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Up Campaign Announced

Up campaign" has been announced by James W. Ritter, Jr., manager, to start immediately. After calls for the help of citizens of Manassas, including merchants and civic organizations. "A concerted and continuous campaign followed along business lines will make a better place," he states. "Suggestion to the merchants, this will make a big difference in the appearance of the town. . . . there are in the center of the town vacant lots and back lots which are a disgrace to the town and are a detriment to the appearance of the town in some cases a fire hazard and accumulations of trash and accumulations of garbage which have the greater chance of catching fire. Ritter states, adding, "I read of night fires which are brought under control, case was a fire in Lexington started at 4 a.m. and destroyed almost a block." Ritter asks citizens to clean their houses, stores and give Manassas a good appearance.

County Gets at Miles Hard Top

Eight miles of secondary road in Prince William County surfaced during 1949. J. H. Johnson, resident engineer for Highway Department, reports that 12 miles were surfaced with crushed stone and gravel in a year-end work done on the section. Road surfaced mileage in the county included 1.5 miles on Route U. S. 1 to a dead end; on Route 674 from Route 660; and 3.5 miles on Route 601. Johnson says the project of importance to the county is the construction of a 2,500-foot sidewalk from Nokesville High School to the railroad crossing. The second phase of the county's road improvement program, Johnson said, three bridges were strengthened and given major

ing Events

Movie from Fish and Wildlife Commission, and panel discussion by open forum on "We Improve Recreation in Children," presented by P-TA at Haymarket Auditorium, Tuesday, January 3, at 8 p.m. Dr. Logan J. is panel chairman and is invited. A box supper will be served at 7 p.m. for persons wishing to attend the supper and recreation program. Meeting of the American Legion at 8 p.m. Monday, at the hall at 8 p.m. Monday, at the hall. Outright Brown, commandant. Prince William County Miners Association will meet at 8 p.m. January 12, at 10 a.m. at the hall of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Personality of The Week

Dr. G. Wallace Hook, Town Councilman and Vice-Mayor



Dr. G. Wallace Hook

Dr. G. Wallace Hook, vice-mayor of Manassas and member of the Town Council, came here in 1937 from Staunton, after being graduated from Lee High School in 1928 and from the Medical College of Virginia in 1933, as a pharmacist. He began the work of his choice immediately after graduation, working first in Staunton at a drug store four years, and then coming here to his present position as druggist at Coker's Pharmacy. Born at Staunton in 1911, Dr. Hook married Evelyn Massey of Hopewell in 1934 at Richmond. They have two children, Wallace, Jr., 11, and Sue Massey, 6. College Pharmacy Editor Interested in all sports, Dr. Hook is chiefly a spectator. At college he was president of the freshman pharmacy class and pharmacy editor of the year book.

A member of Kappa Psi, national pharmaceutical society, he also belongs to the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association and is a member of that association's legislative committee; a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association; a past master of the Manassas Lodge; a member of the Fauquier Royal Arch Chapter, and a member of the Piedmont Commandery at The Plains.

Justice of the Peace Dr. Hook is also a justice of the peace, serving his second term, and is a member of the Prince William Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Hook, who is particularly interested in local education, is treasurer of the Manassas P-TA. She is also a member of the Eastern Star. Both are members of the Methodist Church. As for his work in the Town Council, Dr. Hook enjoys it very much and is especially interested

in the welfare of the town in spending the money of the town so that the most benefits possible can be received from it.

Would Like Plan He would especially like to see some long-range plan set up for Manassas so that major capital improvements wouldn't fall over a special period but would be added on gradually.

Dr. Hook feels that some small industry would be good and that the future of the town will be one of gradual growth.

Although it sometimes happens that as a pharmacist, the doctor is called upon to fill a prescription at an odd hour, he takes it in his stride, adding humorously that such calls usually come about 4 or 5 o'clock on a cold morning. But what is typical of him is that he enjoys working with people and helping them.

Commuter Service Urged By Committee

An effort to secure commuter accommodations for persons living in Manassas and working in Washington is being made by the Prince William Chamber of Commerce, with C. W. Alpaugh, chairman of the committee.

In an advertisement being run in The Journal, persons wishing the service are asked to send in their names to the committee. Persons wishing to express themselves publicly, are invited to write letters to the Readers' Forum of The Journal.

