

# The Manassas Journal



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## Council Keeps Cockerham Terminal for Buses; Rejects Petition, 2-1

Trailway's Bus ticket office main at Coker's Pharmacy will be permitted to stop street on either side of Street to load and discharge.

The decision of the Manassas Town Council at an adjourned meeting on Wednesday night was a matter of discussion mainly between Councilman R. W. Doggett and Councilman Dr. G. Wallace.

The decision was 2 to 1. Councilman Fredrick Saunders, an acting member of the meeting, did not vote and Councilman C. E. Rice and Councilman Doggett voted to continue the discussions as presently carried on.

The discussion regarding how much commission for Coker's Pharmacy received on tickets, lack of toilet facilities, hazardous to pedestrians, and whether mobile drivers and whether buses could enter and leave lot behind the Stonewall hotel, providing the buses were moved to that point.

## Club Charges Phone Utility Inefficient

A lively discussion was held regarding the inefficiency of the present telephone system at the meeting held by the Junior Woman's Club.

The chairman of the Civic Committee was directed to write the president of the Telephone Company stating the club's feeling about the situation and requesting that improvement be made.

A copy of this letter was to be sent to Mr. Gnadl to be read before the Chamber of Commerce.

New Members Welcomed: Miss Betty Jo Armstrong was welcomed as a new member and Mrs. Betty Puerst and Mrs. Lois Brown were accepted as new members.

New business consisted of the purchasing of a school lunch ticket for the remainder of the month for one underprivileged child in Bennett School.

The Civic Committee urged that the club cooperate in Mr. Ritter's plan for Clean-Up Week in Manassas.

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## Lawyers Fight Plan to Change Court Circuit

Prince William County's Bar Association adopted a resolution at a special meeting in the office of Arthur Sinclair, who was elected secretary, asking that another judge be appointed to serve the 16th judicial circuit.

While withholding formal action on a gerrymandering proposal the Bar Association will notify Senator Clark and elegate Moncure that the lawyers of Prince William County are opposed to a plan to be put to the general assembly to transfer Prince William County from the present 16th judicial circuit to a new judicial circuit.

Attorneys point out that this would be inconvenient not only to them but to the litigants of Prince William County who often would be required to travel 40 miles to get recess orders, etc., rather than about 15 miles as at present.

The gerrymandering proposal is said to have been the result of a recent fight in the 15th judicial circuit over the reapportionment of Judge Leon Brazelle, who was opposed by delegate Gibson of Fredericksburg.

## Rev. Graham Given Award By U.D.C. Here

Chaplain (Major) Richard Marshall Graham, former pastor of the Manassas Baptist Church, was to be honored by award of the coveted Cross of Military Service at a meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy here today.

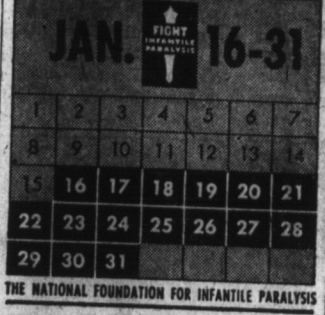
Also scheduled to speak at the assembly was the Rev. H. E. Hudgins, pastor of Grace Methodist Church.

## Pitter Pat Nursery Reports Good Progress

A great deal of progress has been made by the Pitter Pat Nursery since its opening December 5, 1949.

One of the features of the nursery is the rope train in which the children go for an afternoon walk when it is warm enough.

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## Disposal Plant Ready by Feb. 1

The new disposal plant which the Town of Manassas has been constructing for several months will be in operation between now and the first of February.

The disposal plant has a capacity estimated to take care of a population of 3500 persons. The plant which it is replacing was constructed when the population of Manassas was less than 500.

The group is headed by Harry O. Swan, instructor in institutional farm training for the veterans of Prince William County.

## Obituaries

FRED JOHN CHANDLER  
Fred John Chandler who was born near Elgin, Ill., on June 30, 1865, died at his home near Buckhorn on Jan. 12 and was buried from Baker's Funeral Home on Jan. 14.

