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PEANUT FESTIVAL A GALA AFFAIR

Northern Virginia Princesses Report Occasion Very Enjoyable

Miss Walsler Conner of Manassas represented Prince William County as its princess at the National Festival at Suffolk, which was held Tuesday, February 28, and Wednesday, February 29. She substituted for her sister, Elvere, who was unable to attend because of illness. Miss Conner was accompanied by Miss Frances James who served as "Princess Arlington County" and Miss Phyllis Richardson, "Princess Fairfax County". The young ladies were driven to Suffolk, the world's largest peanut market, Tuesday morning by Mr. Edgar E. Rohr, who remained to enjoy the festivities with them and who acted as Miss Conner's escort. Miss James was escorted by Mr. James McLamore of Suffolk and Miss Richardson was escorted by Mr. Landis Small of Suffolk.

Upon their arrival in Suffolk the young ladies reported to the Chamber of Commerce, where they were given their official badges and instructions and were assigned to homes of private citizens for the duration of their stay. Miss Conner was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Beaman and Miss James and Miss Richardson stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Birdsong. After luncheon with their hosts, they were taken on a tour of several of the peanut plants in the city, where they learned the process of the peanuts from the field, through the numerous picking, cleaning and grading machines to the huge rooms where they were finally inspected by hundreds of negro or white "pickers" who pick out the defective peanuts by hand, and on to the department where uniformed women bottle, cap and pack peanut butter as it comes from the crushing machine. They also inspected the section of the Southern Planters plant where peanut brittle is made and salted or bagged or canned. Here they were presented with bags of peanuts and told to eat as much candy as they wanted.

At 7 o'clock the young ladies and their escorts were invited to the Planters Club where a delightful buffet supper was served. Then they were introduced to the queen of the festival, Miss Olive Cawley of New York, a beautiful brunette and famous model, and to the festival officials and their wives. Following the reception, a dance was given for the princesses and their escorts. At intermission they were addressed by Col. M. S. Battle, representing Governor Price, who welcomed them to the festival. They were then entertained by Felix Adler, noted circus clown, and by a negro quartette.

Wednesday morning all of the queen's court gathered at the "Peanut Park", the city stadium, and received instructions for their part in the coronation ceremonies. Then they were entertained at an oyster roast and barbecue at the Planters Club and had their pictures taken by newspaper, Pathe' movie and Life magazine photographers. The "Peanut Parade" started about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, with an estimated crowd of 11,000 lined along the parade course of several miles. The parade featured a dozen elaborately decorated floats, including the float of the queen and her amids of honor and two floats for the princesses, military units from the Hampton Roads area, a clown act headed by the "King of Clowns", and a dozen bands and drum and bugle corps. The floats upon which the queen and her court rode were decorated with azure blue and gold, and the queen was bedecked in a dress which was covered with peanuts and which weighed sixty pounds. The princesses wore evening dresses and wraps. At the termination of the parade at the stadium, the queen was escorted through the crowd down a long path of peanut hulls, past the reviewing stand of visiting notables, to a specially constructed throne, where she was joined by the fifty princesses representing the States of Virginia and North Carolina and various towns and counties of those states. Five thousand spectators in the stadium watched as Governor Price of Virginia placed a beautiful crown on the head of the queen and crowned her "Arachis Hypogea I", meaning "Peanut Queen".

The "royal court" and escorts, Governor Price, Governor J. M. Broughton of North Carolina, the numerous visiting Senators and

FIREMAN'S BANQUET

The annual banquet of the Manassas Fire Department is being held at the Prince William Hotel on Tuesday evening next. President Cockey announces that Hon. Colgate Darden will be the guest speaker for the occasion.

RED CROSS NOTES FINE WORK DONE

Reports at Board Meeting Are Quite Encouraging.

Officials and Committee Chairmen of Prince William County Chapter, American Red Cross, met in Executive Session, January 31, at the residence of the Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Marsteller, Manassas.

Mrs. Wm. Lloyd, chairman, presided and is gratefully appreciative of the magnificent work accomplished throughout the County in the last year.

Encouraging reports were presented by the Junior Red Cross's activities; the Production Committee has

met its quota of garments made and knitted; the Civilian Relief has in conjunction with the Welfare Board given fuel food and clothing to the county's needy, and is now engaged in having those repaired by the N. Y. A. students to further aid in local work. The establishment of First Aid Stations on the major highways of Prince William is rapidly being completed under the chairmanship of Mr. R. C. Haydon.

A class of First Aid has been taught by an instructor from National Headquarters. The new quota of garments has been accepted and will be shipped in the Spring to the evacuees in England.

