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BAND IS SECURED FOR THE FOURTH

Two Parades, Two Ball Games and Big Sing Are the Features

BIG TIME TO BE HAD HERE

Monday will be a big day in Denton, from all appearances at present. The Fourth of July Committees met again last Monday evening to hear reports and make further arrangements.

After much difficulty in finding a band, it is assured that we will have one of about a dozen pieces which will occupy a float in the parade and will assist at the sing on the Court House lawn in the evening. This will greatly add to the pleasures of the day and will make the parade bigger and better.

From all accounts so far the parade is going to be fine. Almost every one in town who owns an automobile is planning to have the car in the parade and these will all be decorated, thus giving the judges of the parade ample work in selecting the cars worthy of the prizes.

The baby carriage parade, which will be held about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, is likely to be a big feature, as all mothers want their youngest to be seen in the parade and they are making plans to win the prizes by having their carriages prettily decorated.

Two balls games are scheduled for Monday, one in the morning about 10 o'clock and the other in the afternoon at 3. The two games will be played against Preston, which has a very strong team this year. Everybody wants to see these two games and see the local boys win. They are working to roll up scores in their favor on the Fourth.

The ladies of the Denton Community Club will be on the job bright and early Monday morning with their booths, two on the base ball grounds and two on the Court House lawn, ready to serve the hungry and thirsty. The menu for Monday at these stands will be sandwiches, cakes, ice cream, lemonade and pop.

The stores of Denton have been putting on their holiday costumes and the store fronts are very attractive in their decorations of Red, White and Blue. Many of the merchants are expecting to trim in front of their stores that morning so that Main street will have a gala appearance. All private citizens are urged to decorate as much as possible and at least to have the American Flag waving before their homes.

The young people of Denton are talking of having a street dance on the wide street in front of the Court House. This wil afford amusement after the sing on the Court House lawn, which is to be held at 8 o'clcok. The street and green will be well lighted for the occasion.

All persons who ride horses, whether from town or country, are requested to send their names in to Mr. T. P. Fisher, at the Den-Mar Mobile Co., that they will be in line, and it is hoped that there will be a good showing of horsemen.

Everybody come to Denton and have a good time on the Fourth. Come early in the morning and stay till the last horn blows.

WEATHER REPORT

The week was characterized by hot and sunshiny weather. The temperature rose daily to 90 degrees or above, over the section, except in Garrett County and along the immediate Atlantic coast. At Baltimore the mean daily temperature was 8 degrees above the normal. Moderate to heavy thunder showers occurred during the middle of the week in western and portions of north-central Maryland; elsewhere the drought remains unbroken.

The weather of the week was favorable for ripening and harvesting of grains, and for hay-making, but was severe on all growing crops.

Wheat and rye have not ripened fully in Garrett and Alleghany counties. Elsewhere over the section harvesting of rye was finished, and harvesting of wheat continues over the northern and was finished over the southern portions. Thrashing of wheat has begun on the Eastern Shore. Oats are ripening over the southern and are heading or have headed in the northern counties; the dry weather has affected the crop unfavorably.

Corn continues in good to excellent condition, but is growing slowly; so far it does not appear to have been injured by the drought, though it needs rain badly.

Early potatoes are in good condition in western Maryland; elsewhere they have been injured by the drought and are in poor condition, maturing prematurely; digging has begun over the southern Eastern Shore.

Pastures are poor, except fair to good in western Maryland.

Truck and garden are in fair condition generally, but need rain badly; early tomatoes are maturing.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE IS ENTHUSIASTIC

A second meeting of the League of Women Voters for the third district of Caroline County was held at the home of Mrs. D. W. Davis of Denton, on Wednesday evening, June 29th. About 25 women were present to get a better understanding of the objects of the league. There were present four ladies from Easton, two of whom gave most interesting and instructive addresses. Mrs. Clara B. Boley, temporary chairman of the Talbot County League, talked most enthusiastically in defining the purposes of the league as to its mission in Caroline County and especially the matters which need attention now, in this Third District. Her mission was fraught with the desire that every body should relieve herself of all idea that the league is in any way an effort to establish a woman's party. The league is distinctly and wholly educational, an effort to enlighten women that they may become intelligent voters.

