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LEGION SPONSORS THE BOYS' STATE

Model Republic First of Its Kind in Old Dominion

From Sunday, June 18, to Saturday, June 24, on the campus of V. P. I., the American Legion sponsored the Old Dominion Boys' State. This "State" is the first of its kind in Virginia, although this is the third year that it has been held in the United States. The American Legion is sponsoring twenty-six similar organizations in other states of the Union this summer.

The first Old Dominion Boys' State was composed of 217 boys, chosen from high schools all over the State of Virginia. These boys were from the Junior class and were chosen by the other boys of the class. The boys sponsored by American Legion Post No. 152, of Manassas, were Warren Landes, of Nokesville and Leonard Lonas, Jr., of Manassas.

The "State" was divided into six counties and six cities. They were Lee City, Washington County; Jackson City, Jefferson County; Pershing City, Wilson County; Early City, Madison County; Stuart City, Tyler County, and Forrest City, Monroe County. The cities were named after famous generals and the counties after Virginia-born Presidents. Each boy upon his arrival was placed in a county and a city, and was given a political party. The two parties were the Nationalists and the Federalists.

On Monday morning city caucuses were held, at which time state and county delegates were chosen from both the Nationalist and Federalist parties. On Monday afternoon the parties held their conventions and the state officers were nominated.

The elections were held on Tuesday morning and all city, county and state officers were elected. The votes were cast by the use of two of the latest type voting machines. The Governor of the Boys' State was George L. Spencer, of Narrows, the Lieutenant-Governor, Edward Hewitt, of Portsmouth, and the Attorney-General, Edward Stenger, of Richmond. On Tuesday afternoon there was a joint session of the House of Delegates and the Senate. At this joint session the justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals were chosen.

After all the elections were held and all the appointments made, every boy of the Old Dominion Boys' State had some part in carrying on the government of the "State". The boys were then ready to carry on a very complete city, county and state government.

A system of courts was set up and later in the week two trials were held, on being appealed to the Supreme Court of Appeals. A bar examination was held, and to be either a Judge or Lawyer the examination had to be passed. Only 58 citizens successfully passed this examination, both of the boys sponsored by Post No. 152 being among this number.

Tuesday night the inauguration of officers was held. The main address of the evening was by the Honorable E. Lee Trinkle, former Governor of Virginia.

During the remainder of the week the several governmental units were in operation. The government was carried on solely by the boys, the Legion Boys' State committee acting only in the capacity of counselors. There were many men present who advised in the different lines of government with which they were familiar. Much of the credit for the success of this Boys' State should be given to these men, too numerous to name. Honorable mention should, however, be given to Mr. Charles Crush, chairman of the Old Dominion Boys' State; Mr. Fred C. Parks, Commander of the Virginia Department of the American Legion, and John J. Wicker, Chief Counselor of the Old Dominion Boys' State.

The athletic program included competitive contests between the cities in baseball, swimming, and track meets.

The Governor's Ball was held Friday night, Hi-Y girls from the adjoining towns being the guests of the boys.

On Saturday morning the Graduation exercises were held at which certificates of attendance, merit, and athletic awards were presented. Dr. Peters, president of Radford State Teachers' College, was the guest speaker.

The Old Dominion Boys' State was designed to teach the youth of Virginia the fundamentals of democratic government.

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J. P. Kerlin

Our Sheriff is holding open house at his home on July 11, and Hon. Mel Hazen will be master of ceremony.

ARRINGTON HEADS SCHOOL BOARD

Popular Chairman Is Re-named as Board Organizes for the Year

The county school board met on Tuesday with all members present. It being the annual meeting, the following organization was effected for the coming year: chairman, D. J. Arrington; vice-chairman, F. M. Lynn; clerk, R. C. Haydon; assistant clerk, Mrs. Marion Dickins.

Bills were ordered paid and much routine business transacted.

The clerk was authorized to ask bids for wood and the same will be published next week.

