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## MORE NEWS FROM FRANCE STATE WORKERS PRESENT

### Alfred Prescott, Manassas Boy in Field Service, Describes War Scenes.

A graphic picture of battle-scarred France is given in a recent letter from Alfred Prescott, an alumnus of Manassas High School, who is driving a machine in the American Field Service near the battle front. "We saw some wonderful ruins today," he wrote. "Churches with half the steeple gone, great stone houses with slowly buckling walls which threaten to crush us, mansions (for this country) with a large shell through the roof, completely wrecking the interior from cellar to garret — sometimes mere heaps of stone on the ground where whole villages have been."

"The very trees are gaunt, blackened specters keeping watch over the hearths, synonymous of broken hopes and broken lives."

"As we approached our unloading place which was about three kilometers (a little over a mile and a half) from the German trenches we saw a number of airplane fights, all of which I could not watch. One plane, however, was wounded by a French anti-aircraft gun and I snatched time from the road to watch it fall. It came down like a bird with a broken wing, dropping straight down a hundred feet, then seeming to reel a bit, only to flutter down out of sight behind a village. I believe that he was well within the French lines, too."

"The morning is very cold and very damp. Of course it gets very warm about noon, so that I wear only my lightest summer clothing and my khaki shirt. Going out on a trip I always wear my heavy sweater and that keeps me warm. The sweater is one of the most useful things that we have, because the air gets cold if the sun goes under a cloud for ten minutes. It is because of the presence of so much water vapor. My rubber coat is another necessity, for it is April all the time in France, though George (George Adamson, another Manassas boy) likened it yesterday to the last of September at home. Remember that we are as far north as Canada."

"To return to our trip. There was considerable action going on in our part of the front. At one time we could see at least twelve or fifteen observation balloons and more than half as many German, denoting activity of artillery. Airplanes flew about ceaselessly and were fired at hundreds and hundreds of times by guns on the ground and other planes, yet I saw only one fall and that the first since I've been at the front. Aviation is not so dangerous after all."

"There were two metrailleuses on the hill above our unloading station pointed straight up into the air. Of course I climbed up and had the pleasure of watching a Bosche plane run from the fire through the lieutenant's binoculars. We were not allowed to show ourselves on the skyline of the hill for the Frenchmen said that we were within rifle or metrailleuse fire or that it would be a simple thing for the balloon to give our distance when a z-zing-boom—a shell would come into our midst with the Kaiser's compliments."

"There were old German trenches on the top of this hill and we walked in these down to the next valley and up the next ridge toward the lines. The weeds were tall, so we only had

### Sunday Schools of Brentsville District Hold Annual Convention.

(J. A. Seese, Secretary)

The Brentsville District Sunday School Association met in annual session at Brentsville Sunday. The meeting was well attended, the stome church scarcely seating the crowd.

We were very fortunate in securing the help of two state workers in this convention. Miss Katharine Groh, of Herndon, favored us with a class demonstration which she followed by a talk explaining in detail the reasons for each step in the teaching process, making hers a most interesting and helpful number.

Prof. N. M. Shideler, of Heron Seminary, in a clear and forceful address, showed that the graded lessons are as necessary in the Sunday School as in the day school, if we desire to do real effective work.

The subject of teacher training was very ably discussed by Mr. E. I. Carruthers, of University, Va. This is a very vital and fundamental phase of Sunday School work. In the public school we use only trained teachers. They are just as necessary in the Sunday School; and the way to get them is to make them by conducting a teacher training class—something every school should do.

Mr. Carruthers also exhibited a chart of our district, giving the standing of each school in relation to the state standard. It showed that most of the schools are very much below the standard. We hope to improve this condition decidedly by the end of the year.

The convention showed its desire for improvement by passing a motion to adopt the state standard as the standard of the district.

The officers for the next year are as follows: President, Mr. W. R. Hooker; vice president, Mr. W. B. Kerlin; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. A. Seese.

Departmental superintendents: Adult, Mr. A. Armstrong; secondary, Mr. H. W. Wood; primary, Mr. D. E. Earhart; home department, Mr. F. L. Foster; teacher training, Miss Denise Hollinger.

Visiting committee: Mrs. E. L. Herring, Miss Minnie Smith, Mr. J. C. Snyder.

The Civic League, on account of the Red Cross meeting, has been postponed from the 3rd to the 10th in the Town Hall at 8 p. m. The program will include the election of officers and other important business.

to crawl when we got near the top. At the top we picked clumps of weeds for concealment and looked with all our eyes. The French third line trenches or reserves, were a few hundred yards beyond us, a battery of 75's was in action, and a little to the left and on the hill a good distance to the right the 155's boomed. We could see ridges of what we took to be the first or second line of French trenches on the next hill but there was no life except in the artillery. An ambulance buzzed rapidly past us, confident in its Red Cross flag.

"There is something very appealing about driving one of the huge, live machines through a shattered village. It is wonderful to see a whole train, car after car, moving slowly as though playing "Follow the Leader." It all seems like a game anyway."

## B. A. SHOEMAKER IS DEAD

### Seven Children, 37 Grand Children and 6 Great Grandchildren Survive.

Benjamin A. Shoemaker, seventy-six years old, died early Wednesday morning at his home on the Bonner place near Manassas. He was born in Honaker, Russell county, and had been a resident of this community since 1907.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Manassas Baptist Church, the pastor, Rev. T. D. D. Clark, officiating. His remains were laid to rest in the Manassas cemetery beside the body of his wife who died nearly five years ago. The pallbearers were six of his grandsons: Messrs. Grady B. Rompf and G. M. Shoemaker and Herman, Burke and Benna Steele.

He is survived by seven children, thirty-seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. The surviving children are: Mrs. Boston Steele, Miss Elma Shoemaker, Mrs. James Fletcher, Mrs. J. W. Todd and Mr. H. A. Shoemaker, all of Manassas; Mr. A. D. Shoemaker, of Honaker, Russell county, and Dr. J. W. Shoemaker, of Lawrence, Texas.

## DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS

### Exemption Claims Passed Upon by Higher Board for Eastern Virginia.

The following men, whose names were certified to the District Board for the Eastern District of Virginia, have been accepted for military service and have been notified to hold themselves in readiness to report for duty, five already being at Petersburg:

- 509 John William Patterson, Neabsco.
- 755 Francis N. Larkin, Manassas.
- 692 Thomas D. Robinson, Manassas.
- 810 Walter R. Robinson, Manassas.
- 506 Norman G. Seelman, Occoquan.
- 420 Randolph W. Fair, Manassas.
- 513 Earl Brown, Cherry Hill.
- 223 Raymond C. Bailey, Nokesville.
- 379 Eustace C. Owens, Bristow.
- 630 Charles D. Rue, Dumfries.
- 645 Lewis Roan, Woodbridge.
- 749 Raymond Reeves, Manassas.
- 841 Frederick H. Cox, Manassas.
- 338 Nelson Pearson, Bristow.
- 391 John C. Horton, Bristow.
- 327 Mark E. Thomas, Bristow.
- 345 Willie R. Bristow.
- 736 Jasper Lee Whetzel, Manassas.
- 707 Joseph H. Coran, Manassas.
- 546 Edward A. Boyd, Manassas.
- 153 Arthur S. Carter, Gainesville.
- 323 Samuel White, Bristow.
- 1 Lewis C. Quinn, Nokesville.
- 5 Walford A. Buck, Manassas.
- 6 Othe Baker, Bristow.
- 18 Malvern Varyer, Occoquan.
- 23 James F. Williams, Quantico.
- 27 Cumberland Cornwell, Manassas.
- 32 James E. Morgan, Cherry Hill.
- 35 Edward Lanford, Neabsco.
- 38 Fred Hogan, Haymarket.
- 42 Winter W. Harris, Manassas.
- 43 Olive M. Simon, Quantico.
- 49 Alex. Johnson, Thoroughfare.
- 56 Thomas E. Ward, Bristow.
- 63 George E. Twine, Manassas.
- 67 Bandle Balls, Bristow.
- 72 Wallace J. Rawdall, Dumfries.
- 79 Frank L. Davis, Quantico.
- 80 Charlie E. Keys, Quantico.
- 84 David C. Cline, Agnewville.

