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JEFFRIES TALKS ON TAX RATES

Appeals to Citizens to Oppose Further Increase—Quotes Many Authorities.

(J. L. Jeffries in Fauquier Democrat) As the time is near at hand for the supervisors to meet and set the tax rates and in view of the fact that our taxes have been on the increase for some years, never on the decrease, until they are now almost unbearable, I again take the liberty of addressing you.

As far as I can learn, there is no move on foot to raise any of the tax levies but the county school levy.

Now the free schools have fared well at the hands of the supervisors and their large receipts are constantly growing, without any increase in tax rates, as I called your attention to in my former article in the Fauquier Democrat, and the levy mentioned has been very much increased in the last few years.

In 1918 the county school levy was 15 cents on the one hundred dollars. In 1927 the county school levy was 50 cents on the one hundred dollars—an increase of over 300 per cent made in nine years.

From the way the funds of the county school levy are used I am told that Cedar Run and Lee Districts get a little advantage over the other districts in its distribution and possibly there are some (I do not assert this as being the case) who count on this fact inducing the supervisors of those two districts to favor an increase in the county school levy while they would not favor increasing their districts' school levies.

I am not acquainted with the supervisors of Cedar Run and Lee districts but from what I have heard of them I do not think that if they knew our situation, they would increase upon us. I will go further—I have never met a man or a woman from either one of those districts but what I formed a good opinion of, felt better for having met, and believed that any district or any county would be well off to have and, under the circumstances, I do not and I can not believe that either the supervisors or the residents of those districts will favor or help to put any imposition upon us in the way of a higher county school levy.

If, notwithstanding the huge and increasing receipts of the free schools, they want to give the free schools in those two districts more money they have simply to increase their own district school levies. And if the supervisor of Scott district wants to give the high school near him and the other schools of his district more money he has only to impose a higher district school levy and we will have to stand the imposition.

"As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."

It is very plain that the fairest way to raise the school taxes is through the district school levies. The American people, as a whole, like fair play and I am confident that you will uphold me in this contention. But I hope that not a single one of the supervisors will be stampeded by any means or by any influences or by any motives or inducements whatever into favoring any raise in the taxes for free schools or any other purpose.

In the Bill of Rights as embodied in the Constitution of Virginia we find the following given as qualities necessary to preservation of good government: "That no free government, or the blessings of liberty, can be preserved to any people, but by a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality and virtue and by frequent recurrence to fundamental principles."

Justice! Moderation! Frugality! I recommend you to the supervisors of Fauquier county as being worthy of the utmost consideration and wish you well.

As further pertinent to the question in hand of increasing our school taxes I ask your careful study and contemplation of what two learned authorities on those subjects have to say in regard to civil liberty and government.

Burlamaqui states: "Moral or natural liberty is the right which nature gives to all mankind for disposing of their persons and property after the manner they judge most consonant to their happiness, on condition of their acting within the limits of the law of nature, and that they do not any way abuse it to the pre- (Continued on Page Eight)

ADEN HONOR ROLL

First Grade: Harry Bear, Wade Whetzel, Hazel Landis. Second Grade: Johnnie Earhart, Cleveland Flory, Ollie Eanis. Third Grade: John Bear, Flory Diehl, Claude Smith, Mary Diehl. Fourth Grade: Christine Earhart, Eugene Flory, Lloyd Diehl, Clifford Bear. Fifth Grade: Mary Partlow, William Partlow, Philip Reading, Goldie Kucely, Frieda Herndon, Sarah Hively, Geneva Kerlin. Sixth Grade: Mabel Hedrick, Louise May, Hazel Diehl, Thomas Berryman.

GOVERNMENT TO VIEW BULL RUN

Battle Field Inspection on War Department's List Says Mr. Moore.

That the Manassas battle fields have been listed for inspection by the War Department and that the work will soon be taken up is information received from the War Department by Representative R. Walton Moore and relayed by him to Mr. Fred R. Hynson, president of the Kiwanis Club. The correspondence between Mr. Hynson and Mr. Moore follows: Mr. Hynson's Letter.

March 7, 1928. Hon. R. Walton Moore, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. My dear Mr. Moore:

I am writing to inquire what, if any, prospect there is of a survey by the War Department of the Civil War battle fields near Manassas, and in case such survey should be made, what methods of commemoration might be adopted?

For any information you can give us on this subject we will indeed be grateful.

Cordially yours, FRED R. HYNSON, President, Manassas Kiwanis Club, Mr. Moore's Reply.

Fred R. Hynson, Esq., President Kiwanis Club, Manassas, Virginia. Dear Mr. Hynson:

I have just received your letter of yesterday.

