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VICTORY FOOD CAMPAIGN IS ON

WOMEN LEADERS MAKING ACTIVE CANVASSES

The Prince William County Board of Agriculture met March 17th to launch the Victory Food Supply Campaign in this county and to consider farm labor problems. Mr. D. W. Tucker, of the state Extension Division staff, Blacksburg, assisted in presenting information to the board. Miss R. Belle Burke-District Home Demonstration Agent outlined the food campaign.

March 15 to 22 has been proclaimed as campaign week, but Neighborhood Leaders will continue their visits with all farm families as long as necessary to give each family an opportunity to make its pledge to produce at least a home supply of garden products, poultry, pork, and milk.

Leaders will distribute pledge cards which are in two sections, half to be retained by the family and half returned to the home demonstration agent. Those who make an agreement to produce as much of the home food supply as possible will be listed as V-Food Supply cooperators and will receive an emblem to be displayed in the home.

On the card returned to the agent's office, opportunity is given for the family to indicate its need for information on how to produce, and this will be supplied. Two new publications are just off the press, one on Victory Garden's and one on the farm poultry flock. These will be supplemented with other information to meet the needs.

The Victory Food Supply Campaign has been endorsed by Governor Darden who states "This is one of the most important programs we can launch for the welfare of Virginia this year, and I hope every family in Virginia will join in it."

Slogan for the campaign is the dire prediction that "those who do not produce may not eat." To this John R. Hutcheson, director of the Agricultural Extension Division of V. P. L. adds, "Never before has it been so important to produce all the food possible."

The Extension Division has been requested by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to carry out the campaign, but many other organizations are cooperating with it: Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, the Farm Bureau, the Grange, Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs, newspapers and radio stations, Council of Religious Education, State Chamber of Commerce, Vocational Education, Farm Security Administration, Soil Conservation Service, and others.

OBSERVATION POST DEDICATED

On Friday evening, with appropriate ceremonies the airplane observation post recently completed on the tower of the Town Hall was put into service on a 24 hour plan.

R. Jackson Ratcliffe is chief observer and he has named seven assistant observers, one for each day in the week. They will have charge on their allotted days.

The meeting was presided over by E. G. Parrish who introduced Lieutenant Speake, of the aircraft war-chairmaning service. State Senator Heller, of Bedford, chairman of the work in Virginia, also spoke very briefly.

The latter displayed movies illustrating the methods of reporting in the entirety, and how valuable the service is. A number of prospective observers were present and many questions were put and answered.

This new post is the consolidation of three smaller posts which have been operating for the past year. The new installation is modern in all details, and has a splendid view of the surrounding landscape for miles around.

PRE-SCHOOL "ROUND-UP"

The annual pre-school clinic for children entering Bennett School next year will be held on Thursday, April 1st, at 1:30 P. M., at the school.

It is important that all children reaching the age of six years by September 1 should attend this clinic.

If your child will be there, please let Miss Lanford know as soon as convenient.

Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at the home of Mrs. Dennis Baker on Thursday evening, April 1st, at eight o'clock. Mrs. Vincent Davis and Mrs. Thomas Marshall will be Assistant Hostesses.



Wm. Hill Brown, Jr.

W. HILL BROWN, JR., SEEKS REELECTION

W. Hill Brown, Jr., Attorney for the Commonwealth, Prince William County, today announced that he would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office which he now holds, subject to the Democratic Primaries to be held on August 3rd, 1943.

Mr. Brown has served as Attorney for the Commonwealth, Prince William County, since April, 1938. He was appointed to this office in the year 1938 to fill out the unexpired term of the late Thomas H. Lion, and was elected in 1939 to the office for a four year term.

Mr. Brown was born in Manassas, Prince William County, Virginia. He was educated at the local public school, University of Virginia, and Washington and Lee University, and since 1933 has been engaged in the general practice of law here at Manassas.

BENNETT AND OSBOURN SCHOOLS OPEN DRIVE TO PURCHASE JEEP

March 15 saw the opening of the "Drive For a Jeep" in both Bennett and Osbourn Schools.

Off on the not so distant horizon is the goal, a jeep. Yes, a real army jeep!

Since both schools are taking part in this concerted effort to increase the sales of War Stamps and Bonds, there are actually two drives in progress.

