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1,955 Register in County for Selective Service

C. C. Cloe Named Chairman of Local Selective Board

Advisory Board for Prince William Also Set Up

Upon the recommendation of Governor Price, the President of the United States recently appointed the following Selective Service Local Board for Prince William County:

J. W. Alvey, Catharpin; C. C. Cloe, Triangle; Holmes Robertson, Haymarket; Dr. Stewart McBryde, Manassas, Examining Physician and Robert A. Hutchison, also of Manassas, Government Appeal Agent.

The Examining Physician will examine the condition of the registrants as indicated by the board while the Government Appeal Agent will act when necessary to protect the interests of any registrant, and of the Government.

This board, all of whom are volunteers and receive no compensation, met yesterday and elected C. C. Cloe of Triangle, chairman and J. W. Alvey of Catharpin, secretary.

At a later date the board will give all county registrants serial numbers and publish a list accordingly. Numbers will be drawn by chance in a national lottery. As numbers are called, the registrant will be mailed a questionnaire by the local board and will be adjudged whether he must serve therefrom.

An advisory board was also announced at the Selective Board meeting whose sole purpose is to aid the registrant in filling out the questionnaire.

The personnel of this board follows: Hon. W. T. McCarthy, 16th Judicial Circuit; W. Hill Brown, jr. Manassas; Capt. Thos. F. Joyce, Occoquan; Mayor Harry P. Davis, Manassas; Dr. Geo. B. Cocks, Manassas; Dr. Wade Payne, Haymarket; J. Hunt Moncure, Quantico; Joseph Hale, Nokesville; and E. L. Herring, Independent Hill.

Jr. Club to Participate in 'Bundles' Campaign

On Thursday, October 11, the Junior Woman's Club held its monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. A. A. Hooff. The club regrets that within the last month they have lost two of their officers due to their moving out of town. Mrs. Ralph Sharrett, president and Mrs. Charles Harris, treasurer. The meeting was opened with Miss Walser Conner, the newly elected president presiding. Miss Mary Currell Pattie was elected treasurer. Possibilities of sponsoring a Sunday movie matinee or a pancake supper were discussed but were tabled for further consideration.

The club will participate in the bundles for Britain, with Miss Catherine Pattie as chairman.

Mrs. R. Jackson Ratcliffe was elected to serve as secretary-Treasurer of the Fourth District Juniors. The installation ceremony will take place in the Stratford Hotel, Fredericksburg on October 16.

It was with a great deal of pleasure that Miss Shirley Hynson was elected to membership in the club.

A play was presented by the program committee with the following cast: Mrs. Sedrick Saunders, Miss Marian Lynn, Mrs. Connie Kincheloe, Mrs. R. Jackson Ratcliffe and Mrs. Paul Arrington.

The hostesses for the evening were Misses Jane, Nancy, and Marian Lynn.

Dance

Don't forget the dance on Tuesday night, October 22, at the Manassas High School gymnasium, which is sponsored by the Young Democratic Club of Prince William County in conjunction with the Barbecue and Rally which will be given the Democratic Committee the same day at 4 p. m.

Committees Named For Rally and Free Barbecue

Public Invited to Attend Democratic Festivities Next Tuesday

Don't forget that next Tuesday, October 22, 1940, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, on the Manassas High School gymnasium grounds, there will be a Democratic Rally and Barbecue, and that everybody is welcome and invited to attend. John H. Wilkins is donating the coffee and Coffey Baking Company the bread. Hon. E. R. Conner and Hon. C. C. Cloe have engaged the services of "Uncle" Jim Butler, famous for his fine barbecues at the Quantico Marine Base, to prepare the foods.

A full program of distinguished guests and speakers is printed elsewhere in the issue.

The following committees have been appointed:

Reception: Mrs. Stewart McBryde, Mrs. Ayleen Guthrie, Mrs. R. Jackson Ratcliffe, Mrs. Charles Fenwick, Sen. William D. Medley, Delegate Charles Fenwick, Mr. P. A. Lewis, Mr. H. Thornton Davies and Mr. William Sweeney.

