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HUGE TRACT OF PRINCE WILLIAM AND STAFFORD TAKEN

JAIL SITUATION SCORED HEAVILY

Threatens Ouster Proceedings Unless Conditions Are Improved.

The Grand Jury of the October term of the Prince William County Circuit Court brought in a rather drastic report with respect to conditions existing in the Prince William Jail. The Grand Jury went even so far as to threaten ouster proceedings in case the necessary alterations were not immediately effected, although the report did not specify just who was being "spanked" in their report. Members of the Grand Jury making the demand for immediate erection of a new jail or at least necessary repairs in case the materials to do more cannot be obtained are: McGruder L. Keys, Foreman; Hunter C. Allen, Alvin B. Compton, M. A. Ball, Malcolm Herndon, Fewell Melton and Orrin Rhine. The report reads as follows: "We the members of the Grand Jury for the October, 1942, Term of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, Virginia, upon investigation of the present County Jail do recommend that the Board of Supervisors do immediately proceed to erect a new County Jail if possible, or in the event that they are unable to obtain materials for the erection of a new County Jail at this time, then that they shall immediately repair the present County Jail in all necessary respects. We make this recommendation after having examined the present County Jail hearing evidence as to the condition of the present County Jail and as to the escape of prisoners therefrom. We suggest that if the authorities charged with these duties fail to remedy the conditions immediately then the matter should be referred to the next Grand Jury for the Circuit Court of Prince William County to ascertain whether ouster proceedings should not be commenced."

SMITH HERD LEADS

The herd of Judge Howard W. Smith at Hickory Grove led the Prince William Dairy Herd Improvement Association in production during September, Elton Colonna Kellam, Association Tester, announced this week. The Smith herd produced an average of 813 pounds milk and 40.7 pounds butterfat per cow. Broadview Farm, Milford, was second with 762 pounds milk and 34 pounds butterfat per cow. The Clover Hill Farm herd at Manassas was third with 609 pounds milk and 32.3 pounds butterfat per cow. The Waterloo Farm herd at Hickory Grove was fourth with 759 pounds milk and 29.2 pounds butterfat per cow. Fifth was the herd of Wilmer M. Kline, Manassas, which produced 679 pounds milk and 28.8 pounds butterfat per cow. Sixth was Johnson and Wimsatt, Inc., Centerville, with an average production of 805 pounds milk and 27.9 pounds butterfat. The herd of Walter L. Coverston, Stone House, ranked seventh with 676 lbs. milk and 28.4 pounds butterfat. Birmingham Farm, Manassas, was eighth with a production of 744 pounds milk and 27.9 pounds butterfat. C. K. Wilkinson, Alexandria, R. 2., was ninth with 703 pounds milk and 26.1 pounds butterfat. The District of Columbia Work House herd at Occoquan was tenth with an average production of 719 pounds milk and 25.9 pounds butterfat per cow.

DECLINES IMPORTANT KIWANIS POST

The true meaning of community understanding and mutual growth by all parts of a neighborhood, were discussed at length in a very enlightening way at the last weekly meeting of the Manassas Kiwanis Club. The Club was sorry to learn that R. C. Haydon had declined to stand for lieutenant governor of the Capitol District. Dick was sated to get it "hands-down" but felt that his official duties would make such a strenuous assignment a bit too much to assume. The delegates are in session this week and when the Club meets tomorrow evening, announcements will be made as to the district leaders for 1943. The last honor thus paid to Manassas was in 1931 when Col. Hutchison made a splendid record as lieutenant governor. "Bob" went at it in a very thorough way and his work in the district was of permanent benefit to all of its clubs.

AIR CRAFT POST TO BE MOVED

Aircraft observation post No. 15-8-D is being moved from Hickory Grove into town of Haymarket effective Sunday, October 11th at 3 P. M. Mrs. Audrey Kerr will be the Chief Observer. This post will be dedicated at this time by Sidney Weil, District Director A. W. S., Alexandria, Va. There will be other speaker on the program for the occasion. Edgar G. Parrish, Sub District Director A.W.S.

