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## PROHIBITION AND RUMORS AFLOAT

More Drinking Than Ever?  
"Everyone Making It At Home"—Can You Buy It?

(By H. A. Knevels, Secretary.)  
The current number of the Country Gentleman, which is the oldest agricultural journal in the world and of undoubted integrity, gives first place in its pages of the current issue, dated December 22, to an article under the caption of "Lying About Prohibition." It also illustrates the article with an interesting cartoon labeled "The Growth of a Rumor." The Country Gentleman is blessed with more than a million subscribers, so this article will be given wide publicity. On account of its great value and interest we propose to give some brief excerpts from its text, sincerely hoping that each reader may be able to get access to the paper and read the complete article itself. The author is an accomplished newspaper writer, A. B. MacDonald, who states that all through last winter and summer he spent a great deal of time investigating the workings of prohibition in cities and towns and country districts from the Atlantic Coast to the Far West, and he can say positively that prohibition has not collapsed anywhere.

We quote: "It has come nearer to a collapse in Detroit than in any other place, but it is not the fault of prohibition; it is because in Detroit the officials can be bribed and are bribed with booze profits to ignore it. There is more loose talking and loose writing and lying about prohibition than about any other one thing. For example, loose talkers are everywhere repeating over and over the following statements, not one of which is true: 'There is more drinking than ever.' 'You can buy it in open saloons everywhere.' 'Every one is making it at home.' 'Prohibition is making law breakers of everyone.' You can see more drunkenness now than in the old saloon days.' There is a change in sentiment on prohibition; people want beer and wine.' 'Prohibition doesn't prohibit.' Those are simply loose statements. Millions of people in this country know that prohibition has not collapsed everywhere and that neither the entire country nor any considerable part of it is awash with illicit liquor. Even in Detroit there is a vast difference between conditions now and in the old saloon days. Then beer was five cents a glass, whiskey ten or fifteen cents. Now beer of poorest quality is twenty-five cents and booze is fifty or seventy-five cents. Then there was a wide open saloon on nearly every corner. Now a man has to be introduced to get it. Then a man knew the worst harm the booze could do him was to make him drunk. Now he gulps it down with a feeling of doubt."

"I found that after one has learned the ropes, and if he wants to sneak around after it and pay bootleggers big prices, he can buy booze quite easily in the cities along the Canadian and Mexican borders and the coast lines of the Atlantic, the Gulf and the Pacific, and in Chicago and other big cities of the interior. Outside of those districts, in all the great agricultural area of the West and South, the country is dry."

"I am convinced that little real whiskey is sold anywhere in this country. The chief of the government chemists in Washington told me that in the last year they had analyzed 40,000 samples of bootleg booze bought in different parts of the country, and 98 per cent of it was not whiskey at all but stuff made mostly from alcohol redistilled by bootleggers from poisonous denatured alcohol. In the four years it has been in operation national prohibition has closed the distilleries, the breweries and the saloons of this country, and has ended the open making and selling of booze as a beverage. In doing that it has decreased drunkenness to such an extent that in most places it has almost ceased to exist; it has lessened poverty and brought prosperity; it has given children and girls and mothers a better chance, has reformed countless drunkards and brought happiness to thousands of American homes. These are the outstanding facts of prohibition, and wet propagandists cannot wipe them out by argument nor cover them up with lies. I have been in Chicago several times in the last year, and in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Cincinnati.

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## NEWS FROM KENTUCKY

Virginia's Work in Kitchen Improvement Comes Over Radio.

(Miss Lillian V. Gilbert, County Home Demonstration Agent)

Those who were fortunate enough to get in on the radio program Wednesday night had the pleasure of listening to an address given in Louisville, Ky., in which special mention was made of the work being done in Virginia along the lines of kitchen improvement. The speaker said that Virginia had taken the lead in the great piece of work and made a point to explain how it was done, giving the details. It is hoped that a large number of those in Prince William county who took part in this big piece of work heard the address.

## TOWN SCHOOLS GIVE PROGRAMS

Old English Christmas Party and Pageant at High School—Mother Goose Program.

A number of beautiful Christmas programs were given in the Manassas schools last week. Both leagues held meetings, an elaborate program of Christmas songs and recitations being presented by the school before the Bennett league, each grade contributing a feature. On Friday the primary department joined in a Mother Goose Christmas program and each of the upper grades dressed a beautiful tree and presented a program of its own, a mysterious Santa Claus in the meantime visiting all the rooms.

At the high school the upper classes gave an old English Christmas party Thursday night to the freshmen class. A King of the Revels, with his courtiers, herald and jester, made merry. The traditional Yule log was brought in with ceremony and placed upon the fire. Old English carols were sung. Santa Claus also appeared upon the scene and games closed the program.

On Friday morning the third year class under Miss Campbell's direction presented an impressive and really beautiful Christmas pageant adapted from Tennyson's Holy Grail. On Friday afternoon the usual Christmas assembly was held, old English, Latin and French carols being the special feature. This carol singing was made possible by the kindness of Mrs. A. Stuart Gibson, who trained the class. The program given Friday afternoon follows:

Prayer, Rev. J. Murray Taylor.  
Carol, "Adeste Fideles."  
Reading, "Angels and the Shepherds," St. Luke; Latin, Miss Elizabeth Coleman; English, Miss Constance Henry.  
Carol, "Holy Night."  
Reading, "The Child Born at Bethlehem," Miss Rose Rice.  
Carol, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night."  
Story, "St. Joseph of Arimathea," Miss Mildred Monroe.  
Carol, "We Three Kings of the Orient Are."  
Recitation, "Sir Launfal," by the First Year Class.  
Carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."  
Reading, "Teig's Christmas," Miss Nellie Raymond.  
Recitation, "The Night Before Christmas," Dabney Waters.  
Reading, "The Christmas Tree," Miss Gladys Ball.  
Reading, "The Christmas Dinner," by Charles Dickens, Miss Virginia Speiden.  
Reading, "French Christmas Customs," Miss Evelyn Lynn.  
French carols by the French Class.  
Presentation of Red Cross Nursing Certificates to Home Economics Class, Rev. A. Stuart Gibson.

## PAGEANT AT TRINITY CHURCH

On Sunday evening a large congregation assembled to witness the Christmas pageant given by the Church School of Trinity Episcopal Church. The entertainment consisted of well arranged tableaux and music by the children's vested choir. The most striking scene pictured was of Joseph and Mary watching over the manger. The procession led by the children's choir, followed by the shepherds, wise men and those representing different nationalities made a sacred and beautiful picture. Miss Margaret Temple Hopkins took a leading part in training the young people for the dignified and reverent rendition.



## TWO DROWN AS CAR PLUNGES INTO BASIN

Hammen Eskridge, Brother of Mrs. George Bryant, Meets Death in Washington.

Hammen Eskridge, fifty-four years old, brother of Mrs. George Bryant, of Manassas, and John J. Craven, aged fifty-five, were killed in Washington Wednesday when the automobile of Robert McLennan, blocked from turning into the narrow bridge over the Tidal Basin inlet by the sudden appearance of another car, plunged from the speedway into the basin. Mr. McLennan, the only occupant of the car to escape death, is under treatment at Emergency Hospital, where a policeman is on guard. An inquest is to be held today.

Mr. Eskridge, whose identity was not known to the survivor, was not identified for some time after the accident occurred. Mr. Bryant, his brother-in-law, went to Washington to verify the identification. The deceased, who had been living in Washington for thirty years, was a native of Virginia. Interment was at Merrifield, Fairfax county.

## LOCALS WIN TWO GAMES FROM VISITING TEAMS

Basketball Stars Defeat Iroquois From Alexandria and Hebron Seminary.

(High School Reporter)

The Manassas High School basketball team defeated the Iroquois team from Alexandria last Friday night at Eastern gym. The score was 35 to 10.

December 14 in Eastern gym the Manassas High School team defeated the strong Hebron Seminary by the score of 21 to 19. During the first half the locals outplayed the Nokesville men. In this half two substitutes, forwards, for Manassas (W. Lynn and Ledman), made a very creditable showing, running wild with their heavier opponents. In the last half, the regular team playing, the Nokesville fellows ran the score up till it looked like victory. But finally the Manassas boys awoke and won the game in the last few minutes of play.

Tell your neighbors The Journal is only \$1.50 a year in advance.

## BODINE HOME BURNS

Nokesville Dwelling Destroyed on Christmas Day—McMichael Fire.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Bodine, near Nokesville, was destroyed by fire on Christmas morning. Nothing was saved and how the fire started is not known. Mr. and Mrs. Bodine left Nokesville early Tuesday morning to spend the day at Warrenton. They knew nothing of the fire until their return in the evening.

A less disastrous fire occurred in the same neighborhood on Wednesday at the home of Mr. A. J. McMichael starting from a fire in the family sitting room. Prompt measures soon extinguished the flames. The water, it is reported, did as much damage as the fire.

## GAME REPORT OF COUNTY COMPILED

Game Warden Reading and District Supervisor Fletcher Provide Information.

Through Supervising Game Warden Albert Fletcher, of the eighth district and County Game Warden C. L. Reading, the following interesting statistics are presented:

Game killed or captured in Prince William county last season: Quail, 2,155; wild turkeys, 34; rabbits, 4,700; squirrels, 2,880, and ducks, 350.

There were 748 hunting licenses issued, aggregating the sum of \$1,129, as against \$1,240 for the previous year.

Dog tags sold, 1,688. Dogs destroyed, 28. Dog law convictions, 4. Amount paid for damage done by dogs, \$227.12. Amount paid into the treasury of Prince William county for twelve months' dog licenses and used for roads and schools, \$2,159.34.

The above amount from dog licenses is retained by the county, and appropriated by the Board of Supervisors to pay for damages done to stock by dogs, and for bounties on hawks, crows, etc., and the remainder is devoted to schools and roads in the county. A total of \$261,309 net was the past year paid into the treasuries of the counties, cities and towns in the commonwealth for this purpose after 15 per cent of the gross amount had been deducted for the maintenance of the Game Department.

The State Game Department has to be self-supporting, and is maintained from the hunters' licenses, besides 15 per cent of a total of \$307,422.40 (dog licenses), the balance, as stated, going to the various counties, cities and towns, over a quarter of a million dollars. In the support of the Game Department are the wardens, the game farm, fish surveys and hatcheries, restocking of streams with fish, and the woods and fields with game and birds. Prior to the adoption of the Baker dog law (1919) there was less than \$75,000 per annum collected in Virginia through assessments by commissioners of revenue.

Annual survey of game throughout the state shows an increase during recent years, the year 1923 being the banner one. These statistics on amount of game killed and the estimate on the amount of game in the general survey of the state, are procured by game wardens in each locality, and confirmed by hunters and land owners. The recreational value to our citizens is untold. This, and the actual value of the game killed, is difficult to estimate in dollars and cents. The survey on the quantity of game is as authentic as it is possible to make it. The U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey accepts it and figures the values, etc.

## ARRESTED IN PROBE

Five negroes are in jail and one white man out on \$2,000 bond on charges of connection with a gang believed to have been at the bottom of a series of freight car robberies in the yard of Lynchburg railroads recently.

