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STATE CHAMBER REGROUPS WORK

Fire Research Committees Appointed.

A sweeping reorganization of the work program of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce was effected here today by its board of directors, which met and determined upon immediate study and reestimate of Virginia's tax, school and road policies, and created five committees to conduct a series of research studies in these fields and in the fields of industry and labor and zoning and land utilization. The action of the board in adopting an entirely new program of work for the organization gives the State Chamber its third new program in the eleven years of its existence.

The new program is divided into five parts and is the result of several months of study in the part of the directors, who turned out almost 100 per cent to effect the reorganization. In brief, the program follows:

Reconsideration of the entire tax system of Virginia, state and local. Analysis and evaluation of actual and potential revenue sources in relation to revenue needs. Survey and appraisal of business license taxation, and review of sales tax experience in relation to a balanced system of taxation for Virginia. Investigation of tax delinquency, and consideration of tax administration efficiency.

Survey of the status of the reorganization of the state government. Study of means for increased efficiency and economy in state and local government. Estimate of possible gains from county consolidation.

Study of the structure of the system of public education in Virginia, and analysis of the state's program for elementary, secondary, and higher education in light of present-day needs. Review of school financial policy, and consideration of the extent of public responsibility for free education. Study of application of practical industrial, commercial, agricultural, and home economics training in the public schools of Virginia.

Study and appraisal of highway construction and maintenance policy and needs. Weighing of the principles of building for traffic safety in future program highway design, and formulation of a definite and sound financial program for future highway construction and maintenance in Virginia.

Study of the industrial and employment trend and outlook in Virginia, and formulation of a forward-looking industrial program for Virginia in relation to friendly and co-operative employer-employee relations, employee efficiency, industrial safety and health, workmen's compensation benefits, employment and retirement insurance, employee home ownership, and occupational training.

Study of industrial zoning and stream pollution in Virginia. Formulation of a program for submarginal land use in relation to conservation and development of soil, water, and timber resources, and with reference to readjustment of population distribution and the establishment of public recreational areas.

The directorate also returned C. W. Newman, of Norfolk, to the position of director of Research, which he formerly held before being shifted to other work and adopted resolution favoring the establishment of steamship service between the Port of Norfolk and the Ports of Houston and Galveston, Texas. The resolution urges the Interstate Commerce Commission to permit the Southern Pacific Company the right to establish this new service and backs up the State Port Authority of Virginia, which has also endorsed the application of the Southern Pacific Company.

The board accepted the invitation of the City of Charlottesville to hold the annual meeting of the membership of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce at Charlottesville on February 7, 1935. The invitation was extended by Dr. W. D. Haden, Mayor of Charlottesville, president of one of the city's financial institutions and a director of both the State and local chamber.

SCHOOL PARTY

A Halloween party will be given by the Buckhall Community League at the school house on Wednesday evening, October 31. There will be contests and prizes. Refreshments. Fun for everyone. Come in costume. The admission fee will be less.

Vote the Democratic Ticket on November 6.

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB TO GIVE PLAY

The splendid performance of the play staged by the Junior Woman's Club last year is to be repeated on November 23—Friday night, and this play is expected to even outshine the former one.

Miss Esther Warren Pattie, president of the club, appointed Miss Meaker Burke as the play chairman, at the October meeting. The ability of Miss Burke in handling this project was given the highest praise by Miss Pattie when appointing her as chairman. Miss Burke called a meeting of her committee on Saturday evening, the 13th, and many details were settled by this group. Chairmen of the plays will be announced at a later date, as all have not yet been selected. The cast committee has, however, started to work and a cast for the play is taking on a very bright aspect.

The directing will be done by the members of the Junior Woman's Club and all other details that are possible will also be executed by the members, who are a very talented group of young ladies.

Watch for the name of this play—it will be announced in a future edition of the paper.

DIST. H TEACHERS WILL MEET HERE

Addresses Will Center on the New Curriculum.

The annual conference of District H of the Virginia Educational Association will meet at the Manassas High School on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20. District H includes Alexandria City, Arlington, Culpeper, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, and Rappahannock Counties. Mr. P. B. Smith, jr., of Warrenton is chairman for the district.

Among the prominent speakers who will be in Manassas during the two-day session are Mr. Fred M. Alexander, principal of Newport News High School, who will speak Friday morning on "The Revised Curriculum." Miss Bertie Backus, assistant superintendent of schools of Washington, will also speak Friday morning on Character Education. Miss Grace Moran will speak on Procedure in Adapting the Revised Courses of Study. Miss Katherine Anthony of Harrisonburg will discuss the Sixth Grade Teaching under the revised curriculum. D. J. Howard will discuss Agriculture and C. A. Edward will speak on Social Science. Dr. Edward Alvey of Fredericksburg will discuss the Language Arts. Francis Lankford of the University of Virginia will present Mathematics and Mr. Fred Alexander will speak on Intergrading High School Work.

Mayor E. C. Davidson of Alexandria will deliver an address on Saturday on what the public thinks of our schools, and Mr. Gordon E. Smith will speak on Achievements of our local and state educational associations.

