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## Tragic Death of Wm. C. Devilbiss

The body of William C. Devilbiss, a prominent business man, of this city, who was caught and killed in the crash which occurred at the building of S. Halle Sons, 329 to 333 West Baltimore street, Baltimore, Wednesday morning about 9.30 o'clock, when an 83-ton water tank which was at the top of the building fell through the intervening floors to the basement, carrying everything down with it, was located under the debris this morning about 1 o'clock, and recovered about 3.30.

The body, according to report, was not much mutilated. It was taken in charge by a funeral director and will be brought to his home in this city this evening.

Besides Mr. Devilbiss, as far as known there were six others killed in the accident, one member of the firm, and several employes and customers.

Mr. Devilbiss was born in Uniontown, on the 28th of February, 52 years ago; he was a son of Mr. John S. and the late Mrs. Deborah Segafoose Devilbiss.

He began his business career in this city with the late John T. Orendorff and after Mr. Orendorff's death he bought the shoes, hats and gent's furnishing department and started in business for himself in 1899, and continued at the same place until his death.

He married Miss Rose Orendorff, of this city, and on February 28th, Mr. Devilbiss' birthday, they celebrated the 24th anniversary of their marriage.

At the time of the accident Mr. Devilbiss was supposed to have been in the back office, directly in the way of the falling water tank, and had finished his business, and was in the act of leaving the building when he was momentarily detained by a member of the firm. In a building more than 100 feet in length, and the damage done by the falling water tank only about 25 feet square, it seems strange that Mr. Devilbiss, in the act of leaving, was probably detained by some trivial remark, should have been in its way.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Miss Hilda Devilbiss, and one son, Master William Devilbiss; his father, Mr. John S. Devilbiss; two brothers, Messrs. Bernard and Walter Devilbiss, and four sisters, Mrs. Minnie Finch, Mrs. Ida Suter, Mrs. Eva Lemmon and Miss Myrl Devilbiss, all of Baltimore.

The funeral service, conducted by Rev. Wm. H. Hetrick and Rev. C. W. Walck, will be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at his late residence, and the interment will be made in the Westminster Cemetery.

The pallbearers will be: Dr. S. L. Baer, Messrs. Thomas K. Shaw, S C. Stoner, N. M. Albert, Jesse C. Sharrer, J. Walter Grumbine, George E. Matthews and Joseph W. Smith.

Messrs. Harvey Bankard and Son will be the funeral directors.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Formwalt, of Uniontown, were in Baltimore on business and were about to enter the building of S. Halle Sons, on Wednesday morning, when the water tank fell from the top floor of the building to the basement.

### RECENT DONATIONS TO THE HOME OF THE AGED

One barrel containing numerous articles, donated by Wilton Heights Church.

One barrel containing numerous articles, donated by Pittsville church.

10 glasses of jelly, donated by Mrs. R. S. Marshall.

2 cases of canned goods, donated by Smith Yingling Co.

Jarred fruit, donated by Sandy Mount Church.

One barrel containing numerous articles, donated by Taylor Memorial.

One carpet sweeper, donated by Miss May Turile's Class, Westminster Sunday school.

One cake, donated by Mr. Morris Mitten.

One box of numerous articles, donated by Congress Street church, Georgetown, D. C.

$8 cash and other articles, donated by Ladies Aid Society of First M. P. Church Lynchburg, Va.

$1 cash, donated by Mrs. Leatherbury.

One box containing various articles, donated by Miss A. Kinzer.

4 raisin loaves, donated by Mrs. Morris Mitten.

One barrel containing numerous articles, donated by Laurel, Del.

One barrel containing numerous articles, donated by Brookville Aid Society.

One box containing numerous articles, donated by Mrs. C. C. Gorsuch.

$1 cash, donated by Mrs. M. E. Miller.

$10 cash, donated by St. James Church Chestertown, Md.

Kindling, donated by Mr. Denton Gehr.

Mrs. T. H. Lewis, Cor. Sec.

Western Maryland College closed Wednesday for the Easter holidays.

## RETURN OF COMPANY H

Company H which left this city last Monday a week, to guard the large railroad bridge on Garrett Island, near Havre de Grace, returned Tuesday evening. They were expected on the 5.11 afternoon train from Baltimore, but they reached the Union Station just 5 minutes too late to catch it.

