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## FORESTER MAKES FIRE REPORT

### Berlin Eye Summarizes Forest Fire Situation

During the calendar year 1940 a total number of 18 forest fires burned in Prince William County and, as a result, a total loss of 838 acres of burned area according to the annual report of Berlin Eye, District Forester with the State Forest Service, with headquarters at Charlottesville, Va.

The total cost of suppression of the 18 fires amounted to \$189.35, of which amount \$82.40 was expended by the State for warden services and transportation and \$106.95 was expended by the County in the employment of fire fighters services and transportation and subsistence for fire fighters, in assistance to the warden organization in fire suppression work. These figures represent the actual cost of suppression work. These figures represent the actual cost of suppression in the County during the calendar year and do not include fire prevention costs and other activities relating to fire control which have been carried on in the County at State expense during the calendar year.

The fires ranged in size from one-fourth acre to 200 acres. The average size of the fire during the year was 46 1/2 acres. The first fire of the year occurred on March 10 and the last on May 11. No fires occurred in the County during the latter part of the calendar year and more than 60 per cent of all of the fires occurred during the month of March. The causes of the fires in the County as reported by the forest wardens were as follows: 1 railroad fire, 2 as a result of careless smokers, 7 were caused by brush burning, 1 was of incendiary origin, and 7 from causes indeterminate. According to the latest statistics available, the total area in privately owned timberlands in Prince William County is 125,021 acres. Of this area protected more than six-tenths of 1 per cent was burned over in 1940. Compared to this, less than third-fourth of 1 per cent of the protected areas was burned over during the calendar year 1939, in which year there was a total of 25 fires that burned over an area of 351 acres. However, a much severe fire season was encountered during the spring of 1940 than during the spring season of 1939. Relatively high winds, low humidity and a deficiency of rainfall was a combination of factors during 1940 that made fire suppression extremely difficult during the months of March, April, and May.

For administrative purposes in fire control work the State is divided into five administrative districts. Prince William County, along with 19 other organized counties constitute District No. 3, or the Northern District of the State, which district has its headquarters at Charlottesville in the head office for the State Forest Service.

The fire control organization in the County is headed by Chief Warden James M. Russell, Route 2, Manassas, Va. Mr. Russell is assisted in fire control work by Lookout Watchman W. H. Ellicott of Nokesville, in charge of the Lookout Tower at Independent Hill. Mr. Russell is also assisted in fire suppression work by the following local wardens; Arthur D. Arrington, David; Edwin E. Cornwell, R. 2, Manassas; E. C. DeWitt, R. 4, Manassas; Cornelius P. Ennis, Nokesville; George A. Hedges, Hoadly, Van R. Herndon, Nokesville; W. H. Her-ring, R. 1, Nokesville; William Francis Keys, Joplin; A. McMillan, R. 1, Manassas (representing the Manassas Volunteer Department); John A. Musselman, Occoquan (representing the Occoquan Volunteer Fire Department); Elmer A. Payne, R. 2, Manassas; D. W. Posey, Hoadly; J. T. L. Rollins, Wellington, James C. Watson, Haymarket; and Frank W. Wells, Gainesville.

## SELECTIVE SERVICE ORDERS

Call No. 5, issued by the Selective Service Board of Prince William County orders Leroy Brown (26) to report at Manassas on February 25, to be inducted with the Service with David O'Neil Tucker (32) as a possible replacement.

The following are to report to Dr. Stewart McBryde at Manassas, Va., on Friday, January 31, for physical examination:

- 141 Leroy Fisher, Woodbridge.
- 142 Howard Boone, Manassas.
- 143 Herman Tucker, Manassas.
- 149 Howard Ellis Trout, Haymarket.
- 157 Moses Banks Strother, Haymarket.
- 159 James Andrew Cannon, Manassas.

## W. E. LLOYD WINS CHAMBER AWARD

### Presentation Made for Contribution to Civic Betterment

(From Petersburg Progress Index)

William E. Lloyd, member of The Petersburg Progress Index, this week held the award of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce as the young man of Petersburg making the most outstanding contribution to the welfare and civic betterment to his community during 1940. He was presented the distinguished Service Key at the Founders Day banquet of the Junior Chamber in Ruckner-Rasinstock Tea Room last night, which was addressed by Glenn Thistlethwaite, coach and director of athletics at the University of Richmond.