The following persons, who claimed exemption principally on industrial grounds, were discharged by the district board:

- Robert Lee Lewis, Jr., Manassas.
- Neil Edward Pettit, Hoadley.
- Boke Robertson, Haymarket.
- John Calvin Goode, Manassas.
- Elmer Monroe Schaffer, Manassas.
- John Robert Woodard, Manassas.
- Sam Lee Reynolds, Dumfries.
- Roy Allen Maddison, Manassas.
- John Lawrence Gregory, Manassas.
- James Milton Keys, Bristow.
- James E. N. Beaumont, Catharpin.
- Vernon Mars Mount Ellis, Gainesville.
- George Oliver Lamb, Manassas.
- William Francis Etemour, Nokesville.
- Robert Hancock Smith, Manassas.
- Conrad Lee Mayhugh, Wapplesville.

Mrs. William Foote, accompanied by her daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. D. R. Lewis and little Miss Elizabeth Lewis, spent yesterday at George Washington Park, Alexandria, with Mrs. Foote's daughter, Mrs. H. C. Linn.

## FIVE GO TO PETERSBURG

### Prince William Sends Five Per Cent of Quota to Draft Cantonment.

Five young men from Prince William, representing five per cent of Prince William's quota in the new National Army, left Wednesday morning for Camp Lee, near Petersburg.

They were Welford A. Buck, Frederick Hunton Cox, Edward Stuart Carter, Malvern Varyer and Francis Norvell Larkin.

The five reported at the county courthouse Tuesday evening at 5:30 o'clock, at which time four of the number obtained permission to spend the night in their homes. They reported again Wednesday morning at 8:45 o'clock and left Manassas on Southern train, No. 16, at 9:05 a. m., arriving at Camp Lee some time during the afternoon.

The journey was made with Mr. Cox in command. He carried railway tickets for the party and a meal ticket good for five dinners at a cost not exceeding sixty cents each; an extra meal ticket in case of delay on the trip, a duplicate ticket for safety, an envelope addressed for the return of unused tickets and telegraph blanks for reporting to Camp Lee at the outset and during the journey.

A large number of people, expecting their departure on a train three-quarters of an hour later, gathered at the station too late for a parting tribute. The community had expected to arrange a celebration in honor of their departure but nothing was received in Manassas too late for preparation.

Mr. Buck is a son of Mrs. R. C. Buck, of Manassas, and the late Dr. Buck. He has been engaged in the hardware business in Kingsport, Tenn., with his brother, Carlyle D. Buck, who has been certified for service after the more recent examinations.

Mr. Cox is the only son of Mrs. Louise Cox, of Manassas. He is a graduate of Manassas High School and has been employed in a Washington bank.

Mr. Carter's home is near Gainesville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stuart Carter.

Mr. Varyer registered at Occoquan. He is the son of Mr. John Varyer, of Occoquan.

Mr. Larkin is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Larkin, of Manassas. He has been employed in the engineering department of the Southern railway system. His wife and baby daughter will spend the winter at Fort Caswell, N. C., with Mrs. Larkin's brother-in-law and sister, Capt. and Mrs. W. A. Newman. The others are unmarried.

## LARGE CLASS CONFIRMED

Right Reverend William Cabell Brown, bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Virginia, Protestant Episcopal Church, preached Sunday evening at Trinity Church and administered the rite of confirmation to a class of twenty in the presence of one of the largest congregations ever seen in the little edifice. The evening service was conducted by the rector, Rev. J. F. Burks. Bishop Brown, after the confirmation service, made a brief address to the members of the class before they resumed their seats in the congregation. Special music was rendered by the choir. The church was decorated with flowers.

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## SUCCUMBS TO PARALYSIS

### John Lewis Payne Dies at His Home Near Buckhall, Aged Seventy Years.

John Lewis Payne died of paralysis Saturday at his home near Buckhall, at the age of seventy years. The following tribute to his memory was written by a friend of the family:

"An honest man is the noblest work of God." My friend Mr. Payne was a man of industry, integrity and honesty toward himself and his family, his neighbors and his God. He was born near Buckhall in Prince William county, October 11, 1846, and for over three score and ten years had his home in our neighborhood and for thirty-five years was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Buckhall.

My intimate association with Mr. Payne began September 20, 1890, when he became a school trustee in the Manassas district board, on which he served with the writer for twenty years. During that time our Manassas village school grew from a two-room to an eight-room school and to include in addition a high school and public library and then an agricultural high school with a normal training class, aggregating a dozen instructors.

In 1899 we enlarged the Ruffner Building and rededicated it January 1, 1900, and his name appears with Col. Jno. T. Leachman's and my own on the bronze tablet at the entrance. Later the large and commodious Bennett Building was erected and dedicated.

August 6, 1907, Col. Leachman retired from the board and from that date for three years Mr. Payne was chairman of the board. During that time occurred the ground-breaking and subsequent dedication of the Agricultural High School of the Eighth Congressional district. Mr. Payne took great interest in the many details connected with this rapid growth and development. The services of this modest gentleman are better known to the writer than to anyone else. I am glad to render this tribute to his devotion and work on behalf of the public.

In September, 1909, Mr. Payne was partially paralyzed, but he continued to serve as trustee until his second stroke, about a year later, when he resigned. The third stroke, which came September 1, 1917, at 3 p. m., ended his earthly life.

During his eight years of affliction and suffering he never complained, but bore everything with resignation and patience.

He leaves a widow, who was Miss Sarah Evans, and the following children: Mrs. Arthur Raymond and Messrs. Wilson and Philip Payne, of Buckhall, and Mr. Robert Payne, of the Washington police force. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. O. H. Evans, and Mrs. Amelia Spittle, and one brother, Mr. James Payne.

The memorial services and burial were in charge of Rev. H. Q. Burr, of the Methodist Church at Buckhall, last Sunday and were largely attended.

G. C. R.

Mrs. Will Baker, of Greenville, S. C., accompanied by her son and daughter, recently made a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hornbaker, on her way to Conklin, Mich., where they will make their home. Her husband, who is in Newport News, will join them in his touring car.

## COUNTY DRAFT DECISIONS

### Local Board Accepts 61 Men and Exempts 69 of Second Call.

The local board has allowed the exemption claims of 47 of the 125 men called after the exemption of the first 206 which failed to supply Prince William's quota of 103 in the draft army. Fourteen claims were denied, 22 men were pronounced physically disqualified, and the names of 43 men who claimed no exemption before the local board were certified to the board for the Eastern District of Virginia. The last named list was published in last week's issue. The remaining lists follow:

Exemption Claims Allowed following persons were allowed: Eli Stokes, Waterfall. James F. McInteer, Quantico. Jake Fisher, Jr., Neabsco. Marshall F. Rison, Cherry Hill.

Edgar Lee Mayhugh, Clifton. Claude Henry Ellis, Gainesville. ville.

Jas. F. Sisson, Quantico. Henry Logan Early, Dumfries. Alvin Beavers, Token. Lewis Milstead, Hoadley.

Zeverly Clark, Gainesville. John Downing Williams, Manassas.

Fred Beal, Catharpin. Marshall James Shepherd, Nokesville.

Wm. Franklin Teel, Haymarket. Comfort Weatherly Lion, Manassas.

Thornton Lucas Blackwell, Nokesville.

Frank Hogan, Catharpin. Robert Lee Griffith, Wellington.

John Wm. Harpine, Nokesville. Henry Nichols King, Nokesville. Arnel Nathaniel Crabill, Manassas.

Arthur Wayland Campbell, Catharpin.

Irving Arthur Cornwell, Bristow. Wallace Newton Hansborough, Nokesville.

Samuel Godfrey Whetzel, Nokesville.

Grover Ernest Teates, Gainesville.

