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Preparations Are Virtually Completed For Annual Community Halloween Party

Event Is Scheduled For Wednesday Night

Preparations were virtually completed today for the annual Community Halloween Party which will be held next Wednesday night, October 31, starting with a parade at 7:30 o'clock.

Under the general chairmanship of R. Jackson Ratcliffe, the party this year is being sponsored by the Kanawha Club, the Fire Department, the American Legion, the Junior Woman's Club, the Woman's Club, the Parent-Teachers Association, and the Bobby Sox Canteen.

Parade Starts at 7:30

The parade will get under way at 7:30 p. m. from the Osbourn High School gymnasium, and all entries should report there by that time. Any information regarding the parade may be obtained from J. H. Stauff, who is in charge.

After winding through town, the parade will wind up at the high school and enter the auditorium where the King and Queen of the Halloween Court will be presented. After the presentation of the monarchs, judging will take place and prizes will be awarded:

1. Comis—one for children and one for adults.
2. Historic—one for children and one for adults.
3. Ghosts—one for children and one for adults.
4. Prettiest—one for children and one for adults.
5. Most unusual—one for children and one for adults.
6. Boys as girls—children only.
7. Girls as boys—children only.

Costume Judges
Judges of the best costumes will be members of the Parent-Teachers Association, the Woman's Club and the Junior Woman's Club.

Following the judging of the costumes and the awarding of the prizes, all participants will adjourn to the high school gymnasium where games and refreshments will be handled by the members of the Fire Department.

Mr. Ratcliffe today urged that all persons in the community take part in the party. Participation is not limited to any age group.

Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley To Speak November 12 Before Woman's Club

Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley of Purcellville, chairman of the legislative department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of the United States, will speak at the November meeting of the Manassas Women's Club, it was announced this week by Mrs. E. H. Marsteller, program chairman.

The meeting will be held at the Parish Hall at 2:30 p. m. on Monday, November 12, and Mrs. Wiley will speak at the personal invitation of Mrs. Marsteller. Her subject will be "The Club Woman's Contribution to Postwar Adjustment," and women of the various organizations of the community are invited to attend the meeting.

Spaker Well Known

Widow of Dr. Wiley, author of the Pure Food Bill, Mrs. Wiley is well known throughout Northern Virginia and the rest of the country. Her talk is expected to be of particular significance at this time.

Before coming to Manassas, Mrs. Wiley will speak in Reading, Pa., on November 2. She also will attend the New York Herald-Tribune Forum in New York from October 29 through October 31.

Manassas Garden Club Will Meet On Monday

The Manassas Garden Club will hold its regular monthly meeting next Monday, October 29, at 2:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. J. W. Wightman.

Mrs. J. Frank Key will be the principal speaker and her subject will be "Flower Arranging."

Annual Sudley Bazaar

The annual Sudley Church bazaar, interrupted during the war, will be renewed tomorrow (Friday). Beginning at noon, a turkey dinner and supper will be served. Fancy work will be on sale. The public is invited.

State Senator Ben Pitts Is Named Chairman Of Theatres' Part in Victory Loan Campaign

Owner of Local Movie House Has Fairy-Tale Biography

State Senator Benjamin Thomas Pitts of Fredericksburg—theater circuit operator, banker, industrialist, legislator, civic leader, and philanthropist—has been named State chairman of Virginia's 360 theaters' participation in the forthcoming Victory Loan Drive.

In connection with his job, Mr. Pitts is now engaged in a series of tours that put him in contact with Virginia theater owners and managers in every section of Virginia.

Senator Pitts' biography reads as if it might have been written by Horatio Alger himself.

Born near Fredericksburg
This E Bond crusading theaterman was born in Spotsylvania County near Fredericksburg in 1892. He began in the theater business in 1908 in the Town Hall, or "Opera House," on the third story, when the admission price was a nickel to everybody, children and adults. This building was located in the 10000 block of Caroline Street in Fredericksburg, and the sector, in the 900 block of Caroline Street, was the Leader Theater.

Mr. Pitts owned and operated a theater when he was 16 years old and studied at night, since he was going to school from 9 until 3 in the daytime. He started out with \$75—sold newspapers, ran errands in a grocery store in the morning and evening—and borrowed \$50 to put with the \$75 to buy \$125 worth of equipment from Tommy Armat, the inventor of the moving picture machine.

