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NEXT TUESDAY WILL BE BUDGET DAY

All Patrons of County Urged to Be Present at the Meetings

TEACHERS MEET IN A. M.

The public generally is invited to attend a meeting in the Court House, Denton, Tuesday, May 3d, 1 p. m. State Superintendent of Education Cook will outline the new school program for Maryland.

At this meeting the Budget of the proposed school expenditures for the county for the next scholastic year ill be explained andthe items fully discussed. All in favor of or opposed to additional revenues should be present and be ready to discuss same.

It is hoped that every teacher will be present at the morning session of the meeting which begins at the Denton High school at 9:30 a. m. Luncheon will be served in the building at noon.

Please do your best towards having many of your patrons attend the Budget meeting in the court room at 1 o'clock. As heretofore explained, this is vital to prevent our Budget for salaries, and other expenses, being reduced from last year because of the constant demand from taxpayers for a lower tax rate because of falling prices in farm products.

At the Budget meeting Superintendent Cook will address the people also, in the interest of the schools.

High school principals will please let us have by Tuesday, next, a list of your prospective graduates (names for diplomas), together with the course completed, and the date set for commencement.

The County Teachers' Association will have an hour of the regular time for discussing financial, and other topics desired.

The Aims of the Schools

Maryland now has one of the best, if not the best, school laws in the United States. But, Maryland is not cashing in on this excellent law, because she has not provided financial support sufficient for:

The work for the county schools has been divided into four classes, namely: enough trained teachers, adequate supervision, holding the best teachers, and a plan for securing more adequate school facilities.

The topic of the supply of teachers is explained as follows:

Every year Maryland needs 600 new teachers to supply her schools; she loses 600 of her 3,500 every year. Why? Marriage, death, better salaries in other school systems and in business.

Thi sappalling turnover further means a sacrifice of the future of Maryland's boys and girls, for a first grade teacher gone usually means a second or third grade teacher to fill her place.

Moreover, one teacher in every five is now teaching under a provisional (emergency) certificate. These people have little or no training for teaching; a majority of them are not even high school graduates.

Again, one-third of the 3,500 teachers hold only third-grade certificates—which means that their education is less than high school graduation, and that they have had little or no training for teaching.

Again, another third of the 3,500 hold second grade certificates—which means that their education is equivalent to high school graduatoin, but that they have had little training for teaching.

That is to say: Two-thirds of the teachers of Maryland are turned loose without any or a mere six weeks' training to practice on two-thirds of the children of the state.

Still further: Only one-third of the teachers of the state have had the standard amount of education and training required by every state of the Union for a regular first grade teacher's certificate. Do not our own Maryland boys and girls deserve as good teaching as the boys and girls of other states?

Yet under the present conditions, the two state normal schools should supply 400 of the 600 trained teachers needed annually; this year they will supply not over 75.

In addition the state normal schools should be enabled to conduct courses in teachers' own neighborhoods for the benefit of over 2,000 teachers who are not high school graduates or who have not the minimum training for teaching, so that our own Maryland boys and girls shall be under the instruction of growing teachers.

Are not our own Maryland children entitled to this?

The following shows the number of normal school graduates for the years 1916 to 1920 inclusive:

In 1916 there were 113 graduates in normal schools in this state; in 1917 the number jumped to 171; then it dropped to 125 in 1918 and still further dropped in 1919 and 1920 to 81 and 54 respectively. There is a need of 600 teachers this year while the graduating class totals only 75 for this year and there are only 300 teachers in training.

The present salaries will not secure competent men and women. The increased number of untrained teachers points to disaster for the future generations of school children.

Maryland must keep her good teachers.

She must prepare more good teachers.

She must provide better pay for her good teachers.

"When the salaries of teachers are raised to a point where the men and wmoen who prepare for the work can be happy in it, proud of it, freed from constant financial worry, and able to pay their share of the social and civic activities of the town, then, and only then, will teaching attract the kind of men and women who should and can instruct the citizens of tomorrow."—Literary Digest.