Robert Henderson, Jr., Neabsco. Chas. Ford Brower, Norfolk.

Ervin Arthur Fox, Manassas. Irvin Lyle Hanback, Manassas. Edgar Allen Schaffer, Nokesville.

Joseph Posey, Manassas. Frank Calvin Doyle, Joplin.

Otho Daniel Landes, Nokesville. James Weir Birkett, Manassas. Wm. H. Sisson, Cherry Hill.

Henry James Bodine, Nokesville.

Eugene Davis, Manassas. Turner Ashby Williams, Manassas.

J. Aspen Todd, Louisville, Ky. Archie Crawford, Neabsco.

Buddy Segor, Neabsco. Landon Tuell, Cherry Hill. John L. Sullivan Doyle, Joplin.

Jennie Taylor, Woodbridge. Aubrey Raymond Mills, Manassas.

Exemption Claims Denied

Exemption claims filed by the following persons were denied: Louis Dubnica, Quantico. Schenk H. Griffin, Manassas. Powell Montgomery Metz, Manassas.

Raymond J. Davis, Manassas. Joseph C. Dunn, Quantico. Warner Griffith, Manassas.

Earnest Westerly Reid, Nokesville.

Alfred E. McInteer, Quantico. Magruder Posey, Manassas, R. F. D. 2.

Nim Naylor, Manassas. Albert Kemp, Quantico.

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**CIRCUIT COURT IN SESSION**

**Judge Gordon, of Nelson, Presides During Trial of Heineken Will Case.**

A special term of the circuit court for Prince William county convened here Monday morning, Judge Bennett T. Gordon, of Nelson county, presiding. After the second day, Judge Thornton resumed his seat. Court will adjourn today or tomorrow. The summary of proceedings follows:

**COMMON LAW**

**Monday**—Special grand jury composed of E. G. W. Keys, Walter Gardner, Corbin Thompson, J. R. Evans, Thomas Woolfenden, J. S. Storke and E. K. Mitchell, returned the following indictments:

Commonwealth against Thos. E. Merrill, indictment for a misdemeanor, a true bill.

Commonwealth against Samuel Bell—case continued to first day of October term; defendant to answer charge of felony; Andrew Whittley and Robert A. Hutchison, his sureties, bonded in the sum of \$250 each.

Mary P. Heineken et al against Christian A. Heineken, jr., and Herman Heineken, jury, J. D. Garner, J. D. Wheeler, Julian Athey, M. I. Glascock, James Luck, Charles H. Emery and Joseph Smith; adjourned to Tuesday morning.

Upon request of the officials of the Manassas Horseman's Association, colored, Robert M. Weir appointed special police on the horse show grounds Sept. 3.

**Tuesday**—Allowance to grand jury and witnesses.

Resignation of L. E. Merchant, a justice of the peace for Dumfries magisterial district accepted. R. E. Lunsford, on petition of William Crow and others appointed to fill unexpired term, appointment effective when said R. E. Lunsford qualifies.

Allowance of \$130 to L. Q. Moss, special police officer for Dumfries district for 86 days service.

Appeal of A. W. Smith from an order of the board of supervisors changing and widening Page Land Lane road dismissed without prejudice. Appellant privileged to file original application before board, paying cost of appeal.

In re probate of the will of Christian A. Heineken, deceased—judgment for proponents or appellees; verdict, certain writing and two codicils "constitute as a whole the last will and testament of the late Christian A. Heineken;" proponents to recover of contestants costs of defense in this contest. Mary P. Heineken, executrix named in will, qualifies; bonded in the sum of \$3,000 without security; Charles R. McDonald, W. T. Gosson, G. C. Hutchison, C. D. S. Clarkson and Marion White, any three of whom may act, appointed appraisers.

In re estate of C. A. Heineken—Charles H. Keyser, curator appointed by clerk of court directed to proceed to settle his accounts as curator before C. A. Sinclair, commissioner in chancery, who is designated to act in stead of Robt. A. Hutchison, commissioner of accounts, who is counsel of contestants.

Commonwealth against Bonnie Chandler—defendant pleads guilty; fine of \$50 and sentence of 30 days.

License to sell soft drinks at their places of business granted to Corby Copan, Independent Hill; Charles H. Emery, Dumfries; Liberty Amusement Co., Quantico, and Edna Flaherty, Manassas.

Treasurer directed to pay the sum of \$42.80 to Hon. Bennett T. Gordon, judge designated by Governor Stuart to hold special term.

Allowance to petit jurors.

Commonwealth against T. E. Merritt—defendant pleads guilty; \$50 fine and 30 days in jail.

**Wednesday**—William C. Hinton appointed special police officer for Dumfries district, to succeed Mr. Merritt.

Phillips, Ex'rs, against F. R. Chambers, on notice for judgment, continued to second day of October term.

Dible Seedgrower against Edward V. Bruch, motion continued.

Joseph A. Donaldson against Joe Breen, attachment, dismissed by agreement.

**Thursday**—Accounts of C. A. Barbee, sheriff, J. P. Kerlip, deputy sheriff, and W. J. Ashby, jailor, allowed.

W. D. Tusing against Jos. P. Smith, on notice for judgment continued to October term.

In the matter of the will of Fannie Miller, deceased, on motion of Gertrude Miller, daughter of the deceased, William Crow granted certificate for obtaining letters of administration; bonded in the penalty of \$200.

George Cotton, confined in county jail as witness against E. Williams, alias Dad Williams, released on bond of \$200 with William Crow, his surety, to appear October term.

Trustees of the religious congregation of the Methodist Episcopal church, authorized to sign and deliver deed for the church lot, building and parsonage at Manassas to the United Brethren church upon receipt of the sum of \$1,000, the price agreed upon between the two denominations. Methodist trustees, F. H. Snook, D. P. Bell, J. I. Randall, G. D. Hiner and J. C. Fountain, trustees, and John R. Edwards, district superintendent, and S. Burdge, E. L. Hornbaker and G. E. Snook, trustees.

**CHANCERY**

**Tuesday**—R. L. Gaither against People's National Bank of Manassas—Injunction restraining C. A. Sinclair, trustee, from enforcing certain deed of trust; case continued.

**Wednesday**—Charles H. Emery against G. B. Wallace, trustee, et al—Injunction heretofore awarded continued to further order.

**Thursday**—P. Frank Schaffer against Lelia R. Schaffer, et al—Report of C. A. Sinclair, master commissioner, confirmed. Thos. H. Lion, acting commissioner, directed to distribute funds.

Jesse P. Davis, et al, against Corby Pearson et al—Thomas H. Lion directed to distribute funds.

Hattie E. Burkle against Cora A. Burkle et al—J. P. Leachman, receiver appointed, directed to rent certain real estate.

Hamilton Johnson against Emily Gaskins, et al—Decree for sale of certain real estate.

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**WILL HELP THE SOLDIERS**

**County Red Cross Chapter Plans to Send Emergency Cot to Camp.**

An outfit with all necessary equipment is to be furnished by Manassas Chapter, American Red Cross, for use with countless others in the national guard and national army camps of the United States, according to instructions received from national headquarters and announced Monday evening at the regular meeting of the county chapter at the town hall. The Red Cross is determined to exert every effort for the comfort of the boys in France and the boys in America who are busy with preparations for their trip across the sea to make the world a better place to live in.

The cot equipment will include sheets, pillow cases, blankets, pajamas, socks, shirts, slippers, washcloths, towels, mosquito netting, etc., according to a list prepared for the use of the chapter. The county chapter also has been asked to provide five comfort kits and three pajamas, its share of the great number which the American Red Cross has promised to secure.

The meeting opened and closed with verses of "America." Rev. J. F. Burks offered the invocation and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Alford Kelley.

The announcement was made that Mr. G. Raymond Ratcliffe has offered the use of two rooms over the Peoples National Bank for county headquarters. Mr. George T. Lyon offered to place the rooms in suitable shape and the chapter voted to request through Scoutmaster Bibb the services of the Boy Scouts to expedite Mr. Lyon's work. It is the plan of the chapter to keep the rooms open every afternoon for members and visitors interested in Red Cross work, the room being in charge each day of a member whose

services may be offered for an afternoon.

