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GOVERNOR PRICE GIVES MESSAGE

Offers Plans for Tax and Revenue Increases

Important legislation already introduced at the week-old 1940 General Assembly session has sent State lawmakers off to a flying start. Measures covering a variety of major questions were placed in the legislative hopper within three or four days after the Assembly convened last Wednesday. Other bills are being whipped into final shape for early presentation. In his message at the opening of the 1940 Assembly, Governor James H. Price announced that he was preparing to recommend several important pieces of legislation, some designed to reduce the tax burden and others to up appropriations for public schools and relief. In his 14,000-word message at the joint session of the senate and the house the chief executive recommended legislation that is designed to save the taxpayers of the Old Dominion more than \$7,000,000 annually in the next biennium. At the same time he proposed that the public school appropriation for the next two fiscal years be increased \$2,519,465. The saving would accrue almost entirely to business men subject to the unemployment compensation tax, through the establishment of merit rating for employers with stable employment records.

Governor Price recommended adoption of a program to make the minimum State wage per teacher unit in the public schools \$720 a year, the amount to represent 80 per cent of the total annual salary, on condition that the cities and counties be required to pay at least 20 per cent of the total salary and as much as 30 per cent when financially able. Sponsors of the schools' "three-point" program had asked for approximately \$5,100,000 a year to finance their proposals, consisting of the \$720 State wage per teacher unit, free textbooks and an actuarially sound retirement system for teachers.

The chief executive urged abolition of the fee system as a means of compensating public officials, a reduction of the poll tax from \$1.50 to \$1, an increase of 25 men each year of the coming biennium to the State police force, and revision of the election laws to prevent fraud in mail ballots and prohibit the wholesale payment of poll taxes. He endorsed the proposal of the highway study commission that the primary and secondary systems be consolidated, but was silent on the 5-4 recommendation of constitutional amendment to prevent diversion of road funds. He asked the assembly to study carefully the report of State Auditor McCarthy Downs dealing with the "alarming" increase in the State's criminal costs. He suggested that additional savings in taxes might be made by reducing levies in cases where the revenues for special funds considerably exceed necessary expenditures. Reviewing the financial condition of the State, he said the budget was still balanced; that business indices in Virginia, as in the country at large, were at a high level; that the State public debt was no longer a matter of public concern and that Virginia's tax rates were low.

In his discussion of the State's much-criticized penal system, he said "our present method of handling crime" has developed a commitment rate to jails and penitentiary which is roughly four times the average for the nation, and that the cost of our jails and penitentiary has approximately quadrupled in 20 years. Some of the points he raised are covered in the series of jail reform bills which are being introduced at the assembly, the first four of which were presented last week as a result of recommendations made by the State Jail study commission.

The controversial marriage-test bill, providing for medical examination of all persons seeking to get marriage licenses were introduced last week with several copatrons. Carrying the endorsement of the Medical Society of Virginia, it is expected to have a better show than its forerunner, which was defeated two years ago, as it has been shown of many of the features that drew protests then.

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GARDEN CLUB TO MEET NEXT TUESDAY

The Manassas Garden Club will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. E. H. Marsteller on Tuesday, January 23rd, at 2:30 P. M. The guest speaker will be Mlle. Lea Boulogny, of Warrenton. She is the head of the Warrenton Country School for girls and a gardener of note.

MARINE CORPS TO BE ENLARGED

Local Drive Being Conducted In Response to President's Order

On January 24, blue coated Marines will arrive in Manassas. There seems to be a situation which the Leathernecks wish to have well in hand. There are vacancies in the ranks of Uncle Sam's Marines, vacancies waiting to be filled by ambitious young men. This opportunity for service with one of the most colorful military organizations in the world will be explained in detail by any member of the Marine Recruiting Party. Young men interested in travel, adventure, and education may find the Marine Recruiting Sergeant at the Post Office on January 24.

