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WELLINGTON FARMERS' CLUB It is the spirit manifested by progressive citizens of the Wellington community that makes for achievement.

LEAP YEAR For a bachelor to attempt a dissertation on Leap Year is like a lost traveler trying to find his way in a strange land.

MOLDY FEED FATAL An epidemic fatal to horses and mules has been traced to moldy feed and contaminated water.

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WRITE IT "1912" MIDNIGHT oil is the best mental lubricator. THE good roads movement is gaining ground.

ROOSEVELT may be a candidate, but that will be about the extent of it. NINETEEN Hundred and Twelve will be a year of achievement

WATER and electric lights are utilities that will be secured for Manassas this year. DIRT is matter out of place. Moral cleanliness is re-adjustment of guiding principles.

OHIO is not all harmony for Harmon. Some of the Democrats out there express disapproval of his candidacy. A STRAIGHT line is the shortest distance between two points.

NO man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, gentle, pure and good without the world being better for it. The first important arrest this year is reported from Pennsylvania, where a woman sheriff gave up her office to get married.

THAT Champ Clark's chances for the Democratic Presidential nomination are strengthened by an undercurrent in movements for his competitors, is the declaration of Senator Stone, of Missouri.

THE newspapers have an item that sixty persons bathed in the surf at Coney Island on New Year Day. We cannot imagine why the occurrence should be classed as news.

Preventive treatment consists in a complete change of food and water supply of the well animals. The cause is in the food or water. Examine all feed carefully, especially corn; the moldy grains on the end of the cob is often where the cause is located.

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UTTON CONSIDERS CONTRACT TO REMAIN DECISION WITHIN ONE WEEK

The Manassas District School Board yesterday tendered Prof. F. Button a contract for the year 1912-13 as Director of the Manassas Agricultural High School.

DEATH ANGEL CALLS LOVELY YOUNG WOMAN

After a lingering illness, Miss Estelle Marsteller died Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock in her home near Bristow.

ENTHUSIASM GREET'S PLAN IN GREAT PARADE

In a recent trip through the county by Mr. R. E. Saylor, State Supervisor of Rural Schools, and the Division Superintendent, the subject of the fair and parade was discussed in many of the schools and the teachers and pupils were practically unanimous in favor of the idea.

ELIAS W. WELCH DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Winter and the beautiful snow struck town last week, banishing lingering autumn for keeping unreasonable hours and, according to indications, have settled down for a prolonged stay.

GALLANT SOLDIER Mr. Welch was born near Washington, Rappahannock county. He fought gallantly for the Southern cause in the Federal Army as sergeant in Fauquier Battery under Col. Strubling.

TWELVE YEARS IN PENITENTIARY Phillip Sanders, colored, the beggar burglar, will serve twelve years in the penitentiary for breaking into Hibbs & Siddons' store.

MISS ESTELLE MARSTELLER DIES

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TESTAMENTS OF LOVE There were many beautiful floral offerings, eloquent testaments of love.

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IS IT COULD ENOUGH MERCY? Mercury Runs Down to Zero to Get Out of Way, While Sun Hides Behind Clouds, Making for a Yawning Gape.

SPLENDID SET OF CHILDREN The people of the county do not know, by actual acquaintance, what a splendid set of children are growing up in old Prince William.

PROUD OF CHILDREN We think there is no one who could look upon a parade of, say one thousand of Prince William County's splendid children, without having his pride aroused.

LOVE OF CHILDREN But we do not make a surprise the success it should be unless those who love children are not so much interested.

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Commemoration ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF General Robert E. Lee

MEMORY OF General Robert E. Lee, leader of the Southern Confederacy, humane and Christian soldier, will be honored by Manassas under direction of Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

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FARMERS' WIVES PLAN IMPORTANT SESSIONS

WILL ATTEND TRAVELING SCHOOL The Farmers' Wives of the Eighth Congressional District of Northern Virginia are invited to attend all morning sessions of the Traveling School of Agriculture to be conducted in Manassas, January 15 to January 18, 1912.

HELPFUL SESSIONS Miss Ella Agnew, of Burkeville, who is connected with the United States Department of Agriculture, will direct these afternoon sessions which will prove very helpful.

