



LEGION URGES CONSCRIPTION

Gov. Price Criticized At Convention By Virginia Veterans

Picturing the nation as in a position of great peril, Representative Colgate W. Darden, Jr., told Virginia Legionnaires that "no surer method of making available the manpower for our defense can be found than in the selective service legislation now pending before Congress."

His address delivered at the opening general meeting of the annual Virginia Legion convention was quickly followed by the passage of a resolution endorsing compulsory military training and service as the best means of avoiding war.

Governor James H. Price came in for some chiding in the annual report of Department Commander E. Ralph James, of Hampton, for vetoing the so-called Legion-supervised Heller bill.

This bill would have prohibited the use of public buildings to persons advocating the overthrow of government by force or unlawful means. It directed custodians of such property to cooperate in carrying out provisions of the bill, and was disapproved largely on the ground that it would give these custodians unusual powers.

"In the statement which he (Governor Price) gave the press along with his veto message, he said such legislation was not needed in Virginia," James said. "His reason I cannot understand, for while we wanted only to prohibit the use of governmental-owned buildings for the purpose of advocating the overthrow of government by force and violence, which legislation he said was not needed, he within 60 days thereafter, by executive order, closed National Guard armories to all citizens of Virginia.

Among those who welcomed the Legionnaires were Rear Adm. Joseph K. Taussig, U. S. N. commandant of the Fifth Naval district, Brig. Gen. Frederick H. Smith, commanding officer of Fort Monroe; City Manager Charles B. Borland, and Gerould M. Rumble, spokesman for the Norfolk Association of Commerce.

After discounting the efforts of the United States over the past two decades to promote world peace, Representative Darden discussed world events starting with the invasion of China up through the collapse of France.

"We must," he declared, "have done with appeasement and retreat. Peace and security for our people lie in strength—overwhelming strength—not in weakness and petition for consideration at the hands of the most ruthless militarists of our age.

"Our hope of survival is in armed power based upon an industrial machine capable of supplying our needs in any emergency, no surer method of making available the manpower needed for our defense can be found than in the selective service legislation now pending before Congress.

RICHMOND BANKER ADDRESSES LOCAL GROUP

James W. Rawles, assistant cashier of the State Planters Bank and Trust Company, Richmond, addressed the monthly meeting of the Clearing House Association of Loudoun, Fauquier and Prince William Counties on Tuesday evening at the Leesburg Inn, Leesburg.

Mr. Rawles spoke on "Our Bank's Part and Opportunity in the National Defense Program", and gave a timely and interesting address on this subject which is of great importance to all member banks.

Supper was served to the group, with a business session following.

BENJAMIN L. DURRETT

Benjamin L. Durrett, foreman on the Dumfries road, died Sunday morning in the Fredericksburg Hospital following a heart attack on Saturday when he was found in his truck.

The deceased was a native of Brandy, in Culpeper County, where one daughter, Miss Nancy Durrett, lives. Burial was at Culpeper.

Ladies Aid of Grace M. E. Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Dennis Baker, Thursday evening, September 5, at 8 o'clock.

CONSCRIPTION BILL PASSES SENATE

Late Wednesday evening the United States Senate passed the Conscription Bill by a vote of 58 to 31.

The age limits were fixed at 21 to 30 inclusive, and the period of peace-time military training one year.

The measure now goes to the house and despite substantial opposition will probably be passed within two weeks.

SEN. BYRD SAYS NATION MENACED

Virginia Solon Irked By Apparent Slowness Of Preparations

Declaring he was convinced that defense preparations were lagging to such an extent that "our national security is seriously menaced", Senator Byrd proposed the creation of a special Senate committee today to oversee the execution of the preparedness program.

Byrd, who had called previously for an explanation of delays in placing warplane orders, indicated he was not satisfied by a Defense Commission report to President Roosevelt that contracts were outstanding for 6,747 Army and Navy planes.

Robert W. Horton, information director for the commission, delivered the report of the White House earlier yesterday. He told reporters afterward that manufacturers had signed contracts for the planes and that they were "in the process of production". The total, Horton said, included some planes ordered with last year's funds, but not yet delivered, as well as those contracted for with funds which became available July 1.

Senator Byrd reiterated his contention that only 343 combat planes had been ordered in the last 100 days and that none of these could be delivered until 1941—some not until 1942. He attached letters from Secretaries Knox and Stimson which he said supported his assertions.

Saying that a statement given out at the White House had contained the language that orders were "in the works", the senator added in a statement of his own:

"What 'in the works' means I do not know. I do know, however, that the National Defense Advisory Committee clears contracts, which is not equivalent actually to making a firm contract.