Then getting \$10 a week, Mr. Pitts had to borrow \$5 and one week's pay in advance to pay for his first film. At that time they were 30-minute shows, with four to eight subjects on a reel. No subject was as long as a reel. The first town in which he started building up his chain of theaters was Culpeper.

At the end of World War I, he bought 30,000 pairs of Marine shoes at 10, 25, and 50 cents a pair and sold them at a net of approximately \$47,000, which was used to pay off the mortgage of the Leader property, and some was left over to be put into the bank. At this time he was about 24 years old.

In Fredericksburg in 1915 Mr. Pitts exhibited "Queen Elizabeth" and "Prisoner of Zenda"—three reels in 45 minutes at the Leader Theater.

There are 24 Pitts Theaters at present—four in Suffolk, two in Emporia, two in Richmond, two in Fredericksburg, one in Orange, two in Culpeper, one in Smithfield, one in Leesburg, one in Manassas, one in West Point, two in Charlottesville, W. Va., one in Berryville, two in Front Royal, one in Warrenton and one in Lawrenceville.

Mr. Pitts has established the Pitts' Started Pitts' Foundation, the purpose of which is to educate boys and girls who want to go to college and can't afford to go. In a four-year period there are 32 students—eight dropping out each year and eight going in. Some receive outright gifts; others borrow from the Foundation to pay for room and clothing, or for tuition.

In the civic world, Senator Pitts is president of the Boys' Club; director of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of (Continued on Page 8.)

Maj George Adamson Given Commendation

Lt. Col. T. J. Randolph, commanding officer at A. P. Hill Military Reservation, has announced that Major General Philip Hayes, commanding general of the Third Service Command, has awarded a Certificate of Commendation for especially meritorious and outstanding service to Major George D. Adamson, member of the 1336 Service Command Unit and a former resident of Manassas.

"For meritorious and outstanding performance of duty as Director of Supply, A. P. Hill Military Reservation, Va., from 15 January, 1944, to date. Major Adamson planned and supervised the execution of many administrative matters, and intricate supply problems incident to matters connected with this station's functions varying between a Maneuver and a Staging Area. His intelligence and ability enabled him to deal successfully with these varied problems, reflecting credit upon himself and his organization."



BENJAMIN T. PITTS

Mrs. E. H. Marsteller Is Elected Chairman Of County Red Cross

Mrs. Emlyn H. Marsteller of Manassas was elected chairman at the annual meeting last Friday of the Prince William Chapter, American Red Cross, succeeding Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, also of Manassas, who resigned the chairmanship after serving in that position for the past 17 years.

Although members of the Red Cross present regretted Mrs. Lloyd's decision to step down, they could not sway her and turned to Mrs. Marsteller, who was chairman during the past year for one of the most successful Red Cross drives ever conducted in Prince William County.

Elected to serve with Mrs. Marsteller were the Rev. A. H. Shumate of Dumfries as first vice chairman, Miss Loretta McGill of Haymarket as second vice chairman, Mrs. A. A. Hoop of Manassas as treasurer.

Executive Board Members

Members of the executive board for the coming year are Mrs. O. M. Douglas and Mrs. Carvel Hall from Gainesville District, Mrs. John Wightman and the Rev. Rudolf Ludwig from Manassas District, W. Y. Ellicott and J. Murray Taylor from Coles District, John Ellis and Mrs. N. N. Free from Brentsville District, Mrs. A. B. Persons and Mrs. J. A. Bishop from Dumfries District, and Mrs. Eva K. Garner and B. W. Brunt from Occoquan District.

In her first official action as the new chairman of the County Red Cross, Mrs. Marsteller called on all committee chairmen to remain in their positions until a postwar program can be worked out to see which committees will be necessary to carry on the work.

Highlight of the reports by committee chairmen was the statement by Mrs. R. Worth Peters, production chairman, that the Red Cross in the county during the period from October, 1943, to June, 1945, had prepared 57,300 surgical dressings, and had spent 448,000 working hours on the project.

She commended Mrs. T. E. Dillake and Mrs. Amelia McBryde for their work in supervising the surgical dressing room, and she requested that all members cooperate in the present program of providing needed baby shirts.

Surgical Quotas Met

Reporting on the surgical dressing room, Mrs. Dillake said that all recent quotas had been met and that the room had been closed for the summer because there had not been any requests at the time.

