

DUKE IS ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT

Former Secretary Made Head of Mechanics' Institute at Meeting Last Night.

CHANGES IN THE BY-LAWS

Annual Meeting Will Be Held Hereafter in May Instead of July.

Two important meetings were held at the Virginia Mechanics' Institute last night—the first a special session of the institute and the second a regular monthly gathering of the board of directors.

The meeting of the institute was called to consider the charges of the by-laws proposed by the board of directors. These changes were suggested in order that the organization and practice now in vogue at the institute may more closely conform to the written law. The annual meeting, according to the new code, will be held in the month of May, instead of July, as formerly. It also seemed necessary that the name of the head of the school should be changed.

After some discussion and consideration it was decided to have a superintendent as the executive head, a secretary, treasurer and librarian. The fee for annual membership was maintained at three dollars, and the fee for life membership in the institute was reduced to fifty dollars. After some other less important changes were offered, the new by-laws were unanimously adopted, and the formal meeting of the institute adjourned.

In the meeting of the board, which immediately followed, there were present the following: President W. J. Whitehurst, Vice-President Mann S. Quarles, Members J. B. Welch, J. D. Crump, L. T. Christian, E. H. Ferguson, T. C. Williams, Jr., M. J. Dimmock, H. E. Holmes, E. J. Boyser, A. J. Chowning, J. W. Rother and B. Rand Wellford. After the usual routine of reports from standing committees and officers had been read, the following names were presented for membership in the institute and were unanimously elected: A. D. Williams, F. A. Haughton, W. F. Kapp and J. B. Pace. The election of superintendent resulted in the unanimous selection of the former secretary, Frank W. Duke. It was also decided that he retain the office of secretary.

Mr. N. P. Cofer was re-elected to the position of treasurer and librarian. With the new organization, the management feels that it will be more able to cope with the growing needs of the flourishing night school which is being maintained. The total enrollment of students is 525, and the average percentage of attendance is 65.

It was announced by the lecture committee that the annual course of lectures on scientific subjects will begin January 24th next, with Mr. Duke's "System." These lectures will be held in the auditorium of the institute and will be free to all.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Virginia Trust Company Elects Officers and Directors.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Virginia Trust Company was held at noon yesterday at the offices of the company, No. 522 East Main Street. Reports submitted showed the affairs of the company in excellent shape. The following officers and directors were elected:

Directors—C. W. Rogers, president; Mann S. Quarles, vice-president; Lewis D. Aylett, secretary; John H. Southall, treasurer. Directors—C. W. Rogers, president; Mann S. Quarles, vice-president; Lewis D. Aylett, secretary; John H. Southall, treasurer. Directors—C. W. Rogers, president; Mann S. Quarles, vice-president; Lewis D. Aylett, secretary; John H. Southall, treasurer.

Bartender Stricken.

Mr. Frank A. Kolb, bartender at the Westmoreland Club, was attacked with appendicitis last night while attending to his duties in the club. He was taken at once to the Virginia Hospital, where he will be operated on to-day by Dr. R. C. Bryan.

BUILDING FUND HAS NOW PASSED \$50,000 MARK

Citizens' Committee Reported Over \$7,000 and Young Business Men Raised Nearly \$6,000 Yesterday—Only Fourteen More Days Left.

NEW BUILDING FUND.	
Previously reported.....	\$40,000
Citizens' Committee reported yesterday.....	7,242
Young Business Men's Committee reported yesterday.....	5,980
Grand total.....	\$53,222
Fourteen more working days.	

Such was the situation of the Y. M. C. A. new-building campaign at the close of business last night. The subscriptions of the day, amounting to \$12,222, were mainly made in comparatively small contributions, only one subscription of \$1,000 being reported, that being from Mr. George R. Cannon. Vigorous canvassing is on in all parts of the city. Mr. O. J. Sands and his committee took two automobiles yesterday morning and called on every person whose name had been assigned to them.

The first of the daily luncheons was served yesterday afternoon at 12 o'clock at headquarters, about seventy-five enthusiastic men, members of the citizens' and young business men's committees. The attendance was larger than was anticipated, and practically every seat at the table was taken. The young business men's committee cheered to the echo when the announcement of their first day's results, \$5,980, was compared with the first day's work of the young business men of Baltimore, who raised \$5,625. It looks as if the young men of Richmond will break all records if the present pace can be maintained.

What Young Men Did.

Mr. N. D. Sills, chairman of the young business men's committee, presided at the luncheon, and received the reports. Mr. Ward offered prayer. A nominal sum is charged for the luncheon to cover the cost. The reports yesterday were received with loud applause, especially that of Captain C. J. Billups, whose team have the honor of leading off in the race. However, his followers are going to have a hard fight to retain first position, as some of the other committees are just getting organized and perfecting their details. Captain R. S. Tuck, whose team was second with a total of \$1,195, reported by Captain Billups, \$550 was from the members of the team.

