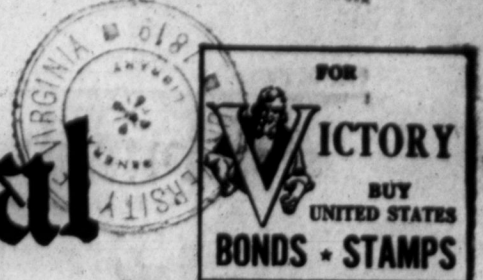




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DARDEN COMMENDS 1942 ASSEMBLY

All Vital Legislation Is Passed, Including Local Measures

The 1942 session of the General Assembly of Virginia is now history. Its members have returned to their homes and many of the laws it enacted have already been put into effect while others will have to wait many months before becoming law.

Penal Reform, Reorganization and Redistricting head the list of important legislation. In the latter, the cities of Richmond and Norfolk and the county of Arlington gain one delegate each, Lynchburg gains one delegate with Amherst County and Wise and Buchanan counties gain extra representation while other counties are considerable shuffled around. Arlington County and Roanoke City obtain an additional senator each. Of this bill, the first real redistricting measure in twenty years, Governor Darden commented "It represents an earnest attempt at redistricting and I think it is an important improvement over our present situation."

Other outstanding legislation includes the repeal of the liquor tax; the reduction of the Small Loan interest rate; Lowering of auto speed limit; abolition of the three-man Unemployment Compensation Commission and its re-organization under one head; the abolition of the Division of Motor Vehicles with its duties to be set up under two departments, police and licensing; the enlargement of the State Highway Commission allowing for one man from each construction district; the Slot Machine Bill, which would outlaw and prosecute all gambling machines and their operators, not excluding those in use in private clubs. The bill further provides that the ABC license of an proprietor found disobeying this law shall be revoked.

The closing hours of the session were highlighted by the appearance before each body of the Assembly of Governor Darden himself to personally thank and praise the legislators for their constructive work and to say "goodbye and good luck."

Major legislation passed by the General Assembly is briefly as follows: Penal Reform. The new penal reform measures include the abolition of the fee system as a method of compensating sheriffs and city sergeants, placing them on salaries regulated by the State Compensation Board within prescribed brackets. The minimum salary is fixed at \$1,200 and the maximum at \$6,000.

(2) The establishment of a statewide system of probation and parole. (3) Direction of penal matters generally, placed in the hands of a new Department of Corrections. The Sheriff's bill will become effective on January 1st, 1943; the Department of Corrections will begin to operate July 1st, and Probation and Parole System will start October 1st, 1942.

Other bills dealing with sheriff's and their duties include the one giving sheriffs and constables custody over prisoners in county jails in counties having county executive form of government, and another one placing an 8 cents mileage allowance for sheriffs and witnesses who come from another state to testify in Virginia cases. Another bill abolishes the office of constable and transfers the functions of the office to the sheriffs.

Another important law just passed allows for the salaries of trial justices to be fixed by a three-man committee composed of three circuit judges selected by the Governor and who will serve at his pleasure. In addition to fixing the salaries of the trial justices, the committee will also fix those of clerks, deputies and clerical assistants.

Motorists. Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public will probably be more effected by the bill cutting down the speed limit than by any other of the hundreds passed. This bill reduces the speed of passenger vehicles and buses to 45 miles an hour and trucks to 40. This will become law 30 days after it is signed by the Governor. Further reductions in the speed law may be made in the near future by the Governor himself under an amendment to the bill which gives him authority to reduce the speed limit to 40 miles an hour, if it is deemed necessary. (2) Another bill of special interest to motorists in that which allows the car owner a refund on his State license tag if and when he can no longer operate his car due to lack of tire replacements. (3) Another bill provides that persons buying automobile tires from unlicensed persons or otherwise than through rationing boards, must

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REP. SMITH DELIVERS SMASHING BLOW AT LABOR RACKET

NOW ISSUING LICENSES

Leamon Ledman, court clerk, who was appointed explosives agent for Prince William County several weeks ago, has been notified that the license year expired on Monday.

New licenses good for one year are now due.

SENIOR PLAY IS RARE COMEDY

Cast Includes Well Trained Ensemble.

On the night of March 20 the Senior Class of Osbourn High School will present "Don't Take My Penny" a sparkling comedy in three acts. For weeks past a stellar cast composed of seniors have been practicing night and day to insure a hit performance. The play is now in rehearsal under the direction of Mrs. Vincent Davis, whose vast experience in dramatics is proving a life-saver to our young actors.