MEMORIAL DAY FOR SOLDIERS

All Day Observance At Nokesville Methodist Church

A military memorial service was observed at Nokesville Methodist Church on Sunday, the pastor, Rev. John Newman, officiating, assisted by Rev. C. W. Mark, for many, many years pastor of the same church, and also by Rev. W. O. Luttrell, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Manassas. Communion was also observed, it not only being the regular communion Sunday but also "World Communion Sunday."

A very pleasant feature of the day was the fact that the regular organist, Miss Mary Owens, one of the outstanding young players in the county, was home from college to render the music. She played several beautiful selections throughout the service as well as the stated hymns.

A tense moment arrived when Brother Mark gave a heartfelt prayer for the boys "in service." As one who has lived through other wars, he brought out the most devout thoughts and prayers by all those present for "their" boys. Only one "boy" was able to get home from camp and this was Lieut. "Billy" Hale, 2nd., who is located at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

The daily devotion books by Chaplain Nagaard will be sent to the following: Lieut. Genevieve Colvin, Rufus Beamer, Corporal Sidney Colvin, Woodrow Colvin, Sam Crummett (overseas), Captain Charles B. Martin, Robert Gray, Ernest Hale, Buddy Hedrick, Marion Miller, Lieut. Philip Reading (overseas), Sergeant Vance Somers, Gordon Walters, Marvin Wright, Lieut. John Hooker, Bernard Hoee, and Charles Herring.

The pastor's sermon in the forenoon was devoted to the thought that something is "too often left out", stressing the need of calling in the divine power on all occasions. In the afternoon, Rev. Luttrell gave a strengthening and a heart warming discourse.

A very pretty portion of the all day service was the baptizing of Miss Constance Lee Manuel, granddaughter of J. B. Manuel, one of the real pillars of the local church.

Incidentally, the collection taken on this occasion will be used for the benefit of service men.

Mention of the grand luncheon at 12:30 should not be omitted. It was true southern hospitality and much enjoyed.

ELECTRICAL SHOW AT DEFENSE SCHOOL

Professor Edmondston's electrical wizards put on the fireworks at the NYA gymnasium on Tuesday evening but omitted the frigid zone preparations which, Professor said, would arrive later.

High frequency alternating currents were beautifully demonstrated and repeatedly passed through the bodies of the youthful assistants, lightning single and twin light bulbs, creating glowing thimbles, swords, quasi spoons, rotating "lightning" and many others dazzling numbers.

Just to relieve the excitement, the glee club put on two sets of spirituals, a blackface skit and a comedy number rounded out things mighty nicely.

This is just another instance where these boys and girls have gone to a lot of trouble to let the folks know they are here to be neighborly and homelike among friends.

P. T. A. MEETING AT GREENWICH

The regular meeting of the Greenwich P. T. A. will be held Thursday, October 15. Mrs. Newman Hopkins is in charge of the program. All members and friends are urged to attend.

PLAYING WITH FIRE



ORDERED TO REPORT FOR MILITARY SERVICE

The following men have been ordered to report for induction into the Armed Forces on October 14, 1942, at Charlottesville, Virginia:

Russell Conley, Woodbridge, Va.; Odie McCoy Carter, Manassas, Va.; Osie Douglas Robinson, Manassas, Va.; William E. Miller, Manassas, Va.; Edgar Erwin Rohr, Manassas, Va.; Levi Fair, Manassas, Va.; Eddie Russell, Woodbridge, Va.; John Elwood Davis, Nokesville, Va.; John Clagett Russell, Woodbridge, Va.; Walnut Fox, Manassas, Va.; Anderson Henry, Cherry Hill, Va.; Orville Randolph Gordon, Woodbridge, Va.; James Franklin Randall, Bristow, Va.; Edmund Barry Roland, Haymarket, Va.; Joseph Henry Anderson, Catlett, Va.

John Murray Blackwell, Woodbridge, Va.; Robert Wilson Smith, Occoquan, Va.; Edson Myron Lynn, Jr., Occoquan, Va.; Edgar Caton Jones, Dumfries, Va.; Charles Frederick Hale, Woodbridge, Va.

