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Brevities

Dr. Alvin Compton was taken Saturday to Doctors Hospital, Washington, for treatment of a serious illness. She was reported this morning to be resting comfortably.

Rev. John D. Edens, pastor of the Manassas Baptist Church, is congratulated as a new father. His son was born March 22 to Mrs. Edens. The husky lad, who weighed nine pounds less than nine pounds at birth, has been named Stephen.

Home-made pies, cakes and other delicacies will hold the spotlight on Friday morning at the annual Spring Bake Sale by the Woman's Guild of Trinity Episcopal Church. The sale will begin at 10 o'clock at Dowell's Pharmacy, Manassas.

A new religious congregation, the Home Church, will hold its first service on Easter Sunday, about 2 1/2 miles outside Manassas on Route 28, Wellington road. According to the pastor, "there will be good singing and old-time preaching. A revival will start with the first service. Come, come all."

Renovating of the new V.F.W. headquarters is going on apace. In fact, the post in Manassas is talking in terms of furnishing. Gene Worley has asked that those willing to donate sofas, tables, etc., get in touch with him or with the post commander, Archie Jordan.

Robert Cornell, Jr., writes from Manassas that he has been promoted to private first class to corporals in the Air Force, and that he has been made assistant shop chief as a result of the mid-Pacific tour. Cornell, son of the manager of R. J. Wayland's store in Manassas, has been in Guam for an eight month tour and reports that he "likes it fine."

Sergeant John E. Embrey, of the 101st Airborne, and Mrs. Embrey, of the 101st Airborne, are the subject of "good news" release from the War Relocation Authority. Embrey, who is on his way back to states for discharge. A 1947 date of Calverton High, Embrey has been in Japan since December, 1945.

Miss Jones, 6, of Yorkshir, did not get home from school Monday. His mother called the principal of the school, Mrs. W. Embrey, to inquire about the whereabouts of the child. Embrey, who is on his way back to states for discharge. A 1947 date of Calverton High, Embrey has been in Japan since December, 1945.

The Chamber of Commerce gets away Prince William County will be as famous for forsythia as California is for poppies. At its annual meeting, the chamber named Mrs. Stewart McBryde, Edgar Parrish and Mrs. Esmeralda Wightman as a committee to assist homeowners in planting and tending the attractive, early-blooming yellow flowers.

More vernal news: the flower display in the window of Keith Lyons' bouquet Mart in Manassas is well worth looking at. Especially at night, when floodlights bring out the white beauty of every imaginable Easter flower.

Credit where credit is due comes to Miss Alice Whitener of the grade, John Marshall school, Arlington. Miss Whitener, as chairman for her class, has written Jim Meyers, superintendent of the battlefield park, to thank him for the lovely time we had at the museum and battlefield on March 27. "I think we all enjoyed the electric map more than anything there," she wrote. "It was raining that day, and she thanked Meyers, too, for letting the class eat its lunches in the building."

The Ladies Auxiliary of the O.W.V. Volunteer Fire Department will serve a baked ham supper in the new fire house Saturday April 15 from 4 until 8 p. m.

Sign of spring: Police officer J. T. Twiman (Badge No. 3) is walking his beat in regulation uniform trousers and neatly pressed shirt. "Way the weather's going," says Twiman, "I'll probably have my coat back on any day now."

A dance will be held in the Manassas District Courthouse Friday, April 7, from 9 until 1, for the benefit of the Brentsville baseball team. Music by the Carter Band.

Health Center Seen Facing Pigeon Holing

The plan for a public health center in Manassas as a memorial to Prince William County's World War II dead appeared headed for a pigeon hole this week for at least another year. Final action on the question of what to do about such a center was scheduled to come up at a Thursday meeting of the Board of Supervisors, and a decision to solve the matter for a year was considered likely.

On Tuesday, the Chamber of Commerce voted, 6 to 0, at a meeting attended by about 20 chamber members, to urge the board to exclude appropriations for construction of the health center from this year's budget.

Confusion about the status of the health center meanwhile beclouded the future of the building, which was originally envisioned shortly after the war as a place where all residents of Prince William County could receive emergency medical aid and such rare services as X-rays.

Father Gives A. W. Sinclair Oath As Judge

Arthur W. Sinclair of Manassas was sworn in Saturday as the first associate judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

Sinclair's father, County Treasurer C. A. Sinclair administered the oath by which the young Manassas lawyer undertook to "support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of Virginia and faithfully and impartially perform" all duties in connection with the judgeship. Both Sinclairs were visibly moved.

