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## SCHOOL BILL IS WELL SPONSORED

### Other Bills Of State Wide Interest

Following a brief digest, together with numbers of bills and patrons, that have been introduced into either the House of Senate.

HB 93. To provide for the compensation of the former judge of any circuit court, or of the corporation or other court of record of any city of the first class, when he shall have attained the age of seventy years and shall have served continuously as judge of such court for not less than fifteen years, but who, because of such court having been abolished prior to the enactment of the present law providing for the retirement and compensation of certain judges, is not eligible for retirement and compensation under such law; and to appropriate funds for the reform. Holleman. Committee on Appropriations.

HB 95. To revise, consolidate, amend and codify the general laws of Virginia relating to the retirement of teachers and others from the public schools and certain institutions of learning, to that end to repeal Chapter 36 and sections 787 to 805, both inclusive, of the Code of Virginia, relating to the retirement of teachers; and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding thereto, in lieu of the numbered 787 to 803, both inclusive, providing for a state-wide retirement system, to be known as "The Virginia State Teachers' Retirement System," for all full time professional, secretarial, and clerical employees of local public school boards of the several State Teachers' Colleges, and of the State Schools for the Deaf and Blind in the Commonwealth of Virginia, providing for the administration of such system, membership therein, and the payment of benefits thereunder, requiring contributions by members and by the State of Virginia to provide funds for the operation of such retirement system, regulating the investment of such funds, providing that all such funds and all such benefits accruing to members under the retirement system herein provided for shall be exempt from taxation, and not subject to execution or other legal process, prescribing penalties for violations, and appropriating money for, and in aid of, the purposes of this act. Patrons: Louderback, Scott, Daniel, White, Breeden Randolph, Hopkins, H. H. Adams, Triplett, Long, Sebrell, Humphries, Boschen, Fitzpatrick, Chapman, Baldwin, Holleman, Folkes, Sanford, Breneman, Ferguson, Hutchens, I. N. Coleman, Spiers, Bustard, H. B. Davis, Walton, Cassell, F. P. Miller, Fenwick, Spottswood, Moses, Blackwell, Goode, Zigler, Bosenberg, Ruffin, Buchanan, Martin, Edwards, Conner, Crockett, Delp, Calhoun, L. N. Davis, Burks, Hutchinson, Hammack, Pruner, Waldrop, Burnett Miller, Warren, H. McK. Smith, Cohoon, Bruce, McCue, Massie, Davidson, Spangler, Chitwood, Abernathy, Bazile, Dodd, V. C. Smith, H. C. Rogers, Harris, Clark, Robertson, R. B. Davis, Irvine, Wolfe, King, Williams, Perkins, Stephens, Poindexter, Gray, Goodwin, W. H. Adams, Garrett and Moss. Committee on Appropriations.

SB 82. To create the Negro Memorial Commission and prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for the appointment of the members of such commission; to authorize the said commission to erect a suitable memorial of the landing of the first permanent group of African negroes in Virginia; and to appropriate funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this act. Wright. Committee on Finance.

SB 84. To amend, revise, compile and collate into one act the general laws of the Commonwealth relating to (1) State highways, including roads, causeways, bridges, ferries, landings, streets and wharves, (2) the State Highway Commission, the State Highway Commissioner and the members of the State Highway Commission, and (3) the allocation and distribution of funds, appropriated and available for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, operation and repair of the said State highways, and appropriated and available for distribution upon certain conditions to certain counties, cities and towns; and to provide for the consolidation of the Primary System of State highways into a single State Highway System; and to repeal certain

## WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET MONDAY

The Manassas Woman's Club will meet on Monday afternoon, February 12th, at 2:30 P. M., in the Parish hall. Mr. Harry P. Davis and Mr. W. M. Johnson will talk on "Our Local Government."

The hostesses will be Mrs. Margaret Lewis, Mrs. Robert Lewis, Mrs. Charles Linton, Mrs. William L. Lloyd, Miss Margaret Lynch and Mrs. Charles Lynn.

