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This 'n That

The Journal prizes highly an autographed copy of "Cinderella's Opera" by Alice Boorman Wilcox, former resident of Manassas. The delightful and attractive volume of poems published by the Press, Richmond, has been highly acclaimed by critics. Mrs. Wilcox has won fame as one of the South's most distinguished poets and her latest volume is considered her greatest work. The author was a recent visitor to Manassas and spoke at a meeting of the Woman's Club.

In a note to The Journal requesting a change of street address, W. Polen, of St. Petersburg, Fla., writes: "I do like to look over The Journal, and although I have been years away from there, I still know the names of people I know. Florida is a wonderful place to come to it is time to retire, and St. Petersburg, in particular, is beautiful, and cool even in summer. The winters are perfect, just like the glorifying October days as we know them in the Mother State."

An invitation! . . . Mrs. Fred Shepherd, our Nokesville scribe, sends a hearty welcome to each and everyone to attend the turkey dinner at the Nokesville Church the Brethren this Friday night starting at 5 p. m. and continuing until all are served.

Race of the year! . . . when teacher Phil Long, chief porter of the Coker Pharmacy, and genial Mr. Roberts, of the Center Market, ran a foot race down the drag Thanksgiving morning. Phil says Phil may be able to kick but he can run faster. Right there's plenty of hot air as for the other boasts of leaving opponent far behind. Suggest you save some of that steam for your own use. They'll probably need it.

Glad to see the Town of Manassas is finally doing something about the street corners. The Main and Center streets have been rounded and now you can get in the corner in your car without danger of having your rear end mount the curb.

Happy are the victors in Tuesday's election. Even candidates who man without opposition are getting a sigh of relief. As for losers, well, we hope they'll get good losers.

What goes on? . . . When will the next meeting be? What would be a good time to schedule an event, so plan it? When is State Q's birthday coming up? These and many other questions will be answered in the community activity calendar now prepared for distribution by the Manassas PTA. The calendar carries regular scheduled meetings, events and special days to be remembered. . . . a great help to the group and individual planning. A nominal charge will be made for insertion of "reminders" in the calendar will cost 10 to 50 cents. Proceeds are to be used to further the work of the PTA, says Mrs. John Barrett, chairman. R. E. Daffan, Mrs. Vincent Lewis, or from any member of the PTA.

Manassas is looking forward to performance of the Barter Theatre's "Light Up the Sky," to be presented here November 20th under sponsorship of the Woman's Club of Manassas. Tickets may be obtained from the Martha Shop, R. E. Daffan, Mrs. Vincent Lewis, or from any member of the club.

Let's we forget! . . . Armistice day next Sunday, November 11th. Let's we still fighting the war and all wars.

New Marine Boss

Lt. General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., former commandant of Quantico Marine Base, has been named Marine Corps Commandant effective January 1, 1952. A native of Norfolk, Va., General Shepherd has seen action in both World Wars and has served the Marine Corps all over the world. The promotion means that the 55-year-old Virginia will be promoted to four-star status before assuming office. He succeeds General Clinton Cates.

Marines Will Dedicate Iwo Jima Statue

Dedication ceremonies for the Marine Corps School's newly completed Iwo Jima Memorial statue, executed in Indiana limestone by the noted Washington (D.C.) sculptor, Felix de Weldon, will be held Nov. 10, at the junction of U. S. Highway No. 1 at Triangle, Va.

The dedication will begin at 11 a. m. with officers and enlisted men who participated in the Iwo Jima operation in attendance. Lt. Gen. Franklin A. Hart, Commandant of the Marine Corps Schools here, who served at Iwo Jima as the assistant division commander of the Fourth Marine Division, will make the opening remarks. He will introduce Marine Lt. Gen. Keller E. Rockey, USMC (Ret.), who was commanding general of the Fifth Marine Division during the Iwo campaign. Gen. Rockey will make the dedicatory address and unveil the statue. Appropriate music will be furnished by the Marine Corps Schools Band.

Civic Group May Ask For New School

The Yorkshire Civic Group at its meeting last Tuesday discussed the possibility of building a small elementary school there to accommodate approximately 120 pupils in grades one through four, it was learned yesterday. It is expected that the Yorkshire group will formally introduce its proposal at the December meeting of the County School Board.

Pupils in that area are now being transported to Manassas. There are approximately 200 housing units at Yorkshire now and a possible \$50 additional units may be constructed within the next year or 18 months.

County Superintendent of Schools J. M. Garber reported that such a move would relieve overcrowded conditions existing in the Manassas Elementary System as well as release two buses for other needed routes.

