

Br'er Kerlin He Lay Low; 'No Comment'

Sheriff John P. Kerlin, as Uncle Remus used to say about Br'er Rabbit, "he lay low" this week when it came to talking for publication about the recent upheaval in the Prince William County sheriff's office.

Reached by The Journal this week, Sheriff Kerlin's first reaction was to make "no comment" on several queries. Later, he told this newspaper he would answer all questions in writing, to which proposition The Journal agreed, offering to put its questions on paper for the sheriff to study before answering.

Came Tuesday, The Journal's questions were ready, but the sheriff told a reporter that he had already decided to make a statement "that will cover everything," so he did not need the questions. He agreed to stop by The Journal office with a copy of the statement on Tuesday afternoon.

On Wednesday morning, with still no statement forthcoming, The Journal visited the sheriff's office. The sheriff was in court. A few minutes after The Journal representative entered the courtroom, the sheriff left. When the reporter left the courtroom and looked into the sheriff's office again, Mr. Kerlin was reported to be back in the courtroom.

At the time of going to press, The Journal had not yet received the statement which would, according to the sheriff, tell all. Thus, The Journal had no way of knowing whether its three questions would be answered by the statement. The questions were:

1. Why was Deputy Turner Wheeling dismissed without public explanation of cause and at the same time given a commendatory letter of recommendation?

2. Have you decided on a replacement for Wheeling? If so, who is he? If not, when do you expect to get a replacement?

3. Taking notice of the fact that the wife of Deputy Sheriff A. J. Humphrey at Quantico is seeking ABC permission to open the Coney Island Grill on Potomac Avenue, Quantico, what is your policy with respect to the families of your deputies engaging in the alcoholic beverage trade?

After the question of a Guard unit for Prince William County will be held Friday at 8 o'clock in the American Hall, Manassas.

The determined origin Monday swept and destroyed a burning the main house of a Mrs. Brown, near the Ball School. Two engines from Manassas and an engine and truck from Gainesville arrived. None of the houses in the house was hurt, except for scorching of

After baby in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Newman Hopkins—she is the correspondent for The Journal—became the parents of a third child, a son, on March 3.

Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church will meet at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. John Burke.

Dr. E. R. Edrege, Quantico Boxer, New York to compete in the New York Gloves Championship. Win, draw he is expected back this weekend.

Postmasterhip at Dumfries and an examination to fill the job will be held shortly, Elizabeth Reynolds, acting postmistress announces. Applications must be filed with the Civil Service Commission by March 23. The examination will be held at Alexandria.

Personality of The Week

Horse Doc, No Psychologist, Could Risk a Hoof in The Head

The veterinary profession is one in which, if you don't use psychology on your patients you are in danger of getting your head cut off. Of course, that is more applicable if the patient is a 2,000-lb percheron than if it is a two-ounce hamster (unless you have a really small head), but any veterinarian who thinks being a vet is just a semi-skilled way of earning a living has another think

the Doctor M. C. Robbins, at Quantico, who is what might be called a general practitioner among the big cities animal doctors usually specialize in pets, while country vets go all-out for sheep, cattle, hogs and other animals that might be called non-domestic.

Dr. Robbins is young for folks,

but older than most of his patients—you hear these believe-it-or-not things, he explains, about 40-year-old horses, but not in Prince William County. The one-ton horse and the two-ounce hamster are among his former patients, as are many sick, lame and lazy dogs and not a few aging cats.

Robbins is proud—and justly so—of the VMD that follows his name. At some schools they award DVM—for Doctor of Veterinary Medicine—but at Pennsylvania, where he got his parchment in 1942, he writes diplomas in Latin, so Robbins is a Veterinarius Medicinæ Doctor—though he won't be mad if you just call him "Doc."

The Army's widely acclaimed classification system did its work shortly after Doc's graduation from (See HORSE DOC, Page 12)

Compton Is Renamed As Trial Justice



C. Lacey Compton (above) has been renamed Trial Justice by County Judge Paul E. Brown. The four-year term to which Mr. Compton is appointed is his fourth in office.

In addition to his duties as Trial Justice, Mr. Compton is engaged in the private practice of law in Manassas.

Other action taken by the school board included:

Elected Mrs. Florence Gue to the new post of county school nurse.

Elected Mrs. Rosamond Hanson and W. Y. Ellicott as school census takers for the five-yearly Virginia state enumeration.

Granted a civic request for the use of the Osburn High School gymnasium, one night a week as a National Guard armory, and gave permission for the construction of auxiliary buildings.

Tentatively adopted the Technical school budget of \$101,230, subject to approval of the state board of education.

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School Board Re-elects All Principals

All teachers presently serving as principals in Prince William County schools were re-elected Wednesday for the 1950-51 school year.

C. J. Gibson, principal at Brentsville District High School, is expected to accept a post as supervisor of instruction in Loudoun county, and probably will not be available for the Brentsville post next year.

Nevertheless, Superintendent R. Worth Peters said, he was re-elected so that he could continue to serve at Brentsville "if anything happened that he should not take the position in Leesburg."

