



CONDEMN FEDERAL MONEY CONTROL

Young Democrats Stage Seventh Annual Convention

By Nelle Hyde Holmes

Saturday night at a late hour the Young Democrats of Virginia, concluding, for the time being, their efforts to make the world safe for democracy, brought to a close their two-day annual convention at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond, and viewed with pride their accomplishments, chief among which was the election of Robert Lane Anderson of Marion to the presidency of the state organization.

This was one of the most successful and best attended conventions held since the organization was founded in 1932. More than 2,000 delegates and guests from all over the State, and almost as many Richmonders, attended the sessions and until the wee small hours of Sunday morning "whooped 'em up" and imbibed freely at the sparkling fountains of Jeffersonian democracy.

There was plenty doing in the round of entertainments, the outstanding social features being a boat ride down the James River on the palatial Robert E. Lee, with music, dancing and refreshments on Friday afternoon, and a dance that night, followed by a banquet and grand ball on Saturday night.

The well-oiled machinery of the organization, by thrashing out its problems in committee meetings and district caucuses, prevented any highly controversial issues, other than the contest for the Presidency, from being brought to the Convention floor.

John Tabb DuVal, prominent attorney and former member of the House of Delegates from Gloucester was defeated by Robert Lane Anderson, son of Sherwood Anderson, well-known, of Marion, to head the state organization for the coming year.

The questions of opposing a third term for Roosevelt and protesting intervention in State primaries created considerable interest and heated discussion before the Convention got under way, but both these highly controversial resolutions were promptly killed in committee, and substituted therefor was a group of resolutions praising the President and paying tribute to Senators Carter Glass and Harry Floor Byrd, the House of Representatives, the Governor and the General Assembly. A delegate from Fredericksburg promptly opposed the resolution on the ground that "it mentioned nothing whatsoever about the weather", but it was adopted when Delegate "Pat" Collins, of Smyth County, a member of the Resolutions Committee, explained that it was designed to avoid "stormy weather".

Special committees reported their findings and recommendations on various proposals, including a study of the poll tax as a prerequisite to voting, the diversion of road funds, revision of election laws, a safety program to reduce highway accidents, and a study of the jails in the state.

A resolution was adopted advocating restoration of the rule repealed in 1936 by which candidates for President and Vice President must receive a two-thirds majority in the Democratic National Convention.

At one point the restless crowd rebelled against the routine resolutions, and turned the place into a state of good-humored disorder by shouting "no" to them all, but Chairman James C. King, of Fairfax, controlled the situation by alternately telling the Convention to be order, and stating that the "ayes have it." Whereupon a wit in the audience suggested that the chair be in order.

Congressman Dave Satterfield of the third District, in his keynote speech touched upon the national aspects of Democracy and sounded a warning that the Democrats have had title in fee simple to Thomas Jefferson since he wrote the Declaration of Independence, and that "if John Hamilton is caught snooping, to nab him; if there is anything that would make the blood of a Democrat boil, it is for a Republican to claim Thomas Jefferson, now that they have thrown overboard all their own idols".

Congressman Satterfield warned of the menace of elections controlled by Federal money and stated that "unless checked this soon may be carried to the point where we shall find our government controlled by officeholders maintained in power by the votes of those who are the objects of (Continued on page 8.)

On Labor Day, September 5th, the windows of the Post Office will be open during the following hours: 9:00 a. m.—1:00 a. m. Money Order and Registry will not be open.

PUBLIC WELFARE FUNDS ANNOUNCED

Old Age Assistance and General Welfare Program for Prince William County

Prince William county's board of public welfare will have \$15,739.27 available for old age assistance, aid to dependent children and general relief between now and July 30, 1939, Dr. W. H. Stauffer, commissioner of public welfare, announced today.

The board, appointed by the circuit judge, with Harry P. Davis, Manassas as chairman and J. W. Alvey, Catharpin and G. C. Russell, Woodbridge as members take over the administration of this fund this week.

In the old age assistance work in Prince William county, the board has fixed 97 as the maximum number of possible cases and this work the federal government has appropriated \$4,658.22 to which the state adds \$2,911.39 and Prince William county will only have to appropriate \$1,746.83. This does not include administration expenses.

For aid to dependent children in Prince William county the federal government has appropriated \$400.00 and the state has allocated \$500.00. Prince William County will pay \$300.00 for a total of \$1,200.00 for this work. There may be as many as 15 children available for this aid in Prince William county.

Virginia has listed \$3,264.27 to aid Prince William county for the general relief program and Prince William county will add \$1,958.56 to this amount.

