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## Register on or before Saturday, July 12 for Civilian Volunteer Service

### WAGENER MAKES VALUABLE GIFT

Former Journal Editor Presents Collection to Library.

The Ruffner-Carnegie Library has recently received a very considerable gift of books from Mr. Clarence Wagener, an alumnus of the local high school, a former editor of the "Manassas Journal" and a member of the staff of the Baltimore Sun for a number of years.

The 400 books in the collection were a part of Mr. Wagener's very considerable private library, and will be a most welcome addition to the Ruffner-Carnegie Library's resources. The collection contains about 65 volumes of recent and standard fiction; a considerable number of books on contemporary world conditions in Europe and the East, and on American problems and policies; a number of recent biographies; a collection of poets and essayists including some outstanding modern writers; a number of travel books, among them some very finely illustrated and expensive editions on England, Italy, Egypt and Palestine; standard books on economics, history and civics including a fine edition of Bryce's "American Commonwealth"; some excellent material on art and science; and, finally a considerable collection of books on child and adolescent training. These last were sent especially for the Parent-Teacher section recently arranged for in the library.

Mr. Wagener, it will be remembered, has contributed very materially to the growing interest in and use of the library, both by his numerous gifts of books, and by his offer of a prize for the last two years for the best book review of the year by the high school English pupils. As the book reviews are published weekly by the courtesy of the Journal, the plan offers an admirable opportunity to bring worthwhile books before the public. His new generous contribution, while conducting to various interests has also added materially to the library's collection of books on modern world conditions and on problems of modern democracy. Mr. Archibald McLish, the new head of the Library of Congress, contends that libraries can actively stress the meaning of democracy. Among his plans for such a campaign he has established a "democratic alcove" in the main reading room containing outstanding books on democratic theory and history, which may spur up the general readers interest in the system under which he lives.

If libraries throughout the country follow the example of the Library of Congress, they may well become a dynamic force in stressing the meaning and value of democracy. Mr. Wagener's notable contribution helps our home library materially in following this distinguished example.

### STAGGS HEADS LEGION

Officers were elected at the regular meeting of the local Post of the American Legion on Tuesday night. County Engineer W. C. Staggs was elected commander, succeeding Councilman E. G. Parrish, who has held this position for several years. Under Parrish's leadership the Post attained the largest membership in its history and is now in a position to take a larger part in civic affairs.

Other officers elected were vice commander A. O. Beane; 2nd Vice Commander Ernest C. Spitzer; 3rd Vice Commander Dr. W. C. Payne; Adjutant and Chaplain John M. DeChant; Finance Officer W. N. Curtis; Sergeant at Arms W. L. Coverston; Service Officer Miss Margaret Lynch; and Historian E. G. Parrish.

Edward Jasper, of Osborn High School, who was sent by the Legion to the Old Dominion Boys at V. P. I., was present and gave a most interesting and enthusiastic account of his experience. Francis Joyce, of Nokesville, also a Legion delegate to Boys State, was unable to be present but will make his report at a later date.

The annual meeting of the Department of Virginia American Legion will be held in Alexandria August 17-20. Delegates to this meeting will be chosen when the local Post meets on August 12.

### MANEUVERS HERE AGAIN

Army officers have been active in this area during the past week securing leases for an encampment, of the 2d Division, composed mostly of Virginia and Maryland Militia, with Gen. Milton Reckord in command.

Many of these lads were here with us two years ago and will be welcomed back. The maneuvers will be over much of the same ground and about the Henry Farm. The camp itself will probably be located south of the town.

### U. D. C. STUDIES MORE WAR HEROES

Mrs. Hibbs Reads Interesting Historical Paper.

The Manassas Chapter U. D. C. met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robert A. Hutchison.

Mrs. Frank Peters was acting hostess for Mrs. Thomas E. Didlake, who was out of town. In the historical period, Mrs. E. H. Hibbs read interesting facts about General Douglas Nicholls, Louisiana jurist.

Mr. McEvery being Governor, and Mr. Nicholls Lieut. Gov. of Louisiana during the reconstruction days.

Mrs. McDuff Green, jr., read an article from the U. D. C. Bulletin telling of the dedication of Belvoir, home of Jefferson Davis after his release from Fortress Monroe.

Mrs. Green also read a poem, sent her by Mrs. James Connor, clipped from an old paper, entitled, "The Old Flag Forever". It is worth reprinting.

The Old Flag Forever  
She's up there—Old Glory—where lightnings are sped.

She dazzles the nations with ripples of red,  
And she'll wave for us living, or drop o'er us dead.

The flag of our country forever.

She's up there—Old Glory—how bright the stars stream,  
And the stripes like red signs of liberty gleam;

And we dare for her living, or dream the last dream  
'Neath the flag of our country forever.

She's up there—Old Glory—no tyrant death scars,  
No blur on her brightness, no stain on her stars.

The brave blood of heroes has crimsoned her bars—  
She's the flag of our country forever.

As District Chairman, Mrs. Green reported, she had sold for this year 105 copies of U. D. C. minutes, and exhibited the book she had ordered for the chapter, "United Daughters of the Confederacy History".

