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INTERESTING MEETING OF VIRGINIA TEACHERS

AT LYNCHBURG, VA., LAST WEEK

Largest Conference Ever Held, Over Two Thousand Delegates Being in Attendance—Much Interest Manifested.

By MISS E. H. OSBOURN.

The Lynchburg Conference in Virginia during Thanksgiving week was the largest yet held in Virginia, over two thousand delegates being present. The meetings were held in the splendidly appointed new high school building and in the largest of the city churches.

The Conference was so large in fact as to be somewhat unwieldy, it being impossible to attend more than a small fraction of the various meetings everywhere going on. To give a suggestion of the many sided character of the Conference, there were in addition to the large general conference, the departmental conferences of superintendents, of trustees, of principals, of rural teachers, of primary and of high school teachers, and of grammar school and college teachers; there were also the science and industrial conferences, the modern language and the classical association, the English, mathematics and history sections, etc.

John Fiske, the brilliant scholar and historian, has characterized the rural districts in the South as lacking in organized community effort. However true such criticism may have been along general lines, the conditions that called it forth are fast disappearing as far as the educational world in Virginia is concerned. One need only to have visited the Lynchburg Conference to have been vividly impressed with the vigorous organizing and co-operative movements that are being pushed along every line of educational activity. Especially is this true of the great organization known as the Virginia Co-operative Educational Association. Under its auspices school fairs and exhibits are being held, and school and civic leagues are being organized all over the State, the whole movement tending to make the school the community centre and to utilize its possibilities for community work in ways undreamed of before. In the report of Mrs. Dashiell, Director of the school leagues, an impressive story was told of the year's progress and of the school improvement work that had been carried out by the leagues.

Everywhere throughout the Commonwealth the note was struck of bringing the schools into closer contact with the practical life of the people. More extensive work along agricultural and domestic science lines was urged and a strong plea was made by Superintendent Eggleston that the school should study its community more, that the boy and girl might realize its possibilities and so turn their education into a measure for its development.

But while the vocational side of education was emphasized, its other interests were by no means overlooked. In the more important general addresses, full stress was laid upon its cultural and spiritual values often overshadowed in the rush of practical success and achievement, but after giving to life its practical value and vigor. Vigorous and valuable were held by the Classical Department and the English Department. Some excellent addresses were given by the Department of Colleges and Schools. A resolution was adopted to establish an inter-

WILL ASK STATE FOR DORMITORIES

AT AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOLS

Hon. C. J. Meetze to Introduce Bill For \$25,000 For Buildings and Equipment, Including Dormitory Facilities.

The Times-Dispatch last Saturday published the following from the Lynchburg Educational Conference:

"At a meeting of the principals and teachers of the district agricultural high schools a movement was put on foot to present a resolution to the Legislature for funds for dormitories, so that the schools might serve a larger radius in their districts, and for a four-year agricultural course, with the elimination of as much of the classics as is feasible. President Eggleston, T. O. Sandy, Professor Lyman Carrier and several others made addresses.

This is in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on Legislation of the Farmers' Institute at its last meeting and advocated in an earnest speech by Mr. Round, who believes that the State should give for maintenance an annual appropriation of \$5,000, to each Congressional District Agricultural High School, and a special appropriation for the coming year of \$25,000, for buildings and equipment, including dormitory facilities. Mr. Meetze will introduce a bill for this purpose.

GRIFITH-DEAL NUPTIALS

The home of Rev. O. C. Barnes, of the United Christian Church of Rockville, Md., was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Thursday, November 27, when Miss Erma Deal, of Manassas, became the bride of Mr. John L. Griffith, of the same place.

The bride was handsomely attired in a traveling suit of blue with hat and gloves to match.

After a short stay at Washington, Baltimore and other points, they returned to the groom's home on Sunday evening, November 30, where a bounteous supper awaited them, and which was served in the Old Virginia style amidst a crowd of friends and relatives.

The bride is an amiable and attractive daughter of Mr. Charlie Deal, of Curran, Va., she having resided with her aunt, near Manassas, for several years.

The groom is a promising young man of many good qualities, and is a son of Mr. W. T. Griffith, who is a manufacturer of lumber and stack barrel staves.

The young couple have a host of friends and relatives whose warmest wishes will follow them through their married life.