This program, which goes into effect this week, is a result of the public assistance act passed by the general assembly of Virginia last winter which appropriated \$1,476,000 for relief work.

While only about \$500,000 was left unappropriated of the 1938-'40 budget when Governor James H. Price was inaugurated, he piloted the public assistance act and found funds available for this work so that Virginia could get from the federal government relief agencies a fund of \$1,136,000 to match the state appropriation.

Governor Price had said in his inaugural address that "the sentiment of Virginia is apparently overwhelmingly in favor of old age assistance and some favorable action at our hands is very definitely expected. If necessary, we should revise the budget and make room for old age assistance."

With the passage of the act of the federal government matches the state funds dollar for dollar in aid to the aged. The federal government pays one-third of the total cost of aid to dependent children. There is no federal assistance for general relief and this work is taken care of by only state and county funds. General relief estimates are based upon the population of Prince William county.

Besides this the public assistance act has appropriated about \$62,000 for aid to the blind to which the federal government matches dollar for dollar.

In a study of this aid to Prince William county as a result of the public assistance act of 1938, the federal government pay fifty percent of the costs, the state 31 1-2 per cent and county 18 3-4 per cent.

OIL COMPANY BEGINS SCHEDULE

The Sinclair Oil Company, of which R. E. Lee, The Plains, is general agent and M. C. Simpson, is local dealer is this week beginning a series of general ads on their products which will extend into the winter.

Sinclair recognizes the great value of a local reading public and co-operates with its dealers.

Mr. Simpson recently constructed a new filling station on Centre Street extended, some what nearer to town than his old stand. His old friends are patronizing him in a very substantial way.

YOUNG DEMOCRATIC MEETING

The Young Democratic Club of Prince William County will hold its September meeting at the Town Hall in Manassas Tuesday, September 6th, at 8:00 p.m. This will be a strictly business meeting and all members are urged to attend.

THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT FRAUD

Just as the Wages and Hours Bill is proposed as a humanitarian measure calculated to bring a "more abundant life" to the laboring masses of the South, so the Fourteenth Amendment was framed by the Reconstruction Committee of Congress, allegedly to protect a newly acquired citizenship, but actually to bring to its proponents advantages which could be measured in dollars and cents. Thus while Federal soldiers were standing with fixed bayonets at our voting places an amendment was forcibly ratified which really provided economic protection for the great manufacturing and industrial enterprises which were then rapidly developing in the North.

It was not until long after this protection had been accomplished that the truth leaked out through the unwitting testimony of a prominent member of the Reconstruction Committee, Roscoe Conkling, who revealed the true objectives of the Fourteenth Amendment in arguing a test case before the Supreme Court. He explained in the famous San Matteo County Cases, 1882, that this amendment was really framed to afford protection for Northern industries, and as he was a member of this Reconstruction Committee, his testimony is most material and, in fact, has never been refuted. He explained the clever manner in which this protection was accomplished by calling attention to the fact that corporations were "persons" under the law and therefore entitled to the protection afforded by the Fourteenth Amendment. In substantiation of his theory lay the undeniable fact that the first test in the Supreme Court of the validity of this Amendment had nothing whatever to do with citizenship, but with the demands of a great manufacturing enterprise (The Slaughter House Case of 1873) to be exempted from local regulation and to be allowed to expand under protection of the Federal Government under the immunities provided by this Constitutional Amendment.

Thus we find, then as now, that the underlying purposes of determined national movements to "uplift" the South are not really actuated by the humanitarianisms so loudly acclaimed, but by materialistic purposes which have at heart the degradation of our section of the country to the economic advantage of Northern industry.

The South has made a marvelous recovery from the war and its even more vicious Reconstruction and is again threatening the industrial supremacy of the North, and in this critical period of economic readjustment the Chief Executive of the whole nation has most unfortunately become partisan to one section of the country, marking to a political "purge" those members of Congress who have steadfastly withstood a demand that they legislate by dictation in Washington, rather than in the interest of the folks at home.

Beginning with uncertain success this year, the "purge" will undoubtedly be steadily pursued through 1940, with control of the National Democratic Convention at stake and its attendant possibility of a Third Term attainment, particularly if world conditions at that time should favor a campaign argument of not changing the Chief Executive in the midst of grave world conditions which by the time of the next Presidential campaign may have exploded into a new World War.

CHURCH PROJECT IS UNDER WAY OFFICIAL PROGRAM TOBACCO FESTIVAL

Interesting Old Construction Details Revealed

Work has begun on the refurnishing project in the Presbyterian Church. The chancel platform is being re-designed. New floors will be laid. The old pews are being removed.

