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VIRGINIA YOUTH IS CHALLENGED

GOVERNOR AND PRESIDENT APPEAL TO 4-H CLUBS

February 6-14th has been the National 4-H Club Mobilization Week. It has been a week that much attention was focused on planning activities, programs and goals in the 4-H Club work. In support of this President Roosevelt and Governor Darden have written letters to all rural boys and girls in Virginia urging them to participate. The state goal in enrollment is approximately 75,000 which is double the enrollment now. The mobilization drive will last throughout the month of February.

The Governor's Letter

Commonwealth of Virginia, The Governor's Office, Richmond, Va.
January 22, 1943.
To the 4-H Club Members of Virginia:
The week of February 6 to 14 has been designated as National Mobilization Week. In this undertaking no group is more important than the 4-H Club Members, because the production of food has now become one of the most important tasks of this war. This is due to the fact that we are called upon, not only to feed our own fighting forces and people at home, but also to send material aid to our Allies abroad.

I am glad that the week has been set aside, and I hope that you will leave no stone unturned to do everything within your power to properly organize for this vital year. The war has now reached into every home in America, and you have the opportunity of playing a great part in bringing about ultimate victory. I am sure that you will play that part well.

The President's Letter

The White House, Washington, D.C.
December 29, 1942.
To all 4-H Club Members in the U. S.
The turn of the year is symbolic of youth and renewed confidence. Never before has a New Year presented to all youth a greater challenge to do their part in a democratic world. The whole Nation recognizes your self-reliance, your steadfast determination to attain your goals, and your patriotic devotion as individuals and as a group.

At this time it is particularly gratifying to learn of your extensive mobilization plans for 1943 to help the farmers of America to bring about still greater food production. May the observance of National 4-H Mobilization Week, February 6 to 14, reach into every rural home. We have faith in your ability to render a great service in this way. We know that you, like your brothers and sisters in the service, have the spirit and perseverance that will bring victory in the fight for human freedom and a world at peace.

HOME DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULE

On Monday and Tuesday, the Home Demonstration agent will assist the food rationing board by acting as an "explainer" to persons making application at the Dumfries School.

Wednesday, 4-H Club, Bethel, 3 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, the Demonstration agent will attend the district extension conference at Luray, the place of the meeting being the Mimsly Hotel.

GETS HIGH SCHOLASTIC RATING

Althea Hooff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allison A. Hooff, Manassas, Va., was named on the Dean's list at Wheaton College this morning. The list included the names of those students who have attained an average of 85 or above for the two preceding semesters.

Miss Hooff, editor-in-chief of the Wheaton College News, a weekly publication, in commenting on her honor, said, "It's better than anybody had a right to expect."

DEFENSE CLASS WELL ATTENDED

The Civilian Defense Training Class, which met Monday night at the Manassas High School and was continued Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in the Town Hall was very well attended.

As Captain Lykes has been called to the army, his lecture was included in the assignment to Mr. W. H. Lamb, who as instructor served all three evenings, covering the subjects of bombs, gases and fire fighting.

RED CROSS ISSUES APPEAL FOR WAR FUND

Plans were consummated for the War Fund Drive in March at the meeting of Prince William County Chapter, American Red Cross, Friday, February 12th, at which time enthusiastic and courageous workers pledged their best efforts towards the collection of \$3,500, the quota for this County asked by National Headquarters.

Reports of standing committees gave ample assurance that Red Cross Week is well done throughout this area.

To the Hospital at Fort Belvoir from September to January has been shipped 12 fracture pillows, 50 cushion covers, 104 hot water bottle covers 12 pairs of knit stump socks from this Chapter.

The Blood Donor Clinic for March will be on Saturday, the 13th, in Manassas.

To aid the War Fund Workers, subscribers to the Red Cross are reminded that since no Roll Call was held in 1942, and will not be in 1943, those two dollars, plus a doubling of their contribution to the War Fund just after Pearl Harbor will enable Prince William to meet the \$3,500 quota. Every citizen of this county is requested to be ready when the solicitor calls and to give generously to the only agency which cares for our men and women engaged in war activities in field or prison, over the face of the earth.

CAN ANY OF OUR READERS OFFER A BETTER EXPLANATION

Richmond, Va.—Feb. 12, 1943.
Dear Mr. Lamb,

The enclosed editorial appeared in this evening's edition of the Richmond News-Leader. In view of your interest in things Virginian, I thought you might be able to offer Dr. Freeman a more plausible answer to his question. It is a shame that so much of our history has been lost along the way.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Cocke Merchant.

What Does Catharpin Mean?

