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The Bullet

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EDITORIAL

This is an emergency issue. The situation at present is indeed an unusual one and before it is all over, we all may have had our chance to help the unfortunate citizens of Fredericksburg. We can best do our bit for the present by cooperating to the fullest with the requests of the faculty and leaders. Also it is imperative that no one comes down with a cold. If you have wet feet or clothing, take precautions--get some dry things on. Get your quota of sleep and rest, it isn't too impossible. We on the hill are most fortunate with just no lighting or running water facilities. There are those who have no beds, food, or clothing. There are also many in other parts of the world with even less than that, accompanied by the roar of guns.

We would like to commend the dining hall and College Shoppe officials on their efforts to meet this emergency. In fact, every challenge has been answered.

DESPITE FLOOD -- BREAKFAST SERVED

By candlelight, preparations for breakfast proceeded Friday morning. There was no electricity or water but the efficient kitchen staff was on their toes, and the food was good principally the crisp bacon with applesauce. Of course, we had paper plates and cups but that merely added to the general excitement.

From 7:14 until 8:00 A.M. girls who looked more like firemen or mountain climbers than college students continued to file into the dining hall. Some appeared without make-up for the first time in their college careers. Others who had attempted to put on their point without the benefit of Mr. Edison's invention produced some masterpieces of the surrealist variety.

THE RAINS CAME

The freshmen of Cornell dormitory will remember for many a day their unique experience of last night. Faced by the surging waters which flooded the town of Fredericksburg and rose within a few inches of the first floor of Cornell, the girls conducted themselves admirably, with calm and poise while they were being evacuated. Via rowboats and ambulances they were taken up on the campus where they were graciously received by girls in other dormitories. Besides sharing their rooms with the refugees, the girls made their more unfortunate friends comfortable by serving hot tea and supplying warm blankets. This incident proves the excellent spirit and adaptability of Mary Washington students. After all, it takes more than a little(?) water to upset college girls.



Mr. J.S. Craggall, Jr. and Mr. Grady Anderson of the U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Branch, tell us that the river is rising at the rate of 5/10 of a foot every 1 1/2 hours.

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CAVALRY RESPONDS TO CALL

Mr. Walther was asked by Mayor King and by the Chief of Police for the services of three mounted troopers. Captain Marjorie Hudson, Lieutenant Betty B. Smith, and Corporal Martha Holloway received their call at midnight Thursday. Along their line of duty-- they patrolled the evacuated area, on the look-out for prowlers; they directed traffic at intersections; they were on duty at the filter station.

They are under the command of the Chief of Police and have the rating of policemen. The girls patrolled in groups of two, mounted on Oak Hill's trusty steeds supervised by Mr. Walther. Orchids to these girls and to those who succeeded them!!!

Groups of girls are being organized through Mrs. Bushnell's office to help at the Fredericksburg Canteen. They will render any services that they are capable of from first aid work to serving food to the homeless.

Volunteers are doing excellent work everywhere in downtown Fredericksburg. Feeding stations have been organized and havens for evacuated infants have been established. Red Cross Units and Rescue Squads have been working continuously aided by auxiliaries from the armed forces. Do your part: obey orders given by the faculty and administrative officers.

Buy Stamps

A SALUTE TO THE WASBS !

Those twenty-four volunteers belong to the "Women's Auxiliary Stamp Booth Sellers". They are giving three hours a week of their time in order that you might buy your share of War Stamps conveniently. You will find them on duty at the red, white, and blue Victory Headquarters directly west of the "C" Shoppe from 8:30 to 5:30 every week day.

The Commanding Officer is Juneanne McGrath. (A complete list of the girls serving in the ranks of the WASBS will be published at a later date.)

FACULTY JOINS TEN PER-CENT CLUB

At a recent meeting of the faculty of Mary Washington College, a plan was put forth for ninety per-cent of the members to give ten per-cent of their salaries to the purchasing of War Bonds and Stamps. This Payroll Allotment Plan was proposed by Dean Alvey and Mr. Woodard Treasurer of the College. Since last January ninety per-cent of the faculty has been buying bonds each month. This new ten per-cent deduction will total approximately \$12.00 a month.

~~BY THE WAY~~--did you notice the efficiency with which the War Ration Books were collected?

Buy Bonds

TAKE IT EASY !

Comes now some very good advice--and incidently, the one sure way in which you can help your neighbors and yourselves.

To Wit: Get your sleep! Don't stay up till all hours in ball sessions, but SLEEP, and REST! Drink water obtained from either the Dining Hall or the "C" Shoppe --IT is germ-free !!! Go to all meals! Because of circumstances, there is a limit to the amount and variety of the food served. However, you may rest assured that the meals will have the proper nutritional value!

Defend yourselves against invasion! You know what happens when your resistance is low--you are susceptible to most any little germ that is floating around--and now that sewers have broken, all precautions must be taken to prevent an epidemic.

P.S. Our printing press, together with a year's supply of paper was last seen

in being driven away.

