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## LEVY INCREASED

### Board of Supervisors Grants But Twenty Cent Increase for All Districts for Schools.

After giving audience to advocates and opponents of increasing the school tax levies, the county board of supervisors at their April meeting, held at the courthouse Tuesday voted that each district school levy be increased from twenty-five cents to forty-five cents, and that the county school levy remain at twenty-five cents.

When the board received the delegations Tuesday afternoon, the night immediately centered about the request of Manassas district school enthusiasts and supporters, who maintained that a fifty cent increase was absolutely necessary for the maintenance of the present standard of the Manassas schools.

Hon. C. J. Meetze made a passionate plea for the local schools, following the official request for the increase, made by Division Superintendent Chas. R. McDonald. Among others to speak were Wheatley M. Johnson, and Miss Elizabeth Pope, member of the Manassas High School Student Council.

The opposition was led by Col. R. A. Hutchison, who stressed the great need of having in black and white just how much money would be actually needed and for what to be expended. Quite a delegation of farmers looked to Mr. Hutchison as their spokesman.

Toward the end of the heated discussion, but withal good natured, some of arguments and cross examinations took one back to the old school days themselves, when nothing pleased better than to dig up an argument and try to talk the opponent off his feet!

The advocates of the fifty cent increase are disappointed for, it is said, the twenty cent increase, while helpful, will not take care of the vital needs of the local schools.

### Other Business.

A maximum of \$50 was voted to defray the cost of a county exhibit at the state fair to be held in Richmond this fall.

It was voted to match the private subscriptions of Joplin and vicinity, amounting to \$175, and Dumfries, amounting to \$225, for the purchase of equal amount from the county fund.

O. C. Hutchison and A. S. Robertson were appointed commissioners to act in conjunction with Loudoun county commissioners to call for bids for the erection of a bridge at Mandley's ford, on Bull Run.

The state highway commission was petitioned not to change the route of the Richmond-Washington highway so as to avoid the town of Occoquan, through which the highway now runs.

N. F. Larkin was ordered to have necessary repairs made to the permanent road machinery of the county, in order that it may be utilized in Gainesville district improvement.

A warrant in the sum of \$500 was drawn on the county fund in favor of the Occoquan district school fund, which said sum shall be repaid to the county fund out of the 1921 levy.

It was ordered that warrants be drawn on the county fund for the maintenance of existing schools and liquidation of existing debts as follows: \$1,200, \$650 and \$300 respectively in favor of the Brentsville, Dumfries and Coles district school funds.

Levies for the current year, other than school levies, already mentioned, as passed by the board and based on \$180 worth of tangible personal property, capital in business and real estate, are as follows: County levy for general purposes, 30c; special road levy, 25c; Manassas, Brentsville, Dumfries and Occoquan road levy, each 25c; Coles district road levy, 30c; Gainesville district road levy, 20c; Occoquan bond issue, 20c; roads and bridges, 30c, on intangible property.

Palmer Smith was ordered to purchase such galvanized culvert pipe as each supervisor shall direct to be paid for out of the special road fund, not to exceed six for each district.

J. J. Conner and R. L. Lewis, jr., were appointed a committee to confer with a like committee from Fairfax county to ascertain the probable cost of erecting a bridge over Bull Run at Woodyard's ford.

L. Ledman, deputy county clerk, was directed to receive bids for painting of the courthouse, inside and outside, also for painting each badge in the county, with cost of each badge, except Bladensburg and state road bridges.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 1921.

## "BABE" MAKES BEST RECORD.

Two hundred cows were tested during March in Prince William county. The best individual record was made by "Babe," a grade Holstein owned by J. B. Manuel, of Nokesville, with a milk production of 1947 pounds, containing 62.3 pounds of butter fat. The best herd record was an average per cow of 417.9 pounds of milk, with 31.43 pounds of butter fat, and was made by the herd of F. M. Swartz, of Nokesville. The average production per cow in the county association was 576.9 pounds of milk, with 22.35 pounds of butter fat.

## COUNTY POPULATION FIGURES.

In a bulletin entitled "Population—Virginia," just issued by the bureau of the census, the population of Virginia in 1920 is given as 2,309,187, showing an increase of 12 per cent over the 1910 census. Prince William county last year had a total of 13,660 inhabitants to her 345 square miles, an increase of nearly 14 per cent in ten years.

The 1920 census, as compared with the 1910 census, by district is: Brentsville, 1948, was 1699; Coles, 1281, was 1415; Dumfries (including 1005 at U. S. Marine Camp, Quantico) 3,301, was 1,723; Gainesville, 2,359, was 2,609; Manassas, 3,565, was 3,381; Occoquan, 1,206, was 1,199.

