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PARALYSIS FIGHT GAINING IMPETUS

Business, Labor and Industry Unite for Record-Smashing 1941.

America's program of national defense against a stealthy enemy swung into high gear this week as business, labor and industry united for a record-smashing 1941 "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign.

Responding to the nation wide enthusiasm which has been revealed by hundreds of letters pouring into headquarters, Keith Morgan, National Chairman of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday left for a swing across the country. Mr. Morgan's tour will take him to Chicago and Los Angeles. Returning to New York, he will attend organization meetings and luncheons in Kansas City, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Columbus (Ohio) and Detroit. Meanwhile, scores of prominent Americans continued to inform National Headquarters that they will accept memberships in the National Committee and declared their determination to fulfill the year's slogan: "Help the Youngster Around Your Own Corner".

Under the leadership of Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Secretary of the Navy Col. Frank Knox, commanders of the armed forces and directors of Selective Service joined the battle against the crippling invader. Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall was among the first to pledge his support.

Industry gave its assurance of whole-hearted backing to the drive. Among the leaders in this battalion are F. L. Fisher, Vice President of General Motors Corporation, Edwin F. Chinlund, President of Postal Telegraph Cable Company, Sosthenes Behn, President of International Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Labor's forces this year will be led by William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor; Philip Murray, President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations and Sidney Hillman, President of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America and a member of President Roosevelt's recently created super-defense commission.

The campaign will be formally launched on January 13. The first of thousands of "Home Parties" will be given by Mrs. Roosevelt on January 14; the "March of Dimes" will be conducted from coast to coast on a scale never before attempted. In Washington, D. C., the "Mile-O-Dimes" will share the spotlight with the gala festivities planned for January 30, President Roosevelt's 59th birthday. Stars of the stage, screen and radio have pledged their full participation in the 1941 "March of Dimes of the Air", directed by Eddie Cantor.

INFORMATION ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

In response to requests from farm people for information about the National Defense Program as a whole and the role of agriculture in the program, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has prepared in mimeographed form a free 8-page "National Defense Reading List". The first part of the list contains the titles of publications, speeches, radio talks and moving pictures issued by the Department since June, 1940 and a few titles of outstanding publications issued before the National Defense Program began, since the role of farmers in defense includes the strengthening of existing programs for achieving a balanced agriculture. The second part of the list contains titles of a few of the timely publications and motion pictures available on request to other governmental agencies. These include sources of information on the armed forces, the rearmament program, national resources for defense, vocational training for defense industries, Latin American relations, public health, employment services, housing, and the Government as a whole.

Copies of the "National Defense Reading List" can be secured from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, or from the University of Virginia Extension Division in Charlottesville.

The Executive Board of the Manassas Woman's Club will hold its meeting Wednesday, January 8, at the home of Mrs. C. Wade-Dalton at 10 o'clock, a. m.

LOCAL TO SEND TWO MORE VOLUNTEERS

Prince William County will send two more volunteers to the Army January 10, when Harry Duncan of Haymarket, and Herman Livingston Minton, jr., of Gainesville will answer the second call at the Army induction station in Baltimore.

C. C. Close of Triangle, chairman of the local draft board, said the present quota for the county is 64 men. January 16 Theodore Roosevelt Smith, colored, of Nokesville, who has been drafted in the third call, will be sent to Baltimore.

VA. BANKS LEND 306 MILLION

More Than 392,000 Loans Made to Virginia Business Firms and Individuals.

Thirty-four per cent of Virginia's commercial banks made more than 392,000 loans totaling \$306,000,000 to business firms and individuals throughout the state during the first six months of 1940, according to the semiannual survey of bank lending activity made by the American Bankers Association.

The A. B. A. loan survey was participated in by 108 Virginia banks, or 24.3 per cent of the 315 commercial banks in the state.

These 108 banks reported that they made between January 1, and June 30, 1940:

36,234 new loans totaling \$74,837,619
291,792 renewals of loans totaling \$225,790,046

2,090 new mortgage loans totaling \$6,059,528
392,106 \$306,686,193

The survey showed that business firms in the state used only 37 per cent of the "confirmed open lines of credit" maintained for their use on the books of banks. A total of 24 banks in the larger centers of the state reported that they carried on their books \$22,998,950 in "open lines of credit" offered to and kept available for regular borrowers for use as needed by them. Of this amount \$8,508,859 or 37.5 per cent was used.

The average number of new loans made per bank during the six months period under review was 909 and the average size of loan was \$762.

The average number of loans renewed per bank was 2,702 and the average renewal was for \$774.

The average number of new mortgage loans made per bank was 19 and the average new mortgage made was for \$2,899.

