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## WAR INFORMATION OF LOCAL INTEREST

### OFFICIAL HAPPENINGS THAT AFFECT THE HOME FRONT

#### Virginians to Answer Roll Call

On the farm production front, the Department of Agriculture, in a roll call to be held from March 1 to 20, will call on all Virginia rural women to pledge every family to produce as much of the home food supply as possible. A good part of farm people, especially in "one-crop" areas, either raise only a small part of their own garden supply, or do not raise a sufficient variety of fresh vegetables to give a well-balanced diet. With canned foods limited, it is essential to improve the diet and health of rural families through home gardens.

#### How to "Spend" Points

Here's a way to spread your point "spending" as evenly as possible over the full month of March, says the State OPA, so you won't run short toward the end of the month—divide March into four shopping periods—March 1 through 8 (eight days), March 9 through 16 (eight days), March 17 through 23 (seven days), March 24 through 31 (eight days).

If the 48-point-per-person allotment is used evenly over these periods, the rate of spending in each period by families of from two to eight persons works out in 12-point multiples. For two in the family, spend 24 points per shopping period, for three, 36 points, four, 48, and so on.

#### Davis to Broadcast

Elmer Director of the Office of Information, will begin a series of weekly 15-minute broadcasts on Friday evening, March 12. The series will be broadcast over NBC, CBS and blue networks each Friday evening from 10:45 to 11:00 P. M. Eastern War Time. They will be re-broadcast each Saturday at 4:00 P. M. over the network of the Mutual Broadcasting Company.

#### Ceiling Prices on Pork After April 1

On April 1, 1943, ceiling prices will be fixed on all retail sales of fresh and processed pork. Bigger markups are allowed to independent stores doing less than \$250,000 a year than are allowed to large stores and chains. The maximum prices for five pork products are: sliced (dermed, smoked) grade A, 48 and 46 cents per pound; skinned smoked ham, center slices, 61 and 58 cents; skinned, smoked whole ham, 41 and 40 cents; center cut pork chops (fresh or frozen pork loins), 43 and 41 cents; and salt pork (dry salt bellies), fresh cured or frozen, 26 and 24 cents per pound.

On and after April 1, a retailer may sell only—(1) Pork cuts given dollars and cents prices under OPA 336, and (2) pork products whose prices are fixed under general maximum price regulation, including—Pork sausage, canned pork, pork variety meats or offal (including temple meat cutlets, brains, chitterlings, liver, plucks, kidneys, tongues, lips, snouts, ears, hearts, cheek and head meat, stomachs, weasand meat and heads), and quick frozen cuts which are delivered to the retailer in individual packages in which he sells them. Ceiling prices on pork must be posted in each store beginning April 1, and, upon request, the retailer must give a customer a receipt showing the date, name and address of retailer, name and weight of each pork cut sold, and the price paid for it.

#### Cookie Prices on the Rise

Virginia housewives will soon be paying more for crackers, biscuits and cakes. The increase will be small in the case of cakes, but on crackers and cookies, where flour is a large factor in production costs, the increase may eventually be great. Because rising soft wheat prices in the East have put a severe squeeze on flour millers, OPA has raised by approximately 8 per cent the ceiling prices at which soft wheat flour may be sold by Eastern, Southern and Midwestern millers and blenders.

#### No Clothes Rationing

Acting to spike vicious rumors which have nearly cleaned out many stores in Virginia of their clothing stocks, the Office of Price Administration, the War Production Board and the Office of War Information have joined in stating definitely that no rationing of clothes is in present prospect. There is no shortage of clothing of which clothes are made, according to these agencies. The F.B.I. is investigating reports that the rumors are Axis-inspired.

## MEXICO THEME OF KIWANIS TALK

A delightful program was sponsored at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanian program last Friday when Kiwanian Lewis introduced, first Mr. Stanley Owens, who spoke in behalf of Victory Gardens, and the second Miss Sus Syres, rural supervisor of Prince Williams schools, who gave a travelogue on her recent trip to Mexico.

Using a map, plus pictures and reading matter, the speaker made her talk vastly interesting and had little trouble holding the close attention of her audience.

Kiwanian Ratcliffe introduced some songs with new words and old tunes anent his Victory program to be staged later this month.

## U D C INVESTS FUND IN VICTORY BONDS

### USED FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE ENTIRE BUILDING FUND

Mrs. E. H. Marsteller, Mrs. O. D. Waters and Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson were hostesses to the Manassas Chapter, U. D. C. Wednesday afternoon, March 3 at the Marsteller home on East Center Street.

