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## DR. C. J. OWENS MAKES ADDRESS

President of Southern Commercial Congress Enthusiastically Received Here.

Dr. Clarence J. Owens, of Washington, chairman of the finance board of the Manassas Battlefield Park, spoke to a rather small but highly appreciative audience at the Parish Hall here yesterday afternoon.

Beside Dr. Owens, there were present Major E. W. R. Ewing, of Washington, and Senator Walter Tansil Oliver, of Fairfax, both of whom made brief but interesting addresses.

As a preface to his address, Dr. Owens remarked, that in having chosen as his subject, "The Life of Washington as it is Lived Today in the Nations of the World," he had a twofold purpose. To do honor to the natal day of this great American, and from the inspiring occasion, to draw a lesson in the building of a memorial, sacred to the traditions of the Southland. In other words, the establishment of the proposed Battlefield Park.

Among other things, Dr. Owens said: "I wish to point out to you people of Manassas and Prince William county that you have an obligation resting upon you and that you should feel yourself a committee of the whole southland to see to it that memorials be established on the battlefield."

"From an economic as well as commercial point of view your town as well as your county would be benefited. Try to realize that being only thirty miles from the federal capital would bring people by thousands into the heart of Virginia, for tourists would make their pilgrimage yearly as to a great shrine, and the result would be that your town would grow by leaps and bounds.

"It is my opinion that no finer investment could be made for the town of Manassas than the establishing of the Battlefield Park."

Dr. Owens suggested that business men of the town hold a mass meeting and put up the first money for this purpose. Once started, he said, state after state and organization after organization would follow our example until the "memorial" would become an established fact.

"This is the hour of fate for Virginia," said Dr. Owens in conclusion, "and I believe through her sons and daughters she will answer the call of destiny."

Major Ewing and Senator Oliver are also most enthusiastic in their support of the plans for the establishment of this "memorial," and the latter has assured the people of this county that he will sponsor a bill for a generous appropriation for this purpose.

Dr. Owens spoke in the highest terms of the untiring efforts of Miss Isabelle Hutchison, of Manassas, in behalf of this great work, whom he remarked, "is keeping the home fires burning."

## FATHER OF G. T. BUCHER DEAD

Five Ministers Assist In Burial Service Which Fifty-Four Preachers Attend.

The funeral of Elder George Bucher, was held last Thursday from his late residence at Mechanic Grove, with burial at the old Bucher Church, near where he was born and raised, at Cornwell, Lebanon county, Pa.

Five ministers assisted in the services, which fifty-four preachers of various denominations attended.

Elder Bucher organized a Sunday School at this church just forty-three years ago, the first Sunday School to be established in Lebanon county by the Brethren.

The deceased was a member of the church for sixty-one years, having been a minister for fifty-eight years. He was a great lover of education, and made it possible for all of his children to have college educations.

He was among the first trustees of Elizabeth College, as well as a member of the building committee.

Elder Bucher was the father of Mr. George T. Bucher, of Manassas, and of Mrs. I. N. H. Beahm, both of whom attended his funeral.

Mr. Charles Caton, of Sudley, was a Manassas visitor on Saturday.

## An Opportunity to Get Good Road

(EDITORIAL)

The citizens of Manassas and others interested in seeing a hard-surfaced road from this section to Fairfax Court House have an opportunity at this time to inaugurate a program which would, in all probability, result in a realization of their hopes within a comparatively short time.

It is known that the State Highway Commission considers this road one of the most important in the state system, and it is the desire of the commission to construct this portion of the highway just as soon as funds are available for the purpose. As evidence of this, the town of Manassas, through Mr. J. C. Albright, who was resident engineer here for several years, and who is now located at Culpeper, has been offered a sufficient quantity of stone delivered here to complete the construction of the route through Manassas, commencing at the corporation limit near the cemetery and running to the town limit on the Centreville road.

