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If you don't fix up your car, chances are you won't get far.

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Mighty hot but the weather has cooled off in the heat given off in primary election contests now full swing.

Out-of-state license plates have fascinated us. Getting out of the car and walking a few steps to the office the other night, we saw two from California, two from Maryland, one from Texas and others from North Carolina, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, New York and Virginia.

Card from J. Carl Kincheo, mentioning with his family and others at Nags Head, N. C., says: "Pretty nice down here and good riding. No politics!"

Who is Sam Parks? For the benefit of readers of this column, the week who asked the question "It's Harry Parks." Sorry Sam, it's Harry.

Manassas Battlefield is getting more and favorable publicity. In the N. Y. Times of July 15, considerable space is devoted to the battlefield park in an article by Anthony Leviero on the topic, "National Museums."

Three brothers enlisted in the U. S. Air Corps at the local recruiting office this week. They are: bridge L., Robert M. and Marvin Schaeffer, of Manassas, R.F.D. Nos. 20, 18 and 17 years, respectively. They were sworn in together and were assigned to Sampson Air Force Base, Geneva, N. Y.

Welcome to T-Sgt. Clinton W. Hemmer, who has been appointed the U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force recruiting station here, succeeding Sgt. Frank George. Sgt. Hemmer comes here from Alexandria and has had nine years continuous service.

Fun for all is in store for those who attended the carnival, sponsored by the Independent Hill Volunteer Fire Department, to be held July 20th thru July 23rd at Lowe's Corner, on Route 234, six miles south of Manassas. Bingo, kiddies' rides and many other attractions are scheduled. The fire department, properly organized, will use the proceeds to erect a new fire house and buy fire-fighting equipment.

William J. Harvey, retired executive of the New England Telephone Co., has been spending his vacation with his daughter, Mrs. William J. Harvey, at her summer home, Seven Oaks, Bradley Forest.

WELCOME

The Journal extends a cordial welcome to newcomers who have recently taken up their residence in Manassas. The following new residents have been reported by the welcome stranger representative: Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Hatch, 3 Lee Ave., Apt. D. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Prewitt, 406 Centreville Road. Major and Mrs. J. C. Risher, 102 Lath St. Col. and Mrs. Lee Stonebeck, 433 Lee Ave., Apt. C. Lt. and Mrs. James Roberts, 426 Lee Ave., Apt. C. Corp. Douglas Peckham, U. S. Recruiting Office.

Candidates To Speak At Rally In Centreville

A big political rally is in the offing at Centreville on Monday night, July 23, under the sponsorship of the Fairfax League of Women Voters.

The rally will be held at the school auditorium. Candidates for State Senate, House of Delegates, Supervisor and county office will address the meeting.

Particular interest in this section centers in the race for Senate between Senator Andrew W. Clarke, incumbent, and John Donovan.

There is also a lively contest for supervisor in the Centreville district.

New Dumfries Church to Lay Cornerstone

Ceremonies for the laying of the cornerstone of new Dumfries Methodist Church will be held Sunday at 11 a.m., it was announced today by the pastor, Rev. Clark H. Wood.

The new edifice, which is being built at a cost of about \$40,000, is expected to be completed about September 1st.

Rev. Wood will deliver a special sermon for the cornerstone laying, and the Young Peoples' choir will render appropriate selections for the service.

The Methodist Church was started in Dumfries in 1788 and has continued since that time.

Child Hit By Car Suffers Broken Leg

Kenneth Plaster, age 8, of Manassas, RFD 3, suffered a broken left leg and bruises about the head when struck by a car on Route 234, opposite Manassas Airport, Wednesday afternoon.

The youth was riding a bicycle and came out of a side road on to the main highway when struck by the auto, driven by Winston O. Weaver, Harrisonburg, Va., who rushed the child to the hospital.

State Trooper Lanahan investigated the accident.

Fire Destroys Large Barn on Irvin Farm

A large barn on the farm of Paul Irvin, Nokesville, was destroyed by fire late Wednesday afternoon when it was struck by lightning during a severe electrical storm.

Approximately 50 tons of hay, was lost, along with various farm tools and equipment. Larger pieces of equipment were removed to safety. Also destroyed was a straw stack of about 15 tons which stood near the barn.

The farm was hit by two bolts of lightning, the first bolt striking the well house, burning out the motor and putting the telephone out of commission. Shortly afterward, the barn was hit by a second bolt and immediately caught fire.

Mr. Irvin was about to enter the barn when the lightning struck. His son and daughter, Mickey and Sue, had just finished grooming their calves in preparation for entering them in the coming 4-H Fair.

