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DISTRICT A—Tappahannock, Friday, April 28.

DISTRICT B—Newport News, Thursday, April 6.

DISTRICT C—Williamsburg, Friday, March 17.

DISTRICT D—Petersburg, Friday, March 3.

DISTRICT E—Danville, Friday afternoon, March 31, to noon Saturday, April 1.

DISTRICT F—Lexington, Saturday, March 11.

DISTRICT G—Staunton, Saturday, March 18.

DISTRICT H—Washington-Lee High School Clarendon, October 20 and 21.

DISTRICT I—Salem, Friday, March 10.

DISTRICT J—University of Virginia, Saturday, April 8.

DISTRICT K—Lebanon, Friday, March 24.

DISTRICT L—Blair Junior High School, Norfolk, Friday, April 7.

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THOMAS E. BENNER

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Honesty is about the only thing which cannot be produced cheaper by machinery.