Joseph Manuel, oldest native of Nokesville, passed away at his home in Nokesville, on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Lyons' Mother Dies  
Word has been received that Mrs. Benjamin Perffy, mother of Mrs. House Inn, died at her home in Hantsport, Nova Scotia on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

Benson Lewis Gaskin  
Benson "Stump" Lewis Gaskin died at his home here Tuesday after an illness of a year.

Miss Bell Marries Hutchison H. Payne  
OCCOQUAN—Mr. Hutchison H. Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Payne and Miss Mary Genevieve Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Bell of Woodbridge were married Saturday morning at 11 by the Rev. Clark H. Wood.

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## County Fair In Manassas Waits Council

Farmers, farm wives, 4-H Club members, Future Farmers, and Veterans, in fact, nearly everyone in Prince William County, is showing intense interest in the proposed Prince William County Fair, which is to be held for three days, beginning August 31 next.

The exact site of the fair has not yet been determined. The Manassas Town Council expressed opposition a week ago to the use of the Manassas Airport, which has been lying idle for months.

Impetus was given the fair plans at a meeting in Nokesville Tuesday evening by the Veterans' Farm Club following the Veterans Agricultural Training Class of the high school.

The Board of Supervisors have been petitioned to aid the group in the form of financial assistance or prizes, and an effort is being made to get permission to use the Manassas Airport site for the fair.

## 14 Dairymen of County Get State Applause

Special recognition was given to Prince William County dairymen at the 43rd annual Virginia State Dairymen's Convention at Roanoke on Thursday and Friday of this week for their achievement in high average production per cow for the past year.

A committee consisting of Dr. George B. Cooke, Russ Cullen, and Ben Muse was appointed to review the pamphlet and receive bids for its printing.

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Tuesday, Jan. 24—Dumfries 4-H club at 1:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 24—Nokesville Jr. home demonstration club, Mrs. Harry Miller, 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 25—Aden home demonstration club, at 1:30 p.m. with Mrs. Ola Marshall.  
Wednesday, Jan. 25—Nokesville Sr. home demonstration club, all-day meeting with Mrs. Joe Hale. Subject: textile painting.

## On The Job



HON. JOHN STEWART BATTLE  
The New Governor

## Battle in Office No New Taxes Is His Promise

A score or more of the prominent and civic leaders of Prince William County heard incoming governor John Stewart Battle, in his inaugural address in Richmond on Wednesday promise 45 million dollars for local school construction.

In a colorful ceremony and in a speech filled with forward looking points for the development of Virginia, Governor Battle recommended:

Revised regulations relative to school construction to modernize the construction of buildings, eliminate "many wasteful and unnecessary practices" and bring about greater comfort and utility; along with "good business practices" that will insure the elimination of all unnecessary expenditures.

## Many Queries About County Are Received

At the Tuesday meeting of the Chamber of Commerce President Jackson Ratcliffe reported that the number of inquiries concerning Prince William County from distant points are increasing and this necessitates the revision and reprinting of the Chamber of Commerce pamphlet of three years ago describing the county.

The P-T-A asked the chamber to get volunteers from its members who would be willing to transport children in need of medical attention to Washington when required.

## Tech Starts First Of 8 New Units

Digging for the foundation upon which the first of the 8 new units to the Manassas Technical School started this week. The new unit is being built directly across the street from the Administration Building.

Construction of the new building, which is intended to house the sheet metal shop, but which may be changed from that purpose later, is being carried out as a project of the students of the Technical School.

## Half '49-50 Highway Fund Used; Balance Tagged for Repairs

Slightly less than one-half of the Prince William County road fund allocated at \$156,367 for the fiscal 1949-50 has so far been spent by the highway department.

This was the explanation made at the state engineer district headquarters at Warrenton following the Journal's editorial comment in its issue of Jan. 12th relating to certain poor highways of the County. These, however, were not secondary roads.

A large part of the secondary road work during the past six months has been designed to put the county's roads in shape for the Winter travel, according to Richard V. Lancaster, assistant resident engineer. Some \$28,000 was expended on maintenance, \$12,000 on replacements, and \$30,000 on new construction.