They were replaced by part of the Fourth Regiment and came to Baltimore on the same special train which was used by the 4th. They made the trip in 45 minutes.

When the 5.11 train arrived in this city, there was a large crowd of people present, and they were much disappointed at the non-appearance of the Company.

Scout Master Shriver got busy and gathered the Boy Scout Band together and when the 7.45 train pulled into the station, the soldier boys were flittingly welcomed by the band and a very large crowd of relatives and friends.

The Company quickly formed behind the band and marched to the Armory were they were dismissed until next Monday night, which is the regular drill night, subject to prior call.

Some of the people were disappointed when they learned that Lieut. Billingslea and a squad of men was left on the island to guard the baggage which was loaded on a scow, and on account of the receding tide, the boat was stranded and the motor boats, which were used to convey the soldiers from the island to the main land, could not pull it off the rocks. Lieut. Billingslea and his squad arrived with the baggage on the 3.45 P. M. train on Wednesday.

The men were on guard duty two hours and off duty four hours in the twenty-four, and the succeeding 24 hours they were on fatigue duty at the camp.

The men had quite an experience on the first night at the camp when a violent wind and rain storm blew down the mess tent.

There was a building at the camp which was used by Capt Weigle as headquarters. The men slept in tents which were warmed by Sibley conical stoves.

It was rumored that the First Regiment and band would be ordered to Panama to guard the canal.

## M. E. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Rev. E. T. Mobray returned to this city.

Bishop Frank M. Bristol, presiding over the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Walbrook, made good his promise Monday night when, after some of the best hustling of routine business seen in the Conference for years, he was able to read the appointments, although the Conference was scheduled to last another whole day. Most of the afternoon he was in conference with his cabinet, leaving Rev. Dr. J. St. Clair Neal in the chair.

At high noon Monday, just as Congress was assembling in extra session, business of the Conference was suspended and Bishop Bristol offered a prayer for the guidance and assistance of President Wilson and the Congress. He commanded the Conference to stand and sing "America", which was done with true patriotic spirit by every minister on the Conference floor. In practically all the speeches and discussions yesterday patriotism had a conspicuous part. Conference adjourned about 11 o'clock Monday night, to meet in Caroline Street Church, this city, in 1918. Rev. G. Leroy White is the pastor.

The appointments for this county are:

Carrollton, C. R. Barnes.
Hampstead, D. M. Dibble.
Morgan, C. F. Bonn.
Mount Airy, C. E. Ely.
New Windsor, W. C. Parrish.
Patapsco, H. C. Owens.
Sykesville, M. H. Petzold.
Union Bridge, J. W. Field, supply.
Westminster, E. T. Mowbray.
Winfield, C. H. Wagner.
Rev. O. C. Marriott, retired, Westminster Quarterly Conference.
Rev. George W. Cecil, retired, Winfield Quarterly Conference.
Rev. C. E. Dudrear, retired, Walkersville Quarterly conference.
Rev. J. R. Pardew, retired, Walkersville, Quarterly Conference.
In the Hagerstown district, Rev. W. A. Judy formerly of this city, was appointed superintendent at Rawlings.

The public schools and the Westminster High School closed yesterday for the Easter holidays.

Mrs. Elizabeth Zahn and Miss Lillian Zahn, of this city, left today for Baltimore where they will visit relatives and friends. Miss Lillian will return to her home Sunday, while Mrs. Zahn will extend her visit for a week.

## Items Of Local Interest

Mr. U. G. Heltibridle, of Uniontown, was in this city this week.

Judge Jas. A. C. Bond, of this city, spent Monday in Ellicott city.

Misses Goldie Myers and Louise Brown, of this city, spent Sunday at Garrett island, near Havre de Grace.

The politicians are already figuring how they can handle the war issues so as to get re-elected.

Mr. A. H. Huber, East Main street, is improving his property by the addition of a porch which will extend along the front and side of the residence.

Mr. Lawrence Fink, a student of Rock Hill College, is visiting his father, Mr. Charles E. Fink, East Main street, this city.

Game Warden George Phifer, who resides at Cumberland, five miles east of Millville, complains that about a score of deer recently visited his farm and trampled a large patch of onions.

