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Remain To Visit
The Fireman's Carnival.

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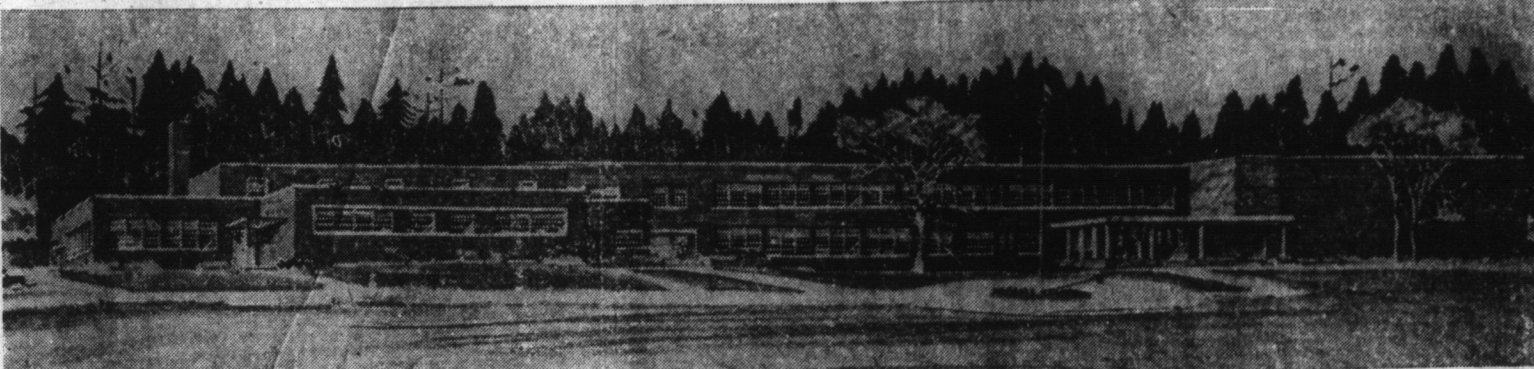
DOGGETT GETS INTO WATER BUSINESS; FINDS HE'S A PUBLIC UTILITY MAGNATE FIRST PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY BOY IS WOUNDED IN KOREA

Tom Gravelly Is Reported As Casualty

The Korean War has struck Prince William County with one of her sons wounded in the fighting with the Red invaders. He is Corporal Thomas James Gravelly, aged 19, of Triangle, the son of Mrs. Gertrude Henley, also of Triangle.

Young Gravelly was fighting with the 19th Infantry Regiment. The first cry of word that he had been shot down came from young Gravelly in a letter to his mother which he received July 27th. It had come via San Francisco and this is what it said: "I am here in Korea and I hurt my back. You can guess the rest. I am in a Red Cross Emergency Hospital. I guess you have read the Korean news in the papers. I probably will be sent back to Japan."

Architect's Drawing of Proposed Gar-Field High School at Woodbridge



Shown above is the architect's drawing of the proposed Gar-Field High School to be built at the intersection of U. S. Route 1 and Route 610 at Woodbridge. Construction will begin as funds are available from the State Literary Fund. In the left wing there will be an industrial arts shop, cafeteria, and gymnasium. An auditorium will occupy the right wing and administrative offices, library, and classrooms will be located in the center as well as on the second floor. The school will accommodate 400 students from the Triangle-Woodbridge-Ocoquan-Quantico-Dumfries area, now served by the Ocoquan district high school. The present Ocoquan school will be converted to an elementary school. Gar-Field High School is to be named after two Woodbridge citizens, Grover Manderfield and Gilmer Garber, who donated a 20-acre tract of land for the site. John M. Walton and Associates are the architects of the above plans. The plans were drawn from ideas of Superintendent of Schools R. Worth Peters.

Buys Spink's Out for \$100 And Tries To Resell for \$900

Councilman Roy Doggett is in the public utility business and trying to get out of it before the State Corporation Commission catches up with him and makes him file reports, rate schedules and the thousand and one other types of forms and reports that are required of companies which serve the public with water.

Also Mr. Doggett may have violated a provision of the law which prohibits an official from dealing with the municipality he represents. Whether Doggett has become so involved and faces the possibility of having to quit his councilman job remains for the legal minds to decide. It is likely to become an issue.