Judge Paul H. Brown, senior jurist of the circuit, presided at the ceremony, which was held at 11 o'clock Saturday morning in the court room. About 65 persons attended, among them most of the lawyers of Prince William County.

After the swearing-in, Attorney H. T. Davies addressed Judge Sinclair in the name of the Prince William Bar association and presented a handsome leather brief case to the new judge.

Easter Services in Prince William County

TRIANGLE BAPTIST CHURCH
5:30-6:30 a. m.—Easter Sunrise service under joint auspices of Quantico Lions and Triangle Baptist church at Lions Memorial Park.
7:00 a. m.—Sunrise service at the church.
11:00 a. m.—Worship services.

SUDLEY METHODIST CHURCH
10:00 a. m.—Easter services at Gainesville.
11:15 a. m.—Easter services at Sudley.
3:00 p. m.—Easter services at Fairview.—The Young People of the Church will sing at the morning services.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
9:30 a. m.—Holy Communion.
9:45 a. m.—Church School.
11:00 a. m.—Holy Communion and Sermon.
5:30 p. m.—Carillon Bell Concert.

MANASSAS BAPTIST CHURCH
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship.
6:30 p. m.—Baptist Training Union.
7:30 p. m.—Evening worship.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MANASSAS
10:00 a. m.—Church School for all ages.
11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship: "The Old, Old Story."
(An Easter Cantata, "Easteride," by Daniel Protheroe, will be sung at 8:00 p. m., Good Friday.)

GREENWICH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10:00 a. m.—Special service with Holy Communion at Brentsville.
11:30 a. m.—Services followed by Holy Communion at Greenwich.

NOKESVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
10:00 a. m.—Sunrise service at the L. J. Bowman home.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship, preaching, Junior choir will sing Easter music. Miss Mary Flory and Mrs. Evelyn Dove in charge of service. Sermon by Rev. Fleishman, "Why I believe in the Resurrection."

VALLEY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
11:00 a. m.—Morning service, Rev. Davis Nolley in charge.
6:45 p. m.—Young people meet.
7:45 p. m.—Special Easter service. Film showing, "The First Easter."

BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH (Dumfries Charge)
10:00 a. m.—Easter sermon by the Rev. Edward H. Wright, followed by baptismal service for infants, the Rev. Clark H. Wood in charge.

DUMFRIES METHODIST CHURCH
7:00 a. m.—Sunrise service, sermon by Rev. Wood, followed by reports of team captains on church building drive. Goal: cash, \$10,000; pledges, \$20,000.
7:30 p. m.—preaching service.

WOODBINE BAPTIST CHURCH
7:00 a. m.—Sunrise service; Rev. John Edens, guest messenger.
10:00 a. m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship; the Rev. C. W. Dick, pastor: "The Risen Christ."
7:30 p. m.—Evening worship and Easter program by Sunday school. Music provided at all services by the intermediate choir.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES
All Saints Church, Manassas
9:00 a. m.—Special Easter Mass followed by benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
Mission Church, Minnieville
10:30 a. m.—Special Easter Mass followed by benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN
5:30 a. m.—Sunrise service at Buckhall.
7:30 a. m.—Easter service at Manassas.
11:00 a. m.—Easter service at Aden.

12 Killed, 259 Hurt in Autos Here in 1949

Twelve persons were killed and 259 injured in motor vehicle accidents in Prince William county in 1949, according to official State Police statistics made available Wednesday by Trooper P. P. Herndon. Property damage in 317 reported accidents totaled \$92,345.

The detailed report showed the statewide totals to be: accidents, 16,707; deaths, 810; injuries, 17,850; and property damage, \$10,589,409. Of the county mishaps, 273 occurred on primary highways and 44 on secondary roads, but seven of the 12 fatalities occurred on secondary roads.

The meticulously detailed report broke down data on the accidents in every conceivable way. Highlights: Nine of the 12 dead were male and three female; ten were white, two Negro; eight were under 35, three were over that age, and the age of one was not stated.

Six of the 259 injuries were suffered by infants under 4 years old and 42 of those hurt were under 20 years of age.

Six accidents involved pedestrians, but no fatalities occurred in these accidents. Of the six pedestrians hurt, five were crossing not at intersections, three of them during the hours of darkness.

