

you know of any crippled... needng aid, get word to Dr. Wallace Hook at Cocks's Pharmacy...

Green, of Brentsville High... recently wrote an article on conservation for The Journal...

Governor's Highway Safety... committee sends along a note to effect that we ought to stop...

J. P. Lyon, who operates the... House Inn, is back from Hant...

Manassas Journal has... national recognition for its...

United Daughters of the... will hold its monthly...

Lewis Carper, president of... High School Alumni...

Young People of the... Church will be guests of...

W. A. Newman, chairman... building committee of the...

Record in egg sales at the... Market was established...

W. E. Rice, Jr., assistant... of the Manassas Western...

Karig Archer, Fairfax... commercial artist and...

note: Easter is busting... over. Last week's Margaret...

weather that the new season... here is the renewed activity...

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## Journal Given Reprint Rights On Important Article on Pork

Because of the timely nature of the article and because of its importance to a community where much pork is grown for home consumption, The Manassas Journal has asked for and received permission to reprint in full the following article from the March issue of Reader's Digest. The article, entitled, "Must Our Pork Remain Unsafe?" was written by Laird S. Goidsbrough.

In the pork which we Americans eat there too often lurk myriads of baffling and sinister parasites. They are minute spiral worms which scientists call *Trichinella spiralis*. If the worms are not killed by cooking the pork thoroughly, they transfer themselves from the eaten pork into the body of the pork consumer and multiply there with savage rapidity. A single serving of infective pork—even a single mouthful—can kill or cripple or condemn the victim to a lifetime of aches and pains.

For this unique disease, trichinosis, there is no cure. With no drug to stop them, the worms may spread throughout the muscular tissues of the entire human system. One of two things then happens, depending on the intensity of the infection. Either death ensues or a successful effort is made by nature to throw an enclosure, or cyst, around each of the teeming parasites, which then become dormant although they remain alive for years. Incredible as it may seem, 100 million or more trichinae may infest a single victim. London's eminent Sir James Paget, who discovered this parasite in 1835, wrote: "Fancy the body of a single individual supporting more separately existing creatures than the whole population of the world!"

Fortunately most American housewives know that thorough cooking of pork kills any trichinae which may be in it and enters the meat safe. It is vital to cook fresh pork until it has lost entirely its pink color and has turned gray. It will then have reached a temperature of 163 degrees Fahrenheit, strictly speaking, 137 degrees of heat will kill the trichinae. The difference of 26 degrees is the safety margin no good cook will ignore. When cooking a large chunk of pork, especially a ham, it is best to use a meat thermometer—one costs only about \$1.50—and stick the point right down into the center of the meat. If no thermometer is handy, the rule-of-thumb for a thick cut of pork is to cook it 30 minutes to the pound.

Anyone can follow such rules, just as anyone can pasteurize milk, but the risk of death and disease calls for public and not merely private action. Americans would never think of going back to unpasteurized milk. Why not go forward to measures which will make American pork safe before it is purchased? Pork is a tasty, satisfying food. It is rich in protein, fat and Vitamin B1. Moreover, since "pigs will eat anything," pork is often a cheap and valuable end product of the garbage waste of which Americans are so prodigal. When pork is good is is very, very good—but well worth pondering is the often quoted statement by Dr. Maurice C. Hall, late Chief of the Division of Zoology of the U. S. F. B. Legitimate demand for pork, he should not do it on the basis that he may be purchasing his death warrant. In a day when goods of all sorts are assumed to be, and quite generally are, safe and wholesome as marketed, no one has a right to ask that an exception be made for pork.

The raw, pork scraps commonly included in the garbage fed to hogs spread trichinosis among the animals. Dr. Hall's successor, Dr. Willard H. Wright, says: "The widely prevailing practice of disposing of garbage by feeding it to swine provides an important avenue of infection for human trichinosis."

