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PITTS THEATRE IS DUE TO REOPEN ON JULY 27

Familiar Quotation: "A day, an hour, of virtuous liberty is worth a whole eternity of bondage." — Addison.

Ground Breaking Ceremony For New Dumfries Methodist Church to Be Held Sunday

At ceremonies to be attended by Methodists from Fredericksburg, Clarendon H. C. Speaks, who is 92, and the oldest living active member of the Dumfries Methodist church, will break ground next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the foundation of a new \$35,000 church building which is to be erected as the worshiping place for Methodists from Quantico, Triangle and Dumfries.

Stanley A. Owens, Commonwealth Attorney, will tell the history of the Dumfries Methodist church which dates from 1771 when it was founded by the then Methodist Bishop, Francis Asbury. The church was destroyed by Northern soldiers during the War Between the States. The principal address at the ground breaking will be delivered by the Rev. C. Fred Williams, pastor of the Clarendon Methodist church.

The program for the afternoon is as follows: Invocations; Hymn, "Come We That Love The Lord"; Song by the Dumfries choir; Scripture lesson; History of the Dumfries Church by the Hon. Stanley A. Owens, Commonwealth Attorney; Song by the Quartette of the Fredericksburg Methodist Church; Address by the Rev. C. Fred Williams, Clarendon Methodist Church, Ground breaking ceremonies; Song, "Faith of Our Fathers"; Benediction. Music will be furnished by the Manassas school band.

The building committee for the new church is composed of the pastor, Rev. Clark H. Wood, of Manassas, Henry Amidon, J. P. Williams, E. A. Bauckman, E. A. Norwood, Mrs. E. Lillian Garsten and Mrs. Dorothy Ennis.

The first church established in Prince William County was the Episcopal Church in the year 1752, at Dumfries. The complete records were destroyed by fire. It is thought that the Episcopal Church was disorganized, and the Methodist took charge in the year of 1771 under Bishop Francis Asbury. It is not known how many members they had at that time.

The old first church was located on Route No. 1 highway where the W. S. Brawner home is located at present. The first pastor was the Rev. Thomas Coke, D.D., who was the Sup't of the Methodist preachers in America in the year 1783. The church was destroyed by the northern soldiers during the War Between the States.

After the destruction of the original church, services were held in the school building, and in the year 1881, July 11th, a new church was built on the present site. It was deeded by Robert L. Merchant and wife to the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

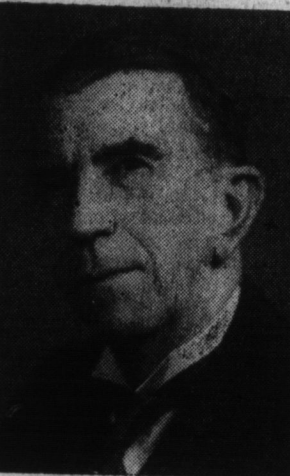
The building committee was composed of Robert L. Merchant, grandfather of Mrs. Randolph S. Brawner, Mrs. W. S. Brawner and Mrs. Grover King Mr. George M. Radcliffe, grandfather of Mrs. H. C. Speaks, Mrs. Ella Waters, and Mr. Robert Waters, father of Ruel and George F. Waters, Sr.

In 1906 the present church was built, after tearing down the first building to the floor which was enlarged and used for the present building. The building committee was composed of H. C. Speaks, now living, W. A. Speaks, D. J. Calvert, George R. Brawner, George M. Ratcliffe, J. H. Garrison. The pastor was the Rev. Charles Lynch.

There are four members living now who are 60 or more. Namely: Mrs. Mamie Wheat, 98; Mrs. Annie Merchant, 95; H. C. Speaks, 82, and his wife, Mrs. Anna R. Speaks, age 82.

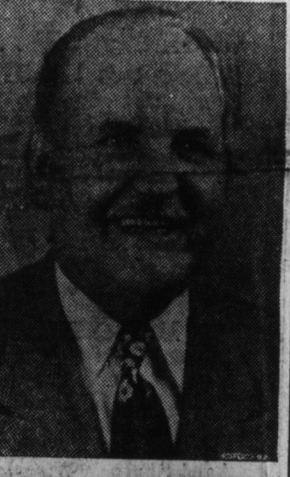
The present church site was deeded on July 11th, 1881 by Mrs. Robert L. Merchant and wife. On November 29th, 1948 a lot adjoining was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Warfield S. Brawner.

