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## ATTORNEY SEEKS COUNTY OFFICE

### Judge Brown Was Appointed Commonwealth's Attorney Last Spring

Mr. W. Hill Brown, Jr., Commonwealth's Attorney today announced that he would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination to the office which he now holds, subject to the Democratic Primary to be held August 1, 1939.

Mr. Brown is a native of Prince William County. He is the son of Mrs. W. Hill Brown, Sr., and the late W. Hill Brown, who was long identified with the business interests of the Town and County, being the founder and later the senior partner in the firm of Brown & Hooff, and later serving the Town of Manassas for a number of years as mayor.

Mr. Brown was graduated from the Manassas High School in the year 1921. He was president of his class. He studied at the University of Virginia and Washington and Lee University, receiving his L.L.B. degree from the latter institution in the year 1927. Here, also, he was president of the senior class and a member of Alpha Chi Rho academic fraternity and Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity. He passed the Virginia bar examination after his first year in law school.

Upon graduation he was employed by the Southern Railway Company in the capacity as research attorney, remaining in this position until November, 1932, when he resigned to return to his home town and enter the general practice of law.

In March, 1934, Judge Walter T. McCarthy appointed Mr. Brown the first Trial Justice of Prince William County from which position he resigned when appointed to the office of Commonwealth's Attorney in April, 1938, to succeed the late Thos. H. Lion. While serving as Trial Justice he was named to the State Executive Committee of the Association of Trial Justices.

During the nine months that he has been Commonwealth's Attorney he has successfully prosecuted a large percentage of the cases that have been presented before the Circuit Court. He also, during this period, obtained a ruling from the Attorney General whereby all fines collected for drunken driving are hereafter to go to the County fund when the arrest is made under a County ordinance.

Mr. Brown has always been consistently active in the Democratic party. He was one of the organizers of the Young Democratic Club of Prince William County and its first Secretary-Treasurer. He is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, the Masonic Lodge and Odd Fellows. He is one of the organizers and is a member of the present Board of Directors of Piedmont Federal Savings and Loan Association of Prince William County and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Bank of Manassas.

In 1934, he married Miss Charlotte Tiffany, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hunton Tiffany, of Manassas. They have one son, William Hill Brown, 3rd.

## YOUNG METHODIST FOLKS ARE ACTIVE

Despite the inclement weather, a good congregation was present at Sunday morning to hear the sermon delivered by the pastor, Rev. John Schwartz from the text Matthew 16:6.—Then Jesus said unto them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees."

The Young People's Union continues to hold the regular Sunday evening services at various homes in the Fairview and Sudley communities. Those who have recently shown us this courtesy are Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allison, Mr. and Mrs. David Herndon, Mrs. Charles Wesley Gibbons, Mrs. Margaret Hundley, Mr. and Mrs. Max Collins and, Mr. and Mrs. Brower. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jennings Matthew, of Fairview, will be the hosts for next Sunday evening.

The Young People have accepted the responsibility of securing new Methodist Hymnals for Sudley Church.

The Farrington Union will meet at the church in Manassas, Thursday night, 7:30 o'clock. All our members are urgently requested to be present in a body.



Hon. W. Hill Brown, Jr.

## VIRGINIA AIMS TO REDUCE DEATHS

### Highway Patrol is Encouraged By Last Year's Record

Encouraged by a 15 per cent reduction in Virginia highway fatalities for 1938 as compared with 1937, the State division of motor vehicles is undertaking an energetic safety campaign this year in an effort to further reduce the motor toll. Col. Marion S. Battle, director, has announced. The division's platform for traffic safety has added a new plank—the responsibility of the average driver. Colonel Battle previously had trained the division's guns upon drivers of school buses and upon parents of school children.

To date only 668 fatalities from highway accidents have been reported for 1938, as compared with 786 for 1937, although it has been explained that records for November and December still are not complete. It has been estimated that the 1938 toll probably will not exceed 680, or more than 100 fewer deaths than were reported the preceding year. Monthly totals to date with figures for 1937 being given first are as follows: January, 64 and 55; February, 41 and 51; March, 52 and 60; April, 50 and 57; May, 66 and 47; June, 48 and 46; July, 70 and 49; August, 84 and 51; September, 68 and 64; October, 104 and 59; November, 59 and 62; and December, 80 and 67.

Colonel Battle has announced that a survey of all school transportation equipment and school bus drivers will be made under the direction of the State Police. The survey will be made, he said, in order to ascertain the condition of transportation equipment used by counties for school children and also to obtain a thorough record of each bus driver. Starting this week, each county will be surveyed by three State Policemen, who will work under the direction of the supervising Lieutenants in each of the State Police Districts. More than 3,000 buses will be inspected in the 100 counties in Virginia. Last year 142, 682 children were transported to and from school per day over 86,147 miles.

