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EASY TO WIN A PURE BRED PIG

Boys and Girls of County Have Chance to Make Money In This Contest

GET STARTED AND WIN

Boys and Girls are getting busy earning their free registered pig to be given away to each and every boy or girl in Caroline county, who secures a certain number of subscriptions to The American Union.

This is an exceptional offer to the boys and girls of this section and it seems as though every boy and girl interested in the farm and making money, should dig in and get one of these pigs.

Don't be backward or hesitate, for the contest lasts only until Saturday, November 4th. There are no strings tied to this contest whatsoever. Every boy and girl who fulfills the requirements as set forth on Page Six will get a pig, Those who fail, secure a commission on the business they turn in.

It costs nothing to start in this contest and once you have started you will not quit until the pig is yours.

Just think of all the fun you can have raising a pure bred, registered pig, watching it grow and later getting more money for the pigs than can be secured for two or three ordinary pigs. Aren't you willing to try.

Every boy and girl has numerous friends in their section who will be glad to give a subscription to The American Union, the paper with ALL the county news in it. Come in and talk it over and get a receipt book and see how easy it is to own a registered pig, which costs you nothing.

If you cannot get in, write or see Mr. Collins Thomas, the county agent, as he goes about the county. Get busy boys and girls.

Some one asked if it would be against the rules for one or more boys or girls to get together and work to get a pig, to own in partnership. There certainly is not any objection to this, though, of course, the subscriptions would all have to be turned in under one name in order to get the number of credits necessary for the pig.

Anything we can do to help the boys or girls we will gladly do. Come in and see us.

WEATHER REPORT

Week ending Tuesday, August 15

The week was cool, with a mean temperature about 5 degrees below normal. There was much cloudiness, and a deficiency of sunshine. Light showers occurred on the 9th, and, except in western Maryland, also daily during the second half of the week.

The weather of the week retarded plant growth, but was favorable for farming operations. Tomatoes and late potatoes show considerable injury from the recent excessive rains over the southern half of the Eastern Shore. Otherwise, crops and pastures are generally in good to excellent condition, except in western Maryland, where drought continues and crops and pastures are deteriorating.

Corn is good to excellent, except in western Maryland and locally in north central Maryland and the extreme northern portion of the Eastern Shore, where it needs rain. Corn is maturing in southern Maryland.

Cutting of oats has been completed in Allegany and Garrett counties. Thrashing of grains is still in progress though it has been completed in some localities.

Digging of early potatoes has ended over the southern portion of the section, and continues in the northern portion.

The harvest of sugar corn, truck crops, early applies, early peaches, cantaloupes, tobacco, etc., continues to progress favorably.

Except where ground is too dry or too wet, fall plowing has made considerable headway.

Warm, dry weather is needed, especially for corn, in the regions where rains have been excessive during the past few weeks.

Smith Back With Commissioners

Milton G. Smith, of Ridgely, president of the board of County Commissioners, who has been spending sometime in Sabillasville, Md., for his health, is again back in the county and was in his regular place at the meeting of the Commissioners on Tuesday.

Auditors are now at work on the county books for the yearly audit.

Justices of the Peace of Caroline county are being notified to make returns by Tuesday, August 22, so that the audit may be completed as speedily as possible.

Taking Examinations

Examinations for teachers' certificates are being held this week in the Court House under the direction of Mrs. Stone and Miss Coffin. Sixteen white teachers and four negro teachers are taking the examinations.

HENRY FORD GUARANTEES NOTHING FOR MUSCLE SHOALS GIFT

Washington, Aug. 16—The United States Senate Agricultural committee, which had before it the consideration of Henry Fords' Muscle Shoals offer, has voted against accepting Mr. Ford's proposition by a vote of 9 to 7. Those voting against accepting the the proposition were Senator Norris, Nebraska, and chairman of the committee; Page of Vermont, McNary of Oregon, Keyes of New Hampshire, Gooding of Idaho, Norbeck of South Dakota, Harreld of Oklahoma, McKinley of Illinois and Kendrick of Wyoming. The majority authorized Senator Norris to write a report for the Senate setting forth why the Ford proposition relative to Muscle Shoals had received unfavorable action at the hands of the committee. This report is one of the most exhaustive which has been made upon any subject by a Senate committee.

