

The Manassas Journal



THURSDAY, NOV. 11, 1937 MANASSAS, VIRGINIA

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.50 A YEAR

SHOP TO VISIT HAYMARKET

The Most Rev. Henry St. George will be at St. Paul's Episcopal, Haymarket, on Sunday evening next, Nov. 14, at 8:00.

This is the first visit Bishop Tucker made to this section since his return to the office of presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America.

ANNUAL RED CROSS DRIVE

Extensive Campaign for Funds in Progress.

The annual Red Cross Roll drive is under way yesterday with an enthusiastic group of workers all over the County keyed up to reach a goal of 500 members this year. The members of Manassas are giving prominent display space for Red Cross posters and window cards. In town the following are serving as Roll Call workers: Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, Mrs. J. L. Long, Mrs. F. R. Hynson, Mrs. E. Marsteller, Mrs. Paul Arrington, Mrs. Higgs Lewis, Mrs. Dudley Marshall, Mrs. J. A. Deaney, Mrs. John Berry, Mrs. D. R. Lewis, Misses Ratcliffe, Ellen Bissan, Nancy Ann, Rilla Holler and Mr. Roy Dogan. County workers are Mrs. Helen Hines, Mrs. Janet Murphy, Mrs. Wallace Dawson, Mrs. Janie Abel, Mrs. H. O. Russell, Mrs. Elinor Perkins, Mrs. Bill Martin, Mrs. Helen Hayes, Mrs. E. C. Spitzer, Mrs. Hazel Shepherd, Mrs. T. E. H. Dickens, Mrs. Ann Ellis, Mrs. Benj. Brown, Mrs. O. Douglas, Mrs. Chas. MacDonald, Mrs. Malvina Henderson, Rev. J. Roy Cooke.

In answer to the appeals for Flood Relief last spring, Prince William County came forward with a total of \$10.00 as its gift to this humane enterprise. It will be of interest to know that the National Red Cross sent about \$13,000.00 for flood relief in the state of Virginia during the past year. No one knows when the County will overtake even the most favored community, and it is a great comfort to feel that, no matter what happens, there is a great National Red Cross to act as a wise and kindly friend to all who are in need.

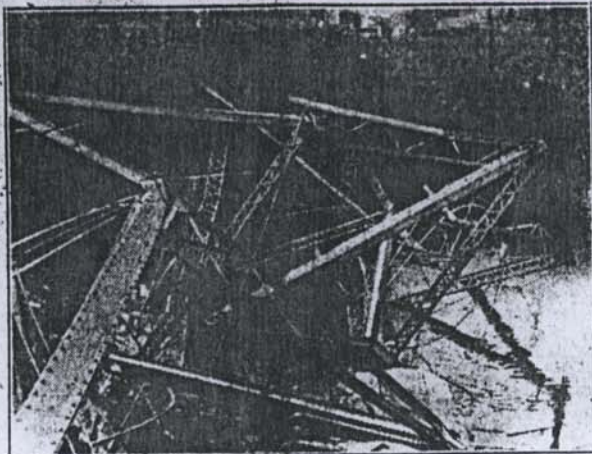
BOY GROUP HEARS ENCOURAGING REPORTS

Mr. Carl Kincheloe, Prince William County Director of the Skyline Drive National Battlefield Park Tour Association, and Mr. W. F. Cocks, Town Manager of Manassas, attended a meeting of the organization held at the George Mason Hotel in Alexandria yesterday.

Directors from all points along the rail were present and a fine meeting was held. It was shown that a lot of wonderful advertising had been received in the past year, though the distribution of 50,000 leaflets, radio talks, etc. Plans for future advertising campaigns of a more intensive nature were discussed.

Prince William County had the distinction of being the only point along the rail to exceed the quota allotted for its share in the expenses of the organization and Director Kincheloe receives much congratulation for his

COLLAPSE OF THE MILFORD MILLS BRIDGE



Above: View of wreckage looking westward from the east abutment.



Left: Workman pointing to girder break believed to have been caused by impact of the motor-truck. Broken into three pieces, the beam folded back over the truck cab, the second break, which may be seen above the cab, probably saved the driver from being crushed.—Journal Photos.

H. D. C. ADVISORY BOARD PLANS FOR 1938

Program Planning for 1938 was the theme of the Home Demonstration Club Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday at Manassas. Eighteen members of the Board representing six of the eight clubs in the county discussed program planning from the standpoint of community needs. A discussion on county conditions and needs was led by Miss Alice Webb, Home Demonstration Agent and Miss Janet Cameron, State Food and Nutrition Specialist, which resulted in the selection of "The Homemaker—A Home Manager" as the major project for 1938.

The discussion revealed the hardest jobs of a home maker as being to find time to do all the things to be done, child training and being a hostess; the most pressing community needs are better roads and sidewalks, beautifying the outsides of homes, more civic leaders, better health, and more religious training; the phase of the home demonstration program for the past five years having done the most good — screening, sanitation, home improvements, increasing school interest, sewing machine clinics; and that phase of the program having been enjoyed most as foods, social activities, handicrafts and "make your own dress campaign."

COUNTY COMMITTEEMEN TO STUDY 1938 FARM PROGRAM

F. F. A. BOYS HOLD ANNUAL INITIATION

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, the annual F. F. A. initiation was held. The following boys were raised from Greenhands to Future Farmer degree: Donald Schaeffer, Paul Kline, Jake Conner. The following boys were raised to the Greenhand degree: Robert Mauck, Omer Todd, Lawrence Rainey, Vernon Hart, Melvin Hart, Robert Robertson, James Keys, Carl Oleyar, James Russell, John Winfield.

