a year prior to November 8, 1938, may register and vote without the payment of any poll tax. The registration, however, must take place on or before October 8, 1938, in order to vote in the election of November 8, 1938.

Where length of residence and age require it, three years' poll taxes preceding the election must be paid in order to vote. If a person has resided in the State less than three years but more than one, then two years' poll taxes must be paid.

In order to vote in the primary, poll taxes must be paid as specified above, and the voter may register any time up to and including the day of the primary.

### MISS MARY MASON WILL BE GUEST SPEAKER

The Woman's Club of Manassas has been most fortunate in obtaining as guest speaker, for their second annual installation dinner, Miss Mary Mason, Director of the Woman's Forum of the National Broadcasting Company, who will speak on "Women and Radio". Those who have heard Miss Mason say that she is one of the finest women speakers of today, and the Club is very happy to be able to present such an outstanding speaker at this time.

In addition to the speaker, a number of musical numbers have been arranged.

The dinner will be held at the Parrish Hall on Monday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. Members are requested to make their reservations with Mrs. T. J. Broadus by Friday of this week.

### TULIP-BEDS DESTROYED

Monday night an act of vandalism occurred in Manassas which was the occasion of much regret, as we have always been quite free from such depredations.

The beautiful tulip-bed belonging to Mrs. Margaret Lewis was willfully destroyed, flowers being cut off and roots dug up. Authorities are investigating.

## FOOLISH QUESTION NO. 41144



## INTENSIVE PLANS FOR CELEBRATION

### Air Memorial to be on Gigantic Scale

Plans are rapidly being formulated by the local postoffice for the observance of National Air Mail Week, May 15 to May 21 inclusive. According to H. T. Davies, p.m., considerable interest is being manifested by school pupils in both the essay and poster contest which is open to children of all schools. In this contest, which is a state-wide affair, the prizes will consist of a air trip from the Washington airport to Norfolk or to New York.

Irrespective of where you live persons sending mail the week of the observance are requested to forward all mail by air. It is announced that special feeder lines will be established for one day to pick up mail from small communities and villages thru the country. The postmaster in every town is campaign manager and persons are asked to co-operate with him and make National Air Mail Week a "flying success".

In a brief history of the air mail service it is recited that few people know it, but the air mail's history dates back some sixty eight years, the first air mail was carried by balloons in 1870.

Last year, the United State Air Mail System flew more than seventy million miles over domestic and foreign routes, covering 62,826 miles. Every state has direct air mail services with the exception of one, which is served at nearby points. The foreign air mail system reaches nearly every country in the western hemisphere, extends across the Pacific to the Orient, and it is expected to be extended to Europe before the year is ended.

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### HELD FOR GRAND JURY

At a hearing before Trial Justice C. Lacey Compton, in Manassas, Wednesday, Edward Harper, colored, of Joplin, was held for action of the Grand Jury in connection with the death of Horace F. Lane, of Margo, Va., a member of the Joplin C. C. Camp, who was killed by an automobile near the Camp last Saturday night.

Lane, who was 19 years of age, was instantly killed and the arrest of Harper followed an investigation by State Officer E. C. Trice.

Don't forget the dance the Haymarket S.C.A., is having in the auditorium on Friday night, April 29.

## BENNETT PLAY WELL RECEIVED

### Faynelle Pickeral Has Leading Role

The rising generation of Manassas caused much pride and many smiles in the lovely performance on Tuesday evening at the high school auditorium.

The costumes were certainly done with finesse and the youngsters wore them like veteran actors and actresses. The only diversion developed when one of the Brownies got his pseudo-avoidpous out of place and threatened possible dissolution. The mishap was turned into a feature by quick thought on his part and it went over big.

The playlet was built up about the idea that the Child (Marie Dollard) was neglecting her garden and the flowers, the bees, etc., complained which fact brought the Queen of the Fairies (Faynelle Pickeral) to their aid.

The Queen is quite gracious (and also a good dancer and singer) in bringing about a change in governmental affairs to the satisfaction of all concerned. This part, is, of course, the leading role, and as is the thing with all leading roles contained the bulk of the responsibility in the acting, dancing, etc.

