

Governor Darden Speaks to League

Calls For Real Partnership Among Counties

Calling for a closer and more real partnership between the localities and the State, and urging the adoption of "the simple rule of doing locally, leaving to the State and the Federal authorities the tasks which are beyond the scope of local government," Governor Darden, speaking before the League of Virginia Counties meeting in Roanoke, outlined the three theatres of action wherein local authorities could excel—Health, Welfare and Education—and, while asserting that "the localities are not participating as they should in the government of our State, and all of us are poorer because of this," he called attention to the increased appropriations made by the General Assembly to Public Health, Welfare and Education and directly to the localities themselves and pointed to the great opportunity which local governments now have with this added help to "demonstrate their capacity in the field of public administration."

"I have seen the war programs being together our citizens in a common and united effort," Governor Darden said, "I know what magnificent things we can do working together. To harness this great force for the future and to project it beyond the war and into the peace is our present task and it is to this that we must address ourselves."

Calling attention to the important control and local interest in the public school system, and saying that "Nothing could be more unfortunate than for us to centralize in Richmond the direction of our schools," Governor Darden said, "The General Assembly which has just adjourned has taken a significant step in the direction of decentralization. Appropriations for Public Health, Public Welfare and Education, totaling \$24,400,000, has been added to the State budget for the coming biennium and the total appropriation for this purpose stands at \$25,215,400. In addition approximately \$5,000,000 has been appropriated directly to the localities, all of which will be available for the coming biennium. These funds are as follows:

From extra ABC profits for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944 (Localities share of the additional funds under the Daughtrey Bill), \$1,166,667.

From same additional profits for the fiscal years 1945-46, \$2,333,334 (\$1,166,667 per year).

From Wine Tax for fiscal years 1945-46, \$1,866,666 (\$933,333 per year, estimate only).

From Wine Tax for final quarter of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944—approximately, \$233,333.

Total—\$5,600,000.

"In 1942-43 forty counties failed to meet the statutory provision which requires them to contribute a sum equal to 30 per cent of the amount contributed by the State for instruction," Governor Darden said, adding "I very much hope that the funds made available will first be used to overcome the deficiency and that as much as possible of the amount remaining will be devoted to public education because it is the most important function of government."

In the field of Public Health Governor Darden, stating that every county in Virginia should have a public health unit, called attention to "the large number who have been found physically unfit for service in the armed forces... many of the disqualifying defects might have been eliminated had medical attention been available at the proper time." "Such a service would not interfere with the private practice of medicine," he said, "it will supplement it." "Many of our rural areas are without medical facilities and some of them are without doctors. The Legislative Advisory Council is starting a study of hospital facilities for country families. The problem can be dealt with if the people themselves through their local representatives, are able to participate actively in the solution. Without their support the effort will fail."

In the field of Public Welfare he called attention to the alarming wave of juvenile delinquency and the desire of the State to carry out a program which would keep these children out of industrial schools and farms and amongst relatives

TO MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS

In accordance with an ordinance of the Town of Manassas, a town license tag is required for motor vehicles owned and operated within the town.

Section 3 of said ordinance provides that any motor vehicle used in connection with a business licensed by the Town of Manassas shall be considered essentially a part of said business and subject to the provisions of the said ordinance whether housed inside or outside the limits of the corporation.

Section 4 of said ordinance provides that each motor vehicle licensed in accordance with this ordinance will be provided with a suitable tag which shall be attached with the State tag to the front or to the rear of the vehicle in such manner as to be visible at all times.

The 1944 Town License Tags are required as of May 1st and are now on sale at the Town Hall.

R. E. BYRD, Treasurer

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

Contest Sponsored

The Prince William County Chamber of Commerce at a meeting this week authorized the Nominating Committee to appoint a committee on arrangements for the current contest being sponsored by the organization to select the best suggestion for a project which the Chamber can foster. Each member has been asked to submit ideas at the next meeting. Among those already presented for consideration are the following which were announced by Mr. Charles Alpaugh: Cannery, Ladies' Tailor Shop, Community Gardens, Sewerage System, Furniture and Woodworking Shop, Delinquency Correction, Laundry, and a housing project.

A prize of \$25 will be awarded the member offering the suggestion for the most worthwhile project. Rules for the contest and closing date for submitting entries will be announced at the next meeting.