RECITAL BY PUPILS OF MISS ANTHONY

The pupils of Miss Anna Anthony made their first appearance in public recital on Wednesday evening, April 27, in the auditorium of the high school building. The hall was well filled with the relatives and friends who expressed, by generous applause, their enjoyment and appreciation of the pupils' efforts.

The programme of piano selections was pleasantly interrupted by a solo, "Mighty Lak a Rose," sung by Miss Pauline Nichols, accompanied by Miss Swing, of Ridgely. This is a general favorite and Miss Nichols sang it well.

The programme follows:

Warblers of the Forest, Ellis Clark; Silver Stars, Pearl Mitchell, Touch Me Not, Esther Rairigh; In Slumberland, Ruth Beauchamp; Bachelors Button, Esther Statum; Jolly Darkies, duet, Eleanor Towers and Helen Norris; Memories of Spring, Katherine E. Wright; Fairy Waltz, Margaret Beck; Autumn Evening, Lucille Cooper Canzonetta, Pauline Nichols; Yellow Jonquils, Ellen Roe; Shepherd's Dream, Eleanor Towers; Gentle Spring Louise Crouse; Melody of Love, duet, M. Allaband and E. Straughn; Nodding Sunflowers, Hilda Bowdle; Mighty Lak a Rose, Pauline Nichols; The Katy Did, Mary E. Walls; Morning Dew, Paul Howard; Il Trovatore, Dorothy Knotts; Pleasures of Youth, Pauline Gelletly; Victore March, Lucille Cooper; Dance of the Snowflakes, Madge Higgins; Forget Me Not, duet, Frances and Theodore Orme; Open the Gates, Esther Bowdle; Honeysuckle Waltz, Helen Norris; Cuckoo Clock, M. Alaband; Red Roses, Katherine Yoeman; Fifth Nocturne, Edith Straughn; Marche de Concert, Ellis Clark; Grande March, Marie and Earl Nowell.

NEW BUSINESS MAY BE BROUGHT HERE

L. B. Towers was in Baltimore on Wednesday negotiating with a concern there about renting a building here to be used for the manufacture of shirts. If the business is brought here is will be located in West Denton in property owned by L. B. Towers and Brother.

Negotiations have been on for some time and the parties are getting anxious to have the matter settled and begin work. About 25 or 30 will be employed at the start.

FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR EASTON ON SUNDAY

A fatal automobile accident occurred Sunday morning on the State road between Easton and Centreville, in whcih Mrs. Mary Jester, aged 65, wife of Captain John Jester, of Chestertown, was instantly killed.

The car, containing Mrs. Ruth M. Applegarth, wife of Gault Applegarth of Chestertown, county engineer for Kent County, her two children and Mrs. Mary Jester and her granddaughter, Eileen Jester, were coming down Potts Hill, turned out to pass another car. Owing to the wet condition of the road the car skidded and the hind wheels struck a telephone pole, which fell across it. Mrs. Jester was killed instantly. Gault Applegarth had his right leg broken, and the others, tho not seriously injured, were badly burned and shaken up. Mrs. Jester was taken to the Emergency Hospital and thence to her home late Sunday afternoon.

This hill seems to be a fatal point, for numerous accidents have occurred there.

TICKETS ARE HERE FOR THE CHAUTAUQUA

There are only five weeks until the opening of the Chautauqua which will be held here the week of June 4 to 10, by the Swarthmore Chautauqua.

The local committee is planing the work for the coming season and will soon meet for final action as to its campaign.

The tickets for the season have been received and wil lsell for $2.50, while single admission tickets will run from 35 cents to 75 cents.

SCRUB BULL TO BE ELIMINATED

Agricultural Department Endeavoring to Have Only Full Bloods in State

CENSUS TO BE TAKEN

College Park, April 27—County agents, dairymen and all farmers who own dairy herds are being asked by G. E. Wolcott, specialist in dairying for the University of Maryland Extension service, to join in a still hunt against the scrub bull.

As an initial step in the campaign, Mr. Wolcott has planned a bull census which will disclose the number of herd sires in each county of the state, the farms on which they are located and the breed to which they belong. Bulls of mixed and unknown ancestry will be included and an effort will be made to ascertain the attitude of the owners of scrub sires regarding their replacement with pure bred, registered animals.