Maintenance replacements consisted of retreating roads that already are hard-surfaced. Construction for the most part consisted of hard-surfacing previously surfaced secondary routes in the county.

Lancaster, an engineer with 14 years experience with the State Highway Department, is assistant resident engineer to J. E. Johnson with headquarters at Warrenton. He is charged with state road work in Prince William, Fauquier, and Raynham Counties.

Lancaster spends every Thursday at the County Court House in Manassas for the purpose of meeting citizens regarding road matters, issues various permits, and meets with the Board of Supervisors at their regular sessions.

He says he is available to confer with rural residents who have specific requests, questions, or suggestions regarding roads on which they live. If citizens of Prince William County have road troubles they should call on Lancaster without delay.

The secondary roads of Prince William are former County roads taken over by the State under the Byrd Road Law of 1932. They are identified by route numbers of 600 or more. For the most part, they are farm-to-market, R. F. D., and school bus routes.

Exactly 346.7 miles make up the secondary system in Prince William. Of this mileage, 69.07 miles are hard surfaced; 203.35 miles have a heavy all-weather surface of stone, gravel, or other materials; 63.29 miles are lightly-surfaced; and 10.99 miles are non-surfaced.

During the remaining six months, 27 miles will be strengthened with additional stone applications and four bridges will be rebuilt or repaired.

Currently, State forces are rebuilding a weak bridge across Slate Run on Route 611 North of Aden and are bringing weaker road sections into shape for the Winter with the addition of stone and gravel.

The County road budget, as adopted by the Board of Supervisors, includes more than 100 different items scattered throughout the County. Approximately half of the work has been completed.

approximately \$160,000 in Federal Aid and State matching funds are available for construction in Prince William. Right-of-way difficulties have held up putting any of this construction under way, but officials say they hope that 1950 will see this work starting.

State Highway Resident Engineer J. E. Johnston reported this week that virtually all grading has been completed on U. S. Route 15 from Route 211 through Haymarket to Woolsey, and a solid base has been applied on the part which is carrying traffic.

Bridges Being Built  
State forces from Construction Camp No. 26 are building 5.6 miles of new roadway and three bridges to close a long dirt gap on Route 15. One bridge already has been opened to traffic and work is underway on two others which are part of the project.

Route 234 construction between Stone House and Catharpin Creek, which should be completed within the next 30 days.

Further improvement of Route 234 is scheduled to be started early in the Spring, Johnson said. Plans call for reworking the present surface between Catharpin and Woolsey, adding additional material to form a more solid base, and applying a blacktop surface.

Route 15 construction will be continued through the Winter as rapidly as weather will permit, the resident engineer added. Macadem surfacing of the roadway and completion of the two bridges are scheduled for the next six months.

Deep freezes for the rest of the Winter, the engineers believe "that most Prince William roads are in shape to remain passable throughout the year," according to a release issued by them to the press.

## Kiwanians To Observe Founding

The history of the two Kiwanis Internationals and the local Kiwanis Club will be given tomorrow at the program observing the 35th anniversary of the founding of Kiwanis International at The Grill.

Frank Sigman, in charge of the program, announces that James Myers will read a message from the president, and E. D. Gothwaite, president of the local club, announces that three new members will be installed.

Representatives from here who attended the Capital District meeting held January 6-7 at the Roanoke Hotel, Roanoke, were President Gothwaite, Lacey Compton, Secretary-treasurer, Arnold Service, Edgar Parrish and Mr. Sigman.

Speakers at the Roanoke meeting included Dr. Charles Smith, Provost Marshall of Roanoke College, Salem, and Clem D. Johnson, director of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

## Mrs. Peters Installed

Mrs. Marie O. Peters was installed as councilor of Prince William Council No. 45, of the Daughters of America at the first meeting held this year.

Other officers are: Past Councilor, Miss Minnie Smith; Associate Past Councilor, Mrs. Polly Foley; Associate Councilor, Mrs. Florence Ennis; Vice Councilor, Mrs. Goldie Mathias; Associate Vice Councilor, Mrs. Carrie Holliday.