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J. E. JOHNSON HAS JUNE HIGH HERD

J. E. Barrett Wins High Cow Record With a Grade Holstein.

The high herd in the Prince William County Dairy Herd Improvement Association in June was owned by J. E. Johnson, of Catlett, his herd of 19 grade holsteins and mixed cows averaging 938.0 pounds of milk and 35.05 pounds of butter fat.

J. E. Barrett, of Manassas, captured the individual cow average with a record of 2,065 pounds of milk and 70.2 pounds of fat. Broadview Farm had an average milk test of 4.1 per cent. Three cows were sold for beef in June according to Arthur J. Brady herd tester.

Herd Honor Roll.

J. T. Hale, Nokesville, grade Guernsey, Herndon, 1,046 milk, 54.4 fat; grade Holstein, Baltimore, 1,132 milk, 53.2 fat. J. T. Miller, Nokesville, grade Holstein, Pauline, 1,476 milk, 64.9 fat. J. E. Johnson, Catlett, grade Holstein, Pansy, 1,391 milk, 51.4 fat; grade holstein, Lea, 1,202 milk, 51.7 fat. J. K. Brown, Bristow, grade Holstein, No. 2, 1,534 milk, 58.3 fat. S. C. Harley, Manassas, purebred Holstein, No. 6, 1,958 milk, 64.6 fat. E. W. Thompson, Woodbridge, purebred Guernsey, Cora, 784 milk, 51.0 fat. Harley and Kline, Manassas, grade Holstein, No. 18, 1,591 milk, 50.9 fat. Clover Hill Farm, Manassas, purebred Jersey, Kalma, 830 milk, 53.1 fat. C. T. M. Lewis, Manassas, grade Holstein, No. 20, 1,870 milk, 52.4 fat; grade Holstein, No. 12, 1,578 milk, 52.1 fat; grade Holstein, No. 10, 1,690 milk, 59.1 fat. P. A. Lewis, Manassas, grade Holstein, Tillie, 1,598 milk, 55.9 fat. J. E. Barrett, Manassas, grade Holstein, Bob Lewis, 2,065 milk, 70.2 fat. E. E. Conner, Manassas, grade Holstein, Nigger, 1,275 milk, 51.6 fat.

VIRGINIA WOMAN WINS ESSAY PRIZE

Mrs. J. W. Bell, of Winchester, Wrote On "Chicks From A Hatchery."

One Virginia poultry raiser is numbered among the winners in the \$10,000 letter-writing contest conducted by the recently formed hatchery business organization which operates under the slogan "Hatchery Chicks for Greater Profits". The winner is Mrs. J. W. Bell, Winchester, who received \$25.00 for her letter.

Her essay was among the forty-one chosen as best from more than 40,000 submitted during the six months of the contest. Written on the subject "Why It Pays To Buy Chicks From a Hatchery", practically all of the essays relate stories of increased profits through use of hatchery chicks as compared with the old hen-hatched method.

Winners of the four big prizes were: Mrs. Eloise Knox Niemyer, Clayton, Indiana, \$5,000; Miss Agnes Glaser, Lincoln, Nebraska, \$2,000; Mrs. G. G. Adair, Rutledge, Georgia, \$1,000, and Mrs. Bertha Banker, Baldwin City, Kansas, \$500.

HAYMARKET

Sunday was observed as Children's Day at St. Paul's Church. The special service for children, the pastor, Rev. W. F. Carpenter, officiating. There was a good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Carter and family have returned to their home "Erin Dale", after having resided in Fredericksburg for nearly two years.

Miss Sofy Tyler and Miss Annie Moss Tyler, of Baltimore, are at their home "The Shelter" for a stay of some weeks.

Mrs. Carroll Schaub and Master Jimmie Schaub, of Mountville, W. Va., are here for a visit to Mrs. Schaub's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hutchison.

Miss Edmonia N. Tyler is at her home here for the month of July.

Mr. Henly Dodge was the guest for the week-end of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. C. Dodge.

Mrs. John Payne, of Fredericksburg, is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Wade C. Payne.

Rev. Thomas M. Browne, of Lynchburg, will fill his former pulpit at St. Paul's church at the eleven o'clock service on Sunday morning.

BRENTSVILLE DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEETING

Community Association Will Get Together At Nokesville On Tuesday Next.

