

LIQUOR BOARD MAKES REPORT

Plan for Sale of Distilled Liquors in Virginia Presented

The sale of distilled liquors exclusively through State dispensaries in sealed packages only, for off-premises consumption, and a private license system for the sale of wine and beer, were the high lights of the majority report from the legislative commission studying liquor control.

Complete control would lie in an alcoholic beverage control board of three full-time members appointed by the Governor, at salaries of \$7,500 a year each, vested with broad and sweeping powers to enforce the law and combat the bootlegger.

Beverages of less than 3.2 per cent alcohol by weight were declared non-intoxicating and not subject to the provisions of the proposed act.

The State, under the suggested law, would import or purchase from Virginia distillers and manufacturers, all alcoholic beverages other than beer, and would dispense distilled liquor to the public through State stores whose location would be determined by the board.

The individual would not be required to obtain a permit to purchase liquor, nor would he be required to give his name. Not more than one gallon might be purchased by one person at one time.

Hotels, restaurants, clubs, dining cars and boats would be permitted to sell wine and beer by the glass for consumption on the premises with or without meals in designated rooms. Other private licenses would be restricted to the sale of beer and wine in sealed packages for off-premises consumption.

Local option was preserved, but with the proviso that no election might be held within six months after the act should become effective, nor more often than once in four years.

The alcoholic beverage control board would have complete authority to issue, deny or revoke licenses for the sale of beer and wine, and there would be no appeal to the courts.

It would likewise have full control of the price of liquor, and could vary this to defeat bootlegger competition.

Revenue derived from profit in the sale of alcoholic beverages would go to the general fund of the treasury. Localities would be empowered to require licenses from distilleries, breweries, wineries and retailers of wine and beer.

The report, with a suggested bill, was signed by thirteen of the fifteen members of the committee.

State Senator Henry T. Wickham, of Hanover, prepared a minority report assailing the majority recommendations as in violation of the bill of rights and an infringement on both legislative and judicial functions. He recommended a rigid private license system and offered a bill carrying out his recommendations.

Three other separate statements were made. Chairman John W. Eggleston of Norfolk; Maitland H. Bustard of Danville; James S. Barron of Norfolk; A. P. Staples of Roanoke and Chas. W. Moss of Richmond signed a statement advocating that the revenue be divided one-third to the general fund and two-thirds to the counties and cities in proportion to population, or on some other equitable basis.

WEST VIRGINIA MAY CONSOLIDATE

Legislature Considers Plan to Combine Counties.

The legislature of West Virginia has under consideration a plan to consolidate the counties that State into a smaller number of units of larger area. The measure is proposed as an economy in governmental administration and is said to have gained very substantial support.

The plan is being watched with interest by those who advocate a similar reorganization in Virginia. In West Virginia the plan would create fifteen new counties, all of new names, and of very large area. Some of the new counties would have a larger area than some of the New England States.

The consolidation of West Virginia's fifty-five counties into fifteen is said to make possible a saving to the taxpayers of a million and a half dollars annually. Those opposing the idea maintain that there are disadvantages which greatly discount this estimated saving.

OLD SUDLEY MEMORIES

A Retrospect

'Twas a day in early winter All the hills were bare and brown, And the rain was slowly falling, On the dead leaves drifting down. For a long while we had fancied That some future day, we'd go, To a scene of fading visions Of the merry long ago.

The distant hills look just the same As far as eye can range— But the years have made the picture Of Sudley, rather strange. Vagrant memories come drifting That we never can forget— But the heart of Old Virginia Is warm and beating yet.

And although it is December And the day is drear and cool; Very well, do we remember Brighter day at "Sunday School." And as a barfoot kid again I would soon be on the road; To the home of frisky minnows And the jumpy little toad.

In that brook there in the valley With its limpid merry flow Where I chased elusive minnows In the days of long ago. Then we shunned all work like poison—

Life we thought was just for play, Never dreaming of the future For that seemed so far away.

If it's true that we remember While we linger on the strand Of that River, that is rolling Just beyond the "borderland" Then we trust we'll be reviewing Ere we cross its silent flow, Sunny days and happy visions Of the merry long ago.