Arrangements: Mrs. C. C. Lynn, Mrs. Will Brower, Mrs. A. A. Hooff, Mr. P. A. Lewis, Mr. C. C. Lynn, Mr. George W. Herring, Mr. W. Hill Brown, jr., Mr. McDuff Green, Mr. Dudley Martin and Mr. C. B. Fitzwater.

Publicity: Miss Walser Conner, Miss Nancy Lynn and Mr. Stanley A. Owens.

State Commission Seeks Farm Aid In Game Survey

Landowners throughout Virginia will be asked to co-operate with the State Game Commission in applying modern game management practices in connection with a state-wide wildlife survey and conservation program, and to make available more hunting and more game, Carl H. Nolt, chairman of the State Game Commission has announced.

Three-quarters of the money required to finance the conservation project will be made available by the federal government under the Pittman-Robertson Act. Twenty-five per cent will be forthcoming from state sources, and the project is expected to require five years for completion, including such aspects as restocking of quail and wild turkeys, placing deer on Virginia's national forest lands, stocking beaver, and furnishing seeds for game cover and food on a co-operative basis.

Prince William History Reviewed At Bethlehem Club

Mrs. Viola Proffitt and Mrs. William Hill Brown were hostesses to the Bethlehem Club at the home of the former on Wednesday, October 16.

Interesting reports were given on the life and accomplishments of Clara Barton. Mrs. R. S. Hart presented the name of George Elliot for discussion at the next meeting.

The high light of the afternoon was the presentation, by the Education and Civic Committee, of the manuscript of "History of Old Prince William" for review. Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson read extracts from the manuscript, which proved most interesting.

Two new members, Mrs. Victor Hayden and Mrs. Conway Seelye were enthusiastically voted into the club. The program committee, Mrs. Wheatley Johnson, and Mrs. William Pierson presented a true and false fun quiz. Prizes of home-made preserves went to Mrs. A. A. Hooff and Mrs. Percival Lewis who tied for first prize.

Delicious refreshments were served after which the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. R. C. Hayden in November with Mrs. B. F. Knox, assistant hostess.

The Selective Draft

(Editorial)

On October 16, 1940 the fighting man-power of the United States was registered for selective military service. The law is mandatory and every man between the ages of 21 to 35, inclusive, was required to register unless already a part of our fighting organization; but the enactment of a Military Draft in time of peace is actually a spontaneous and determined action by our great country to prepare for any eventuality.

We realize that it is dangerous in the extreme for us to continue our present state of unpreparedness in the face of the fearful condition of world affairs, and by this Draft we are serving notice to Adolph Hitler and the rest of his gangsters that there are men in this country who, like his English opponents, are also willing to fight, and necessary die, to protect our homes and loved ones, our religious convictions and our free way of life.

By this very act of registration we lessen the fearful danger of war which is definitely threatening us, for if Uncle Sam displays the manhood to fight, the cowardly assassins, who are now sneaking through the clouds to

slay unoffending women and children and to destroy churches and hospitals, will not be likely to meet real men, equally armed and trained. In preparedness lies our only possible escape from the horrors of war.

In the World War we were quick to forget the men who were drafted into military service and we made little effort to honor the gallant survivors of that fearful war. And we largely kicked them out of their previous civil occupations; giving their jobs to others who had no idea of stepping aside when the veterans returned.

Let us in 1940 more definitely honor the men who are called for military training and not fail to reserve for them a proper place in civilian life when they finish their period of military training.

And let us hope and pray as we arm for the worst, that we shall only experience the best, and that our fighting men will all come back to us hardened in physical endurance and trained in mutual co-operation, fine fellowship and more effective citizenship, as well become honored defenders of our precious liberty.

Marine Corps Seek Men for Officer Training

Recent graduates of Virginia colleges are being offered a chance to enlist for six months active training in the Marine Corps, with a commission as second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve given to those candidates who successfully complete the course, it was announced yesterday by Major T. C. Perrin of Roanoke, inspector-instructor of the Twenty-third Battalion, Marine Corps Reserve.

