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## EVERY CITIZEN AFFECTED BY ALL-NIGHT BLACKOUT

### GRADUATION AT LINTON HALL

Cadets Turton And Riddell Win Honors.

The graduation at Linton Hall Military School was held in true keeping with the tradition of the institution on Tuesday evening, exercises being observed in the chapel.

The tiny bugler sounded his note at 8 o'clock sharp, and the corps marched in headed by the officers and other members of the class of 1942. The same youngster gave the military notes throughout the entire ceremony, there being no spoken word of command.

The priests, and others entering the sanctuary, marched between the solid lines of the cadet corps and underneath an arch made by the swords of the officers.

Father John, O. S. B., chaplain at the school and idol of the entire student body, presented the diplomas. The friendly little gesture that passed between him and each graduate as he was handed his certificate of graduation was indeed a beautiful sight.

Father William, O. S. B., priest in charge at St. Benedict's, Richmond, made the address to the graduates, choosing as his topic "The benefits of religious education." Declaring that there is no separation possible between morals and education, Father William extolled the work of parochial schools, showing that citizenship of the right type must develop where lads of tender years get their schooling in a pervading atmosphere of religion such as given by the loving care of the good Sisters who make up such faculties as that of Linton Hall.

He asserted further that "Uncle Sam owes a debt of gratitude for producing such citizens. Of this graduating class, he can rely on every one. A good Catholic must be a good citizen."

Father John concluded with the benediction, the graduates being grouped before the altar. Others in the sanctuary were Father Cornelius, O. S. B., also of St. Benedict's, Richmond and Father James J. Widmer, of All Saints, Parish, Manassas.

Announcement was made of the awarding of the scholarship medal to Cadet Captain J. E. Turton, with second place going to Cadet Lieutenant John F. Riddell. It is understood that there was only a small fraction of a percent between the two place winners.

The list of graduates follows:

Lt. John Joseph Baecher of Norfolk, Virginia.

Lt. William Bickerdyke, Washington, D. C.

Lt. Raymond J. Brownly, Norfolk, Virginia.

Thomas L. Buckley, Washington.

Russell L. Cain, Washington.

Charles S. Crocker, Arlington, Va.

Lt. Richard P. Crowley, Washington.

Lt. Maxime L. Ducharme, Washington.

Sgt. Paul H. Elliot, Washington.

Lt. James Felcyn, Bismark, N. D.

James J. Lee, Washington.

C. Lee Mohme, Washington.

Capt. James E. Murphy, Washington.

Sgt. James O'Brien, Norfolk, Va.

Capt. William H. Olmstead, Washington.

Capt. Carlyle L. Owens, Washington.

Lt. John Riddell, Richmond, Va.

Joseph Rinaldi, Washington.

Sgt. Stephan X. Ruscin, Greensburg, Pa.

Lt. Thomas P. Smith, Washington.

Lt. Col. William L. Soleau, Washington.

Capt. John E. Turton, Washington.

Sgt. John B. Turton, Washington.

Lt. Eugene O. Wiggs, Washington.

### The Fate Of The Nation Is Riding Every Night With The Aircraft Warning Service

The Aircraft Warning Service offers you a chance to do your bit—serving your country and protecting your home against enemy aircraft as certainly as if you were a member of the regular armed forces.

Men and women who volunteer for this vital service will be the "Eyes of Our Air Defense" serving directly under the Interceptor command of the U. S. Army.

Your duty, at an observation post will consist of spotting planes and reporting by phone to the Army "Filter Center."

Any volunteers for this service should report to the observation post in your community.

Mr. E. G. Parrish, Sub-District Director, Aircraft Warning Service, Prince William County.

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### GAS RATIONING WILL RELAX

O. P. A. Announces Four Gallons Basic Allowance

On July 1, when the new gasoline regulations will go into effect, there will be an increase from the present 3 gallon basic allowance to 4 gallons, according to an announcement this week from O. P. A. Headquarters in Washington.

A coupon book system will be started which is designed to improve some of the glaring weaknesses of the present system which, apparently, had to be adopted too quickly to adjust the many inequalities now existing, by which, for example, a gas bootlegger with an old truck, can get all the gas he wants, while private cars, in great emergency need, are cut off.

