

COMMENDATORY

The Fair being held at the Industrial School reminds us forcibly of what that institution is doing for the colored people of this community especially, and the colored race generally. In the first place the school is headed by two colored men of exceptional ability and integrity, L. P. Hill, its president, and T. C. Williams, its secretary and treasurer, are men of education that command the respect of every one that knows them and has any business with them.

The Negro Agricultural, Educational and Industrial Alliance of Northern Virginia, under whose auspices the Fair is held, is a part of the extension work of the Manassas Industrial School. It is an outgrowth from the old Farmers' Conferences which were formerly held at the school twice each year. The aim of the Alliance is to bring together the representative men and women of the race in Northern Virginia twice each year, at the school, to discuss ways and means of comparing not only our farms, but also our schools, our churches and our small but important business enterprises.

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That farming game is a very different thing now-a-days to what it was 20 or 25 years ago. In those days anyone with a little in money and a few hundred dollars could go a little way west and get a fertile 100 acres from Uncle Sam and by exercising a little economy for a few years and expending a little money, come out with a farm that would yield a good income for many years. But how is it now? All the available government land has been taken up. Poor farming has worn out the majority of the Eastern farms and is reducing the production in the West so that the problem of getting a farm requires study and resources.

It is all very well for the big city dailies to howl "Back to the farm," but unless a man has a good bunch of capital, some agricultural education and considerable business ability he had better hesitate to come west before he accepts their advice. That farming offers unlimited opportunity for money-making, health and contentment no one who is posted will deny, but for a man to quit a job that makes a living for himself and family to go into a business of which he knows little or nothing is, to say the least, very foolish.

It needs but a short drive through this part of Prince William county to convince any one of the great strides along the lines of improvement that our farmers are taking. On almost every farm there is a new silo or one in the course of construction. Also a large field of ensilage, and if there is one thing more than another that will make a farming country flourish and blossom like the rose it is a combination of silos and dairying. Now, let us make an effort to improve our cows. Some one has said that if the dairymen of New York and Illinois had to depend on the class of cows that we are depending upon they would have to go out of the business. If that is a fact we are losing a great deal of easy money, because it is just as easy to raise a good cow and to take care of her after she is raised as it is to perform the same service for a poor one, the difference in results is what we lose. If that difference is enough to keep those men in the business it is certainly the height of folly for us to neglect that end of it.

PARAGRAPHS

Not only the leaves but the flies are beginning to fall. If it costs so much to fly, think how much it must cost to drink and be merry.

WHAT the world really loves about lovers is how crazy they are to keep out of everybody's way.

A PHILADELPHIA policeman is going into vaudeville. Going to do a sleep-walking act probably.

THE bargains that we can buy for a song are generally offered to those of us who can't sing.

SEPTEMBER can turn her tears into smiles almost as cleverly as April can turn her sunshine into flowers.

THE way, millionaire babies are being brought into the world is at least an encouraging sign of the decay of race suicide.

It is undoubtedly true that "the bosses are behind Wilson" - so far behind that they are weeping helplessly over their inability to catch up with him.

THOSE who "stand at Armageddon" would do well to send for their overcoats. The weather is getting frosty and will become more so as election day approaches.

GOV. WILSON speaks kindly of his opponents, realizing that there is no need of contributing to the personal criticisms which they are so extensively competent to conduct.

SOMEBODY has got to start something! The race for the baseball pennant is decided and the presidential campaign has softened down to an Alphonse and Gaston affair. What is there left to get excited about?

POLITICALLY, honors seem to be easy in Utah. Senator Sutherland referred to Teddy as "a comet, a wandering tramp of the skies, mostly gas," after which Teddy promptly placed the Senator in the Ananias Club.

WHILE the farmers were feeding the world, congress was feeding the trusts, says Woodrow Wilson. Nobody doubts that the process of tariff legislation in the past has been, nor what it has resulted in, for all have felt the baneful effects of it in the high cost of living.

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, this State, has sent a contribution of \$1,400 to the Wilson campaign fund. As the county casts between 1,400 and 1,500 Democratic votes in a general election, her contributions thus far have averaged \$1 for every Democratic vote in the last gubernatorial election.

