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VETERANS' FARM CLUB COUNTY FAIR SET FOR MANASSAS, AUG. 31 TO SEPT. 2

Doggett Will Notify Water Users That He Will Discontinue Their Service by September 30

Roy Doggett announced this week that he will send notices to the nine consumers attached to the water line he purchased for \$100 from George Spinks that at the end of the present quarter which is September 30, he will discontinue water service to them.

Doggett said he is required to give the water users 30 days notice of discontinuance but that he would not wait until September 30 to put the letters in the mail; "I will do it before September 15, just as soon as I can find time before that date," said Doggett.

The Town Councilman explained to the Journal that he does not desire to be a redistributor of water unless he can collect from all users and he added that some of the users have refused to pay Spinks. Doggett has not had the water line, which runs from Woods Store in Northeast Manassas for a short distance out Buckhall Road, long enough to render a bill.

Doggett bought the water line from George Spinks for \$100 and admitted that he had made several attempts to resell the line to the individual users at varying prices. After he acquired the line it became apparent to him that serving water to more than three residences placed him in the class of a public utility with all the requirements that entails such as filing reports with the State and being subject to a rate schedule.

This is the way Doggett's water company works. The Town of Manassas charges Doggett for the water when it passes through the city meter at Wood's Store. Doggett has never determined upon a charge to users because the time for presenting the first quarter bills under Doggett's ownership has not been reached. He did say, however, that George Spinks advised him when he bought the pipe line that Spinks had made about \$75 a month through reselling the water. There has been considerable conjecture since the announcement of Doggett's venture into the public utility business as to whether he can discontinue service to consumers who bought their homes with a water service already connected. Probably this will be the major issue when the notices are received by the consumers that Doggett intends to cut off.

In some instances the pipe lines run inside the property line of the consumers and here again there appears to be a legal point as to whether Doggett had any title to the pipe line he offered to sell to at least some of the users.

It may take a court hearing to determine the outcome of the controversy between the users and the city councilman. Interesting sidelights to the whole affair may be looked for.

Wm. J. Bowers School Bond Issue Seems To Be Certain

Town Manager Ritter announced the appointment on Thursday morning of William J. Bowers, of Clifton as police officer to succeed Officer J. C. Colbert, who resigned.

The new officer has been deputy town sergeant of Clifton for several years and during the war he was a member of the Military Police. He was recommended to Ritter by Mayor W. Swem Elgin, Mayor of Clifton.

Police officer Bowers is married and his wife and three children will come here to live. He is 6 feet 4 inches tall, and weighs 160 pounds.

"Officer Bowers is highly recommended and I believe he will make an excellent officer," said Town Manager Ritter. "He went on the job Thursday morning and I believe the people will find that he is industrious and pays strict attention to duty."

Catharpin

By Mrs. Curtis Lanham

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lockhart and son, Larry, were guests last Wednesday night of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Lanham.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Hensley have a daughter born August 1. Mr. and Mrs. Holman Willis of Roanoke visited W. C. Brown last Thursday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Flinn last week were Misses Mary and Catherine Douglas of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Capt. and Mrs. Charles Flinn and son of Atlanta, Ga. were visitors in Catharpin last week. Capt. Flinn left Sunday for Fort Bragg, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hanckel and daughter of Harrisonburg, Va. visited friends in Catharpin Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tribble of Delaplane visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alvey Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. James Duley, Mrs. Anstine and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond

Guest List is Heavy Among Catharpin Folk

Anstine, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey Light Sunday. Mrs. Anstine and Miss Elizabeth Lynn have gone to Moundsville, Va. to be counselors at the girls' camp there.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Webb, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. McPhillips, and daughter, Margaret, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ellison.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hutchison attended the horse show at Manassas Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hutchison, Mrs. Mary Lanham and Ansel Lanham attended a picnic at the Manassas Battle Field Park Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Guiffre were Mr. and Mrs. George Scott and children of Alexandria, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius of Arcoia, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Perroni of St. Petersburg, Fla., Mrs. Mary Dean of Cheverly, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marconi, Mrs. Anstine, Mrs. Annie Murphy and George Dean of Washington.

First Showing Of Products Of the Farm Since 1922

The first Prince William County Fair, to be held since 1922 has been set for August 31, to September 2, at Longview Park Speedway and will be held under the auspices of the Veterans' Farm Club in cooperation with County Extension Workers and Vocational Agriculture instructors.

