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## WILL DENTON CELEBRATE THE NATION'S BIRTHDAY?

**Community Club Planning Big Celebration for July 4th—Want to Know What the Citizens Think of It**

### WOULD BRING MANY PEOPLE TO DENTON

Plans are under way for a big community celebration on the Fourth of July. This day is one of the biggest days in our history, and should be marked each year, not only by a ring around the date on the calendar, but by some appropriate celebration in every community.

The Comunity Club of Denton, backed by the business men of the town, is working on plans which will make this year's Fourth the best ever seen in Denton. The main features of the day are two baseball games, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, a big parade between noon and 1 o'clock, a baby parade in the late afternoon, and a community sing on the Green in the evening. And—of course—a brass band. Prizes will be given for the best decorated auto or float in the parade, and another for the best baby carriage.

The plans, you will all admit, are good. They were made for the enjoyment of all the people. They ought to result in a mighty fine day for everybody. And they will—IF. You all know what that means. Let's get together now on this thing, and put it over right. Be ready to do your part. Get behind the various committees and support them. Make July 4, 1921, in Denton the best celebration on the whole Eastern Shore.

### COMMUNITY MEETING

All persons interested in the observance of the Fourth of July in Denton with a day full of interesting events will meet next Monday evening at 8 p. m. at the Court House to confer with the Denton Community Club on what will be done, how it is to be done and who are going to be the ones who will help "put it over."

Everybody interested is requested to be present Monday night. Let's make the Fourth a day long to be remembered in Denton.

### TO THE GIRLS AND BOYS OF CAROLINE COUNTY GREETINGS!

"Janus am I, oldest of Potentates.
Forward I look, and backward!"

As I look backward through this month of June, I see that the 10th was the aninversary of Franklin's wonderful discovery of electricity; that the 14th was Flag Day, and that the 15th was connected with the words "Magna Charta."

As I look forward, I note that the 18th is the anniversary of one of the greatest battles in the history of the world, and that the 21st is different from all other days in the year, to us.

Are you, too, interested in these wonderful dates? Would you like to answer some questions about them?

The first one to send me correct repiles will be given 50 name cards, printed in the most approved style.

1. Who was Janus?
2. Who wrote the quotation used in the heading?
3. How did Franklin discover electricity?
4. In what practical ways is electricity used in Caroline County?
5. What is meant by "Flag Day"?
6. What was the "Magna Charta"?
7. Why was the battle of the 18th of June a great one?
8. Why is the 21st different from all other days?
9. What day is its exact opposite? Why?
10. Where could you live and find these two days just like all the others?

The best set of answers to these questions will be printed in the American Union of July 1st.

Address all communications to
JANUS,
care The American Union.

### WILLIAM McKENNEY

William McKenney, one of the biggest financiers in Queen Anne's county, died suddenly at his home in Centreville June 4. Mr. McKenney was president of the Centreville National Bank and for many years had been actively connected with the Maryland State Bankers' Association. He was president of the board of trustees of the County Almshouse and was a vestryman of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church.

Mr. McKenney had been at his office Saturday night working. He dropped dead in his home, death being the result of an attack of acute indigestion, it is believed. He suffered from an attack of this malady a few weeks ago. Mr. McKenney was born in Centreville on December 7, 1872. His father was the late Gen. William McKenney, who died in 1897. His mother was Miss Eleanor Ridgely Goldsborough, who died in 1877.

In addition to his widow, Mr. McKenney leaves three children, William McKenney, Jr., Miss Maria McKenney and John G. McKenney. All are residents of Centreville, though the last named is away at college at present.

### NEW RULES FOR INTERSTATE SHIPMENT OF LIVE STOCK

Regulations governing the interstate movement of live stock, which become effective on and after July 1, 1921, and which supersede previous regulations on this subject, have been published by the United States Department of Agriculture. For purposes of identification these regulations are designated as B. A. I. (Bureau of Animal Industry) Order 273. The regulations published in the circular prescribe for the inspection, disinfection, certification, treatment, handling, and method and manner of delivery and shipment of live stock which is subject to interstate commerce. The enforcement of the regulations is assigned to the Secretary of Agriculture by acts of Congress. Their purpose is to control the interstate shipment of live stock, and prevent the spread of diseases.

