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PTA Requests Second School Bond Attempt

Possibilities for another bond issue referendum were being discussed in Manassas this week...

Whether the Board of Supervisors will approve such a resolution is a speculative matter since some Supervisors have said they will be reluctant to "stick their necks out again."

Another reason for the recent defeat of the bond issue was advanced by Wheatley M. Johnson: "Voters rejected the bond issue mainly for the reason that it would have given to a non-elected body, the School Board, virtual power to set the County tax rate."

The success of any building program is going to depend on better understanding between voters and School Board, Johnson concluded.

Present maintenance of school buildings was queried at the meeting and Mrs. Louise Galleher called conditions at Baldwin-Bennett schools "appalling."

To Address Women's Club Here



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Mrs. J. L. Blair Buck, of Richmond, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, will be guest speaker at the meeting of the Women's Club of Manassas at their meeting next Monday.

During the three years of her administration, Mrs. Buck has been a member of the President's Committee on National Employment of the Physically Handicapped Week, which has set up a year-round program to promote the employment and rehabilitation of physically handicapped persons, and was appointed by President Truman to the Citizens Food Committee and immediately initiated a campaign to encourage the volunteer food conservation program.

Mrs. Buck represented the General Federation at the first International Assembly of Women's World Fellowship, held in Paris in 1947. While there she observed first hand European conditions and returned home to undertake a number of relief projects.

Hunt Season Opens; Quail Rabbit Supply Is Plentiful

Virginia's 1950 hunting season opened Monday and many nimrods in this County are up their guns, preparatory to firing off their rifles against squirrel, rabbit, and turkey.

According to Game Warden Walter L. Flory, the average hunter's chances this year are better than they have been for many years. There is an abundance of quail and rabbit in Prince William, Flory says.

Grouse will be scarce this season, or at least if there are any around nobody knows about it. But squirrel hunters should find conditions favorable, for a reported bumper nut crop ought to make the furry animal fat and sleek and an easy target for even the bleary-eyed sportsman.

The present season extends until January 5 and limits as follows: Quail—8 per day, 125 a season; Rabbit—6 per day, 75 per season; Squirrel—6 per day, 75 per season; Turkey—2 per day, per season; Grouse—3 per day, 15 per season.

Hunting is prohibited in Battlefield Park, Conway Robinson Memorial Park, and Prince William Forest Park.

Accidental shootings, always prominent during open season, may be avoided here, Flory hopes. No serious accidents of this sort were reported in Prince William last year.

Annexation Still Before Town Council

The problem of annexation is again on the agenda for the next regular meeting of Town Council, scheduled for Monday evening.

Whether to start proceedings to annex outlying areas of Manassas has been pending final decision by Council for several months. No official action has been taken, although Councilmen appear to be individually in favor of the project.

Unless affirmative action is taken soon, the present opportunity to annex certain areas may be lost, according to Town Manager James Ritter. A special committee, appointed by Governor Battle, met in Richmond last week to study the impact of urban growth on rural development and they are expected to recommend legislation designed to protect suburban residents from annexation, he said.

Last week's called meeting was adjourned when only two Councilmen—Hook and Mrs. Saunders—showed up. The meeting had been called to consider the request of C. L. Wheat for Town water at his new automobile business being erected outside the corporate limits.

L. J. Pattie Re-Elected PMA Chairman

L. J. Pattie of Gainesville was re-elected chairman of the Prince William Community for the Production and Marketing Administration at a convention of community delegates in Manassas last Friday.

Other elected officers were Joseph Johnson of Manassas, vice-president, and L. R. Cowne of Nokesville, regular member. The officers were elected by delegates from the three PMA communities in the county. All were elected for one-year terms which began immediately and will administer the PMA program in this county.

E. W. Thompson, Jr. and E. James Moss were elected alternate county committeemen.

Elected to serve on community committees were the following: Brentsville Community: William F. Hale, chairman; T. Clay Wood, vice-chairman; Raymond Ellis, regular member; P. E. Rollins, 1st alternate, and B. J. Moss, 2nd alternate.

Manassas community: Kite Roseberry, chairman; Charles W. Lewis, vice-chairman; William H. Wheeler, regular member; W. M. Kline, 1st alternate, and C. C. Lynn, Jr., 2nd alternate.

