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## ASSEMBLY ENDS SATURDAY NIGHT

Legislative Record Shows 842 Bills Introduced 201 Passed; One Veto

Before the hands of the General Assembly clocks point to mid-night on Saturday, tired legislators will have to complete the balancing of the budget; give final approval to the redistricting of the State; pass on penal reform bills; settle the question of varying speed regulations which has been in conference committee for more than two weeks; work out some method to give aid for school bus transportation to localities or let the matter go by the boards for lack of funds in the budget re-arrange the Reorganization Bill, especially in regard to the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries; act on the report of a conference committee regarding the amended Moore Bill to restrict the sale of wines and beers of more than 14 percent to liquor stores; act on the House approved bill to have trial justices salaries fixed by the State Compensation Board, and numerous other important measures including dozens of local bills who's patrons call for "action" before the last hectic hours.

On Monday the Privileges and Elections Committee of the House reported the Senate Redistricting Bill which passed that body last week by a vote of 28 to 4 with only a minor amendment. This would allow Augusta and Highland Counties and the City of Staunton to remain in one senatorial district without the addition of Bath County. The Privileges and Elections Committee reported this bill to the House floor for action tomorrow with an amendment attached which in reality is the House Redistricting Bill, revamped and strengthened from the shape in which it left the House floor last week after heated debate and the final adoption of the Poindexter amendment. This amendment virtually "undid" the original redistricting plan and Floor Leader Massenburg moved to have the bill returned to the committee as being unsatisfactory. Due to the lateness of the session the bill cannot be acted on as House bill and therefore makes its reappearance as a Senate amendment.

The main changes in the oft changed and hotly contested House Redistricting Bill are as follows: Amherst County which now has its own delegate, would be combined with Lynchburg for a floater delegate and with Nelson County for another floater delegate; Appomattox and Buckingham now sharing a floater delegate would combine with Cumberland; Arlington would be given an additional delegate; Buchanan which now shares a delegate with Russell, would be given a delegate of its own and share in a floater delegate with Dickenson; Bedford would retain one delegate but would lose its share in a floater delegate with Floyd and Franklin which district would be abolished; Caroline which is now sharing a floater delegate with King George would be combined with Essex and King and Queen for a floater delegate; Carroll which now has its own delegate would be combined with Floyd; Franklin, which has had one delegate and a third interest in another, loses its floater participation Charlotte County would share a delegate with Prince Edward Gloucester and Mathews Counties which now share a delegate would be combined with Middlesex; Halifax is given two delegates instead of one; Isle of Wight County would share a delegate with Nansemond, and Suffolk with Nansemond retaining their present delegate; King George County, which was combined with Surry and the City of Hopewell, is now combined with Northumberland and Westmoreland Counties; Mecklenburg retains one delegate and shares in another with Lunenburg; Nelson County will share a floater delegate with Amherst; Norfolk City will have five instead of four delegates; and Richmond City will have seven delegates instead of six; Russell County will retain their one delegate but lose their half of the floater delegate they shared with Buchanan; Wise County is given two delegates instead of one and the floater delegate they shared with Dickenson; the City of Lynchburg will have one delegate and share another delegate with Amherst; Louisa, which had a single delegate, will be combined with Fluvanna and Goochland. All other districts are to remain the same.

It is highly possible that additional changes may be made in the Redistricting Bill before its final passage. The House must approve the bill and (continued on page 5)



Following a Tradition—Alexandria National Bank President Howard Worth Smith, Eighth Congressional District Representative, delivers a \$10,000 Defense Savings Bond to the Misses Aimee Eskridge and Sara Perine Carlin, daughters of C. C. Carlin, Jr., Editor of The Alexandria Gazette, Alexandria, Virginia. In so doing the girls are carrying on the tradition of the Gazette, maintained for 158 years, in purchasing Defense Bonds to aid America against her enemies. The grandfather of the young misses was the late C. C. Carlin, President Wilson's war-time Congressional leader.

## ALL MOTORISTS MUST GET CARDS

Fee Of Fifty-Cents Charged For Renewals

All motor vehicle operators in Virginia must renew their operator's or chauffeur's licenses during a three and one-half month period beginning March 16, C. F. Joyner, Jr., Assistant Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles, said as he announced applications for the registration renewals will be placed in the mail March 11.

The operator's or chauffeur's license applications will be mailed along with the motor vehicle registration cards.

The period for the purchase of motor vehicle license plates will be from March 16 through April 15. The plates will be on sale at the Division offices in Richmond and at 110 authorized agents throughout the State.

Motorists will be required to pay a fee of 50 cents for the renewal of their operator's licenses and will not expire until July, 1945. The applications may be filed with any of the motor vehicle license plate agencies, at the Division offices in Richmond, or mailed to the Richmond offices.

"We must urge all motorists to file their applications for registration renewal early," Mr. Joyner said. "We (continued on page 8)

**J. M. DeCHANT CHAIRMAN SALVAGE COMMITTEE**  
The Rev. J. M. DeChant has been appointed Chairman of The Salvage Committee of Prince William County replacing Hunton Tiffany whose other duties in connection with Civilian Defense require his attention.

