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CITY AND COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

Social Happenings of Caroline As Reported to The Union.

Old Boreas put a good one over on the iceman this week.

The cold snap caught several Denton Householders short of coal.

The young folks, and some of their elders, have enjoyed the first skating of the season this week

Mrs. B. L. Lewis who has been visiting in Denton for a short time, is now visiting in Dover, Delaware.

We are having a little taste of winter just now. the thermometor several days this week did not register higher than 22 degrees in this locality.

Dairymen who want to improve their stock will do well to consider the high grade cattle offered by the Homestead Dairy Farm in the Adv. printed in thls paper.

The photoplay, "Should a Woman Tell", featuring Alice Lake, will be presented at the Palace Theatre tonight, Friday, under auspices and for the benefit of the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church.

T. A. Goldsborough, Esq has entered suit for Mrs. Mary E. Wright, against the B. C. & A. Railway Co. for $50,000.00, for the death of her husband, former County Commissioner William J. Wright, who was killed by a train near Tanyard crossing last September.

Postmaster Cooper was stricken suddenly on Tueseay with an illness that it is feared is very serious. A consultation of attending physicians failed to give out any reassuring statement of his ailment or condition up to the present time.

The present week marks the anniversary of the birth of three men of great prominence in the history of America. January 17 gave us Benjamin Franklin, peer of the immortal Washington, and who fairly divides with our first president the honor of American independence. On January 19 was born the great, chivalrous military genius, Robert E. Lee, leader of the Confederate armies. January 21 is memorable as the birthday of Stonewall Jackson a soldier of great efficiency whose death was one of the tragedies of that sad chapter of American history known as the Civil War.

The Was and Is of It

(Communicated)

How well I remember the school of my childhood,
The little frame house that stood end to the road;
With the tall narrow doorway with belfry above,
And the rostrum within where the teacher stood.
The windows were small with three on a side,
But study we could not the light was so bad;
The only way out was to keep plodding along.
And stay in the sixth grade till we were all twenty one.
The next step we took was to the Denton High School;
Where heat was inadequate and the room more than full;
Thirty-five seats was the original plan,
Now forty and fifty pupils are sitting as they can;
The lighting arrangement is as bad as can be,
It's no wonder the children have trouble to see.
Deep down in the basement midst dampness and gloom,
Is where the girls work in the Domestic Science room.
The funny little cupboards they call cloak rooms,
Are far better suited for dishes and spoons.
The assembly hall now is a thing of the past,
Twice it has been divided for an incoming class.
So this is the story of ihe Denton High School,
That lost the referendum when it came to the poll.

A NOVEL CLASS REUNION.

At The Home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. C. Hegeman on Sunday Afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E D C. Hegeman had as their guests last Sunday a party of nineteen persons from Laurel and Seaford, the occasion being an informal reunion of class No. 28, of Centenary M. E. Sunday School, at Laurel, of which Mrs. Hegeman was teacher for several years.

The party included; City Councilman W. W, Moore and Mrs. Moore who were the guides, guardian and chaperone: twelve members of the class were present: Mrs. Arthur Hearn, Mrs. John Oldfield, Mrs. Elmer Riggin, Mrs. Chris. Ellis, Mrs. Roscoe Phillips, Mrs. Ernest Spicer, Mrs. John Elliott, Mrs. Frank Lank, Mrs Norman Godwin, Mrs. Ella Records, Mrs. Ida Dixon, and Miss Lillian White. Husbands of a part of the class accompanied the ladies; viz Judge Arthur S. Hearn, Ex Representative Elmer E. Riggin, Messrs. Frank Lank, Chris. Ellis and John Oldfield.

The visit was a complete surprise to Mrs. Hegeman. It was the outgrowth of the desire of class 28 to meet here on January 3d, which was the twentieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hegeman. A sufficient number to make the trip worth while coutd not be got together on that date but those who had undertaken the visit were not to be discouraged. Sunday last was the second date set for the trip and a telephone message to Mr. Hegeman gave him opportunity to arrange for the dinner, which was served at the Denton Hotel at 2 30.