Doggett got into the public utility business by trying to make a quick penny—or should it be said a quick several hundred dollars. He hasn't made the money he expected to make and the complications that followed his advent into the business of serving water to nine residents of southeast Manassas have developed almost hourly since he took the plunge.

Man With Little Black Bag Has Councilmen Disturbed

Watch for the man with the little black bag. He may be in Manassas soon and he may come to your place.

But don't expect him to tell you what is in the little black bag because he won't. The fact that he will not has the Town Council pretty much disturbed. What that little black bag contains is the means of livelihood for F. M. Booker and he doesn't propose to let everyone in on the secret.

Bond Issue For Schools Is Discussed

The Nokesville Ruritan Club took a forceful stand on the school building program at a meeting Wednesday night when a resolution was adopted urging early construction of better school facilities in Prince William County, including the addition of an agricultural building to the Brentsville District High School.

At the meeting at which S. A. McMichael presided, a committee was appointed to call upon the Board of Supervisors and express the sentiment of the Ruritan Club and the residents of Nokesville. This committee consists of W. F. Hale, Lester Huff, P. D. Reading, Lester Parsons, Harry Swan and Paul Irvin. The sentiment in the Nokesville area is for a bond issue.

Judge Smith Wins Primary

Judge Howard W. Smith won the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Eighth District and Tyrell Krum, of Vienna, won the Republican nomination. They will face each other in the November election. Judge Smith got 10,181 votes in the Democratic primary and Krum got 1,972 in the Republican primary.

Arthur F. Souther of Arlington who opposed Judge Smith got only 1,726 votes. Krum's opponent, Hal Hughes, received 544 votes.

Krum opposed Judge Smith two years ago but was defeated. For several years Krum has been advertising himself as an advisor to veterans but the newspaper which carried his column of advice and the radio station which broadcast it no longer advertise him.

Bull Run Hunt Club Show Is Next Sunday

The annual Bull Run Hunt Club Horse Show will be held this Sunday at the Portner Estate, beginning at 12 noon EST. The event is sponsored jointly by the American Legion Post 158 and Auxiliary.

This show is a member of the Virginia Horse Shows Association and points accumulated in it count toward the VHSAA final division awards.

Conway Seely of Manassas is general chairman of the Hunt Club, Marshall Haydon, Manassas, treasurer, and Stewart McBride, Jr., Manassas, secretary.

Sunday's judges will be Colonel West and Estler M. Palmer.

County Fair To Be Held Aug. 31

The first Prince William County Fair in almost 30 years will be held at Longview Park, Manassas, on August 31, Sept. 1 and 2, sponsored by the Veterans Farm Club of Prince William County.

There will be exhibits under tents of livestock, poultry, farm and garden crops, baking, and canning. The Veterans have invited the Future Farmers of America clubs and 4-H clubs from all over the County to join in making the fair a success.

Ford Agency Sold by Sadd To Tom Frost

Prince William Motors was sold on Wednesday and will hereafter be known as Frost Ford.

The purchasers are Tom Frost and Stewart E. Eustace, of Warrenton, widely known automobile dealers, and they acquired the business from Walter D. Sadd. The real estate remains with Sadd.

Frost is the owner of Frost Ford-Mercury Company of Warrenton and Eustace has been with him for more than 15 years. Eustace is moving to Manassas and will become the active head of the firm and the public will be advised.

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The story about the little black bag originates over the problem of finding a site for a new well to supplement the present dwindling town water supply. What is in the little black bag is supposed to determine where there is water. There's that rub. The Town Council would like to have a sure shot but Mr. Booker doesn't play that way. All he will do is to go around Manassas with the little black bag and test the water strata and indicate where a well should be started. For that he wants \$400 and expenses when the hole is down 500 feet and another \$400 when the hole is completed—wet or dry.

Reports from Nearby Correspondents

Nokesville
By Mrs. Fred Shepherd
We are certain you will miss something "very special" if you aren't at the Nokesville Church of the Brethren on Sunday night at 3:00. That's the night more than thirty young people of Nokesville and vicinity are giving an evening of music featuring old-time hymns. It is all under the direction of Mrs. Cleveland Flory, who realized that all the talent of our young folks who spend the winter months in College should be used some this summer. During the evening an offering will be taken for Religious Education.