With the removal of the old platform, interesting details of construction have come to light. The building was constructed about 1870. At that time wire nails were unknown and iron cut nails commanded the high price of --- per keg. These nails were used throughout, but sparingly, due to their high value. They are not rusted and appear in as good condition as when new.

What appears to be a moulding at the foot of the wainscoting is actually a two-inch board, grooved in the center by hand, with the outer edge bevelled upward. The bottom ends of the wainscoting are fitted into the groove, thus holding the pieces in perfect alignment, the bevel giving the appearance of a moulding. Stone for the building was given by Elias Goode, a member of the Church from 1867 until the time of his death in 1899. The stone came from his farm south of town, now known as the Slusher farm.

Several pews and one pulpit chair have now been subscribed. A number of former members of the church have become interested in the refurnishing project and are planning to make contributions toward it.

LOSS OF PET

A sad loss of a pet animal took place about ten days ago when the beautiful white pointer, belonging to E. B. Roland, of Haymarket, left his truck sometime, after he was at Centerville on his way home.

The animal is believed to have jumped from the truck near the Cub Run school. It stands some three feet in height and has a liver-colored head and spots. It was a pet much beloved in the Roland household and the loss is occasioning considerable grief. Mr. Roland posted a reward, as advertised in last week's Journal, and it is hoped that the person to whose premises the animal strayed will let Mr. Roland know about it at once. The dog answers to the name of Jeep.

Events at South Boston on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 8-9

Thursday, September 8th:
9:00 a.m.—Old Tobacco Plantation Tours (5).
12:00 to 2:30 p.m.—Plantation Dinners.
2:30 p.m.—Queen's Military Review.
3:30 p.m.—Drum and Bugle Corps Competitive Drills—Trick Shooting.
8:00 p.m.—Tobacco Pageant—Masque preceded by Queen's Presentation and introduction of official princesses from tobacco growing states selected by the respective governors.
10:00 p.m.—Harvest Ball.

Friday, September 9th:
9:00 a.m.—Old Tobacco Plantation Tours.
10:30 a.m.—Typical Tobacco Auction.
11:30 to 2:00 p.m.—Plantation Dinners.
2:30 p.m.—Queen's Float Parade—Four Mile Parade.
4:30 p.m.—Band Concert, award of prizes—Trick shooting.
8:00 p.m.—Tobacco Pageant—Masque preceded by Coronation of Queen and introduction of entire Queen's Court.
10:00 p.m.—Coronation Ball featuring Hal Kemp and his orchestra, which is the largest ball held in America.
10:00 p.m.—Colored Dance.
Daylight Fireworks Announcing All Events.

Rogina Tobacco IV is Senorita Erma Castillo Najera, daughter of the Mexican Ambassador to the United States. Tobacco Pageant—Masque Producers are T. Beverly Campbell and Howard Southgate.

A TRI-COUNTY BASEBALL GAME

The Vienna Crackers with their ever reliable pitcher, Shorty Taylor, will be on hand Sunday, September 4th, on Swavelly Field to battle manager Vetter's Baseball Warriors.

A great game is expected, judging from the results of the last two games played between these two clubs, which resulted in the following scores of 5 to 4 in twelve innings and 8 to 7 in regulation time.

Vienna took the decision each time, but manager Vetter vows the worm has turned and things will be different on this occasion.



Mrs. Janie Abel

Supervisor of Dumfries District, whose death last week was the occasion of sincere sorrow throughout the county.

SCHOOLS OPEN NEXT THURSDAY

All Details Carried Out Relative to Preparation for Session

Ding-Dong, Ding Dong Ding!
Yes, that's the school bell which hundreds of children on Prince William will hear at 9 a.m., one week from today. Some of them will walk, some will drive in their own cars but most of them will ride in the county-operated buses which have just been put into the pink of condition and which will be officially tested next Wednesday morning on the Manassas High School athletic field at 11:30 o'clock.

On arriving at the seats of learning, they will find for the most part the same faculty as last year. There have been some transfers and a few vacancies, all of which have been carefully filled with experienced teachers. (The list is published in another column.)

Already, the offices of the school board at the court house are loaded with the necessary text books waiting for the demand which will so shortly come. Mrs. Marian Dickens will preside over this important function of distribution.

When contacted late today, Superintendent R. C. Haydon said, "All of the school plants have been completely renovated, repairs taken care of, grounds cleaned and everything in readiness for the opening of school. The home economics cottage at Manassas is virtually completed and will be ready for occupancy sometime this month."

