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ALUMNI WELCOME CLASS OF 1942

President Marion Dickins Presides At Ceremonies

Promptly at 7 P. M. last Saturday, Mrs. Marion Dickins called the diners to attention at the annual banquet of the alumni association of Osborn High School. Father James Widmer pronounced the blessing.

Amid tables decorated with the blue and gold (and with even the programs to match), the home economics girls served another of their famous meals fresh from their kitchens in the rear of the high school gym.

There are certain songs which the years have made very dear to all Manassas Alumni. With Cleve Fisher at the piano, they were sung with emotion and enthusiasm during the course of the evening.

The earliest class represented was 1901 (No., we aren't going to overlook '05 which got in two whoops this year) Then on down through the years with some years sadly remaining without response. Most of them had only one or two—with here and there three and four.

At the business session after dinner, Mrs. Leda Thomas read the secretary's report while Miss Hazel Hottle reported the treasury in quite a substantial condition.

Miss Eugenia asked the courtesy of the floor at this point. Miss Eugenia never wastes time about getting to the point and she always has something to promote for the good of the school, things that so many of us would overlook entirely or fail to push ahead.

This time it was the school grounds. She gave a very interesting resume of what had been done by planning (much of which had been made possible through Prof. Peters efforts) and how much was yet to be accomplished. She stated that Mrs. Haydon had accepted the chairmanship of a group of the alumni which will dedicate its efforts at raising funds for this special purpose. Miss Eugenia asked the president to appoint a committee to assist Mrs. Haydon, and this the president graciously promised to see done in a very short time.

The next feature of the occasion was a welcoming speech to the new alumni by Miss Mary Mason Davis of 1941. A reply was forthcoming from Miss Frances Brower. Both were rather brief but expressed the sentiments of the occasion very sweetly.

Miss Walser Conner was then called on to take charge of the initiation ceremony. Her policy shifted almost back to the cruelty of former days, the main coup being a "true or false" contest which worked in reverse. Much amusement accompanied the efforts of a certain tall young man to get off the floor and into his seat.

The annual book award was made at this juncture by Clarence Wagener, Baltimore newspaper man (and once an editor right in our midsts). This is a memorial to his father, the late W. C. Wagener, and has become a fixture among the high school prizes since its inception several years ago.

The winner of the prize for the best book review written by a third-year or fourth-year student of Osborn High School and printed in the Manassas Journal during the 1941-42 season was Richard C. Haydon, whose review of "Berlin Diary," by William L. Shirer, appeared in The Journal for October 30, 1941. The prize consisted of seven books and a Certificate of Achievement.

A supplementary prize of a book was awarded to Betty Van Doren, a sophomore, for the best review written by a student of the first-year or second-year class. Miss Van Doren's review was of "To Have and To Hold," by Mary Johnston.

Both prizes were given by Clarence Wagener, who made the awards. Mr. Wagener also announced a special honorable mention, the same being won by Miss Frances Brower.

A warm word of thanks was given by Mr. Wagener to the judges, (Mr. O. D. Waters, Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson, and Father James Widmer) and especially Mrs. Keith Lyons to whom he presented a little gift.

Following this Mrs. A. A. Hooff gave a report on the book mart conducted every year, and showed how nicely it had succeeded.

The election returns were then given as follows: President, Mrs. Nancy W. Lyons; vice-president, Mrs. Ellen B. Turberville; Secretary, Miss Mattie Cannon; Treasurer, Mrs. Eula S. Bourne; executive committee, Mrs. Marion L. Payne, Mrs. Irene L. Hay-

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REGISTRATION JUNE 30

On Tuesday, June 30 the men of the 18-19 year class will be required to register under the Selective Service.

It is believed that something like 400 will probably represent the number of men of these ages in Prince William County, and on account of the increasing difficulties of transportation it is believed that the local Board will shortly announce a number of places in various sections of the County where the young men may register.

EDUCATOR SPEAKS AT COMMENCEMENT

R. C. Haydon, Jr. Wins Lipscomb Prize At Manassas High

Manassas High had a bona fide old fashioned graduation at the annual exercises held last Friday evening. The orator for the occasion was a typical old timer and although quite young in years, far advanced in educational matters.

He took a rather quaint method of "nagging" his audience (to draw from one of his puns), starting in with a ponderous phrase and immediately branching far into the realms of intercontinental relationships, a subject picture which he portrayed very entertainingly.

As a member of a specially appointed committee to develop hemisphere good relations, he told especially of educational conditions there, and attempted to make some comparison between them and conditions as they once were on the North American portion. One of the most striking utterances he made was "that the more intelligence one possesses, the freer, he is." That passing and rather faint reference to the world war plus one in which he stated that it took a world war to start the real beginnings of intercontinental relations of a more human type summed all that was said about the terrible world wide war. It was a real relief to feel that the children were spared this subject on their night of happiness.

In sketching the comparative educational standards between north and south America, he declared that South America was "just waking up." He told of one very practical method that was used to develop better understanding. It consisted of an exchange of editorial and reportorial help of some of the leading papers of the two continents. "South America," he said, "still lingers too much in a land of dreams." After giving his audience a real treat in the way of listening to a constructive narrative, he then shifted his ground back to the more conventional manner of addressing the students and concluded with a pleasing word of advice.

