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## PLANS MADE FOR A DISTRICT FAIR

One-Day Exhibition Will Be Held At Nokesville in Autumn—Co-operation Desired.

(W. L. Browning, County Agent)

Several weeks ago there was held a series of school league meetings and at these meetings the county agent brought up the question of holding a one-day district fair in Brentsville district. As a result of these meetings a committee met with the county agent at the Farmers' Union picnic held at Nokesville recently, and decided to hold a Brentsville district fair, at Nokesville one day during the last week of September. Superintendents of the various departments were appointed, and this committee with the county and home demonstration agent met at the home of Mr. William Hale Thursday of this week and formulated plans for conducting the fair.

It was decided to have a one-day fair, and to make a charge of 25 cents for adults. The premiums will be attractive ribbons except in some of the club classes, where small money prizes will be given in addition to ribbons.

This can be made a real educational and helpful fair, and should mean a great deal to this section of the county if the people will all lend a hand and help make it a success. A few cannot do it, but with everybody pulling the same way the success of the fair is assured.

It is not too early now to begin planning what you will exhibit, and to plant a few extra varieties of products that will help make your exhibits more attractive.

We especially want some community exhibits at the fair, and a substantial premium will be offered for the best community exhibit, provided two or more communities enter this class.

The committee in charge will try to have a catalogue gotten out in the near future, that the people of the district may see what classes there will be and can make their plans accordingly.

The following officers, superintendents, etc., were elected:

- President, Mr. Joseph Manuel; secretary-treasurer, Mr. A. E. McMichael.
- Vice-presidents for each section of the district are as follows:
- Brentsville—Mr. O. W. Hedrick and Mrs. Paul Cooksey.
- Aden—Mr. Edward Earhart and Mrs. Edward Earhart.
- Bristow—Mrs. M. E. Dickens.
- Greenwich—Mr. John Ellis and Mr. Wm. L. Lloyd.
- King's Cross Roads—Mr. William Herring and Mrs. R. L. Kane.
- Woodlawn—Mrs. Neal Burke and Mrs. Charles Shafer.
- Nokesville—Mr. Ernest Hale and Mrs. A. E. McMichael.
- The superintendents of departments are as follows:
- Agriculture—Mr. William Herring.
- Dairy Cattle—Mr. Joseph Manuel.
- Beef Cattle—Mr. A. L. Emmons.
- Horses—Mr. Ernest Hale.
- Poultry—Mrs. A. E. McMichael.
- Hogs—Mr. Edward Earhart.
- Home Economics—Mrs. Chas. Herring and Mrs. Tide Flickinger.
- School Exhibit—Miss Grace Moran.
- Club—Mr. W. L. Browning and Miss Lillian V. Gilbert.

## NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Team Becoming Frightened Throw Driver to Ground.

Webster Richardson, about forty-two years of age, a white man employed on the farm of Dr. B. F. Iden, near Manassas, narrowly escaped death yesterday morning when a team of mules he was driving became frightened and he was thrown from the wagon, striking his head against a hydrant on the street, and receiving other injuries.

It appears that the victim of the accident had gone to the lumber yard of Brown & Hooff for the purpose of getting something needed about the farm. He had just stepped into the wagon preparatory to taking his seat when he overturned a milk can which was in the wagon.

The mules becoming frightened at the noise started to run, and before he could obtain possession of the lines the driver was thrown into the street, the wagon passing over his body.

He was immediately taken to the building occupied as an office by Mr. Halslip, where he received medical attention from Dr. Iden, after which he was taken to his home. While very painful, it is hoped that his injuries will not prove serious.

## DR. W. A. NEWMAN PROTESTS EDICT

Sense of Justice Forbids Payment of Tax Imposed Says Manassas Physician.

The Hon. Mayor and Town Council of the incorporated town of Manassas are pleased in their wisdom to impose a license tax of \$25.00 per annum on all physicians practicing the profession within the corporation.

I earnestly protest this action on the part of the Hon. Mayor and Town Council, and my conscience, sense of justice and service to humanity will not permit me to pay the said license tax. But, as a good citizen and a strong advocate of law and order, I shall endeavor to not violate any edict of the wise City Fathers.

I will not pay this unreasonable and unjust license tax. Therefore, to comply with the law as laid down by the "powers that be," I hereby give notice to my patrons, friends and to the citizens of the town of Manassas that hereafter I cannot attend any patient as physician in charge of the case within the incorporated limits of the town of Manassas, but I may, it seems, see such patients only in consultation with the attending physician.

I regret the necessity for this decision even more, no doubt, than my friends and former patrons, but my decision is irrevocable, and if by persuasion I should be induced to make some exception it would place me in a very embarrassing position.