Included in the publication are acts of Congress relating to this subject, general provisions, and regulations to prevent the spread of the following diseases: Splenetic, southern, or Texas fever in cattle; scabies in cattle and sheep; dourine in horses and asses; hog cholera and swine plague; and tuberculosis in cattle.

### MILFORD EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

**Will Reopen June 24th with New Superintendent and Nurses**

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Milford Emergency Hospital held Tuesday evening of last week was of general interest to the people of that part of Delaware who are interested in charitable work, especially in the form of hospital work.

Miss D. M. Battles was instructed to make selection from the list of trained nurses which had either applied, or were available for positions in the nursing corps.

The discussion of methods of conducting the hosptial and the rules to be adopted for its government showed that the work was well in hand. Two orderlies were authorized to be procured.

It was announced that the Thaw property opposite the hospital had been recently purchased by parties who proposed to turn it into an automobile garage and repair shop. In view of the fact that this would seriously interfere with the operation of the hospital, the president of the Board of Trustees was authorized to secure this property at a price no higher than had been paid by the rceent purchaser.

So far as can be seen now, the new hospital wil be formally opened on Friday, June 24th, when the old hospital will be closed.

### HARSH TREATMENT TO DOG

**Incident Near Trappe Enrages Talbot County Citizens**

Great indignation has been aroused in Bruceville, a small village in the Trappe district of Talbot county, by the torturing with fire of a valuable rabbit dog. Two men are charged with the offense and the residents of the village are demanding that they be given the full penalty.

The men, Nelson Bryan, 25, and John Andrews, 35, are alleged to have saturated the canine with turpentine and then applied a match. Howling with pain, the dog ran under the frame house of Patrick Kennedy, nearly setting the building on fire. Driven out, the canine, still enveloped in flames, ran down the road to the home of its owner, Charles Pritchett. After the flames had been smothered it was found that the dog was so badly burned that it had to be put to death.

Enraged residents were on hand for the hearing of Bryan and Andrews, which was to have taken place a few evenings later, but which was postponed because of the illness of the wife of police justice M. Tilghman Johnson.

Miss Jessie Crouse of Baltimore has been spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Crouse.

## PAYING THE FIDDLER!

WE ALL realize that when there is dancing going on whether it be the new fangled tango or the old-fashioned polka or waltz—some one must pay the fiddler.

We cannot have music without paying for it, nor can we have much of anything in this world without paying for it.

If we expect any person to do something for us we expect, naturally, to do something in exchange for such faors as we receive. If we accept favors, but evade the responsibility of making any returns for them it will not be long before we discover that the unpaid for favors become curtailed.

Probably we become provoked, after the favors have stopped, and acknowledge our own stupidity. It is generally too late when we wake up and then it is merely the old story over again—of locking the door after the horse has been stolen.

Many of us in this community devote more or less of our time to the raising of produce of various kinds. We have vegetables, butter, eggs, milk, etc., to sell.

We find it a convenience to sell such products in the local stores. Some of our business men buy up the small quantities, as well as the larger lots, and ship all together to the more central markets.

This facility for disposing of such articles is a great convenience to us. If the local storekeepers did not buy our produce it would be difficult for us to find a market. In fact, there would be no market for small quantities except at ruinous prices.

Therefore we are favored, to a very considerable extent, by the fact that our local storekeeper stands ready to buy from us. This places us under certain obligations. The local storekeepers are entitled to some consideration from us in return.

How many of us appreciate and acknowledge this fact?

How many of us think of this when we have some cash to spend? How many of us consider that the local storekeeper is entitled to our trade and that we are morally bound to consider him as the proper repository for our orders and the recipient of our trade?