The first portion of the report is devoted to a history of Muscle Shoals how it came to be made the site of tremendous nitrate plants and power plants. This history also embraces the description in detail of the various plants at Muscle Shoals, the amount of money that the U. S. government has invested in them, the amount of work remaining yet to be done by the government and the cost of the plants, both at their present status of completion and their approximate cost when completed. In speaking of the offers for the Muscle Shoals plant, the report says:

"Of all the bids that were made for Muscle hoals by private individuals and corporations, the only one that has received serious consideration by the committee or by the country has been the one made by Mr. Henry Ford, of Michigan.

"In considering the bid made by Mr. Ford we ought at the beginning to realize that Mr. Ford makes no proposition by which he is bound in any particular as an individual. His proposition is that he will organize a corporation with a capitalization of $10,000,000, and it is with this corporation that the government must deal if it accepts Mr. Ford's offer. There is no agreement or even implication that Mr. Ford will retain control of this corporation, even during his lifetime. He would not violate his bid if in the organization of the corporation he did not own any of the stock. Neither would he violate his propsition either in letter or in spirit if after the organization of the corporation under his control he should at once sell part or all of his stock.

Not Obligated Personally

Regardless of this, however, and assuming (which is probably fair to do) that Mr. Ford intends to and will as long as he lives retain a controlling interest in this corporation, it will be but a few years until Mr. Ford will have to surrender its control, and the corporation will be, as far as any one can see now, the same as any other corporation. It will sell, if it can, to an advantage, and it will operate with a view of making as much money as possible out of the business. This is not mentioned in any spirit of criticism. It is merely mentioned as one of the cold facts that confront us when we are trying to solve the question of the best interests of the country. Mr. Ford is between 60 and 70 years of age. If the government should turn this property over to his corporation it would probably be from four to six years before the dams would be complete, and by the time the corporation got into active operation Mr. Ford would be in the neighborhood of 70 years of age. It is quite evident, therefore, that his connection with Muscle Shoals would be but a small fraction of the time included in his bid for 100 year."

Continuing the report analyzes Mr. Ford's bid under two headings: First, the property to which his corporation would get absolute title by outright sale, and second, the property to which his corporation would secure a lease for the term of 100 years. This part of the report is very voluminous and searching. After the analysis of the Ford bid in every particular, the committee draws the following conclusion:

Ford Guarantees Nothing

"The wonderful propaganda that has been carried on over the country in favor of the Ford offer has led the people to have an entirely erroneous idea as to what the Ford off really is. It is difficult to harmonize our idea of Mr. Ford's fairness with his silence on this subject, when his name is so often used in exaggeration and misrepresentation as to just what he does offer to do. The country has been given to understand that Mr. Ford has guaranteed to reduce the cost of fertilizer by one-half. He has done nothing of the kind. He has made no guaranty of any kind in the way of the reduction of the cost of fertilizer. The country has been given to understand that he pays the government 4 per cent. interest on its investment in the two dams. He does nothing of the kind. He has not made any such offer and no such proposition is included in his bid. Giving his corporation credit for every dollar that it pays, he will be paying to the taxpayers less than 3 per cent. on the money which he uses out of the Treasury of the United States, and when we consider that this loan runs for 100 years it requires even the stretch of the imagination to understand the enormous profit that his corporation secures in this one item alone.

Ford Given 14 Billions

"Assuming that a fair interest rate in the commercial world is 6 per cent. this would give his corporation during a 100 year period a total gift in cold cash of $236,250,000 and if this money were compounded, as Mr. Ford asks the government to compound what he pays, the profit to the corporation at the end of the 100-year period would be $14,500,000,000. This is more than half our total cost of the world war.

"The country has been given to understand that the Ford offer provides for the repayment to the government within the 100-year period the entire investment that the government has made. His offer does nothing of the kind. On the other hand, the total payments included in the offer of both interest and amortization, amount to less than 3 per cent. on the investment and he never pays one dollar of the principal. The people of the country have been led to believe that the Ford offer means a reduced priced for electricity to the consumer. It means nothing of the kind. He has not agreed to furnish a single kilowatt to any home or to any manufacturing concern except his own. The great city that is to spring up as if by magic will probably have its streets and its homes lighted by electricity generated from coal that is shipped in on the railroads. The mighty power at Muscle Shoals will be devoted entirely and exclusively to the use of the great corporation which Mr. Ford will organize.