PROGRAM Following is the program for the sessions: Monday, January 15, 1:30 p. m., at High School library: Business meeting of Woman's Auxiliary of Farmers' Institute.

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'NO CONTRACT CHANGE AT PRESENT TIME'

RECOMMENDS SCHOOL COMMITTEE Changes be made at present in contracts with instructors in the Manassas Agricultural High School, and a suggestion that some teacher be designated as head of the whole school, with responsibility for the institution, is the substance of the report of a special committee to the Manassas District School Board.

COMMITTEE REPORT 'To the Manassas District School Board, Gentlemen: A committee appointed by resolution of the School Board at a meeting held on November 4, 1911, to examine the contracts under which several of the teachers in the Manassas Agricultural High School are working, and to report at the next regular meeting of the Board whether any action should be taken by this Board toward a modification of the said contracts to make them harmonious with each other and with the uniform policy of the Board since the beginning of the School in 1908; and, if they so find, to recommend such action as they deem advisable in the interest of the school, have the honor to report as follows:

COMMITTEE REPORT (Continued) The committee, comprising Andrew Pringle and George G. Tyler, was appointed by the Board to examine the contracts to determine whether action should be taken toward modification. The report of the committee follows:

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. William H. ...

LESSON FOR JANUARY 14

BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST.

LESSON TEXT—Luke 1:7-25.
MEMORY VERSES—7:26, or 7:7.
GOLDEN TEXT—"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He hath visited and redeemed His people."—Luke 1:68.

Another fulfilled prophecy added to last week's lesson. "Hath God said, and shall he not do it?" Heaven and earth shall pass away, but one jot or tittle of his promises shall never fail. ...

The naming of the child is interesting. John means, "gracious gift of God." Zacharias thought of God in naming the child. ...

There are times when, in order to please God, we must differ with our friends. So it happened in the naming of John. ...

A striking question was asked: "What manner of child shall this be?" What strange thoughts must have been passing through the minds of those parents at this time as they recalled the angel's message and the predicted future of this child. ...

Parents, what possibilities do you see in your child as you look into its face? That little life is for you to mold. To some extent you can tell what manner of child he is to be. ...

Zacharias' song is full of victorious and prophetic hope; it is itself a fulfillment of a prophecy; God hath visited His people. ...

The advent of this child brought joy not only to Zacharias and his wife, but to their neighbors. ...

The birth of this child brought forth this hymn of praise to God for his goodness. Did you ever thank God for your children? ...

Another thing that led to this song of praise was the fact that Zacharias was filled with the Spirit. Joy and gladness are always associated with the Spirit. ...

What a description we have in the song of Zacharias of the deliverance which Christ brings to every soul that trusts Him: Deliverance from Satan, from death, from sin, from the weight, from every anxiety, a protection and covering from the righteous vengeance of God. ...

The most prominent note in this song is salvation: From our enemies, that we may be enabled to live in peace and quietness; from sin, that we may be able to be constantly worshipping to God; from slavish fear in our service to God, in order that we may render service as sons, and not as servants or slaves; unto holiness, that our life may be one that is spent, not merely in overcoming the sins of our nature, but also in the cultivation of Christian graces. ...

CHARACTER BUILDING AIM OF EDUCATION

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make it. Every act, word, thought enters into the structure of the character. This maudlin sentimentality about making character by grand feats and majestic strides is ineffable idiocy. Ignoble living forms no part of a noble life. Mix one part of lamphack with nine parts of clear water and the whole will be black.

CHOICE OF PRACTICAL APPLICATION
"Choose helpful counsellors, if you would be wisely advised. Distinguish between those that seek to please and those that seek to help. The value of counsel is in the many-sided view. The advice of one of your own age, who sees and feels as you do, will simply conform your view, right or wrong. The farther one's point of view from yours, the more valuable his counsel. ...

"Choose worthy exemplars, if you would live worthily. The chief value of all history and experience is in distinguishing between the successful course and the unsuccessful. You cannot excel by imitating failures. If you would have genteel habits, choice language, chaste conversation, do not copy the boorish, the careless, the coarse; but follow those that are what you wish to become.

