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N-VIRGINIA FARMERS' INSTITUTE

TWO-DAY SESSION
Five Speeches Delivered at Second Day—Winners.

ARBOROUGH, Jr., Agricultural High School, in the second session of the Virginia Farmers' Institute in Manassas on Tuesday and Wednesday, and many farm-William and adjacent were in attendance. On Tuesday of Feb. 26 was the day of the hog raising institute was indeed have able speakers lectured.

Brown, Field Agent, Southern Railway Co., "Hog Raising for Profit" was the theme of his talk. He introduced his related several in- w that the hog was animal for Southern just how profit ten out of raising nished his talk by rners several rota d in temporary hog te adjourned, fol- lowing a speech, for was indeed an at- r, and the occasion nore enjoyable by a Mrs. W. B. Doak room session, Prof. assistant manager improvement. Work, lway Co., spoke at h. Marking of s. Prof. Grabel's resting, instructive in. He told of ce- anizations through that were accom- ders and urged the ents to standardize

THE PASSING OF MISS J. E. LARKIN

PNEUMONIA THE CAUSE OF DEATH
A Member of One of the Oldest Families in the County—Funeral Services From Home and Interment in "Larkinton."

After an illness of about four weeks, Miss Josephine E. Larkin passed away at the home of her niece, Mrs. C. M. Larkin, during the early morning hours of last Tuesday. Several weeks ago Miss Larkin contracted bronchial pneumonia and for many days was in a critical condition. Slowly improvement became apparent and two weeks ago some hope was held for her recovery. Following this, complications set in, and she grew rapidly worse until death came last Tuesday, which removes from our midst a life which has been spent in Prince William county.

Miss Larkin was in her sixty-eighth year. She was born at "Larkinton," the family home near Wellington, where her early girlhood was spent. Later she came into possession of the adjoining farm lands which is now known as "Green Hill," and where she remained for years and carried on business of farming. She was a successful business woman, and her well-known home was the seat of hospitality and welcome. Much to the regret of her many friends in the vicinity in which she lived; Miss Larkin moved to Manassas last fall, and since that time had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Larkin.

She has a great number of life long and true friends in all parts of the county, who mourn the death of a true and loving friend and neighbor. She also leaves a long line of nieces and nephews, her near relatives, a number of which reside in Manassas.

Miss Larkin was a member of one of Prince William's oldest families, and before her death was the only surviving member of the immediate family of William and Elizabeth Larkin.

The funeral was held this morning at 10:30 o'clock, from the home, the services being conducted by Rev. H. L. Quarles, pastor of the Baptist church, of which church Miss Larkin was a member, and interment was made in "Larkinton," the family burying ground near Wellington.

ENJOYABLE MEETING OF CATHARPIN HOUSEKEEPING CLUB

The ladies of the Catharpin (Good) Housekeeping Club held their usual monthly meeting at

FIVE-ACRE CORN GROWING CONTEST

FARMERS VERY MUCH INTERESTED
Number Have Already Joined Club—Valuable Prizes to Be Given Winners—List of Rules Governing Contest.

The farmer of Prince William County will have the opportunity of competing for several valuable prizes in the Five Acre Corn Contest.

We are ready to announce three prizes for the best yield of corn. 1st. 1000 pounds of "Ideal Crop Grower" fertilizer, offered by Mr. W. M. Wheeler, of Manassas, Agent for Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Company.

2nd. A \$9 bottle of Farmogerm for any legume desired, offered by the Farmogerm Department of The Coe-Mortimer Company of Charleston, S. C.

3rd. A McWane Boltless Plow, offered by the Lynchburg Plow Company through Messrs. Nash & Cannon, of Manassas. The winner can have choice of either right or left hand plow, or choice in sizes.

Other prizes are being solicited and will be announced later.

Twelve farmers have already enlisted and many others are expected to enter.

If interested write W. M. Brown, Field Agent, Department Farm Improvement Work, Southern Railway Company, of Manassas, Va.

The business men of Manassas are asked to assist us in this work by offering small prizes.

The rules are as follows:

- RULES**
1. In connection with the demonstration work in Prince William county, W. M. Brown has arranged for a Farmers' Five Acre Corn Contest for 1914.
 2. Any farmer or farmer boy residing in said county shall be eligible to enter this contest and compete for all prizes which are offered.
 3. The acreage of corn to be grown shall consist of five acres.
 4. Any amount and any quality of fertilizer and any method of growing the corn may be used.
 5. Any variety of corn may be planted. We suggest that some standard bred corn seed be obtained for this plot of ground.
 6. Each farmer or boy wishing to enter this contest should register his name with W. M. Brown, Manassas, Va., not later than April 1.
 7. Each farmer shall furnish an itemized statement of the cost of producing his five acres of corn, also show cost of producing each bushel of corn.
 8. The land and corn shall be measured by W. M. Brown together with one disinterested person who lives in the neighborhood where the farmer is located.
 9. The reports shall be made to the committee at the Annual Corn Show to be held in Manassas at some date this fall.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM WINS INITIAL DEBATE

AGAINST THE UPPERVILLE TEAM
Both Sides Handled Subject Well—Large and Enthusiastic Crowd Attends Entertainment.