Mrs. Lewis J. Carper, Mrs. R. L. Byrd, and Mrs. Maude Kinchele, were named as a committee to nominate chapter officers for the ensuing year. It was voted to dispense with the August meeting this year, and the July and August ones hereafter.

At the close of the meeting cooling refreshments were served, and a social hour enjoyed.

### CIVILIAN REGISTRATION IN CENTREVILLE DISTRICT

The places of registration for Saturday's civilian registration in Centreville District and the persons who will set have just been released by the District Chairman, R. D. Wharton. They are as follows:

Clifton—Mrs. Helen Buckley, Masonic Hall, hours 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fairfax Station (Swetnam's)—Mrs. Dorothy Brown Collier, Fairfax School, hours 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Pender—Mrs. Ray Gooding, home, hours 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Centreville—Mr. Lester Mohler—Store, hours, regular business hours.

Wells—Mrs. Daisy Wells, home and store, hours 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Except to observe county lines preferably, no one is restricted by political boundaries and may register at the most convenient place.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey E. Ferguson, of Clarksburg, Va., Va., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Swartz and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sines, of Nokesville.

### THE KEY TO THE CITY



### SPEAKS ON MEANING OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

Col. Hutchison was the program speaker at the weekly meeting of the Methodist Kiwanis Club which was held on Thursday evening of last week, the advanced date being because of the regular day being a holiday.

Using Independence Day as a theme for his address, Col. Hutchison made a very scholarly and thoughtful talk on the real meaning of true independence. He urged the seriousness of the hour and the need for individual thinking and action by which the government would truly represent the people in freedom and not in mere servitude.

The club welcomed back President Frank who had been on a two-weeks' vacation.

### FOOD SALE

The Young People's Division of the Methodist Church will sponsor a food sale in the window of Coker's Pharmacy, Saturday, July 12.

There will be cakes, pies, candy, and chickens for sale.

### RICHARD WAYNE PATTIE

"To Live in Hearts We Leave Behind is Not to Die"

A great wave of sorrow swept over our community Tuesday afternoon, July 1, 1941, when Richard Wayne Pattie passed so suddenly from us into the keeping of the Great and Good Heavenly Father.

His going was the result of an accident which occurred shortly after noontide on the farm of Mr. J. W. Alvey, where he was assisting in the wheat threshing. He was immediately rushed to his home and a physician summoned, but in less than half an hour he had peacefully fallen asleep without a sign of pain or suffering on his countenance.

Wayne was born at "Bellevue", Catharpin, Va., on June 8, 1924, and was 17 years and 23 days old. He was the son of Luther Jett Pattie and his wife, Bertha Jefferson Polen. He was a happy, fun-loving disposition, and a great favorite among his friends and schoolmates and teachers. He was very alert in thought and action. His lessons were learned seemingly without effort. He was graduated among the highest in his class from Haymarket High School, June 5, 1941. Shortly afterward, he was among the group of students who accompanied Prof. R. R. Fishpaw to the F. F. A. Rally at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg. While there he was awarded a gold medal, emblem of the 3rd degree in the Future Farmers of America, which is presented to those who have attained a high standard of efficiency in Vocational Agriculture.

Very recently he volunteered his services in our defense program as an Airplane Observer at a post to be established near his home. He was a member of Sudley Me-

### WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ellenberger, of 744 Coleman ave., Johnstown, Pa., were in Manassas last Saturday and Mr. Ellenberger, who was born in Manassas in 1909, would like to communicate with anyone who remembers his father, Mr. Melville E. Whipp, who was a railroad employee. Mr. Ellenberger when only a few days old was adopted by an aunt at the death of his mother.

### BETHLEHEM CLUB TO MEET AT GREENWICH

The Bethlehem Club will meet at the Manse, Greenwich on Wednesday, July 16, at 2:30 p.m., with Mrs. Washington and Mrs. Middleton serving as hostesses.

### LINE WORKER INJURED THIS AFTERNOON

Leroy Wells employed by the Bull Run Power Company was injured this afternoon at Camp No. 3, National Park Service. No details are available as yet as to what caused the accident or the extent of the injury.

### GIVE THE FIRE DEPT. A CLEAR RIGHT-OF-WAY

Attention is directed to neglect generally of the ordinance regarding traffic during the time that fire calls are being answered.

It is a fact that members of the department are subjected to bodily harm by trying to get through to take their places because of the fact that drivers will not give them a perfectly clear right-of-way.

The ordinance requires that drivers not only give way entirely to oncoming fire engines but that they must cede the same privilege to the firemen themselves while speeding to the fire house.

We have been fortunate enough thus far to escape a serious accident but no one can tell when a thoughtless act will precipitate a fatality or some bad smash-up. No amount of regret or sorrow afterward will undo the damage thus brought about.

DRIVE TO THE CURB AND STOP ENTIRELY UNTIL ANY APPROACHING VEHICLE SOUNDING A SIREN HAS PASSED.

