

PRINCE WILLIAM FIFTEEN IN RANK

Steps Up In Efficiency Rating of Education System.

SUPERINTENDENT HAYDON DOES FORCEFUL WORK

County Has Climbed From Forty-first place in 1925, Gaining Each Year.

To Prince William County falls the honor of ranking fifteen in efficiency in the public school system of the 100 counties in Virginia according to the official rankings for 1927-28, recently made public by Dabney H. Lancaster, secretary of the State Board of Education.

The rank which this county has attained reflects great credit on the County Board of Education, Richard Haydon, superintendent of schools, and the principals and able corps of teachers carrying forward the work of educating the boys and girls of the county. In looking back over the records of ratings in recent years it is revealed that Prince William ranked 41 in 1925; 32 in 1926; 28 in 1927, and carrying out its habit of advancing each school year stepped up to fifteenth place in 1928.

Arlington County First.
Arlington County had the most efficient public school system of any county in the state, with Warwick second, and Henrico third, while Winchester led the cities, followed by Richmond and Norfolk.

School systems are ranked by the board on the basis of the average salary of teachers, adequacy of local support, total cost per room, total per capita cost, percentage of attendance of the population, percentage of teachers with one or more years of college training, length of term, percentage of high school pupils of total enrollment, and general adequacy of educational facilities.

Many Counties Improve.
Among the counties which improved their standings in a remarkable manner during the year, in addition to Prince William, were Warren, which rose from forty-fourth to twentieth; Accomac, Dickenson and Montgomery. (Continued on page 8.)

STICK-UP MEN GET SMALL HAUL

Hold Up Henry Wallace, Fireman At Municipal Plant, And Relieve Him of Change.

Stick 'em up was the order which two colored men gave Henry Wallace, fireman at the municipal power plant as they entered the premises at about 10:15 Sunday night, flourishing a couple of automatic pistols. Being a man who is fond of life, Mr. Wallace complied with the order and was promptly relieved of cash to the amount of \$1.50.

The men backed out, keeping him covered as they did so, but as they turned and broke into a run he called the police and then gave chase, but the men dashed off across the Southern railway tracks and made their escape. Constable M. A. Lynch arrested two colored men a short time later and they were held for investigation, but in the morning were able to satisfy the authorities that they were not involved and were released.

OFFICERS NAMED FOR STATE FAIR

Richmond, Jan. 24.—Westmoreland Davis was elected president of the Virginia State Fair Association for 1929 at the annual meeting of the association Monday night.

Other officers elected were: Vice-presidents, W. Brydon Tennant, T. Gilbert Wood and H. M. Luttrell; treasurer, Luke H. Fairbanks; secretary and managing director, Charles A. Somma; assistant managing director, John J. Fairbank.

Executive committee: W. Brydon Tennant, chairman; J. Kent Rawley, Charles A. Somma, Westmoreland Davis, L. H. Fairbank and Clyde Ratcliffe.

The directors elected Monday evening including those whose term has not expired, are: The mayor, president of the Board of Aldermen, and president of the Common Council of the city of Richmond, Westmoreland Davis, T. Gilbert Wood, L. W. Hoffman, H. M. Luttrell, J. Kent Rawley, Charles T. Ayes, W. J. Carter, K. E.

THIEF BREAKS MANASSAS JAIL

Second Prisoner to Escape Within a Few Weeks. Hack Saw and Bar Used.

Following close upon the heels of the escape from the local jail of a desperate highwayman, who had just been sentenced to 10 years, Ernest Campbell, colored, who was caught in an attempt to rob the Hynson Department Store on January 13, took flight on Sunday night and has not been heard of since.

As in other cases, a hack saw figured in the get-away, Campbell having come into possession of the instrument in some unknown manner. Sawing the bars on his cell door until they were sufficiently weakened he pried them apart enough to enable him to reach the outside bolts and walked out and away without interruption.