According to Mr. Alpaugh, if enough favorable response to the campaign is forthcoming, efforts to secure the service for the 10 stations along the line between Manassas and Alexandria will be made. The service, it is hoped, would provide two trains daily, one at 6:30 and another about 7:30 a.m. No tentative evening schedule has been decided.

Mr. Alpaugh states that other railroads are providing commuter service but that the Southern Railway is not.

Red Sox Club Officially In New League

The Manassas Red Sox baseball team has been officially admitted into the Old Dominion League, and officials of the club will attend the final organization meeting of the league the last week in January at Falls Church.

The league, which was disbanded before the last war, has been reorganized with five teams besides the Red Sox already officially admitted. They include Falls Church, McLean, Forestville, Randall Motors of Arlington, and Balleston A. C. The Virginia White Sox and Vienna are also expected to join the league. Other clubs interested in joining should attend the January meeting.

Squads Smaller Although 16 squad members, instead of 18 as last year, is anticipated, plans for the size of the squads may still be changed. Most of last year's Red Sox players will be returning, with emphasis on more pitching depth.

William Brown will again broadcast the Red Sox games over a public address system. A meeting of Red Sox players will be held soon and will be announced in The Journal. The club has not yet decided which field it will use for home games this year.

Reader Since 1886 Writes The Journal

Here are two more readers of The Journal who are vying for the "oldest reader in point of chronological age."

Mrs. E. E. Blough, Manassas, says, "I have been a reader of The Manassas publication since 1886. I think the paper was then called The Manassas Gazette."

Mrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe says she moved to Prince William County from Alexandria in 1894 and in 1895 took out a subscription and has renewed it every year since. Mrs. Ewing McMichael, of Nokesville, has an interesting letter in the Readers' Forum about her father as an early subscriber.

Mrs. George Ayres writes that she has been reading the Manassas Journal since 1908.

There should be plenty more—send them in!

Holiday Death Toll

Deaths for the three-day New Year's week end for the nation appears to have run considerably lower than expected.

Through Sunday the number of dead from all accidents reached 162. Traffic fatalities accounted for most of them with 98. Fires claimed 29 and there were 35 miscellaneous accidents.

Earlier, the National Safety Council predicted 330 persons would die in traffic accidents.

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Committees Appointed For Chamber

Standing committees for the Prince William Chamber of Commerce were appointed Tuesday, with the chamber's new president, R. Jackson Ratcliffe, presiding.

Other business included the proposal of a centennial celebration for 1953 by Mr. Ratcliffe who also gave the procurement of the proposed airfield as a goal to be striven for as well as the holding of chamber meetings throughout the County this year.

Screening Service Suggested Fred Hynson suggested the establishment of a "screening" service for the investigation of fund solicitors so that they might be judged as to merit. A committee, including Mr. Hynson, James W. Ritter, Jr., and E. G. Parrish, was appointed to give further consideration to the proposal.

Committees Appointed Members appointed to the eight committees were: Membership, Mrs. E. D. Gothwaite, chairman; J. W. Alvey, A. R. Cullen and G. C. Russell; program, William W. May, chairman; C. C. Cloe, E. G. Parrish, J. W. Alvey and J. P. Kerlin; publicity, Benjamin Muse, chairman; Maj. J. M. Hanson and Mrs. Stewart McBryde, Jr.

Airport committee, Harry Parrish, chairman; Frank Parrish, J. Carl Kinchele, Dr. George B. Coker and C. W. Alpaugh; industrial, C. C. Cloe, chairman; Harry P. Davis, E. G. Parrish, John Shireman and Arthur Carter. Agriculture, J. Carl Kinchele, chairman; P. A. Lewis and I. J. Breeden; trade development, E. E. Rohr, chairman; Canon Merchant and Dr. George B. Coker, and highway, Stanley A. Owens, chairman; W. R. Conner and C. B. Roland.

Initial Plans for Polio Benefit Game Started

The Rev. E. Guthrie Brown who was recently appointed in charge of game arrangements for this year's benefit baseball games for the March of Dimes campaign, by Bill May, county chairman, announces that three girls and two boys from each of several schools throughout the county will participate.

The games, which are put on through the cooperation of the superintendent, principals and coaches in the counties, is scheduled for January 28. Faculty members from schools in the county will play the students.