And I wonder if in future, When my page in Life is sealed, I'll return sometimes to Sudley On old Bull Run battlefield.

W. W. P. Glenn Dale, Md.

ASSEMBLY BALL A GALA EVENT

200 Young People Make Merry With the Dance.

Last night, in a skillfully devised winter forest, the Woman's Club of Manassas entertained at a very beautiful ball.

The decorations were rows of Christmas trees, arranged like a woodland scene, with icicles hanging from the spicy foliage. The pillars were festooned with ropes of running pine and the whole gorgeous scene lighted by multicolored Christmas candles.

In the receiving line were Mesdames Dalton, Smith, Guthrie, Lloyd, Broadus, Lynn, and Miss Frances Bushong, president of the Junior Woman's Club.

At the midnight intermission coffee and sandwiches were served. The music was excellent and the whole affair thoroughly enjoyed by more than 200 dancers.

VIRGINIA ESCAPES LARGE BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

But Old Dominion Owes U. S. Nearly 7 Million.

Virginia escaped the large bonded indebtedness incurred by many States through adherence to a pay-as-you-go system of highway construction, but the highway department nevertheless owes the Federal Government \$6,955,883.60 in advance to be subtracted from future Federal-aid appropriations, it was said this week.

About \$700,000 would be due during 1934-35, and other payments would be made through 1948. The public works appropriation of \$7,400,000 was an outright gift as were Federal-aid appropriations of past years. It is possible, too, that Congress may never actually deduct in future years the amounts borrowed.

MARRIAGE RECORD

Dec. 22 — George Browning, jr., of Quantico, and Cornelia Hall, of Dumfries.

Dec. 23 — Howard Lee Davis and Frances Idell Hinton, both of Woodbridge.

Dec. 23 — Lewis Colbert and Minnie Hamilton, both of Manassas. Colored.

Dec. 26 — Josiah E. Newman, of Herndon, and Latty Corum, of Haymarket.

A huge submerged continent has just been discovered in the north Pacific Ocean.

Well, That's One Way of Using Your Head! —By Talburt



THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW

The public has a right to know the facts about the operation of the State departments of government in Richmond. Dr. W. H. Stauffer, State tax economist selected by the Governor to investigate school finances, submitted his report to the Governor and presented it on December 12 at a joint meeting of the Governor's Budget Commission, the State Board of Education and the Governor-elect. He reports a parallel with the recommendations of the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Both recommendations agree upon all of the essential features of the Minimum Education Program as follows:

That the State should have a larger share in the cost of the State's system of public education.

The economist's reports recommends that the State require the localities to make a minimum levy so as to total the sum of \$2,830,838 for the instructional cost in addition to funds for capital outlay, upkeep, debt service and transportation, and that the State appropriate for instructional cost the amount of \$8,304,682 which would be a ratio of 75 per cent by the State and 25 per cent by the localities. The State Board's figures are practically the same.

The economist's report recommends that the average salary per teacher be set at \$720 per year while the State Board recommends that the average salary to be paid by the State for a minimum term of eight months be set at \$560 with the understanding that the localities supplement this so as to bring teachers' annual salaries up to a reasonable average, say \$720.

Both plans agree that the State funds over and above the constitutional requirement should be distributed upon the basis of school population in average daily attendance.

Both plans recommend that the so-called equalization fund as now constituted should be abolished.

Both reports recommend that the State increase its appropriation for elementary and secondary education

by \$3,000,000 annually more than is available for the present school session.

Recent newspaper reports have called special attention to and played up the apparent difference between the reports of the Governor's specialist and the report of the State Board of Education. The data forming the basis of both reports were taken from the records of the State Department of Education. The main point of difference in the two reports is:

The vital difference in the two reports is the fact that the specialist's report sets up a method by which the State shall require the localities to contribute first a determined amount for instructional purposes, and the State shall then furnish the rest of the funds to meet the standard requirements of a minimum eight months school term while the State Board's report would set up the fixed or determined amount to be appropriated by the State and leave to the localities to raise an amount sufficient to meet the standards of a minimum school term in all of the localities. It is just a question of the State's requiring the localities to set up first a fixed amount or the State's taking the responsibility of furnishing the fixed or determined figures and the localities making up the rest as they may desire to meet the constitutional minimum or even go beyond to a nine months' standard term. In short, it is just a question of where the first and fixed responsibility lies. Public education, as at present, by either plan is the joint responsibility of the State and the localities, the only question being the ratio between the responsibility of the State and the localities and the best method of bringing about the desired results.