"What the people of America today are concerned about is definite and constructive steps toward the early and quick preparation of our military defenses. I am convinced that these preparations are lagging to the extent that our national security is seriously menaced. They want airplanes not 'on order' for delivery a year or so hence, but for delivery with promptness.

"It is not my purpose or intention to criticize any agency of the Government, but I do feel impelled to voice my protest against unreasonable delay in the acquirement of strategic military equipment, and to promise my utmost efforts to develop the cause for such delay so that remedial action can be taken.

"As fighting airplanes constitute one of the most important factors in our national defense, my attention was primarily directed to the weakness of our airplane defense when I ascertained that we have today less than 2,000 fighting airplanes, as large proportion of which is more than two years old, some being eight and nine years. It does not take an expert to say that maximum efficiency in front-line fighting cannot be expected to airplanes several years old."

ATTENDING CONVENTION

Mrs. A. W. Ballentine is attending the Women's missionary convention of the Lutheran Synod of Virginia at Shepherdstown, W. Va., this week.

LABOR DAY P. O. HOURS

Monday, September 2, 1940, the Post Office will be open from 9:00 a. m. to 11:00 a. m. H. Thornton Davies, Jr., Postmaster.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY SCHOOLS SESSION 1940-1941

Wednesday, September 4—Annual Teachers Institute. White and Negro teachers.

Thursday, September 5—Opening date all white and negro schools.

Wednesday, October 16—End of first six weeks of instruction.

Friday, October 18—District H Teachers Meetings.

Wednesday, October 23—Reports to pupils in all schools.

Thursday and Friday, November 21-22—Thanksgiving Holiday in all schools.

Monday, December 2—End of second six weeks of instruction.

Monday, December 9—Reports to pupils in all schools.

Friday, December 20—All schools close for Christmas Holidays.

Monday, January 6—Schools resume work after Christmas Holidays.

Monday, January 27—End of third six weeks and of first semester.

Monday, February 3—Reports to pupils in all schools.

Monday, March 10—End of fourth six weeks of instruction.

Monday, March 17—Reports to pupils in all schools.

Friday, April 11 and Monday, April 14—Easter Holiday observed in all schools.

Wednesday, April 23—End of fifth six weeks of instruction.

Wednesday, April 30—Reports to pupils in all schools.

Friday, May 30—Closing exercises, Regional High School.

Tuesday, June 3—Closing Exercises, Haymarket High School and Nokesville High School.

Wednesday, June 4—Closing date: all schools. Final pupil reports.

Wednesday, June 4—Closing exercises, Manassas High School and Occoquan High School.

ODD FELLOWS CARNIVAL

The second annual carnival given by the Odd Fellows is being held on High School grounds the week of September 16th.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to help us make this a success.

COOKSEY-DIEHR

Bethel Lutheran Church was the scene of a simple but very pretty wedding on last Saturday afternoon at 4:30, when Miss Dolores Nadine Diehr, of Alexandria, became the bride of Paul Norman Cooksey, of Washington; Rev. A. W. Ballentine officiating.

The church was tastefully decorated with ferns and baskets of white hydrangea with milfoil. On the altar were vases of white gladiolus and white candles.

The bride wore a dress of rose velveteen with dubonnet accessories and a large corsage of white roses and lilies of the valley.

The attendants were the matron of honor, Mrs. Ruth Biggers, of Arlington, becomingly attired in black, and Mr. Howard Cooksey, brother of the groom as best man. Mr. John Waters and Mr. Alden Dodson were ushers.

After the ceremony the reception was held in the lovely garden of the groom's parents, with about seventy guests.

Among those from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Diehr, parents of the bride, her brother, Mr. George Diehr and family, Mr. Charles Diehr, Mr. Bob and Lynwood Diehr, her sister, Miss Diehr, Mrs. Daisy Stevens and family, all of Alexandria; Misses Betty Deane and Margeret Greeve, of Annandale; Mr. and Mrs. M. S. McCrink, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Young, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bayne and son, Mrs. Jennie Newton and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnson and family, Mrs. Emma French and daughter, Gladys, Mr. Bob Kirkland, all of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooksey and son, of Alexandria; Mrs. Maria Payne and friend, Mrs. Rennie Olsen and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley French and family, of Maryland.

After a wedding trip the popular young couple will be at their home at 5005 North 14th, St., Arlington, Va.

RUMMAGE SALE

A rummage sale sponsored by the Catholic Woman's Club will be held on September 7th., 1940, at the former A & P Store on Battle Street, Manassas, Va. The sale will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning and last until 12 o'clock noon.

