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## FOOD PRODUCTION OF PRIME VALUE

### Chairman Lewis Also Wages Greater Care Of Machinery

With farm machinery becoming increasingly difficult to purchase because of the National-Emergency, farmers in Prince William County are being encouraged to consider the plan of joint purchase and ownership of equipment, according to P. A. Lewis, chairman of the Prince William County U. S. D. A. Defense Board.

This plan, it was pointed out, is in line with a suggestion made recently by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard, encouraging such joint ownership of farm machinery to insure maximum use and efficiency of operation.

With the demands for metal becoming more pressing since the entry of the United States into the war, such co-operation can avoid greatly in prosecution of the war. Moreover, it is likely that preference in deliveries of orders from factories may be given to groups rather than to individuals, Mr. Lewis said.

The Farm Security Administration, an agency of the Department of Agriculture, having had considerable experience in helping organize and administer co-operative groups of farmers, has been working with the County U. S. D. A. Board in furthering the present program.

"Joint purchase and ownership of expensive machinery makes it possible for small operators to have the use of the labor-saving devices at a cost within the ability of the small farm unit to pay," Mr. Goodall, county extension agent, said.

"Moreover, the equipment supply should be sufficient to go around and enable us to meet the increased production goals."

Mr. Lewis also stated that no farmer should fail to take part in the Prince William County "Food for Freedom" program because of inability to finance his operations.

"Farm owners and farm tenants who have difficulty in getting loans to operate their farms to the best advantage should talk over their problems with Mr. Goodall County Supervisor for the Farm Security Administration," the Defense Chairman said. Mr. Goodall's office is located in Manassas in the Hibbs and Godling Building.

To help small farmers who cannot get adequate credit elsewhere, loans repayable in convenient installments are advanced by F. S. A. for the purchase of such items as seed, fertilizer, livestock and farming implements; also for improving pastures, enlarging or improving barns and shelters, building brooder and laying houses and any reasonable expansion of equipment which can be supported by sound farm plans. The F. S. A. supervisor will advise borrowers requesting assistance in making out their farm plans; and all farmers, of course, are welcome for technicolor advice at the county Extension Agent's office.

To provide a living at home and surplus food for market is now a common goal for every farm in America. Through the various agencies of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, State Extension Service and Experiment Stations, adequate services are available to enable every farmer to take part in the Food for Freedom program.

Where farming machinery or pure bred sires cannot be purchased economically by individuals, farmers may club together and supply their needs co-operatively, through F. S. A. "Community Service" loans, it was pointed out.

Farm boys and farm girls desiring to do their bit also may borrow from F. S. A. to start 4-H and Future Farmers Projects. The money is available to sons and daughters of F. S. A. borrowers to buy cows, sows, sheep and other animals or to finance "Victory" garden or truck plots.

Mr. Goodall stands ready to help work out agreements with individual owners of machinery and equipment, not being used to its full capacity for its utilization toward increased production goals.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday, February 20, at two o'clock in the afternoon, WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be observed in Grace Methodist Church. This will be a UNION SERVICE, with all churches of the town participating. You are cordially invited to attend this service and help make MANASSAS' part in a great service worthwhile.

### BIDS WANTED

Sealed Bids will be received until 2:00 o'clock P. M. of Monday the 23rd day of February, 1942.

For painting Court Room, interior Judge's Office, Jury Room, Toilet an Hall adjoining.

Front Hall; Hall, and Toilets downstairs, with two coats of a standard paint; such as, Sherwin Williams; Davis Co.; or a paint of equal quality; Walls light cream color and woodwork a color to be selected by a committee. Work to be done in a workmanlike manner and finished by April 1, 1942.

Leamon Ledman, Clerk.

## FIREMEN ENJOY ANNUAL BANQUET

### Major Davis Makes Epochal Address

The annual fire department banquet was held last night, this year at the high school gymnasium. A delightful supper was served by the Home Economics class under the direction of the PTA, with Mrs. P. A. Lewis as general chairman. The menus were attractively lettered on tiny red hatched cards as a table decoration.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. Murray Taylor, after which the salute to the flag and the pledge was given, with President George B. Coker leading. Doctor also acted as toastmaster throughout the evening.

The atmosphere of the evening was slightly tense and quite serious in the midst of festivity. Mayor Davis expressed the meaning of this in his address which is printed herewith. All of the speakers emphasized the importance of the active firefighters and their auxiliary agents in the community.

