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BYRD OPPOSES PENSION BILL

Predicts 130 Per Cent Tax Boost.

Declaring that the present presidential relief measure as applied to the old age pension plan would increase Virginia's tax burden about 130 per cent, Senator Harry F. Byrd yesterday stood in vigorous opposition to the new security legislation as it is now needed.

Governor Peery is today gathering data on the statistics in this State. It is unofficially stated that there are about 117,000 Virginians who would be included in the benefits of this special act.

Senator Byrd has previously given the administration notice that he would consistently oppose the granting of broad powers to the administrators of the old age pension system by which that person could prescribe the requirements that must be met by the States.

In regard to this new plan, Senator Byrd was quoted as follows: "I shall never vote as a permanent policy to concentrate power in Washington in the hands of an appointive official, who is not confirmed by Congress, to punish or favor a State of the Union and thereby destroy the last remnants of the rights of the States. The power of taxation is the power to destroy and in this instance one man by his interpretation of a fair standard of health and decency can increase the burden of taxation upon the respective States to the point of disaster. This statement has no personal reference to Harry Hopkins, for whom I have the highest admiration and respect."

The exact fate of the proposed legislation is not yet definitely determined, but it is generally believed that there is sufficient reaction in Congress to force radical revision of the comprehensive scope of the original legislature proposed.

MANASSAS TEAM WINS OPENER

Local Team Victorious over Aldie in Thrilling Game.

The Manassas A. C. basketball team got off to a flying start last Friday night when they won their first game of the season at Aldie, winning in an overtime period, the score being 30 to 20. The score was 18 all at the end of the regular playing game but in the extra period the Manassas boys, led by Robert Leith, rallied strongly to win going away.

Coach-Player Lynn used nearly all of his squad.

MANASSAS	G	FG	P
Cosgrove, f	3	1	7
Bradshaw, f	1	1	3
Leith, f	4	0	8
Beachley, f	1	0	2
Wurdemann, c	1	0	2
Smith, c	0	0	0
Burke, g	1	1	3
Saunders, g	0	0	0
Lynn, g	1	1	3
Vetter, g	1	0	2
Total	13	4	30

ALDIE	G	FG	P
Bodmere, f	1	0	2
Geottling, f	1	1	3
Jackson, f	2	0	4
Talbert, c	0	0	0
Jackson, g	3	1	7
Downes, g	2	0	4
Total	9	1	20

Referee—Dr. Zerega.

REAL WINTER

With snowfall ranging from twelve to twenty inches yesterday, northern Virginia was given the fifth consecutive storm in exactly seven days, three of which were snowstorms.

The keen wind added greatly to the discomfort of travelers and one-way traffic enforced itself in many places. Drifts of several feet in depth were not at all unusual. Schools were uniformly closed down in most of the area, mostly due to transportation difficulties.

No reports of actual zero were reported this morning although the readings in this county varied from 2 to 5 degrees. There is little doubt that this temperature will dip to the zero mark before the night is over.

CARSON GIVEN MEDAL FOR PARK WORK

William E. Carson, former director of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Development, has been awarded the Cornelius Armor Pugsley silver medal for park service during 1934, it was announced in New York.

Major William A. Welch, general manager and chief engineer of Palisades Interstate Park, was awarded the gold medal for the year. Both medals are awarded annually from the fund established in 1929 by Chester D. Pugsley of Peekskill, N. Y., in honor of his father.

The work of Mr. Carson, who served as chairman of Virginia's Conservation and Development Commission since its formation during the term of former Governor Byrd, has been widely praised by Arno B. Cammerer, director of Federal park works, and others.

STATE RELIEF REORGANIZED

Conference in Richmond This Week Will Outline New Policy.

A conference between the field and headquarters staffs of the Virginia Emergency Relief Administration and the regional administrative staff of the FERA, headed by Alan Johnstone, thep urpose of which will be to put the finishing touches to Virginia's area reorganization for the administration of relief, will be held in Richmond this week.

Telegrams went out from VERA headquarters advising all supervisory field personnel to be in Richmond in time for the opening conference Thursday morning.

Mr. Johnstone, who is regional administrator for the Southeastern States, is making a swing through his district aiding State administrations in perfecting the new type of organization which will go into effect throughout the country between now and February first.

Under the new program, relief in Virginia will be administered through area organizations comprising several counties each rather than as at present with each county and city being a separate administrative unit. The work will thus be centralized into not more than 35 administrative groups, with the probable number set at 28.

