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Who Can't Forget

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Sanitation At Yorkshire Improving

Sanitary conditions at Yorkshire have taken a marked change for the better and early Thursday morning Dr. Walter R. Johnson, health officer, was satisfied that all corrective measures will be taken before the fly season arrives.

Two sanitarians working under Dr. Johnson made a place to place inspection at Yorkshire on Tuesday and notified all the residents that they would have to put in sanitary facilities in accordance with the health code at once. They reported a willingness on the part of the residents to comply, and with the exception of one or two poverty cases there is expected to be little difficulty. It may be necessary, the health inspectors reported, to proceed as far as issuing a few warrants.

At the meeting of the Prince William County Supervisors last Thursday the health officer was asked to make a third survey at Yorkshire and he did not expect with the help available to be able to do it before June 12. Shortly thereafter Dr. Johnson obtained the aid of C. W. Weston, regional supervisor of sanitation for the state, who went to Yorkshire with Joseph C. Pace, the sanitation inspector in the county health office.

Their detailed survey indicated that conditions had been improved materially since the first report in February and a subsequent survey a few weeks later. Originally 30 inhabited homes and another 11 in process of construction did not have sanitation facilities that complied with the county ordinance.

Help The V.F.W.—
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Atomic Perils Are Explained To Manassans

Two Manassas women were among a group of Red Cross delegates who last Monday heard an officer of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project give pointers on passive civilian defense against atomic bomb attack.

Mrs. T. E. Didlake and Mrs. Walter Alpaugh represented Manassas at the Red Cross meeting at Pierre's Restaurant, Washington, where Major Gerald M. McDonnell spoke on the medical aspects of atomic defense.

The magnitude of the disaster following an atomic explosion was pointed up by McDonnell, who told the Red Cross women that a single severely burned survivor of a blast would require this much attention and medical supply:

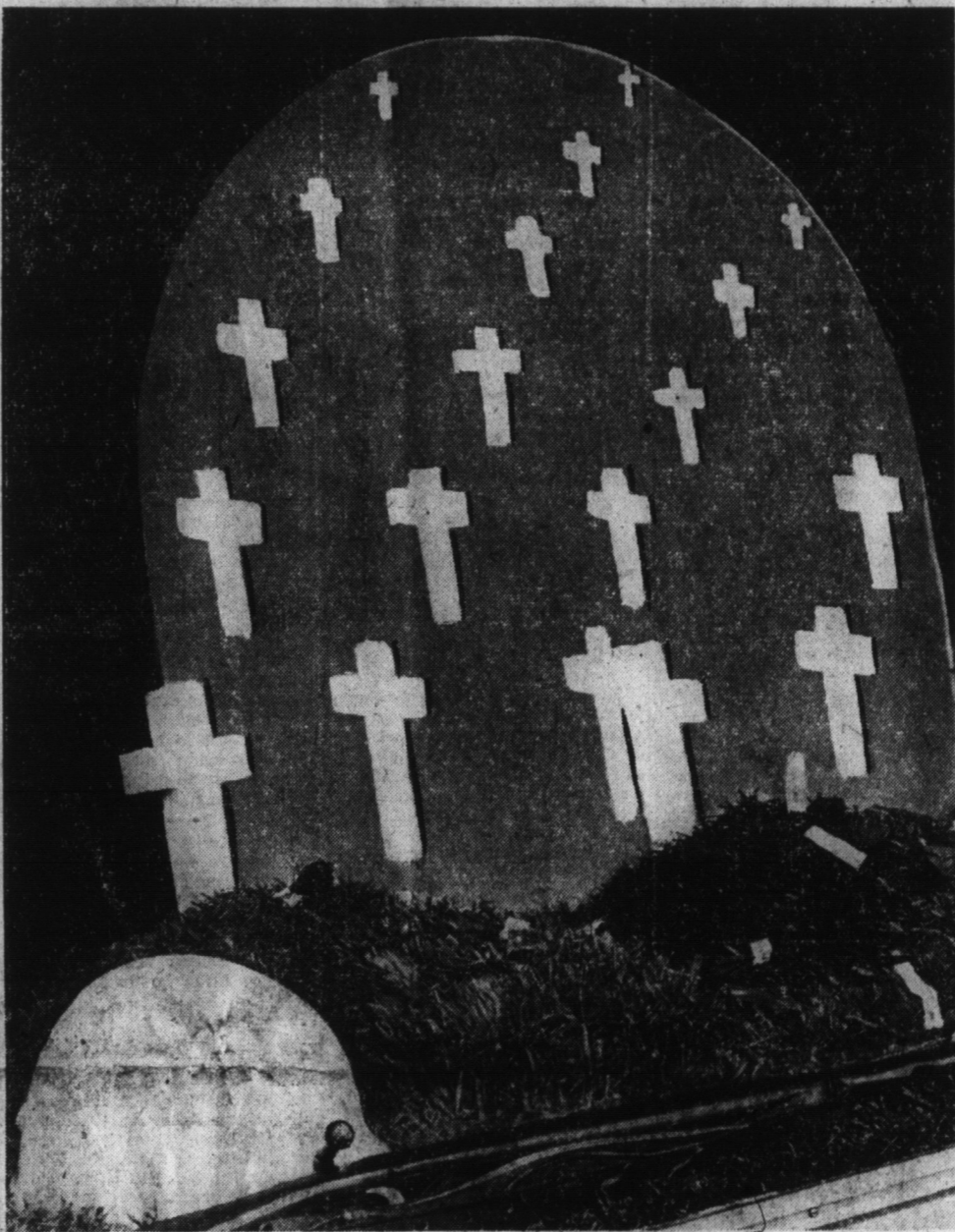
Forty-two tanks of oxygen, three nurses, two and three-quarters miles of gauze, 36 pints of plasma, 40 pints of whole blood, 100 pints of other fluids, and such drugs as morphine and the anti-biotics.

