



YOUNG DEMOCRATS IN CONVENTION

Many Attend Annual Meeting at Charlottesville

By far the most outstanding event of the Sixth Annual Young Democratic Convention at Charlottesville last Thursday, Friday and Saturday was the opposition to a resolution endorsing the records of Senators Byrd and Glass, along with that of President Roosevelt and the national Administration, which threatened to split the resolutions committee of the Young Democratic Club of Virginia.

The fight, which grew out of an Eighth District caucus, was carried to the floor of the Convention, and a number of strongly partisan members declared they would "oppose to the end" any effort to applaud or approve the anti-Administration policies of Senators Byrd and Glass. After considerable lively discussion, and several efforts to have the Convention approve a substitute resolution endorsing the activities of the Administration, the Governor, and the State's Congressmen, and ignoring entirely the two Virginia Senators, a deadlock resulted, and both resolutions were tabled.

The Committee approved several major proposals, among them a request to the Federal Government to endow a school in the science of government at the University of Virginia, as "an appropriate memorial" to Thomas Jefferson, and one to condemn and correct certain mispractices that occur in Primary system of elections from time to time throughout the State.

A reduction in the poll tax, from \$1.50 to \$1.00 was the basis of another resolution, which also provided that the registration deadline be reduced from six to four months prior to the General Election. It suggested abolition of the system requiring the payment of poll taxes for three years as a prerequisite to voting, and one-year's payment be the required substitute.

Support was pledged to James H. Price, Saxon W. Holt, and A. P. Staples, Democratic candidates for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General, respectively.

Another resolution requested that the President and Congress make every effort to bring expenditures within the income, and that the budget be balanced at the earliest opportunity.

The incumbent officers of the State organization were reelected. They include John Galleher, Leesburg, honorary president; Harold (Nick) Snead, Juvenile Judge of Richmond, President; Bob Duncan, Alexandria, Elliott Campbell, Milford, Richard S. Wright, Jr., Woodstock, and Paul Coleman, Lynchburg the four Vice Presidents; Jesse Dillon, Rock Mount, Secretary; Mrs. Geo. Walker, Lynchburg, National Committeewoman; John D. Neff, Staunton, National Committeeman; Miss Genevieve Boguess, Richmond, Treasurer, and Cas. H. Wilson, Crewe, College Secretary.

There are a total of 104 Clubs in the State, with a membership of approximately 20,000.

The Eighth District group reelected their chairman, Jim King, of Fairfax, and awarded Prince William the honor of a District Secretaryship, to which office Mrs. Elizabeth Pope Taylor, vice president of the local Club, was unanimously elected, in recognition of her efforts in building up the Club.

It might be well to mention here that in spite of the fact this is what is termed an "off-year", and most of the Clubs throughout the State lost voting strength, the Prince William Club was one of the very few Clubs that progressed and increased its membership.

One of the highlights of the occasion was a speech at the McIntyre Amphitheatre at the University by Representative S. Otis Bland, of Newport News, who is well known in this section of the State. Congressman Bland denied rumors that President Roosevelt is losing his prestige, and said these reports are being circulated by "the same old Republicans, the same old Liberty Leaguers, the same old beneficiaries of a corrupt past and the same old so-called Jeffersonian Democrats."

Representative Clifton A. Woodrum, of Roanoke, addressed the assembly, and declared the President did not object to difference of opinion among Democrats, "but what hurts

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Mr. H. G. Shirley, Chairman,
State Highway Commission,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Mr. Shirley:

Since the allocation was made for the extension of route 234, we have been hoping that the contract for this work would have been let before this, but so far we have seen nothing in the press about it.

I wish you would advise me when the commission contemplates letting the contract for this extension. It is our hope that this may be done at once, in order that the work might be well on the way before the winter comes on, as this road becomes impassable in places during that season.

I would be very grateful for your attention to this.

Yours respectfully
C. C. Cloe

President, Battlefield Trail
Highway Association.

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Mr. C. C. Cloe,
Quantico, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Cloe:

Plans for improvement of Route 234 should be submitted to the Bureau of Public Roads in the next two weeks for approval. As soon as this is secured the work will be advertised.

Very cordially yours,
H. G. Shirley,
Commissioner.

RURAL PROGRAM TO CONTINUE

Mr. Lewis Announces Farm Security Set Up.

The rural rehabilitation supervised loan program will continue as heretofore, under the newly established Farm Security Administration, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, P. A. Lewis (County Supervisor in charge of rural rehabilitation work in Prince William, Fairfax and Stafford counties announced early this week) from his office in Manassas, Va., following assurances received from George S. Mitchell, Regional Director of the Farm Security Administration in Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. Lewis stated that the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, which the Farm Security Administration will administer, provides for continuation of the rural rehabilitation and farm debt adjustment work which he represents in this section and that he has been instructed to carry on substantially as before, under the new agency.