Greatest Graft in History

"When we bring together the results that must follow from these two divisions of the Ford offer, the mind is dazed at the unreasonableness of the proposition, at the enormity of the gift. With the expenditure of no money, there is turned over to a corporation property of the value of more than $100,000,000 and the right and privilege to extort unjust profits from the citizens of this country without limit.

Ford or Nothing

"There is nothing in the history of the world with which this can be compared. If the Ford offer is accepted, then the fight for conservation that has been waged by public-spirited and patriotic men and women all over the country is not only lost and given away but those who are unwillingly compelled to make the gift are to be taxed 100 years to make the gift more profitable. It is the greatest gift ever bestowed upon mortal man since salvation was made free to the human race.

"The seven members of the committee who voted in favor of accepting the Ford proposal voted solidly against the taking up of S. 3420 for consideration, and together with other members of the committee who are opposed to the Ford bid and also opposed to the government retaining this property they constituted a majority of the committee, and were thus able to defeat the consideration of this bill by the committee. The attitude, it would seem therefore, of those who favor the Ford proposition is to defeat every other proposal, regardless of merit. It would seem that they are determined to turn this property over to Mr. Ford or absolutely prevent its development by any one. The Ford advocates therefore place themselves in the attitude of giving this valuable property to Mr. Ford's corporation or preventing its development either by the government or any one else."

COUNTRY HEALTHIER THAN CITY AND OUR WOMEN OUTLIVE MEN

Uncle Sam Compiles Some Interesting Figures From Last Census

KANSAS FOLKS LIVE LONGEST

Special to The American Union

By ROBERT FULLER

Women live longer than men in the United States.

Life in the country is healthier than life in the city.

That statement explodes a lot of pet theories of our city brethren who have spread propaganda for many moons on the perfection of their sanitary existence.

The Bureau of Census at Washington has just compiled some interesting figures from the recent census. They should add to the contentment of all rural dwellers.

The average life of women in the country is 57 years. Of men, 55 years.

The average life of city women is 54 years. Of men 51 years.

The average life in both city and country for women has increased nearly three years and for men nearly four years in the last ten years.

The healthiest spot in the union seems to be Kansas. Women average 60 years there and men average 59 years.

The next healthiest spot is Wisconsin where women average 60 years and men 58 years.

Minnesota	60	58
Oregon	60	57
Washington	60	58
Kentucky	57	57
Indiana	57	56
Missouri	58	57
Ohio	57	56
Utah	58	55
Michigan	56	55
Illinois	57	55
California	58	54
Massachusetts	56	54
Connecticut	56	53
New Jersey	56	53
Maryland	55	53
Pennsylvania	55	53

Washington is the healthiest city where women average 59 years and men 53 years.

Pittsburgh is at the bottom of the city list where women average only 50 years and men 47.

These averages run into fractional years as announced by the Bureau but have been taken at the even year in this article. The figures quoted here apply only to whites. Negroes are shorter lived. The national average for them is 42 years for women and 40 years for men.

The accompanying table shows the average length of life in representative states or various districts.

STEPHENS' LAWN WAS SCENE OF SOCIAL

Last Monday evening the Ladies Aid of the Methodist Protestant Church held the first lawn social and entertaniment given this year on the spacious grounds of Dr. M. Bates Stephens. Several weeks ago another such affair was planned but the inclement weather prohibited.

As usual with these good ladies, something different was presented and the large crowd gathered there had a very enjoyable evening.

The program rendered was as follows:

Piano and Banjo Duet, Miss Marie and Earl Nowell.
Ring Drill, by a number of young girls.
Duet, Masters Allen and Bayne Dudley
Dialogue, "Watermelon Pickles," by Misses Marion West and Lilliam Timmins.
Solo, "Where the West Begins", Mr. Robert Fleetwood.
Duet, "My Old Kentucky Home," Mrs. Harry Clark and Mrs. Clough, representing two southern negroes.
Sketch, "Wanted—A Wife", Mr. Robert Pitts.
Solo, Miss Esther Dunham.
Reading, Mrs. Jester.
Two Indian Songs, Miss Louise Fisher
Male Quartet, Messrs. Dudley, Fisher, Fleetwood and Rutter.

