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## THE BLAME RESTS WHERE? MANASSAS GETS SECOND

Editorial of Last Week on "Are The Schools Closed Down?" Commented Upon.

EDITOR MANASSAS JOURNAL:— In your editorial of last week on "Are The Schools Closed Down?" describing some of the conditions of the Manassas Schools, you are to be complimented by the thoughtful and considerate readers of your paper and patrons of the public schools all over the county for this timely warning on one of the greatest drawbacks to the success of our public schools and rural education.

The question does not apply to Manassas Schools only but to the schools all over Prince William county; perhaps a few exceptions. In raising this question you do the people a good service; you have sounded the tocsin of a much needed reform, and there is no other way by which a reform can be brought to the attention of the public more effectively and generally than through a local newspaper which fearlessly upholds right and reason and speaks for the best interests of the people, expounding and explaining all public questions of vital interest and importance in a way that the people who read its columns, may be well posted on them and can act intelligently and independently on such questions.

You say in your article the thing most needed is a more thorough cooperation between parents, teacher and school officials. This is a sound assertion without a reasonable doubt, and it is democratic. But why is it not done? We know there is a tendency to put all the blame on the parent for all this delinquency, for truancy and non-attendance in schools, but we object. It is certainly in to blame for some of them sometimes but not for all of them all the time. The regularity of attendance to be desired in schools can be obtained only by confidence and cooperation of teacher and parents. First, the parent must understand that the teacher is capable and willing to use his or her best efforts to train his child both morally and mentally and shield him from any harm that might befall him while under his care, doing this impartially along with the other pupils. Having this confidence in the teacher, there would be very few parents who would fail to cooperate. But instead of this understanding and these requisites the parent sends his child to school and although the school law says that the child is in the care of the teacher from the time he leaves home until he returns to it, he finds that the child has been playing truant, and there is no report to him about it, often tardy and no complaint, poor lessons and no objections raised. The pupils come and go as they please without permission, and on the playground and at play, the law of the jungle, "The survival of the fittest" prevails, no restraint, no discipline.

With these and many other such complaints of like tendency is it any wonder he does not cooperate when his tranquility is disturbed? And he has a feeling that is indescribable as he looks into the future, and asks himself the question, "Am I out of harmony?" or "Am I right?" "Is our tax money being squandered?" Now these conditions mentioned above do prevail. If any one doubts it he can ascertain for himself by investigating these facts for himself. Why then lay all the blame on the parent? The parent, the teacher,

Highest Notch Ever Reached by Manassas Athletes Recorded Last Saturday.

(By W. M. Johnson, Coach Manassas Track Team)

The M. H. S. track team finished second in the scholastic meet for Virginia schools which was held Saturday under the auspices of the University of Virginia.

The meet was fairly fast and in most of the events the contestants were well bunched at the finish. Manassas scored its points through the ability of the three veteran members of the squad, Round, Lynch and Green, since the others proved not quite good enough to place at this time in the season, although Harrell was fifth in the discus throw and Simmons was fifth in the broad jump. The local school also suffered through the fact that both Lynch and Green were handicapped by colds and were unable to do their best. Round, of Manassas, was point star of the meet with 154 counters to his credit, a lead of one-half point over Matson, of Roanoke, his closest competitor. He won the hurdles, was second in the hundred yard dash and discus, tied for second in the pole vault and was third in the broad jump. The hundred yard dash was one of the feature races of the meet, McCall, of Woodberry, winning by inches in a finish so close that each man spoke his end of the tape. Lynch, of Manassas, won the quarter mile by a good margin and came in second in the furlong dash. Green showed poor condition in the distance events and was only fifth man home in the mile, but came back and won the pole vault from a field of good men.

The following gives the points won by the competing schools: Woodberry Forest, 42; Manassas High, 28; Roanoke High, 28; John Marshall High, 10; Fishburne Military, 9; Staunton High, 4; Warrenton High, 2; Lynchburg High, 1; Culpeper High, 1; and Earlysville High, 1.

## MRS. GROFF PASSES AWAY

Death Comes to Mrs. Lela M. Groff, Nee Merchant, on Saturday Last.

On Saturday morning, April 17, Mrs. Lela McLennan Groff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Merchant, of Manassas, died at Geo. Washington University Hospital, Washington, in her thirty-second year. Mrs. Groff passed the greater part of her life at her home near Manassas, but of late years has resided in Washington.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. F. Burks at Trinity Episcopal church, Manassas, Monday morning at 11:30 o'clock, and interment was made in Manassas cemetery. Many beautiful floral tributes from friends and relatives were laid upon the last resting place of their loved one.

Mrs. Groff leaves her husband, Mr. Ralph Groff, and two young daughters, Elsie Jane and Olga Lou. To mourn her loss there is also her father and mother, five sisters and four brothers, all well known to the people of this community.

Entertainment at Waterfall.

The Junior League of Waterfall school will give an entertainment on Saturday evening, April 24, beginning at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will be on sale for the benefit of school improvement. All are cordially invited to attend.

### County Day Program, April 24

9:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.— Medical Inspection by Physicians of University of Virginia Hospital Staff, Bennett Building.

11:00 A. M.— Junior Spelling Match, Eastern Gymnasium. Open to public. Admission, 10 cents.

11:30 A. M.— Senior Spelling Match, Ruffner Building. Open only to contestants.

12:00 A. M. to 2:00 P. M.— Sandwiches, coffee and cake, ice cream and candy sold at Ruffner Building by High School Domestic Science Class.

2:00 P. M.— Junior High School and Grade Track Meets, Round Athletic Field. Admission, 10 cents.

3:00 P. M.— Patrons' League Meeting at Ruffner Building.

Rest rooms will be open to visitors in the Ruffner and Bennett Buildings, and in the U. D. C. Chapter Room, M. I. C. Building, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

## AFFIRMATIVE WINS OUT

Manassas High School Given Decision Over Alumni Last Friday Evening.

A very pleasing, entertaining and instructive program was rendered at the Ruffner building last Friday evening under the auspices of the high school athletic association. It was much regretted that the affair was not better patronized, only a small crowd being in attendance.

The program opened with a chorus, "Harp That Once Thru Tara's Halls." This was followed by a recitation entitled "Irish Coquetry" by Miss Annie Louise Swart. Mr. O. W. Mosher then rendered a violin solo, which after a heavy encore was followed by another. "Mr. Dooley on La Guippe" was then recited by Miss Dorothy Johnson, after which came the beautiful solo "Come Back to Erin," which was excellently sung by Miss Marie Leachman. Miss Myrtle Merrill next entertained the audience with a comic recitation entitled "Irish Katie at the Telephone," and then the chorus class under Mrs. Hodge sang "The Low-Racked Car."

The debate was now entered upon, Alfred Prescott and Clyde Simmons, of the high school, upholding the affirmative and Wheatley Johnson and Clarence Wagener, of the alumni, taking the negative. The question as announced by the affirmative was "Resolved that women should be allowed to vote on the same basis as men."

The high school team put up a fine debate. Both members of the team showed a good understanding of the subject and a careful drilling in the art of debate. They presented many salient points in a clear, forceful manner, and their efforts were highly commended.

The alumni had the difficult side of the question; the negative side being less favored by the audience. Their arguments for the greater part well taken, but fell short of convincing the audience and judges that woman's suffrage is undesirable.

The judges, Lieut. Gen. C. Round, Mr. O. W. Mosher and Miss Edith Hayden gave a two to one decision in favor of the affirmative.

After the debate a candy sale for the benefit of the athletic association was held, and it was very liberally patronized. Music and a social half hour, then brought to a close a very pleasant evening.

—Rev. Lucas, of Eastern College, will preach at Grace Methodist church Sunday at 11 a. m. in the absence of the pastor, Rev. E. A. Roads. Mrs. Ropp will deliver a temperance address there at 8 p. m.

## MRS. W. T. DAVIDSON DEAD

Daughter of Rev. and Mrs. T. D. D. Clark Passes Away in South Carolina.

Mrs. W. T. Davidson, wife of Prof. W. T. Davidson, of Bowmans, S. C., departed this life at her South Carolina home Monday morning at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Davidson, before her marriage Miss Genevieve H. Clark, was well known to people of Manassas and this neighborhood.

