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## REVIEWS CHURCH SCHOOL HISTORY

Mrs. Mona Sinclair Prepares  
Interesting Treatise

It is to be understood, of course, that any errors or omissions in this brief outline of the personnel, past and present, of the Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday School are not intentional. Owing to the fact that no Sunday School register is kept, the information herein given has necessarily been obtained from those who have grown up in Trinity Church and who have taken a keen interest in the Church and who have taken a keen interest in the Church and its allied activities.

As memory, at its best, is faulty it is more than likely that the names of some persons that should be mentioned have been omitted and that some dates have been incorrectly stated. If there are those who can supply missing information such additional data will be gladly received by the Sunday School Superintendent.

It appears that Trinity Sunday School was founded by Mrs. Mary M. Weir, the grandmother of our present superintendent in the year 1872 or 1873. In 1872 the Rev. Kinlock Nelson laid the foundation for the establishment of an Episcopal church at Manassas. In the work he was aided by a few families of the neighborhood, among them the Weir family. As an aid to the Church movement, Mrs. Mary Weir organized a small band of children into a Sunday School class and with the permission of the authorities of the Northern Methodist Church first taught them in a small room of the church building belonging to that denomination. This room continued to be used as a class room until the first Episcopal church building was erected.

At about the time of the completion of the church building Mrs. Rebecca McPheerson Weemes, with her husband, moved from Maryland to Manassas. This family were ardent Episcopalians and Mrs. Weemes immediately became interested in the Sunday School. It was largely due to her interest and cooperation, the Church at the time having no resident Rector, that the school was more firmly established.

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## BARNES—HOTTE

The Methodist parsonage was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday, June 18, when Flora Hottle and Mr. Thomas Barnes were united in marriage by Rev. Harry P. Baker. Only the two families and a few close friends were present.

The bride wore a white street length frock with bolero jacket, and white accessories, and her corsage was of Talisman roses. She had as her attendant Mrs. Bruce Hurson, of Baltimore.

Mr. Howell Barnes was best man for his brother.

Following the ceremony a luncheon was served the guests at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. R. D. Hottle.

Midst a shower of rice, the young couple left for a few days at the beach, after which they will make their home on Cherry Street, in Manassas.

## CHARLES LYNN GETS SCHOLASTIC HONOR

Ten boys from the Manassas and Haymarket F. F. A. Chapters, accompanied by their instructor, Mr. R. R. Fishpaw, attended the State Rally held at Blacksburg, Va., last week. Harris Collins, of Manassas participated in the Dairy Judging Contest and made a good showing.

The Haymarket boys who represented their Chapter in the Crop Judging Contest were Rolfe Robertson, Andrew Smith, and Rolfe Ellison. This team placed fourteenth out of sixty-two teams and are to be congratulated on their showing as none of these boys had judged prior to this year.

Bobby Carter and Lewis Lightner of Haymarket and also Kite Roseberry of Manassas attended the School of Leadership.

Charles Lynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lynn of Manassas, and a member of the local F. F. A. Chapter received the State Farmers Degree. This is the highest honor that can be conferred by the Virginia State Federation of Future Farmers. These were only 98 boys receiving the Degree this year out of 6500.

## W.M.U. OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

The Woman's Missionary Society of The Manassas Baptist Church will observe the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of the W. M. U. on Thursday afternoon, June 30, at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Robt. Hutchison. All members and former members of the Missionary Union are invited to attend.

## ALUMNI CLUB HONOR READING

V. P. I. Group Composed of  
Former 4-H Members

At a recent meeting, the V.P.I. 4-H Alumni Club elected its officers for the coming year. Philip Reading, Nokesville, was elected president; K. R. Cline, Fishersville, vice-president; J. W. Howe, Mt. Solon, secretary; C. B. Wood, Flint Hill, treasurer; Miss Jo Sanford, Orange, and E. J. Shifflett, Churchville, song leaders; and Egbert Thompson, Jr., Woodbridge, corresponding secretary. Gordon A. Elcan, state boy's 4-H club agent, was re-elected faculty adviser.

The club has a membership composed of V.P.I. students who were 4-H'ers in high school. Its purpose is to keep its members in touch with the 4-H organization and to help students adapt themselves to college life so as to gain the ultimate benefit from their studies and extra-curricular activities. Saturday, May 21, the club gave a radio program over the Virginia Tech Farm Dinner Club quarter-hour. It was in the form of a skit in which members of the club told of the club's activities and in what ways it helped its members, particularly the incoming freshmen.

## JAMES L. LUXFORD

Word was received from Washington yesterday of the death, in Mt. Alto Hospital, of Mr. James Leon Luxford, age 75, following a long illness.