After the program ice cream and cake were served on the lawn and a social hour spent.

"CHRIS" BERGEY BUYS THE CANDYLAND

Mr. C. H. Bergey, better known to all in town and Harrington as "Chris", has purchased the entire interest in the Denton Candyland and Restaurant and will operate it under the name of the Denton Candy Company.

Candyland was opened here last fall by Messrs. Bergey and Pappas and has given to the town something which fills a long felt want—a restaurant and candy kitchen in Denton.

At the same time that Mr. Bergey bought the Denton Candyland, he sold his interest in the Harrington Candyland to his former partners, and will devote his entire time to the Denton store.

Mr. Bergey is a young man of good character, who has won many friends in this section with his jolly smile and pleasant word, in the short time he has been here. He will be pleased to have your continued patronage.

K. K. K. NATURALIZED ANOTHER CLASS HERE

Last Thursday night, citizens of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, held the second naturalization meeting in this section, at which time nearly half a hundred new members were admitted. The affair was staged in a large field about a mile from Centreville on the road to Church Hill.

Hundreds of spectators lined the roads adjoining the field to watch the ceremonies of the Klan. Hooded and robed guards were everywhere and strangers were unable to move toward the field without being stopped, while a large searchlight continuously swept the field.

About 10 o'clock a large fiery cross was lighted and the ceremonials begun which lasted for several hours. The crowds were very much impressed with the scene before them.

Rumors are that there is to be a naturalization meeting "somewhere" near Denton in the near future, although no confirmation of this could be obtained by a reporter for The American Union.

DON'T LET THE COAL SITUATION SCARE; USE WOOD FOR FIRES

The formation of a committee in Maryland for the distribution of coal, as recently published, makes it very certain that when it comes to priority shipments of coal, the private buyer for home use in the small towns and in the rural sections is going to be very close to the end of the list.

At first thought this may seem alarming to one who is accustomed to depend on coal for winter use. But this alarm is unnecessary, because right at hand in every part of the state, wood is growing—wood is going to waste, wood that could readily keep you warm. It may be a surprise to learn that a cord of seasoned oak or hickory has a heating value equal to that of a ton of anthracite—and yet it is a fact. Of course, wood is a little more bulky to handle—you have to give the stove a little more attention in cold weather, but you certainly get the heat. Who hasn't felt the genial warmth just pour out of one of those old air-tight stoves? There are plenty of pipeless furnaces now on the market that will burn wood equally as well as coal—just an air-tight stove on a larger scale.

Securing the Wood

Thousands of cords of wood are wasted every year in the woods, which if cut up, seasoned, and delivered in towns would readily sell for $3.50 to $4 per cord. It takes some little time for wood to season properly—that's why the State Board of Forestry is calling attention to getting the wood now. Oak and hickory, of course, stand at the top of the list, but locust, beech, river birch and wild cherry are very good. Pine gives too quick and hot a fire, but it will help to mix in with some of the poorly seasoned hardwoods, and is especially adapted for cooking.

If you are lucky enough to own a bit of woodland, the problem is still more simple. You will be surprised how many cords of wood to the acre you can take out and really leave the woods in better condition than they were before. In the recently cut-over woods, there are the tops to be worked up—in the immature stand, you can take out a lot of inferior species, such as black gum, maple, beech, etc., and make way for more valuable trees. And then in the mature stand, just take a walk trough and see how many crooked, defective trees there are that the lumberman would not touch anyway.

Say,—with coal just double the price of wood and not much greater heating value, that woodlot is going to do its bit to make the owner independent.

DENTON SHUT OUT DOVER WEDNESDAY

Denton surprised the capitol of Delaware yesterday in base ball. Dover has a wonderful team, all hired men, and have won the last six games until Denton took them by storm yesterday.

Johnson and Walls, battery for Denton, was too much for the Dover boys. Johnson let Dover down with two hits. The fielding of both teams was fast, the game being played in the remarkable time of 1:15.

Ex-Governor Pennewell, of Dover, was in the stand and remarked what a wonderful fine team Denton had, said it was the best game played in Dover this season.

Walls' two-base hit in the 7th scored two runs for Denton. Johnson had the Dover team in his hand all the time, only one Dover man reaching third base. Clark's work at first base made Dover sit up when he pulled off a part of a double play. Sharp's work at short was wonderful.