Stolen goods were found, police officers charged, in the store of Charles P. Dameron. A search warrant was issued and quantities of goods, alleged to have been stolen from freight cars on sidings, there, were seized. Dameron was bailed, and the five negroes from which he said he received the goods were arrested.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Speiden, Miss Virginia Speiden and Miss Nolle Nelson left Tuesday evening to visit relatives in South Carolina.

## TEACHERS HEAR MISS L. D. METZ

Manassas Instructor and State President Addresses Gathering at Richmond.

One of the State's greatest needs—ability to make serious-minded citizens realize the cost of ignorance—the waste to the individual, to the State, in having inadequate and poorly equipped schools; poorly paid, undertrained, overburdened teachers and short school terms, was stressed in the annual report of Miss Lulu D. Metz, president of the State Teachers' Association, made at the general meeting held in the auditorium of the John Marshall High School in Richmond.

Not the least among other problems which must be faced in the consideration of the price of ignorance, as a hindrance to progress, and as a source of financial and economic loss is the changing of teachers from school to school, said Miss Metz, who added:

"It is estimated that from 4,000 to 5,000 teachers in the State of Virginia change positions every year. That teacher who changes from one school to another every year, or even every two years, cannot do her best work. It takes the greatest part of a session for a conscientious worker to acquaint herself with the community, its problems, its opportunities; she must have time to discover these and to adapt herself thoroughly to the needs of the community in which she serves, if she would do justice to herself and serve the best interests of the State. Besides there cannot be the same incentive for good work nor the same enthusiasm in maintaining the co-operation of parents and patrons as when she plans to remain and become a real and vital part of the community, a factor in its life."

Is Great Economic Loss. Continuing, Miss Metz' report said: "If we may compare the financial loss alone, with the standard labor turnover, which is estimated as being \$50 per person changing positions, we can get at least a fair estimate of the loss in the teaching profession from the changing of positions. How serious the question really is and how great the loss is a problem to be earnestly considered, and it is not until teachers and school officials realize equally the extent of the loss that a remedy will be found." Miss Metz said the duty of teachers was to bring about an awakening of the conscience of officials and teachers to the true situation as it exists today.

Advocate Uniform Scale. Miss Metz said there should be a uniform salary scale based not upon experience alone, but upon terms of service to the community. Touching on the code of ethics to be acted on before adjournment of the conference, Miss Metz said a strong code of ethics would have a decided tendency towards preventing the constant changing of teachers. She said all teachers would be aided by the development of a pedagogic consciousness, and said not until the teachers become aroused to the importance of professionalizing their work as has the physician, the nurse and the lawyer, will the inherent strength of the teaching profession be understood and recognized.

Factor in Health Work. Miss Metz said she desired every teacher in the State to realize how all-essential a factor she is in, the better-health campaign which is sweeping the State and what efforts will mean to future citizenship. "Such is my faith in the 12,000 and more teachers in the State of Virginia, in whose hands is the task of aiding in the shaping of the destinies of Virginia's thousands of school children, that I believe they need only to recognize the extent of the loss of human life and effort, and they will be ready to take their place in all endeavors which make for better health conditions."

Miss Metz said that reports for 1922-23 show that 77 per cent of all rural teachers in Virginia have first grade certificates or higher.

Quoting Dr. Eugene Lyman Fisk, medical director of the Life Extension Institute, "Intelligent physical training, instruction in personal hygiene, the establishment of high ideals, of physical excellence—these will go far more than any other laws or forms of cultural influence in placing the nation on a higher moral plane and opening up a vista of true happiness."

Miss Metz said it is the truth of Dr. Fisk's words that makes the goal worth striving for, and the duty of

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## Dear Friends and Patrons

We cannot let the old year pass into history without a word to you of our appreciation of the friendly business relations which have existed between us; without conveying to you our warmest thanks for your patronage so generously extended during the year nineteen twenty-three.

We wish for you in the coming year joy, prosperity and a large share of all the blessings which it holds in store.

Cordially yours,  
JENKINS & JENKINS

## His New Year Resolution

Katherine Edelman  
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ARTHUR WILLIAMS came down to the office all out of sorts with everything and everybody, so much so that when Clark Winston began to confide in him about the many good resolutions that he was making for the New Year he tried to cut him off with a sharp retort.

But Clark Winston, bubbling with the exuberance of youth, and radiant with the enthusiasm of the newly engaged, was not easily rebuffed. "Not make New Year resolutions?" he said. "Why! that's just what the New Year's for. It takes a day like it to jolt a fellow out of the rut he has been traveling in too long, and to keep us from growing away from the ideals of our school days. So, you bet you, I'll be making good resolutions this year and try to keep them, too, so I'll be worthy of the love of the best little girl in the world."

Arthur Williams turned away impatiently and went to his desk. But all morning there came to him again and again the memory of the conversation and the look that had been on Clark Winston's face as he had voiced his determination to make New Year resolves. Each time the thought came to him he tried to put it from him, but somehow he found it hard to do. For there had come to him, too, the memory of a time when he, too, had made such resolutions—when he, too, had looked to the future with the desire deep within him to make himself more worthy each day of the woman who had consented to be his. Now, however, he was content to drift along with the tide, to take each day as just a repetition of the one before—content to just hold the place he occupied in the business world, and worse; almost content with the home life that was now his, almost indifferent to the fact that he and his wife had slowly drifted apart and that the ardent love which had been theirs in the long ago seemed to be now dead.

But in other days it had been different with him—he had then been just as full of hope in the future—as full of the fire of zeal and devotion toward the woman who was his as any man could be. How, he asked himself now, had it come to be that things were as they were? Was it that his love for his wife was dead, that he cared no longer for her, or was it her fault that they had slowly, almost im-

perceptibly drifted apart? Looking back, he recalled now, with a half-shudder of remorse, many little instances where she had tried to bring the old ways back, which he, in the blind stupidity of taking things for granted attitude had treated lightly and passed by. He recalled with a pang one particular instance—a wedding anniversary it was—when she had met him at the door in a pretty gown and when she had gone to all manner of trouble in preparing a wonderful dinner, with all his favorite dishes, and when during the meal she had asked him several times if he were not forgetting something. And when after dinner was over and she reminded him that this was their fifth wedding anniversary, he had only mumbled through his evening paper: "Yes, I guess it is, but I had forgotten all about it."

All these things came to him now, as often before a dying man will flash in a few moments a hundred episodes of his life, and he realized with a sudden rush of feeling how empty and desolate his life would be with Evelyn out of it entirely. True, for a long time now he had just taken her presence for granted—had just thought of her as some one who was always there—some one who was necessary to his well-being and comfort, just as some article of comfort and convenience might be; but now he realized how much she meant to him, and he knew that the love which he had thought was dead and buried was still burning, but that its flame was not felt because of the heavy curtain his indifference and neglect had thrown over it.

And then it was that Arthur Williams made a New Year resolution and one which he kept through all the years that followed, judging from the new happiness which came to him and his wife and from the buoyancy and hopeful attitude toward the future which he brought to his tasks each day.

### BELLS



Mr. Lover—Hark! the New Year Bells! Don't you think them the sweetest one can hear?  
Miss Love—With the exception of the wedding bells, Mr. Lover, I do.

### Father Time's Baby

FATHER TIME has called the New Year his Young Hopeful. He presents him as a happy urchin with a smiling face.

Thus we welcome him. We always make new investments in hope on January first.

We are not disposed to criticize Time's new boy. The criticism of a flower adds to our knowledge, but it spoils the flower.

Even if the future brings something of disappointment it will leave us something to still hope for.

The hope of a sail has sustained many a castaway upon this island of a world.

It is such a pleasure to hope that one could thank God for it, though he never realized it.—Christopher G. Hazard.

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### New Year Skating

By Mary Graham Bonner

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IN THAT crisp, cold, bright New Year's day they went skating. The children home for the holidays, the fathers home from business, the mothers who were having a glorious afternoon in the out-of-doors—all took part in the New Year skating party which was being given.

The ice was firm, hard and smooth. Never had it seemed so wonderful.

The air was invigorating. There was no wind. It was an ideal day for a skating party.

Afterward they would go back for a New Year's supper party and sit around a big fire telling stories. They would all be at the party. It would be for both old and young, for was not New Year's day a day that was young and yet so close to the oldest day of the year that had gone before?

And in the meantime they skated and laughed and sang songs and fell down and laughed some more and played games. All of them joined in.

And they looked about them at the frozen lake and at the hills surrounding with the glow of the first afternoon's rosy light upon them.

It was a beautiful world and people in it were so beautiful, too.

Had it anything to do with the wishes for a Happy New Year which everyone had been wishing everyone else that day?

And not only that—but the wishes in the hearts of each which were sincere wishes for happiness in the gay, good, New Year just commencing?

### UNCLE EBEN TOO BUSY

"I has a great respect," said Uncle Eben, "foh de man dat is too busy shovelin' snow to prance around wishin' everybody 'Happy New Year' when dey bumps on his sidewalk."

### "TELL THE WORLD"

A hen is not supposed to have  
Much common sense or tact,  
Yet every time she lays an egg,  
She cackles forth the fact.

A rooster hasn't got a lot  
Of intellect to show,  
But none the less most roosters have  
Enough good sense to crow.

The mule, the most despised of beasts,  
Has a persistent way  
Of letting folks know he's around  
By his insistent bray.

The busy little bees they buzz,  
Bulls bellow and cows moo.  
The watchdogs bark, the ganders quack,  
And doves and pigeons coo.

The peacock spreads his tail and squawks,  
Pigs squeal and robins sing,  
And even serpents know enough  
To hiss before they sting.

But man, the greatest masterpiece  
That nature could devise,  
Will often stop and hesitate  
Before he'll advertise.



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### INDEFENSIBLE HOUSE RULES

Representative R. Walton Moore is no dreamer, no fanatical reformer. He is one of the few conspicuously able men in the House of Representatives, and he has high ideals; but he is also a thoroughly practical man and legislator, and he realizes that any modification of the regulations governing the Rules Committee so drastic as to deprive the majority party of reasonable control over legislation would react to the disadvantage of the party next to be in the majority.

But the amendments he urges are based on reason and common sense and are aimed at abuses which he would recognize as abuses if the Rules Committee were composed of two Democrats to one Republican, instead of being composed as it is of two Republicans and one Democrat. That the chairman of the committee, for example, should have the power to hold in his pocket, actually or in effect, a measure upon which the committee has authorized a report is so wholly without excuse that it would be absurd if it were not serious. Under the present system, the chairman is a dictator and members of the committee merely form a debating society. In that respect, the chairman of the Rules Committee has more power than the President of the United States.

Members of the Rules Committee are charged with a duty, too; when a measure is referred to that committee, it is its duty to consider and report it out, one way or the other, as soon as possible, or certainly as soon as convenient. The contrary is the custom; the committee holds, without action and without report, any measure it pleases for as long as it pleases. Mr. Moore's insistence that a rule be adopted depriving the committee of this unreasonable and outrageous power is braced by unanswerable argument.

