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Brevities

It has been ruled by Town Attorney W. Hill Brown, Jr., that if a hauler of coal maintains a stock at his place of business but does not sell therefrom, he is a dealer and must pay a coal dealer's license; that if he sells he must pay a retail merchant's license. Without specifically mentioning Roy Doggett, counselman, the rule is being interpreted by town officials, that Doggett will have to pay one of the licenses to the town. Doggett says he will fight the case. However, Doggett on Wednesday bought license tags for operation of a truck which he had threatened to do.

Because of inability of a number of prominent members to attend Chamber of Commerce luncheon meetings held on slow time, which resulted in the luncheons being held at 1 o'clock Manassas Tuesday that future luncheons will be held at noon fast time.

R. Jackson Ratcliffe, president of the Chamber of Commerce, has suggested the restoration of the old War fort on the horse show grounds on the Jack Breeden property as a point of interest for tourists. It is known as Fort Beauregard and was used by the Confederates to successfully deceive the generals in the First Battle of Manassas. Its guns were made of lead and painted black and were known as "Quaker guns." It is proposed that the restoration include the wooden guns. The site is accessible on the road that crosses the Breeden property near REA Building.

Wool market has been opened in Manassas by Ralph Davis and others. The increased number of sheep in this area brought about new business.

Many Manassas residents are expected to visit Washington this Saturday for the Armed Forces Day which will be staged in downtown Washington beginning at 10 a. m.

Town manager James Ritter says Manassas residents not having their own licenses on their cars are summoned before the Mayor's Court and fined for their failure to buy the tags before the 15 day deadline. There are some offenders, Ritter stated, who have never purchased tags and it is impossible for us to enforce the ordinance unless they do so. Officers have thus far given tickets to cars found without the tags, and henceforth will issue citations.

The Town of Manassas recently bought a new tractor-mower to mow down the summer weeds and grasses on roadsides and vacant lots.

The April term of the Prince William County Circuit Court was the longest in history with 44 cases that required over a month one-half to hear. Two judges, W. Hill Brown and Arthur Sinclair, heard the cases scheduled from April 3 to May 23. County Clerk Arthur Stork says he does not rely on any single term having more cases.

All 25 men laid off their jobs during the railroad strike have returned to work this week, officials of the Southern Railroad in Manassas announced. The men were back maintenance workers and track laborers.

The locked projection room of the fire-gutted Pitts Theater building was broken into Monday night by unknown persons. What, if anything, was stolen had not been determined by projectionist Henry Sample. Police are investigating.

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Congress Considers 2 Bills To Take Arlington Cemetery From Under Control of Army

Developments came fast following the disclosure by The Manassas Journal that General George C. Marshall had permitted the illegal burial of Sir John Dill, British Field Marshal, in Arlington National Cemetery and had set aside an acre of land that that hallowed burying ground for the exclusive use of the field marshal.

First: The Army after calling for 5 copies of The Journal to read the expose put its mimeograph machines to work turning out propaganda to defend its former chief of staff:

Second: Two bills have been introduced in Congress which if passed would take control of National Cemeteries away from the Army and place them under a civilian commission to be appointed by the President.

Third: The Journal followed up its original charges by asking the Army to produce a copy of the opinion of the Judge Advocate General of the Army that the burial of Sir John Dill is legal and to whom and at whose request was this opinion given.

Fourth: The Army was asked by The Journal to produce legal proof that an acre of ground is authorized for Sir John Dill's grave-site as well as proof that it has congressional authority to erect an equestrian statue of the British general on this acre of land. When replies are received; they will be published.

Fifth: The Washington Times-Herald, and its nation-wide news service, copied parts of the Manassas Journal article about Arlington and the illegal burial there of Sir John Dill and broadcast the information to the country under the signature of Whiter Trohan.

The Manassas Journal had anticipated the Army's propaganda. In its original article The Journal charged that this ruling, made by the Judge Advocate General of the Army had no valid standing in the light of two United States Supreme Court decisions, which are cited in Sutherland Statutory Construction, Vol. 2, Section 4804 and the report of the case of Yazoo Railroad v. Thomas, 132 U. S. 174, 188.

