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BOARD ELECTS GARBER TO FILL COUNTY SCHOOL POST

This 'n That

Hardly a week passes that we don't have the pleasure of meeting someone or hear of someone who was editor of The Journal and served this paper in some capacity or other. Leading us to believe that ex-Journal editors are a "dime a dozen." All, believe or not, still have some attachment for the Journal, and it might not be a bad idea if they had a reunion. This week we were happy to meet Clarence Wagener, up from Florida, where he is promotion manager for the Jacksonville Journal; also Marshall Johnson, now with the Associated Press in Richmond.

Great Moment . . . for the fine 184 young men and women who are graduating from high school in Prince William county this week. It's off to work and the art of earning a living for some, while others will enter other institutions of learning. Whatever vocation they pursue, wherever they go, our best wishes for success follow each and every one of them.

Mighty quiet . . . with Town election only four days away. Local newspapers seem to be making more noise than the candidates.

Sheriff John Kerlin is back in the harness again after a seige in the hospital where he underwent a serious operation. Still a little pale and showing the loss of considerable poundage, as a result of his illness, the sheriff is rarin' to go. "Sure, I'm a candidate for reelection," he said.

Dr. J. E. Marsteller is definitely a candidate for the School Board. He told your scribe this week that he considers himself a good friend of both factions on the Board, and if elected, would do his best to bring them together for greater harmony.

VOTING HOURS . . . in Tuesday's election to be held at the Town Hall are from 6:30 a. m. to 7:30, p. m. (standard time). Between 800 and 900 are qualified to vote in this election.

Quantico town election next Tuesday promises a hotly contested affair. There are five Council seats at stake and eight candidates, plus a two-way race for Mayor.

Death Claims Mrs. Haydon

Mrs. Edith H. Haydon, 84, widow of William H. Haydon, died Monday morning after a brief illness at the home of her daughter, Miss Edith Haydon, in Washington.

Born in Lincolnshire, England, on August 4, 1856, Mrs. Haydon came to this country as a young girl and lived for several years near Charlottesville and Warrenton.

A few years after her marriage to the late Mr. Haydon, she and her husband moved to a farm in Prince William County about five miles south of Manassas. They made their home there for nearly 50 years until Mr. Haydon's death in May, 1941.

Mrs. Haydon was a member of the Episcopal Church and of the Bethlehem Good Housekeepers Club.

Survivors include three daughters, Miss Edith M. Haydon, of Washington, and Mrs. Wheatley M. Johnson and Mrs. Nina Wade-Dalton, of Manassas; six sons, William H. Haydon, of Baltimore, Frank E. Haydon, of Arlington, Richard O. Haydon, of Richmond, Col. P. S. Haydon, USA (ret.), of Vint Hill, J. W. Marshall Haydon and Victor H. Haydon, of Manassas; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Curwen, of Berwyn, Pa.; a brother, Harry Hayes, of Winchester; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A prayer service was held yesterday at the home of Mrs. Wade-Dalton, followed by funeral services at Trinity Episcopal Church, conducted by the rector, the Rev. E. Thirie Brown. Burial was in Manassas Cemetery with Mrs. Haydon's sons serving as pallbearers.

PIANO RECITAL

The public is cordially invited to attend the piano recital of pupils of Mrs. Dennis Baker June 12th, 8 p. m. (DST) at Osbourn High School.

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Hearing On School Board Appointment

Local interest is at high pitch over the public hearing to be held by the County School Trustee Electoral Board on Friday, 3 p. m. (DST) at the Court House. It is rumored that at least three names will be presented for consideration by the Electoral Board for appointment to the County School Board from the Manassas Magisterial District, for the four-year term.

Among the names being mentioned this week by various individuals and groups are those of Dr. E. H. Marsteller, Wheatley M. Johnson, and P. A. Lewis, present Chairman of the School Board, whose term expires July 1st.

Independent Hill Firemen Elect Officers

Officers for the coming year were elected at a meeting of the Independent Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Monday night.

James M. Russell, Jr. was elected president; Odie Warren, vice president; W. C. Reid, fire chief; John Oleyar, assistant chief; Paul Durniak, captain; Thomas Holmes, first lieutenant; Clinton Shetley, 2nd lieutenant; Francis S. Van Doren, Sr., secretary; Paul B. Cornwell, treasurer.