"Choose pure thoughts, if you would have pure characters. The Scripture says: 'As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.' As you waste your money by spending it on trash, and your body by feeding it on trash, and destroy your body by feeding it on poison; so do you waste and ruin your character by feeding it on trash and poisonous thought. Never entertain your own spirit with meditations that you are not willing to express in any circle. If, as Paul says, you think on the things that are true and pure and lovely, you will become true and pure and lovely; and so of the converse.

NOTICE

Mr. Rosewell Page, who is a candidate for the office of State Auditor, was for five years the court auditor in the Passenger & Power Company cases, involving all the street railroads in Richmond and Petersburg, including parks, electrical appliances and lighting plants connected therewith. During that period he had to pass upon about ten million dollars of accounts and to supervise the clerical work of the whole office force, with which the receivers conducted the business of these companies. His work was found satisfactory when the receivership was ended and the accounts examined by experts for the purchasers of the properties, and was approved by the Court. A. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

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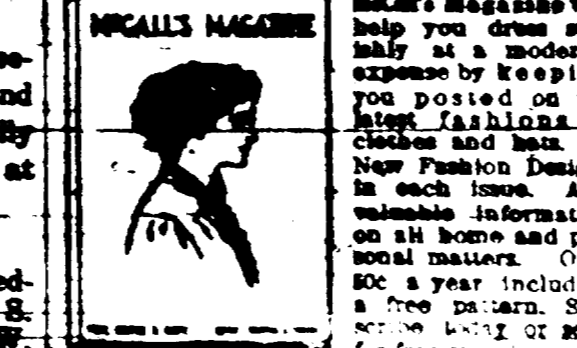
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The hat with drooping brim and moderately tall crown is covered with crape and has a facing of white crape. The moderately high dome crown is rimmed with a collar and spirals of crape.

Example of the strictness and neatness which should always characterize workmanship in mourning millinery, and is finished with a veil hanging straight from the back.

A beautiful turban of grenadine having its draperies edged with double folds of crape, demonstrates the ingenuity of the milliner who designed it. It is soft and light on the head and uncommonly becoming. It is a model suited to almost all faces and ages. A small veil may be worn with it. For first mourning a veil of net, bordered with crape would be a good choice for this particular hat.

The little toque with body and trimming made entirely of crape is a shape with which we are all familiar because it is always good style. The form is covered with folds of soft

duff-finished crape. Three "wings" or loops covered with the crape are bordered with a narrow plaiting of the fabric. They are mounted at the back with a big soft knot of crape. In the early days of mourning a crape veil is suspended from the back of the crown and replaced later with a sheet veil of coarse-meshed Brussels net, bordered with crape. This hat is designed for matrons or older women who prefer a toque to a bonnet.

It is a simple matter to test crape and other fabrics designed especially for mourning wear to see that they are waterproof. Immerse a small piece in water, before purchasing, if the dye runs and the "rib" or crinkle comes out, the fabric has not been waterproofed and should be immediately rejected.

Crape may be easily renovated and freshened to look like new. A veil which has grown limp and dusty looking, should be thoroughly brushed and shaken, removing the dust. It should then be rolled about a broom handle (without stretching) and pinned so that it will stay rolled. Place the rolled crape over a boiler and keep it there an hour if necessary, until it has become thoroughly steamed through with the steam from boiling water. Set it to dry and allow it to remain on the roller for 24 hours. The result will be entirely satisfactory, the crape looking like new.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

The KITCHEN CABINET

WE STARVE each other for love's sake; We take, but we do not give; It seems so easy some soul to bless, But we dole the love's grudging, and less, Till 'tis bitter and hard to live.

Andrew Lang.

THE WINTER BERRY.

In cooking cranberries it is well to remember that they should never be put into a tin dish. Either agate or porcelain dishes should be used.