The award offered annually by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, was presented this year for the first time in Petersburg. The presentation was made by Judge R. T. Wilson, chairman of the committee of leading citizens asked to make the selection.

In presenting the community service award to Lloyd, Judge Wilson read a citation prepared by the committee for submission to the United States Chamber of Commerce in securing their approval of the selection. The paper outlined the work done by the recipient in organizing and developing the West End Boy's Club, an organization of youngsters in Petersburg's West End designed to build character and citizenship through athletics.

A graduate of the University of Virginia, Lloyd, who is 30 years old, came to Petersburg in the fall of 1937 to enter newspaper work after spending four years teaching and coaching in Virginia high schools.

In addition to his Boys' Club and participation in the Junior Chamber of Commerce work, he is active in promoting other sports and civic activities in the city.

## ENOUGH TO SCARE ANY GROUNDHOG



## PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY BALL SUCCESS DESPITE WEATHER

The President's Birthday Ball here unfortunately collided with some mighty poor weather on Friday evening but the loyal crowd that always supports affairs of this sort was in evidence. Needless to say that all hands had a mighty good time.

The orchestra was one of the most obliging ever to come here and greatly increased their popularity. The decorations were neatly placed and their patriotic atmosphere, together with large pictures of President Roosevelt, completed a very attractive setting.

During intermission most of the guests present journeyed to the hospitable home of "Senator" Ed Conner, on North Main street, where they feasted and chatted to their hearts' content. Miss Elvira Conner and her sisters, Mrs. Jack Ratcliffe and Miss Walser Conner assisted their father in entertaining their guests.

Chairman P. A. Lewis and his aides went to a great deal of pains to give the public a nice dance and those in attendance were very appreciative of his efforts.

## MARSTELLER AGAIN CHOSEN TO REPRESENT DAIRYMEN

Dr. E. H. Marsteller was unanimously chosen at a director's meeting of the Md. and Va. Milk Producers' Association to represent the milk producers of Prince William County at the annual meeting at the County Court House last Friday.

Frank S. Walker, president of the association, discussed the present milk marketing conditions on the Washington market and reported a large demand from D. C. and nearby consumers. R. G. Connelly, V. P. I. extension dairyman, briefly explained the artificial dairy breeding plan being contemplated by Prince William, Fauquier and Culpeper dairymen.

The following officers of the local group were elected for the coming year:

Wilmer M. Kline, chairman; Lester W. Huff, vice chairman and Frank D. Cox, secretary.

## FEED THE BIRDS

Sportsmen, who are interested in wild life, should be reminded that free grain, will be distributed to them by the County Game Warden upon request. If you want some grain, apply to Mr. W. S. Brower, at Catharpin.

## GET YOUR DOG TAG NOW

February 1 is the dead line for grace in securing the dog tags. The license year began on January 1st. Any dog four months of age should have a tag. Don't the warden if he has to cite you to court if you fail to get your tags after repeated warnings.

## HAYMARKET P.-T. A. SPONSORS DANCE

The Haymarket Parents-Teachers Association is sponsoring a dance in the Haymarket School auditorium, Friday night, February 7. Hours, 10 to 2, music by a popular orchestra.

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

for Mrs. Chloe E. Lay Hodge By Manassas Chapter U. D. C.

Whereas: It hath pleased an all-wise and omnipotent Father to call from this earth to her eternal rest, a worthy and beloved member of our organization.

Therefore be it resolved: That we do tender these resolutions of respect to her loyalty, her strength of character; to her charity and understanding sympathy for others; and for her faithfulness to her beloved church.

And be it further resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon our minutes; and a copy forwarded to her bereaved sister, with assurance of our heartfelt sympathy.

Committee: Mrs. E. H. Marsteller, Mrs. R. S. Hynson, Mrs. A. O. Weedon.

## MRS. MACKENZIE ENTERTAINS TRINITY GROUP

The Trinity group met on January 22nd at seven-thirty, at the home of Mrs. Alan Mackenzie. This meeting marked the conclusion of this organization's first year. Officers for the coming year were elected, as follows:

Mrs. R. Terrill Johnson and Mrs. Alan Mackenzie, co-chairmen; Miss Judson MacManaway, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. M. B. Lamar was appointed chairman of the Evensong Services which this group sponsors on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at seven o'clock, p. m., in the Episcopal Church. These song services are informed gatherings to which the people in the community are invited to come and enjoy congregational singing. Mr. Cleveland Fisher is organist for Evensong.

