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COMMISSION HEARS FOREST EXPERTS

Local Editor Among Those Invited to Testify.

After an unexplained delay of more than half of the time available under the law for the study, the Governor of Virginia finally completed his appointments and the Commission on Forests and Forest Lands held its organization meeting on April 17 at the State Capitol and on May 2 held a public hearing in the State Senate Chamber, to which leading forestry experts of the State and nation were invited.

The Commission is composed of Robert O. Norris, jr., chairman of Liveley; Robert K. Brock, Farnville; Leon M. Bazile, Hanover; A. E. S. Stephens, Smithfield; G. F. Holsinger, Harrisonburg; and N. Clarence Smith, chairman of the Conservation Commission. In the absence of the chairman the hearing presided over by Leon M. Bazile, who is delegate to the General Assembly from Hanover and a former Assistant Attorney General of the State.

First expert called was Earl H. Clapp, acting chief of the United States Forest Service, who advocated forcible federal control of privately owned forest land after States should have a fair opportunity to apply regulatory measures set up by the federal government. He was followed by R. Clifford Hall, forest tax expert, who stated that the low land tax in Virginia offered a poor leverage with which to induce our land owners to practice scientific forestry, and he exhibited a recently completed report of forest land taxation, based upon a study of Culpeper county.

The Commission then called William Harrison Lamb, newspaper publisher and author of a book on Virginia trees. Mr. Lamb noted the regrettable fact that the Governor had permitted more than half of the available time for the study to pass before making the appointment necessary to put the Commission into action. He offered a scientific classification of the timberlands of the State as a basis of management which recognizes the forces of natural law and urged a sweeping investigation of the State Forest Service by the next General Assembly.

State Forester F. C. Pederson urged public regulation "as the most effective means of preventing needless exploitation of large areas of timberland in the State". He urged enlargement of the State Forest into 13 administrative districts, with employment of an assistant forester and at least ten trained assistants. He revealed that there were 21 counties in Virginia without organized forest fire protection.

W. L. Gooch, forester of the Chesapeake Corporation of West Point presented a valuable report on the needs of better regulation of pine cutting in the tidewater region, based upon his accomplishments on the lands of his Company, where his forestry work is recognized by authorities as outstanding.

The Commission will conduct another hearing at an early date in southwest Virginia where forest fire control will be especially considered.

THIRD ANNUAL ART EXHIBIT

The county school art exhibit held at the Haymarket elementary school last Thursday and Friday was the third annual exhibit. The one single word which can best describe the showing was "improvement".

The ability with which the schools all over the county had grasped the individual and group problems of perspective, coloring, style, accuracy of detail, and other items entering into a successful piece of art work may be said to be truly remarkable.

It is teaching the children independence of action and a sense of responsibility which they may acquire in no other way. Mrs. Eileen Kilby, who was the first one to develop the subject locally, was present to admire the progress which had been made.

Miss Sue Ayres, rural supervisor, and the many principals and teachers about the county who work under her guidance, are to be congratulated. One of the best things about the exhibit was that no one school excelled the others. There was uniformly good work from all of them.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE MEETING

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet with Mrs. Warren Coleman on Thursday evening, May 15, at 8 o'clock.



Flag Raising at the Prince William County Court House

Acting on a recent decision of the Board of Supervisors, a handsome cedar pole was recently erected on the courthouse green under supervision of Mr. Robert Vetter. Atop the pole is a bronze eagle and weather vane. On Monday of last week, the flag-raising ceremony was held, with Commonwealth's Attorney W. Hill Brown, jr., presiding. Rev. A. Stuart Gibson, of Dettingen Parish, gave the invocation and the singing was done by two students of Osbourn High School, Charles Breeden and Joseph Johnson. At the same time, the Osbourn High School glee club, under leadership of Miss Miriam Blough, sang the "Star Spangled Banner".

MRS. ROBERT H. SMITH ENTERTAINS FAIRFAX COUNTY D. A. R.

