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KIWANIS IN ACTION

After the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Manassas Kiwanis Club, at which the budget for the year 1944 was adopted, the club met in regular session at the hotel. Mr. Raymond Fishpaw presented to the club that at the Osborne High School on Thursday night from 7:00 to 10:00 there is an opportunity to practice in repairing farm machinery. Members were invited to participate.

A brief report of the inspirational winter conference at Charlottesville was presented at the request of President Parrish by Frank C. Sigman. He accompanied it with a short reading.

O. D. Waters in charge of the program concerning Kiwanis Anniversary presented Bob Hutchison, who named over the 18 presidents the club has had since its inception and the several secretaries. Only one of the presidents has died. He also recounted the achievements of the club, among them supporting at its own expense the first county nurse, the impulse given toward the building of the present high school, and the definitely large charitable work it has accomplished, particularly in the interest of under-privileged children.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

"Love" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, January 30.

The Golden Text is: "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." (I John 4:7)

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; in whom all the building is framed together, growing unto an holy temple in the Lord." (Ephesians 2:19, 21)

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Love for God and man is the true incentive in both healing and teaching. Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way." (p. 454)

14,000,000 CORDS—YOUR BOY'S SUPPLIES

Why are 14,000,000 cords of pulpwood needed in 1944?

A clear-cut answer may be found in the disclosure that the Army Service Forces, whose job it is to equip American invasion forces, plan to land six tons of supplies initially for every American overseas and an additional ton for the first sixty days.

What's the connection? Well, practically every bit of equipment, all food and medical supplies, and most ammunition are all packaged in paper or paperboard before being shipped abroad. And that takes a lot of pulpwood.

Without the protection of pulpwood products, many of these vital supplies might never reach their destination or else be unusable because of spoilage. Pulpwood shields them from bad weather, salt water, and cushions them against the inevitable rough handling.

Many persons have become callous to appeals based on big figures since the outbreak of the war. One reads daily about billions of dollars being spent, millions of this or that being needed. So let's put it another way:

Your boy or your neighbor's boy overseas, poised for the invasion, needs six tons of supplies packed in pulp. How many cords are you going to cut for him?

CENTREVILLE

The community was shocked to hear of the death of Lt. John T. DeBell, Jr., who is reported by the War Department as killed in action in Italy. A more detailed account, with his picture appears on page 1. A delegation of the local P. T. A. journeyed to Fairfax this week to ask for an additional teacher for the local school, and were assured by the done.

Mrs. George Davis is ill in the Miss Nellie Lawler is on the sick list and her place as teacher is being filled by Mrs. Gladys Mohler. Mrs. Dan Davis entertained over the week end Willie Thomas, Doris Niswander and Edna Miller, of Washington, D. C.

Services and Holy Communion will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church on February 13 at 3 p. m. by Rev. W. F. Carpenter.

LEE-JACKSON-MAURY CELEBRATION

The annual program observing the January birthdays of Lee, Jackson and Maury, sponsored by the Manassas Chapter, U. D. C., was presented by the Osbourne High School at assembly on January 27.

Miss Barbara Beane presided. Lee's favorite hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," was sung by a group of high school girls.

Col. Robert A. Hutchison was the speaker for the occasion, and in his usual pleasing manner gave a resume of the lives of the three great Virginians; their education, military affiliations, and their contributions to education as teachers after the War Between the States.

The scientific discoveries of Matthew Fontaine Maury, the "Pathfinder of the Sea," were briefly explained by Col. Hutchison. That Maury received more degrees and more honors by colleges throughout the world than any other man is a known historical fact, Col. Hutchison stated.

The singing of Southern songs concluded the program.

AUBREY A. MUDDIMAN

On Thursday, January 6, 1944, Manassas lost another one of her beloved citizens when Mr. Aubrey A. Muddiman was called to his heavenly home.

He had been in failing health for the last five years and on December 16, 1943 he suffered a severe heart attack and was confined to his bed until the time of his death.

He was born March 9, 1894, the son of the late Joseph N. Muddiman and Laura Hixson Muddiman. On April 3, 1913 he married Miss Mary L. Bowman, formerly of Strasburg, Va.

