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## ORIGIN OF LOCAL SCHOOL LIBRARY

Was Definitely Extended Into A Public Library Also Through Carnegie Contribution.

The Ruffner-Carnegie Library which has been serving the community for a number of years in its double capacity as high school and public library has an interesting history back of this double function. This history goes back a long way. In 1899 when the main building of the Ruffner School was erected (the first section of the building had been put up in 1875), the then principal of the school together with Mr. W. Moran, editor of the Manassas Journal, and Mr. George C. Round, member of the Manassas District School Board, decided to start a public library and began soliciting books for it. At the request of Mr. Round, Mr. Andrew Carnegie donated \$1,000 to the new library for the purchase of books, with the proviso that the books were always to be used by the public and that a library room should be provided by the School Board.

The Manassas District School Board (the county at that time had a school board for each of its districts in addition to the general county board) decided to accept the Carnegie donation with its accompanying conditions, subject to the approval of the County School Board and of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The consent of both the County Board and the State Superintendent having been obtained, the District Board then proceeded to erect a third story to the Ruffner Building as a home for the new library. The following excerpts from the minutes of the District and County Boards relate to this bequest:

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY BOARD - AUGUST 12, 1899. "The County Superintendent (Dr. H. M. Clarkson) was requested by the Board to write a letter of thanks from the Board to Mr. Andrew Carnegie for his promise of a thousand dollars for the purchase of books for a public library at Manassas in connection with the Ruffner School."

FROM THE REPORT OF THE MANASSAS DISTRICT BOARD TO THE COUNTY BOARD - Dec. 15, 1899. "The trustees of the Manassas District Board beg to report that they have determined to accept the donation of Mr. Carnegie and are willing to administer the trust reposed in them. They submit herewith a letter from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction expressing the opinion that the trustees have a right to do so. The trustees wish it distinctly understood that the Library is to be a circulating library to be opened at stated intervals and to be conducted according to the usual rules and regulations of Public Circulating Libraries for the benefit not only of those of school age but of persons of all ages."

A resolution of the County School Board was next recorded approving the action of the District Board in establishing a public circulating library in Manassas.

The following quotation from a recent letter to the Librarian in reply to a report sent to the Richmond Public Library. "We appreciate the copy of the minutes of your school board of August 12, 1899 explaining the acceptance of the gift of \$1,000 from Mr. Andrew Carnegie for the purchase of books. We are much interested in the types of the few grants made by Mr. Carnegie to Virginia institutions."

"May we take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation of this unique and interesting date." From M. A. W. Moon, Head Extension Division, Richmond Public Library, December 2, 1941.

In 1938 the Town Council of Manassas began making yearly contributions to the Library for the purchase of books for the public. This, together with the annual appropriations from the School Board and the State Aid Library Fund with yearly contributions from the Parent-Teachers Association and the Woman's Club, enables the Library to provide both for the school and the public a very good collection of standard books and recent fiction and much excellent material on questions of current interest. This two-fold character of the Library has a number of precedents. The John Marshall High School of Richmond, for instance, served the people of that city as well as the High School for a number of years.

## SHARE - A - RIDE

To meet the transportation problem caused by the shortage of rubber and gasoline; the Civilian Defense Council, the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club are sponsoring a Share-a-ride movement. The purpose of this is to aid those individuals desiring transportation from point to point and to assist car owners in their efforts to conserve tires, gasoline and automobiles. The Civilian Defense Office, phone Manassas 259, will serve as a clearing house for the purpose.

Those desiring to obtain a ride should register with the Civilian Defense office stating the destination, date, and approximate time of their proposed trip. If those contemplating a trip in their own car will register with the Defense office stating their destination, etc. They will be given names of individuals wanting to make the same trip.

It is hoped that through the efforts of this organization individuals can share a ride to such points as Washington, Alexandria, Fairfax, Fredericksburg, Richmond, Culpeper, Warrenton and any and all points in Prince William County.

## SCRAP HARVEST FESTIVAL IS ON

County Is Organizing Intensively For Greatest Efficiency.

The Salvage Drive is on. Awakened by the growing sense of responsibility in the matter, citizens from all sections of the county are getting into line under the direction of County Chairman, O. O. Holler.

Realizing that distance is too great for a practical demonstration at any one point, the whole thing is being decentralized into districts, with separate dates.

The "festival" at Manassas will be on September 25th, with entertainment for participants to be announced next week.

The next definite set-up is at Occoquan where R. S. Hall, local chairman, is putting on real steam. His work in the "rubber drive" in June helped put the county in the enviable position it took among Virginia counties.

The date tentatively assigned for Occoquan is October 2nd., subject to final action of the subcommittee there.

Their plans, as well as those of the Manassas-Haymarket group, will be given with more finality next week.

