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Attend The Prince William County Fair This Week

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## Two Manassas Women Hurt In Car Accident

Two Manassas women were injured in an automobile accident on route 50 Tuesday afternoon as they were returning home from work in Washington. The injured are Mrs. Julia Cross and Mrs. Ruth Rogers.

Two other persons in the car, Miss Edith Bridwell, driver, and Mrs. John Parrish, also of Manassas, were not injured. The accident occurred on route 50 two miles east of Fairfax Courthouse around 5:30 p. m.

According to Mrs. Rogers, the car skidded on the wet pavement, swerved toward an approaching car, then swung back into a ditch on the right hand side of the road.

Mrs. Cross suffered a broken collarbone. She was treated at Arlington hospital before being released. Mrs. Rogers suffered minor cuts and a bruised ankle.

The car, a 1949 Pontiac, belongs to Miss Susan Harrison, also of Manassas. Miss Harrison teaches school in Washington, and during the summer months, she lends the car to the commuting group. She was not a passenger in the car yesterday.

## Temple School Will Open On September 17

The Temple School, which has been in operation here for the past 21 years, will begin its 22nd session on September 17th. It was announced today by Mrs. Margaret T. Hopkins.

She will be ably assisted in the operation of the school by Mrs. Frances Ellis and Mrs. Eunice McConegan.

Registration for the fall term will begin on Monday, September 10th. Pupils will be accommodated in nursery and primary grades.

## County Pasture Program Gets State and National Recognition

Progress of Prince William County in the pasture development program is attracting both state and national recognition.

The county's program, which got under way last year and continued more intensively this year, has been recommended as a guide to other counties just starting the pasture program as proclaimed by Governor Battle.

W. A. Minor, assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture and speakerhead of the National Grasslands Program, visited the county and was impressed with the progress of the Prince William Pasture Club early in the summer.

The special pasture edition of the Manassas Journal in March received wide publicity and copies were recently distributed by the V. P. I. Extension to all Virginia counties.

The tour to the Middleburg Pasture Research Station, sponsored by the Prince William Pasture Club last Friday, proved both interesting and educational to the farmers attending. The many grass and legume pasture experimental plots were inspected, and the value of ladino clover as a part of pasture mixtures was evident in all the experiments, particularly in building up the carrying capacity and palatability of pastures.

Scoring programs of members of the Prince William Club are now being scored and the two top farms in each county subdivision will be chosen, following which the three farms having the best pastures will be selected from the district winners at the time of a county tour about the middle of September.

Signs, painted green on white and lettered "This Farm Is a Part of the County Pasture Program" are now being placed at the farms of those participating.

Many farmers are at present making preparations for renovating old pastures or seeding new ladino and grass pastures during the next two weeks, or as soon as needed rains making working the ground possible.

The Middleburg tour was appropriately timed by the County Pasture Committee, coming as it did just before time for making late summer establishing of improved ladino-grass pastures.

The county pasture program is a cooperative effort of the County Pasture Committee, and representatives of all local agricultural agen-

## Freak Storm Damages Homes, Phone And Power Lines



Evidence of Tuesday evening's storm is shown in the above two pictures. On the left, the four Bolt children, Bernard, Lois Jean, Mildred and Billy are clearing the debris away from their home on route 619 near Linton Hall along with Ralph Cockerille of Aldie. The photo at the right shows how the wind split another giant tree at 339 N. West street in Manassas. The house was formerly owned by Miss Eugenia Osbourn but is now split into apartments.



## High Winds Uproot Trees Damaging Several Homes

A sudden storm accompanied by high winds struck Manassas and the surrounding area Tuesday afternoon causing considerable damage. Power and telephone lines were temporarily put out of order for several hours. A number of trees were blown over by the high-velocity winds.

Top damages occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kennard C. Bolt on route 619 a half-mile beyond Linton Hall Academy. A 60-foot twin-oak tree was toppled at the roots and struck the roof of the Bolt's new home. The roof was caved in and plastering in the house was cracked in every room. Fortunately, the tree struck the roof at a point where an unfinished room was located. The room was to be a bath room. A small hole was knocked in the top of the wall where it is joined to the roof.

## Board Okays Jail Plans At Meeting Today

Prince William's new jail moved a step closer to reality this morning when the County Board of Supervisors in a special meeting unanimously approved preliminary plans and specifications.

The Board met with M. F. Page, representative for the J. R. Williams Co., Architects, Engineers and Associates, of Fairfax, Va., and took a final peek at the preliminary plans before taking action.

Page will now start work on the final plans and specifications which he hopes to present to the Board within 120 days. Tentative plans call for the advertising of bids around the first of the year. Construction work may possibly begin in the spring if enough reinforced concrete can be obtained and the building will be finished in the late fall of next year.

Page again advised the Board that the building as approved will cost approximately \$75,000, not including mattresses and kitchen equipment. He noted his contract on the jail that his company constructed at Front Royal.