Because of the President's recent order authorizing an increase of Marines, the Corps is naturally desirous of filling the ranks as rapidly as possible. Undoubtedly, there are hundreds of young men who, although living fairly close to metropolitan areas, are not aware of the advantages offered by service with the Marine Corps. Therefore, recruiting parties are moving through the countryside, just as they did in the early days of the Marine Corps, to acquaint ambitious and adventurous young men with the life of a Marine, at sea, on land, or in the air. The Recruiting Sergeant who may be found at the Post Office on January 24, will be glad to give such men complete information.

Although Marines may travel to the far corners of the earth, they may also study and prepare themselves for profitable employment, if they decide to return to civilian life. There is an organization in the Marine Corps which is concerned primarily with the hopes and plans for the future of the individual Marine. This organization is the Marine Corps Institute and through its facilities every member of the Corps is offered educational opportunities without charge of any kind.

The courses offered by the Marine Corps Institute are identical with those offered by the International Correspondence Schools. The textbooks and instruction methods are the same, the only difference being that the lesson papers are corrected and graded by a specially trained Marine instructor. Upon graduation a regular International Correspondence Schools diploma, countersigned by direction of the Major General Commandant, is awarded. A special congratulatory letter from the Major General Commandant accompanies each diploma, and the fact of graduation is made a permanent part of a Marine's military record.

Senator Hudson Cary of Henrico County, perennial foe of stream pollution, has introduced his bill for the clearing of Virginia waterways, a measure opposed by the Virginia Manufacturers' association and held by a special conservation commission joint committee to impose too great hardships on industrial. The Cary bill proposes to stop all pollution of streams within a period of four years. A bill providing for a State board of conciliation and mediation in labor-employer disputes and designed to prevent strikes and lockouts will be introduced in the State soon by Senator Cary. The measure was prepared after two years of study by a special commission on employer-employee relations appointed at the 1938 session. The bill would make it a misdemeanor for a strike or a lockout to be called before the board has had time to study the situation and to suggest grounds for agreement. The measure is expected to bring about a fight since Portsmouth and Norfolk county representatives in the Assembly have been requested by the Portsmouth General Labor union to oppose proposals for creating a board of conciliation in labor matters.

Mrs. Ella Denton left for Miami, Fla., on Tuesday to spend the rest of the winter.

Any person desiring a change in any item of the budget, is requested to file same with Leaman Ledman, Clerk, by February 1st, 1940, so that budget committee may consider same.

WALTER LEE RECTOR

Mr. Walter Lee Rector, age 73, a resident of the town for most of his life, died here on Monday of last week after a lingering illness.

The deceased was born September 28, 1866, near Centreville, the son of John F. Rector and Frances Gheen, both of whom have been dead for some years.

Mr. Rector plied his trade as a tinner very successfully and was quite popular among a wide circle of friends.

His wife, the former Octavia Cross, died in 1937. Their two sons survive, Messrs. Arthur Lee Rector, of Washington, D. C., Julian Edward Rector, of Manassas. Mr. Rector also leaves a sister, Mrs. M. B. Halpenny, of Washington, and a half-sister, Mrs. Eugene Croson, of Clifton Station.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, January 10th, services being conducted by Rev. R. M. Graham at the Baptist Church. Interment at the Manassas cemetery.

SLEDDING PARTY

The proposed sledding party at the home of Miss Evelyn Reid, Saturday, January 13, turned out to be a failure so far as the sleigh riding was concerned. Because of the weather the party was held inside and a good time was had by all, especially by one who was "Sweet Sixteen."

The guests were Misses Evelyn Reid, Hazel Hottle, Patsy Merchant, Hazel Weaver, Elizabeth Merchant, Dorothy Lawson, and Mrs. Fife, Messrs. William Reid, Clinton Purcell, Robert Reid, Allen Fairfax, Rue Purcell, Carter Crouch, Semarian Payne, Walter Merchant, Willard Weaver, Stewart Reid, Earl Fife, Mr. Reid and Mr. Bateman.

