

MOTORISTS URGED TO OBSERVE LAW

School Board Cites Laws Governing Driving Near Schools And Buses.

VIOLATION OF LAW CLASSED MISDEMEANOR

D. J. Arrington, Chairman of School Board, Says Most Motorists Use Caution Near Schools.

The protection of the school children of Prince William County from the hazards of present day traffic is one of the prime concerns of the County School Board, which rarely closes a board meeting without a discussion of ways and means of bringing to the attention of motorists the regulations governing their conduct when passing schools or passing school buses.

"The average driver in this county is prone to exercise care in the vicinity of school buildings," said D. J. Arrington, president of the County School Board, yesterday, "but many of them do not seem to pay attention to the regulations governing speed when approaching and passing buses carrying school children." Mr. Arrington cited the protection given school children under Virginia laws which are ample for safeguarding them against danger from motor vehicles, if properly observed. The acts referring to protection of school children from the traveling public follow:

Regulations.

In Re. passing school buildings while school is in session. Fifteen miles an hour when passing a school during recess or while children are going to or leaving school during its opening and closing hours.

In Re. passing school buses.

Be it enacted by the general assembly of Virginia, That all motor vehicles, when about to pass any vehicle transporting school children, while it is not in motion, or it is either taking on, or putting off any child or children, shall, if traveling at a rate of speed exceeding fifteen miles an hour, reduce its speed to fifteen miles an hour, or less, when within fifty feet of such vehicle, and not exceed that rate of speed until it is by such vehicle and fifty feet distant therefrom, when such vehicle so transporting school children, is plainly marked, in front and rear, so as to designate it as a vehicle for the transportation of school children, discernible to ordinary vision one hundred feet distant therefrom.

Any violation of this act shall constitute a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or by confinement, in jail for not more than one year, or both.

STORM CAUSES DAMAGE IN VALLEY

Woman Is Flood Victim Near Keezletown. Damage Confined To Farms.

Harrisonburg, April 17—One death and heavy damage to newly plowed farm lands and highways were the result of the overnight floods in the mid-Shenandoah Valley section. The raging torrents reached their crest early this morning and the water level began falling before noon.

Mrs. Charles Layman, 55, of near Keezletown, Rockingham County, was the one known victim of the flood. Her body was found floating in a raging mountain stream near Keezletown. Officers believe she leaped into the stream but her relatives can find no motive for such act. In a suitcase left at the home of Samuel Armentrout, a brother, where Mrs. Layman was last seen alive, was found \$1,000 in bills. In a safety deposit box in Harrisonburg Mrs. Layman had two bonds for \$3,500.

Highway employes were busy today clearing the roads of silt and driftwood left by the floods of last night, particularly on the Shenandoah Valley pike, near Mount Jackson, where traffic was blocked twelve hours by the north fork of the Shenandoah River. No serious property damage has been reported other than to farm lands.

COUNCIL BODY SEEKS REELECTION

Only Candidates Filing Within the Sixty-Day Limit. Sole Names on Ballot.

Either through ignorance of the laws governing town elections or through neglect no new candidates for the Town Council filed with the clerk of the Court for certification to application to have their names placed on the ballot.

Members of the present Council on last Thursday, the final day left in the sixty-day limit for filing prior to election, filed with the clerk of the court, as candidates for the office of councilmen of the Town of Manassas to be filed by an election to be held on June 11, and they have been certified to the electoral board of the county as required by law. Thus the names of members of the present council are the only names which may appear on the ballot to be used on election day.

Some Citizens Want Change.

It is a well known fact that there are many citizens who are not satisfied with some members of the council and great surprise is being expressed that the name of no new candidate was filed in time to fulfill legal conditions. However, since it has been discovered that only the present incumbents have filed for election, there appears to be a strong feeling in some sections that despite the fact that their names may not appear upon the ballot, one or more candidates will be placed in the field and an attempt made to elect them by writing their names on the ballot on election day.

Interesting Times Appear Ahead.

The present council, each member of which is a candidate for reelection in June, consists of Harry P. Davis, mayor; James E. Bradford, M. Bruce Whitmore, E. G. Parrish and D. J. Arrington.

While there is a feeling on the part of many that some members of the council should not be reelected there are others who are loud in the praise of the administration of the recent body, and who declare that it would not only be inadvisable to make any changes in June, but would be a serious mistake.

The feeling is general that many interesting things may occur between now and June 11, and no surprise would be caused if one or more hats were not thrown in the ring within a short time.

