

Crusade For Freedom Headed New Dumfries Church To Be Consecrated By Returned Manassas Native



COL. ALLEN MERCHANT

The "Crusade for Freedom" campaign, currently in progress, is headed in Manassas by a resident familiar to older generations in the town, but a stranger to many younger groups.

Colonel R. Allen Merchant returned to his birthplace after 40 years absence and is now staging plans for the Crusade drive which hopes to reach a goal of 25 million members and 3 1/2 million dollars.

Although the drive opened officially September 4, the local campaign will not begin until probably next week. Col. Merchant is now awaiting plans for the drive from Richmond.

In an interview with the Journal, Col. Merchant pointed out the purposes and aims of the Crusade for Freedom. The organization operates radio stations which combat Communist propandags and tyranny.

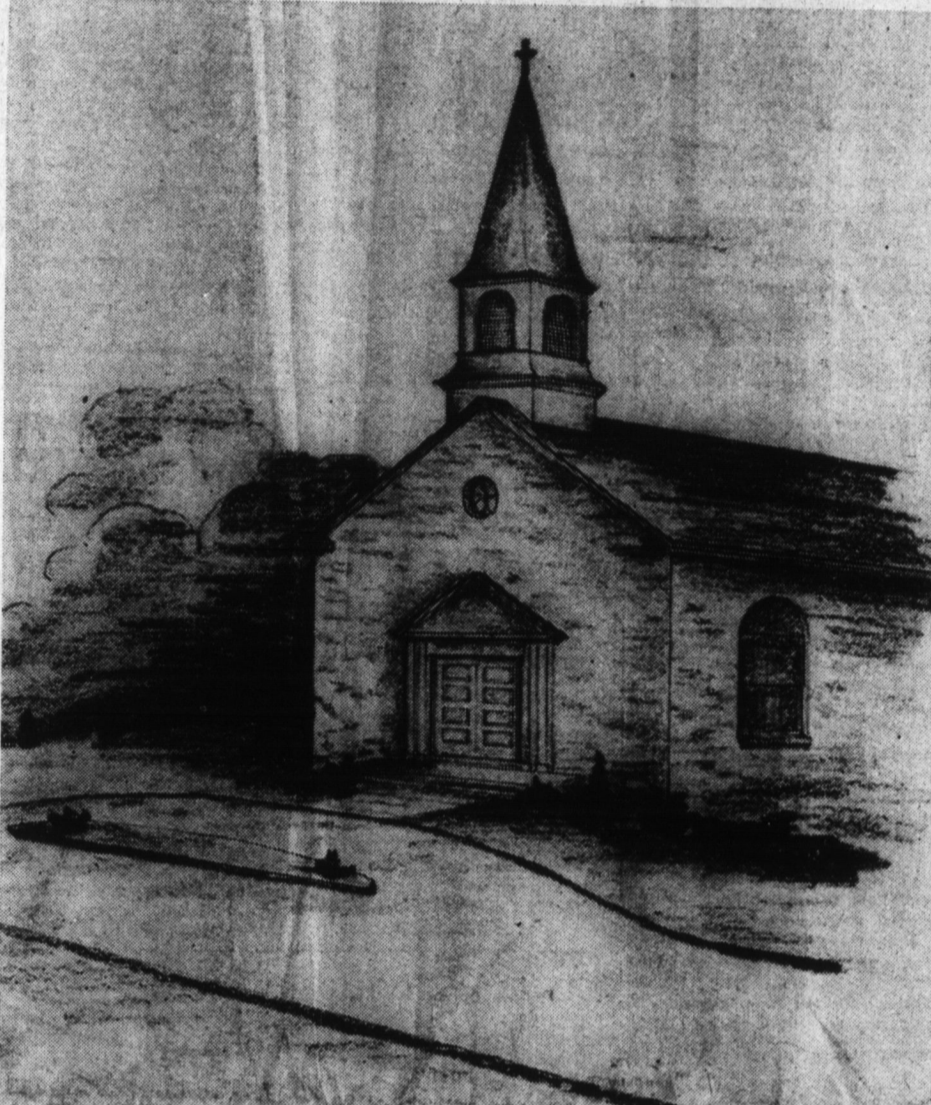
He pointed out that it is not a dual function with the Voice of America since the Voice is the public spokesmen for the American government on policy and attempts to depict the American way of life.

The Crusade, operating the free world's most powerful transmitter, 135,000 watts, drives home to the Balkan peoples the true facts about their conquerors including names of quislings.

The Crusade also has the world's most famous post office box, which is in Munich. The number of the box is advertised over the station and thousands of letters are received which have been smuggled from behind the "Iron Curtain."

The campaign chairman for Manassas, Col. Merchant, was born and raised here, graduating from what is now Osbourn High School in 1912. Following graduation, he was employed in Richmond with the R.F.&P. Railroad. He remained in the railroad business until he left his position with the Seaboard Airline Railway in 1936, to join the Philadelphia and Norfolk Steam-

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Architect's sketch of new home of the Dumfries Methodist Church which will be consecrated with appropriate services in the new edifice Sunday at 11:30 a. m.