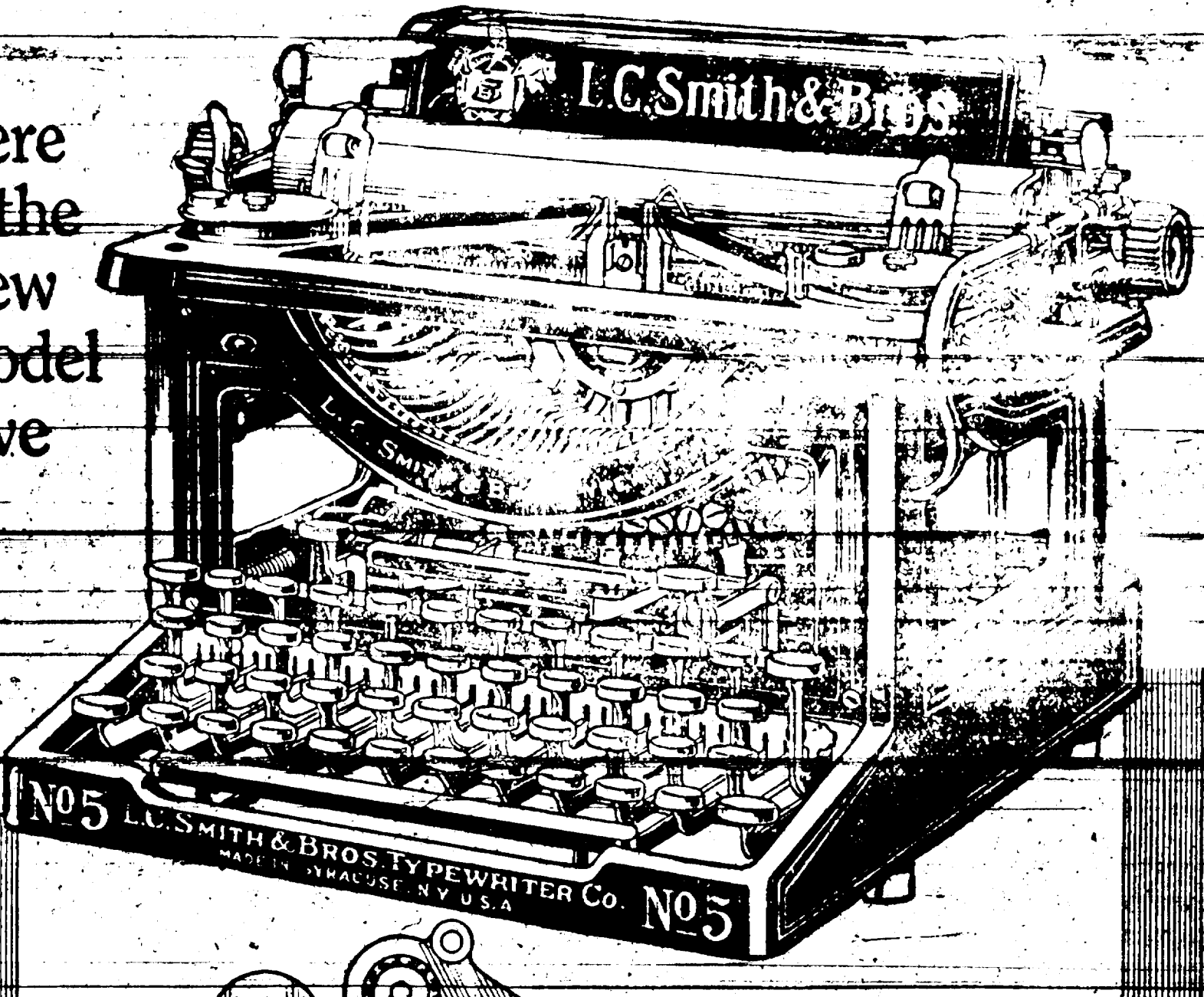
Cranberry Conserva.—Extract the juice from an orange, then cover the peeling with cold water and cook slowly until tender. Scrape out the white, bitter part and cut the peel into narrow strips with the scissors. Simmer one and a half cups of raisins until tender; add the orange peel and the juice and a quart of cranberries. If needed, add more water to make a cupful of liquid. Cover and cook for ten minutes or until the berries are done. Then add two cups of sugar and simmer until thick.

Cranberry Trifle.—Cook a quart of berries with one pint of water until the berries pop open; rub through a sieve, return to the fire and add one pound of sugar. Stir until it is dissolved, then let boil two minutes; cool and beat until light with a wire egg beater, then fold in the stiffly beaten whites of two eggs. Pile in a glass dish and serve. Cranberry shortcake and cranberry pie are old favorites for desserts.