Multiply this by forty to fifty thousand—the minimum number of casualties to be expected in an atomic blast—and the problem of passive civil defense is outlined in all its magnitude, McDonnell said.

Maj. McDonnell also discussed radiation dangers, delayed effects of atomic blasts, and methods of protection against A-bomb attacks.

The meeting was part of a Defense Department effort to brief relief agencies on the probable task facing them in event of attack with nuclear weapons. Civil defense, which has been characterized as a more or less haphazard affair in World War II, must be highly coordinated to cope with domestic disasters which are to be expected in another war, military officials believe.

These Are Simple American Graves



All over the Nation this week the feeble hands of wounded soldiers are making red poppies, symbolic of the fields of Flanders—and other fields the world around—upon which they fought, and upon which nearly a quarter of a million Americans have died. Women in cities, towns and hamlets are decorating windows to remind you of these wounded and dead, as the members of the American Legion Auxiliary in Manassas have decorated the window in the American Legion Hall on Center street, shown in the above photograph. When these women think of war they think of the long rows of white crosses in the national cemeteries which Congress and a grateful people provided as the final resting place of their loved ones. Little did they suspect that their Army would illegally turn over an acre of this hallowed land to be reserved for the remains of a British field marshal.

An Editorial Report: As Memorial Day Approaches, Let The Army Renew Its Faith With The Living and The Dead

Francis Cannon Post No. 7589, Veterans of Foreign Wars, is engaged in a drive to raise \$6,500 to be used in the reconstruction of an old Manassas home as a headquarters and center for community activities. This is a commendable movement and should have wholehearted support. Such a gathering place is something Manassas sadly needs. It will be a memorial not only to Francis Cannon but to all those Manassans who went away and never came home.

Francis Cannon was a Manassas boy. He died for his country and his country brought him home to rest. He sleeps in the little family plot in Manassas Cemetery, just as hundreds of thousands of others lie in churchyards and national cemeteries, just as—a year from now—an Unknown Serviceman will be laid to eternal rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

Since December 5, 1946, we have been greatly concerned over the burial of another soldier. We have never been quite able to figure it out and with the approach of Memorial Day 1950 we think it is about time for an official explanation, even if that explanation must come from the President of the United States.

Perhaps he will explain when the matter is brought to his attention. We hope Mr. Truman will think about it as he prepares his tribute to the American soldier dead—a tribute which he traditionally delivers on Memorial Day in Arlington at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

We refer to the illegal burial, among American hero dead, of the remains of a British field marshal, Sir John Dill, and to the dedication of an entire acre of land in that sacred shrine as the field marshal's final resting place—an acre of land that would otherwise accommodate all that is mortal of 300 American war dead.

