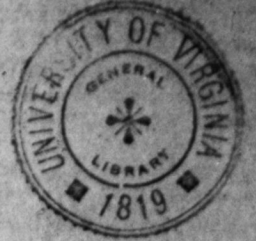


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## STATE TO ASK U. S. AID SCHOOL FUND

### Dr. Hall to Investigate Financial Conditions of Localities.

Virginia will ask the Federal Government for whatever extra funds are necessary to assure the public schools of the State their normal nine months' term, Dr. Sidney B. Hall, superintendent of public instruction, announced last Thursday.

Virginia last year secured Federal aid of \$710,000 for 72 counties. Dr. Hall was unwilling to predict Thursday how many counties would need aid, or how large Virginia's total request will be. Investigation in the next few weeks will determine this, he said.

It is known, however, that the Federal Government has at least twice as large a fund for school aid in 1934-35 as was available in 1933-34. Federal officials have circulated questionnaires among the 48 states, asking what aid will be needed this year, and recent estimates submitted to Washington by Virginia superintendents of schools totaled approximately \$1,000,000.

Dr. Hall also revealed that the State of Virginia is paying an average of \$432 toward the salary of the State's approximately 16,500 public school teachers.

This average contribution is determined by the total amount, \$7,492,191, which the State Department of Education has available for teaching costs. After determining the number of teachers from an estimate of school attendance, the State Department of Education divides the total sum available by the number of teachers and distributes the sum pro rata among the localities.

The localities, for their part, must pay toward their teachers' salaries a sum which is at least 20 per cent of the total, and must bear all other school and instructional costs. No State money is allocated for any purpose except teachers' salaries.

In cases where the locality is too poor to provide its 20 per cent of the instructional cost, the State Department of Education may authorize a lower proportion, with a minimum of 10 per cent.

Where even 10 per cent cannot be provided, as is the case in some five or more Virginia rural counties, the State may, at the discretion of the Governor, step into the breach with money from the State discretionary fund of \$150,000.

Unless the locality obtains the money from some emerging source, however, the Virginia law does not permit the State to pay its share toward instructional cost. Neither may the State pay any money to localities which do not guarantee to operate a school term of at least eight months, and all allocations are made on the basis of an eight months' term.

Dr. Hall said that the board of education will take up the cases of delinquent counties at its next meeting and determine how their schools may be financed for the rest of the year in the face of shortages of funds. It must be established that the county has paid all it can, not only from its school levy but from its general funds, before the case can go to the Governor, he said.

While the Federal Government may be asked to aid these delinquent counties after all State funds are exhausted, Virginia's principal request will be for money to carry on to a normal school term those schools for which only eight months have already been provided.

The State last paid about 60 per cent of the total instructional cost of Virginia public schools, that is, of teachers' salaries, but only about 30 per cent of the total cost of all school expenses.

### SCHOOL NEWS

The examination period is well under way and the first semester will close on Tuesday. The consolidated report for the county will be published a week later.

Miss Anna Britt of Holland, near Suffolk, Va., has taken charge of the upper grade at Bethel to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Miss Virginia Brockett who is now home demonstration agent of Madison County.

Prof. R. C. Haydon was in Richmond yesterday to confer with the State Architect about plans for the new Haymarket High School. These plans will be ready before the next meeting of the Board at which time it is very probable that the Board will set a date for opening bids.

### A WORTHY PROJECT

Miss Neel, Red Cross nurse, is in need of a special typed chair for a crippled child, thirteen years of age, in the county.

A relative of the child will prepare this if the equipment can be gotten together. The average hospital chair is not suitable but some home-made affair, using something in the nature of casters or baby carriage wheels will be more adaptable in the very small home in which the child lives.

Anyone interested in assisting Miss Neel in this matter will please get in touch with her office as soon as possible.

## WILL SUPPORT DAIRY FESTIVAL

### Club Anxious to Promote Annual Celebration.

The Kiwanis Club had a free-for-all on the subject of the Dairy Festival at its regular meeting last Friday. The eyes seem to have it and that's that.