Mrs. Katherine Frizzell, of Webster street, this city, on Sunday last, entertained Mr. and Mrs. James Powers and daughter Mildred, and Mrs. Charles Scheufele, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Grumbine and Miss Heffner, of this city.

L. H. Gosnell, a well known business man of Woodbine, has been appointed Postmaster of that place. Mr. Gosnell is a Democrat and received his appointment through Congressman J. F. C. Talbott. He took up his new duties April 1st.

The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of St. John's (Leisters) church will hold an entertainment and social at the home of Mr. Stewart Leister on Easter Monday eve, April 9. Should the weather be inclement it will be held on the 10th. All are welcome.

The section hands on the Western Maryland Railroad, at Union Bridge, Patapsco and from Walbrook into Baltimore, have struck for higher wages. Those on the Union Bridge section demand $2 for an 8-hour day and time and a half for over time. The other striking section hands, as far as is known have not made any definite demands, execpt to ask for more money

Three men of Teutonic appearance, but claiming Russo-Polish parentage, were sent to jail last Friday by Alderman Joseph Harman for trespassing on Pennsylvania Railroad property. They are believed by residents of Steelton to be German spies, who had designs on the big steel manufacturing plants at that place. The men gave their names at Steve McAllison, Michael Munsho and John Dobson.

Suits aggregating $40,000 were filed Saturday afternoon against the city of Hagerstown. A suit for $10,000 damages was brought by Mrs. Etta M. Foltz for injuries sustained in Hagerstown, last April, when an automobile, operated by Ernest Kreitz ran upon a sidewalk and jammed her against an obstruction in front of a store which the city, she alleges, illegally permitted on the pavement. Mrs. Foltz's daughter, Stella Blanche Foltz, who was injured, sued for $30,000 damages

Farm labor is becoming so scarce in Frederick county that farmers are going into Frederick from the county and paying the fines of prisoners in order to get them out of jail and put them to work. Labor is in demand and due to its scarcity, the jail is being looked to as a place of supply. Throughout last summer farmers came into Frederick and paid the fines of their employes who imbibed too freely when in Frederick, or who got into other trouble. The prisoner would be in jail over night and the next day the fine would bepaid. Frederick County farmers have been generous in coming to the rescue of their employees, whether they were white or colored.

Mr. Norman Earhart, Indian Motocycle agent, of this city, led a number of motocyclists from this city to Havre de Grace, on Sunday last, to visit company H. who were encamped on Garrett Island, in the Susquenanna river, near one of the large railroad bridges which they are engaged in guarding. The party went by way Sykesville, Ellicott City and Baltimore, and from Baltimore by way of the Baltimore and Wilmington turnpike. Those of the party were: Misses Nellie Ryland Evelyn Earhart and Elsie Myerly; Messrs. Norman Earhart, Gorman Jordan, Tivis Buckingham, Wesley Shipley, Howell Davis, Norman Mitten. Archie Myers.

Easter services at Pipe Creek Church Sunday morning, April 8th., Guy E. Leister of the Seminary will preach. Come and worship with us.

Mr. O. A. Shipley has moved his family from the Steele farm near this city, to the farm he purchased near Tannery, this county.

Rev. Charles Bonsack, of the Blue Ridge College will preach at the services held in the Medford Grange Hall, Sunday afternoon, April 8th, at 2.30 o'clock.

Mr. Hezekiah Study moved his family Monday from Galt Station, near Taneytown, to his new home he purchased of Mr. F. J. Albaugh, East Main street, this city.

Mr. Charles Zahn, a student of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, is spending the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Zahn, East Main street, this city.

In our issue of last week in the account of the southern trip of Mr. Babylon and Mr. Royer, there was an error made in the beginning of the article when Mrs. was used instead of Mr. Royer. We regret that this happened.

The dates of the county school athletic meets in Maryland for the season of 1917, have been named. In this county the date is Thursday, May 3rd, and the place of meeting is this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tyler, of Washington, D. C., spent from Saturday until Wednesday with the latters parents, Sheriff and Mrs. James M. Stoner, of this city.

Mr. Reuben Bohn, of 147 Pennsylvania avenue, this city, will make sale of his household goods, at 12 o'clock tomorrow (Saturday). Mr. and Mrs. Bohn will make their future home with their daughter, Mrs. Effie Haugh, at Key-Mar.

