

LAW LEAGUE TO MEET ON MONDAY

Session Begins at 10 O'Clock
—Secretary Speaks of "Old Days in Manassas."

(H. A. Knevels, Secretary Law Enforcement League)

A special meeting of the Prince William County Law-Enforcement League will be held on Monday, January 21, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the usual place. All officers, committeemen and ministers of the county are urged to be present.

Comparisons are said to be odious but they are also sometimes useful. Can the reader compare the holidays just past with those of the saloon days of ten or twelve years ago? Many of us remember the crowded bars of those days only too well and the resultant bunch of drunks constantly before the public eye. Now, how many drunks did you see this year? Did you see any? We have taken the trouble to ask a number of the business men of Manassas that question and the answer has been practically the same by all; that this was the cleanest holiday season they ever experienced. Most of them said they did not see a single intoxicated person.

We recently asked for an interview with an old resident of Manassas to discuss the past and present of this place with regard to the drink problem. The man interviewed has lived here for upwards of forty years and we think no man has a better reputation for sobriety and integrity. He told us that in the saloon days drunks were very common, indeed. Fights, carousals and riots were the rule then. Today they are the exception. In those days five or six saloons served the liquor dope that often made murderous maniacs of men. Today those places are outlawed, as they should be. The products of those saloons were sots and criminals, maniacs and paupers. The drunkard's grave was yawning for them all; and as the finished product moved on in that dread procession, new victims had to be schooled into the habit in order to keep the cash drawer filled. Mahogany furnishings, brass rails, cut glass, music and sociability lured the young. Saloons must have their customers at no matter what cost. No matter whose hearts were broken. No matter whose lives were ruined. That cash drawer must be filled.

Today if one drinks he must do it secretly. Only the old drunks and a few smart Ales do the trick and they have to look death or blindness in the face as they gulp the poison down.

We are told of the hair-raising experiences of those maudlin days and they are too personal to repeat. We were told of the local option days and the peculiar methods of the saloon element in their fight to get the saloon back. The older members of this village can well recall those days and those incidents. And if you can recall them, try to turn on them the lime light of experience, intelligence and wisdom which may have come to us through the years and see whether those incidents will stand the test, whether today we view them with pride and whether we would repeat them. Life is

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MAYOR QUOTES LAW ON MOTOR LICENSES

Mayor Davis Makes Public Response to Many Inquiries from Citizens Here.

In response to a number of inquiries relative to the operation of motor vehicles without a license, Mayor Harry P. Davis has submitted to The Journal for publication a copy of the law, which reads as follows:

"Every owner of a machine on or before the first day of January, in each year, or before he shall commence to operate his machine, shall register and obtain license to operate the same by making application to the Secretary of the Commonwealth for a certificate of registration and license to operate.

"On and after February first in each and every year, every dealer, owner or chauffeur who shall operate a machine over the roads or streets of the state, without first obtaining from the Secretary of the Commonwealth a license to operate the same, and display the license as provided by law, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$20.00.

"Each day's use of the machine without license shall constitute a separate offense in the discretion of the magistrate or court trying the case."

SWINDLER TESTS MANASSAS MAN

Man "Imprisoned" in Spain Offers Reward for Aid in Recovery of Hidden Fortune.

The familiar Spanish swindle has appeared in Manassas again.

Rev. J. M. Bell, in a polite letter from Madrid, Spain, is importuned to aid the writer—who says he is imprisoned at Madrid by reason of bankruptcy—to recover a sum of \$360,000 hidden by him in America, for which act of goodness Mr. Bell is offered "the third part; namely, \$120,000."

The letter, in careful script on a single sheet of paper ruled both ways into blocks, is evidently a very good piece of printing giving the impression of a hand-written letter.

"I cannot receive your answer in the prison," the writer informs Mr. Bell, "but you must send a cablegram to a person of my confidence, who will deliver it to me."

"Awaiting your answer, to intrust you all my secret," he signs himself only "R. de S.," while prominently displaying at the bottom of the letter these instructions:

"First of all answer by cable, not by letter as follows: Andres Cruz, Lista Telegrafos. Orduña Gizcaya. Samples received. 91. Bell."

Although relieved even of the small responsibility of working the cablegram Mr. Bell up to the time of going to press had not sent it. When interviewed by The Journal he showed no distress over the plight of his Madrid correspondent and no signs of curiosity concerning the get-rich-quick "secret" which doubtless has swindled many simple-minded folk of all their savings.

LEE'S BIRTHDAY

The birthday anniversary of General Robert E. Lee will be observed here on Sunday with public exercises at the Parish Hall under the auspices of Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. The program will begin at 3 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

MRS. CORDER DIES

Nokesville Resident Succumbs to Lingering Illness.