The treasurer's report, read by Mrs. Lloyd in the absence of Mrs. Waters, who is ill, disclosed that the Prince William Chapter at present has a balance of better than \$2,700.

Mrs. C. E. C. Johnson, in charge of (Continued on Page 8.)

Mr. Davis Gets Plaque For Municipal Service

Mayor Harry P. Davis of Manassas was awarded a plaque at the annual convention of the League of Virginia Municipalities in Richmond this week. The plaque was in appreciation of his services to the League and in honor of his having completed 25 years of continuous municipal service.

According to Town Manager Hutton Tiffany, Mr. Davis was "very much surprised" at the award and responded at the convention with a "few well-chosen words" after he received the plaque.

Vetter Scores Twice

Osborn Gridders Score Third Straight With Crushing 39-0 Victory Over Aldie

Aldie	Position	Osborn
Philyaw	L.E.	Jacobs
Robertson	L.T.	Bryant
Benton	L.G.	W. Peters
Skinner	Center	Sinclair
Swain	R.G.	Breeden
Taylor	R.T.	Williams
Peacemaker	R.E.	Stipe
Partlow	Q.B.	Vetter
Poland	L.H.	Andrus
Leak	R.H.	Batschelet
Kirk	F.B.	Burke

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Osborn 14 6 6 13—39

Scoring—Osborn: Touchdown—Vetter (2), Burke, Andrus, Batschelet, Stickle. Points after touchdown—Jacobs, Andrus, Lynburner. Substitutions—Osborn: Ends—Tomlinson, Lynburner; tackles—Beale, Stauff, Parler; guards—Daffan, Beane, Woods; center—Roof; backs—T. Peters, Carrattini, Roseberry, Stickle.

Statistics	Os.	Al.
First downs	9	5
Total yds. gained	323	56
Yds. gained rushing	311	4
Yds. gained passing	12	52
Passes attempted	8	17
Passes completed	1	7
Passes intercepted	5	1
Ave. yds., kicks	25	35
Yds. kicks returned	43	0
Yds. lost, penalties	40	15

November 2 Is Start Of School Bond Week In Victory Campaign

Carrying the slogan of "Let's Finish the Job," the Victory Loan Drive will kick off next Friday, November 2, with the start of "School Bond Week" throughout Prince William County and the rest of the Nation, it was announced this week by H. Ewing Wall, Jr., County campaign chairman.

Because they have done such an excellent job in previous drives, the school children will be given the honor of inaugurating this last bond campaign, according to Mrs. Vincent Davis, chairman of the Women's Division.

Three individual quotas will be sought in this last drive—\$230,000 in E Bond sales; \$30,000 in the sale of other bonds to individuals, and \$30,000 in the sale of Corporation Bonds.

Wall Heads Drive

The drive will be headed by Mr. Wall, Victory Loan Committee chairman; Mr. Davis, head of the Women's Division, and R. Jackson Ratcliffe, permanent County chairman of the War Finance Committee.

Mr. Wall has announced the following members of the various committees for the Victory Loan Drive:

Members of the county women's committee are Mrs. Vincent Davis of Manassas, chairman; Mrs. Earl W. Hurst of Manassas; Mrs. Stewart McBryde, jr., of Manassas; Mrs. E. D. Gothaite of Manassas; Mrs. R. C. Haydon of Manassas; Mrs. L. J. Bowman of Nokesville; Mrs. Lillian Norman of Haymarket; Mrs. Frank Cox of Manassas; Mrs. Worth Peters of Manassas; Miss Emily Johnson of Manassas; Miss Elizabeth Lloyd of Manassas; Miss Nell Grim of Manassas; Mrs. W. H. Lamb of Manassas; Mrs. Josephine Lynn of Manassas; Mrs. Nellie K. Curtis of Occoquan; Mrs. Emmitt K. McInteer of Dumfries; Miss Norma Dektor of Quantico; Miss Frances Cloe of Quantico; Miss Elizabeth Brawner of Dumfries; Mrs. Rosamond B. Hanson of Manassas; Mrs. Adele Park of Quantico, and Mrs. Sarah Redish of Quantico.