The regular monthly meeting of the Brentsville District Community Association, will be held at the Woodmen Hall, Nokesville, on Tuesday July 9, at 8 p. m.

The usual reports from the various committees will be made and an interesting program of entertainment has been planned for the evening. L. B. Deitrich, of Blacksburg, will speak on the subject "Bean Beetle Control" and a motion picture, captioned "Beans or Beetles", will be shown.

COUNTY PICNIC SET FOR JULY 18

Sponsored By Agricultural Advisory Council of County Will Be Held At Dawson's Beach

The county picnic, sponsored by the Agricultural Advisory Council of Prince William County to be held at Dawson's Beach, near Woodbridge, on Thursday, July 18, will give farmers and business men from all districts of the county with their families an opportunity to spend an enjoyable day on the beach and to become better acquainted.

Interesting speakers will be on the program, and an effort is being made to obtain a military band for the day. There is no better beach for bathing and water sports on the Potomac. The time for the picnic was sent with the expectation that the farmers' rush season would be over or near the end, thus ensuring a large attendance.

J. Lindsay Dawson has offered the use of his beach for the day and there is ample parking space and room for spreading lunches and it is expected that there will be a large representation from all parts of Prince William. Everybody is cordially invited.

ELEMENTARY TRAINING FOR DOCTORS' HELPERS

Charlottesville, Va., July 3.—The University of Virginia will hold its fifth Institute for Doctors' Helpers in Washington Hall, for the five days, August 5 to 9, inclusive. This institute, as well as one to be given for colored women at the Virginia Normal and Industrial School at Petersburg from August 12 to 16, inclusive, is to be conducted by trained lecturers from the State Department of Health.

The purpose of the course is to teach women such elementary principles of nursing as may qualify them to act as bedside helpers when trained nurses are neither available nor absolutely necessary. The courses are designed so they may be particularly helpful in training women to act in confinement cases.

There are many hundreds of women in Virginia who have some leisure that might profitably be occupied in helpful ways. It is certain that these Institutes show one way to occupy spare time; and it is hoped that some of the women trained at these Institutes may eventually be so impressed with the possibilities of the work that they may go far toward supplanting the ignorant midwives upon whom so many of the rural women have to depend at childbirth.

MISSIONARY UNION MEETING AT HAYMARKET

Ruth Hulfish, Group Leader, Presides And Interesting Program Given.

A group meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union was held on Friday last at the Baptist Church, Haymarket, with Miss Ruth Hulfish, of Alexandria and Haymarket group presiding.

Others taking part in the program were: Mrs. Rodgers of Round Hill; Miss Flavel, head of the junior work; the pastor of the church, Rev. V. H. Council; Rev. Barnet Grimsley, and Rev. Hiram D. Anderson, of Manassas.

MISS MARIE HIXSON DIES.

Miss Marie Hixson, daughter of Mrs. Dolly Hixson, died last night following an illness of about two weeks. Funeral rites at All Saint's Catholic Church Friday, July 5, at 10 a. m.

FIRST UNITED STATES CABINET



The picture shows the first cabinet of the United States, formed in 1789, consisting of Henry Knox, secretary of war; Alexander Hamilton, secretary of the treasury; Thomas Jefferson, secretary of state, and Edmund Randolph, attorney general.

GOVERNOR BYRD ANSWERS ANDERSON'S KEYNOTE SPEECH

Says Col. Anderson Is Careless As To Facts Quoted And Makes Many Misrepresentations.

A keynote speech of an opposition party is expected to say every thing bad about the party that is in office and to promise everything good for the party that seeks office. I am not, therefore, disposed to take too seriously Col. Anderson's denunciation of the Democratic party delivered to the Republican State Convention. He evidently prepared his speech with great care as to its literary excellence, but with equal carelessness as to the facts he quoted. The Virginia people have been accustomed to exaggerations when Col. Anderson speaks on political subjects.

Facts Contradictory. For example, only a few months ago Col. Anderson over a nationwide radio hookup said: "Virginia has the worst government of any state or nation on the Western hemisphere and the most tyrannical form of government any Anglo-Saxon people had lived under since the Stuarts were driven from England."

A Virginian who denounces a government by fellow Virginians as worse than that of Mexico or Nicaragua, not to mention the unspeakable corruption of certain proceedings in Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois, may be said to be suffering from an extreme habit of partisan exaggeration.

