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GARDEN CLUBS TO DEDICATE PARK

Portion of Williams Memorial Named Fernstrom Forest

N. Clarence Smith, chairman of the Virginia Conservation Commission, will deliver the principal address when the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs publicly dedicates the Fernstrom Forest on Thursday, March 30th, at 3:00 p.m., on the grounds, located on U. S. Route 211, seven miles west of Manassas.

Miss Rebecca Robinson Williams, Woodstock, representing the Junior Garden Clubs of the Federation, will unveil the plaque which denotes allocation of this twenty-five acre tract of the Conway Robinson Memorial Forest to the use and enjoyment of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs. F. G. Pederson, State Forester, will welcome the visitors on behalf of the Virginia Forest Service.

In designating with plat the Fernstrom Forest, the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs is memorializing the late Mrs. Cornelia Hedgeman Fernstrom, of Norfolk, one of the two founders of the organization. Miss Margaret V. Hedgeman, a niece of Mrs. Fernstrom's, will formally initiate the planting of a group of trees near the marker as memorials to Mrs. Fernstrom's interest in and devotion to the conservation of the natural resources of the state.

Others who will participate in the program exercises are: Mrs. C. A. Seaton, president, V.F.G.C., Staunton; Mrs. J. L. Weller, first vice-president, V.F.G.C., Norfolk; Mrs. Ambrose C. Ford, Conservation Chairman, Garden Club of Virginia, and the first president, V.F.G.C., Clifton Forge; Mrs. R. S. Sheppe, Assistant Chaplain, V.F.G.C., Staunton; Mrs. Paul Cooksey, chairman, Fernstrom Forest Committee, V.F.G.C., Manassas; and Mrs. W. S. Kincheloe, Conservation Chairman, V.F.G.C., Crewe.

At the conclusion of the dedicatory exercises, which will be open to the public, the Civilian Conservation Corps will give a practical demonstration of conservation by replanting the deforested area of the Fernstrom Forest.

GERTRUDE SEATON CORNWELL

Mrs. Gertrude Seaton Cornwell, wife of Dolly Cornwell, died at her home near Purcell on Tuesday, after an illness of about two weeks due to pneumonia. A native of Rectortown, Fauquier County, Va., she was born there on September 2, 1889, being only 49 years of age at the time of her death. She was the daughter of James T. and Carrie Seaton.

For some years she taught school. On October 21, 1914, she married Mr. Dolly Cornwell, a native of this county. She belonged to the Church of God.

Besides her husband she is survived by one daughter, Zella, and a son, James, both of whom are living at home.

The funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 2:00 at the Purcell Church, Rev. T. M. Bowie officiating. Interment was in the Manassas cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. E. L. Herring, T. M. Russell, E. E. Cornwell, J. M. Russell, W. B. Detweiler and W. J. Jasper.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved.

MRS. ELIZABETH H. DAVIS

Funeral services were held in Washington last Thursday for Mrs. Elizabeth Herndon Davis, widow of Montgomery M. Davis, formerly of Stafford County, who died at the home of her son in Washington Monday. Interment was in the cemetery of Choptawmsic Baptist Church in Stafford.

A native of Stafford County, Mrs. Davis lived there from her birth until the death in 1931 of her husband, when she moved to Washington. She was widely known in the county and (Continued on page 8.)

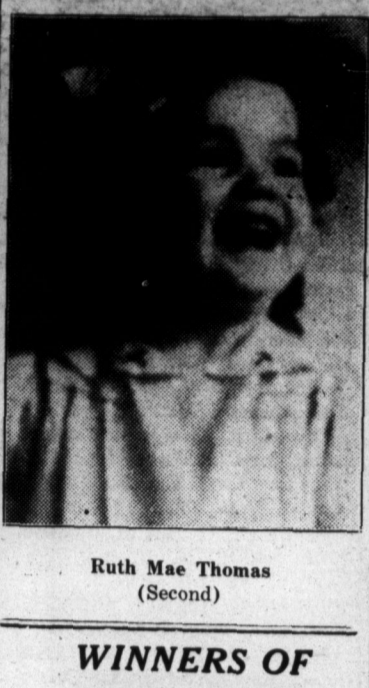
MONTHLY MEETING OF MUSIC LITERATURE SECTION

The Music-Literature Section of the Manassas Woman's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, March 28, at 8 o'clock in the High School Library.

