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ASK INFORMATION ON BOOK PRICES

Last Minute Legislation Of Interest At Richmond

A call for an investigation of textbook prices in Virginia was made by the Senate yesterday, while the House was receiving bills to increase the minimum State pay per teacher unit to \$720 and to repeal the judicial retirement system established by the General Assembly in 1938.

The Weaver resolution for a referendum on a proposed amendment to the Constitution to prevent road fund diversion, which was passed by the Senate Thursday, was sent by the House to its Roads Committee along with the Wright Senate resolution which merely would put the Assembly on record as opposed to diversion.

The Senate passed the Coleman bill, already adopted by the House, authorizing the State Supreme Court rather than the Governor to name judges in annexation proceedings and to fill a vacancy on an annexation court in case any one of its judges is disqualified.

Action on the bill to tax the income of Federal employees was deferred by the Senate Finance Committee pending an opinion by the attorney-general.

It was on motion of Senator Vivan Page of Norfolk that the upper house adopted a resolution requesting the State auditor to investigate textbook prices to determine whether or not publishers are charging Virginia higher prices for school books than they are charging neighboring States, in violation of their contract with this State.

The upper branch rejected a House amendment to the bill by Senator Robert W. Daniel of Brandon adding 20 miles of State park roads to the primary highway system. The amendment, by J. Tinsley Coleman of the House, would add to the system 4,000 miles of roads leading from main highways to public schools.

Senator William M. Tuck said he would favor an amendment that would put in the highway system roads from main highways to recognized high schools.

The veteran Senator Henry T. Wickham of Hanover, president pro tempore of the Senate, who is presiding in the absence of Lieutenant-Governor Saxon W. Holt, who is ill, was honored signally by both houses in a resolution requesting him to address the Assembly during the current session. The senate then adopted another resolution providing for a portrait of Senator Wickham to be placed in the Senate chamber. A similar resolution for a portrait of Lieutenant-Governor Holt, intended for presentation yesterday, will be submitted Monday.

A new bill to regulate barber shops and beauty parlors was introduced by Senators Page and Norris. It is a modification of similar bills defeated in previous years and is said to have the endorsement of the State Board of Health and the State Board of Education. It establishes a regulatory board and provides sanitary and educational standards. Barber schools would be under the supervision of the State Board of Education, while the sanitary standard would be regulated by the State Health Board.

The regulatory board would consist of six members to be appointed by the Governor, one of whom would have to be a Negro barber and one a Negro beautician.

Senator Charles W. Crowder introduced a bill to include insanity as a ground for divorce if the person involved is declared incurably insane after five years of illness. He also offered a bill to allow an appeal from the local Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court to Hastings Court, Part 2, in cases originating in South Richmond.

A bill by Senators Parks, Stuart and Caudill would prevent a person not a citizen of the United States from obtaining a license to sell beer and wine, and would declare as an "unsuitable" place for an ABC license any place not owned wholly or in part by a citizen of the United States unless it is owned by a corporation.

Senator Caudill offered a bill to transfer Wythe County from the Fifth to the Ninth Congressional District.

The Senate Court of Justice Committee yesterday afternoon reported a bill defining a "newspaper" in which required legal notices may be placed

KIWANIS CLUB ASSIGNS NEW MEMBERS TO DUTIES

Autobiographies (brevities) were the product of the program chairman's mind last Friday evening at the regular meeting of the Kiwanis club.

Many interesting side lights concerning town celebrities were developed in this discussion.

New members added since January 1st were placed on committee work of the Washington club yesterday.

SUPERVISORS HOLD MEETING

Delinquent Taxes And Fines For Drunkenness Sought

At the board's request on Monday Clerk James Ashby had prepared a list of unpaid taxes for the 10-year period, the total sum approaching \$20,000. The notices will be mailed in the near future.

The supervisors decided to seek no change in the fox hunting laws in the county after being advised against such steps by the State Game Commission. A number of landowners petitioned the supervisors last month to ask the commission to repeal the existing law to permit hunting of foxes with guns throughout the year.

Basis of the petition was the claim that foxes had become so numerous in Stafford they were killing off small game. The landowners also asked that the supervisors offer a bounty for foxes. But, there will be no bounty and no change of regulations, as they now stand.

The recommendation of Commonwealth's Attorney R. H. L. Chichester that the supervisors adopt a resolution which would divert fines collected from persons convicted of drunkenness from the state treasury into the county's coffers was acted on favorably.

The board requested Mr. Chichester to draft a resolution requesting the General Assembly to pass a bill authorizing the county to issue building permits for all buildings costing \$500 or more to erect. The resolution will be forwarded to the Assembly when adopted.

