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AMERICAN UNION CELEBRATES SIXTY-SECOND BIRTHDAY BY A REVIEW OF ITS FIRST ISSUE

Sixty-three years ago last Monday, July 17, 1860, Volume 1, Number 1 of The American Union, "A Family Journal—Devoted to Literature, Morality, News and Politics," appeared in Denton. This was the third attempt at newspaper work in this town, the Denton Journal and the Denton Pearl having preceded the efforts of The American Union, although the Pearl lasted but a few years.

The first issue, a four-page, six-column paper, was a very creditable effort of the publisher, Mr. Robert R. Busteed and the editor, Mr. W. R. Busteed.

Terms of subscription were anannounced at one dollar a year if paid in advance, or one dollar and fifty cents if paid after one month following due date.

Advertising rates were 50c per square (12 lines) for one insertion, $1.00 for three insertions, 25c for each subsequent insertion.

In the opening number of the paper six columns of advertising was carried, a large percentage of which was legal notices. One advertisement ment states that Esma Lowe had taken over the hotel at Greensborough and would conduct it in a manner pleasing to the traveling public.

One item of interest was the notice of the observance of the 4th of July by the residents of Denton. The article further states that as the publication is two weeks after the 4th, its readers are respectfully referred to the account in the Denton Journal of the 7th.

Methodist Protestants were to hold a camp meeting at American Corner beginning August 10th. Tents would be leased to those who desired them.

Enoch George, then a boy, had his arm broken and the elbow dislocated while wrestling with another boy the previous Tuesday morning. Dr. Tarr attended the patient.

A picnic was given by the Hillsborough Methodist Episcopal Church to the children in the Sabbath School on the preceding Wednesday in the grove near that place.

Under the masthead of the paper, on the editorial page the following nominations for candidates of the Constitutional Union Party were named: John Bell, of Tennessee, for president; Edward Everett, of Massachusetts, for vice-president; for the state at large, Alexander Evans and J. Dixon Roman; first district, James U. Dennis; second district, John E. Smith; third district, Samuel M. Rankin; fourth district, William Price; fifth district, James T. Carper, and sixth district, Alexander B. Hagner.

A notice is inserted regarding the discovery of a counterfeit $50 note on the Penntownship Bank of Philadelphia.

Robert, the eldest son of Captain Robert Emerson of Chestertown, was drowned the previous Friday in the Chester River, the body being recovered the next day. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Skinner.

Many editorials on different phases of the political situation were given much space on the editorial page.

Several pieces of poetry, probably by local writers, received prominence in the columns of the first issue.

An article of over two columns on "I Know It," by E. W. Dewees, received a conspicuous space on the first page, as did also an article "Woman's Mission, an Excerpt from Weld's 'Women of the Old and New Testament.' "

All type used was of course hand set, which is a much slower process than that used on The American Union today, with our expensive typecasting machine installed a year ago. The press work is very good considering the presses of that day, and the paper is in an excellent state of preservation.

The American Union is very proud of its almost complete file of sixtytwo on the pages of which are chronicled on the pages of which are cronicdel many interesting events.

Thinking the salutatory of the paper might be interesting to the readers today, we quote in full the first editorial of The American Union of July 17, 1860:

"An established and long honored custom renders it proper for us in this the commencement of our new enterprise, to briefly set forth our views, and define as far as practical the course we intend to pursue, a duty we cheerfully perform. In this issue we make our first appearance before our friends and patrons. In coming thus before them we do it with our cordial greeting and with the hope that in the courtesy and well wishing with which we may be received, to be favoured with its hearty reception. We have now fully entered on our enterprise of publishing a paper in the town of Denton; and we feel sure that no apology is needed to open unto us a kind reception and reasonable patronage. We are but doing that which is so common an occurrence and which has always met with an honest approval from the public that we feel no scruples or misgivings as to the step we have taken. In the contemplation at first of and the actual setting out in our new undertaking, we have not been unmindful that in our town our friend of the "Journal" has for years been, in his department of labour and in the measure of his means, faithfully serving the public; yet it has seemed to us, with our humble distrust of our abilities, that we might engage in the same work not without hope of being of some service to the interests of our country, and in the patronage of friends and of profit to ourselves.—Of this we feel sure that in our present undertaking we have not been moved by any feeling of opposition to our friend, by our side into whose fraternity we doubt not will be ready to heartily welcome us.