Mr. O. D. Waters, Roll Call Chairman and Treasurer, presented his reports which showed the county had more than met the the War Relief double quotas and the Roll Call for 1940 is the largest in the history of Prince William.

Mrs. Lloyd thanked the chairman and asked them to carry to the various committees the hearty appreciation of the chapter for their untiring and generous activities in producing such valuable results.

GENE'S LUNCH MOVES TO NEW LOCATION

Mr. Eugene Mooney, who operated a lunch room on East Centre street for the past year, moved into his new quarters on North Main street last night.

"Gene" staged a colorful opening which was attended by a large group of friends and customers. The place is fitted out in the most modern and improved style, and represents a progressive step by a progressive young business man.

All day today he has kept a full quota of waitresses busy attending to the needs of the many who came to sample his wares. The accoutrements are sufficient to give the place a nice setting and to satisfy the desires of those looking for pleasant surroundings.

FINAL WARNING ON DOG TAGS

County Game Warden Brower is issuing a final warning to all owners of dogs in Prince William County whose dogs are four months of age or more that he will absolutely begin to enforce the penalty attached for failure to comply with the dog tax provisions immediately after publication of this memorandum.

Congressmen and festival officials were entertained at a cocktail party and buffet supper Wednesday evening on the palatial yacht of A. Obici, President of the Planters Nut & Chocolate Company. That night they danced in a large warehouse, among a crowd of six hundred, to the famous orchestra of Charley Barnett, which dance completed the two days of festivity.

The young ladies representing Prince William, Arlington and Fairfax report a "wonderful time". They returned to Manassas Thursday afternoon, loaded down with bags of peanuts for their friends, and full of praise for the people of Suffolk for their hospitality and cordiality. They do not hesitate to say that the first National Peanut Festival was a great success.

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HON. R. WALTON MOORE CRITICALLY ILL

Hon. R. Walton Moore, former Congressman of this district, is critically ill at his Fairfax home. Through the night his condition remained unchanged and it is feared that he will not regain consciousness.

Until a few days ago Mr. Moore was at his desk in the State Department, but weakened by illness, he suffered a relapse this week and is said to be sinking rapidly.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Women's Society of Christian Service met at the home of Mrs. L. M. Kite on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock with about thirty-five members present. Mrs. Bertha Embrey, who led the devotional services, had as her topic, "Stewardship of Brotherhood", after which Mrs. Dennis Baker led the group in a most interesting discussion of some of the minority groups in the United States, and what the Christian attitude should be toward them.

In the business meeting which followed two new members, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Carl Berryman, were reported.

After a very delightful reading by Mrs. Davis, entitled, "Higher Culture in Dixie", refreshments were served by Mrs. Kite and her assistant hostesses, Mrs. C. C. Fisher and Mrs. O. V. Kline.

The meeting adjourned to meet again on March 6, at the home of Mrs. J. H. Steele. Assistant hostesses will be Mrs. Dan Eutsler and Mrs. Robert Hottle.

FINE ARTS MEETING

The Fine Arts Section of the Manassas Woman's Club met Tuesday evening, January 28, at the home of Mrs. Lewis Carper with Mrs. W. F. Cockey as assistant hostess.

At the close of the business period Mrs. William L. Lloyd introduced the speaker of the evening, Miss Eugenia Osbourn, who spoke upon the subject, "The History of Reading and Writing". Miss Osbourn gave a splendid lecture which covered the story of those arts from primitive beginnings down to the present day. The club feels privileged to have had as able and interesting a presentation of this important phase of civilization.

Mrs. Carper gave an instructive talk upon composers of our native state, concluding with an account of the life and work of our most distinguished musician, Mr. John Powell. Miss Armstrong of Nokesville played a selection from the works of Mr. Powell, and, at the close of the program, the audience joined in singing "Old Virginia", which was composed by a native musician, J. H. Ruebush of Rockingham County. The hostesses then served delicious refreshments and the members enjoyed a social hour.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET MON.

The Manassas Woman's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting, Monday, February 10, at 2:30 p. m. in the Parish House. The following members are hostesses: Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, Mrs. Marion Lewis, Mrs. J. P. Lyon, Mrs. C. C. Lynn, Mrs. Francis M. Lewis, and Miss Margaret Lynch.

SELECTIVE SERVICE ORDERS

The following man has volunteered for service and training in the Land forces of the United States:

Order No. 83 Frank Anthony Coaplin Men ordered to report to the office of Dr. Stewart McBryde on Friday, February 7.

