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Brush Fires Are Spotted From Air

Red Cross Shy Over \$1600 To Reach Quota

The air patrol of the State Forest Service went into action in this section Monday and covered a large area spot-checking illegal brush fires.

Using the Manassas airport as base of operations, the Air Patrol used a plane equipped with a loud speaker in the wings as a means of communicating with ground forces, who were stationed at different points through the county.

When a fire was spotted from the air, the observer in the plane would use the speaker system by which he could instruct the party burning brush illegally to put out his fire.

Chief Fire Warden Gordon Patton, who rode as observer, would then report the violation by loud-speaker to men stationed at strategic points. These men were District Forester P. J. Wilfory, Jr., and Foresters C. Pennock and George Blain. They in turn would be directed to the location of the fire while the plane circled overhead and directed the fire-fighter groups.

Mr. Wilfory stated that the air patrol will spot check from time to time. He pointed out that most of our forest fires came from illegal brush burning and every possible step will be taken to stop these violations.

Districts nearest their individual quotas are Manassas, with 74 per cent of its \$1,650 goal, and Brentsville, with 54 per cent of its quota of \$350. Other district totals include Gainesville, \$80.05; Dumfries, \$93.65 and Occoquan, \$88.50. Unallocated funds amounting to \$67 are also included in the total.

Mrs. Hanson noted that the amounts reported include only actual cash turned in to campaign headquarters, and do not take into account funds in the hands of workers not yet making final returns. Every effort is being made to raise or exceed quotas in all areas.

2-Way Radio Installed At PWEC Plant

Prince William Electric Cooperative is justly proud of its recent addition of two-way short wave radio equipment. This consists of the transmitter and receiver at headquarters and the new 120-foot tower and antenna. Each service truck and car is equipped to send and receive messages from the office, from another crew or from a "handie-talkie" carried by one member on inspection trips.

During normal operations this radio equipment will save the Co-op operational expenses and speed up service connections as it enables the work crews to maintain continuous contact with each other and headquarters.

In case of power failures or during storms, it will be possible to restore service to any part of our 700 miles of lines serving approximately 3,000 families much quicker and with less expense to PWEC.

The amount of travel required to carry out the various operations will be greatly reduced as a radius of 30 miles can be reached from headquarters about 15 miles from truck to truck and approximately 10 miles from the "handie-talkie," thereby increasing the Cooperative's ability to render desired service more efficiently.

Councilmen Frances Saunders and Wallace Hook, acting as a committee of the Town Council to secure a successor for Town Manager James Ritter, are reported much encouraged in their search. There have been eight applicants to date.

Centreville Club Women Taken For Female Convicts

A trio of civic-minded Centreville club women were this week taken for female convicts from the Occoquan Work House.

Mrs. Thomas Clure, Mrs. O. D. Yarbrough, and Mrs. E. D. Gough, members of the Rocky Run Garden Club, were busy on Wednesday cleaning, raking and planting shrubbery on the state-owned triangle at Centreville. Clad in slacks, the ladies looked, as one of the group put it, "not very well-dressed." A passing motorist stopped and inquired of the ladies whether or not they were from the Occoquan Work House, and whether lady prisoners were required to work on State roads. "We just howled," one of the ladies told the Journal.

Mrs. Ashby, 85, Dies At Daughter's Home

Mrs. Willie Jackson Ashby, 85, died here March 25th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lilla Crabtree Pence, with whom she has lived for the past 23 years.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Baker & Son funeral home, and interment was in the family burial ground at Independent Hill. The Rev. J. Murray Taylor and the Rev. John Edens officiated at the rites, and were assisted by the Rev. Albert C. Winn and the Rev. George Beahm.