"The daily and weekly newspapers are the glory of America; much as they are susceptible of improvement they are unquestionably the most powerful lever now at work in our civil society. We do not yet half estimate their power, nor dream of what they are to become, good stories are the wings of newspapers, and enable them to fly all over the land, what is a novel, in our day, but criticism, description, history, science and in short knowledge.

"People living in towns and cities have little idea of the value of newspapers, compared with country people, they have their associations and libraries on every hand, which when they have not of their own, they borrow from their neighbors. But on farms, in out of the way places the newspaper is the window through which they look into the world, newspaper day is the white day of the week, every word is read, advertisements and all. If not aloud, each waits impatiently for his turn. Every day the leading topics are thought and talked about till the next paper comes. Country people have time to consider things, thus you find they know more about things of the world than city people do and all because they read the papers and think about what they read. Then we say a good newspaper is king of America. Long live King Newspaper!

"In our prospectus we set out with an enunciation of our position —politically styling our paper the "American Union," and professing our intention to advance the principles of that party in politics which we believe to be the purest and truest to the best interest of the country.

"In thus declaring ourselves, however we do not mean to make our paper an exclusively political one, but we shall advocate its principles with moderation and courtesy to our opponents, we desire not to create any political strife in the county, but claim the right to defend our principles and if any controversy shall arise we are determined not to use vulgar and abusive language, but calmly, honestly and truthfully discuss the matter in controversy, we have before us the common and of all such enterprises which must be a mutual nature. And as we are now before the public we wish a happy acquaintance with them and prefer our readiness to serve them to the best of our ability. In conclusion we repeat our cordial greeting and please ourselves with the anticipations of a better acquaintance in the future."

MRS. IRENE CORKRAN

After a lingering illness of several months, Mrs. Irene Corkran, widow of the late N. J. Corkran, died on Sunday, July 16th; at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Willey, at Hobbs, Md. She was about 85 years of age, a daughter of the late Isaiah C. Blades, who in his day was one of Caroline's best business men. Mrs. Corkran leaves four children, A. J. Corkran, of Hynson, Md., A. B. Corkran of Royal Oak, Md., Mrs. H. R. Merriken, of Federalsburg, and Mrs. E. M. Willey of Hobbs, and one brother, Owen C. Blades of Choptank. She leaves also ten grand-children and three great grand-children. In early life she united with the M. P. Church at Grove, Md., of which she was a consistent member all her active life.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. J. A. Dudley and A. W. Betts officiating. Interment took place at Concord Cemetery.

Signs With Eastern Shore League

Mr. Ormond W. Downes, who for some time past has been making his home in Baltimore, has signed up with the Eastern Shore Baseball League as an official umpire, and left on Monday to take up his duties.

The Three Greatest Words

It is about a year since we sent out subscription notices to those who were in arrears, so that it is time for another dollar to find its way to our office for your paper for the coming year.

If you will look on the little pink slip on your paper or wrapper you can readily see to what date your subscription is paid. The two numbers after the name represent the month and year, respectively, to which your paper is paid, as for instance 5-22 would be May, 1922; 7-22 would be July 1922. If on the other hand it shows 7-21, it means that you forgot to come in last year and pay your subscription, or if it is 11-22 it means you don't have to worry until November.

Extra calls for money on the editor have made it necessary to make an urgent appeal to the readers of The American Union to kindly pay their subscription, if due at this time, and a hearty response on your part will be greatly appreciated.

The three greatest words in the English language are—"Enclosed find check." May we have the pleasure of reading them frequently in the near future?

COM. SECURES ATTRACTIONS FOR CARNIVAL

At the regular meeting of the carnival committee Tuesday evening, further plans were made for the successful production of the carnival planned for the week of September 219.

Arrangements have been made for the merry-go-round with the W. S. Reed Company of Talbot County, who have a very good machine and promise many enjoyable rides for those who like this sport.

It was hoped to secure the services of Dare Devil Oliver, the high diver, but the dates did not suit. However, Arthur Sherwood, the air acrobat, has been definitely secured and will entertain for 12 minutes each evening, doing acrobatic stunts in the air.

