

Unless you help  
the Eighth District  
will be destroyed.

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Fight the  
Dismemberment  
Bill.

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## DISMEMBERMENT BILL IS INTRODUCED

Plan to Destroy Eighth District  
is Perfected.

BYRD MAY TAKE A HAND

The Dismemberment Bill was introduced by Senator Early of the Seventh District on Wednesday and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. Delegates Weaver and Cather, also of the Seventh District, are patrons of the measure in the House.

The features of the bill are identical with those predicted in these columns last week, with the addition of final disposal of Louisa county, which under Senator Early's measure is placed in the Tenth.

The remainder of the Eighth, under this proposal, will be divided between the Seventh and the First as follows: First District (Newport News): Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax, Prince William, Stafford and King George.

Seventh District (Valley of Virginia): Fauquier, Loudoun, Culpeper and Orange.

Many Measures to Follow.

The Early Bill is the opening gun. All proposals have been waiting introduction of the Dismemberment Bill, and many compromise and substitute measures will rapidly follow to be referred to the Committee which will hold sessions at regular intervals and receive delegations.

Out of the ensuing turmoil, it is hoped that some compromise measure may be reported, but the outlook for the Historic Eighth is not very bright, when it is recognized that the other nine districts may complementarily view the sacrifice of one. The most outstanding hope lies in the fact that former Governor Harry Byrd may enter the picture.

Hope in Harry Byrd.

The possible entrance of former Governor Byrd into the situation and his presence in Richmond this week is variously interpreted. Some firmly believe that since the Dismemberment Measure is sponsored by the Senator and Delegates from his District, that he will throw his great influence toward enlargement of his district at the cost of annihilation of the Eighth. "The whole proposition," said one prominent politician of northern Virginia, "emanates from Governor Byrd himself." This is firmly believed by many, but those who stand closer to the Governor stoutly maintain that much encouragement can be gleaned from the fact that Harry Byrd may take a hand. They point out that the viewpoint of the former Governor is much larger than a congressional district.

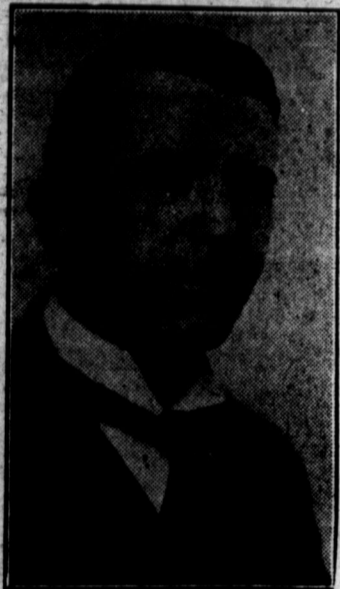
The Eighth District gave him handsome support in his gubernatorial campaign and his campaigns to reorganize the State government. He is Vice-Chairman of the National Democratic Committee and an outstanding Presidential possibility. Only recently the Virginia legislature unanimously endorsed him for the Presidential nomination, an endorsement which means more than that received by any other national figure. That he should have a limited vision of the situation, seems to the friends of Mr. Byrd, as impossible.

In a Dilemma.

A "dilemma" has been characterized as a situation where it becomes necessary to choose between evils, neither of which is satisfactory. The redistricting problem is of this type. No plan can be satisfactory to everybody. The present arrangement is a happy one, but, forced by the legislation resulting from the Hoover landslide, the change must be made. Virginia must lose a vote in the national congress. One congressional district must be eliminated and the operation cannot be performed under an anesthetic. Pain is bound to ensue, but the doctors should see that the suffering is as widely diffused as possible and that no unified economic area of the State is denied practical representation in Congress.

Eighth Deserves Representation.

Of all of the Congressional Districts of Virginia, the present Eighth is one of the most unified. Its problems are self-centered, and most of them arise from the location next to the national capital. No area in Virginia would suffer more by remote representation in Congress than the counties lying near the District of Columbia. To deny this unified area direct representation in Congress would be a piece of political maneuvering which would never be forgotten nor forgiven, and those responsible for the perpetration of this injustice would



HOWARD WORTH SMITH,  
Congressman from the Eighth  
District.