Reuben Hicks, REA manager reported that two phase wires, each carrying 2300 volts, were blown against one another at the corner of Center and N. West streets cutting off power in Manassas. In order to restore service, all power in Manassas was shut off about 40 minutes. REA also received about six calls from individual homes in the county where power had been impaired.

## Tenant House Fire Kills Baby

A nine-month-old baby was suffocated and burned to death last Friday when fire swept the home of Preston Washington 2 miles north of Manassas.

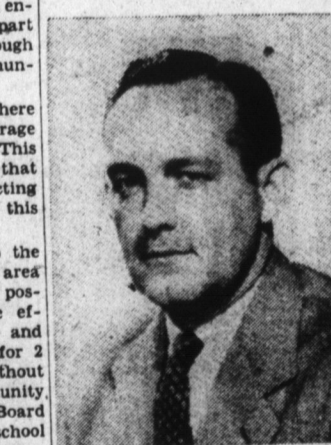
The baby, Jerry McKinley Washington, colored, died when his older sister could not reach him because of the intense heat. Both the mother and father were in Washington where they are employed during the day.

According to the Washington children, one of the boys was playing with the wood stove in the kitchen when it became overheated and spread to the rest of the house. The house is located on the John Barrett farm on route 234 next to the Manassas Airport.

He explained that many such cases are the result of the wires not being cleared of trees. He urged that property owners allow the power companies to clear certain trees in order to establish the best possible service and prevent the lines from being damaged.

Central-Mutual Telephone Company reported that ten phones were thrown out of order because of the storm. Eight of the repairs were in the county with one in Manassas and one in Yorkshire. Stewart Vetter, telephone company spokesman, reported that all the lines were back in normal service by 8:30 p. m. Tuesday.

## Rohr and Davis Re-elected To Fire Department Posts



EDGAR E. ROHR, President



RAYMOND J. DAVIS, Fire Chief

The Manassas Volunteer Fire Department held its annual election of officers Monday night and unanimously re-elected Edgar E. Rohr as president and Raymond J. Davis as chief.

Other officers re-elected to succeed themselves were: Warren Coleman, secretary-treasurer; W. Sedrick Saunders, assistant chief; Charles Mathias, second lieutenant; James Barron was elected captain and Floyd Vetter, first lieutenant.

## Deputy Sheriff Bound Over To Grand Jury

Roy A. Wright, Jr., Dumfries deputy sheriff, was bound over to the grand jury today by Trial Justice Lacey Compton. Wright was turned over on a charge of felonious shooting.

According to testimony, Wright was charged because of the shooting of a Quantico marine. The marine entered the property of Wright on the night of July 29 in search of a friend. Wright apparently mistaking him for a housebreaker, shot him in the leg. There were no charges pressed against the marine.

## Marines Clamp Lid On School Guard Loses First Man To Draft Board

A new federal law may overload Prince William public schools to even a greater degree than already anticipated. The new law is expected to boost attendance at two schools in the lower end of the county by over one hundred pupils.

J. M. Garber, county school superintendent, released a statement this morning saying that the new law closes the Quantico post school to families coming under certain provisions.

## Guard Loses First Man To Draft Board

Progress in forming Manassas second National Guard unit is coming along without favorable progress. At one time, the Guard had one man signed up and two interested, but even this interest has waned.

Paul A. Muse, the only man to be sworn in, has been sworn out since his draft board would not give him a release. Billy Johnson was also interested, but the draft board likewise turned thumbs down on a release.

A third man, Everett L. Alvey of Catharpin, showed interest in joining if he could swing his release from the inactive reserves. This was done but then Alvey decided not to join the Guard since he did not contemplate being in this area in the near future. Alvey who graduated from V. P. I. in June, 1950, holds a reserve 2nd Lieutenant commission.

The Guard is holding regular Thursday night meetings at the American Legion Hall in Manassas, and anyone interested in obtaining information about the National Guard is urged to contact Major Robert Urbach at this time.

## New Teachers For Regional High School

C. N. Bennett, principal of Manassas Regional High School, announced the addition of four new teachers for the fall term. The 1951-52 school year begins September 6. Students will register at this time.

The new teachers are: Irvin W. Brown, mathematics; Miss Arneatha Jones, art and social science; Mrs. Celestine H. Johnson, visiting teacher; and Miss Manavea L. Rice, commercial education.

The following are returning faculty teachers: Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Alsop, Mrs. N. S. Vaughn, P. W. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Short, Miss Eirea A. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Shannon, Donald L. Wiltten, Miss Evelyn V. Fields and Mrs. Dorothy H. Hall.

Also Mrs. Mary W. Fields, Miss Clara Coles, Miss Cassie E. Warrington, Mr. Cleopatra W. Branson, George W. Witt, H. P. Johnson, Miss Helen L. Harrison, Mrs. Roberta Barnes, Mrs. M. W. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Bennett.

In addition, Maceo Lomax, David Coleman, William Burrell, Miss Bertha Chambers, Mrs. Jeannette Williams and Harry Thompson.

