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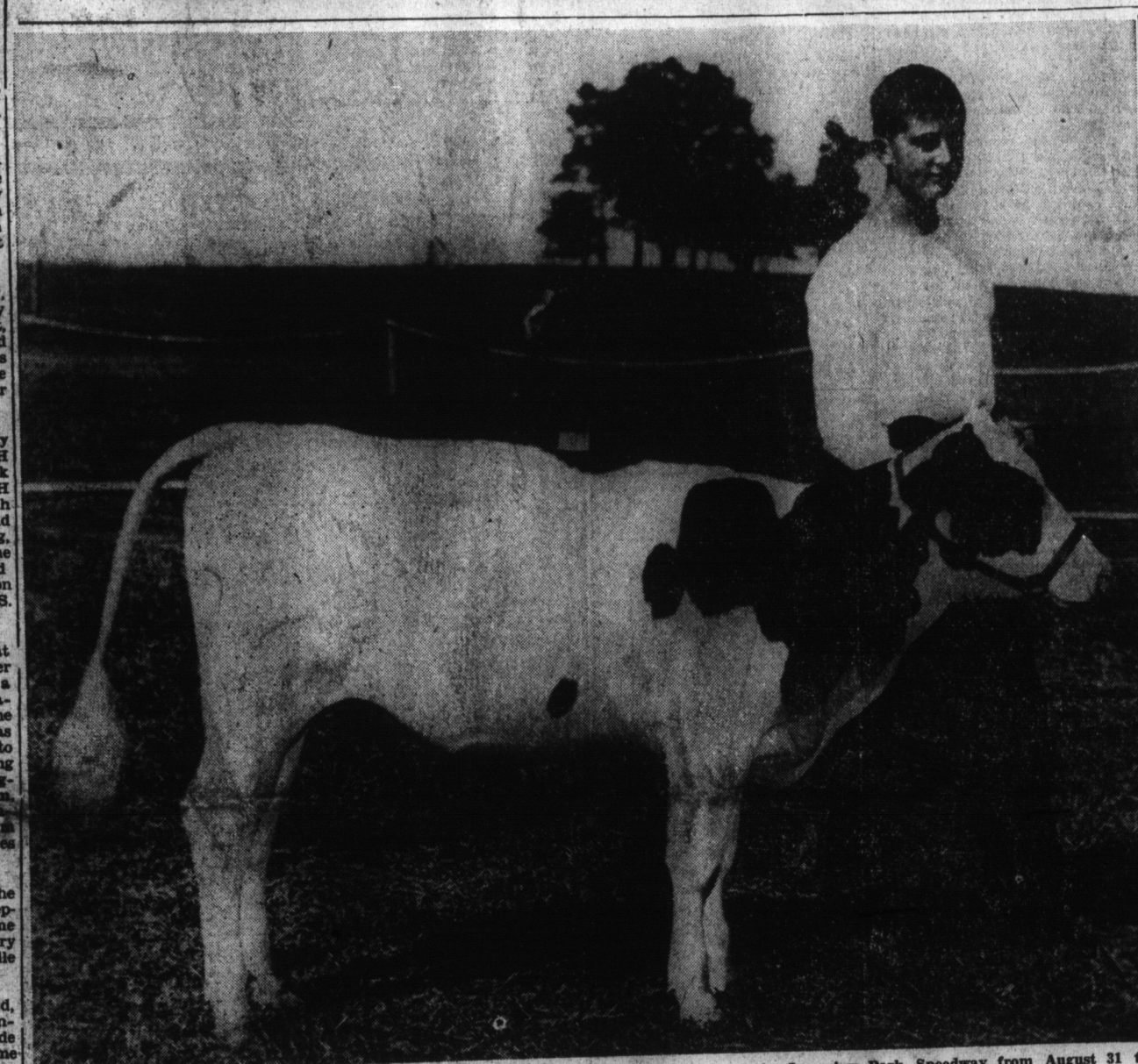
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ROY DOGGETT QUILTS UTILITY BUSINESS; TELLS TOWN HE WON'T PAY FOR WATER



Above you see one of the exhibitors at the Veterans' Farm Club Fair—L. R. Cowpe, Jr., with his Holstein senior yearling heifer. It is youngsters such as Cowpe who are bending every energy to

make the fair at the Longview Park Speedway from August 31 to September 2 a success. There will be exhibits of every farm product to occupy attention and show what the boys and girls on the farm do.

