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## \$400 Donated To Aid Project For Recreation

Supervised recreation for the youth of Manassas has been given substantial financial support by the Manassas Town Council in response to a plea from a group of leading citizens that the town recognize the importance of adequate recreational facilities for its younger citizens.

Despite limited finances fixed by a budget to provide only the bare necessities for government operation the Town Council at a meeting Monday night scraped together a contribution of \$400 for the Manassas Recreational Association for the coming year.

Indications were that the council would take steps in the future to provide greater financial support to this movement.

The committee of citizens for which Stanley Owens appeared as the spokesman told a story of how the association's activities had been kept alive mainly through private donation, which the committee indicated would continue to supplement town support, but it was pointed out that the recreation program had developed beyond the responsibility of a single group and had become a community problem.

A minimum budget showing a requirement for \$775 was presented to the town council with the request that the town meet all of that amount except \$102 which the committee had available from other sources, leaving a balance of \$673 which needed community rather than individual financing. This balance as presented by the committee's budget called for \$300 for a recreational instructor for girls, \$150 for replacement of equipment, \$200 for new equipment, \$100 for finance tips and \$25 for incidental expenses.

In view of the fact that the council had been unable to provide funds in its budget calculations for a recreational program the council continued on Page 6

**For The Record**  
Virginia VFW Originally Condemned Dill Burial in '47

This is for the record. The Manassas Journal is not the originator of the opposition to giving an acre of land in Arlington for the burial of Sir John Dill, the British Field Marshal, at the order of General George C. Marshall, former Chief of Staff and Secretary of State.

Credit for uncovering the illegal conspiracy, disclosure that an acre of land was set aside to bury the Britisher and the proposal to erect an equestrian statue at the grave site belongs not to the Manassas Journal, but to a group of former Virginia soldiers. The first call to stop the desecration of Arlington Cemetery as a National Shrine, should be credited to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Virginia. All of whom fought honorably on foreign soil for their Country.

## Wood Carving Window Display Attracts Crowds

An exhibit of wood carvings in the window of the law offices of W. Hill Brown, Jr. adjacent to the National Bank of Manassas is attracting wide attention. It is a number of wood carvings by Andrew Larsen, of Catharpin, a former letter carrier of Beaumont, Texas, who is a bachelor living with his only relative, a sister, Mrs. E. O. Balter, also of Catharpin. Mr. Larsen follows wood carving as a hobby and twice won the grand prize at the East Texas State Fair.

With a broad sense of humor Mr. Larsen has produced from pieces of yellow poplar and bass wood images of his fellow creatures. One of his original carvings, that of a postman on his route being attacked by a bulldog has a place in the historical museum of the Postoffice Department in Washington where it was placed by former Postmaster General, Farley.

About 30 carvings make up the exhibit and except for a few of his work known characters most of his work centers around the locale of Texas. Mr. Larsen is a native of Denmark and he has lived in Catharpin about four years. He is retired.

## Paved Streets Here Turned Over to State

Five and a half miles of Manassas streets, all streets in the town which are hard-surfaced, were ordered turned over to the State Highway Department for future maintenance, improvement, construction and reconstruction, at the meeting of the Town Council on Monday night.

The action was under the authority of Senate Bill No. 70, which became section 33-50.2 of the 1950 Virginia code.

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## Macs Beat Sox, Are Odds on To Win Series

The Manassas Macs defeated the Manassas Red Sox by a score of 4-1 last Tuesday before about 300 fans at Swavely Field. The Macs also outhit and generally outplayed the losers, to become the odds-on favorites to cop the town championship which will be decided by two later games of a three-game series.

The Macs got 10 hits off "Squeez-er" Polen, while the Red Sox could get only 5 off Jack Leachman, who not only pitched a fine game, but scored two of his team's runs and batted in another.

