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## GOVERNOR DARDEN DISBANDS CIVILIAN DEFENSE COUNCILS

### SUGAR RATIONING COMING SOON

Coupon Books Now Being Printed For Early Use

According to Price Administrator Leon Henderson we are about thirty percent short in our national sugar supply. This fact should not create a serious situation, it is stated, because of the availability of substitute carbohydrate supplies, but hoarding has created a shortage which it is believed is bringing rationing very close.

Following a coffee-sponsored broadcast, it is widely charged, a nationwide run on sugar has reached such proportions that a rationing has become imperative, and already grocery concerns have been obliged to arbitrarily restrict the amount sold each customer.

Estimates vary as to how much will be allowed each person. Two pounds a week seems to be the maximum guess, with a pound a week believed possible a figure not calculated to create any hardship.

City restaurants are also said to be already restricting table use, and customers asked whether they will have "one or two" spoonfuls in their coffee. It is also reported that certain manufacturers have laid in large reserves and that they will probably be required

According to Price Administrator Henderson the average per capita sugar consumption in the United States in 1941 was 40 pounds. Leon Henderson now says each person will have to get along with 27 pounds. From all sources our sugar supply last year was 7,989,000 tons. This, it is said will be cut to 5,300,000 tons for 1942 by the loss of all importation from the Philippines and at least half of our Hawaii supply.

It is believed that the Commodity Rationing Administration which has been set up in Virginia will also handle the sugar problem, although this is not yet made certain by any public announcement.

Henderson said this week, however, that the per capita allowance of 50 pounds a year necessarily includes what is consumed in restaurants, hotels, and other public eating establishments, so that a reduction to three-fourths pound per week in retail sales would be required.

### CHRISTMAS KITS

WELL RECEIVED

At Christmas time the Prince William County Chapter, of the American Red Cross, in cooperation with an American Natural Red Cross project, to send kits to our enlisted men in foreign posts send thirty kits to Antiqua Base Command, in the British West Indies. The following letter was recently received from the Commanding Officer:

These kits were filled through the generous contributions from social, civic and church organizations over the county. In addition to above letter, many personal cards have been received, attesting to the pleasure given these men in these far away.

### LASSIE'S AND FIREBALLERS TO PLAY SATURDAY

Saturday night, January 31, the two Fire Department Basketball teams will play a double header in the Osbourne High Gym.

The Fireballers and their lassies will be hosts to the Haymarket troop. The first game, composing of the ladies, will start at eight o'clock followed by Captain Leith's male division.

This is one of the outstanding double headers of the season with care taken to provide ample seating for the expected large group of spectators.

### NOTICE

The Chief Air Raid Warden suggests that each home or public building keep a supply of sand on hand for the purpose of extinguishing incendiary bombs in case of an air raid. The Town of Manassas has provided a supply of sand for this purpose. Each home and public building is requested to report to the Town over House on Tuesday or Wednesday, February 3rd or 4th with about one-half bushel container. Some one will be there to fill container.

Huntton Tiffany, Town Managr.

## SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION FEB. 16

Schools To Be Closed On That Day

The attention of all persons subject to registration and all Volunteer Registrars is specifically called to the age group required to register on February 16, 1942 by the amendment to the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

The registration on February 16, 1942, which is the third registration, will include all men who have attained their 20th birthday on or before December 31, 1941, and have not attained their 45th birthday on February 16, 1942, and have not heretofore registered.

Please note that the governing date for those men who are 20 years of age is December 31, 1941, and only those men who became 20 years of age on or before December 31, 1941 are required to register; whereas, the governing date for men who have not attained their 45th birthday is February 16, 1942, and all men who have not attained their 45th birthday on February 16, 1942 are required to register. In other words, all men are required to register who were born between February 17, 1897 and December 31, 1921.

Mr. R. C. Haydon, Division Superintendent of Schools, has consented to take over responsibility for handling the registration in this County. All schools will be closed on February 16th and Mr. Haydon is enlisting help from his entire staff of teachers. The work, I feel sure, will be done in a most efficient manner.

The following schedule set up by Mr. Haydon should be studied and followed:

House of Registration 7 A. M. To 9 P. M.