The fair promises to be the most elaborate and extensive ever produced in the county and already there has been entered a wide variety of livestock, poultry and products of the farm and garden by both young and old. The list of exhibits and exhibitors is being enlarged daily by entrants from all sections of Prince William County.

Entries will be accepted until noon on the date of the opening of the fair, August 31, and for information and entry blanks in the various classes contact should be made with the following:

Home economics, Mrs. Helen Hampton, Mrs. E. W. Thompson, Jr. and Mrs. J. F. Hale.

Livestock, William F. Hales, E. W. Thompson, Jr. Edmund Watson and Joe Johnson.

Poultry Entries, William R. Young.

All entries should be mailed to Joseph B. Johnson, RFD 1, Manassas.

It is required that all entries of farm produce and home economics be owned and produced by exhibitors who are residents of Prince William County.

The Dairy Cattle Division, promises to be one of the largest because of the dominance of the milk producing business in Prince William County. It will be in charge of Kemp Clemens, as chairman.

The beef cattle department will be under Kite Rosberry as chairman, and the Poultry Department will be chaired by William Young.

Farm Produce comes under the supervision of Lou Foster, chairman, and the Home Maker's Department will be under Mrs. Helen Hampton. In this there will be exhibits of canned goods, baked goods, clothing, flowers, home garden produce, and eggs. There will be a special department for Junior Homemakers.

For months the Veterans' Farm Club, which centers chiefly around Nokesville, has been anticipating putting on the greatest exhibition of farm products ever held in the county. The young exhibitors are working diligently on their plans and at one time endeavored to get permission to use the Manassas Airport for the erection of temporary structures to house exhibits. Failing in this they selected the site at Longview Park Speedway but they will be unable to have the temporary structures there.

According to the members of the Veterans' Farm Club who are taking a leading part in the arrangements for the fair the response from all sections of the county has exceeded their expectations. The women, particularly, are intending to put on one of the finest demonstrations of homecraft ever seen in Prince William County as the reports of the manner in which daughters are vying with mothers to show the finest products of the kitchen and the sewing room indicate.

The complete rules and regulations about the various classes to be exhibited at the fair are reproduced on another page of this issue of The Journal.

An entry blank appears at the bottom of this page and may be filled out and mailed to Joseph B. Johnson, RFD 1, Manassas, Va.

Haven't We Got Fun in Manassas?

Haven't we got fun in Manassas? Everyone with his own measuring stick and no two alike.

Thanks for the ad, Colonel Muse. It's impossible to take as much valuable advertising space to reply to it as you used. You will notice we are filled up this week. As they say in the theater business, "Standing room only."

But didn't you forget something? Your measuring stick overlooked the food store advertising. Read the Journal ad again. It stated: "Another great test of a newspaper's value is the amount of food advertising it prints. Women follow the food ads and the newspaper having the most food advertising assuredly is the newspaper which most women read."

Have a nice trip to Mexico, Colonel. They use the metric measuring system there. Perhaps you can bring back a metric rule that will measure food advertising the way you measure other types.

Anyway, haven't we got fun in Manassas.

Road Counting Devices Can't Be Fooled

Don't think you're fooling the State Highway Department if you drive back and forth across the little black tubes that count traffic on the State's highways. The road people have a number of tricks to tell whether the count is true or false.

This practice is negligible on primary highways, engineers say. However, on the rural secondary roads the custom of "running up" traffic counts is general throughout the State.

The practice may even backfire and result in a lowering of the count. The machines click off time intervals and any abnormal counts during a period are thrown out by traffic engineers.

These are some of the check methods:

Previous counts for each station and each period are used for comparison.

Check stations at other points show what average traffic goes in or out on a road.

Primary highway counts measure all directions of traffic and tell whether the local road traffic was merely running up and down a section or went onto the through highway.

Counts at particular times of the day when traffic is at its normal low or high show whether there has been out of the ordinary traffic at other times. Traffic flow usually follows a normal pattern on all roads, with unusual surges occurring only for special occasions—or by "made" traffic.

If the count is above normal for much of the time, a personal check and count are made.

Local highway and traffic engineers know exactly what points—residences, schools, churches, factories, etc., each section of secondary road serves. And they know from traveling the roads relatively how much traffic they carry.

State highway engineers also pointed out that tampering with the counting machines in a misdemeanor. Several cases have been prosecuted where the State property was tampered with or removed.

Polio Danger Is Reviewed By Dr. Roper

"With the incidence of poliomyelitis much higher throughout the state this summer, and especially in the Wytheville area, parents need to know as much as they can about the disease," Dr. B. J. Roper, Health Commissioner said Thursday in a special review of the general medical aspects of polio and possible preventive measures.

