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FARMVILLE'S DEFENSE ACTIVITIES RECOUNTED ON RADIO PROGRAM

The following program, which revealed some of the varied activities of Farmville citizens in National and Home Defense in recent weeks, was given over the Wilson radio station, Wednesday afternoon, by Mrs. B. R. Fields during her regular broadcast program of Linda's Reading Circle, with Mrs. Alton W. Bobbitt and Mrs. Eva Horton Shackleford as guests.

Mrs. Fields: Good afternoon, and a very warm welcome to every member of my Reading Circle. From time to time we have brought to our Reading Circle what we consider timely articles on National Defense, but today we bring a somewhat different Defense program. I am happy to tell you that we have two guests on our program today and you shall hear from them in a moment.

We hear and read so much in the news about National and Civilian Defense in the cities, the large and not so large towns that some of us have been wondering about the small towns. What are they doing along Defense lines, both their patriotic duty and for their own protection in case the worst happens, as eventually it may?

Wondering about it myself, I set out to find out. Naturally, I selected my own home town, Farmville, in which to make my investigation. Farmville is an up and coming tobacco town of 3,000 inhabitants and I should classify it as a typical, modern, small town. In this investigation I have been ably assisted by the ladies who are here with me. They are Mrs. Alton W. Bobbitt, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Mrs. Eva Horton Shackleford, associate editor of the town's weekly newspaper. Both are active in church and club work in Farmville. We three went up and down Main street, the bystreets, into the schools, offices and other places to learn how this little town has organized its forces and responded to the emergency.

Let it be understood that we are not laying any claim that our town is doing better work or is better organized than other small towns all over America, but just as an example of what small towns are doing.

Mrs. Shackleford: Well, Mrs. Fields, the first step taken in Defense had to be, as always, along educational lines, and this is where the FARMVILLE ENTERPRISE had a chance to serve in arousing our rather complacent citizens, who were viewing the conflict through a telescope as a regrettable but remote eventuality, to the necessity for preparedness; of getting them to see their full duty in a National Defense effort and to realize that need for immediate action was urgent.

Mrs. Fields: What would you say was the first definite move made along defense lines in our town?

Mrs. Shackleford: The first definite move was made several months ago by the town authorities, who having the protection of our lives and property on their hearts and hands, called a mass meeting in connection with Defense preparations, to acquaint the townspeople with the inadequacy of their antiquated fire fighting equipment, and to recommend the addition of a new model fire truck and a trailer pump, which were later purchased at a cost of \$9,900. Mr. Sherwood Brockwell, State Coordinator of Fire Defense, addressed this meeting at the invitation of Mayor G. W. Davis, R. A. Joyner who is City Clerk and president of the State Firemen's Association, and Haywood Smith, Fire Chief. Mr. Brockwell pointed out the growing need for adequate fire protection.

A call was later sent out for volunteers for an Auxiliary Fire Department, which was organized with 90 members, who, with the regulars, are being instructed weekly in coping with fires caused from air raids, incendiary bombs, gases and explosives. An important call meeting of Fire Chiefs of towns from Greensboro to the Coast was held in Farmville yesterday in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association, convening there, with this branch of Defense effort having a prominent place in the program.

Mrs. Fields: Could you outline briefly the seven branches of local Civilian Defense as worked out and put into action by our Mayor and town officials?

AUTO TAX STAMPS

Washington, Jan. 12.—The Internal Revenue Bureau said today that the Federal auto tax stamps would go on sale at post offices and revenue collectors offices beginning the week of January 12, instead of January 26, as originally announced.

This, said Internal Revenue Commissioner Guy T. Helvering, was for the convenience of motorists and to avoid congestion at the sales points. The initial \$2.09 tax is payable not later than February 1. The stickers for the first tax are good until July 1, when new ones will be sold at the rate of \$5 a year for motor vehicles.

young men, whom we have sent from our midst to the war front.

Guards have been put over public works and utilities, and alertness to air raids demonstrated by the American Legion in the setting up of listening posts and a 24 hour watch at strategic points in the community.

Mrs. Bobbitt: The American Legion Auxiliary inaugurated a procedure, immediately following the declaration of War, of devoting the two hours spent in its monthly meetings to service in the sewing room of the Red Cross, as a group, and the Auxiliary Members have registered 100% for national and civilian defense, and stand ready to render any service. Many of the civic, patriotic, literary, and social organizations are falling in line and serving efficiently in this way.