A clever plot supplemented by scintillating dialogue makes "Don't Take My Penny" one of the most attractive plays ever attempted by high school dramatists.

The action is centered in the Pringle Household, Lydia, the mother, played by Dorothy Lawson, Caleb the father, played by Joseph Johnson, Gram, Caleb's mother, played by Betty Thomas, Mark, the son, played by Frank Parrish, Mavis, the older daughter, played by Sylvia Prost, and finally, Penny, the younger daughter, played by Frances Brower.

A Best-seller has been purchased by Gigantic Pictures for a film version and the author, Harrison Day, (John Broadbudd) is scouring the nation for a leading lady. Penny, an impulsive, pretty, and impressionable girl of 16 is obsessed with the idea that she is to be chosen. As the play opens Mr. Day is due in town the next day and Penny, confident that Hollywood is waiting for her, informs her boyfriend, Kerry Harper (Dick Hayden) that she can no longer play with him in a tennis tournament which they are scheduled to win the next day. Unknown to Penny, Sally, the Pringle's (Continued on page 5.)

ELECTED OFFICERS BY EASTERN STAR CHAPTER

At the regular meeting of Wimo-dausis Chapter 106 the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Worthy Matron, Mrs. Meaker Hurst. Worthy Patron, Mr. J. H. Stauff. Associate Matron, Miss Bertha Luck. Associate Patron, Mr. J. L. Bush-ong.

Secretary, Mrs. Norma Cooksey. Treasurer, Mrs. Loula Broadbudd. Conductress, Mrs. Irene Hayden. Associate Conductress, Mrs. Ruth Woodyard. Chaplain, Mrs. Margaret Lewis. Marshall, Miss Nina Dalton. Organist, Mrs. Margaret Broadbudd. Adah, Mrs. Beulah Stauff. Ruth, Mrs. Ethel Stinette. Esther, Miss Stella Bryant. Martha, Mrs. Cora Merchant. Electra, Mrs. Theodore Reeves. Warden, Mrs. Alice Bryant. Sentinel, Mrs. Frank Sigman. These officers will be installed in the Chapter room on Monday, March 23 at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Harry Kennedy of Alexandria, will be the installing officer.

CONTINUES TO WIN SCHOOL HONORS

Warren H. McInteer of Quantico, a junior here at Randolph-Macon College, has been elected to two positions, in recent student elections. He was elected to serve as one of three student members on the college Athletic Board and he was chosen vice-president of the Alpha chapter of the Chi Beta Phi national honorary scientific fraternity.

McInteer, first string baseman on the Yellow Jacket baseball team, is a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity, the Varsity Club, the Dance Committee, and is regularly listed in the Dean's List published follow each Semester.

TOWN GIRLS WIN OVER NOKESVILLE

The Town Girls Basketball team will journey to Washington, D. C. Saturday night to play the Navy Department Girls.

Manassas Girls defeated Nokesville Girls with the score was 40-19 in The Manassas Gym last week.

A BOOMING BUSINESS



DRAFT LOTTERY HELD TUESDAY

441 Is First Number For Prince William

The Third Draft Lottery under the present Selective Service Law was held in Washington Tuesday night. The same old glass bowl which has been used in nearly all of the drawings was brought down from Philadelphia for the occasion and the drawings required the entire night.

A feature of this draft lottery, not before used, was an automatic stirring device, instead of the old wooden spoon. The new device was built somewhat on the lines of a miniature concrete mixer, and possibility it caused the slight trouble which occurred.

The first number selected was 3485 which would only apply to Boards of high registration. The first number applying to Prince William was 441, which seems to belong to Wesley Ralph Kidwell, of Bristow.

In spite of all the care taken to avoid any mistakes there were several errors which require rulings from the Director of Selective Service and may shift positions of many numbers one or two places. Therefore the names which we here record are subject to correction, and of course are not official. The only reliable and sure source of information in these matters is the local Selective Service Board, which in due time will receive corrected master-lists from which the local orders will be determined.

The total registration for Prince William was 766, which also might be changed by the addition or removal of one or two names, so that only numbers in the national lottery below 767 apply here. Striking off the higher numbers, therefore, we find that the first fifty men in our County will (continued on page 8)

STANDARD CLASS OF 1ST. AID NOW UNDER WAY

A standard 20 hour course of 1st aid under the direction of 1st. aid instructor, Jack Stauff organized and had then first class last Monday night in the home economics building of the high school, this class is made up of the school bus drivers, state road maintenance men, town employers and several local town men according to Mr. Stauff it will be one of the most important classes of the year as these men are in positions of importance over our country and may need 1st. aid training at any time.

COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING

The Community Center Project Committee meeting scheduled for the Town Hall this Saturday evening is postponed until a later date.

There are some matters which must be worked out before going further with this project. All interested parties will be notified of future developments.

SENATOR CONNER

(Editorial)

For years the many friends of Hon. E. R. Conner have affectionately addressed our distinguished Delegate to the General Assembly as "Senator."

Now, if Mr. Conner should be willing to announce his candidacy, his friends will gladly add the position to the complimentary title.

Our Senatorial District has been restricted to exclude Arlington. Thus we will lose our present capable Senator Medley, who will doubtless continue as Senator from Arlington.

Mr. Conner has served with such distinction in the House that his elevation to the Senate would meet widespread approval, and since good old Prince William has not had a Senator for many decades, it is our turn.

HAYDON-KENWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Winthrop Kenway, of Salem, Mass., announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Tucker, to Major Frederick Stansbury Haydon, U. S. A. on Saturday, March 14th, at Salem.

Major Haydon is the son of William Henry Haydon, Jr., of Riderwood Maryland, and a grandson of our own William Henry Haydon, who died here only a few months ago.

Major Haydon is at present stationed at Camp Meade, Md.

HOBBY SHOW

The Hobby Show, sponsored by the Fire Arts Section of the Manassas Woman's Club which was held in the basement of the Methodist Church on Tuesday and Wednesday, was an unqualified success. A full account of the interesting exhibits will appear next week.

MARYLAND BISHOP TO PREACH AT MANASSAS

Mr. Paul Arrington, Register of the Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church Manassas, announces that Rt. Rev. William McClelland, Bishop of Maryland, will conduct services at Trinity Church at 11 A. M. on Sunday, March 22, and will confirm a class.

On Palm Sunday, March 29, and on Easter Sunday, April 5, Rev. Thomas G. Faulkner, formerly of Emporia, Virginia, will conduct services.

NEW BOOKS AT RUFFNER LIBRARY

An interesting account of new books at the Ruffner Library, Manassas, appears on page 2. They are of special interest in these days of war.

MEETING OF T. B. GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Prince William Co., Tuberculosis Association on Wednesday, March 25th at 2:00 P. M. at the Prince William Co., Health Unit Office.

FIRST AID CLASS COMPLETES INSTRUCTION

A class of first aid under the direction of first aid instructor, Jack Stauff completed a ten hour advanced course last week and those who will receive certificates are:—Paul J. Arrington, Mrs. John Clark, Mrs. H. J. Davis, Jr., Mrs. Margaret Johnson, Dr. R. T. Johnson, Mrs. Worth Peters, Arthur W. Sinclair and Mrs. Annie L. Zackey.

AAA ELECTION DATES ANNOUNCED

Prince William Farmers To Select Committeemen And AAA Delegates

Prince William farmers will meet at various points in the county on Thursday, March 26, at 8:00 P. M., to elect community agricultural conservation program committeemen and to elect delegates to represent them in choosing the County AAA Committee at a meeting at Manassas on the day following the community elections.

The County was recently subdivided into nine communities for purposes of administration of the program for the coming year as follows (1) Occoquan, (2) Coles, (3) Dumfries, (4) Aden, (5) Greenwich, (6) Stone House, (7) Buckhall, (8) Thoroughfare, and (9) Catharpin. Coles, Occoquan and Dumfries Districts will make up separate communities under the new set-up. Manassas and Brentsville Districts are divided into two communities by the main line of the Southern Railroad. Gainesville District is divided into two communities with the division lines being the Lee Highway from the Manassas District line to Gainesville, the John Marshall Highway from Gainesville to Haymarket and the Carolina Road from Haymarket to the Loudoun County line.

The election for Occoquan District will be held at G. C. Russell's Store at Agnewville, that for Coles District will be held at the Hall at Independent Hill, and the election for Dumfries District at the Dumfries School. Farmers of the Stone House and Buckhall communities will hold their elections at the Court House at Manassas while those of Aden and Greenwich Communities will hold their elections at the High School at Nokesville. Farmers of the Catharpin and Thoroughfare Communities will hold their election at the Haymarket Masonic Hall.

KIWANIS OFFICIAL GUEST OF LOCAL CLUB

Dr. Leslie N. Coblentz, attorney of Frederick, Md., and lieutenant governor of this section of the Capitol District, made his official visitation to the Manassas Kiwanis club at its regular meeting last Friday.

