



NAVY DAY IS OBSERVED BY CLUB

"Navy Day" was observed by Manassas Kiwanians at their weekly supper meeting at the Prince William Hotel, Friday evening, October 28.

Lieutenant Thomas McMahan, Chaplain at the Quantico Marine Base, summarized the part being taken by the Navy in the present global war and called especial attention to the activities of Army, Navy and Marine Chaplains. Lt. McMahan brought to the attention of the organization that Chaplains in military service were ever present on the front lines, were constantly in the most dangerous war zones and were on hand when our boys were most in need of spiritual guidance. The Chaplain staff also assists the men in working out their many problems while still on duty in the States. While credit was not claimed by Lt. McMahan, it is generally recognized that the clean-out, high moral standards of our soldiers, sailors and marines are due in a large measure to the influence of the military Chaplain staff carefully chosen from representatives of the various churches throughout the country.

The Rev. John M. DeChant, Pastor of the Episcopal Church and Manassas District Chairman of the War Fund Campaign, was a guest at Friday's meeting.

The local Kiwanis Club continues to maintain its attendance lead among the clubs in Division No. 1 of the Capital District with an average weekly attendance of more than 90 per cent of its total membership in the months of 1943.

A TRIBUTE TO OBSERVERS

Mr. William A. Barbee, Chief Observer, A. W. S. Occoquan, Va.

Dear Mr. Barbee: In retrospect, as I realize the many, many long weary hours that you and your Observers have spent voluntarily in the Defense of America, I know you were relieved when you were informed that your post could be put on an alert status. Because there are so many persons who do not understand the valuable service that has been rendered by the volunteers in the Aircraft Warning Service, it seems proper that I record here a brief outline of that service for the benefit of those who may question the decision of the Army Command to de-activate certain areas at this time.

On that eventful day in December, 1941, when loyal Americans were asked to actively man the Observation Posts twenty-four hours each day, our country did not at that time have an adequate Aerial Defense system, no anti aircraft batteries, no search light installation, no Radar equipment, in fact, our entire defense for aerial attack depended upon the civilians manning Observation Posts, and a few interceptor planes manned by inexperienced pilots, nor were the capabilities of our enemies known. This all being true, the Command of our Air Defense set up a Ground Observation system sufficient in depth to take care of any eventuality.

Today, after twenty-two months of war we know the capabilities of our enemies—we have Radar equipment installed—we have search light batteries and anti aircraft guns installed in strategic areas, we have an adequate number of interceptor planes, manned by experienced pilots who, with the assistance of the Observation posts on an alert status can and will protect this land of ours from enemy air invasion.

You are being given a vacation from active duty with the understanding that you will keep your organization intact, so that in the days that follow, should the fortunes of war turn against us even for a short duration, you will be asked to once again actively man your posts and I know without a doubt that you and your Observers will be willing and ready when called upon by the Command of the Army Air Forces.

The long hours, the disagreeable experiences, and the considerable amount of money that has been spent by you loyal, patriotic Americans who are now on an alert basis has not been in vain. You protected America when America needed you. Yours is the heritage you can pass on to future generations with justifiable pride, and I am sure that historians will record your sacrificial services.

Sincerely,

G. E. HELLER, State Liaison Officer, A. W. S. Assistant-Co-ordinator, O. C. D.



Master Serg't. Eugene Curtis

MANASSAS BOY NOW A SERGEANT

GENE CURTIS PROMOTED TO HIGHER RANK IN ARMY

Clarence E. Curtis, 22, of Manassas, Va., has been promoted to the rank of master sergeant in the Army Air Forces, it was announced by Antilles Air Command Headquarters recently.

One of the youngest master sergeants in the Antilles Air Command, Sgt. Curtis has been on duty in the West Indies for three years. He entered the Army October 12, 1940 at Richmond, Va., and joined his first overseas unit October 31, 1940. He was transferred to his present unit June 6, 1942 and now is stationed at one of important West Indies air bases guarding the vital approaches to the Caribbean area, where he performs the duties of sergeant major. Sgt. Curtis was promoted to corporal March 1, 1941; to sergeant August 15, 1941; to staff sergeant July 10, 1942 and to technical sergeant January 5, 1943.

Born February 24, 1921 at Howard, Ga., Sgt. Curtis is the husband of the former Mary Louise Robbins and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Curtis who reside at 324 West Street, Manassas, Va. He was graduated from Manassas High School in May 1940 and was employed by the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company before entering the Army.

Planes of the Antilles Air Command, of which Sgt. Curtis is a member, fly daily patrol over an area extending from the western top of Cuba to the equatorial belt of South America, an area 50 times that of Virginia.

Palm-fringed AAC air bases are strategically located on small volcanic islands and in the midst of lush tropical jungles, forming a protective barrier for the gateways to the three Americas.