It is regrettable that many of us must plead guilty to an entire forgetfulness of any feeling of obligation. Therefore, we send our orders, with the cash, to the cities and mail order houses, to whom we owe nothing.

We are enticed by cleverly written advertisements and neatly worded descriptions of goods and merchandise so that we deceive ourselves into believing them to be true. W forget the local storekeeper and his favors; we forget that he is a benefit to the community and to every individual in the community; we forget that he is affording us an opportunity to dispose of our produce—that he has his money invested in a stock of merchandise that he has selected because he believed we would need such articles and would wish to buy them at home.

Every dollar we send away from home to the mail order houses brings us closer to the limitations of our local opportunities. Every dollar diverted from local trade adds to the restrictions of our trade facilities at home so that we are not only permitting, but we are inviting, our local merchants to close up shop and go out of business; or to move to some community where their efforts will be more appreciated.

By our lack of appreciation we are urging our local storekeepers to restrict their efforts to carrying only the lines of merchandise that are the most profitable for them and to cut out all goods that we can buy in the city. We are actually inviting disaster.

Let us awaken to a realization of the conditions which confront us. Let us place some limitations on our disregard for existing conditions and look into the future.

We can see what the consequences must be if we fail to do our share toward supporting the establishments of our business men in town, for the handwriting is written plainly on the wall.

Shall we read the writing and profit by the message or shall we continue to dance merrily and foolishly on until the time shall come when we must pay? And how shall we pay?

There will be only one way to pay and that will be with much more than the profit we shall have derived from our dealings with the mail order houses. We will pay dearly unless we awaken to a full sense of our responsibilities and at once.

We wish to dance but let us change the tune—or the fiddler.

### LOCAL GIRL WINS SCHOOL HONORS

Miss Louise Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Fisher, of this place is one of the honor pupils of Western Maryland College this year. Miss Fisher is a junior in this college and for her excellent literary work in school this year was picked as one of the members of the school to be in the oratorical contest between the Irving, Browning, Webster and Philomathean societies. Miss Fisher was a member of the Philomathean society and helped it to win the literary honors.

Not only does Miss Fisher excel in the literary line, but in all her other branches as well and led the Junior class in high marks, receiving a gold medal for her splendid work.

**Attended Commencement Dance**

A number of the young people of Denton motored to Chestertown to attend the commencement dance at Washington College Wednesday evening. Among the number who attender were: The Misses Wilifred Dewese, Ella Carter, Elizabeth Pastorfield, Margaret Pastorfield, Helen Roop, Hilda Harwood and Esther Willy: the Messrs. Winfield Nichols, Lewis Knotts, C. C. Wilson, and Eugene Anderson.

Mr. Richard Higman and son George, and Mrs. Sallie Sparks, of Sudlersville visited town friends on Sunday.

**Funeral of Howard Melvin**

The funeral of Mr. Howard Melvin was held at one o'clock, Sunday afternoon, at his late home on Main Street, with the Rev. Mr. Harris Thomas officiating. Interment was made privately about 3 P. M.

Friends and relatives who attended the services from out of town were;

Mrs. Geo. T. Melvin and Mr. Ridgely P. Melvin, of Annapolis; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Tubbs, of Baltimore; Mr. Thomas Melvin and Mr. Marley Pritchett, of Wilmington; Dr. Thos. O. Crouse, Milton; Miss Jessie Crouse, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Horsey, Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Smith, Federalsburg.

### Epworth League Convention

Remember that "Boosting Service" for the Epworth League to be held Friday night at the Methodist Episcopal Church at 8 p. m., Rev. W. G. Harris of Wilmington, with several others, will be among the Boosters. Young people from all the Leagues as far east as Harrington, Del., and as far west as Sudlersville, including Hurlock and Centreville, will be present. A treat awaits the young people. All are cordially invited.

