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## BYRD DEMANDS PERKINS RESIGN

Feels That Labor Secretary Has Lost Public Confidence.

On April 21, I sent the following telegram to Miss Perkins:

The Nation's reserve of bituminous coal is being rapidly depleted by the continuation of the coal strike. Many vital defense industries are on the verge of being compelled to close as well as public utilities and manufacturing plants generally. Without coal to operate the defense plants the entire defense program must stop. Your public statement clearly indicates that your own efforts to mediate have failed. Why do you delay in certifying this strike to the National Mediation Board for immediate action. The longer you delay the more critical will become the condition and more difficult the task to accomplish mediation to immediately reopen the mines. There should be no further delay to imperil our national security. May I ask your prompt response as to whether you will certify this strike for immediate action by the United States Mediation Board, and if not give your reasons for declining to do so.

H. F. Byrd.

Miss Perkins replied the coal strike to the National Mediation Board at midnight, Wednesday, April 23, twenty-three days after the strike began. During these twenty-three days the stock of bituminous coal has declined at the rate of 100,000 tons per week, until now many industries are on the verge of being compelled to close their plants and the stock of coal for future emergency is exhausted. Whether a general shut-down of industry can now be averted by the Mediation Board remains to be seen. Shut-downs are already reported in steel plants and other vital defense industries, and many others are imminent.

Certainly the bungling and lack of courage on the part of Miss Perkins has greatly aggravated the situation, and her failure to act with promptness and firmness at the beginning of the strike, handicaps greatly the efforts of the Mediation Board at this late hour, when only a few days stand between practically a complete stoppage of all industrial life in America by the inability to obtain coal supplies.

During the period of the attempted mediation by Miss Perkins bitterness and differences have developed between the conflicting interests which make the task of the Mediation Board doubly difficult.

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Other Virginia trains taken off included No. 7 and No. 14 between Richmond and No. 3 and No. 4 between Norfolk and Danville.

The remaining suspensions affected passenger service as far as Ohio, Missouri, Georgia and Tennessee. This is brought home to us evidence of the power of a radical labor group, in selfish contravention, to paralyze the transportation system of the country.

In many instances these strikers are asking for increases over their present compensation which amounts to more than the total compensation received by the boys who are called to the colors, and press reports indicate that there is a rapidly rising tide of indignation sweeping the country which will soon be felt in the Congress and probably result in effectual curtailment of the power of labor to paralyze defense industries.

The Manassas Macs showed more strength, both in hitting power and fielding Sunday when they defeated the Triangle A. C. by the score of 16 to 3. "Shorty" Vetter was the hitting star of the day by driving in five runs with a double and two singles.

Bill Berryman, new Macs hurler, pitched excellent baseball, allowing but six hits and striking out five batters. Triangle was not allowed a hit until the fifth inning when Gull drove a single to left field and was driven home by G. Reynolds who hit sharply to deep centerfield.

D. Posey and C. Posey played bang-up ball in the field handling several hard chances perfectly.

This Sunday the Macs will host to the strong Quantico Indians. Bourne will be on the mound for the Indians while Gillum, Berryman or Ward will pitch for the Macs. The game is scheduled for three o'clock so let's all be on hand and support the Macs not only by attending the games but by rooting for them.

Mr. Boothe declared the Washington street headquarters of the council would operate on a full time basis with office hours from nine to five daily. Headquarters will be in charge of Mrs. Marion Ramsay, secretary and executive officer of the council.

A committee comprised of Armistead Boothe, James Simmonds and Charles Harrison Mann are drafting by-laws to govern operation of the council. Mr. C. C. Cloe of Triangle, chairman of the budget committee, declared he anticipated no trouble in raising the regional budget.

Francis Pickens Miller, chairman of the publicity committee, announced the first meeting of that committee would be held Friday at 8:15 at the Regional Headquarters.

## DEFENSE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHES HEADQUARTERS

The Northern Virginia Regional Defense Council today opened its office in the McGuire Building, 201, South Washington street, Alexandria. The quarters for the regional council are donated, rent free, by Mr. Andrew Clark, of Belle Haven, owner of the building.

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## DRAMATICS CLUB PLAY

The Dramatics Club of the Osbourne High School, Manassas, will present a play on Friday, May 9, at the high school auditorium. The program will be found on page 2 of this issue.

## YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO NAME NEW PRESIDENT

The Young Democratic Club will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, May 6, at 8 o'clock, in the Court House at Manassas.

This will be mainly a business meeting. The primary purpose is to elect a vice president since Mrs. Elizabeth Brower, the president, has resigned from her office. Mrs. Brower will be greatly missed by the club since it was largely through her efforts that the Prince William County Club was the largest Young Democratic Club in the state last year.