There will be an interesting program and all members of the Woman's Club are cordially invited to come.



Anne Waiser Ratcliffe (First)



Ruth Mae Thomas (Second)

WINNERS OF THE LOCAL BABY CONTEST



Jackie Lee Breeden (Third)

Anne Waiser Ratcliffe, age 2½ years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Jackson Ratcliffe, won first place with a total of 4,008 votes.

Ruth Mae Thomas, age 2½ years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rhulin A. Thomas, won second with 3,022 votes.

Jackie Lee Breeden, age 4 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Breeden, won third with 2,836 votes.

The contest proved very popular and a substantial sum was realized for the local high school.

PLANE CRASHES NEAR MANASSAS

County Agent Cox and H. L. Smith are Seriously Injured

Last Saturday, a few minutes after noon, a low flying airplane, piloted by Mr. Harry Lee Smith and carrying County Agent Frank Cox, crashed in a field on the Hurst farm near Milford Mills, three and half miles west of Manassas.

Mr. Cox suffered more severely than his companion, sustaining fractures of both legs and other injuries. They were rushed to Emergency hospital in Washington where both are reported to be doing very well under the circumstances.

The plane, piloted by Mr. Smith, proceeded from Alexandria to the Manassas Airport, where Mr. Cox was taken on, and the crash occurred a few minutes later.

It is stated that the plane was flying low at the time of the accident and that the engine cut out just before the crash, but the exact cause has apparently not been determined.

UNIVERSITY GLEE CLUB TO GIVE CONCERT

The Music and Literature Section of the Woman's Club will sponsor for its second annual concert, The University of Virginia Glee Club.

This concert will be given on Tuesday, April 25, in the auditorium of the Manassas High School at 8:15 p.m.

The section feels very fortunate in having obtained this splendid club for its concert this year. While the concert is under the direction of the Music Section and is offered as their major project, it has the backing of the entire Woman's Club and is expected to draw a large crowd from surrounding counties.

There are fifty-five voices in the chorus under the direction of Dr. Harry Pratt of the University of Virginia faculty.

The program offered is a widely diversified one and should appeal to everyone.

4-H LEADERS MEETING

4-H Leaders will hold their second meeting at the Post Office Assembly Room, Friday, March 24, from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. with Miss Iva Byrd Johnson, State Clothing Specialist, conducting.

Miss Johnson will use as her demonstrations "How to Select and Use a Pattern" and "How to Cut and Fit an Undergarment." Leaders will also develop program plans at this time.

Following are names of 4-H Leaders of Prince William County for 1939: Mrs. Janet Murphy, Mrs. McGruder Keys, Miss Katie Boley, Miss Anita Shumate, Mrs. Alice Wright, Miss Flora Bullock, Miss Grace Yorkdale, Mrs. H. Lloyd, Mrs. R. L. Carden and Miss Ila Breeden.

PRIZE AWARDS FEATURE P.-T. A. MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Manassas P.-T. A. was held in the High School Auditorium on the evening of March 16. Mrs. A. O. Beane occupied the chair in the absence of the president, Mr. DeChant.

Prof. Peters announced a convention of the student cooperative association to be held in Manassas on April 21 and 22 and also told of a county-wide Spelling Bee to take place on May 12. He asked the cooperation of the P.-T. A. and all interested persons in making these events a success.

Prizes were awarded to the winners in the Baby Contest, Prof. Peters acting as master of ceremonies.