But the Army and its propaganda organization has still failed to produce any resolution by Congress, signed or unsigned, which authorized the Army to turn over an acre of ground in Arlington Cemetery forever as the burial space for Sir John Dill. This acre for Sir John Dill the Britisher is in striking contrast to the 8 feet square given to General John J. Pershing of World War I fame, as it is also in contrast to the space given President Taft.

It has also failed to produce any resolution by Congress which authorizes the erection of an oversized equestrian statue of Sir John Dill on this acre of land which dominates the entrance to the historic burying ground.

The Army took official cognizance of the article in The Manassas Journal in the following letter: "It is requested that five (5) copies of the Manassas Journal edition of this week be mailed to: Fiscal & Procurement Unit, Office of the Chief of Information Department of the Army, 2 D 644 Pentagon, Washington, 25, D. C.

"Please send invoice in triplicate, signed and certified by an official of your firm to the same mailing address mentioned above.

Sincerely yours, Frederick D. Blanchard, Major, GBC, Administrative Officer."

Although The Journal already has information as to what the Army's

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Sewage Plant Springs Leak; Repairs Asked

A serious leak in the main "digester" tank of Manassas' new sewage disposal plant, resulting in the release of large amounts of raw sewage into a tributary of Bull Run, has been discovered by the town government. Efforts are now being made to have the builder, E. L. Daniels of Arlington, repair the defects. Town Manager James Ritter has written Daniels, asking that repairs be made.

At the same time, it has become evident that the plant, built to specifications supposedly adequate for a town of 3,100 persons, is already overloaded. As a result of recent rains, approximately a quarter of a million gallons of untreated sewer water is being emptied into Flat Branch, the Bull Run tributary, each day.

On Monday, Town Manager James Ritter reported a metered flow of 1,000,000 gallons a day was noted at the intake of the sewage disposal plant. Capacity is rated at 310,000 gallons. On Tuesday the flow rate was about 490,000 a day—180,000 gallons over capacity.

Much of the liquid now being taken into the sewage plant is rain-water from house drains and from leaks in existing sewage lines. It is understood. At the present time there is no way to separate this water from actual sewage, and consequently no way to insure that liquid bypassing the sewage disposal plant is anything but somewhat diluted sewer water.

Early this week, the inflow at the disposal plant was regulated so that about half the water went into the sewage treatment apparatus and the other half flowed directly into Flat Branch. Upstream from the outflow point of the treatment plant the water of the creek was clear. Downstream the water was murky and gave off a definite odor. The volume of water flowing from the treatment plant was estimated to exceed by 100 percent the volume of water flowing in the creek.

The leak which the town officials believe they have discovered apparently allows the heaviest and most-contaminated liquids to flow directly from the main digester tank into an overflow system from which the fluids is allowed to go through an overflow pipe directly into the stream.

This overflow release point is about 150 feet downstream from the main outflow pipe of the disposal plant. In contrast to the definite but not particularly offensive odor given off by the murky water from the overflow pipe, the liquid released

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Readers Agree Journal Right On Arlington

Will you kindly mail us a copy of your issue in which you called on the congress to halt plans for erection of a memorial over the grave of Sir John Dill, British field marshal, in Arlington cemetery?

We are much interested in your story as we saw it described in the Chicago Daily Tribune today, and share your concern.

Sincerely, RICHMOND, IND. WALTER H. BASKET, Managing Editor.

Manassas Journal readers generally think the burial of Sir John Dill in Arlington National Cemetery should not have been permitted, that under no circumstances should an acre of land in Arlington be given as his grave site and no monument should be erected where he is buried. These comments were made after subscribers had read last week's edition of the Journal in which the unauthorized burial of Sir John Dill at the instance of General George C. Marshall was disclosed.

Here is what some of the readers said to the Journal:

MRS. MASON GOUGH, housewife, Manassas—"I guess its all right to bury the Field Marshal in Arlington; the Army and the Generals generally do as they want to anyhow. An acre is right smart land but the people don't have much to say about what the Army does. Since the Englishman was already here they might as well have buried him, but the foreigners shouldn't be over here in the first place."

MRS. L. K. LYNN, Manassas, housewife—"I think Sir John ought to be sent home to his own country."

