



WAR THREAT HITS VIRGINIA

Defense Plans and Higher Taxes Bring Realization of National Danger

The tax man impressively reminded Virginians on the first of July that necessity for increased defense measures must bring an accompanying strain upon the pocketbook of Mr. Taxpayer.

Cigarettes, drinks, and amusements are the first items to be advanced in price to meet the new tax schedules. And while the federal plans boosted retail prices of these and doubtless other commodities, the Commonwealth of Virginia moved quietly along with training plans.

This week Virginia educators conferred with Dr. B. H. Van Oot, State Supervisor of Trade and Industrial Education, on plans to fit adults for effective service in the country's rapidly expanding defense program.

In large cities, such as Richmond, Norfolk, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Portsmouth, Danville, Newport News, classes in mechanical work relating to war industries needs will be organized for both day and night sessions and will continue evenings in the fall after the regular school work requires the day time facilities of the vocational departments of the various schools.

In Richmond training will be directed along the lines of machine shop work, auto mechanics, welding, electricity and plumbing. In Norfolk and Newport News the requirements of the shipyards will be emphasized. At the Virginia Polytechnic Institute a ground school for airplane mechanics will be organized, while general machine shop training will be carried on at Roanoke, Danville, Lynchburg and Bristol.

And last, but possibly not least may be noted activity in the local area at Manassas where flying-field activities at the local airport are being organized and where the National Youth Administration is in the midst of preliminary work on the location of a vocational educational institution at the old Swavely School, formerly known as Eastern College, where a number of fine old buildings offer exceptional advantages for those able to bring them up to their present requirements.

POLO GAMES PROMISE TO DRAW LARGE CROWD

On Sunday, July 7, the strong Third Cavalry Polo Team will play the Fauquier-Loudoun quartette in a benefit match for the Rectortown branch of the Fauquier Red Cross. The game will take place on the Goose Creek Polo Field, starting promptly at 3:30.

Mrs. Laura Rawlings, chairman of the Rectortown Red Cross, and her co-worker, Mrs. W. H. Lewis, with the members of the local polo club, are responsible for putting on the benefit match. Mrs. Paul Mellon, of Upperville and Pittsburg has kindly offered to give the cups and will present the trophies to the winning team at the conclusion of the game.

The Third Cavalry are old rivals of the local team and a fast, hard-played game should result, with plenty of action. The line-up for the Fauquier-Loudoun team will be: No. 1, Rubert Phipps; No. 2, Denny Skinker; No. 3, Capt. R. J. Kirkpatrick; Back, Robert Clark, with the visitors playing Lt. J. H. Polk, Capt. L. R. Dewey, Major T. Q. Donaldson and Capt. D. S. Cooke in that order. Major Turner Wilkeson and Charles Sabin will officiate as referees.

At Potomac Park the Third Cavalry defeated Fauquier-Loudoun in a closely contested game by the score of 8 to 6, the Army receiving a two-goal handicap. This week the home team is bent on turning the tables and is out for blood. Their score for the season is four victories and one defeat.

It is hoped that a large crowd will attend and by so doing help a worthy charity as well as see an exciting match of polo.

MARGARET BARBER BIBLE CLASS

The Margaret Barber Bible Class will meet at the home of Mrs. R. A. Hutchison on Thursday, July 11 at 8 p. m. Mrs. Hutchison will conduct the devotional period with a study of judges.

NEW TAXES ANNOUNCED BY INTERNAL REVENUE OFFICE

The Collector of Internal Revenue at Alexandria is emphasizing the fact that all merchants carrying wine or cigarettes in stock must make an invoice on June 30th in order to pay the floor stock tax which went effect as of July 1, 1940.

Notice is also made of the fact that the federal tax on admissions has been lowered to twenty cents. It has been forty cents. A twenty five cent ticket hereafter will cost twenty eight cents, and so on up the line.

URGENT CALL BY RED CROSS

Chairman Waters Needs Additional Contributions

Again, your local chapter, of the American Red Cross, is reminding you that the campaign for funds, to complete the minimum quota assigned to Prince William County, is still on.

Each week finds us nearer to our goal of \$800. However there are many citizens of Prince William County, who have not made a contribution as yet, it is to you that we make this appeal.

Won't you help us to go forward this long last mile, of the campaign and to carry the relief fund to victory during the next two weeks.

No house to house canvass is anticipated but the chapter loaned, is countering on your voluntary gifts, as a means to reach its goal.

The Red Cross has carried on this battle on behalf of innocent victims of brutal warfare in a spirit that is in keeping with the finest traditions of our past. We can best express to this war torn world our sympathy, love, and Christian attitudes, by sending to them in their hour of greatest needs, food, clothing and the implements to heal their humanity.

Won't you be one to send a contribution, send it now, and ask your neighbors and fellow Christian workers to join you.