WOMAN'S CLUB MET ON TUESDAY

Guest Speakers Discuss Interesting Subjects of County Wide Concern.

The meeting of the Women's Club of Manassas held on Tuesday was one of the most interesting of the season and despite the downpour of rain was well attended.

Among the guests of honor for the day were Mrs. Clifford Atkinson, of the National American Red Cross, in Washington; Miss Ruby Ryman and Mrs. R. S. Illingworth.

The Red Cross representative spoke of the volunteer nursing section of the organization and urged members of the club to become interested in volunteer nursing.

Health Pageant May 10.

Miss Ryman, county nurse, called the attention of the members to National Child Health Day, May 1, and announced that the children of Prince William County would observe the day on May 10. On that day the Five-Point health children of the county will give a health pageant on the grounds of the Manassas High School, to which club members were invited. A committee from the club was appointed to assist in decorating the play grounds.

Mrs. Illingworth spoke on music in the schools, and discussed ways and means of financing a full time or part time instructor for schools of this county. The importance of training children in music was stressed and it is believed that the Women's Club will be active in an effort to promote school music.

The hostesses for the day were: Mrs. Noell Gill, Mrs. George Hasel, Mrs. A. A. Hooff, Mrs. V. V. Gilliam and Mrs. C. E. L. Hodge.

COUNTIES GET \$2,566,905 TAX

Summary of Report Shows Prince William Getting \$15,802 of 1928 Gas Tax.

A total of \$2,566,905 was distributed to the 100 counties of Virginia during the calendar year 1928, this being the counties' share of the 5-cent gasoline tax, amounting to 1 1/2 cents a gallon, according to summary of the gasoline tax receipts, just issued by E. R. Combs, State comptroller. This money was spent largely for feeder roads by county authorities, while the State Highway Commission was spending the remainder of the 5-cent tax on the highway system.

The total 1 1/2-cent gas tax which was paid over to Prince William County from 1928 collections was \$15,802. This county received small returns as compared to many of the other counties, but was better off than 41 other counties.

Henrico County received the largest amount during 1928, its figure totaling \$100,200; Roanoke was next, with \$98,895; Allegheny third, with \$82,302; Wise fourth, with \$76,657; Chesterfield fifth, with \$68,767, and Augusta sixth, with \$68,203.

The amounts which were allotted to the counties in this section were: Prince William, \$15,802; Arlington, \$65,732; Fairfax, \$43,511; Culpeper, \$20,068; Fauquier, \$50,409; Loudoun, \$65,978; Louisa, \$14,618; Madison, \$11,603; Orange, \$29,587, and Rappahannock, with \$9,410.

QUANTICO PLANS HOSPITAL BENEFIT

Annual May Festival Will Be Held On Marine Parade Ground May 1 to 8.

Plans for the Marine Festival which will be given on each day on the parade grounds at the Marine Barracks, Quantico, beginning May 1, and continuing through May 8, are perfected and the annual May festival will be one of the best ever held.

This festival is being given for the benefit of the Family Hospital, one of the most important institutions in the Quantico vicinity as well as in the county. The hospital is supported by donations and subscriptions and this May fete is planned for the purpose of raising funds for the hospital.

The admission to the grounds will be free and there will be many free attractions each afternoon. The Esby Motor Co., has placed a six-cylinder De Sota Coach at the disposal of the festival committee and this will be given to the person holding the winning number on the last evening of the fete.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION WILL NOT PLANT TREES

Commissioner Shirley Refuses The Request of Garden Club.

Holding that it is inadvisable to undertake the expense of planting trees along the highways when there are still roads in Virginia which are in need of hard surfacing, the State Highway Commission has refused to accede to the request of one of the garden clubs of the State that it furnish and plant trees along highways between certain points in the State, it was announced this week by Highway Commissioner H. G. Shirley. Mr. Shirley added, however, that should any organization, individual or group plant trees on wide rights of way, the department would be willing to undertake to care for them and see that they are properly trimmed.

Sunday School Class Meeting.

The Young People's Class of the United Brethren Sunday School, of Manassas, will meet at the parsonage on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Important matters will come before the meeting and all members are urged to be present.

Woodbine Meeting Postponed.

Owing to the District Teachers' meeting, the regular meeting of the Woodbine Community League has been postponed from Friday, April 19, to Friday, April 26. A short program will be given after the business meeting and refreshments will be sold.