He was a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. for the past thirty-two years.

In addition to his beloved wife he is survived by the following children: Mrs. Audrey M. Gubers, Mrs. Virginia M. Farquhar, Leonard E. of Manassas, Mrs. Ethel Critzer and Joseph F. of Alexandria, Mrs. Nellie Douglas of Lorton, Mrs. Esther Rollinson of Vienna, Pfc. James B. of Camp Campbell, Ky. and Pfc. Aubrey A. of the Medical Corps Station Hospital, Orlando, Fla., and fourteen grandchildren. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Stuart Smith of Richmond, and two brothers, Clyde D. of Manassas and Arthur G. of Arlington, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held in the Grace Methodist Church of which he was a member, by the Rev. M. F. Draper and assisted by Rev. Balmonte.

He was laid to rest in the Hixson cemetery near Buckhall.

The following were pallbearers: B. C. Cornwell, Henry Robinson, Eugene Davis, Arthur Vetter, Roy Muddiman and Grover Evans.

GAINESVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sloper, Mrs. Aubrey Hutchison, Miss Katherine Sloper and Raymond Sloper, all of Arlington, and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Palmer and family of Gainesville were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McCuin.

Mrs. Conway Seeley of Manassas was a Sunday evening caller of Mrs. John Percy, Jr.

Miss Mildred Smith of Atlanta, Ga., is now visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCuin and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McCuin.

Cpl. Thomas Percy 3rd, of Camp McCull, N. C., is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Percy.

The January meeting of the Gainesville Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. Vernon Wood. New officers for the year were elected as follows: Mrs. C. F. Sinclair, president; Mrs. Bradley Baker, vice-president; Mrs. Edward Smith, secretary; Mrs. Mary Smith, treasurer. The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. F. Sinclair.

COMPLETES PHYSICAL INSTRUCTORS COURSE

William W. Smith, son Mrs. Aprilia and the late William Smith, has successfully completed the Physical Instructors Course at Bainbridge, Maryland. He was the first Negro to enter the Navy from Manassas and among the first Negroes to attend and qualify for the Physical Instructors School at Bainbridge. Prior to his entering the P.I. School he was stationed at Great Lakes where he made

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U. S. Treasury Department

WARRENTON PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION REORGANIZES

The Warrenton Production Credit Association held its annual reorganization meeting in the Association's offices in Warrenton, Monday, January 31.

At these meetings the board of directors elected by the membership, formulated plans for the coming year and elected officers. Mr. T. Otis Latham of Haymarket, Va., was elected president, and Mr. Roland Wilson, who was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the Association, were elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

Mr. DePurcelline was elected vice-president. Other members of the Board are Mr. H. J. Wilson of Catlett, Mr. Thomas T. Thorburn of Chancellor, and Ralph E. Brown of Madison County.

Wilson, and Mr. Thomas D. Jones, Mt. T. Otis Latham, Mr. H. J. county activities.

energy given to the progress of his untiring efforts and tim-

MR. J. C. CLOE RE-ELECTED

The Prince William County Chamber of Commerce at a meeting this week unanimously re-elected Mr. J. C. Cloe of Triangle to continue as president of the organization for the duration and six months thereafter. Mr. Cloe has served as head of the County Chamber of Commerce since its organization in April, 1935, and has acted ably as leader of the group in its development as one of the outstanding associations in the county.

The local Chamber is a member of both the State and United States Chambers of Commerce, with which it has been associated in 1937. Its members are interested in the public interest in community and county has resulted in the solution of many problems and the advancement of numerous projects of outstanding importance. In unanimous voting for Mr. Cloe to retain the office, members of the Chamber expressed their deep appreciation for his untiring efforts and tim-

ENEMY STRONGER NOW THAN AT WAR'S START

By MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE V. STRONG

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The German Army has nearly three times as many combat divisions in the field today as there were when the attack on Poland began four years ago.