We think it is about time that something be done about a military hierarchy which rides roughshod over the law of the land—which ignores the rulings of the nation's highest court of law—which cavalierly forces its own legal experts to give an illegal act the cloak of legality—simply to satisfy the autocratic demands of a high-handed old soldier whose carefully tailored reputation is far greater than his stature could ever warrant.

The dictator-in-khaki to whom we refer is George Catlett Marshall, General of the Army, a resident of not-so-distant Leesburg, Virginia.

Here, at length—because the story is at once amazing and a little frightening—is the story of George Marshall and his good friend Sir John Dill; the story of how easily, even in America, a military junta can make a mockery of the nation's hallowed traditions of civilian control over the Armed Forces; the story of an acre of America's most hallowed soil.

Essentially, it is the story of Francis Cannon, who went away to war and never returned. Likewise, it is the story of Archie Jordan, who went away to war and came back to head the V.F.W. post named for Francis Cannon. And similarly, it is the story of the millions who never went away—the ordinary, non-veteran American whose laws, rights and traditions are being stolen from him by an impudent group of high-ranking military men who believe their own will is law simply because no one has ever told them differently.

The editor of The Journal makes no idle charge when he says that General Marshall's decision to bury Sir John Dill at Arlington was an illegal one. The dispute over the British general's burial is on the record and should be brought into the open.

Census Leader Lauds County Enumerators

Declaring that the population census in Prince William County is practically if not entirely complete, Archie V. Miller, Area Census Supervisor for Northern Virginia, this week praised county census workers for their zeal in collecting data for the decennial count.

Preliminary census figures, Miller said, probably will be available in about two weeks. First notification will be made to "the chief officials of the areas concerned," Miller declared. In the case of Prince William County, this will mean the Rev. J. Murray Taylor, chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the county, and the mayors of the incorporated towns, Manassas, Haymarket and Quantico.

There will be no figures available for the population of such unincorporated places as Nokesville until the federal census bureau at Suitland, Md., works those figures out on tabulating machines, Miller added.

The Journal census contest having closed on April 30, entries have been put in numerical order for the winner as soon as the preliminary figures are announced. The Journal undertook to award to the closest guesser a prize equal to \$1 for each thousand in the official preliminary figure, and said in the contest announcement that the prize would be given within ten days after the census bureau gave out those figures. With cards in shape for quick judging, The Journal will be able to announce the winner either simultaneous with or a week after the official announcement.

News from Prince William Communities

Nokesville

By Mrs. Fred T. Shepherd

O. J. Fitzwater was presented a plaque from the Nokesville Fire Department in recognition and appreciation for the interest he has taken in the Department and all its activities. The presentation was made by the present president, George Sonafank, on Tuesday night when the regular monthly meeting convened. Plans were started for an annual banquet for all the firemen and the ladies of the Auxiliary.

On the men's committee are O. J. Fitzwater, George Sonafank and John Hyde. The group made definite plans, along with the ladies, for the County Fireman's meeting which will be held here at Nokesville this week. The men will be working on their equipment for the next few weeks getting it ready to participate in the Warrenton Fire Department's annual Carnival Parade on June 2.

The Sunday night worship service, with the members of the Faithful Climbers Sunday School class of the Nokesville Church of the Brethren taking part, was very well attended on Sunday night. The theme for the evening was "Talents." Mrs. Harry Miller and Mrs. Cleveland Flory opened the service with selections on the piano and organ. A trio consisting of Mrs. D. Fleishman, Mrs. Vance Somers and Mrs. Flory and a quartet consisting of Mrs. Fleishman, Mrs. Flory, Robert Beahm and Jay Garman gave wonderful messages in song. Others on the program included Mrs. James Earhart, Mrs. Wilbur Wright, Cleveland and Eugene Flory, George Sonafank, Wil-

Dumfries

By Dorothy Acord

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crawford had as their guests for a few days, Mrs. Crawford's father, Mr. Alfred Coulter from Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Brawner visited Mr. Mrawner's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bell, in Washington on Sunday as their dinner guests of Sunday announce the birth of a girl in Fredericksburg hospital on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. A. H. Shumate entertained the Adult Bible lass at her home on Wednesday evening, after which the class gave Mrs. Roy Ennis a surprise baby shower.