### JURIES SELECTED FOR FEBRUARY

The jury commissioners this week drew the following juries:

Grand: H. W. Herring, C. R. Earhart, R. M. Sowers, Robt. Weir, jr., W. M. Foley, W. L. Sanders, H. A. Tyrrell, R. T. Moncure, L. W. Huff.

Criminal: E. W. Thompson, E. M. Briggs, D. C. Alexander, C. E. Fisher, J. B. Coverstone, J. B. Florence, W. C. Latham, A. A. Hooff, A. S. Boatwright, M. G. White, L. C. Brawner, H. S. Herrell, W. V. Davis, L. J. McIntosh, R. C. Linton, M. D. Herndon, J. M. Russell, D. W. Posey, C. P. Ennis, E. L. Herring, O. V. Kline, W. H. Rollins, W. S. Lynn, J. A. Riley.

Civil: T. J. Broadus, L. G. Tolson, J. J. Mayhugh, Howard Haislip, J. M. Reid, W. L. Coverstone, D. B. Hoffman, R. H. Smith, W. C. Hixson. H. Ewing Wall, of Quantico, qualified as notary on January 13.

### LOCAL DELEGATES SECURE GOOD ASSIGNMENTS

Edmund Allen, of Newington, and George Herring, of Woodbridge, have both secured good assignments. By getting on roads committee, Allen should be able to do much for his community. His other assignments are moral and social welfare, officers and offices at the Capitol, and executive expenditures.

Mr. Herring is on two important committees, namely, counties, cities and towns and the committee on the Chesapeake and its tributaries. His other assignments are the claims committee and executive expenditures.

Greenwich Home Demonstration Group will meet Thursday, January 28, at 2 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. N. H. Middlethon.

go down in history as unpatriotic to the Old Dominion and as placing personal ambitions ahead of public welfare.

Redistricting for the Future.

The history of redistricting shows conclusively that such action stands for a long time. Except as forced by Congressional legislation, no state voluntarily initiates re-districting proposals. The problem is too delicate for experimentation. Some states, when forced into the matter, have been unable to solve the problem at all and have been forced to elect Congressmen at large, without consideration of Congressional Districts. The result of such a situation precipitates a political battle of disastrous fierceness and places all representation in the centers of population. Consequently the Virginia legislature will not permit this to happen. Some kind of a measure will be adopted and it will be borne in mind that the new arrangement will stand in effect long after all of the present personalities have passed from the political arena.

Tuesdays and Fridays.

Committee hearings will be held on the Redistricting Measure every Tuesday and Friday until the legislation is passed and all interested should see that they have their say before the Committee on Privileges and Elections. Otherwise they should hold their peace, if the battle, fought valiantly by their more patriotic neighbors, should be lost.

### BILL FOR ANNIHILATION

The situation regarding the dismemberment of the Eighth District continues acute. Political ambition in some districts seems to outweigh justice, business consideration and even good judgment. We sincerely hope that the persistent rumor that ex-Governor Byrd is to take a hand will prove true. No man has a keener sense of justice and gratitude and no man has more loyal friends in the Eighth District than Mr. Byrd.

The bill to dismember the Eighth District, as introduced by the Senator and two Delegates from the Seventh, is too far-fetched and narrow in its conception for conscientious men to seriously consider. Such a plan, which has gerrymandering written all over its face, would react strongly to the detriment of the Democratic party in an area where the opposing party has greatly increased in strength in the past ten years. The reaction on business would also be keenly depressing in many cases.

There is nothing in the annals of the Virginia Assembly which bears any resemblance to such an atrocious proposal and we do not believe that the present assembly will so markedly depart from the beaten paths of good judgment and common sense.

Whatever the outcome may be, Howard Worth Smith, the representative from this District, will stand before the people of Virginia as a clean, courageous and loyal friend of the people of his District who are behind him solidly.

Apparently with the odds stacked against him, he is standing by his guns and fighting for his constituency as other Virginians have done in the past who are now acclaimed national heroes.

And if there are those who are attempting to eliminate Howard Smith from the Virginia political area they are taking the surest way to indelibly stamp him on the pages of Virginia's political history as a man whom Virginians shall delight to honor. Manhood is not dead in Virginia and chivalry still lives.

