

BYRD OUTLINES PLAN FOR FEDERAL DROUGHT RELIEF

Asks Government to cut Red Tape and give the Farmer Practical Help

Letter Quoted in Part Asking for Material Assistance

Harry F. Byrd, chairman of the State Drought Committee, has released to the various county committees certain correspondence between himself and the Federal Drought Committee, in which it appears that no real aid may be expected for the farmers except through the Red Cross or a national road building program.

Mr. Byrd states with feeling that he resents the prospects of asking self-respecting farmers to apply for gifts to continue their means of earning a livelihood.

He asks the Administration pointedly to cut out red tape, and to aid in taking care of unemployment, to promote a means of extending credit to worthy farmers who are unable to present proper banking paper, and to take care of charity which may result from unemployment.

In part Mr. Byrd's letter of October 16 closes as follows:

"We of course know in Virginia that self-help is always the best help. The individual must do mainly for himself, but in disasters of this kind our co-ordinate governmental agencies may render the task of the individual less severe. The people of Virginia with typical American resourcefulness and determination are bravely meeting the situation. We are presented with three major problems created by the drought, combined with depressed business conditions, which apply to industry as well as to agriculture: First, unemployment; second, means of extending credit to worthy farmers who are unable to present bankable paper; and third, the need of charity in the event the unemployment cannot be relieved.

May I suggest the consideration by the National Drought Committee of some comprehensive plan to relieve the conditions existing? I would suggest first, that Congress meeting in December authorize a generous road appropriation to be met by the States, and to be expended on cheaper types of construction, so that employment can be given everywhere throughout the State instead of on a few costly projects. Then I suggest the extension of reasonable credit to worthy farmers to be secured by crop liens, to be paid back next year, without unnecessary restrictions. I suggest that great relief could be given if the federal government would make available in large quantities, at low cost, fertilizer, seed, and feed, during this emergency. What the farmer is suffering from today as much as anything else is the excessive overhead on everything he buys combined with an excessive overhead on everything he sells. He stands all the different elements of risk involved in the production of a crop, yet he receives no more than 35 cents out of a dollar paid for his products by the ultimate consumer. To a less extent what he buys is pyramided by excessive overhead cost. If the federal government in this emergency, would purchase for cash in large quantities, fertilizer, seed, and feed, great reductions in the cost of these necessities of the farmer could be made, and at the same time utilize the existing machinery of distribution."

CRIPPLED CHILDREN FREE CLINIC

Dr. Donald McKenzie Faulkner will be at the Clarendon Health Center all day Sunday October 26, 1930. Dr. Faulkner will be glad to see and examine without fee any crippled children or any one having trouble with fallen arches or any bone trouble of any kind many of our crippled children have already been under Dr. Faulkner's care.

Mrs. Ruby Haydon, County nurse will be at the Clarendon Health Center all day Sunday.

It is hoped that all of our people who need examination will take advantage of this opportunity to get medical advice.

MRS. F. A. COCKRELL

At her home near Manassas on Sunday last, Mrs. F. A. Cockrell surrounded by the family passed quietly away in the seventy-fourth year of her age.

Her death came as a shock although she had been confined to her bed for several weeks. Before her marriage she was Miss Emma Ellen Hitt.

Mrs. Cockrell was a faithful wife, an indulgent and loving mother and a kind neighbor.

She was a faithful member of the Baptist Church, her hospitable home was always open and there friend and stranger alike found a welcome.

The high esteem in which she was held was evidenced by the large crowd and many expression of sympathy.

She leaves to mourn her loss beside her husband F. A. Cockrell, four children and two sisters. Henry B. Cockrell, and Ferdie G. Cockrell, of Washington, Edwin L. Cockrell and Senie B. Cockrell of Manassas, Miss Belle Hitt, of Culpeper, and Mrs. Louise Heflin of Kentucky.

Beneath a beautiful display of flowers, expressions of love and sympathy and surrounded by a large crowd of sorrowing friends and love ones she was laid to rest in the family square in the cemetery at Manassas Tuesday evening, October 21. Services in charge of her pastor Rev. H. D. Anderson with remarks by Rev. J. Murray Taylor, a former pastor and friend of the family.

