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## PARENT TEACHERS WORK REVIEWED

### Mrs. J. F. McInteer named County Captain

Thursday evening's Parent-Teacher meeting, held in Osborn High School Auditorium, was opened by the singing of our national anthem, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

A postponed observance of Music Week included two delightful solos by Mrs. C. H. Stichel, accompanied at the piano by her mother, Mrs. Fuqua, they representing the parents of the organization. Later in the evening Miss Jessie Mae Conner, in her usual charming manner, sang "If Any Little Song of Mine," with Mrs. J. P. Royer as accompanist, representing the teachers.

Mrs. M. S. Burchard, secretary, reporting for the various committees, gave the following summary of the year's accomplishments:

"Contributions have been made to Red Cross, Tuberculosis fund, Religious Education in the school, and appropriations were made to the libraries of both schools and for miscellaneous supplies for the school. Lunches were prepared and served over a period of nine weeks, with an average of 117 per day, including 29 free lunches daily.

"The Milk committee from January 1 through May 14 had distributed a total of 30,360 bottles of penny milk, including 3,369 free."

Through the enlarged health program 33 children had eyes examined and 11 pairs of glasses were bought; immunization was given to 10 children of age and 77 in grades 1 and 2 in the crippled children's clinic, 6 children were treated; and 19 with defective speech have received corrective treatment. In the Chest Clinic 6 children were examined; and corrective dental work is now in progress. In the pre-school round-up 32 children received immunization, vaccination and medical examination, with reports to their parents if any defects were found.

All possible cooperation has been given in the defense program, and Americanism has been promoted through the County schools by urging the memorizing of our National Anthem and also the words of "America."

Through a most successful membership drive a total of 278 members were enrolled. Attendance at the monthly meeting has been encouraged by the giving of a banner and a prize to the school room having the largest number of patrons present.

Music has played a large part in the program throughout the year, and our guest speakers have been most interesting.

Mrs. R. C. Haydon outlined a proposed recreational project for the teen-age group of the community and the association enthusiastically voted to sponsor and support this movement.

Prof. R. Worth Peters told of the nutrition-workshop program to be conducted here during the summer and said that great interest has been manifested by both parents and students.

The newly elected officers installed in a brief ceremony, conducted by Supt. R. C. Haydon, are: Mrs. L. L. Lonas, president; Mrs. Earl Hurst, vice president; Mrs. Warren Coleman, secretary; Mrs. R. E. Daffan, treasurer.

Dr. Abner Robertson, Executive Director of Cooperative Education in this State, guest speaker, emphasized the importance of P-T. A. work, representing as it does the entire community. He said in part: "P-T. A. work is more important today than ever before. Child welfare must not be interrupted, regardless of war—indeed, often because of war."

He cited instances where delinquency was often traced to the child being left unsupervised in the home where both parents were away at work, and suggested ways in which the P-T. A. might be of assistance. He urged upon the organization the responsibility of helping unify the community, thus giving children a sense of confidence and security in the difficult, tension-filled days ahead.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Womens Club will be held at the home of Mrs. Lewis Carper on Wednesday, June 9 at 10 A. M.

### ROGER DANIEL WHARTON

Roger Daniel Wharton, Editor of The Manassas Journal, died at his home in Centerville, Virginia, on Saturday, May 29, at 10 o'clock A. M. after an illness of seven days. He was a victim of pneumonia.

Mr. Wharton was born in the city of Washington, August 3, 1890, and was educated in that city, graduating from Western High School and from George Washington University, where he majored in Civil Engineering. In 1915 he moved to Virginia to engage in farming. In 1925, he entered the newspaper publishing business, becoming editor and publisher of papers in Arlington, Fairfax and Prince William Counties. In 1930 he became associated with the Manassas Journal.