WHILE we can't exactly say that we are in favor of woman's suffrage, still we are in favor of making the State University a co-ed institution. Too many people in this world concentrate all their efforts upon the problem of providing for the future of their sons without any thought of the future of their daughters.

SOME people think that the lot of a teacher is a happy one, but unfortunately, teachers, like policemen (outside of New York), have often a very happy lot, as was shown a few days since, when a teacher in a district school wrote a note to a kid's mother asking her to have the boy take a bath, as he did not smell sweet, and received the following reply: "Dear School Mam: De boy ain't no roer; learn him, don't smell him."

PAPERS on file in the office of the corporation commission at Richmond, Va., for the incorporation of the thirty-million-dollar corporation known as the Maryland-Virginia Railway Company do not show that the purpose of the concern is allied with any local interests in Washington. The primary object of the company, it is set forth in the articles of incorporation, is to build a thirty-mile road to traverse the counties of Alexandria, Fairfax and Prince William, and the officers and directors named are all residents of Alexandria. The company is authorized to build a thirty-mile road from a point at or near the village of Nank, in Alexandria county, to the town of Manassas, and granted permission to use any kind of motive power.

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CIDER
I am now running my New Hydraulic Cider Press, located one mile southeast of Manassas, Va., on every Tuesday and every Friday, and will continue until further notice. A share of your patronage solicited.
JAS. E. BRADFIELD.

HIDDEN MONEY

Statistics show that the percentage of money lost outside of banks is greater than that lost thru bank failures by over 240 per cent. And yet people will store their money away in stockings, bureau drawers, mattresses, carpets, etc., waiting for the thieves and flames. The stories of serious and pitiable losses of this kind published during the past year would fill a volume. They show that many murders have been caused by hidden money. In some cases for ridiculously small amounts.
CHARLES BLAKE CLARKE.

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BAD WEATHER MARKS NEGRO FAIR OPENING

The Northern Virginia Negro Fair held at the Manassas Industrial School for three days last week was only fairly well attended, the inclement weather keeping hundreds away. Saturday, of course, was the big day, ending in the evening with a grand concert, in which some of the most talented colored people took part, among them the wonderful violinist, Joseph Douglas. Many noted speakers from different sections of the country delivered addresses during the day.

All of the exhibits were of a superior quality, and most noteworthy were those of agricultural products. Some of the best corn grown in this part of Virginia was on exhibition. The sewing and handwork department, and also the stock, poultry, woodwork and art departments deserve much credit; in fact all of the exhibits were fine. Besides the different exhibits there were numerous attractions in the way of a merry-go-round, fortune telling, etc.

Two of the many exhibits deserving of special mention were a pair of shoes made and worn by a girl student and two wagons made by boys in the manual training shop. The exhibits were judged by three disinterested and capable men, and the prizes went to the rightful winners. Saturday afternoon a baseball game was played between the Industrial School and the Manassas team, resulting in a victory for Manassas, the score being 8 to 9.

Following are some of the prize winners: Benjamin Smith of Leesburg and Leslie Pinckney Hill were winners in the corn contest and Henderson Robinson took the first ribbon for single ear. Winners in the poultry contest were Wm. Lovett of White Post; R. H. Baker, of Warrenton; Maude White and Adaline Penn of Manassas. In the Manual Training department, Wilmer Watson and Russell Carpenter were winners.

The managers of the Fair deserve much praise for the orderly and quiet way in which every thing was carried on. FRAGMENTS of whitened bone covered with a film of red dust were all that could be found of the body of Arthur Webster, the mechanic at the navy yard who disappeared from his home in Washington. He told his wife he was going down to the brewery to see the boys and that was the last seen of him. Webster vanished about the middle of September, and until a piece covered, grimy bones in one of the brewing plants in the Capital unearthed a few handfuls of bone fragment with a long iron rake yesterday, the bones were found in a furnace where the heat was so terrific that it blistered the helper's face and singed the hair on his arms. The supposed murderer, Lennie Jett, shot himself through the head last Sunday. He was found in the brewery. Although Jett has already paid the penalty the detectives will endeavor to prove that he was the criminal, in a case that has never had a parallel in the police annals in Washington.

AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL FOR SASKATCHEWAN

The following letter goes to show the progress that our agricultural high school is making, and the interest that has been shown throughout the country in regard to establishing such institutions. Special reference has been made to our school here by the commissioner of education at Washington to D. P. MacCall, superintendent of education for the Province of Saskatchewan, Canada. Although only a few years in existence the school has

the attention of the leading educators of the country and stands now in rank with the foremost. REGINA, Sask. Sept. 9, 1912. Dear Sir: I shall be deeply grateful if you will kindly forward me in duplicate such printed matter as you have available respecting your school. A commission has lately been appointed by the government of the province to look into the question of agricultural schools and manual reference has been made of yours by the acting commissioner of education at Washington. Yours, very truly, F. MACCALL, Superintendent of Education.

BRADLEY WEDDING AT BRADLEY. Bradley was the scene of a pretty wedding when Miss Mary Ellen Armentrout, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Armentrout, and Mr. Grady Benjamin Shoemaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Shoemaker, both of this county, were united in marriage at the Brethren Church at Bradley on Wednesday morning, September 25 at eleven o'clock. The bride was attired in a beautiful lavender silk. Mrs. Shoemaker is an accomplished young lady and has many friends who wish her much success in her married life. The groom wore a suit of brown and is a man of sterling qualities and a host of friends wish him success.

THE resignation of J. I. Randall as chief engineer for the town was accepted as far as looking after the engine, but he was requested to retain the position as fire chief on a salary. Below are the bills allowed and ordered paid: J. A. Morgan, livery hire, \$61.25; E. C. Crowell, \$51.51; Standard Oil Co., 1 globe lamp, \$2.50; Williams Bros., lighting lamps and work on streets, 4 days, \$5.00; J. I. Randall, Chief Fire Department, salary and gasoline, \$15.00; Standard Oil Co., 50 gals. street lighting, \$4.50; E. E. Conner, team hire, \$1.50; C. E. Nash, sundries, \$1.50; Standard Oil Co., 50 gals. street lighting, \$4.50; De Witt, \$1.00; Charlie Taylor, work on streets, \$2.50; Standard Oil Co., 50 gals. street lighting, \$4.50; Charlie Smith, do, \$1.00; S. M. Wain, salary for Sept., \$5.00.

ENTRY FORM. Fiddling, Dancing and Banjo Picking Contest. Championship of Prince William County. Mr. C. M. HOPKINS, Manassas, Va. Please enter me in the Contest, to be held in Manassas, Va., Oct. 25 and 26. Enclosed herewith 25c entrance fee. Name: Address: WILL OUT AND MAIL TO C. M. HOPKINS, MANASSAS, VA.

REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

There will be no meeting of the W. C. T. U. this week. Benjamin N. Merriam is painting the residence of Mr. Thomas Smith. M. C. Suthard and wife, of Fayman, were in town Tuesday shopping. O. D. Waters, of Richmond, spent Sunday with his family in Manassas. William Gulick, of Washington, spent Sunday with his parents in Manassas. Elmer Herndon will start a dancing school Saturday night at Horton's Store. Miss Ethel Gulick has entered the commercial department of Eastern for this year. Miss Margaret Lynch has enrolled in the academic department of Eastern College. Tom Gulick, of Washington, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gulick. The county supervisors are repairing the roads in the neighborhood of the Stone House. Misses Anna and Nellie Marsteller, of Nokesville, were Manassas visitors one day this week. Miss Louise Maloney spent Saturday and Sunday visiting friends and relatives in Swetnam. Mrs. Kate F. Miller and daughter, of Cairo, Ill., were guests of Mrs. L. W. Kasehagen last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Howard left Saturday night for Bristol, Tenn., where they visited for a few days. The faculty of Eastern College held an opening reception to the new and old students last Saturday evening. Mrs. Susie Latimer and Mrs. Frankie Sloane, of Washington, were guests at the home of P. P. Chapman this week. On account of repairs being made on the school house at Nokesville the opening had to be postponed for a week. Mrs. C. L. DeLong and little daughter have returned to Manassas after an extended visit to her sister in New Jersey. Don't forget the Milton meeting tonight at 8 o'clock. After this meeting the committee expects to begin their regular weekly drills. All turn out. Dr. J. Walter Bernhard, who recently moved to Washington, will receive patients in Manassas and be in his office both Tuesday and Friday of each week. Miss Mary Lee Chapman, who has been spending the summer with relatives in the Shenandoah Valley, returned Monday night to her home to enter the local High School. B. Abramson, of Alexandria, formerly of Manassas, has purchased a lot in Alexandria on the corner of King and Dupont streets and after extensive improvements will move his business there. Mr. Swank, of Harrisonburg, while on his way to Manassas from a visit to his son's family, was taken with a severe fainting spell. After procuring the services of a physician he was restored to a normal condition. Mr. Swank is eighty-three years old. A young man belonging to the paint force of the Southern Railway which is working between Bristol and Clifton, fell off of a bridge near Bristol Monday afternoon and badly dislocated his arm. He was attended by Dr. B. F. Iden, the railway physician, and is much improved. Next Sunday at 11 o'clock will occur a public installation of the officers and teachers of the Manassas Baptist Sunday school. This occasion will take the place of the usual morning service. The Sunday school will be reorganized next Sunday and hereafter the school year will begin with October.

