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SAFEGUARD THE HIGHWAYS

Last Thursday night's accident on the State Road, just south of Williston, is one which calls for immediate action on the part of the State Roads Commission for better markings for such a bad curve, especially when there is a stretch of straight road on either side of the curve.

Numerous accidents have occurred at this point but none of such a serious nature. The curve should be better marked, and the guy pole into which the automobile ran, should be removed. Had it not been for this pole it is reasonable to suppose that no one would have been seriously hurt, but when the car missed the curve, it sideswiped this pole and the damage was done

Is it not enough that personal property is injured time and again at this point? When life is in danger it is most important that something be done, that every possible precaution be taken to prevent such accidents in the future. Here are two young men, one in an almost unconscious condition for a week, while the other has received fractures which will keep him in bed for a number of weeks, and may lame him for life.

Let us demand of our roads commissioners that some prompt action be taken at once to eliminate the danger of another catastrophe, which may be even more fatal than the one just experienced.

EDWARD THOMAS TUBBS

The death of Edward Thomas Tubbs, State editor of the News, takes away a unique personality from the journalism of Maryland. For thirty-five years he delved into the doings and happenings of Maryland people and became so well informed on State and county matters that his knowledge of even the slightest details was almost uncanny. It is not too much to say that he knew more of the family history, politics, gossip and neighborhood news than any other man in the state. As a writer he was clear, simple and conscientious. He was a natural country editor, and he was big enough to take in all the counties, thus becoming a state editor of remarkable grasp. He read the county papers; he knew personally the county editors; he had the records of every county in call, and if anything happened in Maryland or any member of a Maryland family in any corner of the earth got into the limelight, Tubbs had it in The News usually before any other paper published it. His knowledge of the Marylond soldier in the Ciil War on both sides was amazing, and he did valuable work in keeping the records straight. This work also included a serious and helpful interest in the history and literature of the state. He was a member of the Maryland Historical Society and a leading figure in the society of his beloved Eastern Shore. It is customary say that any man's place can be filled, but in the case of Mr. Tubbs there was a combination of qualities and gifts that made him unique, and to his other merits he added the rare devotion to work that has no thought of office hours.

Thus he gave to the public high service. Friends in all parts of the state will mourn his death, but nowhere will the sense of loss be quite the same as in the office of this newspaper, where his work was done and where his cheerful spirit made life more worth while—Baltimore News.

BUNDITZ A PROHIBITIONIST ?

The wet forces of the state are still active, though they sometimes do not show themselves in their movements, but often make their actions appear to be those of the dry forces. An instance of this is plainly seen in their approval and recommendation for the position of State Prohibition Enforcement Officer of Edmund Bunditz, who is claimed to be an out-and-out adherent to the wet forces. Many protests have been sent to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue against this appointment, and it is the earnest hope of the drys that the efforts of their opponents will be in vain.

How the Trick or Scheme Was Carried Out in a Private Meeting

To the Editor of The American Union,
Denton, Md.

Lawrence B. Towers, Esq., Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee for Caroline County, made to official call for a public meeting of Republican voters held in the Court House on Tuesday afternoon of the 12th inst. He had a reason which he imparted to an intimate friend; that if the meeting had been advertised too many would come for him to handle, maybe. This is the first time he ever admitted that any proposition was too big for him to tackle.

Mr. Carter, a candidate for tre clerkship nomination was told by him (Towers) that the meeting was purely advisory and nothing would be done, that would bind a candidate in any way. This is the way Mr. Carter was expecting the meeting to be held.

C. W. Hobbs, Esq., was called on to preside and stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss party affairs to see if a primary could not be avoided, and it was suggested that delegates be named from each district to meet later and name a ticket.

Mr. Towers had counted noses and thought it would be a fine time to nominate the senator and clerk of the court, then as soon as suggested by some one, Mr. Towers at once picked up the suggestion, and made the motion himself, that the candidates for these offices retire and have those in the room decide on these places. Evidently Mr. Jackson had been tipped off and had his friends from Marydel and Goldsboro on the spot, some coming in after the voting began. Mr. Messick and Mr. Carter were not tipped, that their aspirations might be nipped. However, although Mr. Carter had only one less vote than Mr. Jackson. I am writing in the interest of justice and fair play. Here was the chairman of the State Central Committee, an avowed candidate for the senate, calling up on the phone the day previous to this meeting just those who were to attend; the rank and file of Republicans of "Old Caroline" won't stand for any such high-handed and selfish practices. I call the meeting strictly a farce, because, under the agreement of those in the room, no less than six persons were admitted and given tickets to vote, as many as five of these voted for Jackson; if they had not been admitted, Carter would have won by four votes. I have always been a staunch Republican, but when these two men nominated or rather chosen as they were for senator and clerk are guilty of a trick like this, I bid strict adieu.