Mrs. Fields: That is fine and I'm sure many other groups are carrying on in that same fine spirit. How are the men and women of our town responding to Red Cross calls for help?

Mrs. Bobbitt: Under the spur of National Defense preparations, the Farmville Red Cross Council was organized some weeks ago, with Mrs. J. M. Hogwood as president, and Mrs. W. M. Willis as production chairman, and defense efforts of its women have been concentrated in its various activities. The sewing room, has become an effective producing unit, and is the scene of busy volunteers cutting garments, pedaling machines, knitting, packing boxes, and doing the other many jobs connected with this branch.

The success of the Red Cross War Relief Fund campaign of last week was indicated in the announcement of a total of \$1,715.85 raised; over \$100.00 of this amount being donated by the colored people.

Mrs. Fields: We regret that there isn't time for mentioning the individual activities of all the civic organizations; women clubs, churches, etc., but I think we can say that all are fully aware of the necessity of an all-out effort and are responding as best they can. I understand that community organizations, such as the Home Demonstration Clubs, are trying in their Defense work with that of the towns also. I should like to know how the schools and the children are meeting the situation at this stage in the program.

Mrs. Bobbitt: Yes, Mrs. Fields, the schools have a very definite part in the town's program for both National and Civilian Defense. I can say that the students are salvaging scrap iron, tires, paper, etc. Physical training is given in the 10th and 11th grades; plans are underway for an out-of-school class for defense training by the vocational instructor, and air raid drills are soon to begin. Teachers and students are buying Bonds and Stamps, and the students have joined the Jr. Red Cross 100%.

Mrs. Fields: Are the colored schools doing the same things?

Farmers Finance Association to Meet In Greenville 28

The annual meeting of the Greenville Production Credit Association, which extends a short-term credit service to Pitt County farmers, will be held on January 28 at Greenville in the Pitt County Court House, beginning at 2:00 p. m., according to an announcement by John R. Carroll, president of the association.

This will be the eighth annual meeting and Mr. Carroll said that it is his hope to make this the best meeting in the history of the association. Complete and detailed reports on the operations of the organization for the past year will be submitted by the officers and plans for further developing the service which this farmers' cooperative has to offer will be discussed.

At the meeting two directors will be elected and other business will be transacted. Mr. Carroll said that it is hoped that every member of the association will make an effort to be present at this meeting.

In addition to Pitt County, the Greenville Production Credit Association serves Greene County farmers. The association made loans in 1941 totaling \$438,375 to its members for production and general agricultural purposes.

RECORDS SHOW FEWER ARRESTS HERE IN 1941

Of community wide interest and much satisfaction to the citizenship was a report compiled recently from police records, which revealed that there were fewer arrests made by the local Police Department, of which L. T. Lucas is Chief, than in 1940. With a total of 283 cases tried in Mayor Davis' court 276 were convicted and 7 dismissed. Costs amounted to \$1,675.40 and fines totaled \$665.00.

Arrests were reported as follows: for drunkenness 16; assault 31; gambling 22; larceny 11; disorderly conduct 7; writing worthless checks 4; carrying concealed weapons 8; prostitution 4; vagrancy 1; operating car with improper lights and brakes 6; reckless driving 12; driving drunk 5; false pretense 5; operating without driver's license 7; house breaking and entering 4; non support 4; murder 2.

Sentences pronounced by the court totaled 11 years and sentences in cases bound over to Superior Court totaled 53 years.

Scrap The Japs With Your Scrap

Pitt County farmers are beginning to deliver scrap in response to urgent calls made by the government for iron, steel, brass, copper, lead, zinc and old tires, all of which are vital in the manufacture of farm machinery and implements of war.

It is hoped that the plans outlined by the Pitt County Agricultural Workers Council will result in all useless scrap being delivered this week to licensed junk dealers. This is the farmers' part in helping to "Scrap the Japs," also it will increase the possibility of availability of repairs for farm machinery and new farm machinery, as well as providing some revenue for the farmers.

Nothing should be used for scrap that can be used on the farm due to the difficulty of securing new farm equipment. Also, farmers are urged to take a complete inventory of their equipment, find out what repair parts are needed and place orders for these parts now. This is absolutely necessary if farmers are to have machinery in working condition when it is needed. It is imperative that the only equipment that is unnecessary for repair parts should be sold. There are untold quantities of junk throughout the county which will be a great aid in defense and useful in helping to replace worn farm equipment. Farmers, let us sell our junk now and repair all farm machinery without delay.

