# THE AMERICAN UNION

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## A. E. MILLER HAS OPENING SATURDAY

### Completion of Alterations Gives Denton Fine New Modern Store

### HAS ADDED NEW LINES

Mr. A. E. Miller, who for a number of years ran a dry goods and notion store in the Carter block, but who purchased the Hammond home, corner 3rd and Main streets last fall, has remodeled the house and will open up a first class dry goods and notion store this Saturday.

During the course of the alterations which have taken two months, the front porch and the entire front of the old dwelling were removed and big glass show windows have been placed across the front which is 25 feet. Old walls were taken out of the interior and the first floor is one big room with a depth of 35 feet and a width at the back of 32 feet. Windows are on all sides of the building, which makes it the lightest store room in town.

One side of the store is devoted to candies and groceries, of which a good line of fresh stock has been received. On the other side at the front is a good asosrtment of dry goods and notions. To the rear of this is a large section of the store, well lighted, which is devoted to mililnery, the specialty of Mrs. Miller. Latest styles and colors will be found in this large assortment of hats, trimmed and untrimmed, which will be on display.

The store roo mhas been very neatly and tastefully decorated with paint and wall paper, giving the store a very attractive appearance.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAW IS BEING ENFORCED

Our school attendance law, although made to protect our children and give them their birthright, (an elementary education), is the most badly abused law that we have. There is very little in this world which we can get for nothing and when we stop to think how much our state and county is appropriating yearly that our children may be educated to become intelligent citizens, we as parents, should do our share by keeping our children in school. Let your child have the advantage that the other man's child is getting and do not give him an opportunity to say when he reaches manhood "I did not have a chance to go to school."

Children between the ages of seven and thirteen years of age are required, by law, to attend school the entire school year. Children between the ages of thirteen and seventeen who have not completed the elementary grades, are required to attend school 100 days.

These last named children by entering November 1st can complete their 100 days by the middle of March.

To enforce this attendance law it is unfortunate in many cases that legal action has to be taken and five arrests have already been made this month.

Don't have your name go down in the history of Caroline county among those of criminals and law breakers.

## *HENDERSON*

Mrs. Sarah Davis, of Hobbs, was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Alston Long Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walls and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Golt and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Raughley and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Redman were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gooden Sunday.

Mrs. William Goodwin, Jr., of Chester, Pa., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Goodwin, Sr., Tuesday.

Mrs. C. D. Sharpless and Mrs. L. M. Jones are visiting relatives in Wilmington, Del.

Helen Long spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. William Golt.

Quite a number of our young folks went on the excursion to Wilmington and Philadelphia Sunday.

Mrs. John Bush, of Goldsboro, has returned home after spending several days with friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Moore, of Denton, Del., were guests of their daughter, Mrs. T. Alda Montague.

### EDGAR McKNETT

Our community was greatly shocked to learn of the death of Mr. Edgar McKnett, who resides near Templeville, Md. For several years he was a resident here and one of our merchants. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, 1:30 p. m. at Templeville. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Wilfred and Linwood.

### Spelling Bee

A spelling bee wil be held at Oaks school next Monday evening, March 13th. If stormy that evening it will be held Tuesday evening. Everybody is invited. Cream cake, pies and candy will be for sale.

A laugh upsets many an argument. Good humor often is more successful than sorman intelligence.

### THE WAY IT'S DONE

When business shows a weakness
And some notes are put in hock,
Then the devil tells the people
"Now's your time to knock."

Then every mother's son
Hits the anvil chorus strong
"And the poor old town is done"
Is the burden of his song.

Now the quickest way on earth
To kill a prosperous town,
Is to get your money's worth
Then knock her blue and brown.

Then with the town's undoing
And her life blood ebbing low,
You can gaze upon the ruin
And say "I told you so."

W. C. THURSTON.

## PARENT-TEACHERS ASSO. IN MARCH MEETING

The regular meeting of the Teacher-Parent Association of Caroline High School, was held last Monday with over a hundred friends of the school in attendance. The meeting was delightfully informal, as the guests sat at tables arranged before the stage.