Manassas town, according to these latest figures, had 1,305 inhabitants in 1920, in contrast with 1,217 in 1910, and 817 in 1900. Occoquan had a population of 231 last year, 246 in 1910, and 297 in 1900; Dumfries 182 in 1920, 158 in 1910, and 160 in 1900; Haymarket 133 in 1920, 162 in 1910, and was unincorporated in 1900.

## AN EXTRA WELL

### Town Reels Well Near Power House From C. J. Meetze to Get Water for Boilers.

At the regular monthly meeting of the town council, held Monday evening, there were present Mayor W. Hill Brown and the following councilmen: O. E. Newman, J. L. Moser, J. H. Burke, R. L. Byrd, and R. M. Jenkins.

Mrs. Annie Haislip was granted a permit to erect a frame dwelling on Center street, size 32 by 36 by 16 feet, with fireproof roofing and to cost \$3,000.

Permission was given the Prince William Cooperative Exchange to build a warehouse on the southeast corner of their lot at Center street, file, composition roofing, 30 by 50 feet size, to cost \$1,500. The Exchange was also granted permission to remove and repair the two old buildings now on their lot and to place composition roofing on them, to cost about \$500.

Health Officer S. S. Simpson made his report, which was accepted and ordered filed. The treasurer's report was also accepted.

Superintendent Frank Cox, jr., was instructed and empowered to place a contract for coal for the next year at the best price obtainable.

Authority was also given the superintendent to buy the necessary equipment, such as tank and piping, to get water out of the well owned by C. J. Meetze, and situated on property adjacent to the power plant plat. This water will be pumped by means of a steam ejector. Mr. Meetze is to be paid a rental fee of \$3 a month as long as his well is used.

It was moved and passed that if citizens of Manassas will furnish oil for the streets, the town will put it down.

## TO START SOON

### Local Bottling Plant Plans to Be in Operation June 1—Site Spots to Be Announced.

By June 1, the Three-C Nectar Bottling Works, recently organized as a Manassas enterprise for the bottling of soft drinks, expects to have its plant erected and in full operation. Hon. C. A. Sinclair will serve as president, H. Elmer Metz, as secretary-treasurer, and A. L. Pence as plant manager. All the stock, with the exception of a few hundred dollars' worth, has been sold.

Directors elected for the new organization are A. A. Hooff, J. M. Bell, J. H. Burke, C. A. Sinclair, A. L. Pence and H. Elmer Metz.

Next week Messrs. Metz and Pence expect to leave for Roanoke to spend a week or ten days in the home plant of the Columbia Chemical Company, located in that city, which company will supply all the equipment and supplies for the local plant.

While this new enterprise will employ but few men to start with, it hopes to work up sufficient business in its Northern Virginia territory to keep a force of from 15 to 25 men busy within a year's time. The size of the plant, yet to be definitely known, will very likely be announced next week.

## UPSHAW TO SPEAK

Congressman W. D. Upshaw, of Georgia, will be the principal speaker at the reunion of the 43rd battalion of Va. Cav., Mosby's Rangers, which will be held at Manassas May 7th. Announcement of this reunion appeared in last week's issue of the NEWS.

## BYER RESIGNS PRESIDENCY.

Prof. Franklin J. Byer, A. B., B. D., has resigned the presidency of Hebron Seminary, Nokesville. His resignation is going into effect at the close of this school term. No successor has yet been named. Prof. Byer has most satisfactorily conducted the school during the three years he has been president, and has made many friends in the school, community and county. His plans for the coming year have not as yet been made known.

## R. H. HOLLIDAY



President of Eastern College Conservatory.

According to Prof. R. H. Holliday, extensive plans are being made for the coming session of the local school which opens September 21, as an exclusive school for girls. A catalog for the year 1921-22 is now being prepared, and it will probably come from the press about May 15th.

President Holliday, who is now serving as professor of political science at Meridian College-Conservatory, Meridian, Miss., expects to come to Manassas in the near future.

President Holliday was born in Greenville county, South Carolina, in 1886. After completing the public schools, he entered the Furman Fitting School, connected with Furman University. Later he received a B. A. degree from the University of South Carolina, and a M. A. degree from the University of Tennessee. One year was spent by Mr. Holliday in Ph. D. work at the University of Missouri, and seven summers at Chicago University.

After completing his education, President Holliday taught for seven years in the public schools of South Carolina, during which time his state legislature passed the local option compulsory educational law, with Mr. Holliday's district first to meet the requirements, which, of course, attracted the attention of several colleges, resulting in Mr. Holliday's accepting a

position with Linwood College, Gastonia, N. C., as professor of education. After two years at that institution, and two years at Hardin College, Mexico, Mo., as professor of political science and history, President Holliday is now ending two years' service with the Meridian College-Conservatory.

