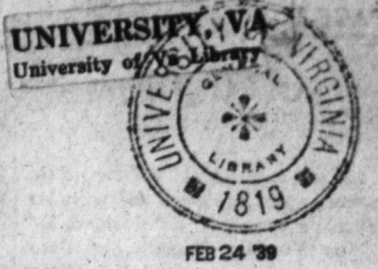


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MANASSAS, VIRGINIA THURSDAY, FEB. 23, 1939

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LOCAL BANKER DIES SUDDENLY

Was Also Devoted Church Worker and Active in Schools

Our entire county, but especially Catharpin community, suffered a great loss when Charles Russell McDonald passed to eternal rest at his home, "Oakwood," at 2:10 p.m. February 18, 1939.

Being stricken, only the day before, with acute illness caused by intestinal obstruction, his death came as a great shock to his family and friends.

Mr. McDonald was born April 7, 1862, at Perryopolis, Pennsylvania. He was the son of James Guthrie McDonald and Margaret Russell McDonald. He is survived by his wife, who was Mrs. Netta Phillips Burke, of Pennsylvania; one son, Charles Paul McDonald, of Norton, Va.; three grandchildren, Misses Russell and Jean McDonald, of Norton, and Charles Paul McDonald, Jr., of New York City.

Two sisters, also surviving, are: Mrs. Annie Cunningham, of Belle Vernon, Pa., and Mrs. Harry Brewer, of Perryopolis, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald came to "Oakwood" as bride and groom in July, 1911. Identifying themselves at once with the church at Sudley, they soon made a host of friends. Soon afterward, he was appointed superintendent of the Sunday School, which office he faithfully filled until his death. Upon the death of the late Frederick H. Sanders, Mr. McDonald was appointed to fill the vacancy as steward and trustee of Sudley church. He was prominent in the work of the Baltimore conference and served for several years as District Lay Leader.

Succeeding the late George G. Tyler, he served ten years as superintendent of public schools of Prince William County.

Soon after taking up his residence here, he became identified with the National Bank of Manassas. In recognition of his executive ability, he was made president for several years. About two years ago he was again elected, and was serving as president at the time of his death.

He became a 32nd degree Mason while a resident of Pennsylvania, and afterward had his membership transferred to the Manassas Lodge, A.F. and A.M. at Manassas, Va.

The funeral was held from his late residence on Tuesday afternoon. The services at Sudley church were beautifully conducted by his pastor, the Rev. John S. Schwartz, assisted by three of our former pastors, the Rev. A. B. Sapp, of Linden, Va., Rev. Clarence L. Beard, of Wilkens Avenue, Baltimore, Md., and Rev. Charles F. Phillips, of St. Paul's Washington, D. C.

Interment was made in Manassas Cemetery.

The active pall-bearers were Messrs. Henry Maddox, William H. Doga, Luther J. McIntosh, Luther L. Lynn, J. Worthington Alvey and L. Jett Patie. The officials of the National Bank served as honorary pall-bearers.

Our Church, which he loved so much, and the entire community extend heartfelt sympathy to those bereft of his love and companionship.

Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark,
For though from out our bourne of time and place
The flood may bear far,
I hope to meet my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

TOM THUMB WEDDING AT BENNETT FEB. 24th

A Tom Thumb wedding will be presented by the Bennett School in the high school auditorium in Manassas on Friday evening, February 24th, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

"Your support is our success" reads the notice of this charming entertainment for the benefit of the school and those in charge have labored diligently to reward the kindness of their friends by putting on a most pleasing adaptation of this popular ceremony.

The Editors of the Manassas Journal, Manassas, Virginia. Gentlemen:

In response to numerous inquiries from my friends I am today announcing my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney, subject to the primary to be held August 1, 1939.

I am addressing this communication to you so that my intentions may be made public through the columns of your paper.

At a later date I will hand you my formal card of announcement.

Very sincerely yours,
J. Jenkyn Davies.

ZONING MEETING SPONSORED HERE

Mayor Davis To Preside At Regional Gathering

On March 1, next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, a meeting that promises to be unusual import will be held in the town hall at Manassas under the auspices of the League of Virginia Municipalities.

