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\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

## URGED TO SPECIFY HOME COUNTY

### Government Employees from Prince William Asked to Designate Contributions for Home Use.

Federal Government employees in Washington have been asked by President Hoover to contribute three days' pay this winter to the relief of unemployed. This fund will be placed in the Washington Community Chest, but it has been decided that whenever so directed, the donation may be used for relief in the home county of government clerks who live in nearby Virginia and Maryland, and spent under direction of the local welfare organization.

In Prince William county the local organization recognized in this matter is the Civilian Home Service Committee, which handled the Red Cross Drought Aid last year. Every magisterial district is represented in this organization and the various clubs, local organizations, ministerial association each have a representative on this committee.

There is much relief work to be done in Prince William county, and very little money at hand for such relief. So Federal employees are being requested to specify in their donations to the Washington Community Chest, that their contribution be forwarded to Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson, chairman, Civilian Home Service Committee, Manassas, Va.

As Real Charity begins at home, it is hoped that our folks, who are kind enough to respond to President's Hoover's suggestion, will specify that their donation be applied in Prince William county, where it is truly needed.

## FORD TO LOCATE AT ALEXANDRIA

### New Plant Will Replace Washington Service Branch.

Mr. Edsel B. Ford announced Friday that a new site at Alexandria, Va., had been acquired by the Ford Motor Company upon which it was intended to erect a new building to replace the company's present service branch in Washington, O. C., located at Pennsylvania Ave., and John Marshall Place, which was purchased some time ago by the United States Government.

The new site fronts 424 feet on the Potomac river, at the foot of Franklin Street, and will receive shipments both by water and rail. The site embraces approximately six acres, being bounded by Union Street, the property of the Standard Oil Company and by the old Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation plant now owned by the Government.

A one-story unit will be erected, which will be in modern style with a floor area of 80,000 square feet. The building will front 200 feet on the river and will have a depth of 400 feet with a 260 foot concrete dock along the pierhead line. Offices and a garage will occupy the front of the building facing Union Street; while the balance of the building will provide space for enameling department, service stock and car distribution. An unloading platform will be served by a spur of the Southern Railway.

### "GUILTY HANDS" SETS NEW MARK FOR SCREEN THRILLS

If you are the screaming type, be prepared for cold thrills when you see "Guilty Hands" at the Dixie Theatre.

Here is the last word in mystery thrillers, written for the screen by Bayard Veiller, master dramatist. Into it he has injected the weirdest plot he ever conceived. It is grand entertainment, baffling and startling from start to finish.

Lionel Barrymore, who recently contributed a splendid performance to "A Free Soul," has the central role. He scores an even greater personal triumph in this new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer offering. We are certain Barrymore's fans will not allow him to go back to directing after witnessing his stirring characterization in Veiller's thriller which W. S. Dyke directed.

The picture concerns a veteran prosecutor and criminal attorney. He had sent men to the electric chair and saved others from it. He finds himself obliged to kill a wealthy client to spare his own daughter an ugly disgrace. His astuteness enables him to make the crime appear a suicide.

## KILLED ON VISIT

Mr. Edward Trockenbrot who was killed just west of Willow Spring, at Centerville, Sunday morning was on his way to his daughter's (Mrs. Lipscomb) home near Bristow, where he was going to hunt.

The accident is the first fatality on this section of the Lee Highway for a number of months.

The machine was making a high rate of speed, and is said to have gone off the right side, then across to the left and back again to the right when a tire blew out causing the spill.

## COMMUNITY BODY MEETS SATURDAY

### New Officers and Committees Are Summoned.

The newly-elected officers and committees of the Brentsville District Community Association are requested by M. J. Shepherd, chairman, to meet at the District High School auditorium on Saturday evening, November 28, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of planning the association activities for 1932 and setting up goals by the committees.

B. L. Hummel, Rural Organization Specialist, V. P. I., will be present. The officers and committees as elected at the last monthly meeting of the association are as follows:

M. J. Shepherd, president; A. Armstrong, vice-president, and Randall Foster, secretary and treasurer.

Agricultural Committee: L. J. Bowman, chairman, G. A. Wood, C. B. Fitzwater, G. W. Spinks and Chas. B. Fitzwater.

