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17-YEAR-OLD HUNTER FALLS; SHOOTS MR. JAMES STEPHENS

While driving along the Hobbs-Denton road last Friday morning on a load of wood, Mr. JamesAlbert Stephens, of Crisfield, Md., was accidentally shot by Eddie Mitchel, aged 17, who was out hunting.

No eye witnesses saw the accident and the story told by the boy since the accident occurred have been as straight and as probable as a scared-to-death boy could tell. The story goes as near as we can learn from Dr. M. Bates Stephens, brother of the injured man, and from State's Attorney, W. Brewster Deen:

About 10 o'clock Friday morning, according to the boy who was out hunting rabbits with his two dogs, one of which had gotten away from him, he met a man, unknown to the boy, but who was Mr. Stephens, about one-half mile from town, coming into Denton on a load of wood. He stopped the man and asked if he had seen a dog on out the road and the man repli d that he had not and asked if the dog belonged to the boy, to which the boy replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Stephens then started on and the boy passed to the rear of the wagon, whittling with his pocket knife on a stick. As he rounded the back of the wagon, one of his dogs jumped a rabbit in the field to his left. The boy, in his excitement, threw the gun in the hollow of his left arm, and at the same time attempted to close his knife, put it in his pocket and cock his gun, ready to shoot. Just about then he had reached the side of the road and attempted to cross the ditch along the road and as he did so he slipped and fell. At some point in his fall one of the barrels of the gun was discharged, a large part of the shot entering the back and head of Mr. Stephens, then some 35 or 40 yards west of him on the road. When the boy got up he saw the horses begin to run and then Mr. Stephens fell over backward.

The boy immediately made after the team, caught up with it and stopped it. At the sound of the gun, Mr. Rootee Roe and Mrs. Leroy Davis, who live on opposite sides of the road at this point, looked up from their work saw the man fall over, the boy run and then get up on the wagon and lift the man up. They immediately ran to help, with the assistance of several other neighbors, also attracted by the shot, and the injured man was carried in to the home of Mrs. Davis, where Dr. Nichols, who was summoned, gave first aid attention, later taking him to the Easton hospital, where he died Saturday morning at 5:45, never regai ing consciousness.

Dr. M. Bates Stephens, a brother of the injury man, was summoned and went with him to the hospital. His wife and sister, Mrs. Nora S. Davis, of Crisfield, reached the hospital Friday evening and were at his bedside when the end came.

Had Mr. Stephens lived until the 28th of this month he would have been 67 years old. He was a man of exceptional character, very kind, cheerful and always ready to help and aid any who needed it.

Mr. Stephens married Miss Annie E. Stevens of Somerset county about 40 years ago. For many years they have made their home in Crisfield, where until about two years ago he was manager of a large cannery, until his health gave way and he came to this section to be on his farm a greater part of the time, near Burrsville. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William B. and Sallie Stephens and was born in Kent county, Delaware, a short time before his parents moved to Tuckahoe Neck, this county. He is survived by his widow, one sister, Mrs. H. W. Davis, Crisfield and one brother, Dr. M. Bates Stephens, this place.

During the past several months the late Mr. Stephens has been supervising the building of a bungalow near town for his sister, and expected to return to his home in Crisfield about the 20th of next month.

Funeral services were held in the Mt. Pleasant M. P. Church, Crisfield Monday afternoon at 1:30, the Rev. Mr. C. M. Elderdice, his pastor, officiating, assited by the Rev. Mr. Johnson of the Crisfield M. E. Church and the Rev. Mr. Betts, of Caroline Circuit. Interment was made in Crisfield cemetery.

Many beautiful floral tributes were received by the bereaved family in token of the sympathy of their many friends.

Wedding invitations and announcements, either printed or engraved, at reasonable prices. The American Union

MARYLAND FARMERS TO MEET AT FREDERICK

The annual convention of the Maryland State Farmers Association will be held in Frederick on January 10, 11 and 12, and elaborate plans are now being made by the Frederick Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the various farm organizations in the State, to make this the best convention of its kind ever held in Maryland.

This convention will bring one thousand delegates representing the Dairymen's Association, the Horticultural Society, the Crop Improvement Association, the Sheep Growers Association, and other farm organizations, representing about twelve thousand progressive citizens of Maryland interested in the best development of agriculture in the state.

It was decided that President Harding and Secretary of Agriculture Wallace be asked to be present at the meeting, and with this object in view Senator Weller arranged an interview with the President and the secretary on Thursday, November 16th. The Committee on Arrangements, headed by Senator Weller, consisted of Representative F. H. Zihlman, Dr. A. F. Woods, President of the University of Maryland, Dr. Thomas B. Symons, of the University, Mr. D. G. Harry, President of the State Agricultural Society and the State Dairymen's Association, and Colonel D. John Markey, President of the Frederick Chamber of Commerce.

Secretary Wallace promised to be present and to deliver an address on the afternoon of January 11th. President Harding explained that he would very much like to come, but that it would probably be impossible for him to do so because of the press of affairs during the short session of Congress. He stated, however, that if he was unable to make the visit, he would be glad to present a greeting in writing to the state on the occasion.

NEAR EAST CONTINUES CALL FOR BUNDLES

Any resident of this county who did not contribute cast-off clothing on Near East Relief Bundle Day need not hesitate for it can still be sent to Maryland Headquarters, 14 W. Franklin street, Baltimore, Maryland.

