

THE TARIFF

Since President Wilson and Majority Leader Underwood made public their tariff bill speculation and arguments have been freely indulged in as to its probable effect upon the business and economics of the country, it is impossible to foretell just what effect the removal of duty from any article of commerce will have.

Besides greatly increasing the free list the new bill provides for liberal reductions in duties on many articles, for instance: the rate on butter from 6 to 3 cents a pound, on eggs from 5 to 2 cents per dozen, on cattle from 27 per cent to 10 per cent, on sheep from 16 to 10 per cent, on fruits from 27 to 15 per cent, on lemons and citrus fruits from 68 to 24 per cent and on poultry from 13 to 6 per cent.

The following is a list of the most important addition to the free list: Iron ore, hoop and band iron for baling cotton, etc.; nails and spikes, tacks and brads, barbed wire, wire for fencing, baling hay, etc.; steel rails, cash registers, typewriting machines, sewing machines, typewriters, boards and planks, clapboards, laths, shingles, timber, hewn or squared, bacon and hams, beef, veal, mutton, lamb, and pork, fresh milk, cream, corn meal, oatmeal and rolled oats, wheat flour, potatoes, salt, swine, raw wool, wood pulp, printing paper valued at not more than two and one-half cents per pound, coal, boots and shoes, harness, agricultural implements, sugar after three years with an immediate reduction of 25 per cent.

Cuba will be tremendously benefited by the reduction in duties on citrus fruits, vegetables and sugar and Alabama is well cared for by having the things she produces the most of remain dutiable while those she has to buy are reduced. The tariff is a sectional matter but on the whole it will be a matter of great educational value to the country to try out this bill.

STATE DOINGS

The educational conference, headed by Mr. Robert C. Orden, New York, held in Richmond, last week, was very largely attended and theories upon theories were advanced for the improvement of the country schools. Many speakers got heavy ideas out of their systems on how to make the farmer's life one continual round of pleasure as well as on how to make education for the farmers' children good, effectual and cheap.

It is said that friends of the Allen are starting a fight against the election by the next legislature to a place on the supreme bench of Judge Waller R. Staples, of Roanoke, the man who presided at the Allen trials. There are several candidates for the place of Judge Buchanan, who is to retire from the supreme court but it is doubtful if the friends of the Allen will be able to find one that will agree with their views on these cases.

Buchanan county has about 800,000 acres of valuable coal and mineral land that is not paying a cent of State taxes. The coal has been mined several years ago and all the records lost so since then the owners have made a practice of transferring their property each year leaving no record of the name in which it was assessed. If the legislature would take up a few such matters as this perhaps the taxes on some of the land in Prince William, assessed at \$30 per acre, might be reduced a little.

ENTERTAINMENT AT MANASSAS

There was an entertainment at Horton's school house on Tuesday, April 15, for the benefit of the new building which will be erected in the near future. The sum of \$10 was cleared, making a total of \$28 that has been raised during the term. We hope the League will continue in the good work.

PARAGRAPHS

MRS. PANKHURST, so it seems, has no appetite for prison life. NEW YORK has a new dance called the "pareis glide." This one is well named.

It is evident that some men rise in the world from lack of weight to hold them down. THERE is some comfort in being an average man. He won't have to pay an income tax.

A CONGRESSMAN always takes a chance. There's the probability that the seeds he sows out won't grow. THE income tax will help some, and will not work injustice to those who have been rather lavish in helping themselves.

AN English court censured a man for selling his wife for \$27,500. And yet probably that was all he could get for her.

If the tariff question should be settled, this year what excuse would there be for having any more presidential campaigns?

ONE of the strangest things in life is the fact that when a man succeeds in beating you out of an honest bill he becomes your avowed enemy from that time.

DR. MARY WALKER says the suffragettes are making themselves too conspicuous, and they retaliate by saying that along those lines Dr. Mary has been a good deal talked about, so there!

THE Lynchburg News building, home of The News and also The Lynchburg Advance, was destroyed by fire of an unknown origin Monday, with a loss of \$80,000 and an insurance of \$70,000.

THE Governor of Washington has signed the mothers' pension bill, which provides a compensation for destitute mothers and widows with children. A widow with one child is to receive \$10 per month and \$5 for each additional one.

GOVERNOR W. H. MANN, of Virginia, has designated Sunday, May 4, 1913, as Bird Day in this State, that being the birthday of John James Audubon, and requests that all of the schools observe the day by studying the habits of birds and preserving their lives. As this date falls on the Sabbath, the following Monday will be observed.

