

The Manassas Journal

GIVE

VOL. 82—No. 47

Est. 1869—Entered at Post Office at Manassas, Va., as 2nd class mail matter under act of Congress of Mar. 3, 1879

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1951

Yearly Subscription, \$2.50 in advance outside Prince William County Yearly Subscription, \$2.00 in advance in Prince William County

Single Copy Five Cents

Town Council Votes "Yes" for Annexation

Plan For A Greater Manassas To Proceed Without Delay

The Manassas town council gave the "go-ahead" signal for annexation of surrounding territory on Monday night by the unanimous adoption of a motion by Councilman Frances B. Saunders...

Vacant Lots Here Must Be Cleaned Up

The accumulation of weeds and rubbish will no longer be tolerated on vacant lots. A "weed ordinance" adopted by the town council at its last meeting makes it unlawful for the owner of vacant lots to permit such accumulation...

Local Board Lists 11 Men For Induction

Eleven young men are slated for induction into the armed forces at Alexandria from the Local Board No. 99, Selective Service, it was announced today by Mrs. R. Worth Peters, clerk.

Entire Community Saddened By Death of Miss Osbourn

Residents of Prince William County were saddened Monday by the loss of one of its most beloved citizens in the death here of Miss Eugenia Hilleary Osbourn, at the age of 84.

Her long life was one of tireless and selfless devotion to the cause of education, revealing a truly great character. Her remarkable understanding of the educational needs of her times and her exceptional abilities as an educator...

Started Private School After her arrival in Manassas, Miss Osbourn and her sister started a private school known as Manassas Institute, (now the Temple School) a college preparatory school.

Public School Pioneer A letter from the late George C. Round, then chairman of the County School Board, addressed to Dr. Iden, and published in the local press, states that around 1905, when interest in the development of public high schools began to be manifested...

Bloodmobile Visits County Next Week The Red Cross bloodmobile will be in Prince William County next Thursday, March 22. Blood receiving stations will be set up at Nokesville in the Church of the Brethren from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and at Haymarket in the elementary school at the same hours.

Mrs. Audrey Kerr, blood donor chairman for this area, is appealing for donors. The goal of 100 pints of blood is set for this visit of the bloodmobile.

Town Police Are Granted Pay Increase

The four members of the Manassas police force were granted a \$15 monthly cost-of-living pay increase, raising their salary from \$200 to \$215. They had requested an increase of \$25.

The only dissenting vote was cast by Councilman Roy Doggett, who protested that the town could not afford to pay any such increase. He pointed out that 20 years ago Manassas had two policemen receiving from \$100 to \$125 a month, and said that he believed council could find men today who would be willing to work for that amount.

Basketball Tourney Opens Next Week

The 3th annual invitational basketball tournament, sponsored by the 58. American Legion, will get under way Tuesday, March 20, and continue through Saturday, March 24. Games will be held each night with the exception of Good Friday.

There will be four games on tap tonight. The schedule for the first two nights follows: Boys' Games. Tuesday, March 20 8 P.M., Upperville A. C. vs. Manassas Legion.

Town Manager Ritter Offers Resignation; Going To Marion

James W. Ritter, Jr., has resigned as Manassas town manager. His resignation was accepted with sincere regret by council on Monday evening. Mr. Ritter has accepted the position of town engineer at Marion, Va. His reason for making the change, said Ritter, is that the new position offers advancement in the manager field both financially and professionally.

Although Mr. Ritter will assume his new duties on April 15, Mrs. Ritter with their son James (Happy) and daughter Ann Robin will remain at the Ritter home in Manassas until after the closing of school, when they will join Mr. Ritter in Marion.



FRANK D. COX, county agent, who is constantly on the alert in behalf of the agricultural betterment of Prince William County. He urges the support of all citizens in the pasture improvement program.

Plane Hits Nalls' Home Near Here

An unidentified plane caused quite a scare and some damage Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Nalls, who reside just outside of Manassas on the Centreville road.