The secretary was instructed to record the chapter's appreciation of the offers of Mr. Ratcliffe and Mr. Lyon and of courtesies extended by Mr. Orrin C. Lester, of Washington, who addressed the rally last week; Mr. E. R. Conner, who contributed the use of his hall, and Mr. J. P. Lyon, who efficiently headed the hall committee in preparation for the event, and Mr. R. S. Hynson, who offered to provide materials at wholesale prices.

Mrs. Westwood Hutchison spoke for a few moments on behalf of the Manassas Memorial Association stating that the members desired to form an auxiliary to the county chapter. Their petition will be placed in the hands of the executive committee.

The next meeting of the chapter will be held at the Town Hall, Monday evening, September 17, at 8 p. m., the chapter having agreed to hold semi-monthly meetings on the first and third Mondays.

Members of the chapter and others who desire to "do their bit" for the boys in France chatted briskly over their knitting before the meeting began Monday evening and although conversation respectfully ceased during the session, the needles continued busy with huge balls of gray yarn which rapidly assumed the shape of mufflers, sweaters, helmets and other comfortable garments for the soldiers in France.

Railroads of the South are to abandon competitive activities and operate their lines during the war as part of the one national transcontinental system under the direction of the Railroads' War Board for the government.

**COUNTY DRAFT DECISIONS**

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Elwood Athey Bland, Neabsco. Kemp Williams, Quantico. Phillip Williams, Agnewville. Note—Schenk H. Griffin enlisted in the Engineer Officers Reserve Corps. Louis Dubnicaj was examined by the local board of Allegheny county, Pa. Phillip Williams registered after July 10.

**Physically Disqualified**  
The following men were pronounced physically disqualified for service:

George C. Horton, Manassas. Henry Julius Mertz, Nokesville. William Henry Keeney, Woodbridge. Robert E. Stevens, Quantico. Weldon Messersmith, Manassas.

Joseph Davis, Bristow. Frank W. Brower, Gainesville. Jack Keys, Bristow. Charles Franklin Elliot, Broad Run.

McDuff Green, Nokesville. Samuel Kincheloe, Independent John Franklin Harris, Manassas, R. 2.

Alexander Haywood Grayson, Joplin. Edward Pennywitte Monroe, Wellington.

Arthur McKinney Gray, Manassas. German Harrison Pence, Manassas.

William Adam Hopkins, Neabsco. John C. Gilroy, Manassas.

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**DEMOCRATIC TICKET**

Election Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1917

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**WESTMORELAND DAVIS.**

For Lieutenant-Governor:

**B. F. BUCHANAN.**

For Attorney-General:

**JOHN R. SAUNDERS.**

For State Treasurer:

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For Secretary of the Commonwealth:

**R. O. JAMES.**

For Superintendent of Public Instruction:

**HARRIS HART.**

For House of Delegates, Prince William County:

**C. A. SINCLAIR.**

**SENDING THE BOYS TO CAMP LEE**

Prince William has sent the first of her boys to Camp Lee to begin training for the new national army which is to help make the world safe for democracy. The men accepted their assignments with true Virginia spirit, which is all American, and they are anxious to throw their weight against the forces of autocracy for the glory of America and for the establishment of lasting peace.

We have begun to realize the seriousness of the conflict and our duty as a nation toward the world. Some who have looked askance at the selective draft system and voiced objections to "giving conscription a brighter name" may gather a reversal of opinion from even a fleeting glimpse of the stalwart sons of the nation who have been chosen to uphold the flag. The selective draft is not legislation designed to reach the slacker or to drag into war any man against his will, but rather a systematic concentration of the best forces of the country for its defense in the great aggressive movement which seeks to uproot the last vestige of German autocracy for the safety of the future.

**THE JOYS OF GARDENING**

You who have no garden are missing one of the keenest and most legitimate of the pleasures of life. If you are a happy garden enthusiast, you have, of course, made a careful study of the seed catalogue, whose name is legion, and have pictured in your mind's eye the glorious effect of a massed planting of this new flower in that little nook which has always looked a trifle bare; you have perhaps tasted in your mind, as vividly as a physical taste of a moment ago, a delicious new cantaloupe or sweeter sweet corn, buttery green limas or more delicately toothsome brussels sprouts, the very thought of which arouses an anticipatory keenness of palatal delight that opens wide the flood gates of the digestive fluids.—Exchange.

**TO THE DRAFTED MEN**

President Wilson's message to the men of the new National Army follows:

"The White House, Washington. To the Soldiers of the National Army: You are undertaking a great and noble heart of the world's struggle is with you. Everything that you do will be watched with the deepest interest and with the deepest solicitude, not only by those who are near and dear to you, but by the whole nation besides. For this great war draws us all together, makes us comrades and brothers, as all true Americans felt themselves to be when we first made good our national independence. The eyes of all the world will be upon you, because you are in some special sense the soldiers of freedom. Let it be your pride, therefore, to show all men everywhere not only what good soldiers you are, but also what good men you are, keeping yourselves fit and straight in everything, and pure and clean through and through. Let us set for ourselves a standard so high that it will be a glory to live up to it and then let us live up to it and add a new laurel to the crown of America. My affectionate confidence goes with you in every battle and every test. God keep and guide you!"

"WOODROW WILSON."

**GERMAN PEOPLE NEVER THINK**

Do the German people never stop to think? They have been lied to by their military despots from the start. They were told that Germany was forced into war to protect itself from its enemies. The fiction is kept up. They have never been permitted to learn the truth. And yet they must be singularly dense if they are not beginning to catch a glimmer of the truth. Surely the United States did not go to war for the sake of aggression. Certainly country after country has not broken relations with Germany with any intention of seizing upon its territory. Even a "beshe"—a wooden head—of the lowest degree of intelligence ought to be able to comprehend that. What, then, is the matter? Why is it that Germany finds herself without friends? What is wrong? Do the German people never ask themselves these questions? When they do, and when they insist upon true answers, they will discover that they have been plunged into warfare, not for defensive purposes, but because of the wicked ambitions of their rulers to dominate not only Europe, but the United States, and the world.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

**FEEDING THE WORLD**

This year's grain crop in the South, according to the Manufacturers' Record, is expected to exceed by \$1,000,000,000 the value of last year's cotton crop. Last year's cotton crop amounted to nearly \$1,500,000,000, which was by several hundred million dollars the most valuable cotton crop ever produced.

The corn crop, based on August 1 conditions, will likely exceed 1,200,000,000 bushels, which, at \$1.50 per bushel, would be worth \$1,800,000,000.

The South's wheat crop, estimated at \$2 per bushel, would be \$200,000,000. Oats, rice and rye are expected to yield at least \$175,000,000.

These estimates are based on the reports and estimates of the United States government. Assuming that the other great grain sections of the country are producing their utmost, the outlook is calculated to spread the doctrine of encouragement to those who know we must feed the world to win the war.

**"THERE NEVER YET WAS FLOWER FAIR."**

There never yet was flower fair in vain  
Let classic poets rime it as they will;  
The seasons toil that they may blow again,  
And summer's heart doth feel it very ill.  
Nor is a true soul ever born for naught;  
Whenever any such hath lived and died  
There hath been something for true freedom  
wrought,  
Some bulwark leveled on the evil side.

Toil on, then, Greatness! Thou art in the right,  
However narrow souls may call thee wrong;  
But as thou wouldst be in thine own clear sight,  
And so thou shalt be in the world's ere long;  
For the worldings cannot, struggle as they may,  
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**BRIEF LOCAL NEWS**

—Mr. Inman Kibler, of Marshall, has accepted a position at the Royal.

—Mrs. Margaret P. Lewis, who has been ill at her home on West street, is improving slowly.

—The Manassas Good Housekeepers' Club will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. G. Allen.

