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### THINGS OF THE SOIL

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Questions of lawns, gardens and general farming are discussed in this department each week. Readers of The Manassas Journal are invited to use this new column for the answer to their question and the solution of their problems. Address all inquiries to The Manassas Journal Information Bureau, Van Gorder News Service, Manassas, Virginia.

#### LOOKING AHEAD INTO 1930.

January, so legends tell us, received its name from the god Janus, who possessed two faces, one for looking backward, the other for surveying the road ahead. For us of the present day the significance holds important truths, retrospection of the past year with its successes and failures and a survey of the promises of the New Year bright with its 365 days of opportunity to improve and create things that make our environment better or worse.

Fortunately for the majority of the citizens of the United States we have ceased to look for the long-promised legislative panacea to cure the many ills, fancied or real, that have clung to agriculture in general. The more practical owners and tillers of the soil have come to the realization that legislation is and can be only a stimulant for the ailing patient, serving to allay the aches until the home-applied remedies of soil improvement, better management, and lowered production costs have had a chance to cure the malady.

Like Janus, we can well afford to inspect the records of the past year. Perhaps many crops have suffered from destructive insects and plant diseases. If so, it is an optimistic thought for the New Year to know that almost all these losses are preventable. In fact, there is a loss of approximately 50 per cent in vegetables in the United States annually from insects which can be reduced almost entirely by proper protection of the crops. Then too, it is often necessary to abandon old methods for new ones. This truth is seen in many methods of cultivation and fertilization where increased yields follow adoption of later practices. Perhaps the soil is proving inadequate because of deficient plant food to produce profitable crops. There should be adopted some immediate means of rejuvenation. If erosion is carrying away the rich surface soil, leaving the lower unproductive strata exposed to further washing, a change of management is imperative. And so through the entire structure of farm, garden and orchard management the inspection of 1929 should be carried. And somewhere will be revealed losses that could have been prevented or reduced, opportunities neglected, and labor and money lost in mis-directed and injudicious efforts.

There are no miraculous short cuts to prosperity in food production. Nature has an immutable code. Constant drainage of plant food from the soil during the past decades has left us a heritage of soils deficient in humus and food elements. With an average production of less than 15 bushels of wheat per acre in the United States, we can scarcely hope for legislation or financial assistance potent enough to enable us to compete in the world markets against countries maintaining an acre production of 28 to 35 bushels, as is true in France, England, Egypt and several other wheat growing regions. This is equally true in pasturage for our dairy and other livestock industries, in the growing of many crops which must encounter inevitably the products from regions where costs of production are lowered through increased acreage yields.

These are not pessimistic views coming from calamity howlers. They are the results of unbiased surveys into the actual status of crop production as practiced at present over our entire nation. True, of course, there are many areas where production is near the maximum and marketing is added to the problems at hand. But in general we are facing the problems of decreased yields and increased unit production costs due to the long continued practice of taking more from the soil than we have been putting back into it.

We have come to the time of accounting with nature. This problem

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failure of the rural or urban home. The play an important role in the game of life. Neglect and carelessness precede a decadent yard or lawn. And so, 1930 brings its opportunities and responsibilities. We invite our readers to use this department during the year in making life more cheerful and profitable. And the editor wishes a wealth of happiness and good luck to every reader with the advent of another New Year.

#### WORK OF IMPROVEMENT DURING THE YEAR, 1929

##### Southern Railway Continues To Provide Additional Facilities For Moving Southern Business.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.—During the year, 1929, the Southern Railway System continued its program of improvement to provide additional facilities for moving the business of the South with greater efficiency.

Between Williamstown, Ky., and Danville on the important Cincinnati-Chattanooga line; revision and second track construction has been in progress on 65 miles, of which 20 miles were completed and placed in service during the year. This work has included reduction of gradients and curvature at many points and will make possible the handling of heavier trainloads.

