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MORE CITIZENS SHOULD ATTEND TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

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Auxiliary Firemen For Civilian Defense



A group of auxiliary firemen who are organizing to complement the regular fire department in the event of a civilian defense emergency are shown above as they met in the fire house last Thursday evening. Organization of local auxiliary fire departments has been urged by Prince William civilian defense co-ordinator Hunton Tiffany. The men above are: front row, usual order; Tom Larson, Herbert Kunaldo, Berge Jewell, Hunter Jewell, Buddy Merchant, Robert L. Byrd, Jr., Maurice Smith, Eugene Worley, William Johnson, and C. M. Hawkins. Back row, left to right; the Rev. Fred Edge, Ray Gibson, Robert Hall, Monroe, Francis Rosset, Francis Holsenback, Herwin Folen, Max Shepherd, C. C. Lynn, Jr., and Ned Wine.

BOY SCOUT WEEK, FEBRUARY 6-12



41st Anniversary 1951
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Plans For Dispersal Facilities To Be Presented Supervisors At Special Session Today

Local Scouts Will Manage Town Friday

Next week is National Boy Scout Week and, in observance here, 12 Explorer Scouts from Troop 219 will converge on Town Hall and take over the local government for a day. The scouts have picked 12 of their members to serve as Town officials, councilmen, and police. They will attempt to run the Town just as it actually is being run today, with one exception. They have appointed a Town Manager and a chief of police, as well. Town Manager Ritter actually serves as police chief, but possibly the boys are taking a tip from recent emphasis on the need for a larger police force. For mayor the scouts have chosen Billy Springs, Paul Royer will serve as town manager, and Dwight Knupp will be the town clerk. Frank Hoss is the scouts fire chief and Robert Parker will be chief of police. Town Council, which will meet on Friday evenings will be composed of Scouts Hardesty, Richard Black, Curtis Harrover, and Jack Cross. Police officers, in addition to Parker, are to be Ronald Black, Julian Rector, and Emory Mayhugh. All the Explorer Scouts, accompanied by their advisor, J. P. Royer, attended a Council meeting last Monday evening to learn how our local government works. The Explorer Scout group which includes boys 14 and 15 is one-half of Troop 219. The other half consists of boys under 14 and is led by Assistant Scoutmaster Harold Blevins. Kenneth Aldrich is Scoutmaster.

Ladies Aid Society of the Manassas Baptist Church will hold their regular meeting Tuesday, February 6, at 8 p. m. at the Church. L. A. Profit will be hostess.

Men of Trinity Episcopal Church will serve a pancake supper at the Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 6. The supper will begin at 7 p. m. and is for all of the members of the Parish and their guests. The Ash Wednesday service at Trinity Church will be at 8 p. m. and will include Holy Communion at 10 p. m.

All-day meeting for Prince William Fruit Growers and Vegetable Gardeners will be held at Manassas Post Office Assembly room on Friday, February 2, starting at 10 a. m. The morning session, beginning at 10 a. m., will be devoted to discussion of small and large fruits led by H. Bruce Arlian, Extension Fruit Specialist. Beginning at 1 p. m. vegetable garden sessions will be led by Fontaine Post, VPI Vegetable Specialist.

Joint all-day meeting for Prince William and Fairfax poultry raisers will be held on Tuesday, February 6, starting at 10 a. m., at Centreville School. Subjects to be discussed include breeding, brooding, housing, culling and general management, and diseases control. L. Moore, Denver Branch and Deane, VPI Poultry Specialist, will speak. Lunch will be served at the Centreville School cafeteria at noon.

The Manassas Legion and the Manassas Hawks basketball teams, the boys' and the girls' teams, meet for the third time this season in the Osborn High School gymnasium on Thursday, January 11, at 8 p. m. The teams have split the two other meetings this season. The Hawks won the first and the Legion won the last they played.