At the same time restrictions will be put upon the present privilege of trucks and holders of "X" cards which will exercise some kind of control upon them. Joel Dean, O. P. A. Fuel Rationing Administrator, in Washington, issued the statement which forms the basis of the present news-dispatch. According to Dean the new plan will at the same time prevent dealers from selling gas to motorists in excess of their allotted amount. Fewer "B" cards, he says, will be issued, and motorists will be required to prove their need for supplemental allowance and wherever possible they will have to organize "transportation pools" of not less than four persons to get themselves to and from their work.

Basic "A" cards will be issued to every passenger-car driver, containing 16 coupons upon the required proof of additional need. These "B" books will be dated for a definite period as determined by the local board.

In addition to the foregoing, this newspaper understands that there will be an additional "C" book containing 96 coupons, but which will be cut down by the local board to fit the proven requirements; and then on top of all this there will be "S" books to apply to present owners of "X" cards, official cars, public transportation vehicles, which will be reviewed and re-issued every four months. Thus all automobile transportation will be under gasoline rationing control.

Almost everybody understands that all this gas-rationing is really because of the rubber shortage. Hence some kind of gas control will have to come for the middle section of the country which has a surplus of gas. This knotty problem is causing the Washington O. P. A. a real headache, it is said.

### WILL ASSIGN TO U. S. JOBS

A representative of the government will be in Manassas on Monday to interview and assign junior typists and stenographers, who must be eighteen years old, or over.

Mr. Nash, at the postoffice, will give any necessary information.

### POPPY DAY SALES RESULTS

Mrs. Parrish, chairman of the Poppy Day sale, desires to issue an exact figure of the money taken in on May 23rd.

It is \$133.66 and not the figure previously printed.



GRADUATING CLASS OF BRENTSVILLE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL  
Back Row — Warren Clemens, Cecil Baker, Ray Neff, William Crawford, Mr. Eutsler, Gordon Harris, Francis Joyce and Earl Bell.  
Seated — Celestine McLearn, Mary E. Owens, Catherine Bittle, Dorothy Allen, Jess Harpine, Betty Snider, Hazel Tyley and Mary F. Ennis. (reading left to right).

### EIGHTEEN GRADS AT NOKESVILLE

Many Awards Given To Worthy Students

On Thursday night, May 28th at 8:30 P. M. eighteen seniors graduated from Brentsville District High School in Nokesville, Va. at their thirteenth annual commencement exercise. The speaker at this event was Rev. Allan H. Fenner, pastor of the Muhlenberg Lutheran Church in Harrisonburg, Va. The graduation exercises were held in a different manner this year as it was necessary to combine class night with commencement because of the gas and tire shortage.

To open the program Reveille was played on a bugle as the curtains were slowly opened upon the eighteen seniors standing on the stage. Two little boys, dressed alike, stood in front of the seniors holding a sign, "THE CLASS OF '42". A voice behind stage expressed the will and aim of the class before Francis Joyce dedicated the class gift, a speaker's stand. Mr. Bittle next awarded letters for outstanding ability in sports activities to Francis Joyce, Dorothy Allen, Edwin Nelson, Jean Harpine and Mary Owens. Gordon Harris was given a medal for active participation in baseball and Richard Harris was awarded a medal for scholastic achievement. Edna Hopkins and Emma Wright received \$5.00 and \$3.00 respectively for essays on alcohol.

Then the seniors marched off the stage to their seats down front while the processional played. After the invocation by Rev. A. W. Ballentine, and a song by the Glee Club and Choir, Rev. Fenner gave the address to the graduates.

"All in the April Evening" was sung by a sextet before Supt. of Prince William County Schools, Mr. R. C. Haydon awarded diplomas to the graduates. Taps were played behind stage, Mr. Ballentine gave the benediction, and the class marched out while the Recessional was played.

The Baccalaureate Sermon to the Graduates was delivered on Sunday night, May 24, at 8:30 P. M. in the High School Auditorium.

After the graduates had marched in at the Recessional, "To Thy Temple," the congregation remained standing during the rhythm and the invocation by Rev. S. A. Knupp, pastor of the United Brethren Church in Manassas.

The speaker on this occasion was Rev. R. Allan Anderson who is secretary of the General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists from Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. Mr. Anderson who was born and raised in Australia and has traveled quite extensively, delivered a very inspiring sermon which held the attention of the congregation till the last word.