Miss Viola Ritenour of Manassas has replaced Mrs. Vivian Woods, also of Manassas, as secretary in the superintendent of schools office. Miss Ritenour formerly was employed by Bennett School as secretary. Mrs. Woods will continue with the school board on a part-time basis.

## County Fair Opens Today

All roads lead to the Prince William County Fair this week.

The fairgrounds at Longview Park Speedway was a beehive of activity this morning as officials and exhibitors put the finishing touches on their displays and exhibits. The weather, clear and cool, was ideal for opening day with indications for the exposition which continues through Saturday night.

Two huge tents were the main center of attraction as the Journal reporter visited the grounds early in the morning. One large spread of canvas, 60x240, was fast taking on color and interest, with the varied displays of canned goods, flowers, garden produce and scores of commercial exhibits. Officials were busy listing entries of which were scheduled to be in their respective places for judging by 11 a. m.

Another large tent, 60x240, was a bustle of activity as livestock and poultry rolled in by trucks and piled in their respective stalls. The younger exhibitors were especially busy grooming their livestock.

Still another tent revealed other livestock entries, such as swine and sheep.

The midway, although rather silent with most of the equipment still wrapped in canvas, looked as if it was ready to break forth any minute with noise and music to entertain the large crowds expected to attend.

Judging will get under way at 2 p. m. today with the judging of farm produce, homemakers exhibits, poultry and rabbits.

This will be followed by the judging of beef and dairy cattle in the 4-H and FFA classes on Friday afternoon. Final judging will take place Saturday a. m.

## This 'n That

The Centerville Volunteer Fire Department has sent out a letter thanking to those who contributed toward the success of their recent charity contest. Accompanying letter is a copy of the department's by-laws and a financial statement which shows a profit of \$1.00 from the contest. Delivery of the new fire engine is expected about 90 days.

An interesting piece of advertising in the letter and menu referred from Knott's Berry Farm Ghost Town at Buena Park, California. The letter states that Mary Lee Holtmeier, Box 171, Manassas, was a recent visitor there. She was in 1920 as a little roadside stand to sell fruit from the farm. Knott's enterprise has grown and it attracts over 2 million people a year. The combined seating capacity of both restaurants is 100. Major attractions in Ghost Town are the Gold Mine, the Wagon Shop and Horse Show Arena.

Business notes . . . Good luck to much success to Mason F. Whigham and Richard E. Watts who are the new owners of Hibbles, an appliance firm, which will be operated as Mayhugh and Watts. . . the same goes for owners of The Martha Shop who have opened a new shop nearby Warrenton.

Glances . . . Gene Worley eating lunch . . . Mrs. R. F. Powell sitting a bit tired after working at a booth at the fair . . . Rev. Archie Brown back from legion convention and now talking about vacation . . . carpenters adding the noise and confusion at the normal office . . . Mrs. Viola Profitt taking a driving lesson.

Feather in his hat . . . Edgar Garber has purchased another antique automobile bringing his total eleven. The car, a 1910 Buick convertible, is in good running condition with good tires. A new paint job should add the finishing touches, Garber reports. The car originally sold for \$1050 new.

The Lions recently did yeoman work in cleaning up the Community Recreation Park. But some persons will continue to abuse the privileges of this picnic spot. One of the members found a dead cat yesterday.

See you at the Fair!

## School Board Rejects Bids Third Time

Planning for the new Occoquan Elementary School has again become stalled because of the high cost of construction. In a special meeting Thursday, the Prince William School Board rejected a third estimate of the construction cost.

After calling for bids twice previously, the Board had rejected them as being too high for the amount of money they had to spend on the school. Under the latest plan, all work would have been sub-let to contractors instead of to one general contractor. However, this method also ran approximately \$10,000 over appropriated funds, J. M. Garber, school superintendent reported.

The Board has tabled the matter until a more reasonable bid is submitted or the Board receives more funds to accept one of the already submitted bids.

In other action, the Board voted to go ahead with work on improving the heating system of Osbourn High School. However, the Board is working under a second set of specifications and not those drawn up previously.

The Board reported that no bid on the job under the previous specifications had been submitted, so new ones were drawn up. Four local plumbing firms met with Superintendent Garber Friday at which time bids were opened.

## To Open Nursery

Two Manassas women will open a nursery school here September 4. Mrs. J. P. Royer and Mrs. John Harrell, assistant, plan to hold either half-day or whole-day sessions at Mrs. Royer's home, Jackson and Peabody streets.

The school will be open for children between the ages of 3 and 5. Mrs. Royer stated that the enrollment will be limited to 25 children. Anyone interested in registering their children may do so by contacting Mrs. Royer at her home.

## TO LATE TO CLASSIFY

ARTIFICIAL BREEDING OF DAIRY CATTLE  
DAIRY farmers can get their cows bred artificially to high-indexed proved bulls by calling Charles Waldrop at Manassas 191. Proved Holstein, Guernsey and Jersey bulls, \$6 fee. No membership fee. Quick efficient service. Charles Waldrop, Manassas, 191. 31-1f-c