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BYRD URGES NO INCREASED LEVIES

Expresses Hope That Local Tax Rates Be Not Increased In State.

Richmond, Va., February 21.—Gov. Harry F. Byrd on Tuesday issued a statement to the people of Virginia, urging against any increase in local tax rates throughout the State except in cases of urgent necessity.

The governor called attention to a reduction of \$1,412,592.62 in the State's aggregate tax bill by the repeal of the 25 cent levy on land and tangible personal property.

VIRGINIA HOMEMAKERS MEET ON MARCH 1

Mrs. M. M. Davis, Former State Agent Will Make The Principal Address

The Prince William Branch of Virginia Homemakers will meet at the old Stone House Tea Room, on Friday, March 1. Lunch will be served at 1 p. m. at a nominal charge.

Mrs. M. M. Davis, former agent will give the guest speaker and will give a talk on "Foods Make a Difference," and those who have heard her on other occasions will realize that a treat is in store for those who attend.

Those who intend going to the March 1, meeting are requested to notify Miss Mary E. Bell, so that arrangements may be made well in advance.

SOUTH HILL MARKET TO CLOSE FEB. 28

South Hill, Va., February 21.—At a recent meeting of the South Hill Tobacco Board of Trade, it was decided to close the market for the season on February 28.

GREENWICH CLUB GETS DEMONSTRATION MEETING

The Greenwich Home Demonstration Club will hold its next meeting on Thursday, February 28, in the Manse, according to announcement yesterday by Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, president.

The first demonstration in a series to be given will be made at this meeting and Miss Mary Bell, county demonstration agent, will give a practical demonstration in preparing dishes for social affairs.

WOODBINE COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEETS TOMORROW

The regular monthly meeting of the Woodbine Community League will be held on Friday, February 22, at the usual hour.

After the business session a short program will be rendered by the school and refreshments will be sold.

BUCKHALL OYSTER SUPPER.

Buckhall Community League will give an oyster supper at the School House, on Saturday night, February 23, beginning at 5 p. m.

G. B. KEEZELL NEW TREASURER

Named To Succeed J. A. Garber In Rockingham By Judge Bertram.

Harrisonburg, Va., Feb. 21.—George B. Kezell was on Monday appointed treasurer of Rockingham County by Judge H. W. Bertram, of the Rockingham Circuit Court, to succeed J. A. Garber, who was elected to Congress from the Seventh District in the Hoover landslide.

The appointment is for the unexpired term of Mr. Garber, which has three years to run. Kezell has tendered his resignation to Governor Byrd as a member of the House of Delegates from Rockingham County.

The Rockingham treasuryship pays between \$6,000 and \$7,000 a year, a compensation greater than that of the governor of the State. There were twenty applicants for the appointment. Kezell served 30 years in the Virginia State Senate and six years in the house of delegates. He will take office March 2.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL MEETING

Masonic Convention of Association Opened Session Today In Alexandria.

Alexandria, Va., February 21.—With 200 delegates in attendance, the nineteenth annual convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association opened this morning in the lodgeroom of Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons, No. 22.

MRS. E. J. SUDDUTH DIES IN WARRENTON

Mrs. E. J. Sudduth died Monday afternoon at her home in Warrenton. Mrs. Sudduth was before her marriage a Miss White, of Culpeper county. She had lived in Warrenton for many years and had many friends there and in Prince William County.

MISS EVA C. BITTLE MARRIES MR. G. C. GODFREY

Miss Eva Catherine Bittle, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bittle, of Nokesville, was united in marriage to Mr. Grover C. Godfrey, also of Nokesville, at the Lutheran parsonage, Manassas, with Rev. Luther F. Miller performing the ceremony. The couple were accompanied by relatives and a few friends.

Following the ceremony the couple left for a motor trip through Maryland. On their return they will reside near Nokesville.

COMMITTEE TO PICK TOBACCO BELT DATES

Appointed To Determine Opening Dates For Southern Tobacco Belts.

Danville, Va., Feb. 21.—A. B. Carrington, president of the Tobacco Association of the United States, today announced his appointment of a committee which will determine the opening dates for the various Southern tobacco belts next season.