Girls will be chosen from the schools at Occoquan, Nokesville, Quantico and Osbourn. Boys will be selected from the same schools with the addition of the Technical School.

Miss Marjorie Bean Weds Mr. Fortuna

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Bean announce the marriage of their daughter, Marjorie Lou, to Mr. Joseph Fortuna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fortuna of Vivian, W. Va., on December 28, in Alexandria.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Fred Chenuit of the Washington Street Methodist Church.

Mrs. Fortuna is a graduate of Osbourn High School and attended Longwood College at Farmville.

Mr. Fortuna is director of physical education in the Manassas elementary school and was recently appointed to fill the position of coach at Osbourn High School. He attended Morehead College in Kentucky and received his degree from Concord College in West Virginia. He is taking graduate work at the University of West Virginia and is a member of Phi Delta Pi fraternity.

Prisoners Captured

HAYMARKET.—The four prisoners who recently escaped from a prison camp here have all been recaptured. The last of the prisoners was captured in Pennsylvania.

BASKETBALL SCORES

January 3
Hawks 35 Upperville 53
Hawkettes 33 Upperville Girls 33

Local Welfare Budget \$90,000; Hospital Costs Hit \$14 per Day; Child Welfare Worker Sought

From the Pastor's Study

By the Rev. Albert C. Winn
Nokesville, Virginia

How many New Year's resolutions have you broken today? Every New Year's Day brings with it a crop of jokes and cartoons about broken resolutions. It is a fact that many people look on New Year's Day as a good time to start a new habit or break an old one. And it is a fact that most of these brave resolutions wither and die like flowers that pop up the first warm day of spring and are nipped the next morning by the frost.

Now there is no use mourning for a great many resolutions, because we never really meant to keep them. We knew we weren't serious at the time. Mark Twain once had a friend who was trying desperately to give up smoking. "That shouldn't cause you any trouble," said Mark Twain, "giving up smoking is the easiest thing in the world." He paused, as his friend looked amazed, and then went on: "I've done it a thousand times." Some of our resolutions are no more serious than Mark Twain's resolutions to give up smoking.

Many Earnestly Resolve But there are men and young people who make resolutions from the bottom of their hearts. They earnestly long to give up this or that, the whole thing falls through. The chains of habit are strong for them. The attempt at reform ends in failure and they are bewildered, hopeless, afraid to try again.

In most such cases the trouble is that they are relying on human will-power. Strange to say, human will-power is one of the weakest forces in our lives. It is, for example, not nearly so strong as human imagination. Psychology tells us that, and the Bible knew it long ago. When the serpent tempted Eve, he worked on her imagination, and it was her own imagination that knocked her will-power down and rode rough-shod over it. Study that out some time in Genesis 3.

Imagination Excited Here is a man who resolves mightily: "I am not going to take a drink." That very resolve excites his imagination, and his imagination pictures to him his old pals, the old place, and the old bottle. Will-power lights the fuse of imagination and gets knocked down in the explosion that results.

What is the answer, then? The answer is to turn your life over to a higher power, to the power of God in Christ. The answer is not to grit your teeth, but to bow your head; not to try to get a new habit, but a new heart; not to reform self, but to deny self, lose self and find it again in Him.

Need Other Power Does this sound like Greek to you? It probably does, because we do not talk and think in those terms very often nowadays. Nevertheless it is plain truth that the only way you and I are ever going to make any real moral progress is

Feature of the Week:

Evidence in Frying Pan Leads To Confession by Criminal

After the liver and heart of a heifer was found in his frying pan, Robert Buchanan, of Manassas, confessed to entering a field and butchering a heifer belonging to Roy Carter, on a farm near Manassas.

The confession followed investigation by local officers which led to Buchanan's connection with the case. In his confession, Buchanan also implicated Willie Randall, saying that he and Randall had shot and butchered the heifer.

Buchanan said that they took the meat to his house on Monday morning, December 5, and later took it to Washington to sell it on the O Street market where it was refused because it was not government-inspected. However, they were able to sell

through a power not our own. "I can do all things," says Paul, "through Christ who strengthens me."

The Christian life is meant to be a life of moral progress. Each New Year's Day a Christian should be able to see some victories won and to look forward to more conquests. If that is not the pattern of your life, if life is just one long defeat, a trail strewn with the whitened skeletons of dead resolutions, then you should ask yourself whether you have ever really laid hold on Christ and the power He promises those who have faith in Him.