Baked Apples With Cranberries.—Select large, perfect, sweet apples, remove the cores and fill the cavities with thick cranberry jelly. Set the apples in a pan of water in the oven and bake until the apples are done. Put each apple in a glass sauce dish and serve with whipped cream.

Cranberry Roll.—Cream two table-spoonfuls of butter. Add a cup of sugar, a half cup of cold water and two cups of flour sifted with a table-spoonful of baking powder and a dash of nutmeg. Beat until perfectly smooth, then add another cup of flour and roll out the dough to an inch in thickness. Spread thickly with jam or jelly, roll up closely, pressing the ends together. Lay on a plate and steam for three hours. Cut in slices and serve with cream.

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GREAT VARIETY IN COLLARS

New Models in Profusion, and Many Old Ones Retain Their Popularity.

A large variety of fall collars is being shown for fall. While the newer models do not show the regulation sailor collar, many are made with the new shaped sailor, which almost reaches to the waist line, but is considerably narrower than the old style. Large round collars and pointed collars are also much in evidence.

Necks and hood effects are meeting with considerable success. Some of the coats have the collars made so as to have an adjustable hood which can be used to cover the head when desired. When unbuttoned it forms a sailor collar.

Double collars, consisting of a deep cape collar coming over the shoulders and a small turn-down collar, usually another material, are also much in evidence. While the majority of coats have the turn-down collar, a few are made with the standing military collar.

WOMAN'S FOOT GROWS LARGER

Shoe Manufacturers Say Number Two Shoe is Now Almost Obsolete.

Shoe manufacturers claim that the American woman's foot is growing larger. The number two shoe is almost obsolete, they say, and sizes four and five are much commoner than three. The explanation seems to be that the phenomenon is due to the increased use of the feminine foot as a means of locomotion. The constantly increasing number of women engaged in business and the growth in popularity of tennis, golf and walking have had their inevitable result, and common sense has done much to abolish the wearing of pinching shoes. The tradition that small feet are an excellent thing in women has persisted long and will not die without a struggle. Conservatives need not fear that women will carry this matter too far; they know when to stop.

—Success Magazine.

Cleaning Silk Gilt

One of the cleaning processes for silk that is far from being widely known is the coffee method. It is as follows: Boil some coffee until there is no further aroma rising therefrom. Lay the silk article that is to be cleaned on a table or board and sponge on the side that is to show. Rub the sponging in thoroughly. Turn on the wrong side and from that side sponge the silk; preferably one that is kept at a constant heat such as the gas or electric iron variety. Wash the other side with the same changes as often as necessary, say, minute intervals. This will remove the spots oftener than the malt liquor process that has long been the fashion. Not only will this give tone to the black materials but make the silk's texture appear new. Let dry flatly before ironing.

SILK AND EMBROIDERY



The lower part of this waist is of embroidery, bordered with a band of the same. The upper part and the sleeves are of silk, the sleeves finished with band of embroidery. The waist fastens prettily on one side with gold buttons. Most of the costumes of this season have large revers so as to show the silk with side trills.

Taffeta Jackets. Little coats or jackets of changeable taffetas are worn with voile or mesh lingerie frocks. They show the high line and the plaited trim on the lower edge.

Nellie Maxwell

Choice of Friends. Much constancy of the happiness and purity of our lives depends on our making a wise choice of our companions and friends. It is well and right, indeed, to be courteous and considerate to every one with whom one is thrown in contact, but to choose them as real friends is another matter. If our friends are badly chosen they may drag us down; if well they will raise us up. — Sir John Lubbock.

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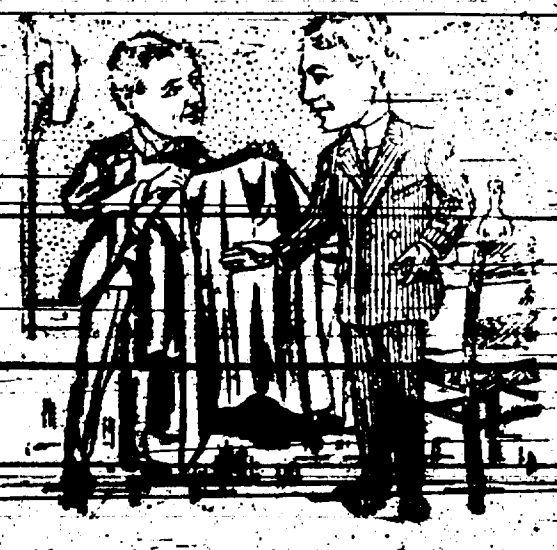
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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

J. L. Hawkins, of Clifton, was in town Tuesday.

The town council will meet next Monday evening.

