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MEAT SITUATION IS EXPLAINED

L. M. Walker, Jr., State Commissioner of Agriculture, today announced to all farmers and cattle raisers that there were no basis to the rumor which has been circulating of late that farmers have to get a permit to slaughter their hogs. "If there is such a ruling we have not been notified of it," Mr. Walker said. "This is a very desirable time for all farmers who can, to prepare their meat supply," Mr. Walker said, "and again explained that farmers may kill as many hogs as they wish for their own use. It is only if they slaughter them for sale that they are subject to the restriction of 70 per cent of last year's slaughter."

Mr. Walker called attention to the serious meat shortage in some sections of Virginia, due to the fact that civilian consumption has not cut down and OPA ruling forbids that more than 70 per cent of the number of animals slaughtered during the last three months of 1941, may be killed during the same period of the current year for civilian use. "Larger packers," Mr. Walker said, "which are government inspected may sell all meat in excess of their civilian allotment for the three months period, to the government. Smaller packers, who are not under the supervision of government meat inspectors are liable to dispose of meats in excess of the allotment except through the larger packers. The situation is a bad one, because high costs of feed, together with ceiling prices on meats, would make it unprofitable for farmers to withhold the beef from the market, despite lower prices which packers might offer them."

"There is definitely no shortage of meat based on the number of cows, lambs and hogs available for slaughtering," Mr. Walker said. "However, OPA rulings regulating the percentage of cattle and hogs which may be slaughtered have created a meat shortage aspect."

"We are doing everything we can to help the situation but so far have not made much progress."

Mr. Walker conferred with Leon Henderson on Monday.

BABY CONTEST

The seniors of Osborn High School are sponsoring a baby contest. It began Wednesday, December 2, and will close Thursday, December 17, at 4 o'clock.

Any pre-school child in Prince William County may be entered and sponsored by an organization, business group or individual.

Each vote will be sold for one cent. The total votes will be posted each morning on the school bulletin board, and probably each week in the Manassas Journal.

The first and second prizes will be war stamps or their equivalent in a piece of jewelry (if the latter is available). The prizes will be awarded at the Osborn High School Christmas Assembly on Friday, December 18, 1942.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

We are forced to announce that the old charges of short time subscriptions has been increased. Hereafter the minimum charge for any subscription will be fifty cents. For six months, the charge will be one dollar.

We are not increasing the old yearly price, if the same can possibly be avoided. We cannot make any promises, however, except that such a thing will not be done for at least a month or so.

We are again reminding that we are not mailing out subscription bills due to labor shortage. You can see your label as easily as the postman who brings it to you.

KIWANIS CLUB INITIATES FATHER JOHN STANTON

Last week's meeting of the Kiwanis club was largely routine.

Kiwanian Dick Hynson made a nice little talk, as did "OD", Col. Hutchison and others.

The club regained the loss of membership occasioned when Father Jim resigned by initiating his successor, Father John Stanton, who is also assistant chaplain at Quantico.

Father John, who was in Rome during the Ethiopian campaign, gave a brief chat on the human side of the war.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Garden Section of Woman's Club of Manassas, will meet at the home of Mrs. Marie Larkin, on Monday, December 7, 2:30, p. m., speaker: Mrs. H. Newell Heulings, on "Christmas Gift Suggestions and Decorations for the home." Full attendance desired.

Mr. Ratcliffe announces New 9 Billion Dollar Victory Loan

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM RATIONING BOARD

It will be necessary to secure War Rationing Book No. 1 (for sugar) before December 15th in order to be eligible for War Rationing Book No. 2, which will be issued soon. Those who had an excess amount of sugar at the time of registration can now secure book No. 1, and should do so at once.

REDEDICATION FOR VICTORY

AN OUTLINE OF ADDRESS GIVEN ARMISTICE DAY SERVICES, by H. H. HEMMING

Four and twenty years ago after the Huns under Hindenburg had afflicted an old friend, America said through the voice of her great General Black Jack (Pershing) "Lafayette, we are here." From the hills, the mountains, across the plains, American young manhood, many a beardless youth, re-echoed that answer. Our country arose as one man, poured her manhood and materials into ten thousand ships and paid back a debt of gratitude to a bleeding, wounded Europe.

