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GLITTERING TREE CHARMS CHILDREN

CANNON BRANCH SCHOOL FETE

George C. Round Presents Dictionary Won in State Contest by Twelve-Year-Old William Conner.

True Christmas spirit prevailed in the Cannon Branch school house last Friday afternoon when happy children gathered around a glittering Christmas tree which possessed the magic of Aladdin's lamp in making their wishes come true. There was a gift on that wonderful tree for every child, and there was enough genuine joy radiating from the countenances of the little ones to brighten a whole world of sorrow.

But there was nothing but gladness in that school room. Every heart was light with Christmas joy. The decorations, made and arranged by the children, formed a pretty setting for the scene. You may be sure all the school children were present. With them came their parents, and when the exercises began the room was crowded. The program was in charge of the teacher, Miss Mary Rosenberger, and the children delighted the audience with recitations and music.

Without a doubt the proudest boy there was William A. Conner, who won the state prize, a standard dictionary, for the best original composition in a contest instituted in the one-room rural schools by the Virginia State Teachers' Association. William did not say much in reply to the presentation speech by George C. Round, but his countenance beamed eloquently.

The following inscription appears in the dictionary:

A PRIZE
Won by Cannon Branch School No. 9, Manassas District, Prince William County, for the best primary language work in a contest among the one-room rural schools of the State, on a paper prepared by William A. Conner, a pupil in the fourth grade of said school, presented by the Virginia State Teachers' Association, through Mrs. Mary S. Moffett, Supervising Principal, by George C. Round, Clerk of School Board, December 24, 1910.

STATE SCHOOL FUND APPORTIONMENT

Apportionment number 2 of State School Funds for Prince William County, to be used exclusively for the pay of teachers of the primary and grammar grades, amounts to \$2,537.60, and is divided among the several districts as follows:

Brentsville school population 499, \$149.80;
Coles school population 377, \$117.30;
Dumfries school population 474, \$151.80;
Gainessville school population 747, \$232.30;
Manassas school population 1289, \$402.50;
Occoquan school population 382, \$123.40;
Total, 5,768, \$2687.60.

This apportionment is made at the rate of seventy cents per capita of school population.

Geo. G. Tyler,
Division Superintendent.

INCREASE CAPACITY OF PLANT

Steady growth of business and plans for more extensive operations next year have necessitated an increase in the capacity of the Hopkins candy factory. The plant will resume about January 1 with double the present boiler capacity while the electric power will be more than tripled. Last year Hopkins candy was placed in every state east of the Mississippi river.

The children of Sudley M. E. Church, South, had a Christmas tree this morning.

DEATH SUMMONS MRS. ALICE JORDAN

DIES SUNDAY IN HAYMARKET

Result of Operation on Eye—Funeral Monday—Interment in St. Paul's Churchyard.

Mrs. Alice Moore Jordan, 63 years old, died at her home in Haymarket last Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, as the result of an operation on her left eye in a Washington hospital the preceding Sunday. The funeral was from the residence Monday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Grinnan, rector of St. Paul's Church. Interment was in St. Paul's churchyard.

Mrs. Jordan is survived by her husband, C. E. Jordan, four sons, J. E. Jordan and W. M. Jordan, of Haymarket, R. H. Jordan, United States Army, stationed at Fortress Monroe, and J. P. Jordan, of Cullebra, Panama, and three daughters, Mrs. E. I. Caruthers, of Charlottesville, Miss. Mary Jordan, of Haymarket, and Mrs. Lucille Korsan, of Ancon, Panama. Mrs. Jordan was born in Greenwich and had lived in Prince William county for about thirty years. She was a member of St. Paul's church, and a true Christian woman. Her death is deeply mourned by a wide circle of friends.