Slated to Win



Representative Howard W. Smith, who is certain to win the Democratic Primary of August 1 when the Eighth Congressional District election will be held.

GOP Nominees



Above Hal Flood Hughes who is battling it out, principally in Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria for the Republican nomination, with Tyrrell Krum (below) who was the Republican nominee two years ago.

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Aug. Primary Excites Little Interest Here

Only twelve days remain until the August first Congressional primary election. Interest in Prince William County in the election has been nil and it is generally conceded that in the Democratic primary Representative Howard W. Smith will carry the county by a large vote. His two opponents in the primary, Herman K. Kopp, Jr., a retired naval commander, and Arthur F. Souther, are almost entirely unknown in this part of the district.

The contest for the Republican nomination to oppose the Democratic nominee in the November election is between Tyrrell Krum, one-time radio broadcaster of Veterans' advice, who was the 1948 nominee, and Hal Flood Hughes. This fight has been waging warm in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax County but there has been little attention paid to it in Prince William County.

With the Democratic nomination for Judge Smith practically in the bag interest naturally centers upon who will oppose him in November. Judge Smith decisively beat Krum two years ago and since that time Krum is reported to have fallen into bad graces with the Republican party leaders in the Eighth Congressional District. His opponent, Mr. Hughes, has come out for "a realistic farm policy, honest stewardship, a balanced budget and repeal of the poll tax."

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Buys Hotel



Charlie Caviness, who has acquired the lease to the Stonewall Jackson Hotel from Walter Sadd, Mr. Caviness came to Manassas last May 20.

New Inspector To Be Given to Health Office

In conjunction with the Prince William County supervisors, the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors have agreed to the employment of an additional sanitary engineer by the Health Department. He will be assigned to the area between Manassas and Warrenton.

Heretofore there have been only two sanitary engineers in the two counties. Robert Dwight has worked out of Warrenton covering the areas from the boundary of the two counties east of Warrenton to the Blue Ridge Mountains and William Pace has worked out of Manassas from the Fauquier boundary to the Potomac River.

Influx of people from the Washington area into Prince William County has placed a heavy burden on the inspection crew and it was found that Dr. Walter R. Johnson, the county health officer, needed additional help in the Prince William County part of his district.

The inspection not only includes setting the requirements for septic tanks and their construction but also the location of wells to be drilled. Much of the time of the inspectors is also taken up with seeing that the sanitary standards of dairies are maintained.

William Pace, who has been the Prince William County inspector, is temporarily on leave completing guides for a degree.

The Quick Way Laundry on North Main St. opened last Saturday and many people with heavy wash to do found the automatic washers and driers convenient during the rainy weekend.

The Manassas Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual carnival July 31 through August 5 at the high school field. Games and entertainment for everyone will be featured.

The Triangle Lions Club held its regular meeting at the Recreation Center on Monday afternoon. New members welcomed were Mrs. Lee Roy Peters and Mrs. Jim Sis.

Hotel Lease Is Sold By Sadd To Caviness

The deal by which Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Caviness take over the lease of the Stonewall Jackson Hotel from Walter Sadd, and which was forecast by The Journal last week, was consummated Wednesday morning.

Caviness came here from Orange last May 20 and have been operating the hotel for Mr. Sadd, the widely known Ford dealer of Manassas. At that time the management agreement between Sadd and Caviness provided that the latter could purchase Sadd's lease at any time.

The papers signed Wednesday make Caviness' ownership retroactive to June 1.

Caviness has operated hotels in Danville, South Boston, Orange and Cape Charles. But for the Cape Charles hotel this is the only one of the group in which Caviness has owned the lease.

At Cape Charles he was active with the civic leaders in developing the town as a tourist center and he has ideas to exploit Manassas as the focal point for tourists visiting the Manassas Battlefield and other historic spots in Prince William County.

Since assuming control of the hotel in June Mr. and Mrs. Caviness have made extensive renovation of the property and have installed new furnishings and furniture.