### CORN SHOW HELD IN NEW QUARTERS

Farmers Join in Kiwanis Banquet.

The Prince William County Corn and Grain Show was held Friday in the show room of the Manassas Motor Co. with exhibitors and visitors joining in the declaration that it was the best exhibition of this character ever sponsored by the agricultural interests of the county. The exhibits of corn, small grain and seed, sixty-two in number, were of unusually good quality.

Prize winners in the various classes were as follows: Utility, ten ears corn, any variety, to be tested for germination and disease, John W. Ellis, Greenwich, first; Clover Hill Farm, of Johnson Brothers, second; John House, Greenwich, third. Regular show corn, ten ears, white, John Barrett, Manassas, first; Mahlon Seese, Nokesville, second and third. Yellow corn, J. W. Ellis, first; Harley & Kline, Manassas district, second and Will T. Thomasson, Manassas, third. Shelling class, ten ears corn shelling highest percentage of grain to cob, Clover Hill Farm, 89.65 per cent, first; Francis M. Lewis, 87.5, second; William H. Hayden, 87 per cent, third, and J. W. Ellis, 86.2 per cent, fourth. Ensilage corn, Clover Hill Farm, first; Sam C. Harley, second; Charles C. Lynn, third. Bloody Butcher corn, Luther J. Bowman, first. Barley, P. A. Lewis, Orchard grass, W. Holmes Robertson, first. Wheat, Francis Lewis, first; Ed. L. Herring, second.

Corn judgment contest for 4-H Club boys and First Farmers of Virginia, brought out 46 entries from the vocational agriculture departments of the Manassas high school and the Brentsville District high school. The judging was of so high a caliber that ties developed for each of the three prizes. Winners of the first prize were James Randall, Nokesville, and Wilson Kite, Manassas; second prize, Wilson Brown, Manassas, and John Hively, Nokesville; third prize, John Waters, Manassas, and Ivan May, Nokesville.

Featuring the day's program was the dinner at the Prince William Hotel, under auspices of the Kiwanis Club and the County Agricultural Committee.

Dr. L. H. Bean of the Bureau of Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, discussed the problems of the farmer showing the fluctuations of prices of agricultural and other products in the past attempted to show what might be expected in the future should the same trend as followed past periods of inflation and depression hold true. Following Dr. Bean, W. H. Daugherty of Blacksburg, who judged the exhibits at the show, discussed the importance of using good seed.

A. A. Hooff, president of Kiwanis, presided at the dinner while the visiting speakers were introduced by Wheatly Johnson.

An account of the beautiful and inspiring exercises held in the school auditorium on the 19th in honor of Lee and Jackson will be published next week.



HARRY FLOOD BYRD,  
Ex-Governor of Virginia.

### VIRGINIA BANKERS ELECT OFFICERS

Group Meeting at Leesburg  
Protests Federal Tax on  
Checks.

### DISCUSSION OF "DEAD OR ALIVE" REWARD FOR ROBBERS

P. G. Marsteller, cashier, Fauquier National Bank of Warrenton, was elected chairman of group 3, Virginia Bankers Association, at the twenty-third annual meeting in session last Tuesday in Leesburg. W. H. Byrd, cashier, First National Bank, Harrisonburg, was elected vice-chairman, and P. W. Anderson, cashier, Marshall National Bank & Trust Co. of Marshall, Va., was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Those named on the advisory committee are L. H. Dudley, vice-president, Alexandria National Bank, Alexandria; C. C. Louderback, cashier, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Stanley; H. C. Cooley, cashier, Round Hill National Bank of Round Hill; Wyatt Timberlake, cashier, Augusta National Bank, Staunton; W. E. Boyer, cashier, National Bank of Woodstock.

L. W. H. Patten, president, Farmers & Merchants Bank of Staunton, was named to represent group 3 as a member of the executive committee of the Virginia Bankers Association. The meeting went on record as opposing the placing of stamps on checks as a means of raising revenue for the Government. Letters were authorized to be written to members of Congress notifying them of the resolution.

They also resolved that the Virginia Bankers Association be notified that the group approved the increase of a reward offered for the capture of a bank bandit.

On the proposition of increasing the reward offered for bank robbers when taken dead, there was considerable discussion, many favoring drastic action.