The reports of the ten captains were as follows:

M. M. McGuire.....	\$ 240
R. S. Tuck.....	1,195
S. P. Wiley.....	885
S. W. Meek.....	19
E. N. Newman.....	740
Hugh P. Powell.....	125
W. D. Duke.....	560
C. J. Billups.....	1,245
G. W. Bahke.....	720
James W. Gordon.....	409
Total.....	\$5,980

The pledge card, which provides for easy payments of subscriptions, is as follows:

Richmond, Va., 1907.	
For the purpose of paying for lot and erecting a building for the Young Business Men's Association of Richmond, and in consideration of the subscription of others, I promise to pay to the treasurer of the new-building fund of said association..... Dollars,	
Payable as follows: One-fourth March 1, 1907; one-fourth September 1, 1907; one-fourth March 1, 1908; one-fourth September 1, 1908.	
(Signed).....	
Or will pay in full on.....	
1907. Address.....	

A number of the representative ministers of the city called at headquarters in the Shafer building yesterday to express their good wishes and offer any support that they might be able to give. It is probable that a request will be issued for a general mention of the campaign from all pulpits next Sunday, and

Extraordinary Sale of Used Pianos

REMARKABLY low prices for valuable Pianos taken in part payment for the Pianola Piano.

Two important characteristics distinguish the Pianos in this sale from those offered elsewhere: First, the uniformly high grade of the Pianos themselves; second, their excellent condition.

Such an impressive offering of slightly used Pianos seldom comes—it is a banner chance to save money.

One \$600 Hardman Piano now only \$360

This instrument is in good condition and very desirable. It is handsome in case and excellent tone.

One \$400 Fisher Piano now only \$235

One \$400 Emerson Piano, Rosewood Case, now only \$285

One \$550 Weber Piano now only \$300

One Handsome Square Piano, full size, carved legs, front inlaid with pearl, to be greatly reduced.

THE above Pianos will be sold on our liberal credit plan. Do not overlook this fact. Our regular line of Pianos, Organs, Pianola Pianos, Pianolas and Victor Talking Machines is full of rare bargains. Drop in and try and see the instruments for yourself.



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Fire Pump for City Tug to Fight Flames on River and Dock Front.

SOME THINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT WANTS

Increase in pay of men, commensurate with increase in cost of living. New building laws and establishment of office of building inspector. Appropriation of \$25,000 for proper maintenance of present equipment. Establishment of engine company and truck company combined in northeastern part of city, engine company in southwest, and truck company in East End. Provision for second assistant engineer. Fourteen new stationed men. Extra engine for Company No. 7. Installation of fire pump on city tug.

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Through your consideration, we have an appropriation of \$97,190 for pay-roll, and \$18,000 for maintenance.

Needs More Money.

Your board desires to call attention to the many previous statements for the necessary increased amount for its general expense requirements, as it is high impossible to preserve the past and present efficiency of the department when the cost of maintenance has increased from year to year, and in comparison with cities of similar size and conditions our per capita of expenses, based upon population, is less than statistics prove should be the case.

Some of the engines are beginning to show the result of severe service, and ought to be replaced, notably No. 7, on Cary Street, between Ninth and Tenth Streets, that has under its special care million-dollar blocks.

Our four (4) trucks, in the evolution of only a few years, are obsolete, and we need new stock badly, where we need bought horses at our own price, they are now to us almost prohibitory.

All of the above refers to the material matters. The pay of the department, particularly the stationed members, should be increased to provide us with sufficient pay-roll to strengthen the central companies, and enable us to establish a light truck company in the east end of the city. These two propositions are for the benefit of the present old employees and are essential, not taking into consideration the annexed portions, which we will call your attention to in a supplemental report.

We again appeal to you to pass suitable building laws, and to establish the office of building inspector.

Recommendations.

We renew our application for fourteen (14) stationed men to strengthen the several central companies. We also renew our request for a truck company in the East End, and refer you to the following on fire extension particulars: We recommend the purchase of an extra first size engine for Engine Company No. 7, Cary Street, between Ninth and Tenth Streets, the present machine being too light and old.

We recommend for the proper maintenance for the present equipment, where-

Willing Witness.

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Officers Installed.