The guests were warmly welcomed by the hostesses, assisted by Miss Nancy Marsteller, and when all had arrived the meeting was called to order for business by the vice-president, Mrs. Lewis J. Carper.

The flag salutes were led by Mrs. Carper. Minutes of the February meeting were read by the secretary and approved.

The treasurer, Mrs. A. B. Compton, gave financial report, showing a sufficient balance to meet current expenses, to pay the annual obligations and contribute \$10.00 to the Red Cross War Fund.

A number of letters from absent members were read, among these were Mrs. Lillian Hixson Adams (charter), Mrs. Nellie Clarkson Reading (charter), Mrs. Leo Kasehagen, Mary H. Larkin, Mrs. Maud Johnson Hutchison, Miss Ella Garth, Mrs. Roberta Lamb Gulick and Mrs. A. Roseberry.

A timely letter was received from the fourth district chairman, Mrs. McGee Ewell, asking chapter to remember the "Victory Book Campaign". An immediate response came from Mrs. Marsteller for the library, the story of the great scientist, "Reginald Fessenden" by Helen M. Fessenden. Major James R. Worth now of St. Louis, Mo., presented the "Fessenden" book to Mrs. Marsteller and she in turn gave to the chapter for the library.

Miss Emma Shannon, a charter member, and for many years a resident of Manassas, recently passed away at her home in Washington. The following committee was appointed on resolutions. Mrs. Walter Newman, Mrs. Lewis J. Carper and Mrs. Margaret Lewis.

Mrs. Vincent Davis, from the office of civilian defense appeared before the meeting and gave a talk on "Victory Gardens."

Mrs. Walter Newman in making report for the building committee stated that the committee, Mrs. A. O. Weedon, chairman, had agreed to invest the building fund, aggregating the sum of \$500.00 in purchase of war bonds.

Mrs. E. H. Hibbs, historian, presented Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson who gave a review of Dr. Douglas Freeman's new book "Lee's Lieutenants."

Mrs. Lewis Carper read a news clipping concerning the great grandson of General Bedford Forrest, the noted Confederate Raider. The thirty-seven year-old descendant is a Brig. General in U. S. Army.

The meeting in April will be with Mrs. Margaret Lewis on West Street.

Refreshments were served, consisting of delicious tea and sandwiches and the social hour was most pleasant.

The guests present were Mrs. Nancy Lyons and Miss Mary Nelson of Manassas and Miss Constance Henry of Harrisonburg, Va., a house guest of her aunt, Mrs. Walter Newman.

## FURTHER DEPTHS REACHED AT BEN LOMOND

Word has just been received from the Virginia Pottery Commission that drilling on Ben Lomond has progressed to a depth of 3342 feet. Additional cable has now arrived and drilling is again proceeding.

# IMMEDIATE EVACUATION SURVEY IS ORDERED

### WAR FUND SET AT \$3500

The Red Cross Roll Call and War Fund Drive which began on March 1 will continue throughout the entire month. Chairman O. D. Waters reports that returns from the drives have been slow in coming in. He is sure that many people do not understand the program this year. In an ordinary year people join the Red Cross at Roll Call time by paying \$1.00. This usually brings in enough money to do the ordinary work of the Red Cross. But these are not ordinary times. \$1.00 is still enough to pay for a membership, but the Red Cross needs much more than membership dues. It is seeking a War Fund of \$125,000,000 and this large sum can never be raised by \$1.00 gifts. Prince William County has been assigned a quota of \$3500.00.

You are asked and urged to do

much more than merely join the Red Cross. You are urged to make a substantial contribution. When the worker calls upon you, pay not only the \$1.00 membership fee but add also a liberal contribution. There is no doubt that Prince William folks are able to reach the quota. And the Red Cross believes that it will be reached as soon as folks realize that more than a membership fee is needed.

Where are the Red Cross buttons? They have gone to war, and in their place is the little lapel tag with the familiar red cross printed on it. Believe it or not, 52 tons of metal are saved for war purpose by making use of the little paper tag. Be sure to get one and wear it with pride. It means that you have not only JOINED this year but also that you have given to the Red Cross War Fund.

## N. Y. A. AND LOCAL SCHOOLS PLAY BASKET BALL

The N. Y. A. School met the Osbourn High School and Manassas Town Teams combined in a basketball game at the Manassas gymnasium on last Monday, March 8, 1943.

