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GOVERNOR HILL PRAISES CLUB

Describes Interesting Trip to Grand Canyon.

In commending the Manassas Kiwanis club members for their diversified activities which have made "this community a better place in which to live," Edwin F. Hill, Washington, D. C., governor of the Capital District, Kiwanis International, said "no recovery act is necessary in this area where there seems to have been no depression in Kiwanis service."

The officers and members of the club were praised for their interest in underprivileged child activities, vocational guidance, boys and girls work, improving citizenship, and creating a more friendly understanding between all citizens—rural and urban.

Activities such as these make men proud of their Kiwanis membership and encourage them to reach greater heights of service, the speaker said. Such activities, Governor Hill pointed out, are typical of Kiwanis clubs of the Capital district which includes Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

President Richard S. Hynson and the other officers were complimented for their efficiency in preparing and mailing reports promptly which, the speaker said, is of great benefit to the International and District secretaries. For the first six months of this year, the Capital district has led all other districts in being 100 per cent perfect in reports.

Officers and members of the local club were urged by Governor Hill to be present at the fifteenth anniversary organization meeting of the Capital district, which will be held as a field day at Bay Ridge, Md., August 29. When the district was organized in 1918, Mr. Hill said, there were only two clubs—Washington and Baltimore—in this area. Today there are fifty clubs, he said.

Proceedings of the recent international convention in Los Angeles were disclosed to the local club by Governor Hill. The convention, he said, was one of the most interesting international meetings of recent years.

Convention activities, according to Mr. Hill, were divided into four groups comprising different-sized club memberships. Inspirational speakers in charge of each group informed the officers and delegates on diversified subjects and gave those present a better insight into how they could best carry on these objectives in the areas served by the nearly 1,900 clubs in the United States and Canada.

Resolutions were passed unanimously by the officers and delegates of the convention, Governor Hill stated, indorsing war on narcotics, eradication of radicals and racketeers as twin evils, maintenance of adequate educational facilities, movements for adjustment of young people to present-day social and commercial conditions, and the promotion of closer relationship of country and town.

Capital district officers, the speaker said, were greatly pleased to have had the largest delegation at the convention from any district east of the Mississippi River. There were 37 officers, delegates and ladies present from the District of Columbia, Virginia, Delaware and Maryland. The Washington, D. C., club was awarded a banner for having the largest number traveling the greatest distance. That club, Mr. Hill said, was represented by seven people who traveled a total of 47,288 miles.

The Capital district delegation participated in a meeting at the Grand Canyon which was the first Kiwanis group ever to conduct a meeting in this great cathedral of nature. This meeting was held under the authority of the Trustees of the National Park, which was created by an act of Congress, February 26, 1919. This park includes 1,009 square miles through which the Colorado River flows for a distance of 105 miles. The canyon is from four to eighteen miles in width and is more than one mile deep, measured from the north rim, which averages more than 1,000 feet high-

RETURNS FROM CLERKS' MEETING

George G. Tyler, county clerk, was a prominent figure at the clerks' meeting which was held at Fredericksburg during the latter part of last week. Mr. Tyler says that he most enjoyed the talk given by Judge Embrey on the history of Fredericksburg and vicinity.

W. E. Elmore, of Lawrenceville, was elected president for the next year.

DAIRY FESTIVAL GAINS HEADWAY

Prospects Are Good for A Very Successful Event.

Plans for the Third Annual Piedmont Virginia Dairy Festival are rapidly progressing, and all indications seem to show that the festival, which will be held at Manassas on September 30, will again be a great success. Replies to letters and requests which have been mailed to various parts of the State indicate that there is a great deal of interest in the festival this year, and that whole-hearted co-operation may be expected. From Williamsburg the festival authorities have been notified that the College of William and Mary will probably again participate in the event and send to Manassas for the occasion several planes from its aeronautical school. The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce has notified Managing Director Cox that the Alexandria Dairy Products Co. and the Virginia-Maid Ice Cream Co. are being requested to enter floats in the great "Milky Way" parade. From the same source it has been learned that the matter of participation of the National Guard Company is to be taken up with the Captain of that organization.

The public will also be delighted to learn that the Richmond Blues have been invited to be present this year, and that they have accepted, and indicated a desire to send the entire battalion composed of 300 men. No one who saw the festival in 1931 can forget the impressive showing made by the Blues.

