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Legion Exposition All Next Week

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This 'n That

● **Quite a surprise** to most Grant avenue residents was the sudden appearance of the State Highway Department this week with equipment and materials to resurface that thoroughfare. Work got under way immediately and it is expected the job will be completed in a few days.

● **Imagine Wallace Hook's** surprise when he went out to get his automobile early this morning. One side of it was propped up on cinder blocks, two wheels and tires missing. It was his day off and he had planned to take his youngsters to the Washington zoo. Fortunately, replacements were secured without too much delay, and the kids weren't disappointed.

● **A big welcome** to Jack Terry, of Chatham, Va., who has purchased the Prince William Pharmacy and will take over July 1st. Got quite well acquainted with Jack, when we ran the Chatham newspaper. He's a hustler and a mighty swell guy.

● **Howard Churchill** tried to get an ad in this issue about his booth at the Legion Exposition. But we had to say "sorry, no room." Howard plans to show free movies, including a newsreel of Manassas folk. Our rate for this column comes high, Howard! . . .

● **Singing Phil** is still singing. Though it might be changed to "Sad Sack."

● **Walter Potter** is bragging about his new neon sign that hangs in front of his insurance office. Must agree that it does add a touch of brightness to that end of the town.

● **Ned Bradford** is back from Wisconsin. Wonder if he thought to bring us a sample of that wonderful Wisconsin cheese. No limburger, please!

● **Wayne Fields**, one of the Journal's most valued employees, takes off this week to visit his folks in Oklahoma. Incidentally, this is a delayed honeymoon for Wayne and his bride, who were married a couple of months ago.

Esso News Carries Story On Battlefield

In a neck of northeast Virginia, just below the national capital, is preserved a portion of the battlefield of Bull Run or First Manassas, the first major engagement of the War Between the States, says the July issue of Esso Road News, monthly travel paper. This issue is dedicated to America's heritage. Articles and pictures invite readers to visit places which reflect the nation's history and distinctive scene. Now being distributed by Esso Dealers the publication also includes a calendar of events and a detour map showing construction on main highways.

Esso Road News goes on to say: A program commemorating the ninetieth anniversary of the First Battle of Manassas will be held July 21.

It was atop Henry House Hill that the Confederate retreat was stemmed by General Bee's cry, "There stands Jackson like a stone wall! Rally behind the Virginians!" A handsome equestrian statue of the general astride "Little Sorrel" faces west toward the fields whence came the Federal attack.

On this grassy plateau, now rimmed by forest and farms, markers indicate the swaying tide of conflict. And green-numbered arrows enable you to take a self-guided tour of the battlefield, from the preliminary skirmishes leading up to First Manassas until the broken brigade rallied on Jackson's right.

At the foot of Henry House Hill, on the Lee Highway (U.S. 29-211) stands the Old Stone House which served as hospital for both the Blue and the Gray. A short distance to the east remains the old Stone Bridge across Bull Run. On it the Confederate left rested on the early morning of July 21, 1861; over it Pope's army retreated to the east on August 30, 1862, following Second Manassas.

A large-scale, topographic map near the parking space gives you an over-all picture of the terrain. In the handsome museum, a guide lectures on the course of the fighting as he manipulates colored lights on a big electric map. A diorama shows the battle scene in miniature. The museum contains a host of interesting mementos of the battles such as guns, sabers and rifles typical of the period. Here, too, are the fan, Bible and pocketbook of Judith Carter Henry, first woman casualty of the War Between the States.

Manassas Battlefield Park lies along U.S. 211, about 25 miles southwest of Washington, and is open daily free of charge. Museum hours are from 8:30 to 5 daily.

Manassas Boy Is Awarded Posthumous Silver Star Award

(Special to The Journal)

With the 25th Infantry Division U. S. Army — The posthumous award of the Silver Star for gallantry in action to Pfc. Marshall E. Fletcher, Route 4, Manassas, was announced May 30 by Brig. Gen. J. Sladen Bradley, 25th Division Commander.

Fletcher received the award for outstanding service against the enemy near Soam-ni, Korea while serving with Company E, 27th Infantry Regiment, on February 7, 1951. Fletcher distinguished himself when his unit encountered heavy resistance from a strong enemy force entrenched on commanding ground.