CLUB REPORT GIVES PRIZE AWARDS

The following report was read at the January meeting of the Manassas Garden Club at the home of Mrs. W. N. Wenrich and it was decided to publish it:

The committee appointed to award the prize for the best Xmas decoration in the business section of Manassas report that they had a difficult time in determining the winner since so many of the business people of Manassas made such an excellent showing.

Unfortunately several who decorated their places in a very attractive manner could not be included in the contest because their decorations were made up to show during the day time and not at night. The committee wishes to express its appreciation for the co-operation which it received and ventures to express the hope that next year even more will take part in the attempt to give Manassas an extra cheerful appearance during the holidays.

The prize was won by Rohr's 5c and $1 store. The following places deserve honorable mention: Prince William Hotel, Hibbs and Giddings, W. F. Hibbs (Radio Supplies), Mrs. Adamson, the Manassas Ice and Fuel Co., Conner and Kincheloe, Atlantic and Pacific Store, Gulf Gas Station, Jenkins and Jenkins, Dowell's drug store.

SCHOOLS CLOSED

The schools in Prince William County closed yesterday at 12:00 o'clock due to the extreme cold weather and very poor condition of the county roads over which a large per cent of the school children are transported in buses and other riding vehicles.

However, they will open again for study on Monday.

JOHN BARTON PAYNE

The passing of such a colorful figure as Judge John Barton Payne can hardly be sensed in its suddenness.

Judge Payne had become such a figure in the American public eye that his age was a purely secondary matter. In fact his health was always good and only an unfortunate series of complications in the past ten days sapped his vitality.

Born in 1855 in what is now West Virginia, Judge Payne, at an early age, was admitted to the practice of law. This he began in Chicago in 1882 where his rise was fairly rapid. His first Federal position was given him in the first year of the World War. He later rose to the Cabinet, becoming Secretary of the Interior in 1920 just prior to the close of the Wilson Administration.

In 1921 he assumed his best work which was head of the American Red Cross, a position he still held at the time of his death.

A philanthropist by nature, this occupation was very pleasurable to him as he was an intent worker not only at his desk at national headquarters in Washington but also in the field. One of his other great interests was his large farm near Warrenton, over a thousand acres in extent and where he spent many happy hours.

He married late in life, his wife being Miss Jennie Byrd, a nationally-known artist. The wedding took place in 1913, but Judge Payne's married life was ended abruptly only six years later when his wife died.

During his last illness Judge Payne was visited by many of his old associates who were prominent characters in American life. Numbers of his relatives who live throughout Piedmont Virginia hurried to his bedside as the end approached.

Although Judge Payne expended large sums of money in his benevolent work, he leaves a large fortune which should reach into several millions. The disposition of this has not yet been made public but it is anticipated that a large share of it will go to the Red Cross.

MID-WINTER RECITAL JANUARY 30

Eloise Compton Trimmer will present her pupils in a recital of dance and song at the Manassas High School auditorium Wednesday night, January 30, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Trimmer has arranged many of the dances and composed music for certain numbers.

There will be dances of tap, those of the Crinoline days days and an exhibition of stretching exercises.

Those participating in the senior group are Althea Hooff, Mildred Parrish, Edla Blakemore, Shirley Hynson, June Pickeral, Margaret Blakemore and Lucille Herndon.

The Juniors are Nancy Parrish, Betty Parrish, Fanell Pickeral, Mary Mason Davis, and June Williams.

The beaux of the occasion are Harry Blakemore and Caton Merchant and the young lassies who open the program are Loa Mylander and Betty Ann Blakemore.

Mrs. Trimmer and her class extend a cordial invitation to all.

WILL ATTEND SESSION AT RICHMOND

Trial Justice William Hill Brown expects to leave Manassas in the morning for Richmond where he will attend a meeting called at the John Marshall Hotel by Governor Peery.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the operation of the new state-wide plan as adopted by the last session of the legislature under the tutelage of the present governor. The trial justices have all had more than six months and their mutual experiences will be helpful.

Speakers of long experience in law enforcement will address the assembly.

Judge R. H. L. Chichester, of Stafford, will probably accompany Mr. Brown.

CLUB TO HOLD "SWEETHEART" PARTY

The January meeting of the Postal Clerks Wives Club was held at the home of Mrs. Paul Cooksey last Thursday night. Mrs. O. O. Holler, the new president, presided.

