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### VIRGINIA WEEKLY WAR ROUNDUP

**New Year's Dates**  
Along with everything else, Virginians mustn't forget three important dates in the near future: Beginning January 1, employers must withhold the 5 per cent Victory tax on amounts of employee salaries in excess of \$24.00 a year; January 3, will mark the passing date of Stamp No. 27 in War Ration Book No. 1; and January 15 is the deadline for persons who have not obtained War Ration book No. 1.

**Fair and Warmer**  
So that Virginians will not be too cold in the fuel oil rationed area of the state, the War Production Board has announced that the manufacture of fireplace grates will be permitted during the period from December 21 to January 6. The grates must be made of scrap material, and will not be rationed to the consumers, but may be hard to find. In case there won't be enough to go around, WPB says that over 1,000,000 grates made of scrap metal will be available soon. These ceramic grates are said to stand up almost as well as the iron ones. In still another development on the heating front, the rationing of coal-burning and oil burning stoves is now being handled by the local boards in the State, which have detailed instructions as to what persons are eligible to receive the stoves.

**Bleak and Colder**  
Another, and unpleasant, aspect of the fuel oil situation has developed. Virginia fuel oil dealers and suppliers have complained that customers who bought fuel oil on the "Promissory note" plan are failing to cash through with their coupons, which means that the dealer is penalized. So now OPA has authorized dealers to report all such "welching" to local boards. The boards have been ordered to cancel the fuel oil rations of persons who refuse to give up the promised coupons, and OPA reminds all Virginians that it is important to pay up for October, and not just from November, as the rationing began in October.

**How to Help the Commandos**  
Virginians who want to help plan a commando raid can do so by turning in snapshots, films, postcards and photos taken during peacetime travels in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Far East, and showing such things as airfields, docks, highways, harbors, coast lines and beaches. Before submitting material, people in the possession of the desired information should apply for a questionnaire form to Colonel L. E. Norris, Strategic Photos, Box 46 Station "G", New York City.

**No Riders, No Gas**  
Applicants for supplemental gasoline have heretofore relied upon the absence of convenient commercial carrier schedules and upon irregular working hours to avoid ride-sharing and car-pooling responsibilities, but the State OPA says that in the future local war price and rationing boards will insist upon greater cooperation with these requirements for the issuance of supplemental rations. "C" book holders especially should make every effort to avoid riding alone, and travelers going any distance out of town in a passenger car are asked to check with travel agencies, others in their business field, U. S. O., civilian defense and other similar agencies to fill empty seats with persons "going their way."

**Tubes for Victory**  
Virginia druggists, civic organizations, and private citizens who have collected five pounds or more of empty toothpaste and other collapsible tubes should at once ship them express to the official collection center—The Tin Salvage Institute, 411 Wilson Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. The tubes are 90 per cent tin, and the need of them is urgent. Also, dispensers of soft drinks in the State are asked to set up barrels or boxes for the receipt of prepared tin cans, as the beverage industry in Virginia has said that its trucks will pick up all prepared cans on the trucks' regular rounds and take them to official collection centers.

**For the Hard of Hearing**  
Deaf and partially deaf Virginians are now assured by the War Production Board of being able to secure batteries for hearing aid appliances. The number of batteries have been standardized to six types, and by eliminating difficult types to manufacture, the producers have now assured WPB that a steady flow of batteries for the appliances will be forthcoming.



NEW YEAR'S PRAYER (Norma Young Cooksey)

Dear God our prayer to Thee,  
For nineteen hundred forty-three  
We humbly raise.  
Our grateful thanks we give  
That we're allowed to live,  
As free men, may we strive  
To give Thee praise.

May we our bounties share  
With the world everywhere;  
Teach them to love,  
As may our blood that's shed—  
Staining the brown earth red—  
Bring flowers in its stead,  
Men's hearts to move.