Although subject to devastating automatic weapons fire, he led his comrades up the fire-swept slope and so inspired them by his inexorable resolve that they stormed over the crest and routed the enemy with fixed bayonets.

Pursuing the enemy down the reverse slope, he moved from foxhole to foxhole to assure himself that the objective was cleared.

While engaged in this mission, he was mortally wounded.

"Private First Class Fletcher's valorous initiative, aggressive spirit and unremitting devotion to duty," the citation read, "enhance the historic traditions of the American soldier."

Private Fletcher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robey Fletcher, Independent Hill, near Manassas. He attended the Manassas State Vocational School and joined the army March, 1950, just two days following his 16th birthday.

Roland Seely Hurt in Fall On Crow Bar

Roland Seely, 43, was seriously injured about noon Tuesday when he fell on a crowbar while engaged in well-drilling at Bradley Forest.

The bar pierced his abdomen to the depth of about six inches, fortunately missing the vital organs.

Mr. Seely was attended by Dr. John P. Ringler and rushed to Arlington Hospital. Dr. Ringler reports that he is in no serious danger.

The injured man is the son of C. H. Seely, of Manassas, well-known well driller in this section.

The accident occurred when supports on the drilling derrick gave away, causing Mr. Seely to be thrown into the air and falling on the crowbar which had been left standing on the ground.

Ray Gibson Will Instruct In Tennis

Raymond Gibson will instruct beginners in tennis, and coach intermediate and advanced players, as part of the Manassas summer recreation program. Courts are available but players must furnish own rackets.

All those interested may contact Mr. Gibson at Gibson Supply Co., or Mr. Rolley, recreation director, phone 377 (day), 316-J (night). Schedules will be arranged to suit the mutual convenience of Mr. Gibson and those wishing to receive instruction or coaching.

In 1945, Mr. Gibson was the third ranking doubles tennis player in the Western U. S. He has played with the leading players of the country. One year he was table tennis chapion of Detroit. As part of the tennis program, Mr. Gibson is planning to bring to Manassas exhibition matches between advanced players from Washington and elsewhere.

Sedrick Saunders, program chairman, in announcing Mr. Gibson's appointment as tennis director, said, "We here in Manassas are most fortunate to have available the services of the many community volunteers who are making possible our summer recreation program. We are particularly fortunate that a tennis expert of Ray Gibson's calibre is willing to share his training and experience with the youngsters and adults of this area".

Gainesville PTA Plans For Coming Year

The first meeting of the newly elected executive committee of the Gainesville District School PTA was held recently in the school library at Haymarket.

The plans for the coming year were outlined and much interest was shown by the various committee's.

The membership and publicity committee got under way with plans to memeograph and distribute a year book to all patrons of the school. This activity will be carried on by Mrs. John Hottle and Mrs. John Piercy. All information relative to this publication must be in the hands of Mrs. John Hottle by July 15th.

At the suggestion of Warren Peak, secretary of the PTA and co-chairman of the ways and means Committee, the second Friday in November was selected as the regular date for the annual PTA turkey dinner and the 3rd or 4th Friday in March was tentatively selected as the date for the annual wild game dinner. It was announced that Elk will be the meat served at the wild game dinner in 1952.

Committee reports were given by Mrs. Hottle, Mrs. Piercy, membership and publicity committee; Mrs. Stanley Brewster, program committee; Mrs. Francis Wilson, chairman of the room mothers; Warren Peak, secretary; Mrs. Wallace Rion, president; and Mrs. Janie W. Smoot, principal.

Correspondents are requested to send copy in early.

Chamber to Meet With Ruritan Club

The next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be Thursday evening, July 5th, at 7:00 EST. It will be a joint meeting with the Nokesville Ruritans at the Greenwich Presbyterian Church. The usual Tuesday meeting will be omitted.

Dental Clinic Starts Monday At Bennett

A corrective dental clinic for grade school pupils will be held at Bennett School, beginning Monday, July 2, and continuing through July 18th.

The hours are 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., daylight saving time. Pupils are requested to keep their appointments and to be on time.