Eastern College-Conservatory, as its name would suggest, expects to give special attention to music. Already an extensive faculty has been engaged, according to latest advices from President Holliday, including Paul Verpoest,

of the voice department, a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Ghent, Belgium, as is Professor Verpoest, and Miss Margaret Miller, widely studied in piano, who will head that department. The dean of the literary faculty and the director of the conservatory are yet to be announced.

President Holliday announces that there will be a preparatory department in connection with the college department, but whether there will be a kindergarten will depend upon the local demand. He states that courses will be given leading to B. A., B. S., B. L., B. Ed., B. Mus. degrees and a normal course will be offered. Commercial, domestic science, art, military and physical culture courses will be offered, according to an advance folder that has been issued by President Holliday.

## The True Status of Manassas Financial Condition

By Clarence W. ...

How does Manassas find itself financially? How much better or worse off now is the town than in September 1919, when the present administration stepped into harness? What are the prospects, financially, for the town's future?

These are questions that should be asked every Manassas citizen. Supported by facts, I will endeavor to answer them in a non-technical way, and without dragging in too many figures, for figures, when presented in droves, have a way of making one yawn.

When the present administration stepped into office \$6,951.31 had previously been taken from the town's treasury and invested in so-called assets—extension of light lines, water and sewerage mains, etc. The present governing body has invested \$1,995.52 of the town's income in assets, thus practicing in a concrete way the crying demand of the corporation for economy and expenditures.

It might be well to add that prior to September 1919, only \$3,000 of the \$95,000 bonded debt had been paid, whereas the present administration has retired two more \$1,000 bonds on the debt.

On September 1, 1919, the current and indebtedness of the town amounted to \$7,843.34. The present administration has paid off \$1,398.84 of this, leaving \$6,444.50 yet due. On May 1, to this current fund indebtedness must be added \$2,100, interest dug on the \$70,000 yet owing on the \$75,000 outstanding indebtedness of the first bonded debt. The total current fund indebtedness in a few days, therefore, be \$8,544.50. \$90,000 is due on the bonded debt. The total liabilities of the town, then, on May 1, will be \$98,544.50.

Now as to early coming expenses—\$100 interest on the \$20,000 bond issue indebtedness will be due August 1. Another \$1,000 bond on the original \$75,000 bond issue will be due November 1, as well as \$2,100 interest that will be due again on that date, if the note, to be made May 1, will be for six months.

Corporation taxes this year amounted to approximately \$9,900, of which amount about \$1,900 remains to be collected. Approximate

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## WORKING UP LOCAL LYCEUM.

Preliminary arrangements were made Tuesday by Rev. E. B. Shaver, of Maurertown, Va., for a lyceum course that will probably be given in Manassas the coming fall and winter. The course, as outlined by Rev. Mr. Shaver, who represents the National Alliance, of Cincinnati, will consist of five features:

One to be given each month for five months; the season tickets to sell for \$2.00. The agreement made is that on all receipts in excess of \$250 up to \$300, 20 per cent will be turned over to the local committee for local purposes, and that all in excess of \$300 will go to the committee for such use as they may designate. Members of the committee, who agree to promote the lyceum, but who do not obligate themselves financially, are Miss Florence Lion, Mrs. R. B. Sprinkel, and Thos. H. Lion, J. W. Leedy, C. J. Meetze, Rev. Edgar Z. Pence and Clarence W. Wagener.

## PLEASING PLAY

### "Tom Thumb Wedding" Given by Local Primary Pupils Friday Evening. Greatly Enjoyed.

Tom Thumb, with his pretty little bride, and merry company of wedding guests, entertained a large audience of admiring parents and friends at Conner's Hall Friday evening, in the play of that name.

Always loving the game of "make believe," the members of Miss Grace Moran's primary class, entered heartily into their parts, showing the careful training of Miss Norma Dulaney and her able corps of assistants.

Miss Dulaney, under the auspices of the C. A. Rose Co., of Kansas City, travels from one community to another, drilling the little folks in this delightful play, and furnishing not only managerial ability, but costumes.

The wedding was a very humorous representation of the grown-up affairs. The dignified ushers, ministers, bridesmaids, family party and guests, formed a picturesque background for the little groom and his charming bride in her regulation wedding dress and veil, these

After the ceremony, performed by little Billie Davies, in the role of minister, a wedding feast in the shape of real ice cream was served to the small guests.

