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FIREMEN LAUDED FOR GOOD WORK

Speakers At Annual Banquet Shower Compliments On Local Department

One of the largest groups that has yet gathered at an annual banquet of the Manassas Fire Department was present at the Prince William Hotel last Thursday evening. The affair, coming close to St. Valentine's day, was largely influenced by this fact, both in the decorations and in the favors. The invocation was given by Rev. W. C. Luttrell, of Grace Methodist Church. The repast was truly sumptuous in every respect and reflects a good deal of credit on both the institution where it was served and on the town itself.

The only gloom cast over the meeting was the precaution taken by President George Cocks (who also acted as toastmaster) to read a list of firemen who were to answer any calls that came in during the session. None came in very happily.

Following the banquet, Dr. Cocks introduced the many guests present and then called on Mayor Harry P. Davis to say a word of welcome. In so doing, he described Mr. Davis as "a firm friend of the firemen."

Mayor Davis gave a brief and cheerful address of welcome, assuring the gathering that they had already had "a heavy program." Needless to say that his words made everyone feel right at home.

The first speaker on the program was Fire Chief Stephen Porter, of the Washington Fire Department. Chief Porter's talk was very much to the point and very timely for this season of the year. After declaring that he deemed it a privilege to be present, he stated a well known and potent fact, emphasizing that fire fighting is composed of two chief elements, one, prevention, and two, the firefighting unit itself.

He stated that this would be an excellent time to have a checkup on heating plants after such very severe weather, as the deterioration of mortar in the chimneys is a fruitful cause of trouble. He cited the difficulties of metropolitan inspection and declared that smaller communities have a much better chance.

He closed his very interesting talk by assuring everyone of the readiness of the D. C. Fire Department to give outside aid.

Toastmaster Cocks introduced an entirely new feature on the program this year by having a number of the ministers make short talks. The first one was Rev. R. M. Graham, whose addresses are always in defunct stories and showering compliments on the volunteer fire fighters for being "consistent workers—always loyal—always courteous, etc." he gave a talk that was strongly colored with patriotism. Among other things he cited the work of the volunteer department as "democracy of community interest."

Reverends W. O. Luttrell and A. S. Gibson gave brief humorous and commendatory talks.

At this time Coach Saunders introduced the members of the basketball squad of the Fire Department.

The old reliable and original story teller, none other than O. D. Waters, then became "the life of the party." Some of his stories, which got by the board of censorship, and his tales of some of the early history of the fire department literally kept his audience bent double with laughter.

Mr. Richard Hynson was then called on by the toastmaster. He asserted that he had always been interested in the work of the volunteer fire department and knew no one who did so much for his money as a volunteer fireman.

Chief R. S. Hall, of the O. W. L. Department, assured the group of cooperation from that area.

Fire Chief Vetter was also heard from briefly.

Coach Saunders of the basketball team thanked the Fire Department for its sponsorship of the basketball team.

Adjournment followed and everyone went home feeling that they had had a splendid evening.

The list of members and guests is as follows:

Town officials: Mayor Harry P. Davis, Town Manager W. F. Cocks, Treasurer R. L. Byrd, Attorney Robert L. Hutchison, Sergeant Joe Herring, Sergeant Tom Marshall, Councilmen W. E. Trustler, Franklin Hibbs, E. G. Parrish, O. D. Waters.

DEATH OF HON. C. J. MEETZE

It is with regret that we announce the death on Tuesday evening at Smithfield, Va., of Hon. C. J. Meetze, former Delegate in the General Assembly of Virginia for Prince William and Stafford Counties and highly esteemed citizen of Manassas.

Funeral services will be conducted from his home in Manassas on Friday, February 23rd, at 2:00 P. M.

OLD RECORDS ARE LOCATED

Governor Price Requests Return To Prince William Court

According to copy of a letter received by Hon. E. R. Conner, of Manassas, who represents Prince William and Stafford Counties in the General Assembly of Virginia, Governor Price has just written to the Director of National Archives, Washington, D. C., asking him to express himself on the subject of returning to the Clerk of the Court of Prince William County certain valuable old records of Prince William County, now in possession of the government in Washington.

Existence of these valuable old records was recently brought to light by Dr. E. G. Swem, Librarian of the College of William and Mary, and their return to the county where they are part of the official record is apparently in line with the policy of the National Archives Office.