To put it frankly: Is it advisable for the State to force the localities to provide the fixed amount with the State supplementing; or, is it better to have the State put up the fixed amount and the localities supplement to the extent of meeting the required standards.

at his home on North Main street from 7 to 9. He will be the teacher in charge, and the work is under the supervision of Superintendent R. C. Haydon. Classes may be had in the day time as well as at night at the convenience of the students.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICES ARE BEING RENOVATED

The offices of the Governor on the top floor of the Capitol are undergoing a thorough renovation during Governor Pollard's absence in preparation for the incoming executive, George C. Peery.

The suite is being painted and thoroughly cleaned, and the executive staff is being moved around into various rooms while the work is in progress. Governor and Mrs. Pollard are expected to return from Southern Pines, N. C., early next week.

Meanwhile Lieutenant - Governor James H. Price is acting Governor of Virginia, but he is not occupying the executive offices.

DICKY HAYDON AT HOME

Dicky Haydon returned to his home yesterday after a serious operation in a Washington hospital. He is gaining strength rapidly.

CHRISTMAS AT MANASSAS HIGH SCHOOL

A beautiful Christmas assembly program was presented at Manassas High School last Thursday afternoon, December 21. After the opening prayer, a paraphrase of the story of the Nativity from St. Luke was finely given by Mr. Gill of Swavely. This was followed by the singing of carols by the school and by four other lovely musical numbers: Adams' "Cantique de Noel" sung by Mrs. Robert Logan; the "First Noel" by Professor Leimbach of Swavely; the Lullaby from "Jocelyn" by Miss Pattie Hatcher, and a duet, "Away in a Manger" by Misses Althea Hooff and Shirley Hynson.

The carols sung by the school were:

"O, Come All Ye Faithful" (in Latin and in English); "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Joy to the World," "Silent Night" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

Each class in the school following the custom of several years back, instead of having the usual Christmas tree program with exchange of gifts, had prepared a large Christmas basket to be distributed through the Red Cross to families in need.

KIWANIS CLUB ENDS YEAR

O. D. Waters Will Succeed Dick Hynson.

Ed Conner isn't losing any of his popularity at the CCC Camp. Last week Captain Fass, a newly-arrived officer, took over the Kiwanis program for a few minutes. His remarks were highly laudatory of the community and its historical associations.

Al Hooff rung in an impromptu program by reading an old and very interesting history of the origin of the name, Manassas, as applied to our town. Al has access to much interesting lore and is very loyal to his town.

A letter was read from Ed Hill, the retiring Capitol District Governor. It was a good boost for both Al and Jim, as he highly complimented the work made possible by their activities.

Lieut. MacKenzie and Arthur Boatwright were honored guests at the meeting.

The next meeting winds up the year and then OD will have to behave with much greater decorum.

The club has maintained a fair stride the past year under its retiring president and his regime is generally considered up to par.

CWA PAYROLLS ABOUT \$20,000

Prince William, Stafford, Spotsylvania, King George Men Paid.

Quantico CWA workers Saturday received their pay in cash, giving some of them the first ready money they have had in some time.

The payments were made from the government in checks but C. C. Cloe Prince William and Stafford, in which and James Ashby, administrators of the work lies, had arranged to have a banker on hand with the cash and as fast as the men got their checks they have had in some time.

The Prince William payroll alone amounted to \$9,467.74. More than \$8,000 of this was for the Quantico Federal reservation payroll. About \$400 was for the Quantico town work payroll and the balance for work done in Manassas.

Three hundred of the 680 men employed on the Federal work at Quantico are from Stafford. The amount of the Stafford payroll will be about \$5,000.

The Spotsylvania payroll Saturday amounted to about \$3,000. A total of 326 men are at work in the county on the Battlefield Park work, the State college job and on school projects, according to E. R. Carner, county reemployment chairman. Mr. Carner, with W. R. Linthicum and Scott Perry, all are working without pay. A number of King George men also were paid Saturday.

