

Brevities

The Rev. Dick, pastor of the Woodbine Baptist Church, announces the following Church calendar for December 10-18: Sunday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m., Sunday School, 'A Class for Everyone'...

Mrs. F. P. Witt this week urged the residents of the Yorkshir community to donate blood to the Bloodmobile when it visits Manassas...

Dr. David Brewer will conduct the worship service at Bethel Lutheran Church on Sunday at 11 a.m.

The Quick Way Laundry announced this week that it has installed additional equipment for the convenience of its customers...

The Junior Class of Osbourn High School is sponsoring a Run-Down Sale on Saturday, December 12, in the American Legion Hall...

Town Manager Ritter has received four applications for the job of Town policeman, but has not decided which to accept.

For the 12th consecutive time, S. Hall was elected president of the Osbourn-Woodbridge-Georgetown volunteer fire department...

First showing of the 1961 Chevrolet will be held here at Wheatcroft on Saturday, C. L. Heist has invited the public to his showroom throughout the day.

Rat Week is being resumed at Osbourn High School. This week freshmen were forced to perform skits for upperclassmen...

A small boy, on his way home from the Saturday matinee, was knocked, stripped of clothing and left lying unconscious last Saturday on West St. All three boys were under ten years of age...

Bids have been received by the State Highway Department for 34 miles of resurfacing of Secondary Routes 638 and 642 from Bethel to U. S. Route 1, W. W. Saunders, Warrenton submitted a bid of \$1,854.

Word comes from the Attorney General that disability retirement on account of military or naval service is no longer subject to income tax.

The annual meeting of the Prince William Dairy Herd Improvement Associations will be held at the County Court House in Manassas Thursday, December 14, at 11 a.m.

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PETERS PROPOSES NEW BOND REFERENDUM

Phone Union Election Set For January 3

Unionization of the Central Mutual Telephone Co. will depend on the outcome of a consent election, to be held January 3, it was announced yesterday.

The election will be decided by a majority of the votes cast. About 55 or 60 employees are eligible to vote.

OWA, which is a CIO affiliate, began its union activities here about two months ago.

Union officials have claimed for a month that they have support of a majority of phone employees.

Eligible to vote in the election will be all non-supervisory employees of the company, employed in traffic, commercial, maintenance, and accounting departments.

Representing CWA were Alfred V. Atkinson, president of Division 33, E. L. Evenson, vice-president, and C. V. Koons, of Washington, general counsel for CWA.

The NRLE official was identified as Mr. Khadler, from Washington. Voting will be conducted at each of the company exchanges...

Mr. Khadler, from Washington, is in charge of the program.

The Men's Bible Class of the Nokesville Methodist Church met on Wednesday, November 29, at the home of W. R. Free and Mr. Mark.

The Nokesville Jr. Women's Club met for an all-day meeting at the Fire Hall on November 8.

One of the nicest pieces of news we have ever written was given to us by the new Methodist Minister, the Rev. L. W. Griggs.

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Shown above are the new board of directors and officers of the Prince William Electric Co-op, elected at the annual meeting of members, held last week in Osbourn High School.

No Santa For Kiddies This Year

Christmas lights are on along Center Street but this year there'll be no Santa Claus to ride beneath them.

The Chamber of Commerce Committee appointed to make arrangements for Santa's visit, reports that local merchants seem uninterested in the idea...

One merchant suggested that St. Nick had got lost in Korea and that most businessmen were too afraid of the future to kick up the necessary \$200 to pay for the visit.

However, another factor seemed equally responsible for the war: no one could be found to do the work.

Undoubtedly, the Korean war will force Santa Claus out of mind in many parts of America...

Stop Lights Don't Always Bring Safety

The familiar stop-and-go light is one of the most misunderstood of all traffic control devices.

This opinion was expressed last week by traffic engineers of the State Highway Department.

Almost daily, they said, the department's mail brings a demand for the installation of a stop-and-go light.

