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## EPIDEMICS DUE TO FLIES AND FILTH

Infantile Paralysis and Dysentery Endangering Lives of Many People.

Richmond, Va., July 24.—At widely separated points in Virginia, two epidemics are now endangering the lives of many people. In the vicinity of Fredericksburg and in the city itself infantile paralysis has been occurring since the last day of June, and on the south side of Middle river in Greene and Madison counties an outbreak of bacillary dysentery has already resulted in more than a hundred cases of sickness and ten deaths. During the first fortnight of the infantile paralysis outbreak there was only one fatality.

**Epidemics Due to Faulty Sanitation.** Laboratory tests have proved that the dysentery outbreak has been caused by intestinal bacilli; and this is giving the State Board of Health much concern because in the Middle river district there is absolutely no sanitation, even of the simplest sort, and flies in droves carry the germs in all directions.

While Fredericksburg is generally well sanitized, the houses having sewer connections, the surrounding districts of King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford counties are far from being as satisfactory. Both in the city and in the counties there are too many flies.

### Efforts Being Made.

Recognizing the importance of combating these outbreaks in the most determined way, the State Board of Health has had its epidemiologist investigate both districts personally and has sent competent men to help the local authorities and direct operations against the epidemics.

Dr. R. K. Flannagan, assistant health commissioner, has gone to the Middle river district. With him are Miss Nancy Vance, school supervising nurse, and A. D. Knott, assistant to the state epidemiologist. Miss Vance and Mr. Knott will spend several weeks in Greene and Madison counties.

Former Assistant Health Commissioner Dr. W. A. Brumfield has gone to the Fredericksburg district; and with him is Lieut. E. C. Stoy, U. S. P. H. S. These representatives of the state health commissioner will endeavor, before they leave, to have installed better local sanitary appliances and better protection against flies. This work will be in addition to their definite efforts against the existing epidemic.

### Commissioner Issues a Warning.

"What is occurring around Fredericksburg and in the mountain counties," said the state health commissioner today, "may be expected in any community which fails to pay attention to neighborhood sanitation, so long as flies can have access to unprotected human waste matter. The State Board of Health is doing all that it can to aid the suffering communities that are victims of the present epidemics; but the only way to prevent such epidemics is to have the people protect themselves by having sanitary privies installed wherever there are no sewer connections.

"Furthermore," said the commissioner, "it may be well here to emphasize that even toilets with sewer connections are not safe, if they are left uncovered so that flies may have access to them. Those so-called 'sanitary toilet seats' which are lidless are not sanitary. No seat is sanitary unless it has a lid that can be lowered when the toilet is not in use.

"We are now sending to every mother in Virginia the birth of whose child was reported during the current year, a pamphlet showing how to make privies sanitary. Twenty thousand of these pamphlets have left the office within a week and more are going. Detailed plans and descriptions of all sorts of sanitary privies and protection for wells and springs are published by the State Board of Health and can be had free. We are glad to send them to any inquirer. It takes just such outbreaks as these two epidemics to make the people recognize the necessity for sanitation.

"We hope," added the commissioner, "that we may be able to prevent the spread of these epidemics and we are doing all in our power to prevent their spread; but in the final analysis prevention is up to the people. Until the people as a whole recognize that human filth is the worst enemy of the human race and that the only way to protect themselves against filth is

## MR. LION MAKES STATEMENT

Reports Being Circulated or Without Foundation in Fact or in Truth.

Editor of The Journal, Manassas, Va.  
Dear Sir:—Kindly permit me to have published in The Journal the following statement:

On Friday night last I heard, for the first time, that certain unscrupulous individuals are industriously circulating a report in certain sections of our county that after the apprehension and conviction of Alvin W. Harris for the murder of the late Thos. S. Meredith I had endeavored to persuade, or requested, his Excellency, the Governor of Virginia, either for or without fee, to commute or extend Executive clemency toward said Harris for his cold blooded murder of Mr. Meredith.

By this means I denounce statements as being without foundation in fact or in truth and any person, or persons, who repeat the same as being true in whole, or in part, are malicious falsifiers.

Respectfully submitted,  
THOS. H. LION.