Of course, it is but right and proper that the House should be informed as to the business proposed for the following day and the following week. There is no reason, no supportable reason, why a small group of men should secretly determine what should be discussed by the House and thus deprive all members not in their confidence of opportunity to inform and prepare themselves to consider and discuss the matters to be dealt with. There are plenty of able men in Congress, but the existence of such rules as these is one of the causes why the country at large both fears and holds in contempt the lawmaking body of the nation.—Times-Dispatch.

### RAISULI DEAD

Nearly twenty years ago an American citizen named Perdicaris was kidnapped in Morocco by a notorious bandit and held for ransom. This government at once took up the matter with the Sultan of Morocco and after a bit of delay a peremptory demand was made in terms that rang around the world: "We want Perdicaris alive or Raisuli dead." Perdicaris was released. Now Raisuli is dead. Word has just come that this veteran highwayman who has kept Morocco and other countries in ferment for many years has passed away. It is suspected that he was poisoned. If so, he died as he lived, violently and by crime.

Raisuli was a peaceful citizen of Morocco in the old days; that is, as peaceful as a man can be in that hectic land. He claimed descent from the prophet. He occupied an honorable social position. But he ran into misfortune in this wise: His sister married a certain shereef, who then decided to take a second wife. The sister, in protest, fled to her brother and on the night of the shereef's second marriage Raisuli and his men entered the house of his brother-in-law and slew the bride and her mother. Thus he became a fugitive from justice. He later won amnesty from the sultan, but his property had been sequestered by the bereaved shereef, and to get it back Raisuli went on the wau-path. In order to maintain his band he became a professional kidnaper, taking prominent persons and holding them for ransom. He was no "piker." When he captured Walter Harris, correspondent of the London Times, he demanded the sum of \$200,000, and he got most of it, as well as a reward of the governorship of Tangier. There were some hints that part of the ransom went "higher up." When he captured Perdicaris he demanded \$70,000. The sultan effected the American's release without ransom, but gave Raisuli the governorship of a province.

Of late Raisuli, who had reached the age of sixty, has been seeking repose. He has led a comparatively quiet life for some years, occasionally lending his service to the government to sup-

press rebellious tribesmen. But somehow he has never been fully trusted. Now he is dead. Perhaps soon we will get the story of his passing. Yet so dark are the ways of that land that the real facts may never be fully known.—Washington Star.

### THE MODERN GIRL

The Cumberland Times has this reassuring editorial:

A man who has been for thirty years a chief engineer of a Philadelphia school building, and whose anniversary was recognized a few days ago, was asked if he noticed any difference between the girls of today and those of thirty years ago. He remarked, "Yes, they have more life in 'em."

Some alarmists consider that the modern girl has too much life. The difference is a natural result from the social change that has taken millions of girls out of secluded home nests, and sent them out into the world to earn their living. Modern life has conferred the power of independent initiative upon young womanhood. It may have made girls less like the shrinking violet, and it may have led many into unmaidenly excesses. But a new force for achievement has been set free.

### TINY THINGS

The murmur of a waterfall a mile away,

The rustle when a robin lights upon the spray,

The lapping of a lowland stream on dipping botghs,

The sound of grazing from a herd of gentle cows,

The echo from a wooded hill of a cuckoo's call,

The quiver through the meadow grass at evening fall;

Too subtle are these harmonies from pen or rule,

Such music is not understood by any school,

But when the brain is overwrought it hath a spell,

Beyond all human skill and power to make it well.

The memory of a kindly word far long gone by,

The fragrance of a fading flower sent lovingly,

The gleam of a sudden smile or sudden tear,

The warmer pressure of the hand, the tone of cheer,

The hush that means: I cannot speak but I have heard

The note that bears only a verse from God's own Word.

Such tiny things we hardly count as ministry,

The givers deeming they have shown scant sympathy,

But when the heart is overwrought, oh, who can tell

Te power of such things tiny to make it well.

—Progress, Schoolfield-Danville, Va.

### LAUGH AND LIVE

(With thanks to our exchanges)

#### THE ELEPH, SOME ANT

The American truth-teller was in form. "Talking of ants," he said, "we've got 'em as big as crabs out West. I've seen 'em fight with long horns, which they use as lances, charging each other like savages."

"They don't compare with the ants I saw in the Far East," said an inoffensive individual near by. "The natives have trained them as beasts of burden. One of 'em could train a ton load for miles with ease. They worked willingly, and occasionally they turned on their attendants and killed them."

But this was drawing the long bow a little too far.

"I say, old chap," said a shocked voice from the corner, "what sort of ants were they?"

"Elephant-ants," replied the inoffensive individual.—London Tit-Bits.

#### LAWLESS PROCEEDING

The teacher was giving the class a lecture on "gravity."

"Now, children," she said, "it is the law of gravity that keeps us on this earth."

"But, please, teacher," inquired one small child, "how did we stick on before the law was passed?"

#### TRUE CHIVALRY

The genius of a certain Arkansas editor showed itself recently when he printed the following news item in the columns of his paper:

"Miss Beulah Blank, a Batesville belle of twenty summers, is visiting her twin brother, age thirty-two."

#### THE EASY SEX

"I wonder why it is a girl can't catch a ball like a man."

"Oh, a man is so much bigger and easier to catch."

#### HIS MISFORTUNE

"Mama," said five-year-old Archie, "come out on the lawn and play baseball with me."

"I can't play baseball, dear."

"Huh!" exclaimed the little fellow, "that's what comes of having a woman for a mother."

### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of a deed of trust executed by R. H. Hilliday on the 13 day of December, 1921, and recorded in Miscellaneous Lien Book No. 1, page 55, Prince William County clerk's office, to secure the payment of a note therein described, and default having been made in the payment of the said note, having been directed by the note holder to execute the said trust, the undersigned trustee shall offer for sale for cash, to the highest bidder, at public auction, at Eastern College, Manassas, Va., A. M.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1923**  
 the following goods and chattels, viz: 2 Perfection oil stoves, 1 Majestic Range, 1 Executive desk, 4 Late mode, L. C. Smith typewriters, 1 A. C. Dick & Co. Mimeograph, 25 straight chairs, 8 wood rockers, 50 double iron bedsteads, 2 quartered oak dressers, 8 quartered oak washstands, 100 bed mattresses, and 50 single iron beds.

C. A. SINCLAIR, Trustee.

30-2 The above sale has been postponed until Tuesday, January 15th, at the same place and hour.

### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF LAND NEAR DUMFRIES, VA.

By virtue of a certain deed of trust, dated October 20, 1922, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, Va., in Deed Book 77, pages 366-7-8, from George H. Florence and Emma V. Florence, his wife, to the undersigned trustee to secure the payment of four certain promissory notes, in the sum of \$400.00, \$400.00, \$400.00 and \$1,000.00 respectively, dated October 20, 1922, and payable in one, two, three and four years after date, with interest from the date thereof, default having been made in the payment of the first one of the said notes, maturing October 20, 1923, the undersigned trustee, at the request of the holder of the said notes, will offer for sale at public auction on

Saturday, January 12, 1924

at 11 o'clock, A. M. of that day, in front of the Peoples National Bank of Manassas, in the town of Manassas, Virginia, all that certain tract or parcel of land situate in Dumfries Magisterial District, Prince William County, Virginia, and described in the said deed of trust as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at 1, a point on Quantico Run opposite a stake and several trees marked as pointers; thence with the line of Emery, etc., S. 56 degrees 55 minutes W., 220 poles to 2, a point in the Ridge Road, opposite a point on the north side of said road; thence up the said road 72.2 poles to a stone, corner to Lot No. 2; thence N. 56 degrees 55 minutes E., 192 poles to B, a point in the Run opposite a stone on the south side of the Run; and thence with the run to the point of beginning, containing 92 acres more or less, and being in all respects the same tract or parcel of land that was conveyed to the said George H. Florence by Charles H. Emery and wife by deed bearing date of September 9, 1919, and of record in the said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 73, page 132, to which said deed reference is hereby made. Together with all mineral rights in the said land that were conveyed by the said deed of trust.

Terms of Sale:—The said land will be sold for cash, the conveyance of the same to be at the cost of the purchaser.

C. J. MEETZE, Trustee.

### STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING (Annual)

To the Stockholders of the Peoples National Bank: Please take notice that the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Peoples National Bank of Manassas will be held at its banking house, in the Town of Manassas, on Tuesday, January 8, 1924, at 11 o'clock, a. m. for the purpose of electing directors and to amend Section III of the Articles of Association, as amended April 23, 1904, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

G. RAYMOND RATCLIFFE, Cashier.

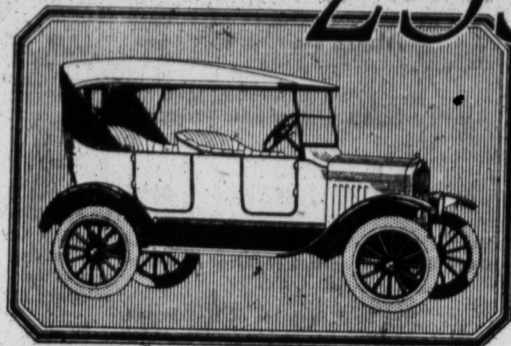
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HARRY P. DAVIS, Cashier.

December 14, 1923.

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## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

The Town Council will hold its monthly meeting next Monday night.

Prof. William Cobham, who has taught several years in Eastern College, is now teaching in the high school at Bland.

Mr. Charles R. Larkin, of the University of Virginia, is here for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Larkin.

Messrs. C. M. Larkin and T. H. Athey have purchased the grocery store of Mr. J. M. Bell on Main street opposite the Dixie Theatre.

A Christmas dance was given in Conner's Hall Wednesday night by the local club. A number of out-of-town guests were present.

Manassas High School will reopen after the Christmas holidays on Thursday, January 3. Manassas Graded School will open on Monday, January 7.

Mrs. Sarah E. Lynn, wife of the late Robert L. Lynn, of Prince William county, is critically ill at the home of her sister, Miss Emma B. Yeatman, 4125 Seventh street northeast, Washington, D. C.

Miss Elsie Gladys Gough and Mr. Carroll Nelson House, of Greenwiche, were married here on Saturday at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. J. Murray Taylor, of the Manassas Baptist Church.

Prof. Walter Shively and Samuel A. Harley, son of Mr. S. C. Harley, who were chosen delegates from Heron Seminary, are attending the International Student Volunteer Convention at Indianapolis, Ind.

Rev. Edgar Z. Pence, pastor, has next Sunday: Bethel Lutheran Church announced the following services for Manassas, Sunday School at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m. Nokesville Lutheran Church, Christmas Song Service at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Joseph W. Lowe and Miss Eva-May Keys, both of the Independent Hill neighborhood, were married here on Monday by Rev. J. Murray Taylor, pastor of the Baptist Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian R. Keys and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Lowe. The young couple will make their home in Alexandria.

