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County Assessment Shows Over 3 Million Increase

Assessed Values Hit New High In Prince William This Year

The assessed value of real and personal property in Prince William County for 1951 totals \$22,384,129, according to figures released this week by Commissioner of Revenue Charleton E. Gnadt.

This exceeds the 1950 figure by approximately three and a half million, according to Mr. Gnadt, who states that the new assessment total is far in excess of the amount anticipated. Highest estimates of the increased valuation had been placed at \$1,500,000 upon which the current county budget had been based.

Among the biggest increases noted in the assessment figures are in the public utilities group, which include the Virginia Electric and Power Co. plant at Possum Point, in the Dumfries district; the Transcontinental Pipe Line Co. in Manassas and Brentsville districts, and the Alexandria Water Co. in the Occoquan district.

Mr. Gnadt also attributed the increase to the general population increase, the big upsurge in residential and commercial building and in some localities of the county a house-to-house canvass to assure



C. E. GNADT

that all taxpayers are listed on the assessment rolls. Below are the assessment figures by towns and districts submitted by Commissioner Gnadt.

1951 COUNTY ASSESSMENT

Table with columns: Land and Improvements, Personal Property, Machine and Tools, Merchants Capital, Public Utilities, Total Taxes. Rows include towns like Brentsville, Cotes, Dumfries, Gainesville, Manassas, Occoquan, Total Districts, Haymarket, Manassas, Occoquan, Quantico, Total Towns, and Districts.

Three County Horses Win At Maryland Fair

Mrs. J. R. Aldred, of Hickory Grove exhibited her Holybred filly foal "Brown Betty" at the Maryland State Fair, Timonium, winning second prize. This foal was bred by Mrs. Aldred who owns both the sire and dam.

Rollingwood Farm, Haymarket, showed two purebred Clydesdale mares and their foals at Timonium, winning four blue ribbons, two seconds, one third and three fourth prizes.

Dr. John R. Aldred, Haymarket veterinarian, took seven championships—also 7 firsts, 2 seconds and one third-place ribbons, with his Clydesdales. The winning yearling stallion brought home the St. Andrews Society ribbon for the best stallion of the breed.

Firemen Will Inspect All County Schools

Inspection of all county schools was the principal business transacted at the monthly meeting of the County Firemen's Association at Haymarket Wednesday night.

Manassas Fire Chief Raymond Davis told the 38 members present for the meeting that all county schools should be inspected by the local fire companies before the next meeting in October. The firemen will make out inspection reports which will be submitted to the Superintendent of County Schools in regard to what should be done to insure the school children's safety.

The firemen also heard its president, Dr. George B. Cocks, compliment them for their interest in the association and for the good turnout of members for the meetings. The firemen also voted an honorary membership in the group to James A. O'Keefe, of the Manassas Journal. Following the meeting, the ladies auxiliary of the Haymarket Fire Company served refreshments.

The next meeting of the association will be held at Nokesville, October 10 at 8 p. m. standard time.

Making Estimates For 100 Bushel Corn Club

Estimates are now being made of yields of crops of 100 Bushel Corn Club members in Prince William County. Farmers who feel reasonably sure of being able to qualify as 100 Bushel Corn Club members, by making this yield on one or more acres of land may make application for an estimate to the county agent's office or to the Prince William County Corn Committee of which Kite Roseberry, Manassas, is chairman. Yields are estimated by making spot checks on fifty foot rows in the fields for which an estimate is desired.

Labor Board Calls Election For Electric Cooperative Employees

Approximately thirty-two maintenance and construction employees of the Prince William Electric Cooperative here will vote Wednesday, September 19, at an election called by the National Labor Relations Board to determine whether or not they wish the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to represent them as bargaining agent.

The Journal understands that the election has the consent of management and the Union, and that Union organizers have been active in seeking to organize the employees of the Cooperative for the past five or six weeks.

