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JOURNAL PRINTER KILLED BY TRAIN

Had Been Popular Resident Of
Town For Years



Thomas Franklin Zimmermann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Zimmermann, of Washington, D. C., and a valued employee of the Journal for the past several years met sudden death on Sunday forenoon in a most tragic manner.

From varying accounts it appears that in company with Mr. Roger Cross they had been down to inspect the new power plant and were returning toward their respective homes when the latter heard a train and signaled Zimmermann and ran on ahead with both young men in pursuit of a pet dog.

Mr. Cross recovered the animal, and turned away from the tracks, nodding toward the approaching train which he heard in the distance.

Apparently young Zimmermann either did not observe his motion, or merely took the nod for a pleasant gesture of some sort, and continued his course, using the outer side of the south bound track.

It is stated that both trainmen and others motioned wildly to him without avail, and the engineer seemingly made no effort to stop until immediately upon the unfortunate youth. The force of the blow was sufficient, it is stated, to rip off his very shoes and socks.

The remains were removed to Baker's Funeral home until Monday afternoon when they were taken to Washington for the funeral ceremony and cremation.

The entire town has been most sympathetic in its attitude, and both his family and his employers feel very grateful. It is reported that another tragic angle to the affair is the fact that he was to have been married at Christmas time.

Surviving the deceased are besides his parents, his brother, Woodrow Zimmermann, also an employee of the Journal, another brother, Kenneth, who attends school in Washington and resides with his parents there.

A number of his friends went to Washington on Tuesday evening and paid the final honors to the dead lad. The funeral wreaths were numerous and beautiful.

Attending from Manassas:

Miss Sarah Margaret Senseney, Miss Mary Senseney, Miss Dorothy Rollins, Miss Letha Foster, Mrs. Ernest Spittler, Mr. Ernest Spittler, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. Dennis Baker, Mr. Worth H. Storke, Mr. Roy Rinaldo, Mrs. Lacie Mullins, Mr. Lacie Mullins and Mr. Patrick J. Murphy from Manassas Journal.

ZIMMERMANN FUNERAL

Funeral services for Thomas Franklin Zimmermann, ex-'42, who was killed while walking on the railroad right-of-way at Manassas, Virginia, where he was employed as a printer, were held in the Lee Funeral Home in Washington, D. C., Tuesday evening, December 4. The body was cremated.

The youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Zimmermann of 10 Kendall Green, was employed as a printer for the Manassas Journal. At the time of the accident he was walking on the tracks slightly in advance of two companions, and evidently failed to notice the approach of the train until it was too late to avoid being struck.

The simple and impressive rites which characterized the funeral were assisted by several members of the Gallaudet College faculty, alumni, and undergraduate student body. Professor Harley D. Drake, assisted orally by Dr. Percival Hall, recited the Lords Prayer and recounted a brief history of the deceased. Mrs. Roy J. Stewart, and Miss Vinona Long, with Miss Lorraine Frater and Dr. Hall interpreting, rendered several fitting and touching poems in signs. Surviving besides his parents are two brothers, Kenneth of this city, and Woodrow of Manassas.

Thomas F. Zimmermann was born and raised in the city of Washington, and attended the Kendall School for the Deaf where he learned the printers trade. His education also includ-

Prince William Induct First Man Into Service Under New Laws



Scene at Draft Board Headquarters last Thursday. Seated are Mrs. W. W. Mills, of Topeka, Kansas, and Mrs. W. T. Brown, grandmother and mother of Mills Brown. Standing are (left to right): C. C. Cloe, chairman of the local draft board, Mayor J. Hunt Moncure, of Quantico, Mills Brown, Prince William's first citizen to be inducted into the armed forces of the United States under the new laws, and Mayor Harry P. Davis, of Manassas.

—Photo by W. H. Lamb.

KIWANIS CLUB WILL HOLD LADIES NIGHT TOMORROW

The Manassas Kiwanis Club is preparing for its annual Ladies Night tomorrow evening in the basement of Grace M. E. Church. The entertainment committee is actively engaged in preparing a series of splendid features. A photograph will be made of the banquet.

Mr. Arnould, head of the Bull Run Power Company, gave an impromptu talk on the growth and prospects of his company, delighting the club with his picture of increased rural service.