Red Cross War Relief Fund Here Reaches \$1715.85

Efforts of the well organized and enthusiastic canvassers for the Red Cross War Relief Fund here were rewarded with the announcement that \$1715.85 was realized from the campaign, which was carried into every home of the Farmville community. Farmville's quota was \$750. Reports were turned in at a bacon supper given at the conclusion of the canvass by Mrs. J. M. Hogwood, president of the Red Cross, and by J. W. Holmes, Colonel of the Drive.

The War Relief Fund campaign kept the spotlight of public attention focused upon it for four days last week, and workers reported they met with a ready response and hearty endorsement of the humanitarian cause. The money collected in this special drive will be used solely for war relief and will perform miracles of mercy. The Pitt County Chapter will be allowed to retain 15 per cent of the amount raised for the purchase of supplies.

The colored citizens of the town, under the leadership of Principal Sugg, measured up well in their support of the drive, with a total of over a hundred dollars in their section. Almost everyone approached by the workers contributed some amount according to reports.

The following contributors to the War Relief Fund, conclude the list of Farmville names, which was printed in part last week:

A. C. Sr., A. C. Jr., R. T. Monk	\$200.00
J. W. Holmes	50.00
J. I. and Irvin Morgan	100.00
W. A. Allen	50.00
George W. Davis	50.00
J. H. Harris	50.00
John T. Thorne	50.00
Dr. Paul E. Jones	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Davis, Sr.	75.00
Miss Elizabeth and R. L. Davis, Jr.	50.00
F. M. Davis, Jr.	50.00
W. A. Pollard	50.00
T. M. Dail	50.00
W. J. Rasberry	25.00
J. E. Bass	25.00
T. E. Joyner	25.00
B. S. and R. L. Smith	20.00
J. B. Lewis	25.00
R. H. Knott	15.00
Mrs. J. W. Parker	10.00
Rotary Club	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Welston	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lang	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lewis	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tyson	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gaynor	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wheelers, Sr.	2.00
Miss Hattie Carr	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Chadwick	1.00
Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Willis	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Thorne	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Paylor	5.00
Mr. Manning	1.00
Mr. A. H. Rigabee	1.00
Mrs. Pearl Baker	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Barrett	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Carr	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Corbett	1.00
Mrs. Layne Dail	1.00
Mrs. J. H. Darden	1.00
Miss Mamie Davis	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Duke	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dupree, Jr.	1.00
Mrs. Appie Flanagan	.25
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Flowers	.75
Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Garris	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Godwin	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Harper	1.00
Miss Margaret Hester	1.00
Mrs. J. M. Hogwood	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Johnson	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Joyner	1.00
Tom King	.50
Miss Christine King	.50
Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lang	1.00
Mrs. Mary L. Lang	1.00
Miss Margaret Lewis	1.00
Miss Ellen Liles	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mackburn, Jr.	1.00
Miss Estelle McBride	2.00
Miss Pat McKinney	2.00
Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Newborn	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. George Monk	1.00
Mrs. J. Y. Monk	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moore	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Moore	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Morgan	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morris	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moringe	1.00
Miss Baby Murphy	.50
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Myers	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pellard, Jr.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Register	.50
Mrs. Kate Reynolds	5.00
Miss Reid	.50
Mrs. Marguerite Roberts	.50
Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Rouse	1.00
Mr. George Shirley	.25
Mr. and Mrs. W. Leslie Smith	2.00
Mrs. W. J. Teel	.50
Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Turnage	2.00
Miss Russell Ward	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Whitehurst	2.00
Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Willis	2.00
Ray and Mrs. H. M. Wilcox	5.00
Miss Frances Winstead	2.00
Andy Martin	.25
Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Joyner	1.00
Miss Ina S. Lacey	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Polard	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Matthews	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. Flanagan	1.00
Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Haggard	.50
Miss Gene Linton	1.00

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City Defense Counsel Hold Special Meeting

On Friday night, January 9th, at the call of Mayor Davis, there was a meeting of the Civilian Defense Committee held at the City Hall at 7:30 o'clock.

R. A. Joyner, Chairman of the Fire Fighting Service reported that he had sixty (60) on roll for the auxiliary fire department; that he had held four meetings and plans were to meet every Monday night; the enthusiasm was high and everyone anxious to obtain the desired information.