"We are making this study," Colonel Battle said, "in order to promote safety among the counties in the transportation of school children. The inventory of the transportation equipment is being made in order that we might ascertain some idea of the condition of school bus equipment and the capabilities of the drivers. This is a part of the 1939 safety program and we have been assured of co-operation from the various localities in making the study. We hope to learn from the survey what measures we can take to prevent accidents in the transportation of school children."

## MEETING OF COM- MUNITY LEAGUE

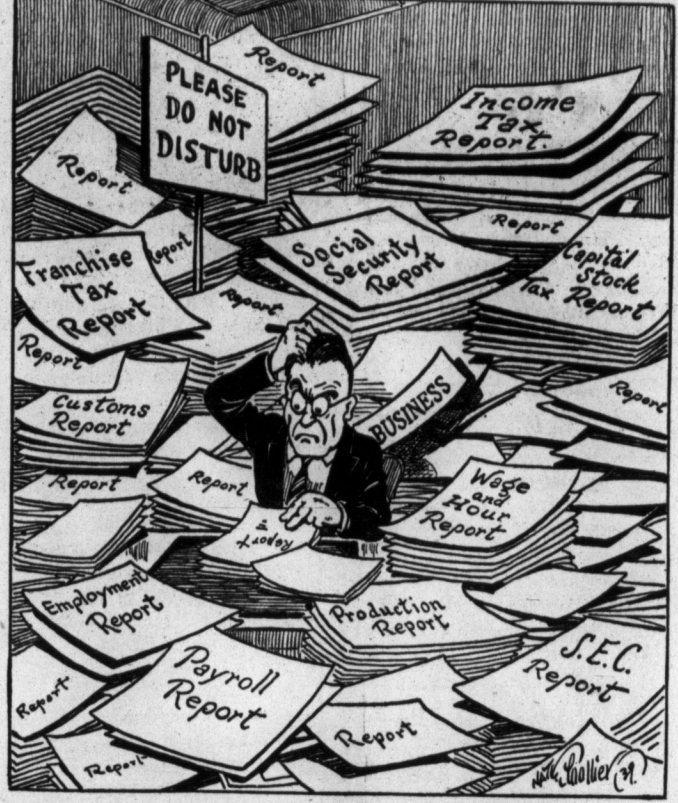
The regular league meeting will be held in the Nokesville High School Auditorium Tuesday, February 7, at 7:30.

Mr. Saylor Diehl, chairman of program for the meeting, is preparing a "Spelling Bee." For the best speller a cash prize is offered. Anyone in Brentsville District is eligible.

Please honor the league with your presence even if you don't think you can spell. The league is yours and its success or failure depends on your support and co-operation.

The Haymarket Town Basketball Teams played the Leesburg teams in the Haymarket gymnasium on Wednesday night. The Haymarket boys won by a score of 51-39 and the girls game was tied 22-22.

## News Item: Some Business Firms Must Fill Out as Many As 141,000 Government Reports Annually



**HEAR**  
Dr. J. N. Hillman, President Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va., and Grand Master, A. F. and A. M. of Virginia, in his great address on "THE TRESTLE BOARD" Methodical Church, Sunday evening, 7:30 o'clock. An Eloquent Speaker Distinguished Orator, An Eminent Educator, A Distinguished Citizen Special Music by The Masonic Octet The Masonic Lodges of the Northern Section of Our State will be our special GUESTS

## SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS HAVE VALENTINE DINNER

One of the most enjoyable religious events in recent months took place at the Manassas Presbyterian Church on the evening of January 31, when the Workers' Council of the Presbyterian Sunday School gave a dinner in the basement of the church.

A very interesting program had been prepared by the superintendent, Mr. Lewis Carper. Mrs. J. J. Murphy gave an address on "The Opportunities We Are Missing in Our Sunday School."

Miss Hazel Saunders, who is teaching weekday religious education in the public schools of the county, spoke on "Mission Study in the Sunday School."

Rev. John DeChant presented some goals for 1939.

Mr. Frank Sigman led the group in singing several hymns.

A humorous quiz was presented by Mr. Carper, which was very entertaining.

A delicious dinner was served the 18 members and several guests who were present. The programs were heartshaped and the table was very attractive with its Valentine decorations.

## BIG HEN FRUIT

Mrs. M. L. Soutter, of Bristow, this week sent in two large specimens of Barred Rock eggs, weighing together about 6 ounces. Their average dimensions are eight inches by six inches.

