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VICTORY MAIL IS EXPLAINED

Post Offices Stocked To Facilitate Delivery of Overseas Mails.

The Post Office Department announced today that the V-Mail Service, inaugurated on June 15, 1942, is now past the experimental stage, with each week showing large increases in the number of letters mailed to American soldiers overseas.

The War Department has increased its facilities to handle promptly the volume expected in the future.

Facilities for photographing and reproducing V-Mail to and from the United States and the British Isles, Australia, India, Hawaii and other points are now in operation. A similar service is being planned for Iceland and other points where the volume may warrant.

Pointing out that V-Mail provides a safe means of communication with members of our armed Forces, the Post Office Department gave assurance that the film (upon which the communications are reproduced) are given the most expeditious dispatch available. Because of the small space taken up by the rolls of film, they often can be carried on ferry planes or bombers.

Every pound of weight which can be saved on air transports overseas, said the Department, means that an equivalent amount of weight can be allotted vital military material.

In recognition of this, and in an effort to insure delivery of mail to as many men as possible at overseas destinations when space is limited, the War and Navy Departments have directed that V-Mail be given priority in dispatch over all other classes — including air mail — when transportation facilities under control of those departments are used.

V-Mail letter sheets have been distributed at all post offices; and have been provided all military and naval personnel at overseas points through Army and Navy post offices and military channels.

Private firms and individuals have also been permitted by the Post Office Department to reproduce the letter sheets. The sheets also will be available soon to all stores selling stationery.

V-Mail Service provides for the use by patrons of a special letter sheet form which is a combination letter and envelope of uniform size and design. The patron writes his message, completes the name and address of the addressee and the return card in the space provided, folds, seals, and mails the letter in the usual manner. Patrons are warned that only the inner or letter side of V-Mail letters are photographed, and should be careful to show the complete address of the person to whom the message is sent in the panel provided therefor above the space for the message. It is preferable to print the address in large block letters. Enclosures must not be placed in the letters.

V-Mail letters are photographed on micro-film by automatic machines at the rate of 2,000 to 2,500 per hour and the film rolls containing 1,500 letters each are transmitted to destinations. Reproductions are then made by other automatic machines and delivered to the addressee in individual sealed window penalty envelopes.

When V-Mail letters are addressed to places where micro-film equipment is not in operation, the letters are transmitted to destination in original form by the most expeditious means available. Even in these instances savings in weight and space are accomplished since there are approximately 97 V-Mail letters in a pound, whereas, ordinary letters average 40 per pound.

The War, Navy and Post Office Departments all cooperated in developing this Service, largely with a view to decreasing the volume of mail to be carried overseas and providing an expeditious service.

The public is urged to use it at every opportunity.

EXECUTIVE BOARD TO MEET NEXT WEEK

The Executive Board of the Manassas Woman's Club will meet Wednesday morning, September 9, at 10:00 o'clock in the home of the President, Mrs. Lewis Carper. All members of the Board are urged to be present as the work for the fall will be outlined.

On the following day, Sept. 10, at 10:00 A. M., the State Executive Board of Federated Women's Clubs will meet in Richmond, Va. All members of the Club who can go or who can furnish transportation are asked to call Mrs. Carper.

DAYS ANNOUNCED FOR SCHOOL LUNCH CANNING

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 8, 9, 10 have been set aside by our Home Demonstration Agent for canning vegetables for school lunches.

We are hoping for donations of tomatoes, corn and all other vegetables for soup for school lunches. We will also need half gallon glass cans and some willing hands to help.

Please plan to assist. Be at the kitchen at the gymnasium at 9:30 A. M.

GOVERNOR DAVIS DIES SUDDENLY

Guided Virginia During First World War

Westmoreland Davis, 83 war Governor of Virginia died at John Hopkins Hospital Tuesday.

He worked all last Saturday and was taken ill on Sunday morning and was brought to Baltimore for treatment.

An unusually vigorous man, Mr. Davis was publisher of the Southern Planter and the Loudoun Times-Mirror, and served on many boards and commissions. He had attended a meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg only a few days ago.

Governor Davis was born at sea, August 21, 1859, while his parents were en route from Boston to Liverpool, England. His father was Thomas Gordon Davis of South Carolina, a Harvard graduate and plantation owner. His mother was Annie Lewis Morris of Gloucester County, Va., a daughter of Christopher Morris and Agnes Thurston, the latter a daughter of Col. Robert Thurston of Lansdowne, the old Thurston homestead in Gloucester.