Dumfries
By Dorothy Acord
Mr. Milton Martin spent three days last week visiting relatives in Lynchburg, Va.

Haymarket
By Mrs. A. H. Meyer
The members of the Haymarket Woman's Club are sponsoring a "old plate dinner" to be held on August 16. Time and place to be announced in the next issue of his paper. Watch for it.

Triangle
By Mrs. J. Alfred Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. James Allen and son, Billy, visited relatives in Emporia, Va. over the week-end.

Triangle

Mrs. Mason Gough returned home from the Alexandria hospital Saturday with her infant son.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Anderson and children and Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Walker and son had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Mayo Kincheol of Englewood on Sunday.

Mr. George Anderson is now making his home with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Anderson and sons, Jimmy and Harvey, visited the Battlefield Park in Fredericksburg on Sunday.

M-Sgt. and Mrs. H. E. Riley and daughter, Lee, of Quantico, and Mrs. Kathleen Cantrell of Rockford, Ill. had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Anderson on Sunday.

We Hear That

Mrs. Catherine Mayhugh returned home to Greenwich on Sunday after having her tonsils removed at Warrenton Hospital.

Henry Spittle, of Greenwich, lost one of his fingers and injured another in a recent accident.

Low Foster, of Greenwich, has been suffering from an abscessed ear, resulting from a Japanese beetle getting into it.

Mr. D. H. Mathers of Clifton is still ill in a nursing home near Fairfax.

Mrs. Emma Kidwell of Clifton, who has been undergoing hospital treatment, expects to be home soon.

Col. James F. Quinn, who has many friends in Clifton, is ill and confined to Walter Reed Hospital, Washington.

Miss Francis Carroll of Washington, who was visiting in Haymarket, was taken to a horse last Sunday and broke her arm. She was taken to Physicians Hospital, Warrenton.

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The reason the Council is considering the little black bag is because one resident offered to sell for \$500 a lot where a well could be drilled. Estimates put the total cost of the well at \$8,036, according to the figures of even the lowest bidding well driller. Mayor Davis and the councilmen thought \$500 for a lot and possibly a dry hole would be a little difficult to stand. That is why they want Mr. Booker to give them some assistance as to where water could be found and in quantities of gallons a minute.

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While recognizing the need for haste to augment the water supply, the upshot of the whole discussion was that there should be further investigation as to whether a 6-inch well or an 8-inch well should be drilled. Councilman Doggett thought a little money could be saved with a 6-inch well but the other councilmen felt that as long as the State Health Department requires an 8-inch well it would be desirable to go along with the Health Department.

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It was finally resolved to investigate further, particularly what the little black bag might contain and how certain it will disclose where and how much water there is under the surface. There will be a report at the next council meeting.

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The subject will be brought up again at the meeting next week when more members are expected to be present.

Even with the small number meeting Tuesday to discuss the school problem the sentiment was in favor of assuring the people of Ocoquan and Dumfries that Manassas does not seek to have a school at the expense of those districts.

It was brought out by Superintendent of Schools Worth Peters that bond interest rates will be lower than the rate charged by the state, which is two percent. Banks and bond houses have been taking bonds with interest rates as low as one and one-third percent and up to

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Once in charge of the Doggett Water Company the councilman paid a visit to his consumers and suggested that each of them pay him \$100 for their part of the water system. Nine consumers at \$100 each would make a tidy profit. But the consumers, it appears, couldn't see it that way. They refused to pay the \$100 asked by Doggett.

A few days later Doggett saw his consumers again. This time he offered to sell each of them an interest in the water company for \$75. No soap, said the consumers. Then Doggett reduced the price to \$60 each and there it stands. These figures are admitted by Doggett himself.

So Doggett finds the consumers refusing to pay the increased rates demanded by the city and they refuse to buy his water company.

When the question of raising water rates was up before the Town Council Doggett was one of the principal advocates of increasing the rates to consumers outside the corporate limits, particularly the Birmingham Dairy. At a recent meeting the town decided to readjust the rates for the Birmingham Dairy so the cost would not be so great and then Doggett wanted to know why the rates for Birmingham should be lowered and not the rates for Spinks, who took more than 100,000 gallons through his meter. Whether Doggett was actually the owner of the water company when he made this inquiry or whether Spinks still was in possession could not be determined but it was close enough to the change of ownership to raise some question as to whose interest

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