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News from Prince William Communities

Nokesville

By Mrs. Fred T. Shepherd

When the Ruritan club entertained the faculty and members of the senior class on May 3, 68 were present to enjoy this annual affair. The lovely dinner was served by the Ladies Auxiliary with Mrs. Floyd Lanier as chairman of the committee. Mrs. J. F. Hale and Mrs. David Somers were in charge of the flower arrangements which were unusually lovely. They used tulips, apple blossoms and narcissus. Others on the committee who helped make the dinner a success were Mrs. Paul Irvin, Mrs. T. E. Flickenger, Mrs. Mary Nelson and Mrs. Hesel Kerns. Miniature graduation caps were used as favors.

Stuart McMichael, president of the club welcomed the guests. Cale Gibson responded on behalf of the faculty and Herbert Wood responded for the seniors. The speaker for the evening was Hon. W. B. F. Cole, Commonwealth Attorney of Fredericksburg. He spoke on "The Small Things of Life" stressing loyalty, politeness, confidence and attitude. Mr. Cole has spoke here on a number of occasions and al-

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Catharpin

Mrs. Curtis Lanham

A. H. Thomas of Tecomseh Farm held his spring roundup of registered polled Herefords last week. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hudoba are making extensive landscape improvements at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Young spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Boothby at their home in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Rumsey Light and children visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Light at Waterford, Saturday.

Walter Weber is building a new home on Route 677 near Sudley.

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Haymarket

By Mrs. L. H. Meyer

Last week's Editorial in the Journal regarding the allocation of one acre of ground in Arlington National Cemetery for the burial of an English Citizen, Sir John Dill, has brought forth much comment against such an outrageous action by the Military officials. The feeling throughout this community is that Arlington National Cemetery was established and dedicated as a burial place for members of the American Armed Forces, and should be reserved for that purpose alone.

Mrs. Henry Schneider of Galloway Farms was taken to Physicians Hospital in Warrenton on May 13 with a severe attack of Pleurisy and latest reports she is some better.

Mrs. J. D. Garrett of Falls Church, is spending some time at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Garrett.

Miss Helen Louise Meyer spent the weekend visiting relatives and friends in Washington.

Mrs. A. H. Utterback and daughter, Mary Jane, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. L. Spiegel of Chicago, Ill.

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Quantico

By Lee Roy Peters

Those who attended the Lions Womanless Beauty Contest on Friday evening were given the rare treat of seeing what the business men of the community would have looked like if they had been born girls. Top honors of the contest went to Robert Paccio representing the Peerless Cleaners. The Lions club netted a small profit for their efforts.

The Quantico American Legion Junior Baseball team has been placed in the upper American Legion League this year. Teams in this league are Arlington Posts 139, 58, and 319; Alexandria, Lorton, Fort Belvoir, and Quantico. The schedule will be available after May 23.

The Lioness Board of Directors met at the home of Georgia Ferlazzo at Triangle on Monday afternoon. Members present were Theresa Paccio, Ruby Ferlazzo, Anne Kirby, Louise Haggard, Anne Ferlazzo, Elizabeth Weaver and Kathleen Robelin.

Mrs. J. Albis is visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.

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Saturday
May 20

ARMED FORCES DAY



Drawn for Armed Forces Day by Walt Disney

Third Battle of Manassas: Arlington Scouts to Converge On Battlefield for Camporee

Between 500 and 1,000 Arlington County Boy Scouts will converge this weekend on Manassas National Battlefield Park for the Scouts, Arlington District Camporee.

The weekend encampment will begin at 9 a. m. (EDT) Saturday and will end Sunday afternoon before sundown. An elaborate program of events, accounting for virtually every waking hour of the Scouts' time, has been planned.

The public, juvenile and adult, are invited to attend all events. Exact location of the camporee is in the vicinity of the Chinn House, on the other side of Route 234 from the Battlefield Museum. A roadway, nine-tenths of a mile from Stone House, is the official

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Council Hears City Planner On Annexation

The first step toward annexation of adjacent areas of Prince William County into the corporation limits of Manassas was taken this week when the Town Council met Tuesday afternoon with a St. Louis (Mo.) city planner.