The Virginia survey was part of a national survey of bank lending activity made by the American Bankers Association. For the country as a whole 6,203 banks, or 43.3 per cent of the nation's commercial banks reported that they made between January 1 and June 30, 1940:

A. B. A. Bank Lending Survey:
7,331,097 new loans totaling \$12,253,628,581
6,134,178 renewals of loans totaling \$8,246,301,895

177,398 new mortgage loans totaling \$453,653,612
13,642,673 \$20,953,584,028

This is a total of 13,642,673 credit transactions amounting to \$20,953,584,028, reported for the first half of the year less than half the country's banks.

SANTA VISITS KIWANIS

The Manassas Kiwanis Club had a belated surprise visit from old St. Nick on Friday evening. The jolly saint seemed much pleased with the fine co-operation and help the boys of the club had rendered in seeing that no children were forgotten at Christmas time. (Rev. Luttrell displayed all the requisites of a real Santa). Each member of the club received a present from Santa.

Mrs. Burchard very ably assisted Kiwanian Rastcliffe in making the reputation of "the singiest club in the district" hold true.

President Dave Arrington tapped the bell reluctantly at the close of the meeting, completing a year of fine service and growth in Kiwanis activity.

BILLINGTON-ROBERTSON

Mr. and Mrs. W. Holmes Robertson announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Ann to Robert James Billington of Hoboken, N. J. The couple were married in St. Petersburg, Fla., on December 26, 1940. They will make their home in Tampa, Fla.

PRIZE-WINNING NUMBERS RELEASED

The following tickets were drawn at Pitt's Theatre in Manassas, Va., in accordance with previous announcements.

Only nine (9) cash prizes will be awarded, and the extra numbers drawn will be moved up in rotation in case any of the first nine are not reported.

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| 1. 041034—\$50.00 | 14. 1940-001704 |
| 2. 041549—\$25.00 | 15. 030475 |
| 3. 087317—\$15.00 | 16. 1940-006050 |
| 4. 040221—\$10.00 | 17. 095243 |
| 5. 041751—\$5.00 | 18. 043595 |
| 6. 047356—\$5.00 | 19. 059026 |
| 7. 054780—\$5.00 | 20. 052217 |
| 8. 1940-008390—\$5.00 | 21. 055253 |
| 9. 1940-002986—\$5.00 | 22. 1940-00858 |
| 10. 050815 | 23. 055552 |
| 11. 055394 | 24. 052382 |
| 12. 095242 | 25. 054282 |
| 13. 042387 | |

Holder of any of these lucky tickets must present the tickets not later than January 13, 1941, at 12 o'clock noon, at the office of Stanley A. Owens, Manassas, Va. Prizes will be awarded after that hour. Please be as prompt as possible in presenting the lucky tickets.

TELEPHONE COMPANY HOLDS ANNUAL BANQUET

The Central Mutual Telephone Co., held its annual banquet Wednesday, December 23, at the Stone House Inn.

Dr. Geo. B. Cocks, president, was toastmaster.

Geo. B. Cullen, connecting supervisor from Richmond, was the guest speaker. Mrs. C. E. Nash of Manassas was also a guest of honor.

Speeches were heard from the members of the board of directors who were present. These included Mr. Harry P. Davis, Mr. T. E. Didlake and Mr. J. A. Vetter, manager. Directors Wood and Hynson were not present.

All employees of the company attended the enjoyable affair.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Blough announce the engagement of their daughter, Miriam, to Mr. Loren S. Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Simpson of Altoona, Pa.

Miss Blough is a graduate of Bridgewater College and is now teaching in the local school. Mr. Simpson is also a graduate of Bridgewater College and now holds a teaching position in the High School at Fincastle, Va.

The wedding will take place in the early summer.

FIND NEW WAY OF TWISTING AND BENDING WOOD

A new method for plasticizing wood is announced by the Forest Produce Laboratory of the U. S. Forest Service at Madison, Wis. Comparatively simple in operation, reasonably inexpensive, and of apparent application in the bending of wood and in the production of cheap plastics and molded articles, the new treatment is a by-product of the Laboratory's research on the chemical seasoning of refractory woods.

During the course of seasoning experiments it was found that oak which had been soaked in a concentrated solution of urea and then dried became plastic and capable of being bent, twisted, and compressed when a temperature approximately 212 degrees F. was reached and while the wood was still the dry condition. The wood retained its plasticity while at or above the critical temperature and resumed its normal hardness and rigidity when cooled, retaining its altered shape unless reheated. In addition it was found that urea impregnated wood chips or sawdust when subjected to elevated temperatures and pressures can be compressed to a density approaching that of basic wood fiber, and that in becoming self-bonding with the urea-lignin produced by the treatment, they form a material of true thermoplastic properties.

