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CLOSE MARGIN SEEN IN SCHOOL BOND VOTE MANASSAS RETURNS MAY BE DETERMINANT

November 7 Set For Occoquan Bond Voting

The October term of the Prince William Circuit Court this week set November 7 as the date for a referendum on a \$147,677 bond issue to be used in the construction of a water system in Occoquan-Woodbridge sanitary district.

If the bond issue passes, and sentiment in the Occoquan area is heavily in favor of it, connections and meters will be installed at each dwelling in the district. The Alexandria Water Company has a six million dollar plant on Occoquan River and would supply filtered water at a rate of about 25 cents per 1,000 gallons.

There are about 350 families in the Sanitary district which comprises Occoquan precinct, now using well water. Residents of the area point out an inadequacy of well facilities that forces families to double up on wet wells. One well is used by eleven families, it is said.

The proposed water system will include fire hydrants to be placed along the road between Woodbridge and Occoquan and the Alexandria Water Co. allows a percentage of metered water to be used free from fire hydrants.

The Alexandria Water Co., owned by a New York utility syndicate, now is supplying Alexandria and Fairfax County with water.

Eventually, it is hoped also to construct a sewerage system in the district to replace the septic tanks now in use.

Picked For FFA Band



Wallace Wright, son of Mrs. Anna Wright of Yorkshire, has been appointed a member of National Future Farmers of America band, which will play at the FFA national convention in Kansas City, Mo., October 9-14. The Osbourn high school senior, who is a member of the Harry Saunders chapter of FFA, was one of three Virginia students chosen for the national band. Expenses for the 12-day trip will be paid by the Virginia FFA Association. Wright is also a member of the Osbourn football team and School Patrol.

The Order of Easter Star will hold a rummage sale in Parish Hall on October 21, 9 a. m. until noon.

Civil Defense Units Here May Be Needed In Washington

A new light was thrown this week on Manassas' civil defense responsibilities when a Maryland civil defense commission announced that the chief aim of civil defense in that state would be to administer aid to Washington or Baltimore in the event of an air raid on either of those metropolitan centers.

Manassas, too, might be called on to give aid to Washington, for there is where bombs would be aimed and there is where the damage would be greatest. It would be a misdirected enemy pilot indeed, who dropped his bombs on Manassas when Washington lies only 20 air miles away.

Logically, any plans for the formation of a civil defense unit in Manassas should be made with respect for the needs of Washington, should a bomb fall in the metropolitan area.

A recent book on civil defense, prepared under the direction of W. Stuart Symington, chairman, National Security Resources Board, stresses the need for mutual aid in the event of an atom bombing of any metropolitan area.

A major enemy attack, the report states, on any one of this country's metropolitan centers could place a civil-defense burden on that community far beyond the capacity of the community's own organized protective services. In order to preserve lives and property, the stricken city would need the immediate assistance of organized forces from outside its own boundaries.

Civil-defense planning therefore, calls for a complete and effective system of mutual aid among communities.

The book calls for the organization of mobile support teams composed of personnel and equipment to operate such segments of civil defense services as rescue, first aid, emergency feeding, radiological and chemical defense, engineering, police and fire services.

Heads March of Dimes



General Alexander A. Vandegrift, former Commandant of the Marine Corps, has accepted the chairmanship of the 1951 March of Dimes for Virginia. Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, announced today.

This marks the third consecutive year Gen. Vandegrift will serve as Virginia State Chairman of the National Foundation's fund-raising appeal in his state. In this capacity, as in prior years, he will coordinate the activities of county and city March of Dimes campaign directors.

Basil O'Connor said, "Upon the success of the 1951 March of Dimes depends the future of many youngsters. The costs of hurry-over medicines are tremendously high, and many of our boys and girls will require hospitalization for a long time to come. I feel certain that General Vandegrift's efforts, with the cooperation of the citizens of Virginia, will help assure the care and treatment of those who look to us for assistance when polio strikes."

Quantico Gets New Rail Depot

Foundations were being dug this week on a new, \$124,000 railroad station at Quantico. The Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroad will build the brick depot to replace the present frame one, which has long been inadequate for the needs of the Quantico community.

