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THREE YEARS IN PEN FOR JOHN CARRY

ATTEMPTED ASSAULT ON WOMAN

Rozier Alexander Will Work for Year On State Road for Taking Wheel-Diarrhea Causing Case.

Three years in the penitentiary was the sentence pronounced for John Carry last Monday when in the circuit court he was convicted of assault. Carry is eighteen years old, and he was arrested and held for trial on a charge of attempted assault on Mrs. Eleanor O'Neil, of Cherry Hill.

Mrs. O'Neil was getting water from a spring near her home at Cherry Hill. She made an outcry which reached the ears of her mother, who at once came to her assistance. It was declared that Carry had attempted to drag the woman into the woods.

Armed with a shotgun, the mother pursued Carry, a mile down the railroad track. He was chased four miles further down the track by kinsmen of the woman, and finally captured by them.

Carry claims to be a native of South Boston, Mass., although he says he has not lived there for seven years. He says that he has followed the road for five years, during which time he played the part of hypnotist on various occasions.

Rozier Alexander, of Wellington, was sentenced to one year of labor on the State roads, following his conviction on a charge of stealing a bicycle. He was accused of breaking into a tool house in the Southern railroad yards and taking a wheel belonging to Lawrence Daiby.

The case against John Chapman and Lawson Meredith, was dismissed on motion of the mayor, the Commonwealth's attorney declining to appear on the ground that the charge preferred was for violation of a town ordinance.

EASTERN COLLEGE RECITAL

Before a highly appreciative audience in the College Chapel the following program was excellently rendered last Tuesday evening:

- Valer from Alben.....Leaves Dances
- Miss Ruth Gray
- A Prayer for Sleep.....Mary E. Wood
- Miss Vida Wolford
- Scheggett.....P. W. Bach
- Miss Mary Birkett
- Kathleen.....Bruno Hulst
- Richard Kelley
- Levalanche.....Hether
- Douglas Robertson
- Nobles signews, mit Les Huguonots
- C. Meyerhiser
- Miss Anna Mather
- Reverie.....Schutt
- Fugue.....Rhinberger
- Miss Grotz Hopkins
- First Love.....Strucken
- Miss Ruth Morgan
- Impromptu Ab.....Schubert
- Miss Sadie Wheeler
- Were My Song With Wings Provided
- Miss Stewart Hynson
- Senso Op. 9.....Douthett
- First Movement
- Miss Louise Mather

TO THE LAMES OF MANASSAS

Do you know that if we can only secure a lot this year, the American Woman's League will fund us a \$1,500 House on it and that there for the use and benefit of the Women of Manassas. Will you please write to the Women's League, 1000 Broadway, New York, N. Y., and ask for a copy of their circular. It is a beautiful little book and will tell you all about it. The Women's League is a national organization and is doing a grand work for the women of the world. It is a pleasure to be able to help them in their noble work. The Women's League is a national organization and is doing a grand work for the women of the world. It is a pleasure to be able to help them in their noble work.

FIRST HEAVY SNOW OF SEASON COMES TO TOWN

FALLS TO DEPTH OF SEVEN INCHES

Young Folks Happy in Winter Pastimes—Tots Snowbound at Home—Trains Cut Through Drifts.

Manassas is wrapped in a mantle of white, the first heavy snow of the season falling early Monday morning from the wings of a winter's gale that drove in direct from Medicine Hat, transforming Indian summer into a typical December scene. Steadily and softly the snow fell during Monday and Tuesday, covering the ground to a depth of seven inches on the level, and drifting to the fence tops in exposed spots.

FUN FOR YOUNGSTERS

Tinkling sleigh bells, snowball battles from behind snow fences and out in the street, merriment of snow statuary in yards and vacant lots, all attest the delight of the young folks and the kiddies in the visitation. The only complaint registered thus far is from the man who neglected to bring in his kindling the night before.

