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VOL. LXXV—NO. 9 SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR MANASSAS, VIRGINIA Thursday, June 29, 1944 SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR \$2.00 per Year Renewals \$1.50

STRAIN ON RAIL ROADS STRESSED

Mr. Robert Fox Addresses Coed Club on This Important Subject

Before Robert Fox, who is in charge of maintenance on the section of Southern Railway that passes through Manassas, brought to the attention of the Kiwanis Club the present condition of railroading as he sees it. Worth Peters spoke briefly of the vocational school of Manassas. As head of the school he can speak of authority. There are enrolled in the school 142 students of all ages and some with physical handicaps. He mentioned that seven shops are in operation. A fuller account of the school occurs in another column.

Sheriff Kerlin told of conveying flowers to Ted Diddals who is still in the hospital, and is improving.

Mr. Fox tells of the strain that is being put on the railroads of the country and their marvelous efforts to meet the strain. At the outset of the war the railroads were asked whether they could handle 15 per cent more traffic. Much, much more than this has been put upon them. At present an average of 142 trains go through Manassas every day. With the new increase of traffic for example water pumps and tanks had to be increased to meet the strain. Many more cars of coal and gasoline were used. Faster speed had to be maintained, so curves had to be made over, heavier rails had to be laid. The right-of-way is not so pretty now, for laborers must take care of essentials. So many men have been taken away when more are needed, that the R. R. is willing to pay boys from 55 to 74 cents an hour. Labor troubles came in when more or less irresponsible ones quit work, when they had reached a certain sum in pay. Civil engineers have been taken from the colleges to start at \$157 a month with unlimited expense account.

Mr. Fox spoke of how he was moved when he boarded some hospital trains, and saw the pathetic cases in the cars. He also saw on trains which carried prisoners of war. Instead of the hospital Pullmans of having one man in an upper and two in lower berth they carry only one man in the lower. The government is now making special hospital cars.

In their efforts to keep unning, the railroads are using men of 65 years and older in supervising positions and also they are fixing up old discarded

R. G. Ratcliffe in charge of the county Bond issue announced that of the county's quota only \$63,000 had been subscribed by June 21. This needs to be more than doubled.

JOHN NATHANIEL OWENS

After a prolonged illness which incapacitated him for active service, Mr. John Nathaniel Owens passed to his eternal reward, June 10, 1944. Mr. Owens was born in King George County, Va., March 8, 1860. On February 22, 1888, he married Miss Lydia Jane Ellison who passed to her reward December 7, 1936.

He came to Brechtville, Prince William County, in 1914, where for a number of years he was a faithful member of the Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church. He afterward moved to Arlington where he united with the Clarendon Church. He was a faithful member of the Baptist Church for about seventy years.

As Luke said of Barnebas "He was a good man".

Beside a host of friends who mourn the loss, he leaves one brother, James O. Owens, Washington, D. C., Mrs. Powell W. Metz, Arlington, Va., and Mrs. E. C. Owens, Nokesville, Va. There are also nine grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Frank L. Snyder, assisted by Rev. Barnett Grimsley, Interment in the Manassas Cemetery, June 12, 1944. Pall bearers were: Eugene Davis, Charles Beahm, D. E. Earheart, L. W. Huff, C. B. Fitzwater and A. E. McMichael.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL PROGRESSES

The Manassas State Vocational School is now well under way. In its new lease-of-life it began to function June 15 and will continue until August 25—fifty-working days. The spirit of the school is apparent. Every one knows what he is there for—to give and get in the shortest possible time a definite knowledge and skill, all tending to be useful in this war



CHARLES A. BEAN COMPLETES BASIC TRAINING AT NEW LONDON

Charles A. Bean, 18, fireman 1-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bean, Manassas, Va., has completed his basic training at the Submarine School, Submarine Base, New London, Conn., for duty with our growing fleet of undersea fighters.

Fireman Bean will be entitled to wear the twin dolphin insignia of the Submarine Service after further experience aboard a submarine during which he must demonstrate to his commanding officer that he is fully qualified to carry out the duties of his rate. The insignia is regarded as a mark of distinction throughout the Navy.

Beans attended Osbourne High, Manassas, joined the Navy last August and went to Bainbridge, Maryland for recruit training.

V-MAIL LETTER PFC. WM. P. CURTIS AWARDED PURPLE HEART

From Pfc. Wm. Curtis Co. F 141 Inf., APO No. 36, 4-o Postmaster N. Y. C. June 12, 1944

To Mrs. W. N. Curtis Box 162 Manassas, Va.