Nokesville and Dumfries are also slated to have "festivals" in some form. The general plan is to follow to some degree the lead given in Washington by the gala affair held at Griffith Stadium in that city.

Everyone realizes that this is not play but a serious proposition that is daily becoming more serious. It is one of the many things that can be done on the home front.

## CHINESE MILITARY STUDENT TO SPEAK AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

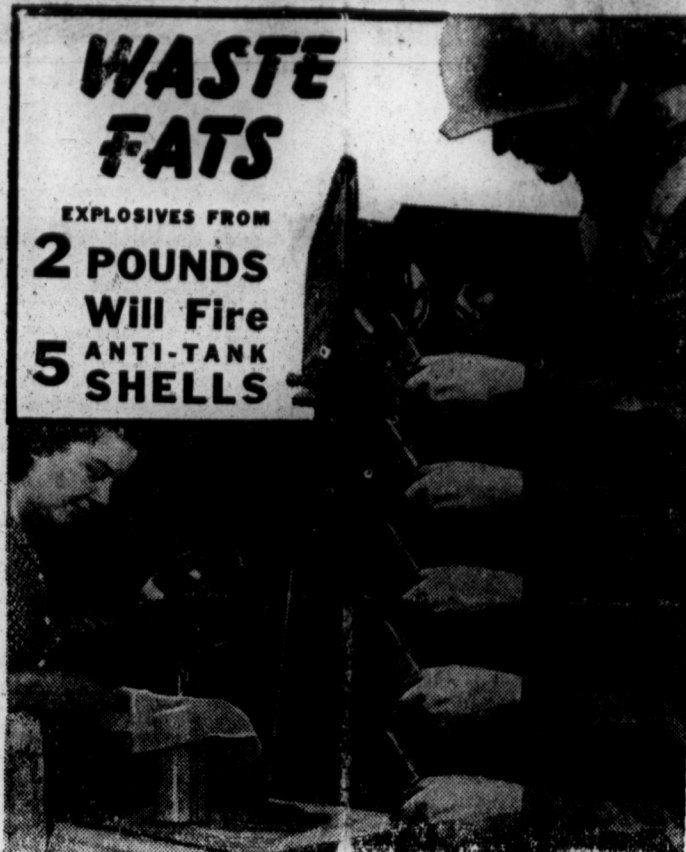
A special Litany evening service with prayers for the world at war will be held at St. John's Church, Centreville, Friday evening, September 11, at eight o'clock. Mr. Frank Fu, a recent college graduate, who has been sent by the Chinese government to the United States to study military science, will give a short address following the service, on war-time conditions in China. Mr. Fu is a Chinese Christian, and was educated at a missionary college in Western China. In order for him to reach the United States he had to go by plane from China to India, and from there took the long sea route to New York via Capetown, South Africa. There was a constant danger from submarines and mines, but American Navy units successfully guarded the convoy through the voyage.

The public is welcome to attend the evening service and join with the congregation in prayers for world victory over evil. The service will be led by Mr. Robert L. Stevenson of the Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria. Mr. Stevenson is the son of missionaries in China, and is bringing Mr. Fu from Washington for the service.

Miss Eugenia H. Osborn, who has served for some years as School Librarian, is resigning from the school librarianship, but will continue to act for the public side of the Library. She is succeeded by Miss Hamilton as High School Librarian. Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson will take the position as Librarian of the Bennett School Library. Library Hours: The Library hours at present are daily (except Saturday) from 9:30 A. M. to 4:00 P. M.

## WASTE FATS

EXPLOSIVES FROM 2 POUNDS Will Fire 5 ANTI-TANK SHELLS



## ORDERED TO REPORT FOR MILITARY SERVICE

The following men have been ordered to report for induction by the Armed Forces on September 18, 1942, at Richmond, Virginia.

Rufus Wilfred Beamer, Nokesville, Virginia; Edmond Francis Watson, Haymarket, Virginia; Willard Patrick Taylor, Woodbridge, Virginia; Therman Willard Bostic, Herndon, Virginia; Robert Ernest Mauck, Manassas, Virginia;

Edward Kite Roseberry, Manassas, Virginia; Floyd Allen Pearson, Nokesville, Virginia; Charles Pope, Quantico, Virginia; Robert Lee Jenkins, Haymarket, Virginia; Louie Lee Teel, Alexandria, Virginia;

Randall Kent Chinault, Manassas, Virginia; Joe Junior Campbell, Thoroughfare, Virginia; William Herbert Crummett, Nokesville, Virginia; Claude Allen Berry, Manassas, Virginia; Harvey Martin Dwyer, Manassas, Virginia;

