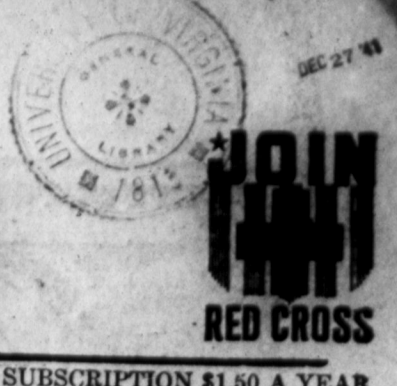




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CAPTAIN JOYCE NAMES WARDENS

Advises Careful Study And Coolness Of Action

At a meeting of The Defense Council for Prince William County held at Manassas, Virginia, last week, the following citizens were appointed Air Raid Wardens for their respective communities.

Capt. Thomas F. Joyce of Occoquan, Air Raid Warden for Prince William County.

For Manassas
Mayor Harry P. Davis
Mr. Hunton Tiffany
Mr. R. D. Wharton
Mr. W. H. Lamb
Mrs. John Broadus
Mrs. Marion Dickens
Mrs. M. M. Ellis
Mrs. Marion Lewis
Prof. Rich. C. Haydon
Prof. R. Worth Peters
Mr. C. A. Sinclair, Sr.
Mr. Ernest Trusler
Mr. William Hill Brown, Jr.
Mr. Jack Ratcliffe
Mr. C. C. Fisher
Mr. Mike Holler

Colored
Mr. Lewis Carper
Mr. C. W. Staggs
Mr. Jack Royer
Mr. Dennis Baker
Mr. D. J. Arrington
Mr. John Burke
Dr. H. E. Pickeral

Aden
Dr. Jno. D. Williams
Rev. W. H. Barnes
John Chapman
Willis Alexander

Brentsville, Va.
Mr. Sam Whetzel
Mrs. Cash Keys

For Catharpin
Mrs. Will Brower
Cherry Hill

Dumfries
Mr. C. S. Corder
Mrs. Eastman Keyes

Gainesville
Mr. Vernon Wood
Greenwich

Haymarket
Mrs. John Ellis
Hickory Grove

Hoadly
Mr. Willie Gossom
Col. Fred B. Ryons

Independent Hill
Mr. Avery Reid
Mrs. John Oleyar

Joplin
Mr. W. F. Keyes
For Nokesville

Mr. P. L. Trenis
Rev. Newman

Occoquan
Mr. R. S. Hall
Quantico

Mr. Hunt Moncure
Triangle

Mr. Dudley Martin
Waterfall

Mr. Preston Smith
Woodbridge

Mrs. Edgar W. Thompson
The Air Raid Warden for the County desires to impress on all you good citizens who have volunteered to serve as Deputy Air Raid Wardens in your communities the importance of the work you have undertaken. As LEADERS in your communities the rest of the citizens will look up to you to inform them and keep them informed of what to do in case of an emergency, such as an Air Raid, etc. Your first duty is to tell them not to be excited; to keep calm, and to minimize the danger as much as possible consistent with safety.

Instruct all citizens in your communities to keep a bucket of sand on hand at all times. In case of an incendiary bomb, put some sand near it and roll the bomb on the sand, then pour sand over it. This will keep it from doing damage. In case of an explosive bomb, warn all to get as far from it as possible. We do not anticipate having to deal with bombs, but we must be prepared.

For those communities who are not within hearing distance of a siren; get a set of signals of your own for giving the alarm. Certain ringing of Church Bells would answer well, or any other signals all in your community may know. Be sure all in your community know the signals you propose to use.

Read your hand books and start organizing your community now. Some communities have started for which we are happy.

To all Air Raid Wardens, and other Citizens: Read all you see in your Local Paper, and in the metropolitan papers about Air Raids and precautions for same. You will get good pointers from the papers.

All Men 18 to 64 Must Register

DEFENSE COUNCIL HOLDS SECOND MEETING

The Second meeting of the county defense council was held on Friday evening. Two matters of very grave importance were discussed at length. Captain Thos. F. Joyce, chief air raid warden for the county, gave detailed instructions in line with that class of service.

