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## U.D.C. OBSERVES HISTORY HOUR

Reports Show That Lanier Day Was Observed In All County Schools

The Manassas Chapter U.D.C. held its March meeting at the home of Mrs. E. H. Marsteller with Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson and Mrs. O. D. Waters, assistant hostesses. Mrs. Byrd, president, presided. The attendance was large including Mrs. Leo Kasehagen, of Washington.

The historical period was full of interest. Mrs. Newman, historian, gave statistics relative to Charleston, S. C., founded by the English in 1762. The Virginia Division U.D.C. is offering a \$15.00 prize for the best essay on Charleston, written by a U.D.C. member. Mrs. Ashford read an article from a recent Star about the "Stonewall" Jackson monument to be erected on the Manassas Battlefield, the state to select the statue. Mrs. Washington read a touching article from the Washington Post entitled "Child of Battle," written by Marshall Andrews, about Mrs. Judith Henry, who was killed in her home while the battle of Manassas was raging. Mrs. Marsteller exhibited clippings, among which the house in Grace Street, Richmond, where Gen. J. E. B. Stuart was born, and a picture of the original painting by Wm. D. Washington of "The Burial of Latane," which Miss Julia Sully recently discovered in New Jersey.

Mrs. Lewis Carper announced that a most interesting book "Tales Of A Country Parson," written by Rev. George Avery Chocklett, was to be presented through the Chapter to Mr. Robert Cushing, the only surviving Confederate soldier of Prince William County, in honor of Mr. Chocklett's father, Jesse Chocklett, who was a soldier of the Confederacy.

Mr. Chocklett is the father of Mrs. Leonard Lonas, and Mrs. Lonas and Mrs. Hutchison were asked to present the book to Mr. Cushing.

A letter was read from Mrs. N. L. Hall, of Fairfax Station, announcing the District meeting would be held at Woodstock May 17th. Mrs. Kasehagen presented a lovely large confederate calendar, a gift to the chapter from Mr. Kasehagen, covered with Confederate pictures and old Southern songs. The Chapter's usual yearly contribution to Division expense funds had been sent in, namely, Division President's expense fund, Convention expense, Confederate Museum, State Education, Janet Randolph Relief, U.D.C. relief, Emergency Relief, Jefferson Davis Highway, Catawba and Blue Ridge Sanatorium Historical Work in Va. Division, Southern Literature in Home and Foreign Libraries, Stratford maintenance and Va.-Tenn. Book Committee. The U. D. C. members who spoke February 3rd on Sidney Lanier, southern poet and scholar, Mrs. Lewis Carper, Mrs. Robert Hutchison, Mrs. Ayleene Guthrie, Miss Florence Lion, Mrs. Dennis Baker, Mrs. R. L. Byrd and Mrs. E. B. Giddings, gave enthusiastic reports of the way the talks were received by the pupils and teachers. Lanier day was observed in the schools throughout the county, 1600 children having taken part in this program. The Chapter is placing a 1938 Va. Div. Minute Book in the High School library. Mrs. Newman, historian, is offering a cash prize for the best individual scrap book—the book winning this prize will be exhibited at the State Convention this fall.

Mrs. Marie Larkin and Mrs. Richard Hynson were appointed a committee on marking Confederate graves.

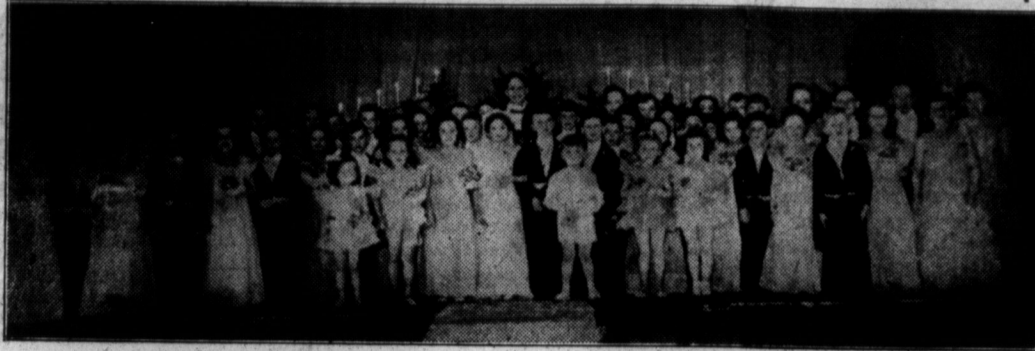
After adjournment, the hostesses, assisted by Miss Nancy Marsteller, served delicious pastries, nuts and coffee and the social part of the meeting was much enjoyed.

## FORMER MANASSAS STUDENT JOINS HONOR SOCIETY

Miss Thelma Ward, a student of Strayer College, was initiated into Sigma Eta Sigma Fraternity on Thursday, February 23. The initiations for the Strayer Honor Society were held in the east room of the Mayflower Hotel. The new members took the final pledges and were afterwards entertained at a banquet given by Mr. E. S. Donohoe, president of Strayer College.