By A FRIEND.

school literary and debating society under the auspices of the University of Virginia, the winning schools to contest finally in a championship debate to be held annually at the University. While the details of the plan may probably be altered, the plan itself is likely to have far-reaching results in bringing to the front again the time honored art of debating with its immense value as a training in clear and ready expression.

Among the many impressions to be gained by so rich an experience as a visit to the great Conference, two stand out with great clearness—the rapid growth of a strong professional spirit among the whole teaching body of the State and the very large part education is coming to play in modern life. People are everywhere coming to realize that through its aid and influence all aspects of our life are immeasurably enriched.

BIDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS OPENED LAST NIGHT

AT A PUBLIC MEETING HELD IN CONNER'S HALL—ABOUT SIXTY CONTRACTORS PRESENT—MR. DAVIS AND COUNCIL WELL SATISFIED WITH BIDS—IMPROVEMENTS NOW PRACTICALLY ASSURED.

Bids for the installation of the water and sewer systems were opened at a public meeting in Conner's Hall last night. There were present a large number of citizens and about sixty visiting contractors. Mayor Brown opened a formal meeting of the town council on the platform and turned the opening and reading of the bids over to the special committee. Dr. C. R. C. Johnson as chairman of the committee, then opened and read the totals of each bid. There were 16 bids for both sewer and water, six for sewer only, two for water only and five special bids on water towers, boilers, engines, etc. The lowest bidders were Newport Contracting & Engineering Co., and Applegate & Bunce, of Bradford, Pa., on the water system, there being less than twenty dollars difference in the totals of the two bids.

Dabbs & Myers, of Charlotte, N. C., were the low bidders for the sewer system. There is, of course, some question as to the difference in the interpretation of some of the clauses of the specifications. Mr. Davis is tabulating the bids and will be ready to make his final report to the council Friday night and the bids on the electric plant have been opened. Mr. Davis and the council express themselves as very well satisfied with the bids as the improvements are now practically assured to the town.

SNAPPY FOOTBALL GAME

Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1913, Manassas Industrial School met Armstrong Manual Training School in a football game which resulted in a 0-0 score.

The game was snappy from start to finish. Armstrong with its many tricks darting this way and that way always met a Manassas boy, and often times for a loss.

During the entire game, Manassas put up a stubborn defense. The only ground gainers for Armstrong were Smith and Johnson. The entire team for Manassas played well and never during the game was a man tackled for a loss.

Special attention is called to the work of E. H. Gaines, at center; Richard Fitzhugh, at guard; Geo. Ramsome, at tackle; Capt. Fletcher, at fullback and Mgr. Rice, at quarter. Several times Fitzhugh and Ramsome opened holes in Armstrong's line which Fletcher used in gaining seven and ten yards.

Manassas lost three golden opportunities for touchdowns, when Elliott and Long dropped three cleverly thrown forward passes with a clear field. After four minutes of play; Long, the left end for Manassas, caught a pass and carried it across the line for a touchdown, only to be told that one of Armstrong's men were off side.

These few hard plays kept the score from describing the game, but it is clearly understood that Armstrong was out-played in all departments except right half back; there Armstrong starred. Great credit is due the Manassas boys as seven of them were playing their second game. They disbanded Saturday night to start track work.

LETTER FROM PROF. H. F. BUTTON

Manassas, Virginia, Dec. 1, 1913.

Dear Mr. Garrison:—I enclose a dollar to renew my subscription for THE DEMOCRAT which always looks like "Home Folks" to me. In renewing my subscription I wish to say that I feel under the greatest obligation for the aid and support which you have given the school in general and my work in particular. I am always glad to hear of the progress which Manassas is making and fully believe that with the improvements which are soon to be installed it will become a large, modern and prosperous city. Very cordially, H. F. BUTTON

BEN LEWIS KILLED LAST SATURDAY

AT RIXLEW, BY FREIGHT TRAIN

In Attempt to Remove Lever Car From Which Other Hands Had Jumped—Respected Colored Citizen.

The first railroad accident in many months took place Saturday, when Ben Lewis, a respected colored citizen of this vicinity, was killed at Rixlew, between Manassas and Wellington, on the Manassas Branch of the Southern Railway, when he was struck by a freight train.

