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## CIRCUIT COURT NOW IN SESSION

**Number of Cases Already Disposed of—Frances Thorn Gets Thirty Days.**

The February term of the Prince William county circuit court convened here Monday, Judge Samuel G. Brent presiding. The following is a summary of the business transacted:

### Common Law.

Special grand jury: J. L. Dawson, foreman; T. H. Marshall, May Herndon, R. S. Brawner, T. J. Broadus, I. C. Reid and J. J. Cotner.

Commonwealth vs. U. G. and J. T. Bourne for felony. Bonded to appear on February 14; James Thorn, misdemeanor, case dismissed; Arthur D. McLarn, case dismissed; Frances Thorn, one month in jail, \$50 fine.

Herbert Randall, violation of prohibition law; hung jury, case set for next term of court.

Reports of sheriff and clerk duly examined and ordered filed.

Commonwealth vs. Ada Robinson for felony, case dismissed.

Commonwealth vs. One Ford Automobile, case dismissed and car ordered restored to Clayton Liming.

Commonwealth vs. R. W. Allen, F. W. Peters, Delbert Saffer, misdemeanors; cases dismissed.

J. H. Senger vs. Wilson Hundley; ordered that defendant recover costs. Geo. W. Herring vs. R. E. Sisson; considered by court plaintiff recover the sum of \$479.05, with interest.

Cora A. Ryan made administratrix of the estate of Edward Thomas Ryan, deceased.

R. M. Weir made administrator on the personal estate of Eugene T. Weir, deceased.

Peoples National Bank of Manassas vs. C. M. Hopkins; case dismissed.

Permits for selling flavoring extracts, etc., granted the following: J. M. Bell, E. M. Cornwell, Prince William Pharmacy, Co-Operative Exchange, M. A. Woodyard, Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., C. R. C. Johnson, E. R. Conner & Co., D. J. Arrington, A. M. Yates and Cockey's Pharmacy.

Licenses granted P. A. Long, Prince William Co-Operative Exchange, M. A. Woodyard and E. R. Conner & Co. to sell soft drinks.

Daisy M. Baker qualified as administratrix of the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Hornbaker, deceased.

Ordered that E. S. Hyslop, C. E. Nash, J. P. Leachman, C. R. C. Johnson and Chas. R. McDonald (any three of whom may serve), shall appraise personal property of late Elizabeth Hornbaker.

C. E. Nash and J. D. Wheeler appointed jury commissioners for Prince William county for ensuing year.

Sum of \$33.40 ordered paid C. A. Barbee for burial of unknown person. Chancery.

Paul R. Groff vs. Lillian V. Groff. Complainant granted absolute divorce and the control of their infant son.

Eva P. Harris, guardian vs. Thelma Brown et als. C. A. Sinclair, bonded commissioner, ordered to pay the sum of \$30 to said guardian, Eva P. Harris.

Stella Irene Willis vs. George C. Willis. Absolute divorce.

### TRAIN KILLS TWO GIRLS

Strikes Victims on Their Way Home From School at Bealeton.

Culpeper Va., Feb. 7—Gladys Stafford and Lizzie Diggs, school girls each 17 years old, were instantly killed this afternoon at Bealeton station, when a westbound Chesapeake and Ohio passenger train struck them. Miss Stafford lived with her parents at Midland, Va., and Miss Diggs with her parents at Morrisville. They were returning from school at the time.

A freight train was standing at the station and the girls passed in front of it. Because of the noise they did not hear the oncoming passenger train.

### SENSATIONAL DISCOVERIES

The Rotogravure Section of The Washington Star for Sunday, February 11, will contain startling, exclusive photographs of the interior of King Tutankamen's tomb in Thebes, recently opened. These exclusive pictures show the treasures of centuries now being unearthed. A picture "sweep" of a decade, so don't miss The Washington Star next Sunday. Order from your newsdealer today.

### PANCAKE SUPPER FEBRUARY 13

To Be Held in Parish Hall By Ladies of Trinity Episcopal Church.