In an attempt to familiarize apprehensive parents as much as possible with the nature of poliomyelitis, Dr. Roper discussed the disease in the form of a series of questions and answers:

1. How long does it take to develop poliomyelitis after a person has been exposed to the disease? "Usually it is somewhere between seven and 14 days but this is not a definite rule. The time varies from case to case. For example, some cases may develop three days after exposure, and others have been known to take as long as 35 days.
2. How is poliomyelitis spread from one person to another? "Frankly, the medical profession does not know much about that. There are three commonly held theories: (1) Polio is transmitted

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Greenwich

By Reba Hopkins

The annual Parrish Picnic will be held next week, August 18, on the farm of Charles Croushore. It is hoped that Catlett and Greenwich will hold their ball game at that time. They are the two churches who are ahead in the Parrish ball games.

The Earnest Workers Class will Rev. Albert Winn and Mr. Charles Donnell of the Brentsville Presbyterian church went with the Pioneers to West Northham, Md. this week.

Revival services were concluded at both churches on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Squires have had quite a few visitors in the past weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Youngblood and Terry of Hampton spent several days with them; Mrs. Teresa Norris of California, her son and another relative from New Jersey, besides Mrs. Faye

Annual Parish Picnic To Be Held August 18

Campbell and daughter from Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reeves of Colmar Manor, Md. were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Newman Hopkins on Thursday evening.

Miss Clara Burkett and Miss Rosie Usilton of Washington visited Mrs. Mary Foster over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kenny visited her mother in Philadelphia last week, returning on Friday. They then went to Norfolk where they are visiting her sisters, Miss Rhoda Foster and Mrs. Betty Davidge.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Squires have had a social on Thursday evening followed by Vesper services at the church.

The Sunday School Council held their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening at the Sunday School building.

Activities Center In Visits Between Families

as Catlett, in Bethesda Hospital on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bishton and Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Brawner had as their guests on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Newenbourn, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coffman and Mrs. Annie Coffman from Washington.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Brawner and Jocelyn on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Price and Mrs. Louise M. Thorne of Washington.

The Adult Bible class is planning a dinner at the Odd Fellows Hall in Dumfries on August 23rd. The admission will go toward the building fund. The public is invited.

Dumfries

Dorothy Aeerd

Several members of the Adult Bible Class and their families enjoyed an all day picnic at Westmoreland Beach on Sunday.

Sgt. Bill Lint, U.S.M.C., from Camp Lejeune, N. C. visited his wife over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Garrison visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kerns and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Bell in Herndon on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Brown have as their house guests, Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. G. Walker Merchant from Chevy Chase, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bourne and daughter, Shelby, and Sgt. and Mrs. Horace Bourne visited W. J. Thom-

Church Supper, Aug. 23

At Church of Brethren of the District. But the most wonderful part of the adventure, we think, is the fact that the Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Brethren, and Episcopalians all came and worked so hard together to make the program possible. Recently we read some opinion in which the writer stated that if there were two things all over the world here would be no more wars. Those two things were the Bible and Baseball. As we sat and listened on Sunday night we thought we'd like to add "and music." If you missed Sunday night you may have a chance to hear them again. In definite plans are for them to sing again somewhere in the District and possible in Manassas. We hope so for the effort the folks put forward should not be wasted in just one performance.

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Nokesville

By Mrs. Fred Shepherd

Are you keeping in mind August 23. That's the night the Brethren ladies here at Nokesville are hoping you will come and buy your supper. They are serving a fresh vegetable with plenty of planning to have a table of all kinds of garden vegetables for sale.

We warned you last week that you would be missing something grand if you failed to come to the Nokesville Church of the Brethren on Sunday evening. We were certainly right. The community chorus under the direction of Mrs. Kerlin and Mrs. Robert Beahm at the organ gave more than an hour of music, which in our opinion would be hard to beat. The offering for the evening, \$45.25, went toward the Religious Education work

Womans' Club Plans Cold Plate Dinner

children Joan Lee, Herman, Jr., and Francis May of Berwick, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Utterback. Francis May has returned to Berwick with her parents after an extended visit in Haymarket, and Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Utterback and children Mary Jane and Henry spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Thomas in Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Seltzer and son Jimmy, of Bethesda, Md., spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Seltzer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Smallwood of

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Haymarket

By Mrs. A. H. Meyer

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club met last Tuesday, August 1, to complete final plans for the cold plate dinner to be held August 16th, at 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Gainesville District School. DON'T FORGET THE DATE, COME AND BRING THE FAMILY. Adults children under 12.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Melton visited in Berkeley Springs, West Va., recently.