Messrs. Carter & Messick should not abide by any such action; let them continue and come out and give us Republicans, who like fair play, a chance to vote for them.

Respectfully submitted,
A LIFE-LONG REPUBLICAN.

HENDERSON

Mr and Mrs. S. C. Johnson have returned home after spending two weeks with friends and relatives of Wilmington.

Mr. Hicks Pritchett of Elkton, Va. has returned home after spending a few days with his brother Mr. Wm. Pritchett.

Mrs. T. A. Montague and children spent Tuesday with relatives at Goldsboro.

Mrs. David Jones and son are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meredith.

Mr. Loren Pritchett of Wilmington, Del. is a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pritchett.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Parvin and son of Wilmington have returned after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Johnson.

Miss Lillian Meredith of Newark, Del. was a guest of her mother, Mrs. J. F. Quillen the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeborn Ellwanger and family of Denton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Carrow on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cohee of Denton are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Cohee this week.

Surprise Party

Mrs. Gilbert Hignutt was given a surprise birthday party at her home on Monday evening. A large crowd of Dentonians, also relatives and neighbors were present. In the early part of the evening many enjoyed the bathing. Refreshments were served down on the beach, the topic of discussion for the evening was the Women's League of Voters. A talk was given by Mrs. O. M. Hignutt, then several joined in singing favorite songs, after which the guests departed, having spent a very delightful evening.

PROMISE OF PEACE REDEEMED IN LITTLE OVER TWO MONTHS

Those who wish to be accurate up to the last detail will be interested in knowing the United States and Germany were officially at war four years, two months and twenty-six days. The state of war was brought to a close officially and technically July 2 at 3:10 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time), with the signing of the peace resolution by President Harding at the home of Senator Frelinghuysen at Raritan, N. J., where the President and Mrs. Harding were spending the Fourth of July holidays. Two years, seven months and twenty-one days had elapsed since the signing of the armistice.

With the signature of President Harding was completed one of the pledges made by him and his party during the presidential campaign,—namely, that, in event the Republican party were placed in control of both branches of Congress and the presidency, one of the first acts of the Administration would be to bring about peace with Germany.

European Tension Caused Delay

Congress was convened in special session April 11 and President Harding in his first message to Congress, April 13, urged peace by resolution. The Senate promptly responded by passing such a resolution. About the time the House was ready to act upon the resolution, the differences between Germany and the Allies Council over the amount of reparations Germany should pay and the penalties that should be imposed in event of her failure, became so acute that all Europe seemed on the verge of a renewal of the war. At this point, the German government appealed to the United States to act as arbiter, which petition was promptly refused in a short but firm note by Secretary Hughes. The tension was so great during this period that it was deemed the part of statesmanship for the House to defer action on the peace resolution. Had it been passed at that time, it might have led both Germany and the Allies to misinterpret the position and intentions of the United States and would have gravely aggravated the already very serious situation in Europe. In consequence, nothing further was done regarding the peace resolution until the European situation became settled.

Meanwhile, the Democrats were raising quite a clamor, alleging inexcusable delay in passing the peace resolution and accusing the Republican Administration of repudiating their campaign pledges in this regard. The absurdity of these Democratic claims is exposed by the above facts. Including the period during which the critical situation in Europe made it inadvisable for the United States officially to declare itself at peace with Germany, only a little more than two months elapsed between the assembling of the special session of Congress and the passage of the resolution and signature by President Harding.

Not A Trivial Matter

Responsible governments cannot and do not act in such critical matters with the same haste and trivial consideration that the individual exercises in purchasing an icecream soda or a pair of shoe strings, a fact which Democratic statesmen do not seem to grasp.

Furthermore, the records show that the Democratic party was not as anxious for a speedy peace as the protestations of their leaders in Congress would lead the uninformed to believe. Peace could have been declared with Germany more than a year ago had it not been for President Wilson. The Republican Congress, in May, 1920, passed a peace resolution similar to the one President Harding has just signed. It was sent to President Wilson, but he vetoed it May 27, 1920.