NAMED ASSISTANT

Dan Chichester, of Falmouth, has been named assistant supervisor in this district to conduct a business census. James Somerville, of Arlington County, is supervisor.

STATE CENSUS GIVES 276 JOBS

This County Placed in 4th Census District.

The Census Bureau announced yesterday that 276 enumerators would be required in Virginia for the business census to be made after January 1.

The enumerators will be under direction of supervisors located at Pulaski, Roanoke, Charlottesville, Alexandria, Danville, Petersburg, Richmond and Norfolk.

The census districts and the number of enumerators in each county follows:

District 1—Supervisor, M. C. Bane; headquarters, Pulaski. Lee, two; Scott, two; Wise, five; Dickenson, one; Russell, two; Washington, five; Tazewell, three; Smyth, two; Grayson, two; Wythe, one; Carroll, two; Pulaski, two; Bland, one; Giles, one; Buchanan, one. Total enumerators, thirty-two.

District 2—Supervisor, Asa W. Howard; headquarters, Roanoke. Floyd, one; Montgomery, three; Craig, one; Alleghany, three; Bath, one; Highland, one; Augusta, five; Nelson, two; Rockbridge, two; Amherst, two; Botetourt, one; Bedford, three; Franklin, two; Roanoke, thirteen. Total enumerators, forty.

District 3—Supervisor, Stewart Ham; headquarters, Charlottesville. Albemarle, five; Fluvanna, one; Louisa, one; Greene, one; Madison, one; Rockingham, three; Page, two; Rappahannock, one; Warren, one; Shenandoah, four; Frederick, three; Clarke, one. Total enumerators, 24.

District 4—Supervisor, J. A. Somerville; headquarters, Alexandria. Arlington, four; Fairfax, two; Loudoun, two; Fauquier, two; Prince William, two; Stafford, one; Culpeper, two; Orange, two; Spotsylvania, three. Total enumerators, twenty.

District 5—Supervisor, John W. Carter; headquarters, Danville. Patrick, one; Henry, three; Pittsylvania, eight; Campbell, seven; Appomattox, one; Buchanan, one; Cumberland, one; Prince Edward, one; Charlotte, two; Lunenburg, one; Halifax, four; Mecklenburg, three. Total enumerators, thirty-three.

District 6—Supervisor, James I. Joyner; headquarters, Petersburg. Powhatan, one; Amelia, one; Nottoway, two; Brunswick, two; Greensville, two; Southampton, three; Sussex, two; Dinwiddie, six; Prince George, three; Chesterfield, two. Total enumerators, twenty-four.

District 7—Supervisor, Ralph C. Eaton; headquarters, Richmond. King George, one; Caroline, one; Hanover, two; Goochland, one; Henrico, twenty-eight; Charles City, one; New Kent, one; King William, one; King and Queen, one; Essex, one; Richmond, one; Westmoreland, one; Lancaster, one; Middlesex, one; Mathews, one; Gloucester, one; James City, one. Total enumerators, forty-six.

District 8—Supervisor, Earl White; headquarters, Norfolk. Accomac, seven; Northampton, three; Elizabeth City, three; York, one; Warwick, seven; Princess, one; Norfolk, thirty; Nansemond, four; Isle of Wight, one; Surry, one. Total enumerators, fifty-seven.

MEAN TRICK AT WINCHESTER

Slick Stranger Works New Industry Graft.

The conservative city of Winchester was swindled out of several hundred dollars last week by a slick promoter who represented himself as interested in establishing a new manufacturing industry there. He claimed to represent a hardware factory in Connecticut, and like the anti-bellum gentlemen from New England, who sold wooden nutmegs so successfully, he met with considerable success.

After passing a worthless check for \$400 and negotiating for the purchase of the local Fair Grounds for the factory site, some hard-boiled citizen ascertained by wire that he was unknown by the concern he presumed to represent, and the new factory bubble collapsed.

DOG LICENSES DUE ON JANUARY FIRST

Dog licenses will become due January 1, and all dogs must have tags by February 1. The fee is \$1 for males and \$3 for females.