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LEGISLATURE OPENS SESSION

Peery Recommends \$1,000,000 for State Relief.

On Wednesday of this week the General Assembly opened its biennial session. This body is regarded as the oldest legislative authority in America and the present prospect is for a program characteristically conservative.

Ashton Dovell, of Williamsburg, was elected Speaker of the House, without opposition. He has been floor leader for many years.

The Virginia Senate was opened by a prayer by Rabbi Edward N. Calisch, of Richmond. Saxon Holt, of Newport News, was elected president pro tem of the Senate. A. B. Davies, of Clifton Forge, was designated as sergeant of arms. Maitland Bustard, of Danville, was made chairman of the House Caucus and Henry T. Wickham, of Hanover County, chairman of the Senate Caucus. O. V. Hangar, of Amherst, was renominated as Senate clerk and E. Griffith Dodson, of Norfolk, as House clerk. Complete organization of the General Assembly is expected to be completed this week.

The Governor, in his budget message, called for strict adherence to the pay-as-you-go plan, inaugurated by Harry Flood Byrd, and which has kept Virginia on an even keel through the depression. Governor Peery warned the General Assembly against making any appropriations for which no money was in sight.

The prospect of increased state revenue, however, assures larger appropriations and also a general restoration of salaries of state employees which were reduced during the depression.

The Governor proposed a million dollars for direct relief, but advocated no legislation for old age pensions at this session, proposing that a commission be authorized to study and propose suitable legislation at the next session. An appropriation for unemployment insurance was proposed to meet the federal provisions, as otherwise the federal tax would have to be paid without any benefits.

The appropriation of money for direct relief was suggested on the basis of being matched dollar for dollar by the localities and would be allocated according to population.

The request of the State Board of Education for \$4,800,000 for the public school system was not recommended, but an increase was allowed of \$345,735 over the present appropriation.

The Governor endorsed the proposition of distributing highway funds according to construction districts based upon the cost of completing the primary system. The State would continue the present policy of not diverting highway funds. Attention was called to the importance of the highway work in affording relief employment to more than 7000 men.

A feature of the opening session of the legislature was a visit from United States Senator Harry Flood Byrd, who as former Governor of Virginia initiated the budget system under which the State operates so successfully. He was given an ovation by his colleagues in the Senate and House.

CHANGE OF DATE OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A meeting of the Brentsville District of the Manassas - Prince William County Chamber of Commerce will be held in the Nokesville High School building, Monday evening, January 13, at 8 p.m.

V. W. Zirkle, vice-president, stated that this meeting was scheduled for January 14 but due to the fact that Ray E. Hall, secretary, will leave for Fredericksburg on that date, the change was made.

A number of matters of interest to the people of Brentsville district will be discussed and it is hoped that the meeting will be well attended.

MARRIAGE RECORD

Jan. 8: Marquis Boswell, of Quantico, and Margaret Keys, of Dumfries.

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS

W. E. Lloyd, of Quantico, was appointed a justice for Dumfries district.

MRS. HUBBARD IS BETTER

Mrs. E. D. Hubbard, who has been quite ill with pneumonia, is slightly improved. Mrs. Hubbard has become quite popular in Manassas during her brief residence with us and much concern has been felt for her condition.

REUNION PARTY IN HONOR OF CLASSMATES

The class of 1926, Manassas High School, were delightfully entertained at a reunion party at the home of Miss Virginia N. Speiden on the evening of Dec. 28.

Although the entire class was not present, there were messages from many of the absent ones and all members were accounted for before the evening was over. The unavoidable absence of Mrs. Audrey Steele Smith was especially regretted since she was to have been one of the hostesses.

Refreshments were served "school-style" in brown paper sacks and the evening spent in reminiscing and renewing old friendships was declared most enjoyable.

WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS MEETING

Mrs. Fred Hynson Discusses Legislative Program.

The Manassas Woman's Club held its monthly meeting yesterday with Mrs. Paul Cooksey, president of the club, presiding.

Many new laws that will come before the General Assembly at its next session were brought before the club by Mrs. Fred Hynson, legislative chairman, and the club showed a great deal of interest in a discussion of these problems.