Large mechanical coal handling plants for fueling locomotives were placed in service at Asheville, Charlotte, N. C., and Inman Yards (Atlanta, Ga.), and smaller plants were constructed at Keyville, Va., East Durham, N. C., and Paint Rock, Ala. Direct coaling machines without overhead storage, were erected at Strasburg, Va., Melrose, N. C., Ridgecrest, N. C., and Toccoa, Ga.

As part of its bridge renewal program, the Southern completed a heavy duty bridge, capable of carrying double tracks, over the Tombigbee river on the line between Birmingham and Meridian, Miss., and two bridges over the Ocmulgee river on the line between Macon and Jesup, Ga.

Fifty-one new bridge projects, scattered over thirteen divisions, were undertaken during the year. These included the renewal of 20 bridges with steel and concrete structures; the elimination of 16 timber trestles by filling over concrete culverts, and construction of 15 ballast deck creosoted timber trestles to take the place of untreated timber structures. One of the largest bridge renewal projects was the elimination of the McCombs viaduct, 832 feet long, on the Birmingham-Atlanta line, by filling over a concrete culvert, work on which is in progress.

New freight stations were erected at Burlington, N. C., Morganton, N. C., and Shelby, N. C., the capacity of the Cherry Street tann yard at Winston-Salem, N. C., was increased from 20 to 36 cars, and a new automobile unloading station was erected at Chattanooga, Tenn.

In October contracts were let for the purchase of 3,500 automobile and furniture box cars and 1,500 hopper-bottom coal cars. In December 44,200 tons of steel rail, enough to lay 270 miles of track, were purchased for delivery during the first six months of 1930. All this rail will be rolled at Ensley, Ala.

### WOODBIDGE

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Snellings spent Christmas afternoon at the home of Mrs. Snellings' parents in Fredericksburg.

The Christmas tree celebration at

the Baptist Church was largely attended.

Mrs. Leslie Brown's children, who have been ill with chicken pox, are recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haislip and family spent Thursday at the home of Mrs. Haislip's parents.

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**WATCH NIGHT.**

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 Twixt the old and the new,  
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 Just a tick of a clock  
 Leaves a year in God's hand,  
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 Or with Christ in our hearts,  
 And our heads bowed in prayer?  
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**ROADS FOR 1930.**

It is forecast that the states will spend approximately \$1,100,000,000 during 1930 on highway construction. Municipalities and counties are expected to expend an equal amount, or a total of over two million dollars. This is a substantial increase over 1929.

A quarter-century ago road building appropriations were an insignificant part of any governmental budget; now they are exceeded by few other items. Our progress, social and industrial, is determined to a large extent by the adequacy of our highways. No community can hang back from the trend, without imperiling its development.

As trunk highways are improved there is a growing necessity for farm market roads. A farmer living 10 miles from a trunk highway and inaccessible to a properly built feeder road to that highway, is practically isolated from the standpoint of reaching markets with a load of produce, several months of the year.

These feeder, or farm market roads, must be improved or built not only to furnish additional transportation routes and relieve congestion on through roads, but to give the farmer his just share of improvements and public road funds which are expended.

Every state, in addition to each mile of through highway, probably needs 10 miles of less expensively improved farm market, or feeder roads.

**FIGHTING ARSON.**

Appreciable progress has been made in recent years in the war against arson, according to the National Board of Fire Underwriters. In 27 states stricter laws have been adopted with heavier penalties inflicted on offenders. Public opinion, realizing that arson is one of the most despicable of crimes, is at last making itself felt.

In 1928, there were 549 arrests for arson, and 274 convictions. Of our annual half-billion dollar fire loss, \$200,000,000 is attributable to unknown causes. Much of this total results from incendiarism.

The crime of arson, always associated with greed or revenge, is a blot on civilization. It must be eradicated if the homes, industries and lives of our citizens are to be safeguarded, for every

arsonist is a murderer or a potential murderer.

The fact that law enforcement authorities are alive to the seriousness of this crime and that convictions last year totaled 50 per cent of the arrests shows that a greater record of punishment for arson is being secured than in most criminal cases. This should be an incentive to redoubled efforts.

The war on arson is of benefit to every person and the public must cooperate if complete success is to be ultimately attained.