## EARLY REUNION

Held Near Kettle Run on Old Home Farm—Thirty-six Present.

On Thursday, July 19, a reunion of the M. G. Early family was held near Kettle Run on the old home farm about one mile north of Nokesville.

A very bountiful dinner was spread upon the tables that had previously been erected. The day was warm and therefore lemonade and ice cream was very refreshing.

Many of the young people found great sport in bathing and swimming while the rest of the crowd enjoyed looking on.

There were thirty-six present, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Early, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Crumpacker and children, Mary, Helen, Virginia, Edgar, Francis and Morris, of Roanoke; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Beam and six children, Early, Ralph, Hazel, Charles, Ella and Robert, of Nokesville; Mrs. P. S. Davis and son, Carl, of Springs, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Herring and children, Mary, Lloyd and Charles, of Nokesville; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Andes and children, Ray, Edgar and Harold, of Bealeton; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Herring, Mr. John Herring, Mr. and Mrs. Quinter Herring and daughter, Miss Edith Early, of Missouri, and Mr. W. F. Hale. Two sons-in-law and one daughter, also six grandchildren were able to be present.

Before dispersing some very helpful talks were given by H. W. Herring, W. F. Hale, M. G. Early, G. W. Beam and E. C. Crumpacker.

## JUDGES OF ELECTION

The following judges of election have been appointed for the democratic primary election to be held Tuesday, August 7:

Aden—J. E. Marshall, J. W. Arnold, W. B. Kerlin.

Brentsville—J. M. Keys, R. P. Manuel, H. W. Hensley.

Nokesville—J. B. Harpine, Jos. B. Manuel, W. R. Free, Jr.

Greenwich—H. A. Boley, E. W. Reid, P. B. Mayhugh.

Manassas—Peyton Larkin, J. H. Burke, R. M. Waters.

Wellington—W. P. Larkin, J. D. Wheeler, N. A. Wheeler.

Hickory Grove—W. Parke Wilson, C. S. Utterback, Wilbur Brawner.

Catharpin—L. B. Pattie, H. Haislip, W. S. Brower.

Waterfall—S. R. Clarke, R. B. Gosson, W. M. Foley.

Haymarket—G. W. Smith, John T. Carter, G. G. Brady.

Independent Hill—W. J. Ashby, J. B. Cole, J. S. Storke.

Horton—D. T. Herndon, Clarence Herndon, W. F. George.

Token—R. B. Payne, W. B. Bell, R. W. Cornwell.

Dumfries—M. J. Keys, Eastman Keys, W. S. Brawner.

Joplin—W. B. Abel, E. C. Miller, Fred Cooper.

Potomac—E. S. Perry, W. E. Lloyd, A. E. McIner.

Hoadly—George F. Pettitt, R. E. Simpson, French Davis.

Ocoquan—E. S. Brockett, A. B. Rogers, Harry Carter.

to dispose of it so it cannot be tracked by animals and carried by flies or get into water supplies, perfect sanitation is not to be anticipated; and it is only by perfect sanitation that we can stop the occurrence of the filth borne diseases—typhoid, dysentery, infantile paralysis and the like."

## Prince William County Farmers' Annual Picnic

The Prince William County Farmers Annual Picnic will be held at the Courthouse, Manassas, Va., on FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 1923.

This is to be an all-day Basket Picnic with speaking, both in the forenoon and in the afternoon. While held under the auspices of the County Farmers' Union, every farmer, his family and his friends are invited. Hon. G. A. Lambert, State President, and Geo. H. Bowles, State Secretary, will be with us. U. S. Senator Fletcher and other prominent speakers are expected.

Let this be a great "Home-Coming" anniversary for all the farmers of the county. As there is to be no county fair this year, this is the only county "get-together" the farmers will have. Let's make the most of it. COME—meet and greet your friends, talk crops, politics, the weather, eat a good dinner, hear the addresses, and have a good time.

Please advertise the picnic among your friends  
J. H. DODGE, Secretary-Treasurer  
County Farmers' Union

## HAYMARKET

Mr. H. T. Clarkson, of Clarendon, was a Haymarket visitor on Sunday. Miss Frances A. C. Grinnan was the guest of Miss Martha Carter for the week-end.

