

HISTORIC SITE FILE: FEATHERSTONE FARM
PRINCE WILLIAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
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House destroyed Friday,
June 11, 1948

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\$50,000 Fire Leaves Herring Home in Ruin

The 23-room home of Mr. and Mrs. George Herring, known as "Featherstone," and located south of Woodbridge was completely destroyed by fire late Friday afternoon. The loss was estimated at \$50,000.

The blaze, believed to have been caused by a short circuit, broke out on the first-floor rear and spread to the entire two stories of the frame dwelling.

About 40 firemen from five near-by fire departments, including the Occoquan - Woodbridge-Lorton, and Triangle-Dumfries organizations, fought the blaze for three hours, but were handicapped by their limited supply of water. The first firemen arrived at the blaze at about 4:30 p.m.

Most of the furniture was removed from the burning building, but was later damaged by

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Young And Old Annual Osbourn

Approximately 200 guests gathered Saturday night in one of the most successful banquets ever given by the Osbourn High School Alumni Association on record.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Clarke J. Johnson, president; Shreve Brent Johnson, vice president; Miss Dorothy Johnson, secretary; and Mrs. Nancy Saunders, treasurer; Mr. Ser Rohr and Mrs. Nancy Lyons were elected to executive committee.

The oldest class to represent that of 1905, two stalwarts of which arose to lend lusty cheer. They were Wesley Johnson and Joe Gulley. Charlie Lewis complained, however, that they would give the Class of 1893 a run for their money. Coming down to modern times, the Class of 1948 turned out some 40 strong.

Mrs. Arnold Service, president, proved a most successful toastmistress in the evening which followed the banquet, which was served by the P.T.A.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Lightsey welcomed the class and Oliver Dashiell, class president responded. Armisclair and Miss Carolyn in piano selections and Dashiell, singing with accompaniment, furnished the class's contribution to the

discussed when he
attention to the \$3,200 salary
d teachers in the Quantico
Post School. "Why do we
pay taxes to support it?" he
asked, "and get \$1,400 a
month?"

Shows To Present Friday

The life as Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Lynn, and Mrs. Charles Lynn, Manassas. Also of Manassas will be Mr. Leslie Bourne, comedy act. Little Miss Elaine Campbell, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Campbell, of Quantico, will entertain us with "Frankie and the Chewing Chewing Gum" and a home-town trio will be Dr. and Mrs. Harry Robinson. Mr. Harry Morrison. Admission for the evening will be 50c for adults and 35c for children under 12 years of age. Everyone come out for a enjoyable evening's entertainment and help this worthy cause. Proceeds from this show will be used in building Sunday school rooms on the Dumfries Street Church.

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MRS. CARPER'S PIANO CLASS IN RECITAL

A number of local young people showed musical talent on Friday evening when Mrs. Virginia Speiden Carper, assisted by Mrs. Marie Boatwright and Mrs. Irma Snavelly presented them in piano recital at Osbourn High School Auditorium. Friday night's program was the first of two, the second being scheduled for tonight, Tuesday, June 15, when the balance of the class will play their recital selections.

Those appearing on Friday's program included James Ritter, Jr., Wallace Lynn, Jr., Tommy Luck, Sandra Ball, Charles Lacey Compton, Jr., Jean Myers, Shirley Myers, David Hill, Amelia Kline, Gloria Wayland, Romelle Swigart, Gerry Gregory, Mary Scott, Paul Royer, Jean Childs Woods, Dwight Knupp, Gail Hevener, Roger Woods, Carol Luck, Carol Breeden, Anne Lee Zackey, Elizabeth Lynn, Christobelle Tolson, Betty Lou Breeden, Nancy Ellis, Fleur Peters, Ann Warren Coleman, Nancy Cowne, June Manuel, Carolyn Cooksey, Betty Lee Jenkins, Patricia Patterson, and Dolly Lomas.

Early in the program Carolyn Patterson, Charles Lacey Compton, Jr., Carol Luck, and George Helms gave Dunning Demonstra-

\$50,000 Fire

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burning leaves falling from the large trees surrounding the house.

The large family homestead was being re-decorated inside by workmen, who first smelled the smoke. Mrs. Herring was preparing dinner for guests who had not arrived, while Mr. Herring was at the nearby home of T. Powell Davis.

The Herrings are now living at their other home, near Fredericksburg, where they had already planned to spend the summer.

Mr. Herring served the Alexandria-Fairfax area in the Virginia House of Delegates about 20 years ago. He is a retired member of the lumber firm of Wallace and Herring, of Alexandria.

Search Continues

For Safe Thieves

The search for thieves who carted off a safe containing \$35 and many valuable papers from the Battle Street Lunch in Manassas last Wednesday, is continuing, although no new developments have been reported, police told the Messenger today.

The thieves who are believed to be connected with three of

MANASSAS CLUB ENJOYS GARDEN FAIR

A lovely garden fair was held at the Manassas Club of Manassas last afternoon in the presence of Mrs. Paul C. Herring. The Section of Garden Art was charming and artistic. The exhibits were exhibited in color and in variety. About 50 people enjoyed this fair.

During the afternoon the fair was held in the garden. The exhibits were presented by the members of the club, and were a great success. The fair was a great success and was enjoyed by all present.

THOMAS

Miss Mary Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cox and the