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## This 'n That

related but none the less sincere. Congratulations to the Manassas Legionnaires and the Manassas Hawks for their outstanding performance in the basketball season past. In recognition of their creditable performance, the members of the teams by the Legion will be feted at a buffet dinner at the Hotel Stonewall Jackson on April 14th.

Manassas... and hates... That's what R. C. Jarman had to say when he came by office Monday, prior to leaving Northern New Jersey. Mr. Jarman has been working in Manassas vicinity for the past three years, representing the land development of the Transcontinental Line Corp. Because of the nature of his work, he travels many miles of the country, but he says he's never been better than he has in this section of Virginia.

Nice profit!... Mrs. G. E. ... secretary of the W. S. C. S. ... Church, Woodbridge ... \$80 proceeds from the supper ... sponsored by that organization, and wants to express appreciation to all who helped make affair such a success.

Stewart Eustace of Frost Ford ... handed up an old newspaper which was found in dismantling the wooden buildings on the property. It was a copy of Morning Herald, Baltimore, dated September 28, 1898. Although yellow with age and somewhat torn, parts of some pages are easily readable.

The Journal is indebted to ... Wagener, promotion manager of the Jacksonville, Fla., and former editor of this paper, for his outstanding article on the life of the late Miss ... H. Osbourn, which will be ... in three installments in our ... beginning with the next ... Later Mr. Wagener ... to have the account made up ... booklet so that it will be ... in more permanent ... possibly for distribution to ... high school graduates for ... to come.

Korean Casualties as issued ... to the Department of ... include two young men from ... One is Eric Kenneth ... son of Mrs. Annie L. ... R. I. Lorton, who was wounded ... action. The other is Pfc. ... A. Samsky, husband of Mrs. ... R. I. Samsky, R. I., Manassas, who is injured.

## Rate Set For Slender Suit

The \$10,000 slender suit filed by the Board against Roy W. Doggett, Manassas town councilman, is set for trial by jury in circuit court here April 21. Doggett, a former town employee, is referred to him as a "sleazebag" at two council meetings in January. He resigned his town position in February. Doggett is counsel for the firm of Clarke, Richardson and Moncre, Arlington.

## Cases Scheduled For Circuit Court Docket

The April term of the Circuit Court of Prince William County opened on Monday with Judge ... W. Sinclair presiding. On the docket for the week of April 9th are the following cases: Commonwealth vs. Fitzhugh L. ... Appeal from Trial Justice ... Bank of Occoquan, Inc. vs. J. Smith et al., hearing in ... Commonwealth vs. Harry ... Bruno, set for report of ... officer and sentence; ... Beall vs. Chester J. Toohill, ... notice of motion for judgment of \$13,137.47; Claude T. ... vs. T. M. Milligan, ... set for hearing on motion for summary judgment.

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# Teacher Shortage Looms In County Schools

## Carter Files For Council; Gue, Parrish Undecided

### Centreville Loses Doctor To Navy

Dr. O. D. Yarbrough, a Navy physician, stationed in Washington and making his home in Centreville, has been ordered to report to Hawaii by June 1st. In addition to his duties at the Navy Department in Washington, Dr. Yarbrough has maintained a practice in Centreville at nights and on weekends. Residents of Centreville this week expressed regret at his leaving and will miss his part-time services.

### Finer Pastures In Co. Urged At Dinner Meet

Dr. Grever Brown, chief agronomist, U. S. Department of Agriculture, presided at a "dutch treat" dinner meeting of the Prince William county pasture improvement committee and interested citizens here Monday night. The program devoted to the promotion of better pastures in the county to make possible more cows per acre was widely discussed. Representatives of farm implement and fertilizer firms, banks and other interested groups were called upon to assist in making farmers of the county more conscious of the benefits of improving their pastures. County Agent Frank Cox arranged the meeting which was attended by 40 interested citizens. Two other similar meetings were proposed, one in May and one later in the season, in order to observe the progress of the program. Featured on the program were two young farmers, Bobby Wood, Nokesville, who spoke on "Soil Conservation and Religion" and Junior Cowan, also of Nokesville, whose topic was "Treasures of Soil and How to Conserve Them." Pastures will be judged this fall, with awards made to two farmers from each district in the county showing the greatest pasture improvement. A score card for judging pastures was adopted.