With this information, county agents and the extension service will be able to launch a determined campaign for the improvement of the state's dairy herds.

"The influence of the pure bred sire of known ancestry in improving milk and butter fat production is now so well established as hardly to need comment," says Mr. Wolcott. "A very strking example of it recently came to light in Carroll county where six daughters of one pure bred sire gave an average production of 1,400 pounds of mlik and 60 pounds of butter fat in excess of the average production of their dams.'

The campaign is being planned just at this time because of the fact that the value of pure bred, registered livestock is considerably below the level of previous years. According to Mr. Wolcott, breeders are now disposed to sell good animals at farmers' prices and the opportunity thus afforded the farmer of improving his herd by the purchase of well bred sires should not be lost.

Many dairymen in the state have already taken advantage of the situation and have brought into the state some exceptionally fine specimens. In Queen Anne's county alone, nine registered bulls have been purchased by breeders since the first of the year.

ERNEST G. COOPER ELECTED COMMISSIONER

At the local town election held Tuesday, Ernest G. Cooper, the only candidate for the position of Town Commissioner, received 62 votes.

Spring Musicale Festival

The Spring Musicale Festival held in the auditorium of the Ridgely High School buildnig last Friday evening was well attended. Many persons from Denton went over in cars to listen to the musical treat.

The work of the choral club was very good and deserved the hearty encore given them.

The duets from Madame Butterfly by Lucretia Gibbs and Margaret Swing were very well rendered and the costumes gave a very realistic air to the songs.

The readings of Mrs. Hemmons and the piano solo of Miss Ella Carter were very creditable and were much appreciated.

Weather Report

The weather of the week ending Tuesday, April 26th, was warm, with adequate sunshine. Moderate to heavy ains on the 22d greatly benefited all growing crops, and terminated drought conditions in western Maryland. Vegetation and farm work continue ahead of normal.

Wheat improved and is in good condition generally, except fair to good on the Eastern Shore. Rye continues good to excellent, and is heading over the section with the exception of the western part of the state. Oats are up and doing nicely, also early potatoes except in northern border counties. Gardens, truck and strawberries are doing well. Apples promise poor to fair. Tobacco plants are in good condition, also early tomato beds. Plowing for corn is nearing completion, and planting has begun in some localities.

Reception for Pastor

The Men's Bible Class will hold a reception for the Rev. Vinal E. Hills, pastor of the M. E. Church, who was returned to this charge for the coming year. Only members of the class and their wives will be pesent.

Bonds Exchanged

In the interest of a broader market for its notes and bonds, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company will make no charge at the present time for notes and bonds of one denomination given in exchange for those of other denominations as authorized in the indentures, or for registered bonds in exchange for coupon bonds for registered bonds.

SAVINGS DEPOSITS GAIN LAST YEAR

$28,000,000 More Deposits in State Banks Than in 1919 Reports Show

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Savings deposits in Maryland banks and trust companies increased more than $28,000,000 last year, and more than 100,000 additional savings accounts were added to the 1920 total.

These figures are from a statement just made public by the Government Savings Organization of the Fifth Federal Reserve District to show the development of the general savings movement and to emphasize the progress which has been made in checking the tendency towards unwise spending and waste.

In the state of Maryland there are 299 banks of which 250 repleid to the questionnaire sent out by the Government Savings Organization of this district. Among this number are most of the larger banks, the reporting institutions representing probably more than 90 per cent. of the banking resources of the staet. Their figures which are for January 1, 1920, and January 1, 1921, show that last year their savings deposits increased from $376,297.703.13 to 404,750,097.35—a gain of more than $28,000,000. The number of savings accounts in Maryland increased during the same period from 903,880 to 1,005,987. Total deposits for 1921 were listed as $914,-480,977.56.

The more than $400,000,000 in savings deposits does not by any means represent the total savings of the state, the statement shows, since many hundreds of thousands of dollars were saved and safely invested in government savings stamps and certificates, Liberty bonds and other standard securities.