Miss Aldrich, accompanied the cast at the piano and did a splendid job.

The faculty of Bennett under Miss Lowman deserve the usual high praises for having brought the children successfully through such a trying period of training with such excellent results.

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### TEACHERS' EXAMS

The Reading Course Examination for both high and elementary school teachers will be held at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Manassas, Virginia, Saturday, May 21, beginning promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Teachers wishing to use this method for renewal of certificates are requested to notify this office of their intentions to take the examination not later than May 10.

### DEBATE AT BRENTSVILLE

Plans have been completed for the debate to be held Friday evening, April 29, in the Old Brentsville Court-house. All of the speakers and judges are well known in the county and the event has been the occasion of wide spread interest.

### HEALTH DEPT. NOTICE

At the request of Mr. Murray Taylor, chairman of The Board of Supervisors, the Prince William County Health Officer wishes to make the following announcement in regard to the management of dog bites. When a person is bitten by a dog, the animal should not be killed, but should be securely penned up for a period of ten days. If the dog becomes sick, notify the Health Department at once. If the animal is rabid, it will become sick and die in less than ten days' time.

The State law requires that the local Health Officer shall administer, free of charge, vaccine to anyone bitten by a dog proved rabid.

## SMITH ASKS FOR TUNNEL-BRIDGE

### Unique Structure Would Relieve Congestion

In a move designed to relieve the steadily-growing traffic congestion on the Fourteenth Street highway bridge connecting Virginia with the District of Columbia, Rep. Howard W. Smith has asked Congress to conduct a survey of the practicability and approximate cost of a modern boulevard-type bridge constructed on tunnels, to replace the present inadequate span. A bill requesting that a commission be up to study the project was introduced by Judge Smith last week.

The bill suggested that the committee be composed of President Roosevelt, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and the Secretary of the Interior. Smith asked that a report be submitted to Congress on or before December 15.

Under Judge Smith's proposal, the combination bridge would include a railroad tunnel from some appropriate point south of the present bird sanctuary to, and connecting with, the present railroad tracks, and a tunnel leading to Union Station, together with automobile trucking tunnels from some point near the bird sanctuary to and connecting with some point in the vicinity of D and boulevard for all vehicular traffic from some appropriate point in Virginia to and connecting with a point near Fourteenth and D Streets, Southwest.

The measure asks for the removal of the present railroad bridge across the Potomac and railroad embankments and connections thereto in Virginia and the District of Columbia and for the removal of the present highway bridge connecting East Potomac Park with Virginia, together with the removal of highway bridge approaches thereto Virginia and the District of Columbia.

### SKILLED LABORERS SHOULD REGISTER

Skilled Bricklayers, Carpenters, Painters, Paperhangers and other Construction Mechanics are advised to register with the Virginia State Employment Service at 806 King Street, Alexandria, Va., which office serves Arlington, Fairfax and Prince William Counties, and the City of Alexandria. According to Mr. C. W. Friend, District Manager of the five offices of Northern Virginia, the number of qualified applicants for these occupations is being rapidly reduced because many contractors are asking the Employment Service to refer such workers to them in their building program.

Highly skilled, sober and reliable men are advised to register because employers are demanding that their workmen be men on whom they can depend to be on the job regularly and who are sufficiently skilled to do the best type of work.

Since January 1, 1938, 1,065 jobs have been secured for applicants by the local office. This is 51.4 per cent of the active file of 2,070 registrants. Mr. Friend stated that the demands upon the staff of the local office in supplying workmen are very heavy and asks that employers cooperate by giving the office sufficient time to make proper selection of qualified workers. On the other hand all applicants are urged to give the Employment office a telephone where they may be reached quickly when employers send in "rush" orders.

### TRINITY GUILD MEETING

The Trinity Guild will meet with Mrs. Marie Larkin at "Larkinton" on Tuesday, May 3, at 2:30 p.m.

