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STATEMENT

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An analysis of the accomplishments of the General Assembly of 1932 will show that Virginia has met the challenge of our greatest national problem as no other state has done. Today the greatest obstacle to business recovery is taxation and the fear of higher taxes. One dollar cut of every five we earn as a nation now goes to 250,000 tax-gathering and tax-spending agencies, and at least 18,000,000 of our citizens are dependent upon tax payrolls for their support.

In 1913 our governmental expenses—local, state, and national—were \$3,000,000,000. This has been increased to \$15,000,000,000 in 1931, an increase of a 500 per cent. It must be obvious to every one that when the price of our basic commodities, which is the only way the wealth of a nation is replenished, is much below the 1913 level, we cannot continue to expend \$12,000,000,000 a year more than we spent in 1913 and still survive.

The only way to reduce governmental costs is to stop spending. The shifting of taxes is not true tax relief unless gross inequalities exist. No one can observe what is going on at Washington today when Congress is struggling to make up a deficit of over \$2,000,000,000,000 in our revenue to preserve our national credit, without being impressed with the fact that one of the main solutions is not increased taxation, but lower governmental expenditures. That the power to tax is the power to destroy is truer today than ever.

Under the able and wise leadership of Governor Pollard, the General Assembly of 1932 made a noticeable contribution to a reduction of the burdens of taxation upon the Virginia people. Governor Pollard's slogan "no tax increase, and live within the State's income," was followed by the General Assembly. The fact that the tax rates were not increased means substantially less tax collections from the people, as revenue derived from income, and many other forms of taxation are less today at the same rates. The State revenue as appropriated for the two years beginning July 1, 1932, exclusive of the road funds, is \$3,000,000 less than for the last two years.

Governor Pollard, as a further safeguard, inserted a provision in the ap-
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EASTER DANCE A BIG SUCCESS

The annual Easter dance sponsored by the Woman's Club was unusually brilliant and well attended. The hall was artistically decorated with evergreens and cut flowers, with streamers of red and green hanging from the ceiling. Supper was served at midnight and dancing continued until 1:30 a. m. A large number of out-of-town guests were present. Committees were announced last week. The amount realized was close to two hundred dollars.

INSPECT NEW POST OFFICE

On Tuesday night the new post office on Church street was thrown open to the public. The people of the town turned out en masse to view Uncle Sam's latest present to the county which is quite elaborate in its fittings.

The building is modern in every respect and is as well equipped as any first-class post office. The upper floors are devoted to federal offices and extension workers paid partly through governmental agencies. The furnishings are about all in place and ready for the move which will take place right after the office closes this evening.

Keys are being distributed for boxes as combinations will not be used. The post office was originally proposed by former Congressman C. C. Carlin through whose activities the initial steps were taken. Later Mr. Moore introduced measures which materially furthered the project. As soon as Judge Smith took office he put his strength behind the matter and construction work was then an actuality.

GAME DEPARTMENT TO SHOW PICTURES

County Warden C. L. Reading announces that Clarence Williams of the State Department will give three illustrated lectures in the county next week at the following points: Nokesville, Wednesday; Haymarket, Thursday; Occoquan, Friday. The hour in each instance is 7:45 p. m.

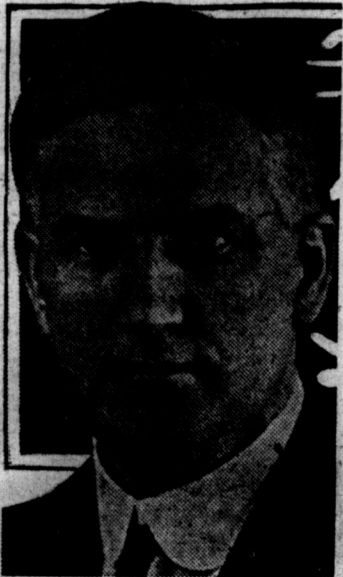
LIFE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON TO SHOW AT LOCAL THEATRE

By a special request of the Junior League of the Manassas high school, the life and times of Washington, a film in four reels, will show at Pitts' Dixie Theatre on April 4 and 5. This film shows Washington's life from his boyhood until his later days spent at Mount Vernon. There will be a matinee each afternoon for school children, and will be shown as an added attraction for the regular night shows on these dates.