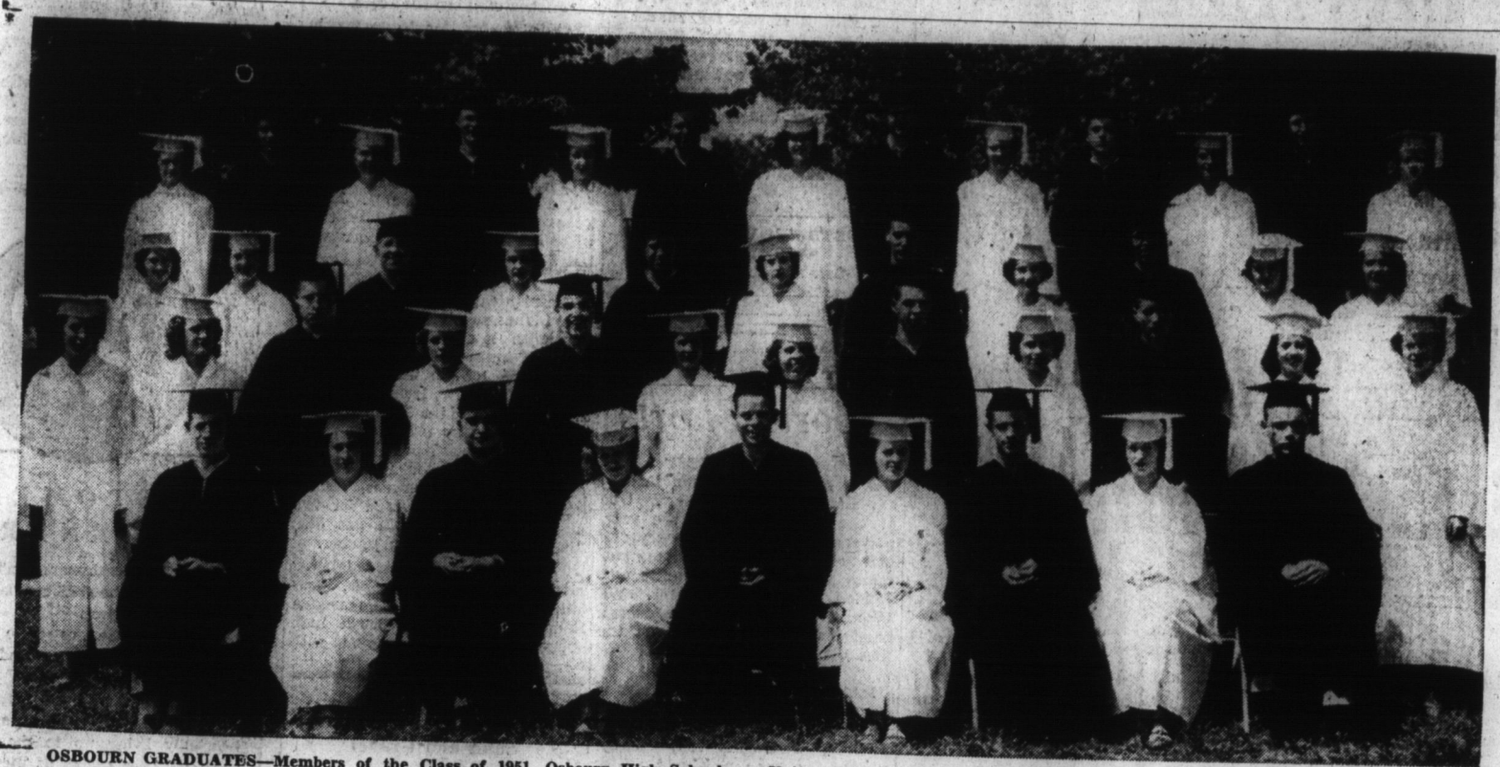
Fire Chief Reid made the following appointments: Frank Samsky, engineer; Allen Beaver, assistant engineer; L. V. Sutton, electrician; Louis Zackie, Sr., assistant electrician.