LECTURE ON PRISON REFORM

Prison Evangelist George W. Crabtree is working for a condition which he believes to be right, and for more than two years has devoted his time without a cent of salary in an effort to bring about a reform he advocates. He will give a free lecture in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock on "The American Inquisition," which has been described as "A Thrilling Tale of the Prisons of the World." He will tell of many wonderful escapes and describe scenes of death by electricity. He will illustrate his lecture with chains and shackles and dress in convict stripes. The lecture will be worth hearing.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS FAMILY REUNION

A happy Christmas family reunion was held Saturday at the home of Elder Conner. With the feast there was a season of prayer led by Elder A. Conner assisted by W. K. Conner, E. E. Blough, J. J. Conner and S. S. Conner. Eight children present were E. H., W. K., J. J., J. K., and S. S. Conner, Mrs. E. E. Blough, Mrs. W. T. Thomasson and Mrs. M. J. Hottle. Sixteen grandchildren present were Archie and Clyde C. Herrold, Joseph and Sarah Conner, Lola, Mildred, William, Ruth, Katie, Frances and Gladys Conner, Leslie Blough, Lizzie and Agnes Thomasson and Etta May Hottle. The other guests were Mrs. Mildred Conner, Mrs. Bessie Conner, Mrs. Jennie Conner, W. T. Thomasson, M. J. Hottle and E. E. Blough.

H. B. Miller, of Staunton, with offices in Washington, inventor of the Miller System Train Control, was in town Tuesday, contracting with The Virginia Publishing Company for booklets descriptive of the device. By his system Mr. Miller states that train collisions are impossible. The air is automatically cut from a train passing a signal set at danger, bringing it to a dead stop. The invention is attested by prominent railroad men, and its efficiency recognized by the highest authorities in railroad signal work.

TOTS LEAVE TOYS AND SWEETS FOR SCHOOL

VACATION ENDS NEXT WEDNESDAY

Make Most of Few Remaining Days of Christmas Merry-making—Best Christmas They Ever Had.

Rather unwillingly the youngsters will bid farewell to the Christmas vacation next Wednesday morning and return to school. The winter term then will formally open, but it will be days before the tots dispelling lingering memories of their season of merry-making and settle down to work.

This has been the happiest Christmas the children have ever had. There has been a continual round of festivities since school closed. Parties and dances, sleigh-riding and skating were the most popular diversions. For once in the year, the children had their fill of sweets, although it must be admitted they kept Santa Claus busy. Many of them, particularly those who have broken their toys and eaten all their candy, already wistfully observe that it is only another year until Christmas comes again.

WEEK OF PRAYER

A week of prayer, beginning next Monday evening, January 2, will be held in the M. E. Church, in accordance with suggestions by the Evangelical Alliance of the World. The assignment of speakers announced by Dr. H. U. Roop, acting secretary, follows: Monday, January 2, the Rev. W. T. Gover; Tuesday, January 3, the Rev. H. B. Ritter; Wednesday, January 4, the Rev. T. D. D. Clarke; Thursday, January 5, the Rev. J. K. Ebird; Friday, January 6, Dr. H. U. Roop. Services will begin at 7:30 o'clock each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

W. R. Lucas, manager of the Prince William Hotel, which was recently destroyed by fire, leaves today for Covington to negotiate for a lease on the Intermont Hotel, the largest and finest hotel on the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad. In the event he leases the property he will open the hotel immediately. Covington has a population of 6,000, and the Intermont is an all the year around commercial hotel, which also has a large summer tourist business. Mr. Lucas is one of the best hotel men in the business, and will undoubtedly be successful in his new enterprise. While in Manassas he made many friends.

The entire state exhibit on tuberculosis, hookworm and typhoid fever will be brought to Manassas next Saturday by Dr. Marion Williams, of Richmond, Commissioner of Health, who will speak Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at the Industrial School before the Colored Teachers' Institute of Northern Virginia. About fifty teachers are expected to attend. The Institute will open Friday.

Jim Robinson, colored, went to the home of Sherman Gaskins, Sunday morning, it is alleged, and chased Gaskins out of the house with a revolver. Robinson was fined one cent and costs by Justice Hodge on Sunday morning. The costs amounted to \$2.60. The one cent fine was a manifestation of the Christmas spirit by Justice Hodge.

Regular services in the Nokesville M. E. Church, South, will begin Sunday, January 1.

