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LEGION VETS AT LEESBURG

November Meeting of Eighth District Council.

The November meeting of the Eighth District Council, American Legion, Department of Virginia, was held Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, in the Leesburg Inn Hotel, at Leesburg, Va. Posts in the Eighth district who had representatives at this meeting were Alexandria Post No. 24, Quantico Post No. 28, Leesburg Post No. 34, and Manassas Post No. 158. The session was presided over by Chairman Sidney Weil of Alexandria.

Considerable discussion was devoted to the publication of the Virginia Legionnaire, those leading the discussion being Executive Committee Harry G. Breckenridge, Vice-commander Robert L. Insko, Past Department Commander F. Clinton Knight, and Past Commander Howard Arnold of Alexandria Post No. 24, Commander H. S. Carpenter of Manassas Post, and Comrades Parrish and Haydon of Manassas Post, and Comrade White of Quantico Post.

The general opinion prevailed that if the publication continued to be a losing proposition, it should be discontinued and the 25 cents in dues now being collected from each member, instead of being used for the publication, should go into the treasury of the individual posts in the State, preferably to be used for welfare work of the post.

Membership drives of various posts were discussed by Comrades Arnold and Carpenter, the latter praising the results of the Council meeting held at Manassas in September in securing new members for his post.

Comrade Wilbur Hall, of Leesburg Post, stated that the American Legion was facing the most serious crisis in its history, and declared that the Legion must place to the fore the welfare of the community, state and nation at this time, so as not to lose the confidence of the American people.

Comrade Arnold, speaking on the activities of the Economy League, stated that a number of the League's leaders were not sincere in their purpose, due to the fact that they were receiving compensation from the Government, one member receiving as much as \$21,000 per year.

Vice-Commander Insko told of offering the services of the Legion members in the Eighth district to the local authorities if trouble developed in the handling of the so-called hunger marchers in their march on Washington within the next few days.

Commander Carpenter stressed the importance of the individual posts in selecting the proper delegates to the State convention.

On invitation of Comrade Haggerty, of Quantico Post, the Council will hold its December meeting at Quantico on Friday, December 30, at 8 p.m., the meeting place to be in Parish Hall.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Simeon Long Celebrates Eighty-fourth Birthday.

On Wednesday, Dec. 14, quite a company of relatives and friends gathered at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Herring at Independent Hill to join in the celebration of the eighty-fourth birthday of Mr. Simeon Long. There were many congratulations and wishes for many happy returns of the day.

Mr. Long is still active and with the exception of his failing eyesight, is quite well preserved for one of his years. He is at present making his home with his daughter, Mrs. E. L. Herring.

The splendid turkey dinner served by Mrs. Herring assisted by Mrs. Mary Homes and Miss Patsy Keys was in genuine Old Virginia style and was all that could be desired.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Jordan and daughter, Dora Lucile, Mrs. Wilbur Thomas and daughter, Elizabeth Catherine, Mr. Glen Evers, all of Bridgewater, Va.; Mrs. Jane Hedrick and son, Othe Hedrick of Nokesville and Occoquan respectively; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Linton, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Herring, Mrs. Mary Homes, Miss Patsy Keys, Mr. E. L. Dawson and J. Murray Taylor, all of Independent Hill.

(The Journal extends congratulations to this venerable gentleman. Many happy returns.—Ed.)

GOVERNOR APPROVES STATE FORESTER'S DISMISSAL

CANDY-COOKIE SALE

The Junior Woman's Club will hold a candy and cookie sale at Cocks' on Friday, the 24th, from 10 until 4. This is an excellent opportunity to buy Christmas supplies of home-made candy and cookies.

FAVORS TRIAL JUSTICE PLAN

Kiwanis Board Introduces Matter at Open Meeting.

A lively discussion was precipitated at the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club last Friday night when a recommendation was brought on the floor from the Board favoring some action on the appointment of a trial justice for Prince William county.

In fact the discussion was so spirited that the regular program was lost. No direct announcement has been made but it is thought that this week's program will be an enlargement of the same discussion.

A SAD DEATH

The death of little Warren Gamaliel Utterback, 12-year-old school boy, has cast a gloom over Hickory Grove community.

Warren, the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Steadman Utterback, was, until a few days before his death, a pupil of Hickory Grove School. His sunny disposition endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. Personality radiated from Warren.