Refreshments were served later in the evening.

STUART ELLISON BEVANS

Stuart Ellison Bevans died Wednesday morning, January 10th, at his home in Manassas after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held at the home last Friday at 1:00. Rev. A. Stuart Gibson officiated. Burial was in Ivy Hill Cemetery, Laurel, Maryland.

The pallbearers were Dr. George Coker and Messrs. G. G. Allen, Bruce Hynson C. A. Sinclair, J. L. Bushong and E. G. Parrish.

Mr. Bevans had been employed with Lucas Brothers in Baltimore as a salesman for 30 years. He had made his home in Manassas for the past 27 years. He was the son of the late Andrew Bevans and Julia Ellison, of Laurel, Maryland.

He is survived by his wife, Clara Tavenner Bevans, a daughter, Rena, and one sister, Mrs. Emory Chinn, of Laurel, Maryland.

Mr. Bevans had many friends here in Manassas, where he had made his home for so many years, and they extend their deepest sympathy to the family.

Mr. Henderson Pitts and Miss Martha Pitts, of Clinton, S. C., have been visiting their sister, Mrs. J. B. Johnson, for a few days.

Miss Alice Elam, of Barboursville, Va., was the guest of Misses Amelia and Isabelle Patton last week end.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. R. J. Adamson and hope she will begin to improve right away.

LEGISLATURE ASKED TO AID IN T. B. WORK

Full weight of the Virginia Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated organizations throughout Virginia will be thrown behind the request of Dr. I. C. Riggin, State Health Commissioner, to the General Assembly for more free beds for the treatment of indigent tuberculosis patients, additional beds at Piedmont Sanatorium for negroes and for an increase in the appropriation for the surgical treatment of tuberculosis.

This announcement was made yesterday by Thomas C. Boushall of Richmond, chairman of the Legislative Committee of the tuberculosis association.

In his budget request to Governor Price, Dr. Riggin had asked facilities for 100 more beds for negroes at Piedmont Sanatorium, Mr. Boushall said, in addition to the new building now under construction, and to convert more of the present beds at Catawba and Blue Ridge to free beds.

The tuberculosis association also will urge the General Assembly to provide an additional \$10,000 per year for pneumothorax treatments, and a special appropriation of \$5,000 to make X-ray examinations for in-lung program. Mr. Boushall stated digests possible in a wider case find that prior to July 1938 many patients otherwise not needing hospital care had to remain in the sanatorium in order to receive pneumothorax.

BULL RUN GRANGE HAS INSTALLATION

Group Would Urge Agriculture Room At School

Bull Run Grange held its installation officers Thursday night, Jan. 11th. The attendance was good and we hope it will continue throughout the year. Brother Ankers from the Pioneer Grange, Falls Church, did the installing, which was very beautiful and impressive.

The following are officers for 1940:

Master Mr. William Corder, Haymarket; overseer Wade Smith, Waterfall; lecturer Miss Mildred Ewell; steward, Mr. Hamilton Latham; assistant steward, Mr. Rolfe Robertson; lady assistant, Miss Anita Shumate; chaplain, Mrs. Winston Carter; secretary, Mrs. Willis Foley; treasurer, Mrs. Preston Smith; Cerese, Mrs. Stewart Pickett; Pamona, Mrs. Della Bentley; Flora, Mrs. Hamilton Latham; door keeper, Mr. George Carter; executive committee, Mr. C. B. Roland, Mr. George Gosson and Mr. Jack Crew.

After the installation of officers, the business for 1940 came up before the meeting, at which time the erection of an agriculture building for Haymarket school was discussed. There is much interest in this project, and it is very much hoped it will materialize for it, is much needed and certainly would encourage the boys as well as their parents to know they had a better place to continue their instructions under a very fine agriculture teacher, Mr. Fishpaw.

