

The Manassas Journal

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL

Brevities

Deb Gotwalle in recovering from burns suffered last week when his gas exploded while he was lighting a furnace pilot light in the Gotwalle Apartments. Gotwalle received a severely burned right arm in the blast which threw him backwards through a window. His familiar mustache was almost off.

Keith Lyons, proprietor of the Mart, announced this week that he is now a member of the National Telegraph Delivery Association. Membership in the national organization will permit the Mart to take orders for flower delivery anywhere in America, and accept orders from other cities for delivery here.

The Junior Woman's Club and the Manassas Volunteer Fire Department, in co-operation with the management of Pitts Theater, will present the children of Manassas at a Christmas party on Friday, December 22 at 2 p. m. A program will be shown, a Christmas play will be sold by the Rev. Fred Edge, and carols will be sung.

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Featured in Nokesville Carol Program



Noel, Noel. The quartet above was a feature of the Christmas music program presented by Nokesville High School students at a PTA meeting last night. Left to right the carolers are Elsie Ridgley, Nancy Sonafank, Mary Thomason, and Connet Shepherd, Miss Dawn Arce, Brentsville High School music teacher, is the accompanist.

Churches Plan Many Services For Christmas

With Christmas Eve coming on Sunday, most local churches have scheduled special Christmas services in addition to their regular Sunday services, making a crowded, interesting week-end calendar for churches here.

The following church programs were given the Journal this week:

Trinity Episcopal Church, Manassas, Rev. E. Guthrie Brown, pastor, Friday, December 22, 7:30 p. m., Young Peoples' Service League will go caroling around Manassas; Sunday, December 24, 4 p. m., Church School Christmas Service, Church Choir will sing Christmas Anthems, "Little Children, Wake and Listen" by Mueller. There will be a movie shown after the service in the Parish Hall. The movie, produced by Coronet Magazine, is entitled, "The Littlest Angel" and will be followed by a party in the Parish Hall. The Christmas Festival Service will begin at 11:15 p. m. A group of carols on the organ will precede the service. Christmas music will include, "Song in the Alt" by Spake (Deis), "Birthday of a King" by Neidinger, and "Gloria In Excelsis" by Cruickshank.

All Saints Catholic Church, Manassas, Sunday, December 24, 12 midnight, Father Charles Zanotti will officiate at High Mass; Monday, December 25, 9 a. m., Christmas Morning Mass.

Grace Methodist Church, Rev. F. L. Baker, pastor, Sunday, December 24, 11 a. m., the pastor will use as his subject for the Christmas message, "The Human Side of Christmas"; December 24, 7 p. m., the Youth Division of Grace Methodist Church will present a pageant written by the Rev. Mr. Baker. The pageant will portray the Christmas Story by the use of pantomime, music, and acting. Mrs. J. Frank Nicholson is the director, and Miss Doris Ann Ekins will be the reader. The parts of Mary will be played by Miss Martha Ann Eagle, Joseph by Jack Bryant, an angel by Miss Helen Ritter, and the prophet by Allison Lund. The music will be furnished by the Youth Choir, under the direction of Cleveland Fisher.

Manassas Baptist Church, Manassas, Rev. John Edens, pastor, Thursday, December 21, 7:30 p. m., special Christmas program to be presented by the Sunday School, Sunday, December 24, 9:45, Sunday School, 11 a. m., Morning Worship, pastor will deliver Christmas message; 6:30 p. m., Baptist Training Union; 7:30 p. m., Evening Worship.

Presbyterian Church, Manassas, Sunday, December 24, 11 a. m., the Rev. Walter A. Hendricks of Penn Yan, N. Y., will be the guest minister. December 24, 5:30 p. m., Christmas program.

Christmas 1950

ON THIS MID-CENTURY anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace, God-fearing people are again called upon to meet the challenge of atheistic tyranny. Through the teachings of Christ and with the help of our Heavenly Father, in whom we put our trust, we will meet this challenge and triumph over those who seek to destroy the Christmas spiritual liberty of mankind. Yet this is Christmas, the day of days for Christendom—a time for rejoicing and honoring the nativity of our Saviour. Now, more than ever, let us everyone, reaffirm our Faith in God and pray to him to keep us steadfast; to give us strength and courage to meet sacrifices; to guide our leaders in unified statesmanship and unselfish devotion to our country; to comfort those in grief and pain and to bring lasting peace to all the world.