## LADIES AID MEETING AT GRACE CHURCH

The Ladies Aid Society of Grace M. E. Church will meet Monday, February 6, at 3:00 p.m., in the Sunday School room of the church.

## BIBLE CLASS MEETING NEXT THURSDAY

The Margaret Barbour Bible Class will meet on Thursday evening, February 9th, at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. R. M. Jenkins.

## REWARD INCREASED

As a result of the reward issued last week for the apprehension of the murderer of Ed. Fox, Governor Price has increased the offer by an additional \$100, making the total now \$250.00.

## HEALTH WORKERS CON- FERENCE TO BE HELD IN RICHMOND, FEB. 6 and 7

There will be a health conference for all health workers in the State of Virginia held in Richmond, February 6 and 7, for the purpose of discussing all phases of public health work.

The Prince William County Health Department will be represented by Dr. C. L. Riley, Director, Miss M. Sabina Neel, Public Health Nurse, and Mr. James R. Simpson, Health Engineer. Dr. Riley will discuss the problem of maternal and infant mortality, and will discuss "The Means of Preventing Deaths Among Mothers and Infants."

## WOMAN'S CLUB MEETINGS

The Executive Board of the Woman's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. C. Wade-Dalton on Monday night, February 6, at 7:30.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club will be held in the recreation room of the Eastern Star Building on Wednesday, February 8, at 2:30 p.m., with Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson as guest speaker. Her subject will be "Distinguished Books of Modern Times."

Hostesses for the February meeting are Mesdames J. B. Johnson, R. T. Johnson, Marie Larkin, Robert Lewis, C. B. Linton and W. L. Lloyd.

## GARDEN SECTION MEETING

The Garden Section of the Woman's Club of Manassas will meet at the home of Mrs. R. S. Hynson on Monday, February 13, 1939, at 2:30 p.m. (Members, please note the change of date). Mrs. C. B. Linton is assistant hostess.

The speaker will be Mrs. J. Benjamin Johnson, and her subject will be "The Garden Book Shelf." All garden lovers are cordially invited to attend.

The Prince William County Chapter of the American Red Cross has been authorized to receive funds for the relief of Chilean Earthquake sufferers. Contributions may be sent direct to the treasurer, Mr. O. D. Waters, Manassas, Va.

## TRINITY GUILD MEET- ING TUESDAY

The regular monthly meeting of Trinity Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. T. E. Didlake Tuesday, February 7, at 2:30 p.m.

## PLEASANT CALLERS

Pleasant Callers at the Journal Office during the past week included Mrs. Ethel Reid, J. L. Linaweaver, J. W. Wright, W. F. Cheshire, Lewis Mowry, J. F. Donovan, Leslie Kline, Juan Diaz, F. H. May, D. S. Diehl, W. H. Haydon and Jack T. Sullivan.

## JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB FEBRUARY 9

The Junior Woman's Club of Manassas will have its regular monthly meeting next Thursday evening, February 9, at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. A. A. Hooff.

## FIREMAN'S BALL ON FEBRUARY 15, 1939

The annual Ball of the Manassas Volunteer Fire Department will be held on the evening of Wednesday, February 15, in the gymnasium.

The committee is making elaborate plans for this important community event, which offers the only substantial opportunity for the town and surrounding areas to give much needed financial aid to our efficient fire department.

"They come when you call, so should you not come once a year when they call?"

## HEALTH MOVIE FOR KIWANIS CLUB

### Governor Kelley Also Pays Official Visit

A two-edged program featured the weekly meeting of the Manassas Kiwanis club on Friday evening last.

In the first section came a splendid talk and a movie show by Miss Sula Fleeman, field worker of the Virginia Tuberculosis Association. She was accompanied by Miss Neel, of the county health nurse. Mr. Gibson was in charge of the entertainment.

The motion picture which was augmented by the splendid singing of a negro choir (also in the movie), demonstrated how the white plague spreads so easily among the negro race and how easily its members could avoid decimation.

Lieut.-Gov. Lyman Kelley and a dozen of his trusty henchmen from Arlington Club, headed by President Jack Cummins, invaded the town shortly before the meeting, making contacts with old friends and new acquaintances.

Lyman made a brief talk after the movie. It was full of pep for all and contained the elements of leadership which showed the wisdom of Kiwanis International in selecting him as leader for the Capitol District.

President Ed. was on the job, wreathed in a hospitable smile, to invite the visitors to the Birthday Ball which took place on the same evening.

## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Nicholson received congratulations and many lovely gifts from their children and friends. Many messages of good wishes also came by long distance telephone during the day.