Large List of Entries Due In Veterans' Farm Club Fair

Veterinarians of Prince William County are doing a land office business preparatory to the opening of the Veterans' Farm Club Show to be held at Longview Park Speedway, August 31, to September 2. It is a requirement of the show that all exhibitors of livestock must have their cattle vaccinated. According to County Agent Frank Cox there will be an exceptionally large number of entries and he anticipates the fair will surprise the people of Prince William County with the ability and versatility of the young men who are arranging the show and entering the products of their own farms or those of their parents. "They are a mighty fine crowd of farmers," said Cox. It is restated for the benefit of those who may not have read ear-

FHA Group In Manassas To Study Area

Representatives of the Federal Housing Administration have been in Manassas during the week conferring with E. D. Gothwaite and others as a result of the recent ruling to place Prince William County under the Washington office of the FHA for purposes of loans and administration. Formerly Prince William County was administered from the Richmond office of the FHA. The conferees have been gathering information about property values, building costs and other data necessary for decisions relative to housing loans in order to build up proper statistical information for the FHA office staff. Several weeks ago, faced with difficulties brought about by different cost figures for Manassas than those of the Richmond area, the Chamber of Commerce on motion of Gothwaite passed a resolution asking the Federal Housing Administration to transfer Prince William County from the Richmond district office to Washington because the Washington area building costs were more in keeping with those in this vicinity than are the costs in Richmond. At the same time a request was sent to the Veterans' Administration District office at Roanoke for a transfer of its control functions to Washington but this was refused.

Hail to The Chief



Fire Chief Raymond Davis, who was re-elected at a meeting of the Manassas Volunteer Fire Company, on Monday night. This will mark Chief Davis' fourth term in the office.

Firemen Make Davis Chief For 4th Time

Raymond Davis was re-elected chief of the Manassas Volunteer Fire Company for the fourth consecutive year at a meeting of the firemen in the fire hall last Monday night. Chief Davis, who is assistant postmaster of Manassas since 1908 and has held every office in the department except president. He has been assistant postmaster since 1943 and has been employed at the post-office since he came to Manassas from Brentsville in 1906. Other officers elected at the Monday meeting were: Edgar Rohr, president; Warren Coleman, secretary-treasurer; Sedrick Saunders, assistant chief; Floyd Vetter, captain; James Barron, 1st lieutenant; and Charles Mathias, 2nd lieutenant. All officers were re-elected to the same office except Vetter who was 1st lieutenant last year and Barron who was captain.

Consumers Take Over And Agree To Pay Bill

The Doggett Water Company is no more. It came to its demise at 7 o'clock on the morning of August 17 when the water meter reader for the Town of Manassas took the last reading of the meter at Wood's Store on Fairview Avenue, through which nine homes have been served with water since mid-July by Roy Doggett and prior to that time by George Spinks. Doggett had purchased the water system from Spinks for \$100 and endeavored to resell it to the consumers along the line at prices varying from \$100 to \$65 each. On Wednesday, August 16, Doggett notified R. L. Byrd Sr., town treasurer, that on and after the meter reading which he requested be made the following morning he no longer would be responsible for payment for the water put through the meter to supply the users who were living outside the city limits and who were attached to the line he had bought. Thus notified by Doggett that he would no longer be responsible for the water bill which would accumulate at the rate of 75 cents per thousand cubic feet put through the meter, town officials immediately contacted the consumers and two of them, Henry Fletcher and N. F. Wells, agreed in writing to be responsible for the water bill until such time as other arrangements could be made. With this assurance the town continued to supply the nine residents with water. The town records show that approximately 41,000 cubic feet of water has been consumed monthly by the nine families attached to the line.