Forty members and guests were present at the luncheon including Capt. Thomas Joyce of Occoquan who was introduced by President C. C. Cloe as a new member. The program committee presented Mrs. J. Vincent Davis, who gave a recitation, and John Y. Roseberry who discussed the proposed frozen food plant. Mr. Roseberry urged residents of the county and vicinity who desire locker service to sign up at the R. E. A. office or with Mr. or Mrs. J. L. Bushong who are filling applications. Rentals for the lockers which are to be paid in advance are \$12 for a five cubic foot size and \$15 for a six cubic foot size. Sixty per cent of the rents must be placed in escrow in a local bank before priorities for construction of the plant can be granted by the War Production Board. A membership fee of \$10 will also be charged, and this amount will be returned whenever use of the locker is discontinued by the renter.

Mr. Cloe, who has served as president of the Chamber since its organization, was nominated as director from this area to the annual meeting of the State Chamber of Commerce to be held next week. The nomination has been sent to the State Board of Directors for approval.

ALUMNI MEETING

On April 17 there will be a meeting of the Alumni Association in the auditorium of the high school at 8 p. m. Plans will be discussed for the annual alumni reunion. All officers and as many other alumni as possible please plan to be present.

A. B. C. STORE

A. B. C. Store No. 133, located in Manassas, will be open from 10:00 to 6:00 in which hours the exchange of permit books will be conducted.

and friends wherever possible. With this plan, he said "the most effective work can certainly be done by a sympathetic and interested community organization. Local conditions which are found to contribute to moral breakdowns can be remedied by such a group."

Saying that he welcomed the opportunity of discussing with members of the League of Virginia Counties "the possibilities of county government because I believe so firmly in this institution which has been a part of the life of Virginia since ancient days."

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Bauserman of Manassas, Virginia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marie Ruth, to Mr. Stanley Garland Boatwright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boatwright of Richmond, Virginia.

The bride-elect is a senior at Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, where she is a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority and the German Club.

Mr. Boatwright attended the University of Richmond Accountancy School and Temple University.

The marriage will take place in the summer.

To the Democrats of Prince William County and Members of the Democratic County Committee:

There will be a meeting of the Democratic Committee of Prince William County at the Court House in the Town of Manassas, at two o'clock p. m. on Monday, the 17th of April, 1944, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the State Convention at Roanoke to be held on July 8, 1944. Any and all candidates as delegates from Prince William will file notice thereof with Chairman C. C. Cloe on or before the date of the meeting on April 17th.

H. THORNTON DAVIES, Secretary

FIELD TRIAL CLUB

The Northern Virginia Field Trial Club will hold its spring trial April 22 and 23 on the Portner Farm near Manassas, Virginia.

The Open Puppy and the Open All Age Stakes will be run on Saturday, April 22, followed by the Open Shooting Dog Stake on Sunday, April 23. Entry fee is \$5.00 per entrant. The drawing of entries will be held at 8 p. m. on April 21 in the Manassas Hotel. War bonds and stamps will be given as prizes to the winning contestants. Arrow markers will direct the way to the farm, horses furnished handlers free of charge.



MRS. R. A. HUTCHISON AGAIN ACCEPTS CHAIRMANSHIP

Mrs. R. A. Hutchison has again accepted the chairmanship of the Children's Home Society Campaign in Prince William County, according to Hon. Alexander W. Weddell of Richmond, chairman of the State-wide Campaign Committee. Mrs. Frank D. Cox is serving with Mrs. Hutchison as co-chairman. The local drive is scheduled to begin early in April.

The Society's budget for 1944 totals \$121,465, and while this is an increase of almost \$20,000 over the expense of operating the Society in 1943, the quota for most local campaigns will not be increased due to the fact that the 1943 campaign raised \$11,000 more than the expenses for the year.

During 1943, 120 new children were accepted, of whom 96 were under one year of age. Many of these came into the care of the Society immediately after birth because they were the babies of unmarried mothers who could not accept responsibility for them. A total of 575 children were cared for last year.

Funds raised by the Society are used to provide boarding home care for these infants and other children until foster parents who will adopt them can be found, or until they can be returned to their own parents or relatives.