Mr. Luxford was a retired salesman for the Rumford Chemical Company and his genial personality had won for him a wide circle of friends. He was a native of Richmond and a Spanish War Veteran.

Surviving him is a brother, Major O. C. Luxford, of Washington, and a sister, Mrs. H. B. Sutton, of Greensboro, N. C., and by a number of nieces and nephews. His daughter, Mrs. Mamie Peyton Didlake, died August 2, 1921.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 24, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Didlake, of Manassas. Rev. A. Stuart Gibson, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, officiating. Interment will be in the Manassas cemetery. The pallbearers are Drs. Lanahan and George B. Cocke and Messrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, M. Bruce Whitmore, A. S. Boatwright and E. G. Parrish.

Mr. Luxford was highly esteemed in Manassas. He was unusually well informed, a most entertaining conversationalist and a gentleman of unique and forceful personality. His passing is the occasion of much sorrow in this community where he had lived for many years.

## NOKESVILLE F.F.A. MAKES GOOD SHOWING AT STATE RALLY

The dairy judging team from the Nokesville F. F. A. Chapter made a splendid showing at the State Rally held at V.P.I. last week. Each member of the team, composed of Albert Rollins, McDuff Green, and William Crawford, made high scores. However, Rollins placed fourth among all dairy judging contestants in the State, thereby winning for himself a place on the State team competing in the national contest to be held in Kansas City in the fall. Albert is a junior at Brentsville District High School and has completed two years of vocational agriculture. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rollins of Bristow.

Elwood Long, the newly-elected president of the chapter, also attended the leadership training school.

## "WHITE ELEPHANT" SALE

There will be a benefit sale for Trinity Church School at Dowells Pharmacy this coming Saturday, June 25th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cake, Candy, etc. will be offered.

## GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Manassas Garden Club will meet with Mrs. A. A. Hooff next Tuesday, June 28th, at 2:30 p.m.

## TELEPHONES OF THE WORLD

Washington, D. C., had more telephones per capita at the beginning of 1937 than any city in the world. It still has, for that matter, but that date is the latest for which world figures are available. There were 214,308 telephones in service for the calls of the 572,500 men, women and children in the city on that date, or 37.43 telephones per 100 of population. Runner-up is San Francisco with 37 instruments for every 100.

A report based on information gathered and released by the Chief Statistician of The American Telephone and Telephone and Telegraph Company shows a total of 37,098,084 telephones in the world as of January 1, 1937. The number is 5 per cent greater than the previous peak reached in the beginning of 1931.

The United States, with only 6 per cent of the world's aggregate population of slightly over two billions, had one-half of the world's telephones, or 18,433,400, on January 1, 1937. (At the present time there are more than 19,500,000 telephones in the United States.) Europe, with over 575 million people, had 13,513,152 telephones on January 1, 1937 or 36.43 per cent of the world total. Next to the United States, Germany had the largest number of telephones, 3,431,074, followed by Great Britain with 2,791,597 telephones, France with 1,481,788, Canada with 1,266,228 and Japan with 1,197,129. These five countries, together with the United States, account for 77 per cent of all telephones in the world.

Sixty-one per cent of all the world's telephones are owned by private companies, operating chiefly in countries having the largest number of telephones in relation to population. For example, the United States outranks all other countries with 14.39 telephones to each 100 of its population. Next in rank to the United States comes Canada, with 11.48 telephones per 100 population and 15 per cent of its telephones under governmental operation. Among countries where the telephone service is operated as a government monopoly are Great Britain, Germany and France, where the telephone density is 5.93, 5.08 and 3.51 telephones per 100 population, respectively.

Approximately one-half of the earth's population is found in the three countries of China, British India and Russia, but taken together they had only three-fourths the number of telephones serving the city of New York alone where, on January 1, 1937, 1,569,337 telephone instruments were in service. The world's leading cities in point of telephone development are Washington, D. C., and San Francisco, Cal., where there more than one telephone for every three people. With the single exception of Stockholm, Sweden, where telephones were equivalent to 34.78 per cent of the population, the larger cities in Europe had much lower telephone development than cities of comparable size and importance in this country. In London, for example, there were 657, 235 telephones, or 15.82 telephones per 100 population, compared with 21.68 for New York City. Berlin, similarly, had 539,662 telephones, but this figure corresponds to only 12.67 per cent of its population, as against 26.03 per cent in Chicago. In Paris, only 15.13 per cent of the inhabitants have a telephone, although that city contains nearly 29 per cent of all the telephones in France. In the smaller communities abroad, those with less than 50,000 population, only a small fraction of the inhabitants are provided with telephone service, e.g., 3.97 per cent in Great Britain, 3.07 per cent in Germany and 2.12 per cent in France, whereas such communities in the United States average over 10 telephones to every 100 inhabitants.