The regular meeting date was changed from the first Monday to the first Tuesday in the month.

County Men Get Legion District Posts

Philip R. Embree, of Quantico, was elected first vice commander of American Legion's 8th district at a meeting held Sunday at Arlington.

Mark A. Thomas, past commander of Post 114, Manassas, was elected as third vice commander of the district.



OSBOURN GRADUATES—Members of the Class of 1951, Osbourn High School, will receive their diplomas at exercises to be held at the school auditorium tomorrow night. Eight members of class, called to active duty with the Local National Guard Unit, were not present when this picture was taken. They were granted leave, however, to participate in the commencement exercises this week. An impressive baccalaureate service was held at Grace Methodist Church last night.

Garber Will Oppose Hall For Supervisor

Manley Garber, wellknown young Woodbridge farmer, announced today that he would run for supervisor from Occoquan District, subject to the Democratic primary, August 12.

This makes a two-cornered race in the district now represented by Supervisor R. S. Hall, who is seeking reelection for the third term.

Garber has lived at Woodbridge practically all his life. He is a director of the Prince William Electric Cooperative and chairman of the board of trustees of the Washington City Brethren Church. He is 26 years old.

Izaak Walton Banquet At Forest Park

The annual banquet of the Prince William Chapter of the Izaak Walton League will be held at Camp Three in Prince William Forest Park, Saturday, at 7 p. m. (Daylight).

The public is invited; and, as in former years, all are invited to come early in the afternoon and fish in the streams, walk along the attractive forest paths, and enjoy the park generally.

A group of Nokesville ladies will be on hand to prepare the supper in the Camp 3 Lodge, and that always means a satisfying meal may be expected.

The associate director of the National Park Service, Conrad L. Wirth, will be the speaker for the evening, and a color motion picture on a wildlife subject will be shown.

A Magician In The House?

Where to put 70 boys and girls in quarters already filled to capacity, and in many instances beyond capacity, will be just one of the problems confronting school officials next fall. Osbourn High School population will decrease by 55, the number now graduating, but will increase by approximately 125 boys and girls expected to enroll in the incoming 8th grade from the Haymarket and Bennett Elementary Schools. Occoquan High School will face much the same situation with its incoming 8th grade from Occoquan and Dumfries. Nokesville High School will receive into its 8th grade approximately twice as many as are graduating.

Quantico Post To Send 2 Boys To Boys' State

L. R. Peters, commander of Quantico Post, 28, American Legion, announced today that the Post had chosen two young men to attend this year's Legion-sponsored Old Dominion Boys' State at V. P. I. Blacksburg, July 15-21.

Elected for this honor by Post 28 are Murray E. Sanford, a junior at Quantico Post high school, and James M. Barbee, Jr., of Occoquan high school.

Young Sanford is son of Murray Sanford, Sr., a retired Master Marine Sergeant, residing in Quantico. Young Barbee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Barbee, Sr., of Occoquan.

Conducted annually since 1939 by the Virginia Department of the American Legion, the Boys' State sessions give boys from all parts of the state an opportunity to gather at V. P. I. for a week to see in action the principles of Democracy.

Here to attend the graduation of Miss Joyce Bolton from Osbourn High School are Mrs. Richmond H. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bolton, Jr., of Fincastle, and Miss Jean Aurich Bolton, of Roanoke College, Salem. They are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bolton.

Herndon Doctor Opens Office at Centreville

Dr. A. E. Salazar, of Herndon, has opened an office at Centreville, which will be located in the same office, formerly occupied by Dr. O. D. Yarbrough, who has been called into the armed service.

Office hours will be the same as maintained by Dr. Yarbrough, excepting Mondays and Thursdays.

Correspondents are requested to send copy in early.

Successor To Peters Named At Meeting

Jacob Garber, assistant supervisor at the Woodrow Wilson School, Fishersville, was offered the post of superintendent of schools by the Prince William County school board as a result of action taken by the Board in meeting here yesterday.

Mr. Garber was immediately notified of his appointment by telephone, and requested that the School Board give him until Tuesday, June 12th, before giving notification of his official acceptance of the post. He stated he wanted to come to Manassas again and look around for a place to live, pending final decision.