To date after the completion of the seventh day of the drive Bennett School reports the amount of \$281.05 worth of Stamps and Bonds. Osbourn High is quite proud of her record of \$464.65 in seven days in comparison with the \$361.20 sold during the entire month of February.

According to government records a jeep may be purchased for the sum of \$900.00. Therefore \$900.00 is the goal for both schools. If the students and teachers continue to respond to the challenge to "dip down deep" this quota will be filled before April 30.

According to plans now in preparation a ceremony of "field day" will be held for the purpose of christening the two jeeps.

On this day a program will be presented to the public in order to show what the schools have done during the year.

One week during the drive a "Bond Rally" will take place in Osbourn High School. All through this week students will vote for a jeep King and Queen by the purchase of Stamps and Bonds. On the last day of the week an entertainment will be presented by the various homerooms and organizations. The admission will be a War Stamp! At the close of this program the king and queen will be crowned and a prize presented to the homeroom or organization putting on the best performance.

The "Drive for a Jeep" in Osbourn is being sponsored by the High School Victory Corps. The V. C. has now become an important part of the school curriculum and is growing more and more in importance as days go by. This drive is only one of the many activities carried on under the auspices of this organization.

OSBOURN ALUMNI PLEASE NOTE

A meeting of the Osbourn High School Alumni Association will be held at the home of Mrs. Keith Lyons on Thursday, April 1, at 8 o'clock.

It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend.



A WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT

Prince William County, under the chairmanship of G. Raymond Ratcliffe, has hung up a most remarkable record in bond purchases.

During the past twelve months, it has been asked to raise slightly over \$700,000. This is in itself a high figure to shoot at but the actual figures will run well over ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

FAIR, UPRIGHT AND HONEST

Editor of The Times-Dispatch, Sir:

I read with surprise and regret of the death of the Honorable Frank Moore, of Lexington, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. Mr. Moore was one of the highest type Christian gentlemen I have ever known. I served two terms with him in the General Assembly of Virginia and was associated with him on committees and on other occasions.

He was always fair and considerate of his fellowmen, and just in the handling of legislative matters. His upright, honest and conscientious method of dealing won the respect of everyone who knew him.

Mr. Moore's kind and thoughtful personality will be missed greatly in the General Assembly. Words cannot express the high esteem I had for this Virginia gentleman.

E. R. CONNER

Representative of Stafford and Prince William Counties, House of Delegates. Manassas.

COMMERCE GROUP WANTS VAGANCY STOPPED

At a meeting of the Manassas Chamber of Commerce held March 23, 1943 the following was unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, the shortage of farm labor in this county is becoming more acute, and

WHEREAS, a number of able bodied men, many of whom are without visible means of support, can be seen at almost anytime loafing in the various towns and villages of this county.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we hereby request the sheriff and other law enforcement officers of Prince William County and the law enforcement officers of Manassas to enforce to the fullest extent the State Vagrancy Laws in order to relieve the farm labor shortage."

HEARS REGULARLY FROM SONS

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Butler have been hearing regularly for their son, Tech Corp. Herman S. Butler, somewhere in The Middle East.

He seems in wonderful spirits, has seen lots since he left home, wishes to be remembered to all of his relatives and many friends back home. Sergeant Russell Thinker Butler is still stationed at Fort Devens, Mass., and is kept very busy in his line of work.

SERVICE NEWS

Robert Earl Hickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hickey, of Manassas, is now in training at the Coast Guard Station at Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, New York.

COURT CLERK CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED HIMSELF

Along with other candidates for office, there appears in another column of the Journal a card announcing the candidacy of Leamon Ledman to succeed himself, as clerk of the court, an office he has held since September 1938, at which time his former superior, Hon. George Tyler died.

Born in Prince William County, Mr. Ledman was known to many people before he ever became court clerk. Some of his earlier acts of public service were that of magistrate and school trustee.

On April 3, 1916 he was named deputy clerk in which capacity he served until the decease of Mr. Tyler. This gives him a length of service of twenty-seven years in the clerk's office.

NOTICE "A" AND "B" BOOK HOLDERS

Holders of A and B gasoline ration books are eligible for grade III tires only.

Below is a letter received at the local Rationing Board from the Richmond State Office.

"We acknowledge your letter of March 16 with reference to Grade III tires.

We regret very much to advise that we have no Grade III tires in the State pool. If we receive any additional allotment, we will be glad to issue you as many as we possibly can."