Jailer Jarman, who had made the hourly inspection of the jail, and a check on the prisoners, saw nothing to arouse his suspicions, and escape of the hold-up man was not discovered until his next tour. The alarm was given and Sheriff Kerlin and Constable M. A. Lynch joined with others in what developed into an all-night search. Police officials in other towns and cities were notified and given a description of the negro, but up to the time of going to press he had not been apprehended.

KIWANIS CLUB READY FOR YEAR

President Didlake Appoints Committees For Ensuing Year and Outlines General Policies.

The Manassas Kiwanis Club is now in its full stride for the new year and at its regular meeting last Friday night, President T. E. Didlake, who resumed office during the first week of this month, outlined his policies for the twelve months and spoke briefly on the aims and policies of Kiwanis National.

The various committees were named and all are now functioning and will endeavor to carry forward the constructive plans which the organization has in mind for the ensuing year. The committees and their membership the chairman being the first named, are:

Agricultural—William L. Lloyd and C. C. Lynn; Attendance—A. A. Hooff; Business Standards—Dr. C. R. C. Johnson, G. Raymond Ratcliffe and F. R. Hynson; Classification—The board of directors; Finance—M. M. Ellis, W. R. Cocks, W. H. Leachman; Goodwill and Grievance—D. J. Arrington, Rev. A. Stuart Gibson and Eli Swavely; House—Harry P. Davis, Wilson Wenrich and A. S. Boatwright; Interclub—Robert A. Hutchison and Oliver E. Newman; Kiwanis Education—O. D. Waters;

Laws and Regulations—W. S. Athey Rev. George Hasel and M. M. Ledman; Membership—confidential; Music—H. Elmer Metz, C. W. Alpaugh, J. P. Pullen; Program—J. E. Bradford; Public Affairs—Richard S. Hynson, Eli Swavely and Dr. E. H. Marsteller; Publicity—R. C. Haydon and Maj. F. W. Patterson; Reception—B. Lynn Robertson, E. G. Parrish and W. E. Trusler;

Underprivileged Children—Dr. E. H. Marsteller, Dr. Stewart McBryde and E. R. Conner; Sheriff—W. H. Leachman; Efficiency Contest—O. D. Waters, E. S. Hynson, A. A. Hooff, R. A. Hutchison and James E. Bradford; Honorary Membership—Fred R. Hynson, R. A. Hutchison and G. Raymond Ratcliffe.

J. G. Dawson, an honorary member of the club, was present at the last meeting, while B. Lynn Robertson had as his guest, Wallace Calvert.

Harmon, R. W. Spillman, Kenneth Gilpin, R. B. Allport, Robert W. Williams, J. Marshall Lewis, W. Brydon Tennant, Charles A. Somma, H. W. McLaughlin, Joseph A. Turner, John J. Fairbank, Morton G. Thalheimer, J. H. Quisenberry, L. H. Fairbank, Clyde H. Ratcliffe, Samuel Haisfont, Berkeley D. Adams, Harvey Clapp, W. C. Hull, Walter J. Coulter, D. C. Sands, Thomas B. Gay, Hatcher S. Steward, A. P. Craddock, J. R. K. Cowan and R. J. Vance.

Mr. Somma, managing director, reported that a gratifying profit resulted from last year's operations.

HARRY P. DAVIS ON BANK COUNCIL

Named As A Member of Advisory Council of Group 3, Virginia Bankers Association.

Harry P. Davis, cashier of the National Bank of Manassas, was elected a member of the advisory council of group 3, of the Virginia Bankers Association, at the twentieth annual meeting of the group held on Saturday at the George Mason Hotel, Alexandria.

Thomas P. Beery, vice president of the National Bank of Harrisonburg, was election chairman of the group; C. T. Merchant, vice president of the Arlington Trust Co., Rosslyn, was named vice chairman; P. W. Anderson, cashier of the Marshall National Bank at Marshall, secretary-treasurer. The advisory council to which Mr. Davis was elected also has the following members: G. R. Geary, cashier, Mount Jackson National Bank, Mount Jackson; H. G. Brown, cashier, Culpeper National Bank; Russell Shrock, cashier Peoples National Bank, Stephens City; P. G. Marsteller, cashier, Fauquier National Bank, Warrenton, and C. W. Bowbeer, treasurer of the Virginia Bankers Association.