A huge victrola occupied the centre of the stage, which was tastefully decorated with firs and spring flowers. As each singer's number was finished, the character in costume, appeared through the opened doors of the machine. Miss Edith Straughn impersonated the Spirit of Music.

The program follows:

Pirate Song, Raymond Beauchamp.
My Wild Irish Rose McCormick
Smith Beck and Esther Kauffman
On Miami Shore Kreisler
Philip Nuttle
Land of the Sky Blue Water Gluck
Hazel Beauchamp
Japanese Sandman Kline
Helen Hubbard
Old Fashioned Garden Kline
Mildred Collison
Farewell to Naples Caruso
Charles Walls
Juliet's Waltz Song Galli-Curci
Hilda Bowdle
Italian Street Song Lucy Marsh
Alicia O'Connor
Dixie Garrison
Ruth Beauchamp and Arthur Rairigh
Star Spangled Banner Audience
Addie Nuttle
Reading Miss Blanche Hobbs
Reading McDaniels
Importance of Spelling in H. S.
—Mr. Nuttle

### The Continued Story

The American Union for a number of years has been running continued stories in its columns each week. Four weeks ago we published an advertisement asking all who read the continued stories to send in the coupon attached and advise what style story they preferred and it was also stated that it depended on the number of answers returned whether we would continue the stories at this time. Very few replies were received and we have therefore decided to discontinue these stories for the present. Those of our readers who did enjoy the stories we hope will find something else of special interest in the paper to take the place of the story.

## *HARMONY*

Mrs. Sherwood has returned to her home in Delmar after spending a week with Mrs. R.L. Deen.

Miss Mildred Collins spent the week end in Wilmington.

Mrs. P. R. Deen's daughters, Florence and Elizabeth, spent the week end with their grandmother, Mrs. Christopher.

The young folks gave Miss Hazel Shultz a surprise party Friday evening.

The Aid was delightfully entertained with Mr. and Mrs. Roland Thomas. After a business meeting, the guests were invited out to the dining room where refreshments were served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Albert Willis, April 5th.

Mr. Income Tax is not welcome in most homes, but still he must be filled in and sent before March 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Payne, of Federalsburg, are spending a few days with their daughter, Mrs. Leon Todd.

Mr. Fred Payne and family have moved from Federalsburg on the McConnell farm, near Union Grove.

### LECTURE ON TREES

A very interesting meeting was held at Preston last Wednesday evening in relation to the care of wood lands in this county. Mr. J. A. Cope assistant state forester, gave a lecture, showed a set of lantern slides and a moving picture film, all emphasizing the value of the loblolly pine. (ball pine) in this section. Demonstrations were given Thursday at Federalsburg and Preston.

He stated that the loblolly pine should be given preference over the oak because it will bring in a much larger return than the oak. Better oak can be grown cheaper elsewhere. He also emphasized the fact that the loblolly or ball pine, should be given preference over the spruce or scrub pine. For one reason, the loblolly grows much faster.

Many land owners are paying taxes and interest on land which is absolutely worthless at present for agricultural purposes. Were this land in loblolly pine it would undoubtedly pay a handsome sum at the end of a few years. If allowed to remain as cut-over land for the same period, it will only be an expense.

If any land owner is interested in this proposition and wishes any advice in regard to getting a start of loblolly pine, he can either write to me or to the office of the State Forester, at Baltimore.

Furthermore, if any timber owner wishes assistance in estimating the amount of timber or the best means of marketing the timber, he should consult the state forester. This service is free and may save you many dollars.

W. COLLINS THOMAS,
County Agent.

### PICRIC ACID AVAILABLE FOR EASTERN FARMERS

In connection with the distribution of picric acid for land clearing now being carried on by the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, about 300,000 pounds of the material has been made available at Edgewood, Md., where it had been stored by the Army to be used in the manufacture of poison gasses. The comparatively low freight that will apply to this point is expected to make the offering of this supply very attractive to landowners of the northeastern section of the picric acid, which is shipped only in carload lots, is that to cover drying, cartridging and shipping.