## FARM LOAN GROUP TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Prince William County National Farm Loan Association will be held February 7, 1941, at the Court House at 10 a. m. We are very anxious to have a large attendance, and are planning an interesting program. We have arranged a question contest, about fifteen questions pertaining to the workings of the association.

One of the matters to be brought up for discussion will be the possibility of making permanent the present temporary 3 1/2% reduced rate of interest on land bank loans.

## OLD SCHOOL BOOKS FOUND

Mr. C. M. Dodson, police sergeant of Manassas reports the finding of a bag of school book in a yard of a local residence, where it could have been thrown from a passing automobile, containing old McGuffey Third Reader and Spelling Book and other papers, one carrying the name of Joyce Halfpap.

The books are badly damaged by the recent rain and snow but Sergeant Dodson would be pleased to have any information which would assist in locating the owner.

## KIWANIS SPEAKER DISCUSSES SMALL LOANS

John A. K. Donovan, city attorney for the Town of Falls Church, was guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club at its regular meeting on Friday evening. He was introduced by Rev. J. J. Widmer. He gave an interesting discourse on current finance, especially with relation to small loan laws. He stated that legislation would probably be passed at the next session of the Virginia Assembly limiting the generally high rates of interest now prevailing.

Parson Dick, the club secretary, pinch hitting for Ray Ratcliffe, club ticket chairman for the President's Birthday Ball, solicited in the interest of the National Fund.

President Frank lead the club in reciting the pledge of re-dedication (this being the twenty sixth anniversary week of Kiwanis International,) as follows:

In this solemn moment of meditation, I rededicate myself to the purposes, principles and program of Kiwanis, to form enduring friendships, render altruistic service, better my community, and promote by precept and example that patriotic citizenship, upon which rests the future of my country.

## COLLECTIONS FOR RED CROSS WORK

### Chairman Waters Acknowledges Collection of Locals Aides

I wish to gratefully acknowledge the following amounts which were collected by the solicitors in the 1941 Red Cross Roll Call:

Miss Nancy Marsteller	\$100.00
Mrs. M. E. Dickens	21.00
Mrs. John Riley	18.00
Mrs. Elsie Lund	7.00
Mrs. Mabel Anderson	12.00
Mrs. H. T. Lohr	11.00
Mrs. N. N. Free	14.00
Miss Mary B. Nelson	23.00
Mrs. C. R. L. Turberville, jr.	39.00
Mrs. Helen E. Keyes	8.00
Rev. J. R. Cook	34.00
Mrs. A. B. Pearson & Mrs. J. T. Young	43.50
Ned Bradford	2.00
R. Allen Williams	28.00
Miss Nancy Lynn	20.50
Mrs. H. T. Davies, jr.	9.00
Mrs. A. B. Pearsons & Mrs. J. T. Young	28.25
Mrs. B. B. Tulloss	13.00
Miss Loretta McGill	33.00
Mrs. Benj. Brown, jr.	10.00
Rev. John DeChant	25.00
Mrs. Earl Hurst	6.00
Miss Elizabeth Brawner	2.00
Mrs. K. M. Bradshaw	5.00
Mrs. Florence Gue	67.00
O. D. Waters	23.00
Mrs. C. B. Linton	9.00
Mrs. Florence Hynson	14.00
Mrs. Wallace Dawson	14.00
Mrs. Wm. S. Brower	11.00
Mrs. Richard Haydon	5.00
Mrs. R. B. Larkin	8.00
Mrs. Daisy G. Douglass	4.00
	\$685.25

O. D. Waters, chairman, Roll call committee.

## HAYMARKET BOYS GIRLS VICTORIOUS

The Haymarket High School teams defeated the Mt. Vernon boys and girls in closely contested games, January 24, at Mt. Vernon.

The Haymarket girls showed some fine teamwork in their 43-26 win in the opening contest. The boy's game was played on more equal terms with Haymarket eventually gaining the larger end of the score by a count of 21-17.

The next game is scheduled with Warrenton, January 31, on the home court.