The following sweet old songs were sung at intervals by the children in their fresh, childish voices:

"When You Look Into the Heart of a Rose"—Rose Ratcliffe.  
"O Promise Me"—Jane Elliot.  
"I Love You Truly"—Katherine Browning.  
"Silver Threads Among the Gold"—Malcolm Yates.  
"When You and I Were Young, Maggie"—Jack Rowdie.  
"Apple Blossom Time"—Waiser and Edgar Conner.  
"Three Old Maids"—Eleanor Gibson.  
"I Cannot Sing the Old Song"—Eloise Corbett.  
"Ed Love to Live in Loveland"—Clay and Frances Bunting.

The proceeds of the entertainment were \$107.75, 40 per cent going to the graded school for the improvement fund.

## GOLD RIDGE CLUB MEETS.

### Twelve Members Present—Next Meeting Will Be May 25.

Tuesday afternoon the Gold Ridge Club was called to order by the president, Glen Boorman. All joined in the song "Just Before the Battle Mother."

Next in order, the minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Claud Ellicott, and approved. Several selections of interest in club work were read by Christine Berryman, reporter of the club, and Roxie Ennis.

The meeting was then opened for discussion of the club work, each member reporting readily and telling of the progress of their poultry and sewing. In conclusion, "Old Kentucky Home" and "America" were sung by the club members.

Twelve members were present. All were encouraged with their work, and hope to have a larger attendance and perhaps some visitors at the next meeting, which will be held May 28, at 2 p. m.

## HARDING TO BE AT POWICK.

President Harding Friday accepted an invitation to make an address Sunday, May 29, at the ceremonies attending the unveiling of a bronze tablet in historic Powick church, Fairfax county, to be erected in that church in memory of the boys from Mt. Vernon and Lee districts who made the supreme sacrifice during the world war.

## CANDY SALE SATURDAY.

The Junior Leaguers of Grace M. E. Church will hold a candy sale at Nash's store Saturday, April 30, from 3 to 5 p. m. Come and buy some good home-made candy.

## PLANNING FAIRS

### County Agent Browning Organizing Community Fairs in Several Sections—Agricultural News.

(W. L. Browning, County Agent.) I attended a wool growers' meeting

held in Roanoke, at which time a permanent state cooperative sheep and wool growers' association was formed. The object of this association is to market under one head, the wool crop of the state, to have this wool assembled at local centers, where it will be graded, as was done at Manassas, and then to have it sent to a central licensed warehouse. The receipt from the warehouse will be sufficient to draw around 75 per cent of the value of the wool. This state wool association will hire an experienced wool salesman, whose duty it will be to sell the association wool, and be of such assistance to the wool growers of the state, as his time will permit.

Each grower of wool will be required to take as much as one share of stock, which is \$10. Of this amount, if desired, \$1.00 may be paid in cash and the balance taken out of the receipts of your wool. I would like to have every wool producer in the county become a member of this association. Write your county agent for further particulars.

Now that the time for shearing is at hand, I want to urge that you give the following some attention, to follow which will mean profit, while the old way means loss:

### Wool Pointers to Follow.

Shear the wool when it is absolutely dry—never when wet. Never shear wool on a dirt floor, preferably on a smooth board floor. Care should be taken to keep the fleece intact. Remove the tags from the fleece, and pack separately. Fleeces should be prepared with the flesh side out, never the weather side. Tie each fleece separately. Never pack the wool in bags untied. Paper or hard glazed surface twine should be used. Never use sisal nor binding twine.

This twine, never use binder twine, is of very great importance, as a good many in this county did last year. The report from Loudoun county was that 800 pounds of wool tied with binder twine lost the growers \$400 or they would have received \$48 more had it been tied with paper twine. Let your county agent know how much twine you will need, that he may get it at once.

### Community Fairs Planned.

I have just attended a meeting of representatives from several communities around Independent Hill, and helped them put on a plan to hold a community fair at that place this fall. Officers and committees were named. The following officers were appointed: President, Michael Oleyar, and secretary-treasurer, E. M. Cornwell.

I also attended a meeting at Groveton this week and met a representative group of persons, who met there for the purpose of making plans for a community fair at that place, which will comprise the communities of Catharpin, Gainesville, Wellington and Stone House. The officers elected were as follows: President, I. D. Wheeler; secretary, Mrs. Esther D. Terrell; treasurer, C. C. Lynn.

It is planned to hold these community fairs, five in number, and to have a committee from each to select the best exhibit possible from their fair, and after the close of the community fair, to have an exhibit of the best from each of the community fairs, at which time a silver cup will be awarded the winning community.

### Don't Horry Corn Planting.

Do not be deceived in thinking that summer has come, and be in too big a hurry to plant corn, as replanted corn seldom does much good, other than make fodder.