This is the second time that organized labor has sought to gain a foothold in Prince William County. Other efforts have been in attempting to organize employees of the Central Mutual Telephone Co. and in election of that firm's employees held this summer, the workers voted against Union representation.

Joseph C. McIntosh, representative of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Washington, D. C., has been in Manassas conducting meetings of the workers.

County Pasture Program Good, Cox Reports

The Prince William County Pasture Committee, while pleased with the progress of its program up to this time, realizes that there are possibilities for pasture improvement on nearly every farm in the county, County Agent Frank Cox said. There are acres and acres of run-down, eroded and impoverished pasture sods that have almost unlimited possibilities.

These soils should be tested for acidity and limed accordingly. The land should be broken or heavily disced and 600 to 1,000 pounds of 2-12-12 fertilizer worked into the upper six inches to encourage deep rooting and to put plant food down in the root zone.

Prepare a well pulverized but firm seed bed and sow 2 pounds of Ladino clover and 8 to 10 pounds of orchard grass or fescue per acre. Fescue while not as palatable as orchard grass for dairy cows has a high carrying capacity for beef cattle and is particularly adapted to low, wet soils. It is doing a good job on such soils where it is taking the place of red top which was once widely used.

In no case should the seed be covered more than one-fourth to one inch deep. A too-loose, unpacked seedbed may mean a failure in getting a good Ladino clover-grass stand. Farmers who renovate their old pastures by reseeding during the next few days will have a head start over others who may wait until next spring.

New Dumfries Church Nears Completion

The congregation of the Dumfries Methodist Church is looking forward with anticipation to the completion of their new church edifice this month, according to the pastor, Rev. Clark Wood.

Plans call for final worship in the old church Sunday, and opening consecration in the new church building on Sunday, September 23. A large congregation is expected for the final service in the old edifice which has served the Dumfries Methodists for the past 70 years.

The new edifice is a modern brick structure and its completion is the culmination of long planning and fund-raising by the members of the church.

H. B. Whitmore Dies Monday In Hospital

Funeral services for H. B. Whitmore, retired bricklayer, were held this morning, Thursday, at 9 a. m. from the Baker Funeral Home in Manassas. Interment was in Arlington Cemetery.

The 76-year-old Manassas resident died early Monday morning after a long illness at Newton D. Baker General Hospital, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

A resident of Bradley Forest, Mr. Whitmore was born in Springfield, Mass. He is survived by his wife, the former Anne Molair of Washington, D. C., and one brother. The whereabouts of the brother was not known at the time of his funeral other than the West Coast.

Mr. Whitmore, a bricklayer all his life, had an unusual habit for which he was known throughout the county. On all buildings that he laid bricks, he always laid a new penny under the first brick of the job as a sign of good luck.

FINE ARTS GROUP The Fine Arts section of the Woman's Club of Manassas will meet Monday, September 17th at 8:00 p. m. (DST) at the home of Mrs. John Collins, Route 621, with Mrs. Vincent Davis as co-hostess. The program will consist of a panel discussion. The subject will be "Are We Advancing Through Modern Art."

Fashion Show Models



These five Manassas young ladies are poised for the Junior Women's Club fashion show to be held this Friday night at Osbourn High School. Displaying the latest fashions are (left to right) Vicki Cullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cullen, representing the Martha Shop; Fay Saffter and Mrs. C. C. Lynn who will model for Margaret Lynch; Fay Saffter and Mrs. C. C. Lynn who will model for Margaret Lynch; and Mrs. Harry Parrish, posing for the Martha Shop.

School Enrollment Up 23 Pct.; Occoquan, Nokesville Leaders

Occoquan and Nokesville paved the way as the 1951 County school enrollment zoomed beyond last year's figures. In comparison with last year as of September 30, attendance in white schools is up 565 pupils or 23 percent.