The Xmas fund benefit was discussed at length and the ticket committee for the theatre benefit got into action with a will.

Mrs. Mildred Russell Lehmann, daughter of the late H. O. Russell of Cherry Hill, is desirous of aid in the work formerly carried on by her father in the Christmas of toys and candy, and her letter to the club was read by Secretary Graham.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CAGERS BEGIN PRACTICE

The Manassas Fireman basketball team will swing into action Monday night, Dec. 9, when they will hold their first practice. All of last year's players are requested to be present and anyone else interested in playing should also be there. Practice will start at 8 in the Manassas High School gymnasium.

TRINITY GUILD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Trinity Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Bradford, sr., on Tues., Dec. 10, at 2:30 p. m.

The president requests that each member bring their birthday calendar at this time.

SECTION TO MEET WITH MRS. LLOYD

The Fine Arts Section of the Woman's Club of Manassas will hold its December meeting on Tuesday, the 17th at the home of Mrs. W. L. Lloyd.

Miss Sue Ayres will be assistant hostess. An interesting Christmas program is being prepared for this meeting.

SCHOOL PLAY POSTPONED

The Womanless Wedding, sponsored by the Senior Class of Osborn High School, which was scheduled to be performed on Thursday, Dec. 5, has been postponed and will now take place on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

ed one year at Gallaudet College. Active in social activities and athletics, having played on the varsity basketball teams of both the Kendall School and Gallaudet, Thomas Zimmermann developed a likeable personality, and his untimely death leaves a host of shocked and saddened friends. (Written by editor of Gallaudet College student paper of Washington, D. C.)

PRINCE WILLIAM BANKERS HONORED

At a meeting of the Loudoun, Fauquier, Prince William Clearing House Association held last week at Round Hill, Mr. B. W. Brunt, Cashier of the Nokesville Bank was elected Vice-President, and Mr. H. Ewing Wall, Cashier of the Quantico National Bank was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The Association will not hold a December meeting, but will meet on the fourth Tuesday in January at Warrenton.

HEAR GROUPS WILL CONSOLIDATE SOON

At recent meetings of the National Farm Loan Association boards of Fauquier and Prince William Counties it was determined to open a new office to handle the affairs of both associations. Mr. J. J. Conner and Mr. T. R. Hurst of Pr. Wm. County were elected as a committee of two to meet with a committee from Fauquier County for the purpose of selection a site and a secretary-Treasurer for the group office.

F. F. A. TO GIVE WOMANLESS WEDDING

Come one, come all, to the Womanless Wedding given by the Nokesville F. F. A. Chapter in the school auditorium on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Elwood Long is the blushing bride and Paul Rollins, the unlucky groom. Mr. R. W. Beamer, maid of honor, and Harry Fitzwater, best man will attend the bride and groom to the altar of matrimony where the Reverend Miller R. Whetzel will officiate the wedding ceremony.

Everyone is promised a big laugh from the colorful imitations that the husky Future Farmers will make of the fairer sex.

In addition to the wedding, there will be a box supper given by the Home Economics girls. Everyone is urged to attend.

WOULD SAVE STATE'S LARGEST TREES

The Virginia Forest Service is cooperating with the American Forestry Association in a movement which the latter is sponsoring to locate and preserve the largest specimens of American trees. It is hoped to discover not only the largest trees in the nation but in the individual states as well.

This movement will appeal to all public spirited citizens. Each community will want to be certain that no trees of outstanding size in the neighborhood escape consideration. To this end all persons who know of a tree of unusual size are requested to report the location, ownership, species and approximate size to F. C. Pederson, State Forester, Box 1368, University Station, Charlottesville, Va., Who will later check on the data submitted and forward the necessary information concerning the largest trees found as the result of this proposed survey to the sponsor for the nationwide movement.

LAYMEN HEAR SEMINARY DEAN

On Monday evening approximately one hundred and eighty members of the Laymen's League of Northern Virginia and visitors assembled at the Fireman's Hall, Cherrydale as the guests of Epiphany church and its Rector, Rev. Webster Horstman.

After a splendid turkey dinner was served by the young ladies of the congregation, Bishop Goodwin, of the Virginia Diocese, made a short talk of congratulatory nature to the laymen present, and introduced Rev. A. C. Zabriskie, who succeeded Dean Rollins who retired as head of the Theological Seminary last Spring.