Sheriff James M. Stoner, Mayor and Mrs. H. E. Koontz and son, and Mrs. May Myers, of this city, went to Havre de Grace Sunday to visit the formers son, Wm. M. Stoner, a private in Company H who was then guarding railroad bridges on Garrett Island.

D. S. Gehr, the hardware man on the corner, has installed the second Pipeless Heater for Mr. William Eckenrode, this city, the last one being installed in Mr. Eckenrode's house now occuppied by Mr. O. C. Corbin. Mr. Gehr has also put in one of these plants for Mr. Jacob Weller, Carroll street, this city.

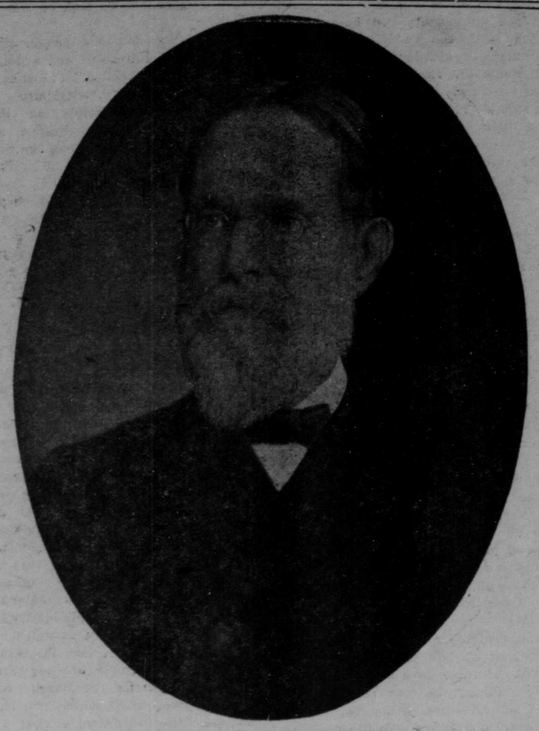
Rev. J. H. Gonso, pastor of the Church of God, this city, who had been critically ill, is getting along nicely and was able to attend prayer meeting Wednesday evening for the first time since his illness. The members of his congregation and his many friends are very glad to have him with them again.

Messrs. Lester Leese and Oscar Houser, members of Company H, were riding a motorcycle on the State road near Mexico, on Wednesday evening when they struck a stone pile and were thrown from the machine. Young Leese sustained a broken collar bone, and it is feared young Houser was hurt internally.

On March 30th, Mr. James L. Stoner, of Brunswick, was called to Frederick and was given a commission by the Circuit Court of Frederick for the State of Maryland to protect the property of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Companw, issued by Governor Emerson C. Harrington. Mr. Stoner is a detective in the employ of the Railroad Company and is a son of Sheriff and Mrs. James M. Stoner, of this city.

Centenary Methodist Episcopal church choir will render special music, on Easter Sunday at the morning and evening services. In the morning an anthem will be sung, entitled "King of Kings". In the evening an Easter cantata entitled "The Glory of the Garden.', will be rendered. The music will be under the direction of Mrs. Harry Kimmey. An augmented choir, accompanied by organ and orchestra, will render both selections

A man supposed to be Thomas L. Rose, indicted in Hagerstown in 1913 for the murder of James Delauney, an aged umbrella mender, was arrested in Hagerstown at the Cumberland Valley Railroad station Tuesday night by Sheriff Isaac S. Long. The man at first denied that his name was Rose, but when confronted with letters and papers found in his pockets, he admitted his identity, but denied being in Hagerstown when Delauney was assaulted. He said he could easily prove an alibi. Sheriff Long and Lieutenant of Police Thomas H. Barber both identified Rose.



**REV. DR. J. W. REESE**

Rev. Dr. J. W. Reese, for fifty years a noted educator, and at the time of his death, Professor Emeritus, of Western Maryland College, died at his home, East Main street, this city, on Friday evening, March 30th.

James W. Reese was born in the town of Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland, on October 3rd, 1838, the son of Jacob Reese and Eleanor (Fisher) Reese. His father's ancestors came of German stock; his mother's of the Scotch-Irish. Both branches stood high socially; and both were equally prominent and active in all the leading affairs of the community, such as banking, manufacturing and industrial activities.

