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LEGISLATURE ENDS SESSION

Resume of Important Laws Enacted

More than 200 pieces of legislation were approved by the Virginia General Assembly at the 1938 regular session which ended recently.

"I am very much pleased with the constructive work accomplished by the session of the General Assembly," Governor Price declared. "The restoration of the original provisions for the compensation board is in line with my suggestions to the General Assembly, and, I believe, has the approval of the people of the State.

"The passage of the program for old-age assistance and other forms of relief is a great accomplishment, and the treatment by the General Assembly of the various recommendations made in any inaugural address, I think, marks a distinct step forward. I am indebted to the General Assembly for its generous cooperation."

The "three-point unified program" for the State's public schools, sponsored by the Virginia Education Association, failed to make much headway at the session, although some school legislation was adopted. The legislature approved a measure to establish a nine-month school term throughout Virginia and to provide an average salary for teachers in each school division of not less than \$500 from State funds. Another measure approved requires the furnishing of school textbooks to public school pupils at a price not to exceed the wholesale cost by more than five per cent.

The budget bill for the next biennium carried appropriations approximating \$165,000,000 for the State's governmental agencies. As sent to the chief executive, the bill appropriates approximately \$115,000,000 in special funds (highway, motor vehicle division funds and so on) and about \$50,000,000 in the general fund for the operations of State agencies and institutions for the two years beginning July 1, 1938. As estimated \$2,500,000 surplus would be left in the treasury the first year of the biennium, which would more than offset an estimated deficit of \$1,460,000 the second year. If none of the conditional appropriations for capital outlays, aggregating \$2,173,000, is spent, it is estimated the State treasury will have a net surplus of \$1,009,000 at the end of the biennium.

The old-age assistance and blind relief legislation provides \$3,300,000 in State funds for the next biennium, with the maximum income for the aged fixed at \$20 a month from all sources. The Federal government will match State-local funds and the localities are required to pay 37 1/2 per cent of the State-local contribution. As passed, the Virginia commissioner for the blind is made administrator of funds for the needy blind and the public welfare department the administrator for the old-age, dependent children's and general relief funds. It provides that the local welfare boards be appointed by the circuit or corporation judges, that they serve without pay, and that one discretion of the appointing judge, be member of the board might, in the a member of the county board of supervisors or the city council.

A measure was approved, providing for licensing outdoor advertisers and issuance of permits by the State highway commissioner for each sign erected along public highways outside cities and town, with certain exceptions, at a fee of 50 cents for those of 50 square feet or less and \$2 for those of more than 50 square feet.

Legislation was adopted to prescribe absolute speed limits, ranging from 35 miles an hour for school busses to 55 miles an hour for passenger automobile, on the public highways, require the dimming of headlights by vehicles meeting at night, the setting out of flares by disabled vehicles and other safety precautions.

A soil erosion bill was passed, which provides for setting up necessary machinery for putting into operation practices aimed at preventing soil erosion. Another measure approved makes Bang's disease tests on cattle compulsory in all counties of the State and prescribes \$100 as the minimum fine for violation of an eradication control program.

A measure adopted permits local governments to prohibit the sale of wine and beer in their localities on Sundays; town not to be governed by prohibition in surrounding counties. Included in the measures adopted

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NOTICE TO FARMERS

J. Gray Beverley, Field Supervisor will be at the office of Mr. Frank Cox, County Agent, Post Office Building, Manassas, Virginia, on Wednesday morning, March 30, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and noon, for the purpose of taking applications for loans under the Emergency Crop Loan Act.

Farmers desiring these loans should apply on that date.

EDUCATIONAL GROUP MEETING

Student Co-op and P.-T. A. Meet Here April 6

The annual meeting of the Student Cooperative Associations and the Parent-Teachers Associations of Northern Virginia will be held in Manassas, Virginia on Wednesday, April 6. The Student Cooperative Association, formerly known as the Junior League, is composed of the student organizations of the schools throughout Northern Virginia and is divided into two sections, the secondary schools, and the elementary schools.

The P.-T. A. meeting will be held in the Methodist Church at Manassas with Mrs. W. C. Kidd of Alexandria presiding. The Secondary schools group meeting will be held in the M. H. S. gymnasium with Miss Thelma Ward of Manassas presiding and the Elementary meeting will take place in the M. H. S. auditorium. Mr. O. L. Emerick of Leesburg and Miss Florence Gravatt and Miss Gertrude Smith of Rosslyn have been appointed program directors for the secondary and elementary schools respectively.