STRUGGLE WITH SNOW

Early pedestrians Tuesday morning struggled through snow above their shoe-tops on the sidewalks and teams felt the heavy pull in the roads. By noon the walks were cleared in the business and residential districts and Christmas shopping was resumed in earnest.

Children were snowbound at home most of the day and as a result there were many vacant seats at school. However, they were bundled off to study yesterday. Railroad traffic and telephone and telegraph service were maintained under great difficulty.

MANASSAS GIRLS PLAY CLASSY BASKET BALL

PLAINS WINS IN FINCH, 19 TO 14

Girls' Game on Round Field Saturday—Shows Enthusiasm of Big Crowd of Spectators—Many Brilliant Plays.

In a game replete with brilliant plays, with every point strongly contested and with the outcome in doubt until time was called at the end, the girls' team of The Plains High School defeated the girls' team of the Manassas High School on Round field last Saturday afternoon by a score of 19 to 14. The features were the play-

ing of Misses Margaret Lynch, Lillian Leachman and Beulah Griffith, for Manassas, and Miss Myrtle Weaver for The Plains. Following was the line-up:

MANASSAS
Forwards: Miss Dorothy Hayden, Miss Lillian Leachman.
Center: Miss Margaret Lynch, Miss Sophie Delmas.
Guards: Miss Dorothy Button, Miss Beulah Griffith.

THE PLAINS
Forwards: Miss Myrtle Weaver, Miss Beulah Griffith.
Center: Miss Helen Carruther, Miss Carruther.
Guards: Miss Mollie Weaver, Miss Laura Middleton.

CROSSES OF HONOR

The Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will bestow a Cross of Honor on a Veteran widow or eldest child of a Confederate Veteran who will be who desires a Cross. Will please send a photograph of the veteran to our home address, to be used for the purpose of identification. Any information will be gladly furnished. Write to the Manassas Chapter, U. D. C., 1000 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

WILLIAM CONNER WRITES PRIZE ESSAY

PUPIL IN CANNON BRANCH SCHOOL

Wins State Trophy Offered by Virginia Educational Conference—Tells Simple Story of Corn Cultivation.

Twelve-year-old William Conner, of the Cannon Branch public school, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conner, is the proudest and happiest boy in all Prince William county. He possesses the highest literary ability of any pupil in the rural schools of Virginia, according to the decision of the Virginia Educational Conference in Richmond last week, which awarded him first prize in an award dictionary, for the best composition offered in the state-wide competition.

STICKS TO FACTS

William did not get effusive, as most amateurs are apt to, when confronted by a literary proposition. True he sought the green fields for inspiration, but he passed by the bright blossoms and meandering streams, and chose for his subject a product that the literati have neglected, but one that combines beauty with utility, one that man depends upon for food—just common corn.

TELLS OWN STORY

In his own terms, without depending upon others for suggestions, the boy told how he planted the tiny seed in the soil, how he watered and tended it, and how one day his efforts were rewarded by a tiny green sprout peeping from the ground. He told how the sprout thriving under cultivation grew into a healthy stalk, how the tassels appeared and then how the ears formed. In plain language he told how he made the soil yield of its abundance, and he won the prize.

KENTUCKY RACERS IN UTTERBACK STRING

COLLECTION OF CLASSY COLTS

Ernest Utterback Buys Eleven High-Bred Yearlings for Track—One Largest Thoroughbred Colt in Kentucky.

Thoroughbred Kentucky racing stock, the grandest collection of yearlings ever brought to Virginia, bought in Lexington by Ernest Utterback, is now in the Utterback stables near Manassas waiting for favorable weather to be broken in for an introduction to the track next spring.

The eleven youngsters, bred from the purest racing strains, each a descendant of notable track winners, show much promise. They represent an investment of thousands of dollars. One of the colts by Voter, a world-famous racer, weighs 1,150 pounds, unusual weight for a thoroughbred, and is the largest thoroughbred colt ever raised in Kentucky.