Nearly twenty-seven billion local and long distance telephone calls were completed in the United States during 1936. This figure is equivalent to nearly 850 conversations each second during the day and night; it also is equivalent to 210 calls for every man, woman and child in this country. Elsewhere in the world, the annual calling rate average per capita is estimated at 12.5, or less than 6 per cent of the frequency with which the telephone is used by the American people.

## HAYMARKET AUXILIARY ELECTS KIWANIS HEAR ANOTHER FINE TALK

At a recent meeting of the St. Paul's branch of Woman's Auxiliary 1938-1939; president, Miss Anne Williamson; vice-president Miss Lora Glascock; secretary, Mrs. Douglas Lowe; treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Garrett; educational secretary, Mrs. Carvel Hall; secretary for Church Periodical Club, Mrs. Douglas Lowe; devotional chairman, Miss Carrie Tyler; publicity, Miss Fanny E. White; United Thank Offering, Miss Ella Keyser.

Quite a number of our members attended the Vocational day in Warrenton on June the 1st and were much impressed by the enthusiasm of the meeting and the hospitality of the members of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. James Parish in Warrenton.

## ALL DAY MEETING AT FOREST HILL

An all day meeting will be held at Forest Hill Methodist, on the Quantico Charge, on Sunday, June 26th, with services beginning at 11:00 a.m. Dr. E. C. Beery, presiding elder of Washington District, will preach at 2:00 p.m. and immediately after this service the 3rd quarterly conference will be held.

## SHOW HERE SATURDAY

The famous Silas Green colored show will have its usual one day stand here on Saturday. The colorful musicians will stage their energetic parade on Center Street during the day.

## KIWANIS HEAR ANOTHER FINE TALK

Father Widmer, of All Saints, was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club on Friday evening.

Father is reported to have a mean tenor and he got right in the song spirit, much to the delight of his audience.

Previous to the address, considerable discussion was indulged in with reference to the proposed changes of the Southern R.R. and its schedules.

The talk given by Father Widmer dealt with the moral attitude toward the so-called "mercy killings" of recent years. It was well couched in language and delivered in a very pleasing way.

## 4th OF JULY PARTY AT BETHEL CHURCH

There will be a 4th of July and Lawn Party at the Bethel Methodist Church on Friday, July 1st, with the young people furnishing the entertainment. There will be games for all ages, so bring the tots out for a picnic and frolic. Refreshments and delightful eats will be served by the ladies of the church.

## W.P.A. GROUP MEETS HERE

With Miss Henshaw, of Front Royal, presiding, a meeting was held at the town hall by W.P.A. workers in the interest of the various sewing room projects. Many interesting matters were brought up for discussion. These meetings are being held somewhere in the district each month.

## MUSIC-LITERATURE SECTION MEETING

The Music and Literature Section of the Woman's Club of Manassas will meet with Mrs. T. J. Broadus on Tuesday, June 28th, at 8:00 p.m.

## RETAIL LAW NOW APPLIES

Various Measures Passed Last  
Winter Effective June 20

On Tuesday, June 20, all of the laws passed by the General Assembly of Virginia last winter took effect, with the exception of the emergency measures already being enforced.

Among the general laws becoming effective Tuesday is the "loss leader" law which forbids the selling in retail establishments of items of merchandise at little or no profit, or actually at a loss. The new law makes it mandatory to sell at no less than 6 per cent above the cost.

Just how this law will be applied and whether it will operate to the advantage or the disadvantage of retail business remains to be seen. Its sponsors predict that the elimination of "cut-throat" competition, especially in large cities, will work out very advantageously to the retailers. Others see in the law a great loss to the public, and to the housewife, in making it no longer possible to take advantage of these specials. Some merchants regard the new law as unconstitutional in that it deprives the merchant of his personal liberty in the conduct of his business and makes it difficult to move excess quantities of certain over-stocked merchandise, where, in view of approaching seasonal change, or perishable nature of the merchandise, selling below the 6 per cent margin becomes necessary. It is believed by some that tests of this "loss-leader" law in the courts will be made.

Other laws going into effect include the new speed laws, already widely advertised, the school-book law which provides that school boards supply text-books at 5 per cent above cost; the minimum teachers salary law providing that teachers shall not be paid less than \$500 average salary; and the law reducing the working hours of women in factories, laundries, restaurants and other establishments specified to 9 hours daily. The weekly maximum is placed at 48 hours. Towns of less than 2000 population are exempted.

Garnishment exemptions of working men's salaries are raised to 75 per cent instead of the present 50 per cent.