The clinic will be in charge of Dr. Fell, of the State Health Department, who is bringing a dental mobile unit here for the clinic.

CANNERY TO OPEN

The Manassas Cannery will be open next week. Thursday has been designated for colored residents and Friday for white.

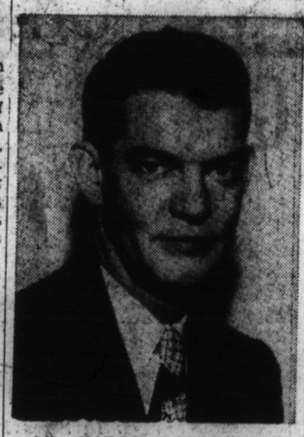
Clifton Firemen "Plug" Minstrel

Manassas got a glimpse of some "black-faced" characters last week when the above group paid a visit here to promote the Clifton Fire Department's minstrel show which will be held this Saturday night at the Clifton fire house. Officer Twyman got in the act as the picture was snapped in front of the Manassas town hall.

(Photo by Churchill)

Tires, Hub Caps Stripped From Cars In Night Thefts

Nightly thefts of tires and hub caps from autos in Manassas and vicinity are keeping police on the alert and have car owners wondering if they'll find their parked vehicles intact when they awaken in the morning.



LT. HARRY PARRISH, Air Force Reserve Officer, formerly assigned to the 8522nd Transport Squadron, has been promoted to the rank of captain, and been assigned mobilization with 1254 Air Transport Squadron, at Washington D. C. National Airport.

Captain Parrish is a newly elected member of Manassas Town Council and will take office in September.

Last night Councilman Wallace Hook was the victim. As he started to get his car this morning, Mr. Hook was surprised to find it jacked up on cinder blocks, and two wheels and tires missing. He had parked the car as usual in front of his residence on Grant Avenue. The theft took place some time between 12:15 and 6:15 a. m.

Wednesday morning William Eddings, who resides on Sudley Road, reported that a wheel and tire was stolen from his car.

One morning last week C. L. Wheat, in going to work, tried to start his car and when it wouldn't turn over discovered that his battery, cables and all, were missing.

There have also been reports of hub caps stolen from cars parked in Northwest Manassas, just outside the corporation limits. At least six hub caps have been taken from cars there recently.

Police believe that the thefts are the work of an organized gang because of the efficient way in which they operate.

County Forest Warden Pattie Resigns Post

Chief Forest Warden T. Gordon Pattie, who has served with the Virginia Forest Service as chief forest warden to Prince William County for the past six months, has resigned effecive July 1st, 1951. District Forester D. G. Wilfong of Charlottesville, Va. stated that Mr. Pattie resigned in order that he may devote more time to his farm work.

An effort will be made during the month of June to find a replacement for the Chief Forest Warden of the county. This work is for the Virginia Forest Service and is part-time employment during forest fire season as well as throughout the year, doing forest fire prevention work in the schools and other methods by which the number of forest fires may be reduced.

PROMOTED

Sgt. R. E. Walters, of Manassas, who is serving with the Air Force in England as a senior statistical specialist, has just recently been promoted to the grade of staff sergeant. He sends his regards to all his friends in Manassas.

"Carlkin" Name Given To Kincheloe's Herd

Brattleboro, Vt.—J. Carl Kincheloe, Manassas, Virginia, has been given the privilege of the exclusive use of the name "Carlkin" as a herd name in registering his purebred Holstein-Friesian cattle. This prefix name is granted and will be recorded by The Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

Arthur T. Ellis Dies in New Jersey

Word has been received here of the death of Arthur T. Ellis, former Prince William resident, who died June 22 at his home near Plainsboro, N. J.

A native of Virginia, Mr. Ellis has lived in Plainsboro for the past 24 years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the V.F.W. Post 6761. A veteran of World War I, he served in France as a corporal taking part in the Somme and Meuse-Argonne offensives.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dora B. Ellis; a son, Arthur T. Jr., of Plainsboro; four brothers, James of Washington, D. C., Claude of Gainesville, Va., Vernon of Sterling, Va., and Lewis of Bristow, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. Maude Mayhew of Bristow, Va., Mrs. James Beavers of Manassas, Va. and Mrs. Amanda Breen of Beltsville, Md.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 25, at the Presbyterian Church, Plainsboro.