COLD STORAGE LOCKER DISCUSSED AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

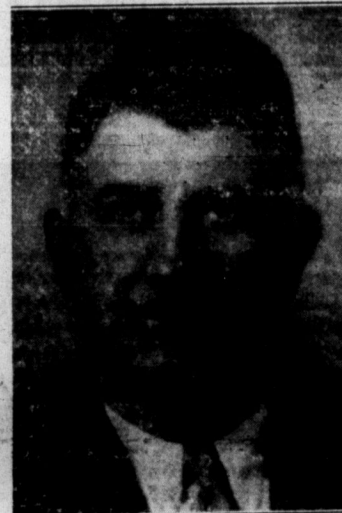
Frank R. Wilson, assistant to the Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce was principal speaker at the weekly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday.

Mr. Wilson who was introduced by County Agent Frank Cox, gave an interesting talk on cold storage plants in the Middle West where they have been put into operation successfully during the past seven years. Having made a study of the locker industry for the Department of Commerce, the speaker gave informative data on the subject which brought out the economic advantages of food storage. Following the talk, members of the Chamber discussed the possibilities of establishing a locker plant in this vicinity, and a committee composed of Mr. Cox, Miss Nell Grim, home agent, and Edgar G. Parrish, was appointed to cooperate with Mr. Wilson in making a survey of county residents in order to ascertain the demand for such an establishment in the community. The matter was brought before the Chamber some time ago, but was not followed through because of existing conditions which did not appear favorable at the time for the development of a locker project. It has been learned, however, that equipment for a locker plant is available, and because of the necessity for increased production and conservation of food, the idea again has been brought to the attention of the public. The committee will appreciate the cooperation of local residents in obtaining a survey which will show the rural and community needs of a cold storage plant in this area.



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HON. E. R. CONNER

Member of the General Assembly of Virginia who has been named by Gov. Darden as Chairman of the War Fund Drive for Prince William County, and who has named the following assistants:

Manassas: Rev. John M. DeChant
Haymarket: Mrs. C. B. Roland
Nokesville: V. W. Zirkle
Brentsville: Mrs. John Cox
Coles: Mrs. Emma Carter
Occoquan, and Bethel: Mrs. Janet Murphy and Mrs. John Powell

Dumfries: Mrs. Agnes Cato
Quantico: Mrs. Nellie Purvis
TREASURER: Jack Ratcliffe
HUNDRED DOLLAR CLUB
E. R. Conner \$100.00
Pitt's Theatre \$100.00
G. C. Russell \$100.00
J. Carl Kincheloe \$100.00
Edgar Rohr (Overseas boy) \$100.00
Virginia Electric Power Co. donating \$1500.00 to the State Fund, allots to this County \$100.00

WAVES VISIT MANASSAS
Chief Alton Frix, CSp. (R) USN, travelling recruiter for this district made his weekly visit to Manassas Thursday, bringing with him two WAVES, Ensign N. Hankins and Yeoman Mary McBryde, of the Naval Procurement Office, Richmond.

The WAVE Recruiters were very pleased with the interest and cooperation shown by the people of Manassas and expressed their wish that they might be able to return at a future date and talk with the young ladies of this city about the vital need of women in the Navy and the opportunities offered to girls who serve with the men of the United States Navy.

MANASSAS BOY ENLISTS IN NAVY

Marvin T. Evans of Manassas enlisted in the Navy at Richmond, Virginia, on October 29, 1943, and was transferred to the Naval Training Station, Bainbridge, Maryland, for his routine training. On completion of the routine training he will be given a furlough to visit his home before being assigned to trade training.

A CORRECTION

In last week's issue we printed the name of D. Saylor Diehl, of Nokesville, as Daniel S. Diehl. We wish to make the correction. The army rather uniformly uses the first name and initial of the second name and we followed their procedure in publishing the picture of our young friend.

WINS CONTEST FOR CLERK



Worth H. Storke

Assistant Cashier of The Peoples National Bank of Manassas, who has been elected Clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince William for a term of eight years.

Mr. Storke has given this Journal the following statement expressing to the Citizens of Prince William County:

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the citizens of Prince William County for the high honor conferred on me in electing me to the office of Clerk of the Court of this County in the General Election on November 2, 1943.

I realize the responsibility of the office and the opportunity it offers for serving all the people of the County. I shall make every effort to prove myself worthy of the confidence imposed in me.

Gratefully,
WORTH H. STORKE.

T. B. ASSOCIATION MEETS

Officers of the Prince William County Tuberculosis Association met on Tuesday evening at the residence of the chairman, the Rev. John M. DeChant, to complete the semi-annual report and to make final plans for the launching of the 37th annual Christmas Seal Sale Campaign which will begin on November 22nd. The quota set for the county this year is \$1375, or only \$100 more than the 1942 goal. Mrs. Frank Cox will direct the county campaign again this year with the assistance of the following District chairmen who carried on the drive so successfully last year:

Dumfries: Mrs. J. F. McInTeer; Gainesville, Mrs. Holmes Robertson; Manassas, Mrs. Maurice Smith; Manassas, W. Y. Ellicott; Brentsville, Mrs. Benjamin Brown; Occoquan, Mrs. Eva K. Garner. Negro Auxiliary, Margaret O. Townes. Assistant chairmen in the various districts will be named at a later date.