Mr. E. G. Parrish, chief of the interceptor stations, told of the preparations already made for reporting work.

The meeting was well attended. The various units will meet again on call.

CHAIRMAN BOOTHE URGES ACTION

Stresses Necessity Of Local Defense Units

Chairmen of the advisory defense committees and representatives of the governing bodies of the thirteen counties and two cities which comprise the Northern Virginia Regional Council met in Alexandria last week to discuss the establishment of local volunteer emergency service units. The establishment of such local units has been ordered by the State Defense Council.

Gardner L. Boothe, chairman of the Regional Council, and Weldon Ellis, of the State Council, outlined the plan under which the local advisory defense committees and the county and the county and city officials will reorganize and localize the protective activities of the council.

The county members of the Regional Council, together with representatives from the governing bodies of the various communities will work out plans for defense service, adapting the State plan to the localities or modifying it to suit individual local requirements.

In opening the meeting Mr. Boothe emphasized that the conference was not a meeting of the Regional Council, but a conference between local representatives of the council, members of the governing bodies in the localities embraced in the council region and state and regional council officials.

"I believe, said Mr. Boothe, that where public funds of a community must be spent to set up protective or defense units, the members of the local governing bodies must take part in the establishment of the agency expending such funds. Therefore, local council members and local officials will work together to establish whatever local organization or organization they deem necessary to insure their safety."

Mr. Boothe stated that the organization of the local emergency units would not affect the status of the Regional Council, although it would modify the plan under which it had been working. He also said at an early date he would call a meeting of regional council committees and discuss with them the plan under which the regional council and the local emergency units would work.

KIWANIANS COMPLETE YEAR WITH MEETING TOMORROW

The Kiwanians club was treated to one of Mr. Didlake's researches into wit and wisdom last Friday evening when that gentlemen had to pinch hit for a program which disappointed him.

J. Carl Kinchele reported on the progress of the kiddies' Christmas Party which he declared was "all set". Squads of volunteers were on the road yesterday seeing to it that those youngsters about the county who might not otherwise see "Santa Claus" would have a good substitute.

Tomorrow evening being "the day after", the club will most likely indulge in its usual custom of carol singing. Also, President Frank has called on all committees to aid the fine record of the club by filing reports here and now.

It is expected to get all Air Raid Wardens together again soon, when we hope to get a better understanding of our duties, etc. We hope to have distinguishing badges for Air Raid Wardens in the near future.

Your County Paper will publish weekly any new developments in our defense setup. Keep informed by reading your County Paper.

Thos. F. Joyce, Air Raid Warden for Pr. Wm. County.

Red Cross Call to Service



YOUR RED CROSS NEEDS YOU!
The dramatic poster by James Montgomery Flagg is the first war poster of the new World War. It is an appeal for a \$50,000,000 American war relief fund to feed, shelter, clothe and give medical aid to American men, women and children bombed by the enemy. It is an appeal for funds to provide comforts for our American Army and Navy, and for welfare work for our troops at home and abroad, and their families on the home front. President Roosevelt asks you to give. Your dollars will serve humanity. Give through your local Red Cross Chapter.

WARDENS TO FEED GAME THIS WINTER

Game wardens throughout Virginia have been instructed to feed game birds, especially quail and turkeys, if severe winter storms threaten the safety of the game supply, according to Carl H. Nolting, Chairman of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries.

As in past years, each warden will be responsible for seeing that the game in his territory does not suffer from lack of food, and all wardens have been authorized to purchase whatever grain may be necessary to meet any emergency caused by unusually severe weather. The help of conservation will be solicited. If local sportsmen interested in game emergency wildlife feeding becomes necessary all persons purchasing grain and distributing it under the direction of a game warden will be repaid the cost of the grain by the Fisheries.

It has been found that whole corn is the best grain for feeding wildlife in winter, and since it is inexpensive and available practically everywhere it will be widely used in Virginia this year if winter feeding becomes necessary. Cracked corn has been used, but it is not taken so readily by game birds as whole corn. Cracked corn is also more expensive, and much of it is wasted.