161 Joseph Geris, Wellington, Va. 162 Richard Elwood Sprow, jr., Quantico, Va.

165 Russell Linwood Miller, R. F. D. No. 3, Manassas, Va. 166 Hilton Albom Cornwell, R. F. D. No. 2, Manassas, Va.

168 Mack Lewis, Maymarket, Va. 169 Clarence Davis, Dumfries, Va.

The Prince William County Local Board met on Friday, January 31, with their new member, Mr. Murray B. Leach, who is replacing the late W. Holmes Robertson.

Charles Cashius Davis, Bristow, has volunteered for immediate training under the Selective Service Act. Questionnaires have been to registrants through Order Number 500.

The following shows the classification of the first one hundred registrants as given by this Local Board.

IA—24. IB—3. ID—1. II—1. III—58. IVF—13.

IMPORTANT LEGION MEETING IN MANASSAS

Prince William Post No. 158, the American Legion will be host to a big District meeting on February 17, according to a recent announcement by Vernon F. Kiblinger of Louisa, Eighth District Commander.

Plans are to hold the meeting in Osbourn High School, beginning with a program of business at 4 p. m. and concluding with a dinner served by the P-T. A. probably in the gymnasium. It is expected that about 200 guests will be present, including many women from auxiliaries in several cities.

Every veteran in Prince William County is strongly urged to attend this meeting. Officers of the State organization will be present, and there will be opportunity to learn at first hand about what the American Legion is doing in the State of Virginia.

Local committees working on plans for the meeting are as follows: Place of meeting and dinner, John M. DeChant, Wheatley M. Johnson and Marshall Haydon; Entertainment, M. S. Burchard, V. V. Gillum and C. O. Bittle.

BENNETT S. C. A. MEETS

The regular meeting of the Bennett S. C. A. was held on January 30, 1941, in the high school auditorium.

The President Marjorie Sloper, presided, the minutes were ready by the Secretary Bonnie Lynn, after which the different committees gave reports.

Mrs. Tipton's sixth grade gave a play called "Rip Van Winkle's Health Sleep" which was very much enjoyed by the audience. The meeting was then adjourned.

The Evensong Service will be held in the Trinity Episcopal Church, Sunday evening, February 9, at 7 p. m. The public is invited to attend.

LEE-MAURY PROGRAM TO GIVEN NEXT FRIDAY

The Lee-Jackson-Maury program, delayed on account of storms on January 16, will be given at the high school assembly next Friday, February 14, at 12:45. The chief feature of the program will be an address on Commodore Maury by Col. Robert Hutchison. Southern songs will be given by the Glee Club. Members of the U. D. C. are especially invited.

SPEAKER REVIEWS LEE BROADCAST

Local U. D. C. Will also Honor Its Oldest Member.

Mrs. V. V. Gillum and Mrs. Aylene Guthrie were hostesses to the Manassas Chapter U. D. C. on Wednesday afternoon at the Gillum's home on Grant avenue.

The president, Mrs. McDuff Green presided. Chapter historian, Mrs. R. L. Byrd presented an interesting program.

Mrs. Lewis J. Carper read a talk given by W. J. Cameron who used as his subject, "Robert E. Lee" on the Ford radio broadcast Sunday, January 19.

Mrs. T. J. Ashford read from the "Churchman" article by Rev. Churchill Gibson, subject, "J. E. B. Stuart". From the "Bulletin" Mrs. Marshall Douglas gave a "Mental Photograph" of Sidney Lanier, revealing the poetical and musical nature of the Southern genius. A poem contributed by Mrs. Carrie Kemper entitled "At Manassas" written by a Rebel of Hanover County, Va., and published in Richmond paper shortly after the battle of Manassas 1861 was read by Mrs. R. A. Hutchison.

The treasurer, Mrs. G. G. Allen gave report on finance and presented letters which were ready by the secretary from several absent members. Mrs. Nellie Clarkson Reading, a charter member wrote that she would always pay dues to the Manassas Chapter in memory of her father, Dr. H. M. Clarkson; Mrs. L. B. Kasehagan sent a message, also an article clipped from the "Washington Post", excerpts from a letter written by Mrs. Frederick Carpenter-Holland-Griffiths of Bedford, England, Mrs. Griffith, a sister of Mrs. Kasehagan and a member of Manassas Chapter, U. D. C., wrote in part quote, "We had a peaceful Christmas and one could almost hear the angels sing! And we have had a chance to breathe for two nights and could sleep! Had no turkey; heaps on the market, but \$1.00 a pound, too much—on prices are fabulous. They are cheap to grow; you can blame the law of supply and demand!"