For another three years those nations have been afflicted. Germany has raped France after crushing Holland, Belgium, Poland and other small nations, and with his silly bloody hands on her mangled throat has so choked her that she has been unable to call to her old friends for help. Those gory hands slipped and a few hours ago we heard a feeble call for help.

The old war cost hundreds of millions, this is already mounting up into billions. That was a war in Europe, this is a global war and covers every sea and every land on the face of the earth.

We hate war. We hate dirty things and war is the dirtiest thing this world has ever experienced. War kills and diseases bodies worse, it kills and diseases the souls of men and women.

War feeds on youth; healthy, red blooded youth. Old soldiers are no good. We must pour millions of young into the maw of the war God, that yawns like the mouth of Hell and cries "More!" "More!" and it has to be. A few hundreds of thousands is not enough, it cannot stop him, tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands! The appetite of Aries must be sated before we can have peace.

Haw our hearts thrilled the other night when we heard the first news of the accomplishments of our forces on the "shores of Tripoli" or somewhere in that vicinity. How they thrill every time we learn of the exploits of our men at arms. Whether in the Atlantic, Pacific, Mediterranean because they are our men and because each one of us is doing something to make their victory early and complete.

Our first thought, however, is that of the men and women, who first dedicated themselves for the first World War and, who today have rededicated themselves to save those ideals and principles for which they fought and their comrades died a quarter of a century ago. The example of the American Legion and other like organizations is an outstanding inspiration to us today.

We have listened to, and read the modest reports of the various Home Organizations of our own vicinity and know that already much is being done to hasten the day when victory shall crown our efforts, however, it is imperative that we shall think of these as only the beginnings. Mr. Churchill stated just a few hours ago that this is not the beginning of the end, but merely the end of the beginning. And these are only our beginnings and we plan, we must plan for finer and greater things in the future. And rededicate ourselves here and now for the herculean task of an all out global war.

After eleven months of preparation we learn that a United Nation is rising like a mighty giant to crush the Octopus of evil that has stretched its tentacles out to suck the last drop of Freedom and Liberty and the pursuit of happiness from the God fearing peoples of all nations of this age and of the unborn babes for ages to come.

Our military forces are already showing what the sons of liberty loving America do when they rise to meet the challenge of the murderous hordes, whose hatred and greed would

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The Four Horsemen ride again

WAR HAS ONCE AGAIN loosed the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse upon the world. Famine, pestilence, war, and death.

In the last war, the most deadly of these was pestilence. And today, in Europe and Asia, there is already a wartime rise in Tuberculosis... the dread TB that kills more people between 15 and 45 than any other disease.

You can help prevent a wartime rise of TB in our country—by buying Christmas Seals today... and using them every day from now to Christmas. They fight Tuberculosis.



BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

The National, State and Local Tuberculosis Associations in the United States.

CHRISTMAS SEAL RETURNS ENCOURAGING

The first ten days of the 1942 Christmas Seal Sale of the Prince William County Tuberculosis Association, which opened last week, once again proves that the people of Manassas are making every effort to aid in the fight against tuberculosis, according to announcement of Mrs. George R. Lee Turberville, chairman of Manassas District.

To date, approximately \$125. has been received by the association in response to seals and Christmas bonds mailed to local citizens and organizations in the annual campaign. Among the latter, the following have been listed as early contributors: Prince William Post, American Legion; Manassas Volunteer Fire Department, Manassas Kiwanis Club, Association. To meet the needs of the 1943 budget, a quota of \$1223. must be raised from the county Seal Sale, which is the main support of the year-round work of the Association. The goal set for Manassas District is \$365, and the one-third of the amount already submitted is evidence of the interest people in our community are taking in the campaign against tuberculosis, a disease which kills more persons between the ages of 15 and 45 than any other disease. The cooperation of every citizen is needed to make this year's quota go over the top and help the County Association maintain the work which promotes the health of the people in this community.