Mrs. S. C. Swart, who has been suffering from mastoiditis, was operated on last week at George Washington Hospital in Washington and is able to be up although still a patient at the hospital. Her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Gibbons, of Cape Charles, is with her. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hundley and Mr. Wilson Hundley and family motored to Washington yesterday to see her.

A house and lot and six additional lots in Quantico will be sold at public auction today by W. J. Ford, special commissioner in the suit of W. J. Ford, receiver of the Bank of Quantico, Inc., vs. R. C. Jones et al, in the circuit court of Prince William county. Mr. R. C. Jones, who was president of the bank at the time it went into the hands of a receiver, was found to be indebted to the bank in the sum of about \$3,000, according to the Free Lance.

Mrs. Golihew, wife of Rev. J. A. Golihew, was called to Washington Wednesday night by the death of her mother, Mrs. Mary B. Staples, eighty-two years old, who had been ill for a month. Mrs. Staples was a native of King George county, where her body will be taken for burial. She is survived by five children, about twenty-five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Her husband, Charles E. Staples, died in 1915. Mrs. Golihew was accompanied to Washington by her son William and her baby daughter Violet. Rev. Mr. Golihew joined them in Washington yesterday.

Miss Jo Hurst was the student to be awarded a place on the Underwood honor roll in the commercial class at Manassas High School in December. The Underwood typewriting test is given each month to the typewriting class, and the student making the highest speed is given this honor. Miss Hurst's speed was 54.6 words a minute, writing for 15 minutes. Miss Mary Lee Arrington won the bronze bar, for writing 53 words a minute. Miss Carolyn Jackson and Wilmer Jasper were each awarded the Underwood certificate for writing more than 30 words a minute.

The Manassas B. Y. P. U. will hold a missionary meeting Sunday evening, the topic being "China Calls." Following an introductory address by the leader, Mr. L. Ledman, the following will take part in the senior program: Mrs. T. J. Broadbush, Miss Goldie Golihew, Miss Beulah Whitmer, Miss Christine Moser, Mrs. Emma Harrell, Miss Mildred Harrell, Mr. George Johnson, Miss Evelyn Cornwell and Miss Mildred Monroe. The junior program—with the topic, "What Shall I do for the New Year?"—will be rendered by Stewart Broadbush, Miss Hilda Moser, Miss Edna May Corum, Murray Taylor, Thomas Broadbush and Miss Virginia Cross.

## LITTLE JOURNEYS

Miss Nelle Hyde spent the Christmas holidays in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wagener visited Washington on Christmas day.

Dr. Hervis U. Roop, of Chicago, was a Manassas visitor this week.

Mr. C. W. Polen, of Clarksburg, W. Va., visited relatives at Calharpin this week.

Mr. Allison A. Hooff, Jr., is home from William and Mary for the holidays.

Messrs. Noel and Wallace Lynn visited friends in Alexandria during the week.

Mr. Beverley Adams, of Philadelphia, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Harry P. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cornwell, of Rosemont, visited relatives here during the week.

Mrs. R. B. Sprinkel, of Washington, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sarah Keys, today.

Miss Edith Haydon, of Washington, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Haydon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sanders are spending a short time with Mr. Sanders' relatives in Richmond.

Miss Julia Willcox Lewis, of Washington, spent Christmas with friends and relatives here.

Mr. Laird Arey, of Alexandria, spent Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Arey.

Mr. B. C. Williams, of Raleigh, N. C., has been the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Williams.

Mr. Robert Brown, of Chester, Pa., was a holiday visitor at the home of his sister, Mrs. Raymond J. Davis.

Miss Anna E. Adams, of Washington, spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. W. P. Larkin, at "Larkinton."

Mr. Robert L. Wentzel, of Washington, was a Christmas guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Larkin.

Miss Louise Collins, of Catharpin, was a Christmas guest of Misses Cora Louise and Annie Laura Merchant.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Violet, of Ballston, visited Mrs. Violet's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Flaherty, this week.

Capt. Everett L. Rice, of Fort Niagara, N. Y., is spending a short time here with his mother, Mrs. W. M. Rice.

Mrs. Edith Moran Davis spent Christmas day with her little son, Master Billy Davis, at Falls Church.

Miss Anna Roda, of Charlotte, N. C., spent the holidays with Mrs. E. V. Vaughan at the New Prince William Hotel.

Mr. William Hill Brown, Jr., of Washington and Lee University, is spending the holidays with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Lynch, of New Brunswick, N. J., were Christmas guests of Mr. Lynch's mother, Mrs. P. H. Lynch.

Messrs. Taylor and Mason Adams, of Philadelphia, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beverley F. Adams, during the week.

Mr. Beverley C. Walker, of Ambridge, Pa., is visiting his father and sister, Mr. W. J. Walker and Mrs. Frances M. Lewis.

Mr. John Holt Merchant, of the University of Virginia, is spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. Fewell Merchant.

Mr. Clarke Johnson, of the University of Illinois, is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson.

Mr. Warren Coleman of the Virginia Military Institute, is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Coleman.

Mrs. William H. Leachman and her baby daughter, Mollie Moss, have returned from an extended visit to relatives in Mississippi.

Mr. Blakey Walker, of Lynchburg, visited his sister, Mrs. Noel Lynn, this week, en route to Cleveland, Ohio, where he is visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Lewis spent Christmas in Alexandria as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Nowland and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Foote.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Harvey, of Pittsburgh, Pa., are spending the holidays with Mrs. Harvey's mother, Mrs. Cecelia Polend, of Haymarket.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Haydon, of Alexandria, were the guests this week of Mrs. Haydon's brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. L. Ledman.

Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Larkin spent Christmas with Mrs. Larkin's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. Kent Reid, of "Locust Shade," near Quantico.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Norvell Larkin and little Miss Frances Larkin, of Herndon, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Larkin.

Mr. Edgar T. Houghton and two sons, Earl and Roscoe, and Mr. Joseph Cameron, all of Front Royal, are holiday guests of Mr. Houghton's sister, Mrs. W. S. Athey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Myers and their daughter, Miss Willlette R. Myers, are spending the week at Charlottesville as the guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Horwood P. Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Vaughan and their daughter Elizabeth, of Charlottesville, were guests on Christmas day of Mr. Vaughan's sister-in-law, Mrs. E. V. Vaughan, at the New Prince William.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Crigler, of Baltimore, Md., who were visiting Mrs. Crigler's father, Mr. R. M. Waters, left on Monday to spend the remainder of the holiday with Mr. Crigler's relatives near Culpeper.

Mr. and Mrs. James Iden and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Athey were guests at a reception held on Friday by Elder and Mrs. A. L. Harrison, at their home in Front Royal, in celebration of their twenty-fifth anniversary.

Col. Robert U. Patterson and Major Fred W. Patterson, of Washington, and Mr. Lyman Patterson, of Baltimore, recently visited their mother and aunt, Mrs. Ballantyne Patterson and Mrs. B. T. H. Hodge.

Mrs. Randolph S. Brawner, of Dumfries, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Walker Merchant. Mr. Brawner has returned to Dumfries after accompanying Mrs. Brawner to Manassas and a short stay here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Maurice Hopkins and their little son, Julius, of Washington, were Christmas guests of Mr. Hopkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. S. Hopkins. Master Julius will remain here for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Bruce Whitmore have with them for the holidays their sons, Mr. Wallace Whitmore, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, and Mr. Rudolph Whitmore, of Randolph-Macon Academy, Front Royal.

Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Racey have as their guests at the U. B. Parsonage their daughters, Mrs. Martin Huffman, of Petersburg, W. Va., and Miss Mildred Racey, of Keyser, W. Va., together with Mrs. Huffman's son Junior.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hill Brown had as their guests for Christmas day their daughter, Miss Daisy Hill Brown, of Washington, and Mrs. Brown's brothers, Mr. Lawrence Hooff, of Altoona, Pa., and Mr. George B. Hooff, of Charles Town, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Bradford had as their guests during the week Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Hornbaker and their children, Mildred and Frank, and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Hynson and their children, Warren and Shirley, all of Occquan.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter V. Wright and their two little sons, Walter and Vivian, and Mr. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Driscoll, all of Del Ray, and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Timmons, of Washington, were visitors during the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Arrington had as their Christmas guests Mrs. L. A. Larkin and daughters, Misses Sallie, Katherine and Jane Larkin; Mr. and Mrs. William L. Larkin, Mr. Walter Gleichman and Mr. and Mrs. John C. Adams and Master John Adams, all of Washington.

Miss Robertine Waters has as her guests her sisters, Mrs. D. M. Pitts, with her children, little Miss Patsy Pitts and Master David Pitts, of Elk Hill, Albemarle county, and Mrs. John L. Eliot, with her children, little Miss Jane Love Eliot and Master John Drew Eliot, of Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. George H. Smith and Miss Ruth Smith had as their Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. Fontaine B. Hooff and their two little children, Fontaine and Louise, of Charles Town, W. Va., and Mr. John Hooff, of Alexandria. Mr. Hooff and family returned to Charles Town yesterday, accompanied by Miss Smith.

Miss Alberta Frenzell, a pupil for two years at Eastern, who is teaching home economics in the Bland High School, is spending the holidays at her home in Barton, Md., with Miss Mary Hatfield as her guest. Miss Hatfield, who has been teaching at Eastern, will now teach at the Woman's College, Lutherville, Md.

Mrs. George W. Berry and children, of Culpeper, spent Christmas day here with Mrs. Berry's mother, Mrs. P. H. Lynch. Mr. Berry is just out of a Charlottesville hospital, where he was under treatment for four weeks for an infected foot. Miss Margaret Lynch, of Washington, was also home for Christmas.

Master Arthur Arlington Leith returned to Washington on Wednesday, after spending a month here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Walker Merchant. He was accompanied home by his aunts, Misses Annie Laura and Cora Louise Merchant, who spent the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Leith.

## PROGRAM AT BRISTOW

"White Gift" Christmas Service at Church Next Sunday Afternoon.

(Contributed)

A "White Gift" Christmas service will be held at Bristow Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The program will consist of the singing of Christmas carols, the reading of Old Testament prophecies of the coming of Christ, reading of the Gospel accounts of the birth of the Savior, interspersed with the singing of carols, solos and instrumental music and short addresses.

Those taking part in the program will represent the following: "Angel of Hope," "The Spirit of the Church," "Spirit of the Christian Home," "Spirit of Christian Education," "Spirit of Christian Missions" and "Spirit of America." The committee is making a special effort to make this a good program and is busy getting the church properly in order.

The offering received at the close of the program will be sent to the Children's Home Society of Virginia. It is urged that every one make a liberal offering, as the society is entirely dependent on gifts for the great work which it is doing throughout the state.

The public is cordially invited to attend the service. New families which have recently moved into the community are invited most cordially to worship with us.

## BROWN-RECTOR

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Rector, of Quantico, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Anne, to Mr. Beatrend Earle Brown, which took place December 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown will live in Quantico, where Mr. Brown is located in business as a special agent of the Prudential Insurance Company of America.

