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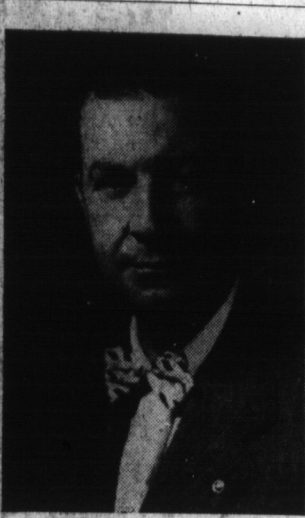
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School Superintendent Peters Will Be Honored At Banquet



R. WORTH PETERS

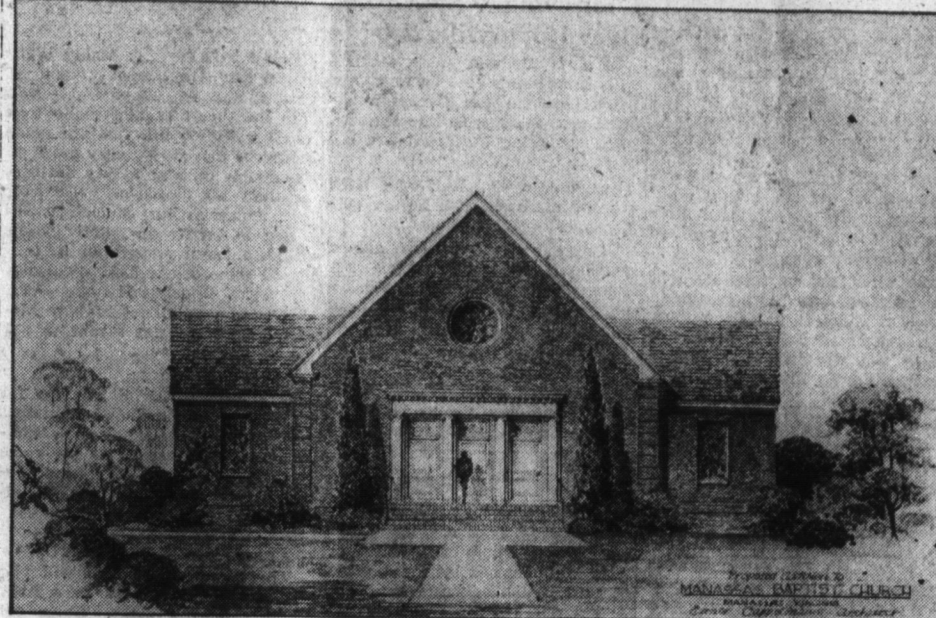
R. Worth Peters, who has resigned as county superintendent of schools, will be signally honored at a banquet to be held at Dumfries High School.

The affair, sponsored by the Prince William County Teachers Association, will be largely attended as a tribute and farewell to Mr. Peters, who has been associated with the county schools as principal or superintendent for the past 20 years.

Mr. Peters asked release from his contract with the Prince William County School Board a few weeks ago, which was granted. The release takes effect as of June 30th.

Edward M. North will toastmaster for the banquet. The principal speaker will be Dr. William R. Smith. Among other features of the program will be a "Tribute from the Teachers," by Norma Decker; presentation of corsage, Roberta Payne, and presentation of gift, Grace E. Metz.

Manassas Baptist Church To Be Remodeled



ARCHITECT'S SKETCH of the Manassas Baptist Church as it will look when remodeling has been completed. The membership has approved the above plan and work will start on the renovation about the middle of July at a cost of about \$10,000.

Gnadt Will Seek Re-election As Commissioner of Revenue

Get Your Sticker, Says Trooper Herndon

Time is getting short and State Trooper Phil Herndon urges motorists in this section, who have not yet secured their state auto inspection certificate to do so at once. The deadline is Tuesday, June 15th. No time extension will be granted, says Trooper Herndon.

Charleton E. Gnadt, commissioner of revenue of Prince William County, announced this week that he had filed as a candidate to succeed himself, subject to the Democratic Primary, August 7th.