Others re-elected were Daniel M. Kelso, principal, and Miss Carrie B. Lanford, assistant at Osburn; Mrs. Ossie L. Tipton, assistant at Bennett; Vernon Schultz, Technical school; Herbert J. Saunders, Occoquan school; Mrs. Martha Craft, Dumfries school; Mrs. Marvel Hanscome, Woodbine school; C. N. Bennett, Regional High school; Mrs. Margaret Roy, Brown Elementary school.

Miss Sue Ayres was re-named elementary supervisor for the white schools of the county, and Miss Naomi Wright as elementary supervisor for colored schools.

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School Heads In Crackdown On Truancy

A Gainesville woman was found guilty Wednesday of allowing her 15-year-old son to absent himself from school, her husband was summoned to court on a bench warrant, and Monday was set for hearing of another truancy case in a crackdown against laxity of school attendance.

Mrs. Aubrey Manuel was adjudged guilty by Trial Justice C. Lacey Compton, who deferred sentencing until Monday. At the same time, Compton directed police to insure the attendance of her husband who, Compton said, "is just as responsible in the eyes of the law" as the mother.

Also set for Monday hearing is the case of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wilson, near neighbors in Gainesville of the Manuels, whose 15-year-old daughter allegedly has attended school only irregularly this year.

Mrs. Manuel's son, Carroll Lee, an eighth-grade student at Warrenton, formerly attended school in Manassas. Attendance records shown by Attendance Officer W. Y. Ellicott indicate the boy was absent numerous times in September and October, and on most school days in November and until he transferred to Warrenton Dec. 12. The Fauquier county school records, Ellicott said, show the boy has been absent every day but one since the first of this year.

The Wilson child, Barbara, also an eighth-grade student, has not attended school this year except for two days in January, according to records.

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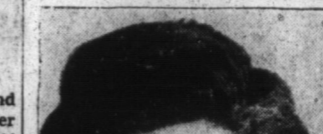
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To Conduct Meeting For Recreation Workers



MILDRED SCANLON—Miss Scanlon recreation specialist will come to Manassas April 12, 13, and 14 to conduct a leadership training meeting for recreation workers.

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Sinclair Named Associate Judge For Alex-Fairfax-P.W. Circuit; First From This Co. in 45 Years

Special to The Manassas Journal RICHMOND, Mar. 9.—Arthur W. Sinclair, 36-year-old Manassas lawyer, will be the first incumbent of the Associate Judgeship of the Prince William-Fairfax-Alexandria judicial circuit. Sinclair, the candidate of the Prince William County bar, was nominated by a Democratic caucus of the Virginia legislature at Richmond last night. Though his nomination requires the formality of a vote in both houses of the legislature, his election is assured.

Sinclair's appointment marks the first time in 45 years that a Prince William County man has occupied the bench in this circuit. Judge Thornton, whose tenure ended in 1905, was the last Prince William countian to be circuit judge.

Sinclair will serve as associate judge to Judge Paul E. Brown of Fairfax.

The sponsorship of Sinclair at the caucus was spearheaded by Delegate Frank Moncure of Stafford, this county's representative in the house. Sinclair was opposed by Harry Carrioco, of Fairfax, who had not only the recommendation of the Fairfax and Alexandria bars, but the sponsorship of Senator Andrew Clarke, Delegate Ed Lynch of Fairfax and Delegate Armistead Booth of Alexandria.

Politics-wise observers believed at first that Carrioco's nomination was assured through the workings of senatorial courtesy when Clarke threw his support behind the Fairfax man. The vote for Sinclair was 59-44.

Clarke reputedly had promised to support Sinclair but he led the fight for the opposition. Clarke accused W. Hill Brown, of Manassas, with being responsible for Carrioco's defeat and Brown replied that there would have been no contest if Clarke had kept his word to support Sinclair. Brown said he fought for a member of the Prince William County bar and would continue to do so.

A crowd gathered as the two argued. Clarke's hangers on began to crowd in as the words became heated. Some of them said to Brown, "You can't speak to the senator that way."

Brown, according to reports, laughed off the idea that Clarke's henchmen believed that the legislator was above being reproved for not keeping prior promises to support Sinclair. Brown's only comment was, "well, we won, and we'll beat them again."

Sinclair was born in Manassas October 13, 1914, and was educated at the public schools here and at Augusta Military Academy, Ft. Defiance, before going to Washington and Lee University. He graduated from Georgetown Law school in 1938 and was admitted to the practice of law in February 1939.

Except for war service as an officer in the Army Judge Advocate General's Department from June 1943 to February 1946, Sinclair has been engaged in the private practice of law in Manassas since 1939.

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Deeds Recorded

Benedictine Society to St. Mary's Benedictine Institute tract or parcel, 1736 acres, deed.

Stanley A. Owens, special commissioner, to Emmett A. Winegard, Jr., et ux, 1 acre, Brentsville district, deed.

Westley King to Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corp, right of way. Laura Alexander et al to Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corp, right of way.

Harold E. Andrus et ux to Olive B. Fisher and Cleveland Fisher, 14 acres, Manassas Town, deed.

E. Len and Dora Jane Weston to Cecil D. Hyton, lots, Annaburg subdivision, Manassas Town, deed.

Barham M. Pettit et al to A. P. Presti, lot or parcel, Dumfries district, deed.