FOUR NEW MEMBERS TO KIWANIS

At the Kiwanis Club on the last day of March an unprecedented thing occurred. There were four prominent men of Manassas who were received into membership. They were Eugene Davis, Stanley Owens, Carlton Cannon and R. E. Doffin. Taking advantage of this unusual occasion, Worth Peters made a most eloquent speech of welcome.

Accompanying two other guests Mr. and Mrs. Ramadel of George Cocks was Sergeant Barnard of the Royal Engineers of the English Army. He has been working in Washington with U. S. Army Engineers.

When Frank Sigman, who had charge of the program—an Army Day program—started with his message, he called on Sergeant Barnard for a few words. He responded modestly and helped to make the program a success and answered several interesting questions. Mr. Sigman, failing to get a speaker from the Army who could speak with authority, did what he could with his subject. We have always had an army from a few thousand men up to the millions now in the service. He spoke of the lessons taught by Dieppe and our venture at Cassino. The air corps is larger than the infantry. He ended with reading an article somewhat critical of the action of some of our soldiers in foreign countries.

Everyone is looking forward to "Kiwanis Kapers" on April 15 and 16. Crowded houses are anticipated.

A most interesting program has been prepared for the "Kiwanis Kapers" to be given in the Osbourn High School Auditorium April 14 and 15 at 8 p. m. All of the local talent will show off.

TENTATIVE PRE-SCHOOL ROUND-UP PLAN

Each year, the Pre-School Round-Up is conducted in each school in Prince William County. Children from six months to six years old are included in these Round-Ups. We would like as many parents as possible to take advantage of this opportunity of having their children immunized and thoroughly checked before school for the first time.

Schedule:
April 14, 1:00 p. m.—Manassas (Mrs. McBryde and Podolnick and Miss Neal.)

April 21, 9:30 a. m.—Bethel, Occoquan.

April 28, 9:30 a. m.—Nokesville (Brentsville, Aden, Greenwich.)

April 28, 1:00 p. m.—Haymarket.

May 4, 9:30 a. m.—Quantico, Dumfries.

May 4, 1:00 p. m.—Woodbine.

Rededication Of Civilians

Mr. Tiffany's Plans Unanimously Adopted

Plans for the rededication to the war effort of all civilians of Prince William County were formulated at a meeting of representative citizens held at the Town Hall, Manassas, on Wednesday evening, March 29. The suggested program for observing Invasion Day sent out by the State Office of Civilian Defense was presented by County Co-ordinator, Hinton Tiffany, and unanimously adopted.

Word of the Allied Invasion of Europe will be flashed to all parts of the State over the warning system of the State control network and as soon as the message reading "This Is I Day" is received at the local Civilian Defense Office, the various communities will be notified by telephone and church bells will be rung for a period of five minutes. The signal will be supplemented by phone and messenger service so that all residents of the county will be informed.

A community meeting will be held in the Osbourn High School Auditorium, Manassas, at 8 p. m. on "I-Day." Prayer, patriotic and sacred music, and speaking will constitute the program. Harry P. Davis, mayor of Manassas, will act as master of ceremonies, and R. Worth Peters will serve as program chairman. The Rev. W. H. Barnes will have charge of the services for the colored populace to be held at the same hour in the First Baptist Church.

Chairmen named to assist with plans for the observance at the High School include: The Rev. Stanley A. Knapp, ministerial committee; Mrs. J. Lewis Carper, Music Committee; Mrs. Joseph M. Hanson, wartime activity committee; Mrs. Frank D. Cox, publicity committee, and J. R. Stauff, arrangements committee.

Similar meetings are being arranged for other communities of the county. All gatherings will be held at 8 p. m. at centralized places following announcement of Invasion Day.

FOOD AND HOME NEWS

By NELL GRIM
County Home Demonstration Agent

More Clothing Items Expected On Market

If promises made by the War Production Board in January have been fulfilled, more children's clothing, more work clothes for adults, and more yard goods should be on the market now than were available several months ago.

WPB promised more of these items by March 15 when the American Home Economics Association reported that a survey in December showed them to be extremely scarce on the market.

It was found in Virginia, for instance, reported Miss Iva Byrd Johnson, Extension Clothing Specialist at V. P. I., that shortages were most critical in clothing for children up to 15 years, especially underwear, garters, sweaters and snow suits.