In 1926, the House of Representatives passed a bill which I had introduced specifically authorizing an inspection of the Bull Run battle fields. The Senate declined to act on the bill because at that time it was considering a general measure authorizing the Secretary of War to make studies and investigations of all battle fields with a view of furnishing Congress recommendations "for properly commemorating such battle fields or other adjacent points of historic and military interest." And that measure was enacted into law.

I am informed by the War Department that it has already listed the Manassas battle fields for inspection, and that the work will soon be taken up. I have requested the Department to include in its inspection Chantilly and Ox Hill in Fairfax county, where engagements took place following the principal engagement of the second battle of Manassas. I have also asked the inclusion of the Ball's Bluff battle field near Leesburg, where, as you know, there was a battle preceding the first battle of Manassas.

All of the battle fields mentioned are in closer proximity to Washington than the battle fields at and near Fredericksburg which are now under supervision of the Government, and about to be suitably marked and otherwise dealt with.

Yours very sincerely, R. WALTON MOORE.

SPEAKS HERE TOMORROW

Prof. Cornman to Address Poultry Raisers on Chick Problems.

There will be a poultry meeting in the courthouse at Manassas on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Prof. Charles T. Cornman, specialist in poultry work, will give a talk on "Feeding and Care of Baby Chicks."

Prof. Cornman will also hold a poultry clinic after the meeting, dissecting some sick birds and showing where to look for indications of certain poultry diseases.

Every one interested in poultry production is invited. For further information, see or write County Agent T. T. Curtis.

TEACHERS COMING TO TOWN IN APRIL

Manassas to Entertain More Than 500 at Annual Convention of District H.

Manassas is preparing to entertain between 500 and 600 school teachers here on Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14, the time set for the annual conference of District H, Virginia State Teachers' Association, comprising the counties of Culpeper, Rappahannock, Orange, Prince William, Fairfax and Arlington and the city of Alexandria.

Supt. R. C. Haydon, who is president of the organization, is arranging an attractive and interesting program for the occasion. Among the prominent educators invited to take part are Hon. John J. Tigert, United States Commissioner of Education, and Hon. Harris Hart, Virginia State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

It is customary for the hostess town to entertain all visiting teachers and plans are being made for luncheons on both days of the conference and for the entertainment of the teachers who remain in town overnight. All schools in the counties represented will observe holiday on the Friday of the convention, except that certain schools in the vicinity of Manassas are expected to remain open until 11 o'clock while observation classes are in session.

MARKER FOR OLD STONE BRIDGE

State Highway Provides Marker to Be Unveiled This Spring by U. D. C.

Plans for a public unveiling of the memorial erected by the State Highway Department to preserve the identity of the Old Stone Bridge over Bull Run were discussed at length yesterday afternoon at the March meeting of Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, which was entertained by Mrs. G. G. Allen.

The marker has been inscribed after conference between the highway department and Mrs. M. M. Washington, representing the chapter, and the neighboring Confederate organizations. Bull Run Chapter, 8th Virginia Regiment Chapter and Centreville Chapter, have been invited to join with Manassas in the service of dedication some time this spring.

The meeting was attended by a large number of members, including Mrs. M. M. Washington and Mrs. J. G. Middelton, of Greenwich, and Miss Louisa Moxley, of Haymarket, with Rev. J. Royal Cooke, of Greenwich, and Rev. Westwood Hatchison, of Manassas, as guests. Confederate war reminiscences of Mr. Coleman, a neighbor of the hostess, were presented by Mrs. E. L. Byrd.

Mrs. Albert Speiden, who presided, presented small Confederate flags to the members present, following a suggestion made at the last meeting that members display on meeting days the old battle flag of the South.

The hostess was assisted in serving a delightful repast by Mrs. Raymond Davis and Mrs. James Knox. Favours were little green flags suggesting St. Patrick's day.

The hostess of the April meeting will be Mrs. E. L. Byrd.

NIGHT DUTY FOR COPS

State traffic officers have received instructions to be on the roads at night to apprehend violators of the various regulations covering lights.

The order, which comes from James M. Hayes, Jr., director of the division of motor vehicles, department of finance, requires that officers spend two nights each week on the road looking after glaring headlights, no lights, tail lights, etc., and watching by day to see that tags are properly fastened to cars and not obscured in any way.

The final paragraph of the order emphasizes that this is "not just for regularity."

PLANS SET FOR EASTER DANCE

Woman's Club to Sponsor Benefit for Crippled Children's Hospital.

The Manassas Woman's Club was delightfully entertained on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. James E. Bradford in Main street, with Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Stuart E. Bevans and Mrs. G. G. Allen as hostesses. Mrs. E. H. Swavely was the presiding officer.