The ladies of Trinity Episcopal Church will hold an oyster and pancake supper at the Parish Hall on the evening of February, 13 (Shrove Tuesday).

The oyster supper will consist of stewed oysters, hot biscuits and butter, cold slaw, and coffee. The price of this will be 35c. Hot pancakes and maple syrup will be 35c extra.

One is privileged to order either or both suppers. The public is cordially invited to be present.

## FIRE DESTROYS HISTORIC HOME

Estate Been in Johnson Family Since 1770—Fire Started From Defective Flue.

The home of the late Joseph B. Johnson, at Clover Hill Farm, about a mile from Manassas, was totally destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon.

The fire, which broke out in an upper room, from a defective flue, had gained such headway by the time the fire department had arrived, that it was found utterly impossible to save the building, so attention was turned towards removing the furniture.

This estate, which has been one of the landmarks of Prince William county, came into the hands of the Johnson family in the year 1770. The old stone building, occupied by some of the members of the family since the fire, was in use at that time as a weaving house. This building, which was within fifty feet of the flames, was saved with much difficulty.

The building destroyed was erected in 1885 on the foundation of the old house destroyed during the Civil war, it in turn having been built prior to 1814, as relics from the National Museum were brought there and stored when the British burned Washington.

In the present fire a chest was burned which was used as a war chest during the war of 1812, by Capt. John H. Dye, a member of the family.

Two of the original buildings of the farm are still standing, one being the old stone house occupied by the family from 1865 to 1885, and the other a building used as a slave cabin.

A number of pieces of antique furniture were destroyed on account of being too heavy to get out, but the greater part of the household goods was saved.

### MR. T. S. REYNOLDS DIES SUDDENLY JANUARY 28

Funeral Conducted by Rev. A. B. Jamison—Interment At Woodbine Cemetery.

(Contributed)

Mr. Theodore S. Reynolds died suddenly Sunday morning, January 28, at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Richards, of Purcell neighborhood.

Mr. Reynolds was born at Cameron, N. Y., December 18, 1846, and with his parents removed to Illinois in 1855, where he grew to manhood and remained until coming to Virginia about four years ago. He was married to Miss Electa C. Ransom on September 15, 1878, three children being born of this union, the first born dying in infancy. Since the death of his wife, September 2, 1904, Mr. Reynolds made his home with his children.

Mr. Reynolds was a devout Christian, a faithful member of the Methodist Church, a kind and loving father and a thoughtful neighbor.

The funeral was held at his late home, followed by a short service at the church conducted by the Rev. A. B. Jamison, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Manassas, and the interment was made in the Woodbine cemetery.

He leaves to mourn his loss a daughter, Mrs. Mary Richards; a son, Ernest D. Reynolds, of Raton, N. Mex.; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

A meeting of the Bethlehem Good Housekeepers' Club will be held at the home of Mrs. J. T. Broadus, on the afternoon of February 17, at 2:30 o'clock. At the request of the president the quotations at the roll call will be in honor of Washington. The president also requests that the members arrive promptly.

### MRS. JOHN H. ROBINSON SUCCUMBS ON SATURDAY

Life-Time Resident of Prince William Passes Away in Her Seventy-third Year.

(Contributed)

On February 8, 1923, at her home near Buckhall, Mrs. John H. Robinson, nee Regina Virginia Austin, entered into rest in the seventy-third year of her age. She was born near Brentsville, Va., on December 28, 1850, and was married to John H. Robinson on February 4, 1875.

On Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, funeral services were conducted at the house by Rev. T. D. D. Clark, a friend of many years, and at the grave he was assisted by Rev. J. Murray Taylor, pastor of the Manassas Baptist Church.

Mrs. Robinson was a faithful and consistent member of this church, of which also her deceased husband was an honored deacon for some years.

Surviving her are five children—H. M. and C. A. Robinson, Mrs. E. E. Molair and Mrs. Wm. Hottle, all of Manassas, and Mrs. W. W. Davis, of Bridgeton, N. J.; also ten grandchildren.

