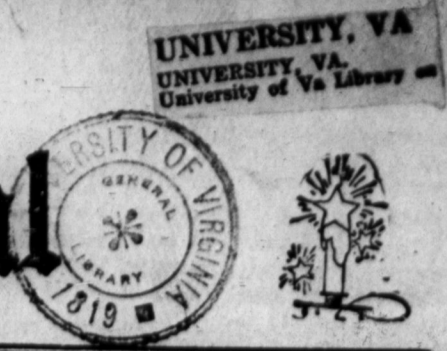




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1937 AAA PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

Administrator Cites High Spots of New Program.

The outline of the 1937 Agricultural Conservation Program as it applies to Virginia was announced by Frank Cox, County Agent.

The State program follows the national plan that was announced from Washington, D. C., this week.

The 1937 program is similar to the 1936 program. Like the plan for last year, the new program offers payments to producers who meet specified conditions for shifting land from soil-depleting crops to soil-conserving crops, and for carrying out approved soil-building practices.

The modifications contained in the 1937 program were proposed by farmers in community and county conferences or at meetings with farmer-committeemen and Extension Service representatives.

In announcing the new program, H. R. Tolley, AAA Administrator, pointed out that for the 1937 program additional emphasis has been placed on soil building and more money will be available for soil-building practices. Such practices, together with the shifting of acreage to soil-conserving crops on land previously devoted to soil-depleting crops, are essential to any sound plan for restoring soil fertility and preventing erosion.

Highlights of the new plan are:

(1) Payment for shifting acreage from soil-depleting crops will be continued in 1937.

(2) The use of soil-depleting bases is being continued. These bases are used as a yardstick to measure diversion from soil-depleting to soil-conserving crops.

(3) Crops are classified as soil-conserving and soil-depleting. These classifications follow those established in 1936, but some changes have been made in the light of experience gained in the operation of the 1936 program.

(4) Normal acreages of soil-conserving crops will be established for farms participating in the program for use in measuring increases in soil-conserving crops.

(5) The allowance which growers of vegetables and fruits can earn through soil-building practices has been increased for the 1937 program.

(6) Producers with sizeable acreages in permanent pasture will be given an opportunity for additional participation in the program.

(7) The minimum which small producers can earn has been increased to \$20.

(8) The administrative expenses of all county agricultural conservation associations will be deducted from the payments to farmers in their respective counties, as under the 1936 program.

PAYMENTS

As in 1936, payments will be divided into two classes: namely, Class I or diversion payments and Class II or soil-building payments.

The rate of payment for diversion from the general soil-depleting base is an average of \$9.00 per acre for the United States varied among farms in accordance with productivity, for each acre diverted from the general soil-depleting base. The limit on this payment is 15 percent of the general soil-depleting base, with the provision that farms on which crops in the general soil-depleting base are not produced in excess of home needs will not be eligible for this payment.

SOIL-BUILDING PRACTICES

The rates for approved soil-building practices such as liming, terracing, reforestation and seeding specified soil-building crops will be in line with those of 1936. As in the 1936 program, the limit for payment for soil-building practices will be the soil-building allowance for the farm. The allowance, generally speaking, has been increased over the allowance for 1936 to give greater emphasis to soil-building practices. The list of practices for which payments will be made in 1937 will be announced later.

SOIL-BUILDING ALLOWANCE

On farms making diversion from soil-depleting bases, the soil-building allowance will be \$1.00 for each acre in the normal acreage on soil-conserving crops for the farm plus the acres diverted.

On farms which are not eligible to earn the diversion payment, that is, farms which have relatively low acreage of soil-depleting crops, the allowance will be computed on the basis of the total number of acres of crop land in the farm. In such cases the acreage



TOY MATINEE A SUCCESS

We have been requested to make mention of the fact that the Lyric Theatre very generously donated a matinee for the distribution of toys to the needy children of the neighborhood.

Mrs. Harvey Janney, chairman of the affair, has been highly congratulated for the success of the undertaking.

DEATH OF MRS. MONROE

Mrs. Ellen Monroe, wife of Mr. Harry D. Monroe, died Monday, December 21, 1936, at her home in Hopewell, near The Plains, Fauquier County, Va., at the age of 73.

