

FARMERS DRAFT STATE STATUTES

Six Organizations Represented at Meeting in Murphy's Hotel—Measures Being Prepared for Presentation to Assembly by Many Bodies.

Richmond, Virginia, Jan. 4.—Representatives of the six leading farmers' organizations in Virginia met in Murphy's Hotel yesterday and formulated the draft of the laws and changes in statutes which will be presented to the General Assembly, which convenes next Wednesday for a session of sixty days.

Attorney-General John R. Saunders, by invitation attended the conference, at which there were present the following: L. S. Hulbert, legal adviser United States Bureau of Markets; M. O. Wilson, of Keyesville, representing the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association; John R. Hutcheson, of the Extension Division, V. P. I., Blacksburg; O. A. Thomas, of Bedford, business manager of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union; N. B. Rue, of Roanoke, secretary, and George A. Lambert, of Rural Retreat, of the Virginia Farm Bureau; B. F. Moomaw, of Cloverdale, of the Virginia Horticultural Society; B. F. Gunter, of Accomac, representing the Eastern Shore Producers' Exchange, and State Senator J. Brad Beverly, of The Plains, chairman of the legislative committee of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union.

The laws and amendments which are patterned after the North Carolina statutes, were not ready for publication last night, and adjournment of the committee was taken, subject to the call of the chairman.

While the farmers were considering their interests the announcement came that drafts of changes in laws had been prepared carrying out the recommendations of Colonel F. Nash Bilsoly, Commissioner of Game and Fisheries. These include:

A bill to prohibit the sale of black bass at any time.

To conserve the crabs of Chesapeake Bay and vicinity.

To prohibit the sale of deer at any time.

To prohibit catching game fish in any manner except with hook and line.

Prohibiting the baiting of wild turkeys.

To defer the opening of the game season until November 15 and extend it to February 15. (The season now opens November 1 and ends February 1.)

Making all game laws uniform east and west of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

To prevent the pollution of inland waterways of the State. This measure will be the most important of the laws to be offered and will bring on a fight on the part of manufacturers in Covington and that section of the State, where the game wardens report, many fish are killed by the pollution of the waters.

Authorizing the Secretary of the Commonwealth to issue permits to allow owners of bona fide fox hounds, on which the kennel license has been paid, to run at large. This measure has the sanction of the Virginia Fox Hunters' Association, and will be presented in the House by Norvell H. Hundley, of Williamsburg, on the opening day of the Legislature.

Another measure will make the duck law of the State conform to the Federal law.

Meeting in Richmond today will be the engineers, architects and surveyors of the State to prepare amendments to the State licensing law.

Other measures will include a bill for increased pensions for the Confederate veterans, and hundreds of local bills which will take their chances on the calendar along with the measure consolidating the medical schools of the State, the bill for a bond issue for better roads, the budget bill carrying appropriations for every State institution and the measure for the redistricting of the House and senatorial districts in Virginia.

Solons are beginning to arrive and the week-end will see every hotel and boarding house crowded with the members of the Senate and the House and the men who are coming to get their pet measures through.

SCHOOL FOR POSTMASTERS

Newly appointed postmasters will have to attend school according to the latest edict from the Post Office Department in its campaign for postal improvement. Newly appointed postmasters in offices of the second and third classes will have to attend one of these schools at a certain large post office known as the Central Accounting Post Office in each state. The postal schools make their initial bow to postmasters with the New Year 1922. Upon receiving his commission each newly appointed postmaster will be instructed by First Assistant Postmaster General Hubert Work, who is the "superintendent" of these schools, to spend about a week at these offices to be instructed on every phase of the work of a post office. Among the many things that the newly appointed postmaster must be taught are, how he is to meet the public, what a postmaster's place is in the community, how to educate the public in the use of the mails through publicity, how to handle complaints, guarding the mails and his relationship with the Department. He is told in a letter that his city's welfare to a very great extent depends upon his willingness and capacity to give it better postal service. Upon his return home the newly appointed postmaster is expected to write the Department and give a review of what he has learned and the value of the institutions given.

This short intensive course of instruction will be of great benefit to the public and to the smoother operation of the local postal machinery. In this instruction it is the purpose of the Post Office Department to impress upon the newly appointed postmaster that he is the local manager of the biggest business institution in the world, and he must become capable in the "selling" of the postal service to the public, which can only be accomplished by one who understands economy detail of his service.

"Ask your postmasters, when you want to know."

Service Men's Claims

A hospital clean-up to obtain data necessary for the immediate settlement of the claims of former service men now pending in the United States Veterans' Bureau has been directed by Col. Charles R. Forbes, director of the bureau. Representatives of the bureau will call on all men now being hospitalized by the bureau and obtain

all data, including affidavits, necessary to the adjustment of their claims. The new drive will be supplemental to the nation-wide clean-up campaign recently conducted by the bureau.

