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AUTO STAMP TAX ENFORCEMENT

19 Additional Deputies To Seek Penalties

The federal stamp tax for automobiles which was required on all automobiles throughout the nation by midnight, February 2 will be strictly enforced, it is stated in Richmond.

The enforcement seems to be a function of the State Commissioner of Revenue, and Mr. N. B. Early, Jr., the State Commissioner, says that nineteen new deputies have been added to the existing force of 60 deputy collectors now at work.

Owing to the inability of some postoffices to meet the last minute demands it is thought that there will be some leniency until it becomes possible to make local purchases, although there is no official announcement to this effect, and a fine of \$25 or 30 days in jail is the penalty for possessing an unstamped automobile in use on the highways.

Since this stamp seems to be a property tax the question arises as to whether cars not actually in use have to be stamped. While this newspaper has no first-hand information on this it is believed that cars left in garages will not require stamps so long as they are not actually used.

Press reports indicate that all over the country compliance is lagging. In some large cities it is reported that not half of the automobiles believed to be in use had been provided for.

From many places, however, come stories of stamp thefts.

MANASSAS CHAPTER U. D. C. ENTERTAINED BY MRS. CARPER

The Daughters of Confederacy met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. J. Carper on Battle Street, Mrs. A. O. Weedon co-hostess with Mrs. Carper.

Chapter president, Mrs. R. A. Hutchison presided. Meeting opened with prayer led by Miss Eugenia Osbourne; flag salutes and singing "Dixie" followed.

Mrs. E. H. Hibbs, historian, presented Miss Isabelle Hutchison who spoke on the first Universities of the South and the public schools, revealing the vital part the South played in the early construction of education. Miss Hutchison's talk was replete with interest, displaying definite and extensive research and was therefore received with appreciation.

The January minutes was read by the secretary and ordered recorded as read.

The treasurer, Mrs. G. G. Allen gave a financial report showing balances in the several funds.

Mrs. Frank Peters reported on correspondence from last meeting and was introduced to write a note of appreciation to Col. Robert A. Hutchison for his very fine radio talk on the character of Robert E. Lee also to remember Rev. T. D. D. Clark in the same manner for his many kindnesses to the chapter from time to time.

Mrs. A. O. Weedon resigned as custodian of scrap book and Mrs. W. A. Newman was asked to take over the work.

For present day projects, the president appointed Mrs. E. H. Hibbs chairman for distribution of literature to camps and schools and Mrs. R. L. Byrd chairman of Red Cross sewing, the first meeting for cutting garments will be at the home of Mrs. W. A. Newman Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

Experts were read from the Manassas Journal in an article on Judas P. Benjamin the one time Confederate secretary of state and former U. S. senator.

The historian reported a January program put on at the Nokesville school and one at Manassas High; also that the annual prize essays would be competed for as usual.

Tentative plans are being formulated for the District meeting on May when Manassas Chapter will be hostess.

After the business session was adjourned the guests were invited to the dining room where a delectable spread was waiting to be served buffet way. The Confederate colors, red and white, were well designed with a suggestion of the approaching St. Valentine's Day. The guest lingered long when many bon mots were exchanged before bidding the hostesses adieu.

FIRST AID STATIONS

On page 5 we print the First Aid Stations of Prince William County and urge our readers to note the set-up in their respective communities.

LOCAL PARALYSIS FUNDS REACHED NEW HIGH

Mrs. E. G. Parrish, general chairman of the Infantile Paralysis Fund Campaign in Prince William County, reports receipts of almost \$400, which total may yet be reached. Expenses were \$19.

This is virtually double any previous campaign and reflects even greater credit upon the chairman and her assistants because of the unusual demands being made on everyone.

Mrs. Parrish desires to extend the heartiest thanks to all the committee for their generous and spontaneous assistance, to the various business houses for aiding in the "Mile of Dimes," the schools and the various faculties, in fact to everyone who contributed in making this year's campaign so very highly successful.

ASSEMBLY ENDS UCC COMMISSION

Three Man Board To Be Replaced By Single Head

Without a single dissenting vote the State Senate has abolished the three-man Unemployment Compensation Commission and substituting in its place a single administrator, who will have a salary of \$6,500.

