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Buy Christmas Seals

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TA Plans nounced Nokesville

KESVILLE.—Last week Mrs. Spears, president of the ville P-TA announced plans e meetings of the next six s in the hope that will be a fellowship of the teachers e parents of all children at- the Nokesville school. Those ted in the advancement of al school activities are urg- parents to come out to the gs each month. The meeting s the fourth Thursday of onth.

mmunity Christmas program ned for 8 p.m. Monday, De- 19, under the supervision of Alma Watts, Mrs. Grover and Mrs. Walter Flory.

e will be a community choir the direction of Mrs. Cleve- Flory, with Miss Edna Arm- the accompanist. Santa has ed to make an appearance esent to each child present a promises to be a nice eve- or all who can come.

chroom Featured January

January, the facilities and ns of the lunchroom will be d with Mrs. Paul Irvin and ohn Williams in charge of ogram.

February there will be an house" with all the rooms of hool open for inspection. Miss 's library will be the center raction.

Mr. Peters to Speak

Philip Reading, the agricul- acher will be in charge of arch meeting. The program al with the activities of the Farmers organization. Mr. rth Peters, County Superin- of Schools, will be the guest

program for April will be by the athletic department the direction of Mr. D'Agata ss Watts.

ay, Mr. Nunzio Barbera will a program with the High Band. Election of officers llow Mr. Barbera's part of ogram.

rst Story ur Is Held

nty-one children attended rst Story Hour last Saturday on at Grace Methodist h and went home to tell some ories they had heard.

Story Hour, which is spon- by the Manassas Recreation ation, will continue to be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Saturday church. The storyteller was Herbert E. Hudgins, whose centered around a Christmas

Also Sang Carols

dies listening to a few old new Christmas stories, the en sang carols and were told y illustrated by a filmstrip "Why the Littlest Camel

dren of this community from 10 years of age are cordially to attend the Story Hour.

akes a policeman to make a al thing of the law.

4000 Tickets To Be Drawn From Tonight

With almost 4,000 tickets for the Manassas Mart collected Wednesday night, the drawings tonight are expected to draw a great many persons to Manassas stores and to include 4,000 tickets.

Three of last week's winners received the full amounts of the cash prizes for being in one of the sponsoring stores when their names were called. They were Mrs. Leslie Bourne, Wade Whetzel, of Nokesville, and Miss Lilli Sutton.

One Person Absent

Mrs. John Mowry, of Bristow, won the first prize of $25, but because she was not present at one of the stores, she was sent half of the amount, with the remainder going into the jackpot which will be drawn for next week.

The total amount of prize money expected to be given away next week is over $100, depending upon tonight's drawings.

At last week's drawings, Mrs. Bourne received $7.50, Mr. Whetzel $15 and Miss Sutton $5.

Jr. Woman's Club Finishes Dance Plans

Final plans for the annual Christmas Dance were made at the regular meeting of the Junior Woman's Club on Thursday night. Tickets are now on sale and can be had from any member of the club for $2.50, stag or drag. Conor Phillips' orchestra from Charlottesville has been engaged and the dance will be held on Tuesday, December 27, in the High School Gym from 10 until 1.

Marjorie Beane, chairman of the dance committee, says her committee is working hard to make this one of the outstanding social affairs of the holiday season.

Christmas Party Planned

The annual Christmas party given by the club and the Fire Department will be held this year at 2:30 on December 23 at Pitts' Theatre. Santa Claus will be there and the Rev. L. J. Testa will tell a Christmas story.

The safety committee announced that they were purchasing a school patrol sign to be placed on Lee Avenue in front of the school. The town will purchase one sign and both signs will be placed near the school in the morning and evening by the school patrol.

Dinner to Be December 27

Mrs. A. E. Jussaume announced that the progressive dinner for club members and guests would be held at the Grill on December 27.

Miss Leona Kline, County Home Demonstration agent, presented a most interesting program on Christmas decorations, on wrapping packages and gave the members recipes for Christmas candy.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Frank Parrish, Mrs. Harry Parrish, Mrs. James Payne and Miss Faynelle Pickerall.