His earliest educational training began under private tutorage; and then followed by being sent to St. Timothy's Hall Catonsville, Baltimore County, Maryland. After leaving St. Timothy's he entered Princeton College, as then called, now Princeton University, and was graduated there with the degree of A. B. in 1859—Princeton in 1862 conferring the degree of A. M. It may be noted here that Western Maryland College honored him with its degree Ph. D. **honoris causa** in 1873. His course through Princeton was exceptionally marked for fine scholarship, especially in the classics—Judge Gray, of Wilmington, Delaware, his class-mate, now living, saying to the writer that he was by far "the best man in the whole class and that no one approached him in fine literary instincts." After graduation at Princeton, he entered the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New York, and in 1863 was ordained Deacon by Bishop Whittingham of Maryland; and under deacon's orders took charge in 1864 of the Ascension Church at Westminster, which position he held until 1870. This protracted service to the Parish carried little or no compensation. In 1870 he accepted what proved to be his life's work,—the professorship of Ancient Languages and Literature in Western Maryland College,—which position he held for over forty years and until totally disabled by infirmities of health and age. His success as an educator was pronounced; he was accounted among the highest in efficiency in the State—subordinate to none in his special field of work. During this period he delivered before the Maryland State Teachers' Association, and other similar learned bodies, numerous addresses of the rarest interest, diction and scholarship. He also maintained through life an unbroken allegiance and attachment as member and officer of the Door to Virtue Lodge, a Masonic Order of Westminster.

On February 13th, 1868, Dr. Reese was married to Miss Mary Pauline Perry, a niece of Mrs. Catharine Shellman, of Westminster, Maryland, with whom she was then living. Of this marriage one son was born, Paul Reese, Esq., who is now a grown-up man, applying himself to architecture in Westminster, as a profession, after due study and preparation in the City of New York.

In the choice of a wife, Dr. Reese could not have been more fortunate, for besides possessing a comely and graceful figure and a notably chiselled head and face her qualities of mind and heart were in correspondence and of the rarest order. Both were likewise fortunate in making their home with Mrs. Shellman. For under the drill of trying experiences, after the death of her own husband Col. Shellman, she became one of the most superior women and guides in the whole town of Westminster—especially distinguished for her matronly self-possession and poise, and freedom from sudden upsets and sympathetic explosions.

On February 25th, 1910, the officers and alumni of Western Maryland College tendered to Dr. Reese at the Belvedere Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland, a banquet in his honor commemorating the close of forty years of continuous service to that institution. Among the distinguished men present from all parts of the State and elsewhere, his distinguished class-mate and publicist before referred to, Judge George Gray was there and took the greatest delight on the occasion, gleefully recalling Princeton memories with the Doctor.

Not only did the College and Alumni take part in tendering a dinner of honor, but his native town of Westminister signally participated in it, and presented to him a silver cup of rare workmanship procured from Kirk & Son's Company, of Baltimore, Maryland.

Judge J. A. C. Bond was selected to make the presentation offer at the dinner and did so in the following words.

" And now, Dr. Reese, all the honors which have come to you, so abundantly to-night are deserved. A thing seldom true. You have heard me speak of the exceptional growth of the College, to which you have given your services for the past forty years. Did I not associate your name with the growth, I would be false to history. On your name, sir the fame and scholarly rank of Western Maryland College has been most widely borne, and solidly founded. You have been a tower of strength through all its vicissitudes. As Hopkins may well take pride in her Gildersleeve; Yale in her Seymour; So it is believed, Western Maryland College, though occupying a less regional field, may also point with like pride, to her Reese.

"In these honors of to-night, from College faculty, teaching-staff, trustees and pupil, your own towns-people desire to participate and share—and to make known by some open sign, their esteem and affection for you. And thus it has come, that I am charged with a commission from them, and in their name, to present this loving Cup to you.

"On the one side it bears the initials of your name in gold; on the other or opposite, the name of the College you have served, in like metal.

"And with the following lettering:

'Presented to
Professor James W. Reese
In appreciation of his scholarly labors
From his
Townspeople
Feb'y. 26, 1910.'

