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CIVILIAN DEFENSE RALLY AT BRENTSVILLE, WED., JUNE 23, 8 P. M.

Many Patriotic and Defense Organizations will Participate
ATTENDANCE PERMITTED UNDER GAS RATIONING

On Wednesday evening, June 23, at 8 o'clock, there will be an important Civilian Defense Rally in the old Courthouse in Brentsville. It is sponsored by the local Civilian Defense authorities, the American Legion and other patriotic organizations. Members of the American Legion, the Legion Auxiliary, the Minute Men, the Red Cross and the Victory Corps will take part in the program. Mr. Tiffany is to act as Master of Ceremonies, and it is announced that attendance comes under essential use of gasoline.

The program will begin with the Massing of the Colors and salute to the flag. There will be a brief and interesting talk by representatives of the different branches of Civilian Defense—Air Raid, Wardens, Airplane Spotters, etc. The chief speaker of the evening will be Senator Hellar, of Bedford and Richmond, and a representative from the Army Interceptor Command, who will tell of this important work from the official and military viewpoint.

An interesting film will be shown and the lighter side of the program will give a pleasing surprise from Mrs. Vincent Davis in her own inimitable style and a group of songs from the well loved "Girls of Yesterday," formerly the "Gay Nineties." The newly organized Girl Scout Troop of Brentsville will make their first official appearance and undertake their first contribution to their War Service by taking full charge of refreshments. As stated, using gas for transportation to this rally is not considered pleasure riding, and everyone is urged to take advantage of this dispensation. All members of Civilian Defense organizations and all volunteer workers are urged to come and wear their insignia.

FRESH AIR FUND COMMITTEE

The Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund has organized a committee for Manassas and the surrounding community to assist in giving some of the unfortunate children from New York City a summer outing.

The children from 6 to 14 are from the tenements of the city. Older boys and girls may be invited to help with home or farm work. The last two weeks of July have been selected for the outing. If you are interested in giving one or more of these children an given opportunity to enjoy country life for two weeks, please contact any member of the committee for further particulars. The members of the committee are: Mrs. Walter Sadd, Chairman, Mrs. Lewis Carper, Mrs. A. O. Beane, Mrs. Nell Grim, Mrs. Hunton Tiffany, Mrs. J. P. Royer, and Mr. Frank Cox.

LOCAL FARM LABOR SITUATION

The local farm labor situation and the possibility of developing new sources of farm help was discussed at a meeting of the Prince William County Farm Labor Committee Friday. It was decided to contact farmers by letter and through the columns of the Manassas Journal in an effort to determine actual labor needs for the remainder of the year. While the committee can not definitely promise assistance at this time, every effort will be made to locate such help as may become available.

It is the desire of the committee to learn how farmers feel toward the idea of setting up a central labor camp, using prisoners of war or migratory workers. The opinion was expressed that the peak need for additional help will come between August 15 and October 15 when silos will be filled, late hay harvested and corn cut and husked. Satisfaction was reported with the assistance received from high school students of the county as well as that obtained through the Manassas State Vocational School. Because of the fact that State school appropriations are based upon attendance, it is hoped that arrangements can be made so that the local school authorities will not be required to accept a reduction in State assistance by making this needed help available again next fall.

Members of the County Farm Labor Committee include Wm. H. Wheeler, W. M. Johnson, Wm. H. Goodall, J. Carl Kincheloe, R. R.

WE ASK FOR PROOF

Mr. Frank P. Moncure
Stafford, Virginia

Dear Sir:
I have your statement of June 7 "To the People of Prince William County" which you desire published as a paid advertisement.
A newspaper has a definite responsibility to the public under the general category of "truthful advertising", and we are never willing, even in our advertising columns to publish any statement about which we have misgivings as to its accuracy.

If you can give us any reasonable proof that there exists a "gentleman's agreement" by which you are entitled to come into the office of Delegate to the General Assembly from Prince William and Stafford, and the present incumbent should go out, I will be willing to reconsider the matter of publishing your statement.

Very truly yours,
W. H. LAMB

In reply, Mr. Moncure requests return of his advertisement, intimating censorship.