FRIDAY, THIRTEENTH LUCKY BANQUET DAY

MASONS PLAN ELABORATE EVENT

Arrange for More Than Two Hundred Participants—Toastmaster and Speakers Not Yet Selected.

Members of the Masonic fraternity in Manassas do not coincide in the general belief that Friday, the thirteenth, is an unlucky day. Quite to the contrary, Manassas lodge No. 182, A. F. & A. M., has selected that day in January for its annual banquet, the most elaborate social event of the year.

Arrangements now are being made for the banquet and it is expected that more than 200 will be present, including members of the fraternity and their ladies. The toastmasters and the speakers who will respond have not yet been selected. Negotiations are in progress with Mrs. M. L. Sisson to provide the banquet.

AGRICULTURAL SHORT COURSE

Prof. H. F. Button announces that with the opening of the Manassas Agricultural High School on Wednesday, January 4, a special course in agriculture will be offered to farmers or others who desire the opportunity.

The work will be along topics of local interest—corn breeding, testing, judging and raising; stock breeding, compounding of rations, contesting and the testing of milk by use of the Babcock tester. There will be no entrance examination and no tuition fee, the sole expense being a small expenditure for books and stationery. Those desiring to take the course should make application to Prof. Button.

FAMILY REUNION

Christmas was celebrated in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnson with a family reunion, a custom that has prevailed with them for years. Present were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnson, their children, Miss Emma J., J. Hendley, Wheatley M., J. Benjamin and Elizabeth E., Mr. Johnson's sisters, Miss Sarah E. and Miss Annie Johnson, and his aunt, Mrs. Robert Leachman, George W. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Johnson and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson and little son, Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Herrell and three children, Mrs. Eliza Lamb and daughter, Miss Clara, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gulick, Misses Mayme and Effie Gulick, and Emmett and Joseph Gulick.

M. J. Hottle has bought for \$1,000 from Mrs. C. F. Colbert, of Purcellville, the residence property adjoining his place. Mr. Hottle will enlarge his business and building a display and sales room on Center street frontage of the property.

Christmas Sunday was quietly and Christmas Monday was joyfully celebrated in Manassas. Feasting, distribution of gifts and family reunions were characteristic features of the Christmas observance. The youngsters made merry with firecrackers in the streets on Monday.

F. E. Smith, a Southern freight brakeman was probably fatally injured yesterday morning. He fell through the overhead bridge at Braddock road, Alexandria county. He had thrown a switch and was running to catch a train.

A largely attended and very enjoyable German was held in Conner's Hall last night.

BIBLE TERM IN HEBRON SEMINARY

HOLD SESSIONS JANUARY 13-22

Sunday School, Missionary and Educational Programs—Offers Fine Courses of Instruction.

A special Bible term will be held in Hebron Seminary, Nokesville, January 13-22. It will be a rare opportunity of instruction and the public is invited. Following is the program:

SUNDAY SCHOOL, JANUARY 14
Moderator—I. D. Byrd.
Devotional—S. C. Harley
Rise and Growth of the Sunday School Movement—Ira B. Miller
Educative Value of the Sunday School—W. L. Houchins
The Spirituality of the Sunday School—Amzi Weimer
Teacher Training—Jesse Conner
Round Table—J. F. Graybill
Chorister—Francis Karls

EDUCATIONAL, JANUARY 21

Moderator—A. Conner.
Devotional—M. G. Early
Our Educational History—Alice C. Blough
We Must Educate—L. B. Flehr
Educational Equipments—Buildings and Furnishings and Apparatus, Endowments—H. J. Martin

How Can the Schools Best Serve the Church?—G. B. Royer
General Discussion.
Chorister—R. A. Nedrow.
Ushers—S. E. Beahm, J. H. Flory, G. W. Herring.

MISSIONARY, JANUARY 22

Moderator—G. A. Maupin.
Devotional—Dennis Weimer.
Our Responsibility of Finding and Using Missionary Talent—W. E. Sanger
City Mission Work—M. C. Flehr
Rural Mission Work—S. A. Sanger
What Are We Doing?—Galen S. Royer
Question Period.
Chorister—Jennie S. Miller.
Ushers—D. H. Miller, Joel Miller, J. R. Houchins.