The new set-up is one of the major recommendations of Governor Darden, and if passed by the House of Delegates in its present form will become effective immediately.

The Board which goes out the window is now composed of Majr Frank P. Evans, of Front Royal; Labor Commissioner Thomas B. Morton, who served as an ex-office member without compensation; and Col. William M. Kemper, former Executive Secretary to Governor Price and only recently appointed to this Commission.

Another measure enacted by the House which also belongs in the group of proposal enacting our penal reforms is a bill setting up a Department of Corrections to take over administration of our state penal program. On this board there would be five members with a Commissioner receiving a salary not exceeding \$7,500 per year. The new Commission would have wide powers over jails and prison farms and had the support of both Governor Price and the present Governor, Mr. Darden.

SUGAR STAMPS NEAR

Booklets containing enough stamps of last each individual for three months on the basis of an allowance of 12 ounces per person per week are said to be in progress of printing by the government.

According to press reports from Washington about a month will be required to make these sugar stamp books available and to work out the detailed plans for their use.

The Office of Price Administration is credited with the information that the sugar rationing will be handled by the same boards which are charged with tire rationing, but with their personnel enlarged to cover the sugar situation.

The sugar stamps, it is said, are retained by the dealer as a basis for his next wholesale order.

However there may be important modifications, but the rationing of sugar is seemingly about to begin in earnest.

SPECIAL SCHOOL NEWS

The county schools will operate on "war time" as well as everyone else, except that it will adjust its opening hour at 9:30 instead of the regular 9 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time. This is effective on Monday next.

In view of the fact that many teachers and their school rooms will be used for the registration which takes place on Monday, February 16, all white schools will be closed for that day only.

All colored schools will operate on Monday, February 16th as none of these schools are affected by the registration.

The day will be rated as a regular school day, and will not be counted against either the pupils or the teachers.

TO SUBSCRIBERS

Quite frequently we get renewals or changes of address that trouble us considerably. We know most of our newspapers family after twelve years of enjoyable relations. Once in a while we do get hold of a request that puzzles us no little.

Please note your address where the paper has been coming. That will always simplify matters.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE BILL NEARS PASSAGE



THE COMMUTER SITUATION

Dozens of anxious commuters in this area are wondering what will become of them after a very few months. They will be glad to know that the County Chamber of Commerce has a special committee headed by Mayor Davis which has been laboring earnestly in their behalf.

Up to date the situation is not bright. The railroad holds out little hope of doing anything and the bus lines have not over anything especially constructive up to the early part of this week.

President Cloe has made other suggestions to the committee and something is likely to turn up within the month.

NOTICE TO COMMUTERS (Contributed)

The matter of transportation for residents of this and adjoining communities who are employed in Washington is becoming serious and it grows more serious day by day.

An official in the office of the recently appointed Director, Office of Defense Transportation, was approached on the subject but he was not at all optimistic, stating that the railroads of the country did not have the equipment to relieve transportation difficulties brought about by tire shortage. He did intimate that some of the problems might be solved to some extent.

It is the consensus among some of us that petitions containing the signatures of all commuters residing in communities adjacent to the Southern Railway should be prepared, in duplicate, asking for commutation service and fares; one copy to be submitted to the operating head of the Southern Railway and the other to the Director, Office of Defense Transportation. Such petitions will be prepared and volunteer solicitors for signatures will try to contact all commuters over the coming week-end. Those who are not contacted should get in touch with such solicitor.

This is important and action should not be delayed.

FINE ARTS SECTION TO SPONSOR HOBBY SHOW

The Fine Arts Section of the Manassas Woman's Club will sponsor a county-wide Hobby Week, March 16-21. The place and complete details will be announced in a later issue of the Journal.

It is hoped that every person who has a hobby that can be exhibited will begin at once to prepare it for the show. The first annual show held last year attracted wide attention and showed that there is an unlimited variety of interests in the county. While your hobby may seem to you to be unimportant to others, you will find when it is exhibited that it will attract a great deal of interest which will serve as a source of pride for the exhibitor and will suggest to others what they might do.