DANVILLE has recently gone dry by a large vote and some of the prohibition people are predicting a dry wave that will sweep the State. They are taking steps now to get elections ordered in several of the larger towns and cities. Meanwhile, here in Manassas we are still running a dispensary at the express office, the town getting the drinks and Alexandria and the express company getting the revenue.

POSTMASTERS of the presidential class who impose a considerable portion of their duties upon subordinates in order that they may have time to devote to other and personal matters are not going to be popular in this administration. Postmaster General Burleson made this plain Monday. In fact, he intimated that for a postmaster to "farm" out his job would be looked upon as a sufficient cause for removal.

"GEN." COXLEY, of Ohio, who led an army of unemployed to Washington as an object lesson, and who was jailed for trespassing on the grass and putting crimps in some of the bushes of the Capitol grounds, now emerges from a long silence to express his chagrin that statements of today claim to have originated many of the helpful schemes he suggested in 1894, and which they then denounced as absurd. Such is fame.

WILLIAM T. SCOTT, the only Republican nominated for President of the United States by a properly constituted national delegate convention representing 37 states in the Union, and at present a candidate for Minister to the colored republic of Hayti, was last week placed on the House payroll as a janitor. The National Liberty Party, with 400 delegates, met in St. Louis in 1904 and nominated Scott for president over three other colored men.

THROUGH all of the tariff talk, the patronage fights, the reconstruction of the governmental machinery, due to party ascendancy, there has been a lack of turmoil, excitement and uncertainty at the White House which has pleased friends of President Wilson and possibly surprised his opponents, for enemies he seems to have none. Whatever democrats may think, the republicans appear to agree that the President is conducting himself creditably, especially with respect to the choice of men for public office.

COLONEL GORTSALS, chief engineer for the Panama Canal, in a report to the War Department Tuesday reiterated the hope he expressed some time ago that he would pass a ship through the canal before the close of the present year. The statement came in response to an inquiry from Secretary Garrison, as to whether it would be possible to grant the request of Captain Amundsen, the explorer, that he be allowed to take his ship Fram through the canal when he starts for the Antarctic regions from the West Coast of South America next winter.

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FRACTURES ANKLE IN BALL GAME STROTHER, OF REMINGTON, HURT Remington Takes First Game from Eastern, but Locals Come Back Strong in Afternoon, Shutting Out Visitors.

Before a small crowd last Saturday morning, Remington High School defeated Eastern College second team by a score of 15 to 4. The game was slow and was marred by errors on both teams.

In the afternoon the two teams lined up for the second time with both line-ups changed and improved. Tillie Strother and Dr. Cottingham formed the battery for the visitors, with George Alenworth in the field.

The feature of the game was the pitching of White, he getting ten strike-outs and allowing but three hits, one of which was used for two bases.

In the ninth inning Strother caught one to his liking and hit for three bases, but tried to touch it into a homer. Seeing it would not reach home, he turned quickly toward third and started back to that base.

Summaries of events: 100-yard dash—Lynch, Manassas, first; Green, Manassas, second; Lightner, Haymarket, third. Time 20.94.

Richard D. Larkin, 78 years old, a veteran of the Seventh Virginia Cavalry, died at his residence in Washington last Saturday morning after a short illness.

Twenty-five and thirty-five cents are the ticket prices which will be charged at the play given by the Senior Class of Culpeper High School.

THREE-ACT COMEDY IN CONNER'S HALL TO BE GIVEN SATURDAY NIGHT Senior Class of Culpeper High School to Present Play Entitled "What Happened to Briggs"—Good Cast.

The Senior Class of Culpeper High School will again greet a Manassas audience this Saturday night, May third, in Conner's Hall. This time the class will present "What Happened to Briggs," a very amusing three-act comedy.

"Polly in Politics," which was given here by this same class draw a packed house and every seat was filled with the performance.

Tickets for the performance are on sale at Dowell's Drug Store. Don't miss this chance to see a good show and remember the date, time and place.

MANASSAS SCHOOL CAPTURES BANNER Local Boys Win 84 Points in Graded School Track Meet on Round Athletic Field Saturday—Lynch Stars.

The field and track meet held at Round Athletic Field last Friday afternoon was the most successful and interesting one that has been held in this county.

Lynch was the real star of the meet, making five firsts for the Manassas Graded School, although his time was more than that of any other runner.