After giving a brief word of welcome, Mr. Davis gave the main address, which is printed in full on page 8.

Mr. W. M. Barbour, chemical expert of the Alexandria Fire Department, was next introduced by Chief Duncan, of that department.

Although interspersed with highly technical language, Mr. Barbour versed his explanations in such way as to be quiet understandable. He went on to state that while the incendiary bomb was actually developed at the close of the last world war that it was too late to be of much service and that its more terrible usages had been since worked out.

Commenting on the possibility of the Axis powers having any unknown types of gas, the speaker expressed a contrary opinion and showed how the U. S. Bureau of Standards had worked out general classifications to fit almost any possible form of gas that might be used. He went into detail to explain the specifications that such gases must have to be of use in warfare.

One of the most interesting of his various expositions was the use of odors to recognize certain dangerous gases and what to do.

Following this address, Chief Duncan also gave a short talk, emphasizing the need of protection against air raids. He gave a detailed explanation of the several auxiliary organizations and how the members of these groups had to be trained. He stated that the fire department would need more equipment and stated that he would not advise waiting on the Federal Government for financial assistance.

### FOOD - FOR - FREEDOM

Plans for meeting the demands of the Food-for-Freedom program will be made when a committee of poultrymen in this section confer at the Riverside hotel in Tappahannock Friday evening, February 20, at 7 o'clock.

They will make a careful study of the poultry outlook, and in the light of their findings they will undertake to draft a feasible production program, Howard G. Crist Jr. of Southern States Cooperative, who will assist the group, explained in discussing the meeting.

The committee is composed of poultrymen from the counties of Richmond, Fairfax, Northumberland, Princess Anne, Lancaster, King George, Essex, King William, Spotsylvania, King and Queen, Westmoreland, Caroline, Hanover, and Middlesex.

### MUSICAL AT ADEN

The PTA of Aden is giving a musical on Tuesday a week (March 3rd) at 8 P. M. Charley King, of Fredericksburg, will preside.

## Let's All Pull Our OWN Oar



### CAPT. JOYCE SAYS SAND IS IMPORTANT DEFENSE AID

Your Fire Wardens in Prince William County should feel justly proud you have advocated and stuck to the use of sand for smothering incendiary bombs from the start; and now some others are following in our footsteps.

An article in one of the metropolitan papers last Sunday stated that; Arlington County was placing sand at all the schools, making it available to all households in the county and requesting that every household get a bucket-full and keep it in their homes to be available to smother incendiary bombs if and when the necessity arose. The British have tried everything, and have found sand to be the most effective, most economical and easier to get. We should also feel very proud of the fact that a First Aid Station has been set up in every town and community in our County manned by qualified personnel. Classes in First Aid have been instructed all the time in our County, and it is highly recommended to all who can to take the course. Mr. John A. Musselman has instructed and graduated several classes of men in Occoquan and vicinity; and the last class he graduated were all women; and they made the highest record of any class he had. Look to the women to do everything well. Mr. Musselman has now volunteered to instruct a class of our Good Colored Folks in the community, provided a sufficient number of them are desirous of taking the course. Mr. Musselman should be highly commended for his good work, and for giving his spare time to it.

Now that Singapore has fallen to the Japs, and the German fleet has arrived safely at a home port, our work as Air Raid Wardens and as First Aid treaters are doubly important. Some may think the fall of Singapore could have no effect on us here, but it could have, as could the escape of the German fleet from Brest. We hope those incidents will have no special effect on us, but they may and could, so let us be the more prepared.

It is important that everyone becoming a member of the Red Cross when listed on the annual Roll Call, should appreciate not only the responsibility of maintaining this organization but the privilege of being a member of this World-Wide Agencies of mercy and a fuller comprehension of the very real Red Cross functioning whether at home or abroad, may be readily acquired by attending some of these meetings.

Chairmen of the Juniors, Home Service Civilian Relief, and other Committees told of the activities and accomplishments of their Committees. Monthly meetings are being held on afternoons of the second Fridays, at the home of Mrs. E. H. Marsteller, Chapter Secretary to which all Red Cross Members are invited; that the Community may be fully acquainted with the requests made of the Chapter by National Headquarters and the immediate responses rendered in work, policy and financial assistance.

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### RECEPTION FOR REV. GIBSON

On Saturday, February 14, at 8 P. M., the Ladies Guild of Trinity Episcopal Church held a reception in honor of the sixty-eighth birthday of the retiring minister, the Reverend A. Stuart Gibson. The guests included the members of the congregation, the ministerial association, and friends from Mr. Gibson's former parish at Aldie.

