## CATHARPIN.

Our pastor preached a splendid sermon New Year's day from the 90th psalm, 9th verse, "We spend our years as a tale that is told."

At next Sunday morning's services a special offering will be taken up for the relief of sufferers in the Near East.

Mrs. S. C. Swart has recently returned from Washington, where she had been receiving treatment. We are happy to know that she is again enjoying good health.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. McDonald entertained a number of their friends at a four-course dinner on December 28.

Miss Mary Dorney, of Berryville, spent a part of the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Holmes Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Hundley spent Christmas in Washington as the guests of friends.

Mr. John W. Polen returned to his position in the Department of Internal Revenue on Tuesday, after spending his vacation with his sisters, Mrs. Etta Lynn and Mrs. L. J. Pattie.

Mr. J. B. Ritter is very much indisposed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pattie.

Mrs. Etta Lynn and Mr. Luther Lynn were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Pattie at dinner after church Sunday.

Misses Alice Metz and Annie Troth returned from their vacation on Monday and reopened school on Tuesday morning.

A son was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Brower, jr., of Round Hill.

Mr. Lee Pattie and Miss Margaret Pattie returned to Towson, Md., Monday, where they will resume their studies at the Towson high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Lee and family have moved to the farm of Mr. F. H. Sanders, recently occupied by Mr. Walter Allison, who has moved with his family to the farm of Mr. A. V. Griffith.

Mrs. L. K. Lynn and son, Mr. Louis, and daughter, Miss Evelyn, will spend the winter months in Manassas, while the two latter are attending high school.

Mrs. Walter Ward and children returned Friday after spending a delightful holiday trip with relatives and with friends in Washington and Cherrydale.

Mrs. B. F. Akers has recently moved from her home here and is now located in Maryland, a short distance from Washington. Her daughter, Miss Dora, has accepted a position in Kanns' at Washington, and Mr. "Bennie" is at present in the employ of his uncle, Mr J. H. Akers.

## GREENWICH

### Will Give Southern Program.

As the date for the regular meeting of the civic and school improvement league falls near the date of Lee's birthday, the program committee is arranging a Southern program which promises to be very interesting. Following is a part of the program:

Life of Gen. Robt. E. Lee.
Recitation—"The Blue and Gray"
Song—"Dixie."
Recitation—"That Banner"
Quartet—"Carry Me Back to Old Virginia."
Recitation—"I'm a Roamin' Little Darkie."
Debate—Rev. J. R. Cooke and Mr. C. Glaetli.
"I Lived About Ten Thousand Years Ago."
Reading—"Agamanda."
The Rural Weekly—Edited by Miss Helen V. Cooke, Mrs. Raymond Ellis and Mrs. John Ellis.
Song—"My Old Kentucky Home."

### General News Notes.

The Christmas entertainment held at the school house on the Thursday evening preceding Christmas, under auspices of the teachers, Misses Myrtle Johnson and Helen Cooke and Mr. E. S. House, was quite a success. The program was excellent and very much enjoyed by the large audience. A lovely tree, beautifully decorated, adorned the platform, and old Santa arrived at the close of the program, just in time to distribute the many presents.

Messrs. H. F. and W. M. House, of Washington, spent New Year's day with their mother, Mrs. F. S. House.

Miss Maurice Malin, of the C. & P. Telephone Co., Washington, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nails.

Miss Myrtle Johnson returned on New Year's day after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Johnson, of near Manassas.

Mrs. R. L. Sutphin spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Pearson, of Delaplane.

Rev. J. R. Cooke spent Saturday night with friends at Brentsville.

Mr. Hilleary Carrico spent several days last week in Washington.

Mr. S. H. Thornton, of Washington, spent the week end at his home near New Baltimore.

Mr. Robert Lee, of Weyer's Cave, Va., spent several days last week at "The Hermitage."

Mrs. Anderson Moffett, of Belvoir, spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. C. E. Nails.

Miss Carrie Lee and brother, Mr. Harry Lee, both of Washington, spent several days during the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lee.

## His Phantom Fiancee

By LILLIACE MITCHELL

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Merton had not been seated at the Anderson boarding house table two minutes before every girl there had fallen in love with him and had at the same time noticed the queer ring that he wore on the fourth finger of his left hand.

"I've seen men with wedding rings," said Sadie Thompson, "but I must confess that I never before saw one wear an engagement ring."

Although he was jolly and always ready with a joke, it was two weeks before anyone had asked him about the ring. There was an aloofness about Merton that was not to be envied in spite of his care-free camaraderie. Sadie Thompson had never been bashful with anyone before, but even she could not seem to break through the social ice that he formed with no apparent effort.

"You ask him, Myra," she urged.

Myra flushed and shook her head. Myra never asked questions of anyone. And so it was Sadie who blurted out across the table one night:

"Is that an engagement ring, Mr. Merton?"