It will be a regional conference in the interest of planning and zoning. Addressing the assembly will be E. H. Ruehl, field consultant of the League and Hugh R. Pomeroy, who holds a similar position in the American Society of Planning officials.

Guests have been invited from the following towns and counties: Fairfax, Warrenton, Remington, The Plains, Culpeper, Occoquan, Fredericksburg, Herndon, Vienna, Leesburg, Purcellville and Round Hill, also from several other places in the counties where these towns are located, and from Stafford County.

Mayor Davis, of Manassas, former president of the Virginia League, will preside.

MAYOR DAVIS SPEAKS ON OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

The Kiwanis club heard an interesting address on the old age assistance program last Friday evening, when Hon. Harry P. Davis, chairman of the board in Prince William county, told of the progress of the work since the law became operative last July.

Mr. Davis cited numerous cases of misunderstanding, due to a general misconception of the law that gave many people the impression that the whole project was an old age pension proposition. He stated that the average assistance so far had been less than \$10 per month per person assisted.

It was a very instructive talk and much enjoyed. One interesting fact developed that virtually all the aid given had been to white cases.

The program tomorrow evening by Worth Peters promises to be one of the best so far. It will be musical.

A letter of appreciation from Mrs. May Smith was read by the secretary.

W. L. Lloyd, chairman, of the publicity committee, presented his report of work done by the committee so far this year.

OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS OF THE N. F. F. E.

The next meeting of Local 320 National Federation of Federal Employees of Quantico will be held Wednesday night, March 1st in the Odd Fellows Hall, Fredericksburg, Va. The past two meetings of the year were very successful but the next meeting is to be family night with the members of the Federation.

The very able refreshment committee plans to serve supper to the members and their families, or in case of there being no family bring a friend, supper will be served at 7:30 p.m. after supper string music will be furnish for a square dance, so fellow members come out and enjoy the evening, and former members there is no better time to reinstate, nineteen thirty-nine is going to be a notable year for the Civil Service worker lots get our shoulder to the wheel and go forward. A good time awaits you on Wednesday night, March 1st.

NOTICE

1938 TOWN TAXES ARE NOW DUE AND MUST BE PAID ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1st., 1939 TO AVOID PENALTY.

R. L. BYRD,
Treasurer Town of Manassas.

SUPERVISOR ROLAND URGES TAX PAYERS TO STUDY BUDGET AND ATTEND HEARING ON APRIL 5

Editors of Manassas Journal
Manassas, Va.

Dear Sirs:

There is always a clamor by each group in the community for funds for their pet interests. Also, there is an insidious tendency to increase the salaries of the county officials whose standard of living is far above that of those who feed them. To me these conditions must be held in check unless we are to find ourselves in the same condition as the parent who indulges his child while he himself starves.

In the last four years we have raised the county officials salaries over \$1,500.00 a year. We have raised the school allocation from \$50,000 to \$73,000 a year due to elimination of part of the District school levy. This means about a \$15,000 increase.

We are at the same time paying for health and relief work about \$1,500 a month. For health we are paying for much that we do not get. In saying this there is no reflection on any of our health officials. To illustrate what I refer to the \$250.00 compensation set up in the budget for doctors

holding clinics should be taken care of by the health doctor, but due to the ethics of the medical profession it is wrong for a doctor to practice for a salary paid by the public. At the same time it is perfectly proper for him to receive a salary from a corporation or an individual for the same kind of work.

Due to increases in taxable values we have been able to meet these increases in spending and maintain a surplus without any increase in the levy. Our county is growing and, if equitable assessments are made, we shall have sufficient funds to finance any improvements we may need without any increase in the present levy.

My advice to the tax payer is to familiarize himself with the budget of the last four years, compare it with the budget of the last four years, and, if it does not meet with his approval, be present at the hearing. Do not say "there is no use." You will find the Board glad to hear your criticisms or recommendations.

In closing, I will say that I am proud of the part that I have had in the relief work done in this county.

(signed) C. B. Roland.

BABY CONTEST IS GOING ON

Who is going to get the cup? That is what the Sophomores intend to find out in the "Popularity Contest" which takes place from February 22 to March 16.

The contest has begun. The classrooms and some of the business firms have registered. There are still many left to be registered. The voting is to be carried on until March 16. Then we will find out who will receive the cup. Make your contestant or the one you admire win.

