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Exposition  
All This Week

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## This 'n That

rather quiet here the Fourth. The flags floating in the breeze and the few firecrackers to wake up the fact that it was a day of celebration... for on July 175 years ago was signed the Declaration of Independence. The Fourth of July was one of the grandest days of the year. It is weeks of saving to accumulate a supply of fireworks so that they could be among the first to go off at dawn with a "shooting" that would shake the neighborhood. So soon was our meager supply used, and it seemed much too late to wait for the day's celebration to usher out the firing of Roman candles, sparklers, pinwheels and colorful pyrotechnics. Before the fireworks there were many events to make the day stand out: band concerts, oratory, races and tug-of-war on the green. Perhaps, many of our readers also recall how they used to celebrate the Fourth, and wonder how it has just become another holiday.

Mighty happy youngster was Bennett at the Legion Exposition Tuesday night. He won the prize, a portable radio.

Attracting considerable interest in the Legion Exposition this week is the display of old newspapers at the Journal booth. Included are copies of the Manassas Gazette, Manassas Democrat and Prince William Times that flourished for a time, then died or merged with the Journal.

Charlie Caviness is receiving nice compliments on the new neon sign that he has just erected at the Hotel Stonewall. It really stands out and is a bright spot to an otherwise business section at night. Let's see other business firms will follow Charlie's example to put Manassas a little more in the light.

Congratulations to Arnold van Elst, German exchange student, and Osbourn High School, on the honor that has come to this young man in being awarded an honorary state F. F. A. degree.

Wonderful exhibits! For a town the size of Manassas, the big tent at the Legion Exposition with its fine exhibits deserves all the compliments one might heap upon the event, and the merchants selling lots of credit. Be sure and see it! You'll only enjoy the exhibits but meet your friends.

See you at the Exposition!

## New Forestry Tax Amounts \$10 Per Acre

D. G. Wilfong, District Forester of the Virginia State Forestry Office, Charlottesville, paid a Get acquainted visit to the Board of Supervisors in session today, to notify the Board of the new forestry tax of \$10 per acre. He said there are 1,800 acres of forestland in Prince William County, making a total of \$18,000 per year that the forestry service will spend in this county for forest fire fighting and reforestation work.

Lacey Compton appeared before the Board, requesting that he be authorized to rent more office space in the present three rooms rented to him for his office and trial office work is to overcrowded. Pocket books can be found in most of the chairs, he stated.

## Man Drowns In Occoquan Creek Sunday

Roland Spitzer Fowell, of Lorton, Va., drowned, as his wife looked on helplessly Sunday, when he and three swimming companions were caught in the swift current of Occoquan Creek.

Fowell, a brick factory worker, went down for the fifth time just as rescuers prepared to pull him to safety.

The three companions who narrowly missed the same fate were Charles Clarke, 18, of Lorton, saved by a party of fishermen in a row-boat; Miss Joyce Humphries, 18, and Mackey Lynn, 17, both of Occoquan. The two girls barely managed to struggle through the swirling current to a rowboat from which all four had dived a few minutes earlier.

Watching from shore was Mr. Fowell's wife, Frances, who was nursing their two children, 2 months and 2 years old, respectively.

## Two Injured In Auto Crash Here Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Ray S. Ruscitti, of Alexandria, suffered injuries when their car, driven by Mrs. Ruscitti, crashed into a tree on Center street Sunday.

A bruised chest and knee was suffered by Mrs. Ruscitti. Mr. Ruscitti received lacerations of his arms and legs, and after being treated by Dr. E. H. Marsteller, was advised to enter a hospital.

About \$300 damage was done to the car, according to Officer James Iwman, who investigated.

## Candidate For Senate Seat Gives Platform

John A. K. Donovan, candidate for the State Senate of Virginia, representing the 29th Senatorial District, which includes the cities of Alexandria and Falls Church and the Counties of Fairfax and Prince William, has announced an eleven point platform based on the theme "Fair Play First."

Donovan's Platform.

- The eleven points include:
1. Local control of public schools but increased state aid for construction in emergency areas; teacher contracts of continuing tenure.
2. Modernize county government systems; relieve Board of Supervisors of zoning authority; localize zoning authority.
3. Legislative model charters for cities; overhaul annexation procedure.
4. Equalization of property taxes; administer tax funds on businesslike basis.
5. Overhaul electoral procedure; eliminate poll tax without substituting greater restrictions.
6. Extend rural health and mental health facilities.
7. Moderate juvenile detention methods; provide greater juvenile protection in laws; simplify street medication and vacation procedures.
8. Modernize allocation of highway funds to give counties like Fairfax a share relative to its contribution; provide more sidewalks in concentrated areas.
9. Increase local control of public utilities; abate stream pollution.
10. Develop regional planning; zoning control to be vested exclusively in zoning authority with appeal only to the courts.
11. Our free system of enterprise contemplates that labor and management can work together; both entitled to be heard on legislative matters.

