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This 'n That

lots of excitement in Centre this week over the arrival of new, shiny fire engine from the Creek, Mich. And big plans in the making for the dedication of the new fire house and cement in the near future. Centre is rightfully proud of the support and cooperation that made possible a well equipped fire department.

Less than six weeks until Christmas. Some local stores are ready early holiday shoppers with attractive toy displays and others are in preparation for the big day.

Keith Lyons has reason to be proud of his widow display at the quiet Mart. Typical of the Thanksgiving season, the display gets the "horn of plenty" in rich colors. It has to be seen to be appreciated. Nice work, Keith!

Local police look mighty smart in their new uniforms. Can't they blame them if they seem to give a little shine coming out in new outfits.

We learn that at the end of its summer season 17 years ago, Barter Theatre wound up with a surplus of \$4.35 in hard money and a barrel of jelly. In the interim, however, its actors had gained a total of more than 400 pounds and the hoof and were happy and fed. As Fred Allen once remarked about the Barter Theatre, "about Labor Day, if Bobberfield wants to tell if he had a successful season, all he's got to do is weigh the hams." The Barter Theatre comes to Manassas next Monday evening.

Leads the state! . . . Prince William County led the State of Virginia in exceeding its quota of war bond sales for the period from September 3rd to November 3rd, according to C. E. Gnadt, county chairman. With total sales of \$49,415 reported, the county attained 100 percent of its objective. Middlesex County was second with 130 percent of objective.

Much interest is manifested by Prince William cattle breeders in the International Live Stock Exposition which opens in Chicago on November 24th. In open class competition, Prince William County will be represented by the Van Farms, of Haymarket, with Angus.

To Germany! . . . Lt. Paul S. Ham, better known to local folks as "Bo," is home on leave from Fort Knox, Ky., and will leave November 15th for Camp Killebrew, N. J., preparatory to leaving his new station in Germany.

Two Quantico Marines Die in Auto Crash

Two Quantico Marines were killed Monday night in a head-on collision on Route 1 north of Fredericksburg, Va. morning.

They are Gerald Roger Esquin, 21, and Harold B. Boret, 23. Police report that the widows of both men are in Fredericksburg.

The third Marine, a passenger in the car, suffered a back injury. Kenneth K. Stinchcomb, 20, was killed when their automobile and a tractor-trailer collided approximately 3 miles north of Fredericksburg. The accident happened around 8 a. m.

State Police said that the Marine's northbound auto crossed into the southbound lane of the highway and collided with the truck driven by James John Dickinson, of Merchantsville, N. J. The impact of the crash threw the two Quantico Marines from the car, killing them instantly.

Home Inmate Found Dead

Richard Edward Lewis, 63, missing from the District Home for the aged here since November 6, was found dead Sunday in a cornfield near the home.

Lewis, formerly of Alexandria, apparently died the night of November 6, Charles B. Martin, Prince William County coroner said. The victim suffered from a chronic heart condition. Death was due to natural causes.

BOX SOCIAL

A box supper will be held at the Manassas Courthouse, Saturday night at 7:00 o'clock for the benefit of the L. K. Jackson Volunteer Fire Department. Following supper, bingo will be enjoyed.

TO LATE TO CLASSIFY

HOUSE FOR RENT, 8-rooms, \$45 per month. Running water in kitchen only. Located on state road No. 646, Nokesville area, approximately 1 1/2 miles from Camp Bullis. For appointment phone number 1067 or write John E. Pruitt, 2306 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria, Va.

Va. Gas Co. Laying New Pipe In Town

The Virginia Gas Transmission Company has been working the past week to replace sections of its pipe line in Manassas in order to provide better service, the local office said yesterday.

The new pipe is being laid at the present time along Quarry street from Main to Maple street. Gas company officials said that this new 4-in. pipe is being laid to connect with dead-end lines in the northwest area of Manassas.

When finished, it will be the final link in a system that surrounds the town. It moves north on Main to Quarry, out Quarry to the lumber company, north along Sudley road to Grant avenue, and south along Grant avenue back to the company's station.

The company estimates that it will take at least two weeks to complete the project. When the Quarry street section is finished, work will begin along Main street from Quarry to the Stone wall Jackson Hotel. The line has already been bridged across Center street.

The company could not estimate the cost of the project, saying that such information is handled by the state office in Richmond.

Bass, Bream Planting In County Waters

Better fishing is in prospect for Prince William County as the result of bass and bream stocking under way this fall.

G. W. Buller, commissioner of state game and fisheries, on a recent trip here found the streams and waters of the county in good condition and well adapted to greater stocking.