We can take a dubious satisfaction in the knowledge that our modern streamlined packing methods tend to diffuse the meat of any one trichinosis hog among that of say a hundred healthy hogs. Thus there is what may be viewed as a dilution of the infection or a spreading, of the risk. It works out in practice that 20th-century man seldom dies of trichinosis, but very widely and especially in America either suffers from a light case of trichinosis cor-

## Heavy Slash In Welfare Funds Seen

A sizeable cut in welfare activities in Prince William County in the coming fiscal year is expected following receipt of word here that approximately \$1,000,000 has been slashed statewide from welfare funds.

Mrs. Elizabeth Painter, County Welfare Supervisor, told The Journal this week there is little hope of the county getting approval of the \$90,000 budget asked of the state. Mrs. Painter did not make any estimate of the reduction that is likely to be ordered, but said she understood that "the biggest cuts will be made in the case of counties that presented adequate budgets—and ours was adequate."

When the reductions are directed Mrs. Painter predicted, the state will prescribe "proportionate reductions." This means that cuts will be made across the board, hitting more or less evenly the six categories of welfare: old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind, foster home care, general relief, and hospitalization.

In the last-named category any reduction is expected to be all but crippling. Mrs. Painter said the county is now paying up to \$16 a day for hospital care.

Definite action on the budget cannot come until word is received from Richmond concerning the state's position. It is expected that the budget will come up for tentative approval at the next regular Board of Supervisors meeting April 6.

## Cage Tourney Finals Slated Saturday

The Manassas Legion was knocked out of its own Annual Invitational Basketball Tournament Tuesday night in a heart-breaking opening men's game at Osbourn High School gymnasium.

Leesburg defeated the Legion men, 50-46 after the Legion had come from far behind to hold victory in its grasp with but one minute to play. At the half, Leesburg led 27-11, and lengthened its lead to 40-23 at the three-quarter mark, when the Legion got its second wind and forged ahead 44-43 a minute before the game ended. In the final five minutes Leesburg scored seven points and Manassas Legion two to end the game 46-46 in Leesburg's favor.

Jim Leo, with three points in the first half and 19 in the second, led the Legionnaires in scoring, with Atkinson (15 points), Schneider (5) and Studer (4) contributing to the total. Fortuna, Vetter and Davis also played. Birch and McGaha, with 17 points each, tied for high-scoring honors for Leesburg.

The second half of the opening round was scheduled for Wednesday night, with semi-finals Thursday and the finals on Saturday at the Osbourn gym.

Sponsored by the Legion post here, the tournament is by now a fixture of the Prince William sports year. Nearly 300 persons attended the opener Tuesday, when the following games were also played:

MANASSAS HAWKS GIRLS, 37; LEGION GIRLS, 27. Libby Lloyd was top Hawk scorer with 18 points, and Edith Johnson's 12 were the high mark for the Legion. Other scorers and players for the Hawks were Blakemore (13), Haskins (6), Javenport, Ibbings, Fox, Pickrel, Robinson and Brown. For the Legion: Harne (9), Merchant (6), Fortuna, Lewis, Brown, Sinclair, and Saltar.

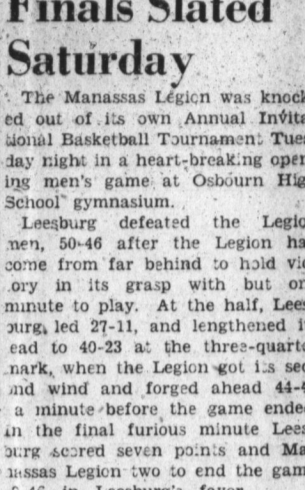
HAWKS 33, MIDDLEBURG 31. Players in this close game were Robinson (8), Witzel (7), Polen (7), Stu Vetter (6), Swank (5), Kolb, Allen and Todd for the Hawks. Frislett, with 10 points, was high scorer for Middleburg.

UPPERVILLE A. C. GIRLS, 32; PURCELLVILLE 17. Doris Caylor's 14 points for the winners almost equaled the whole score of the losers. B. Davis, with 12 points, closely followed the top scorer on the Upperville squad, while B. Hatcher, scoring 13 points, hung up all but four of the Purcellville tallies.