The one and one-half story depot will also serve the Quantico Marine Base. Although there are rail sidings on the base, many of the Base personnel use the Quantico depot.

Site of the new depot will be adjacent to the present one, on the Potomac River side.

Doyle and Russell of Richmond are contractors for the job, which will ultimately cost about \$140,000 when streets are extended and paving laid.

Workers are now waiting for steel to be delivered before proceeding further with construction work. A shipment is expected in about 10 days.

A. F. McIner, mayor of Quantico, is general agent for the R.F.P. in Quantico.

Support Expected in Occoquan; Gainesville District to Oppose

Guard Unit Finally Gets Recognition

Long awaited Federal recognition for Manassas National Guard unit came last night at meeting of guard members attended by National Guard officials from Sandstone and Richmond.

Representatives of the Guard unit were expected to go before the Board of Supervisors today and make final plans for construction of a \$5,000 annex to Osbourn high school gymnasium. The Supervisors several months ago approved the project and agreed to set aside \$5,000 for the building which will be used as an office and as a strong room for the storage of weapons. Some member of the guard will be employed full-time to care for the property and keep records.

After the annex is constructed, the gym will serve as the unit's armory. Permission has been granted by the school board for the guardsmen to use the gym on Monday nights for drilling. Meanwhile, until the annex is constructed, the unit will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings in the Legion Hall.

Formally activated as the 177th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Operational Detachment, the unit now has two officers and 13 enlisted men on the payroll.

Maj. Andrew D. Budz, Jr. of Richmond, officially recognized the unit and gave it Federal sanction. Other visiting officers were: Col. John W. Squire, commanding officer of the 107th AAA Brigade; Col. Henry McLaughlin, executive officer to Instructor's Office, Virginia National Guard; Maj. Robert J. Urbach, Operations and Training officer of the 107th AAA Brigade, and Sergeant-Major Charles Jyer, of Headquarters, 107th Brigade.

The Manassas unit was officially attached to the 107th AAA Brigade at Sandstone.

Members of the Manassas Guard unit are: William F. Hale, captain, Charles L. Hall, lieutenant, Ernest J. Brown, Miller L. Whetzel, Virgil L. William, Welton C. Albright, Wade J. Whetzel, Robert E. Byrnes, Carl W. Todd, Patrick W. McNair, Kenneth D. McNair, W. Lee Yankey, John F. Wolfe, Rex L. Corbin, Jr. and Philip L. Barksdale.

The November 7 referendum on a \$2.4 million bond issue for schools construction and improvement in Prince William will probably be swung by the Manassas vote, it is believed by observers here.

The Circuit Court with Judge Paul Brown on the bench this week gave the go-ahead on the referendum by setting November 7 as the date.

Residents of the lower end of the County are expected to be heavily in favor of the bond issue, since their spokesmen often have voiced requests for additional school facilities. They are determined to get additional facilities and have stated that they will petition the Circuit Court for permission to hold a district referendum in the event the general bond issue is voted down November 7.

Most voters in Gainesville district will probably cast negative ballots, thus off-setting the lower County vote, and leaving the outcome to be determined by the large Manassas vote.

The bond issue was proposed by Superintendent of Schools R. Worth Peters and the County School Board to replace Prince William's application to the State Literary Loan for funds with which to undertake a schools building and improvement program. Application was made to the Literary Loan for about \$2 million, but this did not include revised building cost estimates which raised the sum needed to \$2.4 million.

No matter whether the bond issue passes the referendum, the County is obligated to spend on the schools building program at least as much money as requested in the Literary Loan application. The County Board of Supervisors approved this application last Spring.

Plans to obtain money from the Literary Loan were abandoned when it became evident that a flood of applications to that agency had completely eliminated Prince William's chances of immediately obtaining the sum applied for. Estimates on the number of years before \$2 million would be available to the County ranged from 3 to 12.

Interest rates on the Literary Loan would have been 2 per cent, as set by the State Department of Education. But it is possible to get on the bond issue an interest rate of as low as 1.5 per cent. Superintendent Peters says he hopes this may be done, since it would mean a considerable saving to the County. The bonds will be payable in 30 years.