We never censor, except as requested by the Government in matters of war information, but we do reject for publication any advertisement which we believe to be untruthful and we carry no further material from that source until the matter questioned as to truthfulness is proven to be acceptable for publication.
In the public interest we call upon Mr. Moncure for proof that he is entitled to the office of Delegate to the General Assembly of Virginia under a "gentleman's agreement" providing for rotation of the office at fixed intervals between the counties of Prince William and Stafford.

We understand that the Democratic Committees of the two counties have not gone on record as favoring any such agreement so far as their authority over Primary elections is concerned, and certainly no individuals have the right to make any such "deal" with respect to an elective office belonging to the people.

We therefore publicly call upon Mr. Moncure for proof of truthfulness of the statement that any such "gentleman's agreement" is in existence, and we assure him that if he can supply that proof, we will give the fact due and immediate publication.

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

JULY 6 AT PARISH HALL
The state of war demands that human blood be collected and prepared NOW if the lives of our soldiers and sailors are to be saved by transfusions in battle. To meet this urgent need, the American Red Cross has been requested by the Surgeon General of the Army and Navy to procure several million voluntary blood donations from our civilian population within the next few months. The Red Cross has responded by organizing the Blood Donor Service.

On Tuesday, July 6, the Mobile Unit to collect blood for Blood Plasma will make its fourth visit to Manassas. The clinic will be held in the Parish Hall of the Episcopal Church in Manassas between the hours of 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. The clinic is being sponsored by the Prince William County Chapter of the American Red Cross. 135 donors will be needed to insure 120 pints of blood. Anyone between the ages of 21 and 60 years may volunteer, provided they are in good condition and have not had any serious illness in the last month. Certainly there is no other way for an American to participate in the war so personally, short of actual fighting.

Call now and make an appointment to do your part. Phone Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, or Mrs. E. H. Marsteller
PIANO RECITAL BY PUPILS OF MRS. VIRGINIA SPEIDEN CARPER

On Tuesday evening, June 8, the pupils of Mrs. Virginia Speiden Carper were presented in a most interesting and successful piano recital in the Osburn High School Auditorium. The program opened with the Star Spangled Banner, which Mrs. Carper had arranged for a quartette on two pianos and closed with a delightful two-piano number by Misses Catharine Bittle and Edna Armstrong.

Dunning pins and certificates were presented to Misses Carolyn Cooksey and Betty Lee Jenkins for having completed the requirements of the Dunning Intermediate Course. The annual prize given by the teacher for the pupil who shows the most interest, cooperation and progress, was awarded to Miss Ann Warren Coleman. Those who appeared on the program, in addition to the above named were: Fleur Peters, Dolly Lonas, Lauree Hersch, Bobby Burchard, Amory Rice Helen Ritter, Mary Katherine Seeley, Ross Robertson, Lois Cornwell, Betty Ritter, Jackie Martin, Virginia Stickle, Priscilla Wake-man, Chalice Haydon, Orrin Kline,

Fishpaw, R. C. Haydon, Dr. George B. Cocks, Miss Nell Grim and Frank Cox.

BOND SALES FOR JUNE BRING ENTERTAINMENT AND FREE PRIZES

AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY SPONSOR BOND SALES
VALUABLE LIVESTOCK TO BE GIVEN AWAY
WAR BOND SHOW ON FRIDAY, JUNE 25 AT 8 P. M.

HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI PLANTING REPORT

(This report was to have been given by Miss E. H. Osburn at the Alumni Banquet which had to be deferred this year on account of the gas shortage. To the President and Members of the High School Alumni:
You will all remember that at the Alumni Banquet last year an appeal was made to the association to raise a fund for the completion of the planting of the school grounds, a project which had been under way for some time, as you know. The proposal was favorably received by the association and the president appointed a committee with Mrs. R. C. Haydon as chairman to raise the necessary amount. Later, a statement, setting forth the plans and suggesting that, in some cases memorial plantings might be made, was sent out by the committee and a number of members and friends responded favorably. Mr. Allison Hooff, in particular, contributed \$100 to be used as a memorial for his little son, Bolling. At first it was intended to use Mr. Hooff's gift in the general planting of the grounds, but it was finally decided to make his contribution a unit in itself by planting the gymnasium grounds. This would commemorate Bolling's love for athletics, and at the same time, make a much needed improvement of the grounds facing the public highway.

