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## WAR AND REDISTRICTING OCCUPY STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

### REGISTRATION ON FEBRUARY 16

#### Selective Service Headquarters Issues General Instructions

All Selective Service Board Chairmen throughout Virginia have been notified by the State Headquarters in Richmond to complete preparations for the Registration which will take place on Monday, February 16.

This enrollment will be known as the Third Registration and will include all men who have attained their twentieth birthday on or before December 31, 1941, and who have not attained their forty-fourth birthday on February 16, 1942 and who are not already registered. It is estimated that approximately 60 per cent of the registration of October 16, 1940 lie in this group.

Registration of the younger men, eighteen and nineteen, and of the older men, forty-five to sixty-four, inclusive, will be registered at some later date, and for which specific directions will be issued when the time is determined.

Local Chairmen are given wide authority by State Headquarters in providing for advance registration for men who will be absent from their homes on February 16, but no advance registrations will be permitted until the new registration cards are received.

The order from Richmond indicates that the Public School System will cooperate in making school buildings available and offering services of teachers to assist where needed. All assistance will be voluntary, without incurring any expense to the government and it is suggested by State Headquarters that provision be made for approximately one Registrar for each twenty registrants. The necessary forms will be forwarded to local Selective Service Boards at least ten days before the Registration and all employees will be expected to arrange to permit registration of their men.

#### AIR RAID NEWS IN SOUTHERN PRINCE WILLIAM

Mr. G. K. Corder, Deputy Air Raid Warden for Cherry Hill has appointed the following men as his assistants:

Messrs J. E. Inman, and Ralph L. Cronk. We are looking to Cherry Hill to make an excellent JOB under the leadership of Mr. Corder. That area would be in the danger zone if enemy planes ever got near enough to try and bomb out Nation's Capitol. It is fine to be prepared for any emergency, even though we do not believe enemy planes will ever get close enough to bomb this Great Country of ours.

To all air Raid Wardens: Incendiary bombs are very dangerous to get close to without proper protection. Whether the bomb has ignited or not, do not get too close to it without having a protecting screen to keep the spattering sparks from igniting your clothing. Use a long handled shovel to remove the bomb with, and use some kind of material that will keep the sputtering particles from igniting your clothing. This should be remembered as a precautionary measure in case of necessity. The advice given last week of using sand in which to place and cover the bomb should always be remembered as the best way to keep it from doing much damage.

A very excellent demonstration of co-operation in case of fire was given last week when the Odd fellows Hall in Occoquan caught fire. When the fire was discovered, it looked very bad, not only for that building but for adjoining buildings. So as a precautionary measure, the Fire Departments of Manassas, Fairfax, Alexandria, Franconia, and the D. C. Workhouse were called. All those companies got here in record time ready to fight the fire. Thanks to the quick work of the O-W-L-Fire Company of Occoquan the fire was well under control before the arrival of the others. However, it showed how quickly all the above Fire Companies responded to the call; and showed what could be done in an emergency, and in the interest of National Defense. We don't hear much about our Fire Companies, but when there is a fire, they show up in a hurry. Whatever the Citizens donate to our Fire Companies is well spent. Our Boards of Supervisors should be very liberal in donating to

### Ratcliffe Heads Defense Saving Committee

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF MANASSAS KIWANIS CLUB FOR 1942



Seated (left to right); President, Ernest Trusler; Past Lieutenant Governor of the Capitol District, Lyman Kelley (who installed the officers at the meeting on January 2); Past president, Frank G. Sigman; Treasurer, Leamon Ledman; standing (left to right); Directors; G. Raymond Ratcliffe, J. P. Royer, J. Carl Kincheloe, A. A. Hooff and R. C. Haydon. Absent at the time picture was taken, W. Hill Brown, Jr. and A. H. Roseberry. Photo—Dave Stephens

#### TIRE QUOTA FOR PRINCE WILLIAM

Mr. Claude Hixson, local tire distributor, advises the Journal that the January quota for Prince William County has been set at 16 tires and 13 tubes for passenger cars and light trucks on the preferred list, and 29 tires and 23 tubes for heavy trucks and buses, which of course must be on the preferred list.