The returns of the Christmas Assembly Ball were given by Miss Margaret Lynch. The club feels that the dance was an outstanding success. This is one of the largest enterprises of the Woman's Club and is always a delightful social event.

Following the business session, the meeting was turned over to an art program which was introduced by Mrs. Cooksey who gave a very interesting talk on the six schools of art and also a brief biography and a short description of the work of several of the great artists.

Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson, who has long been associated with librarian work, gave a resume of the steps in literature in 1935 and the books which were the best sellers during that year. She also read excerpts from one of the popular books at this time.

Mrs. Paul Arrington brought before the club how women had come to the front in music and the prominent part they were assuming at this particular time that had never been known before in the history of music. Miss Bozarth, upon the request of Mrs. Arrington, played several beautiful selections.

Delightful refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mesdames Margaret Lewis, C. C. Lynn and C. B. Linton.

LOAN GROUP RE-ELECTS PRESENT OFFICERS

The stockholders of the Federal Savings and Loan Association of Prince William County met Monday, January 6, in the town hall and elected the following directors: C. C. Cloe, G. C. Russell, Mrs. Janie Abel, Col. R. A. Hutchison, W. E. Trusler, A. A. Hooff, O. O. Holler, M. J. Hottle, C. B. Linton, E. R. Conner and W. H. Brown, jr.

The directors met immediately thereafter and elected the following officers: C. C. Cloe, president; A. A. Hooff and W. E. Trusler, vice-presidents; W. Hill Brown, jr., secretary and treasurer.

The directors also declared a 4% annual dividend, 2% payable semi-annually on stock owned as of July 1 preceding.

SCHOOL BOARD ACCEPTS NEW HAYMARKET SCHOOL

The County School Board met yesterday with all members present. Very little was done besides a transaction of routine business.

The committee on construction of the Haymarket High School reported tentative acceptance of the building subject to minor corrections. Classes were started in the new school on January 2.

Rosenwald libraries were ordered for the following colored schools which have already disposed their portion of the expenses: Hickory Ridge, Antioch, and Cabin Branch.

State aid libraries were ordered for the schools at Dumfries and Occoquan.

Miscellaneous supplies were ordered for the agriculture departments for Nokesville and Manassas.

The Board adjourned to meet on February 5.

Governor Peery has recommended that there be no increase in State taxes.

CRIME EXAGGERATION

A Washington newspaper has just printed a sensational story about a prisoner being saved from lynching at Manassas. The folks who live here did not know anything about such a circumstance and a careful check upon the circumstances which formed the basis of the story reveal no facts that would justify such a statement.

It is unfortunate that so many metropolitan papers will go to such lengths in their pursuit of sensational reading matter, and those who know the actual facts cannot but wonder how much of the remainder of the text of such publications can be relied upon. The sensational press has a heavy responsibility in promoting crime as has just been evidenced in the sad Lindbergh kidnapping case.

The truth is that a man named O. L. Crews, a transient, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Woodard near Bristow on Tuesday for a serious crime. With his accustomed vigor Sheriff Kerlin had a posse out after the man in a few minutes. The posse missed him but he ran into the arms of Deputy Sheriff Woodard and surrendered without resistance. He was promptly locked up and held for action of the Grand Jury. There was no mob action or cries of "shoot him" and "tar and feather" him, and no threat of lynching as published, and newspapers that besmirch the reputation of outlying communities, which they pretend to serve, deserve no support in their circulation.

STATE REVENUE TO INCREASE

Recovery Expected to Bring Many Millions.

Although no official estimates were available, Virginia greeted the new year with hopes high for a substantial increase in revenues amounting to millions of dollars. Some independent estimates ranged upward to \$10,000,000 per year.

Barring a slump in business, the general fund—money used for general government—was expected to increase from \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000. A rapid recovery of revenue during the first six months of the current fiscal year cheered state officials.

During the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1935, \$59,495,779.65 went into the state treasury from all sources, including the alcoholic beverage monopoly, and the federal government. Expenditures totaled \$56,954,368.84, leaving a surplus from all funds combined of \$2,307,628.50.