Lewis for some time had been employed as a section hand on this division of the railroad, and at the time of the accident, was working with the gang, that was using the lever car. Hearing the approaching train, Lewis left the truck, and then on second thought turned back to the track and in a vain effort tried to drag the lever car from the track before it would be hit by the train. In going so parts of his clothing became tangled in the machinery of the hand car, and he was unable to free himself before the engine reached him, under the wheels of which he met his death. It was reported that his head was torn from his shoulders and his body badly cut and mangled. He was taken to his home, a short distance from the accident.

Lewis for some time was employed as janitor at Eastern College, and had many friends among the white citizens of Manassas.

M. A. C. DEFEATS M. H. S.

The football season came to an end here last Tuesday afternoon when Manassas High School team, after a season of victories, met its first defeat at the hands of the Manassas Athletic Club. The final score stood 9 to 6 and was one of the best games of the year.

Round of the High School, and their greatest ground gainer, sprung a surprise when each time he attempted a run with the ball he was thrown for a loss. M. A. C. sneared nearly every play that was attempted by their opponents, while its line held like a stone wall on the defense and tore great holes through the High School's line when on the offense. M. A. C. also executed several neat forward passes which netted substantial gains. They out-classed the High School in every department of the game.

Featuring the whole game was Hynton, M. A. C.'s fullback. He booted the ball twenty-five yards for a field goal in the first quarter and carried the ball for a touchdown in the third period. Pitts, Hayden and Merchant also starred for M. A. C. while Williams played the best game for M. H. S. Lynch and Adamson also starred.

Line-up of M. A. C. was: Wolford, R. H. B.; Hynton, F. B.; Larkin, L. H. B.; Garrison, Q. B.; Ellis, L. E.; Hayden, L. T.; Pitts, L. G.; Presson, R. E.; Lion and Leith, R. T.; D. Merchant, L. G.; and H. Janney, Center.

A few have been faithful and the School is developing and will very soon be enrolled on the list of our growing Sunday Schools. The collection was fully up to the rest, though we have, comparatively, a small number, and I got the idea through the Superintendent, Bro. A. Armstrong, and two or three of his faithful henchmen, that the school would fully double the amount before the first of March next.

If Orlando and Bristol come to the front in these services we will report in due time. B.

DEATH OF R. M. TEATES SATURDAY, NOV. 29

AT HIS HOME IN BEALETON, VA.

Death Due to a Complication of Diseases—Great Shock to Friends—Father of J. W. Teates, of Manassas.

R. M. Teates, father of J. W. Teates of Manassas and a prominent citizen of Culpeper county, died at his home in Bealeton last Saturday night, at the age of sixty-five years. Mr. Teates for the past several years had been failing in health. His death was due to a complication of diseases.

His death was a great shock to the community as he had been a resident of Bealeton for the past twenty-five years. He was born in Union county, Penn., on Feb. 20, 1848, and for twenty-two years was a school teacher in that State. Coming to Virginia he became engaged in the business of farming and at the same time continuing his school work.

Mr. Teates was a devoted church worker and took active interest in all undertakings, he organizing two large Sunday Schools in the town of Bealeton. Being a man of excellent qualities and high ideals, he was loved by everyone in his vicinity.

The funeral services were held on Monday from his home in Bealeton and was largely attended by friends throughout the county. Interment was in the Cedar Grove Cemetery, at Bealeton.

The deceased is survived by his widow and ten children, seven boys, Ira, William, Amos, Milton, Clark, Jesse and Grover, and three daughters, Alice, Lottie and Rose. His sons, with the exception of Milton, acted as the pallbearers. Officiating at the funeral were Revs. Bevans, of Remington; H. F. Harper, of Bealeton; E. A. Roads, of Manassas.

THE DEMOCRAT extends its deepest sympathy to Mr. J. W. Teates and members of the family in their bereavement.

WAS GOLD MEDAL

Eddie Lynch, of Manassas, who is a student at Catholic University, was the winner of a beautiful gold medal last week, when he took first place in the 880 yard run, held by the Baltimore-Cross Country Club. He with another student from the University took in first and third places. Joe Shipman, the crack Baltimore Polytechnic Institute middle distance runner, was among the many in the race. The time was very good, it being 2:06 3/5. Lynch is a graduate of the local High School and was a member of the track team at that institution.