**THE NEW SPIRIT.**

The electric light and power industry is an outstanding example of what might be called the new industrial spirit. It has divorced itself from faults, real or imaginary, which, 20 years ago, were believed an integral part of corporate business. Today it is interested in service as well as profits. It believes that profits should be made by increasing volume and lowering rates, under the theory of mass production. It labors steadfastly in the public interest.

The electric industry is not a philanthropic enterprise. It has millions of employes and stockholders who must receive good wages and fair dividends. But it has found that good business is public spirited business. It has found that if it is to do what is good for itself it must likewise do what is good for the people.

Today great electric companies, far from trying to charge exorbitant rates, make voluntary rate reductions a matter of policy when conditions warrant. They are constantly improving standards of service through the application of extending electricity to the nation's farms. They are working toward a time when every American business, home and farm, will have good electric service at a low cost.

Denunciations of the industry cannot cloud facts. All one needs to do is to think back 10 or 20 years to the time when electricity was provided by small local plants. Think of the standards of service and the rate structure, then and now. It is not shallow flattery to say the electric industry has made amazing progress under private control—it is a most obvious fact.

**OCCOQUAN**

Mr. J. C. Paddison spent the holidays with his family at his home here.

Mr. Sidney Manson, jr., of Richmond, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Leary last week.

Mrs. Gordon Leary had as his guest on Saturday Mr. Aubrey Matter, of Alexandria.

Mrs. Betty Carter spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Charlie Davis, at Hoadly.

The Misses Jane Selecman, Malisse Lacey, and Corinne Tyres were overnight guests of Miss Kathleen Carter on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hammill and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Pierce spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Moore, of Burke, Va.

Miss Mildred Ashby was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Pierce on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Brunt and Miss Frances Brunt spent Christmas in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woodyard spent Christmas with Mrs. R. H. Woodyard.

Mrs. Madison Barbee has returned to Richmond after spending some time here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Barbee spent Christmas with Mr. Barbee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Madison Barbee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Burdette and family spent Christmas with Mr. Burdette's parents in Takoma Park.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**  
 FOR JANUARY 5, 1930.

The International Sunday School Lesson for January 5, is "The Childhood of Jesus"—Matthew 2:10-23.

"There's a world outside the one you know," wrote Kipling. Many men who count themselves well informed have no understanding of the real character of the Sunday school, or of its size. As we begin this week, a six months' course of studies in the Gospel of Matthew it is well to remind ourselves of the magnitude of this group. In North America alone there are twenty million members of the Sunday school, the great bulk of them following, week by week, the International Uniform Lessons, which are compiled by a distinguished group of scholars, who prepare a six years' cycle of Lessons covering the whole Bible.

All denominations and all regions make use of these Uniform Lessons. Practically the entire religious press, and thousands of secular newspapers, publish weekly discussions of them. In addition, there is a special class of Sunday school literature, issued weekly, monthly, quarterly and annually by the denominations and by independent publishers, devoted exclusively to these Uniform Lessons and to the work of the Sunday school.

Tall Claims For Pious Papers  
 It would make a session of the Authors' League sit up in surprise to be told that the largest combined periodical circulation in the world is this Sunday school literature. Put together all the famous magazines and their united circulation would not approach that of the aggregated Sunday school papers. Here is an unknown literary world, of which no mention is ever made in the reviews devoted to publishing interests.

Nor is that all. This Sunday school literature is aimed at the creation of character. Next to the home, the Sunday school does more to shape the ideals of the nation than any other agency, except the Church, of which it is a part.

Yet more. While most published articles are limited in influence to their direct readers, Sunday school lessons are taught to classes of young and old, and debated and discussed every week in a way that extends their influence incredibly.

There are more adults in Bible classes than in any other organized group of men. Whoever would be aware of the forces that determine the decisions of our times must reckon with the Sunday schools, and with the Uniform Lesson. For these put motivating ideas into the heads of thinking persons.