Christmas Business Here Is Up 10-15 Per Cent Over Last Year

Business volume in Manassas is up 10-15 per cent over December, 1949, and total sales and dollar volume for the year are probably the best ever experienced here, a survey of local business revealed this week.

Despite the Korean War and world crisis, consumers here are spending more than in any other Christmas season in the past, businessmen believe.

Only one merchant questioned by a Journal reporter said that his business was off from last year. Others gave varying reports of prosperity with increases which ranged from five to thirty per cent over last year.

Merchants advanced several reasons for their greater volumes of business. All agreed that the War has been chiefly responsible, with consumers rushing to buy merchandise which may become scarce in a few months.

A big factor in the increase was said to be the influx of new residents in the Manassas vicinity. And most businessmen are optimistic over the possibilities of even larger numbers of people removing from the metropolitan area and settling here.

With the outlook favorable for continued employment and high wages, resulting from Federal defense efforts, consumers are spending more readily and apparently are confident of the future though facing it with smaller savings.

Local banks report that more war bonds are being cashed this year than last and that savings accounts are dwindling. One bank, however, reported that savings deposits with them have actually increased about seven per cent over last year, despite the record amount of spending.

Although credit buying is higher at Christmas than other seasons, it is not higher than it was December a year ago, businessmen thought.

Even though the cost of living has risen by as much as 50 per cent, there would appear to be more money available for Christmas purchasing than last year.

Electrical appliance dealers are enjoying the greatest increase in sales and dollar volume. Customers, remembering the shortage of all appliances during the last war, are buying now while stockrooms are full.

Automobile dealers are also riding on the peak as motorists rush to replace old model autos before manufacture of new models is curtailed. Despite Federal regulations designed to curb credit buying, purchase of 1951 autos has not decreased. Enactment of Federal regulations designed to curb credit buying has not noticeably affected purchase of 1951 models, dealers report.

One appliance dealer reported that his sales last Saturday were the highest he has ever recorded and he predicted that his sales volume for the year would show an increase of about 20 per cent. Per centage of net profits would be less due to increased costs, he admitted, but the higher volume should result in higher profits. Business conditions are changing from the buyer's market of a year ago to a seller's market, he thought.

Clothing also reported about a ten per cent increase in business. One said this was due to new workers in Manassas.

Although optimistic over the present, most businessmen were unwilling to make predictions in regard to next year. Nobody knows what effects a continuing war will have on business, they said.

A gloomy view was expressed by a Manassas banker who pointed to dwindling savings accounts at his bank and said, "the honeymoon's over."

"A year ago people thought the sky was the limit," the banker declared, "but now they are finding the limit is much nearer than that. They've spent all their money," he said, "and are now cashing bonds, withdrawing savings, and doing anything else that will help them meet the high cost of living and the increased tax burdens."

Tide of Toys Drive Begins After Xmas

Toys for distribution to children in Europe and Asia will again be collected here this year, according to officials of American Legion Post 158, sponsor of the drive last year.

The "Tide of Toys" drive will begin soon after Christmas and Legion officials are asking each child from this area to donate, if possible, one toy.

Many foreign children who will receive the gifts have never seen toys, declared the Rev. E. Guthrie Brown, Post 158 commander.

National Legion headquarters has received many letters from the foreign children, expressing gratitude for the gifts. Children this year will be asked to attach their names to their gifts so that foreign children will be able to correspond with the donors.

Toys will be collected through schools and Legionnaires will do all wrapping and shipping.

Electric toys and war-like toys will not be accepted, the Rev. Mr. Brown cautioned.

School Survey For Bond Issue Is Beginning

Plans are now underway for a new survey of Prince William school facilities and enrollment as the basis of a new bond issue proposal to finance a building program.

Superintendent of Schools Peters recommended this action to the School Board on December 6 and approval is expected from the Board at its next regular meeting, on January 4.

The Board of Supervisors will then discuss the plan at their meeting on January 4.

