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MORE CITIZENS SHOULD ATTEND TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

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## Brevities

W. L. Lloyd, home service secretary for the Prince William Chapter, Red Cross, announced today that the local Red Cross chapter will meet Monday at the National Bank Building, open from 1 p. m. until 4 p. m. The meeting will be for the benefit of servicemen, veterans and their dependents. The chapter also conducts a 24-hour service for emergency communications, including death verification, and other of an urgent nature. The Home Service committee, headed by Mrs. A. O. Beane, gives aid in personal and family matters, and assists with claims and government benefits. Veterans servicemen in the area are urged to utilize the services of the local Red Cross office, Mrs. Lloyd said.

The Bethlehem Good Housewives Club will meet Wednesday, February 21, at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Dudley Martin on 1st Avenue. Mrs. W. S. Athey acts as co-hostess.

The Lenten Service at Trinity Episcopal Church will be held Friday evening, February 20, at 8 p. m. The guest minister will be the Rev. Harold B. W. Peters, of Grace Church, The Plains, Va.

Norman O. Helms, head of Mutual Promotions of Springfield, has leased the Longview property of Manassas for the coming stock car racing season. It was learned this week.

Mrs. Mary Compton will be hostess at the Postal Clerks' Wives Luncheon on Monday evening, February 19, at 8 p. m.

The Manassas 4-H Club will hold a food sale at Dowell's Drug Store on Saturday, February 17. Sale will begin at 9:30 a. m.

The Osborn High School band will originate scheduled to give February 15, has been postponed until February 22, Herlee, director of the band, announced this week. Postponement caused by loss of rehearsal when the schools were closed because of bad weather, he said.

The Isaac Walton League will hold a Manassas Grill on Saturday, February 17, at 7 p. m. A supper will be served. William Blackwell, who is a member of the Virginia Commission of Game and Fisheries, will be guest speaker. A technical movie on the subject will also be shown.

Nokesville Volunteer Fire Department will hold the first in a series of classes in first aid Wednesday evening, February 21, at 8 p. m. in the Nokesville Fire House. The course to be offered is a standard one given by the Red Cross and persons interested in the subject are asked to notify the fire department.

Supper, sponsored by the women of the Nokesville Church of the Brethren, will be served at the church Thursday, February 22. Supper will be served throughout the evening, beginning at 5 p. m. Admission will be \$1.00 for men, and 50c for children. Pies, and fancy work, including needlework, will be offered for sale. The public is invited.

South Koreans will be sent to disassemble clothing to be collected by members of Grace Methodist Church here Sunday. Members will bring the clothing to the church, where containers will be placed. The garments will be sent to New Windsor, Md., where the clothing will be packed and shipped. Fooded clothing, including usable yet worn out, will be accepted. Donors are asked to bring high-heeled shoes. Anyone wishing to contribute is welcome to bring clothing to Grace Church the way to his own church.

Chief Petty Officer Frederick Holman, whose mother, Mrs. M. Holman, resides in Manassas, recently awarded with a third class Conduct Medal for "exceptional service" in the United States Navy. Chief Holman is stationed at Concord, Calif.

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## Candidate For Sheriff



**H. LAYTON LAWS**, of Manassas, who has announced his candidacy for sheriff subject to the August 7 primaries. Laws, 34, will oppose incumbent Sheriff John Kerlin, 73, and Turner Wheeling, 36, ex-deputy, fired by Kerlin last year. All three are Democrats; no Republican candidates have been announced. Laws is a well-known auctioneer and a salesman at Wayland Motor Co., Manassas.