Votes will be sold by the sponsors of various babies. They will be deposited in the boxes found throughout the town. The sponsors may boast their contestants by posters, articles, pictures, or radio advertising.

The ones registered are: Barbara Clark, Miss Thomas' room; Harold Lawes, Jr., Miss Lula Metz's room; Doris Ann Kline, Miss Van Deusen's room; Bobby Jones, Miss Grace Metz's room; Phyllis J. Vance, Miss Smith's room; Kathryn D. Baker, Miss Johnson's room, and Ruth Thomas, Miss Lutes' room.

O.D.H.S. NEWS

Dr. Lyle Hedman, the dentist sent to the schools in Prince William County, has begun work at Occoquan. This work is being done at greatly reduced prices, due to help from the county.

A beautiful new maroon and gold curtain has been purchased by the Ways and Means Committee and now hangs in the auditorium. This curtain is offset by a light gray cyclorama, and the effect produced by the two is very striking.

Twenty new members to the House of Representatives have been chosen for the next semester.

On Friday, February 3, Occoquan High was honored by the visit of sixteen teachers and Mrs. Ruth W. Hooper, supervisor, who came to observe the school. Twelve of the group were from Warsaw's Elementary and High School and the remaining four were from Newland School.

William Barnett, of Pennsylvania, called at the school several weeks ago and photographed the entire student body. The pictures have arrived, and, strangely enough, they satisfy.

On February 8, Occoquan dropped a double header basketball game to Lee Jackson by the scores of (ladies first) 22-13; 20-13. The Indians and Squaws then journeyed to Manassas February 14, and met defeat again, this time by the tallies of 19-8; 37-19.

The High School operetta has been postponed until this Friday evening—Misses Keller and Piland are directing.

MANASSAS GARDEN CLUB TO BE GUESTS AT VIENNA MEETING

The February meeting of the Manassas Garden Club will be held at the home of Mrs. V. V. Gillum on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

Members of the club have been invited to meet with the Ayr Hill Garden Club at the parish hall in Vienna, Va., on Monday, February 27, at 2:00 p.m. The topics to be discussed are "Roadside Beautification" and Elimination of Signboards."

OLD LANDMARK CHANGES HANDS

This week Dr. George B. Cocks, popular pharmacist of Manassas, announces the purchase from Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson of the Prince William Pharmacy, which will be continued under the competent management of Dr. R. M. Callis, who has been in charge for some time.

For more than thirty years this well known establishment has served the community and surrounding areas. The business was purchased by the late Dr. C. R. C. Johnson in 1909 from Dr. S. S. Simpson, a well known medical practitioner of his day. Dr. Johnson gave the firm its present name and conducted the business for approximately a quarter of a century until his death.

As announced elsewhere in this issue of the Journal, the old establishment will be continued, but with greatly enlarged facilities, including day and night service.

HANSBOROUGHS PERISH IN FIRE

Father and Seven Children Die as Home Burns

Ed: Hansborough, well known manager of the Moses Athletic Club, died, together with seven children, in the fire which consumed his home late Friday night.

When discovered the fire had spread beyond control and, there being no night telephone connections with Manassas, little could be done either in the way of rescue or to ascertain the actual facts connected with the cause and unusual rapidity with which the fire swept through the two story frame house.

Only Mrs. Hansborough and one child, John, escaped. The children, who perished with their father and ranged from twelve years in age to an infant, were Harriet, Buddy, Sam, Molly, Beulah, Lena and Effie.

Due to conflicting reports, authorities are investigating the circumstances thoroughly and the inquest has been delayed in order that all available information on the tragedy can be secured.

Funeral services were conducted at the Woodlawn Church on Monday afternoon at 2:00, with interment in the Manassas cemetery. A very large gathering witnessed the last rites and the esteem with which the deceased was held by his friends and neighbors was attested by the profusion of lovely flowers which accompanied the single casket to its final resting place.

MANASSAS STUDENT HONORED

Mr. Samuel C. Hottle, student at Washington and Lee University at Lexington and son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Hottle, was honored on Sunday, February 12, by being initiated into the very well-known national social fraternity, Beta Theta Pi. Mr. Hottle was one of fourteen initiates who became members of the Ward L. Alpha Rho Chapter on Sunday. It is interesting to note that Mr. Hottle becomes one of the Centennial members, the Fraternity having been founded at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1839, where a big celebration will take place this summer.