The Groups of the Northern Virginia District which participate in the Student Cooperative Association are: Alexandria City, Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William, in Arlington, Fauquier, and Loudoun. There are nine S. C. A. organizations in Arlington, seventeen in Fairfax, twelve in Prince William, six in Fauquier, and nine in Loudoun. About one hundred delegates are expected to attend the meeting.

The program and features of the meeting will be announced at a later date.

URGES AID IN FINANCING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

At a recent meeting of the Williette Myers' Sunday School Class, the question of Week Day Religious Education in the schools of Prince William County was discussed, and the class decided that this was one of the most worth while means of bringing Christian Education to the boys girls of today.

It was learned that 25 per cent of the boys and girls enrolled in Week Day classes attended no church or Sunday School.

The opportunity which the children of our county have brings with it a responsibility. This work is carried on entirely by subscriptions from individuals, churches, and interested organizations.

After the question was carefully discussed and the responsibility of financing the work so clearly brought out at the meeting, the class responded 100 per cent with contributions, and felt that others should share in financing this most worth while enterprise.

FIRST MEETING OF LENTEN STUDY CLASS

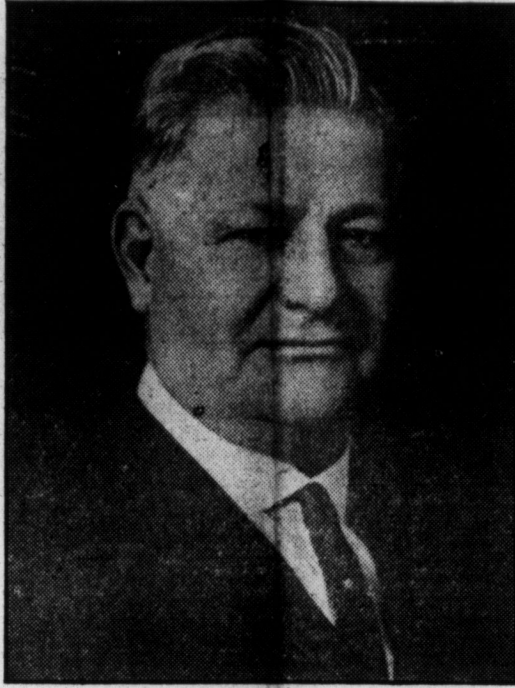
First meeting of Lenten Study Class of St. Paul's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council, of the Episcopal Church, of Haymarket, Va., was held on Wednesday, March 16, at the home of Mrs. W. M. Jordan. There were 11 members present, inclement weather keeping many away. Subject of Study, "Rural America".

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 24, 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. J. W. Garrett. All women of the community interested in the subject whether members of the Episcopal church or not are cordially invited to attend.

The Study is lead by Mrs. Carvel Hall, educational secretary of St. Paul's Branch. There will be four sessions in "Rural America" and one on "The Moslem World".

GIANT BINGO PARTY

On Friday, April 1, at 8:00 p.m. a Giant Bingo Party will be held in the Manassas High School Gymnasium. Come out and have a good time and help your school. Wonderful prizes and many other attractions.



HON. THOMAS H. LION

YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO ELECT OFFICERS

Next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, at the High School Auditorium here, the Young Democratic Club of Prince William County will hold its annual election of officers, and launch its 1938 program to make Prince William's the outstanding club in the State.

The Presidents of the various clubs throughout the 8th Congressional District are expected to attend and give five-minute talks on the activities of their clubs. They include Clyde Lamond, Jr., Alexandria; Alvin Fitzhugh, Arlington; John Ferguson, Fairfax; John McCauley, Falls Church; J. Alfred Austin, Fauquier; W. E. Tyler, Loudoun; Courtney W. McIntosh, Orange; John S. Thornton, Culpeper; Stuart Rothwell, Charlottesville and Albemarle; Cecil Wetzel, Green County; Bruce V. Boxley, Louisa; Richard B. Willis, Madison; Dan Chichester, Stafford.