Mrs. Davidson was born at Hagerstown, Md., on Nov. 8, 1880. When she was 14 years of age Rev. T. D. D. Clark, her father, was called to the pastorate of Manassas Baptist church; he accepted this call, moved to Manassas and since then the family has resided here. Mrs. Davidson attended Manassas Episcopal High School. She was while in attendance at Eastern that she met Mr. Davidson, to whom she was married on June 24, 1914.

Mrs. Davidson leaves her husband, Prof. W. T. Davidson, and an infant child, Aylett Holzman Davidson; her father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. T. D. D. Clark; four sisters, all of Manassas, Misses Jessie, Margaret, Sarah and Marion; and four brothers, Messrs. Douglas and Thomas, of Washington, and Aylett and Walter, of Manassas.

Funeral services were conducted at Winchester, Va., by the Rev. Hugh Carter on Tuesday, and interment was in Winchester cemetery at 5 o'clock that afternoon.

Mrs. Davidson had a host of friends in Manassas. She has been an earnest laborer in all Christian work since her early childhood and by her bright and optimistic manner inspired all those with whom she came in contact. Her Christianity was best exemplified in her daily living. She was kind-hearted, affectionate and a lover of the beautiful in nature and art. Her great aim in life was to make it better, and a greater aim than this no one can have. God in His infinite wisdom has taken from her earthly home a young woman of lofty aspirations and beautiful character.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the family of the departed one in this hour of and bereavement and of most unbearable sorrow.

Prohibition Address at Waterfall, Sunday and Manassas.

Mrs. J. M. Ropp, of Shenandoah, one of the most aggressive and successful of the lecturers of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union during the state wide campaign, will speak as follows: At Woodbine, Friday night, April 23; at Sudley, Sunday, a. m., April 25, and at Manassas, in Grace Methodist, Episcopal church, Sunday night at 8 p. m.

## ATTEND MEETS TOMORROW

The Grade and Junior High School Meets Promise to be Lively Affairs.

(By W. M. Johnson, Coach Manassas Track Team)

The sixth meet of the Prince William county public schools will be held on Round field tomorrow at 2 p. m. It will probably be the fastest and closest of these meets that has ever been staged, as the schools that are entered are all represented by good teams and many of the boys have had experience in previous meets and should show up well on Saturday.

Manassas has entered as usual a large number of athletes and most of these are boys who have been point winners in the last few years. Occoquan, which last year won the championship of that district, is back again to defend its honors and possibly to win new ones, as the team should make an even better showing than last season. Bethel is also entered from Occoquan district and expects to garner more trophies than Cherry Hill did last year, and that team made a good showing. Haymarket will, as usual, send a good team and Gainesville, while it has only two entries, will probably have to be chalked up with a goodly number of counters. Greenwich, which so far has had no opposition in its own district, will probably make a strong bid for the county title and keep things interesting.

But a feature that the management is expecting to prove one of the most interesting of the meet is the three-cornered fight for the Junior High School championship of the county. Bethel, Haymarket and Greenwich are all represented by teams of about the same number of boys and as far as can be judged of about the same caliber, and they promise a battle royal that may not be decided until the last man in the relay is across the finish line. Altogether it promises to be the best that has ever been presented to the public on Round field and a good crowd is expected.

Contestants must report on the field at 1:45 p. m.

## DR. W. C. PAYNE MARRIED

Prominent Physician of Gainesville Married to Miss Buxley, of Louisa County.

A wedding of interest to all upper Prince William citizens took place Wednesday at "Sunny-side," the ancestral home of the Buxleys near Trevilians, Louisa county, when Dr. Wade C. Payne was united in holy matrimony to Miss Roberts Helen Buxley, the attractive daughter of the late J. J. Buxley. On account of recent bereavement in the bride's family no cards were issued and only members of the immediate families were present.

Dr. Payne is prominent young physician of Gainesville, Va., and a brother of R. W. Payne, the proprietor of the New Prince William hotel in Manassas. He belongs to the class of '07, University of Virginia.

Immediately after the wedding the happy couple left for a Northern trip, after which they will be at home to their many friends at "Haynader," Gainesville, Va.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend sincere thanks to our many friends for their kindness and sympathy during the illness of our daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Burzart.

## MANASSAS CIVIC LEAGUE

New Organization Effected At Mass Meeting Monday— Animated Discussion.

The mass meeting which was called for Monday evening for the purpose of formulating plans for a "clean up and paint up" campaign gave birth to a new permanent organization for the town of Manassas. Soon after the meeting got under way it was seen that some organized effort must be made if we wish town improvement, and as a result we now have the Manassas Civic League, of which it is hoped every citizen of Manassas will become a member.

The meeting was called to order and its purpose outlined by Clarence W. Wagener. A call was then made for a chairman for the meeting, Mr. Wagener suggesting Mr. G. Raymond Ratcliffe. Mr. Ratcliffe declined and nominated Mr. Wagener as chairman, who reluctantly accepted. Several citizens were called upon for their opinion as to waging a "clean up and paint up" campaign but the thought of all showed the necessity of instituting a permanent organization which could handle the matter in a more systematic manner.

Mr. Ratcliffe, upon being called upon, suggested that the organization ally itself in some way with an existing organization such as the Patrons' League of the Manassas schools. But Miss Helen Osbourne and Mrs. Emily C. Harrell thought it more feasible to have a separate organization. Motion then ensued as to retaining the old civic league organization of a new league. It was decided that it would be better to effect a brand new organization.

The election of officers of the newly organized Manassas Civic League then took place. Clarence W. Wagener was elected president, and Mandames Garrison, A. W. Sinclair, Ratcliffe, Clem and Hymson, vice-presidents. Mrs. J. L. Harrell was elected recording secretary, Mr. G. Raymond Ratcliffe as corresponding secretary, and Miss Mollie Rixey as treasurer.

The following committee appointments were made during the course of the evening: Messrs. E. A. Roads, A. W. Sinclair, and E. Wood Weir appointed a committee to wait upon the town council at its meeting to be held Monday evening, April 26, asking the said council at its earliest convenience to acquire a suitable dumping ground, and to furnish means of transportation of such trash as cannot be burned upon one's own premises from the town to the dumping ground. Messrs. J. L. Harrell and A. W. Sinclair and Mr. Ratcliffe were appointed a committee on drafting suitable by-laws. A committee on sanitation is to be appointed by the president of the league. This committee, which will consist of three, over which Health Officer Dr. Powell Merchant will act as general chairman, will look after the enforcement of sanitary laws. Each of the three of this committee will have a certain district for which he is responsible.

Some very lively discussions took place during the course of the evening. Among those called upon and who gave their views in the matter, beside those mentioned before, were Messrs. R. S. Hymson, C. J. Meetze, A. W. Sinclair, Rev. E. A. Roads, H. U. Ropp, Rev. J. F. Burks and Health Officer Merchant. Mr. Hymson attacked some of the present officials of the

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Sheriff
To the Voters of Prince William County
I hereby respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of sheriff of said county, subject to the democratic primary to be held this year.

Sheriff
To the Voters of Prince William County:
As the request of many friends throughout the county, I have concluded to announce my candidacy for the office of sheriff of said county, subject to a democratic primary to be determined upon by the County Committee.

Should I be honored with the office, it is my purpose to select an acceptable deputy... if the present judge will accept the position he now holds, it is my purpose to retain him in that position.

Supervisor
To the Voters of Brantville District:
I hereby respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of supervisor in Brantville District, subject to the democratic primary this year.

Supervisor
To the Voters of Manassas District:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for reelection for the office of supervisor for Manassas District, subject to the coming democratic primary.

Supervisor
Pursuant to the request of a mass meeting of representative voters and taxpayers of Manassas District, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of supervisor for Manassas District, Prince William County, subject to the democratic primary, to be held in the year 1915.

Supervisor
At the urgent solicitation of a number of voters, I hereby announce myself a candidate for supervisor in Brantville Magisterial District, subject to the democratic primary, and pledge a faithful performance of the responsible duties of the office, if elected.

Supervisor
To the Voters of Cedar District:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for reelection for the office of supervisor for Cedar District, subject to the democratic primary to be held this year.

Commissioner of Revenue
To the Voters of District No. 2, Prince William County:
I hereby respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of commissioner of revenue, subject to the democratic primary to be held this year.