Occoquan, which has divided its auditorium into classrooms as a temporary measure, showed the greatest increase, 94 percent over last year. Nokesville was next with 116 additional pupils over last year for a percentage increase of 37 percent. Baldwin was next with a 23 percent increase while Bennett was fourth, showing a 11 percent jump.

School officials said that the comparison with last year is not a fair one since last year's figures are as of September 30, 1950. They reported that there is always a slight increase of students between the opening of school and the 30th of September since some children are still away on vacation with parents and report late for school opening. This should boost this year's record enrollment even higher.

In order to handle the expected boom in the lower end of the county, the Quantico Elementary School was reopened this year which accounts for no figure given to the chart for this school last year.

Cops Called To Give Lions Club 100 Pct. Attendance At Meeting

Call the cops! And the Manassas Lions Club did just that last night when they enlisted the aid of local police officers in bringing in an absentee to give the club 100 percent attendance.

In fact, there were two absentees. Jack Breeden finally turned up as result of a phone call but the cops were sent out to bring Don Gray, the other culprit, in.

Gray was escorted into the meeting place by the uniformed officers, and both he and Breeden had to be content with a diet of bread and water.

The 100 percent meeting was planned in honor of the president, Reuben Hicks. Also featuring the meeting was the presence of the new male teachers in the local

Table showing school enrollment by town: White, Colored, Total. Rows include Sept. 30, 1950, Baldwin, Bennett, Bethel, Dumfries, Haymarket, Nokesville, Occoquan, Osbourn, Quantico, Technical, Woodbine, Total White, Colored, Total.

GUESTS FROM IRAN Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Barbee had as their guests over the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. All Eftekhari of Tehran, Iran. Mr. and Mrs. Eftekhari will be remembered by quite a few who heard them speak in the Presbyterian Church last spring. They brought with them, at that time, many interesting articles which were displayed and explained to those present. Mr. and Mrs. Eftekhari are students in Washington.

school system as guests of the club. Victor Psigna, was accepted as a new member and Rev. Dan Swinney was received into membership by transfer.

Commissioner of Revenue Charleton Gnadt made an appeal for blood donors in connection with the approaching visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile.

Layton Laws was named chairman for the club's observance of charter night on October 24.

Open of an attendance drive to continue through December 12th was announced with Howard Churchill as chairman. The membership has been divided into four teams for the drive, the winning team to be treated to a free dinner.

Odd Fellows Lodge Making Hall Repairs

Extensive repairs are being made at the home of Highland Lodge, No. 252, I. O. O. F., on East Center Street.

Approximately \$3,000 will be spent to renovate the building, according to M. B. Smith, chairman of the lodge building committee. To date about \$1,500 has been expended in improvements to the structure and additional repairs are contemplated.

New floor beams have been placed to strengthen the building which was originally used as the Methodist Church and is believed to be one of the oldest buildings in town. The Odd Fellows purchased the building in the mid-thirties. Prior to that time they met in a hall at Independent Hill.

The first floor auditorium is the main project at this time which is being renovated to provide a place for community meetings. At present the auditorium is in use on Saturdays by the Seventh Day Adventist Church. A dancing class is also conducted there weekly.

Merchant Heads Crusade

Col. Allan Merchant has accepted appointment as chairman for the Manassas area of the 1951 Crusade for Freedom drive. The appointment was made by former Governor William M. Tuck, chairman for Virginia.

The Crusade for Freedom is the American people's challenge to World Communism. It offers individual citizens an opportunity to strike a blow for freedom in providing the means to get the truth through the Iron Curtain.

Col. Merchant is expected to announce his plans for the drive in the Manassas area in the very near future.

Too Late To Classify

WANTED TO BUY—Box trailer. Call Mrs. M. N. Levine, Phone 038-F-11, Manassas, Va. 21-1-0

FOR SALE—About 200 seasoned round locust posts, near Centreville. Robert Lee, Phone 2241, The Plains, Va. 20-2-\*