The Woman's Society of the Grace Methodist Church will meet on Thursday evening at 8:00 P. M. with Mrs. Roy Muddiman.

THE JOKE THAT FAILED

Some of the boys at Richmond were having a little fun a few days ago, calling one another, giving each the impression that the Governor was calling personally and desired to confer with them on some phases of his program. Then would follow a good laugh when the "flabbergasted" Delegate would find it all a joke.

Finally they tried it on Delegate Conner, of Manassas, but they made a horrible mistake in their selection of a hypothetical matter about which the Governor wanted to see him.

The call went through to Mr. Conner and the make-believe Governor was heard to say:

"I hear you've introduced a chain-store bill; I'm sorry about that. I have a coop bill I wanted you to sponsor."

Then they got ready with their laugh, but it never developed because Mr. Conner said:

"Sorry, Governor, but I can't go with you on that."

MR. CONNER SPONSORS IMPROVEMENT SCHOOL BILL

House Bill No. 111, introduced by Mr. Conner and Mr. Johnson is considered quite an important piece of emergency school legislation. Under its terms counties are permitted to unite in establishing necessary schools and also Counties and City have joint enterprises of this kind. The bill is the result of population shifts occasioned by the war emergency.

'WAR TIME' RULING SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

Governor Darden on Monday signed a proclamation to put Virginia on daylight saving or "war" time.

The Governor's edict, in line with a national clock-advancing move for national defense, will have the Old Dominion's time-pieces move forward an hour at 2 A. M. February 9.

BASKET BALL AT HAYMARKET

The boys and girls town team of Manassas and Haymarket will stage another double-header this Saturday evening, this time at the school gym in Haymarket.

The girl's game will start at 8 P. M. Last Saturday's game was quite a thriller, the finish being only one point between. Much interest is being attached to the return engagement.

The admission charge will be small as usual.

BENNETT SCHOOL NOTES

The Bennett School is having a contest to see which room buys the most defense stamps each week. Miss Johnson's sixth grade has won the last three weeks.

The school is selling milk and lunches. Mrs. Cooksey is in charge of the lunch room. The second of February they started a contest each month to see which room has the highest percentage of people drinking milk.

The school wants every pupil to have their teeth fixed by the town dentist.

AGAINST PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET PLAN

The Prince William County Chamber of Commerce at its meeting on Tuesday passed a motion opposing the change in the state budget law by which the Board of Supervisors could not alter in any way the budget as proposed by the several schools boards.

The bill has passed the Senate, and the Chamber urged immediate action, with the thought that if the bill were to become law that it carry as a rider that all school boards be elected.

LA GUARDIA QUILTS DEFENSE POST

Will Resign To Give Full Time To City Of New York

This week Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia, national director of Civilian Defense and Mayor of America's largest city, announced that he would shortly resign his post as head of Civilian Defense.

Some time ago Mayor LaGuardia stated that he would relinquish one job or the other and the present decision has been anticipated by many, and hoped for very extensively among those who disapprove of his methods in defense work.

Following nation-wide criticisms the President had appointed James M. Landis, Dean of the Harvard Law School and defender of Harry Bridges, notorious Communist, to be the executive director of Civilian Defense under Mr. LaGuardia.

Virginia, and probably many other States, however, has already moved to relieve itself of the LaGuardia influence, by abolishing Defense Councils completely, restoring authority to the various Counties and Cities, and at the same time is working out plans to utilize the fine services of the thousands of patriotic volunteer workers who are ready to do all that is possible in the defense of their communities under whatever system is determined upon.

"My work in organizing Civilian Defense is about completed," the Mayor says. "I still have a few things to do, some odds and ends to complete, at which time I expect to relinquish my duties as Director of the Office of Civilian Defense."

Asked to comment upon the approaching resignation of LaGuardia, Mrs. Roosevelt is quoted as stating that, "I don't plan to stay on permanently, but I fully intend to continue as long as I have a job to do."

In the meantime Dean Landis, Executive Director of Civilian Defense, has announced the appointment of the movie actor, Melvyn Douglas, to be head of an Arts Council in the Information Division of O. C. D. and Congressman Leland Ford of California charges that he is a "parlor pink."