Quantico Legion Post To Meet November 13th

The regular meeting of the American Legion Post will be held Tuesday, November 13, in the Post Home at Quantico. The meeting will get under way at 8 p. m. There will also be a short joint meeting with the Legion Auxiliary, which is reorganizing. All Legionnaires are urged to bring their wives for the Auxiliary session.

Plans for the Christmas party will be discussed and many new members will be voted upon. Ladies interested in joining the Auxiliary are requested to contact Mrs. L. R. Peters, P. O. Box 7, Quantico, Va.

4 Local Men Elected Trinity Vestrymen

Four Manassas men were elected Vestrymen of Trinity Episcopal Church last night at a congregational meeting of the parish. The four men will replace those removed on the rotation system. The new vestrymen are John Galleher, John H. Merchank, Keith Lyons and R. Jackson Ratcliffe.

Speech And Hearing Clinics Are Planned

Speech and hearing clinics, sponsored jointly by the Virginia Society of Crippled Children and the Prince William County Schools, will be held in the county schools December 3, 4 and 5, under the supervision of Miss Roberta Payne, visiting county teacher.

The program as outlined is designed to assist for speech correction in children determined as a result of these diagnostic clinics. Speech and hearing therapy is made available for individual cases.

School Girl Killed On Route 28

A six-year-old local school girl was instantly killed early Thursday morning on Route 28, 3 miles south of Manassas. Betty Haun, pretty blonde daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Haun of Bristow, was killed by an automobile driven by Emmett Winesgard, also of Bristow. Winesgard was charged with "manslaughter."

Brethren Ground-Breaking



MEMBERS OF MANASSAS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN gathered Sunday for ground-breaking ceremonies for their new church to be constructed a mile closer to Manassas than the present structure. Huddled about the shovel are (left to right) Mrs. Mary Harley, Mrs. E. E. Brown, Mrs. Albert Breeden, Rev. Paul Swigart, Rev. John M. Kline and Mrs. M. J. Hottle. Looking on are Stanley Knupp, Gilbert Mashek and LeRoy Mashek. Construction estimated at \$75,000 will begin within the next week. Plans include a 210 person main sanctuary plus choir loft, balcony and fellowship hall in the basement with kitchen which will seat 200. Levi Miller, Manassas dairy farmer, is chairman of the church building council. —Photo by Churchill.

School Board Hikes Tuition Rejects Nokesville Bids

The Prince William County School Board yesterday at its regular monthly meeting . . . Went on record to up the tuition for out-of-county students effective last monthly meeting . . . Repealed a ruling prohibiting high school teachers from refereeing athletic contests within the county. Directed Superintendent Garber to turn over to the heirs of Wilson Posey the deed to the Smithfield School property near Hoadly.

Rejected two bids as being too high for the proposed agriculture shop building at Nokesville. In regard to tuition, Garber was given the power to set the figures that the students will have to pay to attend County schools. The ruling goes into effect immediately for all pupils entering county schools after said ruling was passed. Students who entered this past fall will not be affected until next fall. At present, the tuition is \$36 for elementary children and \$72 for high school students.

County Goes Over The Top In Bond Sales

Prince William County exceeded its quota of \$36,000 in the recent war bond drive conducted during September and October, with total sales of \$43,587.53 reported for the period.

Charlton Gnadt, county war bond chairman, expressed appreciation for the fine support accorded the drive by residents of Prince William. Prince William was one of few counties in the state to exceed its quota, according to Mr. Gnadt.

Chamber to Hear Moncure At Haymarket Session

State Delegate Frank P. Moncure will visit the upper end of Prince William County this Friday night to address a meeting of the County Chamber of Commerce. Moncure will speak before the group at the Haymarket School at 7:30 p. m. Chamber president Benjamin Muse reported that the ladies are welcome at the meeting and he urged that all members attend to hear Delegate Moncure.

3 Teachers Released At Tech School

County School Superintendent J. M. Garber announced at yesterday's school board meeting that he has effected several economies at the Vocational School in an effort to keep it operating through June, 1952.

Three teachers at the school have been asked to resign, Garber said. They are P. J. Ramondi, Albert C. Bear and M. J. Finan. All three taught at the school last year. They will resign effective November 30, Garber added. The refrigeration course at the school will be dropped entirely for this year.

Garber said that Prince William is "shouldering the burden," and that relief must be forthcoming. He conferred with state officials who will help the school out over the hump for this year. Garber plans to get together with State Superintendent Howard and call a meeting of the county superintendents surrounding Prince William. They will then draft a plan to subsidize the school in the future.