Those on the committee are: W. T. Clark, chairman, Wilson, N. C.; C. A. Gregory, Richmond; T. W. Blackwell, Winston-Salem; A. J. Bullington, Durham; P. A. Noell, Durham; O. C. Gregory, Richmond; U. H. Cazort, Wilson; John L. Tucker, Danville; W. C. Wooding, Danville; A. H. Buchan, Mullins, S. C.; Ralph Garrett, Greenville, N. C.; E. V. Webb, Kingston, N. C.; Gerhard Suhling, Lynchburg; and P. J. Carlton, Richmond.

DR. S. M. JOHNSON TALKS ON ROADS

Visits Kiwanis Friday And Stirs Members With Report Of Progress.

VISITS NOKESVILLE AND TALKS GOOD ROADS

Local Committee Report No Success On Manassas-Centerville Road Completion.

Dr. S. M. Johnson, directing head of the Lee Highway Association, who is in charge of the plan to have Prince William County a demonstration county for model road system, was the guest of the Kiwanis Club Friday night.

Dr. Johnson reported that the demonstration plan has already placed Prince William in the limelight throughout the United States and the development of the project is being watched by engineers of every county throughout the land.

National Interest Manifest.

The father of the Lee Highway and advocate of good roads throughout the United States presented his plan for Prince William at the Road Builders' Association in Cleveland recently, where the more than 20,000 delegates from this country, South America, Europe and other nations received it with great interest.

Local Committee Not Encouraged.

C. R. C. Johnson, chairman of Kiwanis road committee, reported the result of the work of his committee with the co-operation of one from the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, in connection with having the Manassas-Centerville road completed, but his report indicated that the completion of this road work will not be brought about for several years.

Nokesville Enthusiastic.

Following the Kiwanis meeting Dr. S. M. Johnson, accompanied by B. Lynn Robertson, chairman of the county road demonstration committee, journeyed to Nokesville where he addressed the Aden Community League and residents of Brentsville district on road plans.

WIMODAUSSIS CHAPTER, O. E. S., TO BANQUET LOCAL MASONS

The date of the banquet to be given by Wimodausis Chapter, No. 106, Order Eastern Star, to Manassas Lodge, No. 182, A. F. and A. M., has been changed to Wednesday night, February 27, at 6:30.

Members of the Manassas Lodge are given the privilege of bringing a lady guest and those who have not already signified their intention of going should notify Mr. Worth Storke, care of The Peoples National Bank, not later than Saturday.

FIRE IN HEN HOUSE AT J. J. CONNOR'S PLACE

Serious damage to nearby property was prevented by the prompt action of the fire department on Wednesday afternoon when they responded to an alarm of fire from the home of Mr. J. J. Connor on Grant Avenue. The fire was in the chicken house in rear of the residence and was caused by an overheated brooder. The building was a total loss and many eggs and chickens were lost.

W. C. T. U. TO HAVE MEMORIAL SERVICE

The annual Frances Willard Memorial service will be observed by the Women's Christian Temperance Union on Wednesday, February 27, at the home of Mrs. T. R. Bywaters at 3 p. m. The program will be a special one and there will be music and appropriate readings. It is hoped that all members and friends will attend this memorial service.

JOHN T. COCHRAN IS GRAND MASTER

Elected Grand Master of Virginia Masons Succeeding William Lee Davis.

C. A. SINCLAIR NAMED DEPUTY OF DISTRICT 59

Grand Lodge Virginia Masons Held Annual Communication in Richmond Last week.

John T. Cochran, of The Plains, Va., was elevated to the office of grand master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, at the concluding session Saturday of the 151st annual communication of the Grand Lodge at the Masonic Temple here.

Mr. Cochran, in attaining the highest office of Virginia Masonry, succeeds William Lee Davis, of Portsmouth, who becomes past grand master.

According to custom other line grand officers were elevated one rank by the annual election, with Dr. William M. Brown, of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, becoming the new line officer. He was elected grand junior deacon.

Other Line Grand Officers.