To become a member of the Honor Society, Miss Ward had to make at least six Honor Credits in three different subjects within six months of school work.

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE TOM THUMB WEDDING AT THE MANASSAS HIGH SCHOOL



From left to right—Jane Breeden, Robert Wine Lila Lee Jones, Fay Salter, Bert Roseberry, C. W. Staggs, Miriam Gregory, Barbara Jones, Peggy Anne Rice, Bobby Roof, Tommy Thomas, Lois Cornwell, Mary Elizabeth Bradford, Betty Sue Tolley, Wayne Chandler, Mary Lou Trimmer, James Marsh, Jack Barrett, Gary Woods, Mary Katherine Seeley, Audrey Edmunds, Charollet May Herndon, Viola Ritenour, Teddy Peters, Vera Merchant, Boyd Coverston, Rembert Parlor, Jackie Martin, Billy Gue, Martha Anne Graham (bride), Tommy Beane (groom), Bobby DeChant, John Heary Stauff, John Abner DeChant, Jerry Gregory, Orrin Kline, Jessie Reid, Betty Lee Jenkins, Pauline Beeton, Amistead Sinclair, Gloria Vetter, Doris Salter, Billy Herndon, Clyde Muddiman, Peggy Chambers, Fleur Peters, Katherine Stinnett, Jean Mayhugh, Miriam Sadd, Billy Haydon, Mary Louise Wine, Edwin Nelson, Katherine Graham, Jean Breeden, Ralph Tolley, Carlton Bigelow, Betty Miller, Robert McCall, Nancy Beeton, Audrey Todd.

Joan Alpaugh, Dolly Lonas, and Lois Woodyard were in the wedding, but were not present when the picture was taken.

## WHAT SHOULD THE TOWN COUNCIL DO?

(This story was submitted by an interested taxpayer who carefully checked up on figures contained herewith.)

During the year 1938 the Town of Manassas purchased 480,800 KWH of electric current, or energy, an average of 40,066 KWH per month. For this current the Town paid \$13,218.00, plus the cost of maintaining a standby service which amounted to approximately \$1,600.00. The average monthly cost of current purchased, exclusive of standby cost, was \$1,101.50.

In January 1938 the Town bought 42,900 KWH, in December, 1938, 48,700 KWH, which shows the amount of current used by the people of Manassas is gradually increasing. The lower the cost of the current purchased, or produced, the greater the saving to the Town, or the lower the rate necessary to charge the users of electricity.

Bids received by the Council on February 27, 1939, for furnishing current, wholesale, to the Town were as follows:

Bid No. 1:  
\$0.02 for the first 7,000 KWH per month  
0.01 for the next 26,000 KWH per month  
0.0078 per KWH for all over 33,000 KWH pre month

Bid No. 2:  
\$0.019 for the first 25,000 KWH per month  
0.018 for the next 15,000 KWH per month  
0.016 for the next 10,000 KWH per month  
0.014 per KWH for over 50,000 per month

Estimated cost of production of current by the Town if they install a new Diesel plant would be \$0.01 per KWH.

What should the Town Council do? Accept one of the bids, and if so, which one, or produce the current with the Town's own plant?

## BASKET BALL CONTEST SPONSORED BY FIRE DEPT.

The Fire Department is sponsoring a foul shooting contest for basketball players, both girls and boys, regularly enrolled in the local high school, on March 15, at 7:15 p.m. An engraved cup will be awarded the winners.

Two games will follow the free throw contest, featuring married men vs. single men.

Judges will be Sedic Saunders, "Shorty" Vetter, Wallace Lynn and Eugene Worley.

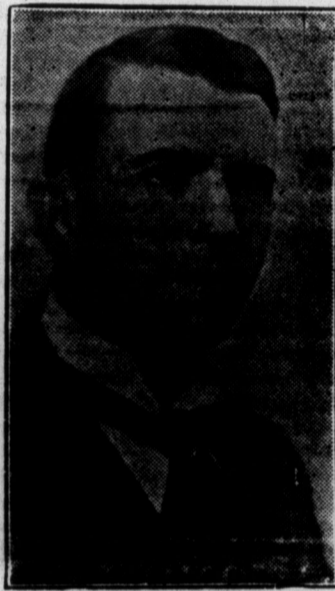
## CLUB GETS INSIGHT ON DRIVING CASE

The Kiwanis club devoted its program period last Friday evening to a recital of occurrences taking place last week at Hanover Courthouse in re the Dodd trial.

The graphic details made by eminent legal members of the Club were quite entertaining.

Dudley Martin closed the evening with some of his characteristic impersonations of famous characters.