On Friday, luncheon for the principals will be served in the domestic science department of the high school and the home economics teachers and supervisors will be entertained at luncheon at the home of Mrs. Jack Leachman.

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DREWERY STARTS HIS CONGRESS CAMPAIGN

Hon. P. H. Drewery, of Petersburg, congressman for the Fourth District, which includes Buckingham, Appomattox, and Cumberland Counties, began his campaign for re-election in Warminster when he addressed a large crowd assembled for the opening of the October term of the Circuit Court.

Mr. Drewery has only two opponents in the election. One is a woman and the other a socialist. He said he knew nothing of either one.

Appomattox, Buckingham and Cumberland Counties were in the Seventh District before the state redistricting took place. Joel Flood, of Appomattox, is expected to be a candidate for the State Senate in place of the late Senator S. L. Ferguson, of Appomattox.

STATE TREASURER DIES

Hon. John M. Purcell, State Treasurer of Virginia, died at his home in Richmond on Tuesday, Oct. 16, after a long illness. He had been working in the office of the State Treasurer since he was a boy.

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JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS MEETING

The October meeting of the Junior Woman's Club was held on Oct. 1 at the home of Mrs. J. P. Lyon. The meeting was opened in the usual manner by the president, Miss Esther Warren Pattie. After the reading of the minutes and the secretary's report, matters pertaining to old business were discussed. A budget for the year was adopted, and the various other committees reported. Many new plans for the year were brought to the attention of the club, and the program committee read the topics to be discussed at the future meetings during the year.

Plans for the play to be given in November were the subject of much discussion, and the play chairman appointed. The script of the play was scanned and much interest displayed about it.

The Juniors were very much honored to have as their speaker of the evening, Dr. Eli Swavely, who very informally talked to the club in a round-table fashion on Parliamentary Law. The club members expressed their interest and asked Dr. Swavely questions about which they were in doubt. Everyone enjoyed Dr. Swavely's enlightening talk to the utmost, and have hopes that he will speak again to the group.

Mrs. Paul Cooksey, president of the Senior Woman's Club, and junior advisor for the fourth district, was the guest of the club at the meeting.

Miss Susan Gibson and Miss Mary Lynch were present as new members, and after the usual business was transacted the meeting was turned over to Miss Meaker Burke, who presided over a mock initiation. These girls were required to wear a large kitchen apron with shoes of different pair for one week. This initiation was very clear, and the laughter was long and loud.

Mrs. Lyon, the ever-helpful sponsor, acted as hostess for the evening, and served a delightful refreshment. Enough cannot be said by the club in the praise of Mrs. Lyon, and it was with much reluctance that the members departed homeward.

WILL VISIT LINTON HALL

Tomorrow evening the Kiwanis Club will journey to the Catholic School at Bristow where they will be the guests of Sister Benedict. A good turn-out is urged.

Last Friday evening, Bob got back from the meeting at Richmond but had no chance to make a report of his activities.

The program was greatly enlivened by a number of piano selections by Miss Bogarth, of the Bennett faculty. The club joined in the chorus of one or two.

ADEN WOMEN TO SEE CHICKEN CANNED

The canning of chicken will be the topic for demonstration at the October meeting of Aden Home Demonstration group which will be held at the school building on Wednesday, October 24, beginning at 1:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

SUSAN HUTCHISON

Fell asleep, Susan Hutchison, widow of the late Captain Westwood Hutchison, C.S.A., at her late residence in Manassas, Tuesday, October 16. Services are being held this afternoon at 2 p.m. with interment to follow at the family burying ground, Prospect Hill, near Hickory Grove. The entire ministerial association of the town will attend. Rev. J. Murray Taylor, a former pastor, will officiate. Assisting him will be Revs. T. D. D. Clark, C. W. Trainham, John Sowers, A. S. Gibson and others.

PRESENTS PLANS FOR ROLL CALL

Red Cross Chapter Hears Reports by County Nurse and County President.

The Nursing Activities committee of the Prince William County Chapter, American Red Cross, met on Friday, Oct. 12, at the home of Mrs. H. A. Russell in Cherry Hill. The following ladies of the community were present to assist Mrs. Russell and meet the committee members: Mrs. Dora Rison, Mrs. Elizabeth Waite, Mrs. Frances Carney, Mrs. Ada Carney and Mrs. Clara Riley.

After the usual business session, Miss Sabina Neel, county nurse, gave a brief report of her work for the month, followed by a general resume of her activities since July 1. During this period she had traveled 4,983 miles in addition to help given through her office, working on the various phases of her program.

She told of an eye clinic to be held in Manassas this month at which some 30 or 40 children will be examined for defective vision by Dr. Fox of Fredericksburg.

Plans for a chest clinic also are in progress. This clinic will be held during the week of October 29. Miss Neel strongly urged the buying of T.B. seals, as she explained that funds from the seal sales are used in the county to defray the expenses of the chest clinics as well as to pay hospital and sanatorium expenses of those found suffering from T.B.