Homemaking Committee: Mrs. Mary J. Hale, chairman, Mrs. A. Armstrong, Mrs. C. C. Herring, Mrs. H. C. Wood, Mrs. John Harpine, and Mrs. Kate M. Bradshaw.

Social Committee: Mrs. E. C. Spitzer, chairman, Mrs. John Seymour, Miss Evelyn Kerlin, Miss Geraldine Shepherd, Mrs. T. B. Flickinger, Mrs. E. E. Hale and Mr. Lester Huff.

Civic Committee: P. LePoint Trevis, chairman, J. W. Harpine, A. O. McLearn, D. S. Diehl, E. S. Owen, Mahlon Seese, and S. G. Whetzel.

Educational Committee: Davis Nolley, chairman, G. W. Beahm, W. R. Free, Miss Minnie Smith, Mrs. Edmund Hooker, W. B. Kerlin and Mrs. L. J. Bowman.

## REGULATION OF BILLBOARDS

The support of Garden and Women's Clubs throughout Virginia is claimed for a bill to be introduced at the General Assembly early next year regulating outdoor advertising.

An organization to work actively in support of the measure has been organized—Council for the Protection of Roadside Beauty—and is committed to each of the bill's eight provisions.

Mrs. Janet Stuart Durham, of Richmond, is chairman of the council. Vice-chairmen are: Mrs. J. Allison Hodges, Richmond; Mrs. Ashton Dovel, Williamsburg; Mrs. Franklin Johnson, Richmond, and Mrs. Edward Mack, Orange. Miss Mary Roper, of Petersburg, is treasurer.

## NEARLY BECAME SERIOUS

John Ashford, of Woodyards, who was in Manassas yesterday, had the misfortune to have his team become unfastened while in the back of the Manassas Mill; and the animals became frightened and ran up Main street, colliding with the buggy of Rev. Westwood Hutchison, just in front of the Prince William Hotel.

Fortunately the only damage done was a broken wheel on Mr. Hutchison's buggy.

## BAGGED BIG GAME

Elmer Metz came home Tuesday evening with a nice assortment of birds and rabbits. Accompanying him were Messrs. Brooks and Wood, of the Dodge Motor Company of Detroit. Mr. R. O. Bibb entertained the group. Walter Johnson, manager of the Washington baseball team, was to have accompanied them, but a wave of dog poisoning at Bethesda, Md., his home, had taken off all dogs but one, and Walter was so grieved that he did not feel like hunting but sent his last and only dog for the others to use.

## POHICK VESTRY HOUSE

Last Friday the corner stone of a vestry house planned in 1772 was laid with appropriate ceremonies.

# BANKERS ADOPT STANDARD REGULATIONS



## Thanksgiving Day

Ah! On Thanksgiving day, when from east and from west,  
From north and from south, come the pilgrim and guest,  
When the gray-haired New Englander sees round his board  
The old broken links of affection restored,  
When the care-wearied man sees his mother once more,  
And the worn matron smiles when the girl smiled before. . .  
—John Greenleaf Whittier.

## TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF CHEVROLET MOTOR CO.

Twenty years ago this past month an infant company destined for a hardy growth entered the family of automotive manufacturers, with the incorporation, on Nov. 3, 1911, of the Chevrolet Motor Company of Michigan.

That span of two decades covers probably the most remarkable growth in this most remarkable of all industries. During the twenty years following the completion of the Chevrolet, nearly 8,000,000 units had been built—a record unequalled by any other automotive manufacturer in the world.

Twenty years ago the cradle of the infant company was a small workshop on Grand River Avenue, Detroit, where Louis Chevrolet built experimental cars, not more than four or five that first year. Today the production organization numbers twenty domestic plants which produced a four-year average of more than a million cars a year.

Although operations were started in Detroit, the small shop where the first car was built soon yielded to a larger plant, also in the Motor City. Here the company remained until 1913, and then transferred operations to Flint, Mich., although New York City and Tarrytown, N. Y., also occupied prominent places in the early years.