In no case is the interest rate of the bonds expected to equal 2 per cent and an interest rate of 1.5 per cent, compared with 2 per cent, would mean a savings of \$12,000 on interest during the first year following the bond issue.

Longview Races Wow Fans; Nearly Half of 33 Cars Crash

The boys who tinker with automobile engines will probably be talking for many seasons about the stock car races at Longview Speedway last Sunday. They were races that enthused not only the excited spectators, but also the hardened old hands at the racing business.

Thirteen cars smashed up during the seven races, five of the crack-ups coming in the crowded, 18-car final. Most of these occurred through the popular expedient of crashing through a fence, but several of the drivers managed to throw wheels while hitting a turn at about sixty.

The trouble with most auto races, the Monday quarterback says, is that not enough people get killed. But a look like they almost did. But a dozen guys could have lost their heads—and brains—in those races Sunday.

For instance, take the time "Red" Fowler did a slow roll right over the fence. "Red," who is a former Hell-Driver, came into a turn and looked as though he was going to make it okay, but all of a sudden he took off like a catapulted Corsair. Though, the take-off was good, "Red" lost control of his ship at an altitude of about six feet and went into this slow roll that carried him to the bottom of an eight foot bank and—they thought—to his grave. The bottom of the bank was no final resting place for "Red" though and with a long bounce he was off again, this time doing a couple of ground loops before stopping somewhere beyond deep centerfield.

Admittedly, all those stock car drivers haven't got the talent for showmanship "Red" has got and sometimes the best one of them can do is to go careening off through the fence right side up, through the fence right side up, and come crawling down the straightaway while a dozen frantic drivers try to be nothing more intimate than witnesses to the impending wreck. The crawfish may, as happened a week ago, suddenly get completely out of control and go slinging toward the officials stand and the pit, scattering grease-monkeys like they were ants before a fire.

Wally Gore, sometimes known as the "Arlington Flash" won the final and feature race of Sunday's card. But he didn't win without a fight. Gore started in eighteenth position and, by creeping slowly in the field, reached first place on the 23rd lap. He held there for the final two laps. That race wasn't even off to a good start before four cars piled into a spinner and all five had to be dragged

John Leachman Family Gives Portrait to County

A memorial portrait of the late John Penelton Leachman was presented by his family to Prince William County at ceremonies in the Courthouse on September 22. Leachman served the County in public office for 39 years and was County Treasurer at the time of his death.

Presentation was made by C. A. Sinclair, present County Treasurer and successor to Leachman, and was accepted on behalf of the County by Commonwealth Attorney Stanley A. Owens.

H. D. and 4-H Schedule For Coming Week

Home Demonstration Club meetings for the coming week, October 6-12, scheduled by Mrs. Leona Barlow, Home Demonstration, as follows: Manassas, 8 p.m. Friday with Miss Katie Lewis; Quantico, 2 p.m. Tuesday at the school; Longview, 2 p.m. Wednesday with Mrs. Wheatley M. Johnson; Sudley Road, 11 a.m. Wednesday with Mrs. A. C. Beane; Greenwood, 11 a.m. Thursday with Mrs. Shafer.

4-H Clubs will meet as follows: Church, Thursday, October 5, at Church; Dumfries, 9:15 a.m. Friday at the school; Woodbine, 11 a.m. Friday at the school; Yorkshir, 10 p.m. Saturday at St. John's; Cathart, 10:15 Monday at Haymarket school; Cannon Branch, 7:30 p.m. Monday with Kerty Hersh.

Kenneth Returns Home at Last; Excited Sister Struck By Car

A small boy, afraid of being punished by his father, was the indirect cause of an accident which almost cost his young sister her life last Saturday in Haymarket.

Kenneth Jones, a fourth grade student at Haymarket school disobeyed his father early last Friday, according to his mother, Mrs. W. V. Jones, and knew that he would be spanked when he came home. So Kenneth just didn't come home, she said. He stayed away all Friday night and most of the day Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones were frantic, not knowing where the child might be and they notified police, who began a search for the boy.