Mrs. R. R. Walker, temporay vice-chairman of Talbot County, then earnestly addressed the ladies on the objects of the league as declared in its constitution, "to develop an active and intelligent electorate by fostering education in citizenship and to unite women in work for needed legislation." She also cited facts concerning bills now pending in Congress, and bills for our legislators, which many of our citizens know little about. For instance, the Shepard-Towner bill, which the entire medical world was behind, was killed in our last Congress. And why? Now that same bill had to be redrafted and is now known as the Shepard-Sterling bill. Strenuous efforts are being made to see that it is passed at this time. It is but a humane bill, and to make sure that it is not again sidetracked, Mrs. Parks of national reputation is now staying in Washington to watch the measure and see that it gets justice. Miss Engle our State organizer was called to Washington on the 29th instant for a conference with Secretary Hoover and Secretary Hughes concerning this very bill and the Pan American congress which it is hoped will be held in Baltimore next spring. Miss Engle is expected to meet with the ladies of the Third district at their next meeting.

Another object of great and needed consideration is disarmament. We have but to read our daily papers to see that unless extreme measures are taken at once we may expect to find ourselves in the midst of another war, e'er long, to which the slaughter of the last war will be as nothing. Mexico, Japan, Great Britain are right now calling forth the best efforts of our diplomats and authorities on International Law to avoid national disaster. Our president today is being urged to call a meeting of the world powers and secure world disarmament. We, the women of Denton and this Third district, it was urged.

Answers to Janus' Questions

According to my promise of two weeks ago, I am publishing the most nearly correct set of answers to the questions I put to the boys and girls. These answers were sent in by Miss Florence Hills, and she is invited to come to the office of the AMERICAN UNION to order her fifty name cards, the reward offered in the contest.

Answers 2, 7, and 10 were incorrect. Longfellow wrote the quotation referred to, the battle was that of Waterloo, and the place where June 21 and December 21 are like other days is the equator. Otherwise the answers that follow are excellent.

1. Janus was a two-faced Roman diety, the god of the sun and the year, to whom the month of January was dedicated.

3. Franklin discovered electricity by flying a kite with a string on its card. The kite had a pointed rod of iron and a silk string attached to a longer one of hemp. When flying his kite, the thunder cloud passed over and he received a spark on his knuckles from the iron key fastened to the silk string.

4. Lighting, cooking, washing, various manufacturing such as pumping water for towns, turning of various machines, running dental and medical works, and even THE AMERICAN UNION is printed by it.

5. June 14, 177(was the day that Congress approved the flag that Betsy Ross made for George Washington and it was adopted Flag Day.

6. The Magna Charta was a charter obtained by the English barons from King John of England, June 15, 1215. It was the basis of English liberties.

8. It is the longest day of the year.

9. December 21 is exactly opposite to June 21, because it is the shortest day of the year.

There will be more questions and more rewards to follow, and I hope more of the boys and girls will become interested.

Janus, care of The American Union



FOURTH OF JULY ODE

Our fathers fought for Liberty,
They struggled long and well,
History of their deeds can tell—
But did they leave us free?

Are we free from vanity,
Free from pride, and free from self
Free from love of power and pelf,
From everything that's beggarly?

Are we free from stubborn will,
From low hate and malice small,
From low opinion's tyrant thrall?
Are none of us our own slaves still?

Are we free to speak our thought,
To be happy and be poor,
Free to enter Heaven's door,
To live and labor as we ought?

Are we then made free at last
From the fear of what men say,
Free to reverence To-day,
Free from the slavery of the Past?

Our fathers fought for liberty,
They struggled long and well,
History of their deeds can tell—
But **ourselves** must set us free.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

CO. AGENT TALKS ON CULTIVATION

In driving around the country, I notice farmers have various and sundry ideas in regard to cultivating corn. When the corn is small some use a spike tooth harrow, others either a sulky or walking cultivator. Some cultivate all the rows and others every other row. At this time of the season some are cultivating deep and some shallow.

Of course, I will admit different kinds of soil have to be handled differently and in this case what is "good for the goose" is not necessarily good "for the gander." However, I believe there are certain general principles in cultivating which it would be well for all the farmers to follow.