He added that unless stronger support is evidenced in advance by the other counties, drastic action will have to be taken.

Light-Sleeping Wife Saves Local Family

A light-sleeping wife is credited with saving a family of four from disaster last night. Mrs. J. L. McMeans heard a "popping noise" and thought someone was in the house" shortly after 8 p. m. at her home on Route 234 across from the Manassas Airport. The McMeans had retired earlier.

She awakened her husband who discovered a small blaze in the attic of their 2-story dwelling on P. A. Lewis farm. Grabbing a hatchet and buckets of water, McMeans succeeded in putting most of the fire out before he called Manassas firemen.

The firemen responded and doused the remaining smoking embers. Damage was very slight, firemen report. The blaze apparently started from a short-circuited wire in a corner of the attic.

McMeans is a tenant farmer for Lewis and the father of two children.

Woodbridge Woman Buried In Princess Anne County

A Woodbridge woman died at her home Monday afternoon from a "self-inflicted wound." Mrs. Ruby Virginia Twiford, 39-year-old mother of four children, died shortly after 5 p. m. Monday. Her doctor had been in poor health for some time prior to her death.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin Twiford, and four children, 3 boys and one girl. One boy is in college and the other three attend Occoquan School. Her husband is a guard at Lorton Prison.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 3 p. m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church at Creeds, Va. (Princess Anne County). Interment was in the Oak Grove cemetery.

Gerry A. Willard, Jr., member of the National Guard, air force jet unit, at Syracuse, N. Y., has been promoted from 2nd lieutenant to first lieutenant. A student at Syracuse University, Lieut. Willard plans to re-enter active service upon his graduation in January.

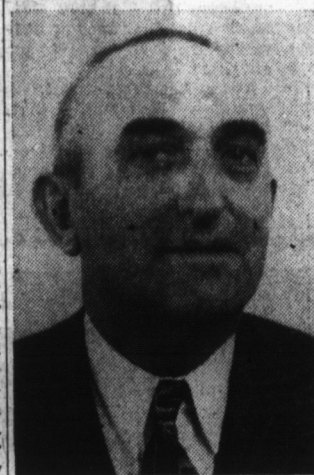
Centreville Supervisor



Stuart T. DeBell, Democratic nominee, was elected supervisor of the Centreville district in Fairfax County, defeating his opponent, George W. Kirley, independent, by a wide margin, 316 to 146.

Lowe, Wheeling, Donovan, Fick Winners In Light Vote

The Winners



JACK FICK



BRADFORD LOWE

County Farmer Killed Sunday Near Own Farm

A Prince William County farmer was killed Sunday night on Route 211 as he walked along the highway. 48-year-old Roy Missey Sowers died instantly after being struck by an eastbound car operated by Alexander French of Washington, D. C.

The accident occurred less than a mile from Sowers' farm near Stone House Inn at the intersection of Route 28. French will face a charge of manslaughter in Trial Justice Court, November 14.

Funeral services for Sowers were held Tuesday at 3 p. m. at the Baker Funeral Home with interment at Sudley Methodist Church cemetery. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Frances E. Sowers; three sisters, Mrs. Nelson Thomas, Manassas; Miss Lydia Sowers, Baltimore; and Mrs. Stuart Monroe, Arlington; and a brother, D. E. Sowers, Concord, Mass.

Bradford Lowe won over a field of five other candidates for the post of supervisor from Coles District in the county's only real contested office Tuesday in the general elections. Lowe received 57 votes, one more than he got in the August Democratic primary.

Centreville To Get Addition To School

A low bid of \$49,930 for the construction of a four class room addition to the Centreville District elementary school was accepted Tuesday by the Fairfax County school board.

An Alexandria firm was low bidder. The board had allocated \$55,000 for the much needed project.

Seeley Visits Plants Of John Deere Company

Manufacturing methods used to produce farm equipment rival those for building airplanes and fine automobiles, both in modern efficiency and quality of work, according to Conway L. Seeley, who returned November 3 from a week's tour of John Deere farm implement factories in Illinois and Iowa.

Mr. Seeley, who is owner of the Manassas Hardware Co., visited five of the sixteen John Deere factories, including the planter works and plow works in Moline, Ill., the two huge tractor factories in Waterloo and Dubuque, Iowa, and the hay machinery works in Ottumwa, Iowa. He also visited the central material research laboratories, where he saw some of the exhaustive tests of the many kinds of materials . . . everything from steel to paint . . . used in the manufacture of John Deere farm implements.