The number of workers employed in war industries in Nazi-dominated territories has risen from 23,000,000 at the start of the war to a present total of 35,000,000 and the weapons which they are making are, in some cases, better than any which the United Nations have. One of their new weapons, a rocket gun, weighs less than 1,800 pounds and it has a fire power equal to six heavy field howitzers, weighing nine tons apiece.

Even with the loss of Italian aid, Germany's position has been only slightly weakened. The German food ration is higher in caloric content than at the outbreak of the war, and there is nothing in the German economic picture to justify confidence in the immediate downfall of the Nazi structure.

Once the United Nations' forces have reached the lines on which the Germans are determined to stand, the days of inexpensive victories will end. Further advances will be contested yard by yard and foot by foot, and by well-trained veteran troops.

Japanese manpower resources in and out of Japan are very great. The morale of both the armed forces and civilian population is excellent and geographic factors give her tremendous added strength. The Solomons are only an outpost, more than 3,000 miles from the heart of the empire. We have yet to reach any main Japanese line of resistance or any point which they are apparently determined to hold at all costs.

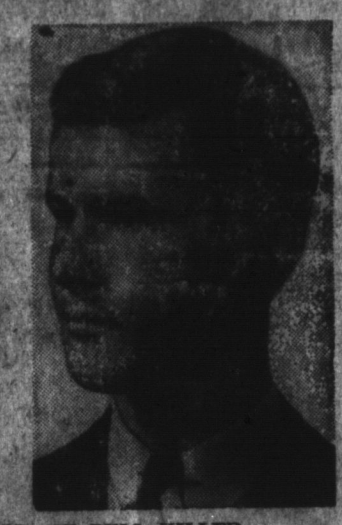
The Japanese are in a strong position today and their power in many respects is steadily increasing. The longer we leave them in virtual control of East Asia, the more difficult the eventual struggle will be.

The main advantage we have is our ability to produce the weapons of war. If, through our unwillingness to face the facts, we give up this advantage, we may find our opportunity for victory has escaped us permanently. To insure the accomplishment of our war mission—the defeat of Germany and Japan—demands the whole-hearted single-minded effort not only of every man, woman and child in the country, but also every bit of productive power, inventive genius and executive ability we possess.

an outstanding record

Due to his high achievements he was selected as Assistant on the Physical Education Staff at San Diego,

California. He finished the Physical Instructors School Saturday January 29 and was fifth in a class of sixty-eight, obtaining an average of 3.6.



LT. DE BELL KILLED ON ITALIAN FRONT

Lt. John T. DeBell, Jr., of Centreville, has been killed on a bombing mission over Italy, according to information received by his family from the War Department. He was a graduate of the Osbourne High School, Manassas.

Lt. DeBell, following his graduation from the Manassas High School, continued his education at William and Mary College and at Strayer's Business College, becoming an expert accountant. He was called to the Armed Service in April, 1940 and in August, 1943, graduated from the Aviation School at Hondo, Texas, qualifying for the difficult job of navigator of a Flying Fortress.

He was sent to North Africa last December and then to Italy with the American Invasion Army. As late as January 11 his family received a letter from him, telling of his making headquarters in Italy, where he said he liked the country.

Lt. DeBell is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. DeBell, of Centreville, and by a brother, Stuart, and a sister, Mary Thornton DeBell. His father was for many years Chairman of the Prince William County School Board.

Lt. DeBell had many friends, both in Prince William and in Fairfax counties, and the news that he had been called to make the supreme sacrifice for his country was the occasion of much sorrow, for he was a young man of exemplary character and lovable disposition.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED

The Prince William County Tuberculosis Association wishes to take this opportunity to express appreciation to the citizens of the county who so generously responded to the 1943 Seal Sale Campaign that the returns have exceeded the quota again this year and have assured the continuation of the Association's fight against tuberculosis in this county. The cooperation of local residents and the untiring efforts of the women volunteers who conducted the drive throughout the county, are responsible for the success of the annual sale which is the sole support of the local program to control and prevent the disease.

Recognition is due the county school students who participated in the bangle sale, to the local newspaper and theatre for providing publicity, to the girls and boys who volunteered to sell stamps, to the county Health Department and stores for assistance with the drive, and to the many organizations which donated substantial sums to the cause.