—Rev. Russell G. West will preach at Aden U. B. Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in place of the pastor, Rev. L. C. Messick.

—Mr. Charles R. McDonald, division superintendent of schools, who has been seriously ill at "Oakwood," his home near Gainesville, is gradually improving.

—Mrs. John Walker, of Chantilly, has rented for three years her farm to her nephew, G. M. Patton, of Gainesville, Va., to give possession January 1, 1918. —Herdon Observer.

—Mr. C. J. Meetze was painfully injured Sunday afternoon when an automobile tire which he had pumped full of wind suddenly burst in his face. Mr. Meetze suffered with his eyes for some time but fortunately the trouble was not serious. The accident occurred when he was returning from the Sunday School convention at Brentsville.

—Miss Mamie Peyton Lufford, of Washington, and Mr. Thomas E. Didlake, of Charlotte, N. C., were married in Washington Wednesday at the Church of the Ascension by the rector, Rev. J. Henning Nelms. Mr. Didlake is a young lawyer and a native of Virginia. He has spent some time in Manassas as the guest of Hon. C. J. Meetze.

—At a recent meeting of the Town Council the members voted to accept from Eastern College in lieu of taxes upon the college property three scholarships, music, domestic science and literature, respectively, which will be placed at the disposal of the committee on education. A plan for protecting the Battle street railway crossing was adopted.

—Acca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Richmond, met at Orange Friday evening, when twenty-two candidates were received into this branch of Masonry. The Manassas members present included Dr. L. F. Hough, Dr. V. V. Gillum and Messrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, Thomas H. Lion, C. E. Nash, C. J. Meetze, I. E. Cannon and H. Thornton Davies.

—Mrs. Alice King died August 16 at the age of seventy-seven. She was the widow of Ashah King and the mother of nine children, one of whom survives. Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. P. E. Johnson at Buckhall, Rev. Mr. Kline, of the Church of the Brethren, officiating. The pall bearers were Messrs. Arthur Colbert, Wilson and Philip Payne and Robert Jarmans.

—The Grand Camp of Virginia, United Confederate Veterans, has directed Mr. George H. Smith, adjutant of Ewell Camp, to secure a list of all Confederate soldiers in the country, together with their addresses and the company with which they served during the war, and the names and addresses of their sons. All Confederate soldiers living in the county, and particularly Prince William soldiers, are requested to supply the information needed without delay. Please address Mr. Geo. H. Smith, Adjutant, Ewell Camp, Manassas, Va.

—Old kid gloves will be gratefully accepted by the Manassas Chapter of the American Red Cross and forwarded away for use in the lining of coats for the army aviators.

—Dr. H. U. Roop will address the Fairfax county Sunday School convention today at Fairfax courthouse on the subject of "Training the Teacher."

—Miss Gertrude Via, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Via, of Free Union, Albemarle county, and Mr. Eustace Conway Owen, of Bristow, were married in Charlottesville, Tuesday by Rev. M. L. Banister. The bride is a graduate of Hebron Seminary and has taught in Prince William County for the past four years. The bridegroom is a rural mail carrier and is on the drafted list.

—The town board of health on Wednesday lifted the quarantine declared against infected districts on account of infantile paralysis. While the steady decrease in the number of cases reported in Virginia warranted raising the quarantine and dispensing with the services of a quarantine officer, Mayor W. C. Wagener and Dr. J. C. Meredith, town health officer, recommend continued care on the part of parents and guardians.

—Mrs. Nancy A. Pearson, seventy-three years old, widow of the late Andrew J. Pearson, a Confederate veteran, quietly passed away July 24 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dora Abel, after a short illness. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. C. Messick, pastor of the United Brethren Church and interment was made in the family burying ground near Providence Church, Stafford county. Mrs. Pearson united with the Stafford Store Baptist Church in 1887. She is survived by one daughter, three sons, fourteen grandchildren, one great grandson and one sister.

**ABOUT PEOPLE WE KNOW**

Miss Edna Barnard, of Baltimore, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bushong.

Mr. Herman F. Steele has returned from an extended visit to his uncle in Texas.

Miss Helen Glaetli, of Cattlett, was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Mark Brown Monday.

Mrs. W. F. Wharton, of Gainesville, has been visiting in Washington at the home of her grandson, Mr. J. H. Clark.

Mrs. A. M. Crigler, of Baltimore, Md., has been the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Waters.

Elder John Calahan, after spending a week with his daughter, Mrs. W. A. Clem, has returned to his home at Edinburg.

Rev. Jos. F. Gulick, of Washington, visited friends here during the week. Mr. Gulick will return to Virginia Beach for the winter.

Major J. Ogden Murray, of Charles Town, W. Va., during the week was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Westwood Hutchison.

Miss Mollie Rixey has returned from Charleston, W. Va., where she was the guest of Prof. and Mrs. Orville W. Mosher, jr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Larkin have returned from Washington, where they were guests at the home of Mrs. Larkin's mother, Mrs. A. J. Adams.

Master Horace Adamson, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Adamson, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. T. Ruby, wife of Dr. Ruby, at Oriole, Somerset county, Md.

Messrs. Thomas E. Hume and Julian Sanford, of Washington, spent the week-end here as the guests of Mr. Hume's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Broadbudd.

Mr. Kari J. Rosen has returned from a several weeks' visit to relatives in New York.

Mr. H. Kinzel Laws, of Brandy Station, was a recent guest at the home of Rev. and Mrs. T. D. D. Clark.

Mr. Roswell E. Round, of the officers' training camp at Fort Myer, spent Sunday here with his parents, Lieut. and Mrs. George C. Round.

Messrs. A. C. and S. C. Harley returned Tuesday from Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, where they attended the annual reunion of the Harley family.

Mr. J. B. Patterson, who is in training at the officers' camp at Fort Myer, spent the week-end here as the guest of his mother, Mrs. Ballantyne Patterson, and her sister, Mrs. Hodge.

Mrs. S. S. Simpson, wife of Dr. Simpson, of Hopewell, who has been the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. F. E. Ransdell, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herman L. Bonney, of Clarendon. She was accompanied to Clarendon by her sister, Miss Lucy Harrison.

Mrs. J. H. K. Burgwin, who has made her home at the Shannon property in West street for several months, left Tuesday to spend the winter in Richmond. Mr. Burgwin will make the trip today or tomorrow by automobile, accompanied by his little daughters, Hazel and Nancy, and will return to Manassas shortly.

Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Hammond and two sons, Leigh Mead and William Edward, have returned to their home in Aiken, S. C., after visiting friends and relatives in Virginia, Washington and North Carolina. While in Manassas they were the guests of Mrs. Hammond's parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Maddox and Mrs. R. L. Byrd.

**ARTHUR BEAVERS DEAD**

Arthur Lee Beavers died Sunday in an automobile near Buckhall U. B. Church while being removed from his home to the depot in Manassas to be taken to a city hospital. He was twenty-six years old and was among those who have been selected to represent Prince William in the new national army.

He is survived by his young wife and child, his parents and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon by his pastor, Rev. L. C. Messick, at Buckhall United Brethren Church, and he was laid to rest in the cemetery of the M. E. Church, South, nearby.

**COME AGAIN—WELCOME**

Our Mergenthaler Linotype operator left Tuesday evening for the city, and The Journal force, having never seen a machine until the arrival of our own, was wondering what lucky turn of fortune would help to get the paper out on time. At the psychological moment, Mr. Antrim E. Osborn, of New York, a salesman for the Intertype, a rival machine, who was unaware of The Journal's venture into the Linotype market, came in to talk about the Intertype.

Mr. Osborn happened to be an experienced operator and at the same time an exponent of that fraternal spirit which is sometimes forgotten by big corporations and little men. He fingered the keys of the Mergenthaler in spare moments before and after a trip to Charlottesville, and, behold! The Journal has made the mail

**MRS. BENAVIDEZ DEAD**

Native of England and Long a Resident of Prince William

Mrs. Fannie Briggs Benavidez, after a brief illness Tuesday at the home of Miss E. H. Osbourn on West street. She had been in ill health for some time. Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Alford Kelley officiating, and interment will be made at Valley View cemetery.

