

Brevities

Procedure for firemen when a train blocks their path across tracks was demonstrated last night as Manassas Volunteer firemen attempted to fight a fire on Liberty Street. At 10:30 p. m. a fire on the tracks south of Center Street blocked the way to the crossing. A fire engine and a fire truck were stuck in the crossing. A fire engine and a fire truck were stuck in the crossing. A fire engine and a fire truck were stuck in the crossing.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR FRIENDS AND READERS

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Kathy Watson's Fighting Spirit Helps Win Battle With Polio

"Never give up, and keep fighting" is just a cliché to most people, but friends of Kathryn Gertrude Watson know that these words can reflect a courageous attitude that has become a way of life. Even so dreadful a disease as poliomyelitis can be defeated by the kind of spirit reflected in these words. When polio struck "Kathy" Watson last August 1 she was 16 years old and preparing to enter her junior year at Quantico Post High School.

Who, Me? No, You!

Day laborers employed by the Town of Manassas almost missed a Christmas last week as Town officials played pass-the-buck. Town Clerk L. Byrd, Sr., who was stricken ill Sunday a week ago was home in bed and nobody quite knew who was supposed to sign pay checks in his absence. Pay checks for the previous week, totaling about \$300, were passed back and forth between Town Manager Ritter and Mayor Davis, neither of whom felt they were authorized to sign checks, while the expectant recipients stood around toiling the ground, as the close of Christmas shopping days drew near.

A Prayer For The NEW YEAR

"Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace! Where there is hatred . . . let me sow love Where there is injury . . . pardon Where there is doubt . . . faith Where there is despair . . . hope Where there is sadness . . . joy! O Divine Master, grant I may not so much seek To be consoled . . . as to console To be understood . . . as to understand To be loved . . . as to love, For It is in giving . . . that we receive It is in pardoning that we are born to eternal life."

Town Crime Drops From Last Year

Incidence of crime in Manassas, as reflected by the number of arrests and trials in the Mayor's court, is on the down-grade, according to figures compiled in the Town Hall this week. Complete through December 27, the figures show that there have been fewer arrests, trials, and convictions in the year ending next Sunday than there were in 1949. Town figures show only the record of misdemeanors committed within the corporate limits. Felonies appear to have been at about the same level as the previous year, as do all crimes committed outside Manassas.

Spitler's Car Stolen By Jailbreakers

Three of four criminals who escaped from a State Road Camp prison hall in Culpeper early Wednesday morning are believed to have stolen an automobile in Nokesville and headed north. Earnest C. Spitler, pharmacist at Coker's Pharmacy, reported that his car had been stolen from in front of his Nokesville home some time between 1 a. m. and 7:30 a. m. Wednesday. State Trooper Phil Herndon reports he is convinced the fugitives stole Spitler's car. An automobile stolen about 2 a. m. in Culpeper, shortly after the prison break, was found abandoned near Nokesville yesterday and Herndon believes the man transferred to Spitler's car. License tags had been removed from the Culpeper automobile. One of the jailbreakers was apprehended by police about nine miles from Culpeper yesterday. The other three, described as "dangerous" are still at large, and police have set up a manhunt, extending as far north as Rhode Island.

14 Miles of County Roads Hard-Surfaced During 1950

Highlighting the State Highway Department's program in Prince William County during 1950, was the hard-surfacing of some 14 miles of secondary roads, Resident Engineer Richard Worthington reported this week. The new hard surface roads include three Federal aid projects—an eight-mile stretch on Route 619 from Independent Hill to Bristow, a two-mile section on Route 653 near Valley Church and a one-mile section on Route 662 near Nokesville. In addition to the above, new hard-surfacing included sections of Route 633, Route 1104 and Route 649. The year saw also a new bridge over the Potomac River at the intersection of Route 633 and Route 649.