APPOINTMENTS OF TEACHERS FOR CAROLINE COUNTY

Marydel—
Maud Hummer, principal
Mary Skirvan
Ethel Eveland
Henderson—
J. W. Gibson, principal
Lillian Meredith
Elsie Bilbrough
Bee Tree—Catherine Melvin
Goldsboro—
Douglas Galloway, principal
Lillie E. Doty
Minerva Reber
Baltimore Corner—Rosa Kornrumpf
Moore's—
Agnes Bradley, principal
Grace Stufft
Lowe's—Mary Draper
Greensboro—
Laura Cochrane, principal
Annie G. Wetterman
Verlin Krabill
Elsie Roe
Mrs. Mary Pleasanton
Mrs. Lulu Weaver
Sadie Allen
Bertha Shull
Bridgetown—
Beatrice Bower
Anna E. Lynch
Garey's—Mrs. Katherine Spence
Burrsville—Mrs. Bessie Cheezum
Liden's—Pearl Fountain
Central—Mrs. Hester Wyatt
Caroline High—
A. C. Norstedt, principal
Mrs. E. E. Pippin
Helen Roe
Stephanie Ford
Mildred Nuttle, commercial
Ralph Horsey, manuel training
Mrs. Mamie Smith, home economics
Mrs. Mary B. Rairigh
Lucy V. Garey
Ruth Noble
Denton Primary—
Laura Melvin, principal
Myrtle Dukes
Ursula Slaughter
Hilda Cade
Oaks—Mrs. Corinne Thomas
Williston—Reba Hurst
Hickman—Mrs. Lulu R. Kelly
Harmony—
Elma Todd
Mildred Collins
Preston—
Walter Sparklin, principal
Katherine Cox
Mrs. Mary Elzey
Mary J. Wright, home economics
Mrs. Elva Butler
Clara Rubold
Lillian Cox
Mrs. Pearl Wright
Hazel Towers
Poplar Neck—Mary Marquardt
Hubbard's—Henrietta McMahan
Federalsburg—
A. C. Brower, principal
Mary Davis
Sophie L. Kirwan
Ruth Brown
Blanche Jackson, commercial
Stuart Macintosh, manuel training
May Thompson
Mrs. Laura Nichols
Louise Stevens
Mrs. Susan Griffith
Hilda Covey
Florence Funk
Hickory Hill—Esther Russell
Houstans Branch—Ketruah Glime
Nichols—Mrs. Alice Howard
Nabb's—Edith Walters
Hillsboro—
Mrs. Josephine Blades, principal
Edna Fleming
Thawley's—Mrs. Martha Clark
Cedar Grove—Bessie Edwards
Ridgely High—
F. A. Stayer, principal
Mrs. Mary Wooters
Robley Hackett
Lydia Jones
Alma Thompson
Ridgely Primary—
Mrs. S. E. Parsons, principal
Maude Ford
Esther Holland
Mrs. Charlotte Stayer
Furmans Grove—Blanche Laird
Laurel Grove—Mrs. Mary J. Howard
Concord—Mrs. Alice Hignutt
Smithville—Nettie Tribbett
Chesnut Grove—Mrs. Myrtle Hignutt
Friendship—
Mrs. Orath Taylor, principal
Miriam Wright
American Corner—
Mrs. Elizabeth Stone
Howard's—Mrs. Alice Trice.

MEMORIAL SERRVICES FOR JUDGE PEARCE

fence could have had a more painstaking, zealous or effective advocate. He was a lawyer and a gentleman of the old school. The profession to him meant an opportunity for service to the public and his clients alike.

With such a record and such a conception of his duty as a lawyer it was not surprising that when he presented himself as a candidate for the office of chief judge of this circuit his peculiar fitness for the bench was recognized by every one; especially as, to the judicial qualifications above mentioned, were added a profound knowledge of the law, an unusual appreciation of legal principals, a discriminating mind, indomitable industry, and splendid courage.

To few men has it been given to measure up to the confident expectation of friends and well wishers to the extent that Judge Pearce measured up. Whether at nisi prius or in the appellate court, he was always the ideal judge, the modest and courteous gentleman, the sympathetic friend of his associates on the bench, of the lawyers who practiced before him, and of every honest litigant; but, above all, the impartial, sane, and fearless dispenser of justice.