There were 505 drivers involved in the 317 accidents, 4 of them in the 12 fatalities. Giving the lie to some popular beliefs about young persons and women as drivers, 312 of the 505 drivers were between 25 and 55 years of age, and 476 were men. All fourteen drivers involved in fatal accidents were males. E

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County-Wide Unit of Guard Near Reality

A National Guard unit for Prince William county came a step nearer to reality this week following a recruiting and financing questions were discussed. The meeting, called by M. S. Burchard, representing the American Legion, attracted 19 civic leaders from all parts of Prince William county.

On motion of R. Jackson Ratcliffe, the group decided to form a recruiting committee composed of:

If You Want to Join The National Guard—
If you are a male, between 18 and 35, with or without prior military service, and would like to apply for membership in the National Guard unit being formed in Prince William County, get in touch with one of the following persons:

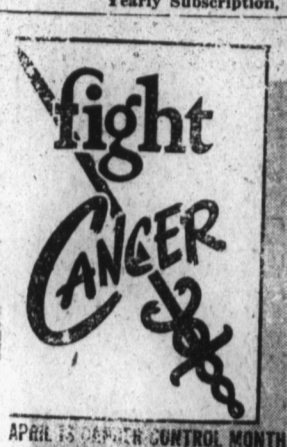
The Rev. E. Guthrie Brown, Manassas.
Billy Hale, Nokesville.
Charlton E. Gnad, Quantico.
Or go next Monday night to the American Legion Hall, Centre Street, Manassas, where your application will be received.

Annual pay rates for enlisted men in the National Guard range from \$163.17 to \$617.40. Prior military service is counted toward longevity, and opportunities for advancement are good.

The Rev. E. Guthrie Brown, chairman; Billy Hale, and Charlton Gnad. As soon as full recruiting information is available, Hale will canvass the Osbourn and Brentsville High schools and Knadt will visit the Occoquan District High school, to seek members for a guard unit. Legion posts in Manassas and Quantico will be invited to supply experienced former officers and noncommissioned officers for the outfit.

According to Burchard, state National Guard officials from Richmond have indicated that Prince William county can have a 40-mile anti-aircraft battery provided that suitable housing for the unit is furnished. Full strength of such a unit is six officers and 125 enlisted men, but the organization can get under way with only two officers.

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Cancer Drive Aides Named

Workers in the 1950 Cancer drive, sponsored here by the Manassas Junior Women's Club were named by this week by Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeling, chairman of the drive.

The campaign got under way this week and will continue through the month of April. Concurrently with the campaign in Manassas, a parallel drive will be conducted in the lower county under the auspices of the Marine Corps.

Those in charge of solicitation are: Special gifts, Margy Fortuna and Carol Faulconer.
House to house solicitation, Marie Boatwright, Marion Payne, Angela Gregory, Lois Cullen, Henrietta Jussama, Walsler Rohr, Mildred McBryde, Mattie Parrish, Eleanor Hynson, Marie Peters, Eula Mae Merchants, Lorene Parrish, Jane Service, Nancy Marsteller, Lucy White, Marcelyn Orr, Evelyn Wells, Marjorie Gregory, Libby Lynn, and Stella Mallard.

Business solicitation (Manassas), Faynelle Pickeral, Virginia Smith, June Wilkins, Nancy Didlake.
Business solicitation (Nokesville), Lois Brown.
Business solicitation (Haymarket-Gainesville), Thelma Brumback and Mickey Bauseman.

—Aid the Cancer Drive—
Wanted: \$350; Apply Box 128

The Red Cross is still short \$350 of the \$3,000 goal set for its last month, according to Mrs. J. M. Hanson, chairman of the fund drive. Reports on Wednesday indicated that \$2,650 had been collected in the county.

Mr. Hanson asked that persons who were not reached during the drive, or who then could not contribute but can at present, get in touch with her either by telephone or by mail. Her telephone number is Manassas 112. Checks, made payable to the American Red Cross, may be sent to P. O. Box 128, Manassas.

Mystery of the Pine Forest Spurs Sheriff's Investigation; Three Graves Found in Woods

Discovery of three mysterious graves in an isolated pine woods five and a half miles east of Buckhall this week spurred county authorities to investigation of a possible triple murder or existence of a weird, Druid-like cult.

The graves, carefully mounded and marked by tree-branch crosses, were found on Sunday by a Manassas family which had walked into the woods in search of spring flowers. They were located some 1,250 feet in from Route 663 on the land known as the old Davis place, now owned by Brown & Hooff lumber company. The eerie surroundings indicated that the graves might have been dug for felonious purposes, but other things in the immediate vicinity pointed to the site's possible past use by a strange cult. Report was made to Sheriff John P. Kerlin and Commonwealth Attorney Stanley Owens.