Plans were completed for the Easter Monday dance to be given at the high school auditorium for the benefit of the Crippled Children's Hospital at Richmond.

Six new members were admitted: Mrs. M. M. Washington, Mrs. George E. McDonald, Mrs. C. H. Seely, Mrs. Farrow, Mrs. W. N. Wenrich and Miss Ruby Ryman.

A letter was read from Miss Ryman county nurse, expressing thanks and appreciation for the club's liberal contribution for prizes to reward the progress of children in "five-point" health work. Mrs. R. S. Hynson presented the treasurer's report. Matters of local charity were taken up.

Two new committees were appointed as follows: Garden committee: Mrs. Robert H. Smith, chairman; Mrs. C. Wade Dalton, Mrs. T. E. Diddle, Mrs. E. H. Swavely, Mrs. G. G. Allen and Mrs. A. A. Hooff.

Civic committee: Mrs. A. A. Hooff, chairman; Mrs. E. H. Marsteller and Mrs. J. L. Bushong.

The April hostesses will be Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Dalton and Mrs. Denton.

CONVICTS FLEE IN SHERIFF'S PATH

Two Who Escape from Workhouse Apprehended by Local Officers.

Two escaped convicts, said to have been a murderer and a highway robber, were captured Friday in lower Prince William and returned to the District Workhouse at Lorton by Sheriff John P. Kerlin, Deputy Sheriff John Adams and Constable M. A. Lynch. The convicts had been hiding in a vacant store building.

The officers were en route to Manassas in the early morning after capturing two stills, 100-gallon and 75-gallon capacity, in the lower part of the county near the Stafford line. Fifteen shots are said to have been exchanged between the officers and the proprietor of the stills who managed to get away.

The same raiding squad the day before arrested John W. Lizing, who was arraigned before Mayor McInteer, of Quantico, and fined \$100 and costs for a violation of the prohibition law. A car and half a gallon of whiskey were confiscated.

MRS. ADA DAVIS DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Funeral Here Tomorrow—Two Daughters and Three Sons Survive Her.

Mrs. Ada Davis, who had been in failing health for a long time, passed away last night at her home in Main street at the age of 61. Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Manassas Baptist Church, the pastor, Rev. H. D. Anderson, being assisted by her former pastor, Rev. T. D. D. Clark. Interment will be in the Davis family plot at Brentsville.

Mrs. Davis was born at Brentsville February 11, 1867, the daughter of Lucian and Emma Williams Davis. Her grandfather was Capt. Lucian Davis, clerk of the Prince William county court in the days when Brentsville was the county seat. She was a member of the Baptist Church and of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Her husband, the late French Davis, died more than 20 years ago, after which she came with her family to Manassas. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. P. L. Proffitt and Miss Emma Lois Davis, of Manassas; three sons, Mr. Lucian A. Davis, of Washington, and Messrs. Eugene Davis and Raymond J. Davis, both of Manassas; a sister, Mrs. P. B. Redd, of Washington, and five granddaughters.

GORDON—JEFFRIES

Miss Bessie May Jeffries, of Manassas, and Mr. Floyd C. Gordon, of Clarendon, were quietly married in Washington on Saturday.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jeffries, of Manassas. She was employed here by C. J. Meetze & Co., before going to Washington three years ago to accept her present position with the Potomac Electric Power Company. The bridegroom, a native of Appomattox county, is a builder engaged in work at Clarendon, where the couple will make their home.

KIWANIS HOST TO ADVISORY

Members of County Council in Town for Delightful Session Friday Night.

The Kiwanis Club had a rousing session at Manassas Friday evening, entertaining state extension officials and members of the demonstration advisory council for Prince William county.

Mr. J. H. Quisenberry, district supervisor of farm demonstration agents, gave a comprehensive address on farm problems which was so timely and so well presented that it drew the closest attention of his audience. He covered briefly the various forms of suggested relief, praising some and condemning others. Government relief, curtailing of production, price setting, etc., all have apparent merit, he said, but the farmers' gain thereby is apt to mean harm to some other form of society. He expressed in conclusion his conviction that actual "farm relief" when it comes will come from the farmer himself who must work out his own salvation.

Mr. W. C. Shackelford, another district agent present, spoke on the importance of intensive, scientific farming, with special emphasis on the benefits to be derived from education available through the demonstration agencies of the extension service.

Mr. C. L. Chambers, agricultural field agent for the Southern States, also was invited to speak, but remained unheard on account of the late hour when his place on the program arrived. A delightful supper hour was enjoyed by Kiwanians and their guests.

KING SPINDLE DEAD

Centreville Resident Succumbs After Operation in Alexandria.