## Regional High June Graduates Are Announced

Candidates for graduation from Regional High School in June were announced this week by C. N. Bennett, principal. Names of the candidates are as follows:  
Raymond Courtney, Clarence Johnson, Eugene Johnson, Harry Robertson, James Summers, Gladys Bailey, Joyce Carter, Vivian Berry, Barbara Deskins, Nellie Ellis, Gloria Hanborough, Emma Pinkett, Gloria Smith, Althea Williams, Elsie White, Vernell White.  
Harold Ellis, Edwin Terrell, Aliene Burgess, Virginia Brooks, Maggie Johnson, Ada Paige, Jeanette Partillo, Edith Robinson, Vivian Sulton, Ann Smith, Madeline Cochran, Willie A. Harrison, Willie Blackwell, James Carter, Leonard Hunter, Louis White, Deloris Bailey, Geneva Bowles, Valerie Bowles, Evangeline Duncan.  
Jewell Mundy, Adell Robinson, Constance Robinson, Maxine Thorne, Barbara Strothers, Loretta Evans, Nettie Deskins, Andrew Robinson, Chester Yates, Eloise Lomax, Mary Anderson, Pauline Hall, Lucille Roberts, Pearl Stuart, James Champ, Doris Robinson, Ellen Robinson.

Bessie Ross, Lucille Harris, Fred Bell, Ernest Mann, Jr., Reginald Bennett, Melvin E. Brown, Jr., Ryland Brown, Rodman Webster, Ben Marie Bailey, Doris Jackson, Ann Johnson, John Alexander Kinzel, Stanley Washington, Howard Lansdown, Rosa M. Ross, Ann Tankins, Agnes Washington, Harold S. Fletcher, and Mattie Baltimore.

Regional High School Honor students for the second nine weeks of the school year were also announced this week. The honor students are:

Harry Taylor, Eleanor Davis, Meloyna Williams, Etta Webster, Eunice Wheeler, Maxine Butler, Mable Tankins, Charles Barbour, Beverly Smith, Shirley Baltimore, Sylvia Baltimore, Mary Edwards, Nancy Brook, Delores Morton, Constance Bailey.  
Mildred Deskins, Helen Lacy, David Lomax, Anna Robinson, Madyne Slaughter, Frances Tyler, Jean Washington, Addison Gibbs, Jean Brown, Delores Foote, Alma Honesty, Shirley Thompson, Lester Johnson, Lloyd Morarity, Jean Pinkett.  
Delores Stoney, Lou Wilson, Barbara Bland, Deloris Taylor, David Fortune, William Jackson, Evangeline Duncal, Adell Robinson, James Champ, Ellen Robinson, Ann Tankins, Mattie Baltimore, Barbara Lawson, Nellie Turner, Nellie Hogans.  
Leah Ray, Erlene Anderson, Sylvia Smith, Mildred Lacy, Maggie Johnson, Ada Paige, Reginald Bennett, Mary Anderson, Joyce B. Carter, Barbara L. Deskins, Eloise M. White, Gloria E. Hanborough, Vivian Denny, Loretta Evans and Fred C. Bell.

## Red Cross Chairmen Announced

District chairmen who will assist in the Prince William County 1951 Red Cross Fund Campaign were announced this week by Mrs. Joseph Mills Hinson, County fund chairman, as follows:  
Manassas district: business division, J. C. Kinchele; residential division, Mrs. E. H. Marsteller; rural division, Theodore Ritter. Brentsville district: co-chairmen; Mrs. N. N. Free, Mrs. John W. Ellis.  
Gainesville district, Mrs. Daisy Douglas; Coles district, George Crumm; Dumfries district, Mrs. A. H. Shumate; Occoquan district, Mrs. Lawrence Barnes; and Colored Division, Miss Naomi Wright.

Prince William's quota of \$3,300 has been divided among the districts as follows: Manassas, \$1,650; Brentsville, \$330; Gainesville, \$330; Coles, \$110; Dumfries, \$550, and Occoquan, \$330.  
Workers' rallies have been scheduled by Mrs. Hanson for Manassas and Coles district for this week. Rallies in other districts will be held next week by the following places and times: Monday, 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Free, Nokesville; Tuesday, 2 p. m. at the Dumfries school; and Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Barnes, Occoquan.

