

Virginia Seeks Practical Aid For Farmers

POLLARD ACTS PROMPTLY ON BYRD DROUGHT RELIEF SUGGESTIONS

Promptly upon receipt of recommendations from the Virginia drought relief committee, which held an all-day session at the state capitol this week, Governor John Garland Pollard began energetically to work for a full and speedy accomplishment of the program presented. The executive began by arranging conferences with Henry G. Shirley, highway commissioner, and with county officers to discuss the anticipation of county road funds for winter construction. County gas tax funds alone will total about \$3,000,000.

If, acting upon the suggestion of the Virginia drought relief committee, Congress in December can vote an advance of \$7,500,000, Virginia will have this amount in addition to the \$3,000,000 in county funds for the relief of unemployment during the bitter winter season.

Governor Pollard is busy perfecting plans to present to the national drought relief committee at its conference with state chairman November 14, the Virginia plan to ask Congress for \$5,000,000 in highway construction advances in addition to the prompt advance of the \$2,500,000 allotted the state for 1931-32.

Governor Pollard is also in close and full cooperation with the Red Cross Relief program, organized under the direction of Robert H. Angel, of Roanoke, of the relief committee. Text of Principal Proposals

The text of the principal recommendations conveyed in the report of the state drought committee to the governor follow:

"That the United States government, in accordance with precedents already established in other sections of the country, furnish credit to farmers who are normally good credit risks, but who on account of losses occasioned by the drought, cannot get production credit. Such credit should be furnished at a low rate of interest and without the imposition of unnecessary red tape which would defeat in many instances the purpose of the loan. Such credit should only be extended to farmers who farmed this year and who agree to a balanced system of farming next year.

"That the Federal government during the emergency contribute more largely than in the past towards the salaries of county farm and home agents. The local extension agents have rendered a service of great value in this emergency, and the drought committee is convinced that such agents should be employed in every county, but without increasing the burden upon the localities.

"To even partially relieve the unemployment existing presents a most difficult problem. Every individual and every industry should employ every possible person. We urge that counties, cities and the state prepare to do as much public work as possible and to anticipate so far as can be done, the revenue to be received later in the year 1931. One hundred counties in Virginia will receive approximately \$8,000,000 from the state as their share of the gasoline tax. This sum could be anticipated to advantage and employment furnished on county roads during the winter months.

"We believe that the best means to relieve unemployment is to embark upon the largest possible program of road work. This work should not be confined to a few costly projects where a machinery is largely utilized, but should be distributed gen-

erally over the state and on cheaper types of construction, and on such types of road as will use human labor to the greatest possible extent. Direct to the President

"We specifically recommend that you as governor of Virginia request the president of the United States and our representatives in Congress to support a bill appropriating a generous additional sum from the Federal government, and with the elimination of the existing restrictions, applying this road fund to the improvement to the greatest number of people. We strongly favor the plan suggested by you to request the Congress of the United States to make available a drought relief appropriation for roads of \$5,000,000 to each designated drought state and that \$5,000,000 be deducted from the normal appropriations made for roads from such states over a period of ten years.

"We specifically recommend that as soon as possible the Virginia state highway department make decision as to the incorporation of the new roads under the Porter-Rhodes act. That work on such roads be started just as soon as possible, so as to afford the widest possible employment.

"We further recommend that you use every effort you can by communication with the president and our representatives in Congress, to amend the Federal aid road law so to make available immediately the Federal aid now available on July 1, 1931, and known as the 1932 fiscal year road fund.

Red Cross and Pulp Wood
"We recommend that the local Red Cross chapters and other charitable institutions make provision at once for cooperation with the National Red Cross, and take care of those who cannot obtain work and require the necessities of existence.

"The inability of many sections of the state to sell pulp wood has occasioned real hardship and distress. We recommend that you communicate with each of the normal purchasers of such pulp wood stating the conditions and asking that pulp wood be purchased, or at least advances made so far as possible to use such material. "The sale of the pulp wood in many counties of Virginia would do much to relieve conditions and would enable the citizens of those communities to take care of themselves during the winter months with little and perhaps no aid from other sources.

Renew Suggestions as to Wheat
"We renew our recommendation to the Federal authorities that the wheat in the hands of the farm board, estimated at 60,000,000 bushels, be made available for feed and sold to the farmers in need of feed for live stock, at reasonable cost, and, if necessary, on credit. We further recommend that the Federal government undertake to purchase for cash large quantities of feed and fertilizers and other necessities of the farmers' existence. That during the period of this emergency such materials be furnished at cost of handling to the farmers, and be paid for in cash by those able to pay cash, and on credit to those unable to pay, with due safeguards. The cost of such feeds and fertilizers, if made available in this way, could be greatly reduced to the farmers without disturbing to any extent the existing machinery of distribution, and very substantial relief thereby given. We realize that the machinery is already established to distribute such fertilizer and feeds and we have no desire to disturb such machinery, but believe the existing organization can be continued and still enable reduced

costs.