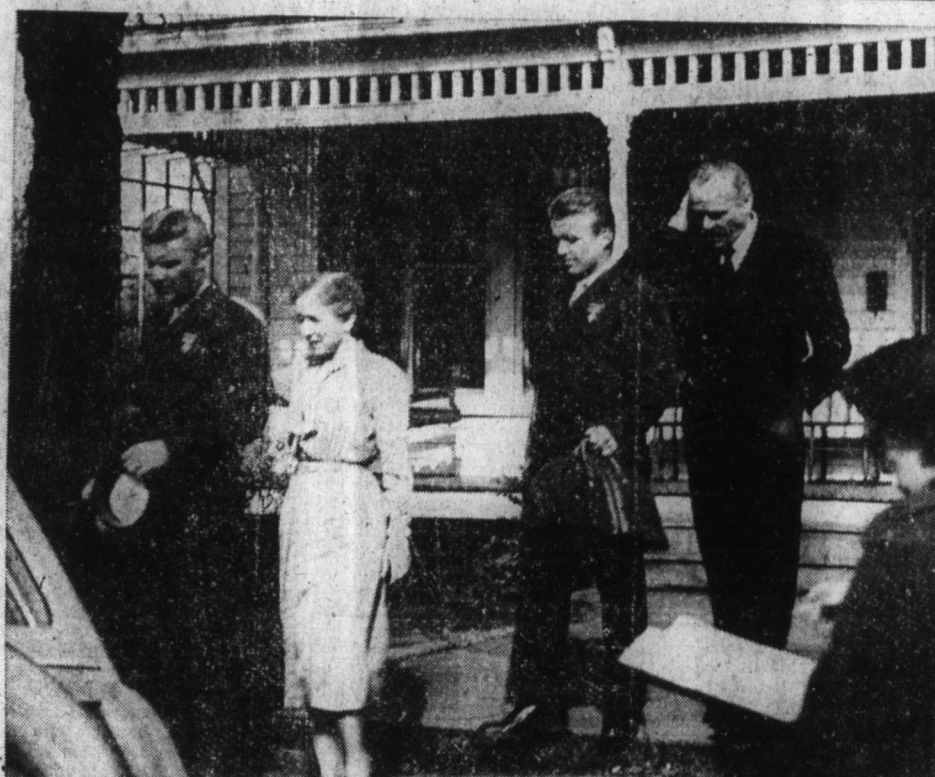
Born Elizabeth Cole on March 26, 1866, at Independent Hill, she was the youngest child of the late Benjamin and Elizabeth Carter Cole. Coles Magisterial District was named after her father's family. She married the late Willie Jackson Ashby, who died 23 years ago.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Lilla Pence, of Manassas, two granddaughters, Mrs. Lois Murphy Bailey and Miss Susan Ashby Crabtree, both of Manassas, and one great grandson, Robert Lee Bailey, also of Manassas. One daughter, Lois Taylor Ashby, died at the age of four years.

Palbearers were Dr. E. B. Moncure, Bradford Lowe, John Oleyar, Aubrey Maddiman, Jr., Earl Bailey, and Hawes T. Davies, Sr. Honorary palbearers were C. A. Sinclair, Sr., George D. Baker, Will Smith, E. L. Herring, Herbert Keys, and John Burke.

Merle Neely Addresses Manassas Garden Club

Merle Neely gave an illustrated lecture on "Soil and the Treatment of Lawns" before the Garden Club of Manassas at the Piltz Theatre, Tuesday.



MANASSAS GLIMPSES HOLLYWOOD—One of the scenes shot here by Paramount Pictures for the movie, "My Son John," shows four well-known stars in action in front of the home of Mrs. W. L. Lloyd on West street. Mom (Helen Hayes) and Dad (Dean Jagger) are accompanying their sons, Richard Jaeckle and James Young, from the house to the car as the boys leave for service in Korea. At right is shown the script writer.

Guardsmen To Camp May 25

Contract Let For Overhead At Woodbridge

The State Highway Commission this week announced the award of a \$218,205 contract for an overhead bridge and 0.583 mile of approach road to take the northbound lane of the Shirley Highway above US 1, near Woodbridge, to Guy H. Lewis and Son, McLean, Va.

Before contracts can be signed and work started, however, bid prices must be approved by the United States Bureau of Public Roads. The Federal agency will finance a portion of construction costs.

The 241-foot bridge will have a clear roadway of 28 feet, with two and a half foot safety walks.

Highway engineers pointed out that the bridge is not an interchange, but was designed for northbound and southbound through traffic only. The northbound lane of the Shirley will pass over US 1, while southbound traffic on the Shirley will merge with southbound traffic on US 1 at grade.

Traffic moving south on US 1 and wanting to turn back north on the Shirley will have two secondary roads, with interchange on the Shirley, just north of the intersection of the Shirley and Route 1.

Pending completion of the bridge and new roadway, traffic will continue to be guided by stop and go lights. A temporary northbound lane will be built from Route 1 at the traffic light north to the end of the concrete line now under construction. A permanent connection will be made with US 1 just south of the bridge.