PERSONALS

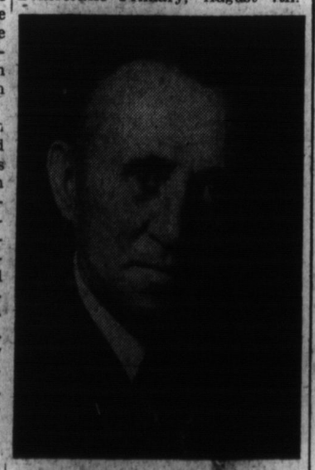
Miss Betty Ann Michael is spending a few weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. E. S. Spitzer, of Brentsville.

Master William Michael, of Chillum Heights, Md., is visiting in the home of his uncles, Hubert Michael and Clayton Kline.

Know Your Candidates

Sheriff Kerlin Is Seeking Re-election For Seventh Time

Sheriff John P. Kerlin very definitely has his hat in the ring in seeking his seventh term as sheriff of Prince William, subject to the Democratic Primary, August 7th.



SHERIFF JOHN P. KERLIN

Only a few weeks out of the hospital where he underwent a serious ulcer operation, the Sheriff appears fit and rarin' to go in what promises to be one of the hardest fought primary battles of his long political career, with two young candidates hoping to wrest the office from him.

When his present term expires on December 31st, Mr. Kerlin will have known 36 years, or half his lifetime, in the sheriff's department.

He was appointed deputy sheriff in 1915 and served in that capacity until his first election as sheriff in 1926, which office he had held ever since. For a short time, prior to 1915, he served on the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Kerlin was born in Ohio and came to Prince William County with his parents when he was six years old. He and his wife, the former Charlotte A. Soyars, of Aden, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 9 of this year. They have five children and six grandchildren.

They reside on their large farm at Nokesville.

Because of his long tenure in office, and a warm personality, the sheriff has a wide acquaintanceship throughout the county which may prove a decided advantage in the three-way race.

Lower Utility Rates July 1st: Tempers Flare on City Manager

Despite some heated verbal skirmishes between members, the Town Council meeting Monday night saw action taken on some proposals and a definite lack of unity on others.

Of special interest to citizens is the automatic reduction in electric, water and sewer rates which become effective as of July 1st. This eliminates the extra percentage charges put in effect a year ago, which was explained by Mayor Harry Davis, following a motion by Councilman Roy Doggett that the rates be reduced.

Quite an argument developed when Acting Town Manager Hunton Tiffany urged prompt action on the appointment of a new town manager. He said, "Some action should be taken without delay. I don't see why this can't be done by the first of August."

Councilman Wallace Hook, who heads the committee to select a town manager, stated that several applications had been received and certain ones submitted to the rest of the Council members who show no apparent interest. Councilman Perris Gue and Doggett countered that they had not been given enough opportunity to review the applications. Hook reiterated that they had.

Hook moved that his committee be discharged. Councilman Frances Saunders seconded the motion. In taking a vote, only Hook and Saunders voted, the other members abstaining. The Mayor then appointed the entire Council as a committee to select a town manager. Dogett immediately protested that he would not serve on the committee.

Tempers flared again when Doggett moved that Birmingham Dairy, whose water contract expires July 1st, be supplied with water at the same rate as other non-resident consumers. After much discussion, Councilman Hook moved that the dairy firm, which consumed nearly 2 million gallons of water last year, be notified that the present contract will be continued until August 1st, at which time a new contract will be negotiated. The motion was carried, and the Mayor referred to the utilities committee the matter of bringing to the Council a recommendation on the whole subject of rates to outside users of large quantity of water.

Councilman Gue notified Council that in his opinion the Town distribution (electric current) system is "in terrible shape". He said "60 per cent of the line has not been overhauled in 25 years".

In response to a query from one

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Chatham Man Buys Local Drug Store

Dr. George B. Cocke announced today the sale of the Prince William Pharmacy to Jack Terry, of Chatham, Va., who will take possession on July 1st.