Whether sanction of the plan is forthcoming from the Supervisors will have little direct bearing on the survey and plans for a new bond issue proposal.

We hope to have the support of the Supervisors in this undertaking, but the matter is really one for the voters, Peters said.

Chief function of the School Board and the superintendent at this time is to point out the needs and what they believe to be the best way of providing for these needs, he added.

Peters is relying on School patrons to circulate a bond issue for presentation to the Circuit Court. If a petition bearing 1,000 signatures is presented the Court will set the date for a referendum. A petition will be circulated, probably at about three months.

Commencement of the survey is awaiting official approval of the School Board. The Board was expected to approve the plans at their last meeting, but the absence of two members made official action impossible. Peters and Board chairman P. A. Lewis were unable to attend.

Nokesville

By Mrs. Fred Shepherd

Make this Christmas Season more meaningful by attending as many of the Christmas services of your local churches as possible. In our community, the Methodist folks will have their annual service with a visit from "Santa" following on Sunday evening, the 24th; beginning at 7:30 p. m. On Wednesday evening, the 27th beginning at 7:30, the Brethren folks here will have their service, and the whole community is cordially invited. Their service will consist of a modern-day dramatic version of the Christmas story. During the service everyone will present a gift for a baby or small child which will be sent directly to World Relief. This will be the offering, and will, we believe, make the Christmas season more real to all. Please come!

If you would like to hear the carolers on Christmas Eve, will you please notify any of the young people of the Nokesville Church of the Brethren know, and they will sing for you. After caroling they will all go to the Sonafank home for a social hour.

The W.S.C.S. of the Nokesville Methodist Church held its meeting at the home of the Grover Browns on Thursday night. We have heard such interesting reports of the lovely visit in which Mrs. Brown received her guests and how they enjoyed the lovely decorations and refreshments in keeping with the holiday season. The main feature of the evening were the reports of the recent bazaar and supper committees, who performed so well on a recent Saturday night. After all expenses were paid, there was a net of \$562, to which will be added enough to make \$700, that

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ACP Reports Due Jan. 15

All farmers expecting to receive cash payments for conservation practices under the Agricultural Conservation program must file reports with the local PMA office, by January 15, L. J. Pattie, PMA chairman, warned this week.

Only 28 per cent of 533 Prince William farmers participating in the program have filed their reports, Pattie declared.

The January 15 deadline will enable the Treasury to get out checks to farmers before the income tax rush period and farmers are urged to file their reports as soon as possible, according to Pattie.

Not all farmers participating in the program receive cash payments and some have already received assistance in the form of lime and fertilizer through purchase orders issued by PMA.

When 1950 reports are filed, farmers may also complete worksheets to indicate the conservation practices which they plan for 1951.

Fast-Starting Nokesville, Warrenton Lead League

With the Northern Virginia Basketball League now more than a week underway, enough reports were in this week to tabulate League standings below are based only on the results filed this far with the Southern Division secretary. These results are also given below.

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Muse Elected Chamber Head

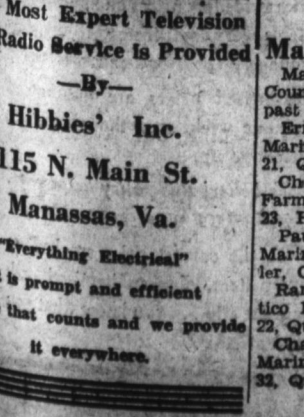
Benjamin Muse, Sr., publisher and editor of the Manassas Messenger, was elected president of the Prince William County Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of that body last week. He will succeed R. Jackson Ratcliffe.

Vice-president-elect is Edgar Parrish and Charleton Gnadt was re-elected secretary.

All officers were elected unanimously as the Chamber approved without reservation the slate presented by nominating committees. George B. Cooke, E. D. Gotwalle, and C. C. Cline.

Installation of new officers will be held at the next meeting of the Chamber on January 2.

Former All-American Congratulates Outstanding Linesman



Rudolph Pittman (center, above) is shown being congratulated by Eric "Red" Tipton after the Osbourn High School end was presented the Lion's Club Trophy for outstanding linesman of the year. Others in the picture are (left to right) Ned Bradford, president of the Lions; Jack Merabant, who presented the award; Tipton, Pittman, and Osbourn coaches James Lee and Joe Fortuna. Tipton, a former All-American halfback at Duke University, is now backfield coach at William and Mary College.