A life of unselfish and unpretentious devotion has been withdrawn from the church and community to the felt loss of both. Earnest and sincere in spirit by nature and grace, diligent in all things belonging to faith and duty, she was rewarded by that "good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches."

All that love and friendship would do to prolong her life was at her service, but proved of no avail. "God's finger touched her and she slept." Mother, sister, friend we bid you hopeful farewell "Till the day break, and the shadows flee away."

## VIRGINIA FARM BUTTER CONTEST

Sixteenth Annual Convention to Be Held in Charlottesville March 8th and 9th.

(Miss Lillian V. Gilbert, County Home Demonstration Agent)

The county home demonstration agent has just received from Blacksburg, Va., announcement and entry blank of the Annual Virginia Farm Butter Contest, held by the Virginia State Dairywomen's Association. This is the sixteenth annual convention, and is to be held in the Monticello Armory, Charlottesville, Va., March 8th to 9th.

Prince William county did well last year; we want to do still better this year. We are not limited in our number of contestants, but we do want to have at least twenty-five. Entry blanks, ten suggestions for making good farm butter and rules of the contest will be sent out as soon as application is made for same.

The prizes to be awarded is as follows: First, No. 10 De Laval cream separator; 2nd, \$15; 3rd, \$10; 4th, \$8; 5th, \$7; 6th, \$6; 7th, \$5; 8th, \$4; 9th, \$3; 10th, \$2. The De Laval Separator Company is offering the first prize in this contest. All other prizes are offered by the Virginia State Dairywomen's Association.

Rules of the Contest  
1. Only butter made on the farm is eligible for this contest.  
2. An entry shall consist of one (pound) print.  
3. Butter in this contest will be sold and the proceeds applied on the expenses of the contest.  
4. The butter entered in this contest should be mailed not later than Saturday, March 3, to I. G. Gibson, Superintendent, care of Monticello Dairy, Charlottesville, Va.

All contestants are urged not to mail butter before March 1st, as it is best to have it as freshly made as possible.  
To all who send in entry blanks before March 1st, the Association will furnish free a butter carton and paper for shipping the entry.  
There will be reduced railroad fare on all railroads in Virginia to the convention at Charlottesville. Ask your station agent.

As soon as you read this article, if you make butter, decide to enter the contest. Write your county home demonstration agent for entry blank, suggestions for making good farm butter and rules of the contest.

The Prince William News has again suspended publication, awaiting the arrival of new material. The Journal is the leading paper this week.

### NEW DIRECTORY ISSUED BY SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Shows in Graphic Way Constant Growth of Textile Industry in the South.

Remarkable growth of the textile industry in the South is shown in a directory of manufacturing plants on its lines just issued by the Southern Railway System.

In the directory are listed 936 cotton mills, operating 242,900 looms and 12,379,357 spindles, or 43.21 per cent of the total in the United States.

There are also listed 240 knitting mills, operating 36,584 machines and 270,713 spindles; 22 woolen mills, with 1,571 looms and 76,200 spindles; 11 silk mills, with 1,303 looms and 85,120 spindles; 50 mattress, batt and felt mills; 22 bleaching, dyeing and finishing plants; 16 jute mills; 6 braider mills; and 4 miscellaneous cotton manufacturing plants.

Maps and tables in the directory show in a graphic way the constant growth of the textile industry in the South and the great percentage of that growth at points on the Southern. In 1922, mills in the South consumed 3,977,847 bales of cotton which was 60.74 percent of the total consumption in the United States.

On January 1, 1923, twenty-seven new plants and additions which will operate 3,052 looms and 270,540 spindles were under construction at points on the Southern. The directory shows that in the year ended July 31, 1922, new spindles numbering 244,669 were installed in the South and only 83,301 in other parts of the country. Many other interesting facts and figures showing the tendency of textile development toward the South are included.

## MACADAM ROADS VS. DIRT ROADS

Former Roads Far Superior to Latter, Opinion of One Who Travels Sudley Road.

(By H. A. Knevels)

Editor of the Journal:

In the issue of your valued paper, dated January 26, I read a communication by A. J. Ramey, in which he contends that dirt roads are best. I was interested, but unconvinced. I read the article with considerable emotion, because if the dirt roads are best, Virginia is certainly in a bad fix for roads.