On old maps of Spotsylvania, Prince William and nearby Counties appears the name Catharpin. There is a Catharpin Road, a Catharpin Creek and, in Prince William, near Bull Run, a Catharpin Postoffice. What does the word mean? The News-Leader asked General JAMES A. ANDERSON, who, besides being one of the finest of Virginians and ablest of executives, is deeply interested in our history. The General has been searching for some indication of the origin of the name, which does not sound Indian or English. Yesterday a visitor from Spotsylvania told General ANDERSON that an old Negro of Spotsylvania had given this explanation: At one time, cats in vast numbers infested part of the county, and so often sported on a particular road that it became known as the Cat-hopping Road. Does that sound reasonable? Is there any other theory? Many of the place names of Virginia have their origin in local traditions. When engineers subsequently come along and tried to put the names into English, some oddities appeared. If Virginia is fortunate enough to have another Dr. B. W. GREEN to study our Virginia words, he might write a charming chapter on place names. Meantime, did you ever hear any explanation of Catharpin other than Cat-hopping?

MRS CURTIS VAN DORNES

A very sad death occurred on Monday of last week (February 8th) when Mrs. Addis Enza, wife of Curtis L. Van Dornes, aged thirty-one, died at her home on the Centreville Road.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crouch and was a life long resident of the community, having spent most of her life in the Buckhall neighborhood. She was married on June 10, 1933, and is survived by two young daughters, the older being nine years old.

Others who survive her are three sisters, Miss Edith Crouch, Manassas, Mrs. Frances Van Dornes, Washington, Mrs. Mabel Bradford, Vienna, and two brothers, Carter Crouch, of Manassas, and Franklin Crouch, of Baltimore, Md.

The deceased was member of the Church of God, an earnest and thoughtful christian. The many good deeds she did for those with whom she came in contact will stamp indelibly in the memory of those who knew her. She was a patient and kind hearted woman for almost a year and a half before her death. Her funeral was held at the Baptist Church on Wednesday last, with Rev. Pittman officiating. The services were Messrs. Joseph...

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS ON REGISTRATION NEXT WEEK FOR RATION BOOK NO. 2

1. Dates and time—Monday and Tuesday, February 22 and 23, from 10 o'clock A.M. to 9 o'clock P.M.

2. Places—
- (1) Haymarket New School
 - (2) Nokesville High School
 - (3) Manassas High School
 - (4) Woodbine School
 - (5) Dumfries Graded School
 - (6) Quantico Masonic Hall (For Civilians)
 - (7) Quantico Marine Base—exact place to be designated later (for Military Personnel)
 - (8) Ocoquan High School

3. Information for persons registering—

- (1) All registering will take place on the above dates
- (2) All persons are urged to register in the daytime who can conveniently do so without interfering with work. This will leave

night registration for those who can't register during day.

(3) One adult member (18 years or over) is requested to register for each family or household.

(4) Persons registering must be prepared to give (a) amount of coffee on hand November 28, 1942; (b) amount of canned goods on hand February 21, 1943; (It is desirable that a declaration form be filled out before you come to register; These forms may be found in any news paper. (c) they must bring with them War Ration Book Number 1 for each person in family or household.

(5) Persons failing to register at school site will be unable to secure Ration Book 2 until March 15. Beginning March 15 War Ration Book 2 may be secured at Ration Board Office.

GREENWICH SCHOOL PRESENTED AWARD OF MERIT

On Monday afternoon, February 1st the Greenwich school was presented with an award of merit for having collected the most scrap per pupil of any school in the State. Mr. Paul Manns, assistant secretary to the War Production Board of Virginia, presented the award. It was accepted by Herbert Wood, president of the S.C.A. Superintendent R. C. Haydon and Mr. O. C. Holler, local chairman of salvage campaign, were present and gave interesting talks. The assembly joined in the singing of "Star Spangled Banner."

BETHLEHEM CLUB OBSERVES THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The regular meeting of the Bethlehem Good Housekeepers' Club was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. L. Byrd on East Center Street, with Mrs. R. A. Hutchison assistant hostess.

The President, Mrs. J. D. Martin presided. Reports were heard from officers and committees. Following the Treasurers report a motion was unanimously carried to contribute \$20.00 to the Red Cross War Fund.

Mrs. Len Weston and Mrs. Elizabeth Wine were cordially received as new members.

This being the thirtieth anniversary of the club's organization, an interesting review was given by Mrs. Hutchison. The first meeting was held at "Clover Hill Farm" and the name "Bethlehem" was chosen for the Primitive Baptist Church then located on the edge of the Johnson farm on the Bradley Road.