Austin Laco Halterman, Morrisville, Virginia; Otis Taylor, Manassas, Virginia; Fentress Highsmith Kennedy, Quantico, Virginia; Joshua Lee Godfrey, Myrtle Beach, S. C.; Guy Fleetwood Shaeffer, Nokesville, Virginia;

Rodney Urbane Robinson, Ashland, Kentucky; Howell Hampton McIner, Dumfries, Virginia; John Millard Ritchey, Manassas, Virginia; Peter Anthony Katsarelis, Quantico, Virginia; Harry Lee Mayhugh, Nokesville, Virginia;

John Sowers, North Fork, Virginia; Paul Scott Williams, Manassas, Virginia; Harvey Lee Watson, Indian Head, Maryland; Lester Leonard, Haymarket, Virginia; Albin Edward Spaulding, West Falls Church, Virginia;

Robert Simpson Fair, Manassas, Virginia; Floyd Berkley Davis, Nokesville, Virginia; Ollie Cornwell, Quantico, Virginia; Patrick Harvey McCuen, Manassas, Virginia; Theodore Mode Smith, Gainesville, Virginia;

Joe Chong, Quantico, Virginia; Vernon Henry Best, Dumfries, Virginia; William Ellsworth Moore, Bristow, Virginia; Bernard Francis Morrissey, Woodbridge, Virginia; Lawrence Martin Gray, Nokesville, Virginia; James Edward Hinsley, Culpeper, Virginia; Glen Harold Crummett, Doe Hill, Virginia; Durham LeRoy Mitchell, Manassas, Virginia; Elmer Howard Sutphin, Catlett, Virginia; William Taliaferro Aylor, Bristow, Virginia;

Zack Easley Roberts, Joplin, Virginia; Herman Franklin Groves, Gainesville, Virginia; Alvin Robert White, Manassas, Virginia; Wallace Marion Ward, Woodbridge, Virginia; Charles Ransdell Gough, Nokesville, Virginia; Robert Byington, Catharpin, Virginia.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON BELL

Mr. George Washington Bell, a highly esteemed resident of Manassas, died at his home here on Tuesday, after an illness of a few days. He was 82 years of age and had lived in the county a great many years, engaging variously in business and farming.

Funeral services are being held today (September 16) at Baker's Chapel in Manassas, and interment will be in Bradley Cemetery. Rev. Knupp will officiate, assisted by Rev. Luttrell.

## CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S CLINIC

A State Orthopedic Clinic for Prince William County will be held in the Health Office in Manassas on Friday, September 25 from 9:00 to 12:00 A. M. Dr. O. Anderson Engh will be the clinician in charge of the clinic. Any individual under 20 years of age with a crippling condition, may be examined by Dr. Engh at the Clinic. New patients desiring admission to the clinic should get in touch with the nurse personally, or through their family physician, for appointment.

## UNITED BRETHREN DEDICATE CHAPEL

Former Ministers And Other Notables Attend Exercise

On Sunday, September 6, members and friends of the United Brethren Churches of the Manassas Charge held their annual homecoming in the Manassas Chapel. At the same time this attractive little chapel was dedicated with appropriate services in which Virginia Conference and local ministers participated.

Every available seat was filled for the 11:00 service. At this service Rev. J. Paul Gruver, D. D., Conference Superintendent, brought an inspiring message on The Magnificence of God, stressing the importance of providing an attractive place to worship Him and reminding his audience that God is ready and willing to dwell with men and in temples and sanctuaries made with hands and that if humanity misses Him here, He will not be found elsewhere.

Following the sermon and the presentation of the offering, which was a splendid testimony of the loyalty and interest of friends and members, Rev. W. F. Gruver, D. D., who dedicated the Buckhall Church in 1905, dedicated the building. The pastor then baptised four babies and received six persons into the church membership. Two young people were also baptised by emersion in the evening.

In the afternoon, after all had enjoyed a bountiful basket dinner, Rev. John M. DeChant, pastor of the Manassas Presbyterian Church, brought greetings from the Manassas Ministerial Association. Rev. Mr. DeChant complimented the people and pastor on their achievement and also admonished them to build even more than a building. Councilman, Mr. O. D. Waters, with his usual wit and humor, represented the Town of Manassas, bringing greetings and giving many interesting facts about the town itself.

Rev. A. W. Ballentine, Pastor of the Lutheran Church, closed the afternoon service with a very interesting and informational address on the symbolism and furniture of the church, especially that of the Sanctuary. Special Music was rendered by the Buckhall Choir and a trio composed of Mrs. William Hensley, Mrs. S. G. Whetzel, Jr., and Mrs. Stanley A. Knupp.

At an afternoon meeting of the church officials of the charge reports and discussions showed the charge as a whole in good condition. All financial obligations have been met. Improvements have been made on every church of the charge and others are planned for the coming year. The pastor's salary was raised ten percent and a special benevolent offering accepted. Mr. Paul Breneman of the Manassas Church was elected delegate to the Annual Conference which meets in Harrisonburg, September 22 to 24. S. G. Whetzel, of the Aden Church, was chosen as alternate.