Dr. Bailey added an eulogy of Miss Eugenia as a sort of inspirational guide for them in the future. This timely mention was very well received by all.

Professor Bailey was introduced to the assembly by Hon. E. R. Conner.

The exercises were presided over by superintendent of Manassas Schools, Prof. R. Worth Peters, who read the many prize awards which included a number of handsome gifts. The most dramatic moment arose when he announced the name of the winner of the most coveted prize of all - the Lipscomb award. As he announced the name, he yielded the floor to Prof. Haydon that he might personally present the plaque to his distinguished son.

Miss Lutes presented the commercial prize to Miss Stella Bryant.

Clergy who assisted were Rev. S. A. Knupp who gave the invocation and Rev. T. G. Faulkner who gave the benediction.

Music was given by Misses Betty Parrish and Barbara Beane, who played the recessional and by Mrs. Keith Lyons and Miss Latham who played the processional and by the glee club under Miss Lillian Knight, with Miss Sarah Latham at the piano.

Certain of the U. D. C. prizes were announced but presentation withheld until the Confederate exercises last night.

THE U. D. C. WILL MEET WITH MRS. STEWART McBRYDE

The Manassas U. D. C. will meet at the home of Mrs. Stewart McBryde, June 10th. at 2:30 P. M. By mistake it was announced last week that this meeting would be held at the home of Mrs. William Hill Brown.

PLAYGROUND HOURS

8:30 - 12:00 A.M. - 4 yrs. - 20 yrs.
2:00 - 5:00 P.M. - 4 yrs. - 20 yrs.
6:15 - 8:00 P.M. - 20 yrs. - 100 yrs.
OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK

ALL NIGHT BLACKOUT ON JUNE 17



ROAD WORK CURTAILED

Highway Department Reduces Resurfacing 75 Per Cent

Boards of Supervisors throughout the State are being advised by the Highway Department that the bituminous resurfacing program will be curtailed to about twenty-five per cent of the normal amount for the fiscal year 1943.

In announcing the drastic curtailment Chief Engineer Mullen said that maintenance itself will have to be out down to a minimum necessary, to prevent unusual deterioration.

In view of the heavy reduction in estimated revenues for the next fiscal year, the Highway Department is not seeking replacement of its own men who are being called by the Army, Engineer Mullen is quoted as stating further.

So with a shortage of both materials, funds and men, the work of the secondary roads of Virginia will be greatly curtailed. "But what difference will it make?" an observer remarked. "We soon won't have tires or gas to run over the roads, so why keep them up?"

However, it has been pointed out that the Virginia road system must not be allowed to deteriorate below certain standards. A day of victory will surely come and then the American motorist will reappear with great rapidity.

POPPY SALE A HUGE SUCCESS

Mrs. Edgar Parrish, who was in charge of this year's Poppy Day Campaign, reports that the results were most gratifying.

It is with real pride that Prince William may know that over twelve hundred dollars were raised in the one day sale of the little hand made flowers which will do so much for the crippled men who have been made thus in the service of our armed forces.

Mrs. Parrish wants her corps of assistants to know that she deeply appreciates what they accomplished.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

The regular meeting of Prince William Post No. 158, American Legion will be held at the Town Hall of Manassas, Tuesday night, June 9th at 8:00 P. M. All members are urged to be present.

RECITAL BY PUPILS OF MRS. CARPER

The public is cordially invited to attend a recital presented by the pupils of Virginia Speiden Carper, on Tuesday, June 9 at 8 P. M. in the Osborn High School Auditorium.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will open at Grace Methodist Church, Manassas, Thursday, June 11 at 9 A. M. to 11:30. Children between ages of 6 and 15 are invited.

THE OCCOQUAN BLACKOUT

There was an official blackout Tuesday night in the Occoquan-Woodbridge area, and it sure was a real blackout, 100% effective.

Your reporter walked over most of the area blacked out, and could not find a flicker of light anywhere, except lightning bugs which showed up very numerous because of the total darkness.

The Area Coordinator and Fire Wardens are to be highly commended on the excellent way in which the blackout was carried out. The Air-Raid Wardens were active everywhere, but there was nothing for them to do due to the excellent preparations they had made for the blackout.

The entire community is to be congratulated on the fine cooperation they have shown in the defeat of the Axis.

The street lights too were out during the blackout. The picture showing in the Lyric Theatre had finished showing during the blackout; but all of the theatre patrons remained in their seats until the "all clear" was sounded.

This has shown how well prepared this area is if ever the real thing comes.

Thos. J. Joyce.

BLACKOUTS HERE WERE SUCCESSFUL

Manassas And Occoquan Made Good Showing In First Test

The blackout in Manassas and Occoquan Tuesday night was an unqualified success, considered from every angle. Mr. Tiffany, the Mayors and officials of the two towns, and the respective Civilian Defense staffs have all expressed much satisfaction over the performance and they are especially appreciative of the fine cooperation and compliance manifested by the general public.