He nodded. "That's what it is," he responded easily. "My firm sent me out to India last year. India is a remarkable country — full of rare

She Watched Him Talk.

things, jewels, exquisite flowers from which perfumery is made, and—"

"And beautiful girls?" suggested Sadie.

Myra glanced anxiously at Merton, who was again nodding in acquiescence. "I had some letters of introduction, and stopped at the home of one of the officials of the government. His daughter was a pretty little thing—just eighteen."

Myra, who was now twenty-four, felt a sudden hatred of the pretty little girl of India, felt jealous of the adult eighteen years. Merton had been in the boarding house only two weeks and yet Myra felt as though she had always known him, had always been waiting for him. And now he said frankly that the ring he was wearing was an engagement ring. Myra's love-world seemed to be tumbling about her ears, and she stumbled into the living room without waiting for her dessert. The thought that never again would she speak to Merton. Yet when he came into the living room she found no good reason for refusing to speak to him.

And so the weeks went on until Merton had been there six months. He and Myra would sit for hours talking over the business that filled their days. It was one night early in December that he entered the dining room jubilantly.

"Myra," he called, just as she was sitting down, "call your cousin here a minute!"

"I've a letter—came this afternoon—I tried to get you on the phone, but you weren't there at the time—" he shook his head as the table buzzed with conversation about soup and polities and street car fares. "Come, let's have dinner outside tonight. We can't talk in all of this babble."

Myra's heart fluttered.

"I'm to go to the New York office next week—" he said.

Myra's cheeks paled. "For good?" she whispered.

"I sure hope so," he said excitedly.

To Myra it did not seem possible that she could stand his going. She had grown so to depend upon the long, happy evenings when they discussed their mutual interests and books that they read together that she had slowly drifted on and on, thinking more and more of him each day. And now it was all to vanish like mists of the early morning.

Across the table at the restaurant she watched him talk. He had a slip of paper beneath his hand upon which he sketched rapidly as he talked. That was a habit of Merton's. She tried to see what it was he was drawing, but he came of pink roses between them, which he had pushed toward his right hand, obscured the paper. Finally he looked satisfied and slipped it into his pocket.

"It's a wonderful chance," he said as they rose after the meal. "It means that now I can marry and have a little bungalow with rose vines and bushes, a little garage to back with a car, trips to the theater in town on winter evenings—and a fireplace, Myra, with pictures in the flames."

Outside he called a taxicab, much to Myra's joy, and they jumped in.

"Your fiancee—" began Myra.

He turned to stare at her, and she in turn, dropped her eyes to the ring which he had said was an engagement ring. It was gone.

"Your ring—" she said.

He put his hand in his pocket. "It's all ready for my girl," he said exultantly. "They fixed it up for me this afternoon. I told them I was in a great hurry." He took her hand and slipped a ring on her fourth finger.

Myra pulled away. "But you said—you said it was an engagement ring," she let fall.

"It was. I bought it for the girl I should marry when I was in India. It was so beautiful, and I knew that some day I'd meet you and be glad that I had it ready for you."

"But I thought—" said Myra.

"You thought that the little girl in India was my fiancee," he laughed, "and I let you, because I couldn't say anything before I had a home to offer you, dearest. You see, I had a sort of a phantom fiancee, so that if you you know—loved some one else I should never have tied you down with promises to a failure like me. But now—"

Myra thought of all the black nights she had been thinking of the little girl in India, and recalled the intense jealousy that she had felt toward the unsuspecting girl. Then her lips curled upward happily. Perhaps, after all, her present moment of ecstasy was greater because of the contrast.

"And now I have a real fiancee, havn't I?" asked Merton anxiously as she was silent.

Myra nodded happily.

## GRAVEYARD OF THE ATLANTIC

### Over Two Hundred Ships Have Been Wrecked Near Treacherous Cape Sable.

Sable Island, sometimes called the "Graveyard of the Atlantic," is a low, sandy island about one hundred miles off the southern coast of Nova Scotia. It is on the northern lane of travel between Europe and America. Over two hundred wrecks have occurred near the treacherous Cape Sable, which juts out into the Atlantic at the southwest extremity of the island. The island is about twenty miles long and one mile wide. Thousands of trees have been planted on the island by the Canadian government, the purpose being to bind more solidly the shifting sandy soil. Before the trees were planted the shape of the island was continually being changed by the pounding of Atlantic waves. A life-saving station, lighthouse and wireless telegraph station are maintained there. Cranberries grow in large quantities and the island supports a hardy breed of ponies.

### Absolutely Logical.

A man who was negotiating for the purchase of a house suggested that the price was a little "steep," but the owner, with an insinuating smile, replied: "Ah, but you overlook an important point—there is room to build another house in front."

"But if I do so, I spoil this."

"Well, you needn't build it unless you want to."

"Then how do I get the advantage?"

"Because you can build it you wish."

"But don't I tell you that if I build another house I spoil this?"

"Then why build it?"

"I should have to build it to get the advantage."

"Then build it."

"But—"

"No buts about it—you can do just as you please; you have the advantage either way; you are master of the situation."