Nokesville

By Mrs. Fred Shepherd
The regular monthly meeting of the Nokesville Ladies Aid Society was held on Thursday, January 26, at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Link. Mrs. Link acted as secretary in the absence of the regular secretary. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Link, after which the following reports were made: Willard Link, chairman of the project committee, reported that progress has been made in securing a fountain for the school. Mrs. Link reported that she had secured a fountain for the school. The meeting will be on February 6, at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Link. The meeting will feature a program of five dollars given to the Down Arey, music instructed by the Nokesville School. Mrs. Link is a representative from the Nokesville Music Committee in Washington. A movie of the London Symphony Orchestra was shown. The parents of the band members met on Monday night, January 22, to organize for the purpose of raising the interests of the band. Mr. Link served as chairman. Mrs. Howard Marshall acted as president; Robert Marshall, vice-president; Mrs. D. C. Link, secretary; and Mrs. Fred Shepherd, treasurer. Miss Dawn Arey reported that there are now 34 members in the band. It was decided that the organization would work toward securing a band room and instruments. The possibility of having a supper to raise money was discussed. Don't forget, you Nokesville community ladies, that next Tuesday is the time you are asked to bring a hat, complete with any trimmings you can find in your house, to be auctioned off after the meetings of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFD. Baked goods, etc., will be sold. Anyone who can contribute is welcomed.

Postdated Letter No Help; Nokesville Now In 5th Place

A letter, intended as evidence in their case, backfired on Nokesville last Saturday night and the Northern Virginia Basketball League protest board penalized the firemen five games, in an action that may have cost Nokesville the league championship. The letter in question, signed by one Eddie Campbell, was presented to the board by Oether J. Flory, water manager of the Nokesville team, as evidence that Nokesville had acted in good faith when they replaced Campbell with Cleveland Flory. Campbell wrote that he was leaving for the Army, had enjoyed playing with his teammates, so long, etc. According to League by-laws, a player who is inducted into the armed forces may be replaced, and Nokesville contended that they thought the said Campbell actually had gone into the Army. They did not know he still was working in Washington, as was discovered last week, they declared. At first the protest board officials (Kelly Beach, John Benner, and Curtis Folen) were inclined to admit the evidence, but on a second glance someone noticed that the letter was dated December 9, 1951. Only a year ahead of the calendar! With that the protest board tossed the case out of their court and, although no one would say so, the implication was that some patron of the Nokesville team had written the letter for the guy named Campbell after last week's ineligibility rumpus began. Besides penalizing Nokesville the five games they have won with Flory (one game in which Flory played was lost, legitimately, by the Legion), they declared Flory ineligible for the remainder of the season. The five games lost: against Occoquan Jan. 5, Occoquan Jan. 8, Warrenton Jan. 10, Gainesville Jan. 12, and Hawks Jan. 17. Considerable re-shuffling of the league standings followed, and now Nokesville is in fifth place with a revised record of four wins and six losses. However, they are not completely out of the running and by winning all their remaining five games, Nokesville could squeeze in for a tie. Warrenton and Occoquan also have nine games each to play. Nokesville plays Warrenton and Occoquan twice each; and one game between Occoquan and Warrenton is coming up. If Nokesville can win all the way, and if Warrenton can beat Occoquan, then the latter two teams would have six losses each, the same as Nokesville has now. Moreover, the possibility some other team knocking off Warrenton