A part of the week's program was devoted to discussing new farm implements which the John Deere factories are currently introducing.

A light vote without any major upsets climaxed this year's general election in Prince William County. The only surprise came in Coles District where Bradford Lowe retained his primary vote despite more candidates to cop the supervisor post from that district.

John A. K. Donovan won handily in his match with Nathan Paulson for State Senate while Frank P. Moncure was without opposition for the House of Delegates.

Turner D. Wheeling polled a surprising majority of 3-1 over Independent Nick Reid for Sheriff.

Four other county officers were re-elected without opposition. They are Arthur Sinclair, County Treasurer; Worth Storke, County Clerk; Stanley Owens, Commonwealth's Attorney; and Charlton Gnadt, Commissioner of Revenue.

Elsewhere in the Supervisor race, Jack Fick easily won over Francis Coffey in Dumfries District in the only other contested supervisor race. R. S. Hall, J. Carl Kincheloe, R. L. Ellis, and R. B. Gossom were returned to office without opposition.

Turner D. Wheeling showed surprising strength in the lower end of the county in Tuesday's election to overwhelm Independent Hill contractor Nick Reid 1397 to 440. Wheeling carried every precinct in the county except for Joplin and Hickory Grove which gave both candidates the same number of votes.

Wheeling polled over four hundred more votes Tuesday than he did in the primary against incumbent John Kerlin. However, there were 514 less votes cast Tuesday than in the primary, in keeping with the generally light vote.

John A. K. Donovan polled 372 votes more Tuesday than in the primary against Andy Clarke but the latest vote was 544 less than cast in August. Donovan will represent Fairfax and Prince William Counties, and Alexandria and Falls Church in the State Senate at Richmond.

Arthur Sinclair polled the highest number of votes of any candidate in the county. Sinclair who was unopposed received 1579 votes.

The total vote cast was 1837 which occurred in the Sheriff's race—the top local contest. Other races polled less in proportion to the size of office.

In other elections, the following men were elected Justice of the Peace for their respective Districts. J. P. Melton, John R. Clark and Chester Lunsford, Gainesville; Wallace Hook, William A. Barbee and Roy Doggett, Manassas; John F. Pattie, Dumfries; R. E. Carter, J. L. Dawson, C. C. Wittner, W. I. Gooch and R. L. Oliver, Occoquan. W. H. Cockerill, J. R. Esple and Paul M. Irvin were elected to the Soil Conservation Commission.

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The Vote In Prince William

	Senate	gate	County Officers	Sheriff			
Donovan	13	13	18	22	21	21	9
Brentsville	33	14	32	35	36	33	39
Catharpin	29	1	29	30	29	29	30
Dumfries	153	37	176	178	158	157	175
Greenwich	24	7	30	30	29	27	28
Haymarket	100	6	94	103	99	96	102
Hickory Grove	17	4	18	19	17	19	10
Hoadly	21	3	16	16	17	14	20
Independent Hill	61	7	64	63	69	64	67
Joplin	23	3	26	26	26	24	14
Manassas	481	104	496	538	537	494	482
Nokesville	90	34	105	113	112	119	99
Occoquan	129	52	144	148	146	147	144
Potomac	167	34	182	191	188	177	161
Token	44	3	29	32	32	28	46
Waterfall	14	0	15	15	15	15	11
Wellington	18	3	16	20	18	17	21
TOTAL	1417	325	1490	1579	1565	1488	1397

Elected Sheriff



TURNER D. WHEELING

Independent. Francis Van Doren received 22 votes while George Brunger polled four. Two write-in candidates, Rev. Murray Taylor and Andrew Samsky, polled 13 and 4 votes respectively. Both were beaten by Lowe in the primary. Taylor was the incumbent then, and served as chairman of the board of supervisors.

Elsewhere in the county supervisor race, Jack Fick, Triangle businessman, won re-election over Francis Coffey by a margin of 361 to 68. Fick is an independent and Coffey won the August primary.

The other four Board members were unopposed. R. L. Ellis polled 184 votes, R. B. Gossom scored 159, while J. Carl Kincheloe and R. S. Hall received 519 and 167 votes respectively.

COLES DISTRICT Independent				
	Hill	Token	Total	
Lowe	19	38	57	
Clear	38	10	48	
Van Doren	11	11	22	
Brunger	2	2	4	
Samsky	13	0	13	
Taylor	4	0	4	

DUMFRIES DISTRICT Dumfries Joplin Potomac Tot				
	Coffey	Fick	Total	
Coffey	37	5	42	68
Fick	177	23	200	397