



Many Eastern States Face Transportation Crisis

SPEED TRAP WILL SOON BE OPERATING

GOVERNOR DARDEN APPROVES NEW SPEED CHECKING DEVICE

A speed-checking device perfected by the State Police and inspected and approved by Governor Darden and a special committee of four trial Justices appointed by the trial Justices Association to cooperate with Governor Darden in law enforcement matters, will get into action on the highways of the state within the next few weeks with January 1st as the date set when speed law violators must "tell it to the judge."

Due to war restrictions the "electric eye" device which the Governor was anxious to purchase for the purpose of checking speed was not obtainable. Nothing daunted, the state Police under the direction of Captain W. L. Groth, safety engineer, developed a speed-checking device of their own, getting the idea from a suggestion published by the Eng Foundation of Yale University, a safety organization. The perfected device which is accurate, inexpensive and effective is a small, portable, box-like device of wood complete with a mirror in which the passing vehicle will be "caught" as it passes over lines at measured distances. One of the detectors will be hidden at each end of a measured stretch of road. Troopers, armed with stop-watches, will note the "flash" of car in the mirror as it crosses the red line opposite one device and then record the exact time in seconds it takes to pass the next detector down the road. From prepared charts they will be able to determine the exact rate of speed and if it is breaking the law, they will signal another trooper down the road, who will stop the vehicle and then there give the operator a ticket. With the new mirror device troopers will not only be able to check the speed of cars both coming and going, but also ascertain their license number and make arrests with minimum of manpower and maximum of accuracy. The motorist will not see the devices on the roads, the Governor said, in making the announcement, and added that they would be moved all over the state, not remaining in one locality for any length of time. "Our purpose is to break up speeding," the Governor said, "and I believe this is the answer. I don't know of any other way to break it up except through the use of these devices, plus drastic fines and possibly imprisonment," he added, "especially now when we have a skeleton force of troopers and the tires of their autos are none too good for prolonged chasing after speeders."

"Notices will be posted on every highway leading into Virginia," the Governor said, warning motorists that the speed law must be obeyed and that mechanical devices to check speeds are in operation and all violators who are caught may expect no mercy."

By next year, the Governor said, the whole State will be enjoying the same reputation as a "speed trap" which Colonial Heights, near Petersburg, has had for any years.

Captain Groth, during the next three weeks, will conduct a series of classes to instruct all troopers in the operation of the devices. They will then be put in trial operation and the results made public. On January 1st, however, the trial period will be over and from then on the police warn "look out."

Members of the trial justice committee who with Governor Darden have approved the new device are Justice Harold Sneed, of Henrico, chairman; Justice Jesse B. Wilson, of Albemarle, president of the association; Justice Emerson Binford, of Prince George, secretary and treasurer, and Justice Emerson Baugh, of Brunswick.

CLUB USES BENEFIT TO BUY WAR BOND

A very delightful turkey supper was served at the home of Mrs. J. K. Brown, near Bristow, on Tuesday evening by Group "C", of the Kensington Club.

On account of the tire situation, the club divided into three groups, each to use its own devices in money-raising. Group "C", the smallest of the three, chose to serve a turkey dinner.

They are buying a \$25 war bond with the proceeds of the supper.



Speed Checker Device. Left, Capt. W. L. Grath—right, C. W. Woodson, Jr., supt. of State Police.



Marion Richard Miller

MARION RICHARD MILLER

Funeral services for the late Marion Richard Miller, Aviation Machinist Mate, third class, U. S. Naval Reserve, of Nokesville, were held at the Nokesville Church of the Brethren, Wednesday, December 2, 1942.

Marion Miller, who was well known and a popular resident of Nokesville for the last ten years, met his death in an airplane crash at sea, off the coast of California, Monday, Nov. 16, at 1:30 p.m., while engaged in a rescue mission. Due to the conditions of the accident, his body was not recovered until Saturday morning, Nov. 21. His body was returned to his home Tuesday, December 1st, accompanied by Ray McLearn, of Nokesville, who went to the west coast by plane to represent the Miller family, and Van Weaver, Aviation Machinists Mate, third class, who was a friend of Marion and served as the official Naval escort.

Marion was born May 10, 1920, near Bealeton, Va. He graduated

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MAY VAN LEAR FURR

Mrs. May Van Lear Furr, wife of Mr. C. C. Furr, of Broad Run, died December 10th. She leaves in addition to her husband, three daughters: Mrs. Jack Johnson, Clifton Forge; Mrs. Aubrey Kerr, of Broad Run; Mrs. Wallace P. Whitmore, of Woodstock; six grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. C. B. Pelter, of Waynesboro, and a brother, Mr. C. A. Van Lear, of Charlottesville.

Interment was in the Georgetown Cemetery near her home, on Dec. 12. Pallbearers were: W. M. Wilbur, Thomas Adams, James Adams, Moss Jacobs, Jack Crewe and Edgar Hepkin.

LIBRARY NOTICE

The Ruffner-Carnegie Library will be closed during the Christmas Holiday (as no arrangement can be made for heating) and will reopen January 4th.