The schedule for Wednesday night paired the Leesburg and Nokesville girls at 6:30; Purcellville and Haymarket boys at 7:30; Upperville Callahan and Middleburg girls at 8:30 and Upperville A. C. and Nokesville boys at 9:30.

In Thursday's semis, Hawks girls See TOURNEY, Page 4

## Kestner Named Chief Of Highway District



Charles W. Kestner (above) will become engineer in charge of the Culpeper Highway Construction District, which includes Prince William County. Presently serving as personnel engineer for the State Highway Department, Kestner will succeed R. I. Mount in the Culpeper post on April 1. Mount will move to Fredericksburg.

## 'Macs' Elect Edgar Parrish

Edgar Parrish was named president of the Manassas Macs baseball club, succeeding J. A. Vetter at a meeting last week.

Farrish called the first practice of the season for this Sunday at 3 p. m. at Swavelly field.

In taking office, Parrish asked The Journal to print an expression of his appreciation "to the merchants of Manassas for their support in the purchase of uniforms."

Other officers elected were Gene Worley, vice president; Sedrick Saunders, business manager; Howard Atkinson, player manager; and Turner Wheeling (who is also league commissioner), secretary treasurer.

## H. D. Schedule

Monday, March 27. The Bethel H. D. Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Jeannette Garber at 1:30. The demonstration will be "Background Information for Attractive Bedrooms."

Tuesday, March 28. The Nokesville, Jr. H. D. Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Virginia Wilkins at 2:30. The demonstration will be "Background Information for Attractive Bedrooms."

OLD RESIDENTS ILL  
Charles Henry Conway, 75, is seriously ill at the Warrenton Hospital. He suffered a stroke several days ago.

W. T. Thomasson, is under doctor's care at his home and is reported in a critical condition. The prominent dairy farmer is 74.

## Police Plan 'Juke Dances' In OHS Gym

Preliminary discussions between town police and school officials, aimed at providing supervised entertainment for teen-agers here, got under way this week.

Police Sergeant C. S. Sims and Officer J. A. Coibert, sparkplugs of the plan to organize a Police Boys Club met with Principal Dan Kelso of Osbourn High School Tuesday evening to discuss the possibility of staging chaperoned Saturday night "juke box" dances in the Osbourn gym. Kelso told the police he would be better able to give them a decision after talking with Superintendent of Schools R. Worth Peters.

Peters, reached Tuesday night at his home, where he was suffering from a case of virus influenza, told your Manassas Journal that such dances had previously been held in the school gym under auspices of the P.T.A. He gave as his offhand reaction to the proposal the statement that he could see no objection to such dances.

Two Manassas clergymen, the Rev. E. Guthrie Brown and the Rev. L. J. Testa, expressed approval Wednesday of the policemen's plan.

The police proposed the juke-box dances after it was noted last Saturday that, with the Pitts Theater closed because of fire, there was virtually no entertainment for youth in the town.

"It will be sixty days or more before the theater opens up again," Sergeant Sims said. "Meanwhile these boys and girls will have nothing in the line of worthwhile entertainment."

"We propose to rent a juke-box and a soft-drink machine, provide adequate chaperonage, and throw the gym open to the boys and girls on Saturday night."

Sims and Coibert said the juke box idea is feasible because no great amount of money is necessary in order to stage such a dance. The teen-agers themselves, they said, would "feed" nickels to the machine, thus providing good music for dancing.

Initial plans for the establishment of the Boys Club in the Corner Building have fallen through, according to the police.

200 Women Meet Here Wednesday  
More than 200 women from eight cities and counties in Northern Virginia will be guests Wednesday of the Women's Clubs of Manassas when the Fifteenth Annual Institute of the Fourth District, Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs holds an all-day meeting at the Grace Methodist Church here.