Frank T. McFaden, D. D., Winchester, deputy grand master, Dr. A. M. Showalter, Christiansburg, grand senior warden; Harry K. Green, Clarendon, grand junior warden; Judge J. C. Padgett, Independence, grand senior deacon.

Appointive grand officers were reappointed by the new grand master as follows: Oscar J. Adams, of Richmond, grand tiler; James C. Drinard, of Richmond, grand pursuivant; A. W. Baker, Richmond, grand steward; James M. Clift, of Richmond, grand secretary, and William S. Pettit, of Richmond, grand treasurer.

C. Armistead Sinclair, Honored.

C. Armistead Sinclair, treasurer of Prince William County and prominent attorney was elected District Deputy Grand master for District 29, which district includes the lodges at Manassas, Haymarket, Clifton, Herndon and other nearby points.

Representatives from Manassas Lodge, No. 182, attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge were G. Walker Merchant, who was formerly district deputy, and Gilbert Walker Merchant, jr., Worshipful Master of the local lodge of Masons.

COUNTY WORKERS VISIT BRENTSVILLE

County Nurse and Home Demonstration Agent Make Business Visit to School

Miss Ruby C. Ryman, county nurse, and Miss Mary E. Bell, Home Demonstration Agent, were visitors to the Brentsville School on Tuesday, February 19 and hot lunch was served by club members and the Junior League.

Miss Bell reported that hot lunch is being served in eight schools this winter. Six of the schools are serving lunch twice each week, while two of them, Catharpin and Brentsville are serving hot lunch every day. This phase of club work has made splendid progress and it is believed that few communities will be found next year where club members are not serving hot lunches in their nearby schools.

DANCE AT SWAVELY ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Climaxes the Mid-Winter Festival Observed by the School This Week.

Another attractive feature of the Mid-Winter festival now being held at Swavely School will be the dance tomorrow night sponsored by the "S" Club of the school, to which numerous distinguished guests and many of the people of the town and county have been invited.

C. R. Hitchman, president of the club is in charge of the dance, while Senor Caino, of the faculty is directing the decorating of Baker gymnasium, which it is proposed to transform from a necessarily bare hall into a delightful garden in which the atmosphere of spring and romance will prevail.

Dancing will begin at 9 p. m., and continue through to 1 a. m., a special orchestra will supply the music.

FIRE COMPANY HAS GOOD MEETING

New Constitution and By-Laws Adopted. Next Step Effort To Get Modern Apparatus.

The reorganized Manassas Fire Department met on Monday night in the Fire House with Chief-elect Albert Speiden presiding.

The committee appointed to draw up a new constitution and by-laws presented its report and following a discussion of each article as presented the governing rules of the department were adopted.

Chief Speiden then addressed the members pointing out many of the important things in connection with fire fighting which members of the department should know, and stressing the fact that a knowledge of buildings to which they might be called in a fire emergency would enable intelligent work, he appointed a number of committees to study buildings in the business section of the town and bring in reports at the next meeting.

Members of the department are enthusiastic over the reorganization and are now earnestly discussing the prospects of having the town purchase modern equipment. It is expected that this matter will come up at a meeting of the council to be held in the near future.

FRANK O. GRAFFAM DIES IN NEW JERSEY

Was Resident of Dumfries for Many Years; Father of Mrs. G. C. Abell.

Frank C. Graffam, for many years a resident of Dumfries, died at his home in Union City, N. J., last Friday. Mr. Graffam was a native of Richmond having been born there and lived there until about twenty years ago. He then moved to Dumfries where he and his family remained for 20 years. He lost his wife, Grace, nee Krezmarz, by death in 1920. Several years later he married Miss Carrie Cooke of Richmond and moved to Union City, N. J., where he resided up until his death.

His remains were brought to Richmond and funeral services were conducted from S. Andrews Episcopal Church and interment was in River-view Cemetery on Sunday. The deceased had a host of friends in Fredericksburg, Manassas, Richmond and other points in Virginia as well as many friends in New Jersey where he resided in recent years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Carrie E.; four children, Mrs. Grover C. Abell and Mrs. Eastman Keys, of Dumfries; Mr. Cyrus Graffam and Mrs. Kahl Charles, of Laurel, Va.; six grand children and seven step children, all of New Jersey.