He was the son of the late Capt. John J. Wharton, C.S.A., of Culpeper, and Adella Moore Wharton of Alabama, and the nephew of General Gabriel C. Wharton, C.S.A., of Radford, Virginia. He was descended from distinguished colonial families dating from the earliest Virginia settlement back to the Norman conquest of England. He had at least nine ancestors who fought in the Revolution, and many who held Royal Commissions in the early Virginia settlements.

He was a charter member of the Order of the Stars and Bars and belonged to Alexandria Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Other organizations in which he was especially active included the Manassas Kiwanis Club, where he had an unbroken record of thirteen years of attendance at its weekly meetings; The Prince William Chamber of Commerce, and the Order of Fraternal Americans.

In church work Mr. Wharton had been especially devoted, beginning constructive work at an early age. He was Secretary of the Sunday School of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Washington before coming to Virginia, where he became Superintendent of the Sunday School of the Church of the Good Shepherd, near Burke, where he also was Vestryman and Treasurer. On moving to Centerville he became Vestryman and Treasurer of St. John's Episcopal Church, positions which he had filled for more than twenty years.

Funeral services were held in Trinity Church, Manassas, on Monday afternoon, May 31, and interment was in the family lot in the Fairfax Cemetery. Both in Manassas and at the grave, the Rev. W. F. Carpenter, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Haymarket, officiated, assisted by the Rector of Trinity Church. The active pallbearers were selected from the Manassas Kiwanis Club, which also attended in a body as honorary pallbearers. The active bearers were Messrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, E. R. Conner, Hunton Tiffany, W. Hill Brown, Jr., R. Worth Peters, and Jack Royer.

Mr. Wharton was unmarried, and is survived by two sisters, Mrs. William Harrison Lamb and Miss Mary Wharton. The untimely death of such a kindly, lovable and helpful citizen in the prime of life was the occasion of widespread sorrow, and all business activity stood still in Manassas in silent tribute.

### REVIVAL AT TRIANGLE

Revival meetings will start Sunday night, June 6, at 8 o'clock at Triangle, Va., for two weeks or longer. We invite everyone in the Triangle section to come out.

Rev. Paul Ridings, evangelist of Martinsburg, W. Va., will be the nightly speaker. His messages are inspiring and are good for the old as well as the young. He has just closed a successful four weeks of meetings at the Manassas Full Gospel Church in which souls were saved and sick bodies healed by the power of God.

"It is time to seek the Lord."—Hosea 10:12.

### ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Proffitt, of Manassas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sallie Lois Proffitt, to Pvt. Howard E. Churchill, U. S. A., of New York City.

Pvt. Churchill is the son of Mrs. Blanche Churchill, of New York City.

The wedding will take place in the near future.

### PROMOTED TO CORPORAL

Edgar E. Rohr, who is stationed at Gore Field, Great Falls, Montana, with the Army Air Force, has recently been promoted to the rank of Corporal.



Colonel W. N. Best, of the Quantico Marine Base, who congratulated the local boys and girls.



G. Raymond Ratcliffe, Chairman, Prince William County War Savings Committee



Col. F. B. Ryons, who brought the message of a fighting man of the First World War

### LIEUT. COMMANDER CHARLES L. KESSLER TO ADDRESS KIWANIS CLUB

The Manassas Kiwanis Club, in co-operation with the American Legion Bond Sale Committee, is particularly pleased to have with them Friday, June 4th, Lieut. Commander Charles L. Kessler of the United States Naval Reserve. Commander Kessler's subject will be along defense lines.

The Kiwanis Club will adjourn at seven o'clock to meet in the Town Hall in order that as many as possible may be able to hear the Commander.

While this will be Commander Kessler's first visit to our town, he is no stranger to Virginia as he has appeared before audiences throughout the State. His father was born in Richmond and his mother at Fairfax and while his parents now live in Washington, they spend several months each year in Virginia. Commander Kessler served six years in the Marines and two years on Asiatic Stations, and represented the Marine Corps with Admiral Byrd on his 1926 Arctic Expedition. He accompanied Admiral Byrd into the Antarctic when "Little America" was founded in 1928 and was awarded special Gold Congressional Medal of Honor for service on this expedition.