Rev. V. E. Hills, pastor of Denton M. E. Church joined the visitors at dinner, after which the group was photographed at the Hegeman residence on Fourth street where they spent the afternoon. The string of cars carrying the party left here for the return trip at 7.30 p. m.

As a memento of the occasion the class presented a handsome set of cut glass to Mrs. Hegeman.

Class 28 has a history unique in Sunday School annals. A class of girls, for which Mrs. Hegeman was appointed teacher shortly after the class was advanced from the primary department to the main school, was kept together through the years of their courtship and marriage, that period which offers such varied outside attractions that few girls retain their interest in the Sunday School, and at the time that her removal to Salisbury, in 1916, compelled Mrs Hegeman to relinquish her class, the enrollment was 30. Of that number 28 are married. There have been but 2 deaths in the class since its formation about 22 years ago.

Little Miss Mary Orme is visiting Mrs. W. B. Nuttle.

The relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Deen gave them a surprise party on Monday evening, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Deen. About 50 persons were present and spent a pleasant time. After partaking of refreshments they left for their homes wishing them many returns of the happy event,

Mr. Marc Bryant wa a visitor at Washington, D. C. yesterday.

WHITELEYSBURG.

The people of this locality enjoyed a fox hunt on January 15. A long run was made through the fields and branches until both fox and dogs were about exhausted.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Raymond and Mrs. Hersey Hughes and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. B Robinson last Sunday.

The scarlet fever has recently broken out in Mr. Frank Hobbs family near here,

Farmers who have been selling their milk to the Condensing Company at Greensboro have not been paid for their December deliveries and it is said they will receive no pay until the company sells its cheese

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TIMELY MENTION OF CHURCH NEWS

The ministers of the several churches of Denton, irrespective of denomination are requested to furnish the news and announcements of the services for their respective churches, for publication under the above heading.

Denton Methodist Episcopal Church.

VINAL E HILLS, Pastor.

On Sunday the pastor will begin a series of sermons on the general subject of stewardship. Sunday morning "Stewardship of Intercession" well be considered.

At the evening service the series of Illustrated lectures will be resumed and some feature of Missionary work will be presented,

There will probably be four sermons in the stewardship series and three or four more of the stereopticon lectures.

The pastor will assist in the revival service at Concord on Thursday night, when he will preach there.

The usual services will be at the customary time during the week.

The devotional meeting of the Epworth League will be led by T. W. Bradley Sunday evening.

THE SOCIAL REGISTER.

Mrs. Fred Covey spent several days in Baltimore last week.

Miss Virginia Cooper of George School is home for a few days.

Miss Mildred Nuttle of Wilmington has been visiting her parents this week.

Mr. Clyde Trice of Baltimore has been the guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs T. L. Trice.

Miss Mary Straughn of the State Normal School is home for several days.

Mr. C. S. Kauffman and daughter Lillian returned Wednesday night from the wedding at Quarryvill, Pa of Mr. Kauffman's niece. Mr. and Mrs. James Moses accompanied them home.

Miss Marian F. Batchelder, Field Secretary of the Public Library Commission, has been here in the interest of a new Library which will open in a short time.

Mrs. W. B. Gootee and Mrs. T. P. Fisher will entertain the Community Club at Mrs. Fisher,s residence this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Subject "Winter Evening Entertainment"

Mr. Thomas Bradley is seriously ill at the home of his son, W. T Bradley on Franklin street.

Mr. Neal Richardson of Wilmington, is spending some time here, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richardson.

Mr. Jacob Gingher of Baltimore is spending some time in town.

Miss Cleomenza L. Dunham. daughter of A. L. Dunham, and Harvey Porter, son of Henry Porter, both of Denton, were married at Hobbs on Saturday evening by Rev. Betts.

BRIEF NEWS MENTION.

A teacher conducting experiments and some members of the chemistry class of Caroline High School were burned by acid as the resolt of an accident in handling chemicals.