The plane, according to Mrs. Nalls, "apparently uncertain of its bearings," circled the home four times. On the fifth trip around, it brushed the roof of the house, knocked down the television antenna, completely demolished the chimney, tore several holes in the roof, shattered some of the window panes, and continued on its course.

Damage to the roof of the Nalls' home has not yet been estimated.

Parking Laws To Be Enforced Many Tagged

The recent drive by town police to enforce the town ordinance in regard to on-street parking regulations had on Wednesday netted some 50 odd violators. Tickets attached to cars directed the owner to pay to the town clerk within 24 hours the sum of \$1.00 or to suffer summons to court and payment of fine and court costs.

Only 26 car owners have voluntarily paid up. What to do about the other 24 was the question posed to Council on Monday night by Mayor Harry B. Davis.

Mrs. Louise Hixon Dies; Burial Is Held Here

News was received here last week of the death of Mrs. Louise Ramsdell Hixon, who died at the home of her son, Robert R. Teates, at Seton Lane, Fairfax county.

County To Get \$176,230 Road Funds This Yr.

The State Highway Commission today announced that State highway funds in the amount of \$176,230 have been allocated for maintenance and improvements on Prince William County's secondary roads during the fiscal year which begins on July 1.

County To Get \$176,230 Road Funds This Yr.

State highway officials pointed out that the allocations are based on estimated highway revenues for the 1951-52 fiscal term. The county's allocation can be expended only as it becomes available over the 12-month period.

Survivors include Miss Osbourn's nieces, Mrs. George W. Phillips, Washington, D. C., Mrs. A. W. Watson, Salt Lake City, Utah, Mrs. Del Barger, Redlands, Cal., a number of great nieces and nephews, a great-great niece, and cousins, Miss Mary Hope Maynard, Baltimore, Md., and Miss Murray Metz, Cheltenham, Md.

Long prominent in the educational, church and civic life of the community, Miss Osbourn came to Manassas about 60 years ago to join her sister, Mrs. Fannie Osbourn Metz, who had previously come here as governess in the

Clean-Up Week Program Set Up At Chamber Meet

\$648 Reported For Red Cross; Goal Is \$3,300

A total of \$648 was reported last week from Manassas and Brentsville Districts toward the annual Red Cross Fund Drive in Prince William county, Mrs. Joseph Mills Hanson, campaign chairman, announced today.

Returns from other county districts have not been tabulated to date. The amount turned in is only 19.9 per cent of the county's goal of \$3,300. Volunteer solicitors are at work in all sections of the county in an effort to meet the quota by the end of the month.

Storm Sewers Approved; Gue Seeks Walks

City Manager, James T. Ritter has been directed by town council to proceed immediately with the installation of a storm sewer of some 150 feet from North Main Street to the pond, the installation of proper pipe under Mathis Street, the digging of an open ditch through the recreation grounds to Centreville Road, and the installation of sufficiently large storm sewer in the 400 block of N. Grant Ave., to carry off surface water which presently floods the area.

Council, meeting in adjourned session on Monday night, deferred action of the proposed budget for the ensuing year until its regular March meeting. Manager Ritter reported that the position of town electrician remains unfilled, pending more thorough investigation of the three applications received to date.

For More Sidewalks. Councilman Roy Doggett's protest that the item of \$700 in the proposed budget for sidewalks, curbs and gutters is wholly inadequate brought considerable support from other council members.

Upon motion of Councilman Ferris Gue, the council authorized a survey of the sidewalk, curb and gutter needs of the town, to determine the approximate cost of meeting such needs. He said, "Let's get going on some plan to take care of this. The town has been collecting taxes for years and still half the people have to walk in the mud. We should do it right now even if we have to borrow the money to do it."

ENLISTS IN AIR FORCE Paul S. Harvey, Jr., Haymarket, Va., graduate of Osbourne High School class 1950, who has been attending the University of Maryland, has enlisted in the U. S. Air Force and is in basic training at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Tex.

Plans for an observance of Clean-Up Week throughout the county early in April met with enthusiasm and interest at the weekly meeting of the Prince William Chamber of Commerce here Tuesday.