"Extensive grading and landscaping has been done on the Quantico school grounds.

"In co-operation with the county health department all toilets have been sanitized and in most cases represents the most modern plans of sewage disposal. The health department has also co-operated in extensive improvements of the water supplies, with emphasis in the matter of protection against surface water."

The teachers institutes will be held on Wednesday, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The colored teachers will meet at the Brown school while the white teachers will meet as usual at the Manassas High auditorium. Professor Haydon is extending a cordial invitation to the public to attend either of these meetings, and also the bus inspection, which has become an annual feature.

The institute will be divided into two sections with respect to high and graded schools.

The county teachers association will meet at 1:30 p.m., with the president Prof. Frank Sigman, presiding. They will elect officers for the coming term and formulate other plans.

No estimates have been placed on the enrollment expected. Miss Ayres, the rural supervisor, will give these to the Journal as soon as they are reported.

And so, good luck to the school folks, one and all.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME LABOR DAY

A game of great interest will be played Labor Day on Swavelly field for the Championship of Prince William County, between Haymarket and Manassas. There is great rivalry between these two clubs, and fire is expected to fly, but we are hoping that the losing team is big enough and sportsmanlike enough to be able to take it.

NEW INDUSTRY LOCATED HERE

Magnetic Control Corporation Is Perfecting Its Product

One of the most recently established enterprises in Manassas is the Magnetic Control Corporation which now maintains offices and laboratory facilities at 113 Main Street. The concern is chartered under the Virginia State laws and is largely owned and officered by citizens of Prince William County.

The Directors of the company are: Lester F. Huff, William F. Hale, P. L. Trenis, H. W. Herring, all of Nokesville, S. F. Spitzer, of Midland, C. H. Green, of Arlington, Edgar N. Brawler, of Washington, D. C., Stanley A. Owens, R. S. Hynson, of Manassas.

The Officers are: H. W. Herring, President, C. A. Crowell, Secretary and Managing Director, Lester F. Huff, Treasurer, Stanley A. Owens, General Counsel.

This company manufactures a system of traffic light signals for street and highway intersections. It is what is known as a vehicle-actuated system, that is, the lights are controlled by the automobile itself, instead of arbitrary time placed on the ordinary signal. The company manufactures a magnetic detector, which is buried in the street, and the presence of the car passing over this detector, operates the change of light from red to green.

The advantage of such a system is that the intersection has no long waits for either street. If no car is on the cross street, the main thoroughfare keeps the green light and a clear right of way indefinitely until a car approaches on the cross street. It will then give the cross street the right of way, and revert back to the main highway again. This speeds up traffic, delays the main highway only when there is cross movement, avoids long waits on the cross street, the motorist receiving his signal by the mere presence of his car, and with no action of any kind on his part.

This magnetic detector is composed of cores of laminated transformer steel, on which are imposed coils, primary and secondary. The current coming into these coils causes the magnetic flux to flow in a figure 8. The presence of the car over the detector disturbs this flow of magnetic flux, and drops the relay in the timing box which proceeds to change the lights.

The detector is housed in a concrete structure and buried in the street, over which is placed two or more inches of asphalt, concrete or of whatever material the surface of the street is composed. It is rugged, and will withstand heavy traffic movements, is not affected by snow or ice, and lasts indefinitely. Many of these detectors have been in use over a period of years in important cities, and have operated without interruption or maintenance, and the whole system has proven itself to be reliable, and to greatly improve traffic conditions.

This magnetic detector is also used for opening of garage doors, elevator leveling, heat treating ovens, and other purposes.

This company is now the sole owner of all patents relating to this system, and will start manufacture in the next sixty days. Research work, looking to certain minor improvements is now being carried on in the company's laboratory on Main Street.

CLUB HEARS POLITICAL FARCE

Frank Sigman was the speaker at the Kiwanis Club on Friday evening.

He had on tap one of his erudite expositions, this time very much on the order of an old George Ade fable. He titled it "Dictators and Fascinators".

Historiographically, Frank registered about 99.44 per cent correct. Incidentally it was quite interesting, as President Bill commented.

Carl with there with the gang, busted collar bone and all.

Al, the faithful, had something to say about attendance. He called attention to the fact that new members often do not realize how absences cut down the Club's averages.

ALEXANDRIA PHONE OFFICIALS VISIT TOWN

Mr. C. F. Cross, Commercial Superintendent, and Mr. J. S. Dunn, Alexandria Manager, of the C. and P. Telephone Company were in Manassas this afternoon and spent a few minutes in the Journal office.