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## FOURTH SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION MONDAY, APRIL 27

### DEFENSE COUNCIL ASKS ASSISTANCE

#### Mr. Tiffany Desires Assistance In Completing Set-Up

A meeting of the Defense Council of Prince William County was held in the Town Hall at Manassas on the evening of Thursday, April 9. Mr. Tiffany presided and outlined the organization as it now stands, asking also for assistance in completing the same.

Reports were heard from Mr. Hall, who is Deputy Coordinator for Occoquan; from Mr. J. A. Vetter, Chief of the Fire Department; and Capt. Joyce.

For the police, Mayor Davis, of Manassas, and Sheriff Kerlin spoke, and Mr. Moncure urged a school of instruction for the Quantic section. Mr. Parrish reported on the Air Raid Wardens, stating that his organization is almost complete. He has also compiled a map of the town showing the various zones, together with other important information.

Mr. Royer described the defense work at the N. Y. A. School where plans are perfected to use every student on some kind of defense work. Dr. McNeil represented the Health Department; Mr. Johnson reported on Voluntary Participation, stating that splendid work was being done in the county along this line. Professor Haydon described the defense work in the public schools, particularly the fire drills and other precautions, and Miss Alice Webb spoke on emergency food and housing, stating that much interest was being shown in victory gardens and food conservation.

In the general discussion made the valuable suggestion that a mobile unit be purchased to be sent where needed.

### DEFENSE CLASS AT HAYMARKET

A mass meeting was held at the Gainesville District School, Haymarket, on the evening of Friday, April 10 for the purpose of stimulating public interest in defense work and to organize a class in civilian defense training. Dr. Wade Payne presided and introduced Mr. Hunton Tiffany, the County Coordinator.

Mr. Davis, Mayor of Manassas, then spoke, explaining the defense law, the dangers of air raids and the local defense set-up. He stated that it was necessary to have so many Manassas men and women at the head of different defense departments because the central control office for the county was at the County Seat.

Mr. E. G. Parrish spoke on the air raid warden setup, Sheriff Kerlin on auxiliary police and then a very interesting address was made by Senator Heller, of Bedford, Va. who is in charge of the aircraft warning system of the State Defense Council.

It was announced that a course of instruction would begin on April 14, and the first meeting was held on that date with a large number present. A committee was named to confer with Mr. Tiffany and the class is to begin on April 21. The committee urges everyone who can be present and is confident that all in the community will do his or her part.

### P. T. A. RE-ELECTS OFFICERS

The Parent-Teacher Association of Dumfries School held its annual meeting on Monday night of this week, re-electing all officers, as follows; resident, Mr. J. A. Bishop; vice-president, Mrs. Claude Ennis, Secretary, Rev. A. H. Shumate, Mr. Sam Bauekman.

Dumfries P. T. A. is an outstanding organization in the county, and the group was so pleased with the work done under its present officers that the request to remain in office for another term was made unanimously.

### STAFFORD MAN LOST AT SEA

Mr. and Mrs. Harwood Simpson, of Stafford County, have received a telegram from the Navy Department advising them that their son, Harwood Simpson, age 26, was aboard the missing submarine Perch, which has been overdue for a month and is believed to have been lost. He was a graduate of the Falmouth High School, entering the Navy about four years ago.

### CHANGE IN SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Beginning Monday, April 20, all schools of Prince William County will begin classes at 9:00 A. M.

R. C. Haydon  
Division Superintendent.

### SHOT GUNS MAY REPLACE RIFLES

#### War Department Said To Favor Surrender Of Military Rifles By State Guards

The possibility of arming the Virginia Protective Force and similar home-guards in other States with ordinary shot-guns looms as a definite possibility this week as the War Department makes known its desire that all State troops surrender their present Springfield rifles, to be replaced with shot-guns.

In Maryland it is reported that opposition to the idea is more pronounced than in Virginia, but sportsmen and farmers are not likely, in Virginia, to take kindly to the proposition unless necessitated by most important military considerations.

The War Department is quoted as stating that it expects to re-possess around 44,000 military rifles, now in possession of State troops. They say the guns are not to be used by the United States Army, which is now rapidly being equipped with the new Garand automatic. It is presumed that the actual need for these weapons is military information and not available to the general public.

Governor Darden is quoted as saying that Virginia will go along with the Federal Government in this matter if they feel the rifles are needed, but Brig. Gen. E. E. Goodwin, Commander of the Virginia Protective Force is said to have expressed the hope that an exception can be made for a sea-board State like Virginia, which he says "is very vulnerable."

The War Department has also issued an appeal to sportsmen possessing 1903 Springfields and 1917 Enfields to make them available to the Army, if in good shooting condition.

### ERWIN SIMMONS SELECTED BY N. Y. A.

Ervin R. Simmons, 22 years of age, has been selected as "The Youth Most Valuable to War Production" at the Manassas resident project of the National Youth Administration.