I close my office over the Peoples Bank, but shall continue my residence as heretofore, unless the Hon. Mayor and Town Council pass an edict that physicians are undesirable citizens and must be deported. I yet have left to me the broad territory of Prince William and adjoining counties and a free license to practice the profession of medicine in every state and city and town of the United States.

I am, with great respect,  
Very sincerely,  
W. A. NEWMAN, M. D.

## MONTHLY SESSION OF TOWN COUNCIL

Corporation License Tax Reduced As Special Favor to Traveling Carnival Show.

At a regular meeting of the town council, held on Monday, April 30, there were present Mayor Harry P. Davis and Councilmen D. J. Arrington, J. M. Bell, J. H. Burke, B. C. Cornwell and M. Bruce Whitmore. The following business was transacted:

Upon the recommendation of Councilmen B. C. Cornwell it was ordered that 250 feet of fire hose be purchased.

On motion made by Councilmen J. H. Burke, it was ordered that the Metropolitan show, a traveling carnival pay a corporation license tax of \$100 instead of \$150, as provided by law, as a special favor in view of the fact that the company, seventy in number, is boarding in the town and therefore spending money here.

The mayor reported that the new town sergeant had duly qualified and had assumed office on April 12.

Two building permits were granted, one to Mr. John H. Burke to move and remodel into a dwelling house the building known as Prescott barn on his lot on the east side of Prescott avenue, the estimated cost being \$2,000, and the other to Mrs. R. J. Adamson to build a back porch to her residence, costing approximately \$50.00.

A motion was passed that the sum of \$1,028.39 in the license fund be transferred to the current fund.

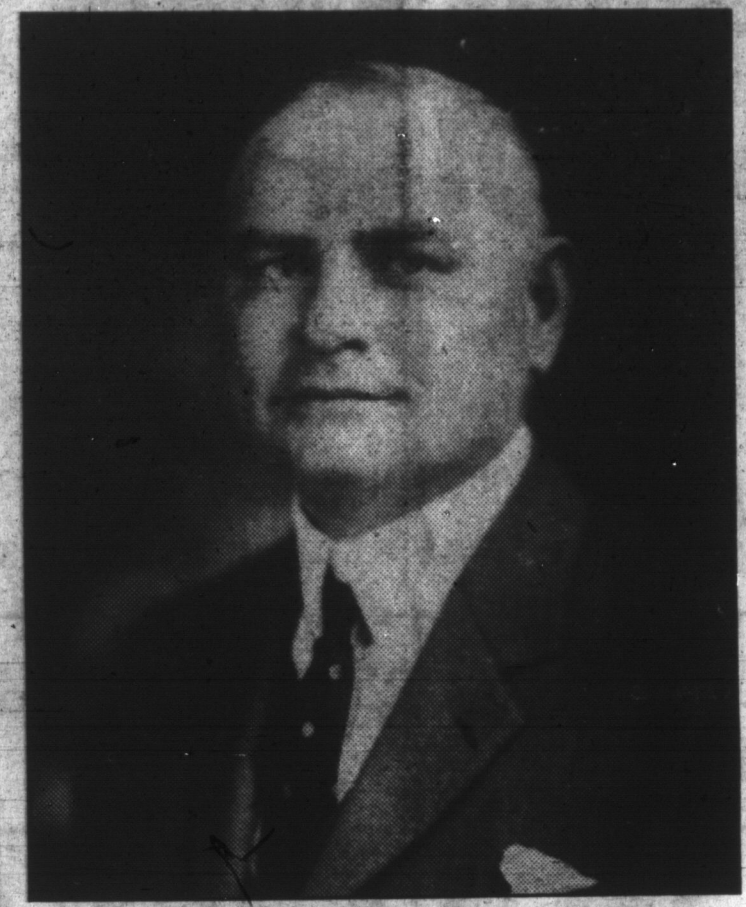
It was also ordered that a committee be appointed to go before the board of supervisors relative to the purchase of a blood hound to be the joint property of county and town.

## COUNTY TRACK MEET

The following list of "stunt" events will be held at the county field day and track meet, under the auspices of Manassas High School League Saturday, May 26. The list of the regular track events was published in last week's issue of The Journal.

Girls' Egg Rolling Contest—Prize, 50c value. Girls' Novelty Contest—Prize, 50c value. Ladies' Nail Driving Contest—Prize, 50c value. Three Legged Race, Open to All—Prize, 50c value. Sack Race—Prize, 50c value. Novelty Race for Boys, 10 to 17 years of age—First prize, \$1.00; 2nd, 50c.