The first half of the girls' game closed with a score of 13 for the N. Y. A. and 14 for Manassas. It looked as though it would be a very tight game, but that was before the whistle blew for the second half. Here was where Bettie Parrish for Manassas was spectacular. It seemed as if every time the ball would come to her end of the floor, she would put it through the basket before it was again claimed by the N. Y. A. The line-up is as follows: Manassas—Parrish, B. (38 points); Parrish, N. (13 points); Swank, T., Blakemore, K., La Fever, V., Egan, J., Brooks, I., Pickeral, F., Wortman, S., Johnson, E., Robertson, R. N. Y. A. School—Smith (17 points); Eris (9 points); Rhea, Madum, Fleming, Dobbs, Jackson, Marshall.

Even though the N. Y. A. school lost both of the games, they played two wonderful games, for having been together in practice only three times. Perhaps the next games will be closer ones. The referees were Mr. Herbert Saunders for the girls' game and Mr. Sedrick Saunders for the boys' game.

## FIRST AID CLASS AT GREENWICH SCHOOL

An adult First Aid class has been organized at the Greenwich School with Mr. Charles Beam of Nokesville as the instructor. Three hour classes are held each Tuesday and Thursday nights, beginning at 7:30 P. M. Those enrolled in the class are: Mr. and Mrs. Dillon Wood, Mrs. Milton Godfrey, Elmer Spittle, Bill Crawford, Mr. Newman Hopkins, Mr. Mansell Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, Bo Taylor, Mrs. Frank Mayhugh, Mrs. Berkeley Huffman, Mrs. Robert Jackson, Mrs. M. B. Leach, Dorothy Leach, Joyce Leach and Frances Owen. Owen Huffman and Wayne Powers were enrolled but have to leave to join the armed forces before the course is completed.

## KNIT-WIT CLUB ENJOYS LUNCHEON WITH MRS. EVANS

Mrs. Ewell Evans invited the Knit-Wit club to luncheon with her and Mrs. Rembert Smith on Thursday, Feb. 25th at the Evans home on Prescott Avenue. The hostesses proved most charming in receiving the guests and in serving the delectable three-course luncheon. The setting was restful and every comfort was enjoyed by those present.

Three of the nine members were absent: Mrs. A. O. Weedon, Mrs. E. B. Giddings, also Miss Nollie Nelson who is sojourning in Bell, California. Those present beside the hostesses were Mrs. M. Bruce Whitmore, Mrs. C. B. Compton, Mrs. J. G. Kinchelor, Mrs. R. L. Byrd and Mrs. Whitmore's sister and house guest, Mrs. C. W. Hurlvey of Pittsburg, Pa.

## DON'T FORGET

To get your Red Cross donation in this month. If no solicitor calls on you, send direct to Mr. O. D. Waters, roll fund treasurer.

## GOING AWAY PARTY

The Manassas Fire Department is giving a going away party for Douglas Dodson, a member of many years standing, who enters the armed forces of the United States Monday.

## HON GEORGE HERRING WILL RUN FOR STATE SENATE

At the request of many of my friends in this Senatorial District, I have announced my candidacy for nomination to the office of State Senator, subject to the Democratic Primary, August 3, 1943.

The district, composed of Alexandria City, Fairfax and Prince William Counties has a complex situation that needs the services of the most experienced man whom the voters can secure. My service in the General Assembly which extends over three sessions has fitted me to represent the best interest of all the peoples in this District.

As a life long farmer, I am fully acquainted with many rural problems which face the farmers of this District. Having served as a member of the Board of Supervisors of Stafford county and as clerk of the court of that county, I am in a position to assist in problems of county government which may arise.

Owing to war restrictions it will not be possible for me to see many of the voters of the District, I am taking this means to solicit your support and consideration of my candidacy, with the pledge that if elected I shall certainly devote my whole hearted efforts in the interest of all of you.

GEORGE W. HERRING, Woodbridge, Virginia

## FOREST WARDENS INSTRUCTED TO VIGOROUSLY ENFORCE FOREST FIRE LAWS

State Forester Pederson today announced that he had instructed J. Preston Smith, Chief Forest Warden of Prince William County to put forth a special effort in the enforcement of the Virginia forest fire laws. This special effort to prevent fires is a part of Virginia's national defense effort. Under the existent condition of scarce labor on farms and in factories, we must take every possible step to prevent the negligent origin of a forest fire which may take hundreds of man-days to control, the State Forester said. The Army and Navy have made repeated requests for the civilian home front to prevent forest fires in order to reduce the smoke and night glare which seriously interferes with air flights and anti-submarine patrol along the coastal section of the State. Drift smoke from forest fires, even though it originates in the mountain counties of the State contributes to the accumulated, troublesome smoke haze along the coast.