Neither team scored until the fourth inning when the Red Sox pushed across a run on a single by Merchant, a sacrifice, and another single by Parr. About this time Will Kerlin, long-time Sox fan, left his seat on the bench and began to jump up and down, shouting in great glee, "Here we go, boys, here we go." But as it turned out, one run was all the Red Sox were to get that day, and one was not enough.

With two Red Sox out, one run across, and Parr on first base, Tyson singled, Parr holding on second. Then in rapid succession Parr stole third, Tyson stole second, and Leachman hit Hawes with a pitch to load the bases. It looked like real trouble for the Macs, but Leachman made Shelton ground a slow ball right back at the mound and threw him out at first to end the inning.

The Macs after two hits in the first frame were slow until the fifth when Saylor's opened the inning with a short fly that fell for a double in left-center. Leachman, the next batter, promptly tripled over the right fielder's head to score Saylor's. Leachman, then scored, a moment later on a passed ball to right field.

In the seventh the Macs scored again as Leachman walked and held at second on Slusher's single. Then with the hit-and-run on Vetter grounded to short and Leachman scored on the play for Vetter at first.

Jim Leo hit a line drive to short right field in the eighth that looked like a hit, but Eddie Tyson came in fast and made a shoestring catch. Macs players badgered the umpire, saying Tyson had trapped the ball (that is, caught it on a short hop), but the umpire ruled it an out. As the inning ended and Tyson came to the Red Sox bench, some of his teammates asked if he had really caught the ball on a fly. He stated that the ball had never touched the ground. After the game, the Macs were still of the opinion that the ball had bounced. Maurice Smith, Mac third base coach, said he had heard the ball bounce.

Fourth and final Macs tally came in the ninth when Saylor's beat out a hot grounder to short, and went to second on a sacrifice by Leachman. Continued on Page 6

## This Is The Story of Mr. Carnise M. Street, And a Car Which Came to His Home at Night

By LAWRENCE WEEKLEY  
Carnise M. Street has always been a friendly man who would go out of his way to avoid trouble, and the welfare of his wife and four small children has been his chief concern. So when late one night two weeks ago an automobile rolled into the driveway of his Atheyville home and unidentified men leaned out of the windows to shout obscenities and curses, he became alarmed. Street was also puzzled. He knew of no one whom he considered an enemy.

That was Thursday and the car returned on Friday and Saturday nights, each time coming silently up the drive without lights. Stopping opposite the house, the men would shout foul utterances, Street says. On Sunday morning he notified the police, who told him they were powerless unless he could get the license number of the car so the owner might be traced.

Nothing happened on Sunday, but Monday, May 22, a car came again. Instead of turning into the drive, it went slowly by the house and six shots rang out as it passed. From that time on, Street says, he was afraid.

Expecting trouble, he moved his family's sleeping quarters upstairs and oiled and loaded a .32 calibre revolver. The following nights he spent sitting by the front window.

He kept his vigil through the week and about 11:45 last Saturday night

a sedan passed along the gravel road in front of his house and men shouted from the windows, just as they had done before. Street called upstairs to calm his frightened children, and peered out of the window. The car was gone, but it came again in a few minutes, this time followed by a coupe. The sedan turned into Street's driveway and the other stopped in front of the house. Street walked out on the porch, revolver in hand.

The car continued slowly up the drive and Street shouted out, ordering the occupants to halt and identify themselves. He was afraid the riders were trying to surround his home. What their intentions were, he didn't know, but he was frankly scared after the previous experiences.

Once more he ordered the car to halt, but it kept creeping up the porch. Standing beneath a shade maple, he sighted his gun and fired. He didn't remember how many times he fired, but testimony in court fixed it at three.

One of the bullets smashed the windshield of the sedan and the driver stopped, hastily reversed to the gravel road and sped away. A few minutes later the police arrived at Street's house and shortly afterward rounded up two cars containing a total of five men.

A sedan, registered in the name of Floyd "Pinky" Cornwell, was found to have a bullet hole in the windshield. The bullet was discovered lodged in a door frame of the car. The other car, a coupe, was listed as the property of Edward C. Simpson, who, according to police, showed the authorities a hole in his rear window which he claimed was made by Street's gun. Police said, however, that the hole was "as big as your fist" and probably was not made by a .32 calibre pistol bullet.