On Wednesday afternoon, Kerlin, accompanied by William M. Hines, Sr., editor-manager of The Manassas Journal, visited the site. Kerlin deputized Hines to open the graves and to report to the sheriff immediately if he discovered remains in the graves.

Hines, his son and Photographer Howard Churchill returned to the gravesite the same afternoon, carrying with them picks and shovels. Churchill took photographs of the graves in case they turned out to be needed as evidence, and after he made his pictures, the two newspapermen examined the graves "loosely and began exhumation operations."

The three graves were located approximately 150 feet back from a narrow lumber road, and at the end of a path delineated by parallel lines of felled saplings. It was his clearly-marked pathway that

REA, Town Heads Meet At Banquet

Heads of the Rural Electrification Administration and the town government of Manassas will be brought together tonight as guests of the Prince William Electric Co-operative at a "get acquainted" dinner at the new Co-Op Building on Centreville Road.

Francis S. VanDoren, President of the Co-Op, will preside at the dinner, assisted by Manager Reuben Hicks and other officers of the organization, including Vice-President W. E. Detweiler, Secretary-Treasurer William Wheeler and Directors Charles Cornwell and C. A. Middleton.

Guests will include Mayor Davis, Vice-Mayor Hook, and Councilmen Rice, Doggett and Saunders; Judge Arthur W. Sinclair, retiring Town Attorney; W. Hill Brown, Jr., newly-designated Town Attorney and councilman for the Co-Op; R. S. Broderick, acting head of the Management Division, REA Region I; Avery Colburn, head of the Engineering Division, Region I; K. L. Culver, head of the Finance Division, Region I; K. Hardy, head of Application and Loans Division, Region I, and W. C. Wise, Assistant REA Administrator.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BALLOT

To the Honorable Town Council, Town of Manassas, Manassas, Virginia.

(check one)
I am in favor of the adoption of Daylight Saving Time in Manassas in 1950.....
I am opposed to the adoption of Daylight Saving Time in Manassas in 1950.....

(check one)
I reside within the limits of the Town of Manassas.....
I reside outside the limits of the Town of Manassas.....

(check one)
I am over 21 years of age.....
I am under 21 years of age.....

(signed) _____
(address) _____

News from Prince William Communities

Nokesville

By Mrs. Fred T. Shepherd
On March 28, the Junior Women's Club met at Virginia Wilkins' home with Betty Brown as co-hostess. After devotions the Home Economics committee gave some needs of the cottage. The club voted to contribute \$5,000 to the Red Cross drive. It was decided to send the County treasurer to be member to help sponsor the International Women's organization. Theresa Miller was appointed Good Cheer chairman to replace Sylvia Godfrey.

Mrs. Frank Wood of Manassas discussed the need and plans for a Red Cross Canteen in Nokesville. Miss Kline gave an interesting demonstration on "Background Information for Attractive Bedrooms," after which the hostesses served delicious refreshments. The surprise package was won by Elsie Michael for which \$1.10 was realized.

Triangle

By Elaine Pattle
Miss Bobbie Kuper spent Friday and Saturday afternoon in Washington visiting friends.

Miss Dolores Cornwell and Miss Evelyn Justice were overnight guests of Marlene Tucker on Friday.

Dumfries

By Dorothy Acoed
DUMFRIES PLANS A NEW CHURCH
The second open meeting of the Dumfries Methodist Church was held on Tuesday night in regard to building a new church. The Rev. C. H. Wood explained the great need for a new church in Dumfries, after which he read the procedure in building a church. He explained that half of the money set must be raised in cash before work could be started. A motion was made and seconded that if possible, the cost of the new church would not exceed \$30,000. A goal of \$10,000 was made for the members to reach by Easter Sunday. Members of the building committee were asked to view other churches to get ideas as to what type of church would be appropriate for our size community. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the above cause, should make their checks payable to, Treasurer Building Fund, Dumfries church.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Reno and Mrs. Reno's mother, Mrs. Johns, left Saturday for 10 days on a tour

Quantico

By Lee Roy Peters
Shirrell Carden celebrated her twelfth birthday by having her friends join her in an ice skating party at the Chevy Chase Ice Palace in Arlington. Those joining in the fun were M. Saunders, E. Lee, S. J. Williams, Y. Carden and S. Carden. Mrs. Ralph Carden was the chaperone.

Guest of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Saunders on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Len Glover and son Len, Jr. George McInteer is able to be back at work after his short illness.

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