The Governor stated that he would be very happy to have these records returned and the news of the possibility of return by the Federal Government will be gratifying to all who are interested in the early family and civil records of Prince William County.

The records consist of the proceedings of the Chancery Court of this County in the decade of 1830.

ODD FELLOWS BANQUET IN ALEXANDRIA

Last Friday evening Odd Fellows who attended the anniversary banquet of Post No. 33, I. O. O. F. in Alexandria were treated to an address by Senator Hatch, of New Mexico, which was most informative on the value of the principles for which the Odd Fellow Order stands.

Senator Hatch, who was introduced by Representative Howard W. Smith, stated that "Americans need only to look abroad to realize the true value of the principles of Odd-Fellowship." He also stressed the fact that while there are democracies in other parts of the world, it is really here in America that the truest principles of friendship, truth and love are exemplified.

Dr. Stewart McBryde, Dr. McIver Jackson, Rev. R. M. Graham, Rev. A. Stuart Gibson, Rev. W. O. Luttrell, Messrs. T. E. Didlake and J. L. Herrell, Hon. C. Lacey Compton, Hon. Wm. Hill Brown, Messrs. R. D. Wharton, A. A. Hooff and R. S. Hynson, Prof. R. Worth Peters, Prof. Richard C. Haydon.

Sheriff John Kerlin, Special Officer Robert L. Vetter, Mr. C. W. Staggs, Resident Highway Engineer, Sergeant E. H. Howe, of the State Police, Mr. F. B. Givens, Deputy State Fire Marshal.

Chief W. G. Bartenstein and Assistant Chief Preston R. Ruffner, both of the Warrenton Fire Department, Chief E. H. House and Assistant Chief E. L. Brockman, of the Orange Fire Department, Fire Chief R. S. Hall and Mr. J. A. Musselman, of O. W. L. Fire Department, Occoquan, Va.

Chief J. Wm. Swann, Assistant Chief L. Longerbeam and Mr. T. I. Martin, Secretary Treasurer, of the Culpeper Fire Department, Chief Stephen T. Porter and Mr. C. J. Pfeil, of the Washington, D. C. Fire Department.

Local firemen: President George B. Cocks, Fire Chief J. A. Vetter, Messrs. E. J. Davis, Sedrick Saunders, A. MacMillan, W. E. Coleman, Thomas Howard, Jesse Crosby, Joe Corum, R. B. Hynson, Clell Fitzwater, Douglas Dodson, Jud Holmes, Robert B. Davis, Julian Rector, John Broadus, John Roseberry, Edwin Beachley, Floyd Vetter, S. Vetter, Charles Mathias and Jack Stauff.

Basketball team: Messrs. Charles Litwin, Herbert Saunders, Eugene Worley, F. D. Rossell, Nelson Lynn, Patrick J. Murphy, Robert L. Leith, and Leslie Bourne.

NOT A NEW BELT BUT A DIET



REPORT OF T. B. ASSOCIATION FAIRFAX P-T. A. OFFICIAL OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY ADDRESSES LOCAL GROUP

The Prince William County Tuberculosis Association held a meeting on February 14, 1940, at the Health Unit Office. \$774.10 of our quota of \$852.00 has been received up to date by Districts as follows:

Brentsville \$42.30, Coles \$10.90, Dumfries \$330.42, Gainesville \$49.51, Manassas \$191.04, Occoquan \$60.60, and Colored Auxiliary \$90.48.

During the year of 1939 the Association spent for:

Milk for patients \$180.12, Dental Clinics \$105.00, Cod Liver Oil \$100.80, and X-ray of patients \$161.00.

At this meeting \$60.00 was allocated for dental clinics for 1940 and \$25.00 for hot lunches.

The Association wishes to thank all the schools, individuals and organizations who have so splendidly contributed to this work through their contributions and work to make this Christmas Seal sale a success. While we did not reach our quota, we made an increase over 1939 and that is always a great encouragement. We especially thank the Manassas Journal for its splendid cooperation in helping so generously with publicity.

MUSIC-LITERATURE SECTION TO MEET TUESDAY

The Music-Literature section of the Manassas Woman's Club will meet on Tuesday evening, February 27th, in the home of Mrs. John Broadus, with Mrs. Paul Cooksey, assistant hostess.