However, the general fund, in which there was a deficit of \$2,272,142.99 at the beginning of the fiscal year, still was short about \$1,726,806.40 on July 1, last, and this will constitute a first lien on the anticipated extra money from general fund sources. The deficit was caused by overestimates during the depression of general fund revenue.

KIWANIS TO STUDY FINANCES

As a reaction to the "New Deal," Dick Haydon made his first official act a consultation with the "public" as they "sat around the fireside." In other words Dick submitted his new "budget" to the club with the suggestion that they tell him how to amend it in any item they disapprove of.

Fred Hynson suggested that the entire official and individual personnel of the group be released to the county for general information and the same will be published as soon as the new "scratatory" gives it to the Journal.

The return to the old method of club allotment for entertainment features will be in vogue this week and results are expected.

ACCIDENT AT WOODBRIDGE

Mrs. Margaret Hales, of Woodbridge, was struck by an automobile yesterday while walking along the Jefferson Davis Highway near her home. She suffered a fractured leg and possible internal injuries. She was taken to the Alexandria hospital by Charles W. Bowles, of Washington, who stated to authorities that he was the driver of the truck which struck her.

JUDGE WOOLLS RENOMINATED

Judge William P. Woolls, who presides over the Corporation Court in Alexandria, was renominated by the Democratic caucus of the General Assembly yesterday. The action was unanimous and reflects the high esteem in which Judge Woolls is held.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE

All members of the Manassas Fire Department are requested to be at the gymnasium next Monday night and also any one interested, whether a member of the local Fire Department or not, is cordially invited.

ABC STORE FOR FAIRFAX

T. McCall Frazier, of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, this week said the board had decided to open a liquor store in Fairfax, Va., provided that a suitable site could be obtained.

MR. CONNER SPEAKS ON A.A.A. DECISION

"Since the Supreme Court's ruling on the A.A.A. the livestock market has advanced somewhat. There has been a great improvement in the last fifteen months when hogs could be bought for 2 and 3 cents per pound and cattle for three and four cents.

"Could farmers live under these conditions?"

"The A.A.A. or some other great power raised the prices on hogs to 12 and 13 cents and on cattle to 10 or 11 cents. I think it best to strike a happy medium. We can raise cattle and hogs for 6 and 8 cents and make a living profit and consider the consumer also.

"The farmer has been lifted to his feet and I think he can stand alone now without the A.A.A."

NEW COLLEGE AT MANASSAS

Christian Institution Moves Here From Kentucky.

Rev. A. E. Wachtel, who will head the new educational institution which is coming to Manassas, has arrived with the advanced group which is being transferred from Kingswood, Ky., to occupy the Swavely School property.

The new college, with its student body from various points along the Atlantic seaboard, has found its western location not central enough and believes Manassas to be an ideal geographical location.

The new school will be non-sectarian, but religious in character and will emphasize Bible instruction. About a hundred enrollment is the immediate expectation.

The faculty will number about a dozen highly qualified teachers and will include Rev. Gill, of the Swavely School, who has made a great many friends who will be pleased to know that the departure of the Swavely School will not take him from the community.

It is reported that the present student body of Swavely will become identified with a school at Chevy Chase, Md.

AUTO TAGS ARE ORANGE AND BLUE

1936 Licenses Will Go on Sale March 15.

Virginia's 1936 automobile license plates will be orange and blue because Maryland authorities this year chose black and white, the usual Virginia colors, without consulting Virginia officials, John Q. Rhodes, Jr., director of the Division of Motor Vehicles, said this week.

Mr. Rhodes said the misunderstanding was due to the fact that Maryland had a new motor vehicle administration which was not familiar with the custom of consultation between neighboring States to avoid duplications in license plate color schemes.

When Virginia sent out the usual query on license plates last spring, it was discovered that Maryland had switched from white and blue, its usual combination, to white and black. Mr. Rhodes then chose orange and blue for Virginia.