The large sum of money in the savings deposits of Maryland banks is regarded as strong evidence of the progress of the general savings movement in this state. The savings idea is one of the principles to which the war gave strong impetus, and many persons learned to save for the first time in their lives, the records show, when they subscribed for Liberty bonds, paying for them out of their current savings. The bonds bought represented, when paid for, millions of dollars saved.

That the savings movement is making forward strides throughout the whole of the Fifth Federal Reserve District (Maryland, the District of Columbia, the two Virginias and the two Carolinas) is shown by the fact that last year the savings deposits in 1865 reporting banks and trust companies out of 2260 increased more than $65,000,000, while the number of individual savings accounts advanced from 1,887 to 2,234,427—an increase of 436,686. This means that there are now in this district something like 400,000 more savers on the books of the banks than last year. Total 1921 deposits in the 1685 reporting banks were given as $2,083,535,390, of which more than $805,300,000 represented savings deposits.

Besides the money saved and deposited in banks and that invested in Government savings securties the records show that more than one billion dollars was invested by the people of the Fifth Federal Reserve District in the five issues of Liberty Bonds, the per capita, that is the average total amount subscribed by every person in the district—men, women and children—being $115.33, this sum of course representing savings in addition to other money invested or deposited in banks. It is to be taken into account, however, that many individuals and other purchasers of government bonds have not yet fully paid for them and the banks are now carrying them as securities. The amount so carried is nevertheless small in proportion to the whole.

Surprise Party

About 25 friends of Miss Annette Anthony met at the home of Mrs. Will Carroll, where she resides, to help her celebrate her birthday anniversary. She was very much surprised when the guests arrived. Games were entered into and an enjoyable ime was had by those present.

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NAVY PLANE TO CROSS PACIFIC

Propellers, Built in Baltimore, Are Shipped to Philadelphia --Will Make 110 Miles

HAS 3,000 MILE RADIUS

The United States Navy, first to make a trans-Atlantic flight, will send a giant seaplane winging across the Pacific late this summer or early next spring. The triplane, which will be known as the "Giant Boat," has been under design and construction for more than a year. The wings and "hull" are being made at the naval aircraft factory, Philadelphia. The motors and nacelles, or bodies, are being turned out by the Gallaudet Aircraft Corporation at East Greenwich. The propellers are being built in Baltimore by the American Propeller Company.

The time of the flight will depend upon when the craft is completed and upon the results of the exhaustive tests to which the "Giant Boat" will be subjected. It is planned to begin assembling the plant in June or July.

The tentative route is:

San Diego, Calif. to Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, 2,100 miles.

Honolulu to Wake Island, 1,800 miles.

Wake Island to Guam, 1,100 miles.

Guam to Manila, Philippine Island, 1,200 miles.

This is a total of 1,200 miles. Whether the plane would continue to the Asian mainlands has not yet been determined. The longest single "hop" of the historic NC-4 in 1919 was from Nova Scotia to the Azores, a distance of 1,100 miles.

The general public had its first opportunity to marvel at the size of the great seaplane today when one of its huge 18-foot, three-bladed propellers arrived in New York. The propeller was taken there from Baltimore, enroute to East Greenwich, where it will receive its initial test at the Gallaudet works.

Arriving at an East river pier, the propeller was to be transferred by motor truck to a New England coastal steamer for shipment to East Greenwich.

The "Giant Boat" will have a wing spread of 167 feet and will have three propellers each driven by three 400-horsepower Liberty motors, developing a total of 3,600 horsepower. The most radical departure from previous seaplane construction will be the arrangement of the motors and propellers. Each of the three nacelles will contain the Gallaudet gear drive, making possible the connection of three motors with each propeller. Any motor may be disengaged without interfering wtih the operation of the propeller.

The motors will be placed in an inclosed area, giving mechanics opportunity to make repairs without danger or inconvenience. The nacelles are torpedo-shaped bodies and the propeller in each is situated somewhat behind the middle, and aft the planes. This has the added effect of reducing wind friction to a minimum.