Rt. 15 Work Nears End

Completion of construction work on U. S. Route 15 between Buckland and Haymarket is expected in about three weeks.

Workers from Construction Camp No. 28 currently are building a channelized intersection where the new highway meets Route 211 near Buckland. When this is finished, the workers will be moved to Loudoun County to extend the highway to Leesburg.

About 19 miles of the highway are now completed. The two-lane blacktop road runs from Buckland through Route 55, at Haymarket, and on Route 50. Highway officials expect the road to be extended to Leesburg during the Spring.

Luther Black Picked For Cocke Award

Luther "Bo" Black, Osbourn High School Fullback, will be presented the George B. Cocke award for outstanding contribution to football at Osbourn, it was learned this week.

The trophy will be presented.

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Hale Heads Herd Group

New president of the Prince William County Dairy Herd Improvement Association is William W. Hale of Nokesville.

Hale was elected at a meeting of the Association last week in Manassas.

Other officers elected were: John Cox, Manassas, vice-president; and Frank D. Cox, Manassas, secretary. New directors of Association No. 1 are Wendley M. Johnson, Mr. Hale, L. R. Cowne, and Edward W. Thompson, Jr.

Directors elected for Association No. 2 are Kemp Clemen, George C. Cowne, Francis M. Lewis, and John W. Cox.

Thief Breaks Head Open; Who Pays?

Who pays the bill when a downtown-theft, pursued by a policeman, breaks his noggin' on a railroad track? Alexandria Hospital authorities were pondering that one this week.

About dusk, Saturday, December 9, Cline Posey of Manassas parked his car in front of B. C. Cornwell's service station on M. in St. and went to the grocery. Returning, Posey then parked his groceries in his car and left to do some more shopping.

A moment later Town Policeman Harold Bowers spotted a man, later identified as Billy Perkey, 30, reaching for Posey's groceries.

Bowers went after Perkey. Perkey dropped the groceries and fled to ward the railroad tracks, with Bowers in close pursuit.

Crossing the tracks, Perkey, who had a stomach full, not of groceries but of ABC wares, found the going tough and fell headfirst.

Perkey lay unmoving between the tracks and pursued was apprehended by pursue.

A doctor diagnosed the injury as a fractured skull and advised that hospital treatment was needed. So Perkey was admitted to Alexandria Hospital where he lay swathed for six days. When he left Bowers was there to meet him. Hospital authorities presented Bowers with a bill for \$90 and Bowers gave the bill to Town Manager Ritter.

After conferring with Town Attorney W. Hill Brown, Jr., Ritter notified the hospital that the town was not responsible for the bill, since Perkey had not been injured while in custody of a policeman.

The Department of Welfare, who had been looking after Perkey in the past, declared that they were unable to assume the debt since Perkey had been self supporting for the last two months.

And Perkey told Ritter that he couldn't pay the bill even if he wanted to—he didn't have any money.

So Alexandria Hospital authorities are getting ready to sue somebody for the \$90. They haven't made up their minds who.

Meanwhile, Perkey goes about his joyous business while awaiting trial for attempted theft and drunkenness in a public place.

Big Week-end For Children Is Coming

This week-end promises to be the biggest and best of the year for the children with Santa Claus arriving today for a parade and a party. Guided by Rudolph, Santa will come again on Christmas Eve in a whirlwind tour of children's homes everywhere.

These two visits from Santa Claus will not be all the fun though, as a Christmas party at Pitts Theater is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon at two. A full-length movie, as well as shorts and cartoons, will be shown the kiddies, according to Henry Marple, theater manager.

The Junior Women's Club and the Manassas Volunteer Fire Department will distribute favors and candy to the children at the theater party.

School children throughout the county will have Christmas parties in their classrooms today and then at 1:30 p. m. will be dismissed for the holidays.

Santa Claus is scheduled to ride through Manassas on a fire engine and then give a party at 2 p. m. in Osbourn gymnasium for pre-school age children.

Preceding the parade, Santa will visit pupils at Baldwin and Bennett schools.

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