We pray for grace to see  
The way that's meant to be—  
The road to peace.  
May selfishness and sin  
Be changed to cause us men,  
A new world to begin;  
War and hate to cease.

### EMERGENCY CROP LOANS

Urging farmers to arrange now for 1943 seed and fertilizer requirements, Field Supervisor, Beverley of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office, Post Office Building, Winchester, Virginia, has announced that applications are being taken for spring crop and feed loans.

He stated that his organization, a unit of the Farm Credit Administration, is assisting those farmers who are eligible by advancing funds for the purchase of fertilizer on loans secured by crops to be grown or seeded during the 1943 season.

"We urge farmers to purchase seed and fertilizer on a cash basis," he stated, adding that loans up to \$400 based on acreage may be obtained to finance planting, cultivating, and harvesting operations. Loans are on a 4 per cent interest basis and are to be paid from proceeds of crops when sold.

For further information, those who are interested may write to Field Supervisor, J. G. Beverley, Box 432, Winchester, Virginia.

### APPOINTED TO NAVAL RESERVE

William Lipscomb Jamison, of the University of Virginia, has been named an ensign in the Naval Reserve.

William is a graduate of Manassas High, of the class of 1937, later receiving a BA at Dartmouth.

### Farmers Please Note

Good news for Virginia farmers is announced by the WPB, which has assured the farmers that a program is now being worked out to assure an adequate supply of copper chemicals, needed as a protection against fungus diseases and for soil treatment. At the same time, fruit and vegetable growers and shippers were urged to accumulate immediately a stockpile of second-hand wood boxes, crates, barrels, and hampers, to protect themselves from an expected shortage of new containers next year.

### Idle Tires no Longer

Virginia has turned in 156,500 idle tires, which are now in warehouses in the name of the Defense Supplies Corporation waiting to be re-processed. Of the four collection centers in the State, Roanoke turned in 76,000, Richmond 50,000, Norfolk 19,200, and Fredricksburg 11,300.

### For Students Especially

The Office of Defense Transportation has announced that the responsibility for determining when a two-mile walk to school presents "extreme danger" of "serious physical hardship" to pupils rests with local school authorities, as local conditions such as mountains, darkness, traffic, etc., must be considered in determining "danger." The announcement was put out to clarify ODT's ruling that a school bus could not call for pupils living within two miles of school unless danger or physical hardship was involved.



As we turn over a new—let us hope—brighter page for 1943, this organization wants to add its good wishes for peace and good will to the grand total.

At the same time we thank you one and all for your generous support during the past year.

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### LETTER TO MOTHER FROM WOODBRIDGE BOY

Dear Mom,  
I am aboard a training ship and will be on about a two weeks cruise, I think, I don't know for sure

I sure did get a lucky break, two of the boys I've been with for the last 4 months are with me on the same ship, and that counts a whole lot. They are both under me in the engine room, (I am acting as chief, and soon as this training period is over we take over a new ship, and we take it on our own).

I like it fine aboard ship, and haven't been sea sick yet. It was right rough yesterday and one boy who had been on a ship for two years got sick.

The boy that wrote you the letter for me hasn't been assigned to a ship yet and I am trying to get him in my crew. I am one short. I hope I can get him, he is a real nice fellow.

This engine room work is real interesting, and I like it a lot. You sure have to keep your eyes open, there are so many records to keep, and everything has to be just right. I should be able to get a good job when I get out. I've got two of the best men I've ever known with me and they are backing me up 100 per cent, and that helps a lot.

Mom, I don't guess I will be home for a long time, sure wish I could. You all try and take care of yourself, and don't ever worry about me, as you know I will take care of myself. I like the Navy better every day, and it has done me a world of good. If we don't win this war, which we will, they can't say-I didn't give it all I got.

Write soon and good luck.

Love,  
William

(Editors Note—Mr. Pearson is a chief Petty Officer now—motor machinist, U. S. S. L. C. I. (L) 215 Crew 3108 care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.)