The deceased had been in declining health for several years due to an organic heart trouble.

Besides her many friends she leaves behind to mourn their loss her husband, five children, Miss Susie Monroe, Mrs. Warren Johnson, and Mrs. William Wells, of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Wade Butler of Buckland, Prince William County, Va., Mr. John Monroe, of Pittsburg, Pa., and Alexandria, Va., three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, December 24, at the Marshall Baptist Church, Marshall, Va., and interment took place in the Marshall cemetery with the Rev. Barnett Grimsley officiating.

of crop land will be multiplied by a rate which will average 80 cents per acre in the United States, varied by the productivity of the land.

Other items which will be added to the allowance for any farm where they apply are: (1) \$1.00 per acre for commercial vegetable crops, if single cropped; \$2.00, if double cropped; (2) \$1.00 per acre for commercial orchards; and (3) 25 cents for each acre of non-crop open pasture land, which meets certain specifications.

The minimum soil-building allowance for any farm is \$10.00, and for any farm not eligible to earn a diversion payment, the minimum allowance is \$20.00.

OTHER PROVISIONS

A deduction will be made from any payment which would otherwise be due, if the 1937 acreage of general depleting crops exceeds the base established for these crops on any farm. The deduction for the excess acreage will be made at the rate of payment for diversion. A deduction of \$3.00 per acre will be made for failure to match the diversion with an increased acreage of soil-conserving crops.

The administration of the Agricultural Conservation Program in the counties, as in 1936, will be through State Agricultural Conservation Committees, county and community committees, the County Agricultural Conservation Association, and the Agricultural Extension Service.

The East Central Region comprises Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER PROVED ENJOYABLE

Last Sunday evening the Junior Women's Club members entertained many of the younger set at a beautifully planned Progressive Dinner.

The cocktail party was given by Miss Margaret Lynch with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hynson, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Sedrick Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arrington, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox assisting. The home was attractively decorated with poinsettias and red roses, and delicious cocktails and hors-d'oeuvres served.

The crowd then progressed on to the hotel where Miss Esther Warren Pattie was hostess for the soup course. The next stop was at Hinton's Inn where the main course was served.

Miss Ann Bradford was hostess for the salad course. Mrs. Bradford and Miss Ann Bradford were assisted by J. P. Lyon and Mrs. Fred Hynson. The house was tastefully decorated with the holiday theme.

The guests then progressed to the Gibson home where Misses Eleanor and Lucy Gibson assisted by Mrs. Robert Fox and Mrs. Gibson served ice cream.

Demitasse was served at "Birmingham," the attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kincheloe.

PROSPERITY NOTES

Mr. Worth Stork reports more business than he has known during his association with the bank.

Mr. Merchant of the A. & P. states great improvement in business.

Mr. Walter Sadd, local representative of Southern States Co-operative, stated that his concern reports fertilizer business during the past year as double and the feed output almost as much.

Mr. Rohr—"Splendid business!"

Conner & Kincheloe—"Business fine!"

Hunton Tiffany—"Fair business year."

Manassas Hardware Company—"Very good year."

Sanitary—"Twice as good as last year."

Dr. Cocke—"25 per cent over last year."

Prince William Bakery—"Very good."

Prince William Pharmacy—"Good business."

Bushong—"Better."

We feel sure that all the other business folks that we have not contacted will report the same.

(unofficial) The Telephone Company, the Manassas Post office, and the Manassas Journal: "When we have time to think, we'll let you know."

LARGE LEMON

Mrs. Austin Weedon of West Street is in receipt of a large lemon which was sent to her by a cousin in Texas.

The lemon weighs two pounds and one ounce and is sixteen inches in circumference.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mrs. Austin Ogilvie Weedon of Manassas, Va., has announced the engagement of her niece, Virginia Nelson Speiden, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Speiden, to Mr. Lewis Johnson Carper. Mr. Carper is the son of Mrs. Alfred E. Carper and the late Mr. Carper of Raceland, Ky.

No date has been set for the wedding.

ESTIMATES STATE PARKS WILL HAVE 250,000 VISITORS IN 1937

Speaking before the annual meeting of the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce recently, Wilbur C. Hall, chairman of the State Commission on Conservation and Development, predicted that Virginia's six state parks will attract at least 250,000 visitors during the 1937 season.