## BUSINESS LOCALS

LOST—Brown handbag. Initials G. H. B. inside. Pair of glasses, black vest and box with embroidered lining scarf. Georgia Berry, Manassas 32-1\*

FOR SALE—Fresh cow, Holstein-Jersey. Also registered Guernsey bull for service. Price reasonable. Wm. J. Young & Son, Manassas, Va. 32-1

WANTED—All kinds of sewing. Prices reasonable. Mrs. M. C. Simpson, West Center St. 32-1

FOR SALE—500 bundles of fodder. F. Warner Lewis, Manassas. 32-1\*

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For Rent or Sale—New 7-room cottage. Price reasonable. A. B. Rust, Haymarket, Va. 31-4

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R. M. Allegor Organ and Stool for sale. No reasonable price refused. Mrs. Maggie McIntosh, Manassas, Box 165. 31-2\*

LOST—Gold wrist watch between Greenwich and Manassas. Mrs. Annie Haislip, Manassas. 31-2\*

FOR SALE or RENT—New eight-room house with large basement and garret, electric lights and outbuildings. Just outside of Manassas on Fairview avenue. J. H. Rexrode, Manassas. 29-1\*

Fresh Cow For Sale—Apply Harvey W. Breeden. 29-3\*

BRICK FOR SALE—Just burned a kiln. Donation Libequ. 29-4\*

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## PROHIBITION AND RUMORS AFLOAT

(Continued on Page Five)

cinnati and in many other cities and country places and I have not seen one drunken man though an occasional bootlegger victim is to be found. But in the province of Quebec, Canada, where beer saloons are run wide open, I saw hundreds of drunken men, and some drunken women. In the old saloon days we used to see drunken men everywhere in the United States. In the old saloon days truck loads of beer kegs and whiskey barrels could be seen all day long on every city street. Now there is none of that. Does the man who says this country is as wet as ever want us to believe that bootleggers sneaking up back alleys with a few bottles of whiskey in suit cases are transporting as much booze as those numerous and heavy laden trucks did?"

"The big noise about the failure of prohibition is made mostly by paid propagandists. They are few in number but they make a mighty stirring. Like Ben Butler's one-horned that broke up a camp meeting, a small minority of paid propagandists are making such a fuss that thousands are deceived into thinking that prohibition has collapsed. Many enforcement officials have been corrupted by booze money and have collapsed, but prohibition is still the law of the land. We may judge of the future of prohibition by the past. The wets would have us believe that in adopting prohibition this nation had embarked on a new and strange adventure. But prohibition had been growing in strength here for one hundred years. Before national prohibition came into effect thirty-four states had adopted statewide prohibition, and when prohibition became operative four years ago 90 per cent of the area of the United States was already dry. So it will grow in strength in the future."

It is told on the street that the sheriff of Fauquier county has been wounded in a battle with bootleggers. It is reported that he was shot in the abdomen but not seriously. We notice that the defense in the Lambert murder case will be that Lambert was too quick with his gun. It would seem that neither poor Lambert nor the Fauquier sheriff were quite quick enough.

If we can judge by the information coming in from all over Prince William county, we believe that we are amply justified in our conclusion that the consensus of opinion seems to be to the effect that if our Sheriff ever gets a bootlegger's bullet in his stomach, it will be because he swallows it with his soup.

### KIDWELL-CLARKE

Miss Lucile Clarke Becomes Bride of Mr. Birtrun Kidwell.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clarke, of Minnieville, at high noon on Wednesday, December 26, when their daughter, Miss Lucile Sale Clarke, became the bride of Mr. Birtrun S. Kidwell of Washington. The ceremony was performed before a beautifully decorated pine by Elder A. J. Garland, of Washington, who used the impressive ring service.

Miss Mattie Athey, of Manassas, was maid of honor. Mr. George Walters, of Washington, served as best man. The wedding music was played by Miss Margaret La Hayne, of Washington, a cousin of the bride.

The bride was attractively gowned in navy blue canton crepe with a string of pearls as her only ornament, while the maid of honor wore tan point twill with silk braid trimming. Immediately after the ceremony an informal reception was held, with turkey dinner served in the spacious dining room, which was decorated with holly, Christmas rings and potted plants.

Mr. and Mrs. Kidwell left later in the day for a wedding trip, after which they will return to Minnieville, to make their home for the present with the parents of the bride. The bridegroom, who is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kidwell, of Agnewville, will continue to hold his position with an electrical company in Washington.

Among those from a distance who attended the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. John T. Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clarke, of Washington, brothers and sisters-in-law of the bride; Mrs. W. A. Kidwell and Miss Eva Kidwell, of Agnewville, mother and sister of the groom; Mr. Garner, of Hoadly; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Calvert, Mr. Silas Reid and Miss Clara Carter, all of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Russell, of Agnewville, and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Athey, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Boatwright and family and Mr. W. Y. Ellicott, of Manassas.

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## WASHINGTON PHYSICIST DIES AFTER OPERATION

E. D. Williamson Passes Away at 37—Wife, Formerly Miss Boorman, Survives.

Erskine Douglas Williamson, physicist in the geophysical laboratory of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, died Tuesday afternoon in George Washington Hospital at Washington, following an operation. Dr. Williamson was thirty-seven years old and had won for himself a high position in Washington scientific circles and among mathematical physicists and physical chemists in the United States and abroad. He was a native of Scotland and was graduated from the University of Edinburgh, having received the degree of bachelor of science in 1908 and master of arts in 1909.

Dr. Williamson was active in Washington organizations, having been a member of committees in the American Chemical Society and the Philosophical Society of Washington, and one of the editors of the Journal of the Washington Academy of Sciences, of which he would have become senior editor in January. He was a member of the Bannockburn Golf Club. He took part in many of the tournaments and was team captain of the club. He was married in 1918 to Miss Alice Boorman, of Washington, eldest daughter of the late Prof. Joseph Boorman, for many years a resident of Manassas.

Dr. Williamson was in Manassas in June, attending with Mrs. Williamson the annual banquet of the Alumni Association of Manassas Institute and Manassas Agricultural High School, of which she is a member. Dr. Williamson by invitation addressing the alumni.

## TEACHERS HEAR MISS L. D. METZ

(Continued from Page One)

Teachers consists in bringing the truth to teachers and others engaged in educational work, and the battle is then more than half won.

**Vital Problems of Rural Life.**  
Rural school problems and rural conditions, the reports said, constitute a live and vital problem. "Better equipped schools, more well-trained teachers, better equipped playgrounds and more adequate moral support for educational advantages are due the rural child, but how to give the rural child these conditions is an engrossing problem which challenges our best effort," said Miss Metz. The report emphasized the need for both moral and financial support of the work now being done. Consolidation of one and two-room schools and improved roads, the report said, will afford the only means of bringing educational advantages to the children in certain mountain sections of the State, and before consolidation can be brought about, in many instances, community sentiment for the change must be created and fostered.

Touching on the Virginia State Teachers' Association the report said: "It is an organization whose primary interest is that of education; it has always stood for those things which make for progress and advancement. It is an organization, has always supported all movements that represent the best interests of the State, and it has always stood solidly behind plans and policies of the State Board of Education. It stands for a still closer affiliation of the county, district and State organizations; for a longer school term for rural schools, for the strict enforcement of the compulsory education law; for better and more adequate support for all school activities; for religion and moral training of both teachers and those entrusted to their care; for the equal advantages as far as is possible for rural and urban schools, for consolidation of schools; for increased appropriations for educational purposes, for the equal distribution of school funds, for the continued growth of health training."

"It believes in good roads and better homes. It believes in the right of every child of the Commonwealth to an education, and is, therefore, ready to take its stand in the campaign for better educational facilities."

The report told of the success of the Virginia State Teachers' Association in having the Teachers' Pavilion built at Catawba at a cost of \$25,000, and outlined the movement for the proposed Preventorium, or rest home, which will have beds for about forty people and twice that number if the sleeping porches are used as planned. The report asked co-operation of the teachers in this project.—Times-Dispatch.

### MEMBERS' MEETING

The annual meeting of the members of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Fairfax County, Va., will take place at the office of the company, Royal and Prince Streets, Alexandria, Va., on Monday, January 14, 1924, at 10 o'clock a. m. 31-4 JOHN W. MAY, President.

## WHEELER & ADAMS HAVE HIGH HERD FOR MONTH

Month's Honor Goes to Wellington—Aden Produces High Individual.

(T. T. Curtis, Tester)  
Wheeler & Adams, of Wellington, have the high herd for December, according to the records of the Prince William Cow Testing Association. During the month of December 24 herds containing 538 cows were tested. Of this number 45 made over 40 pounds of butterfat and 11 attained the honor roll.

A. J. McMichael & Son, of Nokesville, had the highest cow for the month, a grade Holstein which produced for them 1,268 pounds of milk containing 68.4 pounds of fat.

The 17 grade Holsteins of Wheeler & Adams averaged 960 pounds of milk containing 34.8 pounds of fat.

The average production of the association was 611 pounds of milk containing 23.1 pounds of fat. The list of cows making the honor roll follows:

No. 19, grade Holstein, owned by A. J. McMichael & Son, 1268 pounds milk, 68.4 pounds fat.  
Birkett, grade Holstein, Mrs. Mary B. Lewis, 1329, 63.8.  
Leo, grade Holstein, F. A. Lewis, 1744, 61.

No. 50, grade Holstein, Ben Lomond Farm, 1183, 56.7.

Nora's Norena, Jersey, Clover Hill Farm, 866, 56.3.

Maryland, grade, C. N. Rhodes, 1229, 55.3.

J. D., grade Holstein, Wheeler & Adams, 1241, 53.3.

Lilly, grade Holstein, J. B. Manuel, 1387, 52.7.

Kees, Jersey, Clover Hill Farm, 793, 52.3.

Pet, grade Holstein, C. B. Fitzwater, 1518, 50.1.

Hog, grade Holstein, C. L. Jacobs, 1180, 54.2.

### THE PASSING OF AN OLD TIMER

"Uncle" Elias Brooks, Faithful Colored Servant, Dies at Greenwich.

(Contributed)  
There are not many of the colored race left who can date their service to "befo' th' woh," and when I say that I mean the Civil War—the old type is about extinct and "the old order changeth."

Of this said type was Elias Brooks, who died at the home of his nephew, Frank Brooks, at Shepherdstown, near Greenwich, on Sunday, December 16. The old man was born on the plantation of Thomas Hunton on the Buckland pike in 1847. When quite a boy he was sold as a slave to Charles Green, of Greenwich and Savannah, Ga., in whose family Brooks served four generations faithfully after his emancipation, his last service being in the family of the late Commodore Ten Eyck De Witt Veeder, U.S.N. Mrs. Veeder was Miss Mary Green. It was an enviable record indeed.

Brooks was better known as "Uncle Elias." His remarkable memory was a constant source of interest and value due to his Civil War experiences and those since, and many a night has seen him "holding forth" at the proverbial country store at Greenwich, in which neighborhood he commanded the unique position of remedying the ills of man and beast. He knew more about the family of his old "marsier," Mr. Green, than any of the connection and he never forgot names and faces. To the whole Green connection his passing is a deep distress. Brooks was laid at rest at his old home, "Evergreen," the former plantation of Thomas Hunton, where he was born. Beloved and respected by whites and blacks as a Christian character of unusual standards, his death is a community as well as a personal loss.