HILL ADDRESSES KIWANIS CLUB

Interesting Facts About Telephone.

Greater advances have been made in communication in the 56 years since the invention of the telephone, than in the 5,600 years previously, Edwin F. Hill, information director of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Companies, told the Manassas Kiwanis Club last Friday evening.

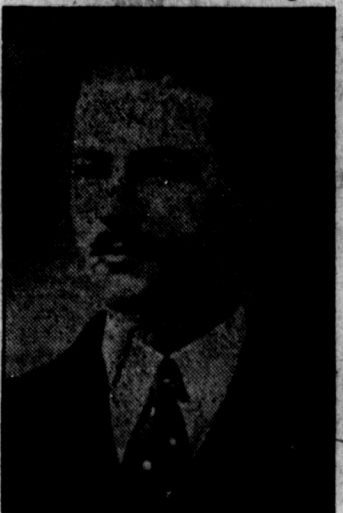


EDWIN F. HILL,
Director of Publicity, Washington
Division, C. & P. Telephone Co.

Prior to March 10, 1876, when Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, talked to Thomas A. Watson, his assistant, over thirty feet of wire, there had been no method for transmitting speech further than the unaided human voice could carry, Mr. Hill said, in speaking on the subject of "Ancient and Modern Methods of Communication."

Lawrence E. Roland, manager of the telephone company at Alexandria, was a guest at the meeting.

"People have always found some way of communicating with each other even under the most unfavorable circumstances," Mr. Hill said.



L. E. ROLAND,
Manager, Alexandria Division C. & P. Telephone Co., who was a guest of the Manassas Kiwanis Club.

"In showing the progress that has been made in the art of communication, it is necessary to go back to the very beginning of human affairs of which there is record and come down through the ages by periods and centuries.

"In the days of the Pharaohs a delegation went along with presents to put the recipient in a good frame of mind. The message was inscribed on a roll of papyrus, which was delivered in due time after the person for whom it was meant had been properly mellowed to receive it. Later messages were inscribed on bricks and stones. Then came the use of signals on brightly polished objects, such as was used at the battle of the Marathon. Fire signals, trained runners, mounted couriers and birds were message carriers in bygone days.
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LION FIGHTS FOR DRASTIC TAX CUT



CONTEST FOR FUTURE FARMERS

Plans Announced for Annual Chapter Contests for Cash Prizes.

Widespread interest in the annual chapter contest of the Future Farmers of America, national organization of boys studying vocational agriculture in the United States, is reported by W. A. Ross of the Federal Board for Vocational Education, and secretary of the "F. F. A.," as the organization is commonly known.

According to an announcement sent out a short time ago by the executive secretary, prizes totaling \$1,000—\$400, \$300, \$200 and \$100 are offered for the chapter's winning first, second, third and fourth places, respectively, in this contest.

State supervisors of vocational education in agriculture have been requested to announce the contest to the schools under their direction so that the chapters may make arrangements at once to enter the competition. While the contest is open until October 1, 1932, chapters desiring to compete in it must have their outline of objectives for the year in hands of executive secretary not later than April 1.

The report of accomplishments of local chapters upon which their standing in the contest will be judged must be sent to the State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture who, with a judging committee, will select the three highest ranking chapters from this number and forward their record to the executive secretary of the F. F. A. for consideration in the national contest. From the records of the chapters receiving highest award in the four regions into which the country is divided for the purpose of the contest, those winning first, second, third and fourth places in the national contest will be selected.

Community service, co-operative activities, achievements of members in supervised farm practice, accomplishments of members in saving and investment, scholarship achievement and leadership records are among the factors of which local chapters of the F. F. A. will be judged in the contest.

U. D. C. MEETING

The Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will meet next Wednesday, April 6, at 2:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Guy Allen, with Mrs. James Knox as assistant hostess. All members are urged to be present.

MARRIAGE RECORD

Mar. 25—James Howard Payne and Dorothy Lorraine McMichael, both of Nokesville.

Mar. 28—Ernest G. Thalín of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Ella S. Mack of Washington.

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Mar. 28—Charley Holmes and Mary Skinner, both of Nokesville.