The committees on fancy work and chickens are beginning their work of securing pieces of fancy work from the ladies and chickens from the farmers to make these two booths successful. All ladies are urgently requested to donate one or more pieces of fancy work to be sold by the carnival committee, and the farmers are asked to donate chickens which will be sold.

REUNION OF E. S. STUDENTS OF BLUE RIDGE

The Eastern Shore students of Blue Ridge College, located at New Windsor, Md., held their annual reunion on Sunday afternoon on the beautiful, spacious, shady lawn of Mr. Albert Fike. Mr. Fike is now residing on, and managing, what is known as the Col. Seth fruit farm, just west of Dover Bridge. It was a great day. The weather was fair, and there was good cheer everywhere.

The ceremonies of the day began with lunch at 1 o'clock, for everybody had brought well-filled baskets of "goodies." Folks sat in their cars or spread out their lunches on tables on the lawn, or on the grass in the shade of the trees. By 2:10 the regular afternoon program was introduced. There were readings, songs, and talks by students, friends and patrons of the college. Two talks were given by Professors John and Flohr from the college. Everybody said they enjoyed the reunion, so it must have been a success.

This was the second reunion of Eastern Shore students, the one last year having been held in Denton. The committee in charge of the arrangements included Mrs. J. B. Brumbaugh, Ridgely, Md., Rev. Barry T. Fox, of Easton, and Rev. L. K. Ziegler of Denton. The attendance far exceeded the expectation of the committee, it being 175 persons.

The counties of Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Somerset and Carroll were represented. Twenty-three former students of the college were in this number, seven of whom were graduates of one of the departments of the college.

The reunion is to be an annual affair, and the following committee was appointed to arrange for it next year: Professor John, of the college, Rev. Fox, Mrs. Brumbaugh, and Rev. Ziegler.

Community Club Meets Tomorrow...

The Community Club will hold its regular meeting for the third Friday of the month on the 21st. A good attendance is hoped for as important matters are to be discussed.

DENTON WINS FROM PRESTON IN GOOD GAME

In a game containing but one error, with none against the home team, Denton yesterday defeated the Preston Base Ball Club to a standstill, the score being 3-0.

This is the first game of ball for the local boys under the new manager, Mr. Wesley Thawley, and it seems as though new life had been given them, for they played as they have never played before. Johnson, pitching for Denton, gave the vistors a ball that they were apparently upable to see, as only 2 men got to first base, and he struck out eleven. Behind Johnson, the team was with him to a man and covered his every move, giving the Preston boys no chance for scoring on errors, although one man did steal a base. In return, we stole three.

H. Clark made one sacrifice hit and stole two or three bases which the Denton boys go away with. Four Dentonians took first on balls from Miller, but Johnson made every man before him strike at his delivery. Bowdle, receiving from him, did excellent work and held him down.

The score:

DENTON	AB	R	1B	PO	E
Alleband, ss	3	1	0	3	0
H. Clark, 1b	4	1	1	7	0
Irwin, lf	3	1	1	1	0
Neal, 2b	3	0	0	2	0
Bowdle, c	4	0	2	0	0
Hynson, cf	2	0	1	0	0
E. Clark, 3b	3	0	1	1	0
Johnson, p	3	0	1	2	0
Roe, rf	3	0	0	0	0
Total	28	3	6	16	0

PRESTON	AB	R	1B	PO	E
L. Wheadleton, ss	4	0	0	1	0
J. Rumbold, lf	4	0	0	0	0
Noble, 3b	4	0	0	3	0
M. Wheadleton, 2b	3	0	0	4	1
D. Blades, cf	3	0	1	0	0
Dal. Blades, 1b	3	0	1	7	0
Wright, rf	3	0	0	0	0
Corkran, c	3	0	0	1	0
Miller, p	3	0	0	1	0
Total	30	0	2	17	1

Runs—Allaband, H. Clark, Irwin; stolen bases, H. Clark, 2, Hynson, Dallis, Blades; base on balls, Miller, 4; error, M. Wheadleton. Umpires C. George, Dr. Downes. Time of game, 1 hour, 35 minutes.

Interesting Game Saturday

What promises to be an interesting game will be played with the Goldsboro base ball team at Goldsboro on Saturday afternoon. The Goldsboro boys have been setting a lively pace this season, but if the local boys play as they did yesterday it will give the north county champions a run for their money.