## HARRY PARRISH NAMED PRESIDENT

### State S.C.A. Honors Manassas High Junior

Harry Parrish, junior at Manassas High School, was unanimously elected President of the Virginia Student Government Association at a meeting of that organization held in Roanoke from April 22-24. Therefore, the annual meeting of this State organization will take place here in Manassas next spring.

Harry is the only President of that association, outside of its first president, who has been elected with no opposing votes. He has shown a very great interest in Student Government in both the school and the State, and for the past year, has been an active member of the Student Council at M. H. S. At the present Harry is one of the nominees for President of the local Student Cooperative Association, for which an open campaign is in progress this week.

Another unanimous agreement at the meeting was the selection of Manassas as the meeting place for the coming year. The organization will gather in Northern Virginia for the first time an advantage for M. H. S. and for the other schools in this section who have recently joined: Lee-Jackson, George Washington, Washington-Lee, Warrenton, Fairfax, Herndon, Occoquan and Haymarket. At the last meeting Manassas High sent five delegates and two teachers: Mattie Cannon, Kite Roseberry, Lucy Johnson, Harry Parrish, Shirley Hynson, Miss Smith, and Mr. Peters, who also took a carload of students from Herndon, Occoquan, and Haymarket. Cooper Curcio and Mildred Jacobs went from Herndon, Natalie Luberman from Occoquan and Rolfe Robertson from Haymarket. All other schools in Northern Virginia sent delegates except Lee-Jackson and Fairfax, who were unable to be represented at the meeting.

The meeting was held at Jefferson High School, in Roanoke. Its President was Gordon Willis, from that school; Vice-President, Robert Cowling, from Newport News High School, Secretary, Robert Fulton, from George Washington High School, in Danville, Treasurer, Shirley Hynson, from Manassas High School. As was its purpose, those attending obtained valuable information and help from the speakers and discussion groups. These groups were: Financing Student Activities, "How May We Popularize Student Government?", Citizenship Training Through Student Government, "How to Get a Student to Realize His Responsibility," "Point Sipton and Projects", "How to Gain and Hold the Respect," "Interest, and Cooperation of the Student Body".

Interesting topics were discussed by various students and other speakers. Some of these were:

- Demand for Religious Leadership—Dr. H. Spencer Edmunds, D. D.
- Demand for Professional Leadership—Mr. W. P. Hazlegrove, chairman, Roanoke City School Board.
- Demand for Political Leadership—Vice Mayor James A. Bear, City Councilman of Roanoke.
- Demand for Industrial Leadership—Dr. C.-R. Brown, Dean of Roanoke College.

The delegates were amply entertained with receptions, a picnic lunch, sightseeing, movies, banquet, and a dance, as well as pleasant visits in the various homes in which they were placed.

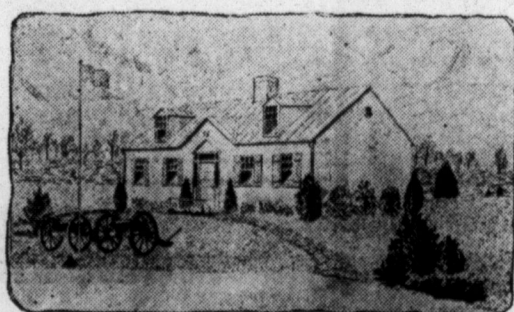
The attendance at this meeting totaled around one hundred twenty-five and, with the increasing number of schools joining, the number of delegates to Manassas High will be approximately one hundred fifty.

### MUSIC FESTIVAL

A Music Festival will be presented by the schools of Prince William County at 10:30 a.m. Friday morning, May 6, on the Portner Estate. The different schools will represent the various countries in song and dance. The teachers are directing, and the children will be in costume.

The schools and the countries they represent are as follows: Quantic, Germany and Poland; Bennett, France; Manassas High School, United States; Greenwich, Czechoslovakia; Dumfries, Sweden; Occoquan, Ireland; Haymarket, Spain; Nokesville, Scotland.

This is the first occasion on which this festival has been presented out of doors and the weather is friendly a large attendance is anticipated.



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(From a Sketch by R. Jackson Ratcliffe)