"Take it, and keep it, and don't lose it. And don't think all your townspeople were born in Boeotia."

Dr. Reese was from early manhood "a reading man," and like all of that class was of a retiring disposition, shunning society and the general public. He inherited a frail puny body, which during his long life, was a prey from time to time of severe illnesses, as otherwise his brilliant mind would have carried him to greater usefulness and distinction and he would have ventured farther.

This short biographical newspaper sketch altogether fails to reveal more than the outer shell of the man. No account has been taken of his scholarly accumulations, nor of his literary friends and taste. This is, however, reserved for another occasion.

During the last few years of his life he tottered through darkness and came to the end on Friday, March 30th, 1917, attaining the remarkable age of seventy-eight years and over.

During these last trying years and days, too much thanks cannot be extended by the relatives and friends of Dr. Reese, to Miss Mary B. Shellman, a daughter of Mrs. Catharine Shellman, for her care and oversight of him.

The funeral of Rev. Dr. James W. Reese took place on Monday afternoon at two o'clock in Ascension Protestant Episcopal Church, this city, Rt. Rev. John Gardner Murray, Bishop of Maryland, officiating, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Charles Shaw, and Rev. Dr. Frank M. Gibson, of Baltimore, a former Rector and warm personal friend.

Western Maryland College was closed during the services, and a number of the faculty and students attended.

The simple, impressive burial service of the Episcopal Church was used, the burial chant, Nunc Dimittus and the hymns Rock of Ages, and Lead Kindly Light, two favorite hymns of Dr. Reese, were beautifully rendered by the choir.

The floral offerings were specially beautiful, Easter lillies and Callas predominating.

The active pallbearers were: Dr. W. R. McDaniel, Dr. E. A. Warfield, Dr. Ferdinand Bonnotte, Prof. James Widdison, Prof. L. H. Richmand and Prof. Harry Beall, of the Faculty of Western Maryland College.

Honorary: Hon. Joshua W. Miles, of Baltimore; Rev. Dr. H. L. Elderdice, F. Neal Parke, George R. Gehr, Guy W. Steele, Dr. Lewis K. Woodward, F. J. Albaugh and F. Z. Miller.

Mr. Frank C. Sharrer was the funeral director.

Amongst the friends from a distance were: Mrs. Philip Small, York, Pa.; Mrs. Frank D. Fouke, Mrs. Frank M. Gibson, Hon. J. W. Miles and wife, Mrs. John Gardner Murray, Dr. Edwin B. Fenby, of Baltimore, and W. M. Fairfax, of Washington, D. C.

At the close of the service at the grave, Bishop Murray recited most impressively the following beautiful and appropriate Hymn from the Episcopal Hymnal:

'Now the laborer's task is o'er;
Now the battle day is past;
Now upon the farther shore,
Lands the voyager at last.
Father in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

There the tears of earth are dried;
There its hidden things are clear;
There the work of life is tried
By a juster judge than here.
Father in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

There the penitents, that turn
To the cross their dying eyes,
All the love of Jesus learn,
At His feet in Paradise.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

There no more the powers of hell,
Can prevail to mar their peace;
Christ the Lord shall guard them well,
He who died for their release.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

"Earth to earth, and dust to dust,"
Calmly now the words we say,
Left behind, we wait in trust
For the resurrection day.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping."

At a recent meeting the State Board of Education passed the resolution quoted below, which has been transmitted through the county superintendent to all county boards of education.

"Resolved, That the State Superintendent be requested to communicate with the county superintendent in the State, and recommend to them that the teachers be advised that in the judgment of this Board should be some exercise in connection with the opening of the daily sessions of their schools to promote patriotism, such as saluting the flag, singing the National hymn, or other features designed to keep before the children their duty to their country".

Very truly yours
M. BATES STEPHENS
State Superintendent of schools

Mr. Irvine J. VanFossen, of Miami, Fla., has accepted a position as manager of the new canning plant at Asbestos, Md., being built by The Morrison and Sons Inc., of Baltimore, Md. Mr. VanFossen has had charge of canning plants in most all parts of the U. S. and will have an up-to-date plant to handle a very large acerage of corn as an expert packer. Mr. VanFossen expects to have good success at the Asbestos plant.

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