The tire boards of the thirteen counties in Northern Virginia met on Monday afternoon at Warrenton. At that time General J. Fulmer Bright, State Administrator, met with the several boards and explained the set-up under the new restrictions and interpreted a number of queries.

He stated in part, "It seems hard now but in all probability it will become more serious as time goes on. It is up to everyone of us to do our part, that our Army, Navy and Marine force will have rubber enough to carry on their jobs."

"In Virginia, where we normally have three million tires on the ground there are only 6,000 tires on hand now for replacements. In the country at large, where 48 million tires are needed annually, or four million a month, there are at present only eight million tires, or a 60-day supply, on hand. From these figures and the increased needs of the armed forces it is very apparent why tire rationing is required."

#### ODD FELLOWS PRESENT FLAG TO DUMFRIES SCHOOL

The regular monthly meeting of the Dumfries P. T. A. was held at the school on Monday night of this week, with very good attendance.

The Odd Fellows presented seven flags, one for each room. The presentation was made by the Rev. A. H. Shumate and Mr. Alex Adair. Thanks were extended to the Odd Fellows for their patriotic gesture.

Chaplain Markem and wife, from Quantico, were present and Chaplain Markem gave a wonderful talk.

A paper salvage campaign was put on by the P. T. A. in December which was quite successful and another one will be staged in a short while, so save your waste paper, if you please.

the support of those Fire Companies. Prince William Board of Supervisors, TAKE NOTICE: Are you very liberal?

We are pleased to note that excellent reports to organization are being received from the Community Air Raid Wardens. Keep up your good work. We knew you would work untiring at this very important work.

#### DEFENSE COUNCIL TO GATHER

The defense council committee chairmen met yesterday afternoon at the town hall but except for general discussion little was done as general attendance was lacking.

Mr. Wm. Hill Brown Jr., chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Prince William County Civilian Defense, is calling a meeting of the committee as a whole for tomorrow evening (Friday) at the town hall at 7:30 P. M.

This proposition is far more vital than many now think. Manassas is subject to severe criticism for failure to keep pace with other towns where preparatins have been quite keen.

The council will be faced with this fact when it gathers tomorrow evening, and this should operate to bring out a full attendance.

#### PROGRESS MADE IN PARALYSIS FUND CAMPAIGN

Mrs. E. G. Parrish, county chairman of the drive to raise funds for the Infantile Paralysis Foundation Fund, this week added to her list on committee workers the following: Mrs. B. F. Warren, Triangle; Mrs. Nellie Purvis, Quantico; R. S. Hall, Occoquan; Mrs. Joe Keys, Brentsville; Mrs. Lillian Norman, Haymarket; Mrs. L. J. Bowman, Aden.

In the near future the fund will be aided by a benefit movie through the courtesy of Pitts Theatre.

The most immediate source of revenue is the "march of dimes" paste board containers which have been distributed to most of the business the theatre and in Coker's Pharmacy.

#### PEOPLES BANK ELECTION

Stockholders of the Peoples National Bank of Manassas met January 13 and elected the following officers and directors:

C. A. Sinclair, President; G. Raymond Ratcliffe, Vice-President and Cashier; Worth Storke, Assistant Cashier. Directors: George D. Baker, E. R. Conner, T. E. Dillake, A. A. Hooff, T. R. Hurst, G. Raymond Ratcliffe, C. A. Sinclair.

#### ANNUAL VISIT OF BISHOP GOODWIN

Rt. Rev. F. D. Goodwin, Bishop-Coadjutor of Virginia, will visit Trinity Episcopal Church, Manassas, on Sunday, January 18, at the eleven o'clock service. This will be his annual visit.

Bishop Goodwin expected to be here on January 25, but the war emergency necessitated the change in date.

#### RECRUITING CONTINUES

Navy recruiting officer Pond has been returned to Manassas from Newport News. Those in listing Thursday were Carroll Lee Payne and Harry Thos. Cockerill, both of Warrington.

#### FIRST HOME NURSING CLASS COMPLETED

Miss Maymie Stinnette, R. N. Public Health Nurse, Instructor

Dr. J. Melver Jackson, Health Officer, Prince William County Health Department, announces the completion of two Home Nursing Classes in National Defense, in Quantico and Triangle, under the direction of Miss Maymie Stinnette, Public Health Nurse.