Gave Up a Government Job.  
 Since this enormous and incalculable group influence is to center for six months about the Gospel of Matthew, it is important at the outset to take a look at the author. Although his book has for ages provided material for millions of theological scholars and specialists, Matthew himself was no theologian, but only a plain business man, who in mature life became a disciple of Jesus.

Matthew held a government job; one commonly regarded as disreputable, for he was a tax-collector, or publican, a post commonly associated with cruel graft. Although a Jew, he was an employee of the hated Roman administration. His office was on the Great Road which connected Damascus with the Mediterranean, and ran through Capernaum, the city at the head of the Lake of Galilee which was the manhood home of Jesus.

One day, Jesus passed by, and called Levi—which was his old name—into discipleship. On the spot, Matthew chucked up his old job. But he did not go back on his old friends. He gave a great feast for his new Master—without once mentioning it in his own book—to which he invited his former associates, to the scandal of the pharisees. In fine humility, this wealthy official in his book alludes to himself as a publican. A big man was Matthew, whose new surrender and service led him into the development of unexecuted powers, such as that of authorship.

Old Powers in New Places.  
 Everybody favors with his natural qualities whatever work he does. Personality is never lost when a man gives up his old life for new discipleship to Jesus. Matthew kept always the viewpoint of the public official, interested in the affairs of organized society. It was inevitable that any biography of Jesus written by him should be the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Although derided by fellow Jews, because he had filled a gentle job and exacted taxes from his own people, Matthew wrote his book primarily for the Jews. He presents Jesus as the lineal descendant of Abraham and David, the expected Messiah. Giving Joseph His Due.

May we not suppose that Matthew had known in person the reserved, deep-eyed carpenter of Nazareth, Joseph? It is altogether possible. The author of the Gospel gives a clear picture of the husband of Mary and of the manful part he played in the Nativity story. He imparts a sense of the protectiveness of Joseph over the Holy Family.

When told in a dream by an angel that Mary was with child by the Holy Spirit, Joseph sheltered her from the scandalous gossip of a small town by his name and standing. To him it was revealed that this Child, so miraculously to be born, was the fulfillment of Scripture; and to him the two beautiful names "Jesus" and "Immanuel," were made known. Matthew tells us explicitly that it was Joseph who bestowed upon the newborn Babe the name of Jesus.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Rev. W. A. Hall, pastor. The pastor will preach and administer the Lord's Supper at 11 a. m., and will preach at 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., and Christian Endeavor Society at 6:45. Union prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

UNITED BROTHERS CHURCH, Manassas, Rev. Grant N. Miller, pastor. Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Preaching services at 11:00 o'clock.

UNITED BROTHERS CHURCH, Buckhall, Rev. Grant N. Miller, pastor. Sunday School on Sunday morning at 10 a. m. There will be preaching services on Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m.

UNITED BROTHERS CHURCH, Aden, Rev. Grant N. Miller, pastor. Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Preaching services every second and fourth Sunday morning at 11 a. m.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Rev. A. Stuart Gibson, rector. Morning prayer with sermon by the rector at 11 a. m. Church School at 9:45 a. m., Mr. Fred R. Hynson, superintendent. There will be no Vesper Services at Swavelly nor night service.

GRACE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, South, Rev. George Hasel, minister. 9:45 a. m., Sunday School, J. I. Pullen, superintendent. 11:00 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., sermons by the pastor and Lord's Supper, 8:00 p. m., Buckhall. 6:45 p. m., Senior League. Everybody welcome.

