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SALIENT FACTS FOR BUSY READER

WEEKLY NEWS ROUND-UP TELLS VALUABLE STORIES QUICKLY

CLASSIFIED SECTION—Attorney General Frances Biddle has reminded all Virginia men between the ages of 18 and 45 who are subject to classification under the selective service Act that after February 1 they will be required to carry classification as well as registration cards at all times. Failure to do so may result in prosecution in the Federal Courts, and the responsibility of securing a classification card—which states that the registrant has been placed in 3-A, 1-A, 4-F or whatever it may be—rests with the individual. If for any reason he has not received a classification card, or has lost the one sent him, he should immediately tell his local board.

OPEN FOR REPAIR—Good news to all farmers in the state is a new amendment of the War Production Board raising the quota for the production of repair parts for farm machinery from 130 percent to the average annual sales of repair parts during 1940 and 1941 to 160 percent. W.P.B. says the change is the result of its determination that adequate supplies of repair parts be available to farmers in 1943, particularly since the production of new machinery has been drastically curtailed. It is expected that every machine on a farm that can be used to advantage will be repaired and put into good working condition, and to accomplish this, more than ordinary quantities of repair parts are being made available.

SOMETHING FOR THE CHILDREN—Whether many rural children in Virginia attend school next fall may depend largely on how bus drivers observe conservation policies, the Office of Defense Transportation warns. ODT said that one of the most important points in the conservation program both to save rubber and gas is the suggestion that the bus be stationed overnight near the point where the first pupil boards the bus in the morning and should be parked close to the school during the school hours. If the driver goes from his home to school several times during the day many precious tire miles are lost.

NO SANTA CLAUS TODAY—Any Virginia employer who pays the 5 percent Victory Tax on behalf of his employees, without deducting it from their pay envelopes, must first obtain priority approval from the War Labor Board, for WLB has ruled that the tax payment by the employer constitutes wage or salary increase, and thus requires approval under wage and salary stabilization.

NO RIDERS—Virginia has responded in an extremely satisfactory manner to the ban on pleasure driving, according to the State Office of Price Administration and the State Police, which made a joint survey showing an overall drop of 35 percent on State highways since the ban went into effect. As a result depot wagons, buck-boards and buggies which haven't seen the light of day since 1915 are now almost becoming a common sight again on country roads and suburban streets.

IT'S GOT TO BE GOOD OR ELSE—Any Virginian who buys a new car or truck can rest assured that his purchase is going to be in good running order, for the War Production Board now requires that the vehicle receive special conditioning prior to being turned over to the purchaser for use. In addition, OPA requires the seller to furnish a certificate stating that pre-delivery operations have been performed and also furnish the purchaser a copy of the checklist showing that the work has been done.

FUNDAMENTAL ASSISTANCE—Farmers who have been somewhat concerned about the restriction on the sale of rubber boots and rubber work shoes have been given some encouragement by the State OPA, which says "Because their work has to do with supplying food—which is the home front's ammunition—we want the farmers of the State to realize they will be given every consideration by the local War Price and Rationing Boards."

MILE OF DIMES SUCCESSFUL—According to advice from County Chairman Worth Peters all obligations assigned in the raising of money for the special benefit of the Infantile Paralysis Fund have been met. A more specific report will be made next week by Treasurer O. D. Waters.

ABOUT GROUNDHOGS (Reprinted by Request)

If you think groundhogs have been hibernating all these months just waiting to tip you off on the next six weeks' weather, why you, chum, have just got a silly notion in your head.

Groundhogs may come out on Feb. 2nd. They may even have a look for their shadows. But, groundhogs also come out every five to twenty days all winter.

February the 2nd is not the beast's debut at all. It is his fourth to fifteenth appearance since cold weather set in and, shadow or no shadow, he'll emerge from his long snooze four to fifteen more times before he wakes up for the summer.

As authority for all this, you have the word of the University of Chicago scientists who have been studying the slumbering rodent.

But, don't sneer at the groundhog. He can do something you can't do.

Without drinking anything or eating food containing moisture, he can maintain his bodily water supply by oxidizing fat into water. Scientists say so far as they know no human has ever pulled off this stunt. No one has ever explained exactly how its done either.

The scientists have also found that artificial hibernation can be achieved any time after August by cutting a groundhog's water supply 48 hours and then refrigerating him to between 32 and 40 degrees. No healthy groundhog can be induced to hibernate between April and August, however, as that period is the time for romance among groundhogs.

A bear's sleep is similar to that of a groundhog, but scientists do not consider a bear a real hibernator. The only genuine hibernators, say they, are groundhogs, ground squirrels, gophers, prairie dogs, dormice, bats, snakes and frogs.