RUMMAGE SALE

The United Daughters of the Confederacy will hold a rummage sale, at the M. I. C. Building, Saturday, September 14.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Garden Section of the Manassas Woman's Club will hold the September meeting on Tuesday, September 3, at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Marget Lewis, with Mrs. Mannie Lynch Delaney as assistant hostess.

FARMERS ELECT COMMUNITY COMMITTEEMEN

At a meeting of the county committee of the Prince William County Agricultural Conservation-Association on August 22, called for the purpose of tabulating ballots cast by mail, the following community committee members were declared elected:

Manassas, Coles, Occoquan and Dumfries Districts:

J. J. Conner, chairman; F. M. Lewis, vice chairman; C. F. M. Lewis, regular member.

Delegate: W. M. Johnson.

Brentsville and Gainesville Districts:

John W. Ellis, chairman; L. W. Huff, vice chairman; W. Holmes Robertson, regular member.

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At a meeting of the delegates elected from the two county subdivisions Saturday afternoon, the following men were named to serve on the county committee for the coming year:

P. A. Lewis, chairman, T. O. Latham, vice chairman; W. R. Free, regular member.

POETRY IS THEME OF GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Manassas Garden Club held a most enjoyable meeting, Tuesday afternoon in the Mrs. Harry P. Davis, in her cottage at Lake Jackson.

Mrs. E. H. Marsteller presided, and plans were made for the fall sale of plants, charm strings, birch log bulb holders, etc.

Garden poetry was the program theme. Mrs. Marsteller read "Gardener's Prayer" by Nancy Allen, and "The Things That Make a Soldier Great" by Edgar A. Guest". Mrs. Hutchison read "A Book of Roses", by Grace Nell Crowell, "Who Loves a Garden", by Louise Seymour Jones, "Secret of Success", by Ethel Romig Fuller, and "These Endure", by Marion H. Addington.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Harry Davis, Jr.

VETTER REUNION

On Sunday, August 25, a reunion was held on the picnic grounds at the Conway-Robinson memorial park at Gainesville, Va.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Vetter, of Wellington, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Maisel and son, Billy, of Baltimore, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Langyher and daughter, Elizabeth, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vetter and sons, James Wade and Stewart, of Manassas; Mr. Jake Vetter, of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beeton and children, Jane, Frances, Pauline, Nancy, Frank, Jr., and Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. Gareau, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Jason Lam and son, of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vetter, Gloria and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vetter, and children, Cleveland and Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Don Libeau, all of Manassas; Mr. Dave Yates, Mr. Ashton Blight, Mr. John Courtney, Miss Francis Price, Mr. Whitney Murtaugh, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Nalls and son, Edward, and Bobby Dellinger.

This occasion was the second annual reunion of the family, and proved a very enjoyable event for all present.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT INVITED TO VISIT MANASSAS

Announcement was made yesterday of the fact that at the request of the Prince William Chamber of Commerce, Commonwealths Attorney, W. Hill Brown, Jr., has addressed a letter to President Roosevelt, inviting him to stop off here on his way back from Charleston, West Va., Tuesday afternoon.

The special object of the President visit would be to inspect the new school recently set up by the National Youth Administration here in Manassas.

It is hoped by everyone that the President will accept Judge Brown's invitation for it will be quite an honor to the town to have the President of the United States pay us a visit.

LOCAL FARMERS KIWANS GUESTS

Last Friday evening was "Farmers Night" at the regular Kiwanis club meeting. Percival Lewis, in charge of the program, introduced Mr. Joy, of the Agricultural Administration, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Joy gave a talk of great interest to the farmers, detailing the seven point program and how it was interpreted in its workings.

The address of welcome to the guests was given by the silver tongued orator, O. D. Waters, who did his task in approved style, relating some mild narratives, and making the farmers feel right at home.

The music of the evening was auxiliated by the presence of two young artists of the town, Messrs. Earl Fife and Carter Crouch, who played several numbers while the club and their guests sang.

Among the guests were Messrs. G. C. Russell, T. R. Hurst, Harry Jacobs, Henry Fletcher, Elmer Hurst, W. T. Thompson, J. R. Eagle, R. R. Fishplaw, Harold Smith, A. O. Maclean, C. C. Lynn, Jr., C. L. Seeley, Charles Lewis, R. M. Sowers, Hipolito Monserrate, John Barrett, N. A. Wheeler and W. M. Johnson.

KLINGE-KLINGE REUNION

The annual Klinge-Klinge reunion will be held at the farm home of Jno M. Klinge, two miles west of Manassas, Va., on Sunday, September 1st.

