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OUR GREAT DAYS OF INSTRUCTION

By PROF. H. T. BUTTON
Director Manassas Agricultural High School.

The Four Day traveling School of Agriculture will be held in the Court House, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, January 15, 16, 17 and 18, will be some of the most interesting and instructive meetings ever held in this section.

DAIRYING

No man is more competent to speak on dairying than Prof. Brainard. He is not only master of his subject but knows how to sell it to an audience. Prof. Brainard will give special attention to feeding and breeding cattle.

Dairying is the most profitable branch of agriculture to those who can reach the Washington market with milk or cream, yet it is well known that there are but few good herds of milking cattle about here, and still fewer dairymen who feed their cows for the highest production. Those who listen to Prof. Brainard will have an opportunity to learn direct from one who speaks with authority.

CORN PRODUCTION

No one person is having more to do with the progress of Virginia as a corn-producing State than Prof. Lyman Carrier, who will speak on corn production and utilization. Our soils are probably better adapted to corn than to any other crop, yet few of our fields raise more than one-half of the corn of which they are capable.

A good silo doubles the milk producing value of a crop of corn. Prof. Carrier is an authority on the construction and use of silos and will give a most valuable talk on the subject.

POULTRY

Poultry was the topic of our meeting but the subject was left unfinished and several members felt that more should be said on poultry houses and winter egg production. Dr. C. R. C. Johnson will lead the discussion on the construction, and Andrew Temple on the production of winter eggs.

Poultry diseases reduce our production.

SELECT MANASSAS FOR GREAT HIGHWAY

COMMITTEE MAPS OUT ROUTE

The Selection of Route Between Manassas and Fredericksburg to Satisfy the Wishes of Manassas Citizens.

That the great transcontinental highway between Quebec, Canada, and Miami, Florida, will pass through Manassas, now is generally assured, the Richmond committee having reported favorably upon the proposed route through Manassas. Selection of route between Manassas and Fredericksburg has been left to Manassas committee. An official map of the great highway through Virginia, published in Richmond, Virginia, last week, gives prominence to Manassas and Fredericksburg as principal points between the Potomac and Washington.

After he had been dismissed from the employ of Mrs. May, the widow of J. W. May, he returned to the farm, raised a disturbance, according to the evidence presented in court of Justice J. P. Smith, after fall, last week. He was fined \$5 and costs.

DEATH CALLS HUSBAND HOVERS OVER WIFE

MARION THOMASSON SUCCEUMBS

End Follows Operation—Former Resident of Manassas—Member of Washington Police Force—Funeral Today.

Stricken with fatal illness while in apparent excellent health, Marion L. Thomasson, 27 years old, formerly of Manassas, member of the Washington police force, died Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock in Providence Hospital, Washington, six hours after an operation. Rupture of the digestive organs was the cause of death. The funeral was held this afternoon in Washington with interment in the Congressional cemetery.

WIFE NEAR DEATH

When Mr. Thomasson breathed his last, his wife was hovering between life and death at their home, 713 I street, southeast. She has been under treatment for typhoid fever during the past two weeks. When told of her husband's death, she remarked: "I know I'll not be many days behind him."

DIES AFTER OPERATION

When he went off duty at 3 o'clock Monday morning he was apparently in good health. He was taken ill at 9 o'clock in the morning, complaining of pains in his abdomen. The police surgeon found he was suffering from rupture of one of his digestive organs and advised an operation. After first objecting, Mr. Thomasson finally consented to be taken to the hospital. The operation was performed about 9 o'clock in the evening. He died six hours later from great loss of blood.