Although the new process apparently has wide possible application in wood bending and in the production of cheap plastics, the Forest Products Laboratory has so far been obliged to ignore specific applications and concentrate its available research effort on exploring fundamentals of the treatment. The work was initiated with blackjack, overcup, southern red and white oaks, but trials with such woods as Sitka spruce and juniper have indicated that the plasticizing treatment should be applicable to softwoods as well as hardwoods.

Thermoplasticity, as produced in wood by the urea treatment, should

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS TO SPONSOR BROADCAST SERIES

Beginning next Sunday afternoon, January 5, at 3 o'clock CST WRNL will broadcast thirteen programs of the Baptist Hour sponsored by the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shreveport, La., will be the first speaker and his subject will be "Christ and Human Liberty".

Stations on the independent network carrying the program of the Baptist Hour will be as follows: WRNL, Richmond, Va.; WPTF, Raleigh, N. C.; WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C.; WSB, Atlanta, Ga.; WFBC, Greenville, S. C.; WBRC, Birmingham, Ala.; WSLI, Jackson, Miss.; WMPS, Memphis, Tenn.; WSM, Nashville, Tenn.

In addition to the stations on the network the following stations will carry this program by transcription on the hours named: 1 p. m. CST—WAVE, Louisville, Ky.; KWKH, Shreveport, La.; 2:30 p. m. CST—WCSC, Charleston, S. C.; 4:30 p. m. CST—WCOG, Meridian, Miss.; WIS, Columbia, S. C.

Dr. George W. Truett will be the speaker on January 12, and his subject will be "Christ and Human Suffering". On January 19, Dr. A. J. Moncrief, jr., will speak on the subject "Christ and Human Liberty", and on January 26, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson will speak on "Christ and Human Sin". The rest of the series of messages will also be on the general theme, "The Living Christ in the Life of Today".

The first fifteen thousand who in giving the name of the station over which they listen will receive as a souvenir of this first series of Southern Baptist Broadcasts a beautiful booklet containing the message delivered by Drs. Dodd and Truett together with other interesting information. Address mail to the Baptist Hour, Atlanta, Ga.; No request for contributions will be made of those writing in.

The Garden Section of the Manassas Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Paul Cooksey, Monday, January 6, at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. C. Wade-Dalton will have charge of the program.

DIXSON—CROSS

Mrs. Sarah E. Cross announces the marriage of her daughter, Ruth S. to Orley S. Dixon of Washington, D. C., December 25. They will make their home in Washington, D. C.

900 TRAINEES FROM VIRGINIA FACING CALL IN JANUARY

Informal advices from Third Corps area headquarters indicate that Virginia will be asked to supply approximately 900 of the 160,000 trainees to be called in January, State selective service headquarters reported today. Lieutenant Colonel Mills F. Neal, State Selective Service Director, said that on this basis local boards in Virginia would be called upon for from three to seven men each.

produced by the molding to shape of be useful in the molding of a variety of wooden articles, including those large plywood sheets. Patents covering the new plasticizing process have been applied for by the Forest Products Laboratory.

U. D. C. MEETING

The Manassas Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet on Wednesday, January 8, with Mrs. A. O. Weedon and Miss Nolie Nelson on Battle st.

HEALTH CHECK-UP URGED FOR ADULTS

Physical Examination Advisable for This Season of Year

"At this season of the year executives of mercantile and manufacturing establishments take account of stock. This inventory establishes the amount of business done and also indicates future trends. Thus, it gauges past performances in terms of gains or losses. But, it also discovers, if existing, any weakness in the selling or production program that might not have been apparent on the surface. Based upon these findings, the new programs are planned. The fundamental principle involved in this type of investigation, in the form of the periodic physical examination, profitably could be applied by all persons who are forty or more years of age," states Dr. I. C. Riggan, State Health Commissioner.

"Unfortunately, curiosity concerning one's physical condition is not likely to be keen unless one has been made aware through pain or illness that something is amiss. Upon the theory that, because one looks and feels well, nothing possibly can be wrong, the average middle-aged or older individual is negligent regarding a physical check-up. Nevertheless it is exactly this indifference that gives some of the degenerative diseases their real chance to work under cover up to the point where irreparable damage is done. Statistical tables are burdened with premature casualties due to this misplaced optimism.

"There is no desire to suggest that the majority of adults who look and feel well are otherwise than healthy. What is being emphasized is that a comparatively small proportion belie their looks and feelings, and that it is just plain common sense to make sure that one is not in that class.

"The physical examination which the family physician will make will not be an involved and burdensome rite. Simple tests will be applied. If the investigation does not suggest anything basically wrong, the matter will end at that point until the next examination visit at least six months distant. On the other hand, should something turn up, advanced tests may be required to confirm or dispel suspicions; in which event, the additional time and expense involved will be wisely spent.