Cannon Branch Fifth Sunday Service Is Set

A fifth Sunday Night communion service will be held this Sunday at 7:30 p. m. at the Cannon Branch Church of the Brethren. A program of hymns and a pageant has been planned for the New Year's Eve Service. Ladies and girls of Cannon Branch will form the cast for a pageant depicting the 12 apostles, representing each month in the New Year. Time for the service, which will be candle lighted, is 7:30 p. m. until 9:30 p. m. The public is invited. Offering collected will be used to support the Week-day Religious Education Program in County schools. The special service, sponsored by the Manassas Ministerial Association, is held whenever a fifth Sunday occurs in a month. A different local church is host at each service.

Services Held For Mr. Lund

Funeral services for Anton Lund, 78, were held last Saturday at his home in Buckhall. Mr. Lund died on December 21. The Rev. F. L. Baker, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Manassas, officiated at the services. Assisting was Rev. O. R. Kesner, Pastor of the United Brethren Church in Inwood, W. Va. Although Mr. Lund had been in ill health for several months, death came unexpectedly, his wife said. Born in Bornholm, Denmark in 1872, Mr. Lund came to this country at the age of 21. He moved to Prince William County in 1914 and had been engaged in farming here since that time. He was a member of Grace Methodist Church. Mr. Lund is survived by his wife, the former Miss Elsie S. Evans of Manassas, whom he married September 3, 1927, and by a son, Allison Lund of Manassas. Three sons by a previous marriage survive; Herman F. Lund of Indian Head, Md.; Arthur Lund of Bran's Road, Md.; Chester Lund of Lynchburg, Va. Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Katherine Bedger, Miss Sanna Lund, Mrs. Maria Hansen, all of Bornholm, Denmark, and six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Pallbearers were Messrs. Randolph Eagle, J. H. Eagle, Robert Hoelle, C. C. Rodgers, R. C. Powell, and Warren Coleman.

Wage Boosts Announced By Virginia Gas

Wage and salary increases for all employees of Virginia Gas Distribution Corporation were announced this week, following a meeting of the Board of Directors in Staunton. Office and supervisory employees of the network of natural gas distribution companies will receive salary boosts of nine per cent of their present salaries. The new pay level will become effective sometime next spring, according to company officials. A pay raise of six per cent will be retroactive to October 1, 1950 and will be observed until the nine per cent raise is enacted. Operating personnel will receive across-the-board wage increases of 7 cents per hour, retroactive to October 1, 1950. Effective May 1, 1951, operating personnel will receive an additional increase of 5 cents per hour. Other companies in the Columbia Gas System network which also will benefit from the higher salaries are American Utilities Co., United Fuel Gas Co., Virginia Gas Transmission Co., Atlantic Seaboard Corp. and Central Kentucky Natural Gas Co. Emergency load restrictions will likely be placed on many State roads when warmer weather brings a thawing of deep frost now in the ground over most of Virginia, the State Highway Department announced this week. By posting the light duty roads against heavy trucks, the Highway Department hopes to minimize road break-ups which might follow a sudden thaw. The restrictions would apply mostly to secondary roads and light duty primary roads, the department said. Every effort will be made to retain the present limits of 20 and 25 tons on the heavy-duty interstate and intercity routes. Most US-numbered roads are in this category. The department's eight district engineers have been authorized to post the routes in their respective areas if and when restrictions become necessary. All but the strongest secondary routes would be posted for eight tons gross weight. Lightly surfaced primary roads would be restricted to eight or twelve tons. The district engineers have been instructed to impose restrictions as soon as they observe signs of softening or other symptoms of unusual road conditions. Continued on Page 8

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

Lloyd Thomas Walls, 33, Manassas, and Dorothy Wright Breen, 24, Manassas. Johnny C. Foster, 24, Quantico, Va., and Wynona B. Thomas, 25, Quantico, Va. Richard M. Whinnery, 22, Quantico, Va., and Peggy J. Renaldo, 19, Midway Island, Va. Ralph Clifford Wilson, Jr., 25, Quantico, and Betty Joanne Thaxton, 25, Raton, N. Mexico.