CHEESE DEMONSTRATION AT H. D. MEETING

The Hickory Grove H. D. C. held a most interesting meeting January 27, at the home of Mrs. Jack Hunt when Miss Webb gave us a demonstration in "Cheese making". With prices soaring, this instruction should prove of great help to farmers' wives in their problems to furnish good food for their families at small expense.

NAVAL UNIT COMING HERE

Professor A. E. Jakeman this week announced the fact that in a few days a naval training unit of about one hundred young men will be assigned here to study under the same routine as the young men who are training to learn trades most essential to National Defense.

SPORTS FLASH!! (Last Minute Press Release)

The Manassas Fireballers put out the Upperville basketweavers by a 69 to 49 count in the Osbourne High Gym last night, February 4. At the same time our little Fireball Lassies took their first defeat in a freak game. Unable to bring a sufficient number of girl players, Upperville "borrowed" one of our girls to make up a two third team. The Fire Lassies went down by a 15-16 count.

YOUTH PARTY

There will be a Youth Party for Valentine's Day, at the Gainesville District School Saturday, February 14 at 7:30 Daylight Saving Time. Come and bring anything that will help in National Defense.

Civilian Defense To Restore Local Authority and Utilize Volunteer Service

The Civilian Defense Bill, to be enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, is nearing completion and represents much thought on the part of those charged with restoring local authority to the respective cities, towns and counties, and at the same time fully utilizing the volunteer service of the thousands of patriotic men and women who have volunteered as air-raid wardens, auxiliary police and firemen and other important defense work.

A public hearing on the measure was held on Tuesday by Delegate E. O. McCue, Jr., of Charlottesville, who is Chairman of the House Courts and Justice Committee and patron of the Civilian Defense Bill.

As now shaping up the measure will establish the Governor of Virginia as head of the State's Civilian Defense and make existing city and county officials the key men in carrying out his program. The bill will authorize the setting up of a State Advisory Council, but its membership would be selected from heads of State Departments and other State officers as selected by the Governor, and through them would be established regional councils as found necessary. Rules and regulations would be proclaimed by the Governor who would also be authorized to designate a co-ordinator or executive officer for the State program.

Local Defense Directors would be the Mayors of Cities, Managers or Executive Officers, who would have authority to name local co-ordinators; and for the Counties, the Boards of Supervisors would be empowered to name co-ordinators for their respective counties.

In response to the Governor's suggestion the Committee has not conferred on him as sweeping powers as at first suggested, the Governor wishing local authority to be fully recognized, and likewise the fine patriotic work already accomplished. Provision is made along this line for the establishment of local defense councils named by the local director of defense, and regional councils may be set up, composed of the local directors in the region. The Governor, however, would be given the authority to dissolve a local or regional council at any time as he saw fit and to remove local directors.

Pending reorganization of Civilian Defense the Alexandria Office of the Virginia Defense Council has appealed to all civilian volunteers and co-ordinators to continue their present activities, stating that instructions have been received from Richmond in the form of a telegram from J. H. W. State Coordinator saying, "Please request all your coordinators to continue their efforts and keep the program rolling. The Governor wishes this done."

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET AT PARISH HALL

The regular of the Manassas Woman's club will be held next Monday afternoon, February 9th at 2:30 o'clock in the Parish Hall. This will be an open meeting of the club.

The program for the afternoon will be a varied one and will include readings by Mrs. J. Vincent Davis and music arranged by Mrs. Lewis J. Carper.

The hostesses for the afternoon will be Mrs. R. T. Johnson, Mrs. Marie Larkin, Mrs. L. Q. C. Lamar, Mrs. Francis Lewis, Mrs. Margaret Lewis, and Mrs. Robert L. Lewis.

MANUFACTURE OF ALUMINUM PORTRAYED

Mr. J. P. Royer presented an unusually fine program at the Kiwanis Club last Friday evening. It was a "talkie" of the manufacture of aluminum from the earliest times up to the most modern developments on defense work.

A representative of the company was present to make the showing, and received the thanks of the Club.

FOOD SALE

The Women's Organization of the Church of the Brethren will hold a food sale on Saturday, February 7, from 9 to 12 o'clock in the National Drug Store.