Exams Are Set For School Bus Drivers

A special examination for approximately 450 applicants for school bus drivers' licenses will be given by the Division of Motor Vehicles between August 21 and September 9. Examinations will be conducted by the five Supervising Examiners of DMV throughout the State. The prospective bus operators must pass a special rigid test which includes knowledge of motor vehicle laws, interpretation of road signs and signals, visual acuity, the proper use of mechanical directional signals and the proper maneuvering of the vehicle under various conditions. Also a complete and satisfactory demonstration of the driver's ability to operate vehicle with safety, the latter to be determined following a road test, said DMV officials. The coming test has been arranged through the cooperation of the Superintendent of Schools. School bus operators who have previously qualified will be exempt from this special examination if they have been in continuous operation as school bus operators. It is estimated that there are 2,850 school bus operators in the State.

5 From Here To Be Drafted

Five men from Prince William County will be inducted into the armed forces on September 28, according to Mrs. R. Worth Peters, chairman of the county draft board. In announcing the quota Mrs. Peters also pointed out the penalty for men who fail to register or subject to fines up to \$10,000 and or imprisonment up to five years. Draft registrants previously registered as I-A and subsequently married have until September 1 to notify the local draft board in order that their classification may be changed.

"Lest We Forget"—One of the Greatest Weeks in the History of Virginia

At the request of The Manassas Journal, James Myers, Superintendent of the Manassas National Battlefield Park, prepared the following chronological record of what was happening in Manassas 88 years ago this week. Eighty-eight years ago this week, Manassas was a bustling Union supply depot, filled to overflowing with food, medical supplies, clothing, and ammunition collected to supply the needs of General Pope's Union Army, then encamped on the north bank of the Rappahannock River. Events that would lead to the complete destruction of the supply depot at Manassas, and precipitate one of the world's great battles, were already beginning to take form August 24, 1862. In the early summer of 1862, George McClellan's famous Peninsula Campaign was written off as a failure after the bloody Seven Days Battles on the outskirts of Richmond failed to deliver the Confederate capital into Union hands. McClellan received orders on August 3, 1862 to withdraw from the Peninsula, load his troops aboard ships, and sail them at dawn to the Potomac, and then march overland to consolidate his forces in northern Virginia. By August 20, General Pope had an army of about 55,000 encamped on the north bank of the Rappahannock River. Opposing Pope, on the south bank of the Rappahannock, was general Lee with a Confederate army of about equal size. Lee had been informed that McClellan had left the peninsula and was en route to join Pope. Knowing that a consolidation of McClellan's forces with Pope's army would result in a force of overwhelming size, Lee decided to take the calculated risk that led up to the Second Battle of Manassas. The following is a list of the events that took place in the six-day period immediately before the Second Battle of Manassas: August 22, 1862— Fitz-John Porter's Corps, the advance unit of McClellan's army, lands at Aquia en route to join Pope. August 25, 1862— Jackson's Corps of about 22,000 men leaves Lee's army at dawn, and starts on a spectacular end-run behind Pope's lines via Brandy Station, Amisville, Orleans, and Salem, headed for Thoroughfare Gap and Pope's supplies at Manassas. August 26, 1862— At midnight, advance units of Jackson's Corps fall on the light forces defending Manassas and capture the huge supply depot. August 27, 1862— Jackson's men spend the day at Manassas feasting on the good food and unaccustomed luxuries captured at the supply depot. At about 5:00 p.m. Jackson's men burn the entire supply depot at Manassas Junction. Union supplies worth millions of dollars go up in flames. Jackson's Corps withdraws to a position on the hills just north of Groveton overlooking the Warren Turnpike. August 28, 1862— Pope's troops close in on Manassas, with the announced purpose of "bagging" Jackson. Jackson's men rest in the green woods near Groveton. An abandoned railway embankment and deep cut provide an excellent defensive position. At about 5:00 p.m. King's Division of Pope's army marches down the Warren Turnpike from Gainesville towards the Stone House. As King's men pass the high ground at Groveton, Jackson attacks. The Second Battle of Manassas has started. The fight rages until well after dark. August 29, 1862— Lee, with the remaining portion of his army (Longstreet's Corps), 14,000 in killed, wounded, and missing consolidates with Jackson's Corps. The battle rages all day as Pope gathers his forces and sends repeated attacks against the Confederate's well-chosen position behind the old railway embankment and cut. August 30, 1862— In a series of attacks, Pope dashes his army to pieces in an attempt to dislodge the Confederates from their position. In the afternoon Longstreet's Corps closes and Pope's army is defeated and retreats towards Centerville. September 1, 1862— Jackson pursues Pope. A short, desperate fight takes place during a severe thunderstorm in the vicinity of Chantilly. It is known as the Battle of Chantilly or Ox Hill. September 2, 1862— Pope retreats into the defenses of Washington. The Federal losses in the campaign that ended with the Second Battle of Manassas amounted to 14,000 in killed, wounded, and missing. Confederate casualties, 9,000.