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BUY AND USE CHRISTMAS SEALS

New Heating Unit Employs Jet Principle

Aircraft engineers, who noticed the tremendous amount of heat produced by jet engines determined to apply the principle of jet combustion to heating units and after several years of research have produced a small size home heating unit which produces heat at an efficiency rate heretofore unknown.

No larger than a small deep freeze and just as attractive, the new jet heat units are now on display at Hynson Electric and Supply Co., Manassas. The unit is underwriters approved and has a Bonnet rating output of 70,000 BTU which is enough to assure warm temperatures in the average size house of three bedrooms.

The unit is adaptable for gas and oil fuel and will even operate off gasoline. Initial cost is said to be as low as that of any house heating system.

Firing rate is 57 gallons per hour and this, together with a high combustion efficiency will give much more economical heat for homes, the manufacturer, Crane Co. of Chicago, claims.

In operation the unit is quite simple: oil pumped from the tank, is forced through a special nozzle where it is atomized, mixed with air, and burned under pressure in a tiny chamber, no larger than a water glass. The resulting hot gases are then drawn through an envelope, where counterflowing hot air is heated and forced through tubes and registers by a fan.

A tube delivery system of 2-inch flexible metal tubes, insulated with neoprene covered fiberglass, reduces normal heat loss and allows simplified installation.

An automatic humidifier adds moisture to the heated air, and recirculating registers blend air with heated air before ejecting it into the room.

No chimney is needed from the exhaust gases and a flexible tube, which easily can be installed, carries these off.

It is reported that the Army is using these heating units, for outside work such as heating the inside of tanks before mechanics begin work on them. The unit is placed on a truck, driven up next to a disabled tank, a tube dropped inside the tank, and in a few minutes mechanics are able to work in their shirt sleeves.

REA Annual Meeting Set For Tuesday

The Prince William Electric Cooperative will hold the Annual Meeting of its members at Osbourn High School, Manassas, on Tuesday, Nov. 28. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is expected to be the largest and most attractive in the history of the Cooperative.

The feature attraction of the program will be a talk by Clyde Ellis, Executive Manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Business matters will be taken up at the meeting, and official reports from the officers will be presented.

One important function of the members at the annual meeting will be that of electing directors to conduct the business affairs of the Cooperative during the ensuing year. Many door prizes will be given at various points during the meeting. These include large appliances, such as a home freezer, and numerous small prizes—table lamps, floor lamps, hand irons, percolators, toasters, etc. There will also be entertainment and music to be enjoyed.

Last year's annual meeting was the largest in the history of the Cooperative and it is expected that even more members will participate in this year's meeting.

The Prince William Electric Cooperative now serves approximately 3,000 consumers, in five counties—Prince William, Fairfax, Stafford, Fauquier and Loudoun. In the past year it has established a new record in the amount of business done and in number of consumers connected.

Obituaries

Margaret Gallagher Golden. Funeral services were held at All Saints Catholic Church, Manassas, on Tuesday morning, November 21, for Margaret Gallagher Golden, who died following a stroke on November 18, at her home at 209 South Grant Ave., Manassas.

Born in Donegal, Ireland on January 6, 1881, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Gallagher. She attended the Lackrum National School in Donegal, and came to this country in 1905. She married William Jackson Golden in 1910. She and her husband have been residents of Manassas for 12 years having moved here from Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Golden was a member of the Catholic Women's Club and the Bona-Moro Society in Philadelphia. Surviving are her husband, William Jackson Golden; four daughters, Mrs. Margaret O'Bannon, of Manassas; Mrs. Della Brown, Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. Rose Kensei, Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Catherine Berry, Sterling, Va.; and one son, George P. Golden, of Manassas; two sisters, Mrs. Catherine Daley and Mrs. Catherine Daley and made by phone, it was thought.

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Opposition To Phone Rate Increase Now Appears Less

Whether the Central Mutual Telephone Co. is justified in establishing another in-rea-county toll charge—between Manassas and Triangle—will be determined next Monday when the State Corporation Commission holds a hearing in Richmond.

The phone company announced in August their plans to establish a toll charge, giving as the reason the need for additional revenue to finance a copper line between the two points. The present line is worn out, officials stated. A toll of 25 cents per call was contemplated. As expected, businessmen in the two areas voiced opposition to the proposal, citing it as an unjustified rate increase which would tend to stretch even further apart the opposite ends of the county.