I would not feel called upon to reply to any general indictment, however vindictive, that Colonel Anderson might draw of the Democratic party but I do feel that I should correct gross misrepresentations of facts that official records attest beyond the possibility of honest dispute.

For example, Colonel Anderson tried to make the people believe that in my administration Forty millions of dollars more was taken from them in taxes than was in fact taken: An error it is difficult to explain when made by an eminent lawyer who has often expressed his anxiety to be fair in the discussion of public questions.

Let us see what Col. Anderson says and then see how the facts contradict him. "To gain some idea of the steady increase of the burdens imposed upon the people", he said, and then undertakes to show that under the four years of my administration \$160,000,000 will be expended by the State from taxation. He insists that an increase of \$6,000,000 in taxes has been made yearly in the four years of my administration and that Virginia will spend while I am Governor \$47,000,000 more of the people's money than was spent in the period of Governor Trinkle's administration. In the effort to sustain this statement he refers to the Auditor's Report for the year ending June 30, 1927, and contends that this report "shows the total of State expenditures other than the repayment of temporary loans as

\$41,282,000". He then multiplies this big figure by four.

If Col. Anderson or any other interested person will be kind enough to refer to Page 17 of the same Auditor's Report he will find that the repayment of temporary loans is not an item ending June 30, 1927 (none have been contracted since), amounted to \$4,750,000, and that this sum is included from the total he quotes. The payment of temporary loans is not in expenditure of course, as the proceeds of the loans have already been spent for public purposes and so included.

On the same page Col. Anderson will find the item of \$3,544,943.69 paid cities, towns and counties for their share of inheritance, gasoline and capitation taxes and included in his total. This is in no way a State expenditure as the State acts simply as a collecting agency, but Col. Anderson improperly includes this large item to make his point.

If Col. Anderson will refer to Page 14 of the same report he will find an item of \$3,186,236.07 received in that year from the Federal government, and from Robertson Act funds—neither coming from State taxation, but Col. Anderson adds this, too, to the total.

Slight Error of \$40,000,000. The addition of these items exceeds \$10,000,000, and this multiplied by four years makes the slight error of \$40,000,000 in Col. Anderson's calculations. Instead of \$160,000,000 of tax money expended in my administration approximately \$30,000,000 average for each of the four years will be derived from taxation. The largest tax collection was for the year ending March 1, 1929, of approximately \$33,000,000, including a substantial amount of taxes collected that were omitted or delinquent. This amount will be reduced for the calendar year of 1929 by the tax reduction of \$1,400,000 effective this Fall.

The Democratic party does not deny that the total receipts from taxation have increased as they have increased in every developing State. Of course the increasing wealth of Virginia thereby increases our tax income and this enables the State to educate better the children in the less prosperous sections, to build roads and otherwise improve the living conditions of our people everywhere. The increased revenue to the State even after tax reductions is due, first, to the equalization of taxation by compelling all to pay a just share (23,000 delinquent income tax payers were assessed in 1926 alone) and, second, the attraction of new wealth and new residents to Virginia and, third, to the increased tax return from increasing prosperity. One new industry in Virginia will invest \$125,000,000 in one plant and this in itself is equal to the assessed value of property in 40

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DOMESTIC SCIENCE DEMONSTRATION HERE

Miss Kimm To Prepare Salads And Deserts At Parish Hall Wednesday.

A demonstration of preparing salads and deserts will be given by Miss Kimm on Wednesday, July 10, at the Parish Hall, Manassas, at 2:30 p. m.

The demonstration has been arranged by Miss Bell, county home demonstration agent, and is being given under the auspices of the Bethlehem Club and the Woman's Club. All persons interested are invited to attend.

DUMFRIES HAS HOME COMING

More Than 500 Visitors Attend Delightful Exercises and Meet Old Friends.

Dumfries in which a tobacco warehouse was built in 1730, and a town established in 1749, which became a tobacco shipping port, had its day on Sunday. More than 500 former residents of the community coming from all sections of the country, gathered in their old home in a celebration of "Home-Coming Day".

The program for the day was sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, and consisted of special exercises at the church in both the morning and afternoon.