If the town should avail itself of this offer it would mean not only a large saving to the town, but would show to the State Highway Commission that the people of Manassas are interested in good roads and that they are willing to assist in getting them. It is but natural that the state should help the community which shows a disposition to help itself.

THE JOURNAL is informed that Mayor Davis will extend an invitation to as many of the town's citizens as can be present at the regular

meeting of the council on Monday night to discuss the advisability of accepting the state's offer as made through Mr. Albright.

It may not be amiss to state that Mr. Albright made many friends while he was stationed here and that he has shown a disposition to assist the town of Manassas at all times as far as has been in his power.

Through his influence an appropriation has been secured for assisting in the maintenance of the section of road through Manassas; and we are informed that the section will be wholly maintained by the state when the entire route is completed.

For the completion of the balance of the route it is suggested that through the co-operation of the citizens of this section and the citizens of Fairfax county along the route to be affected local bond issues might be had and the money raised in this way to complete the road to Centreville or Fairfax.

The money thus raised would be advanced to the state under the Robertson Act and would be repaid to the respective counties as soon as the money becomes available. The counties would only pay the interest.

While the state officers are manifesting a disposition to assist the town would it not be worth while for the citizens of Manassas to take up the matter suggested and endeavor to get the road through to Fairfax just as quickly as possible?

## EARLY PRUNING MOST ESSENTIAL

Fruit Trees Yield Larger Crops With Even Small Amount of Pruning, Says Writer.

(By H. W. Sanders)

The most desirable time for pruning is usually in the late winter after the danger of severe freezing has passed and before the sap has begun to rise. If pruned at this time, the tree will be able to recover promptly and the pruner is enabled to remove such parts of the tree as may be winter killed. It is especially important that grapes be pruned at an early date, owing to the early and abundant rise of sap and the consequent loss if the vines are pruned after the sap has begun to rise.

Pruning helps nature to maintain a balance between the root system of the plant and the branches and leaves. If the branches are too numerous they will require almost all the plant food provided by the roots, leaving very little for production of fruit. They may also prevent the entrance of light and air, thereby decreasing production to a further degree. The pruner should, therefore, remove the unnecessary parts which include water sprouts; dead, diseased, weak and straggly, or injured limbs; one of two limbs that are closely parallel or crossing, and some of the limbs in parts that are closely crowded. Fruit spurs should not be removed unless it is desired to thin the fruit.

Many of the old apple trees in Prince-William county might be made to yield a much larger crop if they were given even a small amount of attention at pruning time. Fruit trees, at best, are uncertain in this county and those that have proved their ability to produce should not be neglected. The pruning should not be too severe following several years of neglect, but the unnecessary parts should be removed in relatively small amounts through a period of two or three years.

The methods of pruning young apple trees will depend upon the variety as well as the type of tree desired. The open head type with four or five main branches distributed around the main stem or trunk but far enough apart on the trunk to prevent weak crotches seems to be most popular. The branches of young healthy trees should grow from twenty to thirty inches in a season, one-third of which growth may be cut back during the dormant season. Where the leader type of tree is desired, the main stem is cut back slightly less.

Unlike the apple, grapes and raspberries bear their fruit on the canes that grow during the previous year. If the old dead canes of the raspberries were not removed last fall they should be removed now and the young canes cut back sufficiently to make a stocky plant. Varieties producing lateral branches should have the lateral branches cut back to six inches. From three to five buds should be left on the cane that grew on the grape vines last year. This means that as much as three-fourths or even nine-tenths of the surplus growth may be disposed of. Thinking that this makes the pruning too severe many persons leave long canes, as a result of which their vine crop is very abundant but the crop of fruit very small.

Owing to the limited amount of time available for the work of pruning by the agricultural classes in the high school, it is impossible for the boys to do all the work that may be needed or requested by the citizens of the community. Information and suggestions will be given at any time, however, to those who wish to learn to do the work themselves. Arrangements have already been made for carrying out most of the supervised practice work required in pruning trees, although the schedule has not been completed for small fruits and grapes.