Mrs. Benavidez was born in England and came to this county about thirty years ago. Later she taught among the Indians in the western states and returned to Manassas about a year ago. The family home was located between Brentsville and Bristow.

Her nearest surviving relatives are her brother, Mr. Chas. W. Briggs, of Broken Arrow, Okla., and his two daughters, one of whom—Mrs. Lula Briggs Hillman—came to Manassas to attend the funeral.

**REUNION OF MOSBY'S MEN**

There will be a reunion of the surviving members of the 43rd Battalion of Virginia Cavalry, better known as "Mosby's Men" at Remington, Thursday, October 18. Every member is invited and urgently requested to attend. There are numbers whose post office addresses are unknown as the books and papers were all destroyed after Bub Shacklett's death, so please all who see this notice pass the word along. Dr. W. L. Dunn, Commander. Frank M. Angelo, Adjt.

**THE HONOR ROLL**

Mr. Lyman Patterson, son of Mrs. Ballantyne Patterson and nephew of Mrs. B. T. H. Hodge, has been ordered to report tomorrow at the aviation school at Princeton, N. J., to begin training for the aviation section of the signal corps, United States Army. Mr. Patterson received his diploma from Eastern College in June and has been employed during the summer months in a Washington bank. He is the youngest of seven sons, five of whom are in the army.

Dr. W. Jopling Adamson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Adamson, who has enlisted in the hospital unit of the University of Cincinnati, expects to leave for Russia some time this fall. Mr. Adamson lives in Hinton, W. Va.

Lieut. Everett L. Rice, who received the commission of second lieutenant at the officers' training camp at Fort Niagara, N. Y., and was assigned to duty with the regular army, left last week for Fort Hamilton, N. Y., after a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rice.

**CATHARPIN**

The Catharpin Community League will hold a patriotic rally at the school house tomorrow evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The drafted boys of the community will be the guests of honor.

Interesting speakers are expected to attend. The ladies are requested to bring cake, sandwiches and cream for refreshments.

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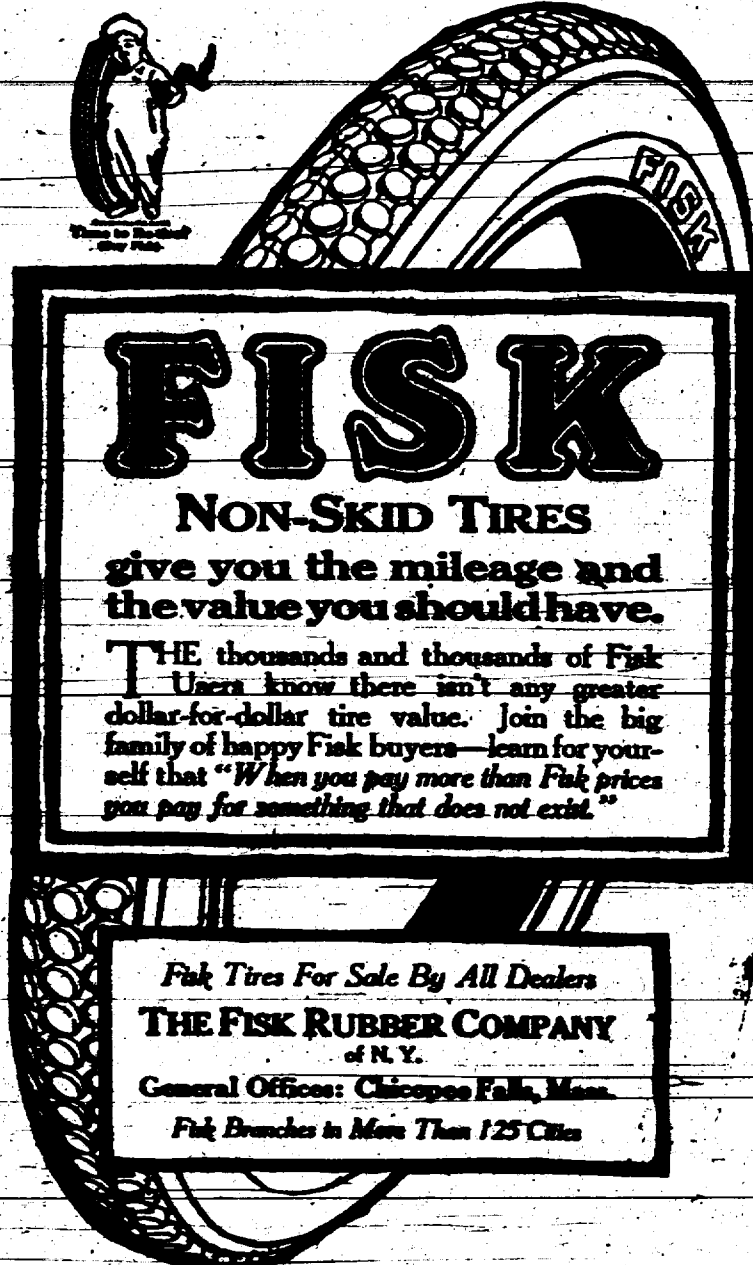
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No. 35—9.59 a. m. daily; U. S. Fast Mail to Charlotte, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans. Dining car. Stops to take on passengers from Harrisonburg Branch points.

No. 15—5.12 p. m. daily; local to Charlottesville. Parlor car to Warrenton daily except Sunday.

No. 17—6.22 p. m. daily except Sunday; local to Warrenton.

No. 41—10.45 p. m. daily; Washington and Chattanooga Limited to Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, New Orleans. Dining car. Stops to receive passengers for points beyond Charlottesville at which scheduled to stop.

**NORTHBOUND**

No. 18—7.00 a. m. daily except Sunday; local to Washington.

No. 16—9.05 a. m. daily; local to Washington. Parlor car, daily except Sunday.

No. 30—9.40 a. m. daily; limited to Washington and points East. Stops on Sunday only.

No. 14—8.47 a. m. daily except Sunday; limited to Washington. Parlor car.

No. 44—6.25 p. m. daily; limited to Washington.

No. 28—8.08 p. m. daily; local to Washington. Parlor car.

No. 36—9.30 p. m. daily; limited to Washington and points east. Stops on flag.

**WESTBOUND**

No. 49—9.05 a. m. daily; local to Strasburg, connecting there with B. & O. train leaving Strasburg 1.00 p. m. daily except Sunday for Harrisonburg. On Sunday only this train operated through to Harrisonburg.

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No. 21—5.00 p. m. daily except Saturday and Sunday; local to Harrisonburg. Parlor car.

R. H. DEBUTTS,  
Division Passenger Agent,  
—Washington, D. C.

**The Mysterious Sun Spot**

It Contained an Important Message.

By RICHARD MARKLY

On the South Carolina coast stands one of those imposing colonial edifices for which that state is famous. It was built during the times when the southern settlers, requiring laborers to work on their tobacco plantations, were importing large cargoes of African negroes, who were held as slaves. It is of brick, with large pillars in front, and, considering its age, is in a remarkable state of preservation. This is because a recent owner has put it in repair.

Like other houses of its kind dating back to the seventeenth century, it was built out of the proceeds of negroes captured in Africa and sold as slaves in America. But the slave trade and its twin brother, piracy, were not in that day deprecated as they are, or, rather, would be, today. He who built the house referred to became one of the most prominent men of his time. Richard Granville was not his name, but in bringing out the antecedents of his descendants it is a far safer name to use than his own. He began life as a sailor, visiting every country where there was trading to be done, and a few of his older slaves, who were house servants and thus enabled the more readily to become conversant with his secrets, handed down a tradition that their master started his fortune in piracy.