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## 5 Inductees Leave Monday Draft Delinquents Defined

The names of five men have been released by Local Board No. 99, Selective Service, for induction into the armed forces from Prince William county on Monday, April 10th. The draftees are Sinclair Thomas, George Francis Waters Jr., Dumfries, Va.; Johnny Gill Sinclair, Carlton Uphur Theimer, Nokesville, and Stewart Warren Polen, of Manassas. This month's draft quota was halved because of the calling out of the local National Guard unit. Delinquents Defined The Board has issued the following statement concerning Selective Service law delinquents: "A 'delinquent' is a person required to be registered under the selective law who fails or neglects to perform any duty required of him under the provisions of the Selective Service Law." That definition is a direct quote from selective service regulations. Any male person residing within the jurisdiction of local board who is not on active duty with the armed forces but who has reached his eighteenth birthday is a delinquent if he fails to register. Such duty is required of him by the Selective Service Law. Any male person who has reached his nineteenth birthday but who has not attained the age of twenty-six, residing within the jurisdiction of a local board, is a delinquent if he is required to register and has failed to do so, or if he has failed to perform any act or duty lawfully required of him by the local board. Failure of the registrant to perform such act or duty because he did not receive the communication from his local board is no excuse, provided the local board mailed the communication to the last known address of the registrant. The registrant is required to keep his local board informed of his current address at all times. Selective service regulations state as follows: "If a registrant or a person required to present himself for and submit to registration fails to perform any duty prescribed by the Selective Service Law, or directions given pursuant thereto, within the required time, he shall be liable to fine and imprisonment under section 12 of the Selective Service Act of 1948." This section of the law prescribes punishment, "by imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00 or both fine and imprisonment." Unless the registrant immediately presents convincing evidence to his local board which will enable it to relieve him of the charge, the local board is required by law to order the registrant for induction. If he does not report for induction in accordance with his induction order, the local board is again required by law to report the registrant to the United States Attorney.

With the deadline for filing a week away, only two candidates have announced for the three offices to come up for election this year in the Manassas town election June 12.

Most recent to file was Arthur L. Carter, local businessman, who will seek one of the council seats. He filed with the county clerk's office yesterday.

Mayor Harry P. Davis announced his candidacy for re-election on Tuesday of this week. He has served as mayor since 1922 and states he is running at the request of a number of citizens, who feel the town needs an experienced official to carry it through the coming "trying times."

Councilman Ferris Gue, whose term expires, told the Journal today that he was undecided. Some weeks ago Councilman G. Wallace Hook definitely stated he would not seek re-election.

Harry Parrish, local young businessman, states that while he is considering running for Council, he was not ready to make any official announcement and that he would make some definite decision by next week. The deadline for filing is Thursday, April 12th.

Candidate Carter is a well-known and prominent businessman, being part owner and manager of Eubank's Radio. He is also active in residential construction in Manassas. During the past year and a half, he and his associate have built 16 homes here.

He is a native of Manassas and a graduate of Osbourn high school. On leaving school, Mr. Carter was employed in Occoquan and Washington. He returned here about 12 years ago and became manager of Brown & Hoff, Inc., lumber firm. Less than two years ago, he entered his present business. Mr. Carter is 40 years old and married. They have two children, Barbara Sue, 9, and Arthur L., Jr., 2.

FORT MEADE, MD., April 2—Private Henry L. Flory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Flory, Nokesville, has been assigned to the Signal Replacement Training Center, Camp Gordon, Ga., for basic training. He will receive six weeks training in basic military subjects.



A Busy Day—For these members of the Farm Home Advisory committee who registered guests and served refreshments at the "house-warming" held by the Manassas Southern States Cooperative, Tuesday. Over 300 attended the affair. Shown are Mrs. L. B. Thomas, Mrs. W. C. Sadd and Mrs. Wilma Klime. Registering is Mrs. Tom Russell. —Photo by Churchill.