Send to Mr. O. D. Waters, treasurer of Prince William County Chapter, Manassas, Va.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERS ENTERTAINED AT RYAN'S DAM

About 40 members of the Prince Wm. Chamber of Commerce were royally entertained by Col. and Mrs. Fred B. Ryan at their home, Tuesday System, stressing the importance of from 6 to 8:30 p. m. this being the regular weekly meeting of the Chamber.

Short talks were made by Hon. M. S. Szymczak, member of the Board of Governors Federal Reserve System, stressing the importance of the Federal Reserve System and member banks in the present national emergency defense program.

Also Mr. John A. Reid, field representative of Board of Employment Security, Federal Security Agency, outlining the part that his agency is playing in classifying all persons as to their different occupations where best fitted in this plan of National defense.

Mr. Kendall J. Tatke, assist. supt. of the N. Y. A. Resident project school to be established in Manassas. He gave briefly an outline of the school work, number of boys to be brought here from Fort Eustis, Va., and the different phases of work and trades to be taught them.

A resolution was adopted extending our thanks and pleasure to our genial hostesses Col. and Mrs. Fred B. Ryan for the evening entertainment and also a letter directed to Sheriff John P. Kerlin for his speedy recovery.

REPORT ON KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Prof. R. C. Haydon made his report to the Kiwanis Club at its regular Friday evening meeting. There were many items of interest upon which he was unable to enlarge but he touched briefly on the stirring events of the various meetings, and also upon the more pleasant items of amusement and entertainment afforded the visiting delegates. Some of the special music furnished was from teachers colleges in the South. The club welcomed back to its fold its very popular sponsor, Mrs. John Board, who was until very recently, Miss Rose Ratcliffe.

TIME TO GET GOING!



Beginning Saturday, July 6, the Bennett School Library will be open 9 a. m. to 12 noon on Saturdays and on Mondays and Thursdays from 1:30 p. m. to 3:30 p. m.

RED CROSS WAR RELIEF

Previously acknowledged	\$642.78
D. J. Martin	10.00
Betty Humphreys	1.00
L. B. Williams	1.00
Herbert C. Anderson	2.00
T. R. Hurst and family	5.00
Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Shumate	3.00
Total	\$664.78

INSTITUTE OF RURAL AFFAIRS

The interdependence of agriculture, industry and labor will be the chief topic for the Institute of Rural Affairs at V. P. I. July 30-August 1st, but some of the discussions will deal only with problems of farming and home making. Prominent leaders in agriculture, industry, and labor will contribute to the general theme in morning and evening sessions. Afternoon sessions will find farm men and women discussing "back home" problems with experiment station and extension service specialists.

Home Economics and home demonstration; dairy, poultry and animal husbandry; horticulture; wildlife; and agricultural engineering — each will have an afternoon session of discussions and demonstrations. Always popular among both men and women are the poultry and vegetable gardening sessions, for which the following programs have been planned:

Breeding for Livability—Dr. R. L. Bryant; Selecting for Vigor and Profitableness—A. L. Dean; How the National Poultry Improvement Plan Affects Va. Farmers—H. L. Moore; Common Poultry Diseases—Dr. E. P. Johnson.

(All speakers are of V. P. I. The meeting will be held at the poultry plant Thursday afternoon, August 1.

The March of Time in Virginia's Vegetable Industry—M. M. Parker; What's New in Vegetable Crop Disease Control—Dr. H. T. Cook; A Firm Foundation for Virginia's Vegetable Industry—Dr. E. R. Purvis; Will Man or Insect Prevail?—L. D. Anderson.

OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE

All women and girls, who are willing to sew or knit for the Red Cross, are invited to come to the residence of Miss Price in Haymarket on Tuesday afternoon, July 9th, where the committee will be on hand to give out the wool and materials and directions.

LADIES AID MEETING

The Ladies Aid Society of Grace M. E. Church will meet on Thursday, July 11, with Mrs. Warren Coleman at 8 p. m.

PICNIC OF GRACE M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School of the Grace M. E. Church will hold its annual picnic at the Battlefield Park, July 12 at 3 p. m.



Hon. Colgate W. Darden, Jr.

DRAFT LAW IS DEBATED

Plan Contemplates Registration of Men Between 18 and 65

The Congress is debating passage of a "Selective Training and Service" Law, based upon our experience in the last war and our observations on what is happening today in Europe. Sentiment is growing rapidly for enactment of a law which will speed our defense program and not leave us unsupplied with trained men in case of a sudden invasion of this country.

As contemplated the law would require registration of all male citizens between the ages of 18 and 65, and these would be divided into two classes:

(a) Men between 21 and 45, who shall be liable for training and service in the land and naval forces:

(b) Men between 18 and 21, and those between 45 and 65 who shall be liable only for training and service in home defense units near their residences.

The Bill does not undertake to determine the number of men who should be in training and service. This would be determined by the President, who would not call any persons for training or service until Congress has appropriated funds for such purpose. Men required would be selected by lot, and until completion of registration and classification would be chosen from those between 21 and 31. Local boards would pass upon deferment, as was done in the World War and would include those judged necessary to industry, agriculture, ministers of religion and those with dependents.