As long ago as 1915 the company entered the volume field with the introduction of the once-famous "490" model, named for its price. This was the lowest price at which a Chevrolet was ever sold until the base price on the 1931 series was reduced, upon the introduction of this line last fall, to \$475.

Production of "490's" the first year was 70,000 cars, many times that of any previous year's output. The company was thus definitely launched in the volume field, in which it later was to assume leadership.

Since that early time the history of the company reads like a Horatio Alger romance of industry. The story is one of almost constant growth and expansion. One of the dates most prominent in the development of that story is May 2, 1918, when General Motors took over the company. Extensive changes in personnel and methods followed in the succeeding years.

Under the stimulus of new blood and new policies, production in 1925 went over the half-million mark for the first time. Two years later it exceeded a million cars.

Up to this time the output of the company for many years was exclusively four cylinder cars. On Nov. 18, 1928, the company announced its abandonment of the four-cylinder field, where it had won pre-eminence, and brought out a six. In the very first year the new type exceeded all previous records of the smaller four, and today the company is leading the industry in sales.

The present executive personnel comprises W. S. Knudsen, president and general manager; H. J. Klingler, vice-president and general sales manager; M. E. Coyle, vice-president and general auditor; C. E. Wetherald, General Manufacturing manager, and J. M. Crawford, chief engineer.

## EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

The evangelistic meeting will begin at the Presbyterian Church next Friday night, to continue ten days. Rev. J. E. Cook of Hopewell will assist. Rev. W. A. Hall in these services, coming Monday night. All the ministers and people of the town and community are cordially invited to come and assist in the meeting.

## NOVEMBER MEETING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A. C. Fletcher admitted to District Home upon application.

\$29,500 ordered transferred from general county fund to county school fund.

Certain allowances were given to indigent persons.

Stoves were ordered purchased for clerk's office and treasurer's office. \$2,853.85 received for October gas tax.

An application from the Loudoun Board to co-operate in construction of a bridge at Putnam's Ford was tabled.

## BULL RUN BANKERS MEET AT MARSHALL

### Adopt Recommendations of American Bankers Association.

The Bull Run Bankers Association met at Marshall, Va., on Tuesday, Nov. 24, and adopted a series of resolutions which when put into effect by the member banks will place the various banking procedures upon a more equitable basis, particularly in the matter of handling trade acceptances, drafts, cashiers checks, small checking accounts, etc.

Mr. C. L. Robey, of the Purcellville National Bank, reported as chairman of the committee on service charges and after discussion the measures, as recommended by the American Bankers Association, were adopted.

Under this plan incoming drafts, trade acceptances, notes, etc., an exchange fee of one tenth of one per cent on amounts under \$2000.00 is recommended. On amounts over this, one twentieth of one per cent, with a minimum fee of 25 cents. Outgoing drafts, notes and trade acceptances, to have a charge of 15 cents per item. Traveller's Checks to be sold at the standard rate of three fourths of one per cent, with minimum of 75 cents.

In the matter of small checking accounts the recommendation is that a charge of fifty cents per month be made when the account maintains an average under \$50, with an allowance of five checks regardless of balance. For return of checks on account of insufficient funds the drawer should pay a service charge of 25 cents.

A number of technical items, chiefly of interest to the management and administration of the banks was also acted upon, and as the meeting was especially well attended, the action taken is regarded as having a splendid reflex upon business generally.

Another matter discussed was the address by Mr. C. E. Tiffany, of the Fauquier National Bank on "How Taxes Can Be Cut." The opinion was expressed generally that the mounting costs of local government everywhere a great financial problem requiring early solution, if general prosperity among the masses is to be assured. Economies in public administration, it was stated, are necessary.

Among those who participated in the meeting were Mr. G. Raymond Ratcliffe and Mr. Harry Davis, representing the Peoples National Bank and the National Bank of Manassas.

