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iss) Elizabeth J. White

Custer's Scalp

he Times-Mirror: r editorial of February titled, "The AEC: We're I would like to point nistake the editor has his knowledge of the Little Big Horn. The id "when Chief Crazy go with his tomahawk ed the general. . " Hisaccounts of the scene e battle was over say as not scalped out of deor his bravery-even the Sitting Bull" shows he scalped. It is questionther Custer was brave in or whether he was unee and had to fight. He ot believe reports that ns had an army of 3000 as Indians traditionly n small groups, and so nd his troops walked inl laid trap.

Claude J. Bradshaw

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oung men by the names as and Scott were caught it in the act of stoning ence of Mr. Mahlon HatHigh School on Saturday will be of significance to many people who have followed its progress but to Oscar L. Emerick the occasion will denote more than the completion of a building. For Mr. Emerick it'll be a great day. He's visualized a consolidated high school in Loudoun since 1947. For him a goal has been attained.

When you've had 38 years of service with public education, you unquestionably are in the category of an authority. Mr. Emerick is an authority. He knows the education system in Loudoun and its problems like no other living person.

It's been a long time too since 1917. That was the year Mr. Emerick became Superintendent of Schools. He's had an office in Leesburg for 20 years. For 15 years he conducted an office in Purcellville and before that the only office he had was under his hat.

The year Mr. Emerick took over the school system there were 11 white combined high and elementary schools, 35 white and 20 colored one-room schools; six white and two colored two-room schools and three white and one colored larger elementary school. Mr. Emerick inherited five school wagons in 1917-all horse drawn-Cherry Grove to Round Hill; Salem to Hillsboro; Edgegrove to Hillsboro; Hamilton to Lincoln and Purcellville to Lincoln. Transportation has come a long way since then. Each morning now 50 busses place some 5,000 children of the county at their various school doors.

Life's course for Mr. Emerick has run something like this: He was born January 25,1889 on a farm two miles north of Purcellville (the place now owned by Albert W. Luhrs). His parents were John H. Emerick from Fayette, Ohio, and his mother, Carrie Taylor Emerick from Loudoun. He attended Allder's oneroom school and Purcellville School; Eastern College from 1904 to 1907 where he received his A. B. degree and the University of Virginia 1911 to 1913. Mr. Emerick taught school and was principal of Goshen, three-room teacher school in Rockbridge County, Virginia, for the 1907-1908 term. He worked on a land survey job for the Philippine Government from 1908 to 1911 and in the evenings taught night classes in the Philippines. He made a world tour from 1908 to 1911.



Mr. Emerick was principal of Round Hill School from 1913 to 1917.

There's been fun too along the way. Mr. Emerick played baseball and football at Eastern College, played baseball and tennis in the Philippines, played baseball on Purcellville town team and has been a golf enthusiast for years.

Mr. Emerick is a member of Ketoctin and Purcellville Baptist Churches. He was superintendent of Ketoctin Sunday School at the age of 18. He is a former superintendent of Pur-

OSCAR L. EMERICK

cellville Baptist Sunday School and has taught almost continuously in church school there since it was organized. He's been treasurer of the Purcellville Baptist Church for more than 20 years.

Mr. Emerick married carrie Compher on June 28, 1913 and they are the parents of three children, Mrs. Margaret Carter, of Richmond; Mrs. Evelyn Dickson, of Falls Church and the Rev. O. L. Emerick, Jr., of Glasgow, Va. There are seven grandchildren.

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