HON. HOWARD W. SMITH
Democratic Candidate for Congress

HONOR ROLL FOR MANASSAS HIGH SCHOOL

An increase in the Honor Roll for this year of the Manassas High School is shown. The fortunate members are: Senior Class—Frances Bushong, Barbara Mill, Chester Harley, Mazyck Wood; Junior Class—Hattie Mae Partlow; Sophomore Class—Edith Jospert; Freshman Class—Miriam Blough, Jane Lynn, Clara Cross, Ruth Rollins; Commercial Club—Reba Crawford; 7B—Cornelius Lewis, Mary Connor, Mary Lynch, Mary Senseney, Virginia Hurst, Irma Ball, Eula Slusher, Mary Elizabeth Marsteller, Mary Cocks, Eleanor Mae Kline, and Mickie Lunsford.

DUMFRIES COUNCIL NO. 37

Dumfries Council No. 37 J. R. O. N. A. M. will begin its Fall Initiations at the next lodge meeting November 8, 1930 at 8 p. m., with a class of five candidates. Degree will be conferred by the crack team from Stone-wall Jackson Council, Fredericksburg. All members are requested to be present. 24-2

THE LASH OF THE SERPENT'S TAIL

(Editorial)

The plan to vilify Howard Smith to the last ditch seems to be dying a hard death. The last plot is a scheme to throw discredit on his sweeping victory last August.

It appears from such information as we can gather that an ex-jail bird who is credited with one or more stretches at the Lorton reformatory has gathered much glory to himself by producing an alleged official ballot which he claims was marked and given to him at the polls.

The county clerk to whom he took his story was a leader in the fight against Judge Smith. The ballot, if it were a ballot, was attached to its mismatched affidavit, and a special grand jury summoned to go over the matter. A "not a true bill" was returned but we understand that the said clerk is still going ahead, groping at some straw which may yet turn up.

If there were any real truth to this story there would have been more developments both in that county and in others. It would have been accompanied by other irregularities, too unvarnished to disguise. If the stoopid in the case were not a jailbird, he would have answered the charge openly printed throughout the Eighth District, or rather his more astute mentors would have done so for him.

Tactics of this sort did not hurt Howard Smith in the Primary, and there is much less chance of harm now, because even those who opposed him are almost uniformly standing behind the party nominee.

—The Commonwealth-Monitor

MR. CONNER GIVES VALUABLE ADVICE

U. D. C. MEETING

The regular meeting of the U. D. C. will be held on Nov. 5, at 2 o'clock at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Newman.

Please note change of hour from 3 to 2.

SUPERVISORS HOLD LONG SESSION

Road to Chancellorsville Advocated

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, with all members present.

Mr. C. C. Lynn, the new member from Manassas District sat for the first time. He was appointed on Friday to succeed the late James R. Larkin, chairman of the Board for a number of years. Suitable resolutions of regret at the death of Mr. Larkin were unanimously adopted by the Board.

There being a tie vote in the matter of selecting a new chairman, the matter was left over to another meeting. On motion of Mr. Merchant, with second by C. C. Lynn, Mr. Dawson, member from Occoquan District, was selected as temporary chairman.

An effort to reduce taxes 10 per cent was lost because it was found that such a motion would be unlawful. A similar resolution to cut the county pay roll was lost, 4-2.

The entire Board constituted itself a committee to attend the hearings of the State Highway Commission at Orange on November 11. Rolfe Robertson was appointed a special committee to confer with Wade Massie, a member of the State Commission, on Wednesday, October 29.

A motion was passed requesting the State Commission to apply any residue of the mileage not assigned to the road to the Loudoun County Line to a road leading from Chappell Springs via Sowege, Bristersburg and Morrisville to Chancellorsville and Richmond, thus connecting two of the greatest battlefields of the War Between the States. The motion was voted against by Supervisor Robertson.

A number of accounts were audited and ordered paid but no other business of special importance was transacted.

BUS ROUTES FOR COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The Occoquan bus will start at Davis Store, Woodbridge, at nine o'clock and stop for members at Occoquan, Russell's Store and Hoadly. It will stop at intermediate points where members are waiting on the road. Minnieville members will meet this bus at Russell's Store.

The Haymarket bus will leave Haymarket at nine o'clock and stop at Gainesville, Stone House and intermediate points where members are waiting on the road.

The Dumfries bus will leave Dumfries School at nine o'clock and stop at Independent Hill for Hayfield club members.

The Nokesville bus will start from the Nokesville Supply Co., at nine o'clock stop at Mayhugh's Store at Greenwich, Woolawn School and Clay Wood's Corner.

All members with their leaders will meet and line up for the parade between the Southern-Freight Station and the County Rest Room at 10:30. John Piercy and Ford Lovelace will be on hand to receive the lunches which will be served at the gymnasium at 12:30 o'clock by the lunch committee.