MR. RATCLIFFE MUCH IMPROVED

Mr. Ratcliffe is very nearly recovered from the slight relapse which he suffered. His friends will be glad to learn that he will soon return to his accustomed place at the bank.

AUTO IS GAUGE OF PROSPERITY

Chevrolet Executive Discusses Prosperity.

America will enjoy normal conditions only when the automobile industry is brought back to normalcy again, H. J. Klingler, vice-president and general sales manager of the Chevrolet Motor Company, declared in an interview here today.

Citing the ramifications of the industry into every part of our economic structure, Mr. Klingler said that there is nothing anyone can buy which directly supplies work and wages for so many people in so many places and so many different industries and professions as buying an automobile.

The effect of a new car purchase on unemployment relief was illustrated by Mr. Klingler in the statement that a new Chevrolet six represents 71 days of gainful employment to workmen throughout the United States. That means the equivalent of three months of working time for one man on the basis of a five-day week.

"It has been estimated that half of the 44,000,000 people now employed are in a position to buy a new automobile right now," Mr. Klingler said. "Why they have been putting it off isn't important. The fact remains that they can afford to buy, but haven't. Yet if only one out of seven of those able to buy would buy, the automobile industry would immediately be restored to a healthy state of activity—providing three millions of cars a year and employing in direct manufacture more than one million men, and furnishing steady work to an additional three million men in allied industries and trades."

Mr. Klingler commended the various federal and local movements launched to put idle money and idle men to work. He then went on to stress the direct relation of the automobile industry to the economic welfare of the country.

"The business of building and selling automobiles is America's biggest industry," he pointed out. "It is so big that few people even dream of the extent to which it affects every other basic industry in America."

"The automobile industry consumes over fifteen per cent of all steel produced—53 per cent of all malleable iron—over 68 per cent of all plate glass—over eighteen per cent of all hardwood lumber—over fourteen per cent of all cotton—26 per cent of all lead—thirty per cent of all nickel and almost 83 per cent of all the rubber—to say nothing of paying the railroads hundreds of millions of dollars a year for carrying thousands of carloads of freight.



NAMED ELECTOR

W. E. Trusler was named as the Republican elector for the Eighth District at the convention which took place at Purcellville on Tuesday. The same convention named Joseph Crupper of Rosslyn to succeed Mr. Slemm as national committeeman for Virginia.

MANASSAS YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE HOME FOR EASTER

Several of the young people of Manassas were home for the Easter holidays and many of them brought guests with them for the brief but very enjoyable vacation festivities.

Miss Rose and Mr. Jack Ratcliffe did not entertain owing to their father's recent illness. Mr. Hodge Bulwar was the guest of Mrs. Bob Smith; Miss Anna Bruce Whitmore entertained Misses Regina and Muriel Faherty of Akron, Ohio; Mr. Bob Fox visited the Gibsons; Lieut. Robert Hackett was a guest of the Arringtons; Mr. James Radcliffe of Massachusetts visited Mr. J. Preston Lyon; Messrs. William and Robert Lloyd from the University of Virginia; Miss Helen Lloyd from Penn Hall; Mr. Wallace Tiffany, Washington and Lee; Miss Esther Warren Pattie from Stuart Hall; Miss Rena Bevans from Goucher College; Mr. Arthur Sinclair from Augusta Military Academy and Mr. Jenkyns Davies from the University of Virginia were also home for Easter, as were Mr. Claude Smith, University of Maryland, and Mr. Orville Holler, Bridgewater College.

MRS. LYON ENTERTAINS AT TEA

Mrs. J. P. Lyon entertained at tea Sunday afternoon for her son, J. Preston, and his friend, Mr. James Radcliffe, who were at her home for the Easter holidays from William and Mary College. The house was tastefully decorated in Easter colors, yellow and white prevailing. In the dining room the cheerful log fire and soft candlelight gave a cozy and cheerful welcome from the wet and gloom without. The table was decorated with jonquils and candles. All of the boys and girls in J. Preston's set were present and a delightful evening was spent.

EASTER SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

The following mass of the angels was sung by the choir of All Saints Catholic Church at Easter services: "Vide Aquiam, by Wilt; Kyrie; Gloria; Credo; offertory, "Haec Dies"; Sanctus, "Benedictus"; "Agnus Dei"; soloist, Miss Eloise Compton, and organist, Mrs. W. L. Compton.