Manassas Lions Club Officers Installed



Officers of the Manassas Lions Club were installed with appropriate ceremonies on July 11th. First row—Guy Whitmer, secretary-treasurer; Ian Ross, 1st vice president; Reuben Hicks, president; Bill Farragher, 2nd vice president; Paul Arrington, 3rd vice president. Second row—Ned Bradford, past president; Howard Churchill, tall twister; Maury Wells, director; Allen Fletcher, Lion tamer. Directors Keith Lyons, Norman Bolton and Roy Durst were unable to be present when this picture was taken.

(Photo by Churchill)

Quantico Legion Post Elects Slate For Year

Lee R. Peters was elected commander of Buck Keyes Post, 28, American Legion, at its regular meeting on July 10th. Other officers chosen for 1951-52 term were: Lively Abel, 1st vice commander; Charles Koneman, 2nd vice commander; William Hare, adjutant; Jack Preston, chaplain; Mitchell Raffels, service officer; Virgil Abel Jr., historian; V. S. Abel Sr., finance officer; John Cyriak, master-at-arms.

The new slate will be installed on July 28th at the Staff N.C.O. Club.

Manassas Coop Plans Annual Meet August 1

Patrons of Southern States Manassas Cooperative will hold their annual membership meeting Wednesday, August 1, at 7:30 p. m. (EST) at the Osbourn High School, Chairman of the meeting will be O. R. Hersch, of Manassas.

Highlights of the meeting will include the report on local Agency operations by R. L. Byrd, Jr., manager, and the presentation of the Southern States annual report in film slide form by District Manager H. B. Manuel of Strasburg. There will be an election of the local Board of Directors and Farm Home Advisory Committee, and the Ko-Op Kwiz Kontest, in which all farm people of the Manassas area will compete for prizes by answering questions concerning the Cooperative. Local prizes will be awarded winners and they will then be eligible to compete for the top master prize in the contest, a 1951 Ford farm truck, at the Southern States annual meeting in Richmond in November.

Nominated for the Manassas Board of Directors are W. E. Peake, Haymarket, O. V. Powell and W. M. Kline, both of Manassas; L. B. Thomas, Bristow.

Nominated for the Manassas Farm Home Advisory Committee are Mrs. J. V. Rion, Catharpin; Mrs. O. V. Powell and Mrs. E. G. Wakeman, both of Manassas; Mrs. J. W. Hoyt, Bristow.

MANASSAS CANNERY

The Manassas Cannery will be open Tuesday and Friday for white patrons and Thursday for colored. It was announced this week by R. R. Fishpaw. The hours are 8 a.m. until 12 noon.

The Nokesville Cannery is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week.

Wheat Crop In County of Good Quality

Prince William farmers report good crops of wheat this year, and most of the harvest is of exceptionally fine quality. The crop has been above average for the past two or three years.

Right now some of the wheat coming in is rather wet due to recent rains.

The Journal learned yesterday that Wilkins Rogers, of Georgetown, J. C. had discontinued accepting any more wheat this week due to full bins.

The market dropped about three cents per bushel Tuesday morning. Prince William County does not have any large producers of wheat, but average acreage devoted to this crop being around 25 to 30 acres per farm.

Helms Seeks Public Debate

The three-corner race for supervisor in the Manassas District is fast gaining momentum, and the latest development in the political battle is the challenge hurled by Candidate Roy Helms at his opponents inviting them to a public debate.

He suggests that the debate be held about July 27th or 31st, in the Osbourn High School auditorium, providing it is available.

Mr. Helms states that he has sent letters to both his opponents, supervisor J. Carl Kincheo and x-Supervisor Wheatley Johnson, to meet with him in debate.

In newspaper advertisements, Candidate Helms has strongly attacked the present Board of Supervisors and both of his opponents.

HUY'S DAVIS' FARM

W. P. Snyder, Capital Airlines pilot, flying between National Airport and Chicago, has purchased the dairy farm of Mrs. E. P. Davis on the Page Land Road, Gainesville District.

Mr. Snyder, a native of Texas and now living in Falls Church will move with his family to his new farm at an early date and continue to operate it as a dairy farm shipping milk to Washington.

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club will meet at the Brentsville Court House next Tuesday, July 24th at 11:00 a. m.

Battle of Manassas 90th Anniversary Here Saturday

Taps Sound for Sgt. Kool, 94,

M-Sgt. Saza A. Kool, 94, retired veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps, died in the Naval Hospital at Quantico, Sunday.