A committee to set up a definite program for the clean-up and beautification project was named by Col. Benjamin Muse, president of the chamber. Although no definite date was decided on, it was agreed that it should be held early in April.

Named on the Clean-Up committee were Dan Kelso, Dr. George B. Cooke, Edgar Parrish, from Manassas; Col. James Kerr, Quantico; C. B. Rolland, Haymarket.

The program for the meeting was arranged by Edgar Parrish, with members of the Board of Supervisors and representatives of other organizations in attendance.

City Manager James Ritter stated that the Town of Manassas would lend its full cooperation in the clean-up project and would make free collection of rubbish if placed in containers.

Turner Wheeling, county fire marshal, stressed the benefits of reducing fire hazards by having a clean-up week.

Joseph Wall, Quantico, stated that his town had an ordinance specifying the observance of clean-up week. Leon Edwards, Quantico, spoke briefly on the restoration project at Woodbridge.

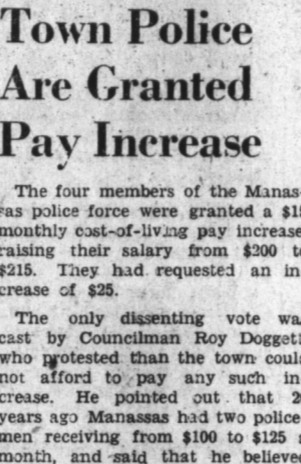
The matter of getting an opinion as to the feelings of the members of the day, saving was discussed. Mayor Harry Davis said "the actions of the town of Manassas on this subject would be governed by the expressions of the citizens."

President Muse announced that the program for the next meeting would be provided by R. Worth Peters, who would explain the school building program.

Convention Plans Talked at Lions Club

Plans for the International convention and the state convention were interestingly presented by Ernie Cook at the regular meeting of the Lions club Wednesday evening. It was announced that the club would send four delegates to the state convention to be held in Richmond in May.

Mr. Ritter, a native of Richmond, was associated with the Southern Railway evaluation department in Washington for five years, with the State Highway Department for seven years. He came to Manassas in 1943 and was appointed town manager in November, 1948. During his term of office he supervised the construction of the new sewerage disposal plant and an additional well of water supply. It was after he assumed his duties here that street name signs were placed in Manassas. Mr. Ritter modestly disclaims any credit for this and points out that these became necessary when the post office commenced delivery of mail. He has consistently stressed the importance of good street equipment and good key men.



James W. Ritter, Jr., town manager, is leaving the city and is going to miss him, but his place will be hard to fill.

There is deep sadness in Manassas and throughout Prince William county this week, and rightly so. People in all walks of life have expressed their sorrow in the death of Miss Eugenia Osbourn, who is going to miss him, but his place will be hard to fill.

People in all walks of life have expressed their sorrow in the death of Miss Eugenia Osbourn, who is going to miss him, but his place will be hard to fill.

People in all walks of life have expressed their sorrow in the death of Miss Eugenia Osbourn, who is going to miss him, but his place will be hard to fill.

People in all walks of life have expressed their sorrow in the death of Miss Eugenia Osbourn, who is going to miss him, but his place will be hard to fill.

People in all walks of life have expressed their sorrow in the death of Miss Eugenia Osbourn, who is going to miss him, but his place will be hard to fill.

People in all walks of life have expressed their sorrow in the death of Miss Eugenia Osbourn, who is going to miss him, but his place will be hard to fill.

People in all walks of life have expressed their sorrow in the death of Miss Eugenia Osbourn, who is going to miss him, but his place will be hard to fill.

People in all walks of life have expressed their sorrow in the death of Miss Eugenia Osbourn, who is going to miss him, but his place will be hard to fill.

People in all walks of life have expressed their sorrow in the death of Miss Eugenia Osbourn, who is going to miss him, but his place will be hard to fill.

People in all walks of life have expressed their sorrow in the death of Miss Eugenia Osbourn, who is going to miss him, but his place will be hard to fill.

his 'n That More news than we can poss... HIBBIE'S 115 N. Main St. Manassas, Va. "Everything Electrical" It is prompt and efficient service that counts and we provide it everywhere.