**Baltimore Excursion**

There will be an excursion to Baltimore on the M. D. & V. on Sunday, June 19 which is scheduled to be the only one this season. The train will start at Lewes at 6 a. m. and will leave Denton at 7:38. Returning the train will leave Baltimore, pier 8 at 6 p. m.

### THEATRE IS BEING CHANGED TO STORE

The Nuttle Hardware Company, which recently purchased at public auction the property of the Parker's New Theatre on Main Street, have started remodeling this building to make of it an up-to-date store room.

The slant roof has been removed and will be relaid. The walls are being lowered in order that the roof may be lower, and the front of the building is being changed so that large show windows can be put in. When the building is completed, about September first, it will be one of the best store locations on Main Street, and will be a very desirable location.

### EVERY ELEVENTH BABY DIES

**One American Mother Is Sacrificed For 135 Births**

In the United States in 1919 one mother died for every 135 babies born and every 11th baby born died before he was a year old.

Six countries are shown to have a lower infant mortality, and 16 in a group of 17 a lower maternal mortality than the United States.

Whereas in other countries there has been a decrease in the death rate from childbirth, the rate in the United States rose from 6.1 per 1000 births in 1915 to 6.2 in 1916, 6.6 in 1917 and to 7.4 in 1919.

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### PAVING IS BEGUN ON SIXTH STREET

**Concrete Mixer Was Started Wednesday—Nearly 300 Feet Done in 2 Days**

**FINISH ABOUT AUGUST 15**

The work of concreting 6th Street began Wednesday, upon the arrival of the crushed stone, which had been delayed, holding up the work for several days.

When they got started Wednesday they succeeded in laying 121 feet the first day, and will be able to lay an average of 150 feet per day from now on.

This work which is being done is authorized by the State Roads Commission, who are paving 30 feet of the road, while the citizens and town of Denton are paying for the remainder.

The work is being done by the Kauffman Construction Co. of Denton. Mr. Kauffman stated Thursday that he expects to have the road finished by the middle of August if good weather prevails.

This will be another half mile of good road on one of the north and south arteries of the Eastern Shore State Highways system, and will be a big improvement for Denton, helping the traffic which is very heavy on this section of the hoad.

### CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICES SUNDAY

**M. E. Church**

The annual Children's Day celebration of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held Sunday morning, June 19th, at 10.45 o'clock. Bring your smiles, friends, and come out to watch the kiddies. This coming generation of artists will give several vocal selections well worth hearing, together with many special features in the line of elocution. A very able choir will assist with the music, not to mention a variety of surprises that will undoubtedly provide charming entertainment. There will be tiny tots, larger tots, and a few quite grown up kiddies—but all in all, a Children's Day. Fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, aunts and uncles, dont fail to give these youngsters the encouragement of your presence. And most of all don't forget to smile.

**M. P. Church**

A Children's Day program will be given at the Methodist Protestant Church, Sunday evening, June 19, at 7.30 o'clock.

The program wil consist of music, recitations, and a unique missionary pageant, depicting the appeal of the Churchless in home and foreign lands for the Gospel.

**Fourth of July Celebration at Seaford**

Preparations for the biggest Fourth of July celebration ever held in Seaford are being made by the firemen. A committee of firemen has been named and this committee is looking after the various details and will in a short time be ready to anounce the day's program.

The firemen, while disappointed in not being able to secure their new engine in time to show it on the Fourth, will have a number of pictures of the machine in the windows of the town.

**Hawaiians Furnished Music**

A delightful dance was held at the home of Miss Elizabeth Pastorfield on 7th street last Friday evening. The Hawaiian musicians who entertained afternoon and evening at chautauqua last Friday furnished the music for the young people at the dance.

**Epidemic in Denton**

Denton is in the throes of an epidemic, but a very good epidemic. It is one of house painting. Quite a number of property owners have taken to painting their properties, thus improving the properties as well as beautifying the town. Among those who are in line are:

Mr. J. H. Nichols, who is remodeling and painting the house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Luther Frampton; W. D. Taylor, M. G. Crouse, T. L. Trice; F. B. Nuttle; J. Owen Knotts.