Delegates from the cities of Alexandria and Fredericksburg and the counties of Arlington, Loudoun, Clarke, Prince William, Page and Orange will attend the session, which opens with registration at 9:30 a. m. Business meetings begin at 10 a. m. with a call to order by District President Leonie Alexander Gilbert.

Mrs. H. E. Head will sing the National Anthem; salute to the flag will be by Mrs. T. J. Broadus, and the Rev. Herbert Hudgins, pastor of the church where the meeting will be held, will offer the invocation. Mrs. William Lloyd, president of the Manassas Turner Woman's Club, and Mrs. Turner Wheeling, representing the Junior Club, will greet the delegates, and Mrs. Paul Myatt of Arlington, president of the Lyon Village Woman's Club, will make the response for the guest delegates. Reports will be given by district officers and club presidents on the activities of the nominating and constitution committees, the outstanding achievements of the year, and the state of the Fourth District. Mrs. J. Frank Key, conservation chairman of the Virginia Federation, will speak on conservation.

After a luncheon served by the Woman's Society of Grace Church in the church dining room, business sessions will be resumed. Later in the afternoon the Woman's Club of Alexandria will present a playlet; activities of Junior clubs will be described by the district junior president, Mrs. James Emerson, and awards will be made in the fields.

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## Firebug Clue Is Definite, Pitts Says

Definite clues of firebug work have been uncovered in the Pitts Theater fire investigation, according to Ben Pitts, owner of the 30-theater chain of which the local playhouse is a part.

Estimating the probable replacement cost of damaged equipment at about \$25,000, Pitts told The Journal that all other explanations of the fire except arson do not hold water.

The arson angle was reported exclusively last week by The Journal.

"The furnace did not explode," Pitts said Monday after an inspection of the theater ruins. "Neither did the fire start in the projection room, which was undamaged."

Taking The Journal reporter into the fire-blackened auditorium of the showhouse, Pitts pointed out that the area where the blaze centered was well defined. The fire apparently began about 15 rows back from the screen, on the left-hand side of the auditorium. The metal skeletons of the seats in that area are fire-warped, and all inflammable material has been consumed by flame. Adjacent parts of the seating area also show evidence of exposure to terrific heat, but at the extreme front and rear of the auditorium, and in the right hand side, damage to the seats is comparatively light. Cotton padding on seats' ten or fifteen rows removed from the center of damage was not even singed by the fire.

There was nothing in that area of the theater that could normally have taken fire, Pitts said. There was no sign of fire at 11:05 p. m. March 13, when Manager Henry Marple and Projectionist Louis May made a final inspection of the theater, locked all doors and adjourned to Cocks's Pharmacy.

Yet twenty minutes later—at 11:25 p. m.—a great gust of explosive gases blew off the roof of the theater and started the greatest fire seen in this town in 45 years, Pitts continued.

The theater owner sees a definite link between the facts that the fire started in one of the supposedly safest places in the theater; that 10,000 feet of technicolor film worth about \$2,000 is missing, and that the fire burned with such a fury that it all but melted the metal parts of theater chairs.

"Film of that type," Pitts said, "is made of cotton and glycerin; it's about as inflammable as anything in the world. When it burns it generates gases that are highly explosive."

The Fredericksburg theater operator confirmed that fire, police and insurance investigators are following the firebug lead. Town Manager James Ritter said the local authorities are still working on an arson angle, but have uncovered no new evidence, and have no list of suspects.

Meanwhile, builders for the Pitts chain were preparing to refinish the damaged structure. Except for a few courses of brick at the top of one wall, the shell of the movie house is undamaged. However, every seat in the theater will have to be replaced and a complete redecoration job done after the roof is installed.

Pitts' estimate of 60 days, which he gave The Journal last week as probable time before reopening, still stands, according to the theater man.

## Lower County Tops Red Cross Returns

Dumfries District topped all others in Prince William County from a percentage standpoint in reports on Red Cross collections this week.