Reveries

provide parking space for its... The Pitts' Theater has the entire lot behind the theater, with the exception of a part owned by the UDC. It has been done to add to the use for patrons who drive outside the city and have difficulty to get parking on the streets near to the theater. The gravel was supplied Doggett.

Commissioner of Highways states bids have been received for surfacing of 2.4 miles of highway route 638 and 642 from Route 1 to Bethel.

starts your season of dis- Commissioner of Revenue Grand announced Tuesday in his office had begun preparation of tax bills which are to be ready to send out this year than usually.

Alvey, son of James Alvey, sharpin, is the new deputy for the Gainesville district. James Kerlin announced today. He succeeds Bez Hoskins who has been called back into the service and reported for duty Friday.

Prize Prince William County and girls, members of 4-H have returned from a week camping at Powells Fort, 4-H located in the Shenandoah National Forest. The boys and girls attended classes in swimming, craft, and nature study. The camp was taught by Fred Packard of the National Parks Association and Chandler Robins of the U. S. Department of Interior.

Football meeting will held at 7:30 p.m. at home on September 2 to discuss the possibilities of a new football team next season. The V. F. W., sponsor of the team for the past two seasons, has announced that it is unable to support the team this year, having about \$1300, according to Bag-Worley, manager of the team. Players from the past season are anxious to have a team and will explore possibilities of finding another sponsor.

We Hear That

Joseph C. Posey, of Canova, is ill at his home. Miss L. Austin is on the sick list. C. E. Nash, mother-in-law of George Cooke has been quite poorly for the past week. The Police of Greenwiche has ill for several days. Margaret Mayhugh and Miss Eleanor Mayhugh, of Greenwiche, are hospitalized. Roger Spindle of Centreville is ill improved, but still a patient at Arlington Hospital. The Buddy Fox of Centreville returned home from Doctor's office. The Watson of Dumfries, is in hospital, afflicted with pneumonia. Jean Cowne of Nokesville Monday from a pony and broke arm. Halie, Nokesville first, fell from a swing and broke arm, while his younger brother, is still suffering from tonsillitis.

Someone Should Have Heeded Marshall Johnson's Editorial

"A prophet is not without honor in his own country." So goes the quotation from the poet. Last week, W. Marshall Johnson, former editor of the Manassas Journal, who is now with the Associated Press in Richmond, was spending his vacation in Manassas, visiting his parents and many friends. His visit and the world condition today reminded many of the first editorial Marshall Johnson wrote for the Manassas Journal on October 11, 1948. We reprint that editorial, captioned "A Piece Of Cake", because it was prophetic and because "a prophet is not without honor, save in his own country." The editorial follows: A Piece Of Cake Because of the swift and sudden termination of World War II, the people of the United States now find themselves in the position of wanting to have their cake and eat it, too. Although all people hoped

the war would not last long, there were few who dared even to dream that it would end as suddenly and dramatically as it did. Even though the end of the war came as a complete surprise, the shooting was barely over before the American people snapped out of their shocked condition and began to yell for the good old days of peace again. Amid the clamor for the speedy return of men in service, for the quick termination of the draft, for a complete investigation of Pearl Harbor, however, there arises one ominous question. What are we going to do about the future? Congress today is truly facing a great dilemma. From one side come the pleas of servicemen and their relatives for a speeding up of demobilization so that things can return to normal. From the other side come the pleas that 18, 19 and 20 year old boys not be drafted. It sounds very rosy when Congress Continued on Page 6

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