A program of music, dancing and readings all pertaining to St. Patrick's Day, and under the able management of Mrs. Dennis Baker assisted by Miss Eugenia Osborne was greatly enjoyed by all present.

DATE SET FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF FAIRFAX RELIGIOUS COUNCIL

The county council of religious education has selected Friday, April 28, as the time for its annual convention. The meetings will take place at the Herndon Congregational church, with a banquet to be served at 6:30 p.m.

A registration fee of twenty-five cents is being assessed against all delegates to cover expenses of convention. The cover charge for the banquet is fifty cents. Tickets may be secured from Mrs. Holden Harrison, Herndon, Virginia. Let your delegate know how many will go from each church school.

NATIONAL BANK TO ERECT OFFICE BUILDING

The National Bank of Manassas will erect a new office building on the lot adjacent to their place of business, and the ladies who have kept the lot beautified with shrubbery and lovely flowers are busy removing the bulbs and other ornamental plants which would have adorned the lot this summer.

F. D. GAMES AT HAY-MARKET MARCH 25

The Manassas Fire Department basketball team and the Manassas Town Girls Team will play the Haymarket teams on Saturday evening, instead of Thursday as previously announced. The proceeds are to be used for the benefit of the Fire Department, which is a very worthy subject and a large crowd is hoped for.

BIRTHDAY DINNER AT CLIFTON

A beautiful Birthday dinner was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beasley Sunday, March 19th, in celebration of Mr. Beasley's 80th birthday.

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The Manassas Garden Club will meet Tuesday, March 28, at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. A. A. Maloney.

HEAR TALK ON TREES

Mr. W. H. Lamb, of the Journal, was the guest of Rev. A. S. Gibson at the Kiwanis Club last Friday evening, giving a talk on forestry.

Current topics of live interest were discussed, and singing greatly enjoyed.

Tomorrow evening Karl Joras and a squad from the Washington Club will visit the local club. A program of national interest has been promised by the Manassas club.

WARDEN RUSSELL ISSUES WARNING

Gives Names of Those to Call on for Help

Since it is near fishing season, people enjoying nature should be careful not to destroy the forest at the same time, be careful where you toss your lighted cigarette or match.

Below are the names and locations of the Forest Wardens in Prince William county. It would be appreciated very much if any fires that are found burning a person caring for them be reported to the warden nearest the fire.

James M. Russell (Chief Warden), Canova, Va.; E. E. Cornwell, Canova, Va.; E. C. Dewitt, Holmes' Corner; W. H. Ellicott (Lookout tower watchman); W. H. Herring, King's Cross Roads, Va.; Elmer A. Payne, Davis Ford Bridge, Va.; D. W. Posey, Hoadly; C. P. Ennis, Orlando; Van Herndon, Fayman, Va.; William Francis Keys, Joplin, Va.; William Lambert, Thoroughfare, Va.; J. T. L. Rollins, Wellington; James C. Watson, Hickory Grove; F. W. Wells, on Lee Highway near Gainesville, Va.; George Hedges, near Hoadly on Route 641.

Nearly all of the above may be reached directly by phone. The phone operators will cheerfully give you all the assistance they can. In case of trouble, get in touch with the nearest warden and also call the Tower Watchman, Mr. Walter Ellicott.

J. M. RUSSELL, Fire Warden, Prince William County, Va.

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING OF HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS

Home Demonstration Clubs of Prince William County are making plans to have every club represented at the annual meeting of the Northern Virginia District meeting to be held at the State Theatre, Falls Church, Fairfax County on April 13. The meeting begins promptly at 10:00 o'clock and closes at 3:00.

Mrs. Ambrose Petellat, chairman of the Prince William County Home-making Board, announces that she has received an announcement from Mrs. Christine Buckman, chairman of the Home Demonstration Advisory Council of Fairfax County extending a cordial invitation to every Home Demonstration member to be present.

