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## WILL PROMOTE SCHOOL LIBRARY

### Committee Appointed At Alumni Banquet For This Purpose

Saturday evening saw the annual initiation of the immediate alumni of the Manassas High School. As usual it was held at the high school auditorium although the ever-increasing numbers indicate that seating capacity is about taxed to the limit.

As previously stated the central theme of the evening was the library, the thought being to carry forward some of the ideas advanced last year by Miss Eugenia, Mr. Wagener, and others.

After the invocation by Rev. J. F. Burks, the ladies of the P. T. A., assisted by the Home Economic girls, put on a very nice supper, which punctuated largely by 1939 which was there almost en masse. They called on all their favorites to make themselves known amidst lusty applause. They applied to the same idea to the usual roll of classes.

In the absence of Rev. Joe Gulick, Wheatley Johnson kept the banner of 1905 on high, with an unsupported class yell went over with the usual gusto.

"Miss Eugenia's Bookshelf" progressed as Toastmaster and Librarian W. Hill Brown called on his aides, after a cheery word of welcome to all. Judge also urged them as an evidence of interest to try and read some good book at least once a year.

Treasurer C. Lacey Compton reported that about one third of the sum projected for modernizing the gymnasium had been raised.

The Manassas of a few years back was called to mind vividly and humorously by Mr. Johnson who told of the olden scenes that could be brought to mind since the first class (1896) graduated from the old Manassas Institute. Quite a number of very interesting anecdotes were interwoven with his remarks. The course of his address showed plainly the development of the school and the community, intermixed with a little political economy. He closed with a good wish and a toast for the future.

"Musical Books" were rendered by Miss Mary Lee Rutan and Mrs. Gladys Ball White, both of whom were encored. An extempore "book" was given by Miss Nancy Waters who read some poems by Dr. Elizabeth Waters.

This was followed by J. Jenkens Davies who added his advice to the assembly, and closed with a toast to "Miss Eugenia". He, too, urged consistent support for the library.

"Anthology of Poetry" by Alice Boorman Williamson which proved to be a very sweet array of original poems by the lady herself.

Mr. Clarence Wagener, who has done so much to further the cause of the school library, spoke of the plans for creating interest in the work. He referred to the book review contest in warm words, presenting Miss Waters with a special gift for her assistance in the judging work. First prize was given to Miss Lelia Dowell and second to Miss Helen Kane.

Professor Peters gave what the program termed a "book review".

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## CHAPTER HONORS BERKELEY FAMILY

### Flag Presented To Memorialize Former Chapter President

The 8th Va. Reg't Chapter, U. D. C. Hall was well filled with members and friends on the afternoon of Monday, June 3rd to honor the memory of the President of the Confederacy Jefferson Davis, and the first President of the Chapter Miss Lucy Fontaine Berkeley, who passed away five years ago. The outstanding feature was the presentation to the chapter by Mrs. T. L. Berkeley, of Alexandria, a Confederate flag, the Stars and Bars. In presenting the flag.

Mrs. Berkeley said:

"Madam, President, Daughters of the U. D. C., 8th, Va. Reg't. I have the honor of presenting this flag in memory of our beloved, first and only President, until her death; Miss Lucy Fontaine Berkeley, whose memory, we shall always love and cherish."

After the acceptance of the flag by the chapter, Mr. R. B. Gossom was asked to speak in response to the presentation.

Mr. Gossom so well qualified to do this honor, being long associated with the family, as Trustee of Evergreen.

He spoke of the family's contribution to the Confederate cause, father and three uncles, all officers in the 8th Va. Reg't., a brother in the cadet corps. Va. Military Institute; of the family's noble lineage, of the beautiful Miss Lucy, her brilliant mind; yet so modest and unassuming, so gracious and devoted in serving her loved ones and ever doing good to those in need of sympathy and help. He likened her presence to a ray of sunshine through a rift in a cloudy sky; that during their many pleasant associations, he always delighted in doing her a favor, so sincere was she in her appreciation of the least.