BRISTOW LIKES SIGNAL LIGHTS

The people of Bristow and vicinity are expressing satisfaction over the installation by the Southern Railway of safety signal lights placed at the Railway crossing in town. The lights work automatically and ample warning is given at the approach of a train the townspeople say.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB WILL PRESENT BOOK

Volume by Mary Newton Stanard for National Federation in Washington.

The Woman's Club of Manassas will present a book to the library of the National Federation of Women's Clubs, in Washington and Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson has been appointed a committee of one to make the purchase. The volume to be bought will be "The Story of Virginia's First Century," by Mary Newton Stanard.

At the meeting last week Mr. Noell Gill, of the Swavely faculty, gave readings from the poems of Tennyson. Mr. Gill graciously came to the rescue of the entertainment committee when it was learned that Mrs. H. S. Eley, president of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Virginia, who was to have been the principal speaker at this meeting was unable to come due to illness. Members and their guests enjoyed a delightful afternoon.

The committee in charge of the serving of refreshments, consisted of Mrs. Will Brower, chairman; Mrs. Paul Cooksie, Mrs. W. G. Covington, Mrs. C. W. Dalton and Mrs. T. E. Didlake.

PRINCE WILLIAM SCHOOL GET FUNDS

State Comptroller Makes Semi-Annual Distribution to Schools of Cities and Counties.

Last week State Comptroller E. R. Combs distributed to the counties and cities of the State \$2,746,011, the second half of the last appropriation by the State for the maintenance of public schools of the Commonwealth. The amount is made up of the portion of the capitation tax receipts creditable to the school fund, other taxes for schools and the interest from investments of the Literary Fund. Of the total the cities will receive only \$579,579, the remainder going to the counties, their share being allotted in proportion to their school population.

At the same time \$118,142 has been deducted from the school appointment fund for retired teachers' pensions credited to the pension fund through the office of State Treasurer John M. Purcell, and will be paid out on April 1.

Of the allotment for distribution last week Prince William County received \$13,574.55, this sum being its portion of the second half of the cash appropriation.

DR. E. V. REGISTER HERE ON SUNDAY

Will Preach From Pulpit of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at 7:30.

Dr. E. V. Register, presiding elder of the Alexandria district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be a Manassas visitor on Sunday and will preach at the 7:30 p. m. service in Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, according to announcement by Rev. George Hasel, pastor.

Dr. Register is one of the outstanding preachers in this section of the country and those who have been privileged to hear him in the past will be glad of an opportunity to listen to his message again. Those who have never had the opportunity to hear this eminent elder should make an effort to do so on Sunday night.

CIRCUIT COURT CLOSED FRIDAY

Many Cases Disposed of During The Term.

L. M. Toombs, special officer for Prince William County, filed a surety company bond for \$500, which was approved by the court.

The County School Board filed a petition praying leave to make sale of certain school properties in Prince William County which have been abandoned or are not in use for school purposes. Court ordered sale to be made to the highest bidder at auction after advertisement of the sale.

Commonwealth vs. Roberta Randall; felony, breach of the prohibition laws; motion for new trial overruled and the defendant ordered to jail for 12 months and to pay a fine of \$100.

James Randall, breach of prohibition laws, previously tried and sentence suspended pending outcome of trial of Roberta Randall; one month in jail and a fine of \$50, the court suspended the jail sentence.

It appearing to the court that certain lots of ardent spirits in the County jail having been used as evidence and having served its purpose it was ordered destroyed by the sheriff.

Allowance to civil jurors for attendance and mileage at this term was approved.

Ralph W. Bohrer vs. Charles P. Richardson, et al., attachment. Dismissed. J. C. Parrish vs. Bull Run Power Co.—mandamus; by consent of all parties concerned it was considered by the court that J. C. Parrish be permitted to examine certain books and accounts of Bull Run Power Co., to begin not later than 9 a. m., February 22, in the office of T. E. Dadlake. Considered without costs to either party.