After the ceremony was over, refreshments were served and everyone enjoyed himself.

On Thursday of the same week the Manassas F. F. A. members went to Haymarket to initiate the F. F. A. boys there. This is the first year that vocational agriculture has been taught there. The following boys were raised to Greenhands: Hampton Alvey, Bobby Carter, Wilton Godfrey, Thomas McQuinn, Wayne Pattie, Breck Rust, Andrew Smith, Theodore Smith, James King, Rolfe Ellison, Early Griffith, Lewis Lightner, Gordon Pattie, Macon Piercy, Rolfe Robertson and Artemus Smith.

After the ceremony was over refreshments were served and I am sure that everyone had an enjoyable evening.

"PEACE" THEME OF WOMAN'S CLUB ADDRESS

The members of the Woman's Club of Manassas opened their regular

NATIONAL BOOK WEEK, NOVEMBER 15-19

"Books for all the Children of All the People"

This year will be nineteenth celebration of National Book Week. The suggestion of a national movement to arouse interest in reading for boys and girls came first from Franklin K. Matthews, Chief Librarian of the Boy Scouts of America. The idea was enthusiastically indorsed by librarians, teachers and leaders of organizations concerned with child welfare. "Book Week" is now an annual event celebrated throughout the country with programs, book fairs and exhibits.

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LOCAL DEMOCRATS HONOR PRESIDENT

Texas Congressman is Guest Speaker for the Occasion.

The Young Democratic Club of Prince William County celebrated the 5th anniversary of Mr. Roosevelt's election in Manassas High School Auditorium on Tuesday evening, at which time the festive board was set and numerous speakers were present, local, district and national.

The Parent-Teacher Association, with the assistance of the Home Economics Department served a most delicious turkey dinner prior to which time Rev. A. W. Ballantine offered grace. Mrs. Kitty Baker presided at the piano during the evening and Capt. Howard Jamison led in singing a number of old time songs.

A greeting was extended to those present by Mrs. Nelle Holmes, Secretary-Treasurer of the Young Democratic Club of Prince William County.

Hon. Frank P. Moncre presented some of distinguished guests, among them Hon. Howard W. Smith, Congressman from this District, Mr. Edward M. Jones, Post President of the Fairfax Club, Hon. J. U. Kincheloe, Commissioner of Revenue of Fairfax County, Hon. W. Hill Brown, Trial Justice of this county, Mr. G. C. Russell, County Supervisor, Senator E. R. Conner, "Post Laureate" of Manassas, Hon. R. M. Weir, Commissioner of Revenue of Prince William County and Mr. R. R. Buckley, Chairman of Fairfax County Democratic Committee.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pope Taylor, Vice-President of the Club, gave a resume of the Club's activities. She reported that the club had increased its membership from 168 in 1936 to 200 in 1937. All in all this was considered a very successful year in the life of the Club.

Mr. J. Jenkens Davies introduced Mr. James C. King, of Fairfax, Chairman of the Young Democrats of the 8th Congressional District. Mr. King gave a very interesting talk, stating that the Prince William Club is one of the very few which has increased.

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MESDAMES ALLEN AND COX ENTERTAIN U.D.C.

An interesting and well attended meeting of the Manassas Chapter U. D. C. was held Nov. 3rd at the home of Mrs. Guy Allen, Mrs. B. F. Knox,

MILFORD BRIDGE IS DESTROYED

Driver Escapes Unhurt From Mass of Twisted Wreckage

Late Friday night Howard Orndorf, of Catlett, was proceeding toward Nokesville with a heavily loaded truck of Merchandise. The trip was no different from many others and the load, while believed to be several thousand pounds heavier than the posted limit of the bridge, was not nearly so large as many others crossing the bridge frequently; but this load terminated the existence of a structure which for more than thirty years had faithfully served Prince William County.

As the truck, preceding at a good speed, approached the center of the 110 foot span, there was a crash, and with many metallic noises, the floor of the bridge settled quickly down into the water of Broad Run, as the steel super-structure bent and twisted under the un-natural strains produced by the failure of a vital upright support, which apparently was side-swiped by the truck, and, under the combined strain of the bridge-load and the impact, broke into three pieces, folding at the fractures across the truck cab, crushing it down, but leaving enough space on the driver's side to permit him to emerge.

A feature of the collapse, inexplicable to any but engineers, was the manner in which the bridge floor dropped to the stream-bed without dumping its load off the side where the suspension girder had been destroyed. The sag, as the floor descended, pulled the floor away from the abutments, and there would have been little damage to the truck, or danger to the driver, but for the falling in of the super-structure.

Fortunately the recent flood had subsided. The bridge, however, is not believed to have been damaged by the high water. As much heavier loads seem to have been crossing the bridge, the cause of the accident may be said to be the inability of a large, heavy truck, moving at relatively high speed, to negotiate a yerry, one-way suspension bridge, built in the "horse and buggy days", capable of carrying the load, but not designed to allow for factors incident to high-speed motor transportation.

Much speculation has been caused by the accident as the safety of other similar bridges, and the answer in the popular mind seems to be that they "are safe if you don't hit 'em".

With the interruption of traffic occasioned by the collapse of the Milford Mill Bridge, the Highway Department is rushing construction of a temporary trestle until a permanent crossing can be built, either on the present location or at a point permitting high approach on both sides, eliminating high water interruptions which now occasionally prevent approach to the bridge from the west.

BABY CLINIC WELL ATTENDED

Eighteen Prince William County babies from infants to three years of age attended the first Baby Clinic held at the Welfare Office on Saturday, November 6, sponsored by the