In the first place, the main cultivation should be done before the corn is planted. In other words, "an ounce" of preparation is worth "a pound" of cultivation after the corn comes up. If the ground is prepared thoroughly before planting, there is no necessity for "gouging" at the first cultivation except, perhaps, in low undrained spots.

The spike tooth harrow is an excellent implement for cultivating corn, and may be used until the corn is four or five inches high. If the teeth are sharpened, the few stalks the harrow will pull up are repaid many times over by the time and labor saved. Furthermore, it will make a better job of it than any other method of cultivation.

Cultivating every other row is a practice which I believe is uncalled for. It is said that this is done so that the roots on both sides may not be cut at the same time. I do not believe it is good farming to cut any of the roots at any time. A good rule to follow is to always cultivate only deep enough to destroy the weeds. Under favorable conditions this will not be deep enough to cut corn roots of any consequence.

The farmer who would have a good crop of corn must be especially careful during a dry spell like the one at present. If the corn is free from weeds and grass and the top soil is fine and loose, the very best thing is to stay out of it with a cultivator. If any cultivation is done it should certainly be just as shallow as possible.

Woolen Blankets

Most everybody has heard or read about the wonderful woolen blankets manufactured in North Carolina which were made from wool shipped by a number of Carolina farmers. The first shipment of blankets consisted of 18 motor robes and 31 pairs of bed blankets. This was received in the early spring.

The second shipment made from the second lot of wool shipped was received about two weeks ago. This lot of blankets consisted of 15 motor robes and 63 pairs of blankets. To date I have not heard the slightest complaint in regard to these blankets. On the contrary, everyone seems exceptionally well pleased with them. There will probably be another shipment of wool made sometime during the latter part of the summer.

W. COLLINS THOMAS

TWO BALL GAMES LOST BY DENTON

Local Boys Lose to Harrington and to Preston—Held Harrington Well

GETTING IN GOOD SHAPE

Denton Base Ball Club went to Harrington last Saturday and gave the Harrington club a return game, which resulted in a seore of 3 to 0 in favor of the Harrington Club.

Our boys, however, put up a splendid exhibition of the great American game against this semi-profesional team and only a break of luck caused our boys to loose this game. The work of Johnson, pitcher, and Meredith, catcher, featured the game.

In the sixth inning Mercer hit an exceptionally long fly and was between third and home when he saw the ball reach the diamond. Expecting the catcher to get it, he turned back to third and then found the ball was overthrown. The time lost in starting for home again, gave the catcher time to retrieve the ball and with the pitcher covering home he was put out on a very close decision. Had Mercer been a faster runner he would have been home before the ball was returned to the diamond.

Again in the last inning, with a man on second and one on third, a very high fly was knocked which was caught and as two men were out, finished the game with nothing chalked up for the home boys.

The three runs by Harrington were made in the first inning by hits well placed in difficult positions for the fielders. Johnson, however, was right on the job all through the game and after the first inning not one Harrington man crossed the 2nd base safely. The local boys showed much improvement in this game over their first experience as an official team of the week before, and the prospects are bright for a win on the Fourth if the boys play as they did last week.

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Preston Wins From Denton

The Denton Base Ball Club played their first game of the season with the strong Preston team at Preston on Wednesday, resulting in a good trimming of our own boys, which was due largely to their loose playing and poor batting. The score was 5-1 in favor of Preston. This club plays two games in Denton, and the managers assure us that our boys will put up a different article of ball that day.

FIREWORKS ARE FORBIDDEN ON 4TH

With the coming of the Fourth of July one usually expects to hear lots of noise, and in the evening to see beautiful fireworks. These two features will have to be dispensed with this year, however, as the town commissioners are notifying everybody of the existing laws regarding fireworks and requesting that they be dispensed with this year, especially the roman candles and sky rockets.

The commissioners talked the matter over at their meeting last Monday evening and thought it expedient, in view of the dryness of everything, to request the citizens to refrain from the use of all fireworks this year within the borough limits. Special plain clothes polcemen have been ordered on the force to enforce the law and to see that the commissioners' requests are complied with.

This is not an arbitrary demand, but is simply a safeguard against the possibility of fire, when everything is as dry as tinder. It is earnestly hoped that no arrests will have to be made as the commissioners prefer to make this a request rather than to force the people to the non-use of fireworks.