The following ladies have successfully completed 36 hours of lecture and demonstration, as was required by the State Department of Health: FROM QUANTICO:

Mrs. Lottie Young, Mrs. Anne Perks, Mrs. Irene Gnad, Mrs. "Lil" Garden, Mrs. Eleanor Pearsons, Mrs. Lucille Bourne, Mrs. Era Corr Abel, Mrs. Anna F. Kirby, Mrs. Grovie Early, Mrs. Pickett M. Lloyd, Mrs. Alice Spencer, Mrs. Marion English, Miss Margaret Powell, Miss Anne Myers, Mrs. Alice Kelley, Mrs. Nellie Purvis, Mrs. Tess Sisul, Mrs. Iris Mitchell.

FROM DUMFRIES:

Mrs. Helen Kirchhefer.

FROM TRIANGLE:

Mrs. Mayme Reid, Mrs. G. E. Mercer, Mrs. Frank Miller, Mrs. Agnes Reid, Mrs. Frank Lisi, Mrs. Edward Pattie, Mrs. Myrtle Adair.

These ladies will receive certificates as soon as they are forwarded from the State Department of Health in Richmond, Virginia.

#### NATIONAL BANK ELECTION

On Tuesday of this week the stockholders of the National Bank of Manassas met and elected the following officers: A. S. Robertson, President; Dr. George B. Coker, Vice-President; H. P. Davis, Cashier; Mrs. O. J. Davis, Assistant Cashier; John T. Broadbush, Teller.

The Directors named were A. S. Robertson, John H. Burke, W. E. Trusler, Wm. Hill Brown, Jr., G. C. Russell, George B. Coker, Otis Holler, W. T. Thomasson, R. S. Hynson.

#### ATTEND RURITAN CONVENTION

Messrs. R. W. Beamer and Billy Hale this week attended the State Ruritan Convention at Richmond as delegates of the Nokesville Ruritan Club.

Those attending the banquet on Tuesday night were Mrs. Mildred Hale, Messrs. Harold Smith and Sam Whetzel.

#### FRANKLIN—COOKE

Mrs. Louise Cooke announced the marriage of her daughter, Miss Virginia L. Cooke to Mr. Ralph Milton Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert N. Franklin of Clifton, Va.

#### TREASURY DEPARTMENT SELECTS LOCAL BANKER TO PUSH SALE OF BONDS AND STAMPS

Mr. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, prominent banker of Manassas, has been selected by the United States Treasury Department as Chairman of the Prince William County Defense Savings Committee, and will have full charge of the Defense Saving Program of the Government for this county. The appointment of Mr. Ratcliffe will insure success of a long-time effort upon which the Government places vast dependence for financial stability during the present war and the critical period which is bound to follow ultimate victory.

In making the appointment, Mr. Robert F. Nelson, Federal Administrator of the Defense Savings Staff of the Treasury Department, stated that this Defense Savings Program is probably the most important of all jobs in the national defense. The present plan of action will be a streamlined version of the old Liberty Loan campaign of World War days, without the high pressure, time limits, and quotas which characterized the campaign of twenty years ago. It is recalled in this connection that Mr. Ratcliffe distinguished himself in that campaign by a similar assignment.

Treasury officials emphasize that the success of the present effort contemplates the sale of Defense Saving Bonds and Stamps to every man, woman and child in the country, so that the boys who began fighting this war overseas about a month ago help in winning it.

As announced elsewhere in this newspaper, the Defense Savings Committee of Prince William County will have an important statement to make to the public next week in the space which has been reserved and we urge our readers to watch for the statement and to follow the progress of this important defense effort and to do all that is possible, in the prolonged effort which will be required, to help sustain the financial program of our Country.

#### AIR RAID OFFICIAL ADDRESS KIWANIS CLUB

Lieutenant Edward Strode, USA, a newspaper boy from Kentucky was present at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club last Friday evening as the guest of "Chic" Gillan.

Lieut. Strode gave a highly interesting and educational address on the various phases of combatting air raids. He warned of the real danger in which Manassas is now placed, stating that actual raids on the Atlantic coastal area around Washington were looked for in the Spring.

He exhibited a very complete set of instruction booklets for the various branches of anti-raid literature. After the meeting several members of the Club came forward and accepted Lieut. Strode's offer of sending them some of the literature.