## SUPPORT URGED FOR RED CROSS

### Leading Workers Feel that Need Will Be Rather Acute.

On Friday night last, Mr. Ready, of the National Red Cross headquarters, gave the Kiwanis Club a most interesting set of facts and figures which might ordinarily have been tiresome in detail.

Mr. Ready was so earnest in his subject that he kept the attention of the body for a full twenty minutes. One of the most notable features of his address was the data he gave to show the economical basis of operations and the spirit of community building and co-operation which the general work of the association made possible. By virtue of expert advice given to stricken areas, vast sums of money are kept from waste and the money needed for the work itself is released in that area so far as possible.

Dr. Marsteller in introducing Mr. Ready urged the Kiwanis to throw their strength behind the work in Prince William, stating that the Roll Call was at that time falling behind the record of last year.

Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, president of the Prince William chapter, was present and received a cordial welcome from everyone.

Mr. Frank Sigman, delegate to the Baltimore Convention of the Kiwanis Clubs, reported briefly, calling attention to Governor Hutchison's excellent remarks made before that body which were to some extent repeated before the interclub met the week before.

## NOTICE

Destroyed or stolen from the farm of J. C. Parrish in Bull Run 3 Holstein yearling heifers. Reward for information leading to their recovery: E. R. Conner.

## HALL SHOWS SCHOOL NEEDS

### State Superintendent Wants Large State Appropriations.

Supporting the contention of the state board of education that the state public school system requires \$2,000,000 additional from the state to maintain present standards of instruction, Dr. Sidney B. Hall, state superintendent of public instruction, reported to the governor details of a survey among the county schools showing that half of the 100 counties contemplate reduced teaching staffs, 43 per cent expect shortened terms, and 30 per cent are reducing teachers' salaries.

If the 1930-31 program is to be maintained in 1931-32 there will be a deficit in the school funds of approximately \$1,224,000, he estimated on the basis of his survey. He said that the counties require at least \$1,250,000 and the cities \$750,000.

He reported that 49 counties have reduced assessments, and twenty-four have reduced levies. Only six individual levies and only four have increased levies.

"The economies and changes contemplated by the counties, with the exception of decreased salaries, may be desirable of properly handled and safeguarded," Dr. Hall stated. "However, if the counties are forced to carry on as formerly and simply cut off teachers, reduce salaries and shorten terms to save money, we can expect a 10 to 20 per cent reduction in the value of the educational program for 1931-32 and a great increase in the overhead costs of maintaining school plants idle for a longer period than usual."

Dr. Hall said that this loss may be compensated by state appropriations, 1, to maintain teachers' salaries; 2, to increase the number of days the average child attends school, and 3, to provide professional supervision for classroom teaching.

Unofficial reports from six Virginia cities made no mention of possible salary cuts among city teaching staffs.

## WILL AND FIFI SPARKLE IN "YOUNG AS YOU FEEL"

Picture Will Rogers in a nattily-tailored suit, a gardenia in his button-hole and his famous bangs slicked back immaculately with pomade. Impossible, you say?

Not at all. Believe it or not, that is exactly what he wears in his latest Fox starring comedy, "Young As You Feel," which opens Monday, Nov. 30, at the Dixie Theatre. And what's more, this is but one of the five different fashionable costumes he wears.

The picture is as ultra-modern as tomorrow's news, and is in many ways the best thing the famous wit and philosopher has ever done for the screen. He appears perfectly at ease as a well-dressed man and brings his wonderful perception of human nature to his characterization of a modern big business man out to show his sons how to have a gay time.

Fifi Dorsay is his chosen companion for the hilarious escapades in which he proves to his sons that a man is never too old to enjoy himself and that age is merely a matter of how one feels. Lucien Littlefield, popular character actor, is also featured in the cast which also includes Donald Dillaway, Terrance Ray, Rosalie Roy, Lucile Browne, Brandon Hurst, C. Henry Gordon, to name but a few of the players.

Frank Borzage who directed Rogers and Miss Dorsay in their first talking screen triumph, "They Had To See Paris," also directed "Young As You Feel," which was adapted from George Ade's stage play, "Father And The Boys."