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— Park Gate, a frame farmhouse near Nokesville built

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— Rockledge, an old stone house overlooking the Town of Occoquan, built in 1758 as the home of John Bellentine, early industrialist and founder of the town;

— The stone miller's house at Occoquan, for which the Bill of Rights Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is presenting a plaque this Sunday, November 1;

— The Stagecoach Inn and Henderson House in Dumfries, two of the last 18th Century structures in what was once a thriving seaport town.

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But it was the plight of the old courthouse and nearby structures at Brentsville which occupied everyone's attention last Thursday.

Both Ratcliffe and Yowell testified as to how vandals had damaged the courthouse, old jail and old school house, and of how better protective measures were needed.

Col. Robert Snider, an as-  
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# Zoning

# Chamber Opposes Change

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gress report on anti-pollution in general and in the area, citing some pluses — such as stricter state laws, stricter stream standards for the Occoquan, plans to phase out seven town pumping stations “which dump raw sewage into streams during times of peak flow,” and of efforts of Town Manager T. Nelson Elliott, who “has written Dow Chemical Company and DuPont for aid in eliminating odors from the sewage treatment plant.”

Alvey also spoke optimistically, citing efforts of the county to combine sewage treatment plans with those of the towns of Manassas and Manassas Park for a regional approach.

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After they were through, comments from the floor still indicated impatience with “long delays in correcting sewage problems and promises, promises, promises,” as one man put it.

“This problem is not new,” said another. “These citizens are not just suddenly concerned, jumped on the current environmental concern bandwagon — we have sought relief for many years.”

Another homeowner accused the county of “not showing good faith” in failing to reach agreement with the town for the most efficient handling of area sewer problems. Alvey agreed, but added the observation that the county has no “control” over the town.

Finally, it was decided to form a committee “to look into the matter to determine if the town’s plant is being operated property, to strongly approach the Board of Super-

### LEGAL NOTICE

VIRGINIA:  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE COUNTY OF  
PRINCE WILLIAM  
QUALITY HOMES  
REALTY, INC.  
Complainant  
vs  
MICHAEL E. MITCHELL  
and CARLA D. MITCHELL  
Defendant  
In Chancery No. 4048  
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above

visors, the Town Council and any other political persons, including the State Water Control Board, to expedite correction of the problems.”

Among those attending the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. James B. Robinson, James Leo, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Miller, William C. Wood, H. Layton Laws Jr., William Sellers, Mrs. Donald Newman, Mrs. John Barret Sr., Mrs. Gladys Seekford, Dan Barret, Dr. William F. Freidank, Harry Ruth, Earl Boyer, and others.

—Ray Dilley

## Piedmont to Host Election Night Party

Election parties will be held in the Manassas and Woodbridge offices of Piedmont Federal Savings and Loan Association on Election night beginning at 7 p.m.

The news media will be on hand to gather the returns from the 29 precincts in the county and the information will be posted on tally boards.

Both of the offices are open to the public and refreshments are available.

## TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE—2 Guernsey cows, both milking, both bred. Call 368-4811 after 6 p.m. 31-1-c

FOR SALE—Kenmore electric range, white, \$50. Call 494-3613. 31-1-c

LIVING ROOM SET, custom made slip covers, for sale — Less than a year old. Call 361-4302 before 5 p.m. 31-1-c

FOR SALE—12 cases of Bruce all oak laminated parquet floor tile, 48 pieces in a case, ½” x 9 x 9, covers 27 sq. ft. Asking \$120. Call 361-6586. 31-1-c

’67 TRAVEL TRAILER CORSAIR for sale — 18 ft., self-contained, hitch, brake assembly. Excellent condition, best offer. Call 361-7763 before 6 p.m. 31-1-c

By a “straw vote” of 16 to 8 the Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Tuesday night voted against a change in the form of county Government.

The vote came after a presentation given by the chamber’s policy development committee headed by A. Pickens Butler.

In spite of the recommendation of its committee, however, the Chamber’s Board of Directors decided to take no specific position on the change of government issue but to make “public” the poll of its members at the meeting held at Lake Jackson Restaurant which was attended by 72 persons.

The poll of its members at the session also revealed that by a vote of 18 to 5, the members were opposed to the second question on the ballot: “Shall the County Adopt the County Executive Form?”

However, the chamber’s members were in favor of having the supervisors elected at large. The “straw vote” on that issue was 17 in favor and 7 against.

PEKINGNESE—male, one year, \$25. Also puppies. Call 754-8983. 31-1-c

AUTOMOTIVE PAINTER wanted—must be experienced, plenty of work. See Jack Gilbert, Milloy Dodge, 9026 Centreville Rd., Manassas, Va. No phone calls! 31-1-c

FOR SALE—1967 English Ford Cortina, G.T., R & H, A/C, white with black stripe. Mechanically good. Must sell this weekend. \$500.00 firm. 361-7748 after 6 p.m. 31-1-c

TRIUMPH 65 HERALD for sale. Good mechanical condition and body. Priced below market, \$425. Call 361-5805. 31-1-c

1950 JEEPSTER—new engine, top, tires, paint. \$850. Call 754-4358. 31-1-c



sed by the newly formed the company has been it. About to enter the department. (JM Photo by

# No Home

leased some funds before so people could erect buildings.”

Underwood disagreed. He said that in Dale City, for instance, the firehouse had been financed through a bank loan.

Neabsco Supervisor Andrew J. Donnelly suggested that rather than send the new pumper back to the supplier, if it came to that, maybe it could be purchased and supplied to some other company which needed it. “If this company acted prematurely, then we could give this to some other company and relieve them of the obligation,” he said. “Then they could go ahead and build a building and buy a second hand pumper to get experience on.”

Underwood agreed that “buying a temporary piece of equipment for a permanent home” would be better than buying “a permanent piece of equipment with no home.”

Chairman Joseph B. Johnson also thought the rules should be complied with. “If they’re wrong, let’s change them. But in the meantime let’s live with them.”

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