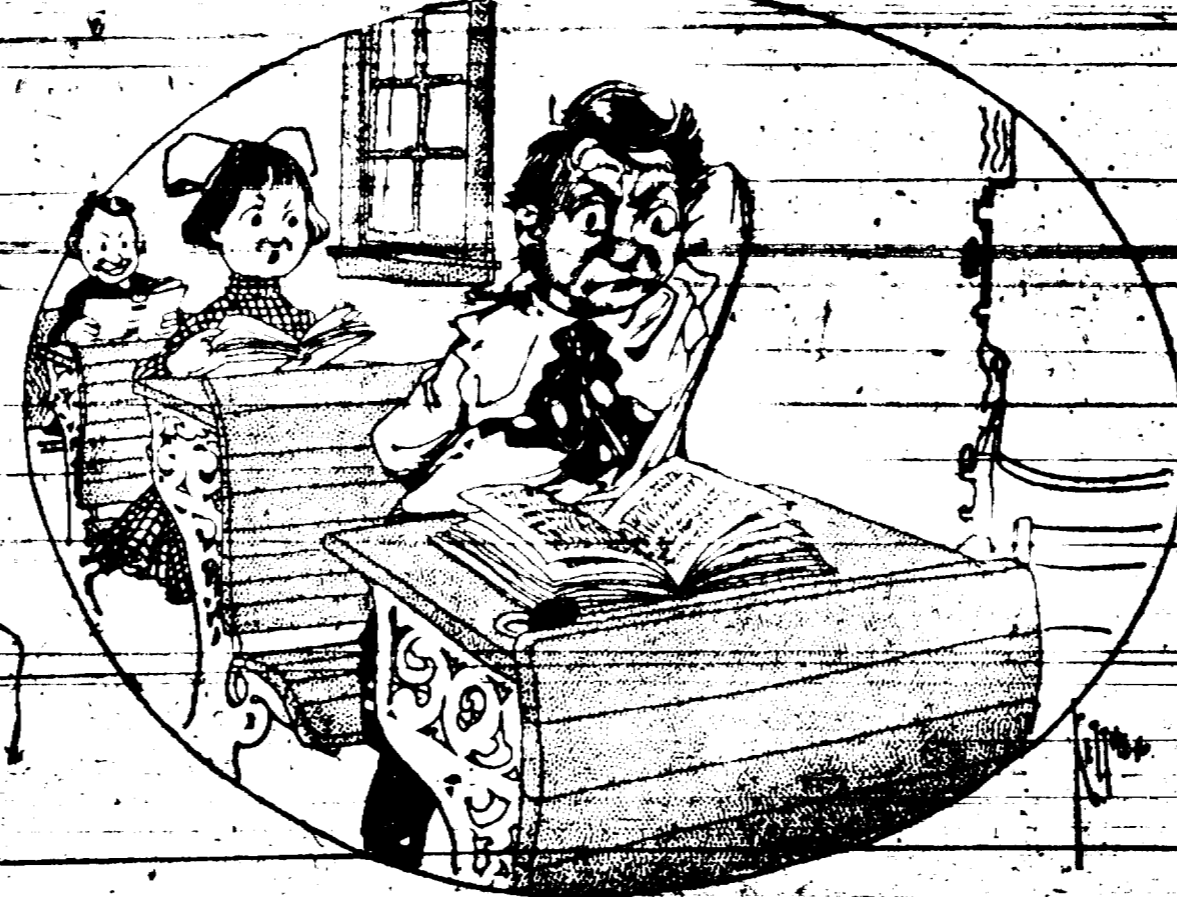
FATHER CHRISTMAS GUEST

His father, T. A. Thomasson, had been his guest during the Christmas holidays. Marion L. Thomasson is survived by his widow. He also leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Thomasson, Manassas; six brothers, Joseph C. Thomasson, James Thomasson, Baltimore; William Thomasson, Edgar Thomasson, Archie D. Thomasson, and Ashby T. Thomasson, Manassas; and five sisters, Mrs. Emily V. Sneaks, Mrs. Ardelia May Pearson, Manassas; Mrs. Ada Stevens, Mrs. Blanche Woodyard, Bradley; Mrs. Susan Holsinger, Baltimore.

FORMER MANASSAS RESIDENT

Marion L. Thomasson was a former resident of Manassas, leaving here for Washington about nine years ago. At the time of his appointment to the police force he was employed as a motorman by the Capital Traction Company.

FLANNELS



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FAST TRAIN CRASHES INTO FREIGHT WRECK

THRILLING ACCIDENT AT BRISTOW

Demolishes Locomotive and Splits Caboose—Trainmen Leap for Life—Escapes Railroad Tradition.