All of the Klings-Klignes their relatives and friends are invited to attend. We could not see every one personally, and we take this way of inviting everyone who would come.

Come bring your lunch. If it does not suit you to bring lunch, come anyway. Register when you get here. Get acquainted. Above all, speak to everybody, introduce yourself, and foster good fellowship.

There will be music and speaking. Klinge family tree:

1. George Klinge born 1715, died 1783; 2. George Klinge, Jr., born 1740, died 1795; 3. John Klinge born 1763, died 1844; 4. George Klinge not known, not known; 5. David B. Klinge born 1847, still living; 6. Jno M. Klinge born 1875, still living; 7. Wilmer M. Klinge born 1898, still living; 8. Harley Klinge born 1928, still living.

MANASSAS A. C. PLAYS TWO GAMES

Manassas A. C. has a busy week ahead. Having to face the strong Vicent A. C., of Falls Church, Sunday, September 1, starting at 3 p. m. Labor Day Manassas will tangle with the team which won the city series in Washington, the Washington Improvement A. C.

Come out and help support your fast going team.

Don't forget September 1, Manassas A. C. vs. Vicent A. C., and September 2, Manassas A. C., vs. Washington Improvement A. C., at 3 p. m., Swavelly field.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to train schedule effective Sunday, September 1, 1940, mail now dispatched at 7:00 p. m. will be dispatched at 6:05 p. m. H. Thornton Davies, Jr., Postmaster.

THOUSANDS WILL VIEW CEREMONY

All In Readiness For Jackson Memorial Unveiling

With only the weather remaining an uncertain factor, everything is in complete readiness for the unveiling of the "Stonewall" Jackson monument on Saturday-afternoon. The State Highway Department is prepared, if necessary, to lay calcium chloride to take care of dust.

The State Conservation Commission has extended a thousand invitations to special guests, and a representative gathering of Virginians is expected.

Most prominent on the program are addresses by Governor Price and the eminent Southern historiologist, Dr. Douglas Freeman, of Richmond. Everyone will recall with pleasure the splendid way in which Dr. Freeman functioned at the 75th anniversary of the First Battle of Manassas held here in 1936.

The monument will be unveiled by Miss Julia Preston, a great granddaughter of the great Southern leader. The invocation will be by Right Reverend Henry St. George Tucker, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia and presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States.

Music will be furnished by the Quantic Band. Former State Senator John W. Rust will preside. Mr. Rust was for years a trustee of the Henry Farm, and active is aiding to secure funds for the Jackson monument.

The Manassas Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy have charge of the decoration of the monument for the unveiling. The sculptor, Joseph F. Pollia of New York, has performed a great work and the monument stands as a superb tribute to the valor and strength of this great Virginian.

MATTRESS MAKING PROGRAM STARTS NEXT WEEK

The mattress making program for Prince William County will be inaugurated September 4, under the direction of the county farm and home agent and the farm and home management supervisors of farm security.

Equipment for mattresses is being installed in the Brentsville Court House and work will begin on Wednesday, September 4.

Home Demonstration leaders, who are serving as volunteer leaders, received instructions last week from Miss Ruth Jamison, state house furnishings specialist from V. P. I., in mattress construction.

Cotton and ticking for this project is being furnished by the federal surplus commodities corp.

Under the plan any farm family with a gross cash income during 1939 of not more than \$400.00 is eligible to get a mattress by furnishing four strong workers one day to make the mattress and by paying the nominal charge of fifty cents to cover the cost of needles, thread, etc. The finished mattress contains 50 lbs-cotton and 10 yards of ticking and is worth a much higher price.

This program has a two fold purpose to assist low income farm families in providing better living conditions, and at the same time help consume the surplus cotton.

Any farm family living in Prince William County interested in making a mattress should file application with any one of the following: Frank D. Cox, county agent; Miss Alice Webb, home dem. agent; Miss Leona Klinge or Mr. W. D. Goodall, farm security; or Mrs. Marion Lewis, welfare office.

U. D. C. MEETING

The Manassas Chapter, U. D. C., will meet on Wednesday, September 4th., 2:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. R. L. Byrd. Mrs. Clyde W. Rector, of Upperville, will be co-hostess.

REGULAR MEETING OF GUILD

The regular meeting of the Trinity Guild will be held at the Parish Hall on Tuesday, September 3, at 2:30 p. m.

MRS. JOHN T. KEYES

Mrs. John T. Keyes, aged 76, died at noon today at her home at Brentsville. The funeral will be held on Saturday at the 2 p. m., at the Brentsville Methodist Church.