Be this as it may, up to the middle of the last century his descendants did not deny that much of his money had been made in the slave trade. In his old age his conscience troubled him, and those who were nearest him said that he desired to make some reparation for his misdeeds. He had a statue of himself made of bronze and set it up on a pedestal in a bay window of his library. The left hand rests on an anvil, and the right holds a mallet, not a mock scepter, a real one, though not of brass, but of the same material as the statue. He left orders that no headstone should mark his grave, and it was supposed that he intended the statue as a substitute for one. At any rate, no one now knows where he is buried.

Different generations of his descendants discussed the statue and wondered at the whim which led their progenitor to erect it. One thing about it excited special attention. Every morning the sun, shining in upon it, strikes the eyepiece of the sextant and, passing through the tube, casts a solar image on the opposite wall. The track of this round spot of light changes with the season, traversing a slightly different path each day. There is another thing that puzzled the owners of the Granville estate. The only inscription on the statue, or, rather, its pedestal, is the date of Richard Granville's birth. And not only is the date given, but the hour and minute.

Of all topics connected with the statue probably the giving of this minute information was most discussed. No one who saw it could remember having seen any memorial giving either the hour and minute of a birth or the hour and minute of a death. But one generation after another passed away, and no plausible reason for either the statue or its singular inscription was suggested.

During the civil war Elwood Granville, the owner of the estate at that time, fought for the maintenance of the system in the introduction of which his progenitor took so important a part. Colonel Granville was a religious man, and one of those who traced authority for slavery from the Bible. After the war he returned to his plantation and began to run it anew under the system that had been born during the struggle.

A few papers that had belonged to the original Granville were handed down through his descendants. They had been preserved those and again by different persons, but appeared to contain nothing to throw any light on the puzzles connected with the writer or receiver. One day Colonel Granville, while amusing himself with these documents, read a letter from the founder of his house to a clergyman, in which the former said that he would like to leave at his death a fund for the benefit of the negro race in America, but the time would not come for perhaps one or two centuries when such a bequest could be utilized.

Probably the statement had been read a hundred times by Richard Granville's descendants without making any marked impression. But Colonel Granville read it at a time when the negro slave had been just emancipated and called in all the ignorance induced by his condition, to citizenship. The meaning of the statement, "The time would not come for perhaps one or two centuries," was plain to him. More than one century had passed and brought the changed conditions. This led Colonel Granville, who was eager to help the negro, now that he had become a freeman, onward and upward, to think of the benefits that would accrue from such a bequest as was mentioned in the letter.

Then suddenly two connected ideas entered Colonel Granville's brain. The

first was: Might not the writer have secretly carried out his intention, leaving a fund for the purpose that would turn up a century or two after his death? And might not the statue have something to do with its location? Though he did not know it, he had made a mental leap bridging a century when the statue was built. He determined to make a study of the statue and everything that pertained to it. Every morning he devoted an hour to sitting before the bronze, looking at it and thinking about it. Perhaps he fancied that by thus mentally dwelling upon it through some spiritual process the secret would be imparted to him. The inscription engaged his attention, but he could make nothing of it. And yet there must have been an object in putting it there alone, and especially with the hour and minute of birth.

One morning Colonel Granville was sitting, as usual, studying the statue. The sun spot was crawling slowly over the wall as it had been traveling year in and year out for 100 years. The colonel was watching it as he had often watched it before. A third new idea came to him. Might not this sun spot have some meaning? There seem to be two kinds of ideas in the human brain, those that are original or parent ideas and those that are offspring. The present case is an illustration. The conception that the sun spot might have some meaning was in a measure original (though everything, after all, is but a link in an eternal chain), and it suggested another idea—viz, Might not there be a connection between the sun spot and the date of birth on the statue?

Colonel Granville sprang from his chair. He was confident that he had made an important discovery. What that discovery would lead to was another matter. He had little expectation that it would work out his first conceptions which had come from the letter he had read, but he hoped it might solve the mystery of the statue and the date inscribed upon it. He was not long in inferring that on the day, hour and minute recorded on the statue the sun spot would rest on a part of the wall which would give some information or junction intended by the man who had erected the statue.

The inscription gave the year, which could be of no importance since the sun traverses the same apparent path annually; the day, June 17; the hour, 10 o'clock, and the minute, the twenty-fifth. In other words, if this were the true explanation, on June 17, at twenty-five minutes after 10 o'clock, the position of the sun spot would mean something. It could not refer to 10 o'clock at night for an obvious reason.

It was early in April when Colonel Granville hit upon this possible explanation. Nearly two months of waiting would be necessary before the spot would reach a position corresponding with the date. The colonel, too impatient to defer investigation for what seemed to him so long a period, was eager to get a computer to come and calculate where the spot would be on the given day. But he knew of no one at hand who would be able to make the calculation. Besides, he had no desire to suffer the obloquy such an act would cast upon him, for when he stopped to think he was forced to admit that no more chimerical idea could enter the brain of man.

So he was obliged to wait and while waiting planned an excuse for what he proposed to do. He determined to make a hole in the wall where the sun spot rested on the 17th of June at twenty-five minutes past 10 in the morning, and he proposed to tell the household that he was looking for a convenient location for a chimney. Every day after that the colonel watched the movement of the spot with keen interest, and at the end of a month he could calculate pretty nearly where it would fall on the 17th of June. However, he waited till the date came round.

Now, on the 17th of June the sun stands very high, practically at the highest point during the year. Consequently the spot was at the lowest point. In fact it rested on the floor. The colonel bored a hole in the flooring, inclining it from the sextant to the point of the spot's contact, and, inserting a tube, noted a place in the cellar where the line of vision prolonged would strike. Then one night when the household was asleep he went into the cellar with a lantern, a pick and a spade and began to dig.

He had dug through the cement bottom of the cellar and dug down exactly ten feet when he struck masonry. It was not very well put together, and he soon loosened the upper stones, coming to an open space. In this was an iron box or safe, such as was used many years ago. A blow of the pick knocked off the cover, and there lay a mass of gold coins. On the coins lay a paper, which Colonel Granville read.

This idea derived from the letter written by his ancestor was correct. Here was a chest containing a mixture of English, Spanish and other gold pieces, with a will bequeathing the treasure to found an institution for the amelioration of the negro race. Colonel Granville replaced the earth over the treasure and left it to think out the problem before him. Such a bequest coming from the original settler would be absorbed in legal technicalities. Besides, Granville would not like the notoriety attached to bringing out so many old coins—coins that he knew came from the price of slaves and probably the loot of piracy. He resolved to say nothing about this strange request, but to dispose of it piecemeal and erect in his own name the institution for which it was intended. This intention he carried out, and many a negro is now being educated with the money derived from the sale of his ancestors.

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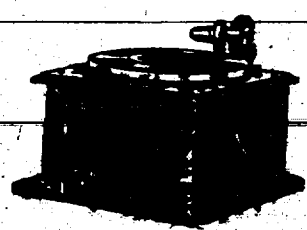
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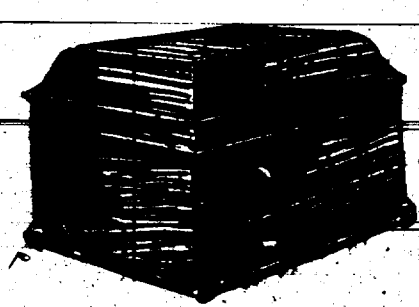
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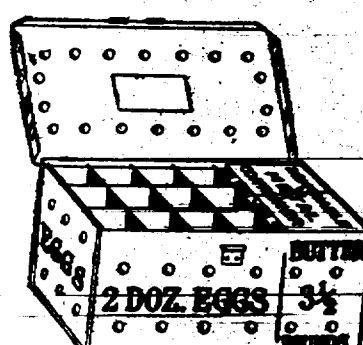


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INDEPENDENT HILL

Mr. Roland T. Hayes, of Marshall, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hayes several days this week. Mr. Hayes will be ordained a minister of the Baptist Church on Sunday, Sept. 30, at Marshall, at which time a Sunday School convention will be held there. His many friends in this community wish him a long and useful life in his new work.

Miss Myrtle Merrill left Sunday to begin her duties at the Forest Hill School, near Joplin.

