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DARDEN CALLS SPECIAL SESSION

ASSEMBLY TO MEET
DECEMBER 14TH

A special session of the General Assembly will be called for Thursday, December 14th, Governor Darden announced today, following conferences with Assembly leaders. The session is expected to be very brief (probably of a days duration) and confined largely to consideration of legislation for soldier voting in the forthcoming State elections, the filling of vacant judgeships, caused by death or resignations, and the election of a member of the State Corporation Commission to succeed Robert O. Norris, Jr. whose appointment was invalidated by the Supreme Court of Appeals.

In announcing his decision to call a special session, Governor Darden said: "I have given careful consideration to every phase of the session. I am taking this step because I believe it is in the best interest of the people of the Commonwealth."

In a letter sent to members of the General Assembly asking for their advice and opinion concerning a special session to consider soldier voting Governor Darden called attention to the fact that due to the shortage of time the desired legislation could only be accomplished by a Constitutional Convention. Should the Assembly agree upon the advisability of a Constitutional Convention, it must then be voted on by the people, and if desired by them, another session of the Assembly would be required to determine methods of selecting delegates to the Convention. This would be followed by another general election and finally the Convention would assemble to draft the desired amendments to the Constitution.

In his brief statement today announcing the special session Governor Darden did not touch on the question of limiting the Convention, if called, to the question of soldier voting alone, but he is on record as opposing any revision of the Constitution at this time other than that necessary to permit amendments to participate in the 1946 State elections.

Last week, taking note of major revision of the Constitution as proposed by members of the Republican Party, the Governor issued a statement in which he said "...a prolonged convention and no major changes should be made without ample time for discussion by the convention and consideration of the people... would inevitably delay the the decision past the time when it would help the soldiers."

Rev. Graham Writes to
Kiwanians

It was John Rosebury who had charge of the entertainment of Friday, December 1, but it was preceded by Hunton Tiffany. The latter felt very embarrassed after the announcement given in detail by him, when the former claimed that it was the subject and material of his entertainment. John did not have much to add.

It pertained to a meeting to be held in the town hall, to which all are invited, the subject of which was employment or re-employment of returning service men. There is being worked out a national plan, a state and a county plan in accord with it. The administration of it is in the hands of sympathetic local business. The details further are in another in the Journal.

A letter from Rev. Richard Graham was read by the secretary. He tells in vivid phrases the conditions under which he is laboring in the Gold Coast of Africa. He is stationed about on the Meridian of Greenwich and just north of the equator. Everybody there wears high boots even the women to protect themselves against mosquitoes.

George Cocke read a paper concerning certain injurious propaganda. Supt. Haydon told about the conditions pertaining to education for those of our returning veterans who desire further education.