Mrs. L. C. Lyna moved to her farm near Millford this week. F. E. Ransdell, of Quantico, spent Sunday at his home in Manassas. Miss Mattie Nash will enter George Washington University in the near future. Miss Flora Lion has enrolled in the Commercial department of Eastern College. Miss Florence Triplett, of near Bristol, is visiting Arthur Triplett at Catonsville, Md. Miss Annie Lynn, of Alexandria, is a guest this week at the home of D. M. Prescott. Maury Lake, of Culpeper, has accepted a position as head clerk with O. Wells at Wellington. Bishop Gibson, of Richmond, stopped over in Manassas Monday on his way to Mt. Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Dorrell spent a few days visiting friends and relatives in Maryland this week. W. H. W. Moran, editor of the Journal, has been confined to his home a few days this week by sickness. Mrs. T. D. D. Clark and daughter, Miss Jesse, left Monday for Baltimore, where they will visit for several days. Repairs had to be made on the roof of Conner's Opera House this week. A large hole was discovered in the roof. Miss Agnes Lake and Miss Werner, of Culpeper county, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wheeler last week. The Porter estate shipped two carloads of hay, baled on the farm, to the Sublet's Hay company, at Harrisonburg, this week. Mrs. J. B. Clark and Mr. Ward Clark left Saturday for their home in Benson, Minn., after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. C. Johnson. Under Miss Ruth Morgan's careful nursing, Miss Johnson, who has been very ill of typhoid fever, is now able to sit up and to happily recovering. James F. Gulick spent a few days last week visiting his aunt, Mrs. Nancy Gulick, at Lenth, Loudoun county. Mrs. Gulick has been very ill for some time. Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Louise Basic Ransdell to J. William Rantes, the ceremony to take place at Miss Ransdell's home at five o'clock Thursday evening, October 10. Chas. C. Lynn, lately of O. Wells & Co., of Wellington, has moved from that place to Millford, where he will engage in the pursuit of agriculture. He will manage the farm of Mrs. L. C. Lynn this winter. Judge and Mrs. Charles Edgar Nicol of Alexandria, announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Famine Faupelroy Nicol, to Dr. Benjamin Iden, of Manassas, the wedding to take place in the middle of November. A joint meeting of eight district lodges will meet in the Masonic temple tomorrow night. In the neighborhood of two hundred Masons are expected to be present. Worshipful Master W. L. Andrews, of Roanoke, and District Deputy Chas. H. Callahan of Alexandria, will be present. The Lodge will be entertained by Manassas Lodge No. 122. During a colored dance last Thursday night over the old Journal building, Jim Robinson and several others engaged in a free for all fight. The Sarcastic band, the orchestra, went to the place, but before he could set foot of Robinson he got away through the crowd and escaped. The officer took a shot at him but it being dark it had no effect. Several people living in the neighborhood were aroused and went to the scene of the fighting. "Generally debilitated for years. Had kidney trouble, back aches, was worn out and all other ailments. Blood thinner made me well again." - Mrs. Chas. Prentiss, Moberg, Ohio.