Mr. and Mrs. Caviness have turned the Stonewall Jackson into a popular place for Manassas assemblies and social meetings places. The Thursday night family dinner was an innovation that proved to be popular. Their plans call for small and select parties in the dining room, wedding receptions and club and civic meetings.

Dr. L. B. Moncreux, of Prince William Pharmacy, is ill at his home in Manassas.

Jimmy McMichael of Nokesville is confined to his home, but improving.

W. T. Merchant of Manassas recently has been ill.

Mrs. W. M. Curtis of Manassas is under the doctor's care.

David Edens, son of Rev. and Mrs. John D. Edens, is ill at his home.

Mrs. H. S. Teel of Haymarket, is ill at her home.

Mrs. David Somers of Nokesville has been stricken ill again and her sister who came to visit her from Luray has also been taken down. Both are confined to their beds.

Mrs. D. D. Fleischman, of Nokesville was ordered by her doctor to remain in bed for a rest.

W. M. Heflin, of Triangle, is confined to his home, but improving.

Due July 27



Senator Ben Pitts, president and general manager of the Pitts Theater chain, who has spent thousands of dollars rebuilding the fire-gutted Pitts Theater here, is one of the smaller Virginia motion picture houses.

Cops Unhappy With Mayor So One Quits

Manassas police indicated at a special called meeting of the Town Council last Monday, night that they have the "metropolitan itch." They want big town equipment, such as tear gas bombs to put down rioters and dangerous criminals; they want a camera to aid in the detection of crime and feel they need some of J. Edgar Hoover's fingerprint equipment. All they have they complain, is a badge and a pistol.

It would be nice, too, the police told the town council if the town would finance a communications system. This they did not define, but it is presumed they want two-way radio, a desk sergeant on duty at all hours like the big towns have to accept calls and thus put a stop to the noisy telephone bells which ring in heard up and down Center street at all hours of day and night, often when police are not within earshot.

All of these things were incidental to other complaints of the Manassas police about the town council particularly Mayor Harry P. Davis, who presides at the mayor's court, and metes out fines and punishment not agreeable to the police. It was an offshoot to complaints about interference from Councilman Roy Doggett whom they charge parked illegally, speeds through the streets and criticizes them to citizens.

There were many things with which the police were dissatisfied but mainly the acts of Mayor Davis as judge of the mayor's court that irked them. Mayor Davis was not present at the council meeting, but the gist of the police dissatisfaction was that Mayor Davis is too lenient and lets offenders off with such minor fines or punishment that the police are frequently taunted, like Keystone cops, with the remark, "You didn't get much for your trouble did you, fat foot?"

The police thought the mayor "should stick it to them like fair, fax does."

Things like this have been boiling up in the breasts of the grey coated guardians of the law for so long that Police Officer James Colbert just couldn't stand it any longer. He took pen in hand and wrote out his resignation, citing all these things as reasons why he couldn't continue as a police officer after July 31. His dissatisfaction probably was aggravated by the fact that after he had arrested a drunk driver a few days before and the offender had poked Colbert in the jaw, Mayor Davis only fined the man \$18.

The police themselves brought the special meeting about. They had something to talk over privately with the town council. They had expected, they said afterward, that they were going to talk things over in a closed meeting to which the public was not to be invited. Somewhere along the line the idea of a secret meeting was overlooked and somebody let the whole world know about it.

With a better communication system, a camera and fingerprint equipment the police might be able to learn who tipped off the private meeting. If the culprit resisted arrest and if they had the tear gas bombs the police might subdue him and bring him to justice,—police justice.

Crew Is Held Ready to Put In New Seats

When the remodeled Pitts Theater reopens within the next few days it will be one of the most modern and attractive of the smaller Virginia motion picture houses.

Senator Ben Pitts, president and general manager of the Pitts Theater chain, who has spared neither money nor effort in the rebuilding. It is more than four months since the incendiary fire swept the motion picture house at midnight.

At the time of going to press on Thursday it was not possible to give the exact date of the opening but is tentatively set for July 27. The date had originally been set for July 15 but delay in the shipment of seats from Michigan withheld the announcement but on Thursday it was learned that the seats were enroute by freight and a crew of workmen were being held in readiness to install them upon arrival. This, it is estimated, would not take more than two days.