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SOLDIER AND CITIZEN ANSWERS DEATH'S CALL ROBERT H. HOOE PASSES AWAY Dies at the Age of 78 Years in His Home near New Baltimore—Member Company A, 49th Virginia Infantry.

Prince William County lost another one of its former honored and respected citizens last Saturday night when Robert H. Hooe, passed away at his home near New Baltimore in Fauquier County, at 12:30 p. m.

Mr. Hooe had reached the age of 76 years, being born in Prince William County, near Manassas in the year 1837. His early childhood days were spent at his home near Manassas, and at the time of the civil war he joined Company A of the Forty-ninth Virginia Infantry, which was known as the Ewell Guards and of whose ranks the only two known living in Virginia are Robert Cooper and Major J. R. Purcell, of Gainesville.

Mr. Hooe was assessor here for many years and repeatedly was elected to this office. He is survived by three sons, namely: John Hope, of Adams Robert and Daniel Hope, of New Baltimore, and four sisters, Mrs. William G. Iden, of Washington; Mrs. B. F. Iden and Mrs. William Nutt, of Manassas, and Mrs. Thos. Jefferson Smith, formerly of this place and who now resides in Washington.

The pallbearers were his three sons, John, Daniel and Robert, and brothers-in-law, Dr. J. C. Meredith, Thos. S. Meredith, of Gainesville, and his half-brother Housen Hooe. The funeral services were conducted at his home by the Rev. Council, of Warrenton, after which the funeral procession moved to Manassas cemetery where the remains were interred. Members of Ewell Camp acted as pallbearers at the grave and services were again conducted by Rev. Council. A large delegation of the Daughters were present at the cemetery as were a host of Manassas friends. Many beautiful floral tributes were received and placed on the grave.

A. W. Sinclair, one of our prominent citizens, was appointed postmaster by President Wilson last Thursday afternoon, in Washington. Mr. Sinclair who for the past many years has been in the law business here will withdraw from the firm of Sinclair & Son and devote his whole time to his duties as postmaster. The law business will be carried on by his son, C. A. Sinclair.

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LOCAL TRACK TEAM MAKES GOOD SHOWING IN RECENT INTERSCHOOL MEET Makes 16 Points and Ties with Staunton Military Academy for Third Place in Meet at Lexington.

The track team of Manassas High School which was sent to the big interscholastic meet at Washington and Lee University, last Saturday, surprised its many followers beyond all expectations. All that they hoped for was to make enough points to be recognized, but as far as ranking third with sixteen points to their credit, it had not entered the heads of anyone.

The individual star was Jones of Western High School, who made a total of 15 points and took first place in all the events that he entered.

Round was the first to score for Manassas, being third in the 220-yard dash, Button was next, finishing second in the 880. In the 120-yard dash Round again loomed up, but this time in second place. Williams then made his appearance in the 200 hurdles and carried off third place. Moon ranked third in the shot-put and in the discus throwing finished third, and Haydon fourth. Haydon finished fourth again in the pole vault.

With these five men in good condition next Saturday it should be an easy matter for Manassas to carry the long end of the score, at the big meet here on the third of May, but it will take hard work to down the several teams which will be represented. Three new schools will be on deck this year, Culpeper, Orange and Gordonsville and with Alexandria and Manassas and others in the meet it will certainly prove interesting.

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL At the council meeting held last Monday night, building permits were granted to G. R. Ratcliffe, L. C. Keil and George W. Leigh to erect additions to their residences. The petition asking for a ditch to be dug on the north side of a lot on Porter avenue, and belonging to the Porter estate, was presented and the following resolution adopted: Resolved, that the cost of said ditch be paid by the owner of the lot, to the condition of the ditch across this above named lot. The bill for the 300 feet of 24 inch hose which was purchased from the Gutter Perch Manufacturing Co., was accepted with the guarantee. The committee on license presented a bill for the first year ending April 30, 1914. On motion it was adopted and seconded as a whole by the vote of five councilmen. The usual bills were paid.

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While playing in the yard at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown last Sunday evening, Raymond Davis and Gordon Brown accidentally collided. Brown's head struck Raymond in the hip rendering him unconscious for several minutes. Dr. W. F. Merchant was at once summoned and after sewing up the wound removed the young man to his home on Grant avenue.

MRS. HEATH SPEAKS AT AUXILIARY MEETING IN COURTHOUSE LAST FRIDAY Discourses on Direct Selling from Producer to Consumer—Eagerly Availed By Large Audience.