The apple growers of this community continue to furnish the town people with high grade fruit, at fair prices and we are not compelled to buy apples from the city markets after passing through the hands of several dealers. Thus we save high freight rates also and encourage home production.

T. H. Wyatt,s dwelling near Denton was burned on Monday, during the high wind storm. The flames started on the roof when all were away from home except a colored nurse and small child. Only the household goods on the lower floor were saved. The building was insured in the Kent County Mutual Company of Delaware. The barn and outbuildings were not burned, the wind blowing the flames in an opposite direction.

George W. Bailey, one of the best known colored residents of this section died at his home here on Sunday last. For several years he conducted a store on Main street, from which he retired a few years ago. The deceased was a nephew of the late Frederick Douglass and son of Stephen Bailey who was a respected farmer of this county. He is survived by three children, also two brothers, Andrew J. and Dora C. Bailey and one sister, Mrs. Kate Cassons. Funeral services and interment on Tuesday were attended by the largest gathering ever known in this section at the bier of a colored man.

THOUGHT GIRL AFIRE; WAS ONLY CIGARETTE

Woman Who Tossed Glass of Water Over Fur Piece Has Trouble Explaining.

Down in South Carolina women don't smoke cigarettes, at least not in public.

The young woman who lighted a cigarette in the dining room of the Southern hotel at Baltimore didn't have sufficient temerity to blow smoke rings in the air. Instead, she puffed downward, hoping to avoid attention. She succeeded—almost. For how was Mrs. W. H. Leach of Castlewood, S. C., who, with her daughter, Miss Mary Leach, was sitting behind her to know that she was smoking?

All that Mrs. Leach saw was smoke, apparently coming from the fur neckpiece which rested upon the girl's shoulders. Whereupon Mrs. Leach threw a glassful of water over the fur neckpiece and its owner. Thereupon the startled young woman leaped straight into the air with a shriek of alarm. Mrs. Leach was even more excited.

W. W. Brownell, desk clerk, heard the screams, as the house detective, head waiter and other employees flocked to the dining room.

When they arrived the young woman was arguing and Mrs. Leach was edging in a word or two of apology. After much difficulty Mr. Brownell succeeded in explaining to the girl with the furs that Mrs. Leach threw the water because she thought the neckpiece was afire. The two women then shook hands.

LITTLE KNOWN BUREAU OF NAVY DEPARTMENT



A very important, but little heard of, bureau of the Navy department, is the United States naval observatory in Washington, where naval officers and civilian astronomers watch the heavens for signs that will guide navigators both on water and in the air. The observatory was established in 1836 and has grown until it is now one of the most completely equipped in the world.

The principal astronomical work of the observatory is in the field of astronomy of position as distinguished from astrophysical work, and is the continued maintenance of observations for absolute positions of the fundamental stars and of stars which are to be made fundamental, and in addition the independent determination by observations of the sun, of the position of the ecliptic, and of the equator among the stars, and of the positions of the stars, moon and planets with reference to the equator and equinoxes.

The naval observatory is charged with the development, supply, upkeep and inspection of all navigational and meteorological instruments used by the navy, not only for its surface craft, but for submarines and aircraft.

Twice each day the naval observatory furnishes accurate time, via radio, to vessels within 3,000 or 4,000 miles of Washington, and by telegraph and telephone to all cities of the country.

One of the features of the observatory is the library, believed to be the most complete mathematical and astronomical library in the world. The observatory publishes the American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac each year. Both these publications are standards.

The picture shows the clock in the naval observatory which automatically sends out accurate time to all parts of the country and by radio to sea twice a day.

Arrested 473 Times; Gets Long Term.

Ernest Miller, who, police say, admits having been arrested 473 times in the last seven years, has been sentenced in St. Louis to serve eight years in the state penitentiary for complicity in an interstate shipment theft last May.

Just 236 Persons Claim $5 Bill.

A $5 bill was advertised found by the police department of Berkeley, Cal. In two days 236 persons claimed ownership, according to the police.