County Registrar—R. C. Haydon  
Gainesville District  
R. R. Fishpaw—District Registrar  
Haymarket ..... New School  
Hickory Grove ..... Gosson's Store  
Chartharpin ..... Alvey's Store

Brentsville District  
Rufus W. Beamer—District Registrar  
Aden ..... School  
Brentsville ..... School  
Greenwich ..... School  
Nokesville ..... High School

Manassas District  
R. Worth Peters—District Registrar  
Manassas ..... High School and  
State Vocational School

Coles District  
Sue F. Ayres—District Registrar  
Woodbine ..... School

Dumfries District  
Evelyn J. Lynn—District Registrar  
Dumfries ..... School  
Quantico ..... School

Ocoquan District  
Elizabeth Vaughan—District Registrar  
Ocoquan ..... High School

It should be borne in mind that although this arrangement is set-up in districts you are allowed to register at any one of these places most convenient to you.

### FINAL ROLL CALL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Prince William Co. Chapter of the American Red Cross wishes to acknowledge gratefully the following amounts which were collected by its workers, since the report of January 1, for the Roll Call of 1942.

Mrs. Geo. R. L. Turberville, Jr.	\$3
Miss Nancy Marstellar	3
Mrs. Rosa Shanklin	3
Mrs. J. W. Alvey & Miss McGill	13
Mrs. R. B. Larkin	10
Rev. A. H. Shumate & S. A. Buckman	6
Mrs. Helen Keys	15

The Chapter has now 893 members who have paid in for this year's roll call \$1120.25.

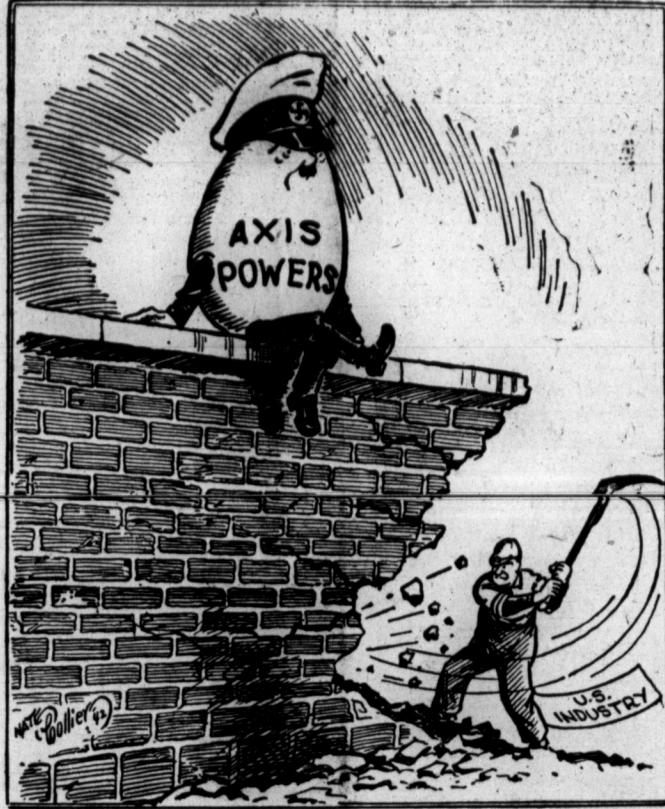
### NAMED OFFICIAL AT OCCOQUAN

A deserved promotion was announced on January 1 at the Lorton Reformatory when French Fleming who has been connected with the institution since 1918 was named assistant superintendent.

During this time he has built up the dairy and made the herd on the farm one of the best producing in northern Virginia.

He has taken a leading part in his locality, both in civic affairs and business circles. He is president of the Bank of Ocoquan and a member of the Fairfax County Selective Service Board.

### HUMPTY DUMPTY



### MR. CONNER AIDS PRINCE WILLIAM

Introduces Bills Of Local Assistance

Hon. E. R. Conner, Delegate to the General Assembly of Virginia for Prince William and Stafford Counties this week introduced bills which are designed to give relief in matters local.

One bill amends the Charter of the Town of Ocoquan to permit the authorities there to have facilities accorded other towns. Included are provisions for levying a town license tax on automobiles, issuing town tags such as are employed in Manassas and other incorporated towns throughout the State.

Another measure under consideration by Mr. Conner arises out of difficulty our Commissioner of Revenue is having in regard to certain assessments of personal property. It is proposed in the measure under consideration to require automobile owners to pay personal property tax on motor vehicles at the time they obtain their license plates. This plan is said to be in use in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Conner's committees are Roads and International Navigation; Finance; Manufactures and mechanical arts; Offices and officers, at the Capitol.

Mr. Conner is domiciled at the Jefferson Hotel and has thrown his fine energies into the Session as he did two years ago, when he was characterized by veteran legislators there as one of the most useful men in the General Assembly.