Other members sending messages by letter were Mrs. F. K. Raymond, Mrs. Roberta Gulick and Mrs. Rose Meredith Kessler, chapter registrar. Mrs. B. F. Knox reported two sets of membership papers for Mrs. Isabel Harrison Neff and Mrs. Robbie Adamson near completion.

A communication from Mrs. Bruce Slonaker, chairman, of Winchester, written to Mrs. E. H. Hibbs, made clear the plans to raise \$9,400, the amount necessary to complete the Lee Mausoleum Foundation. This is to be a free will offering and Mrs. Slonaker feels that this is one of the important items of our historical work. The Daughters of Confederacy now have an ambulance costing \$1,150.00 doing service in England according to a report from the chairman, Mrs. Maude Merchant of Chatham. Following a suggestion by Mrs. E. H. Nash, special recognition was given to our oldest member in point of age old, by having announced over radio station W. J. S. V. February 6, the 100th birthday of Miss Louisa Scott Moxley of Greenwich. Miss Moxley was born in Missouri but came to the grove where she now resides when two years of age.

Mrs. E. H. Marsteller, radio chairman, reported a most delightful broadcast over W. J. S. V. by Major James Werth of Alexandria, a grandson of Matthew Fountaine Maury of whom Major Werth spoke. After the business session the hostesses served delicious refreshments and the twenty seven members present enjoyed a most pleasant social occasion. The hostesses for March will be Mrs. E. H. Marsteller, Mrs. O. D. Waters and Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson.

STOCK MARKET TO OPEN NEXT WEEK

Will Fill a New Field of Commercial Enterprise.

A new commercial enterprise that promises to be of great benefit to the farmers of Prince William, southern Loudoun, and Fairfax is the sale market constructed near the county line between Prince William and Fairfax on the Manassas-Centreville road.

The matter originated in the Prince William Chamber of Commerce and reached a climax when a group of farmers of Fairfax and Prince William organized a corporation. The details of the opening sales date are announced in other columns of this paper.

One of the things that farmers should bear in mind is the importance of supporting a venture of this kind right at the start. It gives all of them within reaching distance a better chance of selling their poultry, eggs and livestock than they have ever had before. To facilitate matters arrangements may be made by telephone to have stock brought to and removed from the grounds on the day of sale at a very nominal cost. The call number is listed with the Manassas telephone exchange.

The stock yard, if it may be so called, is a modern frame structure, 88 by 120 feet in dimensions. It is very accessible from the roadway, and ample parking room is being arranged regardless of the weather. It is electrified and has all modern sanitary conveniences. An up-to-date lunchroom is located on the second floor where are also the cashier's office and the general business offices. The stairway leading thereto is very easy to ascend.

In capacity, several hundred head of stock may be taken care of and a large amount of poultry and eggs. In fact most anything that a farmer desires to deal in will be handled, including machinery.

The auction sales room is directly in the center so as to be accessible from every portion of the building. In fact the whole design is very pleasing as well as very practical, and should prove a great aid to agricultural producers anywhere within twenty miles or more.

The sales manager is Mr. D. W. Garber. Officers, J. R. Eagle, President, D. W. Garber; Vice-President, Stanley A. Owens; Secretary-Treasurer. The other directors are as follows: M. G. Garber, Woodbridge; G. C. Russell, Woodbridge; T. P. Davis, Woodbridge; C. B. Fitzwater, Nokesville; G. W. Spinks, Nokesville; E. R. Conner, Manassas; I. J. Breeden, Manassas; O. J. Trenis, Manassas, and J. H. Eagle, Manassas.

KIWANIS CLUB ENJOYS SCENIC PROGRAM

An impressive motion picture in two reels was presented to the Kiwanis Club last Friday evening at the regular weekly meeting. This was done through the courtesy of Mr. Charles W. Alpaugh, with the assistance of Mr. Herbert Hibbs, who ran the machine.

The scenery was located in the Canadian Rockies. For three quarters of an hour, the club members basked in Canadian sunshine, played golf on the glaciers, and did other stunts.

Col. Hutchison breezed in amid the meeting, returning from the other extreme of the continent, looking so much the better for his trip. Father Jim, with visitors from his home waiting for him at the Rectory, could not stay to see the wonderful pictures.

The club expressed keen regret at the enforced absence of members still out from illness.

REPORT OF WOODBINE 4-H CLUB

The Woodbine 4-H Club met Tuesday January 21, at 1 o'clock.

The meeting was opened by the President Louise Wine. All members repeated the club pledge.

There were twenty-seven members present. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and called the roll.

The members sang club song. Miss Webb showed them the correct way to make a bed. The meeting adjourned at 2:30.