JEWS FLOCKING TO PALESTINE

Are Coming From All Corners of the Globe.

THEIR PROBLEMS OUTLINED

General Secretary of the Zionist Organization Issues Statement Telling of the Progress That Has Been Made —Program to Handle "Pioneers" Was Formed at Conference of Central European Bureaus—Enthusiasm of the Jews Is Growing.

Representatives of all the Jewish emigration bureaus in central Europe met recently at Machrich Ostrau on the border between Poland and Czecho-Slovakia and adopted a program to provide for the rush of Jews returning to Palestine. The conference was called by Mr. Landmann, general secretary of the Zionist organization of London. Mr. Landmann afterward issued a statement in which he said that Jews from the remote corners of the globe are arriving in Palestine, and in which he outlined the problems which must be met. The statement reads:

"The movement of Jews to Palestine is no new phenomenon. For centuries—in fact ever since the destruction of the temple in 70 A. D.—there have been individuals who felt the call, and on several occasions whole groups have taken the wanderer's staff in hand and made the pilgrimage to Palestine. But it has been reserved for our own time to see the beginning of a national return, of the rebirth of a people after so many centuries of waiting and hoping.

"The Balfour declaration was interpreted by the simple folk in this part of the world as the establishment of a Jewish state and an open invitation to all to come. Many sold their belongings and set out on foot in the midst of war conditions. Very few reached their haven; military exigencies kept the gates of Palestine closed, even to the Jew.

Good Class of Pioneers.

"The actual migration was compelled to wait until the political future of the country was finally settled at San Remo last April. The reports read at the conference by the delegates who were in charge of the Palestine bureaus in Poland and Vienna show that after San Remo the number grew enormously. The aggravated political conditions in Poland also contributed to hasten the decision of those who had half resolved to go. Between the months of May and September about 50,000 persons registered their names as ready to undertake the journey.

"The class of these pioneers is very good. They are almost exclusively young men and women—about 10 per cent are women—between the ages of seventeen and twenty-five. They are called by the Hebrew name 'Chalutzim,' meaning 'pioneers.' They have been preparing for their future life's work in various ways. Many have left their schools and colleges and gone to till the soil with their own hands in order to be prepared.

"Apart from these purely agricultural pioneers, there are others who are being trained as bricklayers, masons, tinsmiths, plumbers and in all other branches of the building trades. The crying need of Palestine is for houses and shelter for all the new arrivals.

"In addition to the knowledge of a handicraft, Hebrew speaking is an indispensable part of the curriculum. Between 70 and 80 per cent of all who leave for Palestine can speak Hebrew. I was myself in Palestine two months ago, and visited the settlements of some of the newly arrived 'Chalutzim,' and was greatly impressed with them—the men as well as the women.

"Many came from well-to-do families and had not been accustomed to hard manual work. Yet they cheerfully cleared the stones from the soil in the broiling sun and planted seedlings for the future fruits of Palestine.

Many in Need of Funds.

"There are hundreds of thousands like them yet in central and eastern Europe and the great problem is to transfer them to Palestine. There are two main difficulties to overcome. The first is due to the economic ruin of central and eastern Europe. In ordinary times most of these pioneers would have a tolerable sum of money at their disposition for the journey, and for their first settlement in Palestine. Today the German and Polish mark and Austrian and Hungarian crown and Russian ruble are so low that comparatively wealthy persons have to ask for assistance to pay their passage.

"The other difficulty is due to the condition of Palestine. The land has been desolate for so many years that it cannot be rendered fit for habitation without the expenditure of millions. The enthusiasm among the Jews all over the world is growing, and I am confident that in a very few years we shall see a strong and thriving Jewish population in Palestine. The well-to-do will establish factories when once the foundations are laid."

Corn Used as Fuel in Colorado.

Corn on the cob is being utilized as fuel in eastern Colorado by farmers, who say they cannot afford to pay transportation costs and sell their crops at the present market prices without suffering a loss. The corn is cheaper, they say, than coal at $10 a ton, plus the haulage.

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