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## RECEIVES LAW DEGREE THIS EVENING

### Mrs. Nelle Hyde Holmes, well known in business and political circles of Prince William County, will be among those who will receive their law degrees at Columbus University exercises this evening at Constitution this evening.

### Mr. John W. Cannon, formerly of Manassas but who for years has resided in Washington, died yesterday.

### The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon, at 2 p. m. at Baker's Chapel, Rev. W. O. Luttrell, officiating minister.

## DANCE AT BRENTSVILLE

There will be a round and square dance at the old Courthouse at Brentsville, Saturday night, June 8, sponsored by "The Young People's Club". Music will be furnished by home talent.

## MR. WATERS NEEDS RED CROSS CONTRIBUTIONS

On May the 28th the goal of the War Relief Fund being raised by the American Red Cross, was increased to a minimum of \$20,000,000. Chapters have been requested to press their efforts so that they may secure the maximum response from their communities by June 30th.

The funds received by the National organization will be used entirely and exclusively for war relief and no part of them will be applied toward the support of the normal program and expenditures of the Red Cross.

The American Red Cross, will apply the funds raised in this campaign for extending aid through the French and British Red Cross Societies and through other responsible operating organizations of the counties where assistance has been requested and is being given.

A Red Cross ship, loaded with supplies for the relief of the wounded, sick and needy refugees of France and Belgium will sail around June, first for Bordeaux, France.

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## HOWARD SMITH REBUKES EDITOR OF THE RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH

### Resents Un-American Attitude Of Richmond Newspaper

May 31, 1940  
Personal  
Mr. Virginius Dabney, Editor, "Times Dispatch", Richmond, Virginia.

Sir:  
The despicable deception perpetrated upon the readers of the "Times Dispatch" by the editorial in your paper of May 19th entitled, "Fifth-Column Jitters" impells me, in the interest of accurate information to the public in these times of peril, to take notice of statements that in normal times I would ignore.

In your attack upon me, you characterize me as "sponsor of a dangerous antialien bill which passed the House last year". For the information of your readers, it should be known that the bill passed the House by a vote 272 to 48. Its provisions, briefly, are as follows:

1. It prohibits subversive efforts to effect the loyalty and discipline of the United States Army; (this provision was drafted and endorsed by the United States Navy Department and endorsed by the War Department).
2. It makes it unlawful for persons to advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force and violence;
3. It orders the mandatory deportation of aliens who unlawfully assist in smuggling other aliens into the country, of aliens who violate the narcotic laws of any State, of aliens who are machine gun gangsters and convicted criminals;
4. It requires the fingerprinting and registration of all aliens in the United States and of all aliens who may hereafter be admitted;
5. It excludes from admission to the United States aliens who are anarchists or who advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force.

Your readers will agree with me that it is a "dangerous antialien bill", but dangerous only to the subversive "fifth column" movement which has assisted in the destruction of so many European governments in recent weeks, and which apparently you seek to protect through your vaunted advocacy of the Constitutional right of freedom of speech and of the press.

In your attack upon me, you further state that, when asked if a certain

provision of the foregoing bill violated the guarantee of freedom of speech and the press, I replied "I do not think so. If it does, we ought to change the Constitution". You carefully refrain from advising your readers what the "certain provision" referred to was. The question propounded to me was whether the provisions prohibiting any person from advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force and violence violated the "right of freedom of speech and freedom of the press, and I replied then as I would reply now, that, if it did, the Constitution ought to be amended. Of course, such a provision violates no right of freedom of speech or of the press. The Bill of Rights and the Constitution were never designed to protect treason.

This bill passed the House on the 29th day of July 1939, before the present war started, and it will be heartening to your readers to realize that, notwithstanding the carping criticism of some self-styled liberals, their Congress had the foresight, by a vote of 272 to 48, to pass such a bill, even before the emergency arose, and that every Member of the Virginia Delegation in Congress supported the bill.

For the further information of your readers, my so-called "dangerous antialien bill" was favorably reported by the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate on yesterday without a dissenting vote.