Mr. King C. Spindle, of Centreville, died Sunday in the Alexandria Hospital after a week's illness following an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Spindle was 51 years old.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ora Spindle; a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Gleason, of Washington, and three sons, Messrs. Roger, Fenton and King C. Spindle, jr.

Funeral services were held yesterday in the Methodist Church at Centreville, and interment was in the cemetery there.

R. L. GAITHER DIES IN NEW YORK CITY

Resident of Manassas for Many Years—Fails to Rally from Operation.

Robert Lee Gaither, a resident of Manassas for many years, died Tuesday night at the home of his sister, Mrs. Joseph Bruce Boyle, in New York city. Mr. Gaither was 65 years old and unmarried. He was operated on January 3 at St. Luke's Hospital in that city, and had never rallied from the operation.

Mr. Gaither left Manassas three years ago to pursue his business of construction work in New York. He was born in Montgomery county, Maryland, January 19, 1863, but had spent most of his younger life, before coming to Manassas, in Louisiana and other southern states.

Surviving him are two sisters, Mrs. Boyle and Miss Frances Gaither, both of New York, and three brothers, Messrs. Jesse, John R. and William H. Gaither, all of Maryland. His body will be laid to rest tomorrow at Union Bridge, Md. (Continued on Page Eight)

COUNCILS COVER COUNTY PROGRAM

Consider Improvements During 1927 and Make Recommendations for 1928.

The Extension Advisory Council of Prince William county held a meeting here at the National Bank last Friday afternoon to discuss the projects carried on by the farm and home demonstration agents. Special visitors at the meeting were Messrs. W. C. Shackelford and J. H. Quisenberry, district agents in extension work; Mr. C. L. Chambers, field agent for the Southern States, and Miss Edith Vaughan, assistant home demonstration agent, in addition to Mr. T. T. Curtis, county farm agent, and Miss Mary Fred Claytor, county home demonstration agent.

The following members of the advisory council were present: Mrs. C. F. M. Lewis, Mrs. E. May Dogan, Mrs. E. E. Blough, Mrs. M. M. Washington, Mrs. W. L. Lloyd (Mrs. Lloyd substituting for Mrs. M. J. Shepherd, who was away), Miss Grace Moran, Miss Ruby Ryman and Messrs. W. L. Lloyd, C. C. Lynn, J. N. House, J. L. Dawson, Rolfe Robertson, E. E. Blough, R. C. Haydon, G. H. Ayres, W. M. Johnson, G. Raymond Ratcliffe, R. S. Hynson and W. Holmes Robertson.

A report of demonstration gardens was read and the council voted that garden work be stressed and that more detailed work be done on the project this year. One of the gardens, on which records were kept this year, was valued at \$271.00 and another at \$191.50.

The next subject discussed was the milk situation and home cow ownership. Records on Mr. V. W. Zirkle's cow showed that the cow produced 1,005 gallons of milk during 1927. This was used for home consumption. This milk at 4 per cent would make 375 pounds of butter which if sold for 40 cents a pound would bring \$150.00.

The records kept on Mr. C. N. Snapp's cow showed his feed cost to be \$122.00. During 1927 this cow produced 665 pounds of butter which sold for \$252.50. Her calf was valued at \$30.00 and the net profit on her amounted to \$190.50. In addition to the butter made she supplied a family of three with whole milk.

These records will be used as a basis for recommendations on the feeding and care of the home cow.

The council recommended that particular work be carried on by the farm and home agents, advising that each family own a cow and feed her the balanced ration recommended by the farm agent.

A report of the "milk for health" campaign was made. The records show that 56 educational talks were made to school children and 44 to adults.

Miss Ryman, county health nurse, made the statement that she found the physical condition of the school children in this county much better than the average, and that she felt sure that milk had made the difference. Her records show that since the milk campaign there has been a very general gain in weight. In one school every child has gained except one—and he does not drink milk.

The records kept on poultry flocks fed and cared for according to extension methods showed the average egg production to be 123 eggs during 1927. The average egg production in the county is 63 eggs per hen annually. The highest record shown by a demonstrator was made by Mr. George Hampton, an average of 178 eggs per hen. He made a profit on each hen of \$2.93.

The council considered the records and recommended that the farm and home agents continue special work on the improvement of the farm flock. One member of the council made the recommendation that a culling campaign be put on in the early fall.

A meeting of the county farm agent's advisory council was held just prior to the joint meeting of the two councils, setting plans for the coming year. Due to the decreasing average of production of the County Herd Improvement Association, the council recommended the use of better sires and closer culling of low producing cows. In furthering the use of better sires, it was recommended that a study of pedigree reading be made available in the agricultural department of the high school here. It was (Continued on Page Eight)