There will be a most interesting program consisting of a talk on current events by Miss Sara Donohoe, and a short piano recital by the pupils of Mrs. John Broadus, Mrs. Lewis Carper and Mrs. Dennis Baker.

WARRENTON F. F. A. WINS

In a very exciting game of basketball the Warrenton Future Farmers came from behind a 9 to 5 lead held by the Nokesville lads at the end of the half to defeat the Nokesville Future Farmers on the latter's court by a score 15 to 20. Booth of Warrenton was high scorer of the contest as he hit the loops for 11 points. After the first half the Nokesville courtmen were completely overwhelmed.

Nokesville F. F. A.
Herring, G. R. F. 2 1 5
Nelson, Ted. L. F. 0 1 1
Harpine, F. C. 2 1 5
Nelson, Ed. R. G. 0 1 1
Rollins, A. L. F. 1 1 3

Warrenton
Noland, R. F. 2 2 6
Booth, L. F. 4 3 11
Beach, C. 0 0 0
Myers, R. G. 1 1 3
Poe, L. G. 0 0 0

PRESS-BY CLUB TO MEET TUESDAY

The Press-By Club of the Presbyterian Church will hold its monthly meeting in the basement of the church Tuesday, February 27th, at 6:30. Mr. Goad, of Washington, D. C., will be the speaker. Refreshments will be served.

RAILROAD OFFICIAL ADDRESSES KIWANIS

Mr. B. E. Young, an executive of the American Railways Association, was present at the weekly meeting of the Manassas Kiwanis Club last Friday evening as the guest of Mr. C. M. Harris.

Mr. Young, whose chief duty is concerned with the matter of public relations, gave some very interesting examples of criticism and how they are answered. After his talk there was an open forum discussion which lasted quite a few minutes.

BETHLEHEM CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Mrs. R. L. Byrd Heads Local Organization

Mrs. R. L. Byrd and Mrs. R. A. Hutchison entertained the Bethlehem Club, at the home of the former, the afternoon of February twenty-first.

The corresponding secretary reported cards sent to many sick members and former members.

The officers of the club for 1940 are as follows:

President Mrs. R. L. Byrd, vice president Mrs. R. A. Hutchison, treasurer Mrs. R. C. Haydon, secretary Mrs. Dudley Martin and corresponding secretary Mrs. J. F. Burks. Mrs. R. C. Haydon presented the program in the absence of the program chairman.

A Pulitzer prize editorial published in a Portland Oregon paper and entitled "My County 'Tis of Thee" was read.

The observation of those present was tested by a quiz. Mrs. C. B. Compton won the prize having most questions answered correctly with Mrs. Wheatley Johnson ranking second.

The club lingered long after a delicious salad course was served.

FIREMAN CAGERS TO PLAY G. A. O.

Wednesday, February 28th, the Manassas Firemen Cagers winners of 16 out of 17 games for the season will tangle with the General Accounting Office which is one of the best amateur teams in Washington. Every player in the foes lineup will average six feet or better while the locals do not have excess height but plenty of speed.

Another feature in the G. A. O. lineup will be Sharpe, 6 feet, forward; former all state forward from Indiana University. Other stars in their lineup will be Finn, 6 feet and 2 inches, forward; Weingartner, 6 feet and 4 inches, forward; Daniels, 6 feet, guard and Conaly, 6 feet and 3 inches and Farrell, 6 feet, guard. All have played college basketball.

Although the odds are against the firemen they promise to give all they have to let their towering foes know that they will still be in the game.

The game will be played in the Manassas High gymnasium at 8:00 P. M.

FURNITURE CLINICS

Enthusiasm for refinishing or repairing furniture is increasing within and without the Club membership. Communities where clinics have been held are requesting a second one. Anybody wishing to work on furniture is welcome to any of the following meetings scheduled next week.

Monday, February 26. 1:00 P. M. Sudley Road, Mrs. John Barrett.

Tuesday, February 27. 10:00 A. M. Wellington Hall.

Wednesday, February 28. 10:00 A. M. Aden Club Room.

Thursday, February 29. 10:00 A. M. Brentsville, Mrs. Cash Keys.