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**PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH.** T. S. Dalton, pastor. Service on Third Sunday at 11 a. m., and Saturday preaching at 2:30 p. m.  
**ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH** Manassas. Rev. Michael J. Cannon, pastor. Catechism every Saturday at 10 a. m. Sunday masses, Manassas, first, second and fourth Sundays at 8 a. m.; third and fifth Sundays at 10:30 a. m. Minnieville—Masses on first, second and fourth Sundays at 10:30 a. m.  
**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** Haymarket. Rev. W. F. Carpenter, rector. Sunday School at 10 a. m.; morning prayer with sermon at 11:10 a. m.  
**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,** South. Rev. Paul R. Warner, pastor. Dumfries—First and third Sunday, 8 p. m. Bethel—First and third Sunday, 11 a. m. Quantico—Second and fourth Sunday, 8 p. m. Forest Hill—Second and fourth Sunday, 11 a. m. Fifth Sunday—Quantico, 8 p. m.  
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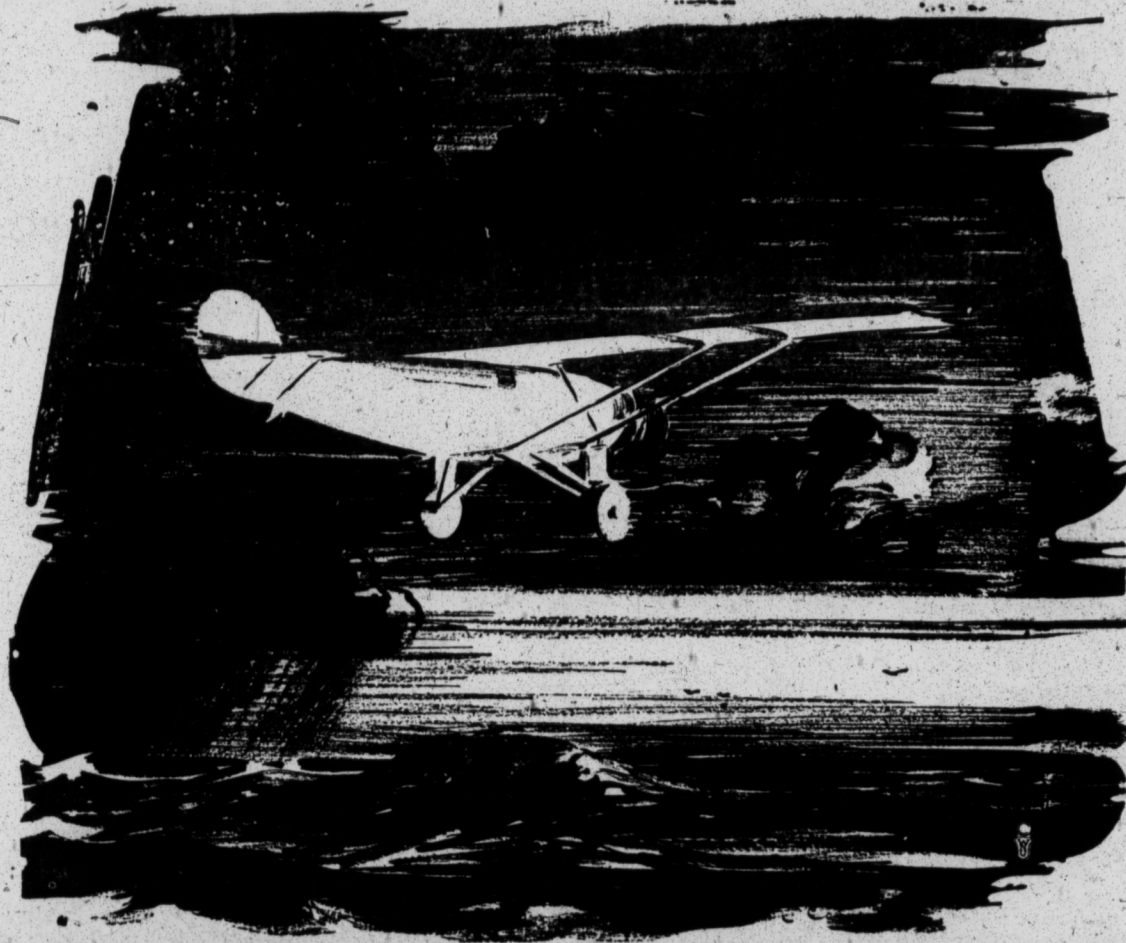
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**CLIFTON**

The Masonic Lodge met on St. John's night, December 27. Election and installation of officers were held. Those elected were as follows:

Master, R. W. Ford; Senior Warden, H. J. West; Junior Warden, G. E. Kidwell; Treasurer, F. L. Ford; Secretary, J. B. Cross; Senior Deacon, M. W. Davis; Junior Deacon, J. M. Detwiler; Senior Steward, Roy Kincheloe; Junior Steward, Luther Burke; Chaplain, Rev. C. E. Taylor; Tyler, G. B. Wright.

