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Organize Adult Classes In Kent

VARIETY OF COURSES IN SERIES OF NIGHT CLASSES

On Monday, September 24th, 1934, Mr. J. D. Blackwell, State Director of Vocational Education and Emergency Educational Programs in Maryland conferred with County Superintendent of Schools. Louis C. Robinson, regarding the organization of an Adult Education Program in Kent County to begin early in October. Mr. Blackwell announced that enough money had been apportioned to Maryland by the Federal Government to provide for a State-wide program until February 15th. 1935, and that there was a strong probability that additional funds would be made available to continue the classes until June 1, 1935.

Mrs. Reba Vansant Wharton, who was employed last winteriand spr ng as teacher on special assignment to organize evening classes for adults and supervise instruction, was present at the conference and was re-employed in the same position to reorganize adult classes and carry on the work throughout the Fall and Winter.

Mrs. Wharton is very much in need of and earnestly desires the help of the principal teachers in the schools and presidents of parent-teacher associations in making known to the people in their respective communities the educational opportunities afforded in the adult classes and in urging people in need of the instruction to take advantage of it. It is hoped that these people will not wait for a call from Mrs. Wharton, but will begin at once to assist her in the organization of classes.

In any community where ten or more people sixteen years of age or older, not attending day school, desire instruction in any one of the following types of work and are interested in attending class for two hours each of two or three evenings each week a class may be organized: Adult General Education, Home-making, Literary. Commercial (Only those who have taken a commercial course at some school will be admitted to the commercial classes.) Where twenty or more people sixteen years of age or older are interested in Music, or Physical Education and wish to attend class one or two evenings each week for one hour, a class may be organized in either of those studies.

Anyone who wishes instruction in any of the fields mentioned above can help himself by interesting enough other people in his community in the same field of instruction to make possible the organization of a class and then reporting the results of his efforts to Mrs. Reba V. Wharton, Office of the Board of Education of Kent County, Chestertown, Md.

To be employed to teach any of the ebening classes, one must have had at least two years of normal school or college training after graduation from high school, or equivalent training. Those interested in these teaching positions in Kent county should get in touch at once with Louis C. Robinson,County Superintendent of Schools, Chestertown, Md.

SERVICE STATIONS HERE REPORT GREAT INCOME

A total of 6,825 service establishments, places of amusements and hotels in Maryland reported total receipts of $37,161,000 in 1933.

The total payroll aggregated $9,-829,000.

The figures were included in the final census of American business, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

The totals included 6,210 service establishments with receipts of $22,-760,000; 386 places of amusement with receipts of $10,150,000; and 229 hotels with receipts of $42,442,000.

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P. T. A. DENIES THAT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL WOULD BE ADEQUATE EVEN IF PRESENT CROWDED CONDITIONS WERE RELIEVED

The following is the fifth of a series of articles sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association of Chestertown High School in an attempt to answer arguments advanced against the improvement of school facilities for Chestertown High School pupils.

ARGUMENT NO. 5.—THAT THE PRESENT CHESTERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING WOULD BE ADEQUATE IF CROWDED CONDITIONS WERE RELIEVED.

Granted that it would be possible or desirable to reopen the closed county high schools to relieve crowded conditions in Chestertown High School, the present building would be inadequate even though the number of pupils on the class rolls of the high school might be reduced to the 150 pupils for whom the present high school building was originally erected.

As to the present high school building,—it is of wood construction other than the outside walls. All stairways are of wood construction, and as such are a fire hazard. The building has eight class rooms of identical size one each of the two floors of the building with light coming from two sides of the room. Two of these rooms have been subdivided with temporary partitions, an arrangement that is decidedly unsatisfactory since the walls are not sound-proof. Outside of a single small closet on each floor there is no provision for the storage of textbooks, supplies, or general equipment. On one side of the basement are two rooms which inadequately house the home-economics and industrial arts departments. On the other side of the basement is a make-shift assembly hall which has been subdivided for class-rooms, thus depriving the high school of a much needed assembly. The principal's office, provided two years ago, is a small cubby hole over the central stairway, a room lacking adequate window space and which must be artificially lighted even on a bright sunshiny day. There is no provision for ventilation of class rooms other than opening windows and forcing children in class rooms to sit in a draft. Toilet facilities are far from modern throughout the building and at best are not sanitary, nor is it possible with the best janitorial care to make them so. The heating system does not meet the demands of the present building, forcing the school authorities to dismiss classes on the coldest days or to make some make-shift arrangement for classes in the rooms which can be heated. Desks and benches are of an antiquated type now on exhibition in the Pennsylvania State Museum at Harrisburg as examples of school house furniture in vogue years ago, and which is not found in modern schools. While graduates of the high school are certified in laboratory work in science, no real laboratory work can be given pupils since there is neither space nor equipment for real laboratory work. Only a few of the classrooms have any provision for artificial lighting.