## MISS MAYHUGH WINS COLLEGIATE HONORS

Miss Margaret Mayhugh of Nokesville as student at Madison College in Harrisonburg won scholastic honors at the college for the quarter just ended. She qualified for membership on the second honor roll which is an average of B for the quarter.

## U. D. C. TO MEET AT HOME OF MRS. GILLUM

The regular meeting of the Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held Wednesday, February 5, at the home of Mrs. V. V. Gillum. Mrs. Aylene Guthrie will be assistant hostess.

## DRAFT DIRECTOR GROUPS CLASSES

### Explains Difficulties Arising Through Misunderstanding

With some registrants still puzzled as to their status in Selective Service, Lieutenant Colonel Mills F. Neal, state director of the Selective Service System this week explained again the four classifications under which registrants are being grouped by their local boards.

The general classes are:

- Class I: Those persons available for training and service in the land or naval forces;
  - Class II: Those deferred because the public interest is best served by their staying at their usual work;
  - Class III: Those deferred because others are dependent upon them for support;
  - Class IV: Those deferred either by the law itself, or for physical disability, or other reasons.
- Two of these classes—I and IV—now are divided into sub-classes as follows:

- Class I:
  - I-A: Available; fit for general military service;
  - I-B: Available; fit only for limited military service;
  - I-C: Member of land or naval forces of United States;
  - I-D: Student fit for general military service, available not later than July 1, 1941;
  - I-E: Student fit for limited military service, available not later than July 1, 1941.
- Class IV:
  - IV-A: Man who has completed service;
  - IV-B: Official deferred by law;
  - IV-C: Non declarant alien, that is, a foreigner who has not declared an intention of becoming a citizen of the United States;
  - IV-D: Minister of religion or divinity student;
  - IV-E: Conscientious objector available only for civilian work of national importance;
  - IV-F: A person physically, mentally or morally unfit.

## GARDEN CLUB HEARS ORIGIN OF FLOWER NAMES

Mrs. A. A. Hooff was hostess on Tuesday to the Manassas Garden Club, the President, Mrs. T. E. Didlake presiding. A letter was read from Mrs. S. B. Watkins, visiting chairman of Piedmont District, asking for a list of the club gardens that would be opened to visitors this summer.

A committee was appointed to take charge of this with Mrs. Hooff, chairman.

A communication was read from Mrs. R. E. L. Blanton, chairman of Piedmont District regarding the preservation of wild bird life.

The club went on record as opposed to the use of any wild bird plumage for millinery purposes whether coming from within or without the United States.

Mrs. Hooff, program chairman, presented Miss Emily Johnson, who spoke on interesting legends, myths, and names, reverting to the names given them by the Indians, of many of our wild flowers, and showed lovely pictures, of the same.

The February meeting will be with Mrs. E. H. Marsteller, Mr. Raleigh Taylor, guest speaker.

## OLD GROCERY COMPANY TO USE NEW TRADE NAME

It was announced this week by M. L. Langford, president of the Sanitary Grocery Company, that effective Monday, January 27th, all Sanitary retail outlets will take the family name of Safeway.

"While we have done business for many years under the name of 'Sanitary,'" said Mr. Langford, "we have long been part of the famous family of Safeway Stores. Now we are going to take the name of 'Safeway' because the use of the family name will simplify our business records."

"There will be no other change. We will continue with the same ownership, the same management and the same personnel."

## CCC ENROLLMENTS INCREASED FOR COUNTY

Intermediate enrollments for CCC will be made during 1941. In addition to the four regular quarterly enrollments, there will be four additional. The next intermediate enrollment will be made from February 18-28. Applicants may apply to the local Welfare office in the old Court House Building.

## WOMANLESS BEAUTY CONTEST

The Missionary Society of the Gainesville Methodist Church will sponsor a womanless beauty contest to be held in the Haymarket School auditorium on Wednesday, February 5, beginning at 8 p. m. This should prove to be an amusing as well as an entertaining program. The public is cordially invited to attend. Come and help choose the local beauty.

## MRS. MERCHANT TO ENTERTAIN GARDEN SECTION

The Garden Section of the Manassas Woman's Club will meet Monday, February 3, at 2:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Eula Merchant. Mrs. C. Wade-Dalton will be assistant hostess. Miss Alice Webb will be guest speaker.

## DANCE AT HAYMARKET

The P.-T.-A. will hold a dance in the Haymarket School auditorium, February 7.

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