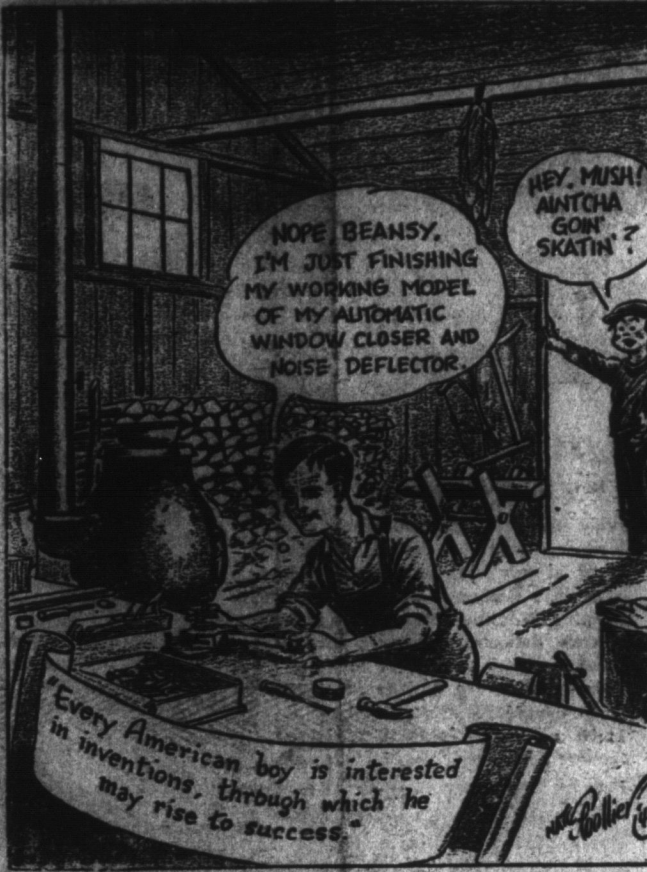
Nannie L. Lake

Mrs. Nannie Lewis Lake, widow of William L. Lake, died early Friday morning, December 1, at "Lake View", the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Lake, near Oak Shade, following two years of declining health. Mrs. Lake, who was 85 years of age, is survived by two daughters: Mrs. William H. Button, of Culpeper, and Miss Agnes Lake, of Warrenton; two sons: Duncan Lake, of this county, and Robert Lake, of Manassas; one brother, J. D. Wheeler, of Manassas; and one grandson, William H. Button, Jr.

Mrs. Lake was a native of Prince William County, the daughter of William and Adelaide Lewis Wheeler, of that county, but the greater part of her life had been spent in Culpeper County.

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon from the residence of her son, with her pastor, Rev. L. C. Vaughan, of the Jeffersonton Methodist Church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Thomas McLann, of the Presbyterian Church of Warrenton. Interment was in the Warrenton Cemetery.

LAND OF OPPORTUNITY . . . By COLLIER



Bishop Goodwin Confirms
Class in Manassas

On Sunday last Bishop Goodwin conferred Hugh Y. Meetze, Armistead Sinclair, Miss Katie Lewis and Shreve Breat at Trinity Church.

The evening before a reception was tendered him at the Parish Hall, when he made a very interesting talk.

The Bishop was assisted in receiving by the rector and vestry. Mrs. Allen presided at the tea table while Mrs. Faulkner and Mrs. Terrell Johnson mingled with the guests and made each one welcome.

The hall was tastefully decorated and the evening in every way a success.

The Fallbearers, all of whom were near relatives, included Lake Triplett, Robert Chilton, Theodore Triplett, William Wheeler, Norville Wheeler, and Charles Lynn. Among the relatives and friends from a distance were J. D. Wheeler, William Wheeler, Norville Wheeler, Charles Lynn, Mrs. Harcourt Dicken and Robert Lake, all of Manassas; Miss Mary Triplett, Theodore Triplett and Wart Triplett, of Markham; Mr. and Mrs. Lake Triplett, of Marshall, and Mrs. Nannie Lake McCarthy, of Warrenton.

Woman's Club to Meet Dec. 11

The Rev. Thomas J. Faulkner will be the guest speaker at the Manassas Woman's Club meeting on Monday afternoon, December 11, in the Parish Hall. The program, which is under the auspices of the Education Committee, with Miss E. H. Osbourne, Chairman, will also include special Christmas music—"The Post War World", will be the topic of Mr. Faulkner's address.

Hillard Y. Meetze

Hillard Yost Meetze, 65, died at his home in Manassas, Va. Saturday morning, Nov. 11, 1944. He was the youngest son of John L. and Sarah Jerrisse Meetze of Columbia, S. C. and Virginia. A member of the Methodist Church, a life long resident of Prince William County, Va.

Funeral service was held at his home Monday, Nov. 13th with the Rev. Draper officiating and Rev. Thomas Faulkner assisting.

He is survived by his widow, and one son, Hugh Y. Meetze, of Cape May, New Jersey, one brother, R. M. Meetze of the Plains, Va.

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

Chamber of Commerce

The Prince William County Chamber of Commerce welcomed two local businessmen at the meeting this week when Mr. R. C. Powell, new cashier of the Peoples National Bank of Manassas, and Mr. Robert Whelan, owner of the Manassas International Harvester Agency, were introduced to the members of the organization. The program included a discussion of plans for relocating returned veterans. Mrs. Gue reported that all of the necessary 60% of the lockers in the proposed cold storage plant had been sold, so that priorities may be obtained for the R. E. A. to start construction on the plant. The secretary, Mr. Stanley A. Owens read a letter of request from the Health Committee of the Manassas P. T. A. for funds to support the child health program. A substantial amount was contributed by members in response to the letter. Mr. R. Worth Peters, director of the State Vocational School reported that the project was progressing nicely and suggested that the next course which ought to be included in the curriculum, should be a class in salesmanship. He praised the C. of C. for the support the organization had given the school. The next meeting will be held at noon Tuesday in the dining room of the Prince William Hotel.