Wednesday of this week young Simmons was presented with an award in recognition of his outstanding merit by State officials of the N. Y. A. at ceremonies held at the Manassas work center. This award was in the form of a handsome certificate signed by both Aubrey Williams, National Administrator, and T. Edwin Burke, State Administrator, of N. Y. A.

Ervin now will be eligible for selection as the most valuable NYA youth in Virginia, this honor will be conferred by the State Administrator on the youth selected from among the winners at 10 Virginia projects as being the most meritorious in the entire State. The winner of the State designation then will compete with the winners from 47 other states of the Union for the title of "Most Valuable Youth to War Production in the United States."

Ervin Simmons was born in Pendleton County, W. Va., and was an honor student at the local schools he attended; also he was prominent in various sports and was active in the United Brethren Church. He enrolled in the N. Y. A. Manassas project in December, 1941, and the work experience and training he received enabled him to become an efficient welder. Ervin anticipates becoming a part of his nation's defense forces at an early date, either as a worker in vital war production or by enlisting in some branch of the armed forces.

"Young Simmons is one of many youths at the Manassas project and other NYA work centers who are acquiring work experience and war production training," declared A. E. Jakeman, area Director, yesterday, "that fits them for employment in war work industries; many of them already are working at Norfolk Navy Yard, Newport News Shipbuilding plant, Glenn Martin aviation plant at Baltimore, and other great war industries."

## Defense Saving Drive Gets Under Way

### UNFINISHED SYMPHONY



### ATTENDED STATE CHAMBER DINNER

C. C. Cloe, president of the Prince William Chamber of Commerce, was in attendance at the annual banquet of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce held at Roanoke last week. He was accompanied by C. W. Alpaugh, also a member of the local chamber and a director of the state group.

The highlights of the meeting centered around the address made by Governor Darden, Ambassador, Hu-Shih, of China.

Governor Darden's remarks were straight forward about the part that Virginia is taking in the war effort. He pledged a continuation of such work.

Ambassador, Hu-Shih gave a detailed history of the struggle China has made against the aggressions of Japan in the past five years, and pointed out with confidence that as a result of American aid and the other allied nations, victory was certain although the conflict may be long and harsh.

The retiring president, Mr. James Easley was presented with an appropriate silver service by the board of directors. He was much affected by the ceremony and expressed his keen appreciation.

John D. Rockefeller was presented with an engraved memorial in acknowledgment of his generous contributions in helping restore Williamsburg.

The Chamber went on record as opposing the McCarran bill to restore the portion of the District of Columbia which was ceded to Virginia in 1846.

### HOUSE BURNED

About 1 P. M. Sunday the Manassas Volunteer Fire Department was called to extinguish a fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Walthall, about a mile south of Manassas.

Believed to have started from a defective electric refrigerator, the fire had made considerable headway, but probably the house could have been saved had there been any adequate water supply. However the water quickly gave out and the fire, which could no longer be controlled, destroyed the house and much of its contents.

Mrs. Walthall is secretary of the local office of the Farm Security Administration. The house belonged to the estate of the late L. S. Jeffries, and was partially covered by insurance.

### CAUGHT IN THE BLACKOUT

Number Prince William County residents were caught in the blackout Tuesday night as they passed through Fairfax County. They were delayed for fifteen minutes, from 10:30 to 10:45 when the all clear signals were sounded. Three shots from a small cannon at Centreville, which announced the blackout there was heard by a number of motorists.

### American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary And Junior Woman's Club Conducting Canvass

At a meeting Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stagg the plans were completed for the house to house campaign for the signing of pledge cards to purchase Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps.

To the efforts of the American Legion and its Ladies Auxiliary has been added that of the Junior Woman's Club, of Manassas, and any other organization in Prince William County that is willing to aid in this patriotic work should get a touch with Mr. C. W. Stagg, or any member of the American Legion.

Committees have been named as follows:

Brentsville District: V. W. Zirkle, C. W. Bittle.  
Coles District: Rev. C. Murray Taylor, William Ellicott.

Gainesville District: Dr. C. Wade Payne.

Manassas District: Mrs. C. W. Stagg, Mrs. E. G. Parrish, Mrs. John Beard, Mrs. Wallace Lynn.

Mr. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, Chairman of the Prince William County Defense Savings Committee has expressed the deepest appreciation of the cooperation of the American Legion, The Legion Auxiliary and The Junior Woman's Club in undertaking this drive. He calls attention to the fact that the house to house canvassers are not soliciting any money; that the information supplied by the pledge card will be held strictly confidential. No one but the canvasser and the recording official will know how much anyone has pledged. The pledge is entirely voluntary and no one is forced to do so.

It is also important for all to know that those who are already buying Defense Bonds should sign one of these cards, because one of the purposes of the campaign is to find out how many people are already participating in the program and the extent they intend to pursue the regular purchase plan. There is a space on the Pledge Card where the signer may indicate which method of purchase, if any, is already being used by him.