### PLAY AT KING'S CROSS ROADS

"The Old Oaken Bucket" Presented at School December 19.

A play, "The Old Oaken Bucket," was given at King's Cross Roads School Wednesday evening, December 19. Those who took part were: David Kerlin as Reuben Hardacre, a square, honest old farmer; John Herring as his son Tom, "a chip of the old block"; Lee Wine Kerlin as Arthur Ames; George Sonafank as Mark Haywood, "a wolf in sheep's clothing"; Howard Marshall as Jake Tompkins, in love with Teddy; George Michael as Mr. G. Whillikins, a neighbor; Ed. Michael as Ery Babb, the postmaster—who reads the postal cards; Claude Michael as Rev. William Mason, the peacemaker; Ruth Armentrout as Martha Hardacre, Reuben's wife, who is loved by everybody; Lila Wood as Lizzie Lawrence, "the light of Uncle Reuben's eyes"; Florence Nash as Emily Lawrence, otherwise known as Teddy; Lyla Sonafank as Sapphira Spriggins, the village gossip; Ollie Michael as Mrs. G. Whillikins, very proper but not charitable, and Gladys Herring as Miry Jones, the village belle.

## Wishing All A NEW YEAR

Of Happiness And Prosperity

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**NOTICE**  
January 1, 1924, will soon be here, and with it comes our responsibility to "Uncle Sam" to make up our Income Tax Reports. All business enterprises are required to make these reports.

To anyone who may need assistance in properly filing their Income Tax Reports, I offer my services at a reasonable fee.

31-6 THOS. H. COBB

## WISHING YOU

all the joys of the season, we beg to announce that we have purchased the grocery and meat market of Mr. J. M. Bell and are ready to offer for your selection

## A FINE LINE OF GROCERIES AND CHOICE MEATS

At various times we shall be in the market for fat cattle and hogs. Fresh country produce wanted at all times. We shall be glad to serve you.

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MANASSAS, VIRGINIA

### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED BY LEAGUE

Manassas Will Journey to Fredericksburg on First Saturday in January.

The Virginia High School Literary and Athletic League has announced the basketball schedule for Section A, District II, as follows:

Saturday, January 5—George Mason at Leesburg. Manassas at Fredericksburg.

Friday, January 11—Fredericksburg at Alexandria.

Saturday, January 12—Leesburg at Manassas.

Tuesday, January 15—George Mason at Alexandria.

Friday, January 18—Manassas at Alexandria.

Saturday, January 19—George Mason at Fredericksburg.

Friday, January 25—Fredericksburg at George Mason.

Saturday, January 26—Alexandria at Leesburg.

Saturday, February 2—Leesburg at Fredericksburg. George Mason at Manassas.

Friday, February 8—Leesburg at George Mason. Alexandria at Fredericksburg.

Tuesday, February 12—George Mason at Alexandria.

Saturday, February 16—Manassas at Leesburg.

Saturday, February 23—Fredericksburg at Leesburg. Alexandria at Manassas.

Thursday, February 28—Manassas at George Mason.

Friday, March 7—Fredericksburg at Manassas.

**EXPLAINS FARMERS' BANK**

Committee Member Says Stock Must Be Subscribed to Start Project.

(W. B. Doak)

Before farmers can use this "Intermediate Credit" it is necessary to raise \$10,000 stock. Said stock must be invested in Government or Land Bank bonds and kept unencumbered.

This organization connects our community up with the great Co-Operative Commodity Marketing movement and is the nation's contribution towards the betterment of agricultural conditions.

Federal Land Bank stock has paid 6 per cent and accumulated a big undivided surplus and profits in addition to its legal reserve. Money subscribed to this stock will be made safe and pay 6 per cent. Senator Swanson says it is a good system and will improve farming conditions, if we will make use of it.

This bank will not take savings or deposit accounts. Our money, \$100,000, comes from outside sources through Federal Land Banks or the War Finance Corporation. One of these new banks is being organized at Manassas for Prince William and adjoining counties. Those with money to invest should subscribe stock, and borrowers can apply at once, on three years' time, to the committee of our Farmers' Union and Bureau: J. C. Parrish, R. S. Hynson, R. L. Lewis and J. H. Dodge, Manassas, and W. B. Doak, Clifton Station.

**SLAYER GETS 20 YEARS**

Clarence Costello Convicted of Shooting Prohibition Agent.

The fury in the case of Clarence Costello, charged with the murder of J. D. Lambert, Jr., of Leesburg, prohibition agent, found the defendant guilty of murder in the second degree, and fixed the penalty at twenty years' imprisonment. Lambert was shot from ambush while raiding a still near Leesburg October 18.

Pay your subscription in advance.

### O'DAY—HERRING

Miss Marian Frazier Herring and Lieut. Edward Francis O'Day, United States Marine Corps, were married in Washington last Thursday at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. John E. Briggs. Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was given at the Raleigh Hotel.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Herring, of "Peathurst Farm," near Woodbridge. After a wedding trip to Palm Beach, Fla., and Havana, Cuba, the young couple will be at home to their friends at Quantico, where the bridegroom is stationed with the Marine Corps.

### STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Prince William County National Farm Loan Association will meet in the parlor of the New Prince William Hotel at 11:30 a. m. the second Tuesday in January, 1924—January 8.

C. R. C. Johnson, Sec.—Treas.

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## Manassas Transfer Co.

W. S. ATHEY, Proprietor.

Baggage, Furniture and all kinds of merchandise or other commodities promptly transferred or delivered.

## PUBLIC SALE

NEAR BRENTSVILLE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1923

Commencing at 10 o'clock A. M.

I will offer for sale at public auction on the above-named date on the old Bob Reeves farm, near Brentsville and on the new Brentsville road four miles from Manassas, the following personal property:

Pair good work horses 8 years old, bay mare 6 years old, 8 head of cattle, 2 cows, yearling bull, 2 cows to be fresh by day of sale, 5 to be fresh in spring and summer, 3 registered Berkshire sows, two-horse wagon bed and seat, 3 sets plow harness, 5 colars, 3 bridles, double buggy harness, set check lines, carriage, buggy pole, Deering mower, rake, double disc, 2 turning plows, Oliver Chill, No. 40; 3-foot plow, garden plow, two-horse cultivator, drag harrow, drag, fodder wagon, hay frame, 6 single trees, double tree, wood frame, thrill tree, four-horse everer, set blacksmith tools, 2 log chains, roll off barb wire, bone cutter, half ton 16 per cent fertilizer, shovels, hoes, forks, picks, mattocks, grindstone, stack of hay, 2 ricks straw, about 5 tons cow pea hay, 3 tons hay, Economy King separator, De Laval separator No. 17, practically new; 2 barrels vinegar, 140 shocks corn on ear, some fodder, 24-gallon kettle, household and kitchen furniture, some salted pork, canned fruit and jars and other things too numerous to mention.

Cows tested in September.

TERMS: Sums of \$10 and under, cash; on all sums over that amount credit of nine months will be given, purchaser executing interest-bearing, negotiable note with approved security, payable at the Peoples National Bank of Manassas.

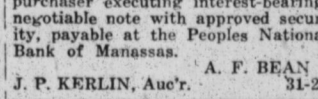
A. F. BEAN

J. P. KERLIN, Aucr.

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### UNCLE HANK

Judgin' from appearances, I should say th' more prominent a doctor becomes, th' duller his razor gets.





# THANK YOU

for giving us the opportunity to serve your needs in 1923. We welcome the New Year, with its opportunity for continued service, and we shall do our utmost to promote the same happy relations which have always existed between us. TO YOU, whose Satisfaction is our success, we extend the Season's greetings, with every good wish for the coming year.

## SAUNDERS' Meat Market

### Turkeys Wanted for Xmas and New Year's Market

OUR LONG-TIME SERVICE, EFFICIENT METHODS, INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MARKET and UNSULLIED REPUTATION

Are the best guarantees of absolutely TOP PRICES for your Dressed Turkeys. You know by long experience that our returns are prompt and honest. We again invite your shipments of Fat Turkeys for Thanksgiving. As your friends, we earnestly caution you to ship no poor poultry for Thanksgiving, as we expect as good a market, if not better, for Xmas and New Years.

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### Happy New Year!

We deeply appreciate the patronage which you have so generously extended to us during the year that is closing, and trust that we may serve you even more in the approaching year.

May health, peace and prosperity attend you on each and every day of 1924!

**J. H. BURKE & COMPANY**  
MANASSAS, VIRGINIA

### POPULAR SUNDAY EXCURSIONS TO WASHINGTON, D. C.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM announces very low excursion fares to Washington, D. C., Sunday, December 30, 1923.

Tickets honored on Train 14 leaving Manassas 10:10 a. m. Returning, leave Washington 6 p. m. Washington with its numbers of Government Buildings is very attractive at this season of the year. Theatres and Moving Picture Shows are open on Sundays.

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#### CLIFTON

Rev. T. H. MacLeod filled his usual appointment at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning, in spite of threatening weather and the fact of his having contracted during the week a severe cold. His subject was, "The Joy and Peace of the Gospel of Jesus."

The entertainments of both Sunday Schools were successfully carried out, the Presbyterians' Tuesday, and the Baptists' Wednesday.

Among the home-comers for the holidays were: Misses Christine and Mary Ferguson, Nina Ford and Ruth Quigg, Mrs. A. J. Messers, Irvin Quigg, Paul Quigg, Ralph Ford, John Ferguson, Lewis Quigg, Paul Brown, Jack Detwiler and Seth Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Mathers, of Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mathers and children, of New Market; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Twigg, of Cumberland, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Spraker, of McLean, with their infant son and Mr. Hobson Spraker.

Mr. R. R. Buckley has presented his family with a radio outfit, which they are having installed in their home.

Mr. Elijah Ensor continues very ill at his home near here.

Clifton had another wedding last week. The participants were John Detwiler, aged sixteen, youngest son of Mr. Oscar Detwiler, and Miss Evelyn Lewis, aged fifteen, daughter of Mr. Remus Lewis. The ceremony was performed at Fairfax Courthouse, parents of both parties being present to give their consent.

Christmas day opened with the weather a bit cooler and it seemed more like Christmas weather than during the past few weeks.

The Community League met Thursday evening. Owing to the length of the program prepared by the school, the business session was hurried over, giving way to the program which was excellently rendered and much enjoyed. The chief attraction was a Christmas pageant given by the high school.

School closed for the holidays on Friday. High school and grade teachers gave their pupils a treat of ice cream and the primary teacher had a Christmas tree and a treat of candy. There was an exchange of gifts among the teachers and pupils. Miss Johnson, the principal, received from the senior class a silk umbrella, the presentation speech being made by Lewis Ensor.

After the session closed the basketball players had a final practice on the court. Miss Helen Quigg had the misfortune to bruise the forefinger of her right hand during the practice.

The teachers are spending the holidays at their respective homes.