Three good reels were shown at the Trinity Athletic Hall last Tuesday. C. A. Heinekin, of Haymarket, was a Manassas visitor one day this week. Now is the time to do your fall and winter advertising for parties, shoes, etc. Miss Nalle, of Culpeper, was the guest Sunday of Miss Marri- anne Walker. Herman Portner, of Washington, was in town for a day the first of the week. Miss Leona Lee, of Gainesville, is ill of typhoid fever in a Baltimore hospital. Joseph Gulick left last week for Cape Charles, where he will teach school this winter. W. E. McCoy, of Alexandria, was in town a few days this week visiting his family. Quite a number of out-of-town people are expected to attend the fall hog given to-morrow night. Miss Neville Dogan left last week for Harrisonburg, where she will attend the Harrisonburg Normal. Mrs. Lucy L. Speiden and Miss Speiden, of Washington, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Speiden. C. E. Fisher's new residence is nearing completion and the plasterers are now at work on the inside. A number of out-of-town people will attend the dance to-morrow night and a large gathering is expected. Nelson Robinson, who has been employed in a hotel in Washington, has returned to his home here permanently. Burr Crossen had his hand severely crushed while loading lumber at Spencer's saw mill near Saussey last Saturday. Mrs. Geo. C. Round, Mrs. A. R. Davis and Mrs. A. E. Spies are in Richmond this week attending the State Convention of the W. C. T. U. Miss Emily Marbury, principal of Clifton High School, spent Saturday and Sunday at Eastern College, where she has attended for the past three years. Mrs. O. D. Waters and two children expect to move to Richmond in the near future, where they will remain permanently. I. O. Kibler, of Marshall, who for the last three years has attended Eastern College, returned Wednesday for his fourth term. Miss Susie Shaner, who has been a guest of Miss Ber Eitzer for the past week, returned Sunday to her home in Washington. Harvey Russell the star catcher for the College in 1916, was in Manassas for a while Saturday on his way to his home in Maryland. Dan McDevitt, a former Eastern student, returned Tuesday to resume his former studies at the school. Mr. McDevitt is from Philadelphia. Postmaster W. L. Henson, of Haymarket, brought in another record-breaking set of corn last week, measuring thirteen and a half inches long. Several days last week were spent on the business streets of Manassas, cleaning up the mud and trash that had gathered during the recent rain. The Misses McCullas, students at the College last year, have returned to enter this season. They were accompanied by their parents and little brother. The people of Fauquier county are to have a county fair in the near future. For several years this has been the custom and it has always proven a success. Miss Edna Glasscock, formerly of Manassas, and Mr. Allen Wolse were married in Alexandria last Saturday afternoon. The bridal couple went on their honeymoon to Richmond. Billings? Feel heavy after dinner? Bitter taste? Complete relief! - Lyle's Kidney Pills. Write for free literature. Sold everywhere. Price 25c. in all druggists.