### Select Furniture for Use.

Furniture is not a decoration. Its purpose is to fulfill a need. A chair is first and foremost something to sit on in comfort. A sofa is something to lie on in comfort. A table is a convenient object to place things on. A cupboard is a series of inclosed shelves on which to place dishes and utensils. All this may seem trite, but it is necessary at times to recall the functional ideas in furniture in order to restrain the decorative ideas. In selecting furniture only that which fully and satisfactorily fills the purpose for which it was intended should be accepted, and that purpose is one. That it may and should be beautiful is the second, but not the primary consideration.

### Fish Flight to Reach Headwater.

In the absence of a stream to reach the spawning grounds, the salmon have some hard traveling and some painful experiences, but all the same they persist, until they attain their object. When salmon are going up a river they nearly all have bit themselves against rocks, when attempting to leap some rapids or small waterfall. Professor Seton in "Wanderings of a Naturalist," points out that the fish must hurt themselves a good deal when attempting these leaps, as they sometimes lose direction and fall with a thud on a rock. The fish which seem to be most successful in gaining the high and rapid waters are those which have their way through the rapids, instead of making many and often fruitless attempts to leap them.

## ADEN.

The health of the community is very good at this writing.

Mr. Walter Liskey spent several days recently in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Earhart and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Swank spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Flory.

Miss Elizabeth Nolley, of Christiansburg, Va., is visiting her brother, Mr. Davis Nolley, and has taken charge of Mrs. Nolley's room of the Aden school. Mrs. Nolley's condition shows but little improvement.

Mr. J. W. Hedrick spent Saturday and Sunday with his family here.

Mr. S. H Flory and Mr. J. W. Flory were Manassas shoppers last week.

Mr. Thos. Marshall was in the community last week buying horses, we understand, and purchased three which he is having shipped to Marshall.

Mrs. Sallie Duffy spent Christmas at her home here.

Mr. J. P. Smith and Mr. Miller Reading have taken charge of the store here, which they recently purchased from Mr. E. A. Shaffer.

A son was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. George Herring.


## BUSINESS NOTICES

RATE—First insertion, five cents a line; subsequent, three cents. Minimum, twenty cents.

If you have anything which you do not need and wish to sell or exchange, an ad placed in this four sous, Francs M., Joseph F., Nicholas and William, all of near Manassas; three brothers, F. Ashby and Chas. F. M., both of near Manassas, and William H. E., of Rectortown; two sisters, Miss Sarah Lane Lewis, of near Manassas, and Mrs. W. H. Demaine, of Alexandria.

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## GROCERIES—

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It is not the aim of this grocery to buy the cheapest possible goods and to lead you to believe that you are getting extraordinary bargains in eatables. Rather, we buy on the basis of quality first, and then see that the price is as low as this quality will permit. And this same practice we exercise in selling the groceries, fresh vegetables, fruits, etc., that you will find here awaiting your order.

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### Lifelong and Well-Known Resident of County Passed Away Friday—In Poor Health Since March, 1913.

Joseph Fairfax Lewis, a native and lifelong resident of this county, and of an old Virginia family, died early Friday morning of last week at his home near Manassas, at the age of 64. Mr. Lewis had been in very poor health since March, 1913, when he was stricken with paralysis.

The deceased was the second of the six sons (three of whom survive) of the late Mr and Mrs. F. M. Lewis. He was born at the old Lewis home place, "Rosemont," near Manassas, where his forbears located in 1757.

Mr. Lewis had always made his home in Prince William, except for a short while in his early manhood, which he spent in Washington. His sympathetic and lovable disposition made for him many friends, which was attested by the many beautiful floral tributes seen at the burial. He was a very successful farmer and owner of livestock. At one time Mr. Lewis held the position of commissioner of revenue for this district.

Surviving the deceased are his wife, who before their marriage on April 25, 1894, was Miss Daisy Moore, of Clarke county; one daughter, Mrs. Cecil Moffett, of This place; four sons, Francis M., Joseph F., Nicholas and William, all of near Manassas; three brothers, F. Ashby and Chas. F. M., both of near Manassas, and William H. E., of Rectortown; two sisters, Miss Sarah Lane Lewis, of near Manassas, and Mrs. W. H. Demaine, of Alexandria.

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## FAIRFAX-LOUDOUN CO. HEARD.

### Town May Discontinue Maintenance of Own Power Plant—Resolutions.

At a called session of the town council, held at the town hall Thursday evening of last week, the object of which was to consider the proposition which was submitted to the city fathers by representatives of the Fairfax-Loudoun Light & Power Co., to provide Manassas with electric current, Mayor Harry P. Davis and the following councilmen were present: D. J. Arrington, B. C. Cornwell, J. M. Burke, J. M. Bell, E. R. Conner, R. M. Jenkins, R. S. Hynson and C. M. Larkin.

After a discussion of the proposition, which had been presented by Mr. Harper, of the above-named company, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Fairfax Electric Light & Power Co. be requested to submit to the council, for its consideration, a form of contract for the delivery, by the said company, to the town of Manassas, of electric current for light and power purposes.