Rehabilitation loans accompanied by farm and home management advice from County Supervisors are made by the government to financially distressed farm families who hold out hope of making a comeback—whether on their own land or on rented land—but who are unable to secure proper credit from other sources to make crop or to purchase needed livestock and equipment.

In addition to the rural rehabilitation program which will be continued as an important phase of the new agency, the Farm Security Administration will conduct the Tenant Loan program, as provided in the Farm Tenant Act, for the purchase and improvement of farms for selected tenant farmers, and will complete unfinished farmstead projects, including those started by the Resettlement Administration and those turned over to that organization from other agencies.

Details concerning the handling of applications for the new tenant loans will be announced later by the Regional Office, Mr. Lewis has been advised.

Land Use planning and submarginal land purchase activities, further provided for in the Bankhead-Jones Act, have been entrusted by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. This means that former Land Utilization work and that to be carried out under the new Act will be continued through a Land Utilization Division under the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, while the Farm Security Administration will conduct thentenant purchase and rural rehabilitation programs and complete farmstead projects now under development. Thus, the functions of the former Resettlement Administration and those added by the Farm Tenant Act have been divided between the Farm Security Administration and the Land Use program of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, according to the statement received by Mr. Lewis from the Regional Office.

Judge Coleman's Decision

On Monday Judge Coleman entered an order in the Stafford Circuit Court allowing the defendant, Frank P. Moncure, to plead guilty in cases covering 25 out of the 26-vote margin by which he was declared winner in the August primary, giving him the election by a margin of one vote. At the same time he dismissed charges involving irregularities of 171 Moncure votes, without hearing the evidence.

Through a legal maneuver, known as "demurrer", this kind of a victory becomes possible, and by virtue of our peculiar primary election laws, no appeal may be taken from the Circuit Court.

This circumstance, however, is not likely to soon drop from

the public mind and should be brought up before the proper legislative committee in evidence of the great need for enactment of suitable laws to correct such glaring abuses of the absentee ballot law as is suggested in the charges made by Mr. Herring and his associated petitioners.

It is regrettable that our primary election laws permit dismissal, without hearing evidence, of charges of the most serious nature, involving even alleged wholesale forgeries of signatures and other irregularities which, if proven, would reveal complete unfitness for public office and which should be brought to trial for the protection of the public welfare and for the exoneration of the defendant or his just conviction and punishment.

LOCAL INSTRUTOR TO DIRECT VIRGINIA JUDGING TEAM

R. R. Fishpaw, local agricultural instructor, has been notified that he is to have charge of the judging team from Virginia at The Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Mass. Sept. 20 to 25th.

The members of the team are Ralph Rollins, Nokesville, Virginia; Fred Blackburn, Stafford, Virginia; and John Laycock, Lincoln, Virginia. These boys were selected because of their demonstrated ability in judging at the State F. F. A. Rally in June.

The Md.-Va. Milk Producers Association are sponsoring the trip to Springfield.

In the dairy cattle judging contest four breeds of cattle will be judged—Ayrshire, Guernsey, Holstein, and Jersey. Ralph Rollins and Fred Blackburn will judge in this contest, with John Laycock alternate. In the milk judging contest Ralph Rollins and John Laycock are entered, with Fred Blackburn alternate. All three boys will judge showmanship.

Ralph Rollins is the second pupil of Mr. Fishpaw's to be selected by State officials to judge on out of state teams this year, Charles Lynn, of Manassas, having won a place on the judging team which represents Virginia at the annual F. F. A. Convention and American Royal Livestock Show at Kansas City in October.

CLUB LAYS PLANS TO CELEBRATE 25th ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. J. F. Burks and Mrs. Robert Lewis entertained the Bethlehem Housekeepers Club at the Stone House Inn on Wednesday September 15. There was a large attendance of members present. Guests were Miss Annie Roberts of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Harold McCall, Mrs. Mac Dogan and Mrs. C. C. Lynn. Mrs. A. A. Hooff was present for the first time as a member of the club.

After a short welcome by the president the usual routine of business was transacted.

Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson reported that Bishop Mead's "Old Homes and Churches" had been placed in the library with funds from the club.

The curtain relief committee announced that shoes were much in demand for needy school children. Ten dollars was voted toward this individual donations were also made.

The treasurer reported that the five dollars voted to the P. T. A. playground fund had been sent in.

The president announced that the club would celebrate its 25th anniversary in February. Plans for this was discussed.

Miss Annie Roberts entertained the club with an entertaining story of Edison.

Mrs. Wheatley Johnson and Mrs. Pierson composed the program committee for September. They put on a guessing contest. Mrs. Dogan and Mrs. Washington tied for first prize. Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson won second.