The Parish Hall was attractively decorated for Valentine's Day and delicious refreshments were served. The guests were received by Mrs. R. E. Larkin, president of the Guild, who was assisted by Mrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe and Mrs. Eula Holt Merchant.

The climax of the evening was reached when Mr. O. D. Waters, on behalf of the Congregation and friends in Manassas, presented a purse to Mr. Gibson who responded in his usual effective manner.

Under the happiness of this social evening could be felt the sadness which not only the church but the whole community feels over the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson from Manassas to their new home at Greenway Downs, Falls Church.

### FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

As Washington's Birthday, February 22, a National Holiday, falls on Sunday this year, the following day Monday, February 23 will be celebrated instead. The windows at the Post Office will be open from 9 A. M. to 11 A. M. The money order and registry windows will not be open.

### PRINCE WILLIAM RED CROSS NOTES GRATIFYING PROGRESS

The February meeting of Prince William County Chapter, American Red Cross held Friday, the 13th, was well attended by members of the Chapter and Committee Chairmen and officers from each County District.

Encouraging reports of the War Relief Fund were presented; over half of the \$2,000 quota for this area has been sent to National Headquarters and it is earnestly hoped that Prince William may shortly have "gone over the top."

Mrs. Lloyd announced that new Classes for First Aid and Nutrition will be started upon the completion of those now concluding their intensive terms.

Mrs. Peters, Production Chairman, was instructed to purchase wool immediately for 100 sweaters requested by Headquarters for War Relief. This purchase money is from the 15 percent retained locally from the War Relief Fund now being collected. Hospital shirts, layettes, etc. will be made by the County members preferring sewing and number of garments will be held here to be used immediately should a situation of emergency arise in this County.

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### BOOK CLUB WILL DISCUSS CHILE

The Book Club will meet at the home of Miss Eugenia Osborn, Thursday, February 26th at 2:30 P. M. Mrs. Marshall Douglas will lead an informal discussion on Chile, using Gunther's "Inside Latin America" as her background.

### BAKED SALE

The Young People of the Valley View Church will hold a food sale on Saturday morning, February 21st beginning at 9:30 A. M., at National Loan Farm offices on Centre Street. All kinds of substantial food and lots of goodies will be on hand.

### LOCAL BOY IN CALIFORNIA

Private James L. Vetter local boy is now stationed at Fort Ord, in Monterey, California. He is with the 52nd Headquarters Brig. Ft. A. James has been in the service of the United States Army since August 1941. He also plays basketball with the 52nd Field Artillery. "Dee," as he is known by Manassas people is noted for his exploits on the baseball field. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vetter reside in Manassas.

## SPORTSMAN'S BILL HAS SPOTLIGHT

### Fenwick Fighting To Hold Airport Area In Virginia

The General Assembly of Virginia is now in mid-stream with half of their biennial session behind them and half again to go. Three hundred and forty-two bills have been introduced in the House, one hundred and ninety-two in the Senate, twenty-seven have been signed by the Governor and twenty-two more have passed both houses and are awaiting his signature.

Scheduled for passage this week, following a hearing before the Senate Committee on Banking, is the bill to reduce interest rates on small loans.

From three and one-half per cent to two per cent.

Delegate Charles' R. Fenwick of Arlington last Thursday introduced a bill in the Virginia House of Delegates which would attempt to settle the long standing question of the boundary line between the District of Columbia and Virginia. His bill, which has been referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice would ratify the provisions of the Randolph Bill, now pending in the United States House of Representatives, fixing the dividing line at the present high-water mark, leaving the Washington National Airport in Virginia and granting Virginia the right to collect the gasoline tax and liquor tax and making the airport subject to the Virginia liquor regulations. The Fenwick Bill further authorizes that the Attorney General and the Governor shall be empowered to negotiate as to any other reservations relating to the boundary settlement.

The question of the boundary line dates from 1846. Delegate Fenwick said, when Virginia ceded land to the District of Columbia. Since that time the entire lay of the land has changed including the channel. In 1934 a Boundary Commission was appointed composed of one Virginia representative, Hon. W. C. Gloth of Arlington, former Governor Brough of Arkansas and a representative from the District of Columbia. After a two-year study The Commission recommended that the boundary line should be established from headland to headland on the Virginia side. This was ratified by Virginia but Congress refused to do so, and insisted that it be from high-water mark on the Virginia side.