The training plan, recently adopted by the corps, according to Major Perrin is designed "to reach a group of outstanding college graduates who desire to serve their country during the emergency in a capacity commensurate with their educational qualifications and capabilities". Applicants will be selected from recent graduates between the ages of 20 and 25, must be unmarried, and must not be a member of the Army Reserve, National Guard or Naval Reserve.

Those accepted for the course will spend three months as a private in the Marine Corps Reserve, undergoing intensive training at Quantico. At the completion of the first three months, those recommended by their commanding officer will be commissioned as second lieutenants in the Reserve and given an additional three months' training in a reserve officers' course designed to qualify them as platoon commanders. Of these officers, those recommended would be retained on active duty with troops for an additional six months, with possible extension if circumstances warrant.

The first candidates' class will begin in November at the Marine Barracks in Quantico, and in connection with securing men for training, Major Perrin will come to Richmond this week to confer with President Boatwright of the University of Richmond on desirable applicants. Other institutions to be visited by Major Perrin are the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee and V. M. I.

SQUARE DANCE

Brentsville Community League will give a square dance at Brentsville Courthouse, Saturday, October 19 from 8 to 12.

BINGO PARTY

The Dumfries P. T. A. will sponsor a bingo party at Dumfries School, Friday, October 25, beginning at 8 p. m.

Prince William 4-H Team Places First

Competing with states from throughout the United States the Prince William County 4-H Team placed first in the National 4-H Dairy Manufacturing Demonstration Contest held this week at the National Dairy Show at Harrisonburg, Penna. The local team, comprised of Lester E. Harris, jr., Nokesville, and Harold A. Poling, Manassas, was chosen last month at the State Contest to represent Virginia 4-H Clubs in the National Dairy Manufacturing Contest at the Dairy Show.

A practical means of making American cheese on the average farm was demonstrated by the boys. Simple equipment available on any farm, with the probable exception of a dairy thermometer, was used.

At a banquet at the Penn-Harris Hotel Wednesday, handsome watches were presented to Lester and Harold by representatives of the National Dairy Show. While at the show, the Virginia boys along with 4-H representatives from 44 other states were taken on tours of the Gettysburg Military Park, the Hershey Estates and other places of interest near Harrisonburg. Numerous special programs, banquets and educational and entertainment features were provided for the 4-H teams from forty-five states in the National dairy contests while at Harrisonburg.

Teachers' Association Will Publish Series of Articles

The Prince William Teachers' Association purposes with the co-operation of the Manassas Journal to publish a series of articles on subjects of educational interest. The theme for the present is the timely one of education in democracy and democracy in education.

A number of the teachers were giving their help on registration day. Of course the schools were closed after an hour of patriotic exercises for the day, yet the teachers went on longer with their own work and with patriotic work.

On Friday the 18th, the teachers are going to a professional meeting that of District H of Northern Virginia. This division is a branch of the Virginia Education Association. The meeting is in the George Washington High School of Arlington. The schools will be closed for the day.

Registration is Lighter Than Pre-Registration Forecast Indicated

According to figures released this morning by the local Selective Service Board 1,955 young men between the ages of 21 and 26 registered in Prince William County under the Selective Service Act yesterday.

Council Chamber Available Only During Evening Hours

The Town of Manassas wishes to call the attention of the public to the fact that the Town's Council Chamber is now being used during business hours for office work. It will therefore not be available for public meetings except during the evening hours.

Any one desiring to secure the use of the Council Chamber for use, when available during evening hours, should contact either the Town Clerk or the Town Manager well in advance of the date on which such use is desired.

Manassas Women Hear Safety Talk

The October meeting of the Manassas Women's Club held in the Parish House Monday at 2:30 p. m., was a most interesting and helpful one.

The guest speaker, Mr. Clark of the three A's, was given the first part of the meeting time, as he had to fill a later engagement. His subject "The Safety Campaign" held our interest through his entire talk. He emphasized the importance of school patrols, and we expect to have one here, left-hand side of the road for pedestrians, the social obligations in driving, and under no circumstances should one step into the street between cars. We hope that he may return to give us more on this subject.

After this, the regular business of the club was taken up. The reports of the different committees showed keen activity in their various objectives. The Garden Section has given money to purchase shrubbery for both high school and district home also to offer a prize for Christmas decorations of homes.