## HOLDS FURNITURE CLINICS SOON

### Home Demonstration Clubs Invite Public To Attend

Home Demonstration Club members and their neighbors are busy selecting pieces of furniture that need repairing, remodeling or refinishing to be taken to the Furniture Clinics in February. Unusable furniture that homemakers have been sweeping around for many years as well as lovely old pieces of furniture stored in the attic or barn are being made ready for clinics by removing the old finish, by an approved method suggested by Miss Alice Webb, Home Demonstration Agent, at the January meetings.

At the clinics furniture of poor design will be remodeled such as oak bed with headboards too high for convenience or beauty and bearing poorly designed ornamentation will be brought up to date by cutting down the headboard and refinishing the wood, leaving a bed with pleasing simple lines; old unattractive dressers which are over ornamental and heavy looking will be remodeled by removing elaborate portions of frame around mirror, and replacing cheap brass handles with wooden knobs; old washstands will be changed into attractive desk, dressing tables, or end tables.

Loose furniture needing minor repairs, such as gluing, bracing, etc., will be repaired.

Chest of drawers, sofas, tables, chairs, etc., of fine woods such as mahogany, walnut, cherry, maple and pine will be refinished in the correct way.

Chairs will be reseat with cane, fiber or grass, and overstuffed furniture will have springs retied and will be reupholstered.

The public is invited to attend the clinics providing they bring a piece of furniture to work on, plenty of old rags, newspapers and small change for other materials needed. Anyone interested in attending the clinic is urged to get in touch with Miss Alice Webb by writing or phoning Manassas 237 any morning between 8:30 and 9:30.

Brentsville Court House: Thursday, February 8, at 9:30.  
Wellington Farmers Hall: Tuesday, February 13, at 10:00.  
Woodbridge, Home of Mrs. G. M. Krain: Thursday, February 15, at 10:00.  
Aden, Home Demonstration Club 10:00.

Watch paper for announcement of clinics at Dumfries, Greenwich, Aden, and Hickory Grove.

Plan to attend one of these clinics, learn how to restore your furniture and save dollars.

## TAKES OFFICE AS MEMBER OF CAPITOL ABC BOARD

Early this week, William Payne Meredith, a native of this county, was sworn in as member of the ABC Board of Washington City, succeeding the late Isaac Gans who had previously retired from the Board.

Mr. Meredith, who was born Brentsville and reared in that vicinity, is widely known throughout the county. For a number of years he resided at Manassas. He is the son of Elisha Meredith, commonwealth's attorney, state senator and later the only Prince William man to represent the 8th District in Congress since the War between the States.

Old timers are naturally well acquainted with the Meredith family, and all of them wish Mr. Meredith the best of luck in his new position. (Ed. note: Recently this paper ran a story clipped from a bulletin published in Washington. By error of some sort we referred to Mr. Meredith as a "Gainesville" man.)

acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act. Weaver, Vaden, and Wright. Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

## LET HIM IN!



## KIWANIS CLUB RECEIVES TWO MORE MEMBERS

Delegate Ed. Conner was the headliner at the Kiwanis Club last Friday evening, with his take-off of doings in Richmond.

A brief course for Kiwanis officers was ordered for Monday evening at President Dave's, with Governor Art Stickley attending.

"O. D." then inducted Sheriff John Kerlin into the mysteries of Kiwanis. Incidentally he reviewed considerable of what the club had done for the community in the past fifteen years. O. D. welcomed Charley Lynn back into the fold.

On a grievance claim, Dudley Martin got a nice new pin which he claimed was the first and only he had ever received. John was given his also at the same time, Vice President Frank officiating in the deed.

Mr. Alpaugh then introduced Mayor Davis who gave a talk on a recent sanitary ordinance which, it is claimed, is to severe for certain communities to comply with. As a result, a committee was appointed to appear before the Board of Supervisors today and inquire further.

Father Jim Widmer was in attendance by permission of his physician having only the night before fallen on the ice in an effort to assist a parishioner who had just fallen in front of the Rectory.

## DANCE FOR PARALYSIS FUND IC SUCCESSFUL

The President's Birthday Ball, for the benefit of the Warm Springs Foundation Fund, was held last Friday evening at the high school gymnasium. The slippery streets and intensely cold weather depressed the size of the crowd, but not the spirits of those who attended, everyone reporting a splendid time.

Judge Brown had secured a fine orchestra and the lovely flowers donated by Milton Comley, and Rector's, two florists establishments in Arlington County, being especially appreciated.