Haymarket

By Mrs. A. H. Meyer

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Carter and daughter, Velma are moving to Massachusetts where Mr. Carter has accepted a principalship with a substantial increase in salary.

Mr. B. D. Woodside was admitted to the District Bar Association on May 5, 1950.

The Home Demonstration Club will be held on May 12th in the Fire Hall is postponed to May 19th.

Quantico

By Lee Roy Peters

The Quantico Lions Club womanless beauty contest has very much in store in the line of laughs and surprises. Contestants by the score, music and just look at this line-up for entertainment, this list includes sponsors and their contestants, Dixie Grill, Willamena Williams, The Mart Furniture, Joclyn Haggard, Stevens Store, Colina Stouffer, Victors Music, Victoria Perazzo, S&M Motor, Henrietta Cominsky, Nation-Wide Grocery, Miss H. O. Campbell, Lining Department Store, Genanna Davidson, Quantic Pharmacy, Julianna Perazzo, Tucci Delicatessen Francis Tucci, The Sportsman, Duleanna Kanellos, Self Service Laundry, Patricia Brown, Paris Auto Service, looks like Nickolina Katsarelis from here; Peerless Cleaners, Bobbena Paccio; Riverview Restaurant, Eloise Keyes; Stephens Pharmacy, Roberta Brewer; Quantic Motor Co., Joanna Gumm; and Budwiser Distributors, Jacqueline Flick. Contestants with surprise entries are Joe Wall; Insurance, The Firestone Store, and Cleo Motors.

Contestants have not been named by the Victory Cafe, Kovac Grill and Triangle Plumbing and Appliances. From this line up you can judge for yourself what kind of a night is in store for all of you present at Dumfries School at 8.

This week will be the scene of an important meeting with the Quantico Lions Club and the Quantico Lions Club. The two clubs will hold a joint meeting with Miss Marion Preece, who is National Educational Recreation Field Director, at the Lions Recreation Center, on Fuller Heights road. The purpose of this joint meeting

Brevities

The first day of the strike of Southern Railway firemen resulted in 25 laborers and track maintenance workers being laid off.

The 30 trains scheduled to pass through Manassas on the Southern Railway the first 12 hours of the men's strike only seven did not stop. These were passenger trains. All nine scheduled freight trains operated, though several were six minutes to six hours behind schedule.

Business does not anticipate any serious set back by the strike. There is a chance that fertilizer will become scarce. The heavy demand for fertilizer several weeks more according to Herbert Bryant, Inc., and doubtful if the supply can be obtained without train service. Commodities can be trucked. The States expects to receive fertilizer by truck.

The William Electric Co. expects no inconvenience by the strike to receive oil for power. According to Reuben the manager, fuel oil can be trucked in.

Compton of Hesco Bottled Service, has an adequate supply and has arranged for service if the rail strike lasts that long.

is being delayed at the post according to Postmistress due to interruptions in train

Saturday will be "work for Manassas Lions and all who wish to help in preparing grounds for the recreation. The soft ball diamond will be first to be built. This will be followed by a play area, for small and then a tennis court. Meeting Wednesday night the announced that nomination officers will be held next week. State convention will be held on June 15, 16 and 17.

town began extending its mains out West street on and is running water into Robnal. Electric lines are being extended and until Elvan Press is able to work for the town a has been borrow for town from the Prince William Electric.

Memorial Day parade planned Manassas will start at Center 2nd street at 2 o'clock and follow a course along street to the grounds of Osbourn High school where ceremonies will be held. The arguments are under the joint of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, United of the Confederacy and Ladies' Memorial Association. The event of rain the ceremonies will be held in the high school. No speaker has yet been announced, but Congressman Howard has been asked to provide

fairly reliably reported that Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has advised the CAA that they do not desire to have the proposed secondary airport to the Washington air terminal located in Fairfax county on the basis that land is too valuable for home-Any land acquired by the government for an airport would be withdrawn from taxation. In- Airport development hearing in House Office building in Washington on May 18.

The eighth district convention of American Legion will be held in Manassas on Sunday, May 21.

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