More Than 150 Delegates.

More than 150 delegates attended the meeting which was presided over by J. T. L. Jones, of Berryville. The morning session was opened with an invocation by Rev. E. V. Regester, presiding elder of Alexandria district of the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, South. William H. Baden, trust officer of the Washington Loan & Trust Company, spoke on "The Life Insurance Trust"; S. W. Keys, of Glade Springs, spoke on "City and County Organizations"; and W. D. Durrett, of Richmond, spoke on "Bank Costs". The address of welcome was made by City Manager Paul Morton and the response by C. Russell Caldwell, of Staunton. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, cashier of the Peoples National Bank, here, who has held a number of offices in the group, attended, and with Mrs. Ratcliffe was present at the banquet given at night.

VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS PLAN PEACE PARLEY

Platform Convention Would Establish Basis Upon Which Party Goes Into Election.

The News Leader says it has learned that proposals to admit Hoover Democrats to the forthcoming State Democratic primary and to call a State Democratic platform convention, with delegates elected at the primary participating, will be laid before the State Democratic committee at its next meeting.

The proposed convention, the paper says, coming close upon the primary at which the party's choice for governor would be made, would establish the basis upon which the Democratic party would enter the general election in November. After the various candidates fight it out for the nomination, it was added, the platform would be built to give the party an undivided foundation for a possible contest with the Republican party in November.

It is stated that the representation at the convention would be 1 delegate for each 100 voters who cash Democratic votes in the last purely State election. This would mean from 1,800 to 2,000 delegates.

ANNUAL GRAIN AND CORN SHOW AT LEESBURG

T. T. Curtis, county agent, and other progressive farmers of Prince William county, left this morning for Leesburg to attend the Annual Corn and Grain Show, being held there today and tomorrow, January 24 and 25.

In this connection an item carried recently by the Loudoun Times-Mirror, is of interest, it stating that several thousands bushels of seed corn and wheat was sent out of that county each year, and that recently a big shipment of corn had been sent to the State of Illinois to be used as seed.

Good seed is every bit as essential as good stock and farmers all over this county are fast realizing this fact. Prince William can also claim an out-of-county shipment on seed, especially wheat. Now is the time for the selection of the very best seed possible for the corn crop of this year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PLANS UNDER WAY

Speiden Chairman of Special Meeting Last Week. Another Session On Friday Night.

That many of the people of Manassas believe that the time has come for a reorganization of the fire department and that steps should be taken to provide the firefighters with modern equipment suitable to a town of this size was developed on Friday night at a meeting in the Fire House called by Chief Jesse Crosby and William F. Cocks, town manager.

Following an informal discussion the meeting was organized and Albert Speiden, who was chief of the department for two years in what are referred to as "the good old days," was named as chairman of the meeting. In opening the session Mr. Speiden pointed to the splendid work done by members of the fire department over a long period of years, stressed the difficulties with which they were confronted in the matter of proper apparatus, urged a complete reorganization of the department along lines to be recommended by a committee and plead for modern equipment, not only as a means of reducing the fire hazard, but as a means of encouraging the volunteers by giving them tools of which they might be proud.

Special Committee Named.

Harry P. Davis, mayor, but speaking in an unofficial capacity outlined what he believed to be the proper kind of equipment to be purchased, and encouraged the reorganization plan. There were suggestions from many others present, both as to the kind of equipment required and the ways for maintaining an efficient as well as a progressive volunteer department.

Before the close of the meeting the chair appointed a committee to draw up plans for reorganization which will be presented at a meeting to be held on Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Fire House, and at this time it is expected that formal action will be taken and a complete reorganization effected. The committee preparing the report consists of M. M. Ellis, chairman; Chief Jesse Crosby and James E. Bradford.