Bill Cocks was delegated to get in touch with Dan Hollenga with the view of having silvery-tongued Dan interview the legislating bodies of the Piedmont area to get them to make small supporting donations for the affair.

Dick Haydon informed the club that the school supervisor could not be drawn from school time to write or direct a pageant and suggested that the Board felt that much more good might be accomplished if the story of the play were written and presented in the early spring so that the children might go ahead with practice on it as a school project.

Tiffany urged a crowd for the meeting at Fredericksburg last Monday and a delegation responded.

On a motion presented for the club to endorse the submarginal purchase of land by the Federal Government in lower Prince William there was a divided opinion, some not expressing themselves but no one opposing the motion.

Al asked O. D. if he had paid his subscription to The Journal and was informed he was paid up in advance. Al then wanted to know why ye editor had failed to celebrate the noble silver loving cup which Al Roseberry and Fred Hynson worked so hard to get and present to O.D. (The Journal made an awful faux pas that time and Rat claims that he won't allow it to happen again).

### BAD ACCIDENT AT POHICK

State Deputy J. W. Clarke has reported a terrible accident which took place on the Jefferson-Davis Highway just north of Pohick Church about three o'clock Monday morning.

It appears that a new Chevrolet coupe driven at a high rate of speed ran into the end of a North Carolina truck, driven by Zeb Mason of Woodruff, N. C., which had broken down on its north-bound trip.

Mr. Mason appears to have exercised such precautionary measures as he could and as this is a three-line road the accident was even more unusual. Only the half of the car occupied by the two passengers struck the truck squarely. Miss Margaret McGee of 1409 Delaplaine Pl. N. W., Washington, was desperately hurt when the tailgate of the truck pushed clear into her face fracturing her skull in three places. She was taken to Alexandria by Corp. Steven Custis of the Marine Barracks of Quantico.

The car which was completely wrecked was driven by W. H. Andrews of 1835 Phelps Pl. N. W. Except for a slight cut above the eye, he was uninjured. His wife suffered a dislocated hip and a fractured jaw. She is in a Washington hospital. While Miss McGee's condition is still extremely serious, she is reported much better today.

### JAMES B. FLETCHER

James B. Fletcher, born Honaker Russell County, Va., July 18, 1848, died January 3, 1935 at age of 86 years. He moved to Manassas 25 years ago where he has resided since. He purchased the "Old Moore Green Farm" near Brentsville from Judge J. B. T. Thornton in 1908. Mr. Fletcher was well known through out the county and had many friends.

He is survived by his wife, Belle V., one brother in Russell County, who is 92 years old, and a nephew, Grady B. Shoemaker whom he raised from childhood.

## MINUTES OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING

At a regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince William County, held at the Court House thereof in Manassas, Va., on Thursday, January 10, 1935, there were present Messrs. J. L. Dawson, Chairman; D. E. Earhart, C. C. Lynn, J. W. Merchant, C. B. Roland and J. Murray Taylor.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

The following accounts were examined, allowed, and warrants ordered drawn on the county treasurer for payment of same.

