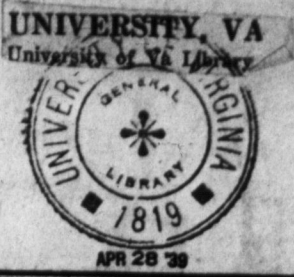


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TOWN HONORED BY CONVENTION

State Student Group Holds Delightful Sessions

(Ed. Note: This account is a condensation of an excellent report published by Students of Occoquan High)

Meeting in the home town of its president, the Virginia State Student Government Association met in Manassas on Friday Saturday of last week with its theme for the Fifth Annual Session: Training for Civic Responsibility. It is not often that so small a community is selected for a State convention of such outstanding public interest and the presence here of delegates from all of the leading high schools of the State was an occasion which will long be remembered by those attending.

Registration on Friday evening at the Osborn High School was followed by dinner for the delegates in private homes. At 7:30 the Convention was called to order by Kite Roseberry, President of Student Government in the local high school. The invocation was delivered by Rev. A. Stuart Gibson. A welcome by Mary Louise Robbins, of Osborn, was followed by an address by Prof. R. C. Haydon, Division Superintendent of Schools of Prince William County in which he expressed the sincere belief of the County School Board that the boys and girls of this organization were promoting present-day education. His encouraging remarks in extending to the convention the facilities of the local school system were much appreciated. He was followed by Rev. J. M. DeChant, who stressed the importance of exercising intelligence in practicing self-government, eloquently contrasting the American plan with the feverish condition now existing in Europe. The next speaker, Hon. W. F. Cocks, Town Manager of Manassas, extended a cordial welcome to the Convention and evidenced his deep interest in student government.

The response was made by Harry Parrish, of Manassas, the State President. His poise and assurance in the role of a state president was notable in so young a speaker and won for him much applause. After his address a nominating committee for next year was appointed, and then the convention broke up into discussion groups of various problems of government.

A delightful reception followed in the Domestic Science Building and the convention then adjourned until 8:30 Saturday morning, when it was called to order by State President Harry Parrish, who delivered his formal message to the convention and introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Warren D. Bowman, of Washington City Church of the Brethren and an authority on Student Government. He was formerly Dean of Men of Juniata College at Huntington, West Virginia, and a member of the faculty of the Farmville State Teachers College. It is stated that he was secured for this convention through the efforts of Mr. Page Etchison, Secretary of the Washington City Y. M. C. A., who is well known in Manassas. Dr. Bowman's address was eloquent and particularly enjoyable for young people.

A piano duet followed by Misses Jocelyn Gillum and Marie Bauserman and their perfectly timed performance was a most enjoyable feature of the morning session. Messages from past presidents were then read, after which separation for group discussion continued until the business session and election of officers, which were as follows:

President: Buddy Levin Newport News; Vice-President, John Knight, Handley High School, Winchester; Betty Ann Behrandt, Lane High School, Charlottesville; Treasurer Bob Clementson, Washington - Lee High School, Arlington.

Members of the Advisory Committee voted into the association were: Edith Moore, Jefferson High School, Roanoke; C. D. Bennett, Handley High School, Winchester; and Pauline Smith, Osborn High School, Manassas.

After lunch transportation was provided for a tour of the Manassas Battlefield, and the banquet in the auditorium, followed by an equally enjoyable dance in the gymnasium completed the notable two day session of the Virginia State Student Government Association, which, to meet in Newport News next year. Our young visitors made a splendid impression while here and they left with much praise of our hospitality.

SCENES OF THE VIRGINIA STATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONVENTION



EXECUTIVE CABINET AND FACULTY ADVISORS IN SESSION ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Left to right: Thomas Johnson, Pauline Smith, C. D. Bennett, Mae Ashmore, Harry Parrish, Robert Howell, Hilda Devilbiss, Prof. R. C. Haydon, Ethel Gildersleeve and Burton Bates.



STAFF OF OCCOQUAN SCHOOL PAPER PREPARING CONVENTION BULLETIN

Left to right: Doris Jean Cato, Robert Smith, Dorothy Browne, Natalie Lieberman, Mrs. M. T. Sanford, Cynthia Lacey, Mr. Frank Sigman, Jesse Curtis and Dorothy Davis. (Journal Staff Photos).