The card which is being used in this canvass is again being reproduced on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

### RED CROSS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Prince William County Chapter, American Red Cross shipped the following April 8:

6 convalescent robes, 12 pairs mens' pajamas, 15 womens' nightgowns, 35 boys' shirts, 5 mens' sweaters, 30 childrens' sweaters, 20 girls' dresses, 14 navy sleeveless sweaters to American Red Cross Warehouse, Middletown, N. J. Also 12 olive drab sleeveless sweaters to Fort Meade, Md. Wool is being distributed by Mrs. Peters, Chairman of Production throughout the County, to be knit into garments required by National Headquarters.

The Chapters has contributed 3 handsome Ping Pong tables to the Recreation Pavillion at Fort Belvoir this was made possible through the work donated by N. Y. A. boys and materials paid for by the Chapter balance graciously discounted by Brown and Hooff.

More than 800 persons have already received 1st Aid Instruction in the County under the Red Cross Sponsorship. Canteen classes are being organized upon completion of Nutrition instruction. 26,295 hours have been donated by Volunteer Red Cross Workers in the County during the past year. The Home Service has handled 40 cases, 30 Christmas bags were sent abroad, hundreds of garments have been made and knitted.

The Chapter is proud of having met all calls of the National Headquarters; an exceptionally large Roll Call was made and it is earnestly hoped that those who have not as yet contributed to the War Relief Fund will do so at once; so that also may be fully met and disposed of at an early date.

### NAVY RECRUITER HERE ON THURSDAY

Until further notice Chief Boatswains Mate Picha, of the Fredericksburg recruiting office, will be at the Manassas Post Office regularly every Thursday, from 8:30 A. M. to 5 P. M.

### All Men 45 To 64 Must Sign Up For Uncle Sam

Mr. C. C. Cloe, Chairman of the Prince William Selective Service Board desires to call special attention to the Fourth Registration which will be held on Monday, April 27 between the hours of 7:00 A. M. and 9:00 P. M.

All men who had attained their forty-fifth birthday on or before February 16, 1942, and have not attained their sixty-fifth birthday on April 27, 1942 will be registered. It is estimated that in Prince William County this registration will comprise from 1200 to 1500 men.

Transients will be registered at any place they may be on that date and their registration cards sent to the proper local board within the State or to State Directors without the State.

Mr. Cloe states that registrants in this category are not liable for military service. Therefore their cards will not be serially numbered and no lottery will be held and no order numbers assigned.

Prof. R. C. Haydon will again take charge of this work. The Selective Service Board has complimented Mr. Haydon and his staff on the very efficient way in which they handled the last registration, and no doubt this Fourth Registration will be carried on at the schools in the same manner.

### PLACES FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION April 27, 1942

New Haymarket School  
Nokesville High School  
Courthouse Manassas (court room)  
Woodbine School  
Dumfries School  
Masonic Building Quantico  
Occoquan High School

### TOM THUMB WEDDING

The Bennett School will present a Tom Thumb Wedding on Friday, April 24 at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The following children will take part:

Bride — Mary Lou Trimmer  
Groom — Charles Young  
Maid of honor — Anne Warren Coleman  
Groomsman — Jerry Gregory  
Flower girls — Mary Anne Carter, Susanne Saunders, Nancy Claire Blakemore, Sandra Pence, Barbara Lou Merchant and Barbara Bowers.

Train bearers — Bobby Saunders, David Arrington  
Ring bearer — Bobby Jones  
Attendants — Catherine Dennis Baker, Catherine Kemper, Martha Ann Eagle, Fleur Peters, Mary Ann Sinclair, Mary Scott, Betty Painter, Faith Nelson, Claudette Woodyard and Doris Anne Kline  
Ushers — Richard Black, Ronald Black, Danta Papa, Italo Papa, Ray Hurst, Widdie Merchant, Fred Chandler, Radford Compton, John Champion and Paige Wood  
Soloists — Lauree Hersch, Bobby Deeter

Bride's parents — Warren Harrover, Helen Ritter  
Groom's parents — Derek Van Hughes, Priscilla Wakeman  
Bride's grandparents — Tayloe Linton, Virginia Jakeman  
Groom's grandparents — Bobby Burchard, Jane DeChant

### BINGO PARTY

A Bingo Party will be given by the Sophomores on Friday evening, April 17 at 8 o'clock in the High School Auditorium.

A general admission will be charged and you can play as much as you wish. Come! Support the Sophomores; and win some of the grand prizes.

After the Bingo Party, a Radio Dance will be held in the gymnasium.

### BOOK CLUB MEETING

The Book Club will meet with Mrs. A. Maloney Thursday, April 23 at 2:30 P. M. There will be an open discussion of Veneuela, led by Mrs. Dudley Martin.

### NUTRITION CLASS

The Nutrition class will meet Monday, April 20th at 2 P. M., at the home of Mrs. H. Tiller, 112 North Main Street (Apt. over Bushong's Store).