Mr. James C. King, chairman of the 8th District Clubs will give a resume of the activities of the Clubs in our District as compared to the entire State.

The State-wide membership contest during April and May, at the conclusion of which a free trip to Europe will be awarded to Dick Moncure, editor of the Virginia Democrat.

The retiring officers have prepared a suggested program which they will offer for the Club's guidance during the coming year.

Starting in a very small way with a membership of only 23, the Prince William Club now boasts an enrollment of more than 200, and last year was one of the two clubs in the State that increased its membership over the preceding year. The purpose of the Club is to promote and advance the ideals of democracy in the County and all Democrats between the ages of 18 and 45 years are eligible to join.

SEWING MACHINE SCHOOL

The home of Mrs. Mamie Sisson on Thursday last was the scene of a Sewing Machine School conducted by Mr. G. D. Kite, Assistant Agricultural Engineer, Blacksburg. Women of the community gathered and learned through working on their machines or by watching a neighbor, how to take the machine apart, clean it thoroughly, put it back together and how to adjust it. This meant an actual saving of from \$5.00 to \$7.50 to each woman present plus the gain in knowledge of how to care for and adjust her machine in the future.

A lovely buffet lunch added much to the social hour and made the day a most enjoyable one. The only regret is that more of the women did not take advantage of such an opportunity.

SPONSORS OF JOHN POWELL CONCERT

One of the world's greatest pianists is coming to Manassas on Thursday, April 7, under auspices of the Music and Literature Section of the Woman's Club of Manassas. John Powell, internationally recognized as a pianist and composer, was born in Virginia. He has made several memorable European tours with the New York Symphony Orchestra.

A list of sponsors will be published next week.

KIWANIANS HAVE

IRISH EVENING

With that charming little player, Mrs. Kitty Baker, at the piano, and Mrs. Slaybaugh to lead the Kiwanians just could not help doing justice to all the Irish songs available, and the further they went the better they got.

Parson Graham capped the evening with a vocal selection that made the Irish of them all of feel better.

Earlier in the program, the soloist had given a brief resume of St. Pat's doings at home and abroad, and as usual rang in a good Irish joke or two.

President Bill announced that attendance of committee chairmen had been bum.

H. D. CLUBS MEET APRIL 7

Northern Virginia Divided into Two Sections

Home Demonstration Club members of the county are now making plans to attend the Federation District meeting to be held at Fredericksburg on April 7. According to Miss Lucy Blake, Home Agent, it is expected that every club in the county will be represented and that a larger number will attend this year than ever before. Arrangements are being made for the transportation of all who are able to go.

Because the Northern Virginia District meetings have become too large to be conveniently entertained in one place. Miss R. Belle Burke, District Agent of Charlottesville, has announced that this year a new plan is being tried out for two meetings, one at Fredericksburg in which the Fairfax County clubs and those of nearby counties will participate and one at Harrisonburg on the following day for the other counties in Northern Virginia.

Mrs. W. H. Harris of Louisa Federation President, will preside at the sessions which will open at 10 A.M. and adjourn at 3 P.M. Luncheon will be served for a small fee by the Spotsylvania County Advisory Council.

The program will include addresses by Mrs. Ben Wailes of Sweet Briar, the State Federation President and Miss Maude E. Wallace, Assistant burg. A Panel Discussion on the topic, "How Can the Home Demonstration Club Contribute to Present Day Community Living" will be led by Mrs. Florence Jodzies, State Library chairman, assisted by club members from several Northern Virginia counties. Special music selections will be given by the Fredericksburg Glee Club.

Among the clubs which have already outlined plans to attend is the Dunn Loring Club organized this week.

WANT HOME ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT

The county school board met in regular session on March 9, with all members present.

The most important item of the day's business was the appearance of a large delegation from Gainesville District in the interest of the establishment of a home economics department in the Haymarket High School.

The Board temporarily approved the request, and instructed Mr. Haydon to write to the State Superintendent to ascertain whether any teacher could be made available for another session.

The Board also elected the following principals in service; Manassas, R. Worth Peters; Nokesville, C. O. Bittle; Haymarket, W. E. Moore; Occoquan, Miss Elizabeth Vaughn; rural supervisor, Miss Sue F. Ayres; Jeans Worker, Margaret Townes.