Just because a man has an axe to grind does not make him a woodsman.

rn Club Members Honored ith Turkey Dinner Dec. 7th.

mbers of the Prince William y 100 Bushel Corn Club who ed their goal of 100 bushels rn or more per acre in 1949, entertained at a turkey din- on Wednesday evening, De- er 7, by the Nokesville Ruritan

cognition was given and certifi- awarded to 13 contestants for the following official corn per acre were reported by Virginia Agricultural Extension ice:

lton C. Forster, Manassas, 121 els; Preston Smith, Waterfall, ; Kite Roseberry, Manassas, ; Charles Wright, Nokesville, ; Wheatley M. Johnson, Ma- s, 106; Harry Van Nort, sville, 110.3; and Fitzhugh nas, Tecumseh Farm, 149.3 els.

ilmer M. Kline, Manassas, 125.7; ard and William King, Nokes- , 109; E. R. Conner, Manassas, 103.1; Mrs. Virginia W. Thomas, Tecumseh Farm, 140.7; A. M. Smith, Gainesville, 143.9; and Charles B. Smith, Gainesville, 123.7 bushels.

Grover F. Brown, chief agronomist of the Soil Conservation Service, Brentsville District farmer, and past president of the Nokesville Ruritan Club, in presenting the certificates, called attention to the four big lessons learned by contestants in the Prince William County 100 Bushel Corn Club and other clubs in Virginia.

Listed among the practices used by successful contestants were:

1. The preparation of a good seedbed practically free of weeds at planting time.
2. Using an adapted corn hybrid.
3. Practicing thick planting. All local contestants who produced 100 bushels to the acre practiced thick planting.
4. Using a very liberal supply of plant food.

Johnson's Dilemma

From many daily newspapers affiliated with the Associated Press, we this week read the following "squib" on W. Marshall Johnson, former editor of The Manassas Journal.

"You'd better smile when you tell one about your mother-in-law to W. Marshall Johnson.

"He's on her side—and here's the reason:

"Seems everybody forgot Johnson's birthday—including his wife, two sisters and two brothers.

"But the mother-in-law sent him a card.

"Johnson is an Associated Press editor here (Richmond)."

Football Team Is Honored By Lions Club

Members of this year's Osbourn High School football team were honored at a banquet sponsored by the Lions Club last night at the Manassas Technical School.

Guests at the banquet, welcomed by W. Hill Brown, Jr., included Ned McDonald, line coach of the University of Virginia. Mr. McDonald gave a speech centering on the theme that football is secondary to education and that at the university a good scholastic standing is necessary for a student to play football.

Other guests were Sam Fray, freshman coach at the university; his brother, Jack Fray, a Culpeper lawyer; Dan Kelso; Coaches Jim Leo and Joe Fortuna, of Osbourn; W. T. Thomasson, and John Gregory.

Trophy Awarded

For the third straight year, Bill Thomasson, captain of this year's team, was presented the trophy for the outstanding lineman of the year. The trophy was presented by Lion Charles Ross, chairman of the football banquet committee which handled the arrangements.

The menu for the banquet included tomato juice, candle salad, turkey and dressing, green beans, hot rolls and lemon pie.

V. F. W. Post Entertains Football Team

Francis Cannon Post No. 7589, Veterans of Foreign Wars entertained members of their football team and their guests at a banquet Tuesday evening at the Lake Jackson Lodge. Fifty-three persons were present.

Toastmaster for the evening was Jimmy Davis, senior vice commander of the post, who presented gifts to Coaches George P. Gould and "Butch" Fauquar on behalf of the VFW. The two also received gifts from the football team which were presented by C. H. Wine, Jr.

Short Talks Given

Short talks were given by Coaches Gould and Fauquar expressing their appreciation to the post and to the team members. C. H. Wine, Jr., also spoke on behalf of the team, thanking the post and the coaches for their support.

A turkey dinner was served by Jimmy White, Lodge manager, which consisted of turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, pickles, gravy, peas, potatoes, hot rolls, coffee, and pumpkin pie.