ALUMNI INVITE KIWANIS CLUB

Will Entertain on the Evening of the 31st

The Kiwanis met in regular session on Friday evening. Besides routine announcements little was done.

Mr. F. R. Hynson spoke highly of the progress of the Club, stating that he had been visiting other localities and found this to be above par. He also referred to the Christmas work.

The Club accepted the invitation of the Alumni Association on Friday night, October 31.

As the Club was about to disband it was discovered that rain was falling, and with Song Leader Ratcliffe in command the solemn strains of the Doxology saw the members leave with real joy in their hearts.

TESTING OF CHILDREN BEGINS THROUGHOUT COUNTY

Each year the supervisor administers standard tests to every school child in Prince William County. Miss Clark is beginning the tests this week.

These tests have two great purposes—tostandardize work and to distinguish individual weaknesses so that corrective work can be planned to remedy those weaknesses. This method of determining individual weaknesses establishes a standard for each grade. It gives the teacher a goal for which to strive. Namely, to bring each child in her grade up to the standard grade norm.

This year the tests being administered are the New Stanford Achievement Tests. Frequently tests selected for th different school subjects have little or no relationship with each other. Their norms have been obtained by different methods from different groups. They are usually expressed so differently that it is difficult to compare scores made in one subject with scores made in another, or to obtain an average or composite achievement score. The New Stanford Achievement Test has been devised to avoid these difficulties. The chief feature of this test is that when each individual's score is determined, a permanent record is made for it, so that there will begin with this year's tests a permanent record for each child in each school.

NOTICE

The card party to be given by the Garden Club has been postponed till a later day.



Hon. Nellie Tayloe Ross, Chairwoman of Woman's Democratic Organization in the United States.

SHOWER FOR MISS MERCHANT More Better Storage Improvement

Miss Annie Laura Merchant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Merchant who is to marry Mr. LaFayette Price November 5, was pleasantly surprised with a miscellaneous shower given by the members of Wimodopsis Chapter 106 O. E. S. after the meeting Tuesday evening.

The color scheme was in orange and white autumn leaves, black cats, owls, and witches appropriate to the Halloween season added to the decorations. A huge pumpkin contained the many beautiful gifts for the bride-to-be. A three tiered wedding cake surmounted by a tiny bride and groom formed the centerpiece for the table.

This is the second shower given recently for Miss Merchant.

The office force of the Fleischman Yeast Co., of which she was a popular member, entertained for her at the home of a friend in Washington.

HONOR ROLL—ADEN SCHOOL

First Grade—Pauline Horn, Clifford May, and Ray Neff.

Second Grade—Vada Lee Stultz, and Leo Earhart.

Third Grade—Thelma Sherman, Saie Smith and Edith Aubrey.

Fourth Grade—Louise Brown.

Fifth Grade—Grace Aubrey, Virginia Horn, Sarah Wright, McDuff Green.

Sixth Grade—Gayle Bowman, Clifford Bear, Jr., and Eugene Flory.

During the week cards have come in from the following women signifying that they have completed plans for improvement in storage facilities:

Nokesville: Mrs. A. Armstrong, Mrs. Robert Nelson; Greenwich: Mrs. Lewis Mayhugh; Thoroughfare: Mrs. O. M. Douglas; Bethel: Mrs. Eva Fairbanks.

Bethel community has reported 100 per cent completions. There were eleven enrollments from that community and to date there have been eleven completions.

Brentsville Community Association Nominating Committee Meets

Mrs. John Seymore, chairman of the nominating committee of the Brentsville Standard Community Association, has called a meeting of that committee for Thursday, October 30, at 2 o'clock. The meeting is to be held at home of Mrs. Ewing McMichael, Nokesville. The following people make up the nominating committee: Mrs. John Seymore, Mrs. Ewing McMichael, Mr. Luther Bowman, Mr. P. L. Trenis, Mrs. Marshall Shepherd.

MANASSAS WINS

As we go to press, word has come that the Manassas soccer team has just finished a tight game with Haymarket, winning by a score of four to two.