The supervisors began active preparation 1940-41 budget and transacted other business as follows:

Heard Superintendent T. Benton Gayle discuss school finances;

Took under consideration a proposal of the Ruritan Club, presented by Webb Midyette, that traffic signals be purchased for placing in roads near schools;

Authorized the Public Health and Welfare Association, for which Mr. Midyette also appeared as spokesman, to issue membership tags at \$1.00 each to be placed on automobiles;

Provided funds for continuing the W. P. A. sewing room, which now has 17 women workers;

Took under advisement for investigation a request from G. W. Massey, Sr., of Brooke, that the old railroad bed from road from Brooke northward be closed. Mr. Massey claims ownership of the entrance of the road where his general store is located.

FURNITURE CLINICS

Do you have furniture needing repair work such as glueing, reseating, springs tied or refinishing? If so, join the Home Demonstration Clubs in their Clinics scheduled as follows:

Friday, February 16, 10:00 A. M., Aden Club Room.

Thursday, February 22, 10:00 A. M., Greenwich O. F. A. Hall.

Friday, February 23, 10:00 A. M., Dumfries School.

Monday, February 26, 1:00 P. M., Mrs. John Barrett.

Wednesday, February 28, 10:00 A. M., Aden Club Room.

Thursday, February 29, 10:00 Mrs. C. T. Keys, Brentsville.

If a clinic is not scheduled for your community, contact your Home Demonstration Agent.

as one printed in the English language and having a bona fide list of subscribers. The committee struck out a provision which would have required that a newspaper to be eligible for such legal notices, must have been in existence one year.

Mrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe and Miss Rose Ratcliffe were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Waters in Culpeper, Va., last weekend.

BELOVED SOCIAL AND CIVIC LEADER DIES AT HER HOME IN MANASSAS

Mrs. Fannie Care Thornton, widow of the late Judge J. B. T. Thornton, died at her home in Manassas on Friday, February 9, at 4:45 A. M. after an illness which had extended over a period of two years, during which time, however, she continued as active interest in the social and civic affairs of the community as her failing strength would permit.

Mrs. Thornton was born December 17, 1859 at Port Royal, Caroline County, Virginia, and was the daughter of Ezra and Julia Care Bauder. She moved to Brentsville, Prince William County, when in her early teens and there married the Commonwealth's Attorney of the County, James Bankhead Taylor Thornton, a young man who had already made his mark in the legal profession, both here and in Mississippi where he had been in law-partnership with the late Senator John Sharp Williams. Upon death of his father, the younger Thornton had returned to his native county where he formed a partnership with Congressman Meredith, and rose rapidly, becoming Judge of this Judicial Circuit and distinguished throughout the State for his judicial wisdom and fairness. When the Court House was moved from Brentsville to Manassas the Thorntons came here and played a conspicuous part in the development of the social, civic and commercial life of our Town and County.

Mrs. Thornton's social standing, and her charming hospitality attracted many notable visitors to Manassas and her organizing ability brought into being many local institutions and organizations which have continued

to flourish and contribute to the upbuilding of the community. She was an organizer and one of the first officers of the Guild of Trinity Episcopal Church, a charter member of the Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and one of the founders of the Parent-Teachers Association of the Bennett School. She was Chairman of the Bi-Centennial Celebration which was so successful in Prince William County and entertained many of the distinguished visitors who came here to participate in the various Dairy Festivals.

Funeral services were held from her home on Sunday afternoon, February 11. The Rev. J. F. Burks, former Rector of Trinity Church officiated and interment was in the family vault in the local cemetery. The active pall-bearers were all nephews of the deceased and were Messrs. Hawes Thornton Davies, Jr., and James Jenkyn Davies, of Manassas, William Willis Thornton and James Bankhead Taylor Thornton Davies, of Arlington, and John Jenkyn Davies and John Andrew Davies, of Culpeper, and McDuff Green, of Brentsville.

The passing of Mrs. Thornton was the occasion of widespread sorrow throughout the county, as was attested by the lovely floral offerings and the deep sorrow of those who gathered to pay their past tribute to one who for so many years had endeared herself by charm of personality, social accomplishments, fine qualities of character and untiring devotion, not only to those who were near and dear, but also to welfare and progress of the whole community where she had lived so happily for three quarters of a century.

LYDIA VIRGINIA FITZWATER

Lydia Virginia Fitzwater, age 70, died at her home in Nokesville, Va., February 10th, 1940. Mrs. Fitzwater was born in Rockingham County, Va., April 20, 1869. She was the daughter of William and Mary Stultz. She was the wife of I. B. Fitzwater and they had walked side by side for 64 years.

She leaves to mourn her loss five sons: Charles, and Oather, both of Nokesville, Roy, of Arlington, Frank, of Harrisonburg, and Clell, of Manassas; four daughters: Mrs. J. C. Snyder and Miss Delia Fitzwater, both of Nokesville, Mrs. Charles Albrite, of Manassas, Mrs. Susie Hedrick, of Washington.