## Capacity Crowd Turns Out To Protest Set-Back Law



STUART T. DEBELL

## DeBell Will Seek Post As Supervisor

Stuart T. DeBell, well-known dairy farmer of Centreville, announced this week his intention of being a candidate for supervisor from his district in Fairfax county, subject to the Democratic Primary in August. He states that he has become a candidate in the race as the result of the urging of many of his friends and neighbors. Mr. DeBell, a native of Centreville, was educated in the public schools of Fairfax County and graduated from Clifton High School prior to his taking secondary at Strayer College from which he graduated with a B.C.S. Degree in 1949. Following his graduation, Mr. DeBell combined dairy farming with the practice as a tax consultant. He was elected Soil Conservation Supervisor for Northern Virginia District in the general election in November, 1949, for a term of 4 years. He was appointed to the Electoral Board of Fairfax county by Judge Paul Brown to fill the unexpired term of B. B. Iden, and served on the Democratic committee of the county for several years. Mr. DeBell married the former Mildred Keller, who taught school in Centreville. They have three sons.

The Court House was packed to capacity Wednesday night when the proposed zoning or set-back ordinance was presented for public hearing by the County Planning Commission.

Supporters of the ordinance were conspicuous by their absence or if present by their silence. Aside from certain members of the commission, who attempted to explain the reasons for the ordinance, only one voice was raised in support, that of Harry O. Swam, of Brentsville District.

The apparently well organized and directed opposition, the major portion of which came from Dumfries and Cotes Districts, was spearheaded by Roy Helms, of Yorkshir. A petition opposing the ordinance and containing around 150 names was presented. Speakers for the opposition included C. W. Alpaugh, G. C. Russell, John Clark, Gainesville; Reverend Shukle, Dumfries; Mr. Cato, Dumfries; Colonel Kerr, Quantico.

The argument was advanced that the ordinance would deny to a property owner the right to use his property in any way he sees fit. Main opposition seemed to be directed against the provision that no addition to or alteration of an existing building within 25 feet of a highway, to cost more than \$500, would be allowed except by the appeal of cases involving undue hardship to a board of zoning appeals. Opponents argue that such a restriction on the use of an existing building would gradually decrease its value.

## Bristow Man Wins Prize At House-Warming

Leroy Fox, of Bristow, was the winner of the grand prize awarded at the "house-warming" held by Manassas Southern States Cooperative at its sales room Tuesday. The prize was 500 lbs. of feed. Other prize winners were H. D. Orbaugh, Nokesville; Eva Flowers, Manassas, R. 3; M. G. Keebler, Dumfries; J. N. Thomas, Manassas; Col. J. G. Cooper, Centreville. The enjoyable affair was attended by over 300 customers and friends. Southern States officials from Baltimore were among those attending. They were H. B. Manuel, district manager; G. R. Hamner, assistant farm supply supervisor, and G. S. Eason, farm supply supervisor. Ladies of the Farm Home Advisory committee registered guests and served refreshments.

Correspondents are requested to send copy in early.

Members of the Planning Commission attempted to point out that if owners of property adjoining primary and secondary roads of the county are permitted to continue to erect buildings within 25 feet of the road, and when such property has to be condemned for widening the road, the inconvenience to the property owner will be greater than if he had not been allowed to build within 25 feet in the first place. Also, that the cost will be greater to all the taxpayers out of whose pockets come the funds with which the Highway Department reimburses the owner of such condemned property.

The Commission also emphasized that if such restriction were in effect, less tax funds would have to be spent to reimburse property owners, and a much greater portion of the road fund would be available for the maintenance and improvement of the roads.

## Seniors Will Present Play

The Senior Class of Osbourn high school will present a humorous play, "The Mummy and the Mumps," at the school auditorium Friday evening, April 27, at 8:15 "o'clock." The production, written by Larry E. Johnson, is a comedy in three acts.

Members of the class, who have been selected for the cast, are: Charles Johnson, Page Woods, William Latham, Bobby Johnson, Jimmy Woody, Fleur Peters, Janet Schaeffer, Helen Ritter, Lauree Hersch and Patsy Barron. Mrs. Roy Helms is directing the play.