T. B. ASSOCIATION SPONSERS MOVIE

The movie reel, "Silent Night, Holy Night," being shown currently at the Pitts Theatre in conjunction with the Prince William County Tuberculosis Seal Sale, will be held over another week for the benefit of atrons who have not seen the picture, according to announcement of the manager, T. J. Martin, and the Seal Sale chairman, Mrs. F. D. Cox. The film features Jean Dickenson, Metropolitan Opera, radio and concert star, and the famous Paulist Choristers. The movie was taken in the old Church of St. Paul the Apostle, New York City, and represents the contribution of the Church and the movie world to the anti-tuberculosis cause. Following the showing in Manassas, the movie short will be featured in Quantico and Occoquan.

SECOND COMPANY OF MINUTE MEN MUSTERED IN

Last week at Dumfries, a second company of Minute Men was mustered in with an enrollment of 44. The official designation of the group is Company 177, Virginia Reserve Militia.

Officers are: Capt. Ira B. Lykes, 1st Lieut. J. H. Gum, 2nd Lieut. John A. Adair.

G. RAYMOND RATCLIFFE ALREADY HAS MADE WONDERFUL SHOWING

G. Raymond Ratcliffe, of Manassas, has been appointed to the Regional Victory Fund Committee, which is conducting in this area an intensive drive to raise a part of the nine billion dollars in Government securities to be sold during December.

The Regional Victory Fund Committee is a segment of the Fifth Federal Reserve District's Victory Fund Committee, which has organized all bankers in the district to carry out an intensive campaign for the sale of Victory Loan Bonds. The aim of the drive is to attract all idle funds and accumulated savings to Government securities. Sale of these securities is being made to all classes of investors.

REV. BOYD DISCUSSES POST-WAR RESPONSIBILITIES

Despite Wednesday's evening wintery blasts, more than one hundred laymen from Fairfax, Prince William and Arlington counties gathered in the hospitable parish hall of St. George's Ballston, to partake of a splendid repast of turkey, cranberries, mince pie and all the fix-ins which had been prepared and was served by the ladies of the local church Guild and also to enjoy good fellowship amid some mighty fine addresses.

Mr. George B. Robey, of Fairfax, president for the present term, presided and also led in the singing with his side-partner, Walter Oliver officiating at the piano.

A brief chat was given by E. A. deBordenave, which was in turn followed by the main address of the evening, by the Rev. Beverly Boyd, of Richmond.

His topic was devoted to the attitude which the church would take in the post-war period. As a fier and post-war officer from the last conflict, Mr. Boyd spoke with the seasoned experience. He demonstrated how isolationism had done so much harm by allowing the complete breakdown of civilization in Germany to become possible.

The talk was rich in realism and human interest. As the special envoy of our very esteemed Bishop Goodwin, he did his task well, and the group present was much impressed with his address.

Following his remarks and before adjournment, an invitation was extended by President Robey to meet at Truro, Fairfax, at the spring assembly of the League. The said invite was accepted unanimously and adjournment followed with prayer by Mr. deBordenave.

VIRGINIA RANKED SIXTEENTH IN NATIONAL SCRAP DRIVE

Virginia placed thirty-second in the national scrap drive according to figures released this week by R. W. Slocum, general chairman of the news papers' United Scrap Drive committee from his New York office. The State collected a total of 81,368 tons of scrap for a per capita of 60.9 per person.

Virginia's rank of thirty-second on a per capita basis was bettered somewhat when total poundage figures by individual states brought the Old Dominion up to sixteenth place in the nation-wide drive.

HAYMARKET BOY TRAINING IN MEDICAL CORPS

CAMP PICKET, VA.—As America's Army moves forward on whizzing wheels and earth tearing caterpillar tracks in North Africa, in New Guinea, and the Solomons, the importance of the men who keep 'em rolling cannot be overestimated.

Here at the Medical Replacement Training Center, Private Louis Lightner, of Haymarket, is being trained at the Mechanics School to take his place in the ranks of the thousands of skilled Mechanical soldiers who operate and maintain the U. S. Army Medical Department's extensive motorized equipment.