Plans are also being made for the annual membership drive. Cash prizes will be awarded again this year. Any one interested may enter the contest; those desiring to enter please notify Jane Lynn, Manassas, before May 10.

Arrangements are being made for a speaker to address the club at its meeting next Tuesday.

## COAL STRIKE IS FELT LOCALLY

### Harrisonburg Trains Taken Off Temporarily.

Southern Railway Trains 11 and 12, running between Manassas and Harrisonburg were suspended on Monday as a result of the Soft-Coal Strike. At the same time the Southern was obliged to suspend forty-two other local trains throughout their system.

The marriage of Miss Mildred Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Wood to Mr. William Franklin Hale, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hale, took place Saturday evening in the Methodist Episcopal Church at 7 o'clock. The Rev. John Newman officiated and Miss Edna Lee Armstrong played the wedding music. Miss Mary Elyson Owens sang "Oh Promise Me" and Mr. Gerald Herring "I Love You, Truly".

The church was beautifully decorated with ferns and white lilies.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore white lace over duchess satin made on princess lines with sweetheart neckline and wore a necklace which was an heirloom of the bridegroom's family, and she carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley.

Miss Eleanor Smith was maid of honor and her gown was of delicate yellow chiffon and she carried a bouquet of sweet peas and lilies of the valley.

The bridesmaids were Misses Janet Trenis, Frances Hale, wearing pink chiffon and Misses Naomi Smith, Wilma Lee Wood, wearing blue chiffon and all carrying old fashioned bouquets of spring flowers.

Mr. Stanley Harpine was best man, and the ushers were Mr. Rufus Beamer, Mr. Henry Clay Wood, Jr., brother of the bride, Mr. Ernest Wm. Hale, and Mr. Irving Hedrick of Washington, D. C.

A reception was held after the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, which was decorated with bridal wreath and other spring flowers.

The bride attended Nokesville High and a business college in Washington and the groom is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute of Blacksburg.

For traveling the bride wore a navy blue cape suit with white and red accessories, and wore a white corsage.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale will be at home after May 5, at Nokesville.

### PLAN ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

A meeting of Sunday School Superintendents of the County was held in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday. The purpose was to play plans for the annual County School Picnic.

### GLEE CLUB SINGS SPIRITUALS

On Thursday, April 24, the Glee Club of the Manassas Industrial School entertained the S. C. A. of the Bennett School with several hymns and Negro spirituals.

At the close of their program the S. C. A. applauded greatly and requested the Glee Club to sing "Swing Low Sweet Chariot". They very graciously responded to this request and their song was thoroughly enjoyed.

### ATTENTION, HOUSEWIVES;

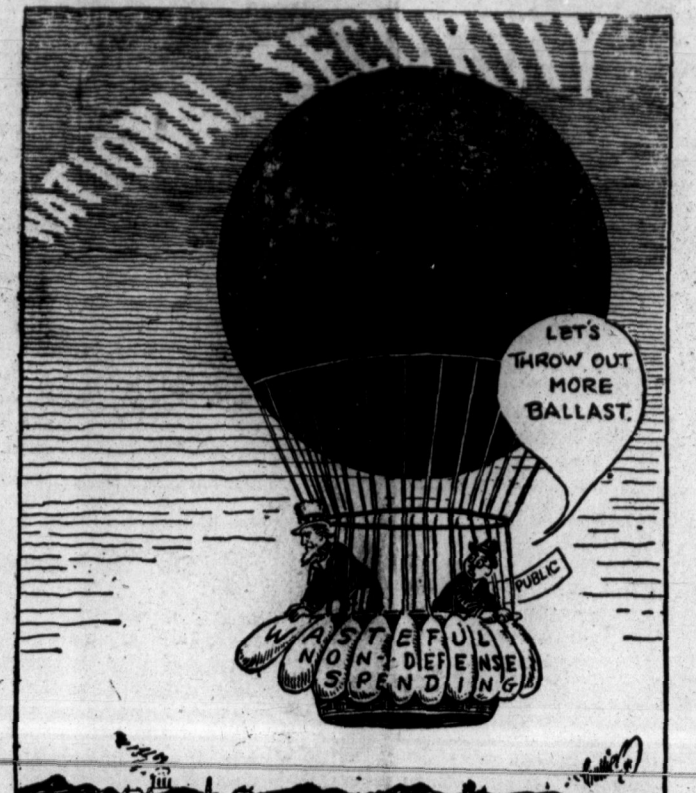
Another grocery store advertiser has entered the columns of the Journal, and has some mighty attractive prizes to offer.

Watch his advertisement every week. It is the DeBell D. G. S. store, near Stone House.