### CHANCE FOR SILK MILL

Mayor Harry P. Davis is in receipt of a letter from persons in Pennsylvania, who are interested in locating a silk mill here. This matter will be taken up by the council at their regular meeting to be held on Monday night, together with other matters of vital interest to the people of the community. An opportunity will be given the business men of the town to express their views at this time and it is urgently requested that they be present.

## INSISTS ON COMPLETE RETURNS

Examiner Says Penalty Will Be Placed on Those Failing to File Income Promptly.

Mr. R. M. Weir, commissioner of revenue, is in receipt of the following letter from Mr. George B. Robey, examiner of records:

I am writing to advise you that I shall insist that all state income tax returns for the year and all interrogatories for intangibles, which as you know, include money, bonds of cities, towns or other political subdivisions of the state, bonds, notes and other evidences of debt and shares of stock be in my hands for review not later than June 1st, in accordance with instructions of the state tax board.

I will also insist that the form be filled out completely and no deductions will be allowed on income returns unless the deductions claimed are itemized on page three of the return, in the space provided therefor.

Kindly advise all taxpayers, through such medium as you deem necessary, that all state income tax returns and interrogatories for intangible personal property and money not filled in and returned to you prior to June 1st will have to be made to me as examiner of records and that under the law penalty and interest is added to all assessments made by the examiner.

In addition to this the taxpayer must furnish full description and separate amount of bonds, notes and other evidences of debt, so that they may be identified by the tax records in the event a sale or foreclosure is made thereunder, as well as detail list of shares of stock. In other words, intangibles will not be accepted in a lump sum, but detail list must be furnished.

### GOVERNOR HEADS PARADE

It is estimated that over 50,000 persons viewed the parade which was held in Alexandria yesterday to honor the memory of George Washington, according to the Alexandria Gazette. Governor E. Lee Trinkle was in the lead of the big procession numbering over 7,000, and was escorted by the Richmond Light Infantry Blues as his personal guard.

The parade, which was in command of Major General John A. Lejeune, commander of the U. S. Marine Corps from the Quantico Marine Barracks was fully two miles in length.

## FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN WASHINGTON FEB. 13

Body of Mrs. Jane E. Lynn Taken to Her Former Home in Occoquan for Burial.

(Contributed)

Mrs. Jane E. Lynn, of Occoquan, died in Washington, D. C., February 13th, after an illness of three weeks, in her eighty-fourth year, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Clarke, with whom she made her home.

Her body was taken to Occoquan for interment in the family lot surrounding the Old School Baptist Church, where her funeral was feelingly preached by her life-time pastor, Elder Wm. M. Smoot, to a large congregation of sorrowing friends, from Romans, 5:21, she having been a consistent member for over half a century.

Truly a marked feeling of respect prevailed over the entire village that day, as all business was suspended during the services, and the schools recessed from 11 to 2.

Mrs. Lynn was the daughter of the late William R. and Margaret Seelman of this county. She is survived by one son, Wm. S. Lynn, of Occoquan, and two daughters, Mrs. L. A. Clarke and Mrs. Margaret Lynn, of Washington; also eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

### HOUSE RAIDED AT BRISTOW

Still and Coil Discovered Hidden Beneath Building.

The home of J. F. Colbert at Bristow, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mandley, as well as by the owner, was raided on Wednesday forenoon and fifteen gallons of mash, ten gallons of a concoction known as "old hen" and a three-gallon still and coil were captured, according to a statement made by Deputy Sheriff J. P. Kerlin.

The two former articles were found in the house, the still and coil, after a diligent search by Deputy Sheriff Kerlin, assisted by Messrs. J. T. Walter and Alfred Shaffer, being discovered under the house.