## AGAIN AIDS CONSTITUTENTS



Hon. Howard W. Smith

Who this week secured favorable Congressional action in a stringent investigation of milk and cream "boot-legging" from western states into the District of Columbia.

The evil affects not only the health of residents of the District but the pocketbooks of many of his constituents who ship certified milk into the national capital.

## PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN ASKED TO REGISTER

The pre-school committee of Bennett Elementary School is putting forth a concentrated effort to secure the names of all children who will start in the first grade here next September.

We feel that there are probably many parents whom we have not been able to contact and furnish with the necessary enrollment blanks. Therefore, we are asking any parent who has not yet secured a blank for his child who will start to school next September to please do so at once from one of the primary teachers at Bennett School.

## CHILDREN GIVE DELIGHTFUL PLAY

Tom Thumb Wedding Presented for Kiwanis and Repeated at High School

The delightful Tom Thumb wedding recently presented before two very appreciative audiences was made possible by the following personnel of clever discreetness and a fine troupe:

Directing Committee: Virginia E. Polen and Laurine Billings; Costume Committee: Mary H. Stotts and Frances Johnston; Decorating Committee: Frances Johnston, Alice Elam, Hilda Lewis and Henrietta Pleasants; Accompanist: Mrs. Connie Kincheloe.

Characters: Minister, Bobby DeChant; Bride, Martha Ann Graham; Groom, Tommy Beane; Maid of Honor, Vera Rose Merchant; Groomsman, Orrin Kline; Bride's Mother, Betty Lee Jenkins; Bride's Father, Armistead Sinclair; Groom's Mother, Joan Alpaugh; Groom's Father, Gary Woods; Flower Girls: Fleur Peters, Mary Lou Trimmer, Dorris Salter and Audrey Edmunds; Ring-bearer, Jerry Gregory; Soloists: Nancy Beeton, Catherine Graham and Ralph Tolley; Bride's Maids: Jane Breeden, Jean Breeden, Fay Salter, Betty Anne Miller, Dolly Lonas, Pauline Rector, Betty Sue Gibbons, Marian Sadd, Barbara Jones, Mary Catherine Seeley, Jean Mayhugh and Gloria Vetter.

Ushers: C. W. Staggs, Clyde Muddiman, Edwin Nelson, Tommy Thomas, Billy Gue, Stewart Reid, Robert Wine, James Marsh, Jessie Reid, Teddy Peters, Carlton Bigelow and John Abner DeChant.

Guests: Rembert Parlor, Jack Barrett, John H. Stauff, Robert Roff, Boyd Coverston, Billy Haydon, Wayne Chandler, Robert McCall, David Herndon, Bert Roseberry, Lois Cornwell, Charlotte Herndon, Lila Lee Jones, Mary Louise Wine, Peggy Ann Rice, Viola Ritenour, Catherine Stinette, Peggy Chambers, Mariam Gregory, Audrey Todd and Mary Elizabeth Bradford.

## BABY CONTEST

Just Eight Days To Go

The baby "Popularity Contest" continues in trying to find out whom the cup belongs to. The sponsors are fighting hard to make their contestants win that coveted prize. There are twenty-four adorable babies in this fight to win the cup. Here is a chart of their work:

Ann Walsér Ratcliffe	654
Mary Lou Trimmer	651
Jackie Lee Breeden	598
Ruth Thomas	560
Martha Jean Saunders	548
Ann Stokes Harris	474
Layton Lawes, Jr.	430
Jerry Gregory	412
Bobby Saunders	368
Johnny Fishpaw	351
Bobby Jones	277
Katherine D. Baker	263
Carol Harris	204
Wallace Hook	203
Barbara Linton	201
Lauree Hersch	180
Barbara Clark	158
Ann Carol Blakemore	150
Phyllis J. Vance	118
Carol Russell Ward	113
Wm. Hill Brown	110
Doris Ann Kline	107
Alvin Radford Compton	107
Papa Twins	2

This contest will close at 8:00 p.m. on March 16. All votes must be in by that time.

## ANNOUNCES FOR STATE SENATE

Delegate William D. Medley, of Arlington, Seeks Democratic Nomination

Delegate William D. Medley, of Arlington County today announced his candidacy for the State Senate, subject to the Democratic Primary of August first, to represent the 29th Senatorial District embracing Arlington, Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria.

Mr. Medley has represented Arlington County in the General Assembly for the past six years, having first been elected in 1933 and re-elected in 1935 and 1937. He is an attorney engaged in the active practice of law. He is a Mason, a member of the American Legion and is affiliated with various other organizations. He has long been an active worker in the Democratic party and is a member of the Young Democratic Club of Arlington County and the Men's Democratic Club of that county. Since 1936, he has represented the State of Virginia as a Commissioner on Uniform State Laws. Mr. Medley's activity in local affairs and his long service in the General Assembly gives him a background of broad experience in local and State matters which well qualifies him for the office for which he is a candidate.