### GARDEN CLUB PLANS FOR SPRING

The Garden Section of the Woman's Club of Manassas will hold its January meeting on Monday, January 4th, 1943, at 2:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. G. R. Ratcliffe.

### HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, Thursday, January 7th, at 11:00 a.m. The demonstration will be an "Oven Dinner".

There will be a talk on cold prevention. All members interested in the repairing of sewing machines, please notify Mrs. O. D. Waters by January 6th.

### TIN CAN DRIVE

The Virginia Salvage Committee has announced that the beverage industries have offered their full cooperation and will collect tin cans whenever they deliver bottled drinks. Retailers of bottled drinks will take these cans and see to it that the beverage companies remove them to a detinning plant.

### TO PREPARE A CAN PROPERLY YOU MUST:

1. Clean the can well.
  2. Soak off the paper label.
  3. Cut off both ends.
  4. Tuck ends in cans or turn ends in.
  5. Flatten can, by stepping on hard.
- Retailers in the County are asked to provide a container where customers may leave their cans. It may be marked "Leave your prepared cans here." The cooperation of all is needed. It takes 4 1-2 pounds of tin for each P-38 plane. Every family can salvage 4 1-2 pounds of tin in a year.

### MRS. ALLEN TO BE HOSTESS

Manassas Chapter, UDC, will hold its January meeting, Tuesday, the 6th at 2:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Guy Allen.

### LATE RETURNS FROM SEAL SALE

The week-end's returns from the local Seal Sale brought the total received to date in Manassas District to \$273, according to Mrs. F. D. Cox, chairman of the Christmas Seal Committee of the Prince William Tuberculosis Association. Mrs. George R. Lee Turberville, chairman of the local campaign reported that the committee is still hoping to hear from the persons who have not yet acknowledged the Seals they received on Nov. 23rd, and advises those who send money to enclose their name so that the files may be kept complete. While the seals will not be used much longer, the money received for them works the year around. Christmas is over—it's never too late to send in Christmas Seal contributions.

The Seal Committee expresses appreciation to all seal and bangle purchasers because without your aid, the work of preventing and controlling tuberculosis could not go on in our county. Your Christmas Seal dollars will immediately go to work to keep open our clinics, provide treatment and care for T. B. patients, and improve our community health.

The Association pays high tribute to the many volunteer workers in the various districts who handled the Seal Sale—to these men and women who not only bought seals, but who gave their time and energy to the campaign, the Association and all county residents are deeply grateful for their make possible the year-round work of fighting tuberculosis.

### ALLOTMENT OF FARM EQUIPMENT ANNOUNCED

The quota of new farm machinery and equipment that may be rationed to Prince William County farmers during the coming year was announced this week by William H. Wheeler, Chairman of the Prince William County Farm Machinery Rationing Committee. The limited amount of new equipment allotted to the county for 1943 includes the following:

- Grain Drills—2
- Lime spreaders—1
- Manure Spreader—2
- Horse drawn moldboard plows—5
- Tractor drawn moldboard plows—2
- Spike tooth harrows—4
- Spring tooth harrows—2
- Disc harrows—4
- One horse cultivators—3
- Walking cultivators—1
- Horse drawn mowers—5
- Tractor drawn mowers—3
- Hay loaders—1
- Grain binders—1
- Ensilage cutters—1
- Riding cultivators—1
- Tractor drawn cultivators—1
- Tractors—5
- Farm wagons—7
- Milking machines—10
- Separators—4
- Milk coolers—3
- Fertilizer distributors—2
- Cultipackers—1
- Féed grinders—1
- Engines—1
- Dump rakes—1
- Side delivery rakes—3
- Combine—2

Forms for making application for purchase certificates have been supplied to farm equipment dealers of the county for the use of farmers in their communities. These are also available at the County Agent's Office or with any member of the committee, which is comprised of William H. Wheeler, Lester W. Huff and M. B. Whitmore.