Mrs. John Harrington and Jo and Leo Fowler of Washington spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Beck and

Obituaries

Mrs. Edmund P. Watson

Mrs. Mary Carter Watson, 73, widow of Edmund P. Watson and resident of the Hickory Grove community died July 5 at Leesburg, Va. Mrs. Watson had been ill for nearly two years. She was the oldest daughter of the late James K. and Adeline Bronaugh of Haymarket and Vienna.

Mrs. Watson is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Robert George of Haymarket; two sons, James C. and Edmund F. Watson, both of Haymarket; three brothers, Winston L. Carter of Baltimore, Md.; William T. Carter of Detroit, Mich.; and two sisters, Mrs. Carter Davis of Lewisburg, W. Va. and Miss Sarah T. Carter of Leesburg.

Rev. W. F. Carpenter conducted funeral services on July 7 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Haymarket. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Fallbearers were Augustus D. Zerega, Jr. of Middleburg, T. Gales and two sisters, St. Petersburg, Va. and W. R. Gossom, W. B. Tyler, and George Bleight, all of Haymarket.

J. V. Davis, Jr. Milk Value Is New Head Vs. Dairy Feed Prices Told

The value of Virginia's milk, in relation to the amount of dairy feed it would buy, dropped in June; but dairymen still were in a better position than the average for the United States.

Ben F. Morgan, Jr., dairy marketing specialist at V.P.I., said Virginia dairymen could buy only 112 pounds of dairy feed with 100 pounds of milk in June, as compared to 117 pounds of feed in May. This was about 10 pounds below the average for June, and one pound below June a year ago.

However, the average United States dairymen could buy only 92 pounds of dairy feed with 100 pounds of milk.

Dairymen in South Atlantic states were in a more favorable position. They could buy 118 pounds of feed with 100 pounds of milk.

Morgan says dairymen can expect little relief in feed prices during the next year. The price support for the 1950 wheat crop in Virginia will have a ferris wheel, merry-go-round, comet rides and other activities for young and old. Mrs. Tollo's Midget Show will be one of the attractions but the main event promises to be the 95 foot dive of Captain Jack Perry into a five and a half feet tank of water, the top of which is flming with gasoline as he makes the plunge.

The following Lion's Club committee chairmen were appointed at a meeting of the Club Wednesday night: Boys and Girls, Jack Merchant; Finance, Layton Laws, Program, Paul Arrington; Attendance, Howard Churchill; Membership, Keith Lyons; Education, Norman Bolton; Conservation, Ed. Wright; Concert, Roy Lilly; and Health, Norman McManaway. The group held a work night and adjourned to the Lions Recreation Park where members worked on the grounds, preparing for their picnic on August 30. Ralph Hesse was a visitor at the meeting.

Nokesville Firemen Will Stage Carnival

Nokesville's Volunteer Fire Department is planning a big carnival from August 14 to 19 to raise funds to support their activities. They will have a ferris wheel, merry-go-round, comet rides and other activities for young and old. Mrs. Tollo's Midget Show will be one of the attractions but the main event promises to be the 95 foot dive of Captain Jack Perry into a five and a half feet tank of water, the top of which is flming with gasoline as he makes the plunge.

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Playoffs in the Woman's Croquet League

will be held Friday night at the homes of Mrs. Edgar Parrish and Mrs. Amelia Brown McBryde. The 7 p.m. Finals will be at Swavely Field, Tuesday, August 15.

The Manassas Macs entertain the Nokesville Bluebirds at Swavely Field next Sunday at 3 p.m. In three previous engagements the Macs have won two and Nokesville one.

The Manassas Red Sox lost to McLean 5-3 last Sunday on the winner's diamond in an Old Dominion game.

We Hear That

Mrs. Joe Speakes of Manassas is the sick list this week.

Mrs. Philothia Nash of Manassas is recuperating from a recent illness.

Mrs. Dorothy Nash of Independent Hill has been ill.

John Brown of Manassas has been ill with a strep throat.

Mrs. Stuart DeBell of Centreville has been indisposed the past few days.

Mrs. V. W. Zirkle of Nokesville has been slightly ill the past week.

Mr. Walter Downs of Catharpin is a patient in Alexandria Hospital.

M. R. Leach of Greenwich went to Charlottesville Hospital last week for a check-up.

Mrs. Henry Carrioco, of Greenwich was badly burned last week when her pressure cooker exploded.

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