New Markers To Guide Pilots Landing Here

New aerial signs so that Manassas can be better spotted from the air have been provided with the painting of ten-foot letters on the roof of the Manassas Furniture Company in northeast Manassas and a sign of similar dimensions at the Manassas airport.

Other signs within a radius of 8 to 10 miles from the airport are to be provided on the rooftops of buildings in order to aid fliers in spotting and landing at the local airport, according to Dudley Watts, airport manager.

When the Smith Construction Company was holding its sale of earth-moving equipment here some weeks ago, many prospective bidders from all sections of the country came by plane and used the facilities of the Manassas airport. Pilots at that time urged that more signs be provided because of the difficulty in spotting the airport.

Manager Watts immediately took the matter up with the Virginia State Aviation Board, which made a survey, and has already taken steps to see that Manassas is better recognized on the airways.

The new signs can be seen from an altitude of 4,000 feet. A building in Centreville has been selected for another sign and other locations are contemplated.

Scott Lewis Parks, of Richmond, who is in charge of painting the signs states that Virginia will paint hundreds of new signs throughout the state this year.

The cost of the work is borne from taxes received on aviation gas and aircrafts.

50 V. F. W. Members Turn Out For Shrimp Feast And Meeting

In honor of their victorious softball team, the Veterans of Foreign Wars held a shrimp feast Tuesday night at post headquarters. Attendance climbed sharply to over 50 members present for the clambake and meeting.

At the meeting following the feast, the group voted to have an Armistice Day dance November 9 at Osbourn High gym. And the club will hold regular turkey shoots every Thursday night beginning October 11 until Thanksgiving.

Three new members were welcomed to the organization. They are Martin C. Wetherall, Vergil Baldwin, and Warren W. Kerlin, Boys State.

Manassas Kiwanis To Observe National Kids' Day Saturday

The Manassas Kiwanis Club will observe National Kids' Day, Saturday, participating with other Kiwanis Clubs throughout the nation in paying tribute to the country's youth.

The observance is sponsored annually by Kiwanis International and the National Kids' Day Foundation, Inc. The theme of the celebration is "Child by Child We Build Our Nation."

Kenneth R. Aldrich is chairman of the local observance, which includes the sale of buttons at 25 cents each in Manassas and vicinity on Saturday. The buttons, which

Nokesville PTA To Hold First Fall Meeting

Thursday night, Sept. 27, is the date for the first P.T.A. meeting of the fall. Last week Mr. R. T. Gay and his committee chairman and other officers met at the D. C. Link home to work out plans for the coming school year.

At the Thursday night meeting it is hoped to have our new superintendent of schools, Mr. Garber, as our guest speaker which will give the Nokesville folks a chance to meet him.

Town Treasurer Byrd In Washington Hospital

R. L. Byrd, veteran treasurer and clerk of the Town of Manassas, underwent an emergency hernia operation at Casualty Hospital in Washington last Thursday. He is reported as resting quite comfortably but is expected that he will be laid up for some time.

His many friends hope for his quick recovery and return to his duties at the Town Hall.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

The American Legion met on Monday in the Legion Building and routine business was transacted. The Commander, Selwyn Smith, appointed the following on committees: Rev. Guthrie Brown, membership; M. S. Burchard, exposition; Joseph Fortuna, athletics; Theodore Ritter, Americanism; George Sonnarfrank, oratorical; Lewis Carper, Boys State.

Sgt. John R. Hooe, Jr. Assigned To Manassas As Recruiting Officer

Staff Sergeant John R. Hooe, Jr. of Route 2, Manassas, has been assigned by the Alexandria Recruiting Station to the Manassas Recruiting Station. Sgt. Hooe was formerly stationed at Robins Air Force Base, Macon, Georgia.

Hooe enlisted in the Air Corps in October, 1947, and was sent to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, for basic training. He served overseas in Berlin on the "Airlift" from July of 1948 until August, 1949.

Hooe is married to the former Bobbie Jean Ellis of Waco, Texas. The Hooes have twin daughters, June and Jane eight-months old. At present, they are making their home with Sgt. Hooe's parents.

Methodists At Dumfries Will Dedicate New Church Sunday

2 Token Men Charged With Hog Stealing

Two Cotes District men have been arrested and charged with stealing hogs, the State Police announced Tuesday. The men, L. V. Sutton and Francis S. Van Doren were arrested Monday afternoon and charged before being released on bond.

According to police authorities, Van Doren is charged with stealing three hogs while Sutton is charged with stealing seven hogs, all from Edward W. Parnell. All are from near Token. Both men were arrested by special investigator R. E. Godsey on warrants obtained from Parnell.

Police said that the hogs are not penned up by Parnell but run loose on his property. A hearing is scheduled in Trial Justice Court for Wednesday, October 3.

