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G. M. RATCLIFFE BANK PRESIDENT

Peoples' Vice-President Succeeds William H. Brown, Who Resigned on Friday.

Mr. William H. Brown, president of the Peoples National Bank of Manassas since its organization in 1903, was retired from office, and Mr. G. M. Ratcliffe was elected to that position, when the bank held its annual election of officers on Tuesday.

Mr. Brown's resignation, tendered to the annual meeting of the stockholders, was not a surprise to his fellow officers and directors, as his physical condition had kept him from active service for years. Some years ago he left his home at Gainesville, this county, for Washington, D. C., and his place of residence since that time has been 2930 Macomb street, Cleveland Park.

Mr. Ratcliffe, the new executive, has also been connected with the bank since the time of its organization. He has served as vice-president since February 20, 1917, when he was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Arthur W. Sinclair. Mr. Ratcliffe's home is at Dumfries.

The new vice-president is Hon. C. A. Sinclair, whose father held that office when the bank was organized. Mr. Sinclair has been a director since 1915 and has also served as the bank's attorney.

Mr. Brown also retired from the directorate, Mr. D. H. Prescott, of Medford, Mass., being elected to succeed him in that capacity. The other directors are: Messrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, E. H. Hibbs, A. A. Hooft, Ira E. Cannon (Alexandria, Va.), G. M. Ratcliffe, C. A. Sinclair, George D. Baker and J. J. Conner.

Mr. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, son of the new president, continues as cashier, with Mr. M. M. Ellis as assistant cashier, and Mr. Worth H. Storke, teller.

All the officers of the National Bank of Manassas were re-elected, Mr. Charles R. McDonald as president, Mr. Westwood Hutchison, vice-president, and Mr. Harry P. Davis, cashier. The directors are: Messrs. C. E. Naah, R. S. Hynson, Westwood Hutchison, Robert A. Hutchison, H. W. Herring, T. Otis Latham, O. C. Hutchison, Charles R. McDonald, A. S. Robertson, E. R. Conner, O. E. Newman, W. Holmes Robertson, Thomas H. Lion and George H. Smith.

Mr. Davis presented the annual report of the directors to the stockholders. At the close of the meeting, the stockholders dined together at the New Prince William Hotel, covers being laid for twenty-two.

AUTO KILLS CHILD

The little daughter of Thomas Blackwell, of Burgess Store, near Heathsville, was fatally injured one day last week when she was knocked down and run over by an automobile while walking along the road from school. The child was taken to a Baltimore hospital, where she died, after one leg was amputated. The driver, who failed to stop, is unknown.

The child was accompanied by an older sister who attempted to pull her into a ditch to safety.

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QUANTICO HAS NEW BANK

Bank Officials Optimistic After Opening Day, January 2.

Quantico has a bank once more. The new institution, known as the First National Bank of Quantico, opened its doors on Wednesday, January 2, in the spacious brick building purchased from the Bank of Quantico, which went into the hands of a receiver several months ago. The new bank has a capital of \$25,000 and a surplus of \$5,000.

The officers are: Mr. George W. Herring, of Woodbridge, president, and Mr. Charles C. Cloe, of Triangle, vice-president. Mr. E. E. Wall is cashier.

The opening day witnessed the deposit of several thousands of dollars, according to bank officials, merchants of Quantico and officers and men of the Marine Corps being numbered among the patrons.

ARLINGTON TEACHER DIES

Miss Mary Henry Passes Away at Episcopal Rectory Here.

Miss Mary C. Henry, of Arlington, died early Sunday morning at the rectory, the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. Stuart Gibson, whose guest she had been since the first of November. Miss Henry was seventy-five years old and a life-long friend of Mrs. Gibson. Her death was due to a deep-seated abscess, which made itself known only a short time before her death.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday at Trinity Chapel, Arlington, with interment at Ivy Hill cemetery, near Alexandria.

Miss Henry was a native of Scotland, but had been in America since early childhood. She had lived in Cleveland, Ohio, and then in Canada, where she became acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Gibson's parents, with whom she came to Arlington fifty years ago.

She was the first teacher of domestic art in the public schools of Washington, and was retired from her teaching position after completing a full term of service. She is survived by several sisters living in the west and a number of nephews and nieces. A great niece, Miss Estella Meisenheimer, of Washington, came to Manassas for a short visit a few days before Miss Henry's death.

MRS. MEETZE IS HOSTESS

Presbyterian Ladies Discuss the Budget for Church Needs.

(Mrs. J. H. Dodge, Secretary)
The Manassas Presbyterian Missionary Society held a meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. J. Meetze in West street. An unusually interesting and helpful program was rendered, with thoughts in keeping with the New Year before us.

Mrs. Chloe E. Lay Hodge opened the meeting with prayer, and her devotional discourse was on the early chapters of Revelations, containing wonderful promises to "Those who overcome," and "Taking on the whole armor of God," found in the sixth chapter of Ephesians.