Next week, the Rev. John D. Edens.

Bank Dividend To Be Paid At Quantico

QUANTICO.—Stockholders of the First National Bank of Quantico will receive an extra dividend if plans of the Board of Directors are approved at the annual meeting on January 10.

Besides the regular semi-annual cash dividend which was 8 per cent on the bank's capital stock this time, a 100 per cent stock dividend was proposed by the directors at their regular monthly meeting.

When approved by the stockholders the stock dividend of \$50,000 will be paid to the shareholders.

Capital to Be Increased The bank's capital stock will be increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000 to provide for the additional \$50,000 to be paid in stock. In addition to capital of \$100,000 to be paid in stock, profits and reserves will amount to \$100,000, making total capital accounts of \$200,000.

Organized in 1923 The bank was organized in 1923 with a paid capital and surplus of \$30,000 and was one of the first in this section to increase its interest rate on savings deposits to 2 per cent, having taken that action two years ago on January 1, 1948.

The increase in capital will be an additional protection to depositors and the public and reflects the sound management of the Board of Directors. The individual in the community will be further benefited by the bank's ability to make larger loans, the sum, per person, being increased from \$23,500 to \$15,000.

First Baby Born

First baby to be born in Prince William County during the New Year is a son, born to Mr. and Mrs. Leon C. Mills, Longview, at 1:48 a.m. January 1, at Warrenton. The baby will receive numerous prizes donated by local merchants.

Supervisors Will Get Report About 1950 Welfare Fund Needs

The budget of the County Welfare Board for 1950 will be presented to the Prince William County Supervisors at its meeting Thursday of this week. It will call for an expenditure somewhere around \$90,000 for old age and blind support, aid to dependent and foster children and for general relief purposes.

Of this figure the taxpayers of Prince William County will be required to contribute less than a third of the relief bill. Substantially larger payments will come from the Federal government. The Commonwealth fund payment will be about the same as that required from the county.

High Hospital Costs

The high cost of hospital care has hit the welfare agency the same as the individual. Even under contract the county is forced to pay \$14 per day when it sends relief patients to the Alexandria hospitals, \$11.90 per day in Washington hospitals and \$11 in Charlottesville. This includes the use of laboratory facilities, operating rooms or other necessities when required. The yearly cost for the welfare program hospitalization has been as high as \$9000. Prince William county share has been \$6000 with the state paying the remaining \$3000.

December Work Report

In December of last year the Welfare Board, through its director, Mrs. Elizabeth Painter, and her assistant, Miss Nancy Dildake handled the problems of 80 recipients of old age pensions, three aid to the blind cases, 17 families with dependent children, and had 29 children in boarding homes and 26 children in their own homes under the classification of pre delinquents. There were 16 families receiving general relief.

The Welfare Board will also report to the Supervisors on the need for an additional welfare worker to handle child welfare. This will be without cost the first year to Prince William County as the Federal government will pay the salary for that period. After the first year the county must contribute 15 per cent of the salary and then progressively increase its payments until 40 per cent of the salary of the worker is paid by the county.

Report Approved

The report and the budget will be received by the supervisors has already been unanimously adopted by the Welfare Board, of which J. W. Alvey, Catharpin, is chairman and J. W. Ellis, Nokesville, and Cleve Russell, Woodbridge, the other members.

Other matters coming before the supervisors at Thursday's meeting will be the election of chairman of the board. It is anticipated that J. Murray Taylor, the present chairman, will be re-elected. John W. Ellis, present member of the district home, is also likely to be re-elected. Reports will be heard from County Agent, Frank Cox, and Miss Leona Kline, home demonstration agent.

C. E. Gnat Announces Schedule For Licenses

Charlton E. Gnat, commissioner of revenue, announces that he will be at various places throughout the County to issue State and County licenses to merchants and operators.

From 9 a.m. until 12 noon on January 9, he will be at Melton's store, Haymarket. He will be at Fitzwater's, garage, Nokesville, the same day from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

On January 10 and 11, he will be at the Quantico Town Hall from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. For Triangle and Dumfries, Mr. Gnat will be at the Quantico Motor Company (Ford) from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on January 12. The following day, January 13, he will be at the firehouse of Occoquan and Woodbridge from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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