Mr. Garber is now employed as assistant supervisor of the State Department of Education, which operates the Woodrow Wilson school at Fishersville, a school for rehabilitation.

Mr. Garber is 49 years old. He has held principalship in schools in Augusta, Shenandoah and Charlotte counties.

He was one of five candidates considered eligible by the State Department and interviewed by the local School Board.

His appointment calls for assuming his new duties August 1st, at a salary of $6,470, plus $1200 travel allowance.

The present superintendent of schools, H. Worth Peters, who asked for his release from his contract about a month ago, will terminate his duties with the school system on June 30th.

NO CLINICS NEXT WEEK

There will be no clinics at the County Health Department for the week, beginning June 11th. However, the office will be open for other routine work.

Letter To Editor

Col. Kerr Questions "Quantico Getting Most For 40c Tax"

Editor Journal:

The letter signed "Quantico Citizens," which appeared in your last issue of the "Journal", may have bemused some of your readers in the upper end of the county (we know better down this way) and I feel that a reply is in order.

As "Quantico Citizens" stresses the LOW TAX rate in Quantico of .40 cents I think it best to tackle that first. Compared to the tax rate of $1.50 which the citizens of Manassas are assessed, one would be led off hand to believe that Quantico tax payers are indeed lucky in having had such a low levy and should be eternally grateful to the wise and economical administration which they have.

But before you all in Manassas take off on Mayor Davis and consider him a wastrel you should consider a few things. Quantico maintains no Fire Department as the Marine Base has an outstanding one and gratuitously protects the town. Your Manassas town budget shows that you expect to spend $1350 for your Fire Department next year. Quantico has no sewerage disposal plant to upkeep, the Marine Base provides that, and without cost. Next year Manassas expects to spend $4,930.00 on sewerage disposal. The Marine Corps Base takes care of that—but you citizens of Manassas will spend $14,617.00 next year on your water works. Trash and garbage collection? That will cost Manassas tax payers $4,600.00 next year. Quantico has no municipal trash and garbage collection, but the citizens pay a minimum of $18.00 a year to their trash man out of their pockets. But of course that is not taxes!

One can only hazard a guess as to the greater amount of paved streets and sidewalks Manassas has to maintain over that maintained by Quantico. But I daresay you have at least 8 times as much to keep up as Quantico. In any event Manassas has the same arrangement with the State Highway Department as has Quantico and your town will spend $15,738.00 next year on its streets and sidewalks. Again, Manassas will spend $10,300 for police protection; Quantico with almost the same population will spend $200 a month. Thanks again to the Marine Corps Base and its helping Military Police. But why go on? It is quite obvious from the above that you in Manassas are getting an awful lot for your $1.50 tax rate. I'm not so sure that the citizens of Quantico are getting the most out of their .40 cents rate. Lots of us down here think it could be lower.

"Quantico Citizens" state the town citizens are getting "good and economical administration". How would the citizens of Quantico know? In the 25 years since the town has been incorporated there has never been, to my knowledge or to any citizen I have talked to, a public posting of a town financial statement or a town budget. I do not say there have been no financial statements made out, I dare say there have been; but they are not made public. I believe that "Quantico Citizens" are correct in saying the town is free of debt—it

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Editor's Note: Hereafter, it will be the policy of The Journal to publish all "Letters to the Editor" on its editorial page. Exception is made in this case, only because the letter to which the above communication refers, was carried on the front page, and The Journal wishes to be impartial to both sides.

Cowne Herd Completes Production Record

The herd of George K. Cowne, Nokesville, has completed a twelve months record with an average production of 9,449 pounds milk and 378.3 pounds butterfat per cow. Mr. Cowne is a member of the Prince William County No. 2 Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

VFW Carnival Proved An Outstanding Success

The carnival sponsored by the Francis Cannon Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, held last week in Northeast Manassas, proved a big success and netted the Post a substantial sum toward paying off the indebtedness on the Post home.

John O. Gregory, general chairman of the event, expressed his appreciation to the general public, members of the Post and others who lent their assistance in making the carnival such a grand success.