A trial seaplane driven by a single motor under this type of construction recently made the phenomenal speed of 132.3 miles an hour. It was driven by Lieut. E. F. Stone, who was one of the pilots of the NC-4. The plane climbed 7,700 feet in 10 minutes.

The "Giant Boat" pobably will be able to make 110 miles an hour. It will have a lifting capacity of 30,000 pounds, and a cruising radius of 3,000 miles without fuel replenishment. The crew probably will consist of at least 12 men.

Unlike the trans-Atlantic flight, when three planes took off simultaneously, the attempt to cross the Pacific, it is understood, wil be made by the one craft.—Copyright, 1921, by United Press, in Baltimore News.

Caroline Team Presented with Caps

The C. H. S. Athletic Association presented the High School nine with baseball caps on April 22d before the Huroick-Denton game. The boys seemed very well pleased wtih the caps which are made of black serge trimmed with orange piping. The association would like to supply the team with uniforms but owing to financial conditions, it cannot. Mr. Norstedt presented the caps to the team for the association.

$790 for Loss of Hand

The Industrial Accident Board has allowed to Hampton W. King $790 for the loss of his right hand while working in the saw mill of George Shockey, at Rehoboth. The compensation covered a period of 158 weeks at $5 per week.

Caroline vs. Easton

Caroline High School nine plays a return game with Easton there on Friday (today). They are expecting a large attendance from Denton.

SWEET POTATOES TO BE FREE OF ROT

If you grow sweet potatoes commercially, this announcement should be of interest to you.

The Maryland State Vegetabie Grower's Association will furnish 150 plants from stock which has been grown and selected by the United States Department of Agriculture for a number of years. This stock is practically free from black rot and other diseases. The plants will be as free from black rot as it is possible to obtain them.

The varieties bedded are: Big Stem, Yellow Jersey, (Up River), Gold Skin, Nancy Hall and Porto Rico. 150 plants of any one variety, 75 each of any two varieties or 50 each of any three of the above varieties may be obtained.

These plants are not sent out absolutely free except to members of the Association. Others may obtain these plants by becoming a member of the Association, which they can do by sending one dollar membership dues to Henry A. Jones, Secretary, Maryland State Vegetable Grower's Association, College Park, Md. Any one acquainted with the work of this Association knows it is worth a dollar to belong to it, plants or no plants.

The Community exhibits last year clearly demonstrated that the varieties of sweet potatoes grown in this county are at present in a hopeless state of cofnusion. Growers will be doing the sweet potato industry in this county a real service if they will become a member of the Association and obtain some of these plants which are absolutely true to variety and practically free from disease.

W. Collins Thomas, County Agent.

ELEMENTARY COMMENCEMENT

Many questions are being asked concerning the elementary commencements. Definite plans are being worked out and will be fully discussed at the Budget Day meeting next Tuesday. The following however are answers to some of the questions which have been prepared by Misses Thompson and Crouse.

For the convenience of pupils and patrons, schools have been grouped as indicated below. Please note the group to which your school belongs in order that you may know with which group to meet on Tuesday. If it is more convenient for the patrons of your district to meet at a centre other than the one assigned here, please advise the school authorities at this meeting and the change will be considered.

At Henderson: Henderson, Marydel, Goldsboro, Bee Tree, Baltimore Corner, Edinburg.

At Greensboro: Greensboro, Moore, Barcus, Lowe's Whiteley's, Camp Grove.

At Denton: Denton, Oaks, Andersontown, Liden's, Willoughby, Hickman, Burrsville, Garey's, Central, Williston, Howard's, Thawley's, Cedar Grove.

At Peston: Preston, Choptank, Poplar Neck, Hubbard's, Bethlehem, Smithvile, Nabbs, Nichos, Hickory Hill, Houstan's Branch.

At Ridgely: Ridgely, Hillsboro, Furman's Grove, Bridgetown.

All seventh grade pupils who are to be graduated are required to make at least 100 days attendance before the date set for the elementary commencements.