There is now in the hands of the Town Treasurer something more than \$2,800 which was raised by taxation for the purpose of buying fire equipment and this may be used in the purchase of such apparatus as may be decided upon after approval by the town Council. This amount is not sufficient to pay for present day equipment and other funds will be sought at a later date.

\$10,663,400 FOR STATE HIGHWAYS

Prince William Not Included In Allocation of Funds For This Year.

A tentative allocation of road funds for the fiscal year, July 1, 1929, to June 30, 1930, has been made by the State Highway Commission and from the report of distribution it is revealed that no allotment has been made for Prince William County.

The total funds available for State highway construction is estimated to be \$10,663,400. It is estimated that the motor vehicle fuel tax will contribute \$4,514,500.00 to this amount; equivalent to one mill tax, convict labor, title fees, bus licenses, etc., \$4,386,195.00; Federal aid, \$1,450,000.00 and supervision and engineering \$312,645.00.

Deductions made from the total amount before being distributed to the eight construction districts are as follows: Supervision and engineering, \$312,645,000; surveys, \$33,755,000; filling in gaps, \$1,000,000.00. The total deductions amount to \$1,346,400.00, leaving \$9,317,000.00 available for distribution among the various construction districts.

The amount available for projects in the Culpeper district, to which Prince William belongs, but which county appears to have no allocation of funds, is \$1,006,485.

Tentative dates have been set for hearings on these allocations of funds. The hearing of the Culpeper district has been set from 9:30 to 11 a. m., Tuesday, January 29, in the city armory at Charlottesville. Distribution of mileage under the 2 1/2 per cent clause will not be considered or discussed during these hearings.

JENKINS BROS. STORE ROBBED

Thief Breaks Glass In Door And Makes Way With Several Dresses, Skirts and Coats.

When the Jenkins brothers arrived at their store on Monday morning they found that a burglar had removed a plate of glass from the front door enabling him to enter and help himself to an assortment of dresses, skirts and ladies coats, which he packed in a suit case taken from the elaborate display in the store. The value of the articles removed was estimated at \$200.

The police were notified at once and the wheels were set in motion looking toward the apprehension of the thief. It is believed that the burglary was effected sometime after 3 a. m., as at ten minutes after this hour, Officer Jarman made a tour of Center street and tried the doors of the Jenkins Brothers establishment along with those of several other stores.

It is believed that the thief was a strange colored man who has been loitering in the vicinity of the pool room near the railway station during the night, and it was reported to the authorities that a colored man carrying a new suit case was seen to board a northbound freight here at about 5 a. m. Police in all towns in Prince William and other counties, as well as Richmond and Washington authorities have been notified to be on the look out for the man.

This robbery follows by a few days the attempted robbery of the Hynson Department Store which was frustrated by the Hynson family who responded to a silent alarm and caught the man in the store. The thief was being held here for trial at the February term of court, but escaped from the jail on Sunday night.

SHUMATE BROS. HERE ON FRIDAY

Quartet In Concert At Swavely In Evening Program, Instrumental And Vocal.

The fourth program of the series being presented at Swavely School will be presented tomorrow, Friday, January 25, the entertainment taking place in the spacious gymnasium of the school. Shumate Brothers Quartet will provide vocal and instrumental music. Four brothers, all with natural musical ability, pleasing personalities and a wide and varied experience in the entertainment field, form this playing and singing quartet. They have studied and played together since childhood, and as a result their ensemble work is almost perfect. Saxophone, trumpet and trombone ensembles including all kinds and types of music, from beautiful overtures to popular hits of the day, are presented on a program rich with novelties and surprises. As singers, the Shumate Brothers are universally popular. Both in solo work and ensemble singing, the vocal numbers form an appealing feature of the evening.

The holders of season tickets to these entertainments, as well as those of the town and county who have purchased tickets for tomorrow night, will hear something "a little different" in this concert as this famous Quartet is one of the best drawing cards in the country and present delightful programs in a range from jazz to classical both in instrumental and vocal.

Charles S. Howland Next.