Mr. E. L. Burnett, of near Culpeper, committed suicide on Sunday of last week, at his farm on Burnett springs. His wife, who has relatives in this vicinity, had left with several of the children for Sunday School, and taking advantage of her absence, Mr. Burnett took his shotgun and went to the stable, where he executed his deadly work. The deceased enjoyed the friendship of all with whom he came in contact, and was well-known in the vicinity of Culpeper.

The turkey and oyster dinner served by the Ladies Guild of the Episcopal Church, held on Monday, M. I. C. Burnett last Monday, was a success. The dinner was attended by the December term of the circuit court, and a great number of Manassas people.

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Capt. James R. Rust, of Haymarket, was a visitor here this week. Grayson Tyler, of Buckland, was among our well-known visitors here Tuesday.

Ashton Simpson, of Clarendon, was the guest of relatives in Manassas last week. R. S. Hynson spent several days this week on a business trip to New York City.

W. O. Tavenner, of Orange, was the guest of friends in Manassas Sunday. C. J. Sharpe, of Nokesville, was a Manassas visitor for a short while last Monday.

C. Shirley Leachman, of Alexandria, spent last Sunday as the guest of his father, C. C. Leachman. Miss Hilda Tavenner, of Laurel, Md., has returned to her home for a visit to Mrs. James R. Dorrell.

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MANASSAS, VIRGINIA

RUFFNER RECORDS

By MISS A. M. KIRK

After some delay, "Longfellow's" will be celebrated in song and recitation by the Freshman class on Friday evening.

Manassas won several blue ribbons by its exhibit at the Teachers' Convention in Lynchburg.

Miss Lena Chae, of Fairfax, who is spending the winter with Mrs. Waight, on West Main St., and taking a course at the Seminary, has returned to take up her duties.

Miss Marie Leachman and Louise Walker have returned from Barboursville, where they spent Thanksgiving.

Misses Lucy Buck and Anna Rorabaugh were back at school on Tuesday hard at work.

Mr. Frances Lewis spent the holidays in Fauquier, returning on Tuesday.

Miss Jessie Markwood, who was the guest of Mrs. Reid, near Greenwich, several days last week, was called home on account of the illness of her mother, who is at this time much better.

Mrs. John C. Gordon spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Manning Borst, at Brandy, and attended the annual Thanksgiving dinner and supper given by the Ladies' Auxiliary of that place.

Miss Linnie Chambers has returned after spending Thanksgiving at her home in Washington and will resume her duties at Hebron Seminary which she has been unable to fulfill for several weeks on account of sickness.

The program for the Literary Society on Friday night was very short, only a few persons being present on account of the rain.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Budine, returned to Washington Sunday, after enjoying several days visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

The program at the Methodist church on Sunday was well rendered, but not largely attended on account of sickness and bad weather.

Master Dudley Nichols, who had the misfortune of breaking his leg some weeks ago, is now able to walk without the aid of his crutches.

Edmund Hooker, formerly of this place, who with his parents now reside in Philadelphia, was the week-end guest of his brother, Walter Hooker.

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The public school reopened Monday, the additional holiday being given to enable the teachers to attend the Annual State Conference which was held in Lynchburg last week.

Miss Mary S. Jones, of Fredericksburg, who has charge of the primary department, and Miss Francis J. returned from Lynchburg on Sunday giving a glowing account of their trip, the meetings of which were very interesting.

The community was shocked by the sudden death of Mrs. Hall on Friday. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon at the Valley View Church. Mrs. Hall is survived by her husband and eight children.

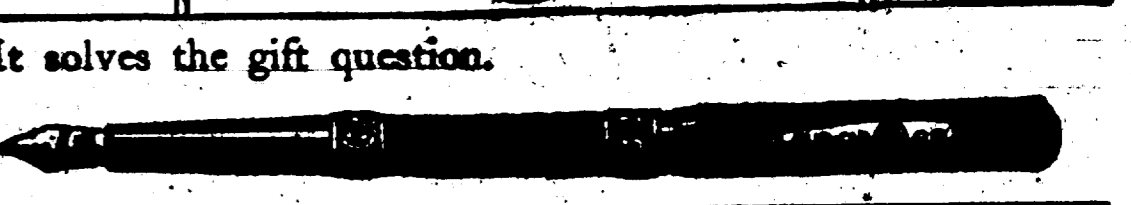
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