Opposition to the action apparently has diminished considerably since that time, for only one person informed the Journal this week that he plans to attend the hearing in Richmond and oppose the move. Phone company officials have declined to comment on the toll charge, except in a public notice which was required by law. Several objections were raised in Manassas this week. One Manassas businessman said the establishment of a toll charge between Manassas and Triangle would promote sectionalism in the county, rather than unity. Since Central Mutual is believed to have the lowest rates of any phone company in the State, some other form of rate increase might be found which would not hinder business, it was suggested.

The Corporation Commission will base their decision on testimony offered at the hearing and on the ratio of capital outlay to average return on the investment.

Another man said the phone company would not need to establish a toll charge to finance the new line. A line is now being constructed between Triangle and Independent Hill, he said, to supply the Army weather station being built halfway to Manassas. This would leave only the few miles from Independent Hill to Manassas for the company to replace with capital funds. The weather station, if that is what the secret project is to be, would undoubtedly provide the company with many additional subscribers as a source of revenue which might pay for the new line.

A possible alternative to the establishment of a blanket toll charge was described to the Journal as follows: levy a special charge on all subscribers who wish to make and receive unrestricted calls between Manassas and Triangle. These phones would be distinguished by an X at the end of number for instance, and the subscriber would pay a tariff of perhaps one dollar a month and would not be charged the toll on calls made to the opposite end of the county. Likewise, all incoming calls to the X number would be toll free. An arrangement of this sort would not discourage P. Golden, of Manassas; two sisters, Mrs. Catherine Daley and Mrs. Catherine Daley and made by phone, it was thought.

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Santa Claus Coming This Year; If By Air or Land Not Known

Santa Claus is coming! But when is another matter. The Chamber of Commerce, at their Tuesday meeting, discussed preliminary plans to sponsor a Santa visit, but decided to make no final plans until a committee has studied arrangements and communicated with the old gentleman himself.

Chamber president R. Jackson Ratcliffe suggested that all organizations interested in having Santa come to Manassas should get together and jointly sponsor the visit. Although everybody knows Santa is ubiquitous, still creditability of the kiddies is strained when he appears in different places at the same time.

NOTICE TO CHILDREN. With Santa's visit to Manassas almost assured, The Journal invites you to write your letter to Santa, care of us at Box 376, Manassas. Santa Claus is one of our subscribers and we will publish your letters so that he may see them.

At the present time the best bet is that Santa will visit Manassas only once this year—it is reliably reported that he has an unusually crowded itinerary and will be jointly sponsored by several organizations. Probably St. Nick will visit schools on the morning of Friday, December 22, lead a parade in the afternoon, and preside at a community Christmas party that evening.

Christmas Club Savings Plan Total \$22,000

Christmas Club funds in the amount of approximately \$22,000 will be distributed by two Prince William County banks, the National Bank of Manassas, and the Bank of Occoquan, Inc., inquiry revealed this week.

Checks to the depositors in the Christmas Clubs will be mailed within a few days. Banks promoting Christmas Clubs believe that the continuing increase in savings of this nature shows a definite trend in the public thinking toward individual financial security, which is the ultimate financial security of the nation.

The Christmas Club disbursements for the entire country this year will total \$920 million.

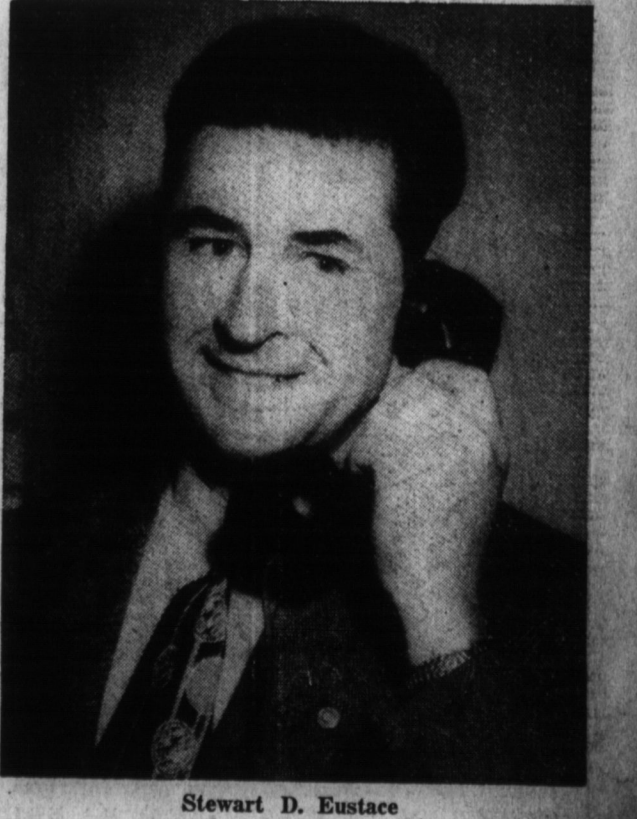
Frost Ford Firm Opens Here; Stewart D. Eustace Is Manager