### RUMMAGE SALE

There will be a rummage sale in the Parish Hall on Saturday, May 3, from 9 a. m., to 2 p. m.

## HOW TO RISE IN THE WORLD



## HALE-WOOD

Weeks of busy rehearsals will come to a climax on Wednesday night, May 7. That is the night when hundreds of Prince William folks will be found in the local high school. What will they see and hear? The Melody and Mirth Minstrel and Musical Revue of 1941.

This is the American Legion Show you have been hearing so much about. As you know, the actors are students at Manassas State Vocational School, directed by Carl Berryman, and assisted by a bevy of local beauties. Not only will you be entertained. You will receive a fine souvenir program made possible by the generous co-operation of business men of the County. And you will have that fine feeling that comes to us all when we are helping the other fellow; for the proceeds of the show will go to the charity program of the Legion, and also to purchase needed recreational equipment for M. S. V. S.

Support the Show. High School Auditorium, May 7, 1941. Will we see you there?

## BENNETT SCHOOL PRESENTS OPERETTA MAY 2

The fairy story of Hans Christian Anderson furnishes the basis for the annual Bennett School operetta which will be presented at 8 o'clock, Friday night in the high school auditorium. "Kay and Gerda" is adapted from the story, "The Snow Queen". John Champion will play the part of Kay, Laurie Hersch will be Gerda, and Bonnie Lynn reigns as the Snow Queen. The supporting cast includes about seventy boys and girls who will be snowflakes, urchins, ragman, flowers, angels, men, women a witch and robbers.

Kay is kidnapped and carried off by the Snow Queen and snowflakes. Gerda decides to go in search of him. On the way a witch, (who is our own Peggy DeChant), puts her under a magic spell which makes her forget her mission. The flowers restore her memory and sing to her the secret of where Kay may be found. Gerda is rescued from the witch by the Robber Girl, (Lila Marshall), and is carried by a reindeer to the Snow Queen's Palace.

Kay does not recognize Gerda when she appears but when she sings to him his heart is melted and he is again her dear old playmate.

Make your plans to visit our fairy-land performance on May 2, and see what talent your girls and boys display at an early age.

## A DOG AND FISH STORY

Our well known and most truthful fellowtownsman, Mr. O. O. Holler, brings us the following dog-fish story.

Mr. Holler has a very fine dog that really loves fishing and yesterday, realizing that Spring is here, went off and brought back a fish head which he tossed up several times before his master.

Mr. Holler is a prominent member of the Isaac Walton League and a devoted sportsman. We believe his dog-fish story.

## MAIL BOX IMPROVEMENT WEEK

Attention of all rural route boxholders is directed to the designation by the Post Office Department of the week of May 5th as "Rural Mail Box Improvement Week".

The postmaster will appreciate replacement of boxes not in good condition, or generally unsuitable as mail receptacles; painting or any other timely attention.

## FLAG RAISING

The flag raising ceremony at the Courthouse on Monday morning will be reported in the next issue of the Journal, along with photographs.

## SPEAKER DISCUSSES VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE METHODS

A plan of vocational guidance was discussed in practical fashion at the Friday evening meeting of the Manassas Kiwanis Club by A. E. Jakeman, director of the Manassas Vocational School. The program was under the direction of Worth Peters.

Prof. Jakeman stated that despite the efforts to give employment to the youth in their late teens and early twenties, that some four million of them are yet idle in the United States.

The interest of the average youth and his directed tendencies are a problem ever present and always interesting. This is a job in which the speaker has put much valuable time, and his discourse was received with keen appreciation.

It was announced that ladies night would be observed on May 16. The lieutenant governor will be present on May 9.

## DEFENSE BONDS NOW ON SALE

The United States Defense Savings Bonds and Postal Savings Stamps were placed on sale in the Post Office at the opening of business on Thursday, (today,) as part of the national effort to make America impregnable.

Postmaster Mrs. Elizabeth S. Davies announced this week that plans are complete for the community, along with thousands of other from coast to coast, to do its full part at the opening of the savings program.

The new Defense Savings Bond is similar to the familiar "Baby Bond", of which more than five billion dollars worth have been bought by more than two and a half million Americans since 1935.

A Defense Bond may be purchased today or hereafter, for \$18.75. In ten years, this bond will be worth \$25.00. This is an increase of 33-1/3 per cent, equal to an annual interest return of 2.9 per cent, compounded semi-annually. Any time after sixty days from the date of purchase, the bond may be redeemed for cash, in accordance with a table of redemption values printed on the face of the bond.

Mr. G. H. Gunther of near Centerville was purchaser of the first National Defense Stamp at the Manassas Post Office.

## MANASSAS AND QUANTICO TO ELECT COUNCILMEN

Five Manassas men have qualified as candidates for two seats on the Town Council, according to County Clerk L. Ledman.