## *INCOME TAX*

### PERSONS REQUIRED TO MAKE A RETURN OF INCOME

An income tax return must be filed by every citizen of the United States whether residing at home or abroad, and every person residing in the U. S. though not a citizen thereof, whose gross income for the taxable period 1921 amounted to 5,000, or whose net income amounted to—

$1,000 if single or if married and not living with husband or wife.

$2,000 if married and living with husband or wife.

If the combined net income of husband, wife, and dependent minor children equalled or exceeded $2,000, or if the combined gross income of husband, wife, and dependent minor children equalled or exceeded $5,000 all such income must be reported on a joint return, or on separate returns of husband and wife. If single and the net income, including that of dependent minors, if any, equalled or exceeded $1,000, or if the gross income equalled or exceeded $5,000, a return must be filed. A minor, however, having a net income of $1,000 or $2,000, according to the marital status, or a gross income of $5,000, must file a return.

The income of a minor or incompetent, if derived from a separate estate under control of a guardian, trustee, or other fiduciary, must be reported by his guardian or other legal representative.

Income of estates of decedents before final settlement: trusts, whether created by will or deed, for unascertained persons or persons with contingent interest; or income held, or which underthe terms of the will or trust may be held, for future distribution, is taxed to the fiduciary as a single person, except that from the income of an estate there may be deducted any amount properly paid or credited to beneficiaries.

If the net income of a decedent from the beginning of the taxable period to the date of his death was $1,000, if unmarried, or $2,000, if married, and living with wife or husband, or if the gross income was $5,000 or over, the executor or administrator shall file a return.

## TREASURY HEAD ISSUES REMINDER ON INCOME TAX

### Secretary Mellon Points Out March 15 Is Last Day for Returns and Explains Mode of Payments

Washington, March 5—Secretary Mellen today issued a reminder through the press to income-tax and profits-tax payers calling the attention to the date, March 15, as the limit for making returns. With it he included suggestions of four different ways by which payment may be made, as follows:

Cash; checks, certified or uncertified; money orders and bank drafts; Treasury certificates of indebtedness of any of the series maturing March 15, 1922, at par with an adjustment of accrued interest; Victory notes in coupon form of either the 4¾ per cent. or the 3¾ per cent. series at par with an adjustment of accrued interest.

The Treasury's estimates indicate that the income and profits taxes to be collected in March, 1922, will be about $460,000,000, though this figure is subject to some uncertainty because of the shrinkage in business and profits during the calendar year 1921. As against this tax payment, the Treasury has outstanding about $530,000,000 of Treasury certificates of indebtedness which mature March 15, 1922, and are acceptable as payment of taxes as above stated.

Victory notes in coupon form also have been made acceptable, in order to furnish an additional convenience to taxpayers and at the same time facilitate the refunding of the Victory and Liberty loan. The 3¾ per cent. Victory notes, which have been called for redemption on June 15, 1922, are acceptable, as well as the 4¾ per cent. notes.

## MISS KELLOGG TAKES ON COUNTY WORK

Miss Emily Kellog appeared in our midst last week as the new county home demonstration agent. Since the first of November, the county has had no representative here after the resignation on that date of Mrs. Edith G. Norman.

Miss Kellogg comes here highly recommended by the state department at College Park, and is now busily at work in the office going over the work previously done in order that she may get an insight into the work and pick it up where it was left off.

Miss Kellogg was raised in Waco, Tex. Her education was through the schools of that city, followed by a course in Baylor University, at that place. From there she attended Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, receiving her degree of Bachelor of Science in 1919. Nearly three years since then has been devoted to teaching in a high school in Baltimore county.

Miss Kellogg has a very pleasing personality and is wide-awake and full of plenty of pep and it is thought that her work here will be very successful.