By PROF. H. F. BUTTON Secretary Northern Virginia Farmers' Institute. An audience that nearly filled the courthouse eagerly awaited Mrs. Julian Heath, the President of the National Housewives' League, who spoke last Friday, April 25, to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Farmers' Institute.

Mrs. Heath urged direct selling from producer to consumer and advised the producers to look forward to the establishment of a large cooperative store to be managed by a joint committee of producers and consumers. At the present time the best outlook for producers is to deal direct with consumers by writing to the various Women's Clubs in nearby cities and finding what they want and then supplying it by parcels post or express. Many of the customers would be glad to buy crates of eggs, barrels of apples, etc., if they only knew whom to ask.

GERMINATION TEST FOR SEED CORN PAYS TO TEST VITALITY OF SEED To Get a Full Yield, We Must Plant Good Seed, Says Mr. Brown—Tells How to Make the Test.

A reader has asked, "Will it pay me to make a germination test of my seed corn? My seed appears to be well matured and perfectly sound, and in first-class condition."

I am frank to say that I will pay to make the test for the vitality of your seed. While your seed may be in perfect condition, and look to be so, you will not know this to be true unless you have performed the test in an accurate way. If you find even one ear in fifty that is bad, it will pay you for your trouble in finding and discarding that ear. To get a full yield, we must plant good seed.

In order to make the germination test of your seed, select a box commensurate with the number of ears that you wish to test, allowing about nine square inches for each ear. Have the box about three inches deep and fill with light river sand. Mark off the box into squares by means of small wire or a small cord and tacks, placing the cords 5 inches apart. Letter the squares running the greatest length "A," "B," "C," etc., and those running the other way "1," "2," "3," etc. In this way the first square will be "A-1," "A-2," etc.

Next place all the ears to be tested in a row on the table or floor where the test is to be made. Use small slips of wood to mark the ears by sharpening and placing in the slots of the cup of each ear. Letter the ear "A-1" to correspond with the squares where the grains are placed for germination. Take out six grains from three portions of the ears and place in the sand and cover with one-half inch open. Turn the box with each ear, making the ear and square to correspond until the box is filled. Keep the sand damp and warm for four or five days, when the grains will have germinated. After plenty of time has been given, examine the squares for all that have not germinated six stalks of corn, and discard those. In this way you can keep only such ears as will give you vital seed.

ATHLETES READY FOR TRACK MEET High School Meet Promised to Be Largest and Best Ever Held—Number of New Schools Entered.

Taking everything into consideration, the track meet to be held here Saturday on Round athletic field will undoubtedly be the biggest and best affair of its kind that has ever happened in this section of Virginia. Better teams, more athletes, and consequently more entries are the three elements which stand for a first-class meet this year.

The competition will be much greater this year than before. In previous meets Manassas has had to go up against small high schools which have very few young men to pick a presentable track team from, but it is different this year. Culpeper and Orange, two new entries in the meet, are schools the size of Manassas, if not larger, and have just as many to pick from. Alexandria, also, looms up strong, although they were easily defeated last year.

Manassas High School, with these three good schools to share points with, to say nothing of the other schools entered, will have to get up and hustle, and will deserve all the credit and praise that should be given them should they finish ahead.

With good weather Saturday, the largest crowd that has ever assembled on Round field will attend this sport. Following is a list of entries in all ten events: 100-yard dash—W. W. Weis, George Weaver, Culpeper; Skinker, Bonner, Warrenton; F. M. Hays, Hays; H. H. Hays, Hays; R. Round, C. Williams, Manassas; W. Nalls, E. Raisin, Alexandria; H. S. Smith, C. Newman, Orange; C. Spelman, H. Spelman, Plains.

High Jump—E. Aylor, T. Tapp, Culpeper; H. Moon, C. Williams, Manassas; F. M. Hays, Hays; C. Spelman, H. Spelman, Plains; Minter, Warrenton; H. Spelman, McCarty, Plains; I. Winslow, A. Schwabbe, Orange.

100-yard Hurdles—W. W. Weis, G. Weaver, Culpeper; J. Strother, W. Kelly, Culpeper; E. Round, H. Moon, Manassas; Hays, Hays; H. Hays, Hays; G. Schwabbe, C. Newman, Orange.

1200-yard dash—W. W. Weis, G. Weaver, Culpeper; J. Strother, W. Kelly, Culpeper; E. Round, H. Moon, Manassas; Hays, Hays; H. Hays, Hays; G. Schwabbe, C. Newman, Orange.