Other matters favored by the group was a charge of 50 cents per month on accounts with an average balance of less than \$50. A charge on checks returned because of insufficient funds and charges for notes past due.

Harry P. Davis, cashier, National Bank of Manassas, and past chairman of group 3, conducted the meeting. Mayor Charles F. Harrison of Leesburg welcomed the guests. The principal speaker was Duncan Clark Hyde, associate professor of economics, University of Virginia, who spoke on the balance wheel of depression.

The meeting was followed by a banquet at which Dan S. Hollenga, member of Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, was the principal speaker. E. E. Garrett, president of the Loudoun National Bank, was toastmaster. The 1933 meeting will be held at Berryville.

The address of Mayor Davis appears on page 8.

The L. T. L. gave an excellent play-let called "Our Nation's Builders."

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that we announce the coming of Miss Wiggins, a W. C. T. U. speaker of note. She will speak in the Seminary chapel Thursday, Jan. 28, at 7:30 p.m., at the high school from 11:30 till 12 a.m. on Friday and also in the evening. Everyone is invited. Those who miss hearing her will miss something really worth while.

### ENDORSES BYRD FOR PRESIDENT

Virginia Assembly Passes Un-  
animous Resolution.

FORMER GOVERNOR EX-  
PRESSES APPRECIATION

Last Thursday, the Virginia General Assembly unanimously adopted resolutions endorsing former Governor Harry F. Byrd for the Presidency.

The endorsement was in the form of a joint resolution introduced in the Senate by T. Russell Cather, of Winchester, and in the House of Delegates, by Wilbur C. Hall, of Leesburg. Senator Cecil Connor, of Leesburg, said of the resolution:

"It would be cheering to the plain masses, irrespective of politics; it would be timely and politically appropriate since the consensus of the country is that what is needed is leadership. While both parties at present are sadly lacking in efficient progressive and vigorous leadership, Byrd has a genius for leadership, is simple in taste, democratic in manner, possesses a magnetic personality and is firm and resolute in action.

"In point of brains, character, patriotism and accomplishment, Byrd is the peer of other governors mentioned for the presidency and in addition would be free from factional dispute."

Governor Byrd sent the following reply to the General Assembly:

"I appreciate deeply the honor the General Assembly of Virginia has paid me in the resolution adopted. When the time comes for the rank and file of Virginia's Democracy to choose a candidate to present to the national convention, my personal hope is that no endorsement will be made merely to compliment a son of Virginia or to avoid a decision as between leading candidates, but that we will be guided solely by our anxiety to adopt the course thought best for our party and the nation.

"For myself, the only privilege I ask is to labor in the ranks to restore our country to democratic principles, which today offer the main hope for world recovery."

### STUDY CLASSES ARE FORMED

Active Work Progressing on  
State Program.

The week classes in study work connected with the revision program of the entire state education curriculum are beginning to function. Miss Beatrix Clark, county chairman, announces the following centers and the chairman of each group: Haymarket, Miss Elizabeth Vaughan; Nokesville, Professor C. O. Bittle; Manassas high, Miss Emily Johnson; Bennett (Manassas), Mrs. Grace Hite; Occoquan, Professor R. Worth Peters; Dumfries, Miss Elizabeth Weatherman. These classes are available to every white teacher in the county and all have registered in some class. Meetings are being held weekly for a period of eight weeks.

Examinations are starting today, with the first semester ending on January 27.

The budget committee, composed of Professor R. C. Haydon, D. J. Arrington, W. L. Lloyd and F. M. Lynn, is actively at work preparing a budget for the session of 32-33. This will be presented to the Board on February 3, and the revised budget, if any revisions are made, will be placed before the Board of Supervisors at the regularly advertised budget hearing.

### GOLD STAR SUNDAY

Sunday was Golden Star Sunday for the Sunday school of the Church of the Brethren at Canon Branch.

The attendance in all classes was greater than the enrollment. Therefore eight Golden Stars decorated the bulletin board.

Rev. O. R. Hersh of the Greene County Industrial School delivered the sermon of the morning which was much appreciated.

### OCCOQUAN 4-H CLUB MEETS

The girls of Occoquan 4-H Clothing group will meet Thursday, January 28, at 11:45 o'clock, in the auditorium of the high school building.