"The Story of the Ancient Whaleman," will be the subject of a lecture by Chester S. Howland on February 8. Mr. Howland is a native of the famous seaport of New England, New Bedford, according to The Swavely Sentinel. His father was Captain George L. Howland, of the bark Canton. Direct connection with the sea makes the story told by this lecturer educational as well as entertaining in its realism. His program has been heartily received in nearly all of the larger cities from Washington, D. C. to Maine. And the students and faculty of Yale, Cornell, Harvard, Princeton, Clark and Wesleyan as well as members of many clubs acclaim his work with the highest approval.

Like What?

Macon Telegraph—Now if Mr. Durant would give a \$25,000 prize for a plan to solve the horn-bonking problem, that would be something like.

VIRGINIA DAIRIES MAKE BIG GAINS

Many Prince William Men Hear At Convention In Harrisonburg.

BUTTER PRODUCTION SHOWS HUGE ADVANCE

State Department of Agriculture Has Been Important Factor in Progress.

In connection with the annual meeting of the Virginia State dairymen's convention, held last week at Harrisonburg, Director F. C. Breazeal of the dairy and food division of the State Department of Agriculture, pointed out giant strides made in the dairying industry by Virginia. In no manner can this statement be substantiated more accurately than by a citation of production. The figures quoted are those supplied by Director Breazeal: During 1915 pounds of butter produced in Virginia amounted to 1,287,073; in 1926 these amounted to 4,906,993; while in 1927 these had increased to 5,273,592.

In 1915 there were 3,326,116 pounds of butter fat handled in the State. In 1926 these pounds had increased to 12,476,582. In 1915 there were 4,434,729 gallons of milk handled in the State. In 1926 this output had increased to 21,050,774 gallons.

The control of the dairy branch of farming, said the dairy and food director, has entailed no little activity on the part of the field men under his direction, whose principal line of work lies in instructing farmers in the proper care of cows and in the rudiments of successful dairying, such as sanitation, the housing and feeding of animals.

Dairying Makes Strides.

In the past three years dairying has developed in Virginia by leaps and bounds, and the dairy and food division of the State Department of Agriculture has been a prominent factor in this progress. Under the supervision of Director Breazeal, plans for 580 barns and milk houses have been furnished in all parts of the State during the past few years. Six dairy inspectors devote their entire time to the inspection of creameries, milk plants, cream grading, farms, dairies and dairy herds.

Director Breazeal said that from experience it had been found that more people make mistakes in the putting down of concrete floors than in any other one part of a dairy building, so especial care has been taken in proper instruction along this line.

Prince William Represented.

Those who attended the convention from this county were: T. T. Curtia, county agent; T. R. Hurst, Wilmer Kline, A. J. Brady, C. C. Lynn, J. E. Barrett, W. T. Thomason, J. B. Johnson, and A. H. Breden.

LEE AND JACKSON LAUDED SUNDAY

Birthday Observance Of the Great Generals Held Under Auspices of U. D. C.

Honor was paid to Gen. Robert E. Lee and Gen. Stonewall Jackson, by the United Daughters of the Confederacy on Sunday in a joint observance of the birthdays of these two great generals in the war between states.

The ceremony was held in the Manassas Baptist Church at 3 p. m., and in addition to the members of Manassas Chapter, U. D. C., who were led by their president, Mrs. C. M. Larkin, Confederate Veterans, their families and a large group of people of the county were in attendance.

Didlake Principal Speaker.
Mr. C. Armistead Sinclair was chairman of the meeting, while addresses were made and papers read by Mr. T. E. Didlake, the principal speaker; Rev. A. Stuart Gibson, who spoke on Gen. Jackson and Rev. W. A. Hall.

A male chorus, consisting of Messrs. Ratcliffe, Byrd, Meyers, Speiden and Jones, sang a number of hymns known as favorites of the two generals, closing with "Tenting Tonight." Rev. Hiram D. Anderson, pastor of the church pronounced the benediction.

Can't Be Done.

Dallas News—They've been trying to heckle Bill Borah in the Senate. It's like trying to tickle a porcupine under the chin.