An emergency ordinance governing the storage of gasoline, has been passed by the town council in compliance with requirements of the Underwriters' Association. Dealers and consumers are permitted to keep 160 gallons in any exposed receptacle, and not more than one gallon in a building.

TELL OF EXPERIMENTS IN FARMERS' INSTITUTE

SESSION, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

Representative of Department of Agriculture Will Deliver Address—Prince William Citizens Will Speak.

Prince William County farmers are awaiting with much interest the next meeting of the Farmers' Institute to be held in the court house, Friday, December 17, beginning in the morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Details of the program, which promises to be one of the most interesting the Institute has ever presented, have not been fully arranged, but enough has been scheduled to attract a large attendance to the session.

An address is to be delivered by an official of the Department of Agriculture. Cecil Smith will tell of his experience in variety tests of corn. W. L. Heuser will report on culture tests, and Prof. H. F. Button will demonstrate the work-in-progress at the Experimental Station.

Mrs. Mary F. Norman, 90 years old, widow of the late Charles E. Norman, of Occoquan, died at the home of her son, Fielder Norman, near Purcellville, last Sunday. The interment was at Ebenezer. Mrs. Norman was an aunt of Mrs. M. E. Akers and Mrs. A. P. Davis, of Manassas. She was born in Prince William county, and was the last surviving member of a family of twelve children. She leaves five sons and two daughters. They are Andrew Norman, of Ashburn; Fielder Norman, of Purcellville; Eppa Norman, of Bluemont; Charles Norman, of Hamilton; and Mrs. Mildred Glascock, of Lovettsville. Mrs. Norman was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Ebenezer.

PENN-VIR DRILL PIERCES SOFT STRATA

INDICATIONS FOR OIL AND GAS

Depth of 950 Feet—Expect Gas 1,200 Feet and Oil at 1,800 Feet—Resumes After Delay of Week.

Drilling operations were resumed Friday in the Nokesville oil field after cessation for a week caused by delayed shipments of coal, and the Penn-Vir drill today is penetrating a soft strata at a depth of 950 feet. The company has provided against further delays by storing large quantities of coal.

Deep snow covering the field has not retarded the exploration which will progress under any weather condition. The drill and engine rooms are heated, and preparations have been made to continue throughout the winter months, unless unforeseen circumstances should develop.

Experts believe that geological conditions indicate the discovery of gas at a depth of about 1,200 feet and oil at an approximate depth of 1,800. They base these estimates on comparisons of formations and indications in the Penn-Vir with those of wells in operation in other fields.

Send your Christmas packages now before the rush in the mails and express sets in.

PRACTICE ON CURRY IN MIMIC COURT

LAST SESSION BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Popular Foot Ball Star Subject of Make-Believe Charges to Exercise Talents of College Law Students.

Although all the friends of O. P. Curry are forced to admit that he is a mighty popular young fellow, they are reluctant to believe that he would permit himself to become involved in a breach of promise suit, or that without due regard for commercial proprieties, he would obtain funds to blazon his way. Of course the broken-heart episode and the monetary affair, are all make-believe, but the popularity stands as originally made, even his accusers declare.

All of this has to do with a mimic trial to be held before the Eastern College Commercial Law Department tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Professor H. C. Hobart will conduct the prosecution, and all of Mr. Curry's friends will be present to offer testimony in his favor. The court procedure is arranged to give the class practical training. The trial tonight will be the last before Christmas.

Why he should be marked as the target for the heels of fractious horses, Mahlon Seese, of Nokesville, is at a loss to understand, but such, however, appears to be true. Within a week after he left a Washington hospital with injuries healing from a terrible injury in his face by a kick from a horse, he figured into an accident in which he narrowly escaped being hurt. A horse attached to a sleigh in which he was riding in the streets of Nokesville became unmanageable and broke the vehicle with his heels. Bystanders came to the rescue, before Mr. Seese met injury.

EASTERN STUDENTS REAL REPORTERS

BREAK INTO NEWSPAPER GAME

Organize Press Club to Write Stories of College for Publication in Their Home Papers—Valuable Advertising.