AGAIN AT DESK

Mr. G. H. Rue, editor of The American Union, is again at his desk, assuming his duties, after a week spent in the Methodist Hospital at Brooklyn, N. Y., where his right eye was removed following an injury received July 4th.

The editor wishes to take this means of thanking his many friends both in this section and other places for the kind words of sympathy and help offered in this time of trouble. The operation, performed on July 10, was successful and removed all causes of trouble, and the editor is again enjoying good health. He also wishes to thank the many friends who assisted Mrs. Rue in gettingout the edition of July 13th.

SHENANDOAH CAVERNS ARE OPENED

New Set of Picturesque Caves in Shenandoah Valley Attract Many Tourists

BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED

The exhibition of caverns to the traveling public is noted by the United States Geological Survey as a growing industry in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. The famous Valley Pike, now a link in the New York to Atlanta highway, is traversed yearly by thousands of automobile tourists properly intent upon seeing America first, and no one has adequately seen America who has not visiter one or more of the caverns in the Shenandoah Valley. Until recently the only caverns that were accessible to the public were the celebrated Luray Caverns in Page County, and Weyers Caves in northern Augusta County, near Grottoes. However, within twelve months, the Endless Caverns, near New Market, in Shenandoah County, have been thrown open to the public and on May 31 another cavern near Mount Jackson, also in Shenandoah County, made its first bid for public favor.

The latest-opened caves have been named Shenandoah Caverns. They are about 3 miles south of Mount Jackson and 2 miles west of the Valley Puke, with which they are connected by a macadamized road. They are close to Shenandoah Caverns station, on the Harrisonburg branch of the Southern Railway, and are readily accessible to both the automobilist and to the railway tourist. Commodious rest rooms are provided near the railway. The visitor descends into these caverns by a concrete stairway and soon sees the first stalactites which appear as stout daggers of crystalized lime carbonate, hanging like icicles from points where surface water drips from the limestone roof. At the foot of the stairs is the spacious anteroom to a long chain of high-vaulted chambers connected by narrow passageways, forming in general plan a gigantic letter S, all illuminated by cleverely concealed lights. Attractive natural decorations are found in every room. Here the side walls are covered by fluted veneer done in crystal stucco, there in graceful drapery hang creamy lambrequins in ruddy-tinted strips. From place to place, singly or in groups, are pendent stalactites and uprising stalagmites—the first inverted narrow cones fed by tricyling films of lime-bearing water; the second pillars or columns fed by spattering drops of water. Giving free rein to fancy the visitor finds resemblance in these cavern deposits to whatever he may choose from the realms of the earth or ofthe waters under the earth. The beasts and the birds are there, and some of the fishes; silhouette portraits of celebrities, towers and minarets, dungeons and domes, hanging gardens, high cliffs mantled by patterned growths simulating the dainty coralline fungus of moist summer groves. In one room midway down the chain the show piece is a narrow 30-foot cascade of white glittering crystal flanked by twin falls of pale translucent ocher. At the base and to the rear of this diamond cascade, visible by peering between slender columns of oriental alabaster, is the "Fairy's Secret," a tiny pool illuminated in due season by animated torches, presumably carried by a brood of phosphorescent larvae of some insect, perhaps a small fly that is commonly present in such caverns.

As he progresses from room to room, the visitor is apt to think each succeeding chamber superior to the last, but whether this is true or not, all are likely to agree that the most charming of all is the one that completes the inbound trip. At the end of the developed portion of the cavern a chamber of high vaulted roof suddenly gives place to a low-ceiled room containing a lakelet in which are mirrored a multitude of delicate stalactites—a pool of a thousand crystal pendents, the very quintessence of the subterranean charms.

According to A. C. Spencer, of the United States Geological Survey, the caverns of the Shenandoah Valley are far more numerous than the casual visitor would be likely to imagine. The rocks in which this broad trench-like valley has been excavated are mainly limestone, and wherever these rocks occur the existence of caverns is indicated by two unfailing signs—the presence of innumerable water sinks and teh absence of brooks tributary to the rather regularly spaced creeks. The brookless tracts receive a due share of rainfall and must obviously contribute water to maintain the flow of creeks and rivers, but their contributions are not delivered by way of the surface drains but thru underground channels that supply copious springs in the deep valleys. The sinks are rude funnels by means of which surface waters are diverted in the subterranean waterways.