Committees were appointed, and the charities committee asked to purchase shoes for a needy boy. The sum of $5.00 was given for the tubercular fund and $5.00 for the shoe fund.

The entertainment was furnished by Mrs. J. H. Rexrode and Mrs. R. C. Bowers and the hostess served delicious refreshments.

Next month the members will entertain at a "Sweetheart's Party" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Davis on February 21.

OCCOQUAN PLAYS NOKESVILLE IN A DOUBLEHEADER

Occoquan girls were defeated by the Nokesville girls by a score of 26-6. Occoquqan boys were victorious over the Nokesville boys by a score of 17-13. The latter was a hard-fought game on the part of both teams.

MISSES HENRIETTA AND ALICE ANN PICKETT

On July 27, 1843, a daughter was born to Mr. Sandford Pickett and his wife, Elizabeth Foley Pickett, at their home, "Springfield." She was given the name of Henrietta, which was shortened to "Henny" by her affectionate family.

On Aug. 17, 1847, another daughter arrived to bless the same household, and she, in turn, was named Alice Anne.

These two little girls spent their childhood and youth among a happy carefree family of sisters and brothers and with parents who were steeped in the principles of the old South.

One by one, the members of the family departed from the old home, until only these two were left to uphold the traditions of "Springfield." Many years ago, when their brother, Doderidge's wife died, leaving a daughter, they took the tiny girl and gave her the love and careful attention of foster parents. And how she repaid them! All through the years "Nannie" was their joy and pride. And when they reached the evening of life, she was their comfort and stay.

Al through the vicissitudes of life, these two sisters were together, sharing its joys and sorrows. Together they watched the old home burn years ago; together they decided to move to Leesburg where they lived for a few years, but the call of the open spaces was too strong for them and together they returned and rebuilt at "Springfield," where they continued to live happy, peaceful lives.

Shortly after Christmas Miss "Henny" was stricken with pneumonia and at her advanced age of 92, she offered but little resistance and died on Jan. 8.

Miss Alice, suffering from shock and a weak heart, was not apprised of her sister's death, but she must have known it; in a subconscious way, for on Jan. 15, just one week later, she, too, slipped away to join her in that land where there is no more death; neither sorrow nor suffering.

Who cans ay that it was not an all wise Providence that, allowing these sisters' sweet companionship through life, did not see fit to separate them in death?

Their funeral services were held at Antioch Church on Thursday, Jan. 10 and 17, respectively. The pall bearers were Messrs. Winter Owens, Otis Latham, Louis Lightner, Albert Utterback, Wyatt Butler and Frank Pickett. The services were conducted by their pastor, the Rev. V. H. Councill. Interment was in the cemetery adjoining the church.

PROMPT WORK

The County Engineer is much to be congratulated on the prompt and efficient way he and his force went after the snow. Most of the roads were usable before afternoon.

V. F. W. TO HAVE FEBRUARY RALLY

War veterans of the eighth Congressional district of Virginia will hold a Veterans rally at the Lyceum hall in Alexandria on the 6th of February. The rally will be sponsored by the eighth district commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Commander Preston, of Alexndria, but will be open to all veterans and their families and friends.

Invitations have been sent to the various Legion Posts and the other Organized Veterans groups. Invitations to speak are being extended to Senators Byrd and Glass, Congressman Smith, the National Officers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and several other Congressmen, including Congressman Patnam.

A preliminary meeting of the 8th District Commanders of the V.F.W. will be held in Alexandria on the 3rd of February.

CLUB CONTINUES FETE ACTIVITIES

Will Solicit Aid of Other Counties.

The Kiwanis Club last week devoted much of its time to laying plans for assisting the Dairy Festival. Some member of the club will accompany the secretary of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Hollenga, to each of the board meetings in the counties of Piedmont Virginia in the next few weeks. Ed Conner was active in making the general arrangements.

The club thoroughly gave a rousing welcome to Walter Covington and Winfield Athey, both of whom have been quite ill.

President Hunton advised the club that Charlie Pimper, lieutenant governor, will be on hand this Friday night and further that he desired a meeting of the board and committee chairmen in advance of the regular meeting.

There was no special program; discussion of the Dairy Festival and its merits occupying most of the period.

A number of absences, due to illness, were noted.