The anniversary was celebrated with an enjoyable informal party at their home in Woodbridge, Va. The table, which was prettily decorated with flowers, held two lovely wedding cakes in white and gold. These, with ice cream and coffee, were served to the attending guests.

The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson took place on January 29, 1889, in the old historic Catholic Church at White Marsh, Maryland, the Rev. Father J. C. Coleman, S. J. officiating. It was followed by a reception at Locust Hill, the colonial home of the bride's father, with more than a hundred guests present. Mrs. Nicholson was the former Ida Mae Wickham, youngest daughter of the late William R. and Mary Crooke Wickham. Both are descendants of old Maryland families. They have resided at Woodbridge, Va., for the past twenty-six years. Mr. Nicholson, who has been engaged in farming, is now retired. The couple, who are at this time in vigorous health and well known for their generous hospitality, have six children and three grandchildren. They are the parents of Captain Garner J. Nicholson, D. C. Penal Institution, Lorton, Va., and Mr. Vernon Nicholson, Woodbridge, Va.

## HOBBY CLUB MEETING FEB. 6

There will be a meeting of the Hobby Club at the home of Elaine Harris Monday evening, February 6, at 7:30.

## RETURNS TO COLLEGE

Mr. Forrest Sinclair returned to the College of William and Mary on Monday after spending the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sinclair.

## BIRTHDAY BALL SEASONAL EVENT

### Chairman Conner Repeats With A Successful Affair

The big event of the winter season was held Friday, January 27, at the Gymnasium in Manassas with nothing to mar its perfection, as the weather even agreed to co-operate for the grand occasion.

For nearly a month the very able committees under the leadership of "Senator" Conner had been putting forth every effort to make the President's Birthday Ball of 1939 something to write home about—and it really deserved a telegram! The whole community wishes to express its thanks especially to Mr. J. P. Lyon for the work his decoration committee did, as the Gym. has never looked prettier.

As this was a national event several national figures were to be found in the crowd of local celebrities. Representative and Mrs. Howard Worth Smith and their daughter, Violet, District Commissioner and Mrs. Melvin C. Hazen, Dr. and Mrs. Milburn Colvin, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Seal, Mrs. William Lipscomb, and that favorite of all radio fans, Mr. Arch McDonald, were to be found wherever the crowd was the densest. The orchestra also came from the National Capitol and they were really appreciated—especially by the jitterbugs who took possession of the floor a good deal of the time.

In addition to being social success the Ball was also a financial success, as quite a tidy fund was turned over to the Infantile Paralysis Foundation and the Kiwanis and Junior Woman's Club here for work in the county.

## A NEW DEPARTURE IN CHURCH SERVICE FOR MANASSAS

The pastor of the Grace Methodist Church, of Manassas, has arranged and is making arrangements for a popular Sunday Evening Forum for his Sunday evening services. This forum will be addressed by men and women who because of their service and character have a decided contribution to make the life of our day and generation. Then there will be evenings of music furnished by some of the outstanding choirs and musical organizations of our Nation's Capital. No step is being left untaken to provide for Manassas the very best program for the Sunday evenings until hot weather arrives.

Some of the speakers invited are our own Senator Byrd, Congressman Dies, who is before the people as the conductor of the investigation into un-American activities, Congressman Zimmerman, of Missouri, Hon. Daniel C. Roper, and others, who have signified the intention of being present with their message.

This new venture merits the interest and help of every citizen of our community and the Journal pledges its support in every possible way to make the Forum a great success.

## ALDIE BOYS AND GIRLS DEFEAT MANASSAS

The Aldie High School boys and girls defeated Manassas Friday night in two very fast games, by the score of 23-17 and 18-13 respectively.

The girls' game was very close until after the first half when the Aldie girls, led by Jordan, Pearson, and Robertson, forged to the front and remained there until the end of the game. Crouch, Carter, and Mitchell, the three Aldie guards, ably assisted the Forwards in holding this lead.

In the boys' game, the Manassas team led by the score of 15-8 at the half. Aldie rallied in the second half behind the leadership of Goettling, Smith, and Graham, tallied ten points while Jackson and Dick held the Manassas stars to two points from the foul line. The game was ably handled by Mr. Oswald Downs, referee.

## A. L. HENRY

Word has just been received of the death today in Harrisonburg of Mr. A. L. Henry, at the age of 80.

Mr. Henry formerly lived in the historic "Henry House" on the Manassas Battlefield and is a grandson of the lady who was killed in the house during the battle.

Mr. Henry had many friends in Prince William who will be grieved to learn of his decease.