## POST OFFICE FOLKS HAVE DELIGHTFUL EVENING

The family night of the members of Local 320 NFFE of Quantico, Va., March 1st, was a complete success from every point of view, beginning at promptly 7:30 P. M., one of the most excellent suppers the refreshment committee has ever prepared was served consisting of oysters fried, stewed, or raw with a delightful hot sauce and a goodly number of those present had a serving of all three with all that goes with a supper followed by ice cream and cake for dessert, immediately following the supper willing hands helped to clear the tables from the floor and while this was being done a short business meeting got under way to transact the business of importance which came before it. The cedar chest committee by which the funds for the Shad Planking will be raised reported progress and urged that each member dispose of his allotted number of tickets and turn in the proceeds by the 5th of April. The spring run of Shad will determine the date in the first part of May this outing will be held. Following this short meeting all gathered in the lower hall to take part in a delightful square dance to the music of Comrade Crismond's string orchestra. Many were the favorable comments on the afternoon and all are looking forward to another of these pleasant gatherings.

The Ladies of Trinity Guild have been very successful with their hot lunch sales this week.

## TO SPONSOR GLEE CLUB CONCERT

Woman's Group Entertains Prominent Political Economy Speaker

Due to the prevalence of colds, only a small group of members were present at the monthly meeting of the Manassas Woman's Club, held on Wednesday afternoon, March 8.

Mrs. T. J. Broadus, chairman of the Garden Section, told of plans for a spring bulb show to be held later.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Dennis Baker, chairman of the Music Section, the club voted to sponsor a concert by the University of Virginia Glee Club to be held in the high school auditorium the latter part of April.

A new member, Mrs. C. W. Staggs, was welcomed into the club.

Miss Hilda Moser, a guest from the Junior Woman's Club, spoke of the work they are doing in the baby clinics and announced a rummage sale to be held in two weeks. She also invited all members to attend the meeting of the Junior Woman's Club at the home of Mrs. A. A. Hoeff tonight, with Mrs. M. G. Willis as guest-speaker.

Mrs. Wm. Lloyd said that plans for the Easter Monday dance are progressing nicely. A popular orchestra has been engaged and everything possible is being done to make this dance the outstanding social event of the season.

The guest-speaker, Mrs. Edgar Merritt, president of the Political Study Club, Washington, D. C., was introduced by Mrs. Lloyd. Her topic, "Women in Politics," proved a most interesting one. She stressed the importance of an active interest being taken in politics by all women, and criticized the indifference of those who feel that they are too busy with home cares to take such an interest. She urged that they, as mothers and citizens, study civic and political problems and then vote for the candidate upholding the principles for which they stand. She said, "We cannot all be leaders, but we can all help choose our leaders."

Mrs. Ernest Humphrey Daniel, president of the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs, expressed her pleasure at being a guest of the club, as did her guest, Mrs. George Stringfellow, of Mont Clair, New Jersey.

Hostesses on this occasion were: Miss Margaret Lynch, Mrs. C. C. Lynn, Mrs. J. P. Lyon, Mrs. A. A. Maloney, Mrs. E. H. Marsteller and Mrs. Dudley Martin.

## LILLIAN DALE HOPKINS

Mrs. Lillian Dale Hopkins, age 84, died very suddenly at her home in Manassas on Wednesday, March 1. She had been in failing health due to age and had suffered a recent attack of flu, which further weakened her but her death was entirely unexpected.

Mrs. Hopkins was the daughter of Margaret and Temple Smith and a native of Fauquier County, Va. She was born there in the year 1855. All her life she had been a member of the Episcopal Church and belonged to Trinity Church, Manassas, at the time of her death.

On October 3, 1883, she married Charles Augustus Smyth Hopkins and of this union survive one daughter, Miss Margaret Temple Hopkins, of Manassas, and a son, Mr. Charles M. Hopkins, of Washington, D. C. She is also survived by one sister, Miss Margaret Reid Smith, of Manassas.

Mrs. Hopkins was one of the oldest native residents of Manassas and much beloved by all who know her. Making her home at Temple School she was "grandmother" to all the little children. She was affectionately known as "Mere" to both faculty and students and up until the last manifested the greatest interest in their daily activities.

The funeral service was conducted at Trinity Episcopal Church on Friday, March 3rd, at 2:00 p.m., by Rev. A. Stuart Gibson and interment was in the Manassas cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. Allison Hoeff, Sr., Robert Smith, M. M. Ellis, C. M. Harris, O. D. Waters and Robert Weir.

A profusion of lovely flowers gave evidence of the love and esteem with which the deceased was held and her passing was the occasion of widespread sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith C. Allison announce the birth of a daughter on March 8th.



News Item—Hidden Levies Make Up 65% of All Taxes