Twenty grandchildren: Mrs. William Holland, Mrs. Perry Knapp, both of Arlington, Mrs. Leroy Darrough, Mrs. William Bowers, Howard Snyder, and Miss Margaret Hedrick, of Washington, John Snyder, Jr., Misses Virginia and Betty Snyder, Jean, Harry and Junior Fitzwater, Elizabeth Armistead Fitzwater, Buddy Hedrick, all of Nokesville, Billy Fitzwater, of Harrisonburg, Mrs. Ferris Gue, Claude, Waldo, Clyde and Welton Albrite, of Manassas, also Miss Frances Bowman, who has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Fitzwater for years. Great grandchildren: Billy Gue, and Patricia Ann Albrite, both of Manassas, Manassas, and Barbara Ann Bowers, of Washington.

One sister, Mrs. Katherine Whetzel, of Aden, and four brothers, Frank, of Criders, Va., William of Burgtan, Va., George of Winchester, and Jesse, of Mathias, W. Va.

The funeral was held at Valley View Church Monday afternoon at 2:00, and she was laid to rest in the church cemetery. The service was conducted by Rev. Miller, her pastor, and Rev. Graybill.

The active pallbearers were six grandsons, Claude and Waldo Albrite, Howard and Johnnie Snyder, Buddy Hedrick and Junior Whetzel. The honorary pallbearers were Emory Grey, George Grey, Billy King, Charles Beahm, Wade Whetzel, Tom McMichael and Ernest Patton.

Mrs. Fitzwater was a good wife and mother and a true friend and will be greatly missed in the Nokesville community.

"A mother like this is not only a memory, she is a living presence."

AN EXPLANATION
The article headed "School Rating Endangered" which appeared in last week's Journal had no reference to the Manassas High School. Those who read the story to the end would have easily noted that it pertains to Haymarket High School after this session.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a special session on Thursday, February 22nd.

GETS BANQUET HONOR

Recognized as coming from one of the leading dairy centers, Hon. E. R. Conner was accorded the honor of introducing Ashton Dovell, guest speaker, at the meeting of the State Veterinarians' Associations held in Richmond last Thursday night at the John Marshall Hotel.

The News-Leader, of Richmond, carried a splendid photograph of Messrs. Conner and Dovell in its issue of February 9th.

OFFICIALS ARE GUESTS OF CLUB

Town and County Government Explained To Ladies

Mr. Harry Davis, mayor of Manassas, and Mr. Wheatley Johnson, a member of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, addressed the Manassas Woman's Club on Monday afternoon in the Parish Hall. Mr. Davis spoke on the Town Government while Mr. Johnson took the County Government. Both Mr. Davis and Mr. Johnson explained very clearly many points in the government of the Town and County that every citizen should know and be interested in. Both gentlemen expressed a wish that more people avail themselves of the opportunity of going to the meetings of the Town Council and of the County Board of Supervisors and seeing for themselves just what is being done in the Town and County. Fortunate indeed was the club in having two such fine talks in one afternoon.

The date for the Easter Charity Ball is driving near and Mrs. Wade-Dalton appointed the following committees: General Chairman, Mrs. Harold McCall; Music, Mrs. Fred Hynson; Invitations, Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, Mrs. C. B. Linton, Mrs. R. C. Haydon and Mrs. Eula Merchant; Decorations, Mrs. John Barrett, Mrs. Marie Larkin, Miss Alice Webb, Mrs. R. M. Graham, Mrs. Marshall Douglas and Mrs. John Broadbudd; Publicity, Mrs. Worth Peters.

The teatable very lovely in its Valentine decorations was very charmingly presided over by Mrs. Margaret Lewis, the other hostesses being Mrs. Robert Lewis, Mrs. Charles Linton, Mrs. William L. Lloyd, Miss Margaret Lynch and Mrs. Charles C. Lynn.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS EARN FOURTH WIN IN FIVE TRIES

Playing before one of the largest crowds of the year, the M. H. S. girls' team ran their string of victories to four out of five starts at the expense of the Warrenton High School girls' team.

On the short end of the score at the end of the first quarter, the M. H. S. girls began to put on the pressure and gradually forged ahead with the score 10-5 at the half.

As the second half began, the Manassas High's offense began clicking beautifully and the defense working to perfection, the girls held a commanding lead at the end of the third quarter. It was at this point that the substitutes took the floor for the Manassas team, and the score continued to pile up until the end of the game with the score 24-10, Manassas having the advantage.

The only bid for victory that the Warrenton team could offer was in the first quarter when they were ahead 3-1.