The music during this program was under the direction of Miss Lois Sloop.

### THE BETHLEHEM CLUB TO MEET WITH MRS. A. A. HOOFF

Mrs. A. A. Hooff and Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson will entertain the regular meeting of Bethlehem Club at the home of Mrs. A. A. Hooff, June 17th, at 2:30 P. M.

### NOTICE

There will be an important meeting of all Civilian Defense workers in the Town Hall, Manassas, Va. on Monday June 15, 1942 at 8:00 P. M. A full attendance is requested.

Hunters, Tiffany, Co-ordinator

### CAUTION URGED DURING STATE'S BLACKOUT

John Howard, State chief of air-raid precautions, has suggested that as an air-raid precaution against accidents during Virginia's all-night blackout motorists should be especially careful.

"Extreme caution should be exercised by motorists and pedestrians," Howard declared, "and the public generally should be on the alert. A blackout is no time for carelessness or recklessness."

He pointed out that traffic would be moving only with dimmed lights, that street lights would not be turned on and that a motor vehicle operator's range of vision would be sharply reduced.

Part of the dusk-to-dawn test, Howard announced, will be keeping telephone channels as clear as possible, just as if a strategic blackout were in effect because of the approach of enemy aircraft. He urged that telephone patrons hold their calls to the minimum. The reason for this lies in the need during an actual or impending raid for quick transmission of information from aircraft spotters and fast relay of raid alarms to centers throughout the State.

### EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE AT RECITAL

On Tuesday evening, June 9th the pupils of Virginia Speiden Carper were presented in a piano recital in the Osborn High School Auditorium. The program consisted of solos and several ensemble numbers, all creditably performed.

Those taking part in the program were: Fleur Peters, Dolly Lonas, Lauree Hersch, Bobby Burckhard, Martha Anne Graham, Jackie Martin, Lois Cornwell, Orrin Kline, Jr., Miriam Hersch, Betty Lee Jenkins, Rose Robertson, Tommy Thomas, Challice Haydon, Carolyn Cooksey, Priscilla Wakeman, Leon Kline, Margaret Simpson, Fanelle Pickeral, Helen Kane, Katherine Graham, Miriam Gregory, Pat Royer, June Sadd, Harley Kline, Kattie Jean Blakemore and Edna Armstrong.

Dunning Certificates and Pins were presented to Margaret Simpson, Katherine Graham and Miriam Hersch upon their successful completion of the Intermediate work in the Dunning Course of Improved Music Study. The teacher's prize to the pupil making the most progress in theory and piano work during the year, was awarded to Margaret Simpson.

Mrs. Carper announced that Miss Edna Lee Armstrong of Nokesville had recently taken part in the National Piano Playing Tournament for the third successive year, and for the third time had received a place on the National Honor Roll of the National Guild of Piano Teachers. This year she was awarded the Guild's High School Diploma, one of the highest honors it can bestow on student pianists.

### FARMERS NIGHT AT KIWANIS

Blacksburg Executive Addresses Dinner Group

Dr. J. L. Maxton, agricultural economist at Blacksburg, was the guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Manassas Kiwanis Club, the occasion being the annual farmer's night.

Albert H. Berry, chairman of the agricultural committee, was program chairman for the evening. He introduced the speaker, Frank D. Cox, county agricultural agent.

Dr. Maxton, in his address, praised the President's program, stating that the price ceiling had come in time to choke off much of the damage that had occurred in similar occasions throughout the last hundred years and more.

"We shall win the war," he declared, "because we've got to. Everything for which we have worked and sacrificed in the last thousand years will otherwise be completely lost."

The speaker asserted that the battle of reproduction had already been won, and that the battle of transportation was proceeding very satisfactorily. He urged both the farmers and the business men to put their houses in order for the post war period which he stated would not be more than a year hence.

The farmers are always welcomed guests, as President Ernest Trusler stated in his address of welcome and the evening was spent quite happily, song singing, swapping stories and jokes.

The following were among those present:

Leo Miller, Harry Jacobs, Wheatley Johnson, Henry Fletcher, Kite Roseberry, W. W. Johnson, Joseph Hale, G. C. Russell, Dr. Marsteller, Benny Johnson.