## FOR THE STATE SENATE



ROBERT S. BARRETT, of Alexandria City (POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT)

Robert S. Barrett, of Alexandria, who has announced his candidacy for the State Senate, subject to the Democratic Primary to be held August 7, was born in Richmond, Va., on March 30, 1877. He is a son of the late Rev. Robert S. Barrett, of Wythe county and Dr. Kate Waller Barrett, of Stafford county. His mother is one of the best known women in the United States and at the present time is National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, National Vice-President of the Needlework Guild of America, and State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. Barrett moved with his parents to Alexandria at an early age. After his graduation from college he went to Mexico, where he remained for several years as general agent of the Southern Railway and as publisher of the Mexico City Daily Record. He returned to Alexandria and with his brother, John B. Barrett, of Clifton, Fairfax county, established the Barrett Press, a large printing and publishing business. When Hubert Snowden retired from the Alexandria Gazette, Mr. Barrett and associates purchased that paper and he became its editor and publisher. In 1915 he was elected president of the Virginia Press Association.

In 1916 he was selected by the Department of Commerce to go to South America and make a survey of the opportunities for American trade development in that country. In the following year he was named as commercial attaché of the American Embassy in Buenos Aires and when the United States entered the war he was appointed South American representative of the War Trade Board and the Shipping Board. He rendered very valuable service to the government during the war, as his work was of great importance. After the armistice he went into foreign banking in Buenos Aires and New York. Two years ago he retired from active business and returned to Alexandria to make his permanent home. He has just completed the remodeling of one of the finest old Colonial homes in that city.

Mr. Barrett has never held a political position but has been an active democrat and closely affiliated with its party leaders in the state. He was appointed by Governor Stuart a member of the Board of Visitors to Mount Vernon and recently reappointed by Governor Trinkle to the same position.

In announcing his candidacy Mr. Barrett said: "I am making the race for the Senate because I feel that it is important at this time that this district be represented by a business man who has sufficient time to go into the affairs of the state and help to put the affairs of the state on a business basis. I have no political ambitions to gratify and my only desire is to serve the people of my community and of the state."

## COUNTY ASKED FOR \$1,250 FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

Mr. L. Ledman Has Accepted Chairmanship and Will Direct Work in County.

Mr. L. Ledman, of Manassas, has accepted the chairmanship in Prince William county, and will direct the work of raising \$1,250 in the town and county for the Children's Home Society of Virginia. This is a small quota and is to be paid within three years. Rev. Geo. F. Cook, of Washington, Va., division chairman in this immediate section, was here some days ago with Geo. O. Greene, regional director, and after a conference with Mr. Ledman, secured his consent to act as county chairman. Mr. Ledman will select a chairman in each magisterial district to assist him, thus making the task an easy one.

So small is the quota that it is more than probable that Prince William will go over the top with ease. The campaign will begin May 20th and continue for several days. Mr. Ledman is hopeful that the ministers in all of the churches will call attention to the movement and interest their respective congregations in this most worthy cause. From time to time the people will be made acquainted with the great service rendered by the Children's Home Society in caring for the destitute children in the state through the press and by the distribution of literature.

Mr. Cook has five counties in his district and has organized all of them, securing citizens in each county. In the event the full quota is raised the Children's Home Society will not again appeal for financial assistance

## INFORMATION GIVEN VOTERS

Commissioners of the Revenue Must Be Chosen By Voters of the Entire County.

As chairman of the democratic county committee, Mr. H. Thornton Davies, by request, wrote the Attorney-General for his opinion as to whether the voters of the entire county should vote for commissioners of the revenue, or just the voters of the respective district, to which the reply was that the voters of the entire county. To this the chairman replied, asking if the county committee could, by resolution, restrict the voting to the respective district. The following letter is the answer he received thereto:

Richmond, Va., May 8, 1923.  
H. Thornton Davies, Esq., Attorney-at-Law, Manassas, Va.

My Dear Mr. Davies:—Acknowledgement is made of your letter of April 27, with reference to my letter to you of April 20, which I have delayed answering for the purpose of making a careful examination of the questions submitted by you.

You will recall that I wrote you in my letter of April 20, that under Section 123 of the Code of 1919, the law required commissioners of the revenue to be chosen by the qualified voters of the counties, and not of their respective districts. I failed to call your attention to Section 110 of the Constitution of Virginia, which, so far as applicable, provides:

"... There shall be elected by the qualified voters, of each county, commissioners of revenue for each county, the number, duties and compensation of whom shall be prescribed by law."

This section of the Constitution, in my opinion, clearly makes the commissioners of revenue, county and not district officers, and requires the commissioner or commissioners of the revenue for a county, to be elected by the qualified voters of each county not the qualified voters of the respective districts. Moreover, the duties of a commissioner of the revenue are not limited exclusively to their respective districts. Section 2253, Code of Virginia, 1919; Section 2144, Code of Virginia, 1919, as amended.