He was married in London to Miss Marguerite Inman of Atlanta, member of a socially distinguished Georgia family. There were no children.

Born to wealth, Mr. Davis as a youth knew the hardships of poverty, the family fortune having been swept away when the Confederacy fell. He obtained his early education at the famous Gwathney School for Boys in Hanover County and Virginia Military Institute.

A course at the University of Virginia was followed by graduation from the law school of Columbia University. He practiced his profession in New York.

In 1902 he returned to Virginia and, with Mrs. Davis, purchased the Morven Park estate in Loudoun County and made of it one of the handsomest country seats in the South.

He served as master of fox hounds and was one of the founders of the Loudoun Hunt at Leesburg.

Mr. Davis' term as Governor stood out as one of businesslike administration. He made the budget system the leading plank in his campaign platform. Prison reform and the establishment of a State lime-grinding plant at Staunton were other achievements of his administration. While Mr. Davis was Governor, Senator Martin died and Davis appointed to succeed him Carter Glass, then Secretary of the Treasury under President Wilson.

EVILS OF INFLATION DISCUSSED BY AGRICULTURAL LEADER

W. R. Legg, supervisor of agricultural teachers in this area, was present as the guest of Professor R. Worth Peters at the last meeting of the Kiwanis club. Prof. R. R. Fishpaw, local agricultural instructor, was also present as a guest of Mr. Peters.

Mr. Legg, a member of the Winchester Kiwanis Club, gave a most instructive dissertation on the ebb and flow of inflation and the resultant depression, and traced the course of the last such occurrence.

He pointed out how agricultural leaders and farmers could aid in keeping down inflation and gave some simple rules to follow and to prepare for the lean years to come.

Kiwanian Fred Hynson will have the next program and the same will be along the lines of a go-to-church movement.

A most mournful announcement was made by Parson Graham that he was attending for the last time "for the duration." Parson is now a full-pledged army chaplain.

Delegates to the Capitol District convention were elected as follows: R. C. Haydon and Col. R. A. Hutchison. Kiwanian Haydon is being boosted by the local club for lieutenant governor in 1943.

DAILY VISITORS



UNITED BRETHREN TO DEDICATE CHAPEL

Homecoming and Dedication Combined

On Sunday, September 6, the members and friends of the three United Brethren in Christ Churches of the Manassas Charge will gather for their annual homecoming and the dedication of the new United Brethren Chapel in Manassas. This year the annual homecomings of the Aden and Buckhall Churches have been combined with the dedicatory services of the new church.

In 1917 the United Brethren Church purchased the old (Northern) Methodist Church and used the building as a place of worship until the fall of 1941. Under the leadership of the present pastor, Rev. Stanley A. Knupp, a street right-of-way was sold to the Town of Manassas, the old building torn down, and a new and attractive chapel built on Church Street adjoining the Parsonage property. The building is simple but quite convenient and affords ample room for the small but growing congregation.

The completion of this church building is but another progressive step among the United Brethren people here. When fire completely destroyed the Aden Church in 1937, a very attractive rural church was built through the cooperative work of the people there. Recently plans were made for extensive improvements on the Buckhall Church.

All members and friends are cordially invited to share this day of Holy Worship and Inspirational Fellowship.

The program for the day is as follows:

Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship and Dedication of the building, 11:00 A. M.

Rev. J. Paul Gruver, D. D. Conference Supt., Martinsburg, West Virginia will deliver the sermon and Rev. W. F. Gruver, D. D., Martinsburg, West Virginia will dedicate the building.

Basket dinner and Fellowship Hour 12:30 P. M.

Informal Service 1:45 P. M.

Rev. A. W. Ballentine, Rev. John M. DeChant, and Mr. O. D. Waters will speak.

Quarterly Conference, 3:00 P. M.

Evening Service 7:30 P. M.

Music by Cannon Branch Brethren Rev. Lee E. Sheaffer, a former Church Choir.

The pastor will make the closing address.

U. D. C. SPONSORS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

The Fourth District, United Daughters of the Confederacy, is sponsoring a Nurses Scholarship at the University Hospital at Charlottesville, Va. The Manassas Chapter hopes a Prince William County girl will apply for this training.

We need an increasing number of trained nurses to relieve the suffering of our armed forces.

Any one interested will communicate with Mrs. McDuff Green, Fourth Chairman, at Nokesville, Va.

FIRE AUXILIARY MEETS MONDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the M. V. F. D. will be held Monday night, September 7th, at 8 o'clock at the Town Hall.

POST OFFICE HOURS ON LABOR DAY

On Monday, September 7, Labor Day, a national holiday, the windows of the post office will be open from 9 A. M. to 11 A. M.