Attractive refreshments were served by Mrs. Ayres. After singing "Auld Lang Syne" the meeting adjourned.

CLUB TO CELEBRATE CONSTITUTION ANNIVERSARY.

After an evening of poetry last week with Frank Sigman and Ted Didlake as the chief actors, the Kiwanis Club is looking forward this week to an exposition on the Constitution, this being the actual 150th anniversary of the date of adoption. The speaker has not been announced.

O. F. A. GREETINGS NATIONAL OFFICES

At its regular meeting on Thursday, September 14, Bull Run Council, O. F. A. entertained national representative Robert G. Whitesell, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Whitesell spoke of the recent changes made in the Funeral Benefit Department of the Order. He showed that an increasing death rate and a higher average age of the membership has made it necessary to raise monthly assessments. For the past two and a half years death claims have been over one-half million dollars more than the receipts from assessments, and therefore increases have been necessary. Throughout its 36 years of history, the Funeral Benefit Department has paid every death claim in full, and it intends to do the same in the future.

The speaker praised the work of the orphans home maintained by the Order at Tiffin, Ohio. He stated that according to figures by Gov. Davey of Ohio, our orphans are maintained for \$256 per child, while a similar home operated by the State spends nearly three times as much. In addition, our children are better educated, better housed, fed and clothed. This is probably the most worth-while project of the Order.

State Councillor W. J. Harmon, of the District of Columbia, was a guest at this meeting and he spoke briefly of the work of the Order in the District. Visitors from Aden and Greenwich Councils were also present and received a warm welcome from the Bull Run brethren.

MRS. J. P. LYNN ENTERTAINS JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB.

The Junior Woman's Club of Manassas met at the home of Mrs. J. P. Lynn, Thursday evening, September 9.

The Ways and Means Committee reported that the dance held on the eighth was a success, both socially and financially, as approximately \$70 was cleared and one of the largest crowds of the season attended.

After quite a lengthy discussion it was decided that the club investigate the possibilities of forming a Tin Pan Band this Fall. If this project can be successfully worked up it should be both a source of entertainment and enjoyment for all club members as well as the community at large.

As the club is limited to thirty-five members on account of lack of a club house or other large place in which to hold meetings, the membership committee was asked to make a survey of eligible girls in the town to find out how many wish to become members so that some way can be found for them to become members as soon as possible.

Miss Lucy Arrington and Mrs. Sedric Saunders presented to the Club a list of committees and materials for them to use in a survey of the town to the reaction of the townspeople on a sanitary collection of garbage in the town. The girls will visit all homes in the town and get signed slips from the owners stating whether they are willing to support the drive or not. A meeting of committee chairmen will be held at Mrs. Saunders Thursday evening to ascertain the results of this campaign. It is hoped that all citizens of the town will give this matter careful consideration and let the girls know their final decision on the matter, so that the Club will be able to report the results to the Town Council at its next meeting.

The meeting adjourned after tasteful refreshments were served by the hostesses.

MR. PITTS TO ERECT NEW BUILDING

Mr. Ben Pitts, who has already done so much for Manassas, is to erect a handsome building next to his theatre. The new building, it is understood, will accommodate three stores which, it is stated, have already been leased.

JUNIOR WOMANS CLUB SURVEY

Young Ladies Seek Improvement of Town Sanitation.

The Junior Woman's Club has been making a survey of the Town of Manassas to ascertain the number of people approving the disposal of wet, perishable garbage by the Town of Manassas, if it can be arranged. The Town recently sent out cards asking for the opinion of the citizens on this question, but only a few even troubled to reply. The Civic Committee of the Junior Woman's Club, thinking this project of the sanitary method of removing garbage a worth-while one, has re-opened the question.

During the week, you have probably been approached by one or more of the young ladies who have asked you to sign one of the cards, registering your opinion. The plan as laid out is a simple and inexpensive one, whereby the citizen will be required to buy only one can, at a price low enough that all can afford to purchase one, and the Town arrange for disposal of garbage at least twice a week, leaving a sterilized can in the place of a full one. The subject will have to be brought to the attention of the Town Council for their sanction and approval if the majority of the citizens in the town desire.

Please be receptive to the members of the Club who may approach you and register your reply with them. No personal feelings are involved, since they are merely making a house-to-house survey in the interest of a more sanitary and well-kept town.

MANASSAS HIGH SCHOOL INDUSTRIAL ARTS DEPARTMENT TO HAVE NIGHT CLASS

The Industrial Arts department of Manassas High School in cooperation with the county school board is going to conduct a night school class this year. The class is to be in charge of Mr. Earl F. Griswold. The class is open to anyone in the county not attending regularly day school. Registration will be held Monday night, September 20, at 7:00 in the Agriculture Building. The fee is \$5.00 per year payable in monthly installments of \$1.00.