The foregoing resolution was passed by a unanimous vote of all councilmen present.

The following resolution, offered by Councilman Hynson, was also passed by a record vote:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this council that the proposition offered by the Fairfax-Loudoun Electric Light & Power Co., provided the town's interests are properly safeguarded by contract, is for the best interests of the town.

### R. WALTON MOORE HONORED.

#### Made Member of Foreign Relations Committee, House of Representatives.

(Richmond Evening Dispatch)

Representative R. Walton Moore, eighth Congressional district, was accorded a high honor Saturday when he was made a member of the foreign relations committee of the House of Representatives.

Representative Moore fills the vacancy on the committee caused by the death of Hal D. Flood. The foreign relations committee of the House is a major committee and assignment to it carries high honor and recognition of ability.

Mr. Moore was a member of the Virginia State Constitutional Convention of 1901 and 1902 and was a leader in the president of the Virginia State Bar Association, and a former member of the Virginia Senate. He was elected to the Sixty-sixth congress in 1919 and re-elected to the sixty-seventh congress.

### PLANNING NOW FOR CLUB WORK.

#### Officers to Be Elected This Month—Olivia Athey Wrote Best Composition

(Miss Lillian V. Gilbert, C. H. D. A.)

Greater interest than ever is being taken in club work by the boys and girls of Prince William county. Such interest should manifest itself strongly this month, for January is the time for election of officers for the year. Already officers have been elected for the Hayfield and Bristow clubs. For Hayfield—Ray Luck, president; Bertha Luck, vice-president; Nellie Copen, secretary-treasurer and Elsie Copen, reporter. For Bristow—Sylvia Showalter, president; Gertrude Ledman, vice-president; Ruth Manly, secretary-treasurer; Pauline Ritchie, reporter, and Mrs. M. C. Dickins, club leader.

It is hoped that by the end of this month all officers of the various clubs will have been elected. It is interesting to note the business-like way in which the club members go about their work. New members are coming into the clubs, especially the canning club. Our goal is 25 first-year canning club girls for 1922. January and February are the months for the club enrollment campaign. Club members should get busy and see that their boy and girl friends join some club project without delay.

Some most excellent work was done during the year 1921. The honor of having written the best composition the past season falls to Olivia Athey. This composition will be given in next week's issue of the NEWS.

### PROGRAM FOR LEE'S BIRTHDAY.

#### Ex-Governor A. J. Montague Will Be Speaker at Celebration Here on 19th.

It has been announced that the following program will be given at the court house in Manassas on Lee's birthday, January 19th, at 2 p. m., in commemoration of Generals Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson, leading soldiers of the Confederacy:

Prayer — Chaplain
"Cross of Honor" — Rev. T. D. D. Clark
"Sword of Lee" and "Stonewall Jackson's Way" — Miss Rose Rice
Music—Selected.
Introduction of speaker — Mr. T. E. Didlake
Address — Hon. A. J. Montague
Music—Selected.
Five-minute talks — Veterans, etc.
Music—"Dixie."

## COUNTY SCHOOL CHILDREN EXAMINED

### Division Superintendent of Schools Charles R. McDonald Reviews Findings of Physical Examinations Given Children in Various Schools of County—Important to Have Defects Remedied.

Editor The Prince William News:

In order that parents may be fully advised as to the results of the physical examination of the school children in Prince William county this session, I present for publication herewith the list of all schools reporting as of December 31st, showing physical defects found generally among the school children.

The general health and well-being of the public school children is a matter of such vital importance that these examinations are now required and all teachers, in order to secure a certificate, must, before 1925, take a course in physical inspection and school hygiene, which includes control of communicable diseases.

Parents will be glad to know that the state board of education is now devoting much time and attention to this subject in order to secure healthy children and healthful schools throughout the state of Virginia. Bad roads and the serious shortage of doctors, nurses, dentists, etc., make it necessary for the country to depend upon the school teachers to use every endeavor to prevent disease among the children and to have remedied the physical defects which interfere with the pupils' making the most of the advantages offered by the school.

The great importance of this physical inspection will be recognized when it is known that out of 2,161 children examined in Prince William county, 609 had defective eyes, 129 had defective hearing, 1,123 had defective teeth, 393 had poor nutrition and about 700 were found to be underweight.

Nearly all children are born with reasonably sound bodies, regardless of wealth or station in life, but many of them soon begin to manifest weakness or positive disease, most of which could be prevented by intelligent care on the part of the parents. If the matter of health, then, is neglected at home it must be taken up by the schools, if the future generations are to be physically and mentally normal.

All defects found among the children have been reported directly to the parents and it is earnestly hoped that they will consult at once their family physicians and have the troubles attended to.