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Mrs. F. E. Garrison was a Washington shopper one day this week.

Eastern College has a baseball game this Saturday on Eastern athletic field.

Miss Bessie Merchant visited friends in Washington and Alexandria this week.

Dr. Gordon, of Nokesville, was in town visiting for a short while one day this week.

Dulanev F. DeButte, of Deleplane, was in Manassas on business last Saturday.

H. C. Ryckman made a business trip to Baltimore yesterday returning here today.

Miss Mrya Payne has returned from a visit of several days to friends in Washington.

E. H. DeButts, of Linden, made a business trip to our town one day the first of the week.

Misses Ledman and Hamill, of Occoquan, visited friends in town for a few days last week.

Eastern College will play Baltimore City College baseball team on Eastern athletic field Saturday.

Mrs. Quarles returned Tuesday from a visit of a few days to her daughter, Mrs. Yowett, of Culpeper.

Mrs. Ada Reid, of Alexandria, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Merchant.

Miss Genevieve Free, of Nokesville, visited her cousin, Miss Thelma Nash, for a short while yesterday.

Don't forget to visit the W. W. Kimball Piano Co.'s warerooms now in our city. Grand opening Saturday May 3rd.

The woodwork on the store front of the second room in the M. L. C. building has been treated to a coat of green paint.

A large congregation assembled at Trinity Episcopal Church last Sunday morning to hear the farewell sermon of Rev. Phillip A. Arthur.

The Misses Edith and Elvira Shanleford, who were the guests of Mrs. Leonard Hixson last week have returned to their summer home in Remington.

Mr. E. B. Culley and Mr. E. G. Gardner, special representatives of the W. W. Kimball Piano Co., of Chicago, will be residents of Manassas for the next thirty days.

A ball game was played yesterday between the Manassas High School and Graded School, resulting in a victory for the High School team. A good crowd attended.

The meeting of the Rod and Gun Club which was to have been held in the tailor shop of H. C. Ryckman was postponed because a number of the members were absent from town.

Mrs. T. W. Williamson, of Oklahoma City, who has been visiting for several days in the family of her cousin, Dr. Quarles, is now seeing some other points in Virginia before returning to her Western home.

The Rev. Groscup, of near Washington, will preach in the M. E. Church at Bradley Sunday May 4th at 11 a. m. and at Ashtons M. E. Church in Manassas at 8 p. m. All are invited to attend these services.

Miss Billings, former star third baseman of Eastern College, who has many friends in Manassas, is playing stellar ball this year, with the Woodberry Forest baseball nine. He is captain and is still holding down third sack.

Mrs. Mary Dillard, Superintendent of Home Economics and the Lynchburg Schools and a prominent member of the D. A. B. was a guest over Sunday of Prof. and Mrs. H. F. Button while en route home from the meeting of the Womens Club in Washington last week.

"Punch," the fine bull pup and a net of Mester Jimmy Kaeche-gress died last Tuesday night. For the past several weeks the dog had been ill, but the cause of his death is not known.

John Elliott last Tuesday evening caught the largest string of bass that has been pulled in this season. There were seven on the string, the largest weighing four pounds and one ounce, one a fraction over three pounds, a small one two pounds, and two one pound each. They were caught at Fox Den.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hixson is being painted this week.

W. H. Sanders, of Catharpin, was a Manassas visitor Monday of this week.

A crowd of Manassas young folks will spend this Sunday near Occoquan, boating.

Richard Kellv, of Eastern College, spent Sunday with friends and relatives in Remington.

T. O. Marshall, of Woodstock, stopped off in Manassas for a short while one day last week.

Miss Bessie Brewer, of Haymarket, spent several days with friends in Manassas last week.

Dr. H. U. Koop was a Washington visitor last Saturday in the interest of Eastern College.

Mrs. May Gallagher and C. W. Smith, of Hickory Grove, were Manassas visitors one day this week.

Fred Hynson, of Baltimore and Occoquan, was in town visiting friends and relatives last Tuesday.

Miss Wade C. Payne, of Gainesville, was in town visiting friends and relatives for a short while yesterday.

Hopkins candy factory has been closed for the first few days this week but will open again soon.

The windows of the Prince William Pharmacy are decorated with a fine bunch of prize Prince William corn.

Miss Carrie Williams and Mr. Otto Gutham, of Washington, spent Sunday with friends and relatives in Manassas.