Mrs. Myrtle Heck, of Baltimore, Md., is the guest of Mrs. M. P. Thornton, of Kopp.

Mr. C. A. Montgomery, county agent, visited the farmers of this section Tuesday.

Mr. Leslie Merrill spent the week-end at "Belle Air."

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. M. Oleyar and Mr. E. D. Merrill were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. Fred Weber.

The schools of Coles district will reopen Monday, Sept. 10.

While this is not the month of roses, wedding bells are surely jingling to a lively tune around the Hill. Within the past ten days the uneventful serenity of this vicinity has been broken by three weddings.

On Tuesday of last week Mr. Corby Copen, our new merchant brought a bride to his home from Independence.

On Saturday, Miss Ruth Werner and Mr. Clarence Woodyard, both of this community, were married in Washington. They were accompanied by the bride's mother and brother, Mrs. Rudolph Werner and Mr. Arthur C. Werner, and Mr. Woodyard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Woodyard. Mr. and Mrs. Woodyard will return to their home here.

Mrs. Elizabeth Calvert, of the community, and Mr. Abram My-

ers, of Marion, Iowa, were married, in Manassas Tuesday evening at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. H. Q. Burr. The happy couple left for Ohio where they will visit Mrs. Myers' brother, after which they will make their home in Iowa. Mr. Myers is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Myers, formerly Miss Addie Hayes, of Independent Hill.

CLIFTON

The Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church met Friday evening at the home of Mr. R. R. Buckley. Rev. Alford Kelley read the opening Scripture and offered prayer. Mr. D. W. Buckley reported making the final payment to Mr. G. T. Lyon for decorating the church by advancing \$4. The windows remain to be paid for, making about \$30 or \$35 to be raised, and giving another chance to those who have not contributed.

Miss Mary Quigg entertained a few friends Saturday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Sara Crewe. Among the guests were Misses Ida Ayre, Effie Adams, Esther and Miriam Buckley, Gertrude Cox, Sara and Mary Ferguson, Mary and Louise Fristoe and Ernestine Woodville, Miss Orme and Messrs. Harry Fristoe, William H. Richards, Jr., Elmer Ayre, John Woodville, Vernon Wright, Humphrey Fowler, Arthur Crewe and Mr. Barrett.

A party from Clifton motored to Washington Sunday and took the cars to Chesapeake Beach. Mr. Rush Buckley furnished the automobile for the trip.

Miss Sara Crewe, of Thoroughfare, has been visiting Miss Mary Quigg for several days. Miss Crewe, accompanied by her brother, Arthur, went to Pender Sunday afternoon for a several days' visit during which they enjoyed a picnic at Great Falls on Labor Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Poindeux and Mr. and Mrs. Wittenstein went to Occoquan for Labor-Day.

Misses Edna Middleton and Katharine Harrison and Messrs. John Middleton and Irvin Harrison spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. M. E. Quigg. They drove over from the Herndon neighborhood in time to attend Sunday School at Clifton.

Mrs. Causer, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Tortoulet, and son and Miss Dorothy Haycock are guests at the home of Mr. R. B. Dorsey.

Mr. Wilkie Decosse and family have been recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Jessie Decosse, who has been very ill at her home near town.

Mrs. Quigg and Miss Mary Quigg made a shopping trip to Washington recently. They also enjoyed a trip to Mount Vernon.

Another negro was arrested at Clifton Saturday night on a serious charge. He was taken to Fairfax courthouse to await trial. The community has been glad to feel that neither of the negroes arrested here are natives of Clifton. While this one has been living here for some months he does not belong to the native colored population.

Mrs. O. S. Woody is taking her annual vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell and son are guests of Mr. Powell's brother-in-law and sister, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Naff.

Herbert Weaver and James Cross have gone to Camp Meade, at Admiral, Md., where they are employed.

Jesse Weaver was ordered to report at Fairfax Courthouse Tuesday as a member of the new national army.

Crops are generally good in this vicinity although it is dry and dusty and rain is badly needed. There is plenty of potatoes, corn and other vege-

SMITHFIELD

"Back to the Farm," a drama depicting some very real social and educational aspects of country life was presented to a very appreciative audience at the meeting of the Smithfield League Saturday night.

The cast of characters, drawn from local talent, was composed of Messrs. Ray and George Fairbanks, Earl and Leslie Merrill and Misses Myrtle Merrill, Elsie Fairbanks, Hattie Simpson and Lucy Kincheloe.

The play was enacted again on Monday night at Belle Haven Church. The door receipts were used to assist in defraying the church debt.

Before the same audience at Belle Haven a debate was given, the subject being "Resolved, That the country boy has more advantages than the city boy."

The speakers on the affirmative were Messrs. R. L. Hinton and George Oleyar and on the negative, Messrs. Max Weber and E. D. Merrill. The decision was given in favor of the affirmative.

In a brief address Mr. C. J. Meetze set forth the benefits resulting from the various forms of community activity now coming to be a part of our social and educational life in the country.

HAYFIELD

The Hayfield School and Civic League will meet Friday evening, Sept. 14. The committee is busy arranging an interesting program of readings and music. Mr. C. A. Sinclair, of Manassas, will address the league.

Since this is the first meeting of the school year it behooves every patron of the school and league member to be present and infuse new life into the work.

NOKESVILLE

At the regular open-air meeting of the Nokesville cornet band on Saturday evening two very vital subjects were considered. Prof. I. N. H. Beahm and Mr. W. F. Hale were the subject of incorporating our town, while Mr. M. C. Hazen gave a very good talk on the different features of the draft and the war in general.

A large crowd was present and, while for some unavoidable reason the band could not furnish music, they served ice cream and other refreshments.

Messrs. W. F. Hale, J. A. Hooker, W. R. Free, F. E. Rhodes and I. N. H. Beahm were appointed a committee to look more fully into the question of incorporation and report in two weeks. Mr. Armstrong presided during the evening.

Our town seemed almost deserted on Sunday because of the numbers that went out to Brentsville to attend the annual district Sunday School convention. Those who attended report a good crowd and an interesting program.

The season for cutting ensilage is just beginning. This means busy times for our farmers for a few weeks. G. K. A.

MINNIEVILLE

Elder A. J. Garland preached Sunday at the Greenwood Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. James Alexander, of Washington, spent the week-end here at the home of Mr. Alexander's mother.

Mr. Richard Hinton, of Acotink, is visiting friends at Minnieville.

Mrs. Grover Davis, of West Chester, Pa., accompanied by her daughter, Bernice, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hinton and other relatives in the neighborhood.

The Nokesville Civic League will hold a meeting Saturday evening, September 15. Ice cream and other refreshments will be sold.

A number of the young folk attended a picnic at Reese's Ford, near Hays, on Labor Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Eppa Colvin and her son, Clayton, returned to their home in Washington Sunday evening.

Mrs. Martha Hershey is on the sick list.

Mr. Clint Hammond, of Baltimore, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Hershey, for a few days.

Misses Estella Alexander and Lucile Clarke have returned from a trip to the Valley.

Misses Flossie and Ocie Greene were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clarke Sunday.

Mr. J. T. Clarke and Mrs. P. E. Clarke motored to Stafford Saturday and was the guests of Mrs. Clarke's parents.

A CARD

To the Voters of Prince William County: Having been regularly declared the Democratic nominee for the House of Delegates from Prince William county, I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the House of Delegates from said county at the general election to be held in November. Respectfully, C. A. SINCLAIR.



A CARD

To the Voters and Citizens of Prince William County: I hereby give notice to the people of Prince William County that I shall be a candidate to succeed myself in the next House of Delegates of Virginia. I believe my conduct in the past four sessions warrants this. I ask you to examine the records, as kept in the Journal of the House, to see where I stood and how I voted on all matters. Thanking you for the honor which you have already conferred upon me and the confidence reposed, and with a renewed promise and determination to better serve you in the future, I am, Very sincerely, CHRIS J. MEETZ.

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