His estimate exceeds the actual attendance during the 1936 season by 150,000. Mr. Hall also predicted that the income from parks would be \$60,000 during 1937, or \$40,000 in excess of the 1936 income.

Final figures on patronage of the state parks in 1936, just released by the Division of Parks of the Commission, show the total to be 109,295.

Hungry Mother Park, near Marion, with a total of 56,016, had more than four times the patronage of its nearest competitor, Seashore Park, near Cape Henry, which had 12,806. Staunton River Park, near South Boston, reported 12,545; Douthat Park, near Clifton Forge, 10,577; Westmoreland Park, near Montross, 9,440, and Fairy Stone, near Bassett, 7,911.

EMMA LARKIN

On Thursday, December 24, in George Washington hospital, Miss Emma Larkin departed this life in her seventy-first year.

She was a daughter of Charles Fenton Larkin, a Confederate soldier in the War Between the States.

Miss Larkin spent her life in Prince William county at the old home, Green Hill, where she was born. She was quiet, unassuming, and unselfish, never happier than when doing for others. She is survived by only one member of her immediate family, a brother, J. S. Larkin.

Her funeral took place in the little church at Gainesville, conducted by Rev. Barnett Grimsley, and laid to rest in the churchyard.

EDITOR PAYS CALL

Mr. Arthur Davidson, editor of the Northern Virginia Daily was a welcome visitor at the Journal office on Christmas Eve.

Mr. Davidson was formerly an editor of this paper.

DIES SUDDENLY

Mr. William Davis of Buckhall, Va., died very suddenly at his home on Monday of this week. Mr. Davis had been quite indisposed for several months.

A complete obituary will be published next week.

CHRISTMAS



Once more, as slowly dies a year,
The hours draw near the birth of God,
When, through the hallowed night a prayer
Is lifted from earth's conscious sod,
And once again, in dreamland's halls,
Where shadows sleep—where memories twine—
In the dim light a pilgrim kneels
To ask God's grace on thee, and thine.

CARTER WORMELEY
"Bishop"

ASSEMBLY BALL A BRILLIANT AFFAIR

Many Visitors in Attendance.

The Christmas Assembly Ball given by the Women's Club of Manassas was an unusually brilliant affair. A huge tree graced one corner of the hall and festive streamers, glittering with Christmas lights, were carried with tasteful design around the walls, with festoons from the ceiling.

In the receiving line were Mesdames W. L. Lloyd, Cyril Wade-Dalton, Fred Hynson, R. C. Haydon and Allison Hooff.

The music was excellent and the main attraction of the evening. There were about two hundred guests. The young ladies dancing gowns added a soft and colorful note to the occasion as they constantly swirled against the background of rich, massed greens.

Altogether, it was a most pleasing affair and the ladies of the Club deserve praise for their efforts to entertain our young people.

INSURANCE HEAD IS APPOINTED

Gov. Peery Announces Selection for Important Place.

Gov. Peery announced on Tuesday the appointment of Frank P. Evans, of Richmond, statistician of the State Industrial Commission, and W. H. Rouse, Bristol attorney, to the new State Unemployment Compensation Commission, and designated Mr. Evans as chairman for one year.

Mr. Evans was appointed for a four-year term and Mr. Rouse for two years.

The third member of the three-man commission, authorized in the state jobless aid act passed by the special session of the General Assembly this month, will be the State Commissioner of Labor and Industry, a post now held by John Hopkins Hall, jr.

The commissioners immediately took the oath of office before Circuit Judge Julien Gunn and after a conference with the Governor, Mr. Evans announced he would go to Washington to confer with officials of the Federal Social Security Board.

The chairman said he hoped to obtain office space and open the commission's headquarters by the end of the week, or not later than Monday of next week.

Governor Peery declared in announcing the appointments that he believed "we have a well-balanced board that will be quite sympathetic with the purposes of the law and will administer it well."

The appointments, he said, were made after careful study from a group which contained "many other worthy aspirants."

ENTERTAIN AT BRIDGE

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Haydon entertained at a delightful bridge party at their home on Grant avenue Tuesday evening.