Students have organized the Eastern College Press Club and journalistic talent in the institution is preparing to click the typewriter keys and grind out copy in the most approved newspaper style. Primarily the purpose of the Club is to exploit the College, each of the reporters being assigned to a story which is to appear in his home paper. By this means the College will receive much valuable advertising, the papers will get good stories and the reporters will be benefited by the training. It's a fine plan in every respect and students are entering into it with enthusiasm.

Dr. H. U. Roop has been elected president of the Press Club, and Samuel E. Spencer, secretary. Following are the reporters:

Expression, Sadie Wheeler; music, Inez Martin; commercial, I. O. Kibler; fine arts, A. Mather; liberal arts, Sue Avery; teachers training department, C. Rankin; academic, Ruth Gray.

The snow storm has interrupted work on Eastern College gymnasium, but it is expected that the building will be completed about January 15, if the visitation of winter is not too prolonged.

The concrete construction is about completed, and work is about to be started on the brick walls. It had been planned to have the structure under roof in two weeks.

TOYLAND ENCHANTS WISTFUL YOUNGSTERS

GLETTERING DISPLAYS IN SHOPS

Fairlyland for Admiring Tots—Grown-ups Enthusiastic as Christmas Season Draws Near—Mistletoe Popular.

Toyland is revealing its wonders to the youngsters in glittering displays in the shops, proclaiming the advent of Christmas. The magic touch of Santa Claus has transformed the shops into veritable fairyland, where the most enchanting arrays imaginable have relegated the prosaic essentials to rear shelves and counters.

LUKE OF DISPLAYS

Admiring groups of little ones are gathered before the windows and around the counters, longing and hoping that some of the treasures they view will really be their own Christmas morning and conveying wistful hints of their desires to the grownups who accompany them.

DAN CUPID GETS BUSY

Languishing maidens and bashful swains hail with unceasing delight the prerogative of the mistletoe on the joyous Christmas season, while sprigs of holly are peeping and Christmas bells are ringing near by.

And the grownups, every bit as enthusiastic as the tots, need no coaxing to go a-wandering into the realm of toys. But like at circus time they offer the old excuse that their interest is taken "just to please the children." But their interest is so keen that the kiddies are often driven to the rear.

PLAY ANTICIPATES FUTURE

A great philosopher said that the child at play anticipates the work of the future. Boys select toys reproducing in miniature the practical things of life, while girls select playthings imitating the duties of the home.

The toy aeroplane, in line with progress, leads in popularity. However, the toy railroad, trains, and carriages with prancing steeds, are still in demand. The automobile is decidedly in favor. Building blocks, mechanical tools and miniature forges are regarded as necessities in the land of make-believe, while air rifles, and bows and arrows, weapons of the chase, never wane in popularity.

Dolls that can speak and open and close their eyes are gifts cherished by the little girls. Then, too, they desire that the doll-house be completely furnished, as elegantly as the purse will permit. Those with luxurious tastes equip their play-houses with lavish disregard of expense.

Observing shopkeepers say that children seldom, if ever, select slippers as gifts for their parents, lingering impressions no doubt teaching them the folly of making a present of that kind.

AHEAD OF LEAP YEAR

Although leap year is still in the distance the demand for engagement rings indicates that the silence has been broken. Books, treasures of knowledge, make most appropriate Christmas gifts for old and young. Mountains of candy, nuts and oranges, to fill the stockings and the stomachs of the children on Christmas, are among the most tempting of the displays.

But the Red Cross is not too far behind. The concrete construction is about completed, and work is about to be started on the brick walls. It had been planned to have the structure under roof in two weeks.

Originality versus Imitation

Imitation, said to be the sincerest form of flattery, may truly be defined as a compliment of an artist's character. When your work is closely imitated, you may be sure that it is worth while. But it is always best to be original. There is no greater satisfaction in creating than in patterning after others. Originality is appreciated.

The Democrat Originates—Others Imitate