## AIR RAID CLASSES ORGANIZED

Classes have been organized at Manassas for the instruction of Air Raid Wardens and Auxiliary Police. More than fifty have enrolled and the instruction is given Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at the Town Hall, beginning at 7:30 P. M.

First Aid, Fire Defense, Gases, High Explosives and Incendiary Bomb Defense will be taught and instructors are cooperating from the Alexandria Police and Fire Department, the Marine Base at Quantico, and Fort Belvoir.

## HOBBY SHOW

The Hobby Show, sponsored by the Fine Arts Section of the Manassas Woman's Club will be held in the basement of the Methodist Church on the afternoon and evenings of March 17th and 18th.

It is hoped that everyone in Manassas and Prince William County having a hobby that can be exhibited will bring it on Monday evening 7:30-9:00 or Tuesday morning between 9:00 and 12:00 o'clock. Further information may be had by calling Mrs. A. E. Jakeman, telephone 261 or Miss Alice Webb, telephone 237.

The public is invited to visit the exhibit between the hours of 12:00-9:00 P. M. on the seventeenth and eighteenth.

Exhibits will include needlework, woodwork, metalwork, flower arrangements, collections, paintings, scrapbooks, weaving, cornshuck crafts, etc.

## HAYMARKET 4-H CLUB

The Haymarket 4-H had its meeting March 2, with 20 members present. We had Miss Luck to speak to us on how we could get money to start our 4-H project.

## WYSE EXPLAINS DEFENSE ORDERS

Uniform Signals Are Authorized

State Defense Coordinator J. H. Wyse this week issued a statement designed to clear up some misunderstandings among coordinators throughout the State, and especially in Richmond, where, it is stated, certain Civilian Defense orders of the Governor had not been acted upon.

Where a Civilian Defense order is a matter of state-wide publication, Mr. Wyse stated that while the State Defense Coordinator would make every effort to notify local coordinators, but "there is no legal responsibility on our part to notify local governing bodies if the order is given reasonable newspaper publicity."

"If the head of a governing body," Mr. Wyse continued, "knows by publication that such an order is issued, it is his responsibility to get a copy of the order if he resires one. The claim by the head of any governing body that he did not receive a copy does not release him of responsibility if he is aware that such an order has been issued."

State Defense Coordinator Wyse is also distributing Governor Darden's order, respecting Raid Alarm Signals. (continued on page 8)

## RECREATIONAL CENTER COMMITTEE WILL MEET SATURDAY

The committee to consider the recreational center project will meet this Saturday night in the Town Hall, at 8 o'clock, according to the previous announcement.

The housing committee is ready to make its report.

## MANASSAS HIGH SCHOOL WINS DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Manassas High School won the championship in basketball of District Three of the Virginia Literary and Athletic Association.

The most rabid of Manassas fans saw little hope for the local boys in the basketball wars this year. With only three lettermen and the rest newcomers to the squad, few persons thought they would win the league championship.

The Manassas boys started slowly, gradually gained momentum and roared successfully past one rival after another to win the coveted title.

This week the Manassas team, coached by Herbert Saunders, will leave for Charlottesville to participate in the state tournament.

With such teams as Falmouth, Culpeper, Washington, Woodstock, Warrenton, and Leesburg in the league, Manassas proved the class of the district in winning nine games while dropping only three.

Much credit should be given to Coach Herbert Saunders for his splendid work in producing a championship team in his first year of coaching at the local school.

## SUGAR DATES CALLED OFF

Publication of Rationing Plan Said To Be Premature

Last week newspapers throughout the State, on information which they were justified in believing correct, published dates upon which the sugar rationing plan would become effective. This newspaper, along with many others, headlined the notification, since the information was of extreme interest to every housewife in the County. We stated that the dates on which dealers were to secure their certificates from High Schools were March 9 and 10, and that the sugar rationing cards would be distributed to individuals from both High and Elementary Schools on the dates of March 17 to 20th, inclusive.

Friday morning Daily Papers in Virginia carried the following dispatch:

"The scheduled registration of distributors and consumers under the sugar rationing plan has been called off and no new dates have been set."

Weekly newspapers throughout the State undoubtedly caused their local rationing boards much annoyance and trouble by this erroneous publication, and the boards, for several days thereafter, were busy on the phone advising dealers whom they could contact that the publication was premature and that they had no official information as to when rationing would begin. So far as the consumers are concerned no particular inconvenience resulted because the same weekly newspapers who were led into this error are afforded full opportunity of making correction the week following-as is now being done.

However, this newspaper will continue to give its readers the benefit of all defense news which has been accepted by the Associated Press and other dependable State and National news agencies, without waiting for local O. K. Only in this way can we properly serve our readers. Orders from Washington, and Richmond, have generally become matters of common knowledge by the time official notifications go all the way around through the various headquarters, national, state and local. So, when Washington or Richmond news dispatched carry matter of vital interest locally, we will print it.