After the meeting adjourned, coffee and sandwiches were served, and we enjoyed the social chat we always have after each Grange meeting. Meetings are held in the Masonic hall, twice each month, second and fourth Thursday night. All Grange members in the county are cordially invited. At the next meeting we hope to offer all officers making a perfect record for attendance, a gold Grange pin which is something worth while working for.

AN APOLOGY

Just as the Journal was about to go on press last week, the linotype machine went out of commission. It was impossible at that late hour to make all corrections, and while there were only a few mistakes still uncorrected, yet the management desires those who did note errors to understand just how the thing happened.

N. Y. A. SPONSORS NATIONAL GROUP

Famous Conductor Will Tour South American With Orchestra

Applications from young Virginia musicians for places in a symphony orchestra being recruited from all over the nation through the National Youth Administration by Leopold Stokowski for a tour of the Latin American countries are being received through the music department of the State Board of Education, the State office of the N. Y. A., according to an announcement made by Dr. Walter S. Newman, State Administrator of the N. Y. A., Richmond.

Dr. Luther A. Richman, Supervisor of Music for the State Board of Education, who is handling the arrangements for receiving applications and auditions has issued a call to all the music departments of Virginia schools and colleges, to private teachers of music, and musical individuals for applications from talented young people between 16 and 25 years of age who perform on symphonic instruments and wish to try out for the famous conductor's "All American Youth Orchestra."

According to plans formulated yesterday by Dr. Richman and N. Y. A. officials, applications from students studying in music departments of schools and colleges will be handled through the schools and the State Department of Education. Applications from individuals not connected with a school will be handled by the N. Y. A., and be received either through the Assistant Directors throughout the State or at the State headquarters. Local applicants should apply to Mrs. Virginia Lewis, Assistant Director N. Y. A.,

A recommendation from a qualified musician will be required with each application. Preliminary auditions will be held until March 15. Students studying in schools and colleges will be heard through arrangements to be made with their instructors. Other applicants will be given auditions by qualified musicians to be designated later, according to Dr. Richman's plans.

Musicians selected from Virginia will be sent to one of the eight regional auditions to be arranged by Mr. Stokowski and final hearings will be held by the orchestra leader in April.

Dr. Richman pointed out yesterday that the National Youth Administration and the State Department of Education are cooperating with Mr. Stokowski in recruiting the "All American Youth Orchestra" in the interest of young musicians and that the orchestra has no official connection with the National Youth Administration. The musicians finally selected will be paid by Mr. Stokowski and that neither the Department of Education nor the National Youth Administration can pay the transportation of applicants to the State or regional auditions. All arrangements incident to the final auditions, to be held in April, and the tour itself will be arranged by Mr. Stokowski.

To guide in the selection of applicants, Mr. Stokowski instructed the N. Y. A. that "General requirements of the players are that they be within an age range of about 16 to 25, with no restrictions regarding race, color, or sex. Great ability as orchestra players and a good technique is necessary. But even more important are beauty of tone, variety of tone color, good phrasing, musical feeling, imagination, poetry. "The players should concentrate especially on beauty of tone, good phrasing, and ability to play very loud and very soft. It would be taken for granted that they read music fluently, have a good ear and play in tune. Orchestral experience is valuable but not one of the most important requisites. Great talent is more important than experience."

ATHLETICS SHOW MUCH INTEREST

Local School Urges Boosters To Attend Games

The strong Manassas High School girls basketball team rang up their second victory of the season by defeating the Aldie Lassies 25-22.

The two teams were tied 10-10 at the intermission. Aldie took the lead at the end of the third quarter and from this point on, the Manassas girls turned on the heat and forged on to victory and to administer Aldie their first defeat of the season.

The game was officiated by Downs of Herndon who runs the game as it should be, with as little personal contact as possible.

This is the second victory for Manassas having defeated Occoquan 40-9.

The lone defeat came at the hands of Haymarket 30-18.