GROUP DISCUSSION ON ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT OFFICERS

Led by Mildred Jacobs of the Herndon High School

GLEE CLUB CONCERT

The University of Virginia Glee Club in its concert on Tuesday evening fulfilled all expectations of a highly entertaining and enjoyable occasion.

Thorough and capable training showed up very clearly as the group of singers sang through a very varied program—a most interesting program including such powerful selections as the Russian Anthem, "Hospodi Pomilo!" as well as songs of a more delicate structure such as Brahms' "Lullaby."

Gerald Lowrey, talented young pianist, added much to the pleasure of the evening by playing very charmingly several selections from Liszt, Bach and Debussy.

The singers reached their peak in the superb singing of Grieg's "Land Sighting" and brought down the very appreciative audience.

The Glee Club was presented by the Music-Literature Section of the Woman's Club under the direction of Mrs. Dennis Baker, Music chairman.

After the concert was over, the ladies served coffee and sandwiches to the Glee Club and members of the section. The boys seemed to enjoy themselves and were loathe to begin their bus ride back to Charlottesville.

TO EXHIBIT VOCATIONAL WORK

On Friday, May 5th, there will be an exhibit of the vocational work of the Manassas High School in the auditorium, with the Industrial Arts, Home Economics and Agricultural Departments each represented.

Mrs. R. W. Adamson, Home Economics cottage during the afternoon and the cottage will be open for inspection at that time.

U.D.C. TO MEET WITH MRS. DIDLAKE

Mrs. T. E. Didlake will be hostess to the Manassas Chapter, U.D.C., Wednesday, May 3rd, at 2:30 p.m.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT PLAN EXPLAINED TO KIWANIS CLUB

Repercussions of the Student Government Congress were heard in the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis club on Friday evening when Professor Peters brought as guests a delegation of those which had arrived in town by that hour.

Later he introduced Miss Devilbiss, of Portsmouth, as speaker. Miss Devilbiss spoke at length on the history of the organization then meeting for the 5th annual conference.

It was very explanatory and showed the intentions of the originators and how the plan is working out.

Some discussion was had of the new roller skating ordinance and the club voted to request the town council to repeal the same.

OLD TOMBSTONE IS DISCOVERED

Inscription Found on Under Side of Printer's Make-Up Stone

Old-time publishers have been quoted as stating that in early days unscrupulous printers used to rob grave-yards to get stone slabs so desirable as a true surface upon which to make up their forms of type. Verification of the existence of such ghastly practices came unexpectedly this week, when an old stone-top table, stored away by the Manassas Journal, was dismantled, and the stone slab which formed its upper surface was turned over, revealing to its horrified discoverers a neatly cut inscription, giving the name of the deceased and the date of death.

During its long period of service the Manassas Journal has acquired printing equipment for many different concerns and from a number of defunct newspapers and there is no record as to where this particular stone came from, or when it was last in use. Apparently it had been stored away for many years, as the narrow, old-fashioned grave-stone is not wide enough to meet modern requirements.

Every effort will be made by the present publishers of the Journal to discover the location from which the stone evidently was stolen, but since it ante-dates the War between the States, this may prove difficult. The full inscription on the stone is printed below and information leading to discovery of its rightful location will be greatly appreciated:

CAROLINE
wife of
REV. JOHN PROSSER
died
May 26, 1858
AE 40 yrs, 1 mo., 15 ds.
"And they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy."
Rev. 3c. 4v.

VARIED TYPES OF ART TO BE SHOW HERE NEXT WEEK

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May the third, fourth and fifth, the first Art Exhibit of Prince William County Schools will be held in Gymnasium, Manassas. You are cordially invited to attend the exhibit.

The types of art to be exhibited are: water colors, construction work, friezes, carvings of wood and soap, black printing, spatter prints, posters, nature museums, flower boxes, bird houses, wall panels, pictorial maps, clay modeling and pottery, moving pictures, conservation exhibit, murals, illustrated book reports and outstanding booklets.