DOCTORS WILL EXAMINE CHILDREN

Parents Urged To Have Child Examined Who Will Enter School In Fall.

Each year the matter of the health of children in the county is receiving more attention with the result that the school children of Prince William County rank second in the counties of the State in the percentage of Five-Point Health children.

As the loss of time in school, due to ill health of children, is a severe handicap to them, efforts are being made more and more each year to have the children examined before the beginning of the school year so that defects found by their physician may be remedied prior to the date of school opening.

Parents Urged to Help.

This year, Miss Ruby Ryman, county nurse, has communicated with all parents known to have children who will enter school next fall, asking that they take their child to the doctor for examination. Of course there are many names of parents with children coming of school age which were not available, and it is particularly for the benefit of this class that the dates on which doctors throughout the county will be in their offices to examine children are published.

Doctors' Hours.

Doctors of Prince William will be in their offices on the following dates to examine pre-school children:

- Dr. Brower, Catharpin, April 29 and 30;
- Dr. Clive, Dumfries, April 27, 29, 30;
- Dr. Iden, Manassas, April 25 and 26;
- Dr. Lillard, Nokesville, April 22;
- Dr. Marsteller, Manassas, April 23;
- Dr. Payne, Haymarket, April 22 and 23;
- Dr. McIvry, Manassas, April 17 and 18;
- Dr. Starkweather, Occoquan, April 15 and 16, and Dr. Williams, Manassas, April 29 and 30.

STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Adoption By Board of Education Of Standards For Libraries Forward Step.

Richmond, April 18—The adoption by the State Board of Education of definite standards for libraries in accredited high schools is another important milestone in the progress of Virginia high schools. In addition to setting standards for the libraries in the high schools of the state, the Board has gone a step further in providing that all first year pupils shall receive twelve lessons in the use of these libraries. In the smaller libraries the teacher may be assigned to part-time work in the library, but the larger high schools will have a full-time librarian. These standards are to go into effect in about three years and teacher librarians will need to make plans to secure the requisite training as early as possible.

For the past fifteen years the University of Virginia has given through its summer quarter, and in recent years through its Extension Department thorough courses in the main branches of library science. Successful students of these courses are now head librarians in a number of places. This summer the work has been enlarged so as to cooperate with the State Board of Education, and to offer the teachers an opportunity to prepare for the positions to be filled in the various high schools.

FOUNDERS OF D. A. R. HONORED BY MEMORIAL

Impressive Exercises Mark Unveiling of Statue Symbolizing Careers of Four Women.

Daughters of the American Revolution in convention in Washington yesterday paid honor to four founders of the organization and with impressive services unveiled a memorial commemorating their service.

Following the morning business meeting the national officers and delegates met at Continental Hall, and formally received a statue symbolic of the work of the four women, who some sixty years ago founded the Daughters of the American Revolution. The four founders were: Miss Eugenia Washington, Miss Mary Desha, Mrs. Ellen H. Walworth and Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood.

CIRCUIT COURT ENDS APRIL TERM

Judge Howard W. Smith, Brings Court To Close Late on Thursday.

Arthur D. Arrington, who was on April 9, appointed State Forest Warden, appeared before the clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, and qualified for office by taking the oath of office.

Allowances to petit jurors was certified to the County Treasurer for payment.

Commonwealth vs. Jessie Harris—Appeal. Judgment of Justice of the Juvenile Court reversed and annulled and the Court ordered that the accused having been found not guilty be discharged.

A. F. Miller vs. M. J. Shepherd—On Notice. Case continued to next regular term of Court.

Application having been made by S. M. Haislip, a former Confederate soldier, for aid out of the special local pension fund, the Court ordered that the Treasurer of Prince William County shall pay out of the local pension fund the sum of \$5 per month, the first payment to be made April 30th.

F. R. Hynson and James E. Bradford, trading as Hynson & Bradford vs. H. C. Wallace—Appeal. Considered by the Court that the plaintiffs, Hynson and Bradford, do recover the sum of \$84 and interest thereon and 10 per cent additional as costs.

Commonwealth vs. Joe Romine—From evidence and report of Doctors Wade C. Payne and E. H. Marsteller, commissioners who examined into the mental condition of Romine, it appeared to the Court that Romine was of feeble mind. The Court ordered that there is reasonable ground for doubting the sanity of the defendant and ordered that he be removed to the department for criminal insane, Southwestern State Hospital, for observation.