The Christmas entertainment for the Baptist Sunday School was held on Friday, December 27. The superintendent and deacons presented Rev. S. Y. Craig, pastor, with a large ham and other useful gifts, also members of the Sunday School gave individual presents. The offering taken was for the benefit of the Baptist orphanage. Mrs. Ruth Pyles, Mrs. F. M. Kincheloe, and Miss Alice Mantiply were in charge of the entertainment.

There will be no services in the Presbyterian Church the first Sunday in every month.

Services will be held in the Baptist Church next Sunday morning.

The offering taken at the pageant in the Presbyterian Church Christmas night, amounted to \$8.55, which will be sent to foreign missions.

A New Year's eve social was given by the Christian Endeavor Society at the home of the president, Miss Catherine Doak.

The Ladies Aid and Missionary Societies will meet Thursday, January 9, at 8 p. m., in the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Ruth Pyles has closed the lunch room for the season and will visit her brother, Mr. Kenyon Mathers in Cleveland, Ohio, for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. Miriam Grille and Miss Frances Buckley, of Washington, and Miss Elizabeth Buckley, of Oakland, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Buckley.

Miss Eleanor Ferguson was the Christmas guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Ferguson.

Mr. Paul E. Koontz, who has been visiting his brother, Mr. J. C. Koontz, has returned to his home in Oakland, Iowa.

Miss Lucille Johnson and Miss Louise Koontz are visiting friends in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Judson Council and Mrs. David Carver, of Baltimore, were the holiday guests of their parents, Rev. and Mrs. V. H. Council.

Miss Helen Quigg is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Bridgforth, in Richmond.

Mrs. Ray Godfrey and son, Mr. Maynard Dodd, of Philadelphia, Pa., was the Christmas guests of relatives here.

Mrs. J. L. Fristoe and Mrs. J. M. Fulmer have been very sick but are much improved.

Mrs. Eva Davis and son, of Washington, were Clifton visitors last week.

Mrs. Thomas Mack, of Atlanta, Ga., and three children, are the guests of Mrs. Mack's mother, Mrs. Julia Riordan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mathers, of Berryville, spent Christmas day with Mr. Mathers' mother, Mrs. W. H. Mathers.

Mr. H. A. Weaver spent last Sunday in Washington as the guest of his brother, Mr. Jesse Weaver.

Mrs. Custer is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. L. Fristoe.

Mrs. Joseph Beasley visited friends in Washington during the holidays.

**HOADLY**

Mrs. George Hampton is passing some time in Pennsylvania where she was called on account of the death of her husband's daughter, and the death of her little grandson on Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. George Selecman, of Woodbridge, are visiting Mrs. Selecman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reid.

Messrs. Gem Carter and Mandel Taylor, of Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stempkus, of Dumfries, were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. William Cronkite.

Mr. James Webster is confined to his home with a severe cold.

Leonard, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Seaman Mills, is confined to his home with a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Reid and little daughter, of Hoadly, and Mrs. Mary Woodyard, were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Davis.

Mrs. Pearl Redmills, who has been ill, is much improved.

Miss June Reid was the guest of Mrs. Fannie Mills during the past week.

Miss Annetta Maxfield spent the Christmas holidays visiting relatives in Washington.

The Misses Margaret and Kathleen Mills were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Alexander in Manassas.

Miss Thelma Davis is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Trench Davis, in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Middleton Maxfield had as their dinner guests on Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. A. Maxfield, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Maxfield, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Oden and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Mills, all of Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. Selecman Mills, and six children.

Mrs. Steve Chapura, who has been confined to her home with a severe cold is able to be about again.