W. C. Wagner has had several loads of dirt hauled to his residence, Battle and Church streets, and will shortly so grass.

R. S. Hynson last week sold his fine driving horse, family known as "Chink," to Mr. Brazle, who resides near Manassas.

Bennie Johnson, of Manassas, who is attending Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, spent a few days with his parents this week.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown have received cards this week from the couple, who are on their wedding trip in the South.

One of the large storerooms in the M. L. C. building is being used by C. A. S. Hopkins for the purpose of drying out sawdust which will be used in the candy factory.

Miss Ruth Morgan leaves today for Baltimore where she will spend a few days visiting friends and relatives. Miss Morgan will probably enter a Baltimore hospital as a trained nurse.

Kirk Miller, of the republican staff of the Washington Times, returned to Washington last Friday after spending a few days as a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Davis at Bristow.

Thlie Strother, who two weeks ago left here with Harvey Russell for Bridgeport, Conn., to play baseball in a state league there, returned to Manassas last Saturday, after failing to make good.

A large crowd gathered in Portner's park last Sunday morning in the dizzling rain, to attend the colored bathing, which took place in the big pond at that place. Fifteen people were baptized by Rev. Williams.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a "Mother's meeting" next Friday afternoon, May 2nd, at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. L. B. Williams. The subject will be "Mothers and ladies who are interested are invited to attend."

Mr. Mansfield, a resident of Manassas, while assisting to move one of the heavy trucks at the depot last Monday morning, had a trunk fall on his leg breaking the bone. The injured man was given surgical treatment by Dr. Iden and is at this time doing well.

Last Saturday afternoon the little Shetland pony belonging to W. W. Davies ran away down Main street and turning the post office corner made for the railroad track where a freight train was shifting. The colored boy who was driving held to his post and with the assistance of others the pony was halted at the tracks.

A good crowd attended the hop given in the motion picture hall last Friday night.

Dr. E. H. Marsteller was in town visiting friends for a short while last Tuesday.

Many cases of measles prevail among the children in Manassas and vicinity at present.

Miss Cora Shiver Jones, of Alexandria, spent several days as a guest of friends in Manassas.

Miss Bet Elliott left last Tuesday for Norfolk where she will be the guest of Miss Dot Simpson.

Veré Jeffries, a former Manassas boy, came up from Washington last Saturday and visited friends.

Charles Flannagan, of Charlottesville, was in Manassas for a few days this week visiting friends.

Reed Hynson, of Baltimore, spent the week end as a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hynson.

Miss Faith Chapman, of Washington, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Chapman.

The public schools of Occoquan celebrated commencement day a week ago today and are closed until next fall.

Thos. Gulick, of Washington, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. P. Gulick, at their home here.

Saturday May the third, the big truck meet on Round Athletic Field, Eastern also has a ball game scheduled.

Daniel J. McDevitt left last Tuesday afternoon for Brooklyn to join the club at that place in the National League.

A number of Manassas people attended the great Ringling Brothers circus in Washington last Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Robert Donahue and little daughter, of Washington, were the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Liscomb.

John Elliott and Hunton Cox attended the last game of the Washington school, Miss Swart, of Washington last Friday.

Miss Rose Emory, of Baltimore, who was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morgan last week, has returned home.

The family of Judge C. E. Nicol, of Alexandria, are expected to move here to-day to spend the summer at their home.

Norville Larkin left last Monday night for Florida, where he will assist in some surveying work with Clarkson and Brown.

Little White pitched for Remington High School against the Plains High School last Friday afternoon and won his game.

Richard Haydon, of Occoquan, came up from that place where he has been teaching school and spent the week end with relatives.

Miss R. Anna Hettinger and Richard Hettinger, of Washington, spent Sunday as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Wenrich.

J. R. B. Davis, of Bristow, has recently added to his lumber business a new planing mill and is prepared to do all work along these lines.

Stuart Tullos, of Washington, stopped off in Manassas Monday on his way home from Haymarket, where he had been visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Tullos.

On May the tenth a good roads mass-meeting will be held in Haymarket, at 2 p. m., to consider steps for a new vote on bonding Gainsville District for a permanent road improvement. All are earnestly requested to attend this meeting.

To-day is the day set by the mayor for everyone's premises to be in first class shape, all rubbish removed and alleys put in a sanitary condition. The mayor will have all p. c. inspected and if not in a suitable condition owners will be liable to a fine.