C. B. Rorer Injured In Automobile Mishap

BLACKSTONE. — C. B. Rorer, head machinist for The Manassas Journal, was injured Saturday in an automobile accident near here when another car skidded on a snowy road and crashed into the front of his car.

Mr. Rorer sustained several rib fractures.

Sheet and Metal Unit Plans Are Approved

Plans for the sheet and metal unit for the Manassas Technical School have been approved, R. Worth Peters, County superintendent of schools, has announced. Construction of the unit, which is one of several planned for, must begin before December 31, if the appropriation earlier provided for is to be used, Mr. Peters states.

Town Council Delays Water Rate Action

At Friday's meeting of the Town Council, members voted to postpone action on the water rate for persons living outside the corporate limits of Manassas until a later meeting.

Present at the meeting which was a continuation of the regularly adjourned meeting of November 28, were Councilmen James E. Rice, Mrs. Francis B. Saunders and Dr. G. Wallace Hook, vice mayor, who presided in the absence of Mayor Harry P. Davis.

The Council heard a petition by Jack Breeden to establish a hotel and cafe out of the Portner mansion. The petition was referred to the town planning commission, and James W. Ritter, Jr., town manager, was authorized to proceed as provided for in the Zoning Ordinance.

Entrance Authorized

Mrs. W. Hill Brown, Sr., was authorized to construct an entrance to the back of her three buildings on Center St., with the stipulation that she pay all material costs.

Cecil Haydon, contractor requested permission to build 600 feet of sewer line located on Centreville Road. The question of right of way came up, and action was postponed.

Water Request Postponed

Action was also delayed on the request of Jack Breeden for the extension of a water line on the extension of West St. for five houses which he is building.

The next meeting of the Council will be held January 9.

Manassas Woman's Club to Meet Monday

The Woman's Club of Manassas will hold a business meeting in the Parish Hall of Trinity Episcopal Church at 7:30 p.m. Monday, December 19.

Following the business session, the club will join the Fine Arts Section in hearing a program on "Christmas Music of the United States."

Cleveland Fisher, well-known musician of Manassas, will present the program.

Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Paul Cooksey and Mrs. Paul Espenshade, who will be assisted by Miss Leona Kline, Mrs. Lewis Carper, Mrs. Randall Champion, Mrs. C. B. Compton, Mrs. Lacey Compton, Mrs. John Cox and Mrs. Roderick Daffan.

The public is cordially invited to attend and participate in the Christmas celebration.

Legion Teams Play Home Games Tonight

The boys' and girls' teams of Post 158 of the American Legion will play their first home games tonight at Osbourn Gymnasium, with every 25th person coming to the game receiving a season ticket. In the event the person has a season ticket, he will be refunded the purchase price.

Coming Events

Woodbine P-TA will hold a meeting at 8 tomorrow evening at the schoolhouse. Motion pictures, a box social and music by the Beach Kids will be included in the meeting.

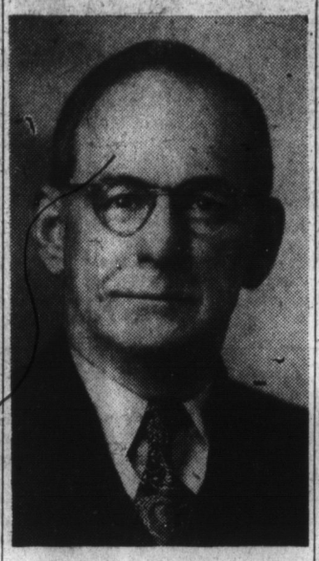
The Bethlehem Good Housekeepers Club will meet at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the home of Mrs. E. K. Evans, with Mrs. R. M. Smith and Mrs. R. L. Byrd, hostesses.

The Yorkshire 4-H Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Leo Miller at 2 Saturday, December 17. At 9:30 Monday the Haymarket 4-H Club will meet at the school.

The Postal Clerk's Wives Club will meet with Mrs. C. B. Compton at 8 Tuesday, December 20. Please note change in date.

The Dumfries Methodist Church will hold a Christmas choir recital and a white gift offering at 7:30 Sunday night, December 18. The public is cordially invited to attend this candlelight service. The white gifts will be distributed to the less fortunate families throughout the communities in and around Dumfries.