James Colbert, Ex-Policeman, Back on Force

James Colbert, who resigned from the Manassas police force last July charging that Councilman Roy Doggett's "interference" made effective police work impossible, will return to the police force on February 15, Town Manager Ritter reported this week. Authorization to hire Colbert as a fourth officer was given by Council at their called meeting last Thursday evening, in a stormy session witnessed by one of the largest crowds to ever attend a Council meeting here. Several townspeople urged Council to hire a fourth officer and on two occasions the partisan crowd booed Doggett, who was opposing the move. Newly-appointed Councilman Ferris Gue voted negatively along with Doggett and the resulting tie was split by Mayor Davis' vote in favor of a fourth officer. Colbert, who served the Town as a policeman from May, 1949 until July 1950, is a retired Marine and has lived here for several years. Town Manager Ritter regards Colbert as "one of the best officers ever to work on the Manassas police force." In a resignation statement to Council last July, Colbert charged that Doggett "spiced and drove recklessly through Town," and told police who reprimanded him that he would "have them fired." Colbert also objected to nominal punishments meted out in Mayor's Court. Shortly before resigning, a drunk punched him in the nose, as the officer made an arrest and the man was fined \$18 in Mayor's Court, Colbert declared.

Suit Begins To Force Correction of Sewer System

A lawsuit to force the contractor to correct infiltration of surface water into Manassas' two-year-old sewer system will be entered soon, following last night's Council meeting. Council instructed Town Attorney W. Hill Brown, Jr. to notify the Langley Construction Co. of Portsmouth that legal proceedings will begin shortly unless the faulty mains are repaired. Langley Construction Co. was the contractor for the \$122,000 project, completed about two years ago. Town Manager Ritter told the Council there is no doubt that surface water seeps into sewer pipes following heavy rains. Flurry at the disposal plant has been measured at 2,000,000 gallons per day during rainy seasons, while the average flow is only 200,000 gallons per day, Ritter stated. Correction of the defective system would do much toward alleviating the overload at Manassas' new sewage disposal plant, which was built to dispose only of sewage and not surface water from the entire Town, Council thought. Residents of Manassas henceforth will be prohibited from connecting rain spouts to sewer mains, in a further effort to reduce the sewer load during wet weather. Council thought that an inspection should be made of two critical areas in town and on South Main to determine if residents there are connecting drain spouts with the sewers. Most of the excess sewer water originates in these two sections, Ritter said. Councilman Ferris Gue told the Council he had watched while the sewer project was being constructed and noticed faulty workmanship on into the project. Pipes were laid in wet ditches and a poor grade of caulking was used, he said.

Unknown Thief Enters Southern States Co-op; Only 35 Cents Missing

An unknown thief or thieves entered the Southern States Cooperative warehouse here sometime Tuesday night, and made off with 35 cents from the office drawer. Nothing else is believed to be missing, but an inventory of stock and warehouse contents is pending the return of manager Robert L. Byrd, Jr. and assistant manager W. D. Merchant, who left Wednesday morning for a meeting in Frederick, Md. An open warehouse door was discovered during the night by Town police who immediately reported to Byrd. The sliding latch-fastened door had been locked for the night, but evidently the burglars had forced an entry. Miss Dorothy Ritenour, a secretary, said that the thief or thieves had attempted to open a large office safe, but had been unable to unlock an inner door. The outer door had been left unlocked, she said. A \$5,000 remodeling project is currently underway at the Cooperative.

New Bids Asked on Airport

Construction of a runway at Manassas Airport will be delayed again while new engineering bids are asked. Council received bids last week, but rejected the low bid, submitted by Johnson-Williams, Inc. of Washington, because of alleged engineering imperfections in the sewage disposal plant which that firm designed. Councilman Roy Doggett said no further Town work should be given Johnson-Williams, since it was under their supervision that the Town's leaking \$110,000 sewage disposal plant was built. The State Corporation Commission has told Council that an engineering survey must be made by June 30 if the Town is to take advantage of a \$18,000 State-Federal grant now available for improvement of the airport.

Trinity Women to Hear Speech on UN

Miss Eda Willis, who spent a week at Lake Success last fall observing the operations of the United Nations, will discuss UN next Monday at the monthly meeting of the Church, at the Parish Hall. Trinity Women's Auxiliary of Auxiliary members are asked to come at 3 o'clock for a short business session.