(CENSOR'S STAMP)
 Guess what just happened, a Captain came in the ward and gave me a Purple Heart. He didn't hardly believe it when he saw I was from Manassas. His name is Eppa Hunton, IV. He knows Mr. Tiffany, knew about the Partners and a lot of people. His father used to be the Representative from the district in Congress. He told me a painting of his father hangs in the Courthouse at Manassas. Who would have ever thought I'd meet up with anyone from around home over here?

I'm sending the Purple Heart home the first chance I get. Bet Gene can't match that, eh? Be sweet and I love you both.

Love,
 BILL

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Curtis of Manassas received word June 17th that their son Pfc. Wm. P. Curtis had suffered a leg wound in action in Italy, June 4th for which he has since received the Purple Heart. As to the awarding of the Purple Heart the story is told best in Bill's own words. The name of Hunton must be familiar to a lot of residents of Prince William County.

William was inducted into the Army on February 19, 1943. Trained at Camp McCain, Miss. left Ft. Geo. G. Meade, Md., on Oct. 3. Arrived in North Africa on Oct. 17 and dated his first letter home to his parents from Italy on Dec. 19th, where he was assigned to the 36th Division 141 Infantry Regt. where he has been ever since.

time and afterwards. At last report 145 students were enrolled, coming from counties in Northern Virginia: Culpeper, King George, Fairfax, Loudoun, Fauquier, Arlington, Stafford, and Prince William, and the cities of Fredericksburg and Alexandria, and all brought there in school buses, as far as 66 miles. There are seven courses: drafting, woodworking, sheet metal, electricity, radio, welding, and machines. There are 23 students taking a coordinating course in English. In nearly every shop there is a tool-room keeper. The principal has at his disposition a clerk and a nurse.

KEEP ON
Backing the Attack
WITH WAR BONDS

APD
 4/o Postmaster
 New York City

6/15/44

Dear Jim:

Sorry this letter is late, but I'm up to my ears in the 5th War Loan Drive.

As head of the town committee, I'm busy almost every working moment selling bonds. This is, by all odds, the most critical period of the war. Everything is at stake—everything (As if I needed to tell you that.) Our quota calls for two billion dollars more in this loan than the last—everyone's got to buy two or three times more than has ever bought before—if things are to go as we solemnly pray they should.

Thank God most of the people I talk to seem to realize the critical need. They do without things they actually need in order to plunk down another hundred or two. I guess they feel as I do. With a man you love over there, the least you can do is your utmost.

I want you to know, Jim, that the folks here at home are with you—and their money is fighting with you—every last dollar they can scrape up. Mother and I love love.

Dad

Back the Attack! - BUY MORE THAN BEFORE

NOKESVILLE CANNERY SOON OPEN

The Community cannery at Nokesville school will be ready for operation July 17th. The cannery will operate on Mondays and Fridays from 8 A. M. to 3 P. M. and on Wednesdays from 2 P. M. until 9 P. M. An open house inspection will be held on Friday, July 14th from 8 A. M. to 3 P. M.

The cannery is one of 50 similar projects being established in Virginia this year in connection with the State's Food Production Training program. Last year in the 70 canneries in operation in the state over 2,100,000 cans of food were preserved for farm families.

Only food can be canned for family use. Products should be brought to the cannery unprepared. The actual canning is done by those bringing the food. Each family must bring sufficient help and small equipment to handle the food they bring. The only cost will be for the tin cans used, 3 cents for No. 2 cans and 4 cents for