JUNIORS HOLD DISTRICT MEETING

District No. 5, Order Fraternal Americans held its spring sessions at Bull Run Hall on Tuesday evening.

Some thirty members and guests were present.

A detailed discussion was held involving suggested changes in routine recent legislative doings and general O.F.A. history.

A feature of the meeting was a talk by Brother R. C. Linton.

George D. Baker, veteran District deputy, presided. The District recommended his reappointment for 1938.

Following the regular meeting, the Daughters of America served refreshments and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed.

THOS. H. LION DIES SUDDENLY

Commonwealth's Attorney Buried With Masonic Honors

Hon. Thomas Harlan Lion, Commonwealth's Attorney of Prince William County, died suddenly at his home in Manassas last Saturday night. He had just returned from a trip to Florida and had been active with his professional duties on the day of his decease. He had seemingly made a fair recovery from his serious illness of two years ago, but when stricken with a heart attack soon after retiring, he passed away within a few minutes.

Mr. Lion had occupied the office of Commonwealth's Attorney for 27 years, and had served his county as Delegate to the General Assembly for eight years. His popularity, especially with the masses of the people, was attested to by his repeated reelection.

Mr. Lion was born July 21, 1867 in Prince William County. His father, Major Thomas W. Lion, was an officer of the Union army in the War between the States, and his mother, a Southern lady, was Miss Sarah Sommerville Williams. He had lived his entire life in Prince William County.

On June 19, 1888 Mr. Lion married Miss Ethel Adamson, and their children are Thomas W., Comfort and Douglas, of Manassas; Mrs. William Hall, of Charlottesville, West Va., and Mrs. Samuel Polen, of Haymarket. He is also survived by a sister, Miss Flora Lion, and by sixteen grandchildren.

His second wife was Miss Mary A. Gallagher, of New York.

Funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. A. Stuart Gibson, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, who participated at the grave in the Masonic ceremonies conducted by Dr. George B. Cocke, Master of Manassah Lodge, No. 187, A.F.&A.M.

The funeral was one of the largest Masonic burials occurring in the county in recent years. The deceased was the oldest member of the local lodge, having been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1891. Mr. Lion had been advanced far in the order, being a 32nd degree member, and belonging to the Scottish Rite, the Shrine, and the Commandery.

The large attendance of men, the beautiful day, the great mound of lovely flowers and the kneeling Masons at the grave presented an impressive spectacle to the throng witnessing this solemn and last tribute to one of Prince William County's most distinguished and popular citizens.

The active pallbearers were Congressman Howard W. Smith; Hon. C. A. Sinclair, Hon. C. J. Meetez, Prof. Chas. R. McDonald, C. C. Cloe and John H. Burke.

Honorary pallbearers included a distinguished assembly of professional, political and social friends of the deceased. The judiciary was represented by George W. Browning, of the State Supreme Court, Judge Walter McCarthy, Judge William P. Wools, Judge William Hill Brown, Jr., and Judge Paul Brown.

The bar was represented locally by T. E. Dillake, Col. Robert Hutchison, H. Thornton Davies, J. Jenkyn Davies, Stanley A. Owens, Lacey Compton and Paul S. Williams. From without the county were Gardner Boothe, R. A. McIntyre, Albert Bryant, John W. Rust, Wilson Farr, Raymond Hudson, W. H. Robertson, Frank P. Moncure, J. Donald Richards and Lawrence Douglas.

Officers of the county included Hon. George G. Tyler, Clerk of the Court, Professor R. C. Haydon, L. Ledman and R. M. Weir, and the entire Board of Supervisors.

Other honorary pallbearers included Hon. Melvin C. Hazen, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, Hon. George W. Herring, former member of the House of Delegates and Messrs. D. J. Arrington, M. Bruce Whitmore, E. R. Conner, Will Hale, C. E. Fisher, Dr. E. H. Pickeral, Dr. Lannahan, W. H. Leachman, A. E. McInteer, A. S. Robertson, J. A. Hooker, Raymond Ellis, John Ellis, D. E. Earhart, W. L. Compton, George D. Baker, E. G. Parrish and George Bryant.

SPONSORS AMATEUR SHOW AND BOX SUPPER

The commercial room is sponsoring an amateur show and Box Supper at the High School auditorium, March 25 at eight o'clock.