Why Soldiers & Seamen
Do Not Get Their Mail Promptly

In answer to the question "Why doesn't Joe receive my mail regularly?" pamphlets entitled "The Navy Mail Service" have been printed for wide circulation, Fifth Naval District postal officers here advise today.

The Post Office Department is co-operating with the Navy Department in distributing these circulars throughout the country via all first, second and third class post office.

Difficulties involved in the wartime deliveries of mail to our fighting men, explained in the pamphlet, may keep summed up as follows:

That the Navy Mail Service must keep track of 45,000 shifting ships and shore bases.

That men change from ship to ship, and ships from ocean to ocean.

That the average speed of conveyance is only 1,500 miles a week.

That during a low month, 97,305,449 pieces of mail were handled in fleet post offices at New York and San Francisco.

That a letter mailed from a mid-west town may easily travel 15,000 miles—five times the span of the United States—to reach a man in the Central Pacific.

Mail is moved as fast as possible, but operations surpass everything else in importance, affecting the number of deliveries in forward areas.

Notes From The
County Demonstrator

FREEZE FOR FIGHTERS

Cities on the Atlantic Coast from Richmond and Washington north to New York are due to go short on chickens, especially on fryers and broilers, for a few months while the Quartermaster Corps buys some millions of pounds of chicken needed by the armed forces. Under a new War Food Administration "freeze" order, all chickens grown and processed in Delaware and the major chicken raising areas of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia are to be set aside for sale to the armed forces. Other chicken producing areas may be included in this order later.

The reason for the new order is that the Quartermaster Corps, which buys food for all the armed services, faces a shortage of 110 million pounds of chicken. A drop in broiler production is partly responsible for this shortage, but black market operations have been more to blame.

Chicken has proved to be not only good for food for fighters back from the lines but an important morale builder as well. Military doctors and nurses report that chicken on the menu is a great favorite with the wounded in the hospitals.

GREASE IN THE PIPES

Grease floating on the dish water, or a sink drain clogged by accumulated grease in the pipes is more than a nuisance. It is a strong hint that dishes and pans are not being carefully scraped before washing, and that fat so precious in wartime and still greatly needed for salvage, is being wasted.

Every good housekeeper knows that grease should never be poured into a sink or drain. Not everyone, however, is careful to scrape every bit of fat from frying pan, platter and plates. Some of the fat left from cooking can be saved and used again for cooking. The rest should be strained into cans and turned in to the butcher for salvage.

Hotels, hospitals and other institutions usually have grease traps installed with the kitchen plumbing. Grease caught in these traps nowadays is regularly turned in for salvage. In private homes without this equipment, the saving must be done by scraping.

Chemists and household equipment specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture advise keeping sink drains in good condition by pouring down boiling water every few months. This softens and carries away any grease. Whenever a drain begins to "run slow", boiling water should be used at once, and also, if possible, one of those rubber force cups on a handle known as "plumber's friend".

Before using any of the drain cleaners on the market, the housewife should understand the action of the lye in these preparations. Soda lye combines with grease to form hard soap. Potash lye forms soft soap. Many drain cleaners are made with lye because it is cheaper and easier to obtain than potash lye. If pipes do not contain too much grease, the soda lye, used according to directions with water, may clear the pipes satisfactorily. However, if it forms too much hard soap, it may close the pipes and cause more difficulty than the grease. Potash lye is better for this purpose because the soap it forms is soft and more soluble in water so can be flushed down the pipes easily. Drain cleaning preparations should be kept from spilling or splashing on hands, clothes, linoleum or other floor coverings. When not in use the can should be kept closed on a high shelf out of reach of children.

Lodges Hold Celebration

R. E. Lodge, IOOF, and the Va. Dare Rebeckah Lodge held a celebration Oct. 10, 1944 during which time the mortgage on their building in Dumfries was burned. On the program were the following speakers: Grand Master, M. G. Smith, O. L. Mason, A. H. Shumate, C. V. Robinson, Mrs. Clements, Mrs. Katie Keys, W. C. Cunningham, Fred L. Flynn, Mrs. W. C. Cunningham, and O. L. Mitchell, Master of Ceremonies. Entertainment was in the form of group singing and two solos by Miss Mary Dehenson. During the time refreshments were being served the Officers of the Rebeckah Lodge cut a huge cake in celebration of their 20th birthday. The attendance for the occasion was 140 with visitors from most of the cities of Northern Virginia.

LORD OF HOSTS BE WITH US YET LEST WE FORGET—LEST WE FORGET.

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