The committee on arrangements, with Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, Chairman, and the committee on tickets, with Mrs. Edgar Parrish, Chairman, are to be specially commended for their splendid services. All other committee chairmen are to be equally congratulated.

As this goes to press no definite figure has been given for the net proceeds but it is thought to be around \$100.

## DATE OF P. C. W. MEETING CHANGED

The Postal Clerks' Wives Club will meet at the home of Mrs. C. B. Compton, Thursday, February 22, at 7:30. Please note change in date.

## PROUD PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Best are the proud parents of a baby son, Irvin, Jr., born yesterday afternoon and weighing 7 1/2 lbs. Mother and son are getting along nicely.

Mrs. John Holt Merchant will entertain the Wednesday Nite Bridge Club next week.

## CONTINUES AS BLOSSOM FESTIVAL DIRECTOR



Tom Baldrige

A precedent is being established this week in naming as Director General for the Seventeenth Annual Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival, Tom Baldrige, young Caverns head and civic leader. Although previously the limit has been two years, Mr. Baldrige will this year serve for the third consecutive season. The formal announcement was made today by H. Clay DeGrange, Chairman of the Festival Executive Committee following a final meeting this morning of the Director General Selection Committee. The Committee consisting of J. Victor Arthur, Chairman, Garland R. Quarles and Harry F. Byrd, Jr., received and expressed their thanks for a communication from the Board of Directors of Skyline Caverns of Front Royal, granting permission for Mr. Baldrige, their General Manager, to again this year handle the direction of Winchester's annual outdoor extravaganza.

"Tom" as he is known here in Winchester and throughout the state has for the past several years been identified with practically every civic and charitable movement of a general nature staged in Northern Virginia. Mr. Baldrige, who resides in Winchester and maintains offices at the Skyline Caverns, near the Front Royal Entrance of Skyline Drive, is an active member of a number of organizations. He is currently President of The Virginia State Junior Chamber of Commerce, a member of The Board of Directors of Shenandoah Valley, Incorporated, and is also serving on a state advertising committee for The Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

When contacted today, the new 1940 fete head said that he had no statement to make at this time except that he and several of the Executive Committeemen, since last fall, have been quietly working on several basic activities of the Festival and that the Festival office would be officially opened within a week or ten days.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AT HAYMARKET BAPTIST CHURCH

The World Day of Prayer will be observed by a Community Service in the Baptist Church, Haymarket, on Friday, February 9th, at 8:00 P. M.

## PAY YOUR DOG TAXES NOW

The County Game Warden is repeating his plea that everyone secure their dog tags at once. Due to the recent bad weather, he has been rather lenient in his enforcement of the law but now that traveling conditions have improved and the weather is much better, he will begin immediately to canvass all dog owners to see if tags have been purchased.

## ASK LEGISLATIVE AID FOR T. B. WORK

### Extension Among Negro Patients Especially Needed

In the light of Virginia's progress toward the control of tuberculosis, the continuing need for still further advances looking toward the eradication of the disease are being pictured before the State's lawmakers, now in session here, according to a statement made yesterday by Thomas C. Boushall, chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Virginia Tuberculosis Association.

Appearing before a joint session of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, Mr. Boushall explained that the most pressing need in the Old Dominion's war against the white plague was for more beds for Negro patients, and additional funds for the extension of surgical treatment.

Most sanatorium patients who receive pneumothorax treatment at one of the 47 stations established in the State with funds appropriated by the last General Assembly, Mr. Boushall pointed out, are thereby enabled to return to their homes and consequently release sanatorium beds for other patients.

Indicating the progress made in reducing tuberculosis among the whites, J. Vaughan Gary, President of the Virginia Tuberculosis Association, emphasized Virginia's death rate had been cut from 116.7 per 100,000 population in 1915 to 48.0 in 1938.

But the picture of the ravages of the disease among the colored population was quite different, Mr. Gary said. In 1915 the Negro death rate stood at 328.0, and, while the methods of control had brought about a large reduction, the Negro death rate in 1938 stood at 146.1, far higher than the mortality among whites was twenty-five years ago.

According to Mr. Boushall and Mr. Gary, the chief need at present is for the addition of 100 more beds at Piedmont Sanatorium for Negroes. They pointed out that the number would only provide a fraction of the number actually needed.