Mrs. F. S. Brand and daughters, Misses Alice and Lillian, entertained a large number of their friends at cards last Friday evening. Dainty refreshments were served to the guests at a late hour and five prizes were awarded the gentlemen and lady who were winners.

COUNTY SPELLING MATCH

The county spelling match, held in Manassas last Friday, April 26, proved a most interesting event. Every school in the county sent representatives to participate in the contest.

Early morning fog in the people pouring into town by railroads by private conveyances and on foot. School children, teachers, parents and friends all came to witness this trial of orthographical powers. The largest classroom in the Ruffner building was filled to overflowing long before the hour set for the match to begin.

The primary match was held first. The little contestants took their stands bravely, making two lines the entire length of the room. Each spelled words on a board bearing the name of his school so that the spectator looking along the line read, Grove, Dumfries, Catharpin, Hickory Grove, Nokesville, Haymarket, Gainesville, etc.

Back and forth, back and forth they called, the referees keeping strict count. Gradually the ranks thinned until one representative from Catharpin and one from Dumfries remained.

The audience waited in breathless suspense as word after word was spelled, but when the word "dollar," was spelled incorrectly by the Dumfries representative and caught up in a twinkling by little Eva Allison, of Catharpin, the room rang with cheers for her who had won for her school the big silver cup and for herself the silver medal. The little victor was among the tinnest of the contestants, yet she took her victory as calmly as if it were an everyday occurrence.

The advanced match was equally interesting. The one sure way to control the "to's." These contestants, too, were a credit to their schools.

They spelled and spelled and still the words came. The spelling book could hold the many words they knew.

But one by one they too dropped out until the contest ended in a tie between Catharpin and Occoquan. The cup was finally awarded to Catharpin.

A feature of the event which was especially remarked upon by the visitors was the clear and distinct enunciation of Miss Annie Laurie Swart, of the Grove, who made an excellent record for her school, making a close second to the two winning schools.

R. H. Davis has erected a good sized garage in the rear of his residence at Bristow.

A concert will be given on the night of May 20 in Conner's hall under the auspices of the U. D. C. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Latimer monument fund. Program and full particulars will be published later.

A demonstration of the industrial work done at the Manassas Industrial School together with musical selections by the Glee Club from the school were featured at a meeting held yesterday evening at the Lincoln Memorial congregational Church at Eleventh and B streets Northwest, Washington. Organized twenty years ago the school has steadily advanced until it is now recognized as one of the leading institutions where negro children are educated along industrial lines.