This week several thousand bream will be planted in Broad Run, Cattle Run, Cedar Run and Occoquan Creek.

Two weeks ago Lake Jackson received a planting of about 2,000 open mouth bass and another planting will be made soon.

CIVIL DEFENSE MEETING

The Baltimore Filter Center is conducting a new training program for the Ground Observer Corps, Civil Defense officials said this week.

The filter center team will meet tomorrow night, November 16, at 7:30 at the Manassas Town Hall. All observers are requested to attend.

"Running Me Out Of Business"

THE MANASSAS JOURNAL'S FIRST "JUNIOR SALESMAN," Phil Green, is shown above selling a paper to Billy Heese, Manassas recruiting officer. Seven-year-old Phil is the Journal's first salesman, but not the last. Phil is already complaining that his friends have "muscle" in and are threatening to run him "out of business." However, Phil, who is a second grade pupil of Mrs. Jane Carter at Baldwin, still sells more than his share of Journals each Thursday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Green, 205 East street, Manassas.

—Photo by Churchill

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ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Subscribers and Friends of The Manassas Journal:

The Manassas Journal and The Manassas Messenger have been merged into one newspaper, to be known and published under the name of The Journal Messenger. It is the belief of the stockholders of both The Manassas Journal and The Manassas Messenger that the merger will afford a wider opportunity for service to the people of Prince William County. A more complete statement by the stockholders will be carried in the first issue of The Journal Messenger.

This is the last issue of The Manassas Journal. Next week you will receive The Journal Messenger, which will thereafter be published as a weekly newspaper, serving all of Prince William County. The ownership of The Manassas Journal wishes to take this opportunity to express their deep appreciation to the subscribers, advertisers, and their many friends throughout the County for the splendid cooperation they have given to the publishers in the past, in their effort to provide a fine County newspaper, and we bespeak the same cooperation for The Journal Messenger in the future.

Prince William Publishing Company

By: John Galleher, President

Citizens Group to Give Report On School Survey At Meeting

Some light on what can be done to improve the overcrowded school situation in Prince William County is expected to be shed at a meeting of the County Citizens for Schools Committee, which has been called for Monday night, November 19, at 7:30 o'clock at the Osborn High School, Manassas.

The Committee, headed by Stuart A. McMichael, of Nokesville, as chairman, is composed of representatives chosen by the various Parent-Teacher associations and civic clubs of the county to sound out public opinion as to the

need for an inclusive building program to relieve overcrowded conditions in county schools, and to provide for the anticipated increase in school enrollment in the near future.

An effort will be made at Monday's meeting to compile the committee's findings and to prepare recommendations on the basis of the citizens' survey for consideration of the County School Board.

The committee was organized last month following the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools J. M. Garber that such a group of representative citizens be formed to work and study the situation from the public's point of view.

At the present school facilities in Prince William are taxed far beyond capacity. Enrollment figures disclose an increase in (white students only) of from 2454 in 1947 to an estimated figure of 3,311 in 1952, or 31 percent. In the Manassas district during the same period, the increase has been 43.5 percent.

In a recent survey of pre-school age children in the county, it was revealed that by September, 1952, there will be almost as many children in the first nine grades as there are now enrolled in both the elementary and high school grades.

Below are some interesting statistics on the school enrollment forecast, indicating the urgency in planning a building program that will adequately handle not only the present but future growth in Prince William's school population.

BUSY ON CALENDAR

Members of the Manassas PTA Ways and Means Committee, who are assisting Mrs. John Barrett, chairman, with the preparation of the community activity calendar, are: Mesdames Ralph Slusher, Floyd Riddick, J. E. Bradford, Jr., Leo Miller, Lacey Compton, I. J. Bredren, Ian Ross, Warren Coleman and Austin Barbee.

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New Officers Nominated By Local Firemen

The County Firemen's Association nominated a nine-man slate of officers to be elected at their next meeting last night at the Independent Hill school house.

The nominees are E. B. Heflin, Haymarket, and R. S. Hall, Occoquan, for president. Jack Pick, Dumfries, was the only candidate selected for vice-president. George Son, Frank, Nokesville, was renominated for the post of secretary while Cecil Garrison was likewise renominated for treasurer.

Four men were picked for the Fire Marshall post. They are C. B. Roland, Gainesville; Cedric Saunders, Manassas; John S. Pattle, Dumfries, and Worthington Hall, Occoquan. The next meeting of the association will be held at Manassas, December 12.

In other action, a committee of the county fire chiefs was named by President George B. Cooke to look into the matter of establishing a fire Alarm Board through the telephone company. With the installation of the dial system at Quantico, firemen have more difficulty finding out where the fire is.