### KIWANIANS HEAR STORY FROM FIGHTING PACIFIC

A stirring story from the briny depths of the Southwest Pacific came from the lips of Seaman Bobby Jones, who was presented to the Kiwanis Club by Kiwanian Hutchison, at its weekly meeting held on Christmas Eve.

The balance of the period was largely devoted to carol singing in which all indulged.

A solo by Parson Faulkner, of the Trinity Church, was more than appreciated.

The installation of officers will be held tomorrow night, Col. Hutchison acting as the installing officer.

### T. B. ASSOCIATION WILL MEET

There will be a meeting of the Prince William County Tuberculosis Association on Wednesday, January 6th, 1943, at 2:00 p.m., in the Health Office Unit.

### FAST ARMY PLANE HITS MOUNTAIN AND BURSTS INTO FLAME

Sunday evening shortly after 7 p.m. an army plane crashed into one of the Bull Run Mountains above Haymarket, causing the death of four men, one of whom has been identified as Major Horace J. Winn, of Arlington County. The other men, presumably residents of distant localities were also identified, but their names were not released in accordance with the fixed policy of the Army in withholding such information until relative may be notified.

An ambulance emergency run was made by Mr. Jack Stauff, from Manassas, but after climbing the mountain to the scene of the accident, no signs of life were found; it appearing that the plane had immediately burst into flame, making it impossible immediately to determine whether any of the flyers had survived the crash. It was unofficially stated that one of the men was probably alive when the gasoline flames enveloped him. County Police Officers Partlow and Vetter also visited the scene of the accident.

In addition to the first aid rushed to the scene from Manassas the Culpeper Fire Department also responded. A party of men, headed by Lt. Wayne Carr, of the State Police, went to the scene and assisted in recovering the bodies.

Apparently the plane had almost cleared the mountain and was either off its course, or unaware of its low altitude in the fog. A board of inquiry immediately began an investigation as County and State Police guarded the vicinity from sightseers. Maj. Winn, who was a native of Arizona, is survived by his wife, who was a resident of Edgewood, Maryland previous to her marriage 18 months ago.

(NOTE: The Public Relations Office at Bolling Field has announced that the other three men killed were Staff Sgt. Walter R. Best, 23, of the 400 block of Brandywine St. n.e., Washington, D. C.; Pvt. Geo. E. Bane, 28, a former employee of the Washington Post, and Pvt. Vernon M. C. Kragnes, 24, of Glyndon, Minn.)

### DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA HAVE HOLIDAY BANQUET

Despite a very foggy evening a large representation of the Prince William Council, Daughters of America, held a Christmas banquet Monday evening as the guests of Bull Run Council, No. 15, OFA.

All of the charter members, all past presidents and the Council-elect, Alice Simpson, made brief addresses. George D. Baker, first past councilor of the local council, acted as toastmaster.

Carol singing was indulged in and all hands had a good time. The walls of the hospitable Manassas Grille dining room were festooned in holiday array.

### GENERAL HARMON IS DECORATED

Major-General Ernest N. Harmon, of Vienna, Virginia, is among nine officers and enlisted men who have been decorated for heroism in Northern Africa.

General Harmon was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for conduct at Safari, where the citation stated that he demonstrated "the highest character of combat leadership. After attacking the harbor at town, he led his force on a 90 mile march, terminating with a forced river crossing. He had already been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry displayed in the landing operations on the Morocco coast.

### BIBLE STILL BEST SELLER

The Bible is still the best seller on the bookshelves of Virginia's department stores. Holiday buying increased the demand for the Book of Books.

Some Richmond stores replenished their stocks of Bibles as many as eight times during the holiday buying rush, thus proving that advocates of a return to religion in these days of turmoil and strife have not gone unheeded.

### WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Woman's Club will be held Wednesday morning, January 6, at 10:00 o'clock with President Mrs. Lewis Carper, at her home on Battle Street.

All members of the Board are asked to be present.

### TOUGHER GOING AHEAD