Following the formal initiation ceremonies, the Fraternity entertained the new members at a banquet at the Robert E. Lee Hotel. Among the speakers at the banquet was Mr. Jerome Frampton, Jr., of Federalburg, Maryland, brother-in-law of Mr. Hottle and a member of Beta Theta Pi and alumnus of Washington and Lee, who was present in Lexington for the ceremonies.

DEPUTY CLERK APPOINTED

On Wednesday Judge Walter McCarty appointed Mr. John M. Piercy, Jr., Deputy Clerk of the Court of Prince William County.

Mr. Piercy is a graduate of the Haymarket High School and has a fine record at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and enters upon his duties with the best wishes of the Journal and a host of other friends.

DANCE AT HAYMARKET MAR. 17

The dance committee of the Gainesville District P. T. A. is making plans for their next dance to be held on Friday, March 17, in the school auditorium from 10 till 2 a.m.

The same popular orchestra from Fredericksburg will furnish the music.

ARMY CORPS TO MANEUVER HERE

Now Obtaining Permissions From Prince William Land Owners

One of the largest army maneuvers to be staged in recent years will take this summer in southern Prince William County, if plans of the War Department are perfected according to schedule.

At a meeting held in the Manassas Town Hall on Tuesday afternoon local committees were formed under chairmanship of Mr. E. R. Conner to secure the necessary permissions from land owners. Little difficulty is anticipated along this line as the maneuvers will release more than a half a million dollars in salary to troopers and there will be expended something like a quarter of a million in supplies, much of which will be expended with local business concerns. Previous experience in this area with the War Department seems to simply justify the belief that much local benefit will result, and that any damages sustained by property owners will be liberally and promptly liquidated.

The local committee consists of Hon. George Herring and Messrs. E. R. Conner, Wm. F. Cocks, Cleve Russell, Stanley Owens and Dudley Martin, and they have been authorized to proceed immediately with the rather difficult task of contacting immediately the hundreds of land owners concerned in the large area of Prince William County lying south of Occoquan and Bull Runs, the Southern Railroad to a point nearly as far westward as Nokesville.

In response to a request for detailed facts, Mr. Cocks has received a letter from Col. J. A. Baer, Chief of Staff, which is herewith published in full:

Baltimore, Md.
February 16, 1939

Mr. Wm. F. Cocks, Town Manager, Manassas, Va.

Dear Mr. Cocks:

In accordance with your request to the Corps Area representatives at the meeting at Dumfries, Va., on the evening of February 15, 1939, the following information in connection with the corps area maneuvers proposed to be held in the Manassas-Dumfries area is furnished you to be used in any manner that you see fit.

The number of men and officers participating in this maneuver will be approximately 23,000 from the Regular Army and the National Guards of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. The maneuver will cover the period from August 5 to August 19, 1939.

There has been allotted by the War Department \$200,000 for expenses in connection with this maneuver and in addition thereto there will be spent for perishable foods, i.e., fresh vegetables, milk, etc., approximately \$75,000. These items will be purchased through bids, local residents of course having the opportunity to bid.

The pay of the troops will amount to approximately \$625,000 for the time they are in the maneuver area.

It is not anticipated that the troops will be able to operate post exchanges. These facilities should properly be furnished by the residents of the area.

In connection with the permits to be signed by the residents in the maneuver area, this permits gives permission for the troops to enter upon and pass through the property and does not in any way take away the right of the owner to present a claim for damages in the event that any damage occurs to his property because of its use by the troops.

In the past where damage has occurred to fences, private lanes and private culverts, it has been customary to have Engineer troops make repairs. This method was found entirely satisfactory to both the government and the property owners.

However, in the case where the property owner does not desire these repairs made but does desire to present a claim for damages, this, of course, is his privilege.

While there is stated in the body of the body of the form of the permit that claims for damages should be submitted at Fort Belvoir, Va., there will be provided a number of boards of officers, these boards accompanied by local representatives from the community and paid by the government, to meet with those persons suffering any damage and pass upon their claims.

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