There can be no question about the fact that, in the general election, all candidates for the office of commissioner of revenue, have to be voted for by the people of the county, as a unit. I do not think that there is any other construction that can be placed upon Section 110 of the Constitution and Section 123 of the Code of 1919.

If a primary election is held in your county, I do not think that the democratic county committee would have the authority to provide by resolution that the candidates for the office of commissioner of revenue should be nominated otherwise than by the voters of the county. Sections 227 and 228 of the Code of Virginia, 1919.

Yours very truly,  
JNO. R. SAUNDERS,  
Attorney General.

## MAY DAY CELEBRATION FRIDAY

Schools of District Will Render Interesting Program Here.

On Friday, May 18th, a May Day and school exhibit will be held at the Bennett building at Manassas. There will be work exhibited by the schools in Manassas district including the Bennett school.

In the morning at 10 o'clock an interesting program will be rendered by the schools. During the noon hour a basket lunch will be enjoyed on the lawn. The afternoon will be devoted to a district league rally, athletics and contests between the different schools.

Able speakers connected with the league work of the state will be present and make addresses. A special appeal is made to all the patrons of Bennett school to come out and welcome the patrons of the visiting schools. Bring your lunch baskets and come help make the day a success.

## MAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The Prince William Farmers' Union will hold a meeting at the courthouse on Saturday (tomorrow), beginning at ten o'clock, to which the public is cordially invited, and which all members of the union are urged to attend.

The following addresses will be made: "Laws of Special Importance to the Farmer and their Enforcement," by Rev. Murray Taylor; "Organization and Co-operation," by John R. Hutchison, of Blacksburg; "The New Germination Test for Seed Corn," by Prof. H. W. Sanders.

## IMPORTANT FACTS CONCERNING CORN

Results of Germination Tests Show Large Number of Ears Unfit for Planting.

The readings of the last lot of corn tested were completed Tuesday evening, May 8. The results of the tests may be briefly summarized as follows: At the first reading 643 ears were tested; at the second, 1,183, and at the third, 1,846, making a total of 3,672 ears for all three tests.

The total number of ears found to be satisfactory for planting was 2,327; the total number of ears found to be diseased and unfit for planting was 1,296. In other words, the percentage of plantable corn tested was about 64%, while that not fit for planting was 36%.

These figures show not only the condition of the corn, but also the need for the continuance of this very important work in Prince William county.

## SCHOOL BOARD HONOR GUESTS

County Officials Entertained At Luncheon by Second Year High School Students.

(Contributed)

At the April meeting of the county school board the members were entertained at the high school at a luncheon prepared and served by the second year home economics class.

After the luncheon, a visit of inspection was made to the business department of the high school, where a detailed account of the work was given by Miss R. W. Myers, head of the department.

After giving a sketch of the development of the work from its beginning a few years ago, with one or two subjects offered and seven pupils in typewriting, to the present complete four year course with fifty-one typewriting pupils and over a hundred students already placed in good positions, Miss Myers went on to describe the work of the course and the vigorous standards required.

The shorthand course, for instance, she said, covers the Gregg Manual and requires for final credit 95% in spelling, 90% in punctuation and a dictation speed of a 100 words a minute, with 100% accuracy. In the typewriting course also, a speed of 50 words a minute and 100% accuracy is required, before final credit is given. The whole course, in fact, had been standardized, that is the work is required to come up to certain standards of efficiency recognized in the business world. The certificate offered by the Underwood Typewriting Company and the Palmer Penmanship and McIntosh Rapid Calculation Certificates offered by the Palmer and McIntosh Publishing companies must all be won by the student before recommendation is given by the school.

It is this standardization of the work that has made it possible to place so easily in good positions all students completing the work. Miss Myers concluded by calling attention to the urgent need of the business department for an adding machine, and for more typewriters.

This is the third visit of inspection made by the new county board. In February, the board visited the home economics department and was given an account by Miss Metz of the valuable course given under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes law in home management, home nursing and dietetics. In March Mr. Sanders outlined the work of the Smith-Hughes agricultural course and explained the valuable experiment in corn testing for root rot now being carried on by the class for the farmers of the county. A visit of inspection was also paid by the board to the grammar and primary department of the graded school.

## EPPA E. ROBINSON DEAD

Eppa Ewell Highton Robinson died at his home near Linstrong on Wednesday, following an attack of double pneumonia.

The deceased, who was the son of Henry Dixon and V. Susan Robinson, was born near Greenwich July 11, 1875. In September, 1899, he married Miss Amandy Keys, by whom he is survived. He also leaves four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held at Bradley Methodist Church this afternoon by Rev. Jesse M. Bell.

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