Sgt. Kool had resided at Quantico since 1921 and was widely known in both Marine and civilian circles.

His first enlistment was in the U. S. Army in 1916, serving under General John Pershing on the Mexican border. In 1921, he joined the Marines and saw active service until 1945, when he retired.

During the Hoover administration, he acted as superintendent of the president's summer home on the Rapidan.

He was a member of the Masonic order, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and Marine Corps League.

He is survived by his wife, the former Cora Lee, and one daughter, Miss Evelyn Kool, student at William and Mary.

Full military honors were accorded the "old soldier" in funeral services at the Quantico Post-Chapel at noon Thursday, followed by interment in Arlington Cemetery.

The annual celebration of the First Battle of Manassas will be appropriately observed at the battlefield site this Saturday at 3 p. m. D.S.T., marking the 90th anniversary of this historic engagement.

The celebration is jointly sponsored by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Daughters of the Confederacy and other patriotic organizations.

The speaker of the day will be Major Joseph Mills Hanson, former superintendent of the National Battlefield Park, and probably the greatest authority on the history of the battlefield and its engagements.

Of special interest will be an illustrated map lecture on the Manassas campaign and battle by Lt. James Myers, superintendent of the park and museum.

Hon. Fred Myers and Virgil Jones, chairmen of the Confederate Memorial Committee, Washington, D. C., will be in charge of program.

The Richmond Rifles are expected to participate in Confederate uniform, with Stonewall Jackson's signal gun. Wreaths will be placed for Jackson, Bee and Bartow.

The celebration will be held near the Henry House, where both the first and second battles terminated.



General Bernard E. Bee, who at the First Battle of Manassas, having observed Jackson standing firm and steady his men against the enemy, exclaimed, "There stands Jackson like a stone wall. Rally behind the Virginians."

The First Battle of Manassas occurred 90 years ago on July 21, 1861.

Thanks Manassas For Kindness To Naylor: Praises Miss Ayers

Rev. E. Guthrie Brown, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, is in receipt of a letter from Vicar Harold C. McKinley, of Lancashire, England, expressing his appreciation to the people of Manassas for their kindness to Miss Phyllis Naylor, English exchange teacher, and her mother, Mrs. Edith Naylor, during their stay here.

He also writes highly of Miss Sue Ayers, of Manassas, and the warm place she has won in the hearts of his people in Lancashire. Vicar McKinley's letter follows:
Kelbrook Vicarage Colne, Lancashire, June 21, 1951

Dear Mr. Brown,
In her letters from time to time Miss Naylor has told of the great kindness which you and your people have shown to her during her stay amongst you. She will soon be leaving you for home, and I would like to thank you most warmly for all you have done to make her time at Manassas a profitable and happy one. Her experience of your country will add greatly to her value as a teacher of our children and already without this enrichment she has a high reputation in this neighborhood. Apart from the school I shall be glad when she is

back with us because she is secretary to our Parochial Church Council and does much church work in a very willing and happy way. We miss her and Mrs. Naylor, too, from our Sunday congregation.

Miss Ayers is a delightful personality as well as a most capable teacher and has made herself most popular with all sections over here. We shall be sorry when she leaves, and I suppose it is greedy to wish that we could keep both her and Miss Naylor. With her superabundance of energy Miss Ayers has spent a very strenuous year over here, journeying to the continent, and always willing to address meetings of one kind or another. I was most interested in her talk to our Divisional Education Executive on the differences between your educational system and methods and ours. She created a most favorable impression on all our members. I fear she had to endure our English winter at its wettest and most prolonged. Even now our summer has not really warmed up.

Perhaps one day you or some of your folk will visit England. I can assure you that you will be very warmly welcomed in Kelbrook for your kindness to Miss Naylor.

Yours sincerely,
Harold C. McKinley
Vicar

County Delegation to 4-H Short Course, VPI



Members of the Prince William County delegation who attended the recent State 4-H Agricultural Short Course at V. P. L. Blacksburg, were:
Front Row—Thomas Stephenson, Gainesville; Edward Russell, Dumfries, club leader, and Roy Bean, Manassas.
Second Row—Charles Young, Emory E. Mayhugh, and Delber O'Mears, all of Manassas.

New Pitts Drive-In Theatre Opens Here



Entrance to the New Pitts Drive-In Theatre on Route 28, 2 miles from Manassas, is shown above. The new open-air theatre, first in Prince William County, attracted a large crowd for the opening last night. "Little Big Horn" was the opening film attraction and will be repeated again tonight. William H. Martin, manager of the district manager, will be temporarily in charge of the theatre.