Mr. Russell Mentzer, who has been in Ohio for several years, is visiting his sisters, Mrs. Burke, of Clifton, and Mrs. Closen, of Centreville.

Mr. Lewis Quigg has been transferred to the road from the Washington terminal in the railway mail service.

Miss Dorothy Haycock is home from her school in Alexandria for the holidays.

Mrs. Chloe E. Lay Hodge's many friends here are very glad to hear of her great improvement in health.

Miss Opal Curtis has been employed in the V. V. Weaver store for the past ten days, to help with the Christmas trade.

The school will reopen Monday, January 7.

For the winter months there will be services in the Presbyterian Church every other Sunday; that is, every two weeks. There will be services next Sunday if the weather is favorable, otherwise there will be no service until January 6.

Mrs. J. E. Brown, Mrs. Seth Brown and Misses Effie and Helen Brown made a shopping trip to Washington on Saturday.

#### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of a deed of trust, executed by H. U. Roop on the 8th day of December, 1921, and recorded in Miscellaneous Lien Book No. 1, page 54, Prince William County clerk's office, to secure the payment of a note therein described, and default having been made in the payment of the debt evidenced by the said note, and having been directed by the note holder to execute the said trust, the undersigned trustee shall offer for sale, at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, at Eastern College, at 10 o'clock A. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1923 the following described personal property:

Eight Kimball pianos and one Knabe Grand Piano. The pianos are now in the Eastern College buildings where they can be inspected by prospective purchasers.

C. A. SINCLAIR, Trustee.  
The above sale has been postponed until Tuesday, January 15th, at the same place and hour.

### Lands and Lots in Prince William County, Virginia, Delinquent for the Non-payment of Taxes for the Year 1922.

#### BRENTSVILLE DISTRICT—WHITE

Grisso, D. B., 6a \$1.09  
Hitt, Kate M. and T. B., 62a 37.06  
Hawes, James, 4a 9.00  
Hooe, Mrs. John M., et als, 259 56.49  
Miller, O. K. and M. K., 7 1.93  
Mayhugh, W. I., 1 3.52  
Payne, Layfaette, 51 12.06

#### COLORED

Jackson, Richard, 2a 7.69  
Moore, Geo. B., 60a 14.56  
Harris, W. E., 6 7.72  
Harris, W. E., 42 11.79  
W. E. Harris, 10 9-10a 8.80  
W. E. Harris, 1 9.21

#### COLES DISTRICT—WHITE

Arnold, James, Est., 162 10.78  
Barnes, Richard and Alvin, 123a 5.41  
Copen, M. V., 25a 4.41  
Carney, French L., 215a 16.27  
Deats, Mrs. L. R., 5 2.78  
Ennis, Nelson L., 38 6.75  
Evans, B. M., 22a 3.65  
Florence, Raymond, 46a 9.11  
Garner, Susan A., 40a 8.37  
Goodwin, Geo. M., Est., 19a 4.29  
Keys, Annie E., 77 12.95  
Keys, Annie E., 26 1.76  
Lynn, Epps, 1a 2.07  
Posey, W. E., 37 5.76  
Randall, Thos. A., 56a 3.60  
Strawther, Wm., 24a 1.59  
Slingerland, Osier, 60a 7.05  
Tubbs, Bessie, 9 9.74  
Tollafer, G. D., 40a 6.25  
Tollafer, G. D., 1a .07  
Warder, Fannie, 4a 2.47  
Wallace, Geo. B., 313 27.62

#### COLES—COLORED

Barnes, Columbus, 69a 20.93

#### DUMFRIES DISTRICT—WHITE

Abel, Walter H., Est., 1 2.32  
Atkinson, Jennie B., Est., 14a 3.00  
Baker, Ruel, Est., 4a .31  
Clarke, L. A., 98a 12.58  
Clarke, L. A., 98a 24.05  
Kinchelee, J. W., Est., 130a 12.68  
Liming, J. F. and W. W., 41a 1.76  
Liming, A. F., 23a 6.83  
Miller, Edgar, Est., 51a 2.18  
Lyles, A. W., 1 lot 48, B5, Sec. A 15.00

#### COLORED

Burke, Bertha, 3a 2.47  
Fewell, Joseph, 10 21-100a .65

#### GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—WHITE

Allen, Gertrude, 4a 10.41  
Brower, Frank, 16a 3.33

Mayhugh, L. M., et als, 40a 8.72  
Owens, Chas., 33a 4.17  
Thomas, Wm., 1a .21  
Wharton, Mary C., 14 1-5a 11.46  
Wood, Wallace, 1 lot 20.82  
Wood, Chas. E., 55a 8.91

#### HAYMARKET

Peters, Gustav, 37 41.16

#### GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—COLORED

Anderson, Nathan, 2 3.04  
Allen, Loyd, 1 1.46  
Berry, Geo. W., 5a 3.96  
Baker, Helen V., 8a .84  
Brown, Rosa M., 10a 1.46  
Carter, Lewis, 3a .62  
Diggs, Barnett, 3 3.13  
Johnson, Hazelton, 6a 3.18  
Johnson, Alex., 5 5.50  
Johnson, William, 3a 1.46  
Richardson, Richard, 2a 4.86  
Scott, John, Est., 3a 2.67  
Gromes, D., part lot No. 30 .89  
Thornton, Mary E., 3a 1.46

#### MANASSAS DISTRICT—WHITE

Conner, Abraham, 9a 7.94  
Conner, I. E., 1 lot .44  
Davis, Annie, et als, 48a 5.36  
King, M. A., 1a 2.20  
Shaver, J. S., 45a 55.07  
Spitzer, Lucy, 40a 7.93  
Young, David, Est., 195 84.83

#### COLORED

Brooks, John, 100a 18.72  
Davis, Mary Jane, 1 1.11  
Fields, Silas, 1 lot .52  
Moore, T. B. H., 1 lot .52  
Nickens, Frank, 1 lot .66  
Toler, Peter, 43a 4.35  
Walker, Maria, 1 lot .52  
Randolph, Sarah, 6 15.08  
Randolph, John, Est., 27 27.95  
Randolph, John, Est., 7a 3.09

#### MANASSAS TOWN—WHITE

Cooper, D. Y., 3 6.37  
Jeffries, John H., Est., 1 lot 12.74  
Koontz, Harry, 1 lot .65

#### COLORED

Curry, Nancy, 1 lot 7.95  
Davis, Lavinia, 1 lot 17.51

#### OCCOQUAN DISTRICT—WHITE

Dawson, John, 4a .37  
Hlavsa, John, 50a 6.98  
Leary, John, Standing Timber 16.92

#### COLORED

Chinn, Wesley, 50a 5.82

#### OCCOQUAN TOWN—COLORED

Toliver, Robt., Est., 20a 4.06

### NOTICE OF SALE

The real estate above mentioned or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the taxes, levies, interest, costs and charges due thereon, will be sold at public auction on the first Monday in January, 1924, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. in front of the Courthouse, unless the amount of which said lands are delinquent shall have been previously paid.

**J. P. LEACHMAN,**  
Treasurer Prince William County

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Other Willys-Knight models: 5-pass. Touring \$1175; 2-pass. Roadster \$1175; 7-pass. Touring \$1325; 5-pass. Coupe-Sedan (Standard) \$1450; 5-pass. Sedan \$1795; 5-pass. Sedan De Luxe \$1895; 7-pass. Sedan \$1995; all prices f. o. b. Toledo. We reserve the right to change prices and specifications without notice.

New Prince William Garage  
Manassas, Va.

### THE DAY OF THE KNIGHT IS HERE

#### BATTERY SERVICE STATION ANNOUNCEMENT

We have just added a new department to our garage business—a complete Battery Service under the supervision of Mr. J. Willis Meetez. We trust our patrons will recognize the advantage that this additional department offers to all car owners, and especially Ford.

Manassas Motor Company, Inc.

#### NOTICE

The stockholders of the Bank of Occoquan, Incorporated, are requested to meet in their bank building, January 8, 1924, at 1 p. m., for the election of directors and officers, or any other business that may come before us.

J. M. BARBEE, Cashier.



## Old-Time Prices on Meats

Round Steak	20c to 22c
Sirloin Steak	23c
Porterhouse	25c
Tenderloin	25c
Prime Rib	18c
Good Roast	14c to 18c
Good Stew Meat	12c to 14c
Pork Chops	20c
Rib Pork	16c to 18c
Shoulders	16c to 18c
Country Sausage	20c
A No. 1 Potatoes, Per Bushel	\$1.18

Give us your order for dressed hogs—11c is the price this week. Cash for all kinds of Country Produce.

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## STATE NEWS NOTES

### 20 Cars Stolen in Month.

With another Ford automobile falling prey to automobile thieves in Norfolk a few nights ago police were facing a hard battle to check the enterprising robbers who have made way with more than twenty automobiles this month.

### Underground Joint Raided.

Twelve negroes, members of the Autocrat Social Club, were arrested at Lynchburg Sunday night in a raid on the club's underground quarters in Fifth street. The police picked their way underground nearly half a block through four or five locked doors, and flushed the game as they kicked open the last door. The men were fined \$30 on the charge of gambling.

### Girl Drinks Iodine.

Miss Reta Deaver, fourteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Deaver, of Staunton, attempted to commit suicide Sunday evening when she drank a quantity of iodine intentionally, according to a member of her family, says a Staunton dispatch to a Richmond newspaper. The girl was rushed to a hospital, where prompt attention is said to have saved her life.

### Appointed to Normal Board.

Major Robert A. McIntyre, of Warrenton, has been appointed a member of the Virginia normal school board from the eighth district, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of V. R. Shackelford, of Orange. Major McIntyre's term will expire June 19, 1926. The board is composed of twelve members, one from each congressional district and two members at large.

### Fairfax Fugitive Sentenced.

Louis A. Mayhew, who was spotted by a traveling man and arrested at the Fairfax hotel last month, has been sentenced in North Carolina, from which state he fled, to seven years in the penitentiary, on his plea of guilty of embezzlement. Mayhew was a broker and known as "The Rabbit." He disappeared October 24, leaving Winston-Salem in his car, which he abandoned on the road. Five indictments were returned against him for appropriating money entrusted to him for investment.

### A Good Egg Producer.

A valuable freak of the poultry kingdom is owned by Mrs. W. B. Kay, of Naulaka, Caroline county, according to the Free Lance. It is a Black Minorca hen which is said to lay two eggs every other day and one egg on the other intervening days. One egg is laid with clock-like regularity in the early morning hours and the second egg, also of normal size, is laid late in the afternoon. This remarkable feat has been performed for the past few weeks.

### 66th Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Hall quietly celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary Saturday at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hall, near Philmont, Loudoun county. Mr. Hall is 88 years of age and Mrs. Hall is 86. Both are in comparatively good health, says the Loudoun Times, and have their regular home duties in and around the house. Last winter Mrs. Hall pieced by hand sixteen bed quilts and this season has already completed two. They have six living children.