Thrills of a collision, but with none of the horror, were experienced by passengers on the southbound Chesapeake & Ohio limited when the train, running at the rate of a mile a minute, sidetracked the caboose of a Southern freight wrecked while the trains were passing in the Bristow yards shortly after 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The passenger locomotive was demolished, but the engineer and fireman escaped injury. The shock of the collision in full view of the wreck, the crash when the heavy locomotive tore through the caboose, the sound of steel and wood shattered, filled timid passengers with terror, but their fears were calmed before panic prevailed. All were severely shaken. None was injured.

ESCAPE DEATH

Miraculous was the escape of two trainmen from death in the caboose. Three freight cars just ahead had plunged down the steep embankment when a fallen angle bar dragged over the ties as the fast Chesapeake & Ohio train flashed by. The derailed caboose remained upright, lifting over the edge of the southbound track. The crash of the wreck muffled the sound of the passing train, but the men in the caboose with presentiment of new peril leaped the instant of collision. The caboose was smashed to splinters. The steps were torn from the passenger coaches, after the impact of the collision had demolished the locomotive. Traffic was delayed an hour. The train proceeded with a locomotive from Nokesville.

Two oil tank cars and a car loaded with lumber were thrown down the embankment. The lumber was broken into fragments. The tank cars, built of steel, were but slightly damaged.

OMEN OF DISASTER

There is a railroad tradition that disaster is three-fold in visitation. When one disaster falls, two more are forming, say old-time railroad men, who point to records to bear out their belief. Bristow is an example. Within six months, and within a radius of one-half mile, the village has been the scene of three wrecks. Early in the summer three freight cars were derailed at the north end of Broad Run bridge, trainmen narrowly escaping injury. One life was lost and it is believed that three trains were derailed in an area of earth when the same spot a few weeks later. The wreck last Sunday falls the omen of disaster, shadowing the railroad rule of three.

DOG WARNS MASTER WHEN HOME BURNS

McGRATH RESIDENCE FIRE SCENE

Owner's Clothing Takes Fire Threatening His Life—Suffers Severe Burns—Smothering Blaze on Porch.

Flames glowing through the trees beyond the cornfield aroused the instinct of danger in a dog, and guided by that instinct the animal, barking frantically, ran to his master, James McGrath, at work on his farm near Blandford, and seized him by the clothing as though to drag him away. Looking up, the man saw his home wrapped in a sheet of flame. Then he remembered that he had left a lamp lighted and a fire in the stove before starting for the fields that Thursday morning, last week.

DOG TRIES TO HELP

It was now late in the afternoon and the man was quite alone on his farm. His wife died just before Christmas. He would have been altogether alone but for the faithful animal that warned him of danger and then tried to help him save the property.

CLOTHING AFIRE

When Mr. McGrath reached the scene of the fire he saw that his home was doomed to destruction. With the dog at his heels, he ran into the burning building and began carrying out the household effects. His clothing caught fire, threatening his life but he smothered the flames with his hands and persisted in a desperate effort to save his movable property.

RESCUE EFFORT FUTILE

All that he could save was piled out in the yard when the building crumbled in. And then, as though fate had decreed that nothing should be left, firebrands fell over the salvage reducing it to ashes. The loss, estimated at \$900, is partly covered by insurance.

Mr. McGrath is suffering from severe burns in his hands. The dog's hair is burnt off.

MANASSAS UNITES IN UNIVERSAL PRAYER

OBSERVANCE IN BAPTIST CHURCH

Holy Week Begins January 7 for United and Universal Prayer, by invitation of Evangelical Alliance of United States.

Justice and good will as the law of life for nations as well as for individuals. This denotes the week of united and universal prayer by invitation of the Evangelical Alliance of the United States. Manassas will observe the holy week in the Baptist Church, Monday, January 8, to Friday, January 12, inclusive, beginning each evening at 7:30 o'clock. Choirs will unite in song service.

"The Kingdom's Cause and Advance" will be the theme in the pulpits next Sunday introducing the week of prayer, and the general closing topic on Sunday, January 14, will be "The Supreme Desires of the Kingdom's Triumph."