**Purchased Farms**

Mr. D. K. Crouse of Queen Anne County recently purchased two farms which were the property of A. C. Reber. These farms lie near Ridgely, one of them containing about 80 acres and the other about 60.

**VETERANS' RECORD BLANKS AVAILABLE AT THE AMERICAN UNION**

War service record blanks, prepared by the historical division of the Maryland Council of Defense, may be had upon application to the The American Union. Former service men are given this opportunity to make sure that their war records are preserved.

### DENTON IS GOING TO HAVE BALL TEAM

**Enthusiasts Met Monday Night to Organize for the Season**

**GAMES ARE WANTED**

That is what is going to be done in Denton this summer. All the base ball fans of the town gathered in the office of Register of Wills Pastorfield Monday night and organized the Denton Baseball Association.

These fans believe that Denton should have a good, live, strong base ball team and they mean to have it. We admire their spirit for a good baseball team is worth much to any community and is especially valuable to a county seat town.

At this meeting ways and means were discussed for the securing of land on which to lay out a diamond which will be suitable for the games to be played here. A committee was appointed to select grounds and they are on the lookout for some wide awake party in town who has an unoccupied lot large enough for the diamond. Any person finding such a resident please notify the managers.

The first business of the evening was to organize and this was done by electing J. Howard Pastorfield and Calvert C. Merriken joint managers. Mr. George C. Skirven was elected treasurer and Mr. William H. Neal, captain. The official umpires for Denton wil be Messrs. Ormond W. Downes and John H. Emerson.

Wednesday evening the executive committee met in the same office to discuss further plans for the good of the team.

Several games are tentatively arranged but no schedule has been definitely fixed for the season.

The managers wil be glad to hear from any local teams which desire to schedule dates.

Further plans will be announced from week to week and the schedule will be published as soon as it has been arranged.

Help the boys play ball by giving them your support at the games and from your pocketbook as well if need be.

### WEATHER REPORT

The week was dry and sunshiny, with a mean temperature about 2 degrees above the normal. The cool weather of the preceding week terminated on the 10th, and was followed by a warm wave from the 11th to the 13th. There was a change to normal temperature on the 14th. Light to moderate thunder-showers occurred on the 11th, but rainfall was decidedly deficient in all sections. Soaking rains are needed.

The weather of the week was favorable for plant growth, rapid ripening of wheat and rye, and farming operations. Crops in general are still in good condition, though beginning to suffer from lack of rain.

Ripening of wheat and rye extended into Western Maryland. Harvesting of these grains will become general in the southern counties between the 15th and the 20th, and to the northward about the 25th. Harvesting of wheat began in the vicinity of Easton on the 8th. Barley was cut in Carroll County, and is a full crop. Heading of oats became general to the eastward of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The growth of corn has been retarded by the dry weather, but the first cultivation has been completed.

Early potatoes continue in bloom. Plowing for late potatoes was interrupted by the drying and hardening of the soil.

Pastures have deteriorated from lack of rain, and are now poor to fair.

Harvesting of peas has now ended in the southern counties and continues to the northward; they are maturing in western Maryland. Harvesting of strawberries began in western Mayland; elsewhere over the section the season came to a close.

Setting out of tobacco, tomato and sweet potato plants was interrupted by the continued dry weather. Tobacco plants need rain badly.

Buckwheat is being sown in Garrett County.

### GARAGE BEING BUILT ON SIXTH STREET

Denton is to have a new garage in the near future. Mr. Earl White is building a garage at the corner of 6th and Gay Streets, which will be completed about August 1st.

The garage will be 49 x 52 feet in size, and the building will be two stories, the upper part being made into an apartment and occupied by Mr. White's family.

General garage work will be done, and Mr. William Bullock will handle the Paige and Overland cars at this location.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Tubbs of Baltimore have been visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. S. M. Anderson.

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