Plans for the Red Cross roll call were presented by Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, chapter chairman, and all committee members urged to make a greater effort to increase membership in order that the chapter's financial assistance to the nursing service may be maintained. The goal for the chapter this year is 500 members. Cherry Hill has always been at the top of the list in percentage of residents enrolled.

The following members of the nursing activities committee were present: Mrs. J. P. Lyon, vice-chairman, of Manassas; Mrs. W. M. Johnson, Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, Mrs. O. M. Douglass, Miss Bessie Cornwell, Mrs. F. H. E. Dickens, Mrs. Joe Hale, Mrs. Wallace Dawson, Mrs. Egbert Thompson, Mrs. Jack Piercy and Miss Sabina Neel, county nurse.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, October 14, a silver wedding anniversary dinner was given in the honor of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Lightner of Clifton Forge, Va., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Ayre, Manassas.

At the dinner, which was enjoyed by everyone, Mr. and Mrs. Lightner were referred to as the bride and groom. Each of the place cards contained a little verse in keeping with the occasion.

Other guests in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Trout, sr., of Baltimore, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Monroe, of Manassas; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ellis, and their son Gordon, of Nokesville; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wallace, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Fately, of Alexandria, Va.; Miss Pauline Eutsler, of Washington, and Mr. E. M. Ayre, of Manassas.

CHILDREN'S CLINIC WITH X-RAY

During the week of October 29 in the Court House at Manassas, Va., will be held a free clinic for the diagnosis of tuberculosis in children, by Dr. Charles Savage of the State Health Department. This clinic will be in co-operation with the physicians of the county.

Children who are living in the homes with cases of tuberculosis should be examined, either by their family physician or the clinic clinician. To be examined in the clinic, you must first get a written request from your doctor for this examination, and then see the tuberculosis nurse in your community for an appointment. All children desiring to obtain complete examination must report to the clinic on Monday.

LEGION POST SEATS OFFICERS

Spirited Drive to Be Made For New Members.

Thursday evening, October 11, at the Town Hall, a regular meeting of Prince William Post 158 was turned over to installation of officers, elected for the coming year. Commander Howard W. Jamison; first vice-commander, Dr. Stewart McBryde; second vice-commander, Marshall Haydon; adjutant, Margaret Lynch; sergeant-at-arms, Wm. Hanlon; chaplain, Peyton Larkin.

After the installation services at the Town Hall the members and guests were invited to the Prince William Hotel to spend several social hours.

A state-wide drive is being made for membership at this time, and Captain John Haggerty brought before the Post some very interesting points to enable a more popular membership through the State. The Prince William Post No. 158 is considering challenging Warrenton Post to develop more members and a better Legionary spirit in this county.

Among the guests who attended the meeting were State Commander Robert L. Insko, Lorton; Captain W. Haggerty, USMC; 8th District Commander, Quantico; Charles B. Rousseau, Department Vice-Commander, Williamsburg, Va.; W. Glenn Elliott, Dept. Adjutant, Richmond, Va.; Capt. D. A. Byfield, USMC, Quantico Post No. 28; Sgt. W. A. McArthur, Adjutant Post No. 28, Quantico; Capt. Swindler, USMC, Quantico, Va.; and Lieut. Smith, USMC, Quantico.

DEMOCRATS EN- JOY BARBECUE

Many From Prince William Attend Rally at Fairfax.

Last Tuesday a crowd variously estimated at from 1200 to 2,000 attended the first giant barbecue given by Fairfax Democrats in many, many years. The affair was staged on the old fair grounds which has been the scene of many happy gatherings on other occasions.

President Edward Jones, of the Young Democrats, presided. The address of welcome was made briefly by Chairman Buckley, of the executive committee of the county. The introduction of State Senator Cecil Conner, of Leesburg, followed.

His address and that of Judge Smith's which followed were chiefly devoted to a defense of the New Deal. Judge Smith went into somewhat greater detail, noting many actual methods of assistance which had been given distressed home and farm owners and to business men. The speaker related by name several of the new agencies which have been created and some examples of what they had done already and were preparing to push ahead.

No other form of a political "get-together" could have been arranged which would give a more healthy opportunity for intermingling of friends and neighbors and also to learn something about national politics. A hundred years ago no campaign would have passed without one or more barbecues but in the last half century there has been an increasing dearth of such affairs until they passed entirely into oblivion.

Two years ago the executive committee of Prince William staged a most successful meeting at the old courthouse at Brentsville which was attended by as large a crowd as was present last night. Interest was much keener then as the national election was about to be held. This is one more source of congratulation for Fairfax Democrats, and especially those of the Young variety, that they could muster so much interest in an off year. It would seem that the reaction would give Congressman Smith a healthy vote of endorsement next month.

ODD FELLOWS TO MEET

A delegation of Manassas Odd Fellows journeyed to the ancient town of Dumfries Thursday evening, Oct. 11, to witness the conferring of the First Degree on seven new Odd Fellows.

J. W. Smith, D. D. G. M. of District No. 20, has called a council of the past grands of the district to meet at Highland Lodge Tuesday evening, Oct. 30, for reorganization and other business.