SERMON THEMES

Sermons for the united observance in the Baptist Church will be: Monday, January 8: "Personal Faithfulness." The Rev. P. A. Arthur. Tuesday, January 9: "The Church of Christ." Dr. H. L. Charles. Wednesday, January 10: "Foreign Missions." The Rev. C. L. DeLong. Thursday, January 11: "Home Missions." The Rev. J. K. Egan. Friday, January 12: "Interests Domestic and Educational." Dr. H. U. Roon.

PROPOSE CONVICT CAMP FOR COUNTY ROADS

SUGGESTION TO SUPERVISORS

W. L. Heuser Emphasizes Importance of Immediate Action—Says County Would Receive Full Share From State.

Declaring that the county supervisors should immediately file application with the State authorities for establishment of a convict camp in Prince William county, for labor on the roads, W. L. Heuser, of Haymarket, addressed the supervisors last Monday. The board has made application for money for 1912 from the State fund, but will consider the matter in the future.

NEED IMMEDIATE ACTION

Mr. Heuser claims that it is of great importance to take immediate action in view of the probability that the present convict contracts will soon become inoperative and that public opinion will direct the Legislature to work the convicts on the roads. Mr. Heuser said:

RECEIVE FULL SHARE

At present the State appropriation amounting from \$2,000 to \$2,400 per annum has not covered the \$3,500 expended by the county and State for the balance becomes the debtor and the debt is supposed to be wiped out at some future day. With a convict camp we could get our full share coming to us by law at once and be benefited to that extent. The convict camp can be run in a more economically managed.

REDUCES COST

The cost of supervision per capita of the employed is less. This should not cost more than 40 per cent of the total expenditure for common labor on a permanent road. We find that 56 per cent was expended on the Carolina road—\$3,264 cost, common labor \$4,877.

WORK OUT APPROPRIATION

There are about \$4,000 subscribed conditionally for certain improvements in the upper end of the county. We could use the convicts to work out the county appropriation and then place them at the disposal of other sections subscribing.

BENEFIT WHOLE COUNTY

In this way the whole county would be benefited and adequate return for local aid received returned by the State, not to mention the benefits the convicts receive by better and healthier environment and employment.

ORGANIZE FARMERS CLUB AT WELLINGTON

DISCUSS IMPORTANT PROBLEMS

Will Co-operate With Farmers' Institute of Northern Virginia—Agricultural Interests.

Citizens of the Wellington community Tuesday night organized a Farmers' Club to discuss matters of mutual benefit and to promote agricultural interests by co-operating with the Farmers' Institute of Northern Virginia. Meetings will be held every Friday night. "Parcels Post" is the subject for discussion tomorrow, Friday night.

The officers are: President, J. D. Wheeler; Secretary, J. T. L. Rollins; The Club, rapidly increasing in membership, was organized by A. H. Compton, J. B. Wheeler, H. J. Schaeffer, W. F. Ward, O. Wells, C. W. Vetter, J. T. L. Rollins, A. S. Robertson, and J. C. ...

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The Onlooker



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FINE FABRICS CHEAP

Now the appointed time to lay in a supply...

Bargains sure to be picked up by the Economic Woman...

As most persons do their winter buying soon, this is a famous time for looking up bargains in choice materials...

At present, as the winter season approaches, the market is flooded with goods...

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Paris's Tribute to An American

A long and heated session of the Parisian Parliament by unanimous vote passed a resolution rejecting the Russian demand...

Mrs. A. B. Taylor, of Crider, Mo., had been troubled with sick headache for about five years...

For Marble, Granite and all kinds of Cemetery Work...

Call on M. J. Hottle for Marble, Granite and all kinds of Cemetery Work...

Civil Engineer, County Surveyor, Attorney at Law...

Attorney at Law, Attorney at Law, Attorney at Law...

Attorney at Law, Attorney at Law, Attorney at Law...

Attorney at Law, Attorney at Law, Attorney at Law...

Are You a Woman?

TAKE CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR JANUARY 7 BIRTH OF JOHN FORETOLD

LESSON TEXT: Luke 1:1-8

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Your Best Friend

By Wilbur D. Hesbit

A man that hath friends must show himself friendly...