Tuesday, February 27, the Hickory Grove Home Demonstration Club will meet with Mrs. S. N. Lightner for a demonstration on rug making.

EASTERN STAR HONORS MRS. BUSHONG

The regular meeting of the Eastern Star was held Tuesday night in the Masonic Temple. After the meeting, the members retired to the second floor, where a surprise birthday party was held in honor of Mrs. J. L. Bushong.

W. C. T. U. TO MEET WEDNESDAY
The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet on Wednesday, February 28th, at the home of Mrs. Frank Gue.

P. T. A. OBSERVES FOUNDERS' DAY

Much Interesting History Of Local Group Is Recalled

On Thursday, February 15th, the Parent-Teachers' Association met for its regular monthly business session. Mrs. H. M. McCall, the president, was in the chair. The meeting was opened with The Lord's Prayer as usual. Sympathy was expressed for Mrs. Dudley Martin, secretary, who was absent because of illness.

First on the program were a group of "songsters" from Mrs. Reid's and Miss Polen's rooms, who, with Miss Billings at the piano, entertained with two numbers.

Reports were heard from the officers and various committees. Miss Polen gave the report from the Dental Clinic committee. The league was pleased with the fine work of this committee under the direction of Mrs. R. C. Haydon, president.

\$8.00 was voted to the Civic committee to be used for the school gymnasium.

After other routine business, the guest speaker, Dr. Abner Robertson, State Executive Secretary, was introduced. He brought a most interesting message to parents and teachers concerning the problems of today's children. Mrs. McCall responded to Dr. Robertson with a gracious work of appreciation for his visit at this time.

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. L. L. Lonas for a Founders' Day program. Mrs. Marshall Haydon read an article on the works and objectives of the National Congress. Mrs. Ossie Tipton read an article on the needs of the organization and Mrs. R. C. Haydon gave a most interesting and inspiring talk on the work of our own pioneers, naming the early officers and outlining the work from the beginning. It was interesting to note the financial reports of the early days and the many activities in which they were engaged. She read several clippings from 1920 issues of the Manassas Journal which were greatly enjoyed.

A silent tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs. J. B. T. Thornton, whose interest in the league never ceased during her lifetime.

After the program, the social committee, Mrs. W. F. Dowell and Mrs. V. V. Gillum, entertained, having arranged a most attractive tea table, which was presided over by Mrs. R. S. Hynson, one of the first presidents. The chief decoration was a beautiful three tier cake made by Mrs. Lawrence Gregory, one of the P-T. A. workers.

Candles were lighted in honor of the following leaders: Mrs. Birney and Mrs. Hearst, National Founders; Miss Grace Moran, Organizer; Mrs. J. B. T. Thornton, Mrs. E. H. Hibbs and Mrs. S. E. Bevans, Assistant Organizers, Miss Eugenia Osbourn, Mrs. Ashby Lewis Burks, First President; Mrs. F. L. Browning, First Vice-president; Mrs. J. P. Lyon, First Secretary; Mrs. R. S. Hynson, Second President; Mrs. Ewell Evans, Third President and Mrs. E. R. Conner, Treasurer.

Those participating in lighting the candles were Dr. Robertson, Mrs. Tipton, Miss Sue Ayres, Miss Pauline Smith, Miss Lula D. Metz, Mrs. R. M. Graham, Mrs. McCall, Mrs. E. M. Roof, Mrs. Gillum, Mrs. R. L. Byrd, Miss Laurine Billings, Mrs. Lonas, Miss Nancy Waters, and little Miss Jean Lewis, who lighted one in honor of her grandmother, Mrs. Burks.

Miss Lula Metz was asked to cut the cake, which proved to be as delicious as beautiful, and a vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Gregory.

The spirit of the meeting was evidenced in the exchange of greetings and reminiscences around the tea table until a late hour. Among the guests of honor were Mrs. R. S. Hynson and Mrs. Ewell Evans, who both promised to come again soon.

TO PLAY AT WARRENTON

Friday nite the Manassas High boys travel to Warrenton to play the Warrenton boys. The Manassas girls will play a tie off, to decide the section championship, with Haymarket girls.

The game will be played at Warrenton Friday night. So get out your horse and buggy, you bicycle on your old gallop and get two bits and come to Warrenton and root for your team. "Beat Haymarket" is the battle cry.