The proposed agricultural building at Haymarket was discussed, and ways and means were gone over thoroughly. A committee (Professor R. C. Haydon, Mrs. Anita Piercy and Professor Fishpaw) was appointed to have plans and estimates prepared by the next board meeting. It is hoped to begin construction in August.

The Cabin Branch consolidated colored school was reported near completion and furniture was ordered for same.

ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE IN HONOR OF GUESTS

Miss Mary Lynch, who has three college friends visiting her, Miss Barbara Peck, of Casanova, N. J., Miss Evelyn Savage, of Schenectady, N. Y., and Miss Martha Griffith, of Loville, N. Y., entertained at bridge in their honor on Wednesday afternoon.

Among the guests playing were Mrs. Hawes Davies, Jr., Mrs. Ralph Sharrett, Mrs. William Hill Brown, Jr., Mrs. Charles Harris, Mrs. Earl Hurst, Mrs. John Holt Merchant, Mrs. J. J. Davies, Mrs. Higgs Lewis, Mrs. Carl Kincheloe, Mrs. Stanley Owens, Mrs. Dennis Baker and Mrs. Nelson Lyon.

Misses Rose Ratcliffe, Madeline McCoy, Mary Fautleroy Cocke, Hull Neff, Elvere Conner, Jane Lynn, Ellen Bisson and Lucy Gibson.

The high score was claimed by Mrs. Ralph Sharrett. Second prize went to Miss Lucy Gibson.

Delicious refreshments were served the guests by the hostess, assisted by her aunt, Miss Margaret Lynch.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Conner Kincheloe are the proud parents of a son, Connie Wynne, born July 2nd in Columbia hospital. The young man weighs 9 lbs. and both he and his mother are getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe King are the proud parents of a daughter, born Monday night in Columbia hospital. This young lady weighs 8-12 lbs.

ginitia the fundamentals of democratic government.

The Virginia Department of the American Legion entered upon this program to develop a closer contact with boys, to promote Americanism and citizenship. Their program was well planned and well carried out, for they did install in the mind of every boy present the ideals of Americanism and good citizenship.

The American Legion of the Old Dominion should be congratulated upon their new contribution, which they so successfully carried into effect. Among the many things the American Legion has done and is doing for America this was and will be, perhaps, the most far-reaching and successful contribution they have made "For God and Country."

Leonard Lonas, Jr.

WHY NOT A SAFE AND SANE FOURTH?



POLITICAL LAWN PARTY NEAR NOKESVILLE

Rain so seriously interfered with the "political" lawn party staged by the Daughters of America at Bristow last week that the same will be repeated next week.

Tuesday evening, July 11th, is the date selected and the place will be Sheriff Kerlin's lawn at his home on the carriage road, some four miles southeast of Nokesville.

Everyone is invited, especially the candidates for office who will be expected to air their views on this occasion. There will also be other speakers.

A good time is promised and plenty of splendid refreshments will be on sale all of the evening.

WILL MAKE OFFICIAL VISITATION

State Councillor Ethel A. Smithers, Daughters of America, will make her official visitation to Prince William Council No. 45, on the evening of July 10, Monday next.

Every member of the Council is urged to be present and meet Mrs. Smithers. Bro. O. B. Hopkins has also indicated his intention of attending, as well as a delegation from Arlington and Alexandria.

WILL ESTABLISH INFORMATION BUREAU

At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held on Wednesday evening, it was decided to set up a temporary information bureau in the secretary's office. Someone will be appointed to take permanent charge of the bureau in a few days.

The purpose of this is to route sightseers and visitors during the maneuvers which begin August 5th.

The secretary (Mr. Owens) also wants to get in touch with all have accommodations to let during this interval.

BETHEL LUTHERAN LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid of Bethel Lutheran Church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. O. Bittle, at Nokesville, Va., on Tuesday, July 11, at 2:00 p.m.



Rev. J. M. Everett, of Norfolk, Va., Evangelist, who will conduct Revival services at Purcell each night, at 8:00 beginning Sunday, July 9, and lasting for two weeks. For 20 years he was one of the leading Baptist preachers in North Carolina. Everyone is invited to attend.