Those alleged to be implicated in the distilling were Mr. J. F. Colbert, Mrs. Mandley and Millard Richey, of Milford.

All were arrested and brought before Justice Halslip, where they gave bond in the sum of \$300 each for their appearance at the next term of court.

## AGED RESIDENT OF STEPHENS CITY DIES

Mrs. Jane McIntyre Succumbs at Home of Her Daughter on Monday—Aged 91.

Mrs. Jane McIntosh, one of the oldest ladies of Stephens City, died on Monday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Funkhouser, where she had been living for the past four years. Death was due to the infirmities of age.

Her body was brought to Manassas yesterday morning and laid beside that of her husband, who died a number of years ago.

Mrs. McIntosh was a native of this county, where she was born on September 16, 1832. She was therefore, in her ninety-first year. She was formerly Miss Carter, daughter of John Carter, of this county.

She lived in this county with her husband, the late Robt. E. McIntosh, and family until his death in 1898, when she went to live with a son, Robt. F. McIntosh, at Riverton, Warren county. For the past four years however, she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Funkhouser.

Surviving the deceased are the following children: Robert F. McIntosh, of Riverton; Mrs. Alice Geen, of Eugene, Oregon; Charles W. McIntosh, of Washington; Mrs. W. S. Funkhouser, of Stephens City, and John T. McIntosh, of Perry, Iowa.

Funeral services were conducted at the Primitive Baptist Church by Elder A. L. Harrison, of Front Royal, and her grandsons served as pallbearers.

### ROLL OF HONOR

The following is the roll of honor of Dumfries school for the month of January:

- First Grade—Leslie Harrison, Gene Bell.
- Second Grade—Katherine Keys, Alvin Austin.
- Third Grade—Rose McIner.
- Fourth Grade—Naomi Harrison, Margaret Keys, Bernard Kincheles, Gilbert Kincheles.
- Sixth Grade—Thelma Clark.
- Seventh Grade—Iola McIner.
- Second Year—George Waters, Hazel Watson, Emmitt Keys.

Mid-term examinations are just over with. Louise Soutter led the first year with an average of 92%.

George Waters led the second year with an average of 96.70%, and Hazel Watson was second with an average of 96.37%.

N. G. BEAZLEY, Principal.

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## FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR DUMFRIES

Child Meets Death in Fire Which Destroys Home—Unable to Save Little One.

One of the saddest accidents that ever happened around Dumfries occurred on Saturday afternoon, when the one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Dunn was burned to death.

The mother, leaving her two little ones in the house, had just gone to a nearby neighbor's to speak to the doctor, whom she saw just about to depart. While in conversation with the physician, she was horror-stricken to see smoke emerging from the windows of the building she had just left.

Hastening with all speed, the frantic mother reached her home, only to find the room in which she had left her baby, a mass of flames. Knowing it impossible to save her little one's life, she caught up the second child, three years of age, who was in another room, and hastened from the burning building just as the roof was about to cave in.

It is supposed that as the mother opened the door to leave the house, the draft blew a curtain against the stove, and thus caused the fire.

The funeral was held on Sunday at Forestburg, Rev. Mr. Shumate officiating, and the little boy was laid to rest in the family lot. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved parents.

The whole contents of the building was destroyed, and the family are now making their home with Mr. Dunn's mother, Mrs. Belle Dunn.

### AMERICA'S BIG WRITERS

America's big writers—the leading men and women of letters in the country—are contributors to the Magazine of the Washington Sunday Star. For instance, Ring W. Lardner, Finley Peter Dunne, Edna Ferber and Courtney Ryley Cooper are contributors to the Magazine for Sunday, February 25. Order your copy of the Star from your newsdealer today.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks for the help rendered by our neighbors and friends during and since the fire which totally destroyed our residence, near Gainesville, on January 17.

J. B. ELLIS AND SONS.

Mr. Oscar Hutchison, of Haymarket, was in Manassas on Wednesday.