Willie Elvin Abel, Triangle, Va.; Norman Smith Ashby, Throughfare, Va.; John William Harpine, Jr., Nokesville, Va.; Wingfield Manuel Sullivan, Woodbridge, Va.; Andrew Roderick Stanley, Alexandria, Va.; William Francis Ruffner, Occoquan, Va.; John Thomas Kearnes, Waterfall, Va.; Clarence Everett Alderman, Woodbridge, Va.; William Ramsey Smith, Gainesville, Va.; Edward Dewey Ike, Quantico, Va.

PRINCE WILLIAM "OVER THE TOP" IN U. S. O. DRIVE

State Chairman John Stewart of the U. S. O. has issued a report as of August 7th, 1942. On that date four counties had not started or were incomplete. Fairfax tacked its U. S. O. fund to the annual community drive while Albemarle, Loudoun and Louisa were still receiving funds. County Chairman Conner states that enough money was turned in after this report went in to bring this County up to about 105% of its quota. The District average was less than 80%. The report follows:

CHAIRMAN	QUOTA RAISED
(ALBEMARLE) W. A. Rinehart	\$ 6,400.00 4,365.80 68.2%
CULPEPER P. Winfree Fore	1,500.00 2,473.22 162.4%
FAUQUIER Jane I. Haserick	5,000.00 2,352.70 47%
FLUVANNA Harold R. Stephenson	600.00 656.91 109.3%
GOOCHLAND Elie Weeks	525.00 578.24 110.1%
GREENE John Morris	500.00 50.00 10%
KING GEORGE Joseph A. Billingsley	600.00 25.00 4%
LOUDOUN Sterling B. Lacy	5,100.00 2,703.13 53%
LOUISA Emmett H. Poindexter	1,350.00 536.08 47.1%
MADISON John R. Brown	750.00 1,075.65 143.7%
ORANGE W. H. Kite	1,350.00 1,904.79 103%
PRINCE WILLIAM E. R. Conner	1,750.00 1,750.00 100%
STAFFORD Frank M. Moore	1,000.00 811.42 81.1%

CIVILIAN DEFENSE TRAINING CLASS

The Civilian Defense Council is glad to announce a course of training for Civilian Defense workers, the first lecture to be held in the Town Hall, Manassas, Va., on October 16, 1942 at 7:30 P. M.

October 16th—Bombs—William F. Barbour, Alexandria, Va.

October 19th—General Course—William H. Lamb, Manassas, Va.

October 21st—Traffic—I. B. Lykes, Joplin, Va.

October 23rd—Gases—William F. Barbour, Alexandria, Va.

October 28th—Fire Defense—I. B. Lykes, Joplin, Va.

October 30th—General Course.

First Aid Course—November 2nd, through 9th under Edwin Beachley.

This course is open to the public and it is hoped as many as possible will avail themselves of this opportunity to be prepared to assist in Civilian Defense and back up our boys who are at the front.

Hunton Tiffany, Coordinator.

SALVAGE GROUP MUCH ENCOURAGED

Chairman Holler Says That National Average Is Already In Sight.

Chairman O. O. Holler, of the county salvage committee, is quite enthusiastic over the results of the campaign to date. He estimates the amount already turned in at around 200 tons, with more coming in right along.

If the county could get up and past 300 tons it would certainly be a banner county. The per capita is not quite what the State of Virginia had set up but at 300 tons it would be "over the top." As it is, the national average will surely be reached before the end of the campaign.

One of the most patriotic campaigns was around Greenwich where a handful of students had a loan of horse and wagon, with gigantic returns for their efforts.

The campaign is really just getting a good head start around Dumfries where Mrs. Lynn, the school principal, is having fine returns. The school at Occoquan is cooperating with the local fire department, under R. S. Hall.

At Nokesville, things are beginning to pick up now that most of the corn is cut, and much planting out of the way. Messrs. McLearn and McMichael are doing things over in that very loyal community.

PRINCE WILLIAM EVACUATION PLANS

Plans for evacuating approximately 150 Prince William County rural families in the area affected by the expansion of the Quantico Marine Reservation were made Wednesday, October 7, at a meeting at the County Agents office at Manassas.