Latest reports from District chairmen show that a total of \$1,525 has been realized to date. This is the largest amount ever contributed toward the Seal Sale in Prince William and \$150 over the \$1,375 goal. Projects for which the county's share of the funds will be utilized are already under way and it is hoped that 1944 will be an outstanding year in the history of the Association's activities.

COMMISSIONED LIEUTENANT

Mr. James E. Bradford, Jr., recently commissioned a lieutenant (J. G.) in the Naval Reserve, left Thursday, January 27th for Fort Schuyler, New York.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Community Service at Brentsville District High School Auditorium on Sunday night was well attended. Rev. O. D. Mitchell delivered the sermon. Misses Edna Armstrong and Lois Sloop had charge of the music. \$18.03 was contributed in the free willing offering for Religious Education.

INTEREST IN QUICK-FREEZING FOOD STORAGE PLANT CONTINUES TO GROW

Sponsored by Prince William County Chamber of Commerce, Infant Industry Now 300 Million Dollar Business

Interest in a frozen food locker sponsored by Prince William County Chamber of Commerce continues to grow. How satisfactory the service has been throughout the country is shown by the fact that the frozen locker industry has grown from nothing in 1934 to a business with seventy-five millions of dollars invested in plants and equipment today. It is estimated that there are now 1,500,000 individual lockers in use in the United States with \$200 worth of food passing annually through each. This adds up to a three-hundred million dollar turnover.

Principal reasons for the growth of the movement are:
1. Saving in total cost of food.
2. Better food. Quick-freezing preserves flavor, texture and vitamins.
3. Victory gardens.
4. Shortage of food and rationing.
5. Making fresh food available throughout the year.

While the food locker system was designed originally for meats, there is a big swing now to fruits and vegetables. The food locker plants are as modern as the idea. One typical kind of architecture is an all-white sanitary one-story structure—white stucco in California, white tile in the East. Neon signs at the plants may variously read: "Food Storage Lockers," "Frozen Locker Service," "Polar Pantries, Inc.," or "Your Food Bank."

These modern plants maintain a close watch on the farm, urban and suburban dwellers to stock their own meat, poultry, fish, game, vegetables and fruits. Using a rented locker for meat, poultry or fruits and vegetables is as simple as removing luggage from a locker in a railroad terminal.

A plant as is being sought at Manassas would be modern with complete service including butchering, cooling, cutting, aging, wrapping and quick freezing, and the storing of these finished products in lockers from which the owners may remove and use them as needed. In addition to meats the plant would process and store poultry, fruits, vegetables, berries and other products. It would make possible butchering at any season of the year and patrons would obtain the benefits of fresh meats throughout the year as well as out of season berries, fruits and vegetables.

More than two hundred families in Prince William County have already requested reservations and it is absolutely necessary that the sponsors know in advance how many lockers to provide for, because, with the difficulty of making enlargements in a plant once it has been planned and built, an increase in capacity at any time in the near future will be almost impossible. Practically all plants in Virginia now have waiting lists of from one to several hundred applicants. Almost all of the original renters of lockers still have them in their possession with vacancies occurring usually only when locker renters move from the localities where the plants are located. For this reason it is hoped that there will be sufficient locker reservations made at the beginning to take care of the needs of the county for many years to come.

REV. KNUPP NEW CHAIRMAN

The Rev. Stanley A. Knupp, rector of the Manassas United Brethren Church, has accepted the chairmanship of the Prince William County Tuberculosis Association to take the place of the Rev. John M. DeChant who has served as chairman for the past two years. The Rev. Mr. DeChant resigned the first of the year when he accepted a call to become pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Milford, Delaware. His work with the County Association will be missed greatly, but the organization feels fortunate in having as his successor, the Rev. Mr. Knupp who is taking over the chairmanship immediately. An extensive program outlined by the Association for the prevention and control of tuberculosis in the county is well under way and due to the splendid results of the annual Seal Sale locally, the organization is assured of sufficient funds to continue the work uninterrupted.