Opening ceremonies of the new Frost Ford Firm of Manassas were held last night, Wednesday, at the new business location on Center Street. Highlighting the festivities was a preview showing of the 1951 Ford which goes on display today.

Frost Ford, a partnership firm of Tom Frost and Stewart D. Eustace, will handle Ford cars, and trucks, and Texaco products and operate a modern garage.

Improvements, including construction of a new office and parts department, are being made in the building which was formerly occupied by Prince William Motors. New mechanics have been hired so that customers may be assured of quick, efficient services, the owners said. Preliminary plans have been made for the construction of a parking lot on the southeast side of the building. About ten sheds and buildings, owned by Prince William Motors, were also purchased by Frost, who plans to remove them to create space for a parking lot. After tenants have moved, the two-story frame building now occupied on the first floor by a shoe repair shop and used as a family dwelling upstairs will be removed and a concrete parking lot will then extend from Center Street to the Southern Railway tracks; and from the Frost building to the American Legion Hall.

Manager of Frost Ford



Stewart D. Eustace

A hearing between representatives of the Central Mutual Telephone Company and the Communications Workers of America, telephone union, will be held here next week by the National Labor Relations Board, it was announced this week. Since Central Mutual officials are not expected to grant recognition to the union, the hearing becomes mere formality prior to an employee election to determine whether the majority of local telephone workers desire the union to represent them in collective bargaining. The Chamber of Commerce at its Tuesday meeting discussed the wisdom of going on record as opposing the union, but decided on no official action.

Manassas is in the market for a new cop to replace Officer Charles Adams who resigned last week. Town Manager James Ritter says he has not had a single application.

With only four men ordered to report for induction next month, draft calls are becoming light. Draft board chairman Mrs. North Peters explains it as shortage of training facilities. Present military posts are already overcrowded with recent draftees, it is reported.

As many as five and six phone lines a day are being strung by garden Walter L. Flory, with appeals to rid their property of stray wires which howl, overturn garbage cans, dig in gardens, and generally annoy themselves in typical canine fashion. Flory has been shooting about 20 dogs a month, but is then reluctant to do this since any dogs which come into his custody obviously belong to somebody, he says.

A recent report by the National Capital Park and Planning Commission lends a note of official sanction to the discussed dispersal of Federal agencies. The report recommends control of population and employment in the District of Columbia by leveling off housing construction and by moving some Federal agencies to regional locations. Manassas is still hoping to be selected as the site for a large agency.

Over 200 persons viewed the 52 exhibits at the hobby show held last week in the Methodist Church, sponsored by the Manassas Recreational Association, the show included enthusiastic exhibits such as dog cartons, old power, and antique fans.

Whizzy weather has forced cessation of work on sidewalks in Manassas. To date this year, the Town has laid 768 square yards, of 1,716 feet of sidewalk on Church, Main, and Maple streets at a cost of \$2,304.

School officials Peters and Kelo said that there is no danger to life and property from the faulty boiler in Osbourn High School. The boiler is now under way to have a boiler repaired, Peters said.

Proceeds of about \$70 raised at the Kiwanis-Junior Women's Club basketball game last Saturday night will go to the Junior Women's fund for underprivileged children. A pocket gym viewed the children, which was won by the women, 27-25.

According to figures recently published the total tax rate and the rate for Manassas are slightly higher than for about 190 other incorporated towns in Virginia. Manassas has a total rate of \$2.75 per \$100 and a true rate of \$1.88. State average for towns is \$2.20 and \$1.10 respectively. True reflects adjustments made to account for basic assessment differences.

The Manassas Garden Club will hold its November meeting Tuesday, November 28, at 2:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Nicholas Webster in Brentsville. Members are reminded the topic, dried flower arrangements, and are requested to bring specimens for the exhibit.

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