IN MEMORIAM

Margaret Roberta Barbour, daughter of Robert Williams and Lucy Ann Thornton, was born on the Williams plantation near Bristol nearly ninety years ago and died October 7, 1930 at the home of her grandniece, Mrs. P. L. Proffitt in Manassas. She was the widow of Dr. Clement Clay Barbour who died in 1894.

Mrs. Barbour descended from many colonial families. Her people were prominently identified with the colonial period, the Revolutionary War, and the War Between the States.

She was the grandniece of Philip Daw who was clerk of the Court when the court house was moved from Dumfries to Brentsville. Her brother P. D. Williams, was captain of Prince William Cavalry and was killed in the fight at Raccoon ford. His brother-in-law, Lucian A. Davis, was there given command of the company.

Mrs. Barbour was a lady of unusual culture and intelligence. She knew more about Prince William history, probably, than any one else in the county. Her love for her old Brentsville home was intense, and her vivid memories of the old aristocratic residents of her community in her girlhood most interesting. At the time of her death she was putting forth every forth to secure a portrait of the late Gen. Eppa Hunton, C. S. A. for the old court house at Brentsville

which has been recently restored.

Mrs. Barbour was a member of the Keturah Moss Taylor Chapter, D. A. R. at Newport, Kentucky, and a member of the Manassas Chapter, U. D. C. She had been invited to become a member of the Colonial Dames and was deeply interested in the work of that organization.

She was a charter member of the Baptist Church in Manassas and president of the Ladies Aid for over twenty-five years. She taught her Bible class, known as the Margaret Barbour Class, until her death.

Mrs. Barbour's stepson, Mr. C. Aubrey Barbour, was a special favorite of hers and she loved him very devotedly. The grandniece who so tenderly cared for her was another dear favorite with the sweet old gentleman who loved everybody and was interested in the welfare and happiness of the large numbers of relatives and friends who deeply feel their loss.

As these rare and exquisite ladies of the Old South leave us, one by one, quietly and graciously their gentle memory lingers. The heritage they leave us is more valuable than the wealth of the Indies, it is the heritage of a nobility that in some far and beautiful sphere they are praying for their loved ones to remember and deserve.

—BY A FRIEND.

WOMAN'S CLUB ATTENDS CLARENDON CONVENTION

Mrs. Eli Swavely of Manassas entertained at a delightful reception here on Tuesday night in honor of the State Officers of the Federation of Woman's Clubs who were here to attend the meeting of the clubs of the Fourth District which was held in Clarendon Wednesday. All the members of the Woman's Club as well as their husbands who were able to attend had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Henry S. Eley, State Director, Mrs. J. L. B. Buck, State President and Mrs. Flournoy, vice-president.

Twenty-five members of the Woman's Club made the trip to Clarendon on Wednesday to attend the Fourth District meeting held at the Ashton Heights Club House. The meeting was a most enjoyable one, presided over by Mrs. Eli Swavely. Walter U. Varney, vice-chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of Clarendon made the address of welcome to which Mrs. Walter Sanders, President of the Woman's Club of Manassas replied. This was followed by a most inspiring speech by Mrs. Eley, State Director. Five minutes reports of the year's work were given by the Club Presidents after which Miss Helen Norris Cummings of Alexandria spoke on "American Citizenship." A delicious luncheon was served by the ladies of the Christian Church of Clarendon. The chief feature of the afternoon session was an address by the State President, Mrs. J. L. B. Buck. Mrs. C. P. Oliver of Clarendon gave a song selection, "The Old Refrain" by Fritz Kreisler.

There were present seventy members from the various clubs and all enjoyed the social contact with the other club members as well as the interesting talks. The members of the Woman's Club were proud to have such a large delegation and proud to have one of our own members, Mrs. Swavely, as Presiding Officer of such a snappy inspiring meeting although it did last all day. No one was bored for even a minute.

SWAVELY NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Enzien, of Fairmount, W. Va., paid a visit to their son, George on Friday.

Barclay Woodward received a visit from his grandfather and his uncle on Saturday.