The ground squirrel, which reacts very much like the groundhog, reduces his body temperature from 100 to 36-40 degrees during hibernation. His pulse sinks from 399 a minute to a maximum of eight beats. Usually he breathes from 20 to 30 times a minute, but when he hibernates he breathes only two or three times per minute.

CHAPTERS MERGE IN U. D. C. WORK

Mrs. V. V. Gillum was hostess to the Manassas Chapter U.D.C. Wednesday, February 3rd at her home on North Grant Avenue.

The President, Mrs. Robert A. Hutchison presided. Mrs. Hutchison led the salute for the confederate flag, and Mrs. Lewis J. Carper led for the national flag.

The historical program consisted of a reading by Mrs. Hutchison from the U.D.C. minute book of 1941, an address, "Heart Beats and Drum Beats," delivered by Sidney Blackmer at the Los Angeles Convention.

Mrs. Carper read communication from Division Historian, Mrs. B. F. Carey, in which requirements for A 1 Chapters were stated and other instructions for the year's historical program. Chapters were asked to send news clippings to Mrs. William A. Coleman, Alexandria, Virginia, for the Division Scrap Book.

The Treasurer, Mrs. A. B. Compton gave financial report and received dues for 1943. All outstanding bills were ordered paid. A small donation was made to the local school dental clinic. Also twenty pamphlets, "J. E. B. Stuart" written by H. H. Smith, of Ashland, Va. were ordered for distribution in the county schools.

The recent death of Mrs. Rose Lee Latimer Rice, niece of Major Joseph W. Latimer, of Confederate Fame, and a member of Manassas Chapter for forty years, was noted with sorrow. The President appointed Mrs. A. O. Weedon, Mrs. R. L. Byrd and Mrs. E. H. Marsteller committee on resolutions.

The merger of the Bull Run Chapter and Manassas Chapter is now a pleasant reality. Demits for eight members of the Bull Run Chapter have been received by Mrs. W. A. Newman, chapter registrar of Manassas Chapter.

The hostess served refreshments in the social hour assisted by Mrs. W. F. Dowell.

The March meeting will be at the Marsteller home on Center Street.

The Ladies Aid and Missionary Society of Bethel E. V. Lutheran Church will meet at the home of Mrs. W. J. Hibbs, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, February 9th.

HEY!



RED CROSS FIRST AID CLASS OPENS

A class in the administration of first aid, under the sponsorship of the Prince William County Red Cross Chapter, was opened Monday. The instructions are being given by Jack Stauff. Mr. Stauff pointed out that the class is a part of the Red Cross program of civil defense and accident prevention. Only three diseases, heart disease, cancer and cerebral hemorrhage kill a greater number of persons annually than do accidents, "he said". It is impossible to evaluate a human life in the terms of dollar and cents, but the wage losses, medical expenses and insurance cost of accidents are estimated approximately at two and one half billions of dollars annually.

These costs, "he added," are distributed as follows: motor vehicle accidents, 35%; occupational and home accidents, 25% each, and public (not automobile) accidents, 17%. Even in these days of large expenditures this waste stands out as a major item in our national economy.

LOCAL RED CROSS SETS \$3,500 AS WAR NEEDS FOR 1943

With a goal of \$3,500 for its War Fund for 1943, the Prince William County Chapter of the Red Cross will embark upon the biggest campaign in its history on March 1st. Many volunteers will be enlisted under the leadership of Mr. O. D. Waters, who has been prominent in Red Cross work for years.

The goal will include the annual Roll Call Drive and also the quota assigned to the local Chapter by the National Red Cross. The funds will be used to care for increased local needs, a variety of services to the families of men in the service, and to national and international activities of the Red Cross. About one hundred million dollars will be needed by the national body for its far-flung wartime work.

With the approval of President Roosevelt, March will be observed as Red Cross month in every city, town and hamlet covered by the 3,750 Red Cross Chapters and their 6,154 branches. All walks of community life will be represented in the campaign.

The customary Red Cross Roll Call was dispensed with last November when the Red Cross decided upon one campaign in March which, barring emergencies, will finance its work until February 28, 1944.

FIRST AID INSTRUCTOR'S CLASS GRADUATES

At a recent class for the instruction of first aid instructors held in the Home Economics Cottage of the Manassas High School. I am pleased to announce the names of the following who have successfully completed the course and have been presented with their appointment cards.

Charles M. Beahm, V. Breeden, John I. Broadus, Helen B. Clarke, Marion W. Dickens, Julia B. Hale, Amelia B. McBride, Flora M. Weir.

I feel we are very fortunate to be able to add these instructors of first aid to the list of competent first aid instructors we have in Prince William County who are always willing and ready to give time and service for the advancement of first aid.