The concrete foundation for the lime bin at Bristow was laid last week by a group of farmers, and we are now ready to erect the building. If you have not contributed toward this bin, get in touch with your county agent, or W. E. Varner, Bristow, because you are going to have need of time from this bin next fall.

### Cheese Factory Organized.

The Gold Ridge cooperative cheese factory was organized last Friday, with Rose Earhart as president and W. Y. Ellicott, secretary-treasurer. The foundation has been put down for the factory, the plant ordered shipped, and it is hoped to be ready to start in the early part of May.

Let the county agent help you with your various problems. If he cannot solve them for you, through him you can get the services of the state extension division, and federal department of agriculture, who are at your service.

Remember your county has a county agent, and he is yours to use if you will.

## TO MEET SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Not enough county fair association directors being present to hold a meeting Saturday afternoon, as had been scheduled, the meeting was postponed until Saturday afternoon of this week at 2:30 at the directors' room of the National Bank of Manassas.







CATHARPIN.

The Catharpin Good Housekeepers' Club celebrated its ninth birthday on Wednesday of last week...

CLETON.

Mr. Lewis Godfrey, of Baltimore, spent the latter part of last week at the homes of his brothers...

BRENTSVILLE.

The Young Peoples Union meeting was well attended last Sunday night and a good program rendered...

HOADLY.

Mrs. R. H. Hampton returned home Monday very much improved but at this writing is suffering from inflammatory rheumatism...

BETHEL.

Preparations for planting corn are being made by the farmers here. Miss Lucie Merrill is spending the week with her sister in Staunton...

WORDING FOR PLAN OFFERED

Chairman Ratcliffe Receives Suggested Wording for Modified Idea.

Mr. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, Chairman of the sub-committee appointed by you to report to the parent committee Thursday evening of last week...

HAYMARKET.

The picture show Saturday night at the Haymarket was a success. The picture shown was "Homer Comes Home"...

A very exciting game of base ball was played at the Haymarket school grounds Friday afternoon between the Manassas school 7th grade and the Haymarket 7th grade...

This section was visited by a very heavy storm Friday night and early Saturday morning. Some hail fell, but there was no damage to gardens...

Miss Audrey Furr has joined the Miss Collins, of Washington, has been visiting her cousin, Miss Shumate. Mr. Lyon, of Washington, spent the week with his family...

Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Herrell, Miss Fainie M. Herrell and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Barham motored from Washington Saturday to spend the week with Mr. Herrell's parents...

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Spitzer, of Detroit, Mich. have arrived for a visit with Mr. Spitzer's parents here. Miss Olive Holsinger of Washington, spent Sunday at her home here...

Mrs. J. L. Davidson, of Woodbridge, spent Wednesday afternoon of last week with Mrs. Phenetta Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, Mr. Wade Davis and Miss Daisy Davis of Washington, spent Sunday with relatives here...

Miss Viola Williams spent Sunday with Miss Grace Marshall. Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Posey and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Posey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hampton. Mrs. Dorsey Gaines spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Annie Wolfe. Miss Catherine Posey, of Washington, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Posey...

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Preparations for planting corn are being made by the farmers here. Miss Lucie Merrill is spending the week with her sister in Staunton. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith, of Manassas, were guests at the Fairbanks home Sunday. Miss Mildred Harrell spent the week with her parents in Manassas. Miss Lucy Davis spent the week end with her parents in Manassas. The Red Cross and Community League held its monthly meeting Wednesday night of last week. A very interesting meeting was held. We were glad to have Miss Gilbert with us. Plans were talked over for a community fair. Pupils of Bethel are getting ready for commencement.

Don't Just Say "A Sack of Flour, Please"

When you order your groceries, in the case of a great many items you specify the brand. You may ask for Heinz's pickles and Beechnut peanut butter. You have satisfied yourself as to the merit of certain brands and now you prefer these. What about flour?

Are you well acquainted with the flour we grind, a flour that is excellently adapted for all types of baking and that is uniformly high grade? First, only the highest grade of wheat is used, then the cleaning, grinding, sifting and packing are done in the most modern and sanitary way in our big ninety-barrel-a-day capacity mill.

Ask Your Grocer for White Rose Flour

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White Rose flour is now widely for sale throughout all of Northern Virginia. The demand is growing and new dealers are being taken on each week. It is now recognized throughout nearly all this section as being, as we claim for it, "the flower of flours."

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Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Knevels, of Ben Lomond Farm, in town Saturday, Miss Mary Knevels, their daughter, were compelled to leave school recently on account of bad health, and is still far from well.

Mrs. Thos. Howard went to Washington Sunday to see her sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Steele, who is a patient at Emergent Hospital. Mrs. Steele, whose home is at Herndon, is getting along nicely.