If any of you, want to see good basketball played be sure to see the teams that represent your High School and Town.

Be sure to be on hand Friday night to support your High School teams against Herndon.

Box Score:

Manassas	Aldie
Bauserman (C) 9..F..12 Rbt. (C)	
Beeton 12..F..5	Carter, B.
Parrish, N. 0..F..0	Carter, M.
Harris 0..F..0	
Swank, T. 4..G..5	Pearson
Wilkinson 0..G..0	Gremes
Allport 0..G..0	Cooper
Swank, A. 0..G..0	Ferguson
Akers 0..G..0	Long
Dowell 0..G..0	Graham
Referee Downs Herndon.	
Basket Ball Standing	

Section D	W	L	P
Boys			
Occoquan	2	0	1000
Manassas	1	1	500
Herndon	1	2	333
Haymarket	1	2	333
Friday's Results: Manassas 36			
Haymarket 18. Occoquan 19			
Herndon 18.			
Girls	W	L	P
Haymarket	3	0	1000
Manassas	1	1	500
Herndon	1	2	333
Occoquan	0	2	000
Friday's Results: Haymarket 37			
Manassas 17. Herndon 26 Occoquan 10			

COUNTY SCHOOLS INTERESTED IN BUILDING WORK

The county school board held its January meeting last Wednesday, with all members present.

There will be a special meeting later in the month to consider the annual budget.

Teacher changes were: Mrs. Lillian Carden temporarily assigned at Quantico, vice Miss Harriet Chilton, resigned; and Mrs. Lynn Glover assigned to the lower grade at Bethel school since the holidays.

A committee from the Haymarket P. T. A. composed of Mrs. Harry Dogan and Mrs. Will Brower appeared in the interest of additional rooms at the Haymarket High school.

While the Board was favorably inclined to the matter, it was explained that no funds would be available during the current year.

A delegation from Occoquan High also appeared in the interest of the building program there. Mr. Webb acted as spokesman for the group. Plans and specifications were discussed.

Except for routine payment of bills, nothing else of note took place at the meeting.

LOCAL BUSINESS HOUSE TO SPONSOR MOVIE

The John Deere Plan Company, through the sponsorship of the Manassas Hardware Company, will hold its John Deere Day on January, 1940, at Pitts' Theatre beginning at 10:00 A. M.

The pictures and talks to be shown and heard that day promise to be the best that have ever been put out by the John Deere Plan Company.

Among the many other interesting things to be heard and seen, you will also be able to see the different John Deere machines in actual operation including the new model L tractor and Nos. 11 and 12 combines.

This entertainments entirely free and the sponsors invite each and every farmer and those interested to come.

Attend the P. T. A. Dance at Haymarket on Friday, January 19th, from

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

Rev. J. J. Widmer, after recuperating from a heavy attack of laryngitis, is much better and will be back at the Rectory before the week end.

Messrs. D. J. Arrington, C. M. Harris, Frank G. Sigman and Col. Robert A. Hutchison attended the Kiwanis mid-winter conference held at the Monticello Hotel in Charlottesville, this week.

Miss Elam was a member of the Bennett School faculty last year.

Mr. James Birkett returned last week after spending the holidays with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Claude Cockerill, in San Gabriel, Calif. He flew out and back and had a very pleasant trip, this being the first time he had traveled by air.

Rev. A. W. Ballentine returned to the Sheltering Arms Hospital, Richmond, on Wednesday for an operation. Mrs. Ballentine accompanied him and will remain with him for sometime. We hope he will return to Manassas much improved in health.

Mrs. Roswell Round, of Maxwell Fier, Ala., arrived last night for a visit with her mother, Mrs. A. A. Maloney.

Mrs. Florence Gue was called to her home in State Center, Iowa, last Thursday by the illness of her father, Mr. C. H. Hilleman.

Right Rev. F. D. Goodwin, of Richmond, Va., will be the guest of Rev. A. Stuart Gibson at the