Warren's death occurred in Loudoun Hospital on Tuesday, Dec. 13. His funeral followed on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Mt. Zion church cemetery. His death, coming so suddenly after a brief illness, was a great shock to everyone.

The pall bearers were his little friends, Henry Clay Gosson, Louis Gosson, Billie Smith and Howard Bell.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to his parents, his grandparents and brother.

Beautiful flowers covered the casket of the little boy, and very simple but touching services were held in the old church, after which he was tenderly laid away in the beautiful little cemetery.

(Ed.—This touching little tribute was handed us by Warren's devoted teacher.)

DECEMBER MEETING OF W.C.T.U.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet at the home of Mrs. T. R. Bywaters Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 3 p.m. As this is the Christmas season, anyone who has an appropriate poem or story are requested to come prepared to give it on the program.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

December 23, 7:30 P. M.

The Stage is all set and a beautiful program prepared for the Community Christmas Celebration, Friday, December 23, at 7:30 p.m., on the hotel lawn.

A beautiful tree, gay with lights, will greet you and inspire you to take part in and enjoy the following program:

- Come All Ye Faithful ----- In Unison
- Invocation ----- Rev. W. H. Compton
- Hark! The Herald Angels Sing ----- In Unison
- The First Noel ----- Junior Woman's Club
- The Christmas Story ----- Mrs. Noel Gill
- Silent Night ----- Kiwanis Club
- Good King Wenceslas ----- Duet
- It Came Upon the Midnight Clear ----- In Unison
- Joy to the World ----- In Unison
- Benediction ----- Rev. Stuart Gibson

COMMUNITY PLAN IS PROMOTED

B. L. Hummel Addresses Committee Members of Brentsville Community Ass'n.

The newly-elected committees of the Brentsville District Standard Community Association met at Nokesville Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, to formulate a community plan of work for 1933. This plan will be completed and presented for the approval of the people of the district at the next regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Mr. Hummel in speaking to the group stated that the achievements of the association for the past year placed it at the top of the many similar organizations in the state with which he is associated in an advisory capacity, and that M. J. Shepherd, president of the association, Randall Foster as secretary and the members of the civic, social, agricultural, home-making and educational committees deserved much credit for their outstanding work during 1932.

To the five committees now functioning, a sixth, the committee on religion, with F. L. Foster serving as chairman, has been added.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Trinity Episcopal Church, Sunday, December 25, 7:30 p.m. Rev. W. M. Compton, presiding. Order of service:

- Hymn No. 72, O Come, All Ye Faithful
- Invocation ----- Rev. A. Stuart Gibson
- Object of this Celebration ----- Rev. W. M. Compton
- Hymn No. 78, O Little Town of Bethlehem
- Scripture Lesson, St. Luke 2:1-20
- Rev. Chas. P. Ryland
- Prayer ----- Rev. W. A. Hall
- Hymn No. 546, Silent Night, Holy Night
- Address ----- Mr. Frank G. Sigman
- Hymn No. 79, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

NOTICE

Postmaster R. E. Newman announces that the local postoffice will remain open until 6:30 Saturday evening, the 24th, but after that time there will be no window service until Tuesday morning, the 27th. Mail will be dispatched and incoming mail will be worked in lock boxes as usual.

COUNTY LOAN IS APPROVED

State Chairman Wired Yesterday.

Deputy Clerk Ledman of the County Board of Supervisors is in receipt of a telegram received from Arthur W. James, head of welfare work in Virginia, that the R. F. C. loan asked for by the Board has been approved. Mr. James states in this communication that he will be in Manassas very shortly.

Mr. Ledman states that Mr. James will meet with the Board of Supervisors on January 3 to aid in the formation of an organization for this county. The presence of heads of welfare organizations in the county is desired. This applies especially to the Civilian Relief Committee, of which Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson is chairman.

The loan is for nearly \$3,000. No disposition of funds can be made before the organization meeting on January 3.

Coupled with the money already advanced to the town of Manassas, this will mean well over the \$6,000 mark. It will help out in no little manner both for the poor, and will be money that will almost entirely be spent with the county merchants.