Very soon she hopes to get to all the county meetings of the organized clubs and help them with their work.

### Scarlet Fever in State Schools

Mr. Bateman Draper, a graduate of C. H. S. '21, who is now attending Western Maryland College, Westminster, has developed a case of scarlet fever and the student body of the college is under quarantine.

In the State Normal School there are about 15 cases of scarlet fever and the school is under quarantine.

In Wilmington the public schools are also under quarantine.

A "live wire" ought to be dead game.

## *S. G. NUTTLE NEW P. M.*

Mr. Samuel G. Nuttle will be Denton's new postmaster very soon. The Congressional Record of March 7th contains a list of appointments of postmasters among which is that of Mr. Nuttle. The papers confirming his appointment have not as yet been received by him.

Upon being approached this morning he said that he had heard but had no positive information of his appointment. When shown the Congressional Record he said that his appointment was evidently very certain.

He wil lprobably take office as soon as his confirmation comes through.

### MRS. JOHN EMERSON

Mrs. John Emerson, died early last Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. Howard Pastorfield on Main street. She had been confined to the house for the last 6 months and for four months to her room.

Mrs Emerson was Miss Rebecca A. Dunning, the daughter of Samuel and Mary Dunning, near Denton, and was born on December 14, 1838. On October 6, 1870 she was married to Mr. John H. Emerson, the founder of the Denton Pearl and The American Union.

Mrs. Emerson is surived by two children, Mrs. J. Howard Pastorfield and Mr. J. C. Emerson, East Rockaway, L. I., one stepson, M. J. M. Emerson, of Ansonis, Conn., and seven grand children.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Vinal E. Hills, officiating. Interment was made in the Denton Cementery.

Until she was confined to her home, Mrs. Emerson was always doing for others. Those who were sick or needy, or in distress were always on her thoughts, and her actions were the fulfillment of the Christian life she led. Membership in the Denton Methodist Episcopal Church was held by Mrs. Emerson from an early age and it grieved her greatly when she was compelled to stay away fram the church services. She was loved by all who knew her and many mourn her going.

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## *HOBBS*

Mrs. Lula Smith of Baltimore, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Kirby.

Mr. G. L. Jopp has accepted the agency for handling Deering International farming implements.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stafford, Mrs. John Davis and daughter of this place and Mrs. J. O. Plummer of Denton, motered to Salisbury, on Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kirby has returned home after spending the winter in Baltimore.

Mrs. Sarah Davis and children were visitors at the home of her daughter Mrs. Alston Long, of near Henderson Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chance of near Greensboro, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore Sunday.

Mr. L. H. Thomas was the guest of Mr. Alston Long Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Trice and children of Easton were week end visitors of Mr. Trice's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Jopp and son, Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. Burnard Wothers visited Greenwood and Harrington friends Monday.

Several of our Christian Endeavor members attended the C. E. institute at Federalsburg Wednesday.

The fourth quarterly conference was held here Tuesday afternoon, but on account of the stormy weather only a few were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Jopp and son were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Welch Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stafford spent Sunday with the later's parents in Denton.

Agent J. Ricards left Wednesday for Washington to join his wife who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. B. B. Allen for the past three weeks.

E. M. Willey is in Delaware on a business trip.

A woman never is too or homely not to believe she still has a chance for a life romance, but a man after thirty generally translates his romantic ideas into terms of dollars.

It is intellectual steam that keeps the world's wheels revolving.

## JR. O. U. A. M. ADMITS THIRTY PILGRIMS

### Degree Team from Laurel, Del. Participates in Initiating Ceremonies

### TO OPEN IN FEW WEEKS

Caroline Council, No. 175, Jr. O. U. A. M., was a mecca Monday night, when 30 pilgrims sought admission into that fraternity. Its twentyfifth anniversary was passed on February 22d, a class was decided upon for the 27th. The large number of candidates surpassed the most sanguine expectations.

Messrs. W. K. Scotton, S. Frank Cole, Clarence H. Roe, J. Howard Pastorfield and T. Dukes Roe had charge of the arrangements, and it was found that the ceremonies would have to be postponed a week.