The most unique activity in the early history was the "Kitchen Band" Mrs. Lynn Robertson was the leader and Mrs. Stuart Gibson read the narrative—Other members were: Mrs. George C. Round, Mrs. Ashby Lewis, (now Mrs. J. F. Burks), Mrs. Thomas Broadus, Mrs. Walter Covington, Mrs. Charlie Lewis, Mrs. E. R. Conner Mrs. Annie Spies and others. Eight performances were given and the neat sum of \$355.00 was realized. Among the beneficiaries were the Sudley Church, the Manassas Rest Room and the Town Baseball team.

Perhaps the most important recent accomplishment was the sponsoring of the Prince William History Publication in 1941. Mrs. Round, a charter member, also gave many interesting facts concerning the early history and pre-organization data.

MANASSAS P.T.A. OBSERVES FOUNDERS DAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Manassas P.T.A. was held at the Bennett School this afternoon. The program honored past Presidents with a Candle Lighting Ceremony, led by Mrs. Vincent Davis.

Group singing under the direction of Miss Jessie Mae Conner and a soprano solo by Mrs. Joseph Mills Hanson, accompanied by Mrs. Dennis Baker furnished splendid music for the occasion, honoring not only the founders of Manassas P.T.A. but also Alice McLellan Birney who founded the first P.T.A., known as the National Congress of Mothers in 1897, an organization, that has as its objective "Strengthening the Family, bringing to the art of parenthood all the resources that science and education have made available"; for it is by these means that we can best serve childhood.

Manassas P.T.A. under the able leadership of Mrs. A. O. Bean is doing all in its power in these war days to give the child and the school its cooperation in every worth while effort.

Many past presidents were present and took part in the program.

NOTICE TO FARMERS

In order to conserve paper, labor and postal facilities, this year I will not send out to farmers of Virginia, as I have heretofore, a list of available farmers' bulletins.

However, I will be delighted to send this list to anyone interested who will write me requesting it, and I will then furnish the bulletins.

Harry F. Byrd, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

WON THE DOLL

Mrs. Roy Wilson won the beautiful doll offered by Hynson's Department Store.

AIR RAID TEST PROVES ITS MERIT

VALUE IN ACTUAL ATTACK DEMONSTRATED WEDNESDAY

The State of Virginia was given an opportunity to test the new air-raid signals on Wednesday of this week when a test alarm was sounded. There had been previous warning that the test would be made but no opportunity was afforded for local publication. However, word had pretty well gotten around among Defense Workers, so that the test did give a substantial opportunity for practice.

As explained elsewhere the new signals are reduced to a number so that only two alarms are sounded by the sirens, (1) the long blast which gives notice to be on the alert. This is the so called blue signal. After the sounding of the long two-minute blast everyone may proceed as before, excepting that at night automobile lights must be on the dim or depressed beam. During this period everyone should be planning what to do if the next blast sounds which is a intermittent or warbling sound. This is the Red signal. Now everyone must get to cover. Automobiles must pull over and black out. The Civilian Defense workers go to their stations on the previous long blast and are ready to enforce compliance.

The next sounded alarm is not an all clear as previously but a return to the Blue (long blast) signal. We are now back on the alert, ready for a return of the danger if it should occur but permitted to go on our way on foot or to drive with depressed lights.

No all-clear is sounded. You have to get this either from the radio or from observation that street lights are again on, or from the Civilian Defense Workers. At present it is safer to get some Virginia radio station tuned in at the beginning of the alert, because if the alarm is only in Virginia, Washington and other outside stations will not be giving the signal. If the alarm covers several states and the District of Columbia, then the Washington radio stations would give the all-clear.

Under the foregoing revised plan the test last Wednesday morning found Prince William as ready as could be expected under the circumstances and the proper interpretation by the public was said to be quite gratifying.

For the benefit of the Defense Officials a preliminary yellow signal as under the old plan did come through (at 10:37 A.M.). Only a few key officials were notified, however. Then the Blue alert signal came in at 10:54 and the long blast was instantly sounded. This alert period was very short in this test—only 7 minutes. In actual alarms the period might last several hours under especially dangerous conditions. Then the Civilian Defense Headquarters in Manassas received the Red signal at 11:01. All traffic then was stopped and the streets cleared. Again the period was short—only six minutes. We went back to the Blue (the alert signal which has the long blast) at 11:07. The all-clear was sounded on Virginia radio stations, or supposed to have been at 11:14.

An illustrated chart explaining the new air raid signals will be published next week.