## Class Night For Parents At Occoquan

A special program designed to promote better understanding between parents and school by giving parents first-hand experience in their children's school routine is being planned by the Occoquan High School Parent-Teacher Association for its next meeting, on February 19.  
The evening's program will be led off by a business meeting and parents then will attend simulated classes where teachers will outline methods and objectives sought in their particular class.

The "class night for parents" will be divided into three sections:  
(1) elementary procedure—the parent will attend the grade in which his child is currently enrolled. At the end of thirty-minutes he will be "promoted" to the succeeding grade. Parents who have children in the seventh grade will proceed to a special section to be conducted by Mr. Herbert Saunders for the remaining 30 minutes of the program.  
(2) 8th grade procedure—parents of 8th graders will spend the full 60 minutes under the direction of the 8th grade teachers.  
(3) High school procedure—daily routine will be followed. Parents will be grouped into sections, each section of which will visit each class according to schedule. Each teacher will present the objectives of each course he conducts.

## Mrs. Warren Hynson Voted Outstanding Junior Woman



## Small Boy Dies Suddenly In Nokesville

The citizens of the Nokesville community were saddened Monday morning by news of the death of little Paul Mason Olmsted, son of Mrs. Frances Olmsted. He died unexpectedly as his mother and doctor were preparing to remove him to a hospital. He had been ill only one day. Death was attributed to a virus infection.  
The Olmsteds moved to Nokesville from Fairfax just a few months ago but already they have made many friends, all of whom are anxious to help the family during its bereavement.  
Little four-year-old Paul is survived by a mother, Robert, and a sister, Nancy. Also surviving are a grandmother and a great grandmother and a very large number of cousins, aunts and uncles.  
Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church in Nokesville on Wednesday, February 14, the Rev. L. W. Griggs officiating. Interment was in the Valley View Cemetery.  
Pallbearers were Messrs. William Walsh, Carlton Walsh, Wilson Walsh, W. R. Gillons, William Mahone, Edward Hutchins, and Steve Vassel.

## Fire Hazard Inspection Underway this Week

Business and residential properties in Manassas were being inspected this week for fire hazards by Fire Chief Raymond Davis in an effort to keep to a minimum fire losses during windy March weather.  
Owners of property where an accumulation of trash, or other inflammable material, is found will be notified to have the hazard removed, or face a possible fine.  
Most of the fire hazards are being found in alleys and sheds behind business establishments, Davis reports. Residential properties appear fairly clean of dangerous debris, he reports.

## Mrs. Shields Will Sing At Concert

Mrs. H. Telman Shields, soprano, of Manassas, and William Miller, tenor, of Washington, will give a joint concert this Saturday at the DAR Building, 1732 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, at 8:30 p. m.  
Both singers are members of the Washington Opera Guild.

## Fire Destroys Porter's Inn Near Dumfries

Fire caused by an overheated coal stove destroyed Porter's Inn, one mile north of Dumfries on U. S. Route 1, early last night.  
Before firemen could reach the scene the fire spread from its origin in an adjacent garage to the main building—an eight-room, one-story frame house and brick winds gave the blaze a headstart which firemen could not overcome. Triangle fire chief John Pattie reported. Value of the building was estimated at \$12,000 to \$15,000. No one was reported injured.  
Pattie said the first alarm was turned in by three members of the OWL volunteer fire department who noticed the blaze as they drove south from Woodbridge to attend a meeting of the Prince William County firemen's association in Triangle. The men stopped to notify occupants of the inn and, unable to get a phone call through to Triangle, drove there instead and turned in the alarm. Several people were eating dinner in the inn and were unaware of the fire, Pattie said.

The Triangle-Dumfries fire department was first to reach the scene, but ultimately 13 pieces of equipment and almost 100 men came from fire departments in Annandale, Alexandria, Penn Daw, Mount Vernon, Occoquan, Woodbridge-Lorton, and Quantico Marine Base. The fire burned itself out about 10 p. m.  
Owned by Frank Porter, of Dumfries, the inn reportedly was insured for \$500.