Managing Director Cox has also been in communication with a prominent firm of decorators of Chicago who will have a man in Manassas to handle the floats and other phases of the great parade which will be held.

NEW PASTOR FOR MANASSAS

The Presbyterians of Manassas and Clifton met in their respective churches Monday evening to choose a pastor for the two churches. The united ballot of the two congregations showed that Rev. John M. DeChant, of Philadelphia, had received a large majority of the votes cast. A formal call will be extended to him.

At the home of Mr. Frank G. Sigman a joint meeting of the sessions of two churches worked out a plan for services at these two towns and at Minnieville.

At the Manassas church an experiment is being made. The services the coming two Sundays—the last of August and the first of September—will be held at 10 o'clock instead of 11. Sunday school will meet after the church service at 11:10. Rev. J. M. Bell will preach next Sunday.

VISITING IN MISSISSIPPI

Mr. William Leachman is in Mississippi where he has joined Mrs. Leachman and the children who are visiting at her old home. They will return shortly.

er than the south rim.

The northern rim of the canyon is forested with trees and vegetation typical of southern Canada. The trees are pine, fir and spruce with glades of quaking aspen. The southern rim, according to Mr. Hill, has semi-tropical vegetation with yellow pine forests predominating the timbered areas.

The Grand Canyon, Mr. Hill said, was first discovered in 1840 by a party of twelve Spaniards on an expedition from Mexico. The first Americans to visit the Grand Canyon were a beaver trapper and his father, who viewed it in 1826. In 1868 a government party explored part of the canyon region and in 1889 a Maj. J. W. Powell made the first successful boat trip down the Colorado River, passing through the canyon.

SCHOOLS AND ROADS

While Virginia's public school system languishes in the depression which threatens sixty-two counties with school terms of less than a minimum of eight months, the State road program advances into the present fiscal year with a normal amount of funds and automobile taxes continue to hold their own in the face of declines everywhere else in State revenue sources.

This situation is sheer anomaly. Here we see two of the central government's chief functions operating at widely divergent levels and entirely because road funds are segregated and schools must be supported out of the general fund.

The problem is really deeper than a question of schools and roads. It is really a question of general fund activities versus segregated accounts which, it must be called, have grown far beyond what the framers of the original law ever expected.

With the growth of receipts from automobile taxes there has been an almost proportionate decline in general fund receipts—especially those from the tax on railroad gross receipts. Time was when the traveler rode the trains and as a result paid money into the general fund of the State. Now he uses his automobile and pays the tax into a segregated fund for a highly specialized service. Unless he falls within State income tax levels, this motorist citizen pays nothing directly to the support of general fund services which he enjoys.

Here is the key to the school situation; namely, that segregated funds in Virginia have gradually been drawing money from the general fund, and the State begins perforce to look for additional sources of revenue with which to carry out functions as important, if not more important, than the building of roads or the regulating of traffic on the highways.

To say that motor vehicle revenues should be used solely for the benefit of highway users is to argue that income tax collections should be spent by the State solely for the benefit of

citizens with larger income. The State is a political and social unit and should not attempt to limit its services solely to those groups who pay the taxes.

The time is here now for the General Assembly to take stock of its central government tax structure and to guard against the mushroom growth of specialized services at the expense of other and equally important services.

What has been the occasion for Governor Pollard's economy order which had reduced the purchasing power to State employees to bare necessities and, in several departments, threatened the continuation of a minimum of service? Certainly not a decline in motor vehicle revenues. The occasion for this extreme economy program—which, incidentally, is open to serious doubt—is the falling off of general fund revenues.

State taxes must be considered as a unit and the services rendered by the central government should be regarded in the terms of their social value. To select from these services a single one and build a legal fence around it is bad government to the degree that such discrimination harms other activities to which the government is committed.

As matters stand at present, Virginia is ready to proceed on an annual road program with practically the same amount of money she had for such a purpose in 1929, whereas the public school system, lacking only \$700,000, must face the year with the assurance that 62 per cent of her localities will be unable to provide even a minimum term of school.

Does this mean that roads are more important than a child's education? What answer to this question do members of the General Assembly have? — Times-Dispatch.

(The editors of The Journal thoroughly agree with this scholarly exposition from the Richmond paper. We said some of these things ourselves but we said them prior to August 1, because we were not afraid to open our mouths and speak).