Dr. Eli Swavely, speaking for the underprivileged child committee, proffered the services of an eminent lecturer at a nominal figure to be set by the club itself. This lecture will be held very shortly and the price of admission will be quite low so that a large audience will be guaranteed the speaker.

MR. AND MRS. SAUNDERS ENTERTAINED IN NEW YORK

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Saunders have just returned from a trip to New York where Mr. Saunders met with members of the Milligan and Morrison Fox Breeders Association who were holding their annual meeting at the Governor Clinton Hotel. The Milligan and Morrison Association is composed of the largest fur breeders in America. Mr. Saunders is a member of the reginal advisory committee of this organization. This committee was entertained at a delightful formal luncheon after which a lengthy meeting was held. On Saturday night the members of the association were the guests at a large banquet given by the New York Fur Auction. They also attended the January sale of the New York Fur Auction.

CLINIC POORLY ATTENDED

The T. B. Chest Clinic which was held at the Court House on Tuesday was very poorly attended due to the inclement weather. However, ten patients were examined by Dr. Charles L. Savage of the State Department of Health.

Through these examinations, one positive and two suspicious cases of tuberculosis were found. The others were nothing serious.

Announcement has been made to the effect that another clinic will be held some time in May, and those who were unable to get to this one will have another opportunity for examination at that time.

"FAUST" SUBJECT OF CLUB MEETING

The Music-Literature section of the Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. V. V. Gillum on Tuesday, January 29. Mrs. Stuart Gibson will have charge of the program and the opera to be discussed is "Faust." Please note the change of the meeting to Tuesday, the 29th.

SMITH HITS "GAG RULE" DEBATE

Leads Effort to Secure Liberal Treatment for Momentous Bill.

The powerful Committee on Rules went into action this week to curb the White House demands for gag rule action in passing the administration's $4,800,000,000 relief bill. With orders from the White House to pass the bill with debate limited to one hour and with all amendments forbidden except as approved by the Appropriations Committee, the Rules Committee balked. The Administration Bill, carrying the gigantic appropriation of more than four billion dollars, also included blanket authority for the President to abolish or consolidate any existing federal departments and agencies and to set up any new governmental departments deemed by him advisable. The bill also gave the Chief Executive authority to impose penalties of imprisonment or fines up to $5000 for violation of executive orders.

Congressman Howard W. Smith, a staunch administration supporter, joined the revolt, it is stated, with the conviction that delegation of such authority to the President was unconstitutional. Associated with Judge Smith were sufficient members of the Rules Committee to enforce their demands. Thereupon a caucus of the entire Democratic membership of the House was called and the action of the Rules Committee was sustained. The proposed gag rule limiting debate on the gigantic appropriation to one hour was lifted. Debate of three hours was approved over the White House demands and amendments from the floor of the House were approved in spite of the objection of the Administration.

A major development of the Democratic revolt against the Administration's gag rule policy has been the concession from the White House that Secretary of the Interior Ickes will not direct the spending of this gigantic appropriation, and it is also believed by close observers of the situation that Harry Hopkins, Federal Relief Administrator, will also be eliminated in the selection of the man to administer the big project which will change the government's relief work from the dole to employment on public works. Both Ickes and Hopkins have many and bitter opponents among Democrats of the House.

No measure has ever been presented to Congress, even in time of war giving to the President so much authority. Until opposed by the Rules Committee, the President, without allowing debate, would have been given not only the power to merge any agency, but also to guarantee loans to needy persons and to exercise the right of eminent domain over property.

The action of the Rules Committee has occasioned much favorable comment throughout the nation, indicating that the big Democratic majority in Congress does not intend to become a mere rubber stamp for the Administration but will exercise its own rights without being disloyal in any sense to Party obligations.

FRIGIDAIRE EXHIBIT

F. R. Hynson, dealer here for Frigidaire Corporation, subsidiary of General Motors, today received an invitation from H. W. Newell, vice-president in charge of sales, to attend a confidential preshowing of 1935 products and advertising and sales plans.

The showing will be held on Jan. 30 in Richmond, where Frigidaire's district headquarters are located.

"In the invitation from Frigidaire headquarters in Dayton," the local dealer said, "it was stated that Frigidaire believes 1935 will be a bellringer for improved business and that the new products and plans actually are sensational in their scope. This information, coming from the world's largest producer of refrigeration and air conditioning equipment, indicates the belief in general business improvement held by our organization."