The money-order and registry windows will not be open.

TROOPS INVITED TO USE NATIONAL PARKS

Major Joseph Hanson, superintendent of Manassas Battlefield Park, calls attention this week to the fact that men of the armed forces are being taken care of through the National Park Service recreational program.

There are no charges at any of the National Parks of Virginia for men in uniform. Week-end detachments have already been using some of the Park facilities in Virginia. The invitation is extended to members of the armed forces of Allied nations and British "tars" have already taken advantage of this fact.

Manassas Battlefield Park extends the same general type of invitation, and Major Hanson will do anything that he can personally to make the men feel at home. A veteran of the first world war, he has a doubly sympathetic feeling.

ATTENTION FARMERS

Low interest short term loans to finance the seeding of fall grain crops or for the purchase or production of feed for livestock are now available to Prince William County Farmers. This announcement was made by Field Supervisor J. Gray Beverley, of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at Winchester, Va.

He stated that farmers in this section may obtain loans up to \$400 for the seeding of fall crops of wheat, rye, oats, and barley at 4 per cent interest. The security required is a first lien on the crops, and the amount of the loan is based upon the acreage to be produced. In the case of feed loans, the security required is a chattel mortgage on the livestock to be fed. Loans are due in 1943.

Field Supervisor, J. Gray Beverley, whose territory consists of Clarke, Fairfax, Fauquier, Frederick, Loudoun, Stafford, Prince William, Warren, Shenandoah Counties, reports that his organization, which is a unit of Farm Credit Administration, offers short term credit on a year-round basis to farmers. He said that many have used the facilities of his organization to finance their farming operation, and the repayment record for this territory is highly satisfactory. Farmers in this section who are interested in obtaining loans may write to Field Supervisor, J. Gray Beverley, at Winchester, Va. for further information.

RUMMAGE SALE

The rummage sale, which will be held by the Junior Woman's Club on Saturday, September 5th, will be open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. The sale will take place at Russell's filling station, next to Rohr's store, on the corner of Center and West Streets. Besides a large assortment of used articles, many new clothes will be offered for sale, including sweaters, blouses, skirts, dresses, shoes and hats.

Mrs. Stewart McBryde, Jr., and Mrs. Stanley Owens are co-chairmen of the

TRAIN WRECK

At noon on Tuesday, a freight engine, occupied in siding cars intended for the Harrisonburg line, was returning to the main track it was derailed, apparently because the switch was open both ways, according to report.

The engine plowed between the tracks and southbound traffic had to be rerouted to the northbound tracks.

While the train seems to have been going around thirty miles at the time, comparatively little damage was done. No one was hurt so far as is known.

COUNTY SCHOOLS OPENED TODAY

Busses Cover Nine Hundred Miles Daily.

Promptly at 9:30 this morning, the proverbial school bell rang out in every section of Prince William County, while streamlined busses, manned by competent drivers operating on a time schedule of pick-ups and connections, brought in the hundreds of students to enroll for the scholastic term of 1942-43.

Undoubtedly some pupils did not register who should have, even if they cannot come regularly for the next week or so. They should do so, and parents are urged to see that their children come in, register and get their books at once.

Yesterday the annual teachers' institute was held for both colored and white faculties. Interesting discussions were entered into and much essential business transacted.

The bus inspection at noon demonstrated that "Bob" Vetter had put the fleet of eighteen busses in tip-top shape for the coming term. An interesting fact was again brought out in the presence of three brand-new busses. Professor Haydon secured this addition by applying for them a full year ago when a wait of few months would have made the same impossible.

These busses operate a mileage of some nine hundred miles daily so the job of keeping them in good operating condition is no mere play, either for the drivers or the county garage.

At noon, an excellent luncheon was served in the gym. The high point of this occasion was the observance of Professor Peter's birthday. Mrs. Vincent Davis acted as mistress-of-ceremonies, reading some cute verse and also ushering out a swell cake with (?) candles.

The county teacher's association met in the afternoon. In the absence of both the president and vice president, one having resigned and the other (Miss Lulu Metz) being at a meeting of the Board of Visitors of the College of William and Mary, Miss Sue Ayres, rural supervisor, presided, with Mrs. Mae Sanford acting as secretary-treasurer.

Delegates to the annual meeting at Richmond were named as follows: Manassas, Prof. R. Worth Peters; Nokesville, Miss Lois Sloop; Haymarket, Mrs. Josephine Lynn; Dumfries, Mrs. Thelma Mountjoy.