Mr. Donovan is opposed in the Democratic Primary on August 7th by Andrew W. Clarke, the present incumbent.



HAVING A SWELL TIME—This youngster is having a big time at the Legion Exposition. He is typical of other boys and girls who are having lots of fun on the various rides offered for their amusement.

## Legion Exposition Now in Full Swing

Large crowds are turning out for the Annual Industrial Exposition of Prince William Post 156, American Legion, which is being held all this week at Longview Park and attracting wide interest throughout this section.

Each night has seen an increase in attendance, and with the half-way mark reached, it is anticipated that the last three nights will show record-breaking crowds to bring the exposition to a successful close on Saturday, the final night.

The huge exhibit tent, with more than 40 exhibitors, is, of course, the main attraction. Merchandise of most every description is on display and exhibitors, generally, are well pleased with the interest shown in their products and services.

For youngsters, and adults as well, is the fun and entertainment afforded on the colorful midway with its merry-go-round, ferris wheel and other rides. Bingo and other games help add to the fun and merriment for exposition visitors.

Each night a valuable merchandise prize is awarded. In addition there are special prizes offered by exhibitors.

## Kelso Elected Red Cross Head

Daniel M. Kelso was elected chairman of the Prince William County Chapter, American Red Cross, at the annual meeting on June 23rd. He succeeds Chariton J. Gnad, who will become chairman of the Red Cross blood program for the county, and who was elected 1st vice-chairman.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. N. N. Free, Nokesville, 2nd vice-chairman; Mrs. E. H. Marsteller, secretary; Mrs. O. D. Waters, treasurer. Ten members of the board, whose terms were expiring, were re-elected to a second term of three years. The size of the board was increased by three, and the following were elected as new board members: Charles Caviness, Manassas; Mrs. Herbert Saunders, Quantico; Mrs. Ralph Garden, Quantico.

Stresses Disaster Service. Mrs. Marjorie Howard, of the Eastern Area Office, American Red Cross, in stressing the need for complete organization of the disaster services of the local Chapter, pointed out that preparedness to meet the immediate human needs arising out of any natural disasters is one of the Red Cross charter obligations.

She urged the disaster committee, of which Dr. George Cocke is

## Supervisors Paid For Ad. Not County

The Advertisement, "An Answer To Helms," which appeared in The Journal on June 21, and carried the signature of the members of the Board of Supervisors was a "paid political ad." The cost of which is borne by each supervisor individually.

The fact that the advertisement did not carry the wording, "Paid Political Ad," was an oversight on the part of the Journal. The management regrets the error, or any erroneous impression that might have been taken that county funds were used to pay the cost of the advertising.

## Local Phone Company Plans New Offices

Work has started on the remodeling of the Central Mutual Telephone Company building at West Center street to provide new and modern business offices on the main floor.

In announcing that construction was well under way, General Manager J. A. Vetter stated that it is hoped to have new office space ready for use by this week, adding that it will provide greater convenience to customers of the telephone company.

Heretofore, the office has been located on the second floor of the building. The new office arrangement is in line with the general expansion program of the company to provide patrons with better service, stated Mr. Vetter.

TO VIRGINIA BEACH. Winners in a May-June sales and labor contest for Chevrolet dealers, C. L. Wheat and members of his force at Wheat Chevrolet, Hotel, Virginia, each, this Sunday and Monday, accompanying Mr. Wheat on the trip are Oden Breeden, service manager, and Willard Wilkins, parts manager.



NEWCOMER — Jack Terry, of Chatham, Va., who has purchased the Prince William Pharmacy here, took possession on July 1st.

## German Exchange Student Gets Honorary FFA Degree



Arnold van Elst, German exchange student, who attended Osbourn High School this year, is shown receiving the Honorary FFA State Farmer Degree in ceremonies at VPI, Blacksburg.

### Know Your Candidates

## Layton Laws, Auctioneer, Busy in 3-Way Sheriff Contest

Actively campaigning as a candidate for sheriff of Prince William County in the Democratic Primary, August 7th, is H. Layton Laws, of Manassas R.F.D., whose business as auctioneer gives him a wide acquaintance throughout the county, particularly among the farmers.

Mr. Laws, who is one of three candidates in the sheriff race, has lived in Prince William since 1929. For the past several years he has been engaged in business as an auctioneer and also serves as salesman for the Wayland Motor Co. of Manassas.

He is 34 years of age. His wife is the former Miss Nina Good of Nokesville. They have two children, Layton, Jr., 13, and Carolyn Marie, 11.

Mr. Laws is a member of the Manassas Lions Club and a member of the Methodist Church.

As one of Manassas' youngest business men, he operated Laws Market here for five years.

It might be that his aspiration to become sheriff stems from the fact that as a lad, he lived at the county jail with his stepfather.

## State Advisory Body to Study Airport Plans

Richmond, Va.—The Virginia Advisory Legislative Council today announced the membership of its Committee to Study the Establishment of an Alternate Airport for Washington in the County of Fairfax.