Mr. Gnadt has served the county as commissioner of revenue since August, 1949, when he was appointed to the office by Circuit Judge



CHARLETON E. GNADT

Paul Brown to serve the unexpired term of the late Robert M. Weir.

Under his direction, the office has been efficiently administered. An up-to-date filing system has been instituted, and a large number of taxpayers, who had not previously filed, have been added to the tax rolls.

Mr. Gnadt is as yet unopposed for the nomination, and it is generally felt that his outstanding record for the short time he has been in office, makes him the logical choice for position which he seeks for a full term.

A native of Laurel, Miss., Mr. Gnadt moved to Quantico some years ago with his parents, his father coming to this section of Virginia on construction work.

Although only 34 years old, he has taken an active part in community and county affairs. He is county chairman of the American Red Cross, and chairman of the U. S. War Savings Bond committee. He is a steward of the Methodist Church of Dumfries. He served as past grand of the Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Prince William Chamber of Commerce, the Masonic Order and the Quantico Lions Club.

Rev. Ritter New Lutheran Pastor Here

Rev. Guy Ritter, recent graduate of Mt. Airy Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., has accepted a call as pastor of the Manassas Lutheran Church, and will assume his new duties here on June 1st.

The church has been without a regular pastor since the resignation of Rev. Earl Schlotzauer, who left here July 1, 1950.

Mr. Ritter is a bachelor. He will take up his residence at the parsonage this week.

On his first visit here last week, Mr. Ritter was guest for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cooksey, Grant Avenue.

The church, which has about 100 members, and the community join in extending a warm welcome to Mr. Ritter on assuming his new and first pastorate.

Dennis Colbert Is Appointed To Police Job

Dennis L. Colbert has been named as member of the Manassas police force, it was announced yesterday by Hulton Tiffany, acting town manager.

Colbert, well-known resident of Manassas, fills the vacancy on the force, caused by the resignation of Officer Gerald Peters. Now employed by Hurst Dairy, Colbert will assume his new duties on June 15th at a salary of \$200 per month.

The new officer is no relation to Officer James Colbert, now serving on the force.

Letter To Editor

Many Improvements, Low Tax Since Quantico Incorporated

EDITOR JOURNAL:

When the Town of Quantico was incorporated our present mayor and some of the present councilmen were elected and have served the Town in some capacity ever since, several years without pay for their services.

At the time of incorporation Potomac Avenue was the only hard-surfaced street in the Town. It had been paved by the U. S. Marine Corps and was only thirty-eight feet wide. The only residences and business places that had electric lights purchased the power from a local citizen who owned some small generating plants. There were NO street lights, NO curbs or gutters except on Potomac Avenue.

There being no money in the treasury the Council and Mayor borrowed one hundred dollars to begin their administration and have never been in debt since. They have had Potomac Avenue and Broadway widened, Broadway, Third and Fourth avenues and "C" street hard surfaced, curbed and guttered, also curbed and guttered Fifth Avenue. Potomac Avenue, east of Broadway, was widened and improved thereby affording the citizens of that locality better parking space. Sidewalks have been put in on practically all the streets. The Town has negotiated franchises with the electric, the gas and telephone companies for their services. The street lighting system has been increased and extended several times since they were originally installed. This furnishes the citizens of the Town with as good street lighting as any small town that we know of, if not better. A town building was erected which affords the Town a meeting place for the council, a voting place for elections and a jail. Recently a free parking lot was developed to help relieve

the congestion on the streets. While making these improvements the Council lowered the tax levy from 75 cents to 40 cents. The merchant's license fees have been kept low considering that the street and sidewalks in the business section are swept nearly every day, which believe is a service that few small towns offer.

About a year ago the Town negotiated an agreement with the State Highway Department to have them take over the maintenance and repairs of the streets. The Highway Department has been short of funds and long of work the past year on account of a hard winter which caused excessive damage to their roadways. They have been requested to make their next objective in the Town, the improvement on the north end of "C" street.