There was some debate as to whether the body should attend the fall meeting of the teachers of District "H". There was considerable sentiment but after a short speech by Professor Peters advocating that the meeting was of ample value to make attendance worth while, the association moved to attend the same. This meeting will be at Fairfax within the next few weeks.

The officers of the association for the coming year are as follows: President, Miss Elizabeth Lloyd; Vice President, Miss Lulu Metz; Secretary-treasurer, Miss Zella Mae Thomas.

ALREADY ON THE JOB

Advice from Great Lakes, Illinois, states that Fred J. Patton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Patton and Earl L. Hurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hurst, are on the job at the Naval Training Station there, fast becoming full-pledged bluejackets.

After a brief "hardening" period both men will be granted furloughs of from six to nine days. The young men, who are each eighteen years of age, enlisted here very recently.

BACK ON THE JOB

After an illness of several weeks Mrs. Mary Pope returned to her accustomed task at the local Post Office last week. Her many friends are happy that she has recovered.

The Ladies Aid and Missionary Society of the Bethel Lutheran Church will meet at the home of Mrs. W. N. Wenrich on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, September 8.

GOVERNOR DARDEN THANKS BOARDS

Selective Service Officials Perform Important Work

I want to thank you on behalf of the State of Virginia for the most important duty that you are performing as members of our Selective Service System. Your task is a hard and exacting one and requires all that you can give it to accomplish the required results. Certainly it isn't an enviable task. Unless our people are convinced that the administration of the Selective Service System is fairly and impartially carried out, we are going to begin to disintegrate from within. That disintegration will mean in the long run the losing of this struggle. For that reason I can't overemphasize the vital importance of the task in which you are now engaged. Your work will leave the Commonwealth of Virginia eternally in your debt. It is a task for which you will receive little thanks. I want you to feel that, insofar as we are able to help and insofar as the Governor of Virginia will be able to do so, we are with you and behind you in your work. If we can help you in anyway, these offices in the Capitol are always open to you.

We are confronted with a most dangerous military combination. There never has been a time when our military situation has been as grave. Unless all the evidence is wrong, we are engaged in a war which is going to be long, bloody and exhausting. It is going to require the ultimate effort on the part of all of us.

We are faced with two directly opposing elements. The two elements cannot live together in an organized world. On one hand we have tyranny, oppression and slavery, pitted against individuals who are struggling for freedom of government.

The democratic system leaves much to be desired. It is not a perfect system by any means, but it is a system that is by all odds the best that has ever been evolved.

The other system leads to a setting back of human progress. I am not in agreement with that system, and insofar as all human values are concerned and those values for which men are willing to live and die, there is no hope on the other side.

Today the English speaking people of the world, together with Russia and China, stand between Japan and Germany and to a lesser degree, Italy. We stand between those people and a world empire. We fight to prevent this and to preserve our homes and families and children, as for that reason the effort you are making now is of utmost importance.

I thank you for your fine service, your unselfish efforts, and I can imagine nothing more damaging to our cause than failure to accomplish your mission. Your work is most important. I can't promise that it will be brought soon to an end. There is no hope for a short war. I think victory is coming, but only after long months of carrying the war to our enemies abroad.

If in your work we can help you here, I hope you will not hesitate to call on us. I don't want you to feel that you are troubling and bothering us in bringing your problems to us when necessary. In Virginia we are going to lay those things aside which impede the war effort.

I do not know how long the road will be, or how great the price will be, that will be required for victory, but whatever it may be, we are going to try here in Virginia to meet it, because we are determined to win.

BROADVIEW FARM LEADS FOR AUGUST

The Broadview Farm herd, owned by T. R. and E. P. Hurst, Manassas, led the Prince William Dairy Herd Improvement Association in production in August. Elton Kellan, Tester, announced today, The Broadview herd showed an average monthly production of 800 pounds milk and 35.2 pounds butterfat per cow. The Clover Hill Farm herd of Wheatley Johnson, Manassas, was second with 654 pounds milk and 53.6 pounds butterfat.

Third was the Carl Kincheloe Birmingham Farm herd at Manassas with 846 pounds milk and 32.3 pounds butterfat. Tying for fourth honors were the herds of Mrs. Edith Latham and Judge Edw. W. Smith, both located near Haymarket, with 725 lbs. milk and 30.8 lbs. butterfat and 682 lbs. milk and 30.8 pounds butterfat respectively. Fifth in production during August was the herd of Butler Brothers, Alexandria, with 853 pounds milk and 30.1 pounds butterfat.