At a recent meeting of May Council, No. 31, Daughters of Liberty, held in Fairmount Town Hall, the following officers were installed for the ensuing term: Councilor, Mrs. Josephine Jones; Assistant Councilor, Marie Miller; Vice-Councilor, Mrs. Lucy Willford; Assistant Vice-Councilor, Mrs. Sallie Creery; Recording Secretary, T. W. Gregory; Assistant Recording Secretary, Miss Myrtle Middleton; Financial Secretary, Miss Lettie Thacker; Treasurer, Miss Linda Jeter; Guide, Mrs. Fannie Butler; Inside Guard, A. L. Dementi; Outside Guard, Miss Florence Powers; Junior Executive Councilor, Miss Fannie Fox; Trustee, Mrs. Sallie Creery; Representative to State Council, A. Howard Thacker; Alternates, Mrs. Lucy Willford and W. Clifton Thacker. After the regular business was transacted an hour of social intercourse was enjoyed by the members and refreshments were served in abundance.

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Axminster and Velvet Carpets. \$1.25 grade now	Odd Pairs Lace and Heavy Curtains. 98c Made, laid and lined free.	Brussels Carpets, usual \$1.00 grade, now 85c Made, laid and lined free.
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by we can prevent depreciation, the sum of \$25,000 for expenses.

We recommend the installation of a fire pump on the city tug to be used at fires on the river and dock front. On two occasions recently it would have been of great benefit.

The fire and police telegraph service one of the best in the country, and we have already placed two street fire alarm stations in the annexed territory.

We recommend that you continue the appropriation for underground work, that we may finally have every wire safe from interruption.

The responsibilities of the newly acquired territory are upon us, and we respectfully recommend the establishment of an engine company and truck combined in the northeastern part of the city.

This enlargement of territory and buildings and extensive enlargement of old ones makes it imperative that we have the services of a second assistant engineer to assist in the extended work brought about by the above conditions.

BELIEVE ROBBERS ARE UNDER ARREST HERE

Greensboro Authorities Think Wilson and Williams Are Wanted in Their City.

Detective Wiltshire last night had a long distance telephone talk with the chief of police of Greensboro, N. C., who believes that the two men, Dod Wilson and Jack Williams, arrested by Officer Goldsby and Wright on Monday, and given a jail sentence yesterday on the charge of carrying concealed weapons, are the men who broke into a hardware store in Greensboro and robbed the place of a lot of knives, razors, pistols and other hardware paraphernalia. The Greensboro chief of police gave a detailed description of the stolen goods, and his description tallied almost exactly with the things that were found on the persons of the two young men. The Greensboro chief will leave that city this afternoon for Richmond to see whether these are the men he wants. The police here believe that Wilson and Williams are the two men wanted, and take all the care over to the Greensboro authorities if the charges are proven.

MR. BEATTIE RESIGNS.

Succeeded by Mr. Bryan as M. F. H. of Deep Run.

At a meeting of the board of governors of Deep Run Hunt Club, held last night at Commonwealth Club, the resignation of Mr. H. C. Beattie as M. F. H. of Deep Run was accepted, and Mr. J. St. George Bryan was chosen as his successor. Mr. Beattie has been master for a number of years, and has performed his duties with notable success. He retires on account of pressing business engagements, which prevent his regular attendance upon the hunt.

HOLD NIGHT CLERK ON ARSON CHARGE

Parker Crawford, Formerly Employed at a Hampton Hotel, Goes to Jury.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) HAMPTON, VA., January 15.—Parker Crawford, the young night clerk of the Augusta Hotel, who was arrested several nights ago as a suspicious character, has been held for the grand jury on the charge of arson.

It is alleged that young Parker made an attempt to burn the Augusta last week. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway has decided to give Hampton a new passenger station. The present depot will be converted into a freight depot, and it is said that the new building will be a handsome, modernly-equipped structure.

NEGRO DIES FROM INJURY INFLICTED BY HIMSELF

Rayfield Johnson, colored, shot himself through the abdomen at 10 o'clock Monday morning while in the act of loading his gun. The wound was of a serious nature, and the man was taken to the Virginia Hospital, where he was operated on yesterday by Drs. Dunne and Nuckolls. Despite the aid of the physicians Johnson died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

LITTAUER BILL IS REPORTED, 8 TO 7

WASHINGTON, January 15.—After a fist which lasted all day, and extended to the floor of the House, threatening to bring about much filibustering at one time, the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries finally decided at 6 P. M., by a vote of 8 to 7, to make a favorable report on a ship subsidy bill prepared by Representative Littauer of New York.

CONVENTION FOR EXTENSION OF FOREIGN TRADE

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 15.—The second day's session of the National Convention of the Extension of the Foreign Commerce of the United States opened to-day with an attendance of nearly 800 delegates. Every State in the Union is represented.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Gifford*

Smoke a "Shriner"

We have control of the Shriner, a 6c Cigar of positive merit. You'll know the Shriner is all right after the first puff. Ask any good dealer for a Shriner.

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