A degree team from Vigilant Council, Dr. L. R. Outten, commandant, of Laurel, Del., and the Firemen's Band, also of that place, were present.

Thirty-six visitors from Laurel took part in the initiatory ceremonies, which, because of the smallness of the lodge room, were held in the Masonic Hall, and were rendered in a most realistic and impressive way and showed that the Laurel men were masters of their respective parts.

At the conclusion of the exercise all returned to the Law building, where tables had been provided in the large hallway on the second floor, and a lunch, refreshments and cigars were served, and the fraternal spirit of the brotherhood manifested itself in a marked degree. As Laurel is about 35 miles from here the visitors departed at 11:30. An enjoyable time was had and to Messrs. W. K. Scotton and S. Frank Cole is largely due the credit for the successful achievement.

### HOG CHOLERA REDUCED

That well-defined progress is being made in the control of hog cholera in the State of Maryland is indicated in the annual report of Dr. I. K. Atherton, Federal Inspecter in Charge of the work. This report covering the year 1921, shows that there was a reduction of 25 percent in the number of hog cholera outbreaks under the previous year or 458 cases as compared to 614 in 1920.

There has been a steady decrease in the losses from this disease since hog cholera control work was inaugurated in the state five years ago by the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry in co-operation with the State Board of Agriculture. Swine losses have been reduced from 79 per thousand prior to 1917 to 45 per thousand in 1921, resulting in an annual saving of 17,175 head. With an average value of $16 per head fori the five year period, the total saving in dollars and cents has been $274,805.00 per annum. In contrast to the saving effected, the approximate cost of the work has been $14,000 a year, borne equally by the Federal government and the state.

It is also worthy of note that during the above period, Maryland has advanced from ninth to seventh place in the number of hogs per square mile, being exceeded only by Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri and Georgia. This shows that Maryland farmers are raising more hogs as the menace of hog cholera is gradually eliminated.

Four veterinarians assigned by the Bureau of Animal Industry devote their entire time to the work, the state being divided into four districts, the headquarters of which are located respectively at College Park, Hagerstown, Elkton and Salisbury.

The work controlling the disease is conducted under the "Maryland Plan for Hog Cholera Control", this plan being founded on the principle of preventing the introduction, harboring and spread of the infection. The success of this method rests with the individual farmer and depends upon the extent of the cooperation obtained from him. No compulsory regulations are maintained and his compliance with the provisions of the plan must necessarily be entirely voluntary. In general it may be said that the farmers are giving their fullest cooperation and approval of the work.

However, the greatest difficulty encountered has been in obtaining early reports of sick hogs and in numerous instances widespread outbreaks have occurred with resultant heavy losses before the authorities were aware of the presence of the infection. On the other hand, when an outbreak has been promptly reported, not the slightest difficulty has been experienced in stopping the spread of the infection.

The co-operation of all farmers and hog raisers is therefore requested in reporting all cases of sick hogs. Reports should be made to your county agricultural agent or to the Federal veterinarian in this district, who is Dr. W. H. Wright, Elkton, Md. Prompt investigation will be made of these cases and thus material assistance will be given to the work of controlling one of the most serious of livestock diseases.

### The Top of The Ladder

Every individual who makes any headway in his chosen field must struggle against the current.

The fact that a man is a success does not indicate that he has never chanced to meet adverse conditions, but that he has met and overcome them numberless times and is always ready for the combat.

The only people who do not encounter these difficulties in their work are those who fail when they reach them and drift along in the tide with the debris..

We cannot train to overcome adverse conditions by shying around them, if we could there wouldn't be near as much room at the top of the ladder.—

## WILL HAVE LARGEST MERCANTILE HOUSE

### J. L. Everngam to Connect with Former Long & Beall Storeroom

### 25TH ANNIVERSARY

J. L. Everngam, who purchased the stock of Long & Beall, Denton. and who had been running a big sale of those goods scince Christmas. shut the doors of that store on Febuary 25th. Since that time carpenters and other workmen have been busy making alterations in the store building, preparatory to a big opening of the combined storerooms in one by Mr. Everngam in a few weeks.