Another health regulation, that of vaccination, must now be attended to by all. Smallpox has developed in one of our schools and in order to prevent its spread throughout the county, the compulsory vaccination law must be enforced, and at once. No excuses can be accepted. Some profess to not believe in it. This makes no difference; the law requires it and the parent failing to comply makes himself liable to fines and damages. There must be good, honest cooperation between parents and teachers in all matters so that the maximum of health and education may be obtained for the children.

The schools of the county are at least fifty per cent better this year than for the past several years. Teachers are better satisfied; wages are better; and pupils are relieved from so many things which required time and attention to perform. "Normalcy" is approaching fast and with the cooperation of all concerned, Prince William is destined to stand high among the counties of Virginia. Her rating now is 22nd among the one hundred counties of the state. This is

The following report is submitted for the information of all concerned:

Chas. R. McDonald,
Division Superintendent.

### DETAILED REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

| School | Total No. Exms. | Defect. Eyes | Defect. Hearing | Defect. Teeth | Poor Nutri. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aden | 74 | 12 | 3 | 40 | |
| Buckhall | 32 | 9 | 2 | 24 | |
| Bradley | 50 | 5 | | 20 | |
| Bethlehem | 15 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 9 |
| Brentsville | 37 | 8 | | 24 | 1 |
| Bristow | 44 | 16 | 1 | 19 | 3 |
| Bethel | 88 | 16 | 2 | 61 | 10 |
| Bacon Race | 35 | 12 | 2 | 30 | 10 |
| Cherry Hill | 29 | 4 | 2 | 24 | 8 |
| Catharpin | 51 | 19 | | 14 | 7 |
| Cannon Branch | 46 | 9 | 1 | 35 | 18 |
| Dumfries | 76 | 12 | 10 | 56 | |
| Fayman | 27 | 5 | 2 | 16 | 6 |
| Greenwich | 60 | 16 | | 44 | 31 |
| Goldridge | 25 | 9 | 2 | 15 | 13 |
| Gainesville | 25 | 8 | 5 | 15 | |
| Groveton | 39 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 20 |
| Hayfield | 21 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 3 |
| Holmes | 19 | 6 | 1 | 11 | 3 |
| Haymarket | 116 | 34 | 11 | 45 | |
| Hickory Grove | 12 | 1 | | 7 | |
| Joplin | 35 | 20 | | 16 | 11 |
| King's X Roads | | | | | |
| Minnieville | | | | | |
| Manassas High | 124 | 16 | 5 | 42 | 20 |
| Manassas Grades | 333 | 126 | 34 | 164 | 127 |
| Nokesville | 98 | 13 | 4 | 47 | 1 |
| Occoquan | 41 | 14 | 4 | 22 | 15 |
| Purcell | 25 | 2 | | 17 | 1 |
| Piney Branch | 16 | 6 | | 3 | |
| Quantico | 32 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 20 |
| Smithfield | 36 | 6 | | 8 | 5 |
| Thornton | 25 | 4 | | 23 | 8 |
| Thoroughfare | 24 | 15 | 3 | 20 | 18 |
| Woodbridge | 37 | 12 | 9 | 26 | 2 |
| Woodlawn | | | | | |
| Woodbine | 34 | 24 | 3 | 32 | |
| Waterfall | 37 | 10 | 3 | 18 | |
| TOTAL—WHITE | 1818 | 486 | 95 | 961 | 370 |
| | Colored Schools | | | | |
| Antiock | | | | | |
| Brown | 99 | 19 | 3 | 33 | 3 |
| Cabin Branch | | | | | |
| Catharpin | 18 | 7 | | 10 | 7 |
| Kettle Run | 18 | 1 | | 6 | |
| Manley | | | | | |
| Macrae | 57 | 18 | 9 | 20 | 6 |
| Neabsco | 27 | 20 | 3 | 9 | 4 |
| Occoquan | 26 | 14 | 3 | 11 | 1 |
| Quantico | 28 | 18 | 3 | 18 | 2 |
| Summit | 28 | 22 | 7 | 20 | |
| Thoroughfare | 42 | 10 | 1 | 15 | |
| TOTAL—Colored | 343 | 123 | 34 | 142 | 23 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 2161 | 609 | 129 | 1123 | 393 |

## ELECTED FAIR DIRECTORS.

### First Meeting of Newly Elected Board of Directors to Be Held on Jan. 18th.

At the fourth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Prince William Fair Association, held at the court house in Manassas on Saturday, January 7, the following board of directors was elected to serve during the ensuing year:

Mrs. H. L. Hundley, Mrs. J. F. Dogan, Miss L. V. Gilbert, Miss E. J. Johnson, H. C. Allen, W. B. Bullock, M. B. Whitmore, E. E. Cornwell, J. F. Cockerille, O. W. Herring, J. L. Leneaver, E. E. Hale, W. M. Johnson, T. C. Jacobs, R. L. Lewis, C. F. M. Lewis, J. P. Lyon, C. C. Lynn, B. L. Robertson, C. S. Smith, M. Seese, M. M. Washington, C. V. Grove, E. R. Conner, R. S. Hynson.