J. H. Stauff, Chm. First Aid, Prince William County Chapter, American Red Cross.

LOCAL CIVILIAN DEFENSE CLASS

The Co-ordinator's office of Prince William County Civilian Defense workers in Manassas on February 15th to 19th inclusive, and the last lecture will be held on February 23rd.

This course of lectures will be followed by the required 10 hour course of First Aid. These meetings will convene at 7:30 and the place of meeting will be announced later.

CLUB TO HEAR HEALTH DISCUSSION

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club of Manassas, will be held in the Parish House, Monday afternoon, February 8th at 2:30 o'clock.

The speaker will be Dr. Clifford E. Waller, health doctor, who will speak on "Venereal Disease Control." The program will also include group singing.

The hostesses for the afternoon will be Mrs. W. L. Lloyd Mrs. Frances Lewis, Mrs. Margaret Lewis, Mrs. Robert L. Lewis, Miss Margaret Lynch and Mrs. C. C. Lynn.

The meeting will be held in the smaller room, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

PLANS FOR INCREASED FARM PRODUCTION FOR 1943

Prince William County Agricultural Conservation Program Committeemen are carrying out an extensive campaign to inform each farmer of the urgency of meeting or exceeding the 1942 production goals for his individual farm for the County. The individual farm plans being prepared by each farmer with the assistance of the farmer committeemen show the production in 1942 and the intended production for 1943. Information furnished by farmers to the committeemen will give a basis for the following during the coming year:

(1) An estimate of the proportionate part of products necessary for civilian and military needs that may be expected from the county this year.

(2) Assisting the County Farm Machinery Rationing Committee in determining eligibility of farmers for rationed machinery, and supplies.

(3) Assisting the Selective Service Board by providing useful information for classification and deferment of essential farm workers.

The Chairman of each Community Agricultural Conservation Committee, with the assistance of the Community Committeemen, has the responsibility for organizing and carrying on the campaign in his respective community. Chairmen of the six communities include: Golder Welch, Greenwich Community; Saylor Diehl, Aden Community; Frances M. Lewis, Stone House Community; Fred C. Carter, Buckhall Community; Colin H. Payne, Occoquan Community; George F. Waters, Dumfries Community; E. L. Herring, Coles Community; L. J. Pattie, Catharpin Community; J. H. Hutchison, Thoroughfare Community.

REPORTED BETTER

Word has been received from Dr. George Coker, at Atlanta, Georgia, to the effect that he is resting comfortably and improving.

A serious throat infection threatened complications but that has now apparently been averted.

He is returning to his home this week-end.

IMPORTANT RED CROSS MEETING

The regular February meeting of the Prince William County Chapter, American Red Cross will be held at 2 p.m., on February 12th at the residence of Mrs. E. Marsteller, Manassas.

Due to the recent sleet storm the meeting called for January 29th was necessarily postponed; therefore it is important that members of the Chapter, Executive Officers and Chairmen attend this meeting on the 12th; working to complete arrangements for the War Fund Roll Call Drive in March.

PRINCE WILLIAM TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION PLANS PROGRAM FOR 1943

The Rev. John M. DeChant, chairman of the Prince William County at a meeting of the organization at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the local Health Office. Plans for the 1943 program expanded to meet the threatened wartime rise in tuberculosis, were outlined at a tentative budget adopted. Miss Virginia Harris, field representative of the State T. B. Association, was present to offer suggestions for carrying out the program, and thirteen members of the Association attended the meeting.

Following the reading of the minutes, a discussion of the proposed budget representing expenditures of \$710, resulted in its adoption. Special appropriations were approved for requests as follows:

- \$30. for Penny Milk Fund.
- \$60. for Cod Liver Oil.
- \$30. for Milk for colored school children.
- \$25. for milk for white school children.
- \$25. for hot lunches for colored school children.

Reports of the Seal Sale Committee showed that a total of \$1243, which exceeded the goal of \$1223, has been received toward the annual campaign. A vote of thanks was extended the committee members for their part in making the drive a success.

The organization voted to undertake an adult educational program as a phase of the year's activities with the appointment of the Rev. DeChant as chairman, and the following committee: Mrs. George Turberville, Mrs. Frank Cox, and Mrs. Dorothy Hall. Miss Margaret Towns was named chairman of an essay contest proposed for students of the Regional High School details of which will be announced at a later date.

Members attending the meeting were: Mr. DeChant, Mrs. J. F. McInteer, Mrs. J. Carl Kincheloe, Mrs. George R. Turberville, Mrs. F. D. Cox, Miss Sabina Neel, Miss Sue Ayers, Mrs. A. A. Hooff, Mrs. Dorothy Hall, Miss Margaret Towns, Miss Lillian Roy and Mrs. Beatrice Washington.