People in responsible positions in Washington, devoting their energies to preparing to meet the emergency that has come upon us, have little time at present to meet flank attacks from those who should be giving us their wholehearted support in this hour of the country's peril, and I take notice of your publication only for the purpose of letting your readers be informed of the facts, which you should have given them, if you saw fit at all to notice my feeble efforts.

I trust that your belief in the Constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech and of the press will lead you to accede to my request that this, my answer, be published in full and given as prominent a place in your paper as that given your unwarranted attack upon me.

Very truly yours, Howard W. Smith.

## ODD FELLOWS INITIATION

On Monday evening, May 27, Highland Lodge, I. O. O. F. initiated a class of new members, and after the ceremony were treated with delicious sandwiches and coffee. Special plans are being made for an important Odd Fellow event in Manassas on June 26.

## STRAWBERRY AND ICE CREAM FESTIVAL

A strawberry and ice cream festival will be held at the Gainesville M. E. Church next Wednesday, June 12, beginning at 5 p. m.

## GRADUATION AT THE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

In our next issue we plan to publish a picture of the distinguished speaker and a full account of the graduation exercises held last Thursday at the Regional High School.

An exceptionally fine class completed the work this year and the exercises were very impressive.

Any contribution to the Red Cross, however small, will be helpful.

## NOKESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

John Walter Bittle, Ray Diehl, Harold Hopkins, Warren Landes, Ernest Spitzer, Mae Diehl, Frances Ellis, Marie Herndon, Dorothy Hopkins, Virginia Hyde, Jean Leach, Betty Michael, Anna Miller, Ethel Schaeffer, Vada Lee Stultz, Helen Taylor, Barbara Wood and Wilma Lee Wood.

## HON. JERE WILLIS GUEST SPEAKER

### Manassas Graduates Get Practical Advice From Prominent Virginian

Graduation last week brought much happiness and just a little sadness to the many splendid young graduates of the county high schools. The spirit of the times tempered the ceremonies to no little degree. The speakers were more serious than usual, and the young people were urged to help keep the world on the its feet so far as humanly possible.

Such a talk was the one given here by Hon. Jere Willis, former Mayor of Fredericksburg, Va. Interspersed with some old-fashioned humor was a prevailing appeal to the young mind to prepare itself not for a changing mechanical world so much as for a world upheaved by barbarian cataclysms that will need more and more the practicable, sensible attitude of thinking people.

Mr. Willis was introduced by Hon. E. R. Conner, legislative delegate from this county and Stafford.

Other highpoints in the program were the awarding of prizes and the diplomas. The former were presented by "O. D." Waters as follows:

- Charles E. Lipscomb Award—Kite Roseberry.
- Fannie Osbourn Metz English Prize—Tommy Athey.
- Third Year Latin Prize—Tommy Athey.
- Lucy Arrington Commercial Prize—Violet Mae Kane.
- George C. Round Prize (High Average for 4 years)—Tommy Athey.
- George Oliver Lynch Athletic Prize—Guy Bowers.
- Home Economics Prize—Margaret Hundley.
- Elizabeth Quarles Johnson Mathematics Prize—Peggy Tipton.
- Best Book Review in 3rd and 4th Year—Lelia Dowell.
- Best Book Review in 2nd Year—Helen Kane.

Professor Peters presented diplomas to the graduates, who are named in the accompanying picture.

The program closed with a very sweet little word of farewell from Principal Peters to his charges.

The invocation was given by Rev. Luttrell and the benediction by Rev. Gibson. Music was furnished by the Glee Club under direction of Miss Miriam Blough, Miss Nancy Waters, accompanying.

The executive board meeting of the Manassas Woman's Club will be held at the home of Mrs. Lloyd on Tuesday, 1:30 p. m.

## U D C HERE HONORS PRESIDENT DAVIS

### Col Hutchison Speaks At Memorial Exercises

The motto of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, "Love Makes Memory Eternal" was never more manifest than on Monday, June 3rd when U. D. C. members and friends met at the confederate cemetery to engage in a memorial service commemorating the birthday of Jefferson Davis and to perpetuate the memory of departed veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy.