Mr. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, cashier of the Peoples National Bank, was in attendance at the New Willard, Washington, by the District of Columbia Bankers' Association in honor of President Harding on this date.

Mrs. F. A. Cockerell left Monday for Culpeper, where she will make an extended visit with her sisters, Misses Gene and Belle Hill. Miss Gene Cockerell accompanied her mother to Culpeper, returning home on the afternoon train.

Miss Willette Myers was the weekend guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Myers, their home in Charlottesville. While there Miss Myers visited her mother, Mrs. J. P. Lyon, at University Hospital, and found her but little improved.

The younger set of Manassas, chartered by Messdames T. F. Coleman and Vernon Cole, thoroughly enjoyed a dance given in Mrs. Prescott's hall Wednesday evening of last week. The novelty of the setting and the costumes added to the enjoyment of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Haines spent Sunday in Charlottesville, where they visited with their daughter, Miss Helen Haines, who is a student at the University of Virginia, and her mother, Mrs. J. D. Haines, of Midland.

Mrs. M. A. Swartz spent the week end at Phouroughs, visiting her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Merchant, who is a student at Nokesville during the week end.

Mr. C. D. Kline returned home Monday after spending the week end with his father, Mr. D. B. Kline, of Midland. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kline were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Shuman.

Miss Lillian Larkin, of Washington, visited in Manassas on Tuesday of this week. Mr. Walker Merchant left Friday afternoon for Dumfries, where he had a very successful week end fishing trip.

Mr. C. J. Meetez was in Washington Wednesday afternoon, on his way to Philadelphia Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Wagener and the latter's sister, Miss Martha and Mrs. Marshall, were Washington visitors Friday.

Mr. W. H. Moran and daughter, Miss Lanier, spent Saturday night in Washington, where they were with their daughter, Mrs. R. H. Bass. Mr. Moran is spending a fifteen day trip with his mother, Mrs. Rose Rice, on his way to New York.

Brother, who is playing with the Washington baseball team, again visited in Manassas last week. Mr. Russell Alexander, who has taken seriously ill suddenly Tuesday morning, was taken to University Hospital at Charlottesville, Wednesday. Mr. Alexander, whose home is at Groveton, Va., has been in the employ of Messrs. Gibbs and Gillingham since the resignation of Mr. Samuel Thornton several months ago.

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, of Washington, met on this week at the home of Mr. Geo. B. McDonald. Africa and its vast needs as a mission field were the chief topics discussed at this meeting. At the conclusion of the business session, enjoyable refreshments were served.

Mrs. Mary Agnes Simpson, wife of John French Simpson, druggist of Washington, died Thursday of last week after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held in Washington Friday. Besides her husband, who is a brother of Dr. S. S. Simpson and Mrs. F. E. Randall, of Manassas, the deceased is survived by two children, Rev. Father Wm. A. Gill, late pastor of St. John's Church, Warrenton, and All Saints Church, Manassas, has been transferred to the charge of St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, at Fort Lee, Monroe, Va. Rev. William T. Winston, who has been assistant pastor for the past several years at St. Mary's Church, Alexandria, has been assigned to the two churches of Warrenton and Manassas.

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BULL RUN ITEMS.

Mr. Roy Schaffer and Miss Vivian Matthews of Washington, were guests of Mr. H. J. Schaffer Sunday. Miss Lina and Mr. Harry Weatherholtz were Clifton Weatherholtz.

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BAPTISTS PUSHING CAMPAIGN.

The Baptist churches of Virginia are putting forth special efforts this week to wind up their loyalty campaign with a great victory. The books of the Southern Baptist Convention will close May 3, at midnight. The directors of the campaign are urging individual subscribers to pay everything they owe up to and including the first Sunday in May, so that when the Southern Baptist convention meets in Chattanooga, May 12th, the record of Virginia will be one of which they may be proud.

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Notice is hereby given that all persons trespassing in Porter Park will be prosecuted. Parents of children will please take notice.—James Birch, manager.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

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Buy a DeWitt Vapor Oil Stove and save money. Can be used the year around.—Corwell Supply Company.

DO SPIRITS COME BACK?

By order of court the automobile called by some the "Death Car," because of two occupants being killed at Fisher's Hill, in Shenandoah county, nearly three years ago, and the attendant crew members charged with the crime, still fresh in the memories of readers of the NEWS—was sold at public auction on Saturday last in Manassas.