Several suggestions for the improvement of the 1922 fair were received and plans for the coming year were discussed. It was decided that racing, except by horses, mules or ponies owned within the county, should be eliminated. It was also decided that a later date than that of last year's should be selected for this year's fair.

The first meeting of the newly-elected board of directors will be held in the directors' room of the National Bank of Manassas on Wednesday, January 18, at which meeting officers of the association for 1922 will be elected.

### THANKS "NEWS" FOR PRIZE.

#### Sylvia Showalter, Eleven-Year Old Reporter of Bristow Club, Appreciative.

Editor The Prince William News:

I received today the handsome "Story Book of Science" that you offered as a prize for the best club reporter of Prince William county, for which please accept my sincere thanks.

It was indeed a pleasant surprise to me, as it was the least of my expectations to win the prize offered, as I am only eleven years of age and this was my first year of club work.

I have enjoyed the club work very much and appreciate the interest you have taken in the club work.

While I have not had the opportunity to read the book, I am sure it will be interesting and instructive.

Again thanking you for the book, I remain,

Yours respectfully,
(Miss) Sylvia C. Showalter.

### FINE PROGRAM FOR BRADLEY.

#### Community League of That Neighborhood to Hold Meeting January 14th.

At the next meeting of the community league of Bradley, to be held at the Bradley school house on the evening of January 14th, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, the following program will be rendered:

Opening song—"America"
Words of welcome — Lottie Dove
Recitation—"A Boy's Opinion" — Oral Cox
Recitation—"The Old Tobacco Box" — Hector Robinson
Dialogue—"The Farmer" — Four boys
Recitation—"Just Being Happy" — Gladys Robinson
Song—"Battle Hymn of the Republic"
Recitation—"The Best Way" — Lewis Colbert
Reading — Mr. Worth Storke
Solo — Mrs. J. B. Shoemaker
Recitation—"When Mother Gets Her Vote" — Ruth Bibb
Dialogue—"Mary Maloney Philosophy" — Evelyn Fritts and Fannie Dove
Song—"Old Black Joe"
Recitation—"Farmer John" — Lottie Dove
Solo — Goldie Beavers
Recitation — Blanche Robinson
Address — Hon. C. J. Meetze
Recitation—"Do Your Best" — Howard Pettitt
Recitation — Mrs. Bibb
Closing song—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Refreshments of ice cream, cake and candy will be sold for the benefit of the league. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

### ORGANIZE LOCAL LAND COMPANY

The Southern Real Estate Exchange and Insurance Co., Inc., is the name of a new land brokerage and insurance agency for Manassas. The company, has with offices in the Peoples National Bank building, was recently organized with J. C. Parrish, president; J. W. Leedy, secretary, and M. Bruce Wahlmore, treasurer. The company proposes to conduct a general real estate and insurance business, and exchanging of property will be given special attention. All three members are well-known locally, and their many friends will join the NEWS in wishing the organization success.

### "BILL" FARMERS' UNION TO MEET.

The Farmers' Union of Independent Hill will meet at the hall, Independent Hill, on Thursday evening, January 19, at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend and to be on hand promptly. Officers for the coming year will be elected at this meeting.—E. E. Cornwell, President.

## LET PUBLIC KNOW

### Contributor Maintains Local Citizens Much Alarmed Over Proposed Additional Bond Issue—Want Details

Editor The Prince William News:

Allow me a little space in your paper to express my views upon the proposed additional bond issue, also upon the proposition of Manassas' joining with the Fairfax-Loudoun Electric Light and Power Co., in order to transmit current from Alexandria to Herndon, Fairfax, Manassas and intermediate points.

I was present at the meeting of the town council on Thursday evening of last week, at which time Mr. A. S. Harrison, of Herndon, and Messrs. Stephens and Montague, of Norfolk (the two latter being practical electricians and disinterested gentlemen) appeared before the council in order to explain the plans and practicability of the proposal of the Fairfax-Loudoun Company's proposal.

I was very glad indeed to observe that eight of the councilmen and the mayor were present, and every member present voted favorably on the plan as outlined, with the understanding that it must be proved feasible and that Manassas' interests will be properly safeguarded by contract.

Mr. A. S. Harrison, who married a Miss Holden, formerly of near Manassas, is a business man of rare foresight and exceptional ability. Mr. Harrison needs no introduction to the people of this section of Virginia. He is safe, sound and absolutely practicable, never going into anything without first investigating it from every angle. He has succeeded splendidly as a business man and as a Christian gentleman stands as high as any man in the country.

I was deeply impressed with the fairness and frankness of all of the visiting gentlemen, as they explained the proposal to our council, and invited each to ask any questions that they cared to ask.

Mr. Harrison gave details of the plan which they had worked out for themselves and which they were going to adopt in their town of Herndon, and in Fairfax and other places in Fairfax and Loudoun counties. He stated that Manassas is given an opportunity to come in with them upon the same plan and upon the same terms. He also stated that he had nothing to conceal and had

It was emphasized by Mr. Harrison that their plan would enable Manassas to get power here, delivered, for 3½ cents per kilowatt. It is now costing consumers in Manassas 17 cents a kilowatt for light and 10 cents a kilowatt for the first 200 kilowatts for power. I am advised that it is costing our towns 5 to 5½ cents a kilowatt to produce current.