Supervisor
To the Voters of Gainesville District:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for reelection for the office of supervisor for Gainesville District, subject to the primary to be held this year.

Supervisor
To the Voters of Gainesville District:
At the solicitation of numerous friends, I announce my candidacy for supervisor for Gainesville District, subject to the coming democratic primary.

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The Reason Why Some Farmers Succeed and Why Others Often Fail.

Once there lived two little farmers on two little hills. Their names we all may know full well, but to prevent them from knowing that we do know, we shall simply call them P and O.

P was a man young and promising, and well liked by all, but he loved his ease and did as he pleased.

When Monday came and plans should be made for the week's work on his farm P was in town hunting up what news could be found.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, and in fact every day in the week, he found some little business of minor importance to take him to town, or elsewhere, to the neglect of his farm.

By year the same thing continued. But we have lost sight of O. Where is he? We did not see him in town for months and months.

Even the passer-by wanted to know how he managed to keep his team in such excellent condition. A careful observation of this successful farmer next year revealed the fact that he was like the merchant and other business men he was at his post of duty every morning and remained through the day.

His grass lots green and flourishing and his crops of corn and tobacco well cultivated, and all of this had been accomplished during the time his fellow farmer on the adjoining hill was loitering about the town talking hard times, money panic and, incidentally, the war.

After several years with P and O continuing in their same channels, as mentioned above, we are not surprised to learn that P has made a complete failure and has turned his farm and stock over to his creditors for sale.

We are equally surprised to know that O took a part of his handsome little bank account and purchased the farm of his neighbor P. And now we hear P telling about hard times, and telling of the honest life he has lived.

That all he has, he has made honestly, though it be nothing but a bankrupt name, and he pities others who, like his neighbor O, has been so dishonest as to take advantage of their industrious fellow farmers.

Herein we have the type of the man who has some theories and lots of practice, and the other who only theorizes for the moment. Which way are you traveling, my friend?

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to extend sincere thanks to our many kind friends for their sympathy and many kindnesses shown us during our recent and bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. MERRIAM, AND FAMILY.

Throw Up the Windows and Let Plenty of Light in For It Is Free.

Man, we learn, was first formed of the dust of the earth, and God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.

There is both a reason and a result flowing from the fact that man first got inspiration through his nose.

The central thought is that the breath was the breath of life. When the corpus delicti had been made ready for life the machinery of man was not stirred by pouring in gasoline or whiskey.

Neither did the Creator push down his gullet a dozen raw and an oyster slaw. He gave him not food or drink, but "stand back, gentlemen, and let him have air."

Fresh air is absolutely necessary. Heaven is only 16 breaths and 84 heart beats away. We can do without water for 30 days.

We can go without food for 60 days, but we must breathe in 4 minutes or we are gone goolings. We need wholesome food. We need pure water, but we need fresh air most of all.

It fans the flame of health in the face and lights the spark of animation in the eye. Lacking fresh air, the sickly shades of sallow cheeks and broken tints of green and yellow at the corners of the mouth show that life's artist is out of madder and vermilion.

Air is free and there is no reason why we should not use it. The British embargo does not cover air nor is the war tax laid upon it.

Remember, it costs you absolutely nothing and this fact alone should cause a general rush for fresh air. Many people are fitted by nature to give "a grand opening" for fresh air, but neglect it every day.

No person was ever known to take consumption when living in the open air. Many are cured of this deadly malady by fresh air. Fresh air is now coming in with early vegetables from the South and is the cheaper of the two.

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Joseph M. Davis, Born in Prince William, Died in Loudoun April 5.

On Monday, April 5, following a long illness, Mr. Joseph Madison Davis died at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Clifton Warner, near Paconian Springs.

Mr. Davis was born August 10, 1842, in Prince William county. At the early age of 18 he enlisted in the Confederate Army and served nearly four years as a member of the 4th Virginia Cavalry, Company A, under the command of General J. E. B. Stuart.

He took part in many noted battles, among them, the first battle of Bull Run, Seven Pines, the Wilderness, and was captured near Fredericksburg. An exchange of prisoners made his term of imprisonment only a few months.

He was soon at the front again and in the battle of Trevilian's Station received a wound which rendered him unfit for active duty during the remainder of the war.

At the second battle of Bull Run his cavalry distinguished itself by making the famous raid that resulted in the capture of General Pope's headquarters, securing papers which showed the plan of manoeuvres of his division of the Northern army.

Shortly after the close of the war, in May, 1867, he married Miss Sallie E. Glasscock, also of Prince William county. A few months thereafter they moved to this county and settled near Middleburg, where they continued to reside and reared a family of six children, all of whom, with his wife, survive.

As a husband, he was devoted, pure and simple; as a father, he was indulgent to the last degree, always having in mind the welfare of those whom he loved; as a man, he was slow in choosing intimate friends, but when the tender chords of his nature were touched by the true and genuine sincerity, you could count him a friend in the highest sense.

He was a consistent member of the Methodist church from his early manhood, and numbered among his many friends a score or more of the ministers of the Baltimore conference.

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MANASSAS, VA., FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1915.

## A NEW TOWN ORGANIZATION

On Monday evening a new organization came into being in Manassas. A group of enthusiastic citizens met in Conner's Opera House and placed themselves upon record as being deeply interested in the welfare of our progressive town. So anxious were they that Manassas should become cleaner, more sanitary, and more attractive that they formed a permanent organization which will devote itself to this specific work. The Manassas Civic League, a brand-new organization, is no high-toned society affair, but it is one of those old-fashioned, every-day group of citizens which has been formed with the idea of doing much work and little talk.

The organization to reach its highest development must be well supported by the citizens of the town. There is no reason why every citizen of Manassas should not be a member of this league. You do not have to own property, you do not have to be a member of any church or any select club, you do not have to have any special qualification in order to be a member of the Manassas Civic League. All you have to do is to show your interest in the movement by signing up; certainly the dues, which are five cents a month, will not keep you out. So, for the good of your town, please put your name down when a membership petition is handed you. If one is not handed you hunt up one of the officers, and express yourself as willing to become a member.

A civic league in a small town can be made one of its most vital institutions. But the people as a whole must get behind the organization, and must give it their support. The work of such a league should not be made more difficult by opposition; it is difficult enough when given the support of the citizens. Try to encourage the movement; it has as its sole purpose the betterment of our town, and any such movement as this should be most heartily endorsed, and aided in every possible way by all citizens of Manassas.

## A COMMUNITY DUMP HEAP

A community dump heap is not the most pleasant thing in the world to talk about, but if you were present at the mass-meeting on Monday evening it is not necessary to tell you that it is a very pressing need of Manassas right now. Also, if you are a home-owner you have every now and then felt what a blessing it would be if there was some place to which your tin cans, broken glass and other unburnable trash could be hauled.

That Manassas needs a common dumping ground is admitted by everyone. Where can your trash be hauled to now? Do you pay a man to haul it out of town, telling him to get rid of it in some way for you? Quite a great deal of the town's trash is now lying along the edges of the county roads leading out from Manassas. The idea of using the county roads for a dumping ground! Here is a condition that the Board of Supervisors should remedy; it should be a serious matter for anyone to dump trash upon the public highway. If you are doing it you should stop it; you know it is wrong.

But there must be a community dump heap. No enforcement of trash removal can be undertaken until the place is designated to which it can be hauled. If we are given a common dumping ground, and, if a team is furnished by the town for the removal of trash, there is no reason why the premises of every single white and colored home in Manassas cannot be kept clean.

The town council now has under consideration the selection and purchase of a disposal grounds. The people of the town will do wisely to back this worthy movement and to push it to an early success. If the town will arouse itself it can have a community dump heap in a remarkably short time.

## SPRING, THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

It is unfortunate for this part of the country that January is called the first month of the year. How much better it would be if April, the first real month of spring weather, was known as the initial month of the twelve. Who would not rather form a resolution when nature is awakening than when all out-doors is drear and asleep? To grow with the upspringing seed would be an inspiration in itself. To have your newly-formed plans and aspirations associated in time with Mother Earth's awakening would cause the vibration of a sympathetic chord in your inmost being, and resolutions would become more or less sacred on account of Nature's accompaniment.