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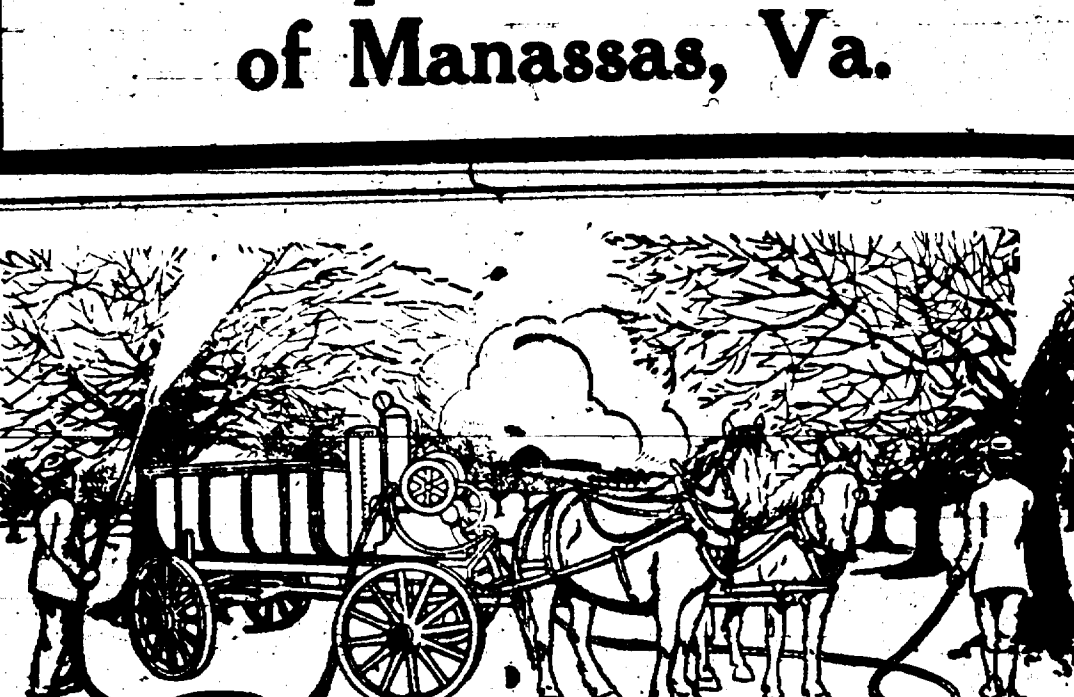
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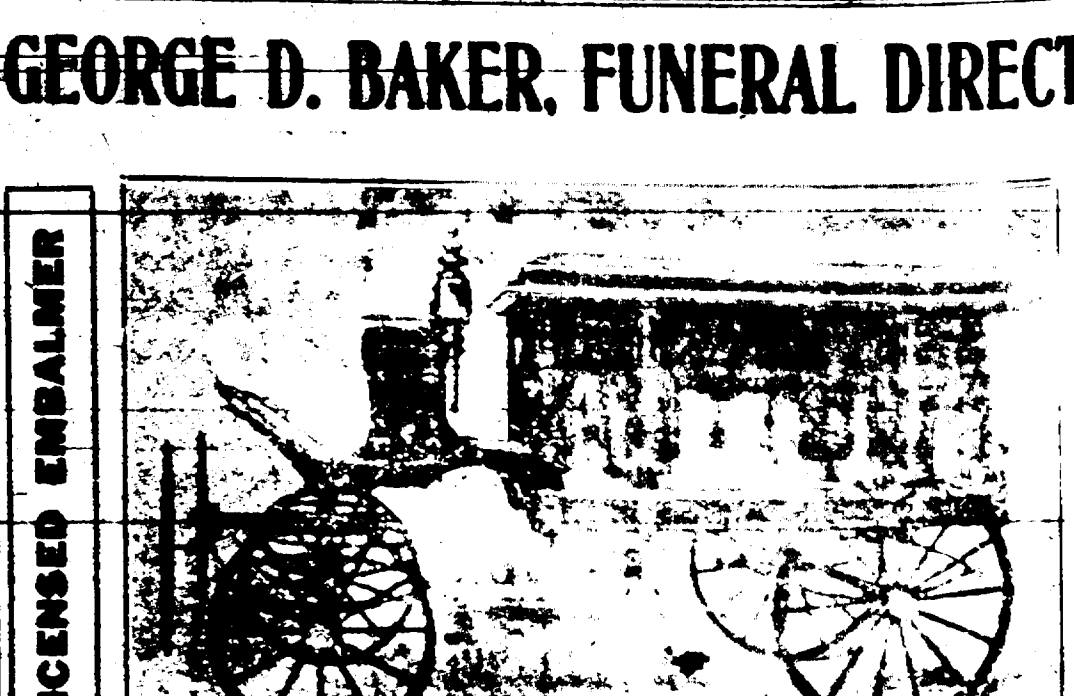
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CENTREVILLE

Howard Ayers has a fine son two weeks old.

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Mrs. W. H. Havenner returned home Sunday from a short visit.

The Centreville girls had great success on a fishing trip last week.

The Centreville ladies are doing well with the chicken crops this year.

Miss Myrtle Shaw, of Fairfax, is visiting Miss Havenner in Centreville.

Centreville has a very nice Sunday School, with Prof. Stone as superintendent.

Mrs. Will Marsteller moved to this town last week. Friends and relatives are glad to see her back.

The ladies of Legato have decided to have a lawn party every month for the benefit of the Sunday School.

E. J. Carter expects to leave shortly to work for the Washington and Virginia Ry. Co., with which he was once employed.

Rev. W. J. Whitwell preaches every first and third Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Enos Utterback had a fine horse injured last week by falling through the floor of the old four-chimney house into the cellar.

COMMUNICATION

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EDITOR MANASSAS DEMOCRAT: The Manassas Industrial School for Colored Youth is most fortunate in having secured as members of the proposed new Board of Trustees, Mr. George Gordon Battle and Mr. Charles E. Gudebold, both of New York City, and both warm personal friends of Dr. Percy Stickey Grant. Mr. Battle is one of the leaders of the firm of Marshall, Battle & O'Gorman, Mr. James O'Gorman, one of Mr. Battle's business partners, is the junior Senator from New York State, and a very influential factor in the present political administration, while Mr. A. Snowden Marshall, the other partner, has just been appointed by President Wilson United States District Attorney for

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