The football game last Saturday at Front Royal against Randolph Macon Academy resulted in a victory for Swavely by 19 to 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Swavely returned on Monday evening from their motor trip to Pennsylvania.

Bill Chiswell, who is now with the Shell Gasoline Co., in Cleveland, in Cleveland, was a visitor to the school in the early part of the week.

Mrs. Swavely gave a reception on Tuesday evening to the Woman's Club of Manassas in honor of her guests, Mrs. Buck, State President of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Flournoy, vice-president, and Mrs. Eley, State Director.

On Wednesday Mrs. Swavely, Mrs. Illingworth, and Mrs. Gill attended the Annual Meeting of the Fourth District of Women's Club at Clarendon. Mrs. Gendell is leaving on Sunday for a visit to her parents in Philadelphia.

CASE APPEALED BY SOUTHERN

Hard Fought Case to Go to Upper Court

The most notable case in the term of court which has just closed is the Whetzel case. A jury with D. J. Arrington, foreman, awarded a verdict of \$5,000 which was immediately appealed, and the judgment set aside for 90 days to allow completion of such appeal.

The following cases have been continued: three Hampton cases, W. S. Stokes (to December term. For special session on November 7 Weaver, Hixson and Smith.

Charles A. Bryant was appointed a constable for Dumfries District. L. W. Fritter (prohibition felony) was given three months and a fine of

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HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Library at the Manassas High School will be open Thursday, Oct. 23 and the following Thursday, Oct. 30 instead of on Fridays.

CAPT. BETHUNE RECEIVES HONOR

VIRGINIAN NAMED FOR TARIFF POST

Captain John F. Bethune, of Falls Church, has been appointed by the Tariff Commission as its representative in Europe, with headquarters at Brussels. Mr. Bethune, who has been secretary of the commission for the past eleven years, will enter upon his new duties early next year.



CAPT. JOHN BETUNE of Falls Church, Va.

An announcement by the commission said that it expected through Mr. Bethune's new work to "accomplish much in removing misunderstandings on the part of European countries concerning the American tariff and its operation, and in securing foreign data for use of the commission."

Mr. Bethune's appointment is another step in reorganization of the commission under the Hawley-Smoot act and was regarded as further evidence that the commission intends to attach great importance to the foreign aspects of the tariff.

OFFICIAL DIES AT HOME HERE

Chairman Larkin III only a Few Days

James Reid Larkin, chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Prince William County, died last Friday afternoon following a very brief illness. He is survived by his widow (nee Blanche Farris, of Lynchburg), two sons, F. Norvel, county engineer of Fairfax County, and C. R., of the faculty of Lehigh University; two brothers, W. P. Larkin, of Wellington, and Norvel, of Manassas; two sisters, Mrs. C. M. Larkin and Mrs. J. T. Ashford, both of Manassas.

Mr. Larkin was a native of Lynchburg, coming to this county in 1915. He was engaged in business until a year or so ago when forced to retire because of poor health.

His public record in the county has been one of consistently promoting good roads and other improvements in the interest of the public welfare. His passing removes a valuable official who will be hard to replace. At the time of his death he was chairman of the County Drought Committee.

The funeral took place at Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon, and the really vast through which attended certainly attested the high esteem in which he was held.

Every fraternal and civic organization in the county was represented the pall bearers being drawn from some of the county's leading citizens. They were Dr. G. B. Cocke, Mayor H. P. Davis, Hon. Thos. H. Lion, Hon. C. A. Sinclair, Mr. A. A. Hooff and Mr. W. H. Leachman. Honorary: W. H. Brown, H. L. Tubbs, James Dorrell, C. E. Naah, E. H. Hibbs, J. L. Dawson, D. E. Earhart, Rolfe Robertson, C. R. Earhart, J. W. Merchant. He was Past Master of Manassah Lodge, 172 A. F. and A. M. and his pall bearers are all members of that lodge.

Concludes High School Lectures

Mr. Eli Swavely, president of the Swavely School made the last of his lecture on Tuesday to the students of Manassas High. Much valuable material was obtained by the pupils who hope to have the pleasure of hearing him again in the near future.