New Year's Day is a good time to make resolutions. In fact we are told that we should make our resolutions every morning before starting out for the daily battle, and this idea is certainly to be commended. But who can imagine a better time of the year than now to start life anew? Turn over a new leaf and grow with the flowers. Sunshine and warmth will work wonders in bringing to development and maturity our good resolutions, if they are properly nurtured. Sow good seed in the way of high aspirations and noble endeavors, see that proper cultivation is given the newly awakened ambitions, and let the sunshine and light that comes from the wisdom of ages past enter your soul. Then you and humanity can most surely count on a beautiful harvest, a harvest of noble acts, kind deeds and a self-sacrificing service that will cause posterity to rise up and call you blessed of men.

## IS THIS AN INSPIRING EXAMPLE?

Walk through the business section of Manassas any Sunday morning from ten until eleven-thirty or twelve and what of the sights that you see stands out most conspicuously? Why it is the numerous groups of older men, younger men, and boys who are loafing and chatting away their time on the street corners. Now this article has not the intention of preaching a sermon, but it does seem that it is a deplorable state of affairs when so few of our men and boys do not attend divine worship.

A man is not harmed by attending church services. You have nothing to be ashamed of to be seen coming out of a church at the close of one of its services. Every time you go to church you realize that man, with all his imperfections, can hope for better things, and you are brought face to face with the vital issues of life itself. Altogether it is good for man to attend church services on Sunday whether he is a church member or not. If a man is a church member it is his solemn duty and obligation to attend divine services whether he cares to do so or not. The church of which you are a member needs your presence, but far more it needs your example of faithful attendance. If you are faithful in attendance you can be counted upon as living up to your baptismal and confirmation vows, as a rule.

But what of that non-church member who is loafing on the street corner during divine service? He may have no desire to be in church, but he should do a little thinking. Manassas has quite a number of boys who are growing up on the streets. These boys fall into the footsteps of the men they see most often on the streets, and when they see you staying away from church they think it is the manly thing to do. Gay women, small children, and soft-brained men attend Sunday school and church, according to their conception. Hence, you can see what quite a responsibility rests upon you, Mr. Non-Church Goer.

If you cannot be persuaded to attend divine worship do not advertise the fact to the boys who are now growing up in our midst. If you will not go to church, stay at home on Sunday morning. Do not even sit on your front porch reading a newspaper, in a way this will advertise you too.

'Tis true this is a free country, but the matter of personal liberty, as argued by some, is coming to be recognized as an argument most detrimental to society. Think of the example you are setting; if you will, church attendance in Manassas should greatly increase, and men will not be found loafing away the Sabbath morning in gossiping on the street corners.

Do the boys in Manassas measure up to what they should?

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**BRIEF LOCAL NEWS**

The town uses approximately 24,000 gallons of water every day.

Master George Byrd, who has been quite sick, is recovering.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Payne on April 17, little Garth Hayden Payne.

The streets in the business section are now receiving a much needed sweeping.

The little folks' sewing bee met Monday afternoon with little Miss Beulah Baker.

Ray Sprinkle fell off a ladder one day this week and sprained his left arm quite badly.

One of the county's new road tractor, was taken over to Brentsville on Monday morning.

The card club was entertained Tuesday afternoon by Miss Mary Beverley Leachman.

James Hedges and Ruth N. Arrington, both of Occoquan, were married in Washington Monday.

Dr. H. L. Quarles delivered an address last evening at Glen Allen. His subject was "Mas-soury."

Mrs. Jacob Harrell entertained the bridge club at her home on West street Tuesday evening.

There will be devine services at Bethel Lutheran church next Sunday at 8:00 p. m., instead of 3:00 p. m., as formerly.

Harry P. Davis and Clarence W. Wagener have been appointed local agents for The Life Insurance Company of Virginia.

The executive committee of the Manassas Civic League meets this afternoon for the consideration of important business.

The new town hall is gradually nearing completion, but it may be a week or more before it will be ready for occupancy.

Mr. M. W. Wright, who has been quite ill for some time is able to be out again, and hopes to be at his shop in a short while.

Mr. E. R. Conner is making arrangements for the installation of water and sewerage in the storerooms of the Conner building.

Services at Trinity Episcopal Church, Manassas, Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m. Sunday School meets promptly at 9:45 a. m.

Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson and daughters, Dorothy and Elizabeth, who have been indisposed during the past week, are convalescing.

The committee on sanitation appointed by the president of the Manassas Civic League consists of C. J. Meetsie, W. A. Buck and B. Frank May.

Mr. Wm. Wheeler, who has been confined to the house with rheumatism and a twisted ankle for quite a while is able to be out on a crutch.

Mr. W. I. Stoes moved yesterday from Mr. A. Conner's farm where he has passed the winter to the little farm home on Mr. F. E. Saffer's place near Manassas.

At the sixth annual session of the Grand Council, O. F. A., which convened in Richmond this week J. M. Bell, of Bull Run Council, was re-elected to the office of state marshal.

The chorus class and students of the vocal department of Eastern College, under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Dunn, will give a public recital in the college auditorium at 7:45 this evening.

Mr. Geo. Herring, of Nokesville, was injured last Saturday when thrown from a horse. He was taken to Sibley Hospital in Washington immediately, and he is reported as doing nicely now.

The regular monthly meeting of the L. T. V. will be held next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Grace M. E. church. "Japanese Red Letter Day" will be observed. All are cordially invited.

D. C. Yates, who lives on the Larsen place about a mile and half from town, had the misfortune to have about seventy-five cords of wood burned up on Monday by fire which spread from a nearby brush pile.

The directors of the National Bank of Manassas held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday. In the absence of President Hesteken, who continues critically ill, Mr. Chas. E. McDonald, vice president, presided.

Eastern College baseball team lost both games to V. P. I. last week. The next game of the season will be to-morrow with The Lincoln A. C. team, of Washington, which will be called on the local diamond at 3 p. m.

In order to vote in the primary in August and in the November election you must pay your poll tax by May 1. Do not lose your "much-coveted-by-the-women" chance to vote by failing to pay for the privilege.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a pie and "sweets" sale in the M. I. C. building to-morrow from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. They will place on sale pie, cakes, candy and ice cream, and they ask your patronage.

Mr. J. D. Harrover, who has had Seattle, Wash., as his headquarters for the past five or six years, is now on a visit to his family who reside near Welling-ton. Mr. Harrover is an engineer on one of the navy's big ships.

In one of the Loudoun papers we see that arrangements have been completed for the erection of a \$10,000 high school building in Aldie. The new structure is to have a seating capacity of 250 and will be well equipped with modern conveniences.

Mr. C. E. Fisher has raised the back portion of the old Brawner house which is now occupied by Mr. J. L. Bushong and family, so that it is now two stories in height. He will put in water and install a bathroom in this new portion of the dwelling.

Mrs. Alice C. Hutchinson and W. Park Wilson, of Loudoun county; Mr. T. Ramsay Taylor, of Norfolk, and Mr. B. Conway Taylor, of Baltimore, have been in Manassas this week on account of the serious illness of their mother, Mrs. Anna M. Taylor.

The chorus class of Manassas Industrial School, assisted by celebrated soloists, will give a May musical festival in Conner's hall on the evenings of May 5 and 6. The first night will be for white patrons and friends of the school, the second for the colored people.

Superintendent G. G. Tyler wishes to remind the people of Prince William about the importance of getting every child between 7 and 25 years of age recorded in the school census. Every child missed will mean a loss of about \$20 school apportionment for the district.

The second daughter of Mr. D. J. Myers, who lives in the house opposite Mr. R. S. Hynson's, was stricken with infantile paralysis last Saturday afternoon. The little child is doing as well as can be expected but it may be a month or more before the final outcome of the stroke will be known.

In a letter to Mayor W. Hill Brown, the Brig. Gen., Chief of Ordinance, U. S. A., offers to the town of Manassas two obsolete bronze cannon and a suitable outfit of cannon balls, if the town will make official application for them, and will pay the cost of transportation. This offer was extended at the request of Hon. C. C. Carlin.

Miss Janie Herrell has been elected delegate from Trinity Episcopal Sunday school to attend the Sunday School Institute to be held next Thursday at The Plains under the auspices of the Piedmont Convocation. Rev. J. F. Burks will be in attendance upon the convocation which opens on Tuesday and closes Thursday night.