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News from Prince William Communities

Nokesville By Mrs. Fred Shepherd This will be our last news column from Nokesville in this year, 1950. But we'll be back each week during the coming year. We've really enjoyed coming into your homes each week with some of the news about the many interesting things we folks in Nokesville are doing each week. Our reward for the hours spent in "doing" the news comes to us many times as our readers either write or tell us how much they enjoy reading "us" each week. You folks around Nokesville, be sure to plan to attend the old year party at the school auditorium on Sunday night, beginning at 7:30 p. m. The program is being given by the young people of the district but is for everyone. The offering will go for religious education in our school. The regular meeting of the PTA was one of the most successful held for many months. The auditorium was packed with the children of the school, their parents and their friends. The program featured a trumpet solo of Christmas carols by Connie Shepherd, accompanied by Connie Shepherd, accompanied by Miss Nancy Sonafrank and Willard Chastain, songs by the boys and girls' Glee Club and a Christmas dramatization of the Christmas Story, with narration by Among the college students home Continued on Page 2

Steps To Curb Swine Disease Are Discovered

A question frequently asked by swine raisers, "How can I guard against losses brought on by swine enteritis," was answered this week by the American Foundation for Animal Health. Seven steps to help curb enteritis losses were suggested by Foundation authorities: 1. Isolate newly-purchased swine from the home herd for at least three weeks, until they are known to be free of disease. 2. Control internal and external parasites which weaken the animal's resistance. 3. Keep swine away from old hog pens, contaminated pastures, cow stur's stagnant pools and other sources of infection. 4. Keep feeding and watering equipment clean. 5. Check rations carefully especially possible deficiency of B-complex vitamins. Prevent over-eating of rich concentrates and their litter to identify and weed out sow carriers. 6. Watch for scouring, loss of weight, and failure to convert feed into gains. At first sign of trouble, get a diagnosis and isolate the ailing animals from apparently healthy ones. Actually, swine enteritis is not a single disease. It covers a dozen different infections and disorders. Causes and symptoms vary so much that a veterinary diagnosis, herd survey and study of feeding and management practices may be necessary to stop a suspected outbreak authorities said. Enteric diseases not only cause heavy death losses, according to the Foundation, but often leave pigs in such a condition that they may never gain properly. Mr. and Mrs. Don Croll are visiting Mrs. Croll's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oothout, for the holidays. Mrs. Louise Dye has returned from Doctors Hospital, and is getting along nicely. The Methodist Church had a Christmas program on Tuesday night. Santa gave the children candy and oranges. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gentry and children of Waterford were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Spindie. Continued on Page 6

Brick, Beer Can Soar; Sinclair, Davies Victim

Festive spirits, as everybody knows, soar high during holiday seasons, but usually you don't expect anything more material than spirits to go soaring. In Manassas it's different. A festive brick soared through the living room window of Judge Arthur W. Sinclair last Monday night. The Judge had retired for the night and was rudely awakened about 11:30 p. m. as the brick crashed through his window pane and fell into the living room. Judge Sinclair didn't even bother to report the incident to police. Probably kids, he thought. Anyway it was only a half-brick. Asked if some criminal convicted in his court might be taking a spiteful view of legal procedure, the Judge replied, "I hope not." About the same time someone tossed an empty beer can through the office window of attorney H. H. Davies, Sr. Davies, who didn't report the affair, said he had no idea who might have been fighting outside on the corner of Grant and LeStreeets. Davies thought, and the broken window resulted from air spurted by festive spirits. "I hope all who believe in a strong Chamber of Commerce for this County will attend next Tuesday's meeting and help us get off to a good start for the New Year," Muse stated.