Thomas Leachman, of Lynchburg is visiting relatives here today. Miss Bet Elliott will spend a few days next week visiting in Washington. Bryan Gordon expects to make a business trip to the States next the last of this week. Mr. Adams, of West Virginia, is a guest this week at the home of George W. Hixson. O. L. Marsteller, of Washington, was Saturday visiting friends and relatives in Manassas. A movement is on foot to begin practice of basketball so that a town team can be organized. Miss Claudia Waters resumed her duties as teacher in the Nokesville school on Tuesday. The small son of Ashby Lewis had a finger cut off in a piece of machinery one day last week. E. H. Bryant and Walter Pherry are painting a house for Mr. Avers at Clifton this week. A number of Manassas folks took no heed of the fall weather and spent Sunday on Bull Run. Carrol Rice was employed a few days this week by Crigler & Camper, helping to arrange stock. Several large trees near the residence of Mrs. W. J. Adamson were removed one day this week. Quite a number of Manassas people are expected to attend the State Fair at Richmond this month. Ivanhoe Campbell, of Charlottesville, was a guest at the home of R. H. Davis at Bristol Sunday. Mrs. L. T. Ferrell, of Petersburg, is spending a few days this week with her mother, Mrs. A. P. Davis. Eastern College is well represented by the town this year. More students are attending this term than ever before. The first cold snap of the season visited the community this week, although Jack Frost has not made his appearance. A number of Manassas "fans" attended the ball game in Washington last Saturday between the Nationals and Boston. Mrs. O. D. Waters and two children expect to move to Richmond in the near future, where they will remain permanently. I. O. Kibler, of Marshall, who for the last three years has attended Eastern College, returned Wednesday for his fourth term. Miss Susie Shaner, who has been a guest of Miss Ber Eitzer for the past week, returned Sunday to her home in Washington. Harvey Russell the star catcher for the College in 1916, was in Manassas for a while Saturday on his way to his home in Maryland. Dan McDevitt, a former Eastern student, returned Tuesday to resume his former studies at the school. Mr. McDevitt is from Philadelphia. Postmaster W. L. Henson, of Haymarket, brought in another record-breaking set of corn last week, measuring thirteen and a half inches long. Several days last week were spent on the business streets of Manassas, cleaning up the mud and trash that had gathered during the recent rain. The Misses McCullas, students at the College last year, have returned to enter this season. They were accompanied by their parents and little brother. The people of Fauquier county are to have a county fair in the near future. For several years this has been the custom and it has always proven a success. Miss Edna Glasscock, formerly of Manassas, and Mr. Allen Wolse were married in Alexandria last Saturday afternoon. The bridal couple went on their honeymoon to Richmond. Billings? Feel heavy after dinner? Bitter taste? Complete relief! - Lyle's Kidney Pills. Write for free literature. Sold everywhere. Price 25c. in all druggists.

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CONTEST PROMISES SUCCESS. The banjo and fiddling contest from all reports bids fair to be the biggest thing of its kind ever held in this part of the country. Last year it was tried more as an experiment than anything else, and the promoters were so successful that they decided to have it this year and make it a large affair from all standpoints. More entries and prizes will be given this year than last, and the performance will be held two nights instead of one. The dates set are Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27. The prizes are: To the best fiddler give a violin, the best banjoist gets a banjo, and the best in the dancing contest gets a pair of shoes. Aside from these last, 2d. and 3d. each will receive a medal and a ribbon. Application blanks on the first page of this issue should be filled out and sent to the management. They will be printed each week until the contest is over. Cut out the blank and send it in at once and win a valuable prize.

KOPP. Mrs. Alice Widdeman, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. D. Donohoe, here. Mrs. Moran, who has been visiting Mrs. Stella DeWitt, has returned to her home in Washington. Reuben Robinson, our mail carrier, left Sunday for Worcester, Mass., where he has accepted a position. Miss Mary Murphy of Washington, who spent most of the summer here with her sister, Mrs. Annie Downs, has returned to the city. Everyone here was pleased to hear that we are to have a bridge built over Quantico run near here soon, as it will fill a long felt want. A number of young folks of this neighborhood attended the fiftieth anniversary meeting at Rock Hill Church, Fairfax county, last Sunday. Mr. Allen, who recently purchased the large tract of land near this place, known as the Fuller place, is making preparations to cut the timber on it. He had a large new sawmill brought up from Quantico, a short time ago to use on it. Sergeant Richard E. Lunsford recently discharged from the army on account of disabilities, spent a week or two at his mother's near here. He was accompanied by his wife and children, and has gone to visit his sister in Richmond. He has served considerably more than twenty years in the army and saw actual service in Cuba during the Spanish-American war, and had two terms in the Philippines and lately in the Hawaiian Islands. He was taken sick in Honolulu last fall and has spent most of the time since in a hospital in San Francisco. X. Y. Z. COLONED WOMAN 72 YEARS OLD. Culpeper can boast of having one of the oldest inhabitants of the colored race living today. Lucy Fry, born June 20, 1790, is now in good health and able to attend to household duties, aside from doing heavy tasks in the wash.