The program for the day was as follows:

- Atlantis—The Lost Continent
- Peace! Be Still*Palmer
- Orchestra from Marine Barracks My. Lyons, Director.
- Welcome Address Rev. Paul L. Warner
- Welcome SongChildren
- Hymn 196—Blessed AssuranceCrosby
- Prayer.
- Scripture Lesson.
- Hymn 152—Let The Lower Lights Be BurningBliss
- SermonDr. E. V. Register
- Prayer.
- Offering.
- Offertory—Violin SoloSelected
- Mr. Stefano
- Hymn 268—Sweet HomeDenham
- BenedictionDr. Register

LITTLE JOHNNY ON GEORGE WASHINGTON.

George Washington was the greatest man That ever lived on earth, Exceptin' pa; And so we all do all we can To celebrate his birth. 'Cause he was good and brave and true; There wasn't nothin' he couldn't do. If it was right and he wanted to; He licked a king and a whole lot more, And no one was ever as wise before, Exceptin' pa; George Washington was Virginia's son; The noblest and the best, Exceptin' pa; We give him praise of the things he done And the brave heart in his breast. He licked King George, and he licked him bad, And so we should always all be glad; His country was all the children he had— He took it when it was weak and new, And nobody else could of pulled it through, Exceptin' pa; —S. E. Kiser, in Normal Instructor.

FIRE RATE CASE BRIEF IS FILED

State Contends For Drastic Revision of Fire Insurance Premiums.

Norfolk, Va., July 3.—Asking for a reduction in fire insurance rates so that policy holders in Virginia will be saved not less than \$2,000,000, or approximately 15 per cent annually, Braden Vandeventer, special counsel for the state in the first insurance rate investigation, today filed a brief with the State Corporation Commission at Richmond in support of the State's contention for a drastic revision downward of premiums on all fire insurance risks.

The brief makes these outstanding assertions:

300 Per Cent Excess Earnings. First: That the stock fire insurance companies as a whole are making approximately \$2,000,000 a year profit or 300 per cent more than would be a reasonable profit on capital, surplus and reserve, held to be 8 per cent.

Second: That in the five-year test period upon which the investigation started last year by the corporation commission is based, the stock companies earned more than \$14,590,000, or at the rate of 31 per cent annually on capital structure, or 25.41 per cent on earned premiums — that is net premiums applied to each year.

Charges Present Formula Wrong.

Third: That the formula under which rates have been fixed in Virginia should be repudiated, and the Kansas or some other fair method substituted that will permit the companies net earnings of 8 per cent annually.

Fourth: That earnings of the insurance companies from the banking or investment account as well as the underwriting account should be taken into consideration in fixing rates in the state. This is the Kansas method, which the brief holds has been upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Virginia Discriminated Against.

Fifth: That Virginia has been discriminated against in favor of other states in fire insurance rates under the present system in that there has been an underwriting profit in this state of from 5 to 7 per cent annually in the five-year test period ending with 1927, while in the country as a whole the loss has been from 2 to 3 per cent.

Sixth: That the present zone method of fixing rates in Virginia, whereby one section of the state pays a higher rate than others, where the stock fire insurance companies have no serious local mutual competition, should be abolished and that the state should be the unit in fixing rates.

Upholds New Legislation.

Seventh: That the act authorizing the Corporation Commission to make the investigation and reduce rates if the earnings of the companies so warrant is constitution and should be so declared by the commission.

Eighth: That the commission should order the reduced rates into effect at once upon decision so that the new schedules will be effective pending an appeal if any is taken.

Ninth: That the commission safeguard the interests of the public in the co-insurance and of the three-fourths value clause.

Tenth: That the state is taking the figures of the companies doing business in Virginia as the basis of its calculations as to the alleged unreasonable profits of the great insurance companies, and that the reductions asked will permit the companies to operate on a reasonable profit.

Wants All of State on a Party.

There are five fire insurance zones in the state—the Eastern Shore, Valley, Piedmont, Southwest and the Virginia General—the last named having the highest rate and including the cities of Richmond, Norfolk, Petersburg, Suffolk and Portsmouth. The lowest rates are on the Eastern Shore and in the Valley, where Mr. Vandeventer charges local competition of home-owned or mutual companies have forced the companies to make lower rates.

The reduction asked for the brief says, will reduce the rates in all of the divisions in proportion to the present charges, and that in abolishing the zones so as to make the state the unit, the commission will be enabled to fix rates based in the companies' experience in the state at large. It is also

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