Peace-time training would be for eight consecutive months, with pay at \$5 per month with travelling expenses and for ten years, or until 45 years of age, trained men would be subject to additional training of not more than one month in any year and not oftener than three years in any five.

ODD FELLOWS MEET HERE

On Wednesday evening, parade was led by the Culpeper Municipal Band of last week the Northern Virginia Odd Fellows Association met with Highland Lodge No. 252, I. O. O. F. in Manassas. A beautiful parade composed of all branches of the Order was led by the Culpeper Municipal Band, marching from the Odd Fellow Lodge Hall through Centre Street to the High School auditorium, where a beautiful program was held.

Hon. Harry P. Davis, Mayor of Manassas, made an address of welcome which was much appreciated not only by the large number of members of the Fraternity which were present, but also by the general public which was well represented in the audience.

Following music by the band, the meeting was called to order by the President, C. G. Herrell, and after a business session a beautiful and difficult drill was put on by the Falls Church team from Lodge No. 11. The principal address was delivered by Parke P. Deans, Past Grand Sire of the World and dealt with the accomplishments of the Odd Fellow Order throughout the World.

Another interesting speaker was Fred L. Flynn, Past Grand Master of Odd Fellows in Virginia. The whole affair was particularly well managed and much enjoyed by Manassas residents, regardless of membership in the Order, and the Committee in charge of arrangements wishes to sincerely thank all who so ably assisted in making the meeting a success.

LICENSES NOW DUE

Game Warden Brower has called the attention of the public to the fact dog licenses are now due for the fiscal year.

TO SPEAK ON TIMELY SUBJECT

Representative Darden To Discuss National Defense Here

At a time when world conditions are of interest to every citizen of the United States, the Young Democratic Club of Prince William County will present to the public one of the "outstanding authorities on national defense. Congressman Colgate W. Darden, Jr., who is a member of the Committee on Naval Affairs, has accepted the invitation of the club to speak at the Manassas High School auditorium on Wednesday night, July 10th, at eight o'clock. Mr. Darden will be introduced by Mr. W. T. Sweeney, of Gainesville, Eighth District Vice-Chairman of the Young Democrats of Virginia, following a short business session.

Congressman Darden, who is from Norfolk, is a brilliant speaker and is well versed on the subject which he will discuss. He served with the Air Service of the Marine Corps during the World War, and he is a former member of the General Assembly of Virginia. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia and Columbia University.

Among the notables who have been invited to hear Mr. Darden speak are Congressman Howard Smith, of Alexandria, Delegate Francis Pickens Miller, of Fairfax; State Senator William D. Medley, of Arlington; Delegate Lake Triplett, of Markham, Delegate Charles Fenwick, of Arlington and Delegate E. R. Conner, of Manassas. Officers of the Young Democratic Clubs of Virginia who are invited include John T. Duval, of Gloucester, President; John A. Currie, of Richmond; State Executive Secretary, Alvin Fitz-Hugh, of Arlington; State Vice-President, and Mr. Franklin Daniel, of Lynchburg, Vice-President.

All the members of the local club are especially urged to be present, and all former members are urged to renew their memberships when they attend the meeting, as a membership booth will be provided for their convenience.

The Young Democratic Club has attempted, in securing Mr. Darden as its guest speaker, to bring to the general public an authority on the subject that is foremost in importance and interest in the world today, and it is hoped that every public-minded citizen will come to hear Mr. Darden speak.

MR. CONNER ADDRESSES RAILWAY PICKNICERS

More than 700 employees of the Washington Division of the Southern Railway enjoyed their third annual picnic on the athletic field southeast of Manassas.

Ideal weather made the occasion very enjoyable. After the feast, Mayor Harry P. Davis made an address of welcome which was followed by remarks by Hon. E. R. Conner, of Manassas, delegate to the General Assembly.

In his remarks, Mr. Conner related some of the legislation affecting railway as acted upon the recent session of the General Assembly.

Officials present included H. A. DeButts, vice president; C. W. Adams, general manager; T. C. Blackwell, general superintendent of transportation; G. L. Sifton, chief engineer of the Eastern Lines; R. H. Beatty, superintendent superior indent; of Safety Bureau, W. H. DeButts, of the Washington Division; Charles Kimball, public relations representative; W. T. Wilkins, trainmaster of the Washington Division; R. L. Fox, roadmaster of the Washington Division; L. L. Waters, trainmaster of the Harrisonburg Division; and Arthur Pierce, engineer of water supply.

The executive committee in charge of arrangements included Messrs. Fox and Boldin, the latter being regularly stationed at Manassas.

BULL RUN POWER GETS FEDERAL LOAN

Associated Press reports this week state that Secretary of Agriculture Wallace has announced the allotment of \$86,000 to the Bull Run Power Company, of Manassas, by the Rural Electrification Administration. The funds are said to permit extensive enlargement of the area served bringing electricity to many additional homes in the area served by this well known company.