Dr. Zabriskie gave a very enlightening talk on the history of the Seminary since its establishment in 1833. He paid especial honors to the Confederate leaders who established religious centers in the camps, particularly in the winter of 1862-63 when the work of the Theological Seminary again sprang up with candidates who previously been Confederate officers.

Group singing was indulged in with Mr. Walter Oliver at the piano and Mr. George Robey leading. Bishop Goodwin referred to this singing in his brief talk, and was highly complimentary.

Chairman W. Frank Humme, of St. Timothy's, Herndon (Upper Truro Parish) presided. A rising vote of thanks was given to the fair sex at his suggestion for the evening's entertainment.

The next place of meeting will be left to the executive committee and will be held sometime in May, 1941.

VISITING I. O. O. F. TEAM HERE ON TUESDAY

The degree team of Potomac Lodge, I. O. O. F. No. 38, of Alexandria, will be here on Tuesday evening, Dec. 10, to put on the third degree for Highland Lodge.

All Odd Fellows in this area are invited to attend and see the excellent drill work of the visiting team.

EASTERN STAR HOLD GRAND VISITATION NIGHT

The Wimodausis Chapter of the Eastern Star held their grand visitation night, Wed. Dec. 4. There was a large attendance and over sixty visitors from nearby communities.

WILL GIVE SPECIAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Prince William County Teachers' chorus will sing a program of Christmas music in the Manassas Baptist Church, during the evening service Sunday, Dec. 8.

MONTHLY MEETING OF YOUNG DEMOCRATES

The Young Democratic Club of Pr. Wm. Co. will hold its monthly meeting at the court house, Tuesday night, Dec. 10, at 8 p. m.

As this will be the last meeting of the year, it is important that all members be present.

MANASSAS MERCHANTS OPEN CHRISTMAS SHOPPING CAMPAIGN

T. B. SEALS MEAN BETTER HEALTH FOR SOMEONE

Christmas Seal funds are like "seed corn" not to be eaten but to be sown. Put your pennies into this seed that it may bring forth perfect specimens of health.

Christmas is the only time of the year when the prince William County T. B. Association raises money, but the union of this organization goes on through the year.

U. D. C. ANNOUNCES ESSAY PRIZES

Chapter Discusses Hospitalization During War

Mrs. Dennis Baker and Mrs. Marshall Douglass were hostesses yesterday afternoon to the Manassas U. D. C. Chapter at Mrs. Baker's home on West Street. The president, Mrs. McDuff Green called the meeting to order, the usual opening exercises followed.

The historical subject was "Hospitalization of 1861-1865". Several members spoke informally of local hospitals or homes used as such. Mrs. T. J. Ashford related a story of romance in connection with a hospital at Bristow in which Miss "Pink" Lipscomb nursed back to health a Northern soldier, who after the close of the War came back to claim Miss Lipscomb as his bride. The young couple went West to live in Colorado; a happy sequel to a war romance.

Mrs. Douglass spoke of a large brick hotel known in years past as "Blue Ridge Hotel" at Standardsville, Va., being used as a hospital and of General Ewell's encampment at Swift Run Gap.

Mrs. E. H. Hibbs selected for her subject, the several places near the Manassas Battlefield; Sudley Church, where her great grandmother, Mrs. Anna Bolling Ratcliffe Thornton, who nursed the soldier lads wounded in battles; of Pittsylvania, a Carter place where all the beds were occupied and pallets were made on the floor for the wounded and dying; of the Chinn House or Hazel Plains, where an old well was filled with amputated limbs and afterwards covered with stone; of the large Sudley House around, which lingers the unique story of the Benson family.

Perhaps the most interesting was related of "Effingham" by Mrs. McDuff Green, displayed a handsome silver cup inscribed "T. C. W. to Miss H. E. H. Kindness to sick soldiers 1861". The cup was sent to Miss Harriet Howison of Effingham by a Northern Soldier but no one now can interpret "T. C. W.". Miss Howison later became Mrs. Love.

Mrs. R. L. Byrd announced the following prizes for essays offered by the Virginia Division, U. D. C. in the schools of the State.

(1) To Seniors in High Schools, \$10.00 for the best paper on Admiral Semmes.