Meanwhile, about dusk Saturday, Kenneth showed up at home and, sensing the situation, fabricated a story of being kidnapped and bound with ropes by two men. However, police quickly got to the bottom of Kenneth's story and he admitted

fibbing and confessed he had been afraid to come home after disobeying his father. He had spent the night, he told his parents, atop a shed near his house.

In the midst of all the excitement, Kenneth's 7-year-old sister Marilyn, was scurrying around telling friends that Kenneth was home, and ran heedlessly from behind a parked car and into the street where she was struck by a passing auto. The small girl was thrown about 15 feet. Witnesses to the accident said it was a "miracle" that she was not killed. Attendants at Physician's Hospital reported that the girl was suffering multiple bruises and a possible brain concussion, but was in a satisfactory condition.

The driver of the automobile, a man from West Virginia, "did a wonderful job of stopping as soon as he did," said Mr. Sewell Melton a witness to the accident.

News from Prince William Communities

Nokesville

By Mrs. Fred Shepherd The Nokesville Junior Women's Club met on September 26 at the home of Mrs. June Smith with Mrs. Vera Albrite as co-hostess. The meeting opened with Mrs. Betty Brown reading a very inspiring story—"The Latch String" by Dr. Eschmeyer was head of the fisheries development organization of the Tennessee Valley Authority from its organization until recently, when he left to come to Washington to begin his present work. He has written popular and technical articles on fish management, and at present is writing a book on that subject. He will speak on the development of farm ponds and water management and conservation at Haymarket in October, and will show a conservation film. This program was planned by the Gainesville District P-T. A. program committee as one that would be of general interest to the people of the

The Senior Women met for their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Ted Shepherd on Tuesday with Mrs. H. C. Wood and Mrs. John Pearsy as co-hostesses with Mrs. Fred Shepherd and Mrs.

Haymarket

By Mrs. A. H. Meyers P-T. A. Program for October Dr. R. W. Eschmeyer, vice-president of the international organization, Sport Fishing Institute, will speak at the second regular meeting of the Gainesville District P-T. A. at Haymarket School on October 17. Dr. Eschmeyer was head of the fisheries development organization of the Tennessee Valley Authority from its organization until recently, when he left to come to Washington to begin his present work. He has written popular and technical articles on fish management, and at present is writing a book on that subject. He will speak on the development of farm ponds and water management and conservation at Haymarket in October, and will show a conservation film. This program was planned by the Gainesville District P-T. A. program committee as one that would be of general interest to the people of the

Greenwich

By Reba Hopkins Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Mayhugh, Carol and Mack and Mrs. Burgess visited Mrs. Mayhugh's brother, Mr. I. A. Burgess, of Hempstead, N. Y., last weekend. They left here on Thursday evening, and returned Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beach and baby, Denny, visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Dillon Wood on Sunday.

Mrs. Mildred Cross heard from her son, Donn, who entered the Marines some time ago. He is now stationed in California.

Centreville

By Nora Good. The next regular meeting of the WSCS will be at the home of Mrs. Otto Saunders instead of at Mrs. Helen Saunders.

At the regular meeting of the PTA Tuesday night at the school house there will be a Tom Thomb wedding given by the fifth grade. The membership drive for prizes also closes that day. Winners will be announced at the evening meeting.

Mrs. Lillian Maley taught Mrs. Sharp's first graders Thursday. Mrs. Sharp was absent because of a cold.

Mrs. Milton Frame visited Miss Ruth Brookings over the weekend. Mr. Morris Frame visited his father and Mrs. Frame last week.

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Legion Ladies To Install Officers For Next Year

Officers for the coming year will be installed next Monday night at a meeting of the American Legion, Post 158, Auxiliary in the Legion Hall. A regular meeting of male members of the post will be held at the same time in the downstairs meeting hall.

New Auxiliary officers are: Mrs. Everett O'Neil, president; Mrs. Leonard Putnam, first vice-president; Mrs. Kite Roseberry, second vice-president; Mrs. Elizabeth Monahan, secretary; and Mrs. Max Shepherd, treasurer.