COUNTY FUND	
Warrant No. 3255	\$ 50.00
" 3256	93.66
" 3257	58.33
" 3258	68.66
" 3259	133.33
" 3260	11.30
" 3261	14.80
" 3262	6.60
" 3263	7.40
" 3264	6.60
" 3265	6.20
" 3266	133.34
" 3267	30.00
" 3268	70.00
" 3269	14.58
" 3270	5.40
" 3271	10.00
" 3272	10.00
" 3273	10.00
" 3274	10.00
" 3275	10.00
" 3276	10.00
" 3277	10.00
" 3278	10.00
" 3279	592.45
" 3280	182.86
" 3281	62.27
" 3282	23.25
" 3283	10.80
" 3284	7.48
" 3285	12.50
" 3286	3.00
" 3287	5.00
" 3288	3.00
" 3289	9.00
" 3290	20.00
" 3291	5.00
" 3292	2.00
" 3293	17.00
" 3294	9.00
" 3295	10.96
" 3296	35.25
" 3297	15.00
" 3298	.25
" 3299	22.25
" 3300	24.00
" 3301	5.00
" 3302	3.00
" 3303	5.00
" 3304	20.00
" 3305	10.00
" 3306	20.00
" 3307	15.80
" 3308	5.70
" 3309	5.50
" 3310	11.69
" 3311	5.23
" 3312	3.75
" 3313	5.00
" 3314	5.00
" 3315	7.00
" 3316	20.00
" 3317	10.00
" 3318	12.50
" 3319	15.00
" 3320	5.00
" 3321	5.00
" 3322	VOID
" 3324	5.00
" 3325	5.00
" 3326	5.00
" 3327	5.00
" 3328	5.00
" 3329	5.00
" 3330	12.50
" 3331	10.00
" 3332	5.00
" 3333	54.00
" 3334	6.00
" 3335	38.00
" 3336	38.00
" 3337	8.00
" 3338	10.00
" 3339	8.00
" 3340	36.00
" 3341	36.00
" 3342	13.00
" 3343	25.00
" 3344	8.00
" 3345	8.75
" 3346	164.67
" 3347	12.00
" 3348	8.00
" 3349	7.00
" 3350	50.00
" 3351	19.50
" 3352	15.00
" 3353	250.00
" 630	10.00
" 631	4.00
" 632	.50
" 633	2.50
" 634	.50
" 635	.65
" 636	3.50
" 637	.50
" 638	.50
" 639	1.00
" 640	2.00
" 641	.50
" 642	1.50
" 643	.75

The foregoing accounts allowed by the following vote:  
AYES: J. L. Dawson, Chairman; D. E. Earhart, J. W. Merchant, C. B. Roland, J. Murray Taylor, C. C. Lynn.  
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### LEE-JACKSON CELEBRATION

Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will observe the Lee-Jackson birthdays with appropriate exercises on the afternoon of Jan. 24 at 2:30 o'clock in the Manassas High School auditorium.

The chapter is grateful for the cooperation of the high school and children of the Confederacy's recently organized chapter under the sponsorship of Mrs. Hite, of the Bennett School.

The programme will include readings, music, etc., associated with the two Generals by the students in these schools, and it is hoped that a large audience of interested citizens may attend.

## REBECCA LODGE INSTALLATION

### Dumfries Officers Announce Appointments.

The newly-elected officers of Virginia Dare Rebekah Lodge No. 66, of Dumfries, Va., were installed into their respected chairs Monday night, January 7, by the installing staff of Liberty Rebekah Lodge No. 66, of Alexandria, headed by Mrs. Henry, district deputy president of Liberty.

The work was beautifully done. The following officers were installed: Noble grand, Miss Katharine Keys; vice grand, Mrs. Mamie Clarke; recording secretary, Mrs. Katie E. Keys; financial secretary, Mrs. Ella Waters; trustee, Mrs. Mamie Sisson.

The noble grand appointed officers as follows: Warden, Miss Maxine Rison; conductor, Mrs. Linnie Wright; chaplain, Mrs. Mollie Garrison; right supporter to noble grand, Mr. Tom Von Yoncas; left supporter to noble grand, Miss Debbie Miller; inner guard, Mrs. Lottie Young; outer guard, Mr. Frederick Lewis.

The vice grand appointed as her right supporter Rev. A. H. Shumate and left supporter, Mrs. Vanetta Cato. After the installation, speeches were in order by the newly-installed officers and visitors. Then delicious refreshments were served by the refreshment committee. Mrs. Beulah Brawner then entertained with a selection on the piano in her most proficient manner.

On Tuesday night, Jan. 15, the president of the Rebekah Assembly of Virginia, Mrs. Adella Dunham, made her official visit to Virginia Dare.

### MERCHANT-WATERS

A very pretty New Year's eve wedding of interest to many of the old north Virginia families took place on December 31 at 8 o'clock in the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McDaniel in Clarendon, the Rev. Charles B. Austin of the West Washington Baptist Church officiating.