However, "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." We invite Mr. Ramey, and all others interested, to take a trip from Manassas to the Stone House over the Sudley road, as a fair sample of Virginia dirt roads in February. We certainly do hope that you will all enjoy the trip. When you have recovered sufficiently from said enjoyment, please take another trip from Manassas to Bristow and on toward Greenwich as far as the macadam road is completed. Then judge for yourselves which is the best type of road; and we will gamble on the decision being in favor of the macadam type.

That portion of the Sudley road to which I refer, has been "kept" for the last year just as Mr. Ramey recommends, and if I am any judge it was well done. The ditches were kept open and well graded; the road bed was well rounded and kept hard and smooth. After each rain, at the proper stage of drying out it was promptly dragged smooth again. This road was really in quite an excellent condition during the whole of the dry fall, but when the winter rains descended and the floods came, this road went the way of all roads made of Virginia clay; and a protracted rainy spell will do the same thing in any season. The macadam road keeps good all the year round and that is what we need. Even if a dirt road could be kept in good condition for nine months of the year, which it cannot, it would not fill the bill. Few people are content to "hole up" for three months, like the ground hog.

My argument is not necessarily in favor of the macadam road as the best to be had, but that it is incomparably better than a dirt road. Such a road will cost more in the start, but I doubt that it will in the end; and we must remember that it has become proverbial that "The greatest tax the farmers pay is the tax of poor roads."

"Ladies and Gentlemen, pays your money and takes your choice."

### SENATOR CARAWAY TO SPEAK

Interesting Address Promised For Tomorrow Morning.

Hon. T. H. Caraway, United States Senator from Arkansas, is to be in Manassas tomorrow, and under the auspices of the County Farmers' Union, will deliver an address on agriculture, at the courthouse, at eleven o'clock.

Mr. Caraway needs no introduction, being one of the leaders of farm interests in Congress.

He is a forceful and entertaining speaker, and it is to be hoped that a large crowd will turn out to hear him.

## RAT CAMPAIGN NOT A FAILURE

According to Reports Received 3,357 Rats and Mice Have Been Killed.

(Miss Lillian V. Gilbert, County Home Demonstration Agent)

As chairman of the Anti-Rat Campaign for Prince William county the writer feels that the campaign has not been a failure. January 22 to 29 was the date set for the work, and although weather conditions were unfavorable and much sickness throughout the county, many reports have come in for the work.

According to reports received, 3,357 rats and mice have been killed. Farmers and business men, have you thought this too much of a trifle, or have you done everything you could to help your community get rid of the pests? Have you supported the school next to you, and did you see to it that every rat or mouse tail possible was delivered at your school, that the boys and girls might contest for the school prize? Have you realized that every rat or mouse killed is money in your pockets? Business people in many sections have, for they have gone so far as to offer as much as five cents per tail. It is urged that all who have been interested keep the work up—that is going to be the way to get rid of the rodents.

Ten white and seven negro schools have made no report. Bethlehem and Purcell were closed during the campaign, as the teacher in each of these schools was sick. It is hoped that all the others have good reports and that same will be sent in at an early date. It is expected that announcement of the prize winners can be given in the next issue of The Journal; also the names of the schools and number of rats and mice reported from each one. It was necessary that the chairman be out of the county all of last week, which causes the delay.

Teachers who have not reported are urged to do so in time for the report next week. We all want to have a hand in this work, and we all want to see that Prince William is free from these troublesome pests.

### WONDERS NEVER CEASE

Patient Travels 3,300 Miles to Be Treated by Manassas Dentist.

Unique in the annals of dentistry was the now well remembered trip made by aroplane during the war by a former Manassas boy—then a lieutenant in the Air Service—for the purpose of paying a professional visit to one of our most popular surgeon-dentists.

Recently, when the "President Harding", of the United States lines, docked at Hoboken, one of her passengers, upon finishing with the custom officers, rushed to the station and took a train for Manassas. Upon alighting from the train here he was heard to inquire of our general station master, "Do you think Doctor Hough is in his office?"