Harland Bartholomew, on whose studies the pending annexation suit of Falls Church is being conducted, examined Manassas' plans for annexation and agreed to meet again with the council next month. Meanwhile, he asked that the town and its attorneys examine further the desirability of annexing outlying territory.

Present at the meeting at the Town Hall were Councilman Rice, Hook, Saunders and Doggett, Town Manager Ritter, Town Attorney Brown, Chamber of Commerce President R. Jackson Ratcliffe and Mr. Bartholomew.

Ritter displayed an aerial photograph, made in 1949, on which were drawn tow lines, one in yellow indicating the present town boundary and one in black showing the desired limits after annexation. The new boundaries could be described roughly as a belt about one-third of a mile out from the present corporation limits. Annexation of this region would take in the REA Headquarters and generating plant; the Manassas Lumber and Furniture companies, the Birmingham Dairy, Liberty Motors, and a large number of dwellings.

The town manager estimated the population of the annexable area to be in the neighborhood of 1,000, and fixed at \$587,000 the probable assessed valuation of property in that area. He cited examples of assessments in the outside area as follows: REA generating plant, \$300,000; REA headquarters, \$10,000; Birmingham Dairy, \$8,800.

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Early Report Shows Error For Quantico

The preliminary census count of population for Prince William County is 22,384.

Manassas population is counted as 1,789.

The first figures given out Wednesday noon by the census bureau in a letter to J. Murray Taylor, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, as required by law, gave Quantico a population of 2,064.

At 5:30 o'clock Wednesday evening Archie L. Miller, census supervisor at the Alexandria District office, 2415 Mount Vernon avenue, telephoned The Journal that the Quantico figures were in error and that the correct Quantico census count is 1,211.

This Mr. Miller explained was due to including part of Quantico base in the original count but upon rechecking the discrepancy was noticed. Speed in an effort to help the Journal get the census figures for this edition actually caused the error.

In his letter to Mr. Murray, chairman of the supervisors, Mr. Miller stated:

"These figures are believed to be substantially correct but are subject to revision after returns for non-residents are credited to their proper locality and other routine checks have been made. Although material revision of the preliminary count is unlikely, it may possibly occur after careful examination of the returns. The official announcement of the census will be made at a later date."

If announcing the figures the census bureau gave Prince William County an increase of 63.8 percent in population since 1930 when the total count was 13,660. In 1930 the county population was 13,951 and in 1940 it was 17,738.

Manassas increased from 1905 in 1920 to 1789 in 1950, or 37.9 percent. Between 1920 and 1930, according to the census bureau, Manassas lost population and dropped from 1,305 to 1,215 but increased again in 1940 to 1,789. The increase from 1940 to 1950 was also 37.9 percent.

Quantico's increase was more than 80 percent above 1940 when its population was 1,139. In 1930 only 538 persons were listed by the census bureau as living in Quantico. In 1920 there was no town of Quantico.

Before the official figures were announced the Journal was advised by the Census Bureau that they would be available Wednesday morning. In stating this fact a few individuals it was learned from Dr. George Cocks that he and Mrs. Cocks were not counted because they were in Florida. Another couple, Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Price of Nokesville, told the Journal they were not counted. As a climax to these surprises the Journal was advised by Mayor Harry Davis, that he and Mrs. Davis were not counted. These facts were turned over to Mr. Miller the Census supervisor.

Just to add to the confusion C. R. Rorer, of the Journal, reported he had been counted in both Prince William and Nottoway County, and Lawrence Weekly, also of the Journal, doubled up in Henrico County and Prince William.

On the basis of the figures already announced Mrs. Sonja North, of the Gothwaite Apartments, wife of E. M. North, a teacher at Occburn high school, won the Journal prize of one dollar per thousand for each thousand of persons in the official county. Her guess was 22,384 against the official count of 22,384 a difference of 150. However, Mrs. J. E. Beale of 318 N. Battle street, estimated 22,540 as against 22,384 a difference of 156. If it should develop that The Cocks, Price and the Davis families were not counted this would make an additional six to the official count and Mrs. Beale would have been the closer.

The Journal disclosed the Manassas figures to several persons as soon as they were received and the general feeling was one of the \$300,000; REA headquarters, \$10,000; Birmingham Dairy, \$8,800, an umpire's unfavorable decision.

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