Commonwealth vs. Spurg Shumate—Defendant, Spurg Shumate, ordered to pay \$7 per month for maintenance of infant child of Blanche Shumate and Spurg Shumate, so long as they shall live separate and apart.

FIRE LADDIES TO MEET MONDAY

Important Discussions Planned And Further Study of Fire Hazards In Town.

There will be a meeting of the Manassas Fire Department on Monday, April 22, at 7:30 p. m., in the council chambers in the Town Hall.

In addition to the report of the committee on fire apparatus and a discussion of this report, the committees on buildings will bring in reports of the plans of various buildings in the fire area. These plans which are fully discussed are filed with the department records and a study of conditions to be met by the department in the case of a conflagration is made from time to time, so that all members of the department will have a better knowledge of how to fight local fires.

Albert Speiden, chief of the department, is hopeful that it will not be long now until Manassas has modern and adequate fire-fighting apparatus and plans looking toward this accomplishment are going forward now.

CLUBS PREPARE FOR BETTER HOMES WEEK

Greenwich And Nokesville Home Demonstration Clubs Plan Program For Next Week

The Home Demonstration Clubs of Greenwich and Nokesville will hold a joint meeting in the Woodman Hall, Nokesville, on Thursday, April 25, in connection with the observation of Better Homes Week, the national observance of which will take place on May 1.

The clubs are preparing an interesting program and one of the outstanding features will be the hearing of definitions of "Home". Three prizes will be given for the three best definitions.

The attendance at this meeting will not be limited to members of the two clubs as a cordial invitation is extended to the public to come and enjoy the program.

GOVERNOR URGES BEST ROAD YEAR

Appeals to County Authorities and Citizens to Make 1929 Exceed Last Year.

COUNTIES FAIL TO USE FREE SERVICES OFFERED

Pleads For Cooperation So That Road Improvement Will Have Best Year.

Governor Byrd issues a statement appealing to all county authorities and citizens generally to make 1929 far exceed, both in construction and improvement, the road improvements for any previous year.

Part of the statement follows:

"Commissioner Henry G. Shirley advises me that this year we have the largest program of road construction and improvement ever undertaken by Virginia on the roads in the State highway system. In addition to a splendid construction program, 1,681 miles of new roads are now under State maintenance. Construction of farm-to-market roads, not embraced in the State system are of vital importance to the farming communities of the State. Approximately one-third of the gasoline tax is given directly to the counties for improvement of such roads.

Few Counties Ask Help.

"In addition the State highway commission offers, without cost, very valuable services to the county authorities upon request. I am advised that about one-third of the counties are now availing themselves of all or part of these free services. Chairman Shirley advises me of the services offered the counties as follows:

"To assist in the purchase of materials, supplies and equipment; test all materials such as stone, gravel, bituminous and other materials that go into highway construction; to advise as to the location of highways and the proper survey to be made of same; give approximate estimates of proposed construction work such as roads and bridges; furnish plans for bridge construction after proper situation surveys have been made by the county; furnish oil at the contract price for oil furnished the State and to apply the same at cost.

Many Services Offered.

"To give engineering advice as to methods of maintaining and constructing highways or any other problem pertaining thereto; at the request of any county to recommend, after a study in co-operation with the bureau of public roads, a plan for county and district highway construction and any other special road or bridge problem where experience and advice may be sought.

"I am issuing this statement to urge that throughout Virginia the county authorities co-operate with the State highway commission to the end that at the conclusion of the year 1929 Virginia will have seen the greatest year of road improvement and construction in her history, not only of the State highway system, but of county roads as well."

BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY WILL MEET

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Manassas Baptist Church will meet with Mrs. Frank Peters on Tuesday, April 23, at 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. Margaret Barbour will conduct the program, the subject being "Faithful to the Trust," or "Stewardship of the Gospel," according to announcement yesterday by Mrs. Frank Peters, secretary.

WILSON TABLET IS UNVEILED AT U. VA.

University, April 17—Woodrow Wilson, war president, founder of the league of nations and an alumnus of the University of Virginia, was honored here Saturday when a handsome bronze memorial tablet, the gift of the classes of 1925 and 1928, was unveiled on the south front of the classic rotunda. The exercises took place preceding the Founder's Day ceremonies held each year on the anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birth.

BUCKHALL COMMUNITY LEAGUE

The Buckhall Community League will hold a meeting on Saturday, April 20, at 8 p. m., which all members are urged to attend.