In many instances, State traffic engineers explained, installation of the requested lights would increase the likelihood of "someone getting killed."

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Wanted: 120 Pints Of Blood

Workers were busy this week enlisting volunteers to give 120 pints of blood, needed to fulfill Prince William's quota in the current Red Cross drive for plasma.

Prince William, which usually has a quota of about 100 pints, has been asked to supply the extra 20 pints needed this week...

A bloodmobile from the District of Columbia blood center will visit Manassas next Wednesday...

Mrs. R. Worth Peters, chairman for the Manassas area, pointed out this week that some of the blood given here will be sent to Korea for use among American military personnel.

\$2,500 Sought For TB By Christmas Seal Sale

Mrs. Paul Espenshade, county chairman of the 1950 Christmas seal sale, this week urged all rehabilitation of tubercular persons.

The \$2,500 goal is the minimum needed to make possible the 1951 Tuberculosis Association program in this county, she said.

Seal sale proceeds will be used during 1951 for case finding through X-rays, health education, school lunch projects, and treatment and rehabilitation of tubercular persons.

As a Christmas seal reminder to county residents, bookmarks will be placed in all books from the Ruffner-Carnegie library during December.

Engineers of the National Board offer the following suggestions for making your Christmas tree safe:

- 1. Choose a small tree. It will be less hazardous.
2. Wait until a few days before Christmas to set up your tree.
3. Keep the tree outdoors until ready to set up.
4. Place the tree in the coolest part of the house.
5. If a radiator is near the tree, shut it off.
6. Do not use cotton or paper decorations unless they are flame-proofed.
7. Do not place electric tinsel around the tree.
8. Do not use candles. Use electric lights instead.
9. Make certain wires are not frayed. Choose lighting sets bearing marking which indicates listing by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.
10. Do not plug or unplug the lights beneath the tree.
11. Do not leave tree lights burning when no one is in the house.
12. If needles near the lights turn brown change the location of the lights.
13. When needles start falling, take the tree down and discard it.

Mobilization Increases Not Announced Yet

No indication has yet been given on how draft quotas in Prince William County will be affected by recent reverses in the Korean War.

Mrs. R. Worth Peters, clerk of the county draft board, reports that her office has received no information from Selective Services headquarters on an expected increase in armed forces mobilization.

Top military brass have indicated that the armed forces will be increased four or five times over the present size during the coming year, but no quotas for Prince William County for coming months have been received.

Ten Prince William men have been ordered to report for physical examinations at Richmond on December 11.

Mrs. Peters reported the following four men who registered in Prince William County have been placed on the delinquent list for failure to supply proper addresses: George William Lewis, Negro, Woodbridge; Lee Seger, Negro, Woodbridge; Howard Wayne Call, The Lawn Farm, Nokesville, and Buford Powers, Haymarket.

Yule Trees Can Increase Fire Hazard

That Christmas tree you are planning to set up in your home could be a major fire hazard unless you take a few precautions, the National Board of Fire Underwriters warns.

Tests made by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., demonstrated that Christmas trees of average size are easily ignited and burn furiously.

Dear Santa Claus: I would like to have a big doll, cash register and some paint to paint my granddaddy's barn.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a very good girl. I would like for you to bring me a doll baby, doll baby carriage, and a gas station.

Dear Santa: I have been a very good little boy all the year. I would like for you to bring me a fire-chief car, gas station, and a horse, and a hot rod racer.

Dear Santa: I am eight years old. I have two sisters Eleanora 11. Va. 9. Please bring me a set of dishes, a big ball, a Dale Evans scarf, my sister Eleanora wants a Bible, & a dish, & a toy guitar & a big ball. Va. my other sister wants a Bible, & a set of dishes China ones. I hope we all get them. A good friend, Kathryn Robertson, Manassas Va. 81.

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Manassan Aids In Developing Cabinet Heart

A team of Philadelphia surgeons, including Dr. William L. Jamison, formerly of Manassas, disclosed this week that they had a "mechanical heart" that works so effectively on animals that they are ready to try it on human beings.