Fred Hynson, chairman of the program committee, announced the chairman for the balance of the month, stating that a complete list would be posted after February 1st.

#### BABY DIES OF BURNS

Haskell Robert Carmichael, Jr., 2 year old son of Sgt. and Mrs. Haskell R. Carmichael, of Morrisville, Va., Fauquier County, died in the Mary Washington Hospital, Fredericksburg, Virginia, January 8, of burns received at his home on January 7.

He is survived by his parents, one sister Geraldine June and a brother, Wayne. Also surviving him is his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Breeden, of Morrisville, Va. and his great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ennis, of Nokesville, Va. The baby's mother will be remembered here as the former Miss Hilda Breeden.

The funeral was held Saturday, January 10, at the Methodist Church, Morrisville, Va.

#### ADDRESS ON LEE

An address on the character of Gen. Lee will be delivered on Jan. 17, 9:45 to 10 A. M. by Col. Robert Hutchison of Manassas. The broadcast is under the directions of Mrs. Madam Hibbs, State Historian of the U. D. C.

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEGAN HISTORIC SESSION ON WEDNESDAY.

#### MANY COMMISSIONS WILL REPORT RECOMMENDED LAWS

The General Assembly of Virginia, oldest legislative body in the New World, began a session on Wednesday of this week which is destined to go down in the records as one of its most historic.

War measures will unquestionably occupy the spotlight as a strong, defense minded Governor takes the reins of State Government at a time when his previous experience with military affairs in Congress becomes a great asset.

An important legislative consideration will be the difficult problem of Redistricting the legislative areas of Virginia to conform to population requirements.

At the caucus held Tuesday night Delegate Thomas B. Stanley, of Henry County, was nominated for the Speakership, without opposition.

Governor-Elect Darden is in Richmond, but his inauguration does not take place until Wednesday, January 21, when the ceremonies will be without the customary pomp on account of the war. The incoming Governor has stated that he will make no announcements of plans or appointments until he has assumed his office.

Action on Redistricting was delayed last session to make it possible to have the 1940 U. S. Census figures on population and to permit a Commission to study the situation and make a report at this session. The report has been made, but it is not likely that it will be carried out in full because of the conflicting interests and demands which have to be reconciled.

In this area it is certain that Arlington, with its huge population increase will be given a separate Senator. The surrounding Counties will like this because their interests are not identical with a strictly metropolitan area like Arlington and they fear that under the present set-up they can never muster vote enough to send a Senator from any other area than Arlington.

Our present Senator, Hon. Wm. D. Medley, has been most attentive to the needs of the rural areas of his district (Prince William and Fairfax), but a city-minded Senator in his position would be unlikely to give these vital areas the consideration they require and deserve.

According to press reports some Alexandria sentiment favors the placing of Alexandria City and Fairfax County in a distinct Senatorial District, throwing Prince William into the 28th District (Fauquier, Loudoun and Culpeper). However it is not certain that Fairfax and Alexandria has the population requirement and on top of that Prince William is not hostile to inclusion with Fairfax and Alexandria, if Arlington is omitted, because a strong and popular Senatorial candidate, as for example Honorable E. R. Conner, the present Delegate for Prince William and Stafford would make, would enhance this end of the District's chances of once again having a Senator—a circumstance which has not occurred for many decades.

Much new legislation brought about by the War is expected. Virginia has come through the New Deal period with a surplus of something like \$13,000,000.00. A determined effort may be made to squander this General assembly have expressed money but many members of the determination not to permit extravagances in the name of War.

Defense legislation will doubtless include some legalization of Civilian Defense machinery; reduction of speed-limits for private automobiles in anticipation of less safe tires; provisions for enforced evacuation of civilian populations from coastal areas or other regions necessary; regulation and taxation of commercial vehicles; and revision of liquor laws in response to Governor Darden's insistence that the State shall not regard the liquor traffic as a revenue producing industry.

#### WINNERS IN 1941 CHRISTMAS SHOPPING CAMPAIGN

W. J. Golden	\$100.00
Katie Fairfax	5.00
Viola Seekford	5.00
Isabell Bell	5.00
Cecil Alexander	5.00
Mrs. A. C. Abel	5.00