RICHMOND MAN ADVANCED BECOME RAILWAY EXECUTIVE

Edward M. Thomas, Comptroller of the Chesapeake & Ohio, Nickel Plate and Pere Marquette railroads, was elected Vice-President of the three lines at the meetings of the respective boards of directors held in Cleveland on February 16th.

Mr. Thomas was a member of the Executive Committee and Committee on General Accounts of Railway Accounting Officers Association, from 1920 to 1934. He served as president of that Association in 1924 and 1925. He has been member of the General Committee of the Association of American Railroads since 1934 when that organization took over the Railway Accounting Officers Association.

Along with his familiarity with the accounts of the C. & O. Lines railroads, Mr. Thomas is a recognized authority on railway accounting methods, as well as an authority on the corporate history of the Chesapeake and Ohio.

BAD WRECK

A local car figured in a wreck with two government owned trucks on Tuesday night. It is claimed that the truck being hauled had no lights and swung out as the point of the curve south of the livestock market was reached.

The two young men were both given first aid by the local fire department and later taken to Dr. McBratney's. The car was a total wreck.

Form No. R-1904
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

One copy of this Declaration must be filed with the Office of Price Administration by each person applying for War Ration Book Two for the members of a family unit, and by each person who is not a member of a family unit. File at the site designated. Coupons will be deducted for excess supplies of the foods listed below according to the schedules announced by the Office of Price Administration.

CONSUMER DECLARATION

Processed Foods and Coffee

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am authorized to apply for and receive a War Ration Book Two for each person listed below who is a member of my family unit, or the other person or persons for whom I am acting whose War Ration Book One I have submitted to the Board;

That the name of each person and number of his or her War Ration Book One are accurately listed below;

That none of these persons is confined or resident in an institution, or is a member of the Armed Forces receiving subsistence in kind or eating in separate messes under an officer's command;

That no other application for War Ration Book Two for these persons has been made;

That the following inventory statements are true and include all indicated foods owned by all persons included in this Declaration:

Coffee

1. Pounds of coffee owned on November 28, 1942, minus 1 pound for each person included in this Declaration whose age as stated on War Ration Book One is 14 years or older.
2. Number of persons included in this Declaration whose age as stated on War Ration Book One is 14 years or older.

Canned Foods

Include all commercially canned fruits (including spiced); canned vegetables; canned fruit and vegetable juices; canned soups, chili sauce, and catsup. Do not include canned olives; canned meat and fish; pickles, relish; jellies, jams, and preserves; spaghetti, macaroni, and noodles; or home-canned foods.

3. Number of cans, bottles, and jars (8-ounce size or larger) of commercially packed fruits, vegetables, juices and soups, chili sauce and catsup owned on February 21, 1943, minus 5 for each person included in this Declaration.
4. Number of persons included in this Declaration.

The name of each person included in this Declaration and the number of his or her War Ration Book One is:

Print Name	Number
1. _____	_____
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5. _____	_____
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7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____

If additional space is needed, attach separate sheet

(Signature of applicant or authorized agent) _____
(Address) _____
(City and State) _____

NOTICE.—Section 35 (4) of the United States Criminal Code makes it a criminal offense, punishable by a maximum of 10 years' imprisonment, \$10,000 fine, or both, to make a false statement or representation as to any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States.

dith Speakes, Dave Colbert, Charlie Cornwell, Russell Stancil and William Reid. Interment was at Buckhall.

VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN

Don't forget to take your books to the High School. Over a million are needed for men in the services. Please look over your books and select fairly new, interesting books in good physical condition. Our contributions will cause no hardship to us and will give pleasure and profit to many men who are making great sacrifices for us.

NOTICE

On Monday, February 22, Washington's Birthday, a National holiday, the windows at the post office will be open from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The money-order and registry windows will not be open.

PROGRAM ON HYMNS FOR FINE ARTS GROUP

The regular meeting of the Fine Arts Section of the Woman's Club will be held Tuesday night, February 23, at the home of Mrs. F. R. Hynson on North Main Street. She will be assisted by Miss Ayleene Guthrie and it is hoped that all Club members will note the change in the meeting place. The time is 8:00 o'clock.

The program will include a review of "How our Hymns have come to us" by Mrs. M. S. Burchard and musical numbers will be sung by Mrs. Polly Burchard, and her daughter, Miss Polly Burchard, accompanied by Mrs. Dennis Baker.

Remember—8:00 p.m. at Mrs. F. R. Hynson's home.

BAD FIRE

The local fire department was called out this afternoon to Mr. C. W. Vetter's, at Wellington. The house was saved but many supplies in the building were a total loss.