### MANASSAS WINS OVER POST HIGH

Manassas High School made it four out of five Tuesday by trimming the Post School 33 to 21. John Broadus led the Manassas boys by bagging 6 field goals for a total of 12 points, followed by rank Beeton with 7 points.

Saules, visiting forward scored 10 points to lead the visitors. Although the Manassas boys looked sloppily in spots, their defense, led by Wallace Bolding forced the Post team to shoot long shots as they were unable to penetrate the stant zone defense used by the local lads.

### HOW THEY STAND

	F.	G.	F.T.	P.T.S.
Broadus	12	9	33	
Beeton	13	4	30	
Haydon	4	10	10	
Bolding	7	2	16	
Merchant	3	0	6	
McLean	1	2	4	
Jasper	1	0	2	
Hersch	1	0	2	
Corner	1	0	2	
Hammersleys	0	1	1	
Wine	0	1	1	

### SCHOOL SYSTEM AIDS BOND SALES

Prof. C. O. Bittle Named Chairman In This County

The United States Treasury has appointed in each state a Defense Savings Administrator and a State Advisory Committee, under which the Defense Savings Educational Committee operates. The Defense Savings Educational Program in Virginia is sponsored by the Virginia Education Association.

The membership of the Committee that executes the Defense Savings Educational Program in the schools of Virginia consists of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the President of the Virginia Education Association, and the President of the Cooperative Association, and others, its Chairman is Dean Alvey, of Mary Washington College.

The State Committee will work through local committees, headed by the Superintendent of schools or some one designed by him, in each county and city-school system in Virginia. Mr. Haydon has selected Mr. C. O. Bittle of Nokesville to take charge of this work and the following will give some idea what has been done thus far in Prince William.

Feeling that school pupils should recognize the present crisis as an opportunity to express loyalty to their nation, and that they should feel it a patriotic privilege to "buy a share in America", the Defense Savings Educational Committee is attempting to present its campaign as a challenge to patriotism and a lesson in thrift as well as a matter of financial assistance to the government.

Stamp booklets have been provided for all children desiring them; children were urged to give Defense Stamps as Christmas gifts; posters have been made; explanations have been made how the money is used for defense and of the increased value of bonds. One school has chosen a theme of Thrift; another uses the America's School of the Air program on defense; still another is carrying on a contest between graded and high school with a weekly Honor Roll giving the name of the pupil in each room having invested the largest amount in stamps and bonds.

The compiled reports from all schools in the county both white and colored show that the schools have sold \$1741.15 in Stamps and \$16,187.50 in Defense Bonds as of January 17, 1942.

### FEBRUARY TIRE QUOTA

We are advised by Mr. Claude Hixson that the February tire quota for Prince William County is 13 tires and 10 tubes for light vehicles and 20 tires and 34 tubes for heavy trucks.

### WARDEN JOYCE REPORTS PROGRESS

Further Information For Air Raid Workers

The towns of Ocoquan and Woodbridge now have equipped First Class First Aid Stations in rooms fully equipped to meet any emergency. These rooms are commodious, well heated and ventilated, and have adjoining rooms which could also be used in case of necessity. The station in Ocoquan is in charge of Messrs. John A. Musselman and Elmer Riley; and the Station at Woodbridge in charge of Messrs. Henry M. Davis and Roscoe Clark. Those in charge also have several assistants who have

qualified in First Aid Courses, men and women. The Station at Ocoquan has been offered the services of Two Graduate Nurses, Miss Myrtle Forney and Mrs. Lucy V. Pierce of Ocoquan, if and when needed. I have inspected these stations, and in better equipped rooms. Let us hear from other communities who may have now, or are looking forward to equipping First Aid Stations.

I attended a meeting last week at which the matter of disposing of incendiary bombs was the general subject. We heard the methods recommended by the War and Navy Departments set forth. It seems they recommend the use of Chemicals; fire ex-

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### VALUABLE ADDRESS ON VICTORY BONDS

H. L. Boxley, of Warrenton, Virginia was the guest speaker at Kiwanis last Friday evening. His subject was "Victory Bonds."

The speaker gave a very comprehensive picture of the several classes of bonds, their methods of payment and repayment; also restrictions as the total value in some classes that might be purchased in one year, rates of income, etc.

He also drew strong word picture of the value of such purchases in "America, Preferred" All in all it was a discussion such as business men could understand and appreciate.