Miss Julia Garnett and Mr. Thomas Garnett, who have business positions in Washington, were at their home here for the week-end.

Mrs. Grayson Tyler and Miss Tillie Gray Tyler are able to be out again, after a long and tedious illness of influenza.

Rev. E. S. Hinks, of Elk Ridge, Md., visited friends here this week.

"Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works" were given at the Parish Hall on Tuesday evening with fine success. The entertainment was under the management of Mrs. Alfred Tawney, who took the part of "Mrs. Jarley." The wax works were followed by a motion picture.

The Civic League held a lawn party at the home of Mr. A. B. Rust on Friday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Brown, of Clarendon, visited Mr. Brown's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Brown, at Buckland, on Sunday.

The ladies of St. Paul's Church guild were hostess at a reception at the Parish Hall on Thursday evening of last week, given in honor of the rector of the parish and his bride, the Rev. and Mrs. John A. H. Brumberger. The hall was attractively arranged for the occasion, and decorated with flowers and many lighted candles. A large number of guests were present during the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Brumberger were assisted in receiving by the officers of the guild, Mrs. Willis Moor Jordan, Mrs. Wade C. Payne, Mrs. G. P. Dissoway and Mrs. Carval Hall. Mrs. Oscar Hutchinson was in charge of the punch bowl, and those who served the dainty refreshments were Mrs. J. W. Garrett, Mrs. W. M. C. Dodge, Mrs. J. Edward Jordan, Miss Nannie Williamson, Miss Audrey Furr, Miss Ella Keyser, Miss Sue Alrich and Miss Edmonia Tyler, assisted by other members of the guild and congregation. A prettily decorated brides cake was presented Mrs. Brumberger at the close of the evening.

Among the guests present from outside of the parish were Rev. and Mrs. Mayers, Mrs. Charles Moore and Mr. and Mrs. George, of Middleburg and Aldie, and Rev. and Mrs. A. Stuart Gibson, of Manassas.

## GAINESVILLE

Rev. W. H. Russell, of Roanoke, is visiting Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Beard. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pearson, of Washington, are visiting relatives at Gainesville and Haymarket.

Dr. E. H. Masteller has returned from a business trip to New York. Miss Anna Mason, of Clarksburg, is the guest of Miss A. D. Marsteller at Melbourne Cottage.

Mrs. Seldon has returned to Richmond, having been a recent guest of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Masteller.

Mrs. Bella Hite has returned from a visit to relatives in Washington.

Mrs. Frederick Graham, of Washington, is visiting her sister, Miss Louise Cave.

Mr. William Cave, of Washington, also spent a few days with home folks and friends lately.

Mrs. Charles Allen has returned from a visit to her sisters in southwest Virginia.

Miss Mable Greeny is visiting relatives in Washington, also Miss Marjorie Pearson.

Miss Florence Hewell, of Marshall, was a recent guest of friends in the village.

Miss Edith Laws, of Bristow, has been a guest at the home of Mrs. John Clark.

Mr. Willard Pearson has been seriously ill of blood poison, resulting from a bruised and sprained ankle. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

## DUMFRIES

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brawner, of Washington, spent the week-end with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude H. Brawner are the proud parents of a little boy, born July 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Abthur Loveless and children were Sunday visitors in Clifton.

Mr. W. H. Harrison and family, accompanied by Mr. Willie Carter, motored to Washington to the zoo Sunday.

Mrs. Eastman Keys and daughter, Margaret, are visiting in Washington. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brawner had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. John Mastin and family, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Ratcliffe, accompanied by their grandson, Mr. Leon Waters, are spending their vacation in Atlantic City.

Little Francis Russell, of Alexandria, is spending a while with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brawner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cornwell and niece, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sisson. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Merchant and family, of Manassas, spent Monday evening with their daughter and family, Mrs. C. S. Sisson.

Mrs. Cato, of St. Elmo, was a Sunday guest of her sister, Mrs. D. C. Clark.

Mr. Coffman, of Washington, was a Sunday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brawner.