The program includes special features of entertainment. Miss Grace E. Frysinger of the United States Department of Agriculture will address the afternoon assembly. Miss Maude E. Wallace, Assistant Director of Extension in charge of Home Demonstration work at Blacksburg and Mrs. Malcolm Pock, of Fincastle, Virginia, President of the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs are on the morning's program. Mrs. R. N. Harris, of Bumpass, Virginia District President of Northern Virginia, will preside. Miss R. Belle Burke, District Home Demonstration Agent, who has assisted in arranging the program will also be present.

Luncheon will be served by a local group. All persons planning to attend the meeting are urged to notify Miss Alice Webb, County Home Demonstration Agent by April 3.

SOUND MOVIE TO FEATURE GAME MEETING

There will be a regular meeting of the Falls Church Chapter of the Isaac Walton League in the Masonic Hall, Bank Building, East Falls Church, at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 30.

The order of business will be the consideration of the Federal anti-pollution bills, the adoption of the revised by-laws for the chapter, and reports of the various committees.

The extra special sound picture, "Leta Go Fishing", from the National Headquarters of the Isaac Walton League will be shown.

The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

SMITH SPONSORS ANTI-"RED" BILL

Claims Measure Would Aid Dies Committee

Legislation to curb "organized subversive movements against our constitutional form of democratic government" was proposed yesterday by Representative Howard W. Smith.

A bill he introduced would make unlawful attempts to overthrow the United States Government; require licensing of civilian military organizations; outlaw attempts to interfere with the discipline of the Army and Navy; require registration and fingerprinting of aliens; require deportation of certain aliens, and enlarge the jurisdiction of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in certain alien cases.

Smith explained that his bill included many of the objectives of other bills already introduced, but embraced "only such provisions as I believe that every member of Congress, irrespective of party, approves and can wholeheartedly support."

If enacted at this session, he said, the proposal would aid the Dies committee on un-American activities materially in carrying out the purpose of its investigation.

"There are millions of loyal American citizens," he said, "who are being offended and alarmed daily by the persistent and overwhelming barrage of publications, pamphlets and public utterances attacking our system of government, and by the known presence of paid agents of other governments fomenting disturbances in our midst, and these citizens are beginning to wonder why Congress does not enact some law or take some action to prohibit and to punish some of these more obvious attempts to undermine our constitutional form of government."

Smith said he realized there were some 'who will seek to sabotage any effort to suppress this wave of un-American and subversive activities and the chief method of doing so is to call such bills 'Red-baiting.' This term always seems to have some magical effect on some people.

"Personally, I do not see anything against 'Red-baiting.' I, myself, am for Red-baiting. The Reds have been baiting loyal Americans and the American form of government constantly, and a little Red-baiting by good, patriotic, red-blooded American citizens with the same kind of poison bait that is being used to weaken our system of government meets with my full approbation. I am strong for the old philosophy of 'fighting the devil with fire.'"

JUNIOR WOMEN ENTERTAIN DISTRICT PRESIDENT

The Junior Woman's Club held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. A. A. Hooff. During the short business session an amendment was passed to increase the club dues.

Mrs. M. G. Willis, Jr., president of Fourth District Woman's Club, the guest speaker, gave an informal talk on other clubs in her District and their work.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Paul Arrington, Mrs. Hawes Davies, Jr., Mrs. Alan McKenzie and Mrs. Stanley Owens. The club was very proud to have present several members of the Senior Woman's Club.

The Rummage Sale planned at this meeting was held Saturday and proved to be quite a success almost \$50.00 having been realized, which sum will be used for charity purposes.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL JUNIORS

A district meeting has been called by the District Deputy to meet in extraordinary session at the Council Hall of Bull Run Council on the evening of Thursday, March 30.

Every member of the Order is respectfully requested to be there and to pass this information on to everyone that he sees. The future of the Order in this county depends in no small degree on the success of this meeting. The state president and the state secretary have both pledged to be present and to give us the best advice that they can. A local plan for future operation of the Prince William District has been tentatively submitted and will be a live topic of conversation on this occasion.