(See photograph on page 4)

### POPPY DAY OBSERVED

On Saturday, Manassas observed Poppy Day, sponsored by the Prince William Post No. 158, American Legion and Auxiliary. All the poppies were sold and it was most gratifying to know that so many of our people wished to pay tribute to our honored dead by wearing the poppy.

The red Buddy Poppies were made by the disabled veterans who have never been able to leave the hospital since the first World War. Some of the funds collected will go to these veterans for their work, and the rest for other veterans rehabilitation and the welfare of their children.

It is expected that this load will soon be much heavier as we see our veterans returning from this present conflict.

The committee for the Poppy sale with Mrs. Edgar Parrish as chairman, were assisted by the children in the community. Those selling the most poppies and receiving the prizes for doing so were: Vera Rose Merchant and Chalice Haydon, tying for first prize, which was given each; Carolyn Cooksey, second prize; Gem Elizabeth Parlor, third; and Mary Blakemore, fourth. The prizes were War Stamps. Poppies were also sold in Nokesville by the Legionnaires living there.

### ENJOYING A RIDE IN A "JUMPING JEEP"

Another Victory Day Photograph by the Journal Photographer



### MANASSAS TOWN ELECTION

An election will be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, June 8, 1943 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Councilmen. The polls will be open between the hours of sunrise and sunset.

### GALA BOND REVIEW

Monday night plans were completed for the sale of bonds this month which is sponsored by the American Legion Post No. 158 and Auxiliary. The meeting was held in the home of Dr. McBryde. The quota for the month of June is \$95,000 and the American Legion is calling on all citizens to try to reach the goal, for it will take all of us working together to accomplish this.

There will be an Auction Sale of Stock which is being arranged by Carl Kincheloe. The stamp booths in the stores and theatre are in charge of Mrs. A. O. Beane while Mrs. Stewart McBryde is chairman of the poster committee. The largest event will be the Gala Bond Review, featuring stars from the camps near and from Washington. It will be an evening's entertainment, tickets for which will be given with the purchase of the first bonds in the month, as only enough tickets will be printed to fill the local theater. Mrs. Vincent Davis has been asked by Mr. M. S. Burchard, the general chairman of bonds for the month, to get in touch with the recreational bureaus to secure the guest artists.

The transportation committee is in charge of Dr. V. V. Gillum, and Rev. John DeChant has the seat sale and ushers. The publicity chairman is Mrs. Burchard who will be assisted by Mrs. Edgar Parrish and Mrs. Ernest Spitzer in Nokesville. For the reception and entertainment of guests the general committee will be in charge consisting of: Mr. Burchard, chairman, Mrs. J. M. Hanson, Mrs. Edgar Parrish, Rev. DeChant, Mrs. A. O. Beane, Mr. Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spitzer, Mrs. McBryde, Dr. V. V. Gillum, Mr. Wheatley M. Johnson, Mr. Carl Kincheloe and Mrs. Burchard.

### PIANO RECITAL

Mrs. Dennis Baker will present her students in a piano recital on June 11 at 8 p. m. at the Osborn High School. The following will perform:

Martha Ann Eagle, Mary Ann Sinclair, Charlotte Ball, Catherine Baker, Martha Jeen Saunders, Jeanette Hurst, Michael Mason, Mary Lou Trimmer, Vera Rose Merchant, Barbara Jones, Peggy Ann Rice, Janelle Plaster, Kitty Dogan, Armistead Sinclair, Bonnie Lynn, Iva Lee Fitzwater, Barbara Hendryx, Nancy and Bettie Parrish, Fanelle Pickeral, Jane DeChant and Joanne Johnson.

### GRADUATES AS NURSE

Mrs. E. R. Frederick and daughter Lois attended commencement exercises Thursday, May 27th, of University of Virginia Hospital School of Nursing as special guests of Miss Virginia Marjorie Estes, one of the graduates, and were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dulaney.