Too many fires, Mr. Pederson said, are caused by negligence and carelessness. During 1942, ninety-nine per cent of 2,685 fires which occurred in Virginia were due to human carelessness. These fires burned over an estimated 232,000 acres which is an area twice as large as all the forest land in Henrico County, or one and one-half times as large as all the forest land in Tazewell County or nearly as much as all the forest land in Bedford County.

The State official emphasized human carelessness by pointing to the fact that during 1942, twenty-eight per cent of all forest fires were caused by careless brush burning, and twenty-six per cent by smokers, thoughtlessly throwing away lighted matches, cigars, cigarettes, or pipe ashes.

## CLUB BENEFITS

The Junior Woman's Club will sponsor a movie Sunday night, March 14th, at the Pitts Theatre, the proceeds to be used for charity purposes. The movie, "In This Our Night" will feature Bette Davis, George Brent and Olivia DeHavilland.

The club will also hold a rummage sale Saturday, March 27th, beginning at 10 A. M., at Russell's Filling Station on Center Street.

## NOTICE TO FARMERS

J. Gray Beverly, Field Supervisor, will be at the office of Mr. Frank Cox, County Agent, Manassas, Va., Wednesday morning, March 17th, between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and noon, for the purpose of taking applications for 1943 Crop Loans under the Emergency Crop Loan Act.

Farmers desiring these loans should apply on the above date.

## BETHLEHEM CLUB MEETING.

The March meeting of the Bethlehem Goodhousekeeping Club will be with Mrs. M. H. Kincheloe. Mrs. E. B. Compton will assist.

## PRINCE WILLIAM CHOSEN FOR SURVEY OF FACILITIES FOR EVACUEES IN CASE OF RAID

Prince William County is one of the Northern Virginia counties chosen for an immediate survey of facilities for the reception and temporary care (housing and feeding) of possible evacuees from an adjacent city in the event of an enemy bombing raid.

The survey will be conducted through the Prince William Civilian Defense Council, Hunton Tiffany, Director-Coordinator, and block and neighborhood leaders will call at the homes in this area to obtain the needed information.

This is a precautionary measure and does not necessarily imply that an enemy air raid is imminent, though prudence dictates that the possibility of such measures, in reprisal for the tremendous punishment the Axis is now taking from allied air forces, should not be discounted.

Preliminary to the Prince William survey, key leaders of the block and neighborhood Civilian Defense organizations are being instructed, and they in turn will instruct their fellows, in the method of conducting the survey, scheduled to start March 15.

The survey will be under the general direction of Julian A. Brooks, Executive Officer of the State Evacuation Authority, Virginia Office of Civilian Defense, Richmond. Survey forms will be filled out and some of the questions listed are:

Number of rooms unused and available for sleeping purposes?

Has householder made previous plans to house friends or relatives who might be evacuated?

Will the householder take persons evacuated under the government plan?

Household has cooking and eating facilities for how many persons above usual needs?

While the plan is to be operated on a voluntary basis, the Federal government will pay the householder for taking in persons evacuated under this program. Additional food also undoubtedly will be made available to any areas where evacuees are sent, and medical examinations will be made of evacuated persons before they are sent to a receptor area.

Prince William householders offering to share their homes in such an emergency as an air raid on the Washington metropolitan district will be greatly assisting their government and can be assured, Mr. Brooks stated, that a real emergency would have to exist before their patriotic offer would be utilized.

Present plans for evacuation provide for the removal of priority groups first. These include school children, the aged and infirm, the blind, and other individuals not essential to defense activities. It would also include such able-bodied persons as teachers and nurses to help care for evacuees.

It was emphasized that the survey about to be undertaken for housing facilities in case of a national emergency is a wise precautionary step even though no evacuation may ever be necessary. Knowledge on the part of possible evacuees that a comprehensive plan has been made for their welfare in the event of an emergency will do much.

Present plans for evacuation propose their daily tasks in the war services on the home front.

## HOME DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULE

Monday evening, 7:30 P. M. at the FSA office. All professional and educational farm workers.

Tuesday, 11:15 A. M., 4-H Club, at Woodbine. Subject, care of shoes and overshoes.

1:30 P. M., HD meeting, Independent Hill, at Mrs. Zackey's. Subject, sharpening scissors and knives, accompanied by demonstration.

Wednesday, Dumfries, 12:30 P. M., HD club with Mrs. Annie Shumate. Subject, "Sugarless desserts."

Thursday, Woodbridge, 1:30 P. M., with Mrs. K. I. Davis. Subject, "Meatless meals."

## CHANGE OF DATE

The new observation post in Manassas will not be dedicated until Friday night, March 19th.

The change has been ordered by the Army.

The meeting will take place in the Town Hall, and all persons who may be interested in acting as observers are urged to be present.