Mrs. Martha Alice Corder, wife of Mr. Philip Corder, died on Tuesday at her home between Nokesville and Aden, after an illness of twelve months. Funeral services took place this morning from her late home and interment was at Greenwich. Rev. T. D. D. Clark, of Manassas, conducted the funeral service.

Mrs. Corder was seventy-eight years old. She is survived by her husband, who is extremely ill, and by two sons and a daughter, Mrs. Bare, of Washington; Capt. Cordeur, of No. 10 Engine Company, Washington, and Mr. Amos Corder, who lives at the family home near Nokesville.

HENRY HERRING DIES AT NOKESVILLE HOME

Nonagenarian Succumbs to Infirmities of Age—Funeral at Valley View Church.

Henry A. Herring, nonagenarian resident of Nokesville, passed away on Tuesday at the age of ninety-four. While he had been confined to his bed for some time, his last illness lasted only a few days.

Funeral services were held yesterday at Valley View Church of the Brethren and interment was made in the cemetery there. The services were conducted by Rev. M. G. Early and Rev. S. H. Flory.

Mr. Herring was born in Greene county July 10, 1829. He was first married to Miss Julia Ann Hall, who died more than sixty years ago. His second wife, who survives him, was Mrs. Eliza J. Marshall. He is also survived by eight children, three step-children, forty-six grandchildren and forty-nine great-grandchildren. The surviving children are: Messrs. H. W. and J. C. Herring, of Nokesville, and J. A. Herring, of Aden; Mrs. Lucy A. Weaver, Mrs. Genevieve V. Schaeffer and Mrs. Lena E. Menters, of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Nettie G. Wood, of Nokesville, and Mrs. Florence K. Forman, of Washington. The step-children are: Messrs. Oscar Lee Marshall, of Pennsylvania; Thomas H. Marshall, of Nokesville, and James Everett Marshall, of Aden.

PATTERSON—CLARK

The marriage of Major Frederick W. McLaren Patterson and Miss Texie Sophia Clark took place in Baltimore, Md., on Saturday at Memorial Protestant Episcopal Church. Major Patterson and his bride will live in Washington.

The bridegroom, who is a son of Mrs. Ballantyne Patterson and a nephew of Mrs. B. T. H. Hodge, has made his home in Manassas at intervals for the past few years. He saw service in France with an infantry regiment and was twice wounded in the same engagement.

ASHBY—KLIPSTEIN

Mrs. Eula Fletcher Klipstein, of Warrenton, and Mr. Richard Turner Ashby, of Quantico, were married in Washington January 10, at Calvary Baptist Church, by Rev. W. S. Abernethy. Mr. and Mrs. Ashby left later for Palm Beach, Fla., where they will spend several weeks. They will be at home after February 15, at Quantico.

REV. J. K. EFIRD DIES

Former Manassas Pastor Expires in South Carolina.

News of the death of Rev. J. K. Efird, pastor of the Lutheran Church at Manassas some years ago, is contained in a letter received by Mrs. George C. Round from Mrs. S. C. Ballentine, of Columbia, S. C., Mrs. Efird's sister, with whom the minister's wife is spending the winter. Rev. Mr. Efird's death occurred on January 9. He suffered a stroke of paralysis several weeks ago, but apparently had rallied until his condition became suddenly worse on January 6. He was buried last Friday at one of his former churches, where he had served for many years.

Surviving members of the family are his wife, a daughter and four sons.

STRANGERS IN TOWN SELL FUR COATS

Charges of Peddling Without License Dismissed in Magistrate's Court.

A telegram from New York received at 3:30 this afternoon by Hynson & Co. directs Mr. Hynson to "consult your local police relative two English soldiers, etc." The message is signed "Lahey, Chief Inspector." Mr. Hynson telegraphed yesterday to Baltimore and New York. A reply from Baltimore yesterday stated that the men were not wanted there.

Several sealskin coats were sold here yesterday at prices ranging from \$75 to \$125 by two men traveling in a Dodge touring car and representing themselves as former British seamen. Mr. R. S. Hynson, of Hynson's Department Store, swore out warrants against them, charging them with offering goods for sale without a license. They were brought before Magistrate Payne, who released them, and the Dodge car and its occupants immediately sped out of town.

The men, upon arriving in Manassas, sought Mayor Davis to obtain permission to sell the coats, which they carried with them in the car. The skins were bought by them in Archangel, they said, and made up in this country for their families. Later, according to their story, it became necessary for them to sell the coats.

Magistrate Payne held that Mr. Hynson failed to prove a case against them. Mayor Davis was a witness for the strangers.

The Washington Times yesterday referred to a protest to the District Commissioners by the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, complaining against the lack of supervision of peddling and canvassers. Mr. Chas. J. Columbus, secretary of the association, said his attention had been called to the recent case of a man who was selling furs that he alleged had been smuggled here from abroad. This man, Mr. Columbus said, claimed that he had smuggled the furs to take to his home, but that circumstances had forced him to sell them. This case was pointed to as one where supervision by police would have uncovered a fraud.