TO FARMERS OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

Orders for fall delivery of ground limestone have been delayed several months due to the labor shortage and transportation difficulties at the time plant. All those who have placed their orders are assured that the material will be coming through as soon as it can be shipped from the plant.

Even though this material may arrive at an inopportune time, farmers are urged to accept the material when it is delivered, as any cancellation for a later date will very probably result in the farm not getting any material at all. So far, no cancellations or orders can be accepted because the carloads are made up of orders for several producers.

All those who have not placed an order for any material at all, are urged to place their order for fertilizer (20% Superphosphate) since this material, so far, has been obtainable. This superphosphate is for use on hay or pasture and is to be hauled from the warehouse (Sadd's) by the farmer to his farm.

LORRRAINE C. MAGGARD, Sec. Prince William County A.C.A.

RURAL RETREATS TURNED OVER TO STATE HIGHWAYS

Secretary Ickes has announced that recreational areas in several retreats are being transferred to several states.

Many of these are near to the highways and will be taken over by those departments. In Virginia about 250 acres is thus involved.

"Jimmy" Now a Staff Sergeant

The Journal is very glad to report to the many friends of "Jimmy" King that he has recently been elevated to the rank of staff sergeant at Bolling Field where he is now stationed.

TO THE VOTERS OF PRINCE WILLIAM AND STAFFORD COUNTIES:

I announce my candidacy for reelection to the House of Delegates of the General Assembly of Virginia for the Counties of Prince William and Stafford, subject to the Democratic Primary Election, August 3, 1943.

Having served the good people of these two counties for the past two terms, and having been placed on two major committees—Roads and Finance—I feel that I can be of even greater service in the future.

There is no knowledge of the agreement, referred to by my opponent, by which a representative from each county should serve only two terms. I feel certain that the gentleman from Stafford never stood aside for me when first I became a candidate, and I see no reason why I am not entitled to run again.

I appreciate the support which I have had from the people of Stafford and Prince William Counties and if elected, I will endeavor to serve to the best interest of both counties.

Sincerely,

E. R. CONNER, Manassas, Virginia

VICTORY HOUSE FOOD SUPPLY CAMPAIGN LEADERS

Leaders in the Victory House Food Supply Campaign follow:

Brentsville District: Mrs. W. R. Free, chairman; Mrs. Murray Leach, Mrs. Virginia Wood, Mrs. H. Clay Wood, Miss Minnie Smith, Mrs. Ora Keys, Mrs. Walter Flory, Mrs. H. H. Marshall, Miss Bertha Herring, Mrs. George Garman, Mrs. Olive Hooker, Mrs. C. B. Fitzwater, Mrs. A. B. Lawson.

Coles District: Mrs. Carlton Hill, chairman; Mrs. Emma Carter, Mrs. Cumberland Cornell, Mrs. L. D. Utterback, Mrs. E. L. Herring, Mrs. Ernest Cornwell, Mrs. Sarah P. Gainesville District: Mrs. Holmes Robertson, chairman; Mrs. Alice Hutchison, Mrs. Eugenia Latham, Mrs. Betty Pickett, Mrs. Mary Welby Utterback, Mrs. Paul Harvey, Mrs. J. E. Norman, Mrs. Claudia Smith, Mrs. Pearl Alvey, Mrs. Audrey Kerr, Mrs. Brownie Tulloss, Mrs. Chapley Smith, and colored, Georgia Barnes.

Manassas District: Mrs. L. E. Thomas, chairman; Mrs. Charles Vetter, Miss Charlotte Wheeler, Mrs. C. C. Lynn, Mrs. John Barrett, Mrs. Joe Eagle, Mrs. Raymond-Davis, Mrs. Clyde Muddiman, Mrs. Lula J. Smith, Mrs. W. M. Pierson, Mrs. J. W. Cox, Miss Mabel Ellison, Miss Agnes Thomasson.

BETHLEHEM GOOD HOUSEKEEPERS CLUB

The Bethlehem Good Housekeepers Club met March 17th at the home of Mrs. J. Kinchele with Mrs. C. B. Compton as co-hostess.

Mrs. Percival Lewis was in charge of the program which consisted of a surprise shower for Mrs. Victor Haydon, followed by an amusing game of wits.

Delicious refreshments were served to the fifteen members present.