Both Cornwell and Simpson were arrested and taken to the Town Hall by trooper Harold Lanahan and deputies Joe Garner and Rex Hoskins. Also arrested were Oren Miller, Melvin Wade and Paul Jacobs. The five men were held at Town Hall from about 12:30 a. m. until about 3 a. m. Monday, when they were removed to the County Jail. Cornwell and Jacobs each posted \$100 bond.

At a hearing before Trial Justice C. Lacey Compton on Monday morning the five men were charged with disorderly conduct. In addition, Simpson was charged with illegal possession of ardent spirits.

Justice Compton dismissed the disorderly conduct charge against the five men, but found Simpson guilty of the whiskey charge and fined him \$100 and \$7.25 costs.

In dismissing the disorderly conduct charges, Justice Compton noted a "lack of evidence" against the five men, who claimed they had driven up Street's driveway only to turn around and retrace their path to a wider road.

Monday, after court was dismissed, Street said he bore no grudges and only hoped that he might get some sleep now. Back at his home, he looked at the sky and at his garden and expressed a hope that ground would dry some so he could hoe his onions.

Next came Francis Cannon Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, as an escort to the Daughters of the Confederacy, who followed in automobile decorated with the Stars and Stripes.

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## Better Than 50-50 Chance For Third War

With misty eyes and memories of sacrifices at home and upon battlefields the world over Manassas lined Center Street on Memorial Day to witness a parade and then moved to the Osborn High School grounds for the traditional exercises, honoring the Nation's fallen heroes. But there was a shuddering note between the invocation and the benediction. It came from an official spokesman of the Department of Defense, Lt. Commander Frank A. Mason, USN, who delivered an approved Department of Defense address which gave the Pentagon's opinion of the probability of war with Russia.

Commander Mason said: "Some people in this audience have lived through the horrors and heartbreaks of two global wars and have a better-than-even chance of witnessing the beginning of another." (Editor's Note: Commander Mason's remarks are printed in full on Page 5 of this issue of The Journal.)

Memorial Day broke overcast and sodden but by noon the skies had cleared and the weather for the paraders and the crowd was excellent.

Forming at Zebede and Quarry streets the line of march proceeded south on Zebede to Center and turned into Center street to march west to Grant avenue and then north to Lee street to the Osborn High School grounds. Prince William County Post, 158, American Legion led the paraders, followed by the United States Marine Band from Quantico, alternately playing "Maryland, My Maryland" and "Dixie."

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## Public Is Invited To Hear Talk By Japanese Rector

Reverend Peter Yamamoto, native Episcopal clergyman of Japan, will discuss "The Prospective View of Christian Works in Japan," at the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Episcopal Church, Manassas, on Monday, June 5th, at 8 p. m. DST, at the Parish Hall. The public is invited by Mrs. Victor Haydon, President of the Auxiliary, to hear Mr. Yamamoto, who is Rector of All Saints' Church, Diocese of Tohoku, Japan. Upon completion of a post graduate course at the Virginia Theological Seminary Mr. Yamamoto will resume his ministry in Japan following his departure for his homeland on June 14th.

—Alumni of Manassas Institute, Manassas High School, and Osborn High School are receiving letters notifying them of the annual alumni banquet to be held this year in the Osborn auditorium on June 10. Mrs. Charles Lawson of Manassas, chairman, asks that those who are not contacted by letter, please inform her, since it is impossible to keep the lists up-to-date.

—The Manassas Chamber of Commerce received a resolution from the U. S. Chamber opposing the adoption of compulsory health insurance in America. The local chamber referred the resolution to a committee study.