RESIGNATION REGRETTED

Judge McCarthy has reluctantly accepted the resignation of Judge Wheatley Johnson, of the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court. Judge Johnson has given the county a great deal of valuable work but feels that he can no longer devote so much effort to the work of the office. A successor will not be appointed until the October term of court.

LARGE CROWD AT DEDICATION

Ceremony at Aden Greatly Enjoyed.

The dedication of the Calvary United Brethren church at Aden took place according to announcement on last Sunday. The cloudy day and the spirit of expectancy generated over long weeks of preparation, brought together more than 600 people for the occasion.

The Sunday school conducted by Superintendent L. J. Bowman, with an overflowing attendance, began the day. The morning worship service followed, with a message by the Rev. James W. Wright, D. D., originally of this vicinity, now pastor of the First United Brethren church, Harrisonburg, Va. After the morning service, a sumptuous dinner, provided by the community, was served in the basement of the new church. The dedicatory service proper was directed by the Rev. U. P. Hovermale, superintendent of the Virginia Conference, who brought the message of dedication preceding the ceremony. The services of the day were concluded with a message by the Rev. J. W. Brill, who was pastor when the former church, recently destroyed by fire, was dedicated.

The cost of the new building was approximately \$1,920.00, all excepting about \$540.00 being provided before the day of dedication. The liberal contributions and pledges on dedication day were sufficient to reduce the unprovided deficit to less than \$100.00. Thanks are due not alone to the splendid building committee and to the local community, but to many citizens of Manassas and elsewhere, and to other people and groups not of our own communion, whose tolerant and liberal spirit made this achievement possible.

The building was begun under the pastorate of the Rev. A. L. Maiden, Ph.D., and completed under the ministry of the present pastor, the Rev. O. R. Kesner.

The dedication is being followed by a series of evangelistic messages by the Rev. Carl W. Hiser, pastor of the South Branch Circuit, Petersburg, W. Va.

HARRY M. LOVE ASSUMES DUTIES AT MANASSAS

Successor to Prof. Pullen Begins Agricultural Work.

Prof. Harry M. Love, who succeeds Prof. Pullen as agricultural instructor in the high schools of Manassas and Nokesville, has assumed his duties here and already has made many friends. Of pleasing personality and splendid scholarship, he will bring to the boys of Prince William County a friend who is intently interested in their welfare and success as future farmers.

Professor Love comes to us from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, where he occupied a responsible place on the faculty. He is a native of Lunenburg County and holds the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Science, the latter having been conferred upon him last year.

He will have charge of the agricultural instruction in the high schools of Manassas and Nokesville and will also supervise the summer projects of his pupils. Under the plan each boy during the summer will be supervised in the application of the theories studied during the winter. The school studies are grouped around the supervised summer practice projects. This makes it necessary for all agricultural students to be able to have facilities for practical summer farming.

The Journal joins the county in extending a cordial welcome and in wishing him a successful and happy experience among us.

Canoes are paddling around the lower streets of Alexandria today as a result of yesterday's big storm.

MERCHANTS ADOPT CLOSING HOURS

8 A.M. to 6 P.M. with Saturday Closing at 10:30.

Gasoline Can Now Be Purchased in Manassas All Day Sunday.

Beginning last Monday morning the retail merchants of Manassas put into effect a uniform schedule of opening and closing their places of business. The time of opening will be 8 a.m. and of closing 6 p.m. except on Saturdays when they will remain open until 10:30.

It is hoped that stores in the surrounding communities will also adopt a similar schedule.

The gasoline filling stations of Manassas have also perfected a plan so that gas can be purchased all day Sunday. The filling stations will take turn about keeping open Sundays. Under this plan one station will always be open that day and all the rest closed. The closed stations will post notices stating what concern will be open that day. For example, last Sunday Hynson & Bradford was open. This next Sunday B. C. Cornwell will do Sunday service and the other firms will follow in succession. These are Pence Motor Co., Minute Service Station, Manassas Service Station, Peoples Garage and then Hynson & Bradford again.

POLLARD PLAN IS REJECTED

October 3 Set for State Referendum on Repeal.