Private Lightner was chosen for special training at the Mechanic's School shortly after his arrival here at the MRTC, and is now being given an intensive course by expert instructors, with much actual work on the trucks, jeeps, and ambulances of the MRTC Motor Pool.

Sgt. Mervin L. Weatherholtz, Co. A. 22nd Engr. B. V. A. Po. 225, Desert Maneuvers, care Pm., Los Angeles, California, has returned to duty after a ten day visit with his Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Weatherholtz, near Bull Run.

Mr. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, chairman of the Prince William County War Savings Committee, announced that the U. S. Treasury has made a very important announcement.

Next month the United States Government will ask its people for a \$9,000,000,000 loan. This is by far the largest single financing operation any government has ever attempted anywhere. It eclipses even the great Fourth Liberty Loan of 1918, which totaled nearly \$7,000,000,000. Like that famous effort, this new flotation is to be sold by an intensive campaign which will enlist thousands of volunteer workers and will seek to canvass every potential investor. Thus for the first time in this war we are turning away from peacetime financing methods and putting on a wartime drive.

The purpose of this drive is not merely to raise the money, but to raise it in the right places. In financing the war thus far we have leaned heavily upon the commercial banks. Figures recently released by the controller of the Currency showed that on June 30 the active banks in the United States held \$38,000,000,000 out of a total of \$77,000,000,000 of public debt, including the government guaranteed debt. This is equal to about 40 per cent. That proportion is no lower today, for the banking system has been absorbing better than 40 per cent of recent government loans. In a program that contemplates total government borrowings of \$60,000,000,000 in the current fiscal year this is a heavy load to place upon the banking system. It means an enormous inflation of bank credit, which will greatly complicate the problem of controlling prices.

This should not be necessary. The incomes of individuals are rapidly expanding and the growing curtailment of civilian goods requires that much of those incomes be saved, not spent. The Securities and Exchange Commission has recently intimated that cash savings of individuals, excluding business savings, are currently at the rate of \$16,000,000,000 a year and had amounted in the third quarter of this year to one and one half times the amounts invested by individuals in all kinds of Government securities. It is these cash savings as well as the investment funds of corporations and institutions which the Treasury's projected army of security salesmen must seek out.

To further this program the Treasury has provided a variety of offerings. There will be the continued sale of war savings bonds and tax savings notes. In addition, a two and one half per cent twenty-six-year bond exclusively for non-banking investors will be put on "tap" for purchase over a period of weeks. For the banks and other investors seeking a banking type of security there are to be two series, a one-and-three-quarter per cent, six-and-one-half-year bond, and a seven-eighths of 1 per cent, one-year certificate. To these will be added the weekly sales of discount bills. There are thus to be available securities which ought to meet every investor's needs. The plan is to raise \$9,000,000,000 from the banks and one-half from non-banking leaders.

One of the advantages of this large program is that it will enable the Treasury to postpone any additional major borrowing until February. From then on the plan is to finance every other month, instead of every month as heretofore, thus making possible larger offerings with more intensive campaigns.

This is a large, bold operation; but it is well planned and will unquestionably succeed. If the Americans of 1918, with their much smaller national income, smaller savings, smaller cash resources could turn in nearly \$7,000,000,000 for the fourth Liberty Loan, the generation of 1942 should take \$9,000,000,000 in its stride.

HUNT BREAKFAST

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lewis, entertained at their annual Hunt Breakfast on Thanksgiving day for members of the Bull Run Hunt Club and their friends. One hundred and fifty guests were invited to the affair held at the ancestral home, Portici, adjoining the Manassas Battlefield Park. Assisting the Lewises in receiving were Mr. and Mrs. B. Higgs Lewis, Capt. and Mrs. Henry Lee Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Lewis, Mr. Charles Walton Lewis and Mr. C. F. M. Lewis.

A Thanksgiving repast was served buffet style at one o'clock, and the guests spent the remainder of the afternoon enjoying the hospitality of the Lewis home. Members of the Hunt Club participated in an impromptu horse show for the entertainment of the guests.