Publicity Committee

Members of the advertising and publicity committee are A. R. Kirby of Quantico, chairman; W. C. Sudd of Manassas; Robert Wayland of Manassas; Marshal Johnson of Manassas; Fowell Melton of Haymarket; R. S. Hall of Occoquan; Mrs. Stewart McBryde, jr., of Manassas; Mrs. W. H. Lamb of Manassas; Mrs. Frank Cox of Manassas and Mrs. Rosamond B. Hanson of Manassas.

Members of the schools committee are R. C. Haydon of Manassas, chairman; Worth Peters of Manassas; Mrs. Josephine Lynn of Manassas; Mrs. Nellie K. Curtis of Occoquan; C. O. Bittle of Nokesville, and W. Y. Ellicott of Manassas.

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Line Holds Visitors To 4 Yards Rushing

Stuart "Stinky" Vetter and Ralph Burke accounted for almost two-thirds of the yardage gained and figured directly in more than half the scoring as Osborn High's gridders roared to their third straight triumph with a smashing 39-0 victory over Aldie last Friday afternoon on Swavelly Field.

The Blue and Gold eleven scored in every quarter for the second straight week as Vetter personally tallied two touchdowns and passed for a third. Burke scored once as he and Vetter gained 196 of the 311 yards which Osborn rolled up on the ground. Osborn has failed to score in only one quarter of its last three contests.

Line Plays Brilliantly

Inspired by the flashy performance of the speedy backfield, Osborn's line turned in a brilliant exhibition of defense strength by holding Aldie to a net gain of four yards on the ground. Aldie flashed a passing attack which accounted for all of its five first downs, but Osborn came up with five interceptions to stall any Aldie attempt at a sustained drive.

Osborn drove to a touchdown the first time it got the ball. Holding Aldie in check after the opening kickoff, Osborn received a punt on the Aldie 35-yard line and immediately marched the 35 yards to a touchdown. Burke smashing in the end zone to culminate the march. Vetter passed to Moss Jacobs, who scored for the extra point.

Jacobs kicked off to Aldie on the visitors' 25-yard line, and the kickoff was returned to the 35. Eddie Batschelet immediately put Aldie in the hole again by intercepting a pass on the 35 and scampering to the 30-yard line. Osborn again drove the distance to score, Andy Andrus capping the march by tallying from seven yards out. Andrus kicked the extra point.

The next kickoff by Jacobs also went to the 25-yard line and Aldie returned it to the 38. Andrus intercepted a pass at midfield as the quarter ended with the local eleven on top, 14-0.

Burke Runs 40 Yards

Burke put Aldie on the spot again in the second quarter when he took a kick on his own 25-yard line and dashed 40 yards to Aldie's 35-yard line before he was flagged. Osborn started another drive for its third touchdown, which came when Vetter tossed a 12-yard pass to Batschelet in the end zone.

Aldie returned the next kickoff from its 23-yard line to the 35. Aldie fumbled in attempting to punt, and Tackle Bo Williams fell on the ball on the Aldie 23-yard line. Osborn drove to the 14-yard line, but Aldie intercepted a pass on the 3-yard stripe and punted 55 yards to Osborn's 45. The kick was returned to the 49, and the half ended with Osborn driving.

The first kickoff by Aldie in the on the Aldie 17-yard line. The second half went out of bounds, and Vetter took the second kick and returned it 30 yards to midfield. Osborn fumbled at this point and Aldie recovered. Aldie completed a pass but then fumbled, and Osborn recovered on the Aldie 48-yard stripe. Osborn began another drive to the 30, but fumbled again and Aldie recovered.

Starting a drive, Aldie chalked up a first down with a pass and a penalty, and then scored a second straight first down on three short passes to Osborn's 30-yard line. Then came one of the speediest drives of the game, for which Osborn now is becoming famous.

Burke intercepted a pass and returned it to Osborn's 45-yard line. Batschelet took the snap from center and roared 16 yards to Aldie's 39. Vetter then ran 24 yards to the 15. (Continued on Page 8.)

Livestock Market

The following were the average prices at Tuesday's sale at the Manassas Livestock Market:
Cows, dairy, by head—\$60 to \$120.
Cows, butcher, lb.—\$6 to \$10.
Stock cattle—\$10 to \$12.
Stock calves—\$10 to \$13.50.
Calves, top—\$15.20.
Hogs, butcher, top—\$14.75.
Shoats, lb.—\$17.50 to \$18.50.
Shoats, by head—\$5.50 to \$10.