Let's have a safe and sane Fourth this year.

TOUCHED AN OPEN ELECTRIC SWITCH

Albert Truax, aged 55, was instantly killed Tuesday morning, when he accidentally touched an open electric switch in a large chemical factory in Edgewood, Del., where he is employed.

Mr. Truax was born in Alamo, Ind., and was the son of Samuel Truax. For 25 years he was a trusted employee in the railroad office in Osceo, Wis. When he left there and moved to the Aaron Stadium farm about a mile from town in 1915, his former employers were very sorry to have him leave as he was highly respected and well liked.

For two years he lived on the farm near Denton, but the lure of big money in the chemical factories took him to Edgewood, Del., where one of his boys was working.

Mr. Truax is survived by his wife who was Miss Maude Odell, of Indiana, and three children, Samuel and James at home, and Mrs. Frances Roberts, of Marcus Hook. He was a member of the congregational church. Mr. Truax was a cousin of Mrs. M. M. Luzader of Denton.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon (Thursday) and interment in the cemetery at Edgewood.

Look into his history a little and you will find that the man who boasts he is self-made is woman-made.

REDUCE TAX RATE TO $1.35 FOR 1921-2

Caroline County citizens will have to pay only $1.35 per $100 taxes for the coming year as compared with $1.49 for last year. The State assessment for this year will be 35 1-3 cents. At these rates the taxes will net the county approximately $185,000 this year. The County Commissioners gave this information out this (Thursday) afternoon at 2.30.

The reason for the decrease in the tax rate is that there are no large bills to be paid this year, and no large building projects contemplated which will take the county money.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECEIVES ALLOWANCE

The Board of Education has received from the County Commissioners the information that in the tax levy for the year 1921-22 the schools would be given $95,750. This amount is the same as that of last year, and as a result cuts the amount for teachers' salaries about $2,600. The reason for this is that $1000 goes toward a special course in agriculture for the Ridgely schools, $750 additional for the Tri-County High School and $1000 for numerous small items.

This shortage in salary money means that the Board will have to hold strictly to the salaries as specified by the certificate a teacher holds and to the experience each has had.

To further complicate matters, the June apportionment from the state is about $3,000 less than last year. The reason for this is that the state apportionment is distributed in proportion to the counties as their school attendance and population of the district vary. The school attendance counts one-third and the population two-thirds. The shortage is explained in that the apportionment this year is made on the census enumeration of 1920 which showed thousands of persons who belong in the country as being in the city, they not having returned to the rural districts at the time of the census taking after the war was over. As a consequence the rural districts suffer and the cities gain.

The total amount of money which is required for the teachers of Caroline County is $96,200 of which $38,500 is received from the state as aid in the teachers' salaries.

NEW UNIFORMS FOR THE BASE BALL TEAM

Denton's Base Ball Club wore their new uniforms for the first time at the game played with Preston on Wednesday. The boys looked very good in their new outfits and they claim it is an incentive to play now, though they rather object to sliding because they don't want to dirty the uniforms.

The new outfits are of white flannel with pin stripes of lavendar, the caps are made of the same material with blue visors and the socks are dark blue and white.

Buried With Military Honors

The remains of Allen K. Stelle arrived in Easton from Hoboken last Friday and were given a military funeral on Saturday under the supervision of Talbot Post, No. 70, American Legion, of Easton. A squad taken from Headquarters Company, Maryland National Guard, under command of Lieut. Robert Martin, was present and fired the salute over the grave, while taps were blown by Powell Cox, buglar of the company. The pallbearers were: Major Morton B. Stelle, Commander of the Post; Adjutant, E. J. Kastenhuber, Rees Hawkins, Capt. W. Earle Withgott, Emory Lednum and C. L. LeCato, Jr.

Young Stelle was the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Stelle of Cordova, and was born on July 18, 1894. When the United States entered the World War, young Stelle enlisted at Richmond, Va., and was assigned to the engineering service and sent to Fort Thomas, Kentucky, where he remained but a short time when he was sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as a private in Company B., 7th Engineers, and remained there until he was sent to Camp Merritt, N. J., for embarkment overseas.