Van Doren, prominent Cotes District political figure, is currently in the four-way race for the supervisor seat from that district.

Church History

The first church to be established in Prince William County was the Episcopal Church in 1752 at Dumfries. Although the complete records were destroyed by fire, it is believed that the Episcopal Church became disorganized, and the Methodists took charge in 1771 under the great circuit rider, Bishop Francis Asbury.

The first old Methodist Church was located on what is now U. S. Route 1 highway on the site of the present W. S. Brawner home. The first pastor was Rev. Thomas

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Izaak Walton Meets

The Prince William County chapter of the Izaak Walton League will hold its first meeting of the season at the banquet room of the Manassas Coffee Shop, Saturday night, 6 p. m. eastern standard time (7 p. m. daylight), September 22. After supper a color motion picture will be shown.

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY

There will be no school this Friday because of a meeting of the Prince William County Teachers Association. There will also be a school holiday next Friday because of a teachers meeting at Winchester.

Manassas Firemen Open Drive To Purchase New Equipment

In lieu of a carnival, Manassas volunteer firemen are soliciting contributions to the department from local citizens this week. The drive, headed by Robert Leith, had letters sent out asking for contributions.

While the fire company receives financial support from the county and the town, it is not enough to maintain the fire company at a high level of efficiency to serve Manassas and its surroundings.

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Prince William Focal Point Of Redistricting Headache

Republicans and Democrats alike presented plans for splitting up the present eighth Congressional District at a public hearing before the State Redistricting Study Commission at the Capitol in Richmond Tuesday.

Both plans were similar except involving Prince William County. The Democratic Plan calls for making a new district from Arlington, Fairfax counties and the cities of Alexandria and Falls Church.

The Republicans favor this same grouping except that they want Prince William County added to Fairfax and Arlington. Col. Albert Hinckley of Fauquier County presented the plan for the Republicans. Hinckley is Eighth District chairman of the Republican Party and head of the party's redistricting commission.

Hinckley's suggestion concerning Prince William brought a sharp retort from Frank P. Moncure, delegate from Prince William and Stafford counties.

Moncure said that the metropolitan area in Northern Virginia is welcome to become separated, but he cried "hands off" when Prince William was discussed. Moncure, in a verbal rash of oratory, said he felt sorry for the native sons in Arlington and Fairfax who have been overrun by the influx of new residents.

Then to top off his outcry, Moncure claimed that "all crackpots in the East who haven't gone to Los Angeles are now living in the Alexandria-Fairfax-Arlington metropolitan district."

Senator Fenwick and Delegate Edwin Lynch, Fairfax, both noted exceptions "for the record" to Moncure's remarks.

O-W-L Firemen Hold Turkey, Ham Dinner

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Fire Department will serve a turkey and ham dinner this Saturday night at the firehouse, with proceeds going to the firemen.

After a number of postponements, the firemen will raffle off a 17-in. television set. Speaking for the firemen, R. S. Hall said that homemade pie will also be served. The dinner will be served from 4 till 8 p. m.

Driving Tests Changed To 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

A change in the date for persons to take driving tests in Northern Virginia and Manassas has been announced by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Operator's license tests will be given in Manassas beginning October 1 on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 9 a. m. till 4:30 p. m. Mrs. E. A. Greene, Culpeper, will be the local examiner.

Union Wins REA Employees Support Here

By a one-sided vote of 22-9, electrical employees of Prince William Electric Cooperative voted to accept the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers as bargaining agent for them.

The election was held early Wednesday morning in the REA office supervised by the National Labor Relations Board. Louis Aronin, N. L. R. B. official from Baltimore, was present to conduct the balloting. Frank Adams, Union organizer from the Washington office, was also on hand at election time.

By virtue of the election, a charter will be organized and submitted to the International president who will probably okay it within a week. A meeting was held Wednesday night to solicit membership for the local union.

Bronze Star Awarded To Manassas Boy

The Bronze Star Medal with letter "V" device has been awarded to the late Private First Class David F. Walters, of Route 1, Manassas, Virginia, for "heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, on October 10, 1950, near Kaesong, Korea." The award was made posthumously.

Private Walters was the son of Mrs. Mary E. Walters, also of Manassas and the late Charles R. Walters.

At the time of the action which earned Private Walters the award, he was a member of Company M, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division.

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Fred Hynson (second from left), president of Hynson Electric and Supply and Hesco Bottle Gas company, Manassas, was elected vice-president of the Virginia Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association at its annual two-day convention in Roanoke last week. Hynson founded the company in 1917 but did not handle bottled gas until 1938. The association of dealers was founded in 1948, and Hynson has been a member of the board of directors since that time. He is also the designer of an emblem for the association for use on letterheads, stationery and programs. —Photo by Roanoke World-News.

P. T. A. MEETING

The Manassas Parent-Teacher Association will hold its first meeting of the school term at Osbourn High School this Friday night at 7:30 o'clock E.S.T. J. M. Garber, the new county school superintendent, and new members of the faculty will be introduced at this time.

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