The program opened with a procession of children led by Mrs. McDuff Green and her small son, Sammy, while Mrs. Dennis Baker played softly on the organ, "Onward Christian Soldiers".

Bo Williams, Morton Ellis, Jr., Tommy Beane, Renbert Parler and Richard Graham carried Confederate flags and formed a bower under which the smaller children passed into the enclosed burial plot, where a profusion of lovely flowers were tenderly scattered over the confederate graves by Mary Lou Trimmer, Anne Warren Coleman, Kathrine and Martha Graham, Joan Alpaugh, Mary Louise and Robert Wine, Bettie and Mary Blakemore, Dolly Lonas, Kathrine Dennis Baker, Peggy Anne Rice, Georgia Lee and Mary Ellen Beale. All lineal descendants of Confederate veterans.

Mr. Stanley Owens was master of ceremonies and Rev. A. Stuart Gibson impressively read the U. D. C. ritual. Mrs. James E. Rice sang in a clear, sweet voice, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia".

A beautiful tribute to the late Mrs. J. B. T. Thornton was given by Mrs. Robert A. Hutchison.

Hon. E. R. Conner, in a few well chosen words introduced Col. Robt. A. Hutchison, who touched briefly on the life of Jefferson Davis and the principles for which he stood. He paid a glowing tribute to the men who wore the gray and to the loyal and faithful Daughters of the Confederacy. He diverged and was most eloquent in calling attention to a National Patriotism, exclaiming, "The flag of the United States is my flag and this is my Country; let us have no boeing in from without".

Mrs. Dennis Baker read a poem, "The Blue and the Gray" which most appropriately followed Col. Hutchison's address.

Essay prizes were awarded to students of the Osbourn High School in a most pleasing ceremony as follows:

Mr. Arthur Sinclair presented the 7th grade prize to W. Fred Dowell, Jr., Rev. R. M. Graham, the junior prize to Roger W. Cross, Jr., and Judge C. Lacey Compton, the senior prize to Miss Elizabeth Stuart Miller.

The benediction was pronounced by Graham.

Mrs. R. L. Byrd was chairman of program and arrangements; assisting her were, Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. R. B. Larkin, Mrs. Dennis Baker, Mrs. Joseph Kinchele, Mrs. C. B. Compton, Mrs. G. G. Allen, Mrs. W. A. Newman and Mrs. Warren Coleman.

## "JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB LUNCHEON"

On Saturday, June 1st, thirty-two members of the Virginia Federation Junior Woman's Club attended a delightful luncheon at Dicky Ridge Inn on the Skyline Drive. After luncheon the club members played bridge. The president of the district, Mrs. Jane Mauck, of Leesburg, presided. Mrs. Jack Ratcliffe, of Manassas, and Mrs. Hansberger, of Orange, were in charge of the arrangements of the enjoyable outing. Those representing the Manassas Junior Women were:

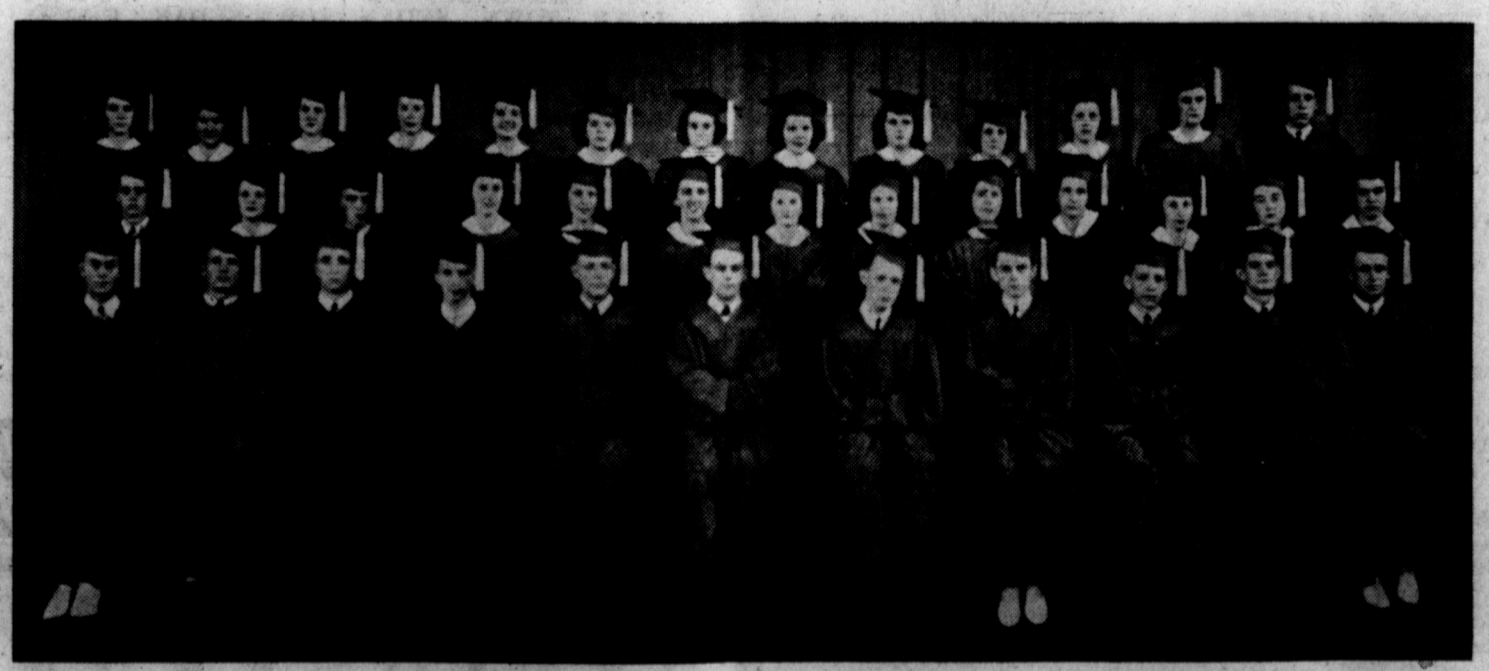
Mrs. Arthur Sinclair, II; Mrs. Hawes Davies, Jr.; Mrs. Charles M. Harris, Mrs. Ralph Sharrett, Mrs. R. Jackson Ratcliffe, Mrs. Connie Kinchele, Mrs. Carl Kinchele, Miss Walsler Conner, Miss Money D. Lynch and Miss Miriam Lynn.

## SUDLEY STRAW-BERRY FESTIVAL

A supper of ham and all the "fixings", with strawberries and ice cream for dessert, will be served at Sudley Church, Friday, June 7, beginning at 4 p. m.

Come, bring your family and spend a jolly evening with your old friends.

## GRADUATING CLASS—OSBOURN HIGH SCHOOL—MANASSAS



Back row: left to right: Violet Mae Kane, Dorothy Wilkerson, Marie Bauserman, Dorothy Luttrell, Dorothy Rollins, Juanita Luttrell, Hazel Weaver, Edith LaFevre, Elizabeth Miller, Lelia Dellinger, Virginia Bradshaw, Lucille Herndon, Tommy Athey  
Middle row: left to right: Caton Merchant, Vivian Whetzel, Wayne Coverstone, Lelia Dowell, June Pickeral, Sara Margaret Senseny, Mittie Thomas, Patsy Merchant, Margaret Holloway, Mildred Akers, Catherine Mae Rexrode, Mildred Merchant, Tracy Clemens  
Front row: left to right: Wallace Partlow, John Counts, Eugene Curtis, William Knox, Leonard Lonas, Frank Browning, Billy Blakemore, Garland Boatwright, Marvin Gillum, Harry Parish, Kite Roseberry, Doris Schaeffer absent when picture was taken. (Photo by Grady Cooper)