HOW GRAY LIMSTRONG MET DEATH

On Tuesday, December 13, 1910, Gray Limstrong, Charles Goutt and Samuel Jackson were opposite the ten cent store where Limstrong's wife had asked him to make her a purchase. Just as Limstrong was about to enter the store, Goutt was attacked by one of three negroes who had just had some trouble with the policeman on the beat. Jackson and Limstrong turned to his assistance, Jackson railing one negro not to strike and Limstrong going towards Goutt and the negro who attacked him.

When the negro saw Limstrong coming he ran, Goutt then ran towards Limstrong. Supposing the affair ended, Limstrong had turned and was going towards the store when Matthews ran up behind him, striking him on the back of the head with a heavy iron pipe. Limstrong not seeing the negro coming had no chance to defend himself. Matthews has served two terms in the penitentiary and has several other cases against him.

"It has been reported that his plea is insanity, his father having died in an insane asylum. Whether that is correct is not known."

The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Ellis, of Gainessville, was the scene of a pretty wedding Wednesday night last week when their daughter, Miss Maude, and Mr. Noah Mayhugh, were married by the Rev. Homer Welch. The ceremony was witnessed by about fifty friends of the young people, and a wedding supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Mayhugh will reside near St. Edith's Academy. Both are well known and popular.

EASTERN WINTER TERM BEGINS WEDNESDAY

OFFERS STANDARD COURSES

Students Receiving Degree of Bachelor of Arts Prepared for and Admitted to Harvard and Johns Hopkins.

The winter term of Eastern College will begin Wednesday, January 4, immediately after the ten o'clock chapel services. The College for Liberal Arts maintains standard courses requiring four years for their completion and leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Students receiving this degree are prepared for and admitted to the graduate departments of Johns Hopkins and Harvard.

During the term classes of College rank will be organized in the following subjects: Philosophy and Education; Sophomores, General Psychology, followed by Logic; Juniors, Educational Psychology; Seniors, History of Philosophy and Evidences of Christianity; English; Freshmen, Rhetoric; Sophomores, American Poetry; Juniors, History of English Literature; Seniors, Literary Criticism.

The courses also include History and Political Science, Advanced American History, American Government, Sociology, Mathematics, College Algebra, Trigonometry, Analytical Geometry, Physical Science, Geology, Astronomy, General Chemistry, Qualitative Chemistry, Biology, Plant Morphology, Greek and Latin, Xenophon's Anabasis, Livy and Ovid, Modern Languages—German and French, Public Speaking—Oratory and Debate, including voice training, reading, study and delivery of orations and bodily expression. Elocution, including voice training, gesture, reading, responsive drill and dramatic work. Private instruction will be given in Oratory, Public Speaking and Defective Speech.

The Academy of Eastern College maintains a full four years' course that is the equivalent of the standard twelve-grade high school course. Upon completion of this course the student is prepared to enter the Freshman year in the College of Liberal Arts in Eastern College or that of any other college.

These and all other departments—Commerce, Music, Art and Expression, will be characterized by their usual thorough and earnest work.

DEATH OF WILLIAM WALLACE HOLY

William Wallace Holt, 34 years old, died of diabetes in the home of his sister, Mrs. W. F. Merchant, Tuesday morning at five o'clock. He was formerly of Manchester, but late of New York. He leaves a widow who was Miss Ada Bennett, of Columbus, Pa.; his mother, Mrs. Virginia Holt, of Lynchburg; a brother, R. E. Holt, of Chatsanooga, and two sisters, Mrs. W. F. Merchant, of Manassas, and Mrs. R. J. Wood, of Lynchburg. Mr. Merchant was a graduate of Virginia Military Institute in the class of 1906 and took the degree of bachelor of law in Washington in 1906. He was born in Burlington, N. C. The body was taken to Richmond Tuesday morning for funeral and interment.

The regular business meeting of the W. C. T. U. scheduled for Friday, tomorrow afternoon, has been postponed to Friday afternoon, January 3, on account of the holidays.