STATE HEAD VISITS LOCAL INSTITUTION

Dr. Dabney Lancaster was a guest speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, at which time he was introduced by Prof. R. C. Haydon, division superintendent of schools.

Dr. Lancaster gave some very interesting high points on the changing conditions of elementary and high school instruction, showing a liberalized tendency toward greater vocational training, and a probability of widening the scope of high school work to take over some of the more advanced courses.

Deploring the salary situation, even in its now improved situation, the speaker was hopeful of alleviating.

The situation at the NYA school and the possibility of losing the same brought Dr. Lancaster here for a check-up. He was quite enthused at the grade of the work being turned out, and expressed the thought that the school would go on in some form irrespective.

ENTER ARMY AIR CORPS

Two more local boys went into the Armed Forces last week. They are Messrs Frank and Harry Parrish sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Parrish.

The young men both enlisted, Frank going direct to Miami, Fla., and Harry reporting for further orders at Richmond.

GETS PROMOTION

Martin Wetherall, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wetherall was recently promoted to First Lieutenant, Army Air Corps. He is at Barkdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Lieut. Wetherall is a graduate of Manassas High, and Virginia Polytechnic.

FARMERS PART IN WINNING THE WAR

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST GUEST SPEAKER AT BANQUET

Over one hundred officials and guests attended the Regional Board Conference of the Southern States Cooperative held in the Masonic Temple on Tuesday evening, January 26. The banquet was served by the members of the local chapter of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Wheatley Johnson, of Manassas presided over the meeting, and Mr. R. R. Furman, district manager, and Dr. T. K. Wolfe, director of distribution addressed the Conference. Singing for the group was led by Miss Jessie Conner; Wilmer Cline spoke for the farmers.

Mr. Furman spoke on the excellent financial condition of Southern States for the six-months period ending December 31st, 1942. He called the attention of the guests to the critical shortages that existed and which would probably become worse. He listed the most vital present ones as Equipment, Labor, Transportation and Nitrogen. He called upon the members to make every effort to purchase seed and fertilizer as early as possible.

Shortages of Red Clover and Alfalfa were noted, but sufficient other seed are available, he said. Mr. Furman urged farmers to produce more and more food as essential war materials, and predicted that, as usual the farmers would come thru in the emergency.

Dr. Wolfe's theme centered around the job of winning the war as the prime essential for all at this time. He outlined the part farmers must play in the food shortage. "Nothing that can be produced as an instrument of war has the vital importance of food: we must produce more food and more food, especially beef, milk, and eggs," he said. He continued, "the most threatening thing in the country today, the thing that is going to hamper the war effort the most, is the shortage existing in certain types of food."

Dr. Wolfe made a most graphic presentation of the farm labor situation by means of prepared charts. He showed that three million less men have to produce ten percent more food with eighty percent less farm machinery. He vigorously attacked the forty hour week in industry and stated that the farmer would have to quit work on Wednesday afternoon of each week if he stuck to a forty hour week. Dr. Wolfe claims that "the forty hour week is crucifying the country." It is his contention that farm labor problems would be solved if the longer hour week were adapted in industry. In completing his address Dr. Wolfe advocated several points of the farm problem is to be solved.

That industry should stop hiring farm labor.

That drafting of farm labor be stopped.

That job freezing be applied immediately.

That farm price be so placed as to include the cost of production.

That farmers cut down on food production which was not needed in the quantities now produced (example wheat).

That industry increase its working week to 48 hours and thereby create the equivalent of three million men lost from the farms.

Discussion by members of the group brought out many points of interest and the meeting assisted many in understanding better questions that are constantly arising to confront the farmers.

Prize winners in the quiz contest included Mrs. Roy Monney, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Gillingham, Mrs. Fleming, Roy Money, Ronald Blake, Walter Sudd, J. H. Hale and J. B. Myers.

MINISTER DISCOURSES ON INFANTILE DISEASE

A talk on "Infantile Paralysis" by Rev. E. L. Weston, featured the program of the Kiwanis Club at its weekly meeting on Friday.

Mr. Weston was introduced by Kiwanian Ledman, chairman of the program. He briefly review the history of the terrible disease and told of some of the treatments given.

He went on to tell the complete ignorance entirely surrounding the disease for so long and how foundations had been set up to provide many angles of attack and analysis. The speaker praised the "Mile of Dimes" effort, of which President Worth is county chairman. Kiwanian OD, rose to announce the receipt of the mile of dimes from a Manassas business house amounting to fifty dollars.