L. T. Lucas, Chairman of the Police Service reported that he had enrolled about 45 men and was now training them to assist the Police department in case of an emergency; that he had divided the town into zones and allowed one block to each man; that his group had held four meetings.

Dr. R. T. Williams, Chairman of the Medical Service reported that classes would soon start for first aid courses through Red Cross assistance; that these classes have been delayed until the books and other materials could be acquired.

C. H. Flanagan, Chairman of the Public Works and Building Service reported on the work that he and J. H. Moore, the school superintendent had done toward preparing for an emergency at the school building; he also reported on preparations that had been made for the water mains, sewer system and drainage system in case of emergency.

J. W. Joyner, Chairman of the Utilities Service was absent on account of illness, but W. A. McAdams reported that this committee was cooperating with other committees in supplying data and maps as requested. He also reported on the precautionary measures that had been taken for the water tank, light plant and reservoir.

Iryin Morgan, Chairman of Maintenance and Vital Service discussed extensive plans for the many services to be rendered by his committee in case of serious trouble.

The Chairman of the Education and Moral Service reported that large posters had been placed throughout the town urging people to purchase defense stamps and bonds; that a set of air raid rules was ready for publication.

Farm Machinery Repair Program

In the "Food for Freedom" program, farmers must produce more food, with fewer men means greatly increased use of all types of farm machinery. An estimated need of 120 to 125% of normal demand for new machinery has been made. However, metal is available for only 75-80% of normal demand for new machines. This shortage must be made up by better use of all present machines.

Every farmer is to make careful, machine by machine check for broken, weak or worn parts, using a Check Sheet. This Check Sheet can be secured from the All-over Agricultural Planning Committee in your community or from the Farm Agent's Office.

Place order for all repair parts at once. This does not mean just talking it over with the dealer, but means actually placing signed order. This is the most important immediate step in the entire program—for this reason: Manufacturers will not be given priority for metal except upon dealer orders, backed up by signed, bona-fide orders from consumer. The usual practice of waiting until just before a machine is needed in the field, and then going to town for a repair part, will not work this spring. There won't be any repair parts there, unless the order is placed at once. Order enough to take care of normal repairs for 1943 but do not HOARD. Order sufficient, but no more—replacement parts, such as mower guards and knife sections, and accessories such as binder twine.

Many machines, discarded because of a minor break, can be reconditioned and used. Change in farming method or crop may have made a machine useless on one farm, but serviceable on another. SELL IT, OR TRADE IT to someone who can use it.

FIREMEN RECEIVE VITAL INFORMATION ON DEFENSE

AIR RAID RULES

Here are the official instructions on what to do in case of an air raid alarm or an actual air raid: Alarm: Above all be calm. Don't create panic. Get off the streets, but don't run—walk. If within five minutes of home, go there. If at home, stay there. Home is the safest place. Don't mingle with crowds. If more than five minutes from home, seek shelter in the center portions of nearest building. Avoid top and lower stories of buildings. Stay away from windows and outside walls. Avoid elevators. Motorists should park cars and seek shelter. Stay out of subways. They are not safe. Put out lights. Avoid use of telephone. Remain calm.

Raid: Shut off all gas ranges, heaters and furnaces. Turn off pilot lights. Fill bathtub and buckets for use of firemen if mains break. Go to room with fewest windows and lie down. Keep radio turned on. Leave at least one window open. If incendiary bombs fall, spray water over them. Never use splash or stream of water as the bomb will explode. Bomb will burn 15 minutes if left alone, only two minutes if sprayed. Don't use a chemical fire extinguisher on bombs. Cooperate with air raid warden. Obey instructions. Above all, keep calm.

BAPTIST CHURCH TO HOLD REVIVAL BEGINNING JAN. 26

Rev. Charles B. Howard, pastor and teacher of the Bible at Campbell College, Buies Creek, will spend a week in Farmville, beginning Monday, Jan. 26th, holding special evangelistic meetings in the Farmville Baptist Church.

Recommendations Changed For Tobacco Fertilizer

L. T. Weeks, Extension tobacco specialist of N. C. State College, calls attention to a change made in the tobacco plant bed fertilizer recommendations for 1942. Growers are now advised to use a 6-9-3 mixture, instead of a 4-8-3 plant bed fertilizer which has been withdrawn from the market.

"The change was made," Weeks said, "to effect a savings for farmers and to produce better results during the critical plant bed life of a tobacco plant. Only one pound of the 6-9-3 fertilizer will be needed for each square yard of plant bed space, whereas two pounds of 4-8-3 per square yard are required."