Winter feeding is more effective if all snow is scraped away from the spots where grain is scattered. The construction of small feeding shelters, made of brush or shocked corn, also increases the effectiveness of winter feeding. Shelters are not absolutely necessary, however, but grain should always be placed in or at the edge of good natural game cover.

Experience of game men in past years indicates that unusually severe winters, such as that of 1939-1940, are more destructive to game than are hunters or natural enemies. In such years only extensive winter feeding can save the essential supply of brood stock which is left after the hunting season.

XMAS PRIZES

The Garden Section of the Woman's Club, are offering two prizes for the home decoration—

1st prize for the one most expressive of the xmas spirit.
2nd for the most unusual or outstanding.

CHANGE IN BALL PLANS

Final arrangements have been completed for the Christmas Ball to be held Monday night, December 29th.

Mrs. Robert B. Bisson, general chairman, has announced that the Ball will be held in the Vocational School Gym and not in the High School Gym as previously announced. The Ball committee of the Woman's Club very gratefully accepted the kind offer of Mr. Jakeman and Mr. Royer for the use of the Vocational Gym, where the Ball was held last Christmas.

It is hoped that all the young in heart will forget their worries for the one evening and come out to be graciously received by the officers of the Club, Mrs. C. C. Lynn, Mrs. Lewis J. Carper, Mrs. Richard C. Haydon, Mrs. R. Worth Peters, Mrs. Marie Larkin and Mrs. C. Lacey Compton, who will form the reception committee.

PASSING TROOPS HAVE LITTLE TO DO WITH PRESENT SITUATION

In answer to the many inquiries which have come in to the Headquarters Third Corps Area about protection of the cities and defense activities, Major General Henry C. Pratt said today that his Headquarters is continually engaged on this problem in conjunction with the state and local governments.

Replying to questions about movement of troops, General Pratt stated that there were troop movements recently within the Corps Area, but that most of these were merely transient troops passing through to their home stations after maneuvers in the South, which movements had been planned many months ago, and had nothing to do with the present situation.

However, realizing the importance of the defense activities and desiring to alleviate the worries of the populace concerning aerial attack, the War Department is taking steps to make anti-aircraft units available within the Third Corps Area.

This action is purely precautionary and should not be misinterpreted or cause any additional apprehension on the part of the public.

The church notices will be found on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

HOLIDAY HOURS AT THE POST OFFICE

The windows, except money-order and registry windows, will be open Wednesday, December 24, from 8 A. M. until 7 P. M. The money-order and registry windows will be open as usual from 8:30 until 6 P. M.

There will be no window service on Christmas or New Year's Day.

Elizabeth Davies, Postmaster

NOTES METHODS OF "BLACK-OUTS"

General Pratt Gives Information On Military Procedure

Major General Henry C. Pratt, Commanding General of the Third Corps Area, announced the following joint policies of the Army and Navy on Civilian air raid warnings, effective in the Third Corps Area.

The Commanding General, First Interceptor Command, is the sole authority in the Third Corps Area for execution rests with the authorities of the Office of Civil Defense.

Air Raid Warnings will be sent direct to the Civilian Defense District Air Raid Warnings Centers that lie in the probable zone of advance of hostile planes, for notification of interested authorities and special defense establishments and industrial plants. In order to insure prompt receipt of warnings other than by tactical means, Army and Navy permanent administrative installations located in the Civil Defense Districts, will maintain contact with the Civilian Defense District, Air Warning Center. Directors of Civilian Defense Air Raid Control Centers will alone be responsible for ordering the sounding of sirens and alerting their Civilian Defense Districts.

All "night alerts" will be "black-outs." Only districts in the probable zone of advance of attacking force will be alerted or "black-out," except when the Commanding General of the Interceptor Command decides that neighboring districts should also be alerted "black-out." The "all clear" will be sounded only orders from the Information Center of the Interceptor Command.

General blackouts over extensive areas will be ordered only upon direction of the Commanding General, First Interceptor Command, First Interceptor Command.

Radio broadcasting will be shut down when ordered by the Commanding General, First Interceptor Command through the Federal Communications Commission.

Visual and radio aids to surface navigations will be discontinued upon orders of the admiral commanding the North Atlantic Naval Coastal Frontier when requested by the Commanding General, First Interceptor Command.