## Diagnostic Lab Site For Warrenton

Warrenton has been awarded the site of Virginia Diagnostic Laboratory which will be under the State Department of Agriculture. The announcement was made by Commissioner of Agriculture Farke Brinkley over the long distance telephone to The Journal at noon Thursday. Besides Manassas, other towns competing for the diagnostic laboratory were Culpeper, Front Royal and Orange.

A committee from the Virginia board of agriculture visited Manassas Tuesday as they toured the area making a survey of possible sites for a cattle and poultry diagnostic laboratory to be located in Northern Virginia. About 40 persons went to the office of County Agent Frank Cox to hear the committee and give reasons why the laboratory should be built in Manassas. Points in favor of a site in Prince William County near Manassas were the good railroad and mail service and the availability of two lots, both of which meet the board's specifications for water and sewage facilities.

## "Believe it or Not"

Yes, "Believe it or Not," The Journal is printing advertising on its first page. Why? Because we want to accentuate safety on the highways. Safety on the highways means perfect inspection of your automobile by competent mechanics authorized by the Virginia State Police to put a stamp of approval on your windshield showing your automobile to be in perfect condition and safe on the highway with you in it and safe for the other fellow too.

If The Journal can contribute to highway safety by calling your attention more dramatically to the short time before final inspection closes then The Journal will be satisfied with this departure from usual newspaper practice. The Journal can recommend these automobile firms as authorized to inspect your car according to requirements of the State police. Don't forget inspection closes June 15.

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## News from Prince William Communities

### Nokesville

By Mrs. Fred Shepherd  
Mr. and Mrs. Clay Wood, Jr. and the little girls went to Harrisonburg on business last Saturday, the 20th. They were accompanied to Staunton by Mrs. Harold Hopkins and the children who spent Saturday night with the Olden Mitchells. Harold went over after them on Sunday. The Mitchells will leave soon for Annual Conference at Grand Rapids, Michigan. They will also visit Mrs. Mitchell's parents while in Michigan.

The Grover Mays spent Sunday at the Hively sale. The Mays still have many friends here although they have lived in Occoquan for many years. Their grandson, Gerald Swank, who lives with them is one of the graduates at the Occoquan High School this year. Gerald already has a good job.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hively and the boys left immediately after the sale on Saturday to make their home in San Diego, California. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hively moved into the John Hively house immediately after the sale on Saturday. Continued on Page 4

### Catharpin

By Mrs. Curtis Lanham  
Mrs. Mary Lanham, Ancel Lanham and Mr. and Mrs. William Hutchison visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pearsons, of Benton Farm at Middleburg, Sunday.

Carroll Fox, of Manassas, visited Mr. and Mrs. Rumsey Light at the R. R. Ranch, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall of Knoxville, Tennessee, are expected here Monday for the graduation of Mrs. Halls sister, Miss Violet Byrne, and her brother, Walter Byrne.

### Haymarket

By Mrs. A. H. Meyer  
The most deserving and outstanding safety patrols from Gainesville District School received awards of merit. Captain Rumsey Light, Jr. and Lts. Wade Dunbar and Jean Smith received special badges. The Patrols will go to Washington on June 3, as guests of Clark Griffith at the baseball game.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson of Colorado Springs, Co., visited his sister, Mrs. W. H. Terry for several days recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Herrell and Mr. H. S. Herrell visited on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Utterback.

### Dumfries

By Dorothy Acord  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crawford had as their guests on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Harris and Mrs. Luther Keys, all of Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Garland had as their overnight guests on Tuesday, Mrs. Garland's two brothers, Lloyd and Garland Tate from Carmel Church.

Miss Margaret Hedges visited in Williamsburg over the weekend along with several other members of the senior class from Occoquan.

Among those who have written manuscripts for study as future day school and educational references literature in a United Lutheran Church contest is Rev. H. Earl Stotzner, 323 Lee Avenue.

The Southern Railway is willing to sell its water system to the Town of Manassas and the figure for acquisition purposes is \$45,000, exclusive of the water tank at the railroad station. Mayor Davis questioned the advisability of purchase and favored a renting arrangement such as the pipe line runs along

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