Relieved of the cost of maintenance of the streets the Council is now planning to improve most of the alleys in the Town this year. In this they will be governed by the advice of the contractors. The Town will make temporary repairs to the streets as it becomes necessary and when the Highway Department cannot get to promptly. As a further improvement the Council is now putting in extra water mains to provide better fire protection to all of Quantico and planning an up-to-date fire alarm system.

This is the record of the Council. They have given the Town a good, honest, fair, economical administration. I believe that Quantico, today, June 3, 1951, is subject to daily market changes. NO SALES TO DEALERS. We reserve the right to issue quantities.

Council 'Mum' on Some Issues, Act on Others As Election Nears

Owens Appointed To Va. Bar Council

Stanley A. Owens, of Manassas, Commonwealth's attorney of Prince William county, has been honored in his election Monday as a representative from the 16th Judicial Circuit on the Virginia Bar Council. Owens will succeed J. Randall Coston, Alexandria attorney, whose term expires June 30.

ADULT DRIVERS COURSE

An adult drivers training class will be held in Manassas, July 1 through August 15, sponsored jointly by the County School Board, Wheat Chevrolet and American Automobile Association. All interested in taking the course are requested to contact J. J. Leo.

"It's Easy To Criticize Schools" Principal Kelso Tells PTA

Daniel M. Kelso, Osbourn High School principal and chairman for the ensuing year of the Manassas PTA program committee, in previewing program plans at the meeting on May 24, indicated that parents and teachers of the Manassas schools will be urged to participate in a program of discussion of problems of the modern day schools, which should produce better understanding all the way around.

Mr. Kelso said that the ideas of the responsibility of the modern school are "as many as anybody could sit down and think up," and that there are at least five different agencies which point their fingers at the schools and make certain demands.

Colleges demand the teaching of specific subjects in preparation for college work, and Mr. Kelso pointed out that from the entire student body at Osbourn there are only three students who desire to be taught physics next year, the teaching of which will require at least one-third of one teacher's day.

This subject will be necessary for entrance to colleges of their choice. The employer demands that the schools develop broad abilities which can be quickly converted into skills necessary to the job at hand. Parents demand that the schools train the child so that he will "do well scholastically," will develop into a well-rounded person, and will understand major factors requisite to the successful individual according to the definition of success which the parents themselves have formulated, sometimes forgetting that each child is an individual himself.

According to Mr. Kelso, the community demands that all youth be educated to fit neatly into the present patterns of living, pointing to preparation for adulthood and to preservation of those values that the schools hold high the ideal of social citizenship as a chief objective.

"Most criticism of the present day school is made with sincerity. Continued on Page 2

Free X-Ray Clinic To Be Held In County

A county-wide free tuberculosis x-ray clinic is planned for Prince William County next month to be conducted jointly by the County Health Department and County Tuberculosis Association, it was announced this week by George Crumm, of Hoadley, chairman of the T-B Association.

It will be a mass survey of every citizen over the age of 15 years, stated Mrs. Katherine Spencer, representative of the association. "It's purpose," she said, "is to find out if people are healthy."

A truck from the State Health Department will be used for the purpose. The clinic is scheduled from 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. in the county as follows:

- June 5—Quantico, 301 1/2 Potomac Ave.
- June 6—Triangle, Mountjoy Store.
- June 7—Dumfries, Randolph Brainer Store.
- June 8—Woodbridge, Woodbridge Garage.
- June 11—Ocoquan, Lynn Store.
- June 12-13—Manassas, Hotel Stonewall Jackson.

All the above clinics will be held on daylight saving time.

June 14—Nokesville, McMichael's Service Station.

June 15—Haymarket, Town Hall. (Standard time.)

Mrs. Spencer stated that it is the aim of the Christmas seals that help make these free clinics possible.

A meeting of all persons interested in tuberculosis work will be held tonight at 8 p. m. at Osbourn High School, when plans will be set up to arouse public interest in the x-ray clinic.