Mr. A. M. Chapura, who has been home on leave for several days, has returned to his ship, the U. S. S. Whitney.

Mrs. Joseph Bensack and daughter,

Miss Anna, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Steve Chapura during the week.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Delaney, of Manassas, and Mr. and Mrs. Coddington, were guests at the home of Mrs. E. A. Smith, recently.

Miss Mary Chapura, of Bristow, is spending the holiday at the home of her parents.

**MANY SENDING IN REQUEST FOR RIDE IN NEW FORD**

Requests for demonstration rides in the new Model A Fords have been swamping our telephone since the new bodies were shown to the public of Manassas for the first time Monday, said A. E. Boatwright, local dealer.

"We are glad to accommodate any resident of this city who may wish the experience of a trial ride in the new bodies that now adorn the Model A Ford Chassis.

"It is an experience that we have not enjoyed yet ourselves," continued Mr. Boatwright. "So great is the interest of the public in the beautified Model A that the types on display in our showrooms have been too busily occupied holding the center of attention to permit of their being taken off the floor for the time being.

However, note is being made of requests for demonstrations, and, as soon as we are in position practically to satisfy such requests, we shall be more than glad to give our friends the pleasure of riding in this car."



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10c SALT (Iodized), 3 boxes	25c
10c SAFETY MATCHES, 2 pkgs.	15c
5c MATCHES, 3 boxes	10c
10c Toilet Tissue (1000 sheets to roll), 4 rolls	29c
10c MACARONI, 4 boxes	29c
WHITE BEANS (Navy or Northern) 10c lb; 5 lbs.	49c
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**A Happy New Year**

"You and I remember when a good fat hen could be bought for a quarter, and a rooster for less; when eggs were three dozen for a quarter, and milk five cents a quart; when you could buy enough porterhouse steak for two bits to feed the whole family; when bacon was only 'po' folks' food, and the butcher gave liver away and treated the kids to bologna; when the hired girl worked for \$2.00 a week and did all the family washing; when women wore bustles and hair, and too many clothes for convenience, and didn't paint or powder in public, smoke cigarettes, vote or shake the shimmy; when men wore whiskers and suspenders and boots, chewed tobacco and cussed; when 'Old Crow' was ten cents a shot and beer five cents a schooner, and the lunch was generous and free; when folks worked ten to fifteen hours a day, and never thought of going on a strike. Tipping the waiter was unknown, and you didn't have to buy your hat back every time you checked it. The hanging kerosene lamp in the hall and the stereoscope in the parlor were the acmes of luxury. People were not operated on for appendicitis, nor were their veins shot full of serums, and men didn't buy monkey's glands, nor have their germs subjected to the microscope. At that, people lived to a good old age and travelled miles through the snow to the jingling cadence of sleigh bells to wish their friends

**"A HAPPY NEW YEAR"**

"But Alas! Also Alack! Today everybody goes speedin' around in high powered autos at 50 per, sailing through the air at 150, spending most of their time playing golf or the saxophone, shoot craps, play the stock market, make home brew, smoke cigarettes, and cuss the neighbors for the high cost of living. In these glorious days when business roars and religion snores, the women are all legs and no hair, and what clothes they consent to wear leave mighty little to the imagination; they do more than half the voting and spend all the pay check. Folks nowadays go to the movies twice a day, patronize night clubs, pay \$5.00 for fifty cents worth of food, drink wood alcohol and muriatic acid at \$10.00 a quart, dance to the jazz of a jungle band and think they are having a devil of a time because they never go to bed the same day they get up. Take it from me, after the average guy has paid the installments on the piano, the auto, the radio, the vacuum cleaner, the wash machine, the electric refrigerator, the Louis the Limit boudoir suite, to say nothing of the taxes, insurance, interest, and assessments on his humble, happy home, there's darned little left to buy gasoline for the family flivver and a few cheap smokes for Dad.

"These are the days of the suffragette, profiteer, installment man, rent hog, income tax and prohibition. You still think that life is worth living under these conditions, I wish you.

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