Mr. Terry will operate the business under the name of Prince William Sundry Shop, offering to the public a complete line of drug sundries, patent medicines, toiletries, candies, photo supplies. The prescription department will be discontinued.

Mr. Terry, a well-known resident of Chatham, Pittsylvania County, has had 11 years drug store experience. He also has had five years in banking and three years in the automobile business.

He is a veteran of World War II, having served 41 months in the European theater. He is at present commander of Pittsylvania Post 5309, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and served as Legion Post Commander in 1947.

He is a member of Pittsylvania Lodge, No. 24, A. F. & A. M., which he has served as secretary for the past five years.

He is a member of the Baptist Church, and is unmarried.

Mr. Terry has already made a number of acquaintances in Manassas, who wish him every success in his new business venture.

Plans For Carnival Are Fast Shaping Up

Plans for the big carnival to be held by the Independent Hill Fire Department on July 25-28 are fast shaping up, according to James Russell, president.

Many attractions have been secured, including various games and kiddies' rides.

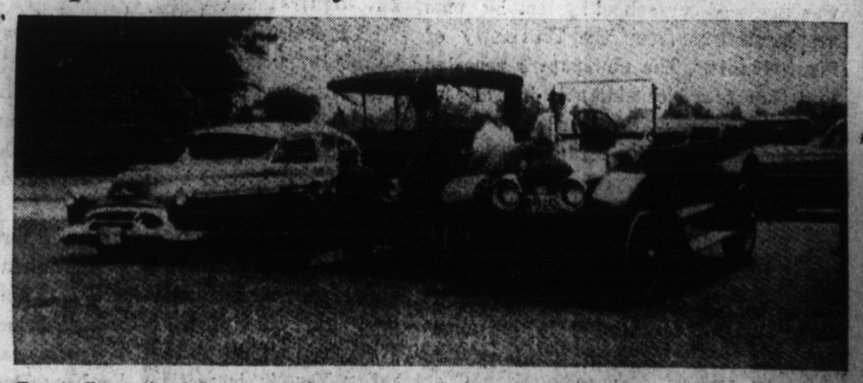
To Vote in August Primary You Must Register By July 7

Citizens of Prince William County, who wish to exercise their voting privilege in the August Democratic Primary must be registered. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, July 7th. Registration should be made with precinct registhe property of Wm. Hill Brown.

Precinct Registrar

Aden, Mrs. Susie E. Smith, Nokesville.
Brentsville, J. M. Keys, Nokesville.
Catharpin, Mrs. Alice M. Lynn, Catharpin.
Dumfries, Warfield S. Brawner, Dumfries.
Greenwich, R. L. Ellis, Nokesville.
Haymarket, Mrs. Mary S. McDarment, Haymarket.
Hickory Grove, E. H. Hunt, Haymarket.
Hoadly, Mrs. Nola J. Purcell, Hoadly.
Independent Hill, Mrs. Mildred Ida Runion, Manassas, RFD.
Joplin, Mrs. Kathleen K. Abel, Joplin.
Manassas, Thomas H. Marshall, Manassas.
Nokesville, L. J. Bowman, Nokesville
Occoquan, R. M. Hall, Occoquan.
Potomac, N. F. Bourne, Quantico.
Token, R. M. Cornwell, Manassas, RFD.
Waterfall, J. Preston Smith, Haymarket.
Wellington, J. T. L. Rollins, Manassas, RFD.

Antique Autos Pay Visit To Manassas



Twenty-five antiquated cars comprised a motorcade here Sunday when members of the National Capital Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America made at trip to Manassas. Shown above are the new and the old as 1950 Oldsmobile vies for attention with Model T 1911 Ford, owned by W. L. Cook, of Bethesda, Md., and a 1912 Olds, owned by John W. Bonell, Falls Church, Md.

The motorcade brought about sixty antique car members and their families. A chicken box lunch, prepared by Hotel Stonewall Jackson, was served at "Birmingham," the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carl Kincheloe. In the afternoon they visited the Manassas Battlefield Park.

Hosts for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar E. Rohr and Fred Dowell, Jr., local members of the Antique Automobile Club. The motorcade was escorted to Manassas by police from Rosslyn, Va.