The funeral services of Mr. J. C. Harrell took place at St. Anne's Memorial chapel, Nokesville, Sunday at 12:30 p. m. About thirty Masons from Manassas conducted the funeral, the service being read by the Rev. J. F. Burks. The body was brought to Manassas and interment was made in Manassas cemetery Sunday afternoon.

The spelling matches will begin promptly at eleven o'clock to-morrow. The Junior match will be held at Eastern gymnasium and an admission fee of ten cents will be charged. The Senior match will be held at the Ruffner building. No spectators will be allowed. Each child should bring two well sharpened pencils. Paper will be furnished.

Ten boys were arraigned before Mayor W. Hill Brown on Monday morning on a charge of knocking out window panes in Judge Nicol's house just below the depot on Sunday evening. A fine of 50 cents was imposed upon each boy. They were charged no costs this time, but another time it will cost each miscreant considerably more.

An automobile being run by Mr. Yarborough collided with Mr. Chas. Cornwell's horse at the corner of Mr. Ransdell's property on the Brentsville road Monday morning. The horse, which was ridden by Mr. Cornwell's boy, was turned to the wrong side of the road. The animal received a broken leg and was later shot. As yet no settlement has been made.

Miss Ruth Smith is being congratulated on the recent successful attainments of five of her pupils in the Clifton school. In a D. A. R. contest for school scholars for Fairfax county one of her pupils, Helen Elgin, was awarded the Junior Medal for the county. Two other pupils received prizes for their district, while honorable mention was given two.

A detachment of twenty-two men from companies B and C, Engineer Corps, U. S. A., are camped in the field between Mr. Ransdell's house and Mr. Breesale's. They came to Manassas Tuesday and will have this as their headquarters for about ten days. They are engaged in making a progressive military map, starting from the country just south of Manassas and going in a southern route towards Mount Vernon and on to Yorktown.

**James Kelly Died Last Night.**

James Kelly, of Wellington, died last night in Sibley Hospital, Washington, after an operation had been performed for appendicitis. Mr. Kelly was about 36 years of age and a farmer. He leaves a wife and two small children; father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kelly, and two sisters, Mrs. A. S. Robertson and Mrs. W. T. Byrne. Funeral services will be held at Catholic Institute to-morrow afternoon.

**A RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.**

Miss Katie Holden and Mrs. Berry Harrison narrowly escaped serious injury Tuesday afternoon when the horse they were driving became frightened at a road tractor on the Centreville road opposite the old stone quarry. The buggy was upset, throwing both occupants out, breaking a shaft of the buggy and releasing the horse which ran home. Mr. Geo. D. Baker happened along about this time and brought the victims to Manassas.

Mrs. Harrison had her right shoulder dislocated and was bruised about the back, while Miss Holden was bruised about the head and particularly around the eye. Both patients remained a day at the residence of their brother-in-law, E. Wood Weir, and were then able to go home. They are reported as doing nicely now.

**ABOUT PEOPLE WE KNOW**

Mr. G. D. Riley, of Arcola, was in town yesterday.

Miss Carrie Lee was a Manassas visitor last Friday.

Miss Sue Brawner is visiting friends in Manassas this week.

Mrs. Walter Opp, of Occoquan, was a Manassas visitor Thursday.

Mr. G. L. Hutchison, of Aldie, paid us a pleasant visit yesterday.

Hon. Thos. H. Lion was at Fairfax C. H. Tuesday on legal business.

Mr. John T. DeBell, of Centerville, was a Manassas visitor on Saturday.

Mr. W. T. Gossom, of Waterfall, paid our office a pleasant visit Tuesday.

Dr. H. M. Clarkson, of Haymarket, was in Manassas yesterday on business.

Miss Belle Nelson, of Washington, is visiting Mrs. H. Y. Meetze this week.

Miss May House, who teaches school at Brentsville, visited in Manassas last week.

Mr. O. C. Portner and family are now occupying their country home near Manassas.

Herl A. Petersen, an electrical contractor of Washington, spent Monday in Manassas.

Mr. Johnson, representing the National Anti-Saloon League, is in town for a few days.

Mrs. Flory, of Nokesville, spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Myers, at Oakton.

John H. Burke and family spent several days in Washington last week and this week.

Mrs. H. L. Bonney, nee Marie Simpson, visited relatives in Bristow and Manassas last week.

Miss Sue Strother returned home last Friday evening after a pleasant visit to Miss Charlotte Smith.

Rev. E. A. Roads and daughter, Mildred, leave to-day for a week-end visit to Rappahannock county.

Mrs. L. Frank Pattie and little Miss Esther Warren Pattie are guests of Mrs. Kincheloe in Upperville.

Miss Ethel Lipscomb, of Washington, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Edith Lipscomb, in Manassas.

Miss Ada Kincheloe, who was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. R. S. Hynson, has returned to her home in Upperville.

Mrs. J. M. Ropp, temperance lecturer, is the guest of Mr. Geo. C. Round and Mrs. Snow during her stay in Manassas.

Mr. R. W. Payne attended the Payne-Boxley wedding which took place at Trevilians, Loudoun county, on Wednesday.

Mrs. Robert Hilton Evans, of Baltimore, arrived in Manassas Monday for an extended visit to her mother, Mrs. W. M. Milnes.

Mr. Curtis P. Bowman and Mr. E. E. Johnson, agents for The Life Insurance Company of Virginia, were in Manassas yesterday.

Mrs. W. Hill Brown has returned from Charlestown, W. Va., where she was called by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Hooff.

Mrs. W. F. Merchant attended the baseball game in Washington last Saturday, accompanied by her son Jack and Master Stewart Payne.

Miss Grenels leaves for Charlottesville to-day to be present at the wedding of her friend, Miss Bertie Ray, which takes place to-morrow.

Mrs. Wm. F. Dowell, who has been visiting Miss Kate Dowell, in Hamilton, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rust, at Lovettsville, is expected home Sunday.

Miss Lola Kline, daughter of Mr. John M. Kline, returned this morning from Midland where she spent a week with friends and relatives.


Mr. Paul L. Weir, of Norfolk, who was operated upon in that city a short time back, arrived in Manassas Wednesday for a short stay with his father, E. Wood Weir.

Miss Horn and Mr. Graham, of Clarendon, Va., motored to Manassas Sunday and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Wenrich. Mr. Graham is district manager of the Alexandria Electric Company.

**A Singin' School of Ye Olden Time.**  
Snow Hill, Va.

Dame Plunkett, with the assistance of Squire Bellingham, will conduct a singing school at Mill Park on May 1 at 8 o'clock. If you have never attended an old time singing school come and see this one. If you have you will enjoy going back to those olden times. Admission, 10 cents. Refreshments will be served.

Judge D. Gardiner Tyler, of Charles City County, has been selected by the general committee of the 1915 Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans to deliver the address of welcome on behalf of the Virginia Confederate veterans at the opening session of the reunion on June 1. Judge Tyler is a son of President Tyler and a member of the State judiciary. He was educated at Washington and Lee University and in a German university.



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HAYMARKET HAPPENINGS

Mrs. John Bleight, of Frederickburg, is a visitor at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. John G. White. Mrs. Mollie Aldrich and Miss Sue Aldrich are at home after a stay of several months in Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Delk and children, of Smithfield, are visiting Mrs. Delk's father, Dr. W. R. Tullos. Mr. John Jordan returned from Panama last week. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. S. Clarkson and the Misses Clarkson have returned from a stay of several months in Florida. Mrs. Hugh T. Clarkson and little son, of Washington, are their guests this week. Master Vernon DePauw Knight, of New Albany, Ind., arrived last Thursday to spend the summer at "Waverly Farms." Mrs. M. S. Eagle and children left on Tuesday for a visit of several weeks to relatives in Rockingham county, after which they will join Mr. Eagle at their new home, Emporia, Va. Bishop Brown, of Virginia, will visit Haymarket parish on Sunday and Monday next, April 25 and 26. He will preach and confirm a class at St. Paul's church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock; at Grace chapel, Hickory Grove, Sunday afternoon, and at the Church of Our Savior, Georgetown, Monday morning. On Monday afternoon the ladies of St. Paul's Guild will give the bishop a reception at the parish hall, Haymarket, from 4 to 6, to which all members and friends of the church are cordially invited. M.

Mrs. T. R. Galleher Hostess.