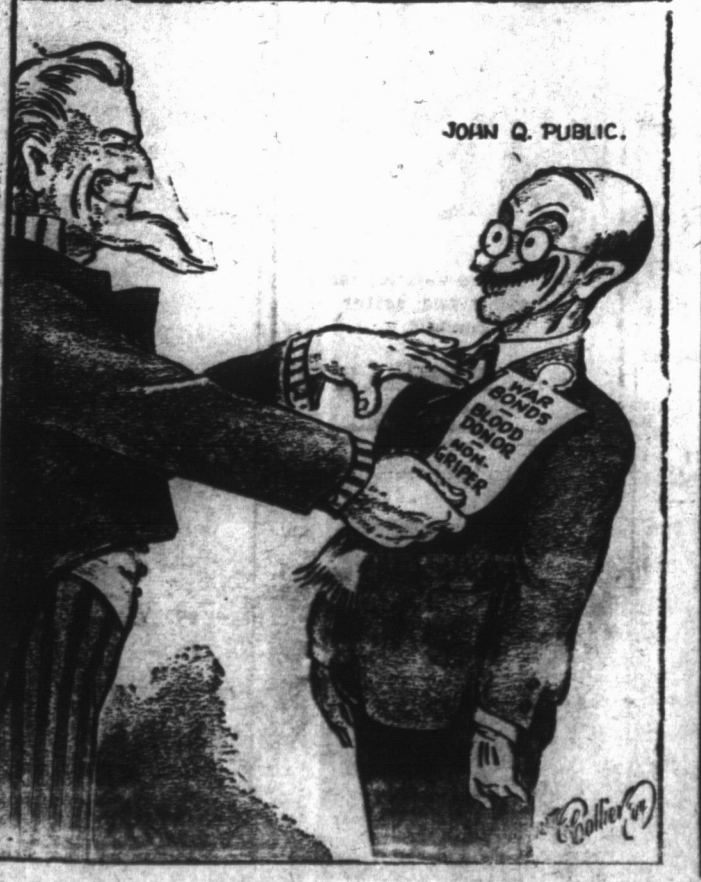
WINGS OF GOLD

William L. Miller, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Miller of 496 Grant Ave., Manassas, won his Navy "Wings of Gold" and was commissioned as Ensign in the Naval Reserve this week following completion of the prescribed flight training course at the Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, Fla., the "Annapolis of the Air."

Having been designated a Naval Aviator, Ensign Miller will go on active duty at one of the Navy's air operational training centers before being assigned to a combat zone.

No. 3 cans. Appointments should be made for using the cannery by calling Mr. R. R. Fishpaw, Manassas (No. 78-F-12) Supervisor of the cannery or Mrs. Charles W. Miller, Manassas (No. 89-F-4) Assistant Supervisor, between 6:30 P. M. and 9:00 P. M. on the evening before the canning is to be done.

Citizen First Class By COLLIER



County Home Demonstration NEWS

"Only The Home Can Found Q State"

FARM AND HOME NEWS NELL GRIM

County Home Demonstration Agent HAM IN HAMBURGERS (Tips for Outdoor Cooks)

Cook ham thoroughly before adding it to a hamburger mixture. This is the advice of meat cookery specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, especially to outdoor cooks this summer. Because ham or other pork adds extra flavor to hamburgers, a mixture of chopped beef and ham with chopped onions and other seasonings is a favorite for camp-fire meals.

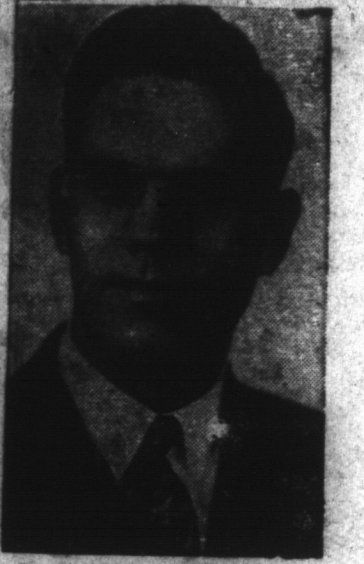
Very often picnickers like their hamburgers rare. In any case it is difficult to be sure of thorough cooking over the uneven heat of an open fire especially in the evening when the cooking must be done by poor light. All pork, cured or fresh must be cooked well done to be safe, though beef may be eaten rare. This can be arranged by cooking ham or other pork before mixing it with the raw ground beef and seasonings. About a third as much ham as beef makes an appetizing hamburger.

JUICE FOR LATER JELLY

When fruits are at the height of their season and most abundant, the home canner may not have the sugar to make all the jelly she wishes. She can, however, put up a supply of

BOND SALE

Of the \$385,000 Quota for Prince William County \$119,707.25 have been raised to date, Chairman Ratcliffe reports.



TENT CAMPAIGN

Evangelist and Mrs. R. J. Hancock of Richmond, Glen Allen, Va., have begun special Evangelistic Meetings at the Full Gospel Church on Maple Street. Many have been encouraged by the stirring messages brought nightly by the Evangelist.

Meetings will continue in a tent next door to the church. Ministers and Christians of all Faiths, who are interested in Salvation of Souls, are urged to participate in this Evangelistic effort.

Don't forget the Union services Saturday nights. Services every night at 8 P. M. except Monday. You will enjoy the special music and singing as well as the presence of the Lord in our midst. Come and we will do you good. Rev. H. R. Eupp, Pastor.

5TH WAR LOAN