At the conclusion of the address, Mr. Ratcliffe (who was also program chairman for the evening) read his list of district chairmen for the sale of bonds, and outlined his methods. Both he and Mr. Boxley stressed the fact that there are no quotas and no "high pressure selling". Mr. Ratcliffe announced that since last May the sale of bonds had nearly reached \$200,000 in this county and that he hoped to see the figure reach a half million before the end of April.

Professor Haydon reminded the group that bonds may also be purchased through the schools.

Present as a guest of Mr. Ratcliffe was Mr. V. W. Kinkle, banker of Nokesville.

### TRIBUTE GIVEN TO LEE AT KIWANIS MEETING

(the following article was inadvertently omitted from last week's issue)

A splendid tribute to General Lee whose birthday occurred earlier this week was given at the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club last week by Mr. "OD" Waters.

OD dwelt on many of the odd features of General Lee's life and how opposites appeared in contrast with the lives of those with whom he came into contact. The only criticism he stated that he might offer to Lee was his blind love and loyalty to President Jefferson Davis, declaring that he believed that no man should have such an attitude toward any human being whose human judgment might hear.

He stated that the crux of Lee's life was a question of whether or not he was defeated at Gettysburg, and characterized his acceptance of that situation with a forbearance that was "Christlike."

Tomorrow evening, Mr. G. R. Ratcliffe will have a special speaker on the subject of victory bonds and what is expected of the public.

PRESENT SET-UP UNSATISFACTORY UNDER IMPACT OF WAR

Authority Restored To City And County Government

PROTECTIVE FORCE RELIEVED OF GUARDING HIGHWAYS

Gen. Bright Remains Head Of Commodity Board

DEFENSE SAVINGS COMMITTEES NOT AFFECTED BECAUSE A FUNCTION OF U. S. TREASURY

Governor Colgate W. Darden, as one of his first important acts as Chief Executive of Virginia, disbanded all Civilian Defense Councils of Virginia, stating that regardless of the patriotism and willingness of its membership to render every possible service the set-up was unsatisfactory under the impact of war.

The Governor stated further that the functioning of large civilian committees giving directions to City Managers, Police Chiefs, County Boards of Supervisors and other officials, created "an impossible situation." Defense problems, the Governor insists, henceforth will be directed by these officials, who will be answerable to him.

Brigadier-General J. Fulmer Bright, head of the Commodities Rationing Boards, which includes the rationing of automobile tires, will remain in that position, since, the Governor said, the tire set-up had been organized to place responsibility under one head.

Governor Darden's plan to eliminate volunteer defense councils does not affect the Savings Defense Committees which have just been organized to promote the sale of Defense Bonds and Stamps. In making this announced, R. F. Nelson, State Administrator of the Defense Savings Staff, stated that this organization is a direct voluntary branch of the United States Treasury Department, directed from Washington through its own Administrator in Richmond, who is appointing these committees.

The unexpected and complete demolition of the Virginia Civilian Defense Councils came suddenly and dramatically as conferences were in progress in the General Assembly to enact laws to legalize the functioning of this organization, which had been pointed out as the outstanding achievement of the Price Administration.

The Civilian Defense Councils were created in May 1940 with a central group of 29 members and eight regional councils of 426 members, many of whom are city and county officials, but without uniformity of fixed pattern in this respect. In some regions City and County officials were included, and in others ignored, and county lines, so important in other legal administration were not recognized, and already conflicts in authority were rapidly arising. It is said that in some regions about the only way that the mayor of a city could actively defend his community was by volunteering as an air-raid warden or auxiliary policeman or fireman, in the very departments which were supposed to be under his own authority.

The Governor is also removing the Virginia Protective Force Guards on highways and bridges as rapidly as proper protection can be provided by authorized armed force. The present home guard is largely composed of business men who have volunteered for the emergency and, the Governor is quoted as stating, "it is not reasonable that they should be taken from their work and placed on guard day after day."

Local civic authority, City and County, will probably need one paid employee to act as a clearing house for Civilian Defense, and, stated the Governor at a conference of nearly thirty local governments last week, "Don't forget, I want you boys to split the expense of this program."

Acting upon Governor Darden's suggestion a bill has already been drafted, after consultation with city and county authorities which will give the Governor extraordinary powers during the war; fix local responsibility upon existing city and county governing bodies and provide funds for their conduct of civilian defense, and also provide suitable penalties for failures to comply with provision of the law either by individual citizens or officials. A fine of \$300 or 90 days in jail has been suggested as about right for those who have no more patriotism than to disregard the new law, which after enactment will doubtless be proclaimed by the Governor.

One section of the bill is said to

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