Brentsville Community Association Elects Officers

The regular meeting of the Brentsville community Association will be held Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 o'clock at the school building. An entertainment program will be put on by Bristol School. Mr. Davis Nolle will appear on program for special music. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at this meeting. The public is urged to be present and take part in plans for another year.

NOTICE

The Trinity Church Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. E. Swavely on Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 3 o'clock. All members are urged to attend. MRS. J. P. LYON, Secretary

Having been appointed Chairman of the Drought Relief Committee I have a few suggestions to make to the farmers of Prince William County.

First, Do not sacrifice your live stock. Keep all you can possibly feed through the winter.

Second, If you have no hay or fodder, use straw for long-feed, and cotton seed for grain, as cotton seed meal is the cheapest grain you can feed cattle. Third, Raise all your good heifer calves as there is always a good demand for good cows.

Fourth, Do not keep any scrub calves, keep the well-marked holstein and guernseys. Buyers from Pennsylvania, New York and other states prefer buying cows from Virginia, as this climate is such that our cattle do well shipped to most any part of the United States. About 25 or 30 thousand dollars worth of cows have been shipped from Prince William County this year and perhaps as many more if the good ones were to be had.

I have just unloaded four cars feed consisting of alfalfa, oats and C. S. Meal which I distribute among farmers at actual cost. Alfalfa hay costing from \$25.00 to \$28.00 per ton; oats 45 cents per bushel; C. S. meal \$30.35 per ton. This I think is not so high for this season. The R. R. freight reduction will be continued until December 1 so I would advise all who need to carry them through the winter to see our County Agent or myself.

E. R. CONNER,
County Chairman of the Drought Relief Committee.

COMMITTEE MEETS AT MANASSAS

Extends Cordial Invitation to All to Support Democratic Ticket

At a meeting of the County Democratic Committee held at the Court House on Friday, October 24, the following business was transacted with D. E. Earhart, chairman, presiding, and D. J. Arrington, secretary, acting in his usual capacity.

To fill the vacancies in the Manassas and Dumfries Districts, Andrew A. Robertson was elected in Manassas District, and W. W. Sisson and H. Ewing Wall in Dumfries.

The following Democrats were selected, appointed and are requested to get out the Democratic vote on Tuesday next, at their respective precincts:

R. M. Weir, A. S. Robertson, H. T. Davies, M. Bruce Whitmore, C. C. Lynn, W. P. Larkin and A. A. Hooff, Manassas District.

D. E. Earhart, Hunter C. Allen, J. P. Keelin, J. E. Marshall, J. M. Keys, Ernest Hale, M. B. Leach and Geo. W. Spinks, Brentsville District;

T. M. Russell, C. R. Earhart, H. L. Tubbs, Clarence Herndon, and C. A. Barbee, Coles District;

E. P. Davis, J. L. Dawson, Hez Reid John T. Selecman and G. C. Russell, Occoquan District;

W. M. Crow, A. E. McIner, H. Ewing Wall, W. W. Sisson and J. W. Merchant, Dumfries District;

L. J. Pattie, E. S. Carter, M. G. White, Dr. Wade C. Payne, C. C. Furr, Rolfe Robertson and G. A. Gosson, Gainesville District.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas in elections in the last year or so some parties theretofore voting the Democratic ticket, failed to vote for the Democratic candidates; and Whereas it is the unanimous sense of this Committee that these parties should vote as heretofore:

Therefore, be it resolved that all such parties be and it yeres hereinafter such parties be and they are hereby urged to go to the polls on the 6th of November, 1930, and vote for the Democratic candidates as heretofore.

Editor's Note: The passage of the resolution above by the Democratic Committee is an urgent invitation for all parties to return to the party and vote for the Democratic candidates next month. All those accepting this invitation and voting as requested will thereby qualify themselves to participate in the County Democratic primary next year. It is believed that collectively all of said parties will go to the polls next week.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

The undersigned Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments for Prince William County, Virginia hereby notify the Real Estate Tax Payers of said County that we still meet at the Court House, Manassas, Virginia, to consider the complaints of tax payers who consider that their real estate assessments need adjustment, as follow:

For Brentsville District on November 12, 1930, at 9:00 a. m.
For Coles District on November 13, 1930, at 9:00 a. m.
For Dumfries District on November 14, 1930, at 9:00 a. m.
For Gainesville District on November 17, 1930, at 9:00 a. m.
For Manassas District on November 18, 1930, at 9:00 a. m.
For Occoquan District on November 19, 1930, at 9:00 a. m.
Each of the above meetings will be adjourned at 3:00 p. m.

The towns of Haymarket, Manassas, Occoquan and Quantico will be considered on the same dates as their respective districts. Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments for Prince William County, by

F. M. LYNN, Chairman.