The Warrenton team should be complimented for their fine sportsmanship shown during the game.

Fourteen girls took part in the game for Manassas with the first team playing the first and third quarters, and the substitutes dominating the second and final quarters.

If you have not seen your high school teams play this season, by all means do so, for you have a treat in store.

READING GROUP TO MET THURSDAY

The Reading Group of the Woman's Club will meet Thursday, February 22nd, in the Library at 3:30 P. M.

POST OFFICE HOURS

On Thursday, February 22nd, the Post Office Windows will be open between the hours of 9:00 A. M. and 11:00 A. M. The Money Order and Registry windows will not be open.
H. T. Davies, Postmaster.

COMMITTEES FOR DEMOCRAT CLUB

President Lewis Issues List For 1940

Percival A. Lewis, President of the Young Democratic Club of Prince William County has announced the following committees for the current year:

Contact Committee: Mrs. George Turberville, Jr., Manassas, Chmn.; Mr. Charles Fitzwater, Nokesville; Mr. W. R. Free, Nokesville; Mrs. Nellie Purvis, Quantico; Mr. John Sweeney, Gainesville; Mr. John Haggerty, Occoquan; Mr. C. B. Roland, Haymarket.

Membership Committee: Mrs. Will Brower, Catharpin, Chairman; Mrs. J. J. Davies, Manassas; Mr. W. Hill Brown, Jr., Manassas; Mrs. Robert Davis, Manassas; Mr. Pete Pandasides, Quantico; Mrs. Nellie Purvis, Quantico; Mr. John Haggerty, Occoquan; Mr. W. R. Free, Nokesville; Mr. William Sweeney, Gainesville; Mrs. C. B. Roland, Haymarket; Mr. Charles Croushorne, Nokesville.

Entertainment Committee: Mrs. W. Hill Brown, Jr., Manassas, Chairman; Miss Laurie Billings, Manassas; Miss Rose Ratcliffe, Manassas; Mrs. Stewart McBryde, Sr., Manassas; Mrs. John Sweeney, Gainesville; Mrs. John Piercy, Jr., Gainesville; Mr. Stanley A. Owens, Manassas; Mr. Charles W. Lewis, Manassas; Mr. William Wheeler, Manassas; Mrs. Hawes Davies, Jr., Manassas; Mr. Otho Fitzwater, Nokesville; Mr. C. Lacey Compton, Manassas.

Publicity Director: Miss Nancy Lynn, Manassas; Parliamentarian; Mr. Stanley A. Owens, Manassas; School Secretary: Mr. C. Lacey Compton, Manassas.

The office of School Secretary has recently been added to the various executive units of the Young Democratic Clubs for the purpose of better acquainting the young people of high school age with the principles and functions of the Democratic Party, and with politics and statehood in general. One of the main duties of the School Secretary will be to speak on election laws and similar educational subjects before civil government classes. The Prince William Club also expects to invite the senior class to one of its future meetings which will be planned for the exclusive entertainment of the class. Mr. C. Lacey Compton has been appointed by Mr. Lewis as School Secretary and it is believed that Mr. Compton will fill the position capably and conscientiously.

H. D. C. LEADER'S MEETING

H. D. C. Leader's will meet in the Post Office Assembly Room at 10:00 o'clock Monday, February 19th for their second Leader's Meeting.

Miss Ruth Jamison, State House Furnishings Specialist, will give special instructions to the group on "Recreation Centers for the Home" and "Wise Choice in Buying Textiles for Slip Covers, Upholstery, Draperies and Curtains."

Leaders expected to attend are: Mrs. Mark Kerlin and Mrs. Mattie Bell, from Aden; Mrs. Wilbur Wright and Mrs. Emma Wolfe, from Brentsville; Mrs. A. H. Shumate and Mrs. Frank Miller, from Dumfries; Mrs. Shirley Jeffries, Mrs. A. A. Wiley and Mrs. John Ellis, Greenwich; Mrs. Buddy Smith, Miss Sallie Brawner, Mrs. S. N. Lightner, from Hickory Grove; Mrs. John Allison and Mrs. John Barrett, Sudley Road; Mrs. Richard Vetter and Mrs. Charles Vetter, Wellington; Mrs. E. W. Thompson, Mrs. H. Yorkdale, and Mrs. H. T. Tyson, Woodbridge.

JUNIORS TO HAVE SOCIAL SESSION

The regular meeting of Bull Council, O. F. A., will be held on Thursday evening at 7:30 in order to permit transaction of business before 8:00 P. M.

At which time there will be a joint meeting with the Daughters of America which will be largely social in nature. Miss Minnie Smith has been named chairman of arrangements for the evening.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Owens are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter, Mary Oliver, in Columbia hospital on Saturday, February 2nd.