Receives Appointment



N. T. McManaway was notified by the Department of Commerce of his appointment as assistant district supervisor in the Alexandria office for the 17th decennial census, on Tuesday.

The Alexandria office will handle the census for about 185,000 persons in Alexandria and Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun Counties. There will be 225 enumerators with an office force of about 140 persons.

Supervisors Hold Meeting

With all members present, the County Board of Supervisors last Thursday authorized the County sheriff to receive prisoners from officers of Manassas for the county jail.

A charge of $1.50 per day will be made for each prisoner, with the amount being receipted by the sheriff and to go into the County general fund.

Committee Appointed

R. Worth Peters, J. Murray Taylor and Dr. George B. Cocke were appointed by the board as a judging committee for the County to pass upon scholarship applicants to the office of the League of Virginia Counties where the applicants will be eligible for state-wide judging.

Marriage Licenses

Arthur Stewart Vetter and Miss Lesley Earlene Bostic, both of Manassas, applied for a marriage license on December 6.

Charles W. Keeton of Camp Lejeune, N. C., and Miss Marian E. Lightner, of Quantico, applied for a license on December 9.

Legion Holds Xmas Party Monday Night

Members of American Legion Post 158, and Auxiliary, held their Christmas party Monday evening, with the singing of carols and a program arranged by Mrs. Elizabeth B. Monaghan.

Ralph Baker played several selections on his spoons, accompanied by Miss Ann Sinclair. Several boys from the Osbourn High School Band played selections under the direction of William H. Lee, band director. Those taking part were Tom Kelso, Wallace Wright, Gilbert and Douglas Miller and Kenny Speaks.

Armstead Sinclair sang two solos, "Winter Wonderland" and "White Christmas."

Refreshments Served

Following the program, refreshments were served.

At the business meeting of the post, Joe Johnson, chairman of the athletic committee, announced that the first home games of the boys' and girls' teams would be played at 8 tonight against Lovettsville, in the Osbourn High School gymnasium. He also announced that the boys' team had 15 members, the girls' team 18, and that five new uniforms for the boys' team had been bought.

Satisfactory progress on the horse show planned for next year was reported by M. S. Burchard, chairman.

RC Fund Campaign Chairman Appointed

The Rev. Clark H. Wood, well-known Methodist minister of Manassas, has been appointed to head the 1950 fund campaign in Prince William County for the American Red Cross.

This annual drive for funds is being conducted during the month of March, 1950, which has been officially designated Red Cross month.

The Rev. Mr. Wood succeeds Daniel Kelso, who has served in this capacity for the past two years.

Assisting the Rev. Mr. Wood will be a committee of other citizens of Prince William County.

Garbage Schedule

Garbage and trash collections by the Town of Manassas during the coming holiday week will be on Thursday, December 22 (garbage), and Friday, December 23 (trash), according to James W. Ritter, Jr., town manager.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE — HELP FIGHT TB

ANSWER YOUR CHRISTMAS SEAL LETTER

W. Breeden Killed Friday

Walter Breeden, 34, was killed about 10:30 Friday night, December 9, at the Southern Railroad crossing on Route 28, when the automobile he was driving collided with a freight train going east.

It is believed that Mr. Breeden ran into the train, apparently not seeing the train which was crossing the highway on a branch line.

Survived By Wife

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Breeden, and seven children, 14 years old and younger.

Until the time of his death, Mr. Breeden had been operating a farm near Manassas, while his wife was employed at the Central Mutual Telephone Company.

Officers who investigated the accident were C. S. Simms and J. A Cobert.

Osbourn High to Play Second Game Friday

Osbourn High School will play its second game of the season tomorrow evening, when the Yellow Jackets will journey to Culpeper.

In Tuesday's game at Osbourn gymnasium, Falls Church took an early lead and managed to hold it for a final score of 28 to 25, although the Yellow Jackets came back for a final surge of power in the latter part of the game. Osbourn made four out of 12 free throws, with Jackie Saylors high scorer, with six field goals.