The development of extensive underground waterways in limestone formations like those of the Shenandoah Valley hinges upon the two geologic facts that large masses of rock are always cut by joints and that limestone is dissolved by rainwater, which always contains more or less carbon dioxide. Surface water entering fissures, joint cracks, and bedding planes attacks the limestone walls and thus by a process of etching converts close fractures and joints into relatively open crevices. As this process of solution goes on, lateral connections will be made from crevice to crevice, and the downward etching of the linked openings will be halted only when the susurface water channels have become closely adjusted to the water table controlled by surface streams. Thus it is that the caverns of the Shenandoah Valley are formed.

WORK ON STATE ROADS IS PROGRESSING FAST

Work on the new state roads in the county is well under way, and Mr. Eugene Anderson, of Denton, who has charge of the supervision of the work for the State Roads Commission reports everything as favorable to early completion, providing the weather is good.

It is planned to start work on the Denton-Burrsville road next week. The grading will be started and early delivery of crushed stone and sand is expected for the beginning of the concrete.

Pouring of concrete has begun on the Ridgely-Bridgetown road, Goldsboro-Marydel, and the Greensboro street, while grading is progressing nicely on the Preston street.

Bids are now advertised for the laying of three more miles of concrete on the Queenstown-Love Point road.

REV. LEVI K. ZIEGLER RESIGNS PASTORATE

Rev. Mr. Levi K. Ziegler, pastor of the Church of the Brethren at this place, tendered his resignation on July 1, effective January 1, 1923. Mr. Ziegler has been pastor here since March, 1919, and has become well known in this locality. It is with regret that his many friends hear of his determination to seek other fields of endeavor.

Mr. Ziegler, while born in Pennsylvania, came here as a child and was brought up in this section, receiving his education in the local schools, going from them to Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, Pa. After taking his college work, Mr. Ziegler had a pastorate at Shamokin, Pa., for three years, following which he returned to Denton. During his stay here twenty-nine accessions to the local church have been due to his influence.

Several plans are before Mr. Ziegler for consideration, none of which are ready for announcement.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OPENS AUGUST 7

The second annual Daily Vacation Bible School will be held at the Church of the Brethren beginning on August 7 and continuing two weeks. The work is entirely undenominational and all children above six years of age are invited. A fee of $1 per pupil is expected to defray the expenses.

The daily program will include the following: Two Bible lesson periods, one missionary period, one expressional period (hand work) and one recreational period.

Further information may be obtained from Rev. Ziegler or from Mrs. Norman Rairigh.

EXCURSION TO ATLANTIC CITY AUGUST 3RD

The Pennsylvania System is advertising a special one-day excursion on Thursday, August 3d, to Atlantic City, N. J. Leaving Oxford at 4 a. m. the train will reach Ridgely at 5:05, Greensboro at 5:15, Goldsboro at 5:24, Henderson at 5:30 and Marydel at 5:36, arriving in Atlantic City, via the Delaware River Bridge Route, at 9:32. Returning, the train will leave the shore at 4:35 p. m. The fare for the round trip will be $3.50.

Base Ball Club Reorganized

At a meeting held by the Denton Base Ball Club and the Denton base ball fans, on Friday night of last week, a reorganization of the club was effected by electing Wesley E. Thawley manager, J. Howard Pastorfield secretary and treasurer, and William H. Neal captain. It is hoped by the election of a new manager that we shall again be able to see Denton in her right place in the base ball world.

WALLACE MASON

Wallace Mason, a former resident of Denton, died on Saturday last at his home in Crisfield, aged 57 years. Mr Mason is survived by one brother, Harry C. Mason, and two sisters, the Misses Nettie and Maria Mason, and one son, William Mason, and a daughter, Mrs. Charles Weinike, of Greensboro. Funeral services were held on Monday from the home, and interment was in Greensboro Cemetery.

Dogowners, Attention

Sheriff William C. Andrew calls attention to the fact that all owners of dogs who have not secured licenses for same before August 1 will be immediately thereafter prosecuted. The regular time for procuring the license was until July 1, but the sheriff has extended the time to August 1. Licenses may be secured until that time at his residence in Denton.

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