Without a single vote to the contrary the General Assembly of Virginia yesterday voted to hold the state referendum on Repeal on October 3. The delegates elected at this time will meet on October 25 to act on the question of ratifying the Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

If committee sentiment is to be taken as any indication of the attitude of the General Assembly, the plan advanced by Governor Pollard will be flatly rejected by the legislature. Other signs of apparent revolt against the Governor's proposals as outlined in his recent message are evidenced in the refusal of the committee to approve the \$500 bond idea.

However, the finance committee has retained the Governor's high tax proposal and has approved the excise tax of \$3.10 per barrel on beer and one cent per bottle. Such a high tax is being opposed, particularly in northern Virginia. It is argued that this would take beer out of the popular-priced drink class and thus greatly reduce the amount of revenue that has been predicted.

In opposing Governor Pollard, several members have voiced the opinion that the legislature itself should guide the direction of the legislation to be enacted because the session was called over the strenuous objection of the Governor, who, it is argued, is not in sympathy with the prevailing viewpoint of the majority.

BENEFIT DANCE

A benefit dance will be given under auspices of the Catholic Women's Club of Prince William County on Monday, Sept. 4, at Conner's Hall in Manassas. Chaperones will be in attendance. An eight-piece orchestra has been secured. A door prize will be given and the dancing will be from 9:30 to 1:30.

WANT DATE SET

At the meeting of the Bull Run Juniors on Tuesday, a motion was passed requesting Deputy State President Baker who is organizing the Prince William Council of the Daughters of America to have one of the following dates set for the installation ceremonies—September 9, 16 or 23.

ATTENTION, YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF PRINCE WM. CO.

A meeting of the Young Democratic Club of Prince William County is called for next Monday night, Aug. 28, at the Town Hall, Manassas, 8 p.m., for the consideration of any business that may properly come before the meeting. All Democrats are invited and urged to attend.

WM. H. LEACHMAN, Pres.
Young Democratic Club of Pr. Wm.

CALLED MEETING

On Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 3 p.m., the patrons leagues of the high school and the Bennett School will hold a called meeting at the residence of Mrs. A. A. Hooff to plan business for the coming year. A large attendance is requested.

BOARD MINUTES NEXT WEEK

Due to the heavy rains we were forced to shut down last night and were generally slowed up similar to all lines of business. The minutes of Board of Supervisors have been omitted on this account but will be printed in full next week as usual.

MISSION AT MINNIEVILLE

Rev. Martin A. Yatsko, pastor of the Holy Trinity church, Hazelton, Pa., is holding a mission at Sacred Heart church, Minnieville, Va., for all the Slavs, Poles and the Greeks. The mission opened Monday with a large attendance.

The series of the sermons are as follows:

"The Love of God and the Love of Thy Neighbor."
"Death, Hell, Heaven."
"Mary the Mother of God."
"Penance and Purgatory."

The mission closes with a mass Sunday, August 27. Father L. C. Healy is the local pastor.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY SCHOOLS Session 1933 & 1934

Calendar

Wednesday, September 13 — Annual Teachers Institute
Thursday, September 14 — Opening date all white and colored schools
Saturday, September 16 — Annual Colored Teachers Institute
Friday & Saturday, October 20 & 21 — District H Teachers Meeting at Clarendon
Tuesday, October 24 — End of first six weeks of instruction
Tuesday, October 31 — Reports to pupils in all schools
Thursday & Friday, November 30 & December 1 — Thanksgiving Holiday in all schools
Thursday, December 7 — End of second six weeks of instruction
Thursday, December 14 — Reports to pupils in all schools
Friday, December 22 — All schools close for Christmas Holidays
Tuesday, January 2 — Schools resume work after Christmas Holidays
Friday, January 26 — End of third six weeks and of first semester
Friday, February 2 — Reports to pupils in all schools
Friday, March 9 — End of fourth six weeks of instruction
Friday, March 16 — Reports to pupils in all schools
Friday, March 30 & Monday, April 2 — Easter Holidays observed in all schools
Tuesday, April 24 — End of fifth six weeks of instruction
Tuesday, May 1 — Reports to pupils in all schools
Tuesdays, May 8 — Closing date eight-month schools. Final pupil reports
Wednesday, June 6 — Closing Exercises, Haymarket High School and Nokesville High School
Thursday, June 7 — Closing Exercises, Occoquan High School
Friday, June 8 — Closing Exercises, Manassas High School