TEACHERS' READING COURSE FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1915. 1. Class Teaching and Management by Chancellor-Harper & Brothers, New York. Single copies 24 ten or more copies 10. 2. In American Fields and Forests by Foreau and Houghton, Mifflin Company, Boston, Mass. Single copies, \$1.10; ten or more copies \$1.08. 3. Reading in Public Schools by Briggs and Williams, Pearson's Company, Chicago. Single copies, 50; ten or more copies, 80. 4. Practical Pedagogy by Barrett, D. C. Heath & Company, New York. Single copies, 90; ten or more copies, 80. 5. The Mind and Its Education by Bates-H. Appleton & Company, New York. Single copies, \$1.10; ten or more copies \$1.00. 6. A Brief Course in the History of Education by Monroe-The Macmillan Company, New York. Single copies, 75; ten or more copies, 60. The department strongly recommends all of the teachers read the Virginia Journal of Education which may be counted in lieu of one of the books required to be read. The Reading Course is intended for all teachers holding certificates. It is designed to give information and cultivate a professional spirit among teachers. The Reading Course for each session will be published prior to the commencement of the school year (July 1). The examination on the Reading Course will be held on the last day of the regular summer examination. It will embrace questions on the books chosen for the year ending June 30, immediately preceding, and on the History of Education. With the exception of the High School, Second Grade and Third Grade Certificates all certificates in Virginia are renewed under the following requirements and conditions: 1. The holder must furnish evidence that he has been a successful teacher. 2. He must make a written statement to the effect that he has read two books of the State Reading Course (giving the names of the books) during the life of the certificate to be renewed. 3. He must either attend a State Summer School of Institutes for at least twenty consecutive days during the life of the certificate, and diligently pursue the course of study prescribed by the conductor of such school, or he must pass a successful examination on at least two of the books of the Reading Course. 4. He must be a member of the State Society of Education, unless he has previously taken an examination on the History of Education at an accredited school or in a State examination. In any event, however, he must take an examination on two books.



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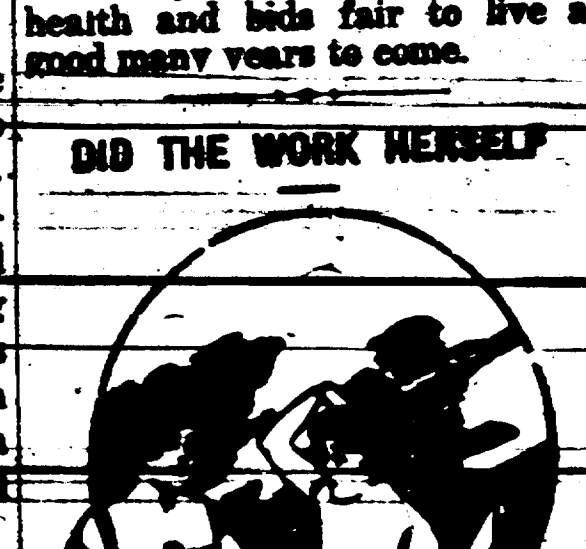
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THE LARGE LAND DEAL. Through D. E. Earhart, of Nokesville, three valuable farms were sold the past week. J. W. Stickey, of Staunton, sold his farm of 100 acres, known as the Blue Ridge plantation, to Arthur W. Showalter, of Harrisonburg. Mr. Showalter will not take possession until spring. Mr. Earl W. Bowling, of New Lexington, Ohio, has sold his farm of 305 acres, located at Calverton, to J. W. Dougherty, of Mt. Clinton. The price named was \$11,000. The owner will move in at once. W. H. Breeden, of Orlando, has sold his farm of 70 acres to Geo. L. Lescalleet, of Westminster, Md., and will take possession this week.

PASTOR'S SUSPICIOUS OPENING. The fourteenth annual session was opened formally last Friday morning. Addresses were made by President Koop and Dr. H. L. Shanks. The year promises an increase of from 10 to 20 per cent in attendance. The High School will also have a football team, according to several members of the school. They have never been represented yet in this line of sport and probably this would be a big drawing card for them in this line. Enough material, though, is present at the High School and a good eleven could be formed.

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