The Randolph Bill introduced at the last session of Congress carries out this provision and places the Washington Airport in Virginia. An amendment to it has been offered by Rep. Nichols of Oklahoma, which excludes the airport from Virginia. Delegate Fenwick and Senator William D. Medley of Arlington, referring today to this amendment, pointed to the situation it would bring about permitting, as it would, the sale of alcoholic beverages by drink and bottle at the airport and the sale of gas for autos exclusive of Virginia tax or District tax, all causing hopeless confusion and underselling.

The most important bill of the session—the biennial budget bill, this year amounting to approximately \$217,000,000—is expected to be reported out early this week by Delegate Frank Moore of Lexington, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. It is believed that among the items included in it will be a half million dollar appropriation towards school bus transportation to be divided among the counties on a percentage basis, half on the number of miles traveled and a half on the number of buses.

The House of Delegates on Tuesday passed the amended fortified wine bill, presented by E. Blackburn Moore of Berryville, which would prohibit the sale of fortified wines of more than 14 per cent alcohol content at any but ABC stores except when served with a full meal at restaurants, hotels and the like.

Chairman Massenbarg of the House Privileges and Elections Committee has appointed Delegates E. Blackburn Moore, of Berryville, Tate B. Sterrett of Bath and H. W. Huff of (Continued on page 5)

## THIRD DRAFT REGISTRATION

### Many Fathers And Sons Register Together

For the third time within the past sixteen months the man power of the nation has been enrolled for war service. On Monday, February 16, those between the ages of 20 and 44 signed up. The previous registrations were on October 15, 1940 and July 1, 1941.

Rich and poor, high and low, talented and untrained, even aliens, all went to their respective places of enrollment and filled out a card for their Uncle Sam. Even Charles August Lindberg, with all his wealth, had to fill out the little card.

A notable feature of the present registration was the frequent appearance at places of enrollment of fathers and sons, and often the father a veteran of the First World War.

National Selective Service headquarters is not releasing figures on the size of the nation-wide enrollment, but is said to be permitting publication of local figures. Experts, however, place the national enrollment at around 7,350,000 men in the older group and 1,650,000 in the 20-21 year class. It is reported in Washington that the registration was 57,370.

Sometime around the middle of March it is believed that the third national draft lottery will be held to determine the order in which these new registrants will be called for service, and in the meantime Selective Boards throughout the nation are busy going over deferments already made which under relaxed rulings of the War Department may be recalled. Particularly liable to recall are many who have been deferred because of dental imperfections, and imperfect eyesight. The old rule required six masticating and six incisor teeth, all of which had to "hit." Now all that will be required is that the selectee can eat and digest army food, and he can even have false teeth.

The national registration of men from twenty to forty four was held here on Monday, with the schools co-operating in a very excellent style. Eight hundred and eighty six were the totals for both white and colored, divided in magisterial districts as follows:

Coles District	25
Manassas District	262
Dranesville District	102
Brentsville District	79
Occoquan District	123
Dumfries District	304
Total	886

196 to be returned to their respective states and counties, leaving a total of 690 registrants in Prince William, also, some of our registrants will be returned here.

Mr. C. C. Cloe, Chairman of the local Selective Service board, wishes to express his thanks to those who served as registrars, and assisted in other ways in accomplishing this registration, and especially Prof. R. C. Haydon, Division Superintendent of Schools, who was County Chairman of this registration.

### DR. STROTHER DIES AT CULPEPER

Dr. D. William Johnston Strother, 92 years old, died at his home in Culpeper last Sunday. He had practiced medicine in Culpeper for more than 60 years and was the oldest alumnus of the Medical College of Virginia.

Dr. Strother was a member of the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1933 and was active in Democratic politics up to the time of his death. He was Chairman of the Democratic Party for Culpeper and both his father and his grandfather had served in the Congress of the United States.

### LENTON SEASON STARTED YESTERDAY

The observance of Lent began in the churches Wednesday.

Lent, the great period of fasting in the Christian Church, begins on Ash Wednesday which comes 40 days previous to Easter Sunday, not counting Sundays. Easter Sunday this year will be on April 5.

Although it has not announced its plans, the Ministerial Association is expected to sponsor Lenten services and individual churches will hold their own observances.

The last seven days of Lent constitute Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday. Passion Week precedes Holy Week. The last Thursday—Maundy Thursday—Commemorates the Institution of the Eucharist.

The day following Good Friday commemorates the day of the crucifixion.