Candidates in Council Race

HARRY PARRISH

Manassas voters go to the polls Tuesday to elect two councilmen and a mayor to serve for four-year terms. Pictured above are three of the four candidates seeking seats on the Council . . . Edgar Rohr, Arthur Carter and Harry Parrish. Missing is Ferris Gue, incumbent, who is seeking re-election, and has neglected to send his picture to The Journal so that it could be published with the other candidates.

ARTHUR CARTER

Mayor Harry Davis is unopposed in his bid for another term, so interest centers in the Council race with four candidates battling for the two seats to be filled.

Gue, who was appointed to the Council last August to fill the unexpired term of James Rice, resigned, is engaged in the plumbing business here.

Rohr, Parrish and Carter, new entries in the race, are all engaged in local business enterprises.

EDGAR ROHR

Dr. Wallace Hook, whose term expires, is not seeking re-election. Other members of the Council are Mrs. Frances Saunders and Roy Doggett, whose terms have two more years to run.

There are two factions on the Council, one led by Doggett, who is active in his support of Gue and Carter, while Saunders-Hook are backing Rohr and Parrish.

On the outcome of the election will depend future Council control.

Roy Helms Announces As Candidate For Supervisor

A two-way race for supervisor in the Manassas district is assured with the announcement made this week by Roy Helms, of Yorkshire, that he would definitely be a candidate for the office. He will be opposed by J. Carl Kincheloe, the present incumbent, who is seeking reelection.

It has been rumored that Mr. Helms might be a candidate but he had not made public announcement until this time.

Although this is the first time that he has run for public office, Mr. Helms is wellknown in Manassas and throughout the county. He recently organized and directed the vigorous opposition to the proposed county zoning ordinance which led to the abolishment of the County Planning Commission by the Board of Supervisors.

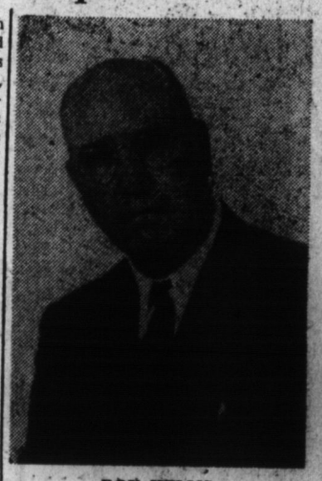
In the fall of 1949, he led opposition to legislation proposed by the State Health Department, in cooperation with county health authorities. The proposal was voted down by the Supervisors.

Mr. Helms was sanitation officer for the county for six years. The people of the Triangle-Dumfries area remember his efforts there on behalf of the public water project, in spite of the lack of cooperation from the State Health Department.

At the present time Mr. Helms is conducting a fire, automobile and hospitalization insurance agency with headquarters in Yorkshire and Centreville. He has had fifteen years experience as high school principal. Mrs. Helms is a teacher at Osbourn High School.

Mr. Helms is a graduate of Elon College, in North Carolina. He also holds a master's degree from the University of Virginia and a master's degree from Columbia University of New York City.

Some time ago an article was carried in one of the local papers on Mr. Helms as "The Farmer of the Week", a feature article written by Mr. Hall, the assistant county agriculture agent of Prince William County. Mr. Helms conducts a model three-acre farm, which is also used for demonstration purposes by the students of Osbourn High School. This farm carries on large poultry and turkey projects.



ROY HELMS

About 550 Beltsville white turkey poults will soon be started on the farm.

Mr. Helms is a member of the Manassas Baptist Church, and is teacher of the men's Bible class. This class has an enrollment of about 40 men who take an active part in the activities of the church.

Mr. Helms was instrumental in the organization of the Yorkshire Civic Group in 1947, serving as its first president, and holding various offices and taking an active part ever since its founding. The Yorkshire Civic Group is one of the most active community groups in Prince William County.

In mentioning some of the principles for which he would stand, Mr. Helms says that he sees need for economy in the government of the county and a righteous indignation against the moral proclivities of the times.

At the outset he pledges himself to make every effort during his term in office to keep the pay for the members of the Board of Supervisors at its present level instead of having it raised to $1,800 which has been made permissible through special legislation recently passed. And he says that the Prince William County tax rate is too great a burden for the people to bear.