Dover will return the game Wednesday, August 30th and this should be a wonderful game as the Delaware boys are anxious to get back at Denton. The umpiring was of high class order, not a single kick was heard from within the team.

DOVER	R	H	E
Wheedleton, ss	0	0	0
Townsend, 1b	0	1	0
Hardesty, 3b	0	0	0
Riekert, cf	0	0	0
Gallanger, rf	0	0	0
Carroll, 2b	0	0	0
Hoch, c	0	1	0
Pheir, lf	0	0	0
Barnes, p	0	0	0
Totals	0	2	0

DENTON	R	H	E
Griffith, lf	1	2	0
Clark, H 1b	0	1	1
Walls, c	1	2	0
Sharp, ss	1	1	0
Neal, 2b	0	0	0
Bowdle, cf	0	1	0
Johnson, p	0	1	0
Clark, E, 3b	0	0	1
Hynson, rf	0	1	0
Totals	3	7	2

FIREMEN'S CARNIVAL IS DRAWING NEAR

Committee Completing Plans for This Big Event Here September 2-9

BIG FREE ATTRACTION

Denton Firemen's first big carnival is growing daily nearly and daily it is becoming more of a reality. On Tuesday evening the Carnival Committee met representatives of two carnival houses and gave their order for the goods which will be sold at the carnival. This matter took up practically all of the time during the evening, but the members present were very much inteersted in the buying.

Members of the grounds committee yesterday morning were on the location, planning for the booths and the placement of the different attractions.

Among the things purchased were those beautiful cupid dolls, with the smiling countenance, the laughing eyes and the pretty dresses. Some of these are made useful as well as ornamental and have electric light fixtures for a table light. Then there are some dolls that say "mamma" and teddy bears and dogs with electric eyes.

Blankets, great big Indian blankets, that make splendid lounge covers, baskets of groceries and live chickens, fancy work and candy. One can find most anything for sale at this big carnival, and the prices are cheap.

That great big merry-go-round that is coming is practically a brand new one, only having been in operation two years. During the winter it was all nicely varnished and looks just like new. Won't the children and some of the grown ups have just a lovely time on this great joy rider?

Can you shoot straight? If not, you can practice at the shooting gallery which will be on the grounds. And those right handed and left handed pitchers, won't we have fun watching them try to knock the babies down?

Every one who goes, and that means everybody in Denton and the county, will have just loads of fun at the carnival. Don't forget the dates, September 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, on the school grounds, corner 6th and Franklin streets.

We almost forgot to remind you of the big free attraction every night, when Arthur Sherwood, the Human Star, will perform aerial stunts on the grounds. This attraction is free to all.

Every night about 10:30 there will be dancing on 6th street for all who enjoy it.

Everybody come and bring a friend.

Denton Carnival, Sept. 2-9.

FATHER AND SON ARE BURIED ON SAME DAY

Tragic Double Death in Family

A very unusual and tragic occurrence has saddened the village of Williamsburg, in the death of one of its revered citizens, Mr. Frank B. Corkran, and of his son and only child, J. Ellsworth Corkran, who died while en route to his father's deathbed.

Mr. Corkran senior had been ill for sometime past, and recently was taken to the Cambridge Hospital, where when his condition became critical on Monday, a message was sent to his son a traveling salesman, then in Pennsylvania, regarding his father's approaching death and his request to see him. The son, presumably, received the telegram and was hastening homeward when, between Gettysburg and Oxford, Pa., he was suddenly seized with acute indigestion and died on the train. His body was sent to his home, Williamsburg, and he and his father interred near there at the same time on Wednesday afternoon, after joint funeral services.

Mr. Corkran, senior, was a widower. He was twice married and for a number of years had conducted a store at Williamsburg. He was a man of strong character and fine mind. The immediate cause of his death was paralysis.

The son, Mr. Ellsworth Corkran, aged about 35, lives a widow and four young children.

The double funeral has caused general sorrow and the community and widespread sympathy for the doubly bereft young widow.

SENATOR FRANCE TO VISIT CAROLINE CO.

Senator Joseph Irwin France will be in Caroline County next Tuesday, August 22d to get acquainted with the Republicans of this county. What hour he will be in Denton is unknown at this time.

Read the American Union, $1.00.

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