The Hickory Grove Good Housekeepers' Club met April 17 at the home of the vice-president, Mrs. T. R. Galleher, Hickory Grove, the president, Miss Jennie Ewell, presiding. All of the members were present excepting Mrs. G. A. Hutchison and Mrs. John D. Moore. The guests of the club were Mrs. Henry Hutchison, Mrs. Lanier Beckley, Mrs. Wilson and Miss Fannie Galleher.

The growing of small fruits was discussed and proved an interesting and instructive subject. Several articles were read by different members and Miss Nellie Ewell gave some excellent points from her own experience on the growing of strawberries.

Mrs. Walter George read a splendid article from "The Country Gentleman," showing the success of rural clubs for women in some of the western states. We agreed with the writer that the club spirit is a fine one and would like to say to her that old Virginia is also in line with this club idea.

The president then read an interesting article on the Smith Lever Law, and suggested that we take steps to share in this offer extended by the U. S. Government to the women as well as the men.

Our hostess, then served delicious refreshments, assisted by her two little daughters and the meeting adjourned until May.

SECRETARY H. G. G. H. CLUB. A \$500 GIFT

A gift has come to the University of Virginia that pleases President Alderman. It is a new kind of cooperation. The gift consists of \$500 and comes from the "Seven Society," a secret organization, about whose membership absolutely nothing is known. The money was left on President Alderman's desk and was accompanied by a letter explaining that the money is to be used for the establishment of a loan fund for students. The amount increases loan funds to \$35,000.

NOTICE

I shall at the next regular meeting of the Town Council make application to extend the bounds of the Manassas cemetery. GEO. W. HILSON.

Fairview Club Meets.

The Fairview Good Housekeeping Club met with Mrs. M. J. Bushong, April 17. Mrs. Bushong was suffering from an attack of grippe, but received us with a smile and a hearty greeting. The afternoon was mostly taken up with unfinished business, after which we spent a very pleasant social hour; this feature is enjoyed by all at our club meetings.

The hostess served delicious refreshments. She was assisted by Mrs. J. L. Bushong and Mrs. Baker.

The visitors of the afternoon were Miss Florence Lion, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Will Baker and Mrs. J. L. Bushong.

Our next meeting will be with our good president, Mrs. G. D. Brandt, May 15.

Our club committee on unfinished business met with Mrs. Eppa Cornwell yesterday afternoon, but owing to the absence of our president there is still unfinished business to be completed.

Very much to our surprise Mrs. Cornwell and her little daughter, Elizabeth, served us with dainty refreshments which we enjoyed very much. SECRETARY.

A Week in Washington.

The normal training class of Manassas high school spent last week observing the work of the primary, intermediate and grammar grades of the Washington schools. The members of the class were particularly fortunate in that Miss Brown, the supervisor of primary work in the city, arranged a program for them, thereby enabling them to see the work they most needed. The Thompson, Ladlow, Wilson Normal, Wallack and Towers schools were visited. Miss Oakjourn joined them on Saturday and personally showed them some interesting attractions in Washington. Senator Martin furnished them with a special guide who took them through the public buildings. The class returned on Sunday and express themselves as having been greatly benefited by the trip.

BETHLEHEM G. H. CLUB.

The hospitable home of Mrs. Westwood Hutchison was the scene of a very enjoyable meeting when on Saturday afternoon last the Bethlehem Good Housekeeping Club met there. The president called the meeting to order at 3 o'clock, when Miss Susan Hutchison opened the meeting by giving us Mendelssohn's "Spring Song" on the piano.

The business was important and required much time and attention. Several vital points were discussed. This being over, a pleasant social time was enjoyed while the club was refreshed by a delicious luncheon served by the Misses Hutchison. The hostess and her assistants received a rising vote of thanks and regretfully the club adjourned.

CECILE E. LAY HODGE, Secretary.

WEATHER RECORD

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Groveton Club Meets.

The Groveton G. H. Club was entertained on Thursday last by Mesdames Dogan and Roland at Groveton. Luncheon was served first at which many delicacies of the season were enjoyed by all. The beautifully decorated dining-room denoted spring in all her glory, making us realize that the season was with us once more.

Our business hour came next, after which gardening was discussed, our topic for the day. Many of our ladies had very flourishing reports to make as to the good things already in sight, while the majority of us had either our garden seed under the ground and out of sight or in the cellar waiting for the much needed rain.

Thanking our hostesses for a most enjoyable afternoon our meeting adjourned. SECRETARY.

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For Sale.—Early cabbage and tomato plants. J. H. Burke & Co. 4-23-17

One set second hand wagon harness at Austin's. 4-23-17

For Sale.—Two cows, 1 horse, 1 new 3-inch Weber wagon. Time given. C. S. Winfield, Manassas, Va. 4-16-17

For Sale.—Cornplanter, fertilizer and checker attachment. G. L. Rosenberger, Adm'r. 4-16-17

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For Sale.—Barred Plymouth Rock eggs—15 for 50c. Mrs. S. S. Stultz, Nokesville, Va. 2-12-17

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Improvements in C.O.D. Feature Of Parcel Post Now Being Considered. (The News Leader) Extensions in the parcel post system, which will place it on more equal terms with the express companies in point of facilities and service to the public, are under consideration by the postoffice department officials. Postmaster-General Barieson having taken steps to improve the "collect-on-delivery" regulations of parcel post so that the sender of a parcel will not be compelled to prepay the postage, have it collected at its destination and returned to him. The present "C. O. D." regulations of the parcel post are not giving satisfaction to the shipping public, and there has been a great deal of complaint in regard to them. The express companies do not require a deposit for the transportation cost of the package traffic, and Postmaster-General Barieson is now seeking to have the regulations modified so that the parcel post shipper can enjoy the same privilege. In other words, the plan provides that parcels can be shipped through the mails without the payment of postage, which, under the present system, is collected at the destination and returned to the shipper. The consent of the interstate commerce commission must be obtained. It is understood that the matter will be put up to the commission in a short time. Plans are being discussed for an increase in weight limits and the admission of larger sized packages. It is also proposed that the parcel post call for packages to be sent through the mails. The insurance regulations may also be enlarged so that the parcel post will grant the same guarantee for the safety of mailed parcels as the express companies extend to all express matter. Credit Due Mrs. A. W. Sinclair.

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The Manassas Schools The high school assembly on Wednesday morning, April 14, was of special interest, it being tree planting day. The faculty and students came into the assembly room to the strains of a march, promptly at 9 o'clock. The meeting was opened as usual by prayer. Miss Osburn presided and announced a song by the choral class, "The Happy Farmer," which was sung with spirit. This was followed by a brief reading of the Department of Forestry and its work by Rowell Round. Clark Johnson gave a very interesting account of the origin and growth of Arbor Day. A song by the chorus classes, "The Cuckoo Song," came next. Miss Osburn then called on Mr. Yarborough whose remarks were not only most interesting but were also instructive and not soon to be forgotten. Lack of space prevents a full report of Mr. Yarborough's address, but we give a brief outline which may suggest some attractive lines of thought. Mr. Yarborough's subject was "Trees." I Trees fill an important place in our civil government. II Trees mean much to us because of their beauty and also because of the pleasure and happiness they give us. III Of great economic importance. Mr. Yarborough referred to trees: (a) in connection with water sheds; (b) as a shelter for cattle; (c) as a safe home for our wild animals; (d) as invaluable as soil builders; (e) necessary for building materials. Specifically, Mr. Yarborough spoke of apple trees, their planting, pruning, spraying, cultivating, gathering and packing. Special attention was called to the latter two as important factors in the commercial value, not only of apples but also of other fruits. Following Mr. Yarborough's address was the school song. This, with a few happy remarks by Miss Osburn, brought the assembly to a close. C. E. L. H.