The extension worker said that fertilizing materials are likely to be scarce in 1943 and 1944, and the use of the higher analysis mixture in smaller quantities will be a step in the direction of meeting the emergency of war.

He said, however, that farmers who are unable to obtain the 6-9-3 mixture may buy the 4-8-3 fertilizer. The 4-8-3 material should be applied at the rate of two pounds per square yard.

"Growers should be careful not to use too much of the 6-9-3 fertilizer," Weeks warned. "If more than one pound per square yard is applied there is a possibility that the germination of the seed will be very low."

The recommendations were changed by the Tobacco Workers Conference, comprising agronomists, tobacco specialists, and research workers of the flue-cured tobacco-producing states. The conference continued its recommendation that tobacco plant bed fertilizers be free of chlorine. It also urged that one-fourth of the nitrogen be derived from nitrates, one-fourth from natural organic, and one-half from standard inorganics.

State Marshal Brockwell Stressed Urgent Need of Home Defense At Full Meeting of Firemen and Chiefs Tuesday

Approximately four hundred firemen of Eastern Carolina and fire chiefs from Greensboro to the coast, assembled in Farmville Tuesday to receive vital and first hand information relative to the National Home Defense program.

The fire chiefs gathered in the afternoon in answer to a call sent out by Sherwood Brockwell, of Raleigh, State Fire Marshal, and again in the evening at a joint meeting held with the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association, convening in its annual meet, when Mr. Brockwell, who is also State Coordinator of Fire Defense, impressed upon them with all the force at his command, the urgent need for the training of the regular and auxiliary fire departments of the State and Nation for the task, which he designated as "a whale of a job," of coping with the incendiary and saboteur, and conditions which may be expected in the future if poisonous gases are employed.

The responsibilities and specific duties of firemen as America's first line of defense and of civilian forces needed in combating the forces of the enemy in America, were outlined by Mr. Brockwell, who addressed both sessions. His speech in the evening, which was broadcast over the Greenville radio station, was delivered as a warning to civilians of the emergency now prevailing and of the necessity for prompt action in the defense program.

W. H. Palmer, of Charlotte, president of the North Carolina Fire Chiefs Association, presided at the chiefs' meeting, when Durham's Chief Frank Bennett, Chief Flora, of Elizabeth City, Chief Brinson, and Sam Dill, of New Bern, spoke regarding efforts being made in their cities in training their departments and civilians for defense.

The Eastern Carolina Firemen's meeting was presided over by J. S. Gray, of Kingston, with R. A. Joyner, president of the State Association, Charles L. Duckett, of Salisbury, vice president, and John L. Miller, of Concord, State secretary, appearing on the program, which followed a barbecue and Brunswick stew dinner, with the Farmville Fire Department of which Haywood Smith is the Chief, acting as host.

George W. Davis extended the firemen an official welcome, with greetings being brought to the assemblage by L. LeRoy Rollins from the Rotary Club, and by John E. Lewis from the Chamber of Commerce. Mark Lassiter, of Snow Hill, responded in behalf of the firemen.

A program of patriotic songs was presented by Mrs. John D. Holmes and Miss Nellie Butler with Mrs. Arthur F. Joyner as accompanist.

At an executive meeting of the State Firemen's Association, held in the afternoon, the members voted to invest an amount not to exceed \$10,000, in Defense Bonds in addition to the investment of a similar amount made in August.

The executive board is composed of R. A. Joyner, president; Charles L. Duckett, of Salisbury, vice president; John L. Miller, of Concord, secretary; A. B. Horney, of High Point, treasurer; A. W. Brinson, New Bern, statistician. Advisory members are Frank Bennett, Durham, Fire Chief, and J. S. Gray, of Kingston, president of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association.

WHO KNOWS?

1. Where is the Bataan Peninsula?
2. What plane is considered the fastest in the world by U. S. Army leaders?
3. Are public employment offices run by any State government?
4. Who did Ann Sheridan, the Oomph Girl, marry?
5. What is the main U. S. Naval Base in the Atlantic?
6. Who was Otto Schinner?
7. The government is taking a 240 mm. howitzer. How many inches is 240 mm.?
8. How large is the Island Fort of Guadalcanal?
9. Who is the Deputy Supreme Commander of the Southwest Pacific area?
10. When was Manila taken?

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