The exhibit will be open all of each day and on Friday evening from 7:00 to 10:00. Punch will be served each afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00.

TO CONDUCT COOKING SCHOOL

Miss Flora G. Dowler, representing the local Gas Company, will conduct a cooking school at the Telephone Building on Thursday and Friday afternoons of next week.

It is seldom that an audience has the pleasure of watching a demonstrator who is not only a national figure in her art but who is so intensely interested in what she is doing.

She has spent a number of years in home demonstration work in several states. Formerly she did demonstration work for the Virginia Gas Distribution Corporation but more recently hails from Binghampton.

The ladies, who go to her cooking school next week, will have a real treat in store for them, and it is safe to say that the hall will be crowded on both afternoons.

Judge Black, of Washington, will speak at Grace Church Sunday night.

NEW YORK ARTIST ADDRESSES CLUB

Bethlehem Group Also Observes Birthday of Charter Member

The Bethlehem Good Housekeeper's Club met at the hospitable home of Mrs. P. A. Lewis and Mrs. G. C. Round on Wednesday afternoon, April 19th. A large number of members and several guests assembled for this meeting, which was also the occasion of the birthday celebration of Mrs. Round, a charter member of the club.

Following the usual business session and committee reports, there was a further discussion of the proposed history of Old Prince William County.

The program committee conducted a unique contest in an endeavor to select a member to represent the club in the spelling bee to be sponsored by the Commercial Club of the Manassas High School. It was not definitely determined, however, who this representative would be.

Mr. Wilson, a commercial artist of New York City, was introduced by Mrs. Robert Lewis as guest speaker. He discussed very entertainingly the art of commercial advertising and demonstrated with some of his own magazine work.

Delicious refreshments, including a large birthday cake, ice cream and home-made candies, were served in the spacious dining room during the social hour.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on the afternoon of May 16th at the home of Mrs. Charles Compton, with Mrs. Maude Kincheloe as co-hostess. Please note change of date.

GARDEN CLUB PLANNING FLOWER SHOW

The Manassas Garden Club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. E. Didlake. The meeting was well-attended and interesting. Mrs. Harry Sanders was the guest of the club.

Plans were made and committees appointed for a Spring flower show, to be held Thursday, May 18th, in the Parish Hall.

Mrs. E. H. Marsteller, who visited the lovely gardens in Charleston, S. C., recently, told of the wonderful beauty and size of the cypress and azaleas and exhibited beautiful pictures of them.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year; President, Mrs. T. E. Didlake; Vice-president, Mrs. E. H. Marsteller; Secretary, Mrs. O. D. Waters, and Treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Staggs.

The May meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. O. D. Waters.

FLOWER AND BULB SHOW

The Manassas Garden Club will hold a Flower and Bulb Show in the Parish Hall on Friday, May 5.

Flowers will be received from exhibitors from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The Flower show will be open to public from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Committee on flower arrangement: Mrs. C. Wade-Dalton and Mrs. Eula Merchant.

Refreshments: Mrs. A. A. Hooff, Mrs. R. C. Haydon, Mrs. J. B. Johnson, Mrs. Smelker, Mrs. Harvey Steele and Mrs. W. L. Lloyd.

General chairman, Mrs. Margaret Lewis.

HAVE DELIGHTFUL TOUR

Mrs. Robert Lewis and Miss Katherine Pattie attended the conference of Welfare Workers in Richmond from Thursday through Saturday of last week.

On Sunday they visited Upper Shirley and Shirley, as well as Berkeley and Westover estates.

At Westover Church they joined Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Burks, who had been visiting friends in Westover Parish where Mr. Burks served as rector for many years.

HAYMARKET DRAMATIC CLUB

The Dramatic Club of Haymarket High School will present an evening of three one-act plays at the school auditorium on May 2nd at 7:30 p.m. The usual admission will be charged. This bids fair to be an evening of fine entertainment.

TRINITY GUILD RUMMAGE SALE

Trinity Guild will have a Rummage Sale in the Parish Hall on Saturday, May 6th, from 9:00 to 1:00.