The class will meet every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday night at 7:00 course in woodmaking, drafting, electricity, machine shop, and general metal work will be offered. This class has grown out of numerous requests for the work and those in charge hope that the registration will warrant its continuance in the future.

BANQUET TO FEATURE DAIRY MEETING

A banquet will be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Prince William County Dairy Herd Improvement Association at Manassas on Thursday evening, September 23.

A report will be made of the milk and butterfat production of the individual herds. R. W. Dickson, in charge of Dairy Herd Improvement Association work in the state, and Dr. T. B. Hutcheson of Virginia Polytechnic Institute will speak.

A demonstration of the construction of and need for safety bull pens will be given by Gilbert Rollins and Selwyn Smith, 4-H dairy club members. Dr. Hutcheson will discuss the subject "Better Pastures for Dairy Farm".

CALLMEETING OF U. D. C.

There will be an important call meeting of the Manassas Chapter U. D. C., at the home of Mrs. Louis Carpenter Thursday, Sept. 23rd, at 3 p. m. The anniversary of Admiral Semmes' birth will be appropriately observed, and important chapter business will be transacted—Daughters, please attend.

BINGO PARTY AT DUMFRIES

The Comunity League of Dumfries School will have a bingo party at the school house on Friday, September 24, at 8:00 p. m. Refreshments will be sold by the ladies of the league.

ELECTION CONTEST DECIDED MONDAY

Moncure Given Nomination By One Vote.

On Monday of this week Judge Frederick W. Coleman entered an order in the Stafford Circuit Court dismissing the election contest filed by George W. Herring and other citizens against Frank P. Moncure, charging various frauds, irregularities, unauthorized affixing of signatures to affidavits and asking for a judicial inquiry into the election returns.

The action followed the filing of a "demurrer" by the defendant in which he admitted that a portion of the charges were true, but in this instance the admission did not involve enough votes to change the election results. Having declined to hear the evidence of the petitioners involving the larger number of votes and the more serious infractions of the law, the decision of the Judge favored the defendant, giving him an official margin of one vote.

Of the 24 items of the Herring petition the demurrer was granted on paragraphs 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22, involving less than two dozen votes, while the judge dismissed items 12, 13, 14, 23 and 24, involving scores of itemized irregularities, charging frauds, unauthorized affixing of signatures by him of voters to cast their ballots by mail although not expecting to be absent on election day. Instances were cited where applications were "applied for by the said Moncure and secured by him; that the same was filled out in his handwriting, and the name of the voter signed thereto by him and forwarded to the registrar."

Item 14 was of especial interest to those who would cite instances of the abuse of the absentee ballot law in urging legislation to correct present wide-spread abuses. This paragraph of the petition charged, and cited instances where voters not expecting to be away, and physically able to vote, were solicited by Mr. Moncure "in order to collect votes for the said Frank P. Moncure in advance of the election and thus thwart a free expression of the will of the people at the polls."

The most serious charge of the petition was contained in item 13 which states "votes were solicited by the said Frank P. Moncure, applications to vote by mail applied for by him; that the said applications were filled out in the handwriting of the said Moncure and mailed to the appropriate registrar . . . and that the said Frank P. Moncure furnished the postage for mailing said ballots to the said voters, and returning the ballots to the registrar."

"The five sections of the Herring contest petition which Judge Coleman dismissed," says the Free-Lance Star, "by sustaining the Moncure demurrer, involved a total of 171 votes declared to have been cast for Moncure."

In rendering his decision, Judge Coleman stated that his ruling was final and that no appeal can be taken. He stated that it is impossible to reconcile the decisions which have been made by various lower courts on the primary election laws and that none of these conflicting decisions can reach the Supreme Court of Appeals under existing laws.

It has been unofficially stated that friends of Mr. Herring are urging that he take action to have certain persons in Stafford indicted for forgery.

LEAVING FOR COLLEGE

A number of our young people are attending the various colleges this year. They are as follows:

Elizabeth Lloyd and Mildred Parrish, Randolph Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg; Cleveland Fisher, Randolph Macon College, Ashland; Elmer Lunceford, James Knox William and Mary College, Williamsburg; Mary Fauntleroy Cocke, Hollins College; Lucy Gibson, Converse, Sportsburg, N. C.; Keiffer Wenrich, astern Air College, Salisbury, N. C.; Jane Lynn, Harrisonburg; Marshall Johnson and Douglas Morris, Strayers; Billy Hale, Philip Reading, Stanley Harpine of Nokesville, Henry Florence of Gainesville, and Charles and Warren Bauserman, Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Billy Jamison and Emyln Marsteller, Dartmouth; Mary D. Lynch, Mt. Holyoke; Milford Secord, Cornell; Eleanor Gibson, Red Cross School in Washington, D. C., and Clayton Libeau, Maryland University.