You've a friend you have surely needed...

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SAYS THE OWL. It's a poor rule that won't work both ways in our favor.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Miss Ruth Noonan is visiting at Culpeper. J. P. Smith, of Waterfall, was in town Monday. Will Tavener has returned from a visit to Hamilton. Leroy Carter has been quite ill at his home on Lee avenue.

Currell Pattie, of Cathartsville, was a guest of Norville Wheeler Sunday. Misses Mable and Grace Lynch returned Tuesday to St. Edith Academy. After the Christmas vacation Eastern College resumed yesterday for the winter term.

John Beavers is moving his saw mill to his farm near Spring Ford this week. Miss Mattie Houghton, of Sperryville, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. S. Athey. While trimming timber, W. W. Wheaton, of Casanova, cut a deep year in his left foot this week.

The Misses Bonack, of Union Kerlin, of Bridgeview, were guests during Christmas at the home of S. H. Flory, at Nokesville. The stove mit, closed for the Christmas holidays, resumed Tuesday morning. H. W. Scott, the manager returned Monday from Shenandoah, where he spent Christmas with his family.

Farmer's Business. We give particular attention to the business of farmers. A checking account with a bank is a convenience no farmer should be without. Our savings department is another excellent feature, affording, as it does, the privilege of withdrawals, together with the advantage of interest on your funds.

Peoples National Bank of Manassas. We cordially invite the farmers to make this their Banking Home. Daniel Boone on the Trail. When the sons of men go forth they have never lacked a leader.

Prince William Pharmacy. A Sensible Woman. In she who keeps in touch with our store and knows all we have to offer. Among the many useful household articles we sell, Diamond Dyes are well worth knowing.

Real Estate. Farms and Town Property for Sale. Georgia Home Insurance Company. Fire Insurance. Nursery Stock. Stark's Standard Varieties Guaranteed. Loan Investments. Five Per Cent Money for Home Building, Monthly Payments.

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Conner's Market. Fresh and Salt Meats, Staple and Fancy Groceries, &c. CASH OR 30 DAYS. Owing to the long standing credit I have been doing I am compelled to give my credit to 30 days and sell goods Cheap for Cash.

FOUR GREAT DAYS OF INSTRUCTION AGAINST DAIRYING. Continued from first page. Profits and our egg yield. Mr. Opperman is an expert and will tell us how to prevent and cure the common diseases of our cows to poultry.

'PRESENT INSPECTION' AGAINST DAIRYING. Continued from first page. The smallpox which a local paper reported as being at the Manassas Industrial School two weeks ago was confined to one very mild case. The girl who had the disease in the meekest form was never allowed to come in contact with any of the students.

NO SMALLPOX AT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL. The smallpox which a local paper reported as being at the Manassas Industrial School two weeks ago was confined to one very mild case. The girl who had the disease in the meekest form was never allowed to come in contact with any of the students.

BUSINESS NOTICES. IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT. MR. W. W. GARRISON. Our Manassas, Va. representative, is showing our true character as the Democrat office, and would be pleased to have you call and inspect the same.

SUITS TO ORDER FROM \$12.50 UP. The Mertz & Mertz Co. is recognized as the leading tailor-union in the National Capital. This firm has the reputation of doing quality tailoring at popular prices.

F. A. Cockrell & Co. BIG REDUCTION. As our new warehouses now being erected will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks we will for the next 60 days make big reductions in our big stock of Buggies, Wagons, Engines and Farming Implements of all kinds.

Wellington Feed Mill. C. W. VETTER & CO., Props. Dealers in Flour, Feed and Meal. Sawmill in Connection. Your Patronage Solicited.

BOOKS. 'The Virginian' by Walter H. Miller. 'The Buccaneers' by Bayly. 'Tillie a Menace' by H. Martin. 'The Mystery of the Blue Room' by John L. Syncox. 'The Master Criminal' by Cecil. 'The Hound Dog' by H. Martin.

BELL BROS. BAKERY. Just as good - Just as cheap - and so much less trouble. Antiseptic Barber Shop. JOHN CHAPMAN, Prop. Clean Comfortable Shaves. Classy Hair Cuts.

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