The advocates of the "red school house" are likely to point out that the present high school building is superior to anything which they enjoyed in their day. Granting the truth of the statement, it should be kept in mind that communication, transportation, housing and life in general has made great strides within the past two or three decades and that it is only reasonable that education and educational facilities should not lag behind.

It is not the purpose of the Parent-Teacher Association of Chestertiwn High School to ask for a deluxe palace of education with swimming pools, special shops for each vocational subject, a conservatory for the biology department, special rooms for band, orchestra, glee clubs, and art, a special stage in a small classroom for class dramatics, elaborate shower baths and squad rooms for athletic teams, and many other added improvements of the large city high school, but rather the Parent-Teacher Association is asking for a high school plant that will adequately house and meet present demands of a high school suited to the needs of every boy and girl. A modern high school building for even one hundred and fifty children should have as minimum facilities,—

1.—A building with fireproof construction, particularly halls and stairways.

2.—Class rooms with a definite ratio of floor space to window space. lighted from one side of the room, well placed blackboards, adequate storage space in each classroom.

3.—Adequate artificial lighting ventilation, heating, and sanitary facilities.

4.—A cafeteria which can provide lunches for rural children and which can be used for community dinners and banquets.

5.—A library.

6.—A gymnasium.

7.—An assembly hall with a stage, the hall to be open for home talent dramatics, Farm Bureau meetings, 4-H Club meetings, etc.

8.—Adequate storage space for general equipment and supplies.

9.—A teachers' room which may also serve as an emergency room for children taken ill during school hours.

10.—A principal's office.

11.—Shops designed specifically for industrial work, home economics, agriculture, and related subjects.

12.—Science laboratory facilitue that will give every student first-hand science training.

13.—A building so designed that it will permit expansion if necessary at a minimum of cost and with a maximum of efficiency.

The present high school is deficient in practically every respect cited above, and as it now is does not meet the needs and demands of a modern high school, irrespective of the size of the enrollment of the school. Comparison of the Chestertown High School building with any of the more modern high school buildings at Easton, Denton, Northeast, Cambridge, Salisbury and with the high school buildings in neighboring Delaware counties, will support the truth of the contention that the present high school building would continue to be inadequate even though the crowded conditions might be relieved.

"Mixed Pickles" Has Large Cast

WHEELER SHOW TO BE HELD OCT. 10, 11, 12.

Rehearsals are to commence on next Monday evening, October 1st, for "Mixed Pickles," Chestertown's big laugh show, which is to be presented on October 10, 11, 12, in the Old Lyceum Theatre, as a benefit for the Kent County Ambulance Fund, under the auspices of the Board of Control.

At a special meeting of the Board, held on last Friday night, in the fire house, presided over by C. C. Jones, Chairman, representatives from many of the organizations in town were present, and assured the Board of the support of their organizations in this event to raise some much needed funds.

Mr. Wheeler, of the Wheeler Producing Company, well-known in Chestertown, where they have staged many successes in past years. and who with Mrs. Wheeler are to personally handle the production, was present, explained the show in detail, selected committees, and arranged for the starting of rehearsals next week.

"Mixed Pickles" the show to be presented, is one of the late Musical Comedy offerings, bubbling over with bright and witty dialogue, pretty and attractive singing and dancing choruses, also numbers and duets, the music of the latest popular variety, and the costuming and scenic effects are to be a feature. The added attraction by the children, a beautifully costumed pageant, is sure to be one of the highlights of the performance.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler request that all adults, who are to take part, report at the Fire House on Monday evening. Children the following afternoon.

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