On Friday last the old Leachman home near Bristow was the scene of a beautifully appointed luncheon given by Mrs. Robert H. Smith to the Fairfax Chapter D. A. R. of which Mrs. Smith is a member.

The old home, which has been in the Leachman family for generations, is a fitting background for any gathering suggesting colonial days. The gardens were at the zenith of their Spring bloom and the rooms were fragrant with Spring flowers. The luncheon was such as only a southern hostess can prepare and serve.

The following chapter members were present: Mesdames Stephen A. Stuntz of Vienna, regent of the chapter, J. A. Somerville, Fairfax; Hawkshurst, Spellman, Petty, Bridwell, Keyser, Fields of Falls Church; George Berry and Dr. Jesse Scott of Vienna; John Brookfield of Springfield; W. Willis, Durward Smith, E. M. Blackwell, Wells, Greaff, Wellborn, Franklin Stone of Arlington. Misses Neta Howard and Cora Duffey of Alexandria. Others invited were Mrs. Pierson, Mrs. C. C. Lynn, Mrs. E. H. Marsteller and Mrs. W. H. Lamb, a member of the Falls Church Chapter D. A. R., all of Manassas.

A picture of this historic home will be published later.

EVENSONG SERVICE

Mr. Lewis Carper will lead the singing of old familiar hymns at the Evensong Service at the Episcopal Church on Sunday, May 11, at 7 o'clock.

A solo will be sung by Mr. Parsons who is a member of Saint Paul's Church Choir in Alexandria.

The public is cordially invited to be present at this informal half-hour service.

P.-T. A. TO ELECT OFFICERS

The Manassas P.-T. A. will hold a meeting in the Bennett School on Thursday, May 15, at 3 o'clock. Election of officers for the ensuing two years will be held at this meeting which is the last meeting of this school term.

All committee chairmen are requested to give their yearly reports at this time. A full attendance is urged.

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

A special Mother's Day Service will be held at the Dumfries Methodist Church at 11 a. m. Music for the occasion will be the Woman's Club choir and the Junior choir and the public is cordially invited.

See "Mirth and Melody Minstrels" advertised on page 8.

SPEAKS ON MUSIC WEEK

The present week being national music week, one of the sponsors of the Manassas Kiwanis Club, Mrs. Kitty Baker, was called on last week to give some general facts on music.

This Mrs. Baker did with her usual sweetness of address and thoroughness of command over her subject.

Treating music as an international art, she told of the origin of much of our best music, both present and past. The club gave her a hearty round of applause at the conclusion of her remarks.

Rev. Bell, of Alexandria, who has been holding services here this week, spoke briefly on the seriousness of conditions in the world today.

The club elected Col. Hutchison as delegate and Professor R. C. Haydon as alternate to the Atlanta convention in June.

Everyone was overjoyed to see E. R. Conner present after his recent accident.

The lieutenant governor of the Capitol District will be present tomorrow night.

GARDEN SECTION ELECTS OFFICERS

The Garden Section of the Woman's Club of Manassas, met at the home of Mrs. William Lloyd, on Monday evening.

Plans for the sections participation in the flower show to be held by the Manassas Garden's Club on May 20th, were discussed, as outlined by Mrs. Paul Cooksey, who is acting as co-chairman for the garden section, and members urged to give as much publicity as possible to this event.

The following were elected officers to serve from May 1941, to May 1942, Mrs. Margaret Lewis, chairman; Mrs. E. D. Wissler, vice chairman; Mrs. R. C. Haydon, secretary; Mrs. Eula Holt Merchant, treasurer.

Mrs. Lewis appointed the following committee membership, Mrs. G. R. Ratcliffe, Mrs. C. C. Lynn, Mrs. C. Wade-Dalton; Publicity, Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, Mrs. T. J. Broadus.

Arrangements for the tour which will be held in place of the June meeting, were to be made, by Mrs. Marie Larkin and Mrs. R. C. Haydon.

DRAMATIC CLUB PLAY IS CALLED OFF

Plays scheduled to be given on May 9, by the Dramatic Club of Manassas High School have been called off.