Air navigation facilities will be shut down by the manager, Civil Aeronautics Administration upon order of the Commanding General, First Interceptor Command.

PRINCE WILLIAM BEGINS RED CROSS DRIVE

Prince William has started to do its part in the Red Cross War Emergency Fund. A quota of \$2000.00 has been assigned to Prince William County Chapter. The 18 thousand people in the County should have little difficulty in making up this quota.

Judge C. Lacey Compton, general chairman for this drive, reports that \$56.00 has been received so far, from five contributors. He states that he will begin publication of the names of contributors next week. The call from National headquarters is urgent, and Judge Compton is anxious to make up the County quota as quickly as possible. He therefore that organizations and individuals throughout the county make their contributions at the earliest date.

Contributions may be made to the Red Cross worker in your district, or direct to Judge Compton. The cooperation of the Manassas Journal is greatly appreciated in giving publicity to this Red Cross War. Fund drive.

Local Selective Service Boards Have Been Notified To Prepare For Registration Of All Men 18 To 64 Years Old, Inclusive, And To Classify For Active Military Service Those Between The Ages Of 24 And 44, Inclusive.

It is stated that existing machinery will be used, with the necessary expansion for the gigantic task, and that it is probable that regulations will be worked out for registration by age groups, rather than all at once.

President Roosevelt signed the new Draft Extension Law on Monday of this week, thus putting into operation the task of registering the 23,500,000 men who are included in the enlarged military and naval program of the Nation.

Beginning in January, some high officials are quoted as stating that until additional camp facilities are completed the inductions throughout the Nation might not exceed 200,000 men per month.

In the meantime Civilian Defense organization is rapidly proceeding throughout the country, with increasing probability of less politics and more military discipline in prospect. One of the developments at the top during the past week has been an increasing pressure to take this important phase of national defense out of the hands of such part time publicists as Mayor LaGuardia and Mrs. Roosevelt and into the control of experienced full time Civilian Defense Heads.

Locally much progress has been made in perfecting an organization harmonizing in every possible way with the State Plan. Unlike Fairfax County which is classified as within the metropolitan area of Washington, Prince William belongs to the statewide Virginia area and will be supervised in Civilian Defense by an Advisory Defense Committee, consisting of Messrs. C. C. Cloe, Harry P. Davis, William Hill Brown, Jr., C. B. Roland and Rev. J. Murray Taylor.

The Coordinator for the County, Mr. Hunton Tiffany, receives instruction from the Regional Council and local Committee. He releases public information to the Manassas Journal and to Miss Elvire Conner, representing the metropolitan press, and coordinates the three projects (1) Chief Control Officer who is in touch with the Army warning center (Dr. Cooke) (2) The Volunteer Office (Mrs. Kitty Arrington, and (3) The Chief of Voluntary Participation (Judge Wheatley Johnson).

The Chief Control Officer coordinates the important work of Fire, Police, Wardens, Emergency Medical Service, Public Works and Utilities. It all sounds complicated, but on the organization chart the set-up is quite understandable and effective and all citizens are urged to familiarize themselves with their local Civilian Defense and to respond promptly and efficiently to all calls for their aid.

HOADLY SELECTEE RELEASED

Under recent War Department policies governing the release of Selectees 28 years of age, the Commanding Officer, 65th Medical Regiment, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, announce the release of Private Earle Fairfax, Hoadly, Virginia, effective December 6, 1941.

Private Fairfax deserves praise for the manner in which he performed his duties during the recent Carolina maneuvers. He served with the clearing battalion of the 65th Medical Regiment. He was received from the Medical Department Replacement Training Center, Camp Lee, Virginia, on June 21, 1941.

Prior to his induction into the service, Private Fairfax was employed as an electrician.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE MEETING AT CENTREVILLE

A Civilian Defense meeting will be held in the School at Centreville on the evening of Friday, December 26 at 8 P. M. and all citizens of the community who are at all concerned with the safety of their homes and loved ones in the event of enemy air attacks should be present. As Centreville is definitely considered a strategic road intersection and within the region recognized as under the air-raid precaution organization of the metropolitan area of Washington, its Civilian Defense plans are important, and should have the cooperation of the entire community.