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS TO VISIT MANASSAS

Rt. Wor. E. M. Armfield, of Herndon and District Deputy Grand Master of Masons for District 58 announced today that on Thursday, July 13, the Grand Master of Virginia, Needham S. Turnbull, Jr., will make his official visit to this district and has selected Manassas for the occasion.

All master masons are urged to be present.

FRANCIS COMPTON NOW PILOT WITH EASTERN AIRLINES

Francis B. Compton, 24, native of Manassas, Va., has been employed as pilot flying with The Great Silver Fleet, it has been announced by Capt. E. V. Rickenbacker, president and general manager of Eastern Airlines.

Compton attended Manassas High School and was graduated from Strayer Business College, Washington, D. C., in 1933. Two years later, he decided to act on his interest in flying and made his first solo flight at Beacon Field, Alexandria, Va.

In 1935, he was employed by the Reconstruction Finance Corp., Washington, D. C. Later he became affiliated with the Inspection Service, Post Office Department, Washington, where he worked with inspectors assigned to air mail matters. In October, 1938, he resigned his position to join the Civil Aeronautics Authority, where he remained until his employment by Eastern Air Lines.

Pilot Compton's flying hours were built up mostly over weekends and during evenings. He barnstormed, flew passengers in a seaplane and instructed students in flying. He is single, based at Newark, N. J., and flies the Silverliners of Eastern Air Lines to Washington, Atlanta and Miami.

DUNCAN—LION

The Methodist Parsonage in Warrenton, Va., was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday when Helen Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Comfort Lion, and Mr. Ralph Elwood Duncan, of Vienna, Va., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Duncan, also of Vienna, were married. Rev. Cannon officiated.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for a motor trip through Virginia. On their return, they will make their home at East Falls Church, Va.

Mrs. Duncan is a graduate of Manassas High School, class of '38, and is now employed as a secretary at the Dodge Hotel in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Duncan is employed in the engineering department of the Roger-Smith Hotel, Washington, D. C.

DISTRICT MEETING OF JUNIORS

District Number 5, Order Fraternal Americans will hold a postponed District meeting next Thursday evening, July 13th.

J. D. Russell, of Nokesville, of in charge of arrangements at Greenwich where the meeting will be held immediately following the regular meeting of Greenwich council on that evening.

ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION



G. C. Russell

Merchant and lumberman, of Bethel, who recently announced that he is a candidate for renomination to the office which he now holds, that of supervisor of Occoquan District, to which he was elected four years ago.

A news story concerning Mr. Russell's candidacy was in last week's Journal and his political card is also appearing currently.

WORLD'S FAIR IS DESCRIBED

Kiwanis Club Has Interesting Program

The Manassas Kiwanis club heard several splendid talks last Friday evening.

First, Frank Sigman who had just returned from a vacation trip told all about his experiences at the World's Fair in New York.

Several visitors were presents. Messrs Thomas French and Amos Crouse, of the Arlington club, talked inspiringly of the formation and work of their own club. Tommy paid the late Ed Hill a fine tribute during his stay on the floor.

Rev. Mr. Graham was present for his first meeting as a full pledged member.

At the convention, which was the 23rd annual one in the history of Kiwanis International Bennett O. Knudson of Albert Lea, Minn., was elected 1939-40 president of Kiwanis International.

Mr. Knudson is a charter member of the Albert Lea Kiwanis Club and was its first president in 1922. He was governor of the Minnesota-Dakota district in 1932 and since that time he has had a progressive career in Kiwanis. Mr. Knudson was first elected to the International board of trustees in 1934 and was re-elected in 1936 for a second two-year term. During 1938-'39 he was chairman of the International committee on finance. At the San Francisco convention in 1938 he was elected vice-president.

Mr. Knudson is an attorney and has been actively engaged in the practice of law in his home town since 1914.

Other officials elected are: Charles S. Donley, Pittsburgh, Pa., vice-president for the United States; and Robert J. Prittie, Winnipeg, Minn., vice-president for Canada. Dr. W. Eugene Wolcott, Des Moines, Ia., was elected treasurer. H. G. Hatfield, of Oklahoma City, Okla., is immediate past president.