STATE MUSIC INSTRUCTOR TO ADDRESS WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Manassas will have as their guest speaker, on Monday, May 12, at 2:30 p. m., in the Parish hall, Dr. Luther A. Richman, state supervisor of music, in the public schools of Virginia.

This program is being sponsored by the music division, of the Fine Arts Section of the club, and all arrangements have been completed by the music chairman, Mrs. Lewis Carper.

Dr. Richman is a well-informed speaker and the club feels very fortunate to be able to present him at this time, in observance of music week.

Members of the club are urged to be present, and the interested public is, as always, cordially invited to come in to hear the program.

Reports of the state convention, will also be given by the delegates, a pleasant social hour and tea, will follow, the hostesses for the afternoon, Mrs. G. R. Ratcliffe, Mrs. J. T. Richards, Mrs. C. W. Stagg, Mrs. B. L. Snelker, Mr. W. D. Sharrett, and Mrs. Harvey Steele.

SCHOOL BOARD COMPLETING VISITING PROGRAM

The County School Board met yesterday with all members present.

The forenoon was devoted to routine business, such as filling out vacancies in the various faculties, janitors and bus drivers.

In the afternoon, the annual visit was made to Gainesville District schools. A splendid luncheon was served to the Board by the Home Economics class under direction of Miss Trueheart.

On Wednesday next, the Board will make its final rounds of the year, Manassas and Brentsville District being the last points to be visited.

FLOWER SHOW

The flower show of the Manassas Garden Club and the Garden section of the Woman's Club will be held on Tuesday, May 20, at the Parish Hall.

This is the first year that the two groups have combined in the annual show.

DANCE AT HAYMARKET

The Haymarket P.-T. A. will sponsor a dance to be given in the Haymarket School, May 23, from 10 o'clock to 2 o'clock. A well known orchestra will furnish the music.

VERMONT CONGRESSMAN TO SPEAK AN CHAMBER BANQUET

Announcement was made today by Secretary Stanley A. Owens, of the Prince William Chamber of Commerce that Hon. Charles A. Plumley, member of Congress from Vermont, would be the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Chamber.

The affair will be held at the high school gymnasium on Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p. m. Tickets may be secured from any member of the Chamber or from the Secretary.

A good attendance of the business men of the county is desired. Mr. Plumley is a talented speaker and will have something along the line of economics that will be worth listening to.

LEGION SHOW HAS SPLENDID TROUPE

Enthusiastic Audience Shows Its Appreciation.

No one other single thing has been done since the Manassas Vocational School was established last July to bring the school into the community more than the minstrel being put on by the school under the sponsorship of the Prince William Post, American Legion.

Professor Jakeman has done everything that has been possible to show the pleasant feelings of the school folks toward the community but there has been no general public demonstration of such proportions heretofore. After his introduction last night by Judge Johnson, a member of the local post, he made a very human talk, and certainly the perforation given amid the patriotic finale of the performance was truly stirring.

The play has two more showings and the anticipation held by the folks in the other communities must not be met until they have seen the youngsters in action themselves. Sufficient to say that we have in our midst such performers as the Twigg Family (Mr. Carl Berryman and his daughter, Miss Evelyn Berryman) who are good for any show, Rabbit Foot Taylor, who learned a good jig somewhere down in Virginia, Skinny Hughes, and many others.

Our town girls put a lovely touch of color and grace into the action and we could mention that animal chorus but why tell it all in advance to those who have not seen the performance? There was simply one encore after another which fully indicates the quality of all of the offerings.

DELIGHTFUL TREAT

The annual spring operetta of the Bennett school was presented on Friday evening in the high school auditorium, with a capacity house in attendance.

While these plays are always enjoyable, the drill work, singing, scenery, and above all the splendid acting and singing of the young principals made up probably the best rendition ever put on at the school.

The patient and thorough efforts of the faculty of Bennett bore its fruit in the repeated bursts of applause at the acting of rather difficult roles over a period almost two hours.