Mr. Magruder Keys spent the week-end at Beaver Dam, Va.

Miss Mable Caidy, of Washington, spent a few days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elvan Keys.

We are glad to state that little Miss Virginia Embry, who has been quite sick, is now improving.

Mrs. Emmitt Brawner, who has been spending some time in Washington, is now with her daughter, Mrs. M. J. Keys.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Merchant, of Manassas, spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Merchant.

The many friends of Mr. George Waters are glad to know that his eight weeks' stay in the Lewis school, at Detroit, Mich., will soon be up, and will be glad to welcome him home.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Harris, of Washington, spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Klonan Wheat, of Baltimore, also Mr. Richard Wheat, of Washington, were Sunday guests at the home of their mother, Mrs. Masia Wheat.

A party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Brawner Monday evening in honor of little Miss Gene Bell's eighth birthday. About twenty-five guests were present. The evening was enjoyed by all out-of-door games, after which refreshments were served to all on the lawn. All guests departed wishing her many more happy birthdays.

## FORESTBURG

Miss Flossie Mountjoy has returned home after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Wine, of Washington.

Mr. W. C. Williams, Jr., spent the week-end here, returning home on Tuesday.

Mrs. Belle Dunn is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn, of Washington, this week.

Mrs. W. E. King and two children, Marie and Frederick, called at the home of Mrs. R. B. Abel Friday evening.

Mrs. Nathan Linsky returned to her home in New York Saturday after spending a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Abel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Foulger, Jr., called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reid Sunday evening.

Mrs. Charles Keys and daughter, Rayland, called at the home of Mr. R. T. Ashby Tuesday evening.

Miss Mary Jones, of Richmond, is the guest of Mrs. W. G. Covington.

## RECEIVES REFUND BLANKS

Secretary of the Commonwealth Tells How to Secure Blanks for Rebates.

The following letter addressed by B. D. James, Secretary of the Commonwealth, to Hon. C. A. Sinclair, will explain the manner in which affidavits can be had for use in obtaining the gas tax rebate:

Richmond, Va., July 24, 1923.

"Hon. C. A. Sinclair, Manassas, Va.  
"Dear Sir:—In reply to your letter of the 20th, I am enclosing you a few copies of the refund tax blanks, and suggest that purchasers of gasoline entitled to refunds, would lump their purchase tickets for say fifty days, so that they can get them in the sixty day limit, or not later than the 17th of August, as the law provides.

"The law being a new proposition we did not know just how many of these forms to have printed, and I only printed several thousand. We have distributed about all we have on hand and it seems that nearly every man who buys gasoline is applying for refund.

"We will be only too glad to put these forms in the hands of any applicant who desires them."

MRS. H. S. LAM GIVEN SURPRISE

Children Gather at Home Sunday to Celebrate Birthday Anniversary.

A home coming was held at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lam at Brentsville, last Sunday, the occasion being the anniversary of Mrs. Lam's birth. The relatives and connections of the family who were present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Muddiman and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fisher and son, Cleveland, of Manassas; Mr. and Mrs. J. Jason Lam and son, John Jason, Jr., of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smith and children, Frances, Theodore and Evelyn, of Gainesville; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wittig and children, Florence, Roy, Edwin, and Alton; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gray and son, Richard Lee, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Moffett, of Warrenton.

The home coming was arranged by Mrs. Lam's children without her knowledge. In order that the surprise would not inconvenience their mother each of the children carried a supply of good things to eat.

MEETING AT COURTHOUSE

Rev. H. C. Marsh Spoke on Law Enforcement to Appreciative Crowd.

A meeting under the auspices of the Ministerial Association of Manassas was held at the courthouse Thursday evening of last week and the principal speaker was the Rev. H. C. Marsh, of Middleburg. The subject of the occasion was "Law Enforcement" and the speaker told of the attempt made to murder him because he had taken some part in law enforcement.

The Rev. J. A. Goliheh also made a stirring address. It was determined by vote of the assemblage to establish a Prince William County Law Observance League and Mr. H. A. Knevels was named as temporary chairman of the proposed league.