FIELD ATHLETIC DAY ON THE TOWERS FIELD

The colored schools of Denton will hold an athletic meet on Tower's field, Saturday, May 7th, at which there will be a series of athletic events under the direction of the State Athletic Association.

Following the regular contest there will be a series of amusements for the children and refreshments for those in attendance will be on sale. A feature of the day's program will be a parade by the schools satrting from the Kennard Academy at 1 p. m. and proceeding to the field. The Denton band will furnish music for the occasion.

The Patrons' League will be in charge of the amusements, excepting those supervised by the state board and extend a cordial invitation to all patrons of the schools and others interested to be present.

Poor Prospects for Tomatoes

Local canning firms are still well stocked with last year's crop of tomatoes and one large canning man suggests that the farmer go slow on raising tomatoes this year, as the canneries will be unable to handle very many tomatoes. In that event the farmers would lose their crops.

Aboard for Reno

"Elsie, dear, what shall mother bring home to you from her trip?"

Little Elsie—It doesn't make much difference, mamma, so long as it isn't a new papa."

CAROLINE HIGH NINE DEFEATS HURLOCK

Game Belonged to Local Team All the Time—Score Was 10 to 7

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

On April 22 the Caroline High School baseball team met and turned back the players from Hurlock High School. The score at the end of 9 innings was 10-7 in favor of the local boys. This victory was the first of our series of heavy games. If the team fights as well as it did last Friday, Easton and the other large towns may expect a stiff game.

Brown did the brunt of the pitching for Caroline while Windson held the rubber for Hurlock. The batteries of both teams worked to perfection. In the first two innings, Hurlock was held scoreless, while Pentz scored our first tally. In the third, Hurlock managed to push O. Corkran across the plate for its first count. In the same inning, Carter, Brown and Merriken trotted across with three runs, thus making the score read Caroline 4, Hurlock 1.

Melligan and Wainwright hit two safeties and scored on two more successive hits by Nichols nad O. Corkran. At this stage of the game, Draper decided to knock the ball out of the lot, but failed, only getting a tripple. Pentz, Carter and Clark failed to connect for a safety and one run was the limit of the runs in the 4th.

Draper went into the box at the beginning of the 5th and for 3 innings held the Hurlock boys of no hits. In the meantime, four runs had been scored by our boys and this lead practically sewed up the game. In the 8th inning, Clark made a couple of errors, and allowed a few runs to come in. This rally came very near demoralizing our team, but with one out, Draper struck out the next two batters and the game was safely stowed away. Darling brought in the 10th run after having received a pass to first. Hurlock managed to put one man on base and then with one our, Darling made a double play to Clark.

Both teams assembled on the field and attempted to drown the yells of the other. Real sportsmanship was shown throughout the game and the boys hope for a repetition of this performance when they go to Hurlock on May 10.

PARKER THEATRE AND HOME SOLD

Parker's New Theatre on Main street was sold at Public Auction last Tuesday. The sale was first made on the building and then on the contents, aftewhich is was sold together. The building alone was bid in by M. K. Newnam for $4,175 and the contents, including a moving picture machine, piano and chairs was bid in by Mark Bryant for $525.

The entire bulding and contents, however was sold to Rolin B. Chafins for $53,000. The purchase was made by Mr. Chafins for the Nuttle Hardware Company, whose place of business adjoins. No definite plans have been made as to the disposal of the property.

Mr. Parker's house on 7th street, which contains eight rooms was sold to Linwood Eaton for $3,025.

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Cyril McNeile

Author of

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Also you would know—and perhaps you already are aware, if you read much of the literature that comes from the other side—that he turns out about the most thrilling tales blending romance, adventure, humor and mystery of any present day writer.

"Bull-Dog Drummond" is "Sapper's" masterpiece. It contains quite the most astounding hero you are likely to meet in fiction and opposed to him is a master criminal fully the diabolical equal of Moriarity in the Sherlock Holmes stories. It has as many adventures, surprises and tense situations as "The Lone Wolf," by Louis Joseph Vance.

We have selected "Bull-Dog Drummond" for your diversion, to be run as a serial in these columns.

Do Not Miss It!

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