Ray Slusher, R. J. Ratcliffe, N. W. Wheeler, R. Higgs Lewis, D. N. Kerlin, John M. Piery Jr., Victor Haydon, Francis Lewis, Steve Phillips, E. P. Hurst.

J. W. Cox, J. E. Barrett, T. R. Hurst, Mr. Gaba, W. L. Coverstone, C. M. Lewis, Hippolito Monserrate, and W. G. White.

### ANNUAL MEETING

Prince William County Chapter, America Red Cross meets June 19th, at 2 P. M. at the residence of Mrs. E. H. Marsteller, Manassas.

Since this meeting combines the monthly and Annual meeting interests, it is important that not only members of the Executive Board and Committees but Chapter members at large attend.

Every person who subscribes to the Red Cross at Roll Call, automatically becomes a member of the Red Cross and is therefore not only entitled to attend and vote for the County Officers but urged to do so and become actively acquainted with the policies of the Headquarters of the American Red Cross which are carried out and maintained by the local Chapter.

### WILL SPONSOR MOVIE

The Women's Auxiliary to the Manassas Fire Department will sponsor a movie on Thursday and Friday of next week.

### State - Wide Test On

June 17 Brings

Individual Responsibility

Every citizen of Virginia, whether identified officially with the Civilian Defense organization or not, is affected by the State-wide, all-night blackout which will take place on Wednesday night, June 17.

Rural Virginia, only partially organized, must blackout along with the better prepared cities and towns, and this brings to every citizen a personal responsibility to see that absolutely no light is visible from homes or places of business from dark on Wednesday evening (June 17) until the daylight of Thursday morning ends the test.

The effectiveness of the blackout will be tested by the Army's First Interceptor Command with Observation planes. And sometime during the night an air-raid alarm will also be sounded which will bring the alert Civilian Defense organization into action. The general blackout will continue all night, but expect during the alarm period traffic will continue with dimmed or parking lights. During the alarm, however, all traffic will stop, all auto lights be extinguished, the streets cleared. After the all-clear, auto traffic with dim lights, and pedestrian traffic may continue.

Merchants and other business establishments who wish to remain open during the blackout will have to darken their windows and see that no interior lights shine outward when doors are opened.

Washington, Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax counties will join in the blackout blanketing every city and county in complete darkness east of Tazewell, Russell and Washington counties.

Plants operating on war materials will not be required to close operations but it will be the duty of local defense co-ordinators to satisfy themselves that such plants have hold necessary drills and are prepared to blackout in case of an actual raid.

"We expect the full cooperation of the people of Virginia," State Chief of Air Raid Precautions, John J. Howard stated. "All we ask is that they exercise common sense. The objective is to be so blacked out an enemy planes could not find landmarks or locate intended targets."

Defense-Coordinator Hunton Tiffany, in behalf of Prince William County, urgently requests all citizens of the County to give their full support to this first all state blackout.

"It will be similar in effect," Mr. Tiffany said, "to what has been the regular procedure in England for two years. During the air-raid test, Mr. Howard disclosed, the alarm will be sounded progressively across the State in order that observation planes may fly from the coast westward and continue in the full blackout all the way."

### MOTORISTS ARE WARNED AGAINST HEAT WEAR ON TIRES

Motorists today were warned by Colonel M. S. Battle Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles, to take extra precautions for protection of their tires during the summer months.

Tires wear out twice as fast in the summer months than in the winter, the director said. Heat is a natural enemy to rubber, he pointed out, wearing the tread of the tires faster and weakening the strength of the cords.

"The manufacturers say that a road surface in the summer is 20 to 30 per cent hotter than the atmospheric temperature," Colonel Battle said. "So a tire tread at 100 degrees heat will wear out five times as fast as at 40 degrees. Tire failures are 20 per cent higher in the four summer months than in the remainder of the year."

Here are four suggestions for motorists as precautions against extra wear during the summer.

(1) Keep tires properly inflated as soft tires cause flexing and more heat.

(2) Drive at reasonable speeds, even slower than the 40 mile an hour limit. High speed generates terrific tire heat.

(3) Drive carefully and smoothly and avoid skids, quick stops and starts.

(4) Rotate your tires on different wheels to equalize wear.

By following the above suggestions, the director said, your tires will wear longer and perhaps an accident, which may have been caused by a blowout, may be averted.