A local agricultural committee headed by William H. Wheeler, Chairman of the Prince William County USDA War Board, will assist affected farmers.

The area to be acquired in Prince William County consists of approximately 15,000 acres in Coles and Dumfries Districts.

While the exact boundaries of the tract cannot be determined until surveys now being made are completed, the Navy Department has announced that the Prince William area of the expanded reservation will be roughly bounded by a line beginning in Triangle at the corner of the U. S. Marine Reservation on State Route No. 626 and following along State Routes Numbers 626 and 619 to their intersection with Road No. 646 from Independent Hill to its crossing with Cedar Run, then southwesterly along Cedar Run to the Fauquier County line.

STOLEN AUTO QUICKLY RECOVERED

Last Monday Col. Robert H. Hutchison inadvertently left his key in his automobile as it stood in front of his office last Monday. When he came out a little later his car was missing. It had been stolen.

Hastening to the Sheriff's Office the Colonel turned the member of the license and description of the car to "the law," and before the afternoon was over the car had been recovered by Officers Partlow and Vetter and the culprit landed in jail.

Quick work on the part of Messrs. Partlow and Vetter.

GOVERNMENT WILL EXPAND QUANTICO

Land In Prince William And Stafford To Be Purchased

SOME RESIDENTS WILL BE MOVED FROM HOMES

A 50,000-acre expansion of the Marine Base at Quantico, Va., will provide permanent additional facilities for the training of officer personnel, Marine Corps headquarters announced yesterday.

The Navy Department is undertaking to purchase the properties making up the tract in Prince William, Fauquier and Stafford Counties, and the announcement disclosed that the move would require the evacuation of a "number of residents" from settlements in the area. The addition will increase the size of the present base many times.

The Eastern Virginia Federal District court already has awarded legal possession of the lands to the government, but actual title will not be taken until surveys and appraisals shall have been made.

A navy office will be established in the area to keep residents advised of the progress of acquisition, with the Department of Interior handling land surveys. Title information will be obtained without expense to the property owners.

Residents will not have to move until notified to do so by representatives of the Navy, the announcement said.

"In the meantime," it said, "State and county war boards which have been established by the U. S. Department of Agriculture will cooperate with the Navy by assisting in the evacuation of residents who will be required to move to other locations."

"The war boards will be advised by the Navy Department as to just which properties will be taken and the dates on which they must be vacated and meetings under their direction will be held in the locality to discuss the various problems which arise.

"These war boards also will assist farmers in locating new farms, in caring for livestock and machinery and will aid in providing temporary employment where possible. Plans will be worked out by the navy and war boards for salvage of usable building material."

MUST MOVE BY OCTOBER 30

Twenty-five or 30 leading Stafford County citizens, under the direction of W. L. Browning, county agent and secretary of the Stafford Agricultural War Board, this week will make a hurried but complete survey of the people and homes in the 30,000 acres taken from the county by the navy for the enlargement of the Quantico Marine Base by 50,000 additional acres. The Navy has notified Stafford people to move out of their homes by October 26.

"Quick action is necessary," says Browning.

"To see all the people living in the area; find out what they are doing, what they can do; what they wish to do, every effort will be made to find permanent or temporary homes and work for them."

Browning estimates that 1,000 people are living in 250 homes in the 30,000 Stafford County acres, most of which is the northwestern portion of the county, north of Aquia Creek. The aim is to complete the survey by Friday.

Plans for the survey and other plans to help people in the quick removal from their homes were made Wednesday morning in Browning's office in Fredericksburg Postoffice Building, attended by 40 county leaders, including Aubrey N. Daffan, FSA supervisor; Levert P. Graves, chairman County Agricultural War Board, and Robert Estes, chairman of the county Board of Supervisors.

Browning appeals to all having farms for sale or rent, or who can furnish work or jobs for evacuees to get in touch with him in his Fredericksburg office.

SAFEWAY GROCERY TO HANDLE FAT, SCRAP

Mr. O. O. Holler, chairman of the Salvage Drive announces the arrangements have been made with the Safeway Grocery at Manassas to handle fat scrap.