The members of the Committee are: Dr. J. D. Hagood, member of the State Senate and chairman of the committee; W. Marshall King, State Corporation Commissioner; J. A. Anderson, State Highway Commissioner; Raymond V. Long, Division of Planning and Economic Development; John R. Booth, Mayor of the town of South Boston; Andrew W. Clarke, member of the State Senate from Alexandria; E. W. Lynch, co-patron of the resolution of Delegates, Fairfax; Armistead L. Bieche, co-patron of the resolution and member of the House of Delegates, Alexandria.

The Council was directed to make this study by House Joint Resolution No. 36 passed at the 1950 session of the General Assembly, which provided that:

"The Council shall consider the suitability of available areas, the cost of construction, and how the same may be financed, the administration and operation of such an airport and the revenues which might be derived therefrom, and such other matters as it deems appropriate. The Council is authorized to call upon all officers, employees and agencies of the State in making this study."

The committee plans to hold a public hearing in Fairfax on July 9 at 10 a. m. Arrangements are being completed for a place in which to hold a hearing. The public is invited to attend.

The Federal government has announced plans for an alternate airport at Burke, Fairfax County.



H. LAYTON LAWS

D. H. Herndon, who was jailer and deputy.

He states that he decided to become a candidate when several of his friends urged him to make the race.

"I'm out to win," he said, "but win or lose, I intend to conduct a clean campaign."

## Urges Manassas Be Ready In Case of A-Bomb Attack

Leslie L. Kullenberg, Director of the Emergency Operations Office, Federal Civil Defense Administration, who has recently moved with his family from the Washington area to their new home on Route 1, near Manassas, urged unremitting vigilance and preparedness, in addressing the annual meeting of the Manassas chapter, American Red Cross, last week.

He said, "From an intelligent standpoint Russia has the capability tonight of mounting an attack on the United States by air, by sea, and by subversive groups in our country."

He recalled published statements that the Russians have 700 TU-4 aircraft, copied from some of our B-29's which were forced to land in Russian territory during the last war, which have an operating radius of 2800 miles round trip, and which with one re-fueling and a one-way flight could get down to Mexico and Central America. Commenting on the recent statement by a United States Senator that Russia has 100 A-bombs, Mr. Kullenberg said, "There is no place that they can't hit. Thanks to traitors in high places they (Russians) have information about the A-bomb just as we have. There is no reason to believe they are not making as good progress in that field as we are. We think that if an attack comes it will be a blitz attack and we may get from 25 to 70 A-bombs dropped on the industrial heart-land of this country."

"Assume 50 A-bombs get through (some to New York, Jersey, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington)—for each of those bombs we can expect, even with adequate warning, that the casualties will be 175,000 per bomb... We could suffer nine and a half million casualties in one blitz raid. Many of our hospitals, which are usually concentrated in the most congested areas, would be destroyed. General Vandenberg has stated that the Air Force is shooting at the capacity of stopping 30 per cent of an attacking air force. We do not have that capacity now."

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Arnold is one of the carefully selected German boys to participate on an exchange basis for a year's schooling in the United States, in order to bring more and better relationships between the countries of the world. His home is in Kervenheim in the British Zone of Germany where he lives with his parents, two brothers and two sisters on a 50 acre farm.

Arnold is the only German boy in a high school in Virginia and has attended Osbourn High School at Manassas during the past year. He has been living with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kline on their dairy farm near Manassas, where he works outside of school hours at farm and dairy work, for which he is paid at current rates to help defray his expenses and, at the same time, learns modern American farming practices.

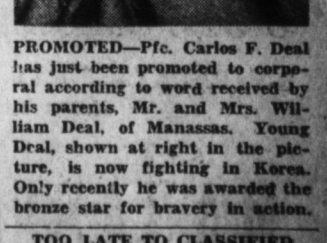
As a member of the Harry Sanders Chapter of the F. F. A., he has been outstanding in the activities of vocational agriculture and the Future Farmers of America, as well as ranking high in the other subjects in high school. He was a member of the Livestock Judging Team which recently won the Short-horn Contest, and he was fourth high individual out of over 100 boys who judged.

His all-around ability and application to his work in agriculture brought him the honor of being the first student ever to be awarded an Honorary State Farmer Degree. His record is even more remarkable in that when he arrived in this country last July, he could not speak English but is now not only able to carry on school work, but has a good usage of the language for any purpose.

Arnold has shown a keen interest in the American way of life and will have many interesting things to report to his family and friends when he returns to Germany this month after completing his year in the United States. He departs on July 12th and will leave behind an enviable record and many friends. He hopes some day to return to the United States.

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PROMOTED—Pfc. Carlos F. Deal has just been promoted to corporal according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Deal, of Manassas. Young Deal, shown at right in the picture, is now fighting in Korea. Only recently he was awarded the bronze star for bravery in action.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFIED FOR SALE—Bendix Washing Machine, practically new, \$30.00. Phone 410 or 336-W. Ross Tel. Ser. 11-1-6