Foram and somewhat disreputable, the old car looked, as it stood there waiting for a probable purchaser, and it recalled recollections of the grim tragedy.—No doubt it will be upholstered, revarnished and generally renovated, so that when it takes the road again it will have become a respectable member of automobile society. And yet, we wonder—so quickly does comedy follow upon the steps of tragedy in the passing world—how some of the fragrance of "Four Roses" and other brands of "what has been" will be entirely eliminated?

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WELLINGTON.

Mr. C. Polen, from the Catharpin neighborhood, was a Wellington caller Friday.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Jake Coverstone is improving. Mrs. Lizzie Vetter gave her son, John, a surprise birthday dinner on April 21. A number of relatives were present. At the close of the happy occasion, ice cream and cake were served. Little Mason Vetter spent Monday with her grandmother, Mrs. William Wheeler.

Mr. Jake Vetter, of Loudoun county, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Vetter.

Mr. Edward Tyler was confined to his bed with rheumatism on Sunday.

Mr. J. Arthur Vetter was in Manassas business Saturday.

Miss Elizabeth Larkin was a Manassas visitor last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Quila Robertson, after spending a few days with Mrs. Robertson's mother, Mrs. Lizzie Vetter, returned to their home in Washington on Monday night.

Will King has moved into his residence near Wellington.

Quite a number of farmers met at Wellington Saturday to discuss business matters.

Miss Lucy Larkin spent Sunday in Manassas.

Mrs. Gardner King, of Nokesville, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Walter King.

ADEN.

Good luck to The Prince William NEWS.

The farmers are very busy getting ready to plant corn.

Miss Lucille Shaffer spent the week end here visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Shaffer and Miss Dorothy Reading spent Saturday and Sunday visiting Miss Dorothy Merrill.

The Aden school closed Tuesday of this week with a good attendance at the commencement.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bell spent Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Myers.

Mrs. J. W. Hedrick recently spent a few days in Washington visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lakey visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hill in Alexandria Saturday and Sunday.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Sunday School—First, second and fourth Sundays, 11 a. m. Gainesville—First Sunday, 3 p. m. Sunday, 11 a. m. Fairfax—First, second and fourth Sundays, 3 p. m. Woodlands—Third Sunday 3 p. m.—Homer Welch, Pastor.

Evangelical Church—Sunday school at 11 a. m. Pentecost—First and 8 p. m. The Lord Our Liberty—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.—Rev. A. B. Johnson, Pastor.

Bethel Lutheran Church—Sunday school at 10 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m.—Rev. Edgar Z. Pence, Pastor.

All Saints Catholic Church—First, third and fifth Sundays, mass at 7:30 a. m. Second and fourth Sundays at 10:30 a. m. followed by benediction and the Blessed Sacrament. On the first Sunday of every month special devotion in honor of the Sacred Heart. William T. Winslow, Pastor.

Representative in Congress—R. Walter Moore, Fairfax, Va.

Delegate to General Assembly—C. A. Smith, Manassas, Manassas.

Judge of Circuit Court—Samuel Q. Best, Alexandria.

Commonwealth Attorney—Thos. H. Linn, Manassas.

Clerk of Circuit Court—Geo. O. Tyler, Manassas and Manassas.

Deputy Clerk—L. Ledman, Manassas.

County Treasurer—J. P. Lockman, Manassas.

Sheriff—Chas. A. Barbee, Manassas.

Deputy Sheriff—John R. Kerlin, Nokesville.

Board of Supervisors—Occoquan district—J. L. Dawson, chairman, Occoquan. Manassas District—B. Lynn Robertson, Manassas. Gainesville District—O. C. Hutchinson, Haymarket. Brentsville District—McDuff Green, Nokesville. Stafford District—T. C. Row, Joppin. Codes District—T. M. Russell, Manassas. R. F. D.

Superintendent of Schools—Chas. R. McDonald, Gainesville.

County Farm Demonstration Agent—W. E. Brown, Manassas.

County Home Demonstration Agent—Lillian V. Gilbert, Manassas.

Regular Terms Circuit Court—April, June, October and December.

Supervisors' Meetings—Fourth Tuesday of every month, in court house, County Fair—April 18, 19, 20, 1920.

B. Lynn Robertson, President; H. W. Sanders, Executive Secretary.

Town of Manassas.

Mayor—W. Hill Brown.

Clerk of Council—O. Raymond Ralston.

Treasurer—Harry P. Davis.

Town Sergeant—R. M. Weir.

Councilmen—D. J. Avington, O. E. Newman, L. J. Moser, R. LaRoy Byrd, J. H. Burke, C. M. Larkin, W. F. Hibbs, B. Lynn Robertson, R. M. Johnson.

Council Meetings—Last Monday of each month.

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IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, APRIL 25th, 1921.

Benjamin F. Hoover and Tike Hoover vs. John Primich and Mary Primich.