In the present instance we have no way of knowing why the sugar rationing dates were withdrawn. All we can do is to publish the fact that they have been cancelled with no new dates set.

## WON PRIZE AT STATE CORN SHOW

First place in the leading corn class, the interstate, at the Virginia State Seed Show recently held at Staunton was won by the exhibit of Reid's Yellow Dent by John W. Ellis, of Greenwich. Mr. Ellis competed with corn growers from several states at the show. Through years of breeding and selection, Mr. Ellis has stood at or near the top with his Reid's Yellow Dent corn at the State Show for many years and has made seed corn of the highest quality (locally) available for farmers of Prince William.

SAVE — March 20 for Senior Play — Osbourn High — "Don't take my Penny"

## REV. A. S. GIBSON DIES SUDDENLY

Rector Of Trinity Church Had Just Retired

All of Manassas was more than shocked to learn on Sunday morning that Rev. Alexander Stuart Gibson, Rector of Dettingen Parish since the days of the First World War and builder of the beautiful Trinity church in town, had died of a heart attack the evening before.

Mr. Gibson came of auspicious parentage, his father, the Right Reverend, Robert Atkinson Gibson, being the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, and his maternal grandfather, Alexander H. H. Stuart, being a member of the cabinet of President Buchanan prior to the War between the States.

He was born at Staunton, Virginia on February 14, 1874 and in his early days studied law, graduating at Washington and Lee University. His father then being Bishop, got his son interested in parish work at St. Peter's in New Kent, and this work led him to go into the ministry.

Upon leaving the Seminary, his first charge was the Church of Our Redeemer, at Aldie, from which he also served the mission of Christ Church, Chantilly.

Prior to this he had, on May 25, 1908, wedded Miss Esther Hull, of what was then Alexandria County. He also served for some time as Rector of St. Thomas', Windsor, N. C.

He came to Manassas in the midst of the World War, and immediately made his presence felt in Red Cross work, serving as county chairman. When the Kiwanis club was organized, he became a charter member, and attended his final meeting of the club only the night before his death. When the tuberculosis work was organized, he was put at the head of this and so remained until his very recent resignation, due to the fact that had purchased a home near Falls Church, and would have moved the very day that he was buried.

He was an active member of Manassas Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 182, of which he had been chaplain for many years.

The church which he loved so much was literally packed at noon on Monday, when his brother, the Rev. Churchill Gibson, of Richmond, read the opening sentence of the Episcopal burial ritual. Other ministers in the sanctuary included Revs. W. F. Carpenter, Robert F. Gibson, Jr. (teaching fellow from the Seminary E. L. Woodward, Campbell Mayers and Robert Masterton.

It might be noted in passing that several of these were with him at one of his greatest moments, last Trinity Sunday, when Trinity Church, Manassas, was consecrated.

The active pall bearers were members of the Vestry and of Manassas Lodge, A. F. and A. M.

The honorary pallbearers were members of his vestry, the Manassas Ministerial Association, Dr. Stewart McBryde, J. E. Bradford, Joseph P. Lyon, and David J. Arrington.

Manassas Lodge was present in a body and later took part in the ceremony at Richmond.

Besides his wife, the deceased is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Robert Fox, of Alexandria, Miss Eleanor Gibson, of Hyattsville, Md., Miss Lucy Gibson, of Alexandria, Va., a brother, Rev. Churchill Gibson, of Richmond, three sisters, Miss Lucy F. Gibson, of Richmond, Miss Mary Gibson, and Mrs. E. L. Woodward, of Shrinemont, Orkney Springs.

Interment was at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, where services at the grave were conducted by Rt. Rev. Harry St. George Tucker, Presiding Bishop of the United States and Bishop of Virginia, assisted by Rev. E. L. Woodward and Rev. Lewis Carter Harrison, Rector of Emanuel Episcopal Church, Richmond.

(Ed note—An excellent account of Mr. Gibson's ministry here was produced just a few days ago by Mrs. C. A. Sinclair. It is being produced on another page).

## ADVANCED FIRST AID CLASS

The following ladies will receive Advanced First Aid Cards for completion of the 10 hours course given this past week by Florence...

Mary E. Pope, Elizabeth Pope Taylor, Flora Weir, Neville Lynn, Nancy Lynn, Helen Gothaite, Marion Broadus, Ellen Tuberville, Margaret Broadus, Virginia Ratcliffe, Marjorie Diddlake, Walsler Conner, Elizabeth Gilbert, Bertha Luck, Amelia McBride, Marion Dickens and Iris Brooks.

## DISTRICT BASKET BALL CHAMPIONS



Front Row — Ralph Beecher, Stewart Vetter. Second Row — Albert Ross, Back Row — John Wood, C. Brent. Coach, John Broadus, Frank Beeton. Coach, Edward Jasper. William Johnson, Owen Carneal, Shreve (left to right. Photo by W. H. Lamb)