Rev. L. C. Messick, a former pastor of the charge, who was responsible for the beginning of the United Brethren Church in Manassas in 1917, after having purchased the old Methodist Episcopal Church, spoke touchingly of those early days of beginning. Miss Jessie Mae Conner, a recent graduate of Bridgewater College, and at present a teacher in the Manassas Public Schools, sang The Lord Is My Shepherd at the evening service. Miss Conner was accompanied by Mrs. Lewis Carper. Rev. Lee E. Sheaffer, a former pastor, gave the closing message choosing as his theme, "The Eternal Stars Shine." A glorious day of worship, and fellowship was brought to a close with the congregation singing, "God Be With You." Rev. Mr. Sheaffer pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. W. S. Athey this week brought us one of the most beautiful rose we have been privileged to see in many years. The stalk stood 12 feet 6 inches in height and had 15 blossoms on a single unsupported stalk.

## FEW OF THE BOYS IN GRAY SURVIVE

Prince William Is Among The Honored Counties.

A list of the 45 surviving Confederate Veterans in Virginia has just been published. On the roster we find our own beloved Veteran, Mr. Robert Cushing.

Mr. Cushing was born in 1846 and has spent his long life in the vicinity of Sudley Farm, Prince William County. At the outbreak of the War between the States he was too young for active service, but in 1863 he enlisted under General J. E. B. Stuart, later serving under General Fitzhugh Lee, and General William C. Wickham. He took part in many cavalry "skirmishes," as Mr. Cushman modestly describes his contact with the Yankees. Previous to his enlistment he was frequently taken into custody by the Federal troops, but released on account of his youth. Finally, he says, he decided he was old enough to go after them, and he did.

His first fight was at Kelly's Ford. He was assigned to important service around Fredericksburg, was at Chancellorsville, Brandy Station. Being too young to serve at either battle of Manassas, he nevertheless was an observer of those battles. On one occasion General McDowell crossed his yard at Sudley.

In his 97th year Mr. Cushing, the only surviving Confederate Veteran in Prince William County is often seen walking about the town. He is remarkably active for one of his years and one of the most beloved residents of the town.

Mr. John H. Johnson, Confederate Pension Clerk for Virginia, says in his report that there are now five living Veterans over 100 years of age. They are Mr. Cornelius Baldwin Hite, of Washington; Mr. R. E. Miles, of Shawsville, Mr. B. M. Cash, of Staunton; Mr. F. Fife Lumsden, of Mine Run, Orange County; and Mr. James T. Carter, of Sutherland. Two of these Mr. Miles and Mr. Cash have passed the 102nd milestone.

There are 18 Negro servants over 100 years of age who receive Confederate pensions. The oldest Negro pensioner on record on the Confederate rolls at Richmond was Henry Clay Reed, of Tazewell, who died at the age of 114.

## KIWANIS CLUB TO SPONSOR "GO-TO-CHURCH" MOVEMENT.

At the meeting of the Kiwanis Club on Friday night, Kiwanian Fred Hynson addressed not only the Club but also the local ministerial association who were present as special guests on that evening.

Mr. Hynson gave a splendid exposition on the subject which will be printed in an early issue of the Journal.

He also stated that he was asking the Club to make September 27th the special focal point of the movement, and President Trusler appointed a committee to assist. This committee is composed of Mr. Hynson, as chairman and Messrs. Hayden and Ledman. Earlier in the evening, Kiwanians O. D. Waters and Didlake conspired to upset Kiwanian Hynson's dignity in front of the auspicious guests who had a big laugh at the thrust.

## NOTICE TO FARMERS

J. Gray Beverley, Field Supervisor, will be at the office of Mr. Frank Cox, County Agent, Manassas, Va., Thursday morning, September 17th, between the hours of 9:00 A. M. and 4:00 P. M., for the purpose of taking applications for 1943 Crop loans under the Emergency Crop Loan Act.

Farmers desiring these loans should apply on that date.

## WOMAN'S CLUB TO HEAR TALK ON ORIENT

The Manassas Woman's Club will meet Monday afternoon, September 14, at 2:30 o'clock in the Parish Hall. The speaker for the afternoon will be Mrs. F. J. Farrington who returned recently from Singapore. She will talk on "Sumatra and the War in the Near East."

The hostesses for the afternoon will be Mrs. T. J. Broadus, Miss Sue Ayres, Mrs. Dennis Baker, Mrs. Arthur W. Ballentine, Mrs. John Barrett, and Mrs. Robert B. Bisson.

The program committee hopes that all members of the Club will be in attendance.