Mr. Harrison says the proposed plan of the Fairfax-Loudoun Electric Light & Power Co. would save our town the sum of $1,000 a month to begin with. His estimate on the cost of the Manassas end of the line is $30,000, which he advises that sale of stock be made for, and he offers to head the list of Manassas stockholders by purchasing $1,000 worth of stock. Mr. Harrison has already given two years of his time, or at least a great deal of his time for two years to this plan, and, in addition, has subscribed $1,000 to the stock for Herndon. This should be conclusive evidence that he knows what he

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## PARENTS SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN THIS REPORT.

Every reader of the NEWS is urged to read carefully the splendid report, found elsewhere in this issue, just made on the physical examination of the school children of Prince William county the early part of this session. The public is indebted to the teachers for the actual work required in the examinaitons, and to Division Superintendent Charles R. McDonald for the summary and tabulation of the complete returns. While it might be surprising to many that so large a number of our children are suffering from defects, great concern should be manifested by the parents of all these children and they should leave nothing undone that the defects now brought to light are corrected, while there is yet time that correction can be made.

## WHILE IT'S QUIET LET'S GET BUSY.

Business, everywhere, is a little slack now. This allows the employer time to think and to plan for future activity. If the dull season is properly used, it can prove a blessing to business. If it is wasted through moping around and lamentation, the whole country loses.

What are the business men of Manassas doing to insure a better and more prosperous year in 1922 for the county, the town and themselves? This is an important question to ask.

William R. Basset, in Collier's for this week, says that 1922 will be a year of intense competition and he leads the reader to arrive at the conclusion that only the most businesslike of business institutions are going to feel proud of their work this year, and see definite worth-while accomplishments.

If this is true, and we believe that what Mr. Basset predicts will be proved to be true month by month as we go through the year, Manassas' business interests should not only put their individual houses in order, but they should work unitedly, through a chamber of commerce, for a greater share of the county trade that is now going to mail order houses and Washingfon and Alexandria, and for the securing of new enterprises, when such can be secured, for the town's future welfare.

With "things quiet," is not the present an opportune time to organize a dead-in-earnest chamber of commerce, which, if started now, we could hope to see fairly well under way by the summer months? Is not there one business man in the town who, with faith in his fellow business men, will take the lead in this matter, a matter that can be of great import not only to Manassas and her citizens but to all of Prince William?

## OUR SUGGESTIONS SOMETIMES MISINTERPRETED, PERHAPS.

The NEWS and its editor desire to take this opportunity to clear up a certain amount of misunderstanding that seems to exist in the minds of a few of the citizens of the town and county which we have striven to serve.

It has been brought to our attention in a few indirect ways that some have gained the impression that the NEWS, in freely offering suggestions along various lines for the betterment of county and town, has not hesitated to "knock" both Prince William and Manassas. Nothing, however, is farther from the truth.

If the ideal paper is one that knows only adjectives of praise and that, for one reason of another, desists from stating unpleasant facts of public concern, then the NEWS pleads guilty of never having striven to be an ideal paper.

But to our mind, and to the minds of hundreds and hundreds of journalists throughout the country, the function of a paper is to give the news and to enlighten its readers upon matters of vital importance to them. This, in a nutshell, explains why the NEWS has repeatedly risked the "knocks" of a few "boosters" in telling the local public what we have felt it was not only entitled to know, but what it was anxious to know, even though weaknesses of county or town may have been revealed in such recitals.

In this day of enlightment it is well nigh futile for county or town to strive to appear what is is not; and we do not believe the great majority of the people would care to wear a false front, if the maintenance of one were at all profitable, which is certainly not the case.

Thinking back over the suggestions that the NEWS and its editor have made for the advancement of Prince William and Manassas, it will be recalled that in every instance the suggestions were suggestions and never anything more. Not once have we asserted that our opinion was THE opinion (for we are as apt to err as any, and we know it); all our suggestions have been made with the idea of provoking discussion and clear-cut thinking, and it is surprising to us that a few have so misinterpreted our statements and suggestions as to consider some of them "knocks."

The man or woman or child in Prince William, if there is one, who thinks the county and the county seat are well nigh perfect and that things are good enough and that but little remains to be done to improve the lot of those living in this territory, is a hopeless "Rip Van Winkle." It must be remembered that all progress is made through a healthy discontent with existing conditions. It is only when we confess to ourselves—not in fear and trembling; not in a resigned manner, but in the spirit of desiring improvement—that we realize the need for better roads and schools and municipal advantages, etc., that we are on the path leading to these things.