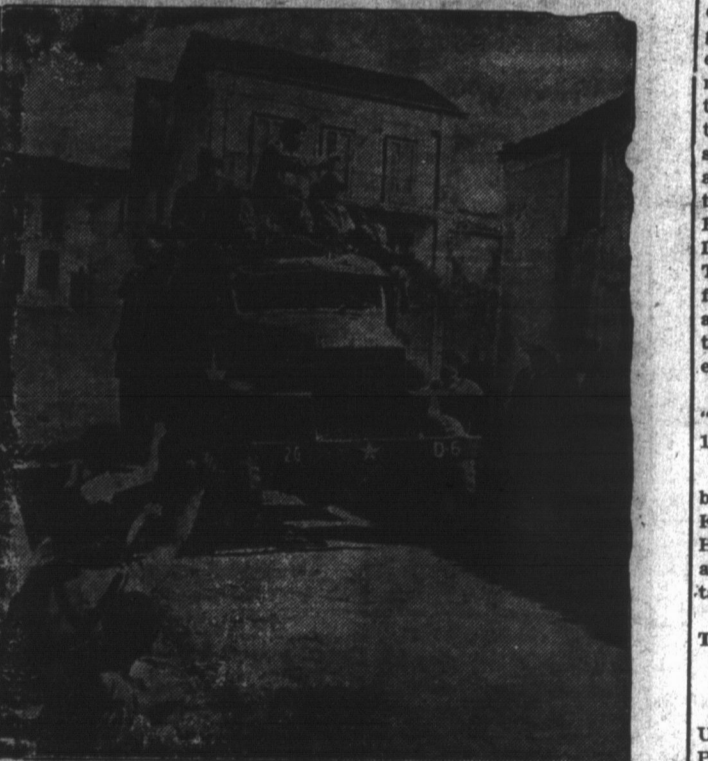
Yard goods of types suited to school and house dresses, undergarments, sheets and pillow cases were not only higher in price but also poorer in quality and were completely off the market in some sections. Ready-to-wear in broken and unreliable sizes were common, Miss Johnson points out. Overalls, work shirts and cotton hose were scarce.

An effort to find out whether more of the scarce clothing and textile items are now available in Virginia is being made through a survey begun last week. It is hoped that reports on this survey can be announced soon.

JOHN SPRING ENLISTS IN NAVY

John Edward Spring, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Spring, aged 17, has enlisted in the Navy and is stationed at Great Lakes, Ill. We feel sure that "Johnnie" will make Manassas proud of him.

Mrs. Clifton S. Coffman of Lewisburg, West Virginia, is visiting her sister, Miss M. Sabina Neel here, enroute from the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Clifton S. Coffman, Jr., in Orange, Texas, to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arnold Addison of Newark, New Jersey. Mrs. Coffman will be here for at least a week.



Tombregg, Italy, troops of 46th Division advancing through Lodi, Italy.

HONORS FOR THE 46TH DIVISION—Soldiers distinguished by the "Thunderbird" shoulder patch—members of the fighting Infantry organized from the Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona National Guard—are the first in the Army to share the glory of a unit citation of an entire Division. While still battling the enemy with the 5th Army in Italy the 46th was cited for its gallant conduct in action. Besides the "Thunderbird" shoulder insignia the men now are entitled to wear the wise blue citation ribbon with the border of bronze oak leaves—badge of honor for the personnel of a unit cited for gallantry.

In the 46th Division upon its organization were 1,500 Indians, representing 25 different western tribes. While undergoing training these true Americans carried along their Indian clothing and regalia and frequently indulged in tribal ceremonies and war dances to the wonder—and sometimes the disquietude—of civilian spectators. On going overseas they left their warbonnets behind, but not their war-whoops, and carried terror to the hearts of Hitler's wehrmacht.

While made up largely of plainmen and cow-punchers from the Southwest the 46th Division has representatives from nearly every State in the Union and all are imbued with the same dauntless fighting spirit. The nucleus of one contingent is the old 157th Colorado Infantry, organized in 1881, a regiment that bears on its colors three streamers inscribed to victories in the Spanish War, the Philippine Insurrection and the World War. Following the landing at Salerno the 46th was in action 66 battle days.

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