Dr. Coblentz made a many-sided address. He dealt with the power of such an organization as Kiwanis in any town, and recited several short poems relatives to the small town and its assets.

Referring to war conditions, the speaker rehearsed the aims of the first world war and how selfishness and shortsightedness had worsened those high ideals as set forth by President Wilson.

Dr. Coblentz stated that the challenge was plain to all and that the job for Kiwanis was directly ahead of them. He urged a faithful adherence to the objectives of Kiwanis, especially in these troublous times.

The speaker was introduced by President Ernest Trusler.

Previously to this, the president had eulogized the late Rev. A. S. GGibson and appointed a committee to prepare suitable resolutions.

The Manassas club will send a delegation to the interclub meet at Arlington next week, and Col. Hutchison, chairman of the committee, is working to get up a crowd.

Manassas will have its interclub meeting on April 25th, according to Col. Hutchison.

W. C. T. U. MEETING

Next Wednesday is Union Signal Day and local WCTU members are urged to be present to renew their subscriptions to the fine magazine. The meeting will be on that day at the home of Mrs. Bertha Embrey, president of the focal group.

Introduces Bill To End 40 Hour Week, Extra Pay For Overtime And Closed Shop.

Waiting with patience until an opportune time to get results, Representative Howard W. Smith has delivered another smashing blow at the labor racket. He secured action from the House on his Anti-strike Bill by waiting, keen-eyed and alert, for the psychological moment. Again, on the national wave of indignation and anger which is sweeping the nation over the Administration's apparent insistence that "social gains" are more important than the national security, Judge Smith this time struck with telling effect at the forty-hour week and extra pay for over time which is throttling the defense effort.

The astute legal mind of our Representative also devised a strategy calculated to divert his legislative proposal from the tender mercy of the Labor Committee which would have instantly killed it. He restricted his measure to naval construction. Everybody except those who have an axe to grind believed that the measure should apply to all defense manufacturing, but by restricting his bill to naval supplies, his bill goes to the Naval Affairs Committee, where its Chairman, Representative Vinson favors its enactment, and, in fact, is a co-patron of the bill.

The Department of Labor immediately went into a huddle. There followed a pronouncement from the President that he believed this legislation was unnecessary at this time. "In time" the President conceded, "we might need legislation on the forty-hour week and on strikes." But he advised against "rushing things." In other words the national anger over the way Labor has placed its selfish interests above the national safety has reached such a degree that the President was no longer willing to oppose the Bill outright. According to apparent instructions from Labor leaders the only thing they can hope to do now is to "postpone the bill to death."

Evidently the Administration has lost control of the House on the Smith Bill, and they are turning to the Senate, where Judge Smith's Anti Strike Bill was killed Continued defeat of the United States in the Pacific has somewhat modified the Senatorial attitude toward forty-hour work, but Labor believes it can still control the Senate and as a last resort they count on a Presidential veto.

In the meantime Judge Smith has been deluged with congratulations from all sections of the United States on his patriotic insistence that Labor really should go to work in earnest to back up the boys who are giving their lives at the front.

TIRES AND TUBES ISSUED WEEK ENDING MARCH 7

The Tire Rationing Board of Prince William County has issued the statement that the quota for March for passenger cars is 17 tires and 14 tubes; for truck and busses 37 tires, 16 re-treads, 42 tubes.

Tires and tubes issued March 4, for week ending March 7, 1942.

W. Franklin Hibbs, 2 truck tires; Roy W. Doggett, 3 truck; Charles F. Cornwell, 2 truck; Garber Bros, 1 truck; J. Carl Kinchele, 1 truck; Lawrence Gregory 2 car tubes; Reuben B. Reid, 2 car; Fred T. Shepherd, 3 truck recap, 1 truck recap; John Sutphin, 2 obsolete tires, 2 obsolete tubes; Frank R. Lanahan, 1 car tube.

THE HAYMARKET YOUTH'S MEETING

The Haymarket Youths will hold their monthly meeting Saturday, March 21st at 7:30 P. M. at the Gainesville District School Auditorium. The speaker for the evening will be Mr. Hunton Tiffany of Manassas. His topic will be "What can the youth do to help in the National Defense Program." He is also, bringing another speaker with him.

HAYMARKET MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Haymarket Elementary School will present as it's annual Music Festival an Operetta "The Magic Feather of Mother Goose," on March 25th, at 8 P. M. There will be no admission. The public is cordially invited to attend.