\$5.00 for the second best on this subject.

(2) To Juniors in High Schools, \$10.00 for best paper on Major Gen. J. E. B. Stuart.

\$5.00 for second best paper on this subject.

(3) In Grade Schools-Seventh Grade, \$5.00 for best paper on "Mrs. Robert E. Lee".

Copies of General Lee's picture for second and third best papers.

(4) Sixth Grade, \$5.00 for best paper on "My Favorite Confederate Hero".

Picture of the hero chosen as subject will be given for second and third best papers.

The Manassas Chapter augments this offer by a cash prize of \$2.50 to each section named above except the seventh grade to which is awarded the Sinclair Memorial Prize.

On recommendation of Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson, the chapter voted to purchase a copy of "Mrs. Robert E. Lee" to place in library supplementing copy already on shelf as reference books for seventh grade teachers.

The registrar Mrs. B. F. Knox was authorized to order eight sets of membership papers. The treasurer, Mrs. G. G. Allen gave a report on financial status and made request for all members to pay dues promptly in January. Mrs. N. K. Middleton sent in report of correspondence.

Popular Plan Of Offering Prizes Announced By Chamber Of Commerce

The campaign began Monday, December 2, On Monday, December 9, the stubs of tickets issued the preceding week will be collected and not to exceed 250 of such stubs will be drawn, the numbers of which will represent tickets entitling the holders to admission to Pitts Theatre (except for special advance price performances) upon presentation of an order or special ticket, to be obtained from Stanley A. Owens, to the ticket agent of said Theatre and the payment by the holders of U. S. tax of 3 cents where tax may be imposed on such holders.

On Monday, December 16, the stubs of tickets issued the preceding week will likewise be collected and not to exceed 250 stubs from such preceding week only will be drawn which shall have the same privileges and be subject to the same conditions as set forth in the preceding paragraph.

The numbers of stubs referred to in the two preceding paragraphs will be published in The Manassas Journal the week drawn and each subsequent week through December 26.

The order of admission to the Theatre must be used not later than December 31, 1940, and will be void after that time.

No drawings for Theatre tickets will be conducted after December 16 as aforesaid.

On December 27, at Pitts Theatre, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., the stubs of all tickets issued in the campaign, including those drawn for Theatre Tickets will be lumped and twenty-five (25) stubs will be drawn and placed in consecutive order to represent the official list which will include the numbers of the nine (9) prize winning tickets. In the issue of the Manassas Journal dated January 2, and January 9, 1941, the twenty-five (25) ticket numbers will be published. If holders of such numbers do not report their tickets to the office of Stanley A. Owens by not later than 12:00 o'clock noon on January 13, 1941, that particular number will be eliminated from consideration and the next number in order will be moved up, etc. (See Advertisement on Page 7)

EXECUTIVE BOARD TO MEET WITH MRS DALTON

Executive Board of the Woman's Club of Manassas meets at the home of Mrs. C. Wade-Dalton's, Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 10 a. m.

The December meeting of the Woman's Club of Manassas will meet at the Parish House, Monday, Dec. 9 at 2:30 p. m.

CHURCH FOOD SALE

The Women's Work Organization of the Manassas Church of the Brethren will hold a food and hand made article sale on Dec 7, 1940, at Hottle and Kline Monument shop

FRATERNAL ORDER TO HOLD OYSTER SUPPER

The Daughters of America are giving an oyster supper at old Brentsville Courthouse next Wednesday evening (December 11th). There will be games and amusements.

PRIZE OFFERED

The Manassas Garden Club is offering its annual prize of one dollar and a half to the store having the most attractive Christmas window. The windows will be judged on Friday before Christmas, the twentieth of December, by members of the club.

The relief committee, Mrs. W. F. Dowell, chairman, was requested to distribute the usual number of Christmas remembrance baskets. Announcement was made that Mrs. McDuff Green, fourth district chairman and Mrs. Rob. A. Hutchison, former district chairman, will, on January 17, be a great speakers of the Stanardsville Chapter at the high school. The subjects chosen by the hostess chapter are Lee and Jackson respectively.

After adjournment, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Douglas served delicious refreshments.

Attending from a distance was Mrs. Clyde W. Rector of near Upperville.