Cooke said that it is a most important matter since the whole county will probably be on the dial system in "3 or 4 years if we (Central-Mutual Phone Co.) can get materials."

Following the business meeting, Howard Churchill showed newsreels to the approximately 50 members present.

Game Checking Stations Set Up In County

Walter L. Flory, game warden of Prince William County, announced this week that the law requires all bear, deer and wild turkeys be reported and tagged at game checking stations during the coming hunting season which opens Tuesday, November 20th.

Tags will be furnished only at the checking stations which have been designated for the county as follows:

Bull Run Service Station, junction routes 15 and 55, Haymarket; McMichael & Payne, Nokesville; Pearson's Grocery, Gainesville; Sam's Market, Independent Hill; Canton's Ezzo Service, Manassas; Dawson's Service Station, Woodbridge.

Main purpose of the new regulations, which are in force in most of the states, are to aid in law enforcement and as a means of making a check of the annual kill to assist in managing the various game species.

The hunting season for all counties east of the Blue Ridge extends until January 20th.

Quail Plentiful

Game Warden Flory states that while he doesn't expect any large bag of deer or bear in Prince William, that hunters can expect a good bag of quail and wild turkey. Quail, he states, are plentiful this year, due to good weather during the hatching season. Large coveys of birds have been reported in different sections of the county.

Mr. Flory also urges caution with firearms to avoid accidents and particular care against the hazard of starting forest fires.

GAINESVILLE PTA MEET

The Gainesville District PTA will hold its regular meeting at 8:00 p. m. Tuesday, November 20, 1951 at the Haymarket School auditorium.

Catching-Up On Manassas

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Supervisors Name 28-Member Group To Study Government

The County Board of Supervisors authorized a committee to study new forms of government at its meeting last week. The Board, at the same time, named 28 persons to the committee headed by the Rev. J. Murray Tylor who bows out as a Supervisor January 1.

The Board in its formal resolution said "Be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Prince William County that a committee of 28 members be appointed to this Board, to carefully consider structure and functions of county government, and to bring to this Board not later than February 1, 1952, its findings and possible recommendations, so that if any enabling legislation for modifications in the present form of county government is recommended, it may be presented to the General Assembly of Virginia at the 1952 session, and that the following be appointed:"

Committee members under Chairman Tylor include: Manassas Town—E. E. Rohr. Manassas District—W. M. Johnson, W. M. Kline, Mrs. Jane L. Service. Occoquan Town—Bernard Cross. Occoquan District—Harvey Davis, Mrs. Denier Lehr, Raymond Southworth. Haymarket Town—M. Fewell Melton. Gainesville District—J. Preston Smith, V. H. Wood, Mrs. Edith M. Latham. Brentsville District—L. W. Huff, T. Clay Wood, Mrs. Agnes Webster. Coles District—J. Alan Staples, Mrs. Bessie Cornwell, James Cornwell. School Board—E. H. Marsteller. Treasurer's office — C. A. Sinclair. Commissioner of Revenue's office—C. E. Gnadt. Commonwealth Attorney — Stanley A. Owens. Board of Supervisors—J. P. Pick.

Frank Wells Of Gainesville Dies Saturday

Funeral services were held here Monday for Frank Wells, 71-year-old Gainesville resident. Wells died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Shepherd, Manassas, Saturday, November 3. Interment was in the Manassas Cemetery. The Rev. Fleishman of Nokesville performed the services.

Pallbearers were the deceased's nephews, Maury Wells, Keen Wells, Malcolm Wells, Murray Wells, Francis Jones and Floyd Kirby. Wells is also survived by Mrs. Jeannette Pumphrey, Cheverly, Md.; Francis Wells and John Wells, Washington; Robert Wells, Indian Head, Md.; and a sister, Mrs. E. P. Kirby, Falls Church. In addition, he is survived by six grandchildren. His wife, the former Judith Breen, died in 1945.

Izaak Walton League To Meet At Occoquan

The monthly meeting of the Prince William County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America will be held at Occoquan on November 17th at 8:00 p. m. in the Occoquan, Woodbridge, Lorton Fire House. The speaker will be "Jiggs" Embrey. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

The annual turkey shoot of the county chapter will be held at "Saylor's Farm" near Lake Jackson on Saturday, November 17th at 2:00 p. m.

Need cash! Sell unused clothes and furniture with a Journal classified.

OFF TO CHICAGO are left to right) Bill White, Gilbert Miller, Jimmy Flickenger (seated), Lester Parsons, Jr., Charles Davis and Instructor Phil Reading. Osborn Agriculture Instructor Fishaw looks on. The six will leave November 25 for Chicago to attend the International Livestock Show, flying home December 1.

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