MRS. ROBERTSON ENTERTAINS

Reception Held in Compliment to Miss Helm Crumley.

Honoring Miss Helm Crumley, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, Mrs. Bolling Lynn Robertson entertained with a delightful reception last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Robertson was assisted in receiving by her sister, Miss Maxine Stoeger, of New York, and Mrs. Howard W. Jamison, and in the dining room, which was charming with Ophelia roses, by Mrs. Joseph Lyon and Miss Amelia F. Brown.

Mrs. John Arthur Breashears, of New York and Mrs. W. Holmes Robertson, of "Lawnvale" Gainesville, Va., poured.

During the afternoon about one hundred ladies called.

—Mrs. James Harvey Boyd, of Laurens, S. C., announces the marriage of her sister, Mrs. Sara Jeffrey Payne, widow of the late George W. Payne, to Dr. Carl Gustaf Holmstrom on Saturday, July 14, in Washington, D. C. After the ceremony, Dr. and Mrs. Holmstrom left on an automobile trip to Niagara, Canada and New York State, returning to Washington about September 1st, where they will be at home to their friends at 508 East Capitol street.

## POLITICAL RALLY AT HAYMARKET

Three of the Senatorial Candidates Make Short Addresses to Large Gathering.

One of the largest attended political rallies of the present campaign took place on Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rust at Haymarket. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Community League of that place. Early in the afternoon residents of the community gathered on the Rust lawn, which was decorated with flags and bunting. Tables were placed under the shade of the trees and refreshments were served by a number of young ladies. Later in the evening, when the lanterns were lighted, the grounds took on the aspect of a miniature fairland.

The addresses were made from a stand on one side of the house and when the meeting was called to order more than 200 people were present. Hon. C. A. Sinclair, candidate for reelection to the House of Delegates, presided and introduced the speakers. The first speaker was Mr. Robert S. Barrett, of Alexandria. He briefly reviewed his career in the service of the United States government in South America and said that, upon his return to his native state two years ago he found such a crying need for a more businesslike and economical administration of state affairs that he decided to offer himself for election to the State Senate. He declared that he was in favor of better roads and schools but said that he was opposed to any increase in state taxation. He hoped that sufficient money could be saved in the state by economies for these purposes. He declared that he was not a fanatic on the subject of prohibition but was strong for the enforcement of laws.

Mr. Frank Bell, of Arlington county, the next speaker, stated that larger appropriations for public schools was the principal feature of his platform. He was strong for the compulsory educational law even if it meant increased taxes. He defended his prohibition record and said that while it was not an issue in this campaign it was important to send men to the senate who would be strong for the enforcement of laws. He told of his plans to help the bad boys in the state and said that no bad boy should be denied the right to an education.

Senator Walter Tansill Oliver, the incumbent, was the last speaker. He defended his record in the senate and answered some of the charges that had been made against him. He said that the charge that he was opposed to the public schools was false and that he sent his children to a private school because they could secure a longer term. He defended his vote on the prohibition question and said that he had introduced a bill in the senate which would punish the buyer of intoxicating liquors as well as the seller. He told of his efforts to secure an appropriation for the Manassas Battlefield Park and for the Lee highway, both of which he said would be of great benefit to the county.

All three of the speakers declared that they would abide by the decision of the voters in the district on the question of the big bond issue. Mr. Barrett advised great caution in the expenditure of public funds during the present era of high prices for materials and labor.

The three speakers were generously applauded.

POLITICAL MEETING AT JOPLIN

Candidates for County Offices Make Twenty Minute Addresses.

One of the largest political meetings held in the county incident to the campaign for nominations for county officers and for the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates was staged at Joplin on Wednesday night of this week by Mr. William Crow, who is himself a candidate for re-nomination as Supervisor for his district. The rally was attended by people from all over the lower end of the county and by many from Stafford.

By reason of the large number of candidates present, those desiring to address the voters were limited to twenty minute speeches. Addresses were made by Messrs. Oliver, Barrett, Ball and Sherier, candidates for the Senate, Messrs. Sinclair and Herring, candidates for the House and by Messrs. Lion and Davies, who are opposing each other for Commonwealth's Attorney.

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