MESSAGE FROM CROATIA A cablegram was received from Joseph H. Choate, the former American Ambassador at London and president of the Pilgrims, in which he declared: "If Lincoln were living today he would sympathize with you in the terrible contest you are waging. He would have insisted upon his country conforming with the strictest fidelity to all the obligations of neutrality, while steadfastly maintaining their rights." IN MEMORIAM In loving remembrance of my dear daughter, Mary Barker, aged twenty years and one day, who died March 21, 1915. We had a dear daughter who was our joy and pride. We had her, Altho' she was small, For some she days and died. All to death with our dear child, Kindly never leave to die, For she was loved so dearly, Her memory passed away. Just think the girl with eyes, Her hair long and black, Her face full and chubby and bright, To her home of heavenly rest. Some day there'll be a joyful meeting, For across the swelling tide, Steps unimpeded will be stepping, Beyond, beyond Oh, my path. Our dear child, should be dead, What others do right here, And though we weep with sorrowing, In Jesus we shall meet. Old Grand-dad, that tobacco breath, And made us look to die, But wouldn't you, if we had you, To Jesus of our love. How with friends you could not die, So that heavenly home you've gone, To South West Jerusalem, One word with us our dear daughter. Old grand-dad, dear child, may we meet on high, whenever we are good here. So dear to our hearts. The dear loving mother.

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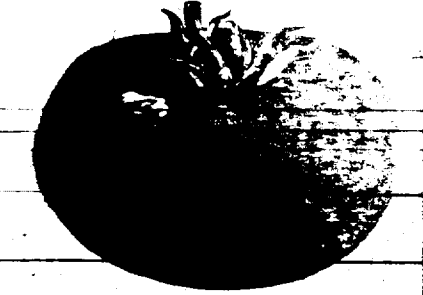
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Whites Are Decreasing As Property Owners in Rural South According to Poe.

In an address before the students of the University of Virginia last week, Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer and one of the best known citizens of North Carolina, cited census statistics to prove that the rural South is growing blacker instead of whiter.

Mr. Poe has occupied positions of high honor to devote his time to agricultural education in the South, endeavoring to show the importance of "keeping the boys on the farms," lest the dominant race of the South suffers.

In the South Atlantic states in the last census decade, he said in his address last week, white farmers increased only 12 per cent, negro farmers 23 per cent—nearly twice as fast.

He also pointed out that negroes are gaining fastest in farm ownership, while it is the whites who are fastest becoming a tenant class, there being 188,000 increase in number of white tenant farmers in the last decade, or 27 per cent, against only 118,000 increase in negro tenant farmers, or 21 per cent.

Mr. Poe declared that these results were not due to the superiority of the negro, but the unfair advantages:

First, an unfair economic advantage, in that the negroes are able to buy land and make crops on a scale of living, clothing and housing that the respectable white farmer and his family doing the same character of work cannot meet.

Second, a "social" advantage in that when negroes move into a white neighborhood, or begin to outnumber the whites in a neighborhood, or become of bad character, the whites may be forced to move away because there is no longer an adequate white social life, adequately supported white school and churches or else for the greater security of the white farmer's wife and daughters.

By way of offsetting these advantages, "as a matter of justice to the white man and not of injustice to the negro," he declared, he advocated the plan for allowing white neighborhoods that wish to do so to limit future land sales to white people. On this point, he said:

"In North Carolina such a plan for race segregation in land ownership is now definitely before the people and it is fast becoming an issue in other states. After being twice overwhelmingly endorsed by the State Farmers' Union, the measure came before the senate of North Carolina at its recent session in the form of a constitutional amendment to be submitted to the people, and at this, its very first appearance, lacked but two votes of receiving a majority of the votes cast.

"In fact, it received a clear majority of all the Democratic senators voting, received the only Republican vote from that half of the state containing the principal part of the negro population, and from that half of the state east of Greensboro where the people really know conditions, only four votes were cast against it.

Notice of New School Building... This will be received by the School Board of Shenandoah District...

GENERAL NEWS NOTES

President Wilson has decided definitely not to accompany Secretary Daniels on his contemplated trip through the Panama canal to San Francisco in July.

Judge Benjamin R. Lindsey, of the Denver juvenile court, was exonerated of all charges of misconduct in a report of the county grand jury, filed in Denver a short while ago.

For the purpose of developing manganese properties in Virginia, the Manganese Products Company, of Marion, has been incorporated with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000.

Governor J. E. A. Strong yesterday signed the bill passed by the territorial legislature of Alaska for submitting the question of prohibition throughout Alaska to the voters at the election Nov. 4, 1916.

Justice McCoy, of the District of Columbia supreme court, last Friday signed an order postponing until May 12 the injunction case of the Riggs National bank against Secretary McAdoo and Comptroller Williams.

Alexander B. Andrews, first vice president of the Southern Railway, died at his home in Raleigh, N. C., Saturday, after a brief illness. He was 74 years old. Mr. Andrews was stricken the night before with an acute attack of pneumonia.

President Wilson has accepted an invitation to speak in Philadelphia May 10 before a large group of new American citizens. He was much impressed with the idea of holding a meeting to impress American ideals on foreigners who have recently become American citizens.

The interstate commerce commission announced it has concluded its investigation into the rates and practices of the telephone and telegraph companies. The inquiry, which has been carried on intermittently for several years, was begun on the commission's initiative.

The American Locomotive Company announced in its Richmond works last Friday that it has signed a contract for the manufacture of 2,000 shells. Another contract, it was stated, covers an order for several million cartridge cases. Over 1,000 extra men will be taken on at Richmond.

At a mass-meeting of citizens of Waynesboro and Basic the question of consolidation was settled by unanimous vote endorsing the union of the two towns and appointing committees to formulate plans for the formation of one town. It is estimated that there are 4,000 people in Waynesboro-Basic.

A resolution providing for sending the old Liberty Bell to the San Francisco exposition to be exhibited in the Pennsylvania building there passed the council of Philadelphia recently. The bell cannot go until after July Fourth as it is to be made the feature of a great Independence Day celebration in Philadelphia.

The first municipal farm to be operated by a Virginia city was put in commission April 15 by Lynchburg. A farm of nearly 400 acres has been purchased for this purpose. Tests are being used to better prisoners until barracks and mess halls can be erected from lumber now being saved on the property. The farm is administered by a board of five citizens.

Under orders from the superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute the \$100,000 indemnity fund recently appropriated to this institution by Congress, has been placed on deposit. At a recent meeting of the board of visitors it was decided that the indemnity fund be employed in further extending the improvement work on the parade ground and in the construction of new buildings.

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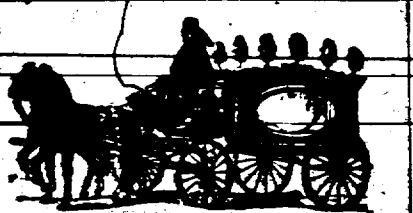
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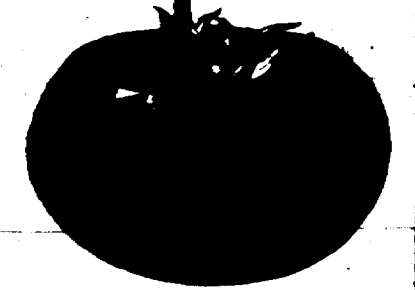
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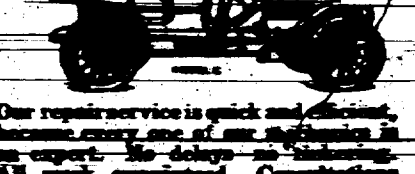
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# A WARNING TO PARENTS

### Some Observations Made Upon Fourteen Boys of School Age in Manassas.

EDITOR MANASSAS JOURNAL:

I saw in THE JOURNAL of April 16 an editorial entitled "Are The Schools Closed Down?" If you will allow me the space, I would like to tell of a few things. Are the boys who are loafing on the streets going to school at all? I saw fourteen boys of school age on the streets one day last week during school hours. Only three of the fourteen had been to school for a month; four have not attended school at all this winter; and the other seven did not enter school until after the hunting season, came only a day now and then and were known as "visitors," and now have stopped since it has gotten warm enough to fish.

The three boys mentioned above who attend school will often stay on the streets until school has been taken in; later in the morning they will appear at school. These three boys have caused their teachers more trouble than fifty of the other scholars. All of the fourteen boys I am telling about are slaves to the tobacco habit; nearly all of them drink whiskey when they can get it. They stay out until eleven and twelve at night and lie in bed until eight or nine the next morning.

I was in Manassas last Friday night and went up-town at ten o'clock; I saw seven boys on the street, only two of the seven are attending school. Now upon whom does the responsibility rest for these boys, their parents or their teachers?