Miss Edra Donohoe, of Baltimore, is spending some time here with her mother, Mrs. I. M. Donohoe.

H. W. HERRING TO HEAD COUNTY FARMERS' UNION

J. H. Dodge Continues as Secretary-Treasurer—Report of State Convention Given.

At the meeting of the County Farmers' Union at the courthouse on Saturday, reports of the state convention held in Richmond in December were made by Messrs. J. H. Dodge and R. L. Kane, who represented the farmers of Prince William county there. These reports showed substantial progress, especially along the line of co-operative marketing.

At the close of the program the following officers were elected for 1924: Messrs. H. W. Herring, Nokesville, president; R. L. Lewis, Manassas, first vice-president; S. C. Harley, Manassas, second vice-president, and J. H. Dodge, secretary-treasurer. These officers, together with Messrs. F. M. Swartz, Wilbur Kline and R. L. Wheeler, constitute the board of directors and executive committee.

BRYAN GREET'S FRIENDS HERE

Crowd Gathers at Station as He Returns from Front Royal to Washington.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan, whose speech was a feature of the Thirty-Year Jubilee convention of the Anti-Saloon League in session this week at Washington, passed through Manassas yesterday morning, en route to Front Royal, where he made an address during the day. A crowd of perhaps 100 people gathered at the station here last night as he passed through on his return to Washington.

Mr. Bryan stepped from the train to greet his Manassas friends, including Mr. Meetze, who introduced Mayor Harry P. Davis and others. A series of handshakes ensued.

The convention at Washington was attended by a number of people from this section, including: Hon. C. J. Meetze, Rev. Westwood Hutchison, Rev. Edgar Z. Pence, Rev. J. Murray Taylor, Rev. R. L. Eutsler, Rev. J. A. Golihew, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Knevels, Mr. W. C. Wagener and Mr. L. Ledman.

Rev. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Meetze were among the 100 Virginians present at the Virginia banquet.

Dr. Leigh Palmer and Mr. Jones, of the Anti-Saloon League, who were in Washington during the convention, spoke here on Sunday at the Baptist Church, morning and evening services.

A party of Manassas ministers, returning from the convention by automobile at a late hour Wednesday night, found Bull Run so high after a stormy day that they were unable to cross the bridge. They were obliged to retrace their course for several miles, in order to reach Manassas by way of the Stone House and Sudley road. The ministers who shared this experience were: Rev. Edgar Z. Pence, Rev. R. L. Eutsler and Rev. J. A. Golihew. They arrived in Manassas about 2:30 a. m.

Hon. C. J. Meetze will spend Sunday at Portsmouth, making three addresses at churches there. One of his addresses will be in the interest of Portsmouth's Community Chest.

SERIOUS DAY FOR COUNTY SCHOOLS

Manassas High by Short Term Would Lose Standardization Highly Prized.

(Miss E. H. Osbourn)

In view of the resolution passed by the county school board to close all the schools of the county after a seven months' term for lack of funds, it is very necessary to get the people of the county and town to realize what this will mean not only for the elementary schools but for the high schools of the county, and especially for the Manassas High School, since this is still the only accredited school in the county.

Putting aside for the present the question of the injustice of making still smaller the small chance of the rural child for an education, let us consider for a moment the case of the large graded school at Manassas. There are nearly 400 children in this school, and to close it sooner than the standard time would throw all the work of the grades out of gear for several years to come. It would moreover make it exceedingly difficult to get good teachers for another year. It is difficult at best, with the counties all around us paying more salaries to get them at any time, and if the school is disrupted in this way after the contracts have been made, it will be almost impossible to do so, for there are too many other places willing to pay full time for trained teachers.

But as bad as the situation is for the elementary schools it is still worse for the high schools. For if a high school is to have its work standardized—that is, if its pupils are to be able to get credit for their work—the school has to conform most rigidly to certain rules set by the state and other great standardizing agencies of the country.

A high school in order to be standardized by the state, for instance, must observe the following:

1. The length of the term shall not be less than nine months. The graded school in connection with the high school must also continue nine months.
2. Teachers must have college and professional training (the training requirements for high school teachers grow more exacting year by year).
3. Pupils not to be taught in classes of more than thirty.
4. Certain special requirements for library and laboratory facilities must be met.
5. Records of pupils' work must be kept and no credit given unless full time (nine months) is spent on the subject.

For 1922 there were 292 accredited high schools in Virginia; that is, 292 high schools measuring up to these standards. Manassas High School is one of the 292. But in addition to the requirements of the states for crediting their high schools, there are in the United States four large associations of colleges and high schools, formed for the purpose of supervising and crediting high school work. The requirements of these associations are much more rigid in regard to the preparation of the teachers and of the quality of the work than are the state requirements. Manassas High School is a member of the Association of the Southern States, and only twenty-six schools in

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