Next week, the team will play the alumni of Osbourn on Thursday.

The Biblical day of rest is fast being converted into something else.

County Seal Sale Returns Total $1104

Returns from the 1949 Christmas Seal Sale in Prince William County totals about $1104 to date, according to Mrs. Paul Espenshade, County chairman.

The sum constitutes almost 45 per cent of the County's quota of $2500, the minimum needed to finance the health program of the local Tuberculosis Association during 1950.

Reminders to Be Sent

To remind those who have overlooked the acknowledgment of their 1949 Christmas Seal letters, the Prince William Tuberculosis Association will mail brief "reminders," Mrs. Espenshade states.

"Because experience in former years has taught us that many residents are grateful for such a reminder at this time," she says, "the reminders are sent to bring the oversight to their attention.

"Busy with other Christmas preparations, a great many of us simply forget to acknowledge the seals and appreciate being reminded of it. We wish to stress that it is possible for a person's acknowledgment and his reminder letter to cross in the mail. When that happens, the recipient who has already made his returns should ignore his reminder letter."

Xmas Home Appeal Made For Youths

"A home for Christmas and the coming year would be by far the nicest present that many a child could receive," Mrs. Elizabeth Painter, of the County Welfare office stated this week and added that "the Prince William Department of Public Welfare has under its care several boys from 13 to 16 years of age who need just that."

Mrs. Painter says that for one reason or another, the boys have lost the care of their natural parents and have been boarded by the welfare department in foster homes where they have been given the love and care which makes them sound young citizens.

Need Responsibility

However, she says that as these boys grow, they need to develop self responsibility so that as they atttain manhood, they can become independent persons.

Mrs. Painter urges interested farmers in this area to contact her if they would like to give a free home to a boy and that they are strong, healthy children who could give real farm help.

Feature of the Week:

Oather J. Fitzwater Talks 'Turkey' and Bags 8 1-2 Pound Turkey As Successful Result

After two years of "holding the dog" while others took their shots, Oather J. Fitzwater of Nokesville came up with the 8½-pound wild turkey shown.

As guests of Bedford B. Uhler, Jr., on his 128-acre farm near Bull Run, Mr. Fitzwater and Richard Melms of Michigan began the hunt early Thanksgiving Day, accompanied by Mr. Uhler.

Shortly after the hunt began, a lone turkey was seen in a tree. It was Mr. Fitzwater's "day," and he began attempting to stalk the bird, but as the saying goes, "when he got there, the tree was bare.'

Talks Turkey

Hiding in a bramble briar patch, Mr. Fitzwater began to call in his best turkey language, with the turkey soon answering him.

Joining him, Mr. Uhler was "sold" into holding the dog while Mr. Fitzwater stealthily and cunningly lured the turkey within a 25-yard range. One shot from this distance felled the bird and Mr. Fitzwater had the first wild turkey he had shot in two years.

Mr. Uhler describes his friend at that moment as being "quite elated," and adds that he took the turkey home but that he can't vouch for what happened to it after that.

As for the Thanksgiving dinner, all had turkey—domestic.

Oather J. Fitzwater Shown With Wild Turkey.
—Photo Courtesy of Bedford B. Uhler, Jr.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus: I am a girl 6 years old. I have been very good since you came to see me last year. I always help mother with the beds and feed my dog every day. Please bring me a little baby brother to play with and also some dog biscuits for Lady. I also want plenty of candy and nuts to eat.

Love,
CLAUDINE O'BRIEN
Quantico.

Dear Santa: I am a boy 6 years old and have been a good boy. I would like to have a cow barn, fire station, and some things to wear. Please don't forget my little brother, Kenny. Love.
DANNY TRIBBY.

P.S.—Please bring me a drum also.

Dear Santa: I am a boy 9 years old and I want a blackboard, pistol target, train and track, and spinning top.
KENNETH LEROY CORNWELL.
Manassas.

Dear Santa: I am a boy 3 years old and I want a wagon, truck and spinning top.
LARRY EUGENE GARNER.
Manassas.

Among the problems that agitate vacant brains is, "How high is up?"