Mr. Martin, theater district manager, was in town early in the week from Culpeper, and was in communication with the motion picture distributors in order that the latest film possible to obtain would be selected for the opening day.

Perhaps no establishment in Manassas could have been missed more by the public than the Pitts Theater. It was the only place of entertainment and the thousands of people who had come each afternoon and evening for the picture showing found themselves without entertainment. The merchants missed the crowds that the theater brought to town and business generally suffered as a result.

The rebuilding was practically a complete reconstruction job. This was not required solely by the damage the fire caused but because of the enlargement plans both on the ground floor and in the balcony. The theater will have a seating capacity of 42 more persons than formerly. The lower floor will seat 425 and the balcony 117. The stage has been moved back and the foyer enlarged and wider exist provided.

The roof is of the heaviest construction laid upon new steel beams 35 feet long and 18 inches wide, resting on individual columns and bracked in between with supports that form both an H and an X. There are eight cross beams thus supported.

The interior is constructed entirely of insulated material. The ceiling is made of a processed insulation tile and the walls are of the same material but in panel style. The wainscoting is of serrated plywood. All the interior was supplied by Brown and Hooff, Inc. The other lumber which went into the reconstruction was furnished by Manassas Lumber Company.

The theater will be air conditioned. This was supplied by J. F. Broadus of Fredericksburg. The cooling system, in connection with the boiler room, this time will be outside the main theater building, behind the stage.

It was not necessary for the theater to rebuild the projection room. This was not damaged by the fire but new motion picture equipment, nevertheless, is being installed by the National Theater Supply Company of Baltimore. This included entirely new sound equipment of the most modern type.

The draperies and curtains, rich and of a deep maroon color, have been furnished by the Paramount Decorating Company of Philadelphia while J. F. Dusan, of Baltimore, have supplied the new carpets.

The color scheme of the interior is attractive and soothing. The ceiling is grey, the wall paneling blue and the wainscoting is rose topped with a soft green. Around the walls and close to the ceiling to give a perfect indirect lighting effect are three sets of lights, red, white and blue.

The supervising contractor for the rebuilding has been Nick Rooney of Herndon.

President Jack Ratcliffe, of the Chamber of Commerce, interestingly related to that organization at its meeting on Tuesday, the historical information he gathered while on a vacation to Nags Head and The Lost Colony. We invite him to write about his trip for The Journal.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Grace Methodist Church will hold its picnic at the home of W. J. Saylor on Tuesday, August 8, 1950 at 6:30 p. m., D.S.T. All members are invited to bring their families.

Reports from Nearby Correspondents

Nokesville

By Mrs. Fred Shepherd The young folks at the Valley Church are very active this summer. They had planned this week to dig their "patch" of potatoes which they planted on the Walter Flory farm last spring. Rain will delay that project for a while. On Monday evening the young folks all met in the Wilbur Wright home to make some very attractive pottery vases with Alice Wright showing them how. They are getting things ready for a sale to be held at Wayland's store in Manassas on Saturday, July 29. Mrs. Clifford Bear, Jr. is their leader and is doing an excellent job of it. Several of the young folks are planning to spend this weekend at a camp in Greene County.

Dumfries

By Dorothy Acord Those who enjoyed a weekend stay at the Shenandoah River Lodge in Luray, Va. were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pick, Jr., Misses Jocelyn, Gladys, Dorothy and Elinor Brawn, Mr. Walter Baker and Mr. Francis Water.

Haymarket

By Mrs. A. H. Meyer The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was postponed and in place of the meeting several of the ladies motored to Fredericksburg, Va. where they had dinner and visited several points of interest. Those making the trip were: Mrs. Audrey Kerr, Mrs. M. Fewell Melton, Mrs. H. Schneider, Mrs. L. Lightner, Mrs. M. S. Melton, and Mrs. Mollie Gardner.

Triangle

By Mrs. J. Alfred Anderson Mrs. Wesley Anderson and sons, and Miss Glennora Long spent Thursday evening with Mrs. Alfred Anderson.

Triangle

By Mrs. J. Alfred Anderson Mr. and Mrs. Joe Amidon, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Amidon and daughter visited in Arlington Sunday.

EVERY SATURDAY 8:30 DST LONGVIEW PARK SPEEDWAY