The Club was pleased to hear from Mrs. Byrd that nine copies of the History of Prince William County has been sent out in the last month, to places as far off as California and even to London, where a copy had been asked for.

It is very gratifying that interest in this book continues and that the demand increases outside the county.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Byrd, reported that the Club had already made its contributions to the Red Cross and doubled the amount over last year's contribution.

A GOOD VEGETABLE GARDEN FOR EVERY TOWN AND RURAL FAMILY

We can no longer take food for granted. Week by week, the supplies of both canned and fresh vegetables for civilian use becomes more limited. The ration allotments of canned goods do not take care of the needs of families normally depending largely upon this source of supply and it is becoming noticeable that the supply of fresh vegetables is falling far short of the demand. With trucks and railroads so desperately overworked, it is a miracle that fresh vegetables from distant states are arriving as regularly as they do. Increased war time demands on the railroads and shipping restrictions will undoubtedly gradually reduce the supply of fresh vegetables. (Continued on page 4)

FARMERS AGAIN ASKED FOR SCRAP

STATE HEADQUARTERS ISSUES URGENT STATEMENT

Virginia farmers are once more being asked to make an intensive search of their farms for vitally important scrap iron and steel, Mr. O. O. Holler, local salvage chairman, announced today.

To insure continued production in all war plants, farmers in the State must contribute 87,500 tons of scrap, an average of 1,000 pounds for each of the State's 174,000 farms. The campaign will be run on a national scale, sponsored by the nation's rural press, and the Government has urged that 3,000,000 tons of scrap iron and steel be collected off the farms by July 1.

The Virginia Rural Press Scrap Committee will sponsor the collection in this State in cooperation with the State Salvage Committee and all local salvage committees. Robert A. Wilson, editor of the Virginia Farm Bureau News, is chairman of the committee, and other members include E. O. Meyer, secretary of the Virginia Press Association; Dr. Paul D. Sanders, editor of the Southern Planter; William C. Bourne, regional director of the Office of War Information; and C. H. Luebbert, executive secretary of the State Salvage Committee.

The drive will start April 1 and in Virginia will run to June 1, and although the season is a busy one for the farmer, the committee has stated that it is the time of the year when the farmer makes an intensive survey of his land, and so can turn up abandoned machinery or other equipment which will provide the vital scrap.

"There is no question but that a great amount of scrap remains on the farm," Mr. Luebbert, secretary of the State Salvage Committee, has stated. "If we all get enthusiastically back of this campaign, I am confident that all available farm scrap can be collected during the months of April and May. Surveys show that the most valuable scrap—iron and steel—is on the farm. We realize that this is a busy time for the farmers—but, we cannot forget that scrap is urgently needed if our boys at the front are to be provided with the implements of war."

Mr. Luebbert said that farmers, because of their increased activities at this time, should find it more convenient to pick up scrap on their farms and haul it to town, especially as they must go into town frequently for supplies such as seeds and fertilizers.

He added that although each of Virginia's 174,000 farmers have been asked to contribute 1,000 pounds, the committee realized that small truck farms could not be expected to find that much, but that the larger farms could make up the deficit to fulfill the state's quota of 83,500 tons.

BENNETT SCHOOL TO SPONSOR RUMMAGE SALE

Each year in the spring, the Bennett School sponsors some kind of entertainment for the purpose of raising money to help with the general running expenses of the school; such as, art materials, paper towels, magazines, shop and athletic equipment.

This year, on account of tires and gas shortage, we are being patriotic and are putting on a rummage sale instead of the usual appetta, Tom Thumb Wedding or Bingo party. We think this rummage sale will put back into circulation much clothing and other useful articles that can't be used by some and may be used by others.

The Bennett students are working very hard collecting material for this sale which is to be held on Saturday, March 27, at the Farm Loan Association Building on Center Street.

The school wishes to thank those who have already contributed and to say that if any more contributions are forthcoming the pupils will come for them if you will call the school.

HOME DEMONSTRATION

Monday, March 29th, 10:30 A. M.; Furniture clinic, at Mrs. John DeChant's.

Tuesday, March 30th, 10 A. M.; Furniture clinic, Brentsville HD Club, at home of Mrs. Cash Keys. Wednesday, The agent will be in her office all day.

At Manassas, Manassas HD Club 2 P. M., at home of Mrs. Ethel LeFevre; Subject, "Dyeing and Tinting of Fabrics."