St. Edith Academy, Bristow, has resumed for the winter.

The circuit court adjourned Tuesday to the February term.

Callie Goode has taken a position with Wagener and Company.

F. C. Graffam, of Dumfries, is in town this week attending court.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clem are visiting relatives and friends in Luray.

A son was born December 29 to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Petty, of Brentsville.

Bryan Gordon was in Albemarle last week visiting his father who is in feeble health.

Fire last week destroyed the wheelwright and blacksmith shop at Remington.

Miss Ethel Bryant and Miss Ethel Evans visited friends in Washington this week.

Mrs. C. I. DeLong and little daughter, Elizabeth, have returned from a visit to Baltimore.

Mrs. H. W. Scott, who has been visiting here, returned home Monday to Tomsbrook.

Miss Madgie Woodyard has taken a position in National Park Seminary at Forest Glen, Md.

Miss Claudia Waters returned to her school in Haymarket after spending her vacation in Manassas.

Miss Mariam Jones, who has been visiting Miss Bet Elliot, has returned to her home at Front Royal.

Miss Neville Dogan, who is attending High School, will make her home for the winter with her aunt Mrs. Bessie Elliot.

O. P. Curry, of Gaffney, N. C. returned the first of the week to Eastern College where he will resume his college course.

James Dunnington returned to Manassas this week. He has accepted a position with McDowell Pyle Candy Company of Baltimore.

Miss Blanche Daly, Miss Charlotte Ewers, Roy Ewers and Henry Payne have returned to Washington, after spending the holidays here.

Dr. Sumwalt, presiding elder, is conducting a conference this afternoon in Asbury M. E. Church. He will preach tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the Baptist Church.

Harry McLean and Miss Edna McLean, who spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McLean, have returned to Philadelphia. Miss Ethel McLean will remain for a more extended visit.

The efficiency of the heating plant in the Baptist Church has been proved during the recent cold weather. Large congregations there for the week of prayer were made comfortable despite the freezing temperature outside.

A large audience witnessed the presentation of the melodrama "Daniel Boone on the Trail" by a competent company in Conner's hall last Saturday evening. The play filled with thrills, and was up to the standard of such offerings.

A children's service will be inaugurated in Trinity Episcopal Church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and will be held every second Sunday at the same hour. While the services are primarily for children, the older people are cordially invited.

A strand of broken wire severely lacerated his left eyelid, and almost tore the eyeball, last Saturday evening when W. S. Athey ran into a clothes line in the yard at his home. The wound required the services of a surgeon. No serious consequences are expected.

Large congregations in the Baptist Church each evening are uniting in the week of universal prayer. Services tonight at 7:30 o'clock will be conducted by Dr. Sumwalt, presiding elder of the M. E. Church. Dr. H. U. Roop will preach tomorrow night. His subject is "Interests, Home and Educational."

Jamea Entwistle is suffering from a severe carbuncle on the left arm.

Mrs. P. S. Brand and daughter left last week for Washington to spend the winter.

Mrs. J. W. Prescott has rented the O'Callaghan property on Main street extension.

Charles Flannigan and Shirley Leachman, of Washington, visited in Manassas Sunday.

The young people of Manassas have been enjoying a few days of fine skating this week.

A number of new students enrolled at Eastern College this week, for the winter term.

L. E. Pope has been confined to his home for several days by a severe sprain of his left ankle.

C. D. S. Clarkson has returned from Salem, where he has been engaged in surveying a tract of land.

Miss Sue Brawner left this week for her home at Broad Run after visiting friends in town for a few days.