Need cash? Sell unused clothes and furniture with a Journal!

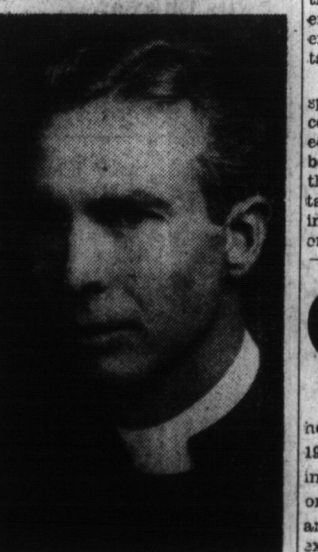
Bishop Gibson Will Confirm Class At Trinity Church Sunday

Rev. Robert Fisher Gibson, Jr., D. D., suffragan bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, will make his annual visitation to Trinity Episcopal Church, Sunday.

Bishop Gibson will confirm a class of candidates and deliver the sermon at the 11 o'clock service.

Dr. Gibson was born at Williamsport, Pa., November 22, 1906, the son of the Rev. Dr. Robert F. Gibson and Harriet (McKenny) Gibson. His father is rector emeritus of Christ Church, Charlottesville, and a former ex-acting chaplain of the Diocese.

He was educated at Porter Military Academy, Charleston, S. C., Trinity College, in Connecticut, B.A. 1928, University of Virginia, M.A. in History, 1932, the Theological Seminary in Virginia, Alexandria, B.D., 1940 and D.D., 1948.



RT. REV. ROBERT F. GIBSON

at Virginia Seminary. He was appointed Missionary to Mexico in 1948, and made a trip there to study local conditions, especially with reference to aiding in the establishing of a theological seminary.

Since 1946, he served as Dean of the School of Theology at Sewanee.

Commencement Next Week

Commencement exercises will be held next week for the Class of 1951, Osbourn High School, opening with the baccalaureate service on Wednesday night, June 6th and followed by the graduation exercises on Friday night, June 8th. The class has fifty-five candidates for graduation.

Baccalaureate

The program for the baccalaureate, which will be held at Grace Methodist Church, June 6, beginning at 7:30 p. m. EST, follows: Prelude; senior class processional; processional hymn, "God of Grace"; pastoral prayer and choral re-

sponse; scripture lesson; anthem, "Fear Not Ye, O Israel," choir; hymn, "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide"; sermon, Rev. Frank L. Baker, pastor of Grace Church; hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal"; benediction, Rev. George E. Stokes, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Haymarket; response, choir senior class recessional, with congregation standing.

Graduation Exercises

The program for the graduation exercises to be held at the high school auditorium June 8, beginning at 8:15 p. m. EST, follows: Processional, alma mater; invoca-

tion, Rev. Conrad L. Snavely, pastor of Manassas Church of the Brethren; "Angus Dei," Osbourn High School band, W. Hermann Lee, director; tribute to Miss Eugenia H. Osbourn, Dr. Cloyd H. Marvin, president of George Washington University; "Festival Overture," Osbourn High School band; address to the graduates, Major Richard M. Graham, chaplain, U. S. Air Forces; "Trene, Overture," band; awarding of prizes, Principal Daniel M. Kelso; awarding of diplomas, Supt. of Schools R. Worth Peters; benediction, Rev. J. Murray Taylor; recessional.

ACCEPTED STREETS

At the request of Carl Kincheol, and upon motion of Councilman Gue, Council accepted, subject to the approval of the streets committee and the town manager, that por-

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Flounders Is New Manager A&P Store

Thomas Flounders has been named manager of the local A&P store, succeeding Weldon Albrite, who left last week with the local National unit for active duty.

Flounders has been connected with the company for the past six years and comes to Manassas from Quantico.

He is married, and will soon be joined by his family here. They have three children, John C., 21, U. S. Air Corps, Thomas III, 18, and Jane Athia, 13. They will reside in the subdivision where they have leased a home.

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