Final Rites Held Today For A. McMillan

Funeral services for A. A. McMillan, who died at his home near Manassas, March 26, were held today at the Baker & Son funeral home. The Manassas Masonic Lodge officiated at the rites. Interment was in Dumfries cemetery. Mr. McMillan was the owner of an antique and furniture repair shop in Manassas for many years.

PROMOTED TO CORPORAL WITH THE U. S. SECOND INFANTRY DIVISION IN KOREA

Pfc. Ever S. Cornwell, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bankie Cornwell, Rt. 1, Manassas, Va., was recently promoted to corporal while fighting with the U. S. Second Infantry Division.

Two Wounded In Dance Hall Shooting Here

State police and the Prince William County sheriff's department are busy pressing investigation of the shooting at a colored dance hall near Manassas Monday night, which resulted in the serious wounding of a teen-age couple.

The wounded are Hazel Hall, 16, and Edward Cox, 17, both colored, of Merrifield, in Fairfax County. Both are in an Arlington hospital. The girl had a flesh wound in her left side, and the boy, more seriously hurt, was shot thru the back.

Arriving on the scene soon after the shooting were State Trooper P. P. Herndon, accompanied by Manassas police officer Gerald Peters, Heywood Washington, 22, colored, of Merrifield, in Fairfax County. The dance hall, located 2 miles south of Manassas on highway 702, is operated by Gerald A. Johnson, colored.

The film is available for other interested groups.

Movie Is Shown By Red Cross in County

The movie film, "A Life in Your Hands," portraying the need for blood and how it is collected, is being shown in the county by Carlotta E. Gnaat, county Red Cross chairman.

The movie has been shown to the Haymarket volunteer firemen, the Haymarket P.-T. A. and to the Ruritan Club in Nokesville.

Watts Takes Over Operation Of Airport; Announces Plans

The Manassas Airport is now being operated by Dudley D. Watts of Washington, who has leased the field from the town. The lease, which became effective January 1, 1951, was authorized by the Town Council and will run for a period of one year, with the privilege of renewal on expiration.

Watts told the Journal recently that he proposes to establish a maintenance shop, flying school, and air sight-seeing service here to be known as the Watts' Aviation Service. Originally scheduled to open officially April 1, the lack of facilities and "the very sorry field" have caused postponement, he said.

A Lynchburg native, Watts has followed careers in aviation both in civilian life and in the army, and is widely experienced in flying and airplane maintenance. He told the Journal that although the project is still in its embryonic stage, considerable interest has already

County Budget Up; Tax Boost Seen

High Praise Given Program On Recreation

Members of the Manassas Recreation Association, at their annual meeting on Wednesday night heard Miss Marian Preece, district representative of the National Recreation Association, pay high tribute to the progress made during the past year in planning and executing a comprehensive community recreation program.

She said "It would be a credit to a community many times this size, with responsible paid leadership." The local program has been carried on to a large extent by volunteers. The only paid leadership was provided by two directors in last summer's activities, when instruction and participation in many recreational skills and games was given to hundreds of boys and girls.

Miss Preece also lauded the variety of activities offered, the baseball, softball and croquet teams, the swimming, skating and bowling parties, story hour, book club, teenage dances, the handicraft work shop, the Field Day at Swaley Field and the Hobby Show. Singled out for special commendation were the historical tours, which have been guided by Jack Ratcliffe.

Officers elected at the meeting were: President, Jack Merchant; vice-president, Ralph Hoss, Jr.; secretary, Miss Fern Slusher; treasurer, Ned Bradford. Elected to the Board were Miss Aileen Taylor, Mr. Ian Ross, Mrs. John Galbraith, Abby Connor, Miss Catherine Dennis Baker and Frank Hoss, Jr.

A record high budget and an increase in the tax levy from \$2.25 to \$2.90, revealing special levies for schools and a new jail, are shown in the tentative budget announced by the Board of Supervisors of Prince William county Monday.

Official adoption will depend on the outcome of the public hearing to be held April 30th, when the taxpayers will have an opportunity to express their opinions on the budget presented. The complete budget is carried on page four of this issue of the Journal.

The new budget calls for \$738,592, as compared with \$502,734 for the previous year.

Two special levies cause the tax increase, one of which is 50 cents to provide a capital outlay of \$57,000 for school construction, and the other amounting to 10 cents to provide \$19,500 towards construction of a new jail.

As explained by one member of the Board, the increase in budget now lies with the taxpayers and their expression of whether or not they are willing to pay the special levies totaling 60 cents, which will be required for schools and new jail.