## TRI COUNTY PHONE COMPANY IMPROVES ITS LINES

According to announcement by C. B. Roland, manager of the Tri-County Telephone Company, the new rates allowed by the State Corporation Commission have gone into effect and subscribers were notified of this fact within the past week by Secretary Stanley Owens. This will not apply to Loudoun County as yet, and also has certain exceptions among its subscribers.

This company, which centers about Haymarket, extends into lower Fauquier and Loudoun Counties. It was largely put into its present form by the work of Mr. Roland who took over the old, outmoded system and introduced the magneto style and established much better lines.

One of the subscribers near Buckland, who has four phones, only recently praised the service as on a par with metropolitan centers.

Three operators work at the Haymarket switch board which may be the eventual center of all the lines. Twenty four hour service there is now being used.

W. S. Jenkins, president of the Peoples Bank at Lessburg, is president of the corporation.

## NEW HEALTH OFFICER ASSUMES DUTIES

Dr. J. Melver Jackson, formerly assistant health officer of Fairfax County, has taken over the work of county health officer of Prince William, succeeding Dr. Garnett Sneed on the first of this month. He and Mrs. Jackson have already moved to Manassas, locating on Lee Avenue near the Court House.

## SCHOOL RATING IS ENDANGERED

### Board Requested To Defer Enforcement Of New Regulations

The County School Board held its regular meeting yesterday, having previously authorized the presentation of the annual budget to the Board of Supervisors at a special meeting held for that purpose.

Plans for the addition to Occoquan High School were ordered to be completed and the Clerk of the Board given authority to advertise for bids as soon as said plans are ready.

A matter of particular moment to the citizens of Gainesville District came up at this meeting. Attention was called to the fact that at the present time Haymarket High School does not meet the requirements as set up by the State Board of Education, to become effective after this term.

Briefly, some of the requisites are a minimum average attendance of 75 or more in the high school department, and teachers with certain qualifications, including a librarian.

In order that the Board may have another school term in which to operate before all of these conditions become effective, the State Board was requested by resolutions passed yesterday, to allow the Haymarket High School to operate under present requirements for one more session and thus allow the County School Board this additional time in which to make a thorough study of the situation.

The Board will meet again on March 6th, at which time principals will be elected for the next session. Teachers in service will be elected at the regular meeting on April 3rd.

## CLUB OFFICERS MEET WITH PRESIDENT ARRINGTON

President D. J. Arrington had a meeting at his house Monday night for the officers, board of directors and chairman of the committees of the Kiwanis Club. The purpose of the meeting was the education of these men in their new positions.

R. C. Haydon, a former president, and chairman of the Committee on Kiwanis Education, was asked to conduct the meeting. He outlined the Kiwanis method of functioning through its committees and more particularly through the chairman of each committee.

Each chairman is given a comprehensive outline of his duties by Kiwanis headquarters and such additional material and suggestions as he may need. In this way, he is able to accomplish the objective of his particular job and contribute to the club's ideal of serving the community.

R. A. Hutchison outlined the procedure necessary when a matter of public interest is referred to the club for action. As all the members may not be fully conversant with all the facts, it is referred to the committee that has jurisdiction in order that the club may take proper action.

Kiwanis is desirous of serving Manassas and Prince William to the best interests of all concerned and feels that if its officers, directors and committee chairman are fully conversant with all their responsibilities, that the club can do so.

Those attending were R. C. Haydon, C. M. Harris, R. A. Hutchison, W. L. Lloyd, R. W. Peters, G. R. Ratcliffe, A. H. Roseberry, F. G. Sigman, H. Tiffany and Rev. J. J. Widmer.

## MRS. MAGGIE BUSHONG

Word was received last night Wednesday, February 6, of the passing of Miss Maggie Bushong a resident of Manassas for many years.

Miss Bushong would have reached her 90th mile stone in March next and until recent months was active, hale and hearty.

Funeral arrangements were not available with the message. She will be hurried at Woodstock, the home of her birth.

## P. T. A. MEETING

The regular meeting of the Manassas P. T. A. will be held at the Bennett School on Thursday, February 15, at 3:00 P. M.

A Founder's Day program of special interest has been arranged and all members all urged to be present.