When he was about to reach the constitutional age of retirement, two years before the end of his term, the legislature without a dissenting voice, and with the approval of the entire state extended the time of his service.

And when he sat for the last time on the bench of the court of appeals, lawyers from all parts of the state congregated there to put on record the expression of their appreciation of the high service he had rendered the state. He lived for eight years after that in quiet and dignified retirement. His nice sense of propriety did not permit him to practice law in competition wth his freinds at the bar, of his county and circuit while he was the beneficary of a pension from the state.

But his interest in the profession never ceased. There was seldom a session of the court at Chestertown at which he did not occupy a seat at the bar, and he was at the service of any lawyer who needed his help and desired to draw from his rich store of knowledge and experience. Besides, throughout this period of retirement from active practice, the interest which he had always shown in every worthy cause, whether regiously, charitable, education, or political, continued without any diminution. He was chancellor of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Easton from its formation to a few months of his death, when he resigned because his wife, to whom he was devoted, had been striken with a lingering illness and required his constant presence at home. Washington College, of whose board of trustees he was president, continued to the last to enlist his active interest and efforts. He was a member of the important committee which framed the budget law for the State. Among the other public activites during this period was his work during the world war as the leader in his county of many of the agencies organized by the government to promote the success of our armises in the field. He also was one of the board of state bar examiners.

In all his activities perhaps the thing most characteristic of him was the entire absence of self assertion, self seeking, and self consciousness. And yet no man could have been firmer in holding to his opinion when he believed he was right and when principle was at stake.

He left an enduring record of a great judge in his opinions published in the Maryland Reports. No judge has written purer english, sounder principles, or better law.

He left even a better legacy to the state in the influence of his noble life.

In closing I cannot do better than repeat what was said of him by Judge Boyd, speaking for the court of appeals at the memorial exercises held in that court: "In character Judge Pearce was as nearly perfect as it is possible for a man to be".

This I believe to be the estimate of him deliberately, I think, will not be changed as time goes on.

The court will now stand adjourned as a mark of respect to his memory.

New Electric Sign

Last Tuesday evening the Palace Theatre was brilliantly illuminated with a new electric sign. The sign is about ten feet long with the word Palace hung vertically. After dark the sign illuminated the street in front of the theatre, making it look like the great white way.

A cheerful giver usually has a cheerful liver.

TUCKAHOE NECK

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Downes are entertaining her brother and aunt from Alabama. They spent Wednesday in Rehoboth, Del.

Miss Lulu Fifield was given a shower Wednesday evening July 13th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Clark. Her many friends were glad to have an opportunity to show their appreciation of Miss Fifield's value in the church, Sunday school and community. The wedding was at the bride's home at 4 p. m. Sunday.

Some of the club girls are to go on a camping trip with other club girls of Caroline county next Tuesday to be gone until Friday.

Miss Evelyn Samis and Miss Nellie Smith, of Arlington, Baltimore, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ira Samis for a few days.

Rev. and Mrs. Betts and son Martin spent last Friday in Tuckahoe Neck. They took dinner at Wallace Clark's and christened two babies in the community. One was Etha Lynda Ireland and the other William Harford Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Anstee are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Watson, of Guelp Ontario, Canada. They with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Samis and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Clark motored to Rehoboth, on Tuesday.

The Rev. Mr. W. S. H. Williams visited his sister, Mrs. Martha Betts at the home of his niece, Mrs. Walalce Clark Tuesday and Wednesday.

Little William and Gertrude Perry are visiting in Phialdelphia.

Helen Higgins and Helen DeFord are visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hunter's.

Tuckahoe Neck Wedding

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norse Fifield at 4 p. m., Sunday, July 17th. The Rev. Mr. Levi K. Zeigler, of the Denton Church of the Brethren officiated.

The contracting parties were Vernon Baker, of Hillsboro and Lulu Fifield of this community.

Raymond Fifield, brother of the bride, and Alma Baker, sister of the groom acted as best man and brides maid. Miss Mildred Fluhatry sang "O Promise Me."

The bride was beautifully dressed in a white charmouse silk with lace panels. She wore a string of pearls about her neck and carried a bouquet of roses and fern. Miss Fluharty wore a nile green organdy and Miss Baker wore a lemon colored organdy. The groom was dressed in the conventional style.

After supper was served to the bridal party, the bride and groom went to the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Baker, for a few days, after which they will reside in Hillsboro, where he is in business.

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