IN CHANCERY.

The general object of the above styled suit is to rescind and set aside a deed from John Primich and Mary Primich, dated August 31st, 1918, whereby three lots, or parcels of land were conveyed to said complainants by said defendants, in the counties of Prince William and Stafford, Virginia; and that said defendants may be required to reconvey unto said complainants a certain house and lot known and designated as No. 4345 Jackson street, and eight city lots, in the city of Gary, in the State of Indiana, and to pay to said complainants the sum of \$200.00, with



THE STATUS OF MANASSAS

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ly \$1,600, in the form of license taxes, will be due May 15th. Thus there is a possible \$3,500 that can be applied toward current fund expenditures, if all the tax and license dues are collected.

Before another year's taxes and license fees are in hand, our current expenses, not including the cost of operating the public utilities (which are now on a self-sustaining basis, except for depreciation) will total \$6,200, allowing \$500 as the probable cost of meters, transformers, etc., for the next twelve months. Above the possible \$3,500 that may be collected this year, the town will have to borrow or get in some way at least \$2,700, very likely over \$3,000.

Thus the reader can see what a financial strait the town is passing through. There seems to be but one way the current fund obligations above outlined can be met for at least another year, and that is through the endorsement by the town councilmen, of notes covering the amounts that will have to be borrowed. Similar favors to the town on the part of the present councilmen have, I fear, not been valued as highly as they should have been.

In 1922, corporation taxes should amount to \$11,000. It has been suggested that three-fourths of this amount should be used for current fund expenditures in connection with the paying off of the bonded indebtedness, the current fund indebtedness and the creation of a sinking fund. The remaining one-fourth certainly should be applied to our streets, as specified on the tax bills.

If a program of strict economy is followed without deviation, barring serious break-downs of the public utilities, the town should, after this year, be able to meet obligations as they come due for the next few years. But how about the depreciation of the power plant and public utilities equipment which is going on all the time and will sooner or later be decided in evidence? And how about the \$3,000 in bonds that must be paid off each year beginning in 1926, and increasing to \$4,000 a year in 1937, with \$25,000 due in 1943? Remember, all that we are paying on the bonded indebtedness now is \$1,000 a year.

There is certainly nothing about the financial condition of the town to warrant the citizens to set back and say "All's well now." There has been a little improvement during the past year, but this improvement has applied solely to the debt that will be due for the next two or three years. It is high time we were planning in some definite way for the creation of a sizeable sinking fund. If we do not look ahead, we will find Manassas in a few years facing a more critical situation than it has ever faced.

The time to tack the stable door is before the horse has been stolen. Will we, the citizens of old Manassas, take sufficient interest in the future of the town to insist upon the creation of a sinking fund and the introduction of a forward looking plan that will provide for the obligations and depreciations that the future will surely bring. What do you say?

For the benefit of the Manassas-Greenwich road fund, one of the best pictures the town has is the picture of "The Toll Gate," which will be shown at the Dixie Theatre Tuesday afternoon and evening. The matinee will be at 2 o'clock, and the evening show at 8 and 9:30. Admission to all shows will be 15 and 25-cents, the proceeds above actual running expenses to be contributed to the above mentioned fund.

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TREES PLANTED FRIDAY.

Goveton School Honors Memory of Mary Lake, a Former Pupil.

Not having sufficient time in which to make preparations for an Arbor Day program, after the publication of the Governor's proclamation, the Goveton school observed the occasion with a pleasing and well rendered program last Friday, at which time a beautiful black walnut tree was planted in memory of Mary Lake, a former pupil of the school, who was killed at Argonne Forest, France.

Rev. A. Stuart Gibson conducted the services. Several hymns were sung, and a scripture lesson read. Mr. J. D. Wheeler gave a personal sketch of Mary Lake.

It was deemed specially fitting that one whose life was so worthy of emulation by the young and who was so uncomplainingly giving his all for the country he loved, should have his memory kept green by a living, growing tree.

After the service of refreshments in the school building, Miss Lillian V. Gilbert was asked to speak on the community fair plan. Those present voted in favor of attempting a fair to embrace the committees of Stone House, Sudley, Wellington and Catharpin.

County Agent Browning also spoke enthusiastically for the community fair and what an impetus it gives for better work. Mr. Charles R. McDonald encouraged the idea by offering to give a silver cup as a competitive prize.

With the planting of another walnut tree, in addition to the one planted in memory of Mary Lake, and the setting of several lilacs and roses, a good start was made towards beautifying the school grounds. To raise funds for among those who enjoyed the ministerial work along this line, the Junior League of the school will give a "Spring Luncheon" last week.

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