POTOMAC BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The acting board of the Potomac Baptist Association of Virginia met at Leesburg on Dec. 14, with Chairman W. S. Jenkins of Leesburg presiding. After attention to routine business, the board passed upon applications for help from the Baptist State Board of Missions and recommended assisting in the support of pastors: Edwin H. Puryear at Arlington; Scott Y. Craig at Clifton, Fairfax and Jerusalem; Westwood Hutchison at Mt. Carmel, New Hope, Rock Hill and Stafford Store, and O. W. Triplett at Calvary and Mt. Hope.

The board accepted the invitation of the First Baptist church of Alexandria to have the Potomac Association meet with that church on August 16 and 17.

The moderator of the association is Rev. Charles T. Taylor of Hamilton, Va., and the clerk is Rev. C. Wirt Trainham of Marshall, Va.

The carolers will be out on Christmas Eve to sing at the homes where they find lighted candles in the windows.

EXECUTIVE HEARINGS ON DISMISSAL OF STATE FORESTER



Governor Pollard and secretary on left. Facing the Governor across the table, from left to right, W. H. Lamb, forest botanist and newspaper representative; Dr. Wilbur Nelson, former State Geologist and now professor of Geology at the University of Virginia; State Forester Chapin Jones, Murray McGuire, Attorney for the Forester and his secretary. (Courtesy News-Leader, Richmond, Va.)

Chairman Carson Sustained After Lengthy Investigation.

CHAPIN JONES ACCEPTS SUBORDINATE POSITION

On Monday Governor Pollard confirmed the recent action of the Virginia Commission on Conservation and Development dismissing the State Forester for lack of executive ability.

The resolution asking for the resignation of the State Forester was introduced by Hon. Rufus G. Roberts at a meeting of the Commission on August 31. The other members of the Commission on Conservation and Development are William E. Carson, chairman, Coleman Wortham, Junius F. Fishburn, E. Griffith Dodson, Lee Long and Thomas L. Farrah, the latter not voting.

Owing to the campaign which has been waged by professional foresters and, we fear, some politicians, the case has attracted attention out of proportion to the actual importance of the matter. The Governor conducted an unusually exhaustive investigation of the whole forestry situation, with result that many facts have been brought to light that will be helpful in reorganizing the work upon efficient and effective lines.

The Commission originally asked for the resignation of the State Forester to take effect next March. He was offered a subordinate position in State forestry, but refused and also announced through his attorney that he had no intention of resigning. He asked the Commission to discharge him so that the matter might be reviewed by the Governor. The Commission on Conservation and Development, of which Hon. W. E. Carson is chairman, then entered an order of dismissal effective December 31 and the matter went to the Governor, who conducted hearings which continued four days. The public was not admitted. In addition to his attorney, Mr. Murray McGuire, of Richmond, the State Forester was permitted to select one friend and he chose Dr. Wilbur Nelson, professor of geology at the University of Virginia. The Commission was not represented but was furnished a stenographic record of the proceedings, and copies of all testimonials entered as evidence. Representatives of the press were permitted to attend.

Evidence in the form of charts, reports, testimonials and records were introduced, amounting to hundreds of pages, designed to show that the State Forester did possess the executive ability which he was held by the Conservation Commission to lack. More than 150 letters and testimonials were presented from prominent foresters, lumbermen and citizens throughout the state and nation. Although the Commission made no specifications in its order of dismissal, the evidence itself brought out the fact that after half of the state had been organized for forestry work, and the General Assembly had doubled the appropriation so that the remainder of the counties could be brought under the forestry administration, nothing was done with the increased appropriation beyond strengthening and enlarging the work in the counties previously covered. Instead of providing forest protection for the counties yet to be brought into the plan, the State Forester had brought in a corps of assistant foresters from the personnel of the federal forest service and built up a miniature replica of the Washington bureau.

The Governor finally entered his confirmation of the dismissal order which takes place December 31, at which time Mr. Jones accepts a subordinate position.

MIDNIGHT SERVICES

The Feast of Christmas will be commemorated at All Saints church, Manassas, with the usual appropriate services. According to custom there will be midnight high mass and sermon. The Mass of the Angels will be sung by the choir. Mrs. Compton will be at the organ and the solo parts will be sung by Miss Eloise Compton. The singing of Christmas carols will precede the midnight services. Mass on Christmas morning will be at 8.

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

The annual Christmas assembly will be held under auspices of the Manassas Woman's Club, Wednesday evening, Dec. 28, in the high school gymnasium.