It so happens that this store is located beside that of Mr. Everngam, so that when he purchased the stock, he also made arrangements to lease the store room. When the store is again opened it will be a part of the original Everngam store and will be connected by a 55-foot opening at the front of the store, the wall having been removed for that distance. Upstairs the two big rooms have been conected with an arch.

The combining of these two stores, we believe, gives to Mr. Mr. Everngam the distinction of having the largest mercantile store of its kind in the county.

When the new section of the store is opened it will be fitted up with an up-to-date line of men's and boys' furnishings. This line will include everything in the way of men's and boys' wear.

Continuing on a larger and better scale the old section of the store will devote its space exclusively to the needs of the gentler sex in the manner of clothing, fittings and dry goods.

### PROSPERITY PRODUCED BY PUREBREDS, FARMERS SAY

Five hundred replies to a series of questions on the utility value of purebred live stock have been received by the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture. The questions were sent to progressive farmers in all parts of the country, and they are almost unanimous in praising the purebred as the fount from which the stream of prosperity flows. The writers of these letters, all of whom have taken the pldge in the "Better Sires—Better Stock" campaign, place varying values on the purebred as compared with the grade and the scrub, but nearly all of them agree in spirit with the Nebraska farmer who wrote as follows:

"I desire to thank the originator of this questionaire, for he has struck the keynote of better live stock. A purebred is either better for utility purposes or not, and since it always costs more than one of mixed breeding it should return more in competition.

"The 'boss' of this farm is not blessed with a large family nor an overplus of muscular force, therefore everything must pay its way. We first saw the light with purebred Wyandotte chickens—found we had more uniform birds, more eggs, and a better market. Then wife began to keep books on our high grade cows, and I discovered that I had been chambermaid for a bunch of star boarders. So we bought a few purebred heifers (always had purebred males) and started without any ideo of ever selling breeding stock—just to have good milkers and sell the calves as baby beef. Well, the neighbors liked the purebreds better, and they came and bought the surplus; still doing it.

"Notice we stress utility. If the pedigree is fancy, all well and good; but the individual must make good on the utility basis. Foundation stock has gone to four adjoining States and to most of the counties lying close without expensive advertising or public sale. Common stock and culls are never priced as breeding stock."

Another farmer from the same part of the country writes an inspiring story in a few simple words. He says:

"I am much pleased to add my little to your work, but it appears it is hard to get some farmers to realize the advantage of purebred stock and modern equipment. I will just say that my wife and I started 26 years ago on a rented farm with a very little property and some debt. We now have one of the finest flocks of Leghorns, the best herd of Jerseys in this part of the State, and 240 acres of valley land with modern improvements. We never fell heir to any money, but lay our success to the keeping of purebred stock and giving it the right care. People in our town buy our milk at 10 cents a quart and want more. We now have 45 Jerseys, 1,000 Leghorns, and 100 Duroc hogs, all purebreds. I am your friend."

Almost without exception farmers who raise purebred animals make statements of this sort. They are through with the scrub forever.

### JAMES C. COLLINS

Mr. James C. Collins died Monday night at 11:50 o'clock. He had been stricken with paralysis last Friday night and was not expected to live. He was a veteran of the civil war and was raised on a farm near Concord.

Mr. Collins is survived by his wife, who was a Miss Katerine Edgell and the following children: Mrs. Walter J. Kelley, of Denton and Mr. Ernest Collins, who lives on the old home farm near Concord. Mr. Collins has been a resident of Denton for eight years.

Funeral services will be held at the home Friday at 1 o'clock. Rev. V. E. Hills will officiate. Interment in the Federalsburg Cemetery.

Perhaps the only thing more pathetic than an old woman who makes herself look like a young girl, is a young girl who makes herself up like a woman.

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