Mrs. Marshall Haydon, secretary, announced that an extensive Educational Program had been conducted throughout the county by means of distribution of literature, posters, and teaching materials for schools. Approximately 115 children and adults were x-rayed at the Tuberculosis diagnosis clinic held at the local Health Office last April and another clinic is scheduled to be conducted on November 8th, 9th, and 10th when a maximum of 125 patients will be provided x-rays. The clinics are sponsored by the State Health Department, the Prince William Health Department and the local Tuberculosis Association.

The semi-annual report made by Mrs. J. Carl Kincheloe, treasurer, showed expenditures from April 1st to September, 1943, amounted to \$335.65 which included the following items: x-rays, \$158; clothing and sanatorium care, \$35.50; cod liver oil, \$65.84; milk, \$42.88; supplies, \$22.43 and \$11 for miscellaneous expenses.

The Association's only means of raising funds for the year-round work undertaken in the county, is the annual Christmas Seal Campaign which through the sale of appealing stamps, provides dollars to fight tuberculosis.

BIG CAULIFLOWER

Mr. A. W. Nalls brought in a large cauliflower, weighing 7 1/2 pounds. It was a beauty and made us very hungry. It measured 45 inches in circumference. It was grown on the Robnell Farm near Manassas.

ENLISTS IN THE NAVY

Louis Aldine May, of Manassas enlisted in the Navy at Richmond, on Nov. 3, 1943, and was transferred to the Naval Training Station, Sampson, New York, for his routine training. On completion of his routine training he will be given a furlough to visit his home before being assigned to trade training.

CHRISTMAS SEALS READY TO MAIL

CHAIRMEN NAMED FOR EACH DISTRICT

Christmas Seals, which residents of Prince William will receive from the County Tuberculosis Association through the mails on Monday, November 22, have just arrived at the offices of the association. Volunteer committees were appointed last week, and work is already under way to prepare for the mailing of the Seals, according to Mrs. Frank Cox, county chairman of the campaign.

The following civic leaders have accepted the chairmanship in the county's six districts: Mrs. Maurice Smith, Manassas; Mrs. J. F. McInTeer, Dumfries; Mrs. Holmes Robertson, Gainesville; Mrs. Benjamin Brown, Brentsville; Mrs. Eva K. Garner, Occoquan and W. Y. Ellicott, Coles. Mrs. Dorothy Hill is chairman for the Negro Auxiliary.

The Christmas Seal Sale, held by the association in conjunction with the nationwide campaign, is the only appeal made throughout the year for funds to support the work of tuberculosis control. Ninety-five per cent of the money raised through the sale remains in the state. Five per cent goes to the National Tuberculosis Association which, in addition to many activities in tuberculosis work on a national level, supports extensive medical research in the field of tuberculosis.

The Rev. John M. DeChant, president of the local Tuberculosis Association, states that the budget committee has set the goal of the 1943 sale at \$1,375. The funds from the sale finance the year-round work of the Association.

This necessary amount can be raised if contributors of past years make their usual contributions and the mailing lists are increased by a small per cent with new names.

The chairman advises stamp collectors to get in touch with the association immediately in order to get the new Seals. Prior to the mailing date, Seals may be obtained at the Health Office, Prince William Pharmacy, Cocks' Pharmacy, Manassas, or from the chairmen.

BUILDING A BETTER WORLD

A new supplementary health teaching unit, "Building A Better World," has just been supplied to the teachers of Prince William County by the local Tuberculosis Association.

The unit was prepared by students taking the course in "Guidance" at Teachers College, Columbia University, under the direction of Dr. Ruth Strang, and was sponsored by the National Tuberculosis Association.

Dr. Strang is the author of a number of well-known teaching guides, including the "Health and Growth" series of textbooks used throughout the country. She is also author of the teaching unit, "Healthful Living in the Home," published by the National Tuberculosis Association in 1938.

Commenting on the teaching unit, Miss Sue Ayres, elementary supervisor, stresses the fact that wartime teaching of health in the schools is an important phase of home front defense.

All graded and high schools in the County have received the teaching units and plan to use them in connection with their regular classroom projects.

EXHIBIT OF CHINESE ART

The Womens Club of Manassas, will meet in the Parish Hall on Monday, November 8, at 2:30 P. M.

Following the business session, Mrs. Everett Rice will speak on her "Experiences in China". An exhibit of Chinese Art and articles will be on exhibit, and present indications are that this will be a fine exhibit and well worth while for members of the club as well as the general public.

The exhibit will be arranged between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 noon on Monday. Anyone having articles from China is asked to exhibit, and to bring them at this time. Exhibit will be open to general public from 4:30 to 5:30 p. m. when tea will be served, and in the evening from 7:30 p. m. to 10 p. m.

A silver offering will be taken for China Relief. Public cordially invited for lecture and to visit exhibit.

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