## State Insists On New Jail For County

A 60-day extension of the directive which ordered that the Prince William County jail be closed by March 1 has been granted by the State Board of Welfare and Institutions, but it appears to be no possibility that the Board will allow the jail to be used after the extension period elapses.  
This was the report of a County committee who visited Richmond Tuesday to confer with State authorities in an effort to find other means of meeting State specifications, rather than building a new jail.  
State authorities insisted that the present jail is a fire trap and advised that any money spent in repairs would be wasted. Cost of a new jail, which would meet specifications, would be about \$65,000, they said. Prince William Supervisors were meeting today in an adjourned session and are expected to consider preliminary budget estimates and are expected to include appropriations for a new jail in the budget.  
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## 700 Trucking Violations Tried Here Each Month

Despite higher fines imposed in an effort to make it prohibitive for truckers to overload their vehicles, the offense continues and State police at the Woodbridge weighing station are nabbing truck drivers at a rate of about 700 per month, according to records at the office of Trial Justice C. Lacey Compton.  
During the last six months of 1950 the number of overloaded trucks reached a peak and almost 5,000 cases were tried by Judge Compton. Fines and court costs from these cases resulted in gross receipts of more than \$30,000.  
Trucks, which travel Route 1 more thickly perhaps than other highways on the Eastern Seaboard, are overloaded with everything from pig iron to potatoes, Compton declared. Most of the truck loads appear to be composed of fresh produce being rushed from farms for weekend sale. Thursday night is the time of heaviest truck traffic on Route 1, he said.

The Woodbridge weighing station is manned by State police 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and trucks sometimes are checked and driven over platform scales at the rate of three per minute, which indicates the volume of traffic.  
Individual fines average about \$65, but sometimes go as high as \$700 or \$800. A new State law, effective August 31, 1950, provides the following scale for fining overloaded trucks: two cents per pound up to 5,000 pounds of overload, and five cents for each pound of overload if the overload exceeds 5,000 pounds.  
The legal limit is 50,000 pounds for tandem-axle trailers, and 40,000 pounds for single-axle trailers. Axle weights must not exceed 18,000 each. However, the State allows a tolerance of five per cent and many truckers try to load right up to this tolerance which accounts for large number of violations. Compton said. In one instance, who keeps his load below 52,500 pounds pays a fine, but if he slips and tries to haul a load weighing 52,600 pounds he has to pay a fine of \$52 on 2,600 pounds overload.

Even though the highways are taking an awful beating, somebody may benefit. Receipts from the fines go to the State Literary Fund, which is distributed among localities for school construction.

The Manassas Macs baseball team have scheduled an open meeting for 8 p. m. Tuesday in the Town Hall in order to make plans for the coming season. Managers and players from the Macs and Manassas Red Sox will be present to talk over terms of consolidating the two teams, since the military draft has created a shortage of players.

**New Blood Program Poster**

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Using one of the most dramatic news pictures to come out of the Korean war, the new Red Cross blood program poster portrays the urgent need for blood to help save the lives of combat wounded. Acme News Pictures, Inc., supplied the photo from which the poster was made. The poster painting was unveiled in mid-December by Admiral William F. Halsey in New York over a network television broadcast.

Committee appointments were announced as follows:  
Stage Construction: Maury Wells, Chairman, Vernon Schultz, Garland Ferris, Jack Breeden, Bill Fauquier, Norman Bolton.  
Stage Decorations: Keith Lyons, Chairman, Layton Laws, Don Gray, John Ringler, and Lionsesses.  
Lighting: Roy Durst, Chairman, Reubin Hicks, and Roy Bauserman.  
Publicity: Jim Payne, Chairman, Floyd Riddick, Howard Church, et al.  
Liaison: Herman Lee, Chairman.  
Sales: Tickets, Clark Wood, Chairman, Afton Cooper, Worth Stork, Ian Ross, Allen Fletcher, Ned Bradford, Keith Lyons, Ed North, Howard Churchill.  
Sales; Door: Jack Merchant, Chairman.  
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## News from Prince William Communities