Those who have filed are Fred R. Hynson, W. E. Trusler, John H. Burke, J. A. Vetter and Eugene L. Mooney. The election will be held in June. Mr. Trusler is the only incumbent seeking re-election.

The names of five candidates for the Quantico Council also have been filed in the clerk's office. They are J. Hunt Moncure, L. L. Stevens, J. F. McIntere, B. E. Sisson and A. T. Kelley. A. E. McIntere is the unopposed candidate for Mayor.

## MODEL AIRPLANE EXHIBITION

At a meeting of the Press By Club held this week, plans were perfected for the Model Airplane Exhibition. The exhibit will be held in the Manassas Presbyterian Church June 3 to 5. The contest is open to all boys in the County 8 to 14 years of age and the cost of planes is limited to \$1.00 or less. In the unlimited class, boys of any age may enter and there is no price limit on the planes they exhibit. Prizes will be awarded in all classes.

Entry blanks may be secured in the schools and all entries must be in the hands of Sedrick Saunders no later than May 23. Planes must be brought to the church no later than 7:30 p. m. June 3. After the judging, the exhibition will be open to the public June 4 and 5.

## FATAL AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Lewis Martin, 55, of Legato, Fairfax County, was struck and killed while walking along the Lee highway near his home. The car was driven by Irving J. Breeden, who was unable to see the pedestrian in the glare of approaching headlights until too late. He managed however to swerve his car enough to avoid a direct hit.

Fairfax County police stated that the accident was unavoidable so far as the driver of the car was concerned and that Mr. Breeden did everything possible to avoid the collision and to aid the injured man after the accident.

## TRINITY GUILD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Trinity Guild, will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Wade-Dalton on Tuesday, May 6, at 2:30 p. m.

## SAFETY PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

### State Wide Conference to Be Held in Norfolk on May 22nd.

Safety problems pertaining to bus and truck operation on Virginia highways will bring together for discussion at Norfolk on May 22 through 24, representatives of an industry today employing 60,000 men in Virginia, Colonel Marion S. Battle, executive chairman of the Virginia State-Wide Safety Conference, announced today. The bus and truck section is one of seven that will be held at Norfolk simultaneously, while general sessions will intersperse the meeting and new safety standards for the state will be determined and fixed. Governor James H. Price is general chairman of the Conference.

Charles Ray of Richmond is chairman of the bus and truck section. He stated today that commercial fleets in Virginia now employ 16,000 drivers and 4,000 mechanics, while private fleets of commercial trucks and buses are employing approximately 40,000 men, while thousands more are engaged in the maintenance and upkeep of the equipment. "Mr. Ray stated that many new problems have come before the bus and truck operator due to the national defense—problems of greater use of the highways, of replacement of equipment, and others. He stated that virtually every fleet operator in Virginia today has either a trained safety engineer in charge of safety factors in the operation of his vehicles or some official whose primary concern is the safe operation of motor transport. These men and the operators of motor fleets will make up the balance of the group to attend the truck and bus section. The importance of truck and bus operation to Virginia is best illustrated, he said, by the fact that 2,365 Virginia communities have as their only means of public transportation bus or truck operations, out of 4,533 communities in the state.

Harry Pontious, director of the safety department of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Columbus, will be the first speaker of the Conference, talking May 22, at 2 p. m., following the close of the first general session. William F. Geoghan, of Roanoke, vice chairman, of the Conference, will be the presiding officer. Harry Holmes, superintendent of maintenance of Akers Motor Lines, Inc., of Gastonia, N. C., will follow with an address on vehicular maintenance. A third address on efficient braking will also feature this session.

Robert Carter, of Richmond, will preside at Friday's sessions, when speakers to be heard will include Randolph Saunders, secretary of the Virginia Highway Users Association. He will discuss public relations.

Responsibility of Management for a Safety Program will be the topic of Herbert Hoover, engineer of the Maryland Casualty Company, who will also lead a discussion on this subject. A panel discussion also is planned. The remainder of the conference periods will be taken up by attendance at general sessions and participating in the Law Enforcement and Streets and Highways section program.

Serving on the committee with Mr. Roy are Joe Arnold, of Arlington; D. M. Baldwin, of Richmond; E. G. Blake, of Richmond; E. C. Bookman, of Richmond; Ray Coffee, of Bristol; R. I. West, of Richmond; C. H. Gould, of Norfolk; Ward King, of Kingsport, Tenn.; William Newton, of Norfolk; and the Messrs. L. C. Markel, W. C. Miller, Gardner Mundy, William B. Rawling, Giles Robertson and James T. Wadkins, all of Richmond; and Jack Stanley, of Galax.