JUDGE WILLIAM CROW

William Crow, of Joplin, Va. passed away to the great beyond, on Dec. 5th after being ill since January 1942. He came to Virginia in 1902, and established the Joplin post office. He founded a thriving business. He was always ready to give a helping hand any way he could.

He was Justice of the Peace for many years.

He has been greatly missed by his friends since he grew ill. He was 78 years old, and leaves a wife to suffer her terrible loss.

He was buried in the historic church yard of Pohick Church. The many floral offerings showed he had a host of friends. Four of his adopted children were at the funeral.

PROGRESS IN VICTORY LOAN

Mr. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, chairman of the Prince William War Savings Committee has been advised by the Fifth Federal Reserve District, Richmond, that a total of \$17,248 in Victory Loan securities was sold in this county to investors other than commercial banks during the first two weeks of the December Victory Loan Campaign.

The first weeks of the drive for 9 billion dollars from November 30 to December 12, inclusive. The campaign is to run through December 25 and announcements of sales for other periods in the campaign will follow as soon as they are available to the Victory Fund Committee.

The Victory Fund drive was designed to give both large and small investors an opportunity to invest their accumulated savings and idle funds in Treasury securities. Five types of securities are being offered. They are: 7% Certificates of indebtedness, 1 1/2% Treasury Bonds of 1948, 2 1/2% Treasury Bonds of 1963-68, U. S. Tax Savings Notes, Series A and Series C, and U. S. Treasury Savings Bonds, Series F and Series G. They range in denomination from \$25 to \$1,000,000.

The drive is being conducted in Virginia by hundreds of bankers, brokers, and investment men, and by many volunteer workers. Throughout the nation hundreds of thousands of workers are taking part in this effort, which is the greatest financing campaign ever undertaken by any nation. Securities sold in this County during the first two weeks of the campaign included: Savings Bonds, Treasury Bonds and Tax Savings Notes.

MRS. BROADDUS HOSTESS TO FINE ARTS CLUB

The Fine Arts Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Thos. J. Broaddus, on Grant Avenue, Tuesday evening, December 22nd, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. M. S. Burchard assisted hostess.

MRS. COX ASKS FOR FUNDS

Mrs. Cox, County chairman for the association, calls attention to Dr. Riggins' appeal.

"There is no disease," said Dr. Riggins, "concerning which more is known than tuberculosis. The causes influencing its spread, the measures employed to prevent this infection, and the methods available for early diagnosis and cure are known and accepted by the medical profession, health officials and scientists in general. Despite this fact, and the energetic efforts taken to reduce its ravages, tuberculosis deaths in Virginia, as in many sections of the country, showed a slight increase last year over the previous one. Educational efforts, therefore, should be increased. There also is need for the expansion of X-ray surveys among industrial workers and for full assistance to men rejected from armed forces because of tuberculosis. Proceeds from the sale of Christmas seals will help directly in carrying out these basic steps in the anti-tuberculosis fight."

"This year more than ever the proceeds from the Christmas Seal can perform valiant service. I am sure that the public acceptance of this fact will be proven by the increased sales of the Christmas Seal throughout Virginia," concluded Dr. Riggins.

WORKINGS OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT OUTLINED TO KIWANIS

Mrs. Marion Lewis, director of the County Welfare Department, was guest speaker at the Kiwanis last Friday evening. She was present as the guest of Kiwanian Kinchele, who is also chairman of the county welfare board.

Mrs. Lewis gave a most interesting review of the old age and other forms of assistance now being given in the county, noting the changes from aid of the same sort during 1941. She used a blackboard most effectively.

Following her talk a number of interested Kiwanians asked a number of questions. One thing that Mrs. Lewis called attention to was the fact that the requests for adoption could not be met, one couple now having been seeking a youngster for adoption for a year and a half.

Following the meeting, President Trusler noted that the new flag had been placed through the efforts of Kiwanian Parrish, and thanked him on behalf of the club.

Miss Jesse Mae Conner was present and graciously assisted the singing committee.

Next week the club will meet on Saturday night, (the 26th) at the usual hour.

NOTICE!

Manassas High School Alumni Association will hold a party in the Gymnasium, Tuesday, December 22nd, at 8:30 p.m.

All members of the Alumni Association are urged to be present.



Buy Christmas Seals

DRAFT REGISTRATION

All men who became 18 in July and August of the present year were ordered to register at their draft headquarters during the week of Dec. 11th to Dec. 17th inclusive. Any who have failed to do this should lose no time in registering.

All men becoming 18 in September and October should register between the dates of Dec. 18th to Dec. 24th, inclusive.

Those becoming 18 years of age in November and December of the present year should register during the week of Dec. 26th to Dec. 31, inclusive.