### Professor Takes His Life.

Dr. Henry M. Houston, thirty-five years old, professor of foreign languages at Emory and Henry College, committed suicide by hanging himself to an apple tree near his home near Fort Payne, Ala. He had been in poor health for several months, having recently suffered from a nervous breakdown. Dr. Houston held several degrees from Vanderbilt University. He was ordained minister of the Southern Methodist Church and later taught languages at Martha Washington College at Abingdon.

### Good Prison Record—Pardon.

William D. Blankenship, who eighteen months ago began serving a five-year term for the murder of Giles Walker at Danville, was pardoned a few days ago by Governor Trinkle, who declares that young Blankenship owes his release to his good prison record. Two petitions for his release were placed before the governor, one signed by a great number of friends and one signed by every juror, who expressed the belief that Blankenship has been punished enough. The governor's letter announcing the pardon stated that the young man had a good record before going to Danville and associating with bad companions. It is reported that Blankenship or his relatives have paid \$7,000 to Walker's widow.

The pardon provides that Blankenship shall not return to Danville to live and that he shall return to serve the remainder of his penitentiary term should he violate the law again.

### Joke on Domestic Science Girls.

Eighteen girls of the domestic science class at Winchester were poisoned last week by eating their own cooking, says an exchange. They were unpleasantly ill but all recovered. Opinions differ whether it was a case of ptomaine poisoning or whether some drug accidentally was mixed with raw material but as there were no serious consequences the state is indulging in a snicker at the expense of the young women supposed to be the guardians of the health of the community and of families of the future.

### Launch Found in Sound.

Considerable excitement has been aroused by the finding of a new cabin launch adrift in Pocomoke Sound, with her running lights burning, her engine warm and two bottles of whiskey in her cabin, but no sign of crew or passengers, says a dispatch from Onancock. She was found Sunday morning shortly before sunrise, and towed into Crisfield. The general theory among the Chesapeake Bay men is that her original occupants fell overboard while the craft was under way. There was no sign of disorder on board. The vessel is thirty-six feet long with six-foot beam and cost about \$3,000.

### School (?) Charter Revoked.

The charter of the Oriental University of Cherrydale, alleged "diploma mill," was revoked at Richmond by Judge Scott in the city circuit court. The action came after the presentation of charges by the state of Virginia. The "university" was not represented at the hearing.

Officials of the state of Arizona will be supplied with copies of Judge Scott's writ of quo warranto against the university and will be asked to take similar steps. Miss M. Pearl McCall, assistant U. S. attorney stationed at the Oriental University has been chartered by Arizona, she declared, in the name of the Universal University.

### Gypsies Arrested.

After robbing the money drawer and taking a quantity of merchandise from the store of John T. Harris, at Falmouth, four gypsies were overtaken by Mr. Harris and Mr. James Wheeler and placed under arrest by Highway Officer A. T. Taylor.

The foreigners, two men and two women, entered the store while Mrs. Harris was the only person in the establishment, preventing her from giving alarm. They ransacked the cash drawer and also helped themselves to a supply of groceries, tobacco and soap, according to the Free Lance.

The stolen merchandise and money, the latter amounting to about \$5 or \$6 in small change, were recovered. The gypsies were placed in jail to await trial.

### Warrenton Constable Wounded.

C. L. Stafford, constable, of Fauquier county, has a wound from gunshot in the leg received while executing a search warrant on Frank Webster, near Remington, says a Warrenton letter to the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Stafford had gone with J. S. Woolf, sheriff of the county, to search Webster's premises for illicit liquor. Webster hid behind an outbuilding and fired on the constable as he emerged from the back door, not finding Webster in the house.

Stafford returned the fire with his pistol, but the running negro was not struck. After attention from a local physician Stafford was taken to a Charlottesville hospital. It is reported that a posse of neighbors assembled to arrest Webster, but were met by the sheriff who told them to go home, as it was all right. They dispersed, supposing that Webster had been arrested, but he is still at liberty and, it is said, has not left the neighborhood.

### CATLETT

Mr. James Heflin died December 19 and was buried in Catlett cemetery on Friday, December 21. Rev. G. W. Crabtree held prayers at the home and services at the grave.

Mr. Heflin was nearly seventy years old and had been ill but a short time. He leaves a widow and six children.

Miss Pearl Robinson, youngest daughter of Mr. I. C. Robinson, was married December 19 to Mr. Hugh Beach, of Stafford, Rev. G. W. Crabtree performing the ceremony.

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## Santa Claus Brought Dolly



# Marcia's New Year's Slogan

by Martha B. Thomas  
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**N**O MATTER how doggedly she tried, Marcia could not put him out of her mind. Her eyes would be looking straight at the ugly pine-wood dresser in her tiny room, and there, magically pictured would appear his face. It was the strangest and most aggravating thing! She shook herself free of these fancies and picked up a book. New Year's eve promised to pass very quietly for her. Some of the girls in the store were sitting up . . . but for some inexplicable reason she had declined their friendly invitations to join them. It would be so noisy, so tiresome, and then the trip home afterwards, not to mention work next day. No, she was happier in her tiny, stuffed-up room. Books were good company. He had said so, and she was nightly discovering the truth for herself.

That very day he had sauntered up to the counter where she was clerk,



and bought a pair of gloves—ladies' gloves. He had told her, smiling a little, that they were to be a New Year's gift. "Maybe she won't like them," he added—"I hardly know just what to select."

Marcia timidly offered to help, if he could give her any general idea of the lady's taste.

"Why, she's a dainty person," he smiled again, "not so very big, not so very small. She'd want something good, I fancy, but not too, well—" he seemed to be searching for the exact qualification, "not too conspicuous or strange." That was the best he could do, and they laughed together.

After careful consultation, gloves of a fine, heavy leather were bought and paid for. They were gloves that anyone would be happy to wear on the street; there was a well-made and quiet distinction about them which produced a soft sigh of wistfulness from Marcia. But she was entirely unconscious of it.

At this point in her reflections there came a knock at her door.

"Telephone, Miss Dunn," announced the landlady. There was something particularly knowing and kindly in her voice.

Marcia flew downstairs. She hardly knew what she expected, but her heart was behaving so outrageously that she could hardly gasp a feeble "Hello!" into the transmitter.

"Is that you, Miss Dunn?" asked a delightfully masculine voice.

"Yes," quivered Marcia.

"I just called up," continued the voice, "I just called up, er—" there was a break of what seemed slight embarrassment, then came strongly, "What's the use of beating about the bush? I called up to ask if I could run over to see you this evening? I'd like to persuade you to go on a mild little party with me. I tried to ask you today while I was buying those gloves, but I lost my nerve."

Marcia was able to produce faint sounds which appeared to encourage the voice at the other end.

"Your landlady knows me, because I used to come to see a man who lived there, so she can vouch for my character. For two weeks I've tried to ask you about tonight. I couldn't think of a nicer way to start the New Year, than having a little party with you."



I've got tickets for a show, and after that we'll have a little snack of something to eat, if you want to. And I'll bring along the gloves . . . you picked 'em out, so they ought to suit!"

Marcia skimmed upstairs again like a bird. What were two flights when the nicest man-in-the-world asked you to go to the theater with him! And he was bringing the gloves for her! This was a New Year's day to remember. As she stood pinning on her hat before the mirror, she made a sudden resolution, the first that had occurred to her, though this was the properest time for doing such things. "I'll always believe the best is going to happen. See how wonderfully things have turned out, and ten minutes ago I was as blue as indigo. It just shows that it is silly wasting thoughts on unpleasant subjects. This will be my New Year slogan: 'Believe the Best! It won't hurt you, and it may help.'"

Some time later when Marcia and the very nicest man-in-the-world were enjoying the theater, she whispered to him her resolution.

He declared it was the finest one he ever heard, and then made so bold as to inquire if it had anything at all to do with his coming! Marcia pretended not to hear him.

It might be added that the gloves were a perfect fit.

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# New Year's Eve Party

by Mary Graham Bonner

**I**T WAS New Year's eve. In the big house on the hill a party was being given. There was dancing and talking and laughing and merriment of all kinds. The mistletoe was still hanging over the door as it had hung throughout the Christmas season, urging shy youths to snatch kisses from shy but eager maidens and encouraging those youths who needed no encouragement.

The music played on, the dancers never wearied. And then suddenly it stopped. All was very still following a trumpet call.

The lights were turned out. A door leading into the big dancing room from the out-of-doors was opened.

And then could be seen an old, old man, with long white beard and long white hair, hobbling along upon a stick, a lantern in his hand.

He threw a light as he walked along and going out of the opened door waved an arm as though in farewell and was just about to shut the door—when, lo and behold, a little lad rushed in, clad in very few garments, all young and excited and bounding with spirits. The door closed. He was within. The lights were turned on.

Dancing began, but only he danced. Around and around, in and out of the people he danced, while the music played, faster, faster, faster.

And then he made a low bow and dashed out of the dancing room.

There was applause. All the guests clapped their hands. They called for the little, young dancer.

But as they called, in rushed a group of small boys. Under their arms they carried imitation newspapers and as they rushed about they cried.

"Extra! Extra! See about the great new arrival!"

"Extra! Extra! The New Year has many packages of joy to scatter over the earth this year."

"He will be with us for twelve months! His stay is to be exactly that long."

"He danced for you now. And he will come in response to the encore you gave him and dance again."

"And after that he will give his encore day by day if you call for him and ask for the happiness, which he has to give, to dance in your hearts!"

"Extra! Extra! The New Year is here!"

And around they went with their newspapers to every guest.

Then the little New Year came in and danced once more and then left with kisses and New Year greetings to all.

Once more the dancing began for everyone and way into the New Year they danced.

It was splendid to begin the New Year with dancing!

# The New Calendar

By Marie V. Caruthers, in New York Times

**D**AYS three hundred sixty-four. Like fair, uncut pages are in the volume, yet unread. Of my New Year's calendar—

One continued chapter they, Starting in afresh today!

Though this selfsame calendar Serves us all throughout the years, Hours which make your joy, for me May be fraught with grief and tears; Those my happiness which bring, Will find others sorrowing.

Days that stretch on far ahead, I must live them one by one, Bearing what may be in store Till the year's long tale is spun. What is written there? I turn, One page at a time—and learn!

Falls my lot in pleasant ways? Will death interrupt my task? All is hid from mortal eye. But, Life, just one boon I ask! Let me meet courageously Whatsoever fate may be!

# The New Year Pledge

**T**HIS is the time to take stock, being the last of the year, the time of reckoning to consider that new leaf that is to be turned. Is it to be turned, or not? Is any effort to be made to start the year with a resolution of better conduct?

There is something more than mere tradition in the regarding of New Year day as a time for efforts at personal betterment. Of course, any other day in the year is just as good, but that invites endeavors for betterment. Even if the good intention lasts only a short time it is worth recording.

There is nobody who cannot find some specific way of self-improvement, some habit to be broken, some trait to be checked or corrected. Nobody is perfect, and good resolutions will not make the perfect man. But even the best of folks can improve themselves. They can be more considerate of others, more thoughtful, more unselfish, more tolerant and patient. Strict righteousness is often extremely disagreeable if it is not mixed with human kindness and compassion.

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