In the Fourth District the hospital drive will be begun at Ft. McHenry, Maryland, where a number of former service men are now being treated. From there the squad will go to the hospital at Perryville, Maryland. The new drive will also be carried on in Virginia West Virginia and the District of Columbia. Plans for the drive in the Fourth District are now being made by District Manager Albert E. Haan.

Much of this hospital work has already been accomplished in the Fourth District. For some time back representatives of the bureau have been specially charged with keeping the claims of men in hospitals checked up, and this will result in lightening the work of the campaign about to be started.

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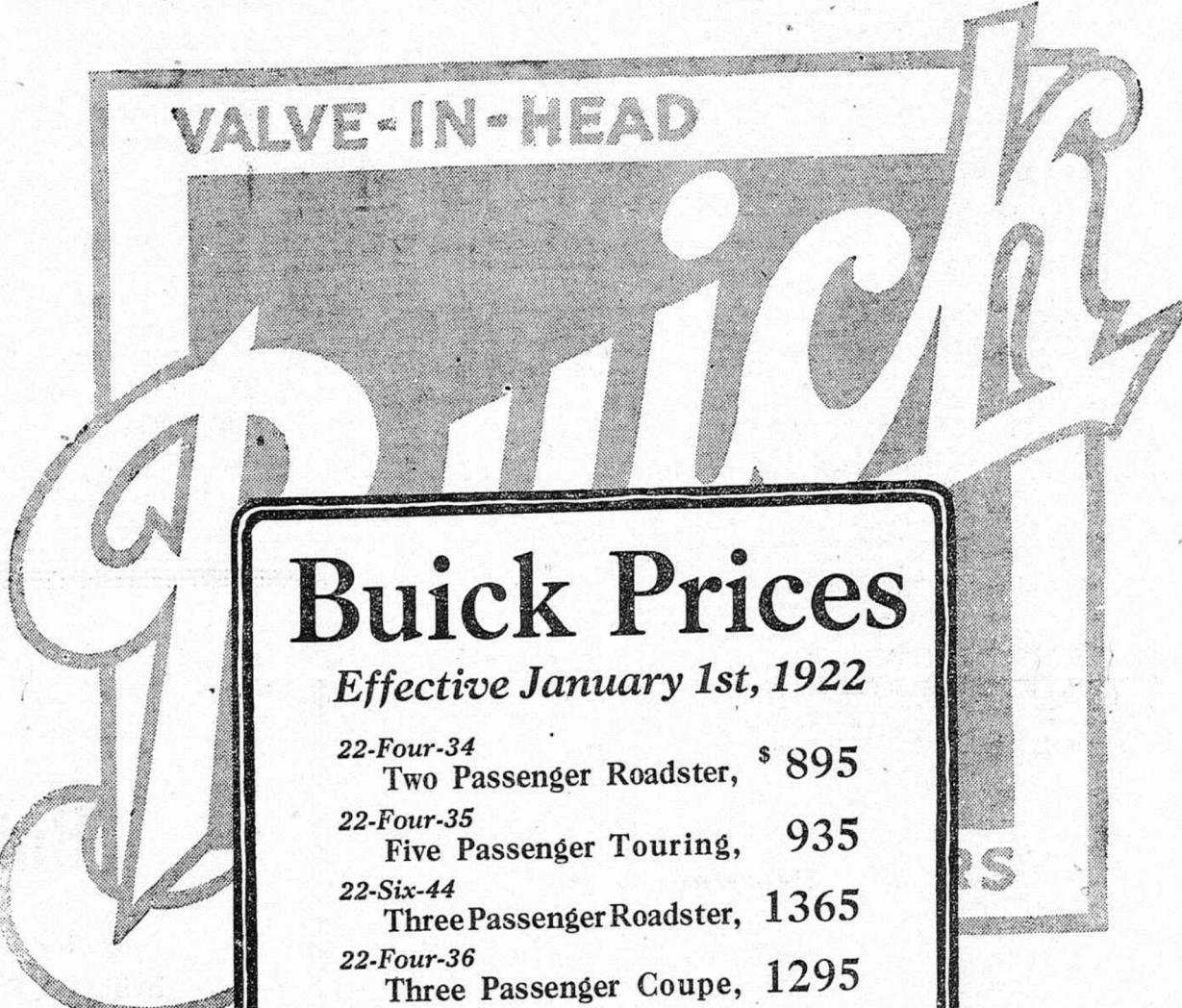
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