The topic of the afternoon was "Building the Budget." Mrs. J. J. Murphey, as leader, introduced the subject by coming right to the point with what building the budget really means to our own Presbyterian Church. Other members gave impromptu talks on the subject. The meeting closed with the benediction.

BARBEE RESENTS KNEVELS ATTACK

Sheriff Says He Stands for Law Enforcement But Is Tired of Chasing False Clues.

Editor of The Journal.

Dear Sir: In your issue of December 28 there appears a personal attack upon me, and my office, in the articles under the direction of H. A. Knevels, to which attack I claim the privilege of a brief reply.

I wish to state that if the writer of those articles would devote some of his spare time to ferreting out cases of law violation, and reporting them to this office, I will guarantee proper attention to the enforcement of the law in such case or cases, as I have ever done.

But if such report is made, I must have the name of my informant, in order to have some evidence and ground to work upon, as I have had too much trouble running down false clues to spend more time in that direction.

I stand now, as I have ever stood, for Law Enforcement, not only in regard to this one particular law, but all other laws, but I must have evidence that the case comes within the jurisdiction of the law.

In regard to facing bullets, etc., I will inform the writer of that article that I am entirely willing to have published for comparison my record on the firing line with that of the writer of that article, and let the public judge between us.

Respectfully yours,

C. A. BARBEE.

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BAPTISTS PREPARE FOR WEEK OF PRAYER

Mrs. Westwood Hutchison Is Leader Selected for Initial Service on Sunday.

The Missionary Society of the Manassas Baptist Church will observe a week of prayer for world-wide missions, January 13 to 20. The first meeting will be at the church on Sunday at 3 p. m., with Mrs. Westwood Hutchison as leader. The topic is, "Prayer Service for a Spirit of Prayer Among Southern Baptists."

The second meeting, Tuesday at 2:30 p. m., will be at the home of Mrs. J. Murray Taylor, with Mrs. Taylor as leader and the topic, "The New Day in Mexico." Wednesday's meeting, at 2:30, will be at the home of Mrs. Arthur W. Sinclair, with Mrs. Sinclair as leader. There will be an "Ingathering Program," with the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for the balance of the 75,000,000 campaign fund.

Thursday's program at 2:30, with the topic, "Gates Ajar in South America," will be held at the home of Mrs. S. T. Hall, with Miss Bessie Everhart as leader. Friday at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Maggie Barbour, with Mrs. Barbour as leader, the topic will be "Quickening the Pace in Africa."

The final service will be held at the church on Sunday, January 20, at 11 a. m., the hour of the usual Sunday morning service. The pastor, Rev. J. Murray Taylor, will preach on "Prayer as an Initiative Force in Missions."

—Mrs. Joseph Preston Lyon, who was quite sick last week, is able to be out again.

COUNTY SCHOOLS FACE SHORT TERM

Lack of Funds Expected to Force Seven-Month Session, Says County School Board.

The public schools of Prince William county, on account of a shortage of school funds, are expected to close at the end of a seven-month period, according to a resolution adopted by the county school board in session at Manassas on Wednesday. The resolution, signed by Rev. J. R. Cooke, chairman, and certified by Supt. Charles R. McDonald, clerk, follows:

"Whereas, The Board of School Trustees, in meeting assembled this ninth day of January, 1924, for the purpose of devising ways and means to continue in operation the schools of the county, and

"Whereas, Upon the showing made, and upon careful examination of our resources, it will be impossible to run the said schools for a period of more than seven months, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That, in view of the foregoing conditions, it is ordered that all schools, including grade and high schools, be closed at the end of a seven-month period, unless the revenue-producing authority shall in the meantime provide additional revenues, or other means be devised, for the purpose of continuing said schools for the desired term."

The school population in several two-room school communities has diminished considerably, but the board agreed to recommend no changes on account of the short teaching period which remains. A few months ago Miss Ethel Robinson, assistant at Groveton's two-room school, was transferred to Buckhall, up to that time a one-room school. The Groveton school population was considerably below the former average and attendance at Buckhall had shown a large increase.

MISS GILBERT WILL BE AWAY TWO WEEKS

County Agent Leaves Today for Blacksburg to Attend Poultry Short Course.

A poultry short course for county home demonstration agents will be held at Blacksburg, January 14 to 19. The demands for instruction in poultry work have become so great that it is considered necessary to give special work to agents, in order that specialists may have more time for work in sections which have no agents.

Miss Lillian V. Gilbert will leave today to attend. She will remain in Blacksburg until January 26, the second week being the time set for the annual meeting of the demonstration agents. She regrets being out of the county for this length of time, and states that all requests will reach her at Blacksburg and be promptly answered.

The boys and girls will continue with club work in her absence, instructions having been sent to the numerous groups.