The guests, who were immediate members of the family, included Major and Mrs. Percy Haydon of Northfield, Vt., Mr. and Mrs. Victor Haydon Miss Edith Haydon and Mr. W. H. Haydon of Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Wheatley Johnson, Miss Emily Johnson, Mr. J. B. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wade-Dalton and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Haydon.

SHOP CAMPAIGN VERY SUCCESSFUL

Large Crowd Attends Prize Drawings.

With perfect weather to mark the close of the Merchants' Campaign a crowd of over a thousand people gathered in the square north of Center Street where the Pitts' Theatre is located on Christmas Eve. It soon became necessary to block traffic and for nearly two hours this condition continued.

Mr. J. L. Bushong, Chairman of the campaign assisted by W. F. Coker, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and T. I. Martin of the Pitts' Theatre system, took charge of the announcing, Mr. Martin calling the numbers until he became hoarse and Mr. Coker took up the job.

Mr. Dudley Martin and Mr. C. C. Lynn of the Chamber of Commerce, also rendered valuable assistance and Miss Nancy Lynn kept a record of the prize-winners.

About one-third of the numbers called were not responded to and this caused some delay, but the hour of the day and the pleasant weather compensated for the delays.

Prizes were awarded as follows: First prize, Mrs. L. G. Black; second prize, Buddy Corum; third prize, Stella Sonafank. \$5.00 prizes went to Miss Myrtle Jackson, Mrs. George Cornwell, Miss Cornelia Lewis, Mrs. Alice Weir Gulick, Mr. Oden Breden, Mr. William Wallace, Mrs. M. L. Bealle, John Spring, Mr. David Kline, Mrs. Alice Weir Gulick, Miss Viola Spinks, Miss Jean Akers, Mr. William Adamson, Mrs. Elizabeth Wine, Bobby DeChant, Miss Rose Ratcliffe, Mr. Arthur Sinclair, Mrs. Mary Bisson.

CELEBRATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

In honor of their first wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Owens received friends most graciously at an "At Home" on Monday evening, December 28.

Home decorations conformed to the Season's motif, consisting of Christmas greens, red candles and red cut flowers climaxed in a fully appointed Christmas tree which made a lovely setting for the festive party.

The service table decorated with a large centerpiece of red roses and candelabras of white tapers at each end was presided over by Miss Hilda Moser. Misses Virginia and Janet Newman assisted in serving the guests.

Mrs. Owens wore an old-fashioned gown of red taffeta and held a bouquet of white roses and valley lilies—reminiscent of her bridal bouquet of a year previous.

Guests were received at the door by Mrs. Ernest Trusler in a gown of black velvet and wearing a corsage of gardenias.

Those paying their respects included Mr. and Mrs. Higgs Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ratcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arrington, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kincheloe, Mr. and Mrs. Sedrick Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Hawes Davies, jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davies.

Misses Rose Ratcliffe, Eleanor Gibson, Walsler Conner, Christine Meetze, Virginia Speiden, Lucy Arrington, Marion Lynn, Anna Bruce Whitmore, Virginia Frazier, Susan Ish Harrison, Rena Bevans, Nancy Waters, Nina Dalton, Ellen Bisson, Evelyn Coker, Anne Bradford, Sarah Lewis, Helen Lloyd.

Messrs. George Botts, Lewis Carper, Charles Walton Lewis, Capt. McKenzie, Maurice Smith, Keith Lyons, Edward Dalton, Jack Merchant, Arthur Sinclair, Bill Lloyd and Edgar Rohr.

Out of town guests were Miss Anna Wood of Bluefield, W. Va., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Suter and Mr. Carlyle Dyar of Washington, D. C.

DAVIS-BOLDING

On Monday afternoon of this week Miss Pauline Bolding became the bride of Mr. Robert Davis. The ceremony was performed by Mr. L. Ledman.

The bride, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bolding, wore a travel suit of green with dark accessories.

Mr. Davis is a son of Mayor and Mrs. Harry P. Davis and is employed by a local grocery store.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Davis are quite popular among the young set of the town, Mrs. Davis having moved to this town two years ago.

Following a short wedding trip the young couple are now making their home in the town. Their many friends wish them much happiness.