If the NEWS and its editor have been of any assistance in promoting the progress of Prince William and Manassas, the fact that we have done a little something to advance the interests of county and town rewards amply our untiring efforts. If, on the other hand, there are those who feel that our services have not been as helpful as they might have been, we ask that, by these, our motives be weighed and that our efforts be judged from the viewpoint of what we were seeking to see accomplished for the ultimate good of one and all.

## EASTERN NOTES.

All the students have returned to their studies after enjoying the Christmas holidays.

Miss Hamilton returned from Greensboro, N. C., Sunday where she spent the holidays with her sister who is attending Greensboro college.

Mr. Charles Mills, of Florida, is visiting his mother, Mrs Mills, matron at Eastern.

Misses Thelma Bell and Viola Sarles are slightly indisposed.

Miss Evelyn Johnston and Mrs. Cutler are Washington visitors today.

The furnace does not seem to give the proper results since Mr. Gregory has been unable to care for it personally, due to an attack of la grippe.

Mr. Horace D. Turner, of Philadelphia, Miss., and Miss Arwin Devereux, assistant instructor and piano accompanist at Eastern College-Conservatory, were married in Washington Saturday evening by the Rev. John Jeffries. The bride's home is also in Philadelphia, Mississippi. Mrs. Turner, for the present, will retain her position at Eastern. The couple are making their home at the New Prince William hotel.

Negotiations are under way by the Eastern basketball coach, President R. H. Holliday, to secure an engagement with the girls' basketball team of the Steward Business College, Washington. If negotiations are completed the game will be played here Saturday evening.

## IN REMEMBRANCE.

In sad but loving remembrance of little Catherine Maria Clarke, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Clarke, who passed quietly into rest Thursday, January 5th, at "Rock Hill," the old Clarke homestead, after an illness of several days of pneumonia, aged one year, eleven months and twenty-three days.

All that could be done by loving hands was done for our little darling, but a loving voice said, "Come."

She is waiting, ever waiting, for the friends she loved the best.

And she'll gladly hail their coming to the mansions of the blest.

One by one the Lord will call us, as our labor here is done,

And as we cross the river, we may meet her one by one.

The Family.

(Washington and Fredericksburg papers please copy.)

## MINNEVILLE.

The community was very much shocked to hear of the death of little Catherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Clarke. The sympathy of the entire community is extended the parents in this, their hour of bereavement.

School opened January 2, with a large enrollment.

Dr. W. Fewell Merchant, of Manassas visited the local school Thursday of last week and vaccinated the children. Sore arms are the order of the day at the present time.

Mrs. E. J. Alexander spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clarke.

Mr. W. Y. Ellicott spent Saturday night and Sunday at his home near Orlando.

Miss Lucile Clarke spent the holidays in Washington, visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. D. Carter has been on the sick list for the past week, but is much improved at this writing.

Mr. Bertram Kidwell was a Minnieville visitor Sunday.

## COLLINS-THURMAN NUPTIALS.

Mr. N. Jay Collins and Miss Mattie Thurman, popular young people of the Bristow neighborhood, were married Saturday at the local Presbyterian manse, Rev. A. B. Jamison, pastor, performing the ceremony. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Collins, of Bristow, and a brother of Mrs. Lela Worley, of Manassas. The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Thurman, reside in Franklin county, but for the past year or so Miss Thurman has been making her home at Bristow.

## TWO LITTLE NEWCOMERS.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Kline, of Nokesville, but recently of near Manassas, are the proud possessors of a fine baby girl, Thelma Pauline, who arrived on the sixth.

The stork's present on New Year's day to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Slack, of Bristow, was a fine baby boy.

## DECLARED 3 PER CENT DIVIDEND.

The board of directors of the Bank of Nokesville declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent at their last regular meeting, held at Nokesville recently.

## GOLD RIDGE CLUB MEETS.

The Junior Workers Club met and reorganized Tuesday, January 10th. The meeting was called to order by the president, after which all joined in singing "The Battle Hymn of Demonstration Work." Then the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Next followed the election of officers for 1922—President, Olen Bowman; vice-president, Frances Berryman; secretary, Christine Berryman; reporter, Frances Berryman; leader, Miss Tracie Spitzer. The roll call showed that nine members were present. The concluding song was "The Star Spangled Banner." The meeting was then adjourned to meet again January 24th.—Frances Berryman, reporter.

Mrs. Thos. W. Howard and Miss Audrey Steele were Washington visitors Sunday.

## BRENTSVILLE.

Everything is very quiet now after the holidays. There is scarcely any news.

Mrs. R. H. Keys is better at this writing.

Several in the neighborhood are indisposed, but mostly colds; nothing serious.

Mr. A. L. Holsinger returned to Blue Ridge Sanitarium at Charlottesville, where he is undergoing treatment, on Monday, after a ten-day visit at his home here. His daughters, Misses Olive and Viola, who hold positions in Washington, visited him during the week.

Miss Mary Lam spent the week end with Miss Virginia Shirkey.

Messrs. Clyde Hedrick and William Varner, who are attending the high school at Manassas, spent the week end at their homes here.


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