The new tax levy was broken down as follows: \$2.05 for school operating expenses; 20 cents for general county expenses; 60 cents for capital outlays for schools and jail; and 5 cents for debt service. Coles District is exempt from the debt service levy, so its total tax levy will be \$2.75.

The tax levy on merchants' capital was reduced by the supervisors from \$1.25 per \$100 assessed valuation to \$1.00.

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Mrs. Laura Maddox Claimed By Death

Mrs. Laura Virginia Maddox died March 28, following a long illness, at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Byrd, in Manassas. She was in her 95th year. Funeral services are scheduled to be held Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. at the Primitive Baptist Church here. Burial will be in Manassas Cemetery.

Mrs. Maddox was born April 15, 1856, near Dumfries, Va. Orphaned at an early age, she was reared by relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barnes, and was married at their home on April 5, 1877, to George Edward Maddox, who preceded her in death by 25 years. She was the mother of four daughters, Mrs. Margaret Hammond Finch, Mrs. Eva L. Merchant, (deceased), Mrs. Ethel R. Byrd, and Mrs. Nellie R. Bailey. There are 10 surviving of 12 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and seven great, great grandchildren.

Mrs. Maddox made a comfortable and hospitable home for her family and circle of friends, and was faithful member of the Baptist Church for 70 years.

Mrs. Lillie Sutton, 89, Passes Away Here

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Manassas Grace Methodist Church for Mrs. Lillie Howard Sutton, 89, who died Easter Sunday at the home her daughter, Miss Lillie Sutton, in Manassas. The Rev. P. L. Baker officiated, assisted by the Rev. John D. Edens of the Manassas Baptist. Interment was in Manassas Cemetery.

Mrs. Sutton was the wife of the late Henry S. Sutton. She has been an invalid since September 1, 1949, as the result of a broken hip.

Palbearers were Dr. George B. Cocke, Curtis Parrish, Cleveland Fisher, Harry Parrish, all of Manassas, Herman Franklin of Occoquan, and Ernest Will of Arlington.

Too Late to Classify

LCST—Red and white cocker spaniel, male, 4 years old. Name "Monty." Lost in Dumfries. Good reward. Write Pleasant Level, Dumfries, or call Triangle 87-J.

Need cash! Sell unused clothes and furniture with a Journal classified.

HARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (By Staff)—Marine Private First Class E. Ritenour, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Louie E. Ritenour, Sr., 4, Manassas, Va., recently returned training here at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot by receiving a promotion to his present rank. He also won the coveted cross badge of Marine Sharpshooter when he fired 211 of a total 250 points with the Garand rifle.

He completed training in tactics and precision drill, also received classroom instruction in field sanitation, first aid, Corps history and military drill.

This 'n That

Easter Sunday saw churches in Manassas filled to capacity. The sun shined brightly on the leaders who sported their new wigs despite the chill temperatures. Many celebrated Monday as a holiday. There were the usual hunts for the youngsters and numerous homes enjoyed guests from a distance for over the week-

Clean-up, fix-up, paint-up was to be the cry. In business and homes throughout the community, one notes a stir of activity to improve property. Although Clean-up Week won't be fully observed in Prince William County until April 23 through 25, some are jumping the gun. That Manassas Southern has finished remodeling sales and display room. Cooke Pharmacy's renovation is surely nearing completion. John Parrish is laying new floor and enlarging his tonneau parlor. and residents all are busy themselves with lawns and gardens. Catching, isn't it?

Nothing doing! ... sums up the young waitress gave Monday afternoon when she said her: "Any thing happen over weekend?" She replied "you don't see how you ever fill a newspaper, there never seems to be any news around here."

Correction ... Francis S. Van is running for supervisor in Coles District not as a Democrat as an Independent. Looks a free-for-all with four in the

Not for sale! ... space in this column. Still, we're not adverse to a "plus" once in a while to our endeavors. Worthy of mention is the buffalo roast to be held at the Gainesville District on Saturday from 5 p.m. onwards, by the Parent-Teachers. Needs for benefit playground improvement.

Manassanian ... Milton Rolfe-Bristow, made a recent call on Journal editor. He states he'll be 91 on May 13th, has 57 grandchildren, and so many great-grandchildren, he won't venture a guess.

Shipwreck Party ... at Dumfries school tonight, sponsored by Lions Club of Quantico. The Lions offer music by Smiling McCreagor, plus special talent. Ought to be a swell

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