The church was beautifully decorated with lilies and jonquils and was packed to its capacity.

"Thus, when you buy an automobile, you're not only giving employment to men in automobile plants and garages, but you're putting men to work in every state in the union. You're sending the miner down under ground to dig copper, or iron, or nickel, or lead, and he begins earning wages again.

"You're keeping people busy on the cotton plantations down South and in the mills where the cotton is spun and woven. You're calling the steel worker back to his job—and doing the same for the men who work in forests and lumber mills, glass factories and tanneries, foundries and chemical works.

"You're making the wheels of the railroads turn and—well, it's just like the house that Jack built. I could mention hundreds of other kinds of workers whose hands would be busy again. But it can be summed up in a single sentence: There's nothing you can buy which directly supplies work and wages for so many people in so many places as buying an automobile."

APPEALS TO CIRCUIT COURT

The budget hearing held on Tuesday was attended by the usually large crowd from all sections of the county.

Chairman D. E. Earhart called the meeting to order, explaining the purpose of the meeting. It was agreed that each side should have an hour and a quarter to present its case.

Dr. E. H. Marsteller, speaking in favor of the higher budget, directly accused Chairman Earhart of having made no study of the budget and of playing politics generally. In response to this onslaught Mr. Earhart stated that since the issuance of the budget which he presented to the board at its last meeting, that he had made a more complete study to produce a balanced budget, but that he did not care to make this budget public at this time. This caused a small uproar, and Mrs. W. L. Lloyd and Mrs. Wheatley Johnson were on their feet in an instant, demanding a detailed discussion. Supervisor Roland moved for an executive session just prior to the regular meeting the next day but the resolution found no second.

H. O. Russell of Cherry Hill gave an excellent resume of the needs of the county, urging retention of all the county officials. He advocated generally Mr. Lynn's budget, suggesting that the money saved by the Byrd Road Law be used to balance the school budget and help out on the other official salaries.

Judge W. M. Johnson presented a "budget" worked out on his own ideas of the situation. He argued for a democratic application of the tax cut but did not advocate severe decreases. "It is no method to cut in such a manner and still expect service," he said.

Judge Johnson gave Mr. Cox's services during the drought period as a leading reason for his retention in office, stating figures to show exactly what Mr. Cox saved the county. The rest of his remarks were devoted to a splendid defense of the county home demonstrator and the school system. In closing he asked for a small appropriation for a probation officer.

Dr. Marsteller gave a complete history of the county nurse work. A considerable portion of his talk was given to citing numerous instances of the county nurse's work.

Rev. J. M. Kline gave a drastic example of the nurse's value during the past few months.

Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson spoke briefly in favor of the county nurse.

Rolf Robertson, former supervisor from Gainesville district, presented a resolution from the Bull Run Grange, protesting against elimination of any of the county officials. Mr. Robertson spoke very feelingly in defense of these officials.

Mrs. Adeline Penn, representing the school league of Brown's School, spoke briefly and effectively in favor of the county nurse.

Mr. Ben Johnson, a World War veteran, spoke in favor of the higher budget.

Just prior to luncheon period, Sheriff Kerlin appeared before the Board and explained the references to handling the prohibition work at the time his salary was increased a few years ago.

It was now noon and only after some discussion that the meeting was continued.

Mr. H. W. Herring was the first speaker in favor of a material cut in taxes.

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TEA-DANCE

A prettily arranged tea-dance and egg hunt was given Saturday afternoon to about thirty of the young people of Manassas and their guests by Miss Madeline McCoy. The exciting egg hunt was brought to an end about 5 o'clock when each guest had found a huge Easter egg containing sandwiches, cakes and candy.

The young people then repaired to the home of Miss McCoy. The house was prettily decorated with Easter colors and cheerful with candle light. After tea dancing was enjoyed till dinner.

CAREY-BUCKLEY

Mrs. Katie D. Buckley announces the marriage of her daughter, Ruth Powell Buckley, to Mr. George A. Carey of Washington, D. C. The marriage took place in Washington, Mar. 26, attended by the immediate family. They will make their home at Oak Hill Farm, Catharpin, Va.