J. H. Kepler, of Frederick, Md., formerly of Catletts, was here Saturday visiting his cousin, L. E. Beachley.

Clarence Wagener and Paul Weir left the first of the week to resume their studies at the University of Virginia.

Miss Beatrice Cross has returned to her home here after a two weeks visit to her sister and friends in Washington.

The stove unit has closed for an indefinite period. The manager, H. W. Scott, has returned to his home at Tomsbrook.

W. F. Shuey has returned from Augusta county, where he visited his sister, Mrs. C. A. Thompson, and friends during the holidays.

The telephone exchange at Nokesville has been moved from the residence of E. L. Herring to the residence of J. E. Riedelberger.

"Old Farmer Hopkins," will be presented in Conner's Hall, Friday, February 9, under direction of Frank Davidson, for the benefit of the Manassas band.

Mary Washington, colored, died Monday afternoon at 8 o'clock in her home near Manassas. The funeral was held yesterday, with interment in the colored cemetery.

A business meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held in the Ebird building tomorrow, Friday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. All members are requested to be present as business of importance will be transacted.

William Larkin, James Kelly and William Ward were admitted to membership in the Farmers' Club at Wellington at the meeting last Friday night. Discussion of Parcels Post was deferred to the meeting tomorrow, Friday night.

The suit of W. B. Bullock against the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, in which he seeks \$5,000 damages for claimed injuries to a valuable horse in transportation, has been continued in the circuit to the April term, on account of the absence of important witnesses.

Guests at the home of Hugh Payne during the holidays were Miss Charlotte Ewers, Roy Ewers, Miss Blanche Daly, Henry Payne, Washington; William Payne, Alvin Holland, Agnewville; C. H. Payne, Miss Selma Payne, Miss Martha Payne, Hunter Payne and Miss Estelle Payne, Occoquan.

A dance was given at the home of Albert Lawrence on Wednesday evening, December 27, in honor of his sister, Miss Bessie Lawrence. Among the guests were Miss Ethel McLean, Miss Edna McLean, Washington; Walter Merchant and the Misses Hobinger, Washington; Harry McLean, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McLean, Messrs Merchant, Sorx, Fox, Evans, Jones, Herring and Utterback.

Mrs. Donatien Libeau was taken to the University Hospital, Charlottesville, last Monday for treatment of an injury to her left knee sustained in a runaway accident five years ago. Then the injury was believed to be only a severe sprain, and was believed to be healed until about two years ago, when it was diagnosed as rheumatism. A minor operation last week showed that the knee bone had been seriously affected. She may undergo an operation today.

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Miss Margaret Mines, of Eastern College, returned from Clarksburg, W. Va., where she spent Christmas.

G. M. Ratcliffe, of Dumfries, was in town Tuesday, attending a meeting of the directors of the Peoples National Bank.

C. A. Harman, of Staunton, has leased the photograph studio in the Wenrich building and will open for business next Saturday.

Miss Madie Galloway slipped and fell to the floor of her home in Independent Hill last Saturday evening and broke a leader in her right arm.

The candy factory will resume operations January 15, after being closed for two weeks for annual invoice of stock and overhauling of the plant.

W. B. Bullock has returned from a trip to Catskill, Hunter Mountain, N. Y., where he sold several fine Percherons, and a prize winning hackney.

A short story contest for the students has been planned for Miss Margaret Mines, associate editor and business manager of The Eastern Collegian.

Dr. John, of Pittsburg, is visiting his sister, Mrs. H. U. Roop. He lectures this afternoon at 4 o'clock in Eastern College chapel on "The Passion Play."

Elder Dalton, of Front Royal, will preach in the Primitive Baptist Church next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Miss M'Ledger Moffett, who is attending Columbia University, underwent a successful operation in New York last Friday, for removal of a growth on her tonsils.

Ellen Utterback, of the seventh grade, with 100 per cent for punctuality and attendance, has been placed in a special roll of honor in the Haymarket school for the fall term from September 22, to December 22, 1911. Ten new were enrolled in the Haymarket last Monday; four advanced, two intermediate, and four primary.

Prince William county citizens who are active in advancing the movement for the Canada to Florida highway through Manassas, will be interested in a proposed rally in the interest of the project at Fredericksburg. Supervisors of the different counties are to be invited to be present as speakers, with representatives of the National State and Municipal Good Roads and Automobile Associations. The rally is to be held at an early date.