—Rev. Edgar Z. Pence has announced the following services for next Sunday: Bethel Lutheran Church, Manassas, Sunday School at 10 a. m. and preaching at 2:30 p. m. Nokesville Lutheran Church, Sunday School at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m.

CATHARPIN LEAGUE WORK

Pupils Receive Pennant Awarded to Banner Leagues of State.

The Junior Community League of Catharpin School recently became one of the banner leagues of the state. It was a proud day for the pupils, every one of whom is a member of the league, when the banner arrived.

A league, in order to be declared a banner society, must have held at least eight regular meetings (athletic and literary meetings included), must be doing definite work for community, school, home, health and self-improvement, send in annual reports, have at least five subscribers to the Community League News, be active along athletic and recreational lines and pay annual dues of one dollar. The Catharpin league activities have been supervised by the teachers, Mrs. Luther L. Lynn and Miss Annie Troth.

MR. JONES PASSES AWAY

Former Extension Head Buried in Alabama, Christmas Day.

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

Those who remember the visits of Mr. Jesse M. Jones, former director of the Virginia extension division, to Prince William, and the interest he took in the progress of the county, will be grieved to hear of his death. Mr. Jones died in Savannah, Ga., where he had headquarters as industrial agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway. He was buried at Montgomery, Ala., on Christmas day. His widow and two sons survive.

Mr. Jones was director of the extension division of Virginia from 1916 to 1920, including the period of the world war. Those who worked with him can never forget his untiring efforts for greater food production during that period.

Mr. Jones, although not connected with demonstration work since 1920, has never lost interest in the work. Time and again he has written to the writer, asking about the work and asking advice along the lines of home demonstration work.

TRYING TRAP NESTS

Poultry Owners Testing to Eliminate Unprofitable Hens.

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

Trap nest records of chicken flocks show that with the same care and feed some hens lay no more than 50 eggs a year, while others lay more than 200. Hence, by the use of trap nests, unprofitable hens may be detected and eliminated from the flock. This is also something that makes it possible to put into actual practice the theory of inheritance in egg production.

Mrs. B. I. Rinker, of Manassas, has started in with a pen of ten pullets, and is getting results. She has each pullet banded with a number on the band. During the months of October, November and December, pullet No. 83 has laid 90 eggs, or 30 eggs per month. Is there a record in the county that can beat this one?

We would like to hear from others who are trying the trap nest.

—The Manassas High School Community League will hold its January meeting at the high school next Thursday at 3 p. m. All members and friends are cordially invited.

UPSHAW PLANS TOLD BY WRITER

"Overwhelmingly Dry" House Makes Program Probable, According to Official.

(H. A. Knevels, Secretary)

That element of our Nation which prefers drunkenness to sobriety, wastefulness to efficiency, criminality to decency and vice to virtue, will be given many uneasy moments by the speech and proposed program of Congressman Upshaw, of Georgia, who made an hour and a half speech in the House of Representatives recently, and closed by submitting for the consideration of Congress what he described as a "rum-proof, booze-tight, clean-up program" for the redemption of America and the world. The first of the twelve planks in his program consisted of a "New Year House Resolution for 1924," in which it was declared that "any member of this body who is found under the influence of intoxicants in the Capitol or the House office building is hereby declared persona non grata to the floor and membership of this House."

Briefly told, the twelve planks of this program consist of the resolution above quoted, the deportation of all aliens who violate the prohibition law, the withdrawal of citizenship from all citizens who go to a foreign country and engage in smuggling liquor into the United States, of making the buyer of liquor equally guilty with the seller and imprisonment and fine imperative in all cases, to confiscate all liquor in bond with fair payment, to stop all manufacture of liquor by private concerns, to make an independent bureau for prohibition enforcement, to put all officers of enforcement under civil service excepting the commissioner, to require abstinence from all Federal appointees and give the executive guillotine for all officers who do not abstain, to employ the army and navy when necessary to enforce prohibition and prevent smuggling, withdrawal of charters from banks extending financial aid to bootleggers, and to request foreign governments to discontinue sending diplomatic representatives who are breaking our prohibition laws, or, better yet, to revoke the privilege of using liquors which should never have been granted under our laws. He said in conclusion that "while we love the fellowship of other nations, we have a right to respectfully invite all drinking foreigners to stay away from America while we are engaged in the mightiest moral battle that any nation has ever known."

The well-known fact that Congress is overwhelmingly dry makes this program not only possible but probable. As we write we have before us a copy of a little book which is adorned with the following title: "Mapp Prohibition Law of Virginia. In effect June 18, 1922." It states on the cover that this book embraces in one print all of the prohibition laws now in force in this state. We have looked through its pages carefully and have read many of its paragraphs. We find it very interesting and instructive. We are here to relate that the Volstead Act has nothing at all on the Mapp Prohibition Law of Virginia. It is a most stringent law and each paragraph is very, very easily understood, provided.

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