"However, it is not a bad idea to change to a new color scheme occasionally," Mr. Rhodes said. "I think the orange and blue combination will give us a change, and anyway we will get our regular black-and-white colors back in 1937."

Meanwhile, license plate difficulties worried a good many motorists from other States who were caught in Virginia as the year changed.

All motorists from States where the license year ended Tuesday midnight were held up by State police, but those who were delayed by bad weather on their way home were permitted on Wednesday to go on. This week, however, no such leniency was exercised and many out-of-State motorists were stranded here until they could write home for new plates.

The Virginia license year runs from April 1 to March 31. Licenses for 1936 will not go on sale until March 15.

ANNUAL CARD PARTY OF CATHOLIC CLUB

The Catholic Woman's Club of Prince William County will hold its annual card party at the home of Mrs. Mary E. Pope on January 29. Tickets will be placed on sale at a later date.

JUDGE SMITH TO FIGHT FOR STATE

Virginia's Viewpoint Upheld in Boundary Dispute.

Representative Howard W. Smith, fighting for the rights of his native State in the Boundary dispute with the District of Columbia, will introduce legislation in the coming session of Congress to enforce the findings of the Commission which has recently reported favorably to Virginia's interests and which is opposed by the National Capital Planning and Parking Commission.

Judge Smith is author of the legislation which threw this dispute into the hands of an unbiased Commission and now that the commission appointed to investigate the various claims concerning the boundary between Virginia and the District of Columbia has upheld Virginia's viewpoint, he will push a settlement of the controversy.

More than a million dollars worth of property is involved in the matter and the District authorities seek a boundary which will throw their recent improvements made along the Virginia shore above the traditional Virginia boundary into the District of Columbia. Judge Smith has contended that this property is under jurisdiction of Virginia and now that the Commission has upheld his viewpoint, he is said to be determined that his state shall have the property to which it is entitled.

Although Judge Smith plans to introduce his bill a few days after Congress meets, the next development in the boundary battle will not come for a week or 10 days, when the House Judiciary Committee gets the commission report.

The Boundary Commission revealed its findings about a month ago. It adopted as the boundary of the District the west bank of the Potomac River running at the low-water mark from headland to headland, across creeks and other indentations of the waterway.

The National Capital Park and Planning Commission took the position that the decision is detrimental to Virginia as well as to the Federal Government and instructed its chairman, Frederic A. Delano, and its executive officer, Arno B. Cammerer, to oppose the conclusions of the report. They were directed to co-operate with the Department of Justice and the District Commissioners in the fight.

According to Thomas S. Settle, secretary of the planning commission, the Boundary Commission's recommendations would give Virginia "a great deal of land the Federal Government has awarded the Federal Government." On the basis of the Supreme Court rulings, he said, the Federal Government has expended millions of dollars on the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway and other improvements which would inure to the benefit of Virginia under the Boundary Commission's findings.

FRIGIDAIRE CORPORATION HONORS MR. FRED HYNSON

Mr. Fred Hynson, of Manassas, has been advised from Dayton, Ohio, by the Frigidaire Corporation that his achievement in completing his Frigidaire quota has qualified him as a member of their honorary sales organization known as the B.T.U. Quota Club. The honor qualifies Mr. Hynson as a national leader, not only in Frigidaire salesmanship but in the entire selling profession.

CHANGE IN RE-EMPLOYMENT SET-UP

With the new set-up for the year of the Re-employment Service of this county Mr. Thomas B. Lynch wishes to advise that he will not be stationed in Manassas three days a week as he formerly was, but only on Saturdays and the other five days at Quantico where the bulk of the work is being done.

Anyone wishing to make application for employment can either do so on Saturdays at the re-employment office in Manassas, or see Mr. Lynch in Quantico any other day in the week except Sunday.

MEETING OF GARDEN CLUB

The Manassas Garden Club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. W. Fred Dowell on Tuesday, January 21, at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. E. H. Hibbs and Mrs. Dowell will be the hostesses for the meeting.

The program committee feels very fortunate in having secured as the guest speaker Mrs. John S. Barbour, president of the Fairfax Garden Club, and it is hoped all the members of the club will be present to meet her.