Two new members were taken into the club and we know there is great pleasure in store for them. Each club member is asked to bring a guest to the November meeting, to hear Mrs. Alexander on the subject of Child Welfare. Our attention was drawn to now patriotic activities in our midst, and any one knowing of such to report to the F. B. I. Delegate alternates to the 4th District meeting to be held in Fredericksburg October 30, were elected Delegates Mrs. Wade Dalton, Mrs. G. R. Ratcliffe; Alternates Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Douglas.

Arrangements for the Christmas dance were made and committees will be published later. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by the hostesses for this month.

Garden Club Will See Pictures of Landscape Artist

The Manassas Garden Club will have another lecture with slides at the Pitts Theatre next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. The title of one lecture is "Designs for the Small Place" by a prominent landscape artist, Marjorie Sewell Cautley.

All the slides will be most interesting to garden lovers and it is to be hoped that all will attend. These slides and lectures are expensive and the members of the garden club go to considerable trouble to make them available. The management of the Pitts Theatre is most gracious in letting us use the theatre also so. Come out and enjoy them.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

The Christian Endeavor Society was organized at the Presbyterian Church, September 29 by Mr. Wood of the State Vocational School. Meetings will be held every Sunday night at 8:30 p. m.

Mr. Page Croasley will be in charge of the program October 20. Topic "Remember the Sabbath". The public is cordially invited.

Registration was somewhat lighter than the 2,289 figure anticipated and it is thought when the serial numbers are attached to only those applicants claiming residence in Prince William County the figure will be cut further to approximately 1,500. Potomac precinct (Quantico) for example, registered 580 men, nearly 400 of whom are estimated to have residences in other places.

The registration by precincts:

Aden	23
Brentsville	34
Catharpin	35
Dumfries	144
Haymarket	130
Hickory Grove	49
Hoadly	24
Horton	10
Independent Hill	35
Joplin	40
Manassas	437
Nokesville	91
Occoquan	171
Potomac	580
Token	24
Waterfall	14
Wellington	22
Manassas Vocational School	69
Total	1,955

In Manassas the 437 registrants were handled in an orderly manner, Chief Registrar R. Jackson Ratcliffe said, despite an early morning rush causing him to press three additional registrants into service. Registration, Ratcliffe said, proceeded smoothly during the afternoon and evening hours with the last registrant barely getting in under the wire. He arrived just two minutes before the 9 p. m. deadline.

46 From Prince William To Be Called

Of the estimated 8,000 men, including 1,600 colored, Virginia will call to the colors in the first draft, 46 will come from Prince William County (based on 2,289 registration figure). Whether or not this figure will be revised downward when the accurate number registrants is determined to be less than the estimated figure is not known at this time.

Parrish Named Commander Of Legion

At a meeting of the American legion held on Tuesday night, the following officers were elected: Commander, E. G. Parrish; 1st Vice Commander, Ernest C. Spitzer; 2nd Vice Commander, Dr. W. C. Payne; 3rd Vice Commander, Wheatley M. Johnson; Adjutant and Chaplain, Rev. John M. DeChant; Finance Officer, C. W. Fitzwater; Sergeant-at-arm, W. L. Coverstone; Historian, Dr. V. V. Gillum; Service Officer, Miss Margaret Lynch.

Arrangements were made to put on the ceremony of advancing the colors in connection with the registration day program at the high school Wednesday. These arrangements were in charge of comrade Johnson, and a delegation of Legionaries was selected to represent the post.

All veterans are reminded that dues for 1941 and should be paid before Armistice Day, November 11. The next meeting of Post 158 will be held on Tuesday, November 12.

Kiwanis News

A number of Kiwanians were absent on Friday night on account of the convention in Richmond.

President Arrington and "Senator" Conner returned in time to give some high points of the meeting. Hunton Tiffany gave the club a very interesting picture of the new Pennsylvania Super Highway, as he recounted his trip over this road last week.

Ballots for the nomination of new officers were taken up at the meeting, but no speeches or campaign promises were heard.

The board of directors meets this Friday evening at 6 p. m., at the People's National Bank.