## DANCE FOR BENEFIT OF CLINIC

The June Ball, which will be held in the High School Gymnasium on Friday evening, June 24, under the sponsorship of the Manassas Junior Woman's Club, promises to be one of the most colorful events of the summer season. Numerous young people from Manassas and surrounding country are planning to attend and several parties are being planned by members of the Junior Woman's Club for their out-of-town guests and houseguests.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by a well-known orchestra of Fredericksburg. The band consists of eight members and has an excellent microphone and loudspeaker system. The orchestra comes to us highly recommended, having played recently at V. P. I., V. M. I., University of Richmond, Randolph Macon College and Mary Washington College.

The proceeds from the dance will be used for the worthwhile work of the Prince William County Baby Clinic. This clinic, which was organized by the Junior Woman's Club last year, has recently been reorganized under the direction of the Prince William County Health Office with the Manassas Junior Woman's Club as Sponsor. There is a great need for these clinics in Prince William and it is hoped the Manassas Clinic will be an incentive to promote organization of similar clinics in other sections of the county.

## GAME GROUP TO HOLD REGULAR MEETING

There will be a regular monthly meeting of the Falls Church chapter of the Izaak Walton League in the Masonic Hall, Bank Building, East Falls Church, at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 30th.

The public is cordially invited.

## GARDEN TOUR REVEALS CHARM

Visit to Historic Places Likened  
To Gorgeous Pageantry

The charm of two centuries and more of gracious living is reflected today in the old homes and gardens, in the lower Northern Neck of Virginia, which were visited on last Thursday by a group from Manassas.

The tour was sponsored by the Garden Section of the Woman's Club of Manassas, for the James Monroe birthplace monument association and will long be remembered by those in the party, as the glorious pageant of lovely old historic homes, in their picturesque settings of stately trees and beautifully designed, and in many cases original gardens. A spirit of serenity still breathes about many of these old homes and gardens, making one prone to linger on in the mellow atmosphere, to dream and absorb some of the peace and tranquility woven in the very air about these hallowed spots.

Six historic places were visited. The first place visited was the James Monroe law office in Fredericksburg, which has been restored, by the descendants of Monroe and in which is preserved a large collection of Monroe possessions, including the desk upon which the famous Monroe Doctrine was written; the court dress of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe worn at the court of Napoleon, the silver and china used by them in the White House, Mrs. Monroe's Astor piano, an Empire dressing table, and many other priceless treasures of that and other administrations. The garden here is small, but most attractive.

Traveling south over the Kings Highway, the party next stopped at Belle Grove, situated on a bluff overlooking the Rappahannock river near Port Conway. This is a large beautiful home, built in the Georgian style and is the birthplace of James Madison, fourth President of the United States, born March 16, 1751. The garden here is a formal one, with its English box-bordered beds of perennials, inclosed by an old fashioned white paling fence.

There also was born, at a more recent date, Thomas Lorax Hunter, Columnist and prominent citizen of King George County. He spent his early childhood here. At present it is owned by a Mrs. Hooker of Chicago and is in a fine state of preservation.

A short drive took the travelers from here to Wakefield in Westmoreland County, birthplace of George Washington in 1732.

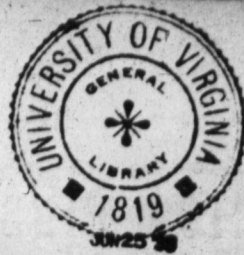
Of particular interest here was the old burial ground, one mile north west of the Memorial Mansion. This is near the site of the home of Colonel John Washington, great grandfather of George. Two original grave stones remain, five new ones have been provided. Here repose the remains of George Washington's father, Augustine, his grand father, Lawrence; great grandfather, Colonel John Washington; and twenty-eight other members of the family and their relatives.

The Memorial Mansion was built in 1930-'31 by the Wakefield Memorial Association on the site of the house in which Washington was born in 1732. The old house burned on Christmas morning in 1780. As no authentic picture of the original house has been found, the present building has been designed in the style typical of the period. Only one piece of furniture from the original home is shown a tilt top table which may be seen in the dining room.

A box wood walk leads from the Mansion to an early eighteenth century type garden, where more than one hundred kinds of garden plants, known to Washington as a boy, are growing.

After partaking of a delicious and bounteous picnic lunch in the beautiful picnic grounds at Wakefield, the tour continued to Stratford Hall home of the Lees; built more than two hundred years ago by Thomas Lee, Colonial Governor of Virginia. This home is the birthplace of five patriots of the Revolution. Here also was born in the year 1807, General Robert Edward Lee. Architecturally Stratford Hall, is a rare and important example of early 18th century building. The mansion and its four outbuildings stand to-day, unmarred by structural changes, and are rapidly being repaired and restored to all being repaired and restored to all

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