### Clifton

By Inez Kinchele  
Mrs. Alice Woodyard had as her guests last week her sister, Mrs. Blanche Esgridge, of Washington, and her nephew, Mr. Cecil Esgridge, of Seven Forks, Va.  
Mrs. Inez Kinchele was a guest of Mrs. J. W. Kinchele in Fairfax last Monday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Detwiler, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Detwiler have gone to Ft. Myer, Florida, for a vacation.  
Mr. Bob St. Clair has sold his garage and his home here and is moving his family to California.  
Mrs. Wanita Buckley has sold her store to Mr. Irvan Payne of Baltys Cross Roads.  
Miss Mary Fern Stuart, teacher in Clifton School, is spending the weekend with her mother in Salem, Va.  
Mr. Carl Ambler has recently purchased the property owned by the late Thomas Simpson.  
Mr. Walter Mercer, who lived alone near Clifton, was found dead, on Feb. 6, 1951. He was a man of fine character. He was buried from the Methodist Church at Annandale, and interment was in the church yard there.

### Haymarket

By Mrs. A. H. Meyer  
Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Melton have returned to their home after an extended trip to various places in Florida. They have returned sooner than anticipated because of the illness of Mrs. Melton's sister Mrs. E. J. Harrell of Manassas, who is a patient in Physicians Hospital, Warrenton.  
Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Meyer on Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pronko and children, Barbara, Sonia and Gregory of Erie, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Jay Aucamp and daughter Gain, Gainesville, Mrs. Katherine Streeter and Mr. Philip Smith of Washington. On Sunday Mrs. Margaret Pittman and Miss S. Catharine Heberle of Washington were dinner guests. The Pronko family is spending several days at the Meyer home.  
Don't forget the oyster dinner to be held in the Fire Hall on February 23 from 5 p. m. to 8 p. m. A card party will follow the dinner and it is sponsored by the Haymarket Womens Club.

### Nokesville

By Mrs. Fred Shepherd  
Services like the one planned by the women of Brentsville District and held in the Nokesville Church of the Brethren in observance of National World Day of Prayer seem to bring the people of our district much closer together, spiritually. The program was planned by Mrs. D. D. Fleishman with Mrs. James Earhardt, Miss Edna Armstrong, Mrs. Ewing McMichael, Mrs. L. J. Bowman, Mrs. J. F. Hale, Mrs. Ellen Frew and Mrs. E. C. Owens, all of whom took part in the program along with the congregation, which took part throughout the entire hour. The response to this first observance of Day of Prayer was very gratifying, and it is hoped that it will become an annual affair.  
The Nokesville C. B. Y. F. has invited the young people of the Valley and Manassas Churches of the Brethren to their church on Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m. From that time until 6 p. m. there will be recreation in the basement, followed by supper. At 7:30 p. m. Continued on Page 7

### Dumfries

By Dorothy Acord  
Mr. and Mrs. Waddell Fraley were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Purvis in Fredericksburg on Thursday evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. Grover King had as their guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Leroy King and sons from Alexandria, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank King from Stafford.  
Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Brawner and daughter, Jocelyn, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. LaFayette Price and Mrs. Cora Merchant in Chevy Chase, Md.  
Over-night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith on Sunday were Mrs. M. E. Bresnahan and Mrs. D. C. Thornton from Hillsdale, Md.  
Mrs. Lizzie McInter of Fredericksburg spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Winter Keys.  
Mrs. Elvan Kays entertained the Adult Bible Class at her home on Wednesday evening. After the meeting the Class gave Mrs. Ethel Davis a surprise birthday.  
Mrs. Randolph Brawner entertained the Women's Society of Fredericksburg on Wednesday evening. Continued on Page 7

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