With \$1,608 of the county's \$3,000 goal reported in as of Wednesday, Red Cross records showed that 76 percent, or \$378, of Dumfries District's goal of \$500 had been obtained. Brentsville District showed 67 percent of its goal, with \$200 of the \$300 goal already pledged, and Manassas District had 55 percent, or \$244 of its quota of \$450. Occoquan and Gainesville District, with 33 percent each, had collected \$100 of their respective \$300 quotas, while slow collections in Coles District gave that subdivision of the county drive only 6 percent, or \$6 of the \$100 goal.

The drive continues through this month.

## News from Prince William Communities

### Nokesville

By Mrs. Fred T. Shepherd  
Rev. Harold Kettering of Green County will be the guest minister at the Sunday morning service at the Nokesville Church of the Brethren, in the absence of Rev. D. D. Fleischman who is holding a Revival at the Benton, Maryland church for two weeks.

Plans are being made for a musical Easter program for the Easter Sunday morning church service. Junior Choir practice, which has been discontinued since Christmas will be resumed this week.

Mr. and Mrs. David Kerlin, Miss Marie Kerlin and the Ed Michaels were called to Staunton this past week on account of the death of Mrs. Kerlin's Ed's father, Mr. Hatch Michael, who passed away on Saturday night. Mr. Michael is well known in our community, having lived here for many years. Funeral services were held near Staunton on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Sam Huff, one of our oldest residents, had to be taken to the hospital last week. He continues to be very ill.

The plans for the Easter Sunrise Service to be held at the Bowman home here in Nokesville are progressing very nicely. It is planned for about two years. Mr. Lawrence is a Capitol Airlines pilot.

### Catharpin

By Mrs. Curtis Lanham  
Catharpin seems to have been hit by the virus epidemic. Among those who have been sick are Mrs. W. Alvey, Robert Alvey, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hottel and Everson Hottel, Robert Casey, Mrs. J. M. Young, Mrs. Robert Hutchison and son Desmond, Willard Pearson and son Lou Pearson, Helen Rion, Mrs. Luther McIntosh, Mrs. W. C. Ellison and son Galen.

Margaret Ann McPhillips is one of Catharpin's youngest business women, she is selling greeting cards and note paper.

Mrs. J. M. Young and Mrs. J. W. Rion visited Mrs. Tom Watson last Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Watson have sold their farm near Clifton, and plan to move back to Washington, April 1.

Mrs. Gordon Pattie spent last week in Richmond.

Mrs. T. E. Smith spent last Wednesday in Washington.

### Greenwich

By Reba Hopkins  
So many in the neighborhood have been on the sick list recently. Mrs. Mary Foster was in Physicians Hospital for almost two weeks. Mrs. Haley has been ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Doris Beach and son, Richard, Jim Winn, Phillip Foster and Jerry Hopkins have been ill.

After the Bible study in Mark, conducted by the Rev. Albert Winn, the Earnest Thinkers, at their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening elected the following officers for the coming church year: President, Ray Smith; Vice-president, Mazyck Wood; Secretary, Virginia Belle Bear; Treasurer, Ruth McMichael; Teachers, June Spittle and Stuart McMichael.

Mrs. Edna Byran visited her sister, Mrs. Risan and Mrs. Newman Hopkins on Thursday.

Sergeant and Mrs. Joe Walton are receiving congratulations on the birth of their second son, Roger Lee, on March 13.

Friends were glad to see Billy Ross home over the week end.

### Quantico

By Lee Roy Peters  
The Calvin Lloyd chapter of the Eastern Star had a delegation present at the installation of officers for the Occoquan Eastern Star chapter. The Calvin Lloyd chapter installed officers on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charleton Gnadl motored to Richmond on Thursday. They were "victims" of the snow storm enroute.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sisson and Mrs. Florence Wells spent Sunday visiting with Mr. Willie Wells at the Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Mr. Geo. McInteer suffered a heart attack on Saturday morning but seems to be recuperating very well.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Winfree, Jr. spent three days in Norfolk to attend a meeting of the Lincoln National Life.

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