RURAL AFFAIRS INSTITUTE TO MEET IN BLACKSBURG

The Institute of Rural Affairs and the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Club will have their annual joint meeting at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, July 18-20. This is about ten days earlier than heretofore to avoid conflict with the International Poultry Conference to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, the last week in July and which a number of Virginia people are planning to attend. The general theme of this, the eleventh session of the Institute of Rural Affairs, will be "Man and the Land." This topic was chosen for the 1939 meeting to emphasize the importance of the proper permanent relationship between the land and those who occupy it.

TO PREACH AT HAYMARKET

The Rev. B. N. DeFoe Wagner, of Warrenton, N. C., will preach St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Haymarket at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 11th.

LOCAL CLUB HAS STATE WINNER

Young Democratic Club Announces Details of Political Rally

The Young Democratic Club of Prince William County is proud to announce that Mrs. Elizabeth Brower of Catharpin is the winner of the second prize in the state membership campaign contest. She will receive a free trip to Nassau and go with the one hundred Virginia Young Democrats who will leave New York on the S. S. Lancastris Saturday for a week's cruise to the Bahama Islands. On their return they will spend next week-end in New York at the Fair. Other members of the local club who will take the trip are Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor, Miss Nancy Lynn and Miss Walser Conner. Mrs. Brower was also the winner of the \$50.00 county prize, which was awarded to her at the June meeting of the club.

Mrs. J. Jenkyn Davies is chairman of the entertainment committee which will be held on the Court House lawn Tuesday night, July 25, at 7:30. The lawn will be brightly lighted for the occasion. Candidates for county and district offices have been invited to speak. Candidates for uncontested offices will have five minutes to speak and candidates for contested offices will be allowed ten minutes. Hon. C. A. Sinclair will act as master of ceremonies. Club members are planning to have a stand at which ice-cold lemonade, cake and ice cream will be sold, and an especially big and beautiful cake will be raffled off.

The Young Democrats will have a picnic on Tuesday, August 8th, at 6 p.m. at the Chinn House on the Bull Run Battlefield Park.

4-H CLUBS TO HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC

Prince William County 4H Clubs will hold its annual picnic at Davis Beach, Tuesday, July 11, beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

Lots of fun is in store for the picnickers with games of all kinds swimming, swings, slides and the Correct Dress Contest. Ice Cream will be sold by the 4-H Club Council and each member will bring a basket lunch.

The program will begin with the Correct Dress Contest at 10:30. Winners in each of the clubs will compete for County honors. Winners in the county contest 14 years of age and older will enter the state contest in Blacksburg, July 24-29.

Schedules for transportation have been sent out to club members and for further information get in touch with Miss Webb or Mr. Beard.

YOUNG MAN DROWNS IN CHOPAWAMSIK CAMP

The rescue squad made an emergency run on Saturday afternoon to the Salvation Army Camp in the Chopawamsic Area to give any assistance possible in the drowning of Oliver Fones, age 20, of Washington, a counselor at the Y.M.C.A. Camp.

According to witnesses of the tragedy he was stretching guide ropes as a safety pre-caution for younger swimmers when he apparently was seized with cramps and disappeared from sight. The body recovered several hours later by draining the artificial lake, and taken to the Hall Funeral Home at Occoquan and later to his residence in Washington.

PICNIC IN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL PARK

On Tuesday afternoon the Oakton and Cannon Branch Churches of the Brethren had their Sunday School picnic on the section of the National Battlefield Park which has been set aside especially for that purpose. Between 250 and 300 children and adults were present to enjoy this very pleasant affair and take advantage of the conveniences placed there for public use.

TO THE ALUMNI OF HAY-MARKET HIGH SCHOOL

Don't forget the picnic on Ellis Brother's Run, near Greenwich, on Sunday afternoon, July 9th, beginning about 4:30. We hope that as many of the alumni possible will come and each can bring a guest. You don't have to fix baskets. That has been taken care of. Just try to come and encourage as many others as you can to do the same.