Beginning January 1, 1943 registrants are required to sign up with the local draft boards on their 18th birthday.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AT TRINITY CHURCH

A final committee meeting to put the finishing touches on the Young People's Christmas service was held December fifteenth, and the following program was arranged:

- Call to Worship ----- Luke 1:46-50
- Hymn --- "Christmas Awake" No. 76
- Scripture --- Luke 1:26, Luke 2:35
- Music ----- "The First Noel"
- Prayer ----- "Christmas Carol"
- Poem --- "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
- Poem --- "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"
- Offering --- "O Little Town of Bethlehem" "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"
- Talk ----- "Joy to the World" No. 101
- Benediction in Unison
- "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer" Amen.

A change has been made in the time of the service from 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The young people are very anxious for everyone to attend this service because it is the first of its kind in this community.

PRINCE WILLIAM MEN ENLIST IN SERVICE

Mr. C. C. Cloe, chairman of the Prince William County Selective Service Board, announced that 19 registrants with the local board have enlisted in the armed forces during the past two weeks, before enlistments were banned. The group included: Army—Roger W. Cross, Jr., Stanley G. Boatwright, Wilbur W. Ledman, William H. Blakemore, Manassas; Macrae W. Boxley, Occoquan; Ralph H. Allen, Woodbridge.

Navy—George L. Oleyar, Clyde J. Nicholson, Warren N. Hynson, Manassas; Fred A. Proctor, Robert F. Statler, Occoquan; William F. Weidner, Woodbridge.

Marine Corps—George Katsarelis, David L. Warady, Melvin H. Houghton Edward Romine, Quantico.

Coast Guard—Heinz T. Schwartz, Occoquan.

Naval Aviation Cadet—Morgan F. Hunsley, Hoadly; James B. Kellison, Dumfries.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Several weeks ago, notice was issued the mailing galleys of the paper not being posted regularly as under normal conditions. This has given the impression that the paper was not going out to them. There is no excuse for patrons not getting their papers more promptly. Please get their papers more promptly. The new railway mail clerks should know better, new where papers.

RESIGNATION OF LEON HENDERSON BELIEVED TO MEAN COLLAPSE OF GAS RATIONING

Motorists on the Atlantic seaboard, and perhaps throughout the nation are faced with cancellation of their gas books, and exhaustion of gasoline supplies seems near.

Leon Henderson has resigned, and it is reliably reported that no gas at all will very soon confront drivers of all passenger automobiles.

The prospect is staggering, and it is hoped by all that the situation is not quite so bad as it seems evident as we go to press.

GROUP SINGING SPONSORED BY WOMAN'S CLUB

Group singing of the National Anthem and of Christmas carols opened the December meeting of the Manassas Woman's Club Monday afternoon.

Mrs. M. S. Burchard, music chairman, urged full attendance at the special Young People's Service to be held in Trinity Episcopal Church on Christmas morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Mrs. T. J. Broaddus invited the club members to hear up with the Christmas music to be featured on the program of the Fine Arts Section, at its December 22nd meeting in her home. Mrs. Burchard will be co-hostess. The club voted to send its usual Christmas baskets to the group of elderly ladies who are not so remembered by any other organization.

Mrs. Vincent Davis, War Service Chairman, reported her committee as having good sales at the two war stamp booths operating in local stores on Saturdays. The club will purchase a bond this week.

Mrs. J. B. Johnson explained various problems relating to food rationing. The president, Mrs. Lewis Carpenter, proudly displayed the Certificate of Honor, presented to the club in recognition of its part in purchasing an equipped ambulance for the Red Cross. A special radio broadcast over station WRVA, Friday, Dec. 18th from 4 to 4:15 p.m., will feature the presentation of this and two other ambulances to the Red Cross.

Mrs. R. Worth Peters, program chairman, introduced the guest-speaker, Rev. Thomas G. Faulkner, Jr., rector of Trinity Church, who spoke on "Christmas Today". He prefaced his remarks by the following assertions:

"This war is the result of our failure to follow the way of life by which our Creator intended us to live. This war is proof that God was right and man wrong". He continued, "We must enthusiastically accept the Christian way as the only way of life, with the Church above every other organization in every community. The hope of the world lies in the acceptance and practice of God's plan."

Hostesses for this meeting were: Mesdames V. V. Gillum, Alcyene Gutrie, Marshall Haydon, Richard Haydon, H. H. Fleming and Allison Hoof.

XMAS PARTY FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

Members of the Manassas Volunteer Fire Department, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Department and the Junior Woman's Club will hold their annual Christmas Party for needy children of Manassas District Wed., December 23rd, at 3 p.m. at the Pitts Theatre.

Dr. George B. Cocke, president of the Fire Department, will welcome the guests, Reverend Thomas Faulkner will tell a Christmas story, a chorus from the Brown School will sing carols. Santa Claus will make his appearance, and several movie shorts will be shown.

Following the program, bags of toys, clothes, fruits and candies will be distributed.

Invitations have been sent out to over 150 children.

BISHOP VISITS MANASSAS

Suffragan Bishop Mason is in Manassas to confirm a class of six tonight. They are Dr. E. B. Moncure, Mr. J. E. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Larkin, Miss Mary Celestine Green and Mr. Valenteia Smith.

A reception at the Parish Hall is being held after the service.