"That Compulsory Education in Virginia is Necessary for the Efficiency of Public Schools," was the subject of the debate in the initial struggle of the Manassas High School team against the debating team of Upperville High School last Tuesday night.

The visitors took the affirmative and the local school the negative by choice. Both sides handled their parts well, bringing forth strong arguments from every angle, which caused indcision on the part of the judges. The papers of both negative and affirmative were not without their strong merits and all points of view were warmly discussed. A large crowd attended the entertainment which was a very enjoyable one.

Roswell Round and Herman Steele represented the local institution and will enter competition against other high schools of the state at the big debating contest at the University of Virginia which will be held in April at which time the winner will be awarded with a silver cup.

The judges, consisting of R. A. Hutchison, Rev. Burkes and Rev. E. A. Roads, after much deliberation gave the victory to the negative side.

W. H. HOWE KILLED BY TRAIN

Mr. W. H. Howe, a young man connected with the signal corps of the Southern Railway, was struck by train No. 35 yesterday and received injuries from which he died shortly after. The injured man was operating a steam drill two miles this side of Catlett, when the fast southbound train approached unheeded, and before he could move had struck him about the upper part of the body. He was slightly cut and bruised, and his skull was fractured. No. 35 was stopped and the injured man carried to Catlett and upon the arrival of No. 10 was returned to Manassas where for several weeks he had been living. The remains were removed to the undertaking establishment of C. D. Baker and will later be shipped to his home in Indianapolis.

DEATH OF JAMES WYCKOFF

Mr. James Wyckoff, formerly of Manassas, died last Friday morning at Providence hospital

SOUTHERN'S SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL TRAIN

GREETED BY INTERESTED FARMERS
Good Crowd Attends Lectures and Look at Exhibits—Over 200 Products From One Virginia Farm Shown.

A large crowd of interested farmers greeted the Agricultural Special Train here last Saturday to see the exhibits and hear the lectures. The train was run over the lines of the Southern Railway by the railway system and under the supervision of Commissioner Koiker for the purpose of instructing the farmers as to the best methods of producing better crops.

Those who were present enjoyed a treat in seeing the exhibit, car full of products, which were grown by Mr. A. R. Bellwood, of South Richmond, Va. There were over two hundred different products all grown on one farm. These products were the very best and many of them have taken state prizes and various county prizes. Mr. Bellwood just recently won the world's championship prize on alfalfa at the National Corn Show at Dallas, Texas, for the best bale of alfalfa hay. The great number of products shown by Mr. Bellwood proves to us that we can grow a greater variety of farm products than can most any other in the world. The splendid specimens shown also show to our farmers just what can be accomplished by the proper selection and care of plants.

Mr. W. D. Zinn, of Phillippi, W. Va., gave a very interesting address on the care of the soil, and how to get the best results from fertilization and cultivation. Mr. Zinn is himself one of the most progressive and prosperous farmers of his native state, and his suggestions were well received and will be of great value to our farmers.

Mr. A. R. Bellwood spoke on growing alfalfa, and gave the farmers some valuable suggestions with regard to this crop.

Mr. Rice, Assistant Dairy and Poultry agent for the Southern Railway Company, gave some valuable suggestions as to the best methods for handling the dairy cows.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE

We have effected a partial organization of our Sunday School in Brentsville by the election of Mr. Everett Harris as superintendent, and it is our desire on the morning of the first Sunday

HISTORY OF STATE AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS

THEIR GREAT VALUE
Opinions of Prof. Button, Father of Manassas School Round, at Request of M

The following copy regarding the Agricultural Schools of the State interest to all our readers.

RICHMOND, VA., FEB. 26, 1914.
MR. GEO. C. ROUND.
Dear Sir:—Please once, the history of agricultural schools of the State mean as to how they lished, where the r from, how our land v at Manassas, how n was raised by the what our building co much it costs to sen this school, where boards at home; als me how the school is and how much mor from other counties school.

It seems that ma do not want us to ha unless we give as mu Your prompt atte matter will be great ted. Yours very C. J

MANASSAS, VA., F. HON. C. J. MEETZE, HOUSE OF DELEGATES, RICHMOND, VA.

Dear Sir:—In resp enquiries of Febua give the history of tural High Schools c to the best of my in

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Under the above Hon. J. D. Egglest tendent of Public Ins Mr. Charles G. Mapf tant in this part o came to Manassas in and made the follow ment on behalf of th It was agreed that tural High School fo Congressional Distr established here. D nassas School Distr William County wa the necessary buildi