When the ship which he was on landed in France he was sent to Nogent, in the Marne sector, and on the night of September 16, 1918, while out with a detail erecting wire entanglements, Corporal Stelle was instantly killed. He was buried the following day in the cemetery of the village of Vieville and from there his body was shipped to his home in Easton. He is survived by two brothers and two sisters, Benj. H. Stelle of Penns Grove, Pa., Clifford M. Stelle of Wilmington,Del.;Miss Sarah K. Stelle of Cordova, Md.,and Miss Mary L. Stelle of Wilmington, Del.

Few Veterans Left

Only seven members of the Grand Army of the Republic Post at Chestertown are now living, says the Chestertown News.

WHAT A DOLLAR DOES IN DENTON

What Happens When It Is Sent to a Mail Order House Is Different

WORK FOR GOOD OF HOME

A woman goes into a local department store and spends a dollar.

This is approximately how the merchant spends it. Seventy-five cents pays for the goods that was sold to the shopper. Twenty cents was paid for labor, upkeep, book losses and other charges, all of which were disbursed in this community. Five cents was left to the merchant. That was spent in this town, too. It paid for the food and clothing of his family, his insurance, taxes and other expenses of community living.

Another woman sent a dollar away for a shirtwaist, advertised in the catalogue of a mail order house. This is approximately how the mail order house spends it. The waist cost sixty cents. The executive and overhead expenses, advertising and other charges were thirty cents and the balance was credited to the dividend account.

The woman who mailed her money away lost in two ways, inferiority of goods, and her money sent out of the community never to return.

There is no come-back in doing business with a mail order pirate. He has everything ONE WAY—HIS WAY. You're the small end of the horn. The other end of the horn drips prosperity, for the mail order businss is a horn of plenty, with you as the mouthpiece doing all the work, and he at the big end, MAKING ALL THE NOISE.

You literally pay the freight, not only on the goods, but for hundreds of thousands of splashy catalogues. You pay the salaries of scores of departmental heads, and a staff of liveried servants in the mansion on a western lake front.

The characteristic of human credulity is the factor that the mail order deceiver banks upon when he mails that costly catalogue to you. He knows that even a small purchase will return to him the expense of printing it. He has his costs so figured.

When you look that book over, you forget the honest value waiting for you on the shelves of the home merchant, you forget that to him you owe patronage because he is a community up-builder and employs home labor and contributes his profits to town prosperity.

These things and other things slip from your mind as you contemplate the gaudy illustrations and the false values that beckon from that alluring page.

Perhaps a tenth of the population of this community patronize the mail order house. Supposing ten tenths did, what would hapen to this, our home town? The main streets would shut up shop and go home and the town would become wors than Goldsmith's "Deserted Village." Keep your money hgre. Let the legitimate profits on your purchases stay where they belong. Let your dollars become community dollars, working for community betterment.

The compensation paid to the clerks the insurance paid to the agents, the tax paid to the town, coal bills, light bills, water bills, worry the merchant who depends on an honest profit to meet them. Give him that honest profit instead of sending it away to folks that don't care a hang whether you're poor or prosperous, well or sick, but who would regret your death because of the loss of an easy mark.

EASTERN SHORE SOCIETY VISITED DENTON SUNDAY

Thirty members of the Eastern Shore Society visited Denton last Sunday for several hours. This is an association composed largely of men who were born on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and who now live in Baltimore or elsewhere. Each year the city members take a few days off and visit the Eastern Shore, having a pleasant time with the members who are still here.

They left Baltimore last Thursday morning, and arrived here from Ocean City. After a delightful dinned with the local members at the Brick Hotel, they went to Chestertown, the last of the nine county seats to be visited, and returned to Baltimore Sunday evening.

The members from Denton who helped to entertain them during their stay here were Dr. M. Bates Stephens, Hon. T. Alan Goldsborough, Lawrence B. Towers, J. Dukes Downes, J. Howard Pastorfield, and M. K. Newnam. Messrs. Frank Cole, president of the Town Commissioners, and J. Ben Colgain, Commissioner, were also present.

Mrs. I. S. Hollinggsworth will be in her store on Saturday, July 2nd. Anything in the millinery line will be sold at greatly reduced prices on that date. ad

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