Prince William county farmers are observing with interest plans of the State Department of Agriculture to establish a hog farm for experimentation in cholera serum, in the event approval of the Legislature is gained. Commissioner Koener has made the recommendation for free hog cholera serum to the Virginia farmers. The serum now costs 35 cents a dose, and Mr. Koener is confident he can have it made in this State cheaper than it can be procured from manufacturers elsewhere.

Extensive improvements are planned by Supervisor J. F. Gulick on the road between Manassas and Sudley Mills. The highway is to be leveled, grades reduced and portions filled in with crushed stone. The bridge over the branch near the Wise property is to be raised about four feet in grade. The proposed improvements involve an expenditure of about \$500 from the district road funds. Within the past two years, Supervisor Gulick has spent about \$500 in improving the road between Manassas and Milford.

"NO CONTRACT CHANGE AT PRESENT TIME"

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Interest of the School and of our people," beg to report that "We have examined said contracts and find that in some particulars they are not in accord with what should, in our opinion, be the policy of the School Board in conducting the School, yet, in view of the fact that the session is far spent and the work of the School is being conducted (except manual training, which by all means, should be in progress also) under the contracts as they stand, we do not deem it wise to attempt to make any changes in said contracts at the present time; believing that all teachers and others concerned are so much interested in the welfare of the School, that no one will insist upon any construction of any contract which might interfere with the smooth and orderly progress of the same;

"And while we are not required under the resolution of your Board to make any recommendation as to future contracts, we would respectfully suggest that in accordance with the advice given by State Superintendent Eggleston in a letter to the Division Superintendent, dated August 24, 1911, that your Board contract with some teacher as head of the whole School who shall be responsible to the School Board for the proper use and care of the entire plant; strictly guarding, at the same time, the rights and authority of other teachers in their respective spheres. We agree also with Superintendent Eggleston when he says, in the letter referred to, 'You cannot have more than one head of the School plant and succeed.'

"We deem it of the utmost importance that the contracts for the next session should be written in such clear and plain language that there may be no doubt in the mind of any teacher or school officer as to the policy of the School Board in conducting the Manassas Agricultural High School.

"This report is respectfully submitted after careful consideration of the preamble, and resolution under which your committee is acting."

ANDREW PRINGLE,
GEO. C. TYLER

MIDNIGHT MARRIAGE ROMANCE

Romance in real life, but like a chapter from a novel, was exemplified when Benjamin Bradford, of Manassas, and Miss Barbara Searcey, of Asheville, N. C., were married this morning at 2 o'clock by Dr. H. L. Quarles, pastor of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Bradford had planned to claim Miss Searcey for his bride yesterday, the only present that he wanted on his twenty-fifth birthday anniversary. Early in the day he procured the marriage license and arranged with Dr. Quarles to perform the ceremony. Everything was in readiness for the appearance of the bride-elect on the evening train, at 9:30 o'clock, from the South. Even a cosy little home on East street was waiting for her.

But the proverbial obstacle in the path of true love was presented in form of a delayed train. A mile a minute to make up lost time was the slowest kind of speed for the impatient young couple. But the train finally arrived, shortly before 2 o'clock in the morning. Almost as quickly as one can tell it the happy young people were standing before Dr. Quarles in the presence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bradford, and his brother, Richmond Bradford. After the ceremony a delicious wedding breakfast was served. It was getting along about breakfast time.

The young couple have forgotten all about their disappointment in not celebrating their wedding on Mr. Bradford's natal anniversary.

The bride is a charming and accomplished young lady. Mr. Bradford is an excellent young man.

Weather permitting the Rev. J. K. Ebird will preach in the public school building at Nokesville next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Either January 18 or 19 is the date to be selected for the Business League smoker. Plans for improvement of the town will be discussed.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church South will meet Wednesday afternoon, January 17, at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. S. T. Weir.

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A brace is disposed between the two portions of the plow and is held in place by two bolts, which also serve to fasten the handles. A screw, which is stamped from a single piece of metal, is fastened to the forward end of the plow and projects so that the team is prevented from walking on the plowed ground.

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