There were no arrests, and such violations as were reported largely were the result of ineffective curtains or lack of knowledge of the regulations. Some homes and establishments, however, failed to exclude all their inside light, but at that, defense workers say, they really did better than many who took the short cut, pulled the light switch, and went to bed.

Air-raid wardens and others were busy Wednesday morning checking up on their experiences and advising folks in their respective zones of any shortcomings observed. In a few instances citizens had left home with lights burning and the door locked. In an actual air-raid the wardens are authorized to forcibly enter the premises and extinguish such lights, and in a more advanced stage of black-out tests, they may be ordered to do just this, but at present such measures have not been authorized.

The continuation of the bright lights at railroad crossings complicated the situation considerably in Manassas. The railroad had consented to extinguish them, and this may possibly have to be done in subsequent tests, but Defense Coordinator Tiffany, always concerned with the public safety, felt that at least in this initial test the lights on these dangerous crossings, where through trains pass should not be extinguished.

A number of theoretical incidents were carried out; hypothetical fires and ambulance calls, with varying degrees of success, one difficulty being the fact that apparently many of the names of our streets are not well fixed in the public mind, as in larger places where such information is necessary.

Sheriff Kerlin was on hand making valuable observations which will aid in the State-wide blackout on June 17. He has charge of the auxiliary police of the County, just as the Mayor directs them in the incorporated towns, and his job, at the present stage of rural defense organization is considerable complicated.

From the Town Hall in Manassas, Dr. George B. Coker, Control Officer released the official blackout signals, the yellow going on at 9:17 P. M., the blue at 9:29 P. M. and the red (the public blackout alarm) at 9:50.

The "all clear" (the white signal) was sounded by Dr. Coker at 10:41 P. M., and as the long blast from the regular fire department siren sounded, Manassas and Occoquan sprang into normal life as lights went on.

Coordinator J. H. Wyse Announces State-Wide Air-Raid Test

The State Office of Civilian Defense has announced Wednesday, June 17 as the date for the first State-wide dusk-to-dawn blackout. The blackout will be the "strategic" type and will not interrupt normal activities, J. H. Wyse, state defense coordinator states.

All of Virginia with the exception of counties west of Bristol will be included in the test. The extreme southwestern tip of the State whose air-raid warning service operates separately from the rest of Virginia has been invited to participate in the blackout also.

Traffic lights will remain on, automobiles will continue to operate and street cars and buses will continue their regular service provided that dimmers or parking lights are used instead of regular headlights, Mr. Wyse states.

Plans from the first test will be Command at Mitchell Field, Long Island will fly over, the State during the night and report the effectiveness of the operation. Sometime during the night, a test air raid alarm will be issued from each District Warning Center throughout the State through the control centers to the public to test the efficiency of the entire warning system.

The public will be warned by use of sirens and wardens will again go into action "Wardens are expected to cover their respective areas, after dark," Mr. Wyse states, "to make certain that exterior lights are out and that interior lights are not visible. They will stand by for further orders."

"The purpose of this blackout is to ascertain how completely the entire State could be blacked out for a long period of time," the defense coordinator points out. He likens the blackout to the nightly blackouts in force in England and the European countries at war. "It is a step toward the ultimate protection of our State" he says.

A MEDLEY OF PROGRAMS

While the President of the Manassas Kiwanis Club was announcing that the program had charge of Kiwanian Ed Conner last Friday evening, Col. Hutchison was vainly seeking to find who had charge of the program the preceding week. There were "no offers."

Hon. Ed. introduced our former townsman, Arthur Boatwright who in turn introduced his present fellow-townsman, Dr. J. W. Bailey, of the chair of botany at the University of Richmond.

A national figure in his educational work and research, Dr. Bailey, a native of Wynona, Mississippi, had no trouble using his regular form as a son of the soil in addressing the Club. He told them a number of interesting things in connection with the good-will movement between the Americas.

Tomorrow evening, Mr. P. A. Lewis will be in charge of the annual farmer's banquet. The place and hour remain the same.

COMPLETES FIRST AID

Those receiving certificates for the Standard First Aid Course given at Brentsville under W. Sedrick Saunders are as follows: Mrs. Helen E. Keys, John Bigelow, Miss Katherine Jasper, Mrs. Rose Keys, Mrs. Tracie Whetzel, Clyde Beane, Mrs. Rena Wright, Miss Louise Ennis, Wilbur Wright, Mrs. Ada Spitzer, Charles Beane, Mrs. Ruth Bailey, Mrs. Elizabeth Neff, Mrs. Ora Keys, Ray Neff, Mrs. Emma Wolf, Mrs. Elizabeth Cox, Miss Alice Wright, Miss Mildred Fogie, Nelson Keys, Faye Golladay, Raymond Keys, Howard Counts and Patsy Ann Keys.

WILL ENTERTAIN PAST STATE PRESIDENT

O. B. Hopkins, council deputy, and former president of the Order in Virginia, will be a guest at the regular meeting of the Daughters of America on Monday evening next.

Nomination of officers is also in order at this meeting.

OUR FIRST AIR-RAID

Yesterday, June 3, Dutch Harbor, Alaska, was subjected to a Japanese air-raid, the first in history for the North American continent.