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Claude Burke spent Sunday at Marsh... John Fraser, of Baltimore, visited friends here Monday... Miss Helen Roth, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. Bryan Gordon...

George Purcell spent the holidays here... Mrs. G. W. Rosenberger, of Bristol, is quite ill... Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Hall were in Washington Tuesday...

J. C. Gregory left Tuesday on a business trip to Albemarle county... Ernest Beavers and family have moved from Manassas to Beckhall... Mrs. Charles Fred, of Washington, is a guest of Mrs. W. N. Lipscomb...

Mrs. Eugene Carroll, of Charlottesville, is visiting Mrs. Bessie Elliott... Miss Grace Lynch is home from St. Edith's Academy for the holidays... John Hedrick of Brentsville, was taken to Providence hospital today for treatment...

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. The Peoples National Bank MANASSAS, VA.

Coughs and Colds. For Coughs and Colds we have a great variety of remedies, and among them you can be sure of finding one to suit your case. Don't let the cough get too strong a hold on you. PRINCE WILLIAM PHARMACY MANASSAS, VA.

Farms of All Sizes and Prices. SEE The Mutual Real Estate Company in Manassas, Va., or write them for the best bargains in Stock, Timber Land, Dairy Farms, Coal Lands, Properties, Flour Mills, etc. You will save time and expense in securing the office of these properties by calling at the office of the company before buying any kind of land. Remember the place - over the Peoples' Bank.

WHEN YOU NEED FLOOR COVERINGS. High-Grade Carpets and Rugs at Lowest Prices. This new stock of Floorcoverings is composed of the latest and best weaves in Carpets and Rugs from America's foremost mills. Bought to best advantage they are offered at prices that will not be surpassed elsewhere. The stock also includes complete lines of Mattings and Linoleums.

MEETING OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS. The board of county supervisors met Wednesday, December 24. The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That this Board hereby make application to the State Highway Commissioner under act approved February 25, 1908, providing state money for the permanent improvement of public roads...

WELLINGTON NEWS. The Christmas tree and entertainment given in the Piny Branch school house on Friday evening, December 22, was a great success and largely attended. The school house was beautifully decorated in red and green, and by two trees, one on each side of the stage, which also was beautifully ornamented.

TIMELY BREVITIES. Modern needles came into use in 1645. Indian ink is now made from burned camphor. Russia has eighty-six public holidays in the course of the year. At Barbados one can get a ship for almost any European port by waiting for it.

CONKLIN NOTES. C. W. Rice entertained Christmas eve. Oysters were served. Thomas Taylor was the guest of his sister, Mrs. John Hagon, last week. Christmas in our town was one to be remembered. Santa Claus was very liberal with his presents to young and old.

100 Million Dollars Worth of Shoes. These are stupendous figures, yet this is the yearly amount that the South spends for shoes. As a curiosity these figures may attract you for a minute, but the most curious thing about them is that three quarters of this money is regularly sent away from the South and the South is that much poorer for it.

The Birmingham Stock Farm. Percherons, Belgians, Shires, Coach and Hackney Stallions. I will sell at my barn cheaper than any other firm in America. The reason I can sell cheaper is because my father lives in England and can buy them for me and save all middlemen's profits.

Manassas Produce Co. MANASSAS, VIRGINIA. Dealers in All Kinds of Country Produce. CROSS-TIES A SPECIALTY. Phone us for daily quotations. W. E. LYNCH, Mgr.

GREAT MAIL COURSES. COME TO EASTERN COLLEGE. No FEE IS IMPOSED for you to come here. STUDY AT HOME. The School of Commerce of Eastern College offers expert instruction by mail in the following courses: Bookkeeping, Banking, Commercial Arithmetic, Commercial Law, Penmanship, Shorthand, (Pitman's System), Typewriting.

NOTICE. I am prepared to grind Table Meal, Graham Flour and Feed of all descriptions at the Old Cider Mill Stand, one mile southeast of Manassas on Saturdays. Will also make Cider on same day. J. E. BRADFELD.