A number of difficulties were encountered in carrying forward this work. First, a suitable plan had to be obtained and provision made, if possible, for securing adequate help. A satisfactory plan was finally obtained through the landscape designer of the Waynesboro Nurseries, but no outside help could be found for the planting. So, eventually, the whole planting was done by the boys of the Agriculture Classes under the supervision of Mr. Raymond Fishpaw.

When the gymnasium planting was undertaken, several large trees were already growing west of the building: a sycamore, some maples and an ancient cedar, which had seen Jackson's army pass under its shadow.

The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. R. A. Hutchison. A brief report of Memorial Day exercises was recorded.

A card was read by Mrs. Hutchison from the Fourth District chairman complimenting the chapter on the splendid report sent in, of work accomplished in the past six months. The winning essay prize paper written by Miss Edith Davis of the seventh grade was read by Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson.

Attention was called to a resolution which was adopted in 1941 that the July and August meetings will be dispensed with.

The names of Mrs. George Ayres, Mrs. Milton Gulick and Mrs. R. L. Byrd, Jr., were received for membership.

A most pleasant social hour followed the business session.

Misses Lelia M. Dowell and Mary Celestine Green assisted Mrs. Dowell in serving delicious cooling refreshments.

SURPRISE SHOWER

A lovely miscellaneous shower was given Miss Sallie L. Proffitt by Misses Mildred Roseberry and Mattie Cannon at the latter's home on Grant Avenue Saturday night. Miss Proffitt received many beautiful and useful presents.

RATED AS MASTER MECHANIC

Mr. Warren N. Hynson recently returned to his base at Norfolk after spending several days at his home here. He completed his four months "Boot" training at the Navy Base at Norfolk and then was sent to Richmond to the Diesel Engine School for three months, where his work was so good that he was continued on at the Advanced School. He is now rated as Motor Master Mechanic, 2nd Class.

Jr., Mariam Gregory, Pat Royer, Margaret Simpson, Miriam Hersch, R. Worth Peters, Jr. Jane Sadd, Harley Kline, Kitty Jean Blakemore, and Wilma Kline.

On Thursday, June 10, Misses Catherine Bittle and Betty Lee Jenkins played in the National Piano Playing Tournament in Washington D. C. and were awarded high honors.

WHAT TO WRITE TO SERVICEMEN

The Office of War Information offers these pointers for homemakers writing to soldiers, sailors, and marines—based on suggestions gathered in a survey among servicemen at home and overseas, in cooperation with the Special Service Division of the Army Service Forces: TELL HIM:

1. How the family is doing everything possible to help in the war.
2. How anxious the family is for the boy's return.
3. How well and busy the family is. Give details.
4. How the family is getting along financially.
5. What's doing in the community; news about girls (single) he knows, doings of friends, who's marrying whom, exploits of the home team and other sports events, social doings, effects of the war on the home town. Reminisce a little about past events and places the boy used to visit. Enclose clippings from the home-town paper.

DON'T TELL HIM:

1. Your troubles. He has troubles of his own.
2. Your complaints. He can't do anything about them.
3. About things you are deprived of. He can't supply them.
4. Doleful predictions about the future. He's fighting for that future—now.
5. Unnecessary details about financial troubles. If there are things he should know about family finances, and he is in a position to do something about the situation, tell him. But don't string it out.

Ice Box Prices

Retail price ceilings on new ice boxes have been established by OPA by models for Virginia. Present Three sets of retail ceilings have prices will be lowered in many cases. been provided: (1) Sales by ice companies and their stores, prices ranging from \$26.75 to \$75.50 delivered; (2) Mail order sales—\$18.95 to \$59.95; (3) All other sales at retail—\$30.75 to \$88.75.

More Farm Machinery

A total of 300,000 tons of carbon steel, with other materials in proportion, has been allocated to the farm machinery program for the quarter beginning July 1. An additional 200,000 tons of steel have also been approved for each of the three quarters from October 1, 1943 to July 1, 1944. During the third quarter of this year, special emphasis will be given to the manufacturer of harvesting machinery for this year's crops. The whole (Continued on page 4)

Coffee by Mail

Virginia coffee drinkers who order their blends by mail may now "pay" for the purchase by enclosing detached ration stamps with the order rather than the entire ration book, OPA has announced. Formerly, consumers were required to forward