## Prince William Farmers Plan 'More Corn Per Acre' Program

More corn per acre is the aim of Prince William county corn committee which will meet Saturday afternoon at the county agent's office here to complete plans for the program. The committee is planning a special newspaper edition later this month in support of the project. Members of the committee sponsoring the 100 Bushel Corn Club are: Manassas District—Kate Roseberry, Harvey A. Young, Elmer P. Hurst. Gainesville District—Edgar B. Hefflin, James Watson, Preston Smith. Occoquan District—Egbert W. Thompson, Jr., G. C. Russell, M. G. Carber. Brentsville District—A. B. Fleming, John W. Eills, Ewing House. Cotes-Dumfries District—J. Alan Staples, L. D. Uterback, J. L. Cato. Mr. Roseberry, Manassas, is committee chairman.

## Board Faces Big Problem In Filling Vacancies Next Year

The matter of finding sufficient number of qualified teachers to staff Prince William county schools next year was the big problem facing the School Board at its regular meeting here yesterday. The county now employs approximately 175 teachers, and needs 8 to 10 additional teachers next year to adequately take care of the anticipated increase in pupil enrollment. Of the present staff, 15 teachers have already indicated that they will not return next year.

## County Needs \$809 To Meet Drive Quota

Prince William county is within 75 percent of its goal in the annual Red Cross drive, according to Mrs. Joseph Mills Hanson, county campaign chairman. In her reports today, Mrs. Hanson showed a total of \$2491.03 contributed as against a quota of \$3300. The report of funds subscribed from each district in the county follows: Manassas, \$1551.20; Brentsville, \$295.70; Gainesville, \$86.18; Dumfries, \$387.65; Occoquan, \$123.30; unallocated \$42. Mrs. Hanson states that the goal should be reached by the middle of April, provided the workers finish their solicitations and report by that time. Many workers have not made their final reports.

Ninety-three of the present teachers, who hold proper certificates and who had made application for return, were elected by the Board for the next year. However, 8 of these have indicated that they have not definitely made up their minds about returning. It was pointed out that in any contest over the limited number of teachers available, Prince William runs a poor second to such localities as Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria, where teacher pay is considerably higher. Indications are that Osbourn high school will be hardest hit by teacher turn-over. At this school almost 50 percent of the teaching staff has indicated that they do not wish to return. According to R. Worth Peters, superintendent of schools, "we are faced with an awful lot of vacancies." It was stated that the employment of teachers who hold local permits or emergency licenses will not be acted upon until June or July.

## \$100 Trust Fund From Estate of Miss Osbourn

At the request of the executors of the estate of the late Miss Eugenia Osbourn, the School Board accepted a trust fund provided in Miss Osbourn's will, for the purpose of providing the memorial to her sister, the late Mrs. Annie Osbourn Metz, the first principal at Osbourn high school. The memorial is an annual award to the Osbourn senior who does the most outstanding work in the English department. The fund is represented by three U. S. Savings Bonds, with a maturity value of \$100, each. The Board requested the executors of the estate to cash the bonds and turn over the proceeds to the School Board for investment, the interest to be used for the annual awards.

## Budget in Detail

In order to promote a clearer understanding by the citizens of the county of the present school needs, the Board authorized the publication in full detail of the proposed school budget for 1951-52. A hearing on the budget will be held at the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 30th.

## Confers With Parents On High School Courses

Miss Carrie Lanford, assistant principal and guidance counselor at Osbourn high school, reports that during the past week several highly satisfactory conferences have been held with the mothers of present 8th grade students, to determine curriculum plans for the students' high school courses. Effort is made in these conferences to adapt the curriculum for each student to his or her own individual needs and aptitudes. Entering high school the student may avail himself of the college preparatory, the commercial, agricultural, vocational or four years science course, the latter course having been initiated last year. Parents who have not yet consulted with Miss Lanford concerning their 8th graders are urged to do so as soon as possible.

## Mrs. Ray Resigns Job With Health Department

Mrs. Gilbert Ray has resigned her position as clerk in the Health Department in Manassas. Dr. W. R. Johnson, health director, states that application forms for the position may be obtained at the Health Department office or at the Post Office. Closing date for receiving applications is April 30th.