Beyond a doubt the aroplane trip was novel, but it is our belief that that feat has been surpassed by the ocean trip, when a distance of about 3300 miles was covered in order to reach the family surgeon-dentist.

### HIGH SCHOOL PLAY MONDAY

A benefit entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Manassas High School Community League on Monday night, February 12, at the Episcopal Parish Hall.

A play, "The Last Day at Centre Ridge School," will be presented by the high school students, followed by a Spanish Tamborine Drill.

After the stage program, refreshments will be sold by the ladies of the league.

## EGG-LAYING CONTEST A SUCCESS

One Member Makes \$409.26 in Year From 138 Hens—Expenses Only \$66.00.

(Miss Lillian V. Gilbert, County Home Demonstration Agent)

December, 1921, when the members of the State Egg-Laying Contest in Prince William county started the work (five in number), a number of other women asked for poultry record books; desiring to keep records for the year 1922. Fourteen of these books were returned to the county home demonstration agent at the close of the year for examination. With the exception of two, which are being further examined, the books are being returned to the owners this week.

Fifteen record books have been given out for the present year. There are just a few more in the office. The county home demonstration agent will be glad to send these to any persons who wish to try keeping records.

Some of those who tried it last year have decided that it is really worth while. A member of the State Egg-Laying Contest was in the office a few days ago. In talking about the work she said: "I was ashamed of my report for December, I did not make expenses, but when my January report was worked out I came out ahead." Sometime ago a poultryman said: "My chickens have not paid for themselves this year." After being asked a few questions about eggs and fowls used in the home he realized that more than \$100 of living expenses had been covered by use of poultry products.

Of the 14 record books turned in, not including those in the state contest, three were completed. These books are the property of Mrs. B. I. Rinker, Manassas; Mrs. W. P. Wilson, Haymarket; and Roy Ledman, Nokesville.

Mrs. Rinker started with 15 pullets and one cock; January 3, 1922, she culled one that had refused to lay. January 30th one got hurt; March 10th this one started to lay again. The number of eggs laid by the fourteen pullets from December 1, 1921, to December 1, 1922, was 2,397 or 199 1-6 dozen. Value of the eggs gathered, \$65.57; value of poultry sold, \$57.74; value of manure from fourteen hens and one cock at 60 lbs per bird, 1c per lb, \$9.00, making a total of \$132.21. Cost of feed and labor, \$37.94. Mrs. Wilson had 138 hens which laid 827 1-6 dozen eggs; value of eggs gathered, \$239.87; value of poultry sold, \$85.59; value of manure, \$32.80; a total of \$409.26. Cost of feed, \$60.

If there are others in the county who have kept records and feel that their chickens have really been an asset instead of a liability the county home demonstration agent would be glad to have same for publication.

To make a flock pay there must be an income, the principal source of which is eggs (market and hatching), the other sources are from the sale of broilers, fliers hens and breeding stock. A profitable hen lays from late fall until following September, or later—ten months of the twelve. By careful culling at the proper time—August, September and October, hens that lay not more than five or six months can be taken out, thus saving expense of boarders.

### MR. MOORE SAW NEAR RIOT

Woman Attorney Demanded That Confederate Flag Be Removed.

United Daughters of the Confederacy observed Lee's birthday by gathering in Monumental Hall, in the Capitol, at Washington, placing flowers on the Lee statue and having children sing "Dixie." Representative R. Walton Moore of the 8th Virginia district made an address. A Confederate flag was displayed.

In the midst of the exercises, Miss K. P. Johnson, a Washington woman attorney, followed by several other women and a man, pushed her way into the assemblage and in strident tones demanded that "the flag of the traitors" be removed. She was answered sharply but continued to denounce the proceedings as "an outrage to every grave in Arlington."

Mr. Moore delivered his address undisturbed, after the invaders had retired, confining himself to a eulogy of Lee as "the most perfect product of our race in the long period of modern civilization."—London Mirror.