The teacher sends to each parent a monthly report which shows how many days each scholar has been present, how many times tardy and what progress has been made in studies. Each and every parent should examine this report and consult the teacher if the child is not doing as he should. No teacher can teach a scholar if he is only present one or two days a week. Under such conditions the boys fall behind in their work, get ashamed to come to school, and really the school is better off without them, for they annoy other students.

The evil will never be remedied until we have compulsory education, and an enforced law which will prevent a boy under twenty-one years of age from buying tobacco, and a law that will keep boys off the streets after ten o'clock at night even if they are above the curfew age limit. Any boy on the street after ten o'clock at night has no business there. The parents may be home in bed, but do they know what their children are doing? There is an old saying which goes something like this, "An idle brain is the devil's workshop." This truer words than these have ever been spoken.

K. O. R.

Samuel T. Flickinger, Dead.

Mr. Samuel T. Flickinger, a farmer who resided near Nokesville, died at Carfield Hospital, Washington, on Monday night, following an operation that was performed earlier in the day. Mr. Flickinger had been in ill health for some time and he seemed to realize the seriousness of his condition for he closed his business affairs before leaving for the hospital.

Mr. Flickinger came to the Nokesville neighborhood about twenty years ago from Pennsylvania, his old home. He was 65 years old and leaves four children. His two daughters are Mrs. Mamie Davy of Johnson City, Tenn., and Mrs. Etha Bowman of Anrville, Pa. The two sons are T. B. of Nokesville, and Harry of Anrville, Pa.

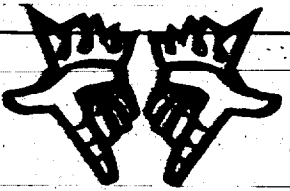
The remains were taken to Anrville, Pa., and burial services were held there yesterday.

# ROBERT PARTNER'S WILL

A suit for the construction of the will of Robert Partner, who died May 28, 1906, leaving a valuable estate, was instituted in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia recently by his children—Edward G. Partner, Alvin O. Partner, Oscar C. Partner, Herman H. Partner, Hilda Partner, Etta P. Meredith and Elsa P. Graham, all of Washington, and Alma M. Kochler, of New York City, and Anna Y. P. Flood, of Virginia.

The petition in the case states that Anna Partner, the testator's widow, died July 12, 1912. Her husband's will provided that she should have the life use of the home property at 1104 Vermont avenue, northwest, Washington, to go at her death to the children, the rest of the estate being in trust with the American Security and Trust Company as trustee.

The petitioners ask a construction of the will "declaring such provisions thereof as are in violation of the rule of law against perpetuities to be void and declaring that, as to the property and estate intended to be subject to such provision, the testator died intestate, and the said property and estate accordingly descended and became distributable to the plaintiffs as his sole heirs at law and next of kin." Alexandria Gazette.



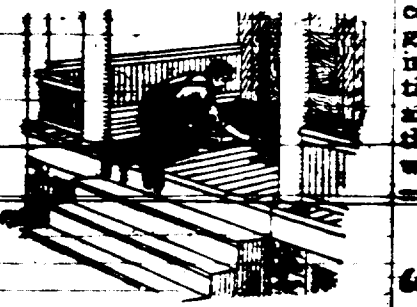
# ROBERT WARWICK

## "The Dollar Mark"

Those of you who saw "The Man of the Hour" will want to see "The Dollar Mark," its companion play. Here again we have a five-part Wm. A. Brady feature photo-play with Robert Warwick in the leading role. This promises to be one of the best pictures we have ever shown and you should not miss it.

Robert Warwick, with all his masterful histrionic ability, takes the part of Jim, the hero who shelters and carries to safety a beautiful young artist who is caught in a storm in his mining district. Many intrigues are entered into by which it is hoped to ruin Jim, but he manages finally to overcome all adverse conditions and win the beautiful artist as his bride.

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# TEACH CHILDREN TO EARN MANASSAS CIVIC LEAGUE

### Secretary of Commerce Redfield Says Fit Children For Life of Productivity.

(The Washington Post)

Ninety-nine per cent of the schools of the United States, Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield declared recently, teach the average boy and girl everything except how to earn a living.

In an interview given to boost the Southern conference for education and industry, to be held at Chattanooga, Tenn., the last week of the present month, Mr. Redfield indicated that he hopes to sign his administration of the Department of Commerce by the encouragement and aid he is able to give vocational education.

He believes there is no more important need in this country than for the schools to fit boys and girls for industry, and this lengthen by at least ten years their productive life; save them from being square pegs in round holes; make them more efficient workers, farmers, home builders when they are young and active and eager to learn, by preparing them for the industrial world, for the farm, and for home life.

### HAS MADE AMPLE STUDY

Secretary Redfield said that business men, who realize the cost of maintaining kindergartens for adult workmen, should be deeply impressed with the need of encouraging such training. He is himself a practical business man and a manufacturer, with 30 years of experience in the shop, during which he has been brought closely in touch with workmen, skilled and unskilled.

"I do not like the words 'vocational training' because I do not like anything that takes syllables to name it," he said. "The problem is as simple as human eagerness and human laziness. It is an intensely live problem. It goes deeper into the heart of the average poor family in America than anything else."

"Give me 1,000 boys between the ages of 18 and 25 years, who have had three years of training under competent, skilled instructors in the art of being a machinist, and I can outdistance any factory in the United States." Mr. Redfield paused significantly in his restless pacing. "The reason is there is not a plant in this country which has such a force," he added. "Not one boy in 1,000 who applies to a mill foreman for work has learned in school how to operate a drill, planer, lathe or milling machine. Foremen must pick untrained men to do these tasks."

"On the farm not one boy in 1,000 has been taught the scientific facts of soil cultivation, plant breeding, seed selection and the advantages of cooperation in producing and marketing crops; nor any of the things that go to make agriculture a real organized industry."

### SCHOOLS FOR PROFESSIONAL MEN

"We are pleased to maintain schools for the so-called professional man. Oh, yes! We have medical schools and law schools, theological seminaries and institutes for teachers, musicians, artists and architects; we even require veterinarians who look after our horses and dogs to have a special training; but their are not enough schools in all the country to educate the boys and girls of a single state for work in our mills or on the farm. Until quite recently we had few if any schools of agriculture, though this is one of the oldest industries we know anything about."

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W. HOLMES ROBERTSON

# THE BLAME RESTS WHERE?

Mr. Ratcliffe put a motion, which was carried, to the effect that the officers of the league shall constitute an executive committee. It was also moved and carried that Messrs. Lion and May be extended the sincere thanks of the league for the use of the hall.

The president announced that he would call the next meeting in the near future.



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### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

As administrator of the estate of the late Charles O'Connell, this is to notify those having claims against the estate to present them for payment, properly substantiated. Claims not presented to the administrator within the time specified will be barred. A. CONRYEN, Administrator.

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the school officials and the school system are all to a certain extent to blame for this condition of affairs in our schools in Prince William county.

To the thoughtful person who has observed the running order of our system, there seems to be a need of reform all along the line. The present system as it is being operated in our county, is not democratic enough, too much is done by dictation, thus eliminating the wishes and will of the many by the dictation of the few, who, of course, are assumed to be capable. And the patron is sometimes referred to as "too ignorant," which fact he is sensible of and the reference serves to widen the breach in cooperation. Each community is better suited, as has often been demonstrated, to know its needs than to be told of them, and will act, if allowed to do so, along more conservative lines as to the manner of acquiring them, making a more suitable and lasting advance forward. Compulsory education perhaps may be needed, but is not feasible under existing conditions. "The people do rule," if educated right.  
A COUNTY PATRON.

### RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

At a called communication of Manassas Lodge No. 38, A. F. & M., held on Sunday, April 28, 1915, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Supreme Architect of the universe in his All-wise providence has seen fit to remove from our midst our well-beloved friend and brother, J. Claude Carroll, deceased be it.

Resolved, That it is with deep sorrow and anguished hearts that we accept the inevitable and it is our prayer that He who took him away will not forget to admit him to the great of the loved ones he left behind. Be it further

Resolved, That the Lodge Room be draped in mourning for thirty days, a copy of these resolutions be placed on the minute book, a copy sent to the funeral home, and a copy inserted in the local papers. J. B. Wilson, S. P. Wilson, W. F. Bennett, Committee.

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