"Moreover, barring the discovery of an insidious and dangerous disease, this type of contact with one's family doctor presents an excellent opportunity to obtain advice on fundamental principles of healthy living and the consequent readjustment or elimination, if needed, of any habit or practice which may be working to one's eventual disadvantage. Periodic consultations of this character from this latter standpoint alone, for many persons could add years to life if the counsel received were taken to heart and conscientiously applied.

"In its broadest implications, the physical check-up is a most efficient "Stop, Look, and Listen" procedure. It is a type of inventory that no one of mature years can afford to disregard."

MABEL VIRGINIA MATTHEW

Mrs. Mabel Virginia Matthew, age 65, died December 19, at her home at Arcola, Va., as a result of a heart attack. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Omeara, natives of Loudoun County.

Mrs. Matthew had been a member of the Fair View Methodist Church for forty-three years. She was married to Henry James Matthew, December 15, 1897. Her survivors are her husband, Henry James Matthew; daughters, Mrs. D. S. Allison, Mrs. Robert Lanham; sons, Mr. Charlie V. Matthew, Mr. Walton J. Matthew; sisters and brothers, Mr. E. F. Omeara, Mrs. E. T. Wilson, Mrs. Ida Fox, and ten grand children.

The funeral was held at the Fair View Church, Dec. 21, with Rev. John S. Schwartz conducting the services. The pallbearers were Charles Smith, Lester Wilson, Frank Mayhugh, Stonewall Omeara, Charles W. Peters, and McClellan Mayhugh.

AID TO CHINA TOTALS MILLION

Red Cross Supplies Clothing, Drugs and Food for War- Stricken China

American Red Cross relief for Chinese victims of warfare now totals \$1,000,000 it was announced.

Supplies, including wheat and rice, drugs, surgical gauze and cotton and cloth for garments, of a valuation of \$250,000 have reached China and distribution has begun, according to cable advices from American Red Cross representatives.

Wheat, drugs, surgical materials and cloth purchased and which will be shipped as fast as transportation is available, total \$713,000.

An American Red Cross distribution system has been set up successfully in both Free and occupied China, and additional relief supplies will go forward upon advices from the American representatives on the scene, it was said. Relief being shipped is purchased from Red Cross war relief funds and from the Congressional appropriation of \$50,000,000 for victims of war in foreign countries.

Flying a quantity of vitamin B-1 tablets to China by clipper plane to combat prevalence of beri-beri, and purchase of 5,000 tons of wheat, 200 tons of denim cloth and several tons of vital drugs and surgical dressing material are the first steps in the American Red Cross program for relief of Chinese victims of warfare, it was announced this week.

The American Airway has given free space in their planes to carry the much needed drugs.

The first shipment of 20,000 vitamin B-1 tablets left San Francisco on the clipper plane today, and the same quantity will be carried on the following flights, December 24 and 31. An additional 100,000 tablets will be shipped on the S. S. President Taft on December 20.

Cable advices received from Dr. J. E. Baker, director of American Red Cross China relief, stated a serious prevalence of beri-beri existed in the Hong Kong-Canton area. The tablets will be divided among the hospitals, being shipped up the Pearl river to Canton from Hong Kong on the U. S. S. Gunboat Mindanao. Additional quantities will be shipped. Red Cross officials said, if further request is received.

The wheat will be shipped from Pacific Coast ports to Shanghai, 1,000 tons going forward January 10 and 2,000 tons on January 30.

To meet the continuing needs of Chinese in the Chungking area, the following additional drugs and surgical material will be shipped on the first available boat to Rangoon, Burma:

Thirty million aspirin tablets; 1,200,000 tablets sulfanilamide; 26,000 pounds sodium bicarbonate; 64,000 pounds boric acid; 24,000 tablets emetine hydrochloride; 140 pounds procaine; 2,000 pounds chloroform; 6,400 pounds iodine; 3,800 pounds potassium iodide; 2,000 pounds ether; 7,400 pounds absorbent cotton and 8,250,000 yards surgical gauze.

Two hundred tons of denim cloth to be made into clothing for men, women and children in Free China through the co-operation of the Chinese Red Cross, also will be shipped on an early boat to Rangoon.

An additional 21,200,000 quinine sulphate tablets has been purchased by the American Red Cross in Java for early shipment through Rangoon to Chungking. An equal quantity previously had been purchased and shipped.

VITAMIN A POTENCY OF GUERNSEY MILK

According to the Councils on Foods of the American Medical Association, and printed in the May issue of the American Medical Journal, it has been found, after a year and a half of research in the Milwaukee-Madison, Wisconsin, markets, that Guernsey milk sold on those markets contained on the average approximately twenty-five per cent more Vitamin A than did regular milks sold on these markets.

The Vitamin A content varied somewhat with the feed and the time of year, more Vitamin A being present in the milk during that season of the year when the cows were on green pasture. The report also stated that the Vitamin A content could be raised during the winter months by feeding high carotene silage such as that made from green legumes.