The bride, Miss Isabel Waters, who is a daughter of Mrs. P. J. Kearney, of Nashville, Tenn., was gownned in a dress of blue mauve-saie and carried yellow sweetheart roses. The maid of honor, her sister, Mrs. C. C. Shilling, of Washington, wore black velvet and carried sweetheart roses.

The groom, Mr. Ralph Merchant, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Merchant, of Purcellville, had as his best man Mr. Floyd Longerbeam, of Washington.

With Mrs. George Tudor of Washington at the piano, Mr. Tudor sang "For Me Alone." During the ceremony, Mrs. Tudor played "I Love You Truly."

Beside seasonal decorations and the gorgeous Christmas tree, the home had been decorated in red poinsettas. After the ceremony a buffet supper was served by Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel.

Owing to the inclement weather, the young couple deferred their wedding trip and on January 6 the groom's mother gave a reception for the newly-weds at the family home in Purcellville. There were about fifty guests, many of whom sought this occasion to bring wedding presents for Mr. and Mrs. Merchant.

### CHANGE IN ATHLETIC PLANS.

The Principals Association of this county has decided to arrange a county schedule in place of the customary county tournament. Each team will play two games with each team in the county league. The team with the most victories in the final count will receive the county banner.

## PUBLICITY FOR CONSERVATION

### Chairman Hall Announces New Policy.

The newly-appointed State Conservation and Development Commission will be formally organized this week when it will call upon Governor Peery at the Capitol and be charged with its new duties.

Immediately after this ceremony, the commission will get down to work. Plans and policies for the future will be discussed, and division heads will be called upon to come before the commission and describe their activities.

The members of the commission will get their first real glimpse into the workings of the commission when they are informed by division heads of the exact nature and status of the work under way and of what has been projected for the immediate future.

Wilbur C. Hall, chairman of the commission since January 1, has announced a policy of open publicity. Newspapers will be allowed to sit in meetings of the commission, in contrast to the "closed" meetings conducted by the former commission.

### TEMPERANCE EDUCATION DAY, JANUARY 23

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet at the home of Mrs. R. L. Sadd Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 3 p.m. A Temperance Education Day program will be given.

Anyone interested in this work is welcome. This is one of our National Red Letter days so we hope all members will try to be present.

### JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

The January meeting of the Junior Woman's Club was held at the home of Mrs. J. P. Lyon, with Misses Rena Bevans and Janet Truher as hostesses.

The meeting was opened by the president in the usual manner by the reading of the collect. The treasurer gave a very favorable report, and all bills were ordered paid. After the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report, the various committees were asked to report.

Miss Ellen Bison, general manager of the progressive dinner, which was given during the holidays, thanked the club members for their cooperation and help in making the dinner such a success. Everyone was pleased with the manner in which the dinner was put on, and mention was made of making this an annual affair for the club.

A letter from Mr. Ledman was read to the club thanking the members for assisting the Kiwanis members with the packing of their Christmas baskets.

[The visiting committee reported having called on several members of the club who were sick. Mrs. Lyon thanked the club for the poinsettia sent to her at Christmas by the members.]

Plans were discussed for a dance, to be held some time in the near future, and the chairman of the ways and means committee, Miss Rena Bevans, was appointed to investigate a suitable date, and report to the club at the next meeting. Also other plans of raising money were discussed, and these were also ordered to be investigated further before final presentation.

Miss Lucy Gibson was welcomed to the club as a new member, and after the business meeting a small mock initiation was held. Lucy proved to be an excellent candidate.

### ELIZABETH BRYANT RANDALL

Mrs. Elizabeth Bryant Randall, aged 84, of this town, died in the hospital at Sandy Springs, Md., on January 14, at 4:00 p.m., after an illness of several weeks.

She is survived by her husband, Herbert Randall; five children, Genevieve, Lucille, Margaret, Albert, Richard, Paul and Harold, and her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Bryant of Manassas.

Mrs. Randall was a member of the Manassas Baptist Church and a very loyal citizen. Born near Bristow, she has been a lifelong resident of the county and she will be greatly missed amid her circle of friends.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 16, at 2 p.m., Rev. C. F. Jones officiating.