This new-type device, which has been used on dogs and kept them alive for as long as an hour and 10 minutes, detours blood away from the natural heart and lungs, thereby permitting surgeons to operate on a damaged heart while it is at rest.

The doctors' team is headed by Dr. Charles P. Bailey, chief thoracic surgeon at Philadelphia's Hahnemann Hospital.

The "heart" is contained in a transparent cabinet 30 inches high, 16 inches deep.

Dr. Jamison is the son of Mrs. Mary L. Jamison, of Manassas. He was graduated from Manassas High School, Dartmouth College, and the University of Virginia Medical School.

Parents Not Interested In Better Schools

Manassas parents have lost pride in the schools their children attend and no longer are willing to work for better schools, a Journal reader concluded this week after attending a PTA meeting at the Centreville school and noticing the pride parents there take in the new building.

Manassas are also ignorant of what their children are taught and how they are taught, the reader wrote.

Several weeks ago, it was our privilege and pleasure to attend a dinner sponsored by the PTA of Centreville.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

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New Survey of School Needs Would Set Projects and Cost

Opposition Is Expected At Board Hearing On Zoning

Opposition is expected today at the hearing of proposed zoning and subdivision ordinances before the Board of Supervisors.

The model ordinances, drawn by the Planning and Zoning Commission, headed by R. Jackson Ratcliffe, would attempt to regulate development and construction along highways and in mushrooming subdivisions.

Most observers here thought the ordinances would need revision before enactment by the Supervisors could be expected.

One County resident, from the Haymarket area, informed the Journal that she was strongly opposed to the zoning ordinance.

"I moved away from Arlington," she said, "to escape such restrictions and I didn't see any need for them in rural areas."

The State Highway Department has set back requirements for buildings along roads and nothing else is necessary.

The zoning ordinance would merely duplicate the Highway Department regulations.

The zoning ordinance would require a permit for any type of construction in excess of \$500 valuation and objections to this are expected. However, supporters of the ordinance point out that a building permit is necessary now - from the Commissioner of Revenue - and that the ordinance would make enforcing zoning regulations easier.

Cost of administering and enforcing such an ordinance has been called "prohibitive" by opponents who point to Fairfax County, where cost of enforcing zoning regulations is said to exceed \$30,000 per year.

Local Stores Will Open For Evening Shoppers

Most stores in Manassas, beginning in a few days will remain open in the evenings in order to serve Christmas shoppers, a survey revealed this week.

Managers of three stores, Hobbles, Firestone and the Status Store have announced plans to remain open until 9 p. m. beginning next Monday.

Four other firms, Wenrich's, Manassas Furniture, Fisher and Son and Hynson Electric, stated that they will remain open evenings beginning December 18.

The readers of the nation may soon have to decide whether to use atomic bombs against the Chinese.

In regard to a survey on which a bond issue proposal would be based, Peters had this to say: "New data is available for a re-study of our problem. The 1950 general and school census figures have been taken; recent school enrollment trends will furnish valuable information; the taxable wealth of the County has risen from \$9,500,000 to \$12,200,000, thereby affecting the ability of the County to finance a program.

"A new survey should be made by a competent agency from outside the state, one that will give an entirely objective view, properly approved by the State Board of Education, and the various communities of the County be given an opportunity in public hearings to voice their opinions.

"From this survey, construction program should be developed, utilizing trained estimators to analyze specific needs in each school and reasonable costs."

About 20 people attended the meeting to hear the Superintendent's proposals. Most of these came from the low end of the County and expressed concern over the critical need there for new schools.

Several voiced disappointment over the failure of the recent referendum and declared that misinformation had been responsible for its defeat in Manassas.

Peters replied that whatever misinformation spread had been the result of deliberate plans to defeat the bond issue.

The population of the nation shows a marked increase but what we need is higher average intelligence.