Miss Estes is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Estes of Maryland, formerly of Bristow, Va.

## MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES

### Summary of Year's Accomplishments Reviewed by Mrs. Burchard

"Love Maketh Memory Eternal" was the keynote on Sunday, May 30th, when Memorial Day was observed at the Confederate Cemetery.

The Daughters of the Confederacy and the Manassas Memorial Association were ably assisted by the Prince William Post, American Legion in bringing together more than a hundred people to honor the heroic Confederate dead.

The decorations of fluttering flags and lovely flowers of every hue with the colors massed to form a background presented a beautiful picture enhanced by nature's lovely setting of green.

Col. Fred B. Ryon of Occoquan, acted as master of ceremonies and the exercises were formally opened by a group of children, directed by Mrs. Elizabeth Wine, marching around the monument strewn with flowers over the graves of Confederate dead while the audience sang "Onward, Christian Soldiers" led by Mrs. Lewis J. Carper, with Mr. Carper organ accompanist.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was given by the Post Vice Commander, W. M. Johnson and the salute to the Confederate flag by Mrs. Carper.

Rev. Len Weston, of the Baptist Church read the U.D.C. Ritual and prayer and the accustomed singing of the hymn "How Firm a Foundation," followed.

Sgt. Edgar Goodloe Parrish was the proud recipient of the World War Cross of Military Service bestowed upon him by the Manassas Chapter, U.D.C., represented by Mrs. R. A. Hutchison, president, and Mrs. E. H. Nash, Cross Recorder. Sgt. Parrish is the grandson of William Henderson Nicols who gave honorable service in the Confederate Army.

An original poem "Ballade of Old Battlefields" was read by Major J. M. Hanson.

A male quartette composed of Messrs. Tiller, DeChant, Weston and Curtis rendered several numbers which were received with appreciation and applause.

Hon. C. A. Sinclair gave special memorials for Mrs. Lucy D. Washington, Mrs. Rose Latimer Rice and Miss Emma Shannon.

Col. Robert A. Hutchison was introduced, and in his usual pleasing oratory presented the speaker Zackariah Lamar Cobb, a native Georgian, but now an attorney of Los Angeles, California. Mr. Cobb's talk was brief but was filled with the deepest sentiment and historical truths of the Old South. He paid a glowing tribute to Virginia, the Mother State, to his Father who was with Jackson at Manassas, to his Mother, to the women of the South, to Lee, Jackson and Davis, and last but not least to the loyal and faithful slaves who remained true to their masters.

Mrs. Hutchison presented the memorial essay prizes—The Sinclair prize was won by Miss Edith Davis of the seventh grade; the Spelden prizes were awarded to, 1st, Miss Dorothy Clore, and 2nd to Miss Fannie May Turner, students of the American History Class.

The audience sang the National Anthem and Rev. John M. DeChant pronounced the benediction.

Roswell Round, Jr., sounded "Taps" which brought to a close another memorable Memorial Day Celebration.

The children taking part were: Ann Warren Coleman, Dolly Lonas, Gem Elizabeth Parlar, Kathrine Dennis Baker, Gene Chiles Wood, Charlotte May Herndon, Mary Louise Wine, Robert Wine, Jane DeChant, Ann Walsa Ratcliffe, Mary Letitia Kincheloe, Chalice Haydon, Carolyn Cooksey, Bennie Johnson, David Johnson, Georgia Lee Beale, Mary Ellen Beale, Jimmy Beale, Patricia Adams Roesch.

### RECITAL BY PUPILS OF VIRGINIA SPEIDEN CARPER

The annual Piano Recital by the pupils of Virginia Speiden Carper will take place in the Osborn High School Auditorium, Manassas, on Tuesday evening, June 8, at 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Pvt. Allen H. Barbee is, still in North Africa and is enjoying army life. Hopes to help finish the job and get back to the States at some future date, and writes that our boys are being treated fine by the natives.