LUTHERAN AID TO MEET WITH MRS. REXRODE

The Ladies Aid and Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. H. Rexrode on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, May 13.

CLOSING OUT BUSINESS

A landmark is passing from the business center of Manassas this week much to the regret of all its citizens. After many years of service, D. J. Arrington, has decided to retire from business, and is selling out. This information was announced in his advertisement of last week.

TO PLAY AT STAFFORD

Manassas A. O. will travel to Stafford Sunday, May 11. All players urged to meet at the hotel at 12:45.

TRINITY GUILD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of Trinity Guild will be held at the Parish Hall, Monday, May 12, at 2:30 p. m.

PREPARES FOR GIGANTIC TASK

Local Red Cross to Prepare Its Quota of Six Million Garments.

Volunteers working in the 3,700 chapters of the American Red Cross have been asked to make approximately 6,000,000 garments for war relief during the next seven months, it was announced today by Chairman Norman H. Davis. It is estimated that this immense quota of sewed and knitted garments will be needed for the homeless and suffering men, women and children of war-torn countries of Europe during the coming fall and winter.

"We of the American Red Cross are proud of our war relief production workers, and of the contribution they have made to the cause of humanity", Chairman Davis said in a letter addressed to all chapter chairmen, in which he spoke of the gratitude of the hundreds of thousands of men, women and children—the war refugees,—to whom more than 3,000,000 chapter-produced garments have already been sent. "Each of you", he continued, "would feel amply repaid for your efforts if you realized even in a small measure what your help has meant to these unfortunate people. No words can fully express their appreciation and thanks".

Included in the list of sewed garments are cotton and woolen dresses for women and girls, layettes, toddlers' sets, boys' clothing, and articles for hospital use, making a total of 3,822,000 garments in all. The quota has been divided so that the populous Eastern area will contribute 2,263,000, the Mid-west 1,298,000 and the Pacific, 262,000.

Knitted garments asked for are sweaters for men, women and children, mittens, and children's suits to the number of 2,080,000, of which volunteers in the Eastern area are expected to make 1,230,000, in the Mid-west, 700,000 and in the Pacific, 150,000.

The Prince William County Chapter has just been assigned and has accepted a large quota of garments to be made and knitted for this quota, the Chairman of Production Mrs. R. Worth Peters is in need of additional workers to help complete those garments on time.

The quota accepted in January for shipment by May 15, is rapidly being completed and assembled. The chapter hereby wishes to make grateful acknowledgement to the groups, at Haymarket, Woodbridge, Occoquan, Nokesville and Manassas, for their splendid help and co-operation in getting this work completed. More workers are needed however for materials and instruction apply to Mrs. R. Worth Peters, chairman of production, Manassas.

Make this your contribution to the National Defense Program. Enroll as a Production Volunteer in your local Red Cross Chapter. Do it now.

V. P. F. PERFECTS ORGANIZATION

Organization of the Virginia Protective Force is practically completed, with 2,900 enlisted men and 200 officers enrolled to take over the duties of the National Guard while the latter is in Federal service, Brigadier General E. E. Goodwyn of Emporia, commanding officer of the Force, has announced. Only a headquarters company remains to be formed to fill in the structure of the State-wide home defense organization.

The Virginia Protective Force is equipped with 1917 model Enfield rifles, made available by the War Department. Uniforms of slate gray are being delivered to units throughout the State.

DRAFT QUOTA FOR VIRGINIA IS RAISED

Virginia's net selective service quota has been increased by almost 50 per cent, and instead of sending 9,747 men for military training, this State may be called upon to supply a total of 14,164 before June 30.

The increase in the number of trainees came about as a result of an adjustment in the credits allowed the State for men already serving under the colors. No change has been made in the original gross quota of 38,383 selectees who will constitute Virginia's share of the 800,000 national total to be called under the Selective Service Act, State headquarters announced.

Notice to Auto Owners

Town Automobile Licenses are due as of May 1st. Please call at the office of Town Treasurer and secure your License.

R. L. BYRD, Town Treasurer.