### FIRE DEPT. NOW IN FIRST PLACE

Chamber of Commerce Finally Scores a Win at Soft Ball.

The Fire Department softball team moved into first place in the Community League as they played to a 12-12 tie with the American Legion team.

The Chamber of Commerce team finally broke into the win column and knocked the Kiwanis team from first place with a well earned 6-3 victory.

The Chamber of Commerce team scored most of their runs in the early innings and staved off the late inning rally of the Kiwanians to bring their first win in five starts. Breen and S. Vetter were the hitting stars of the game and the team as a whole played good defensive ball. Beeton, S. Saunders, and Fox collected two hits apiece to lead the attack for the losers. Leith hit for the circuit in the last inning.

In the other game, the American Legion and Fire Department teams played a closely contested game and finally ending in a 12-12 deadlock. The score was tied four times during the game when the American Legion overcame a one run deficit in the last inning to knot the score. Byrd, Bourne, and Rohr lead the hitting assault for the American Legion team and Sinclair, Albrite, and O. Kline leading the attack for the Fire Department. Sinclair collected five hits in as many trips to the plate.

Since the heavy rains seem to have passed the parents are urged to send their children to the playground during the day so that they may enjoy the many games that are played.

Chamber of Com.	AB	R	H
Conner, A.	3	0	1
Partlow	4	0	1
Haydon, Jr.	4	0	1
Worley	3	1	0
Breen	3	2	2
Merchant, J.	2	1	1
Coleman	2	0	1
Broadbudd, Jr.	3	0	0
Phillips	2	0	0
Vetter, S.	2	1	2

Kiwanis	AB	R	H
Bradford	4	0	0
Peters	4	0	1
Lynn, N.	3	1	1
Johnson	2	0	0
Saunders, S.	3	0	2
Holmes	3	0	1
Leith	2	1	1
Kline	3	1	1
Fox	3	0	2

Am. Legion	AB	R	H
Merchant, C.	5	2	2
Robinson	3	3	2
Byrd	5	1	3
Vetter, D.	4	1	1
Bourne	5	3	8
Bolding, C.	4	0	2
Rohr	4	0	3
Bolding	4	0	1

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### VIRGINIA AN ENEMY TARGET

Experts Declare This Area Open to Attack.

By Walter Karig

Bittery New York City and nervous Boston, self-importantly clamoring for more anti-aircraft defenses than the Army and Navy could ever supply, would be far safer from an enemy attack in the event of war than the west banks of Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac river.

In fact, students of military strategy declare, an enemy who wanted to account for the greatest damage to the United States' resources and civilian morale would concentrate his deadliest effort against eastern and northern Virginia and the District of Columbia. From Norfolk to Anacostia the region is dotted with vital defense industries and military and naval concentrations. Like precious gems strung along the silver thread of the Chesapeake's and Potomac's waters are naval bases and flying fields, powder factories and proving grounds. In Northern Virginia live hundreds of the most important executives in the Army, the Navy and the civilian establishments of the federal government.

Manhattan could be reduced to a twenty-mile long ash heap, and the fighting strength and the morale of the United States would not suffer. The potential enemies of the United States know that. Offensive operations against the great cities of the north, say the men whose business it is to know, would be wholly served by a combination mine and submarine blockade of New York and Boston harbors. The bombs and the costly airplanes which the enemy would have to calculate upon sacrificing would be reserved for this area.

This is not alarmist talk. It is a cold-blooded, unemotional appraisal of the facts, and it is straight from headquarters. It is the most compelling argument for civilian defense registration and organization that can be offered.

Of course if you take stubborn refuge in the assertion that "there ain't going to be no war" you might as well stop reading this, and turn at once to the comics. But for the realists, for those who may want no war and who would resist our entry into conflict but who realize we may have no choice except to defend ourselves against attack, this is of personal importance.

Even though an attack upon this region were beaten off, incalculable damage would be an inevitable consequence. Even if not one of the military targets were struck by the enemy bombers, vast wreckage to highways, homes and farms would be wrought. Though the defending forces, which are concentrated in this area to a larger extent than those who live in it realize, accounted for every enemy airplane, the terror and the confusion such a battle in our skies would produce are awful to contemplate. Only a self-disciplined, well organized civilian defense system will be able to withstand the paralyzing shock of such an attack, for in modern war the disorganization of the non-combatants is as important to the aggressor as the destruction of the defenders. One great contribution to the defeat of the Allied forces in Holland, Belgium and Northern France was the panic of the civilians who rushed blindly for escape, clogging the roads, hampering the defenders, and offering a prime target for the enemy machine gunners who filled the highways with the corpses of the women, the children and the aged.

Every resident should, and must be determined to know what to do and to be trained to do it, in the defense of home and country.

Modern, total war is directed against civilians, and in combatting it the civilian has just an important job to do as the man behind the gun, to be it an anti-aircraft gun or an airplane's artillery.

It isn't playing games, therefore, to register as an airplane spotter, a fire warden, a first-aid worker, hospital attendant, canteen operator or typist, automobile driver, what have-

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