Harris Speaks At Regional Sports Dinner

Thomas Harris, football coach at Virginia Union University, was guest speaker at the annual Regional High School football banquet, held at the school last week. Successful athletic activities require quick thinking and mental and physical development, Harris told the football players, as he urged them to plan for success. Eugene Skinner, an alumnus of Regional, was pointed out by Harris as a gridiron star. Skinner played center on the 1950 Virginia Union team. Regional High School players receiving football letters were: Harold Fletcher, Donald Byrd, Edwin Terrell, Roosevelt Jackson, Jack Gaines, Melvin Brown, Eugene Johnson, and Morris Mitchell. Ryland Brown, Carl Taylor, John Alexander, Trigg Cheek, and Leslie Coates. The letters were presented to the athletes by Regional coach Donald Witten and C. N. Bennett, principal of Regional High School, introduced the speaker.

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By Amelia Brown McBryde Mr. and Mrs. James Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Tyson Watson and daughter, Anne, of Dumfries were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Austin on Christmas Day. Mrs. Cyril Wade-Daion left on Thursday for Oklahoma City, Okla., to spend the Christmas holidays with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wade-Daion. Mr. Billy Johnson of V. P. I. arrived home last week to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wheatley Johnson of Clover Hill Farm. Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Marshall and Miss Nancy Marshall are spending the Christmas holidays in Richmond, Va. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rohr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Rohr of Front Royal, Miss Carolyn Rohr of Bethlehem, Pa., and Mr. Rohr of Herndon. The Rev. E. Guthrie Brown left Christmas Day to spend several days in Richmond. Among the college students home Continued on Page 2

Dumfries

By Dorothy Acord HM-3 Beryle Taylor, Mrs. Taylor, and her son, Donny, left last Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Taylor's parents in Marion, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Waddell Fraley spent Saturday through Tuesday with Mr. Fraley's parents in Gastonia, N. C. Over-night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith were Mrs. M. E. Breenahan and Mrs. D. C. Thornton from Hillside, Md. I'm quite sure that all of the members of Dumfries enjoyed the carolers on Christmas Eve. A group of about 11 boys and girls visited as many houses as they could and brought Christmas cheer into many homes. They also delivered a box of Christmas presents to Miss Shirley Hedges and Barbara Ann Smith. Guest of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hedges over the Christmas holidays was Mrs. Hedges' brother, Mr. Willie Pearson of Nokesville. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith have their son, Robert, home from Lynchburg for two weeks to spend the holidays. Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Field Branner on Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Branner and daughter, Jocelyn. Mr. and Mrs. George Baker and family spent the night in Lovettsville Monday visiting relatives. Continued on Page 6

Centreville

By Nora Mohler Good I would like to thank all of those who sent me flowers, cards and helped me during my recent illness. The next regular meeting of the W.S.C.S. will be held at the home of Mrs. Helen Saunders. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Gothwaite are spending the holidays in Chicago visiting relatives. Miss Sue Howard has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Mohler during the holidays. Mr. Marcus Mohler, Mrs. Helen Sullivan, and Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Mohler and Ewell, Jr., motored to West Virginia on Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Allison and John had turkey dinner with Mr. and Mrs. William Good and Mary Ellen on Christmas Day. Mrs. Nora Good is still on the sick list; also still sick is little Wayne Mohler. Mr. and Mrs. Don Croll are visiting Mrs. Croll's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oothout, for the holidays. Mrs. Louise Dye has returned from Doctors Hospital, and is getting along nicely. The Methodist Church had a Christmas program on Tuesday night. Santa gave the children candy and oranges. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gentry and children of Waterford were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Spindie. Continued on Page 6

New President Urges Chamber Strengthening

Plans for strengthening the Prince William County Chamber of Commerce will be outlined by President-elect Benjamin Muse at the next meeting of the Chamber, scheduled for January 2. "The time has come when a strong Chamber of Commerce is imperative for Prince William County," Muse said. "Our first objective will be a membership cam-