Job's Daughters, Bethel 21, Receive Charter



The recently-formed Job's Daughters of Manassas are shown above in a formal picture taken last Saturday evening as they met in Manassas Lodge to receive their charter. Mrs. Florence Moore, Grand Guardian for Virginia, presented the charter to Bethel No. 21. The young ladies are, left to right, front row; Nancy Breeden, Marshall; June Warner, Senior Princess; Mary Elizabeth Bradford, Honor Princess; and Mary Ann Sinclair, Guide. Second row: Ann Waiser, Ratcliffe, Second Messenger; Carol Breeden, Third Messenger; Phyllis Richardson, Outer Guard; Carol Luck, Fourth Messenger; Lydia Rice, Fifth Messenger; Gloria Wayland, Librarian; and Peggy Hawkins, Senior Custodian. Back row: Mary Sue Carter, Inner Guard; Patty Lynn Adams, Chaplain; Fay Clark Wood, Treasurer; Jean Childs Wood, First Messenger; Ann Lewis, Fifth Messenger; Sylvia Sinclair, Recorder, and Sue Espenshade, Junior Custodian.

Draft Hits Manassas Baseball; Red Sox - Macs Merger Due

Possibilities that the two Manassas baseball teams will be able to field nine men each this year appears slim in face of the draft and players are reported dicker for some sort of merger. Representatives of the Red Sox and the Macs have informed the Journal that the problem of getting together nine men to put on the field, much less 18 or so necessary for a roster, appears to be insurmountable. The armed forces' need for brawn has cut in considerably and even if draft calls don't increase by spring, neither team can make it, they ruefully admitted. Hit hardest are the Red Sox. Buddy Merchant, second-baseman, stated this week that his team now has only six men available for play and that no other possible players are known. "We can't do it," he said. "The boys have been talking it over, and we've decided the best thing to do is disband until the war is over. Some of us want to play for the Macs and one or two want to play for Triangle." Merchant said eight or ten people have stopped him on the street and told him they had rather see in Manassas one good team than two mediocre ones. Neither team makes money the way things have been going and the increased attendance if we had one team instead of two would make all the difference in the profit and loss column, he said. Although the Red Sox have not officially approached the Macs, Maurice Smith indicated that the arch-rivals of two seasons would be welcome in the enemy camp. Smith, who is manager of the Macs,

\$3,300 Sought By Red Cross Here In March

Prince William's quota during the 1951 American Red Cross campaign will be \$3,300, it was announced this week. The fund drive will be held March 1 through March 31. Mrs. Joseph Mills Hanson, chairman for the drive, said the local quota is 10 percent higher than last year's because of increased Red Cross services to our military forces, the need for more blood and plasma, and a first aid training program for 2,000,000 American. Prince William residents contributed \$2,950 toward the County goal of \$3,000 last year, Mrs. Hanson said. "Mobilize for Defense" is the slogan for the forthcoming campaign and residents of Prince William can help mobilize the forces of mercy for protection and defense of families, communities and the nation through generous support of the 1951 Red Cross fund campaign, Mrs. Hanson declared. Town Council will hold a caucus meeting each Friday night before their regular monthly meeting, members decided this week. Probably they are tired if the lengthy sessions which sometimes drag on past midnight and hope to avoid arguments in regular meetings by thrashing out issues at the caucus.

Irving Fox Serving 30 Days For Hit-Run

Irving Fox of Manassas was given 30 days in jail by Trial Justice C. Lacey Compton yesterday, following his conviction for hit-and-run driving and drunkenness in a public place. Fox was arrested by Trooper Phil Herndon at 8 p. m. Monday and charged with hit-and-run after Mark Eutsler reported his automobile was sideswiped about 6 p. m. as he drove toward Manassas, near Yorkshire. Compton gave Fox a choice of 300 fine or 30 days.

The Nokesville Methodist Charge Will Observe Annual Layman's Day on Sunday, February 4

Services will be held at Asbury Church at 10 a. m., at Nokesville at 11 a. m. and at Centreville at 7:30 p. m. Lay speakers will be heard at the programs.

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