It is winter in the Caucasus, snow has already fallen in Anatolia, where 1,250,000 Christians have been told by the Turks to leave within 30 days. With no place to go, with despair in their hearts, these people must leave their homes and go forth they know not where. Thousands of them, mainly women and children, are already flooding the roads leading from Anatolia, they are taking what they can, thousands have nothing. Many thousands will gradually weaken and by the wayside. The only hope of these refugees is America.

Harold F. Pellegrin, Near East Relief state director, believes Maryland will do its share, but it all depends upon the people of the state. He appeals to everyone who has not already given, to send clothing now, prepaid, to Maryland Headquarters. These can be used:

Coats and sweaters, dresses, blankets, shirts, hosiery, gloves and mittens. Boots and shoes (must be tied in pairs) shop worn garments, sheets for bandages, new cloth or garments.

Special Services This Evening

Special services will be held this evening in Christ Church, Denton at 8 p. m., at which Bishop George W. Davenport, of the Easton diocese will be present as well as Mr. Edwin H. Brown, of Centreville, who will make addresses. A large attendance is desired.

To Hold Bake

Members of the Parent Teachers Association will hold a bake Saturday afternoon and evening in the Den-Mar Mobile show rooms at which eggs, dressed chickens, butter, cake, bread, etc. will be sold. This money is to be used to help defray the expense of the chairs recently ordered for the high school auditorium.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thompson, of Ridgely, Md., announced the engagement Monday of their daughter, Miss Grace Caroline to Mr. Harold D. Hatfield, of Georgetown, Del., The wedding will take place in the early part of December.

Public Sale bills are secured on short notice at The American Union.

THE KINGDOM OF THE CHILD

By ELIZABETH A. PERKINS

Many of us have read THE PARENTS BEATITUDES by Henry Sabin

1. "Blessed is he who helpeth the little ones; he shall have peace in his day."
2. "Blessed is he who loveth little children; he shall be held in everlasting remembrance."
3. "Blessed is he who possesseth faith, hope and patience; for him the rough places shall be made smooth, and the crooked places straight."
4. "Blessed is he who seeth the good which is in the wayward child; he shall find his reward in the life of a noble man."
5. "Blessed is he who hath brains and knoweth how to use them; he hath the elements of growth within himself, and shall impart life to his children."
6. "Blessed is he who knoweth good common sense when he seeth it; his praise shall be continually in the mouths of children and parents.
7. "Blessed is he who knoweth the secret paths which lead to the conscience of the child; for him the gates of peace shall swing on golden hinges; and the ending of his life shall be like the ceasing of exquisite music."

We have seen beautiful pictures of a mother bending over her little babe, we have seen beautiful pictures of the father and mother bending over the sleeping child and we have exclaimed, "The King and his Court".

A wonderful kingdom it is, when there are wise people surrounding the little king; when the kingdom is well cared for; when the little king is shown all the beauties of the kingdom, when he is so cared for that he grows strong and healthy, when the mind is well developed, and when the little king's heart and soul are kept pure and strong and courageous.

In Holy Writ we find the simpleness, the greatness of the child king; and we are told "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

In the beautiful Beatitudes written by Henry Sabin we find the necessary qualities of the parent, of the friend, of the Community who are to be the guides for these little ones in the kingdom.

"Blessed is he who helpeth the little ones, who loveth little children, who possesseth faith, hope and patience, who seeth the good in the wayward child, who hath brains and knoweth how to use them, who knoweth good common sense, who knoweth the secret paths which lead to the consience of the child."

It is well that in this kingdom to which the child has come, there are guides. And are we trying, every one, to be "blessed" guides? How often we think of the helplessness of the little child. He has come to this strange land, knowing nothing about it, knowing nothing about the language, and day by day he is being taught by the father and mother and the friends he finds.

Do we realize how much it means to teach the child in the very early years? How important it is that the father and mother and friends are not only kind, but have great ideals and great visions of beauty and service and faith.

Do we often stop to think how much it means to older folks to walk beside the little king? Someway, I feel sorry for those people who do not have these little ones to take out into the beautiful kingdom.

In this paper we wish to think particularly of the great world of beauty and imagination in which little children live, yet we must remember that first of all the kingdom must be a kingdom of health and not of disease. This is a part of the community responsibility for the child. For again and again as we study child-life, we are brought face to face with the big fact that the Community as well as the parent has a great part in the physical and the moral and the spiritual welfare of children.

The parent cannot without the help of the community keep the child strong and healthy. And if for any reason, the parent cannot do his full part for the health of the child, then the community must supplement the care. To every child belongs the right to be well borne and to future health.

A few days ago, I heard someone say, that good health is not our goal

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CONTROL OF CANCER

From the priest-physician of ancient times, the medical profession inherited and still retains the high ideals and altruism of the priest-hood. This idealism is expressed in the avowed main purpose of physicians—"to relieve suffering and prolong life." Guided by this idealism modern medicine is the accomplishment of the medical profession, sanitarians and other scientists. With the necessary co-operation of an enlightened educated public, the application of known and tried reliable means of prevention has lowered the death rate of tuberculosis of the lungs, the great white plague, fifty per cent, or more, and has well-nigh eradicated typhoid fever, typhus fever, yellow fever, diphtheria, cholera, malaria, smallpox, bubonic plague and other diseases which have killed thousands upon thousands of people in the past. Through the efforts of the medical profession, nobly supported by philanthropic citizens in the education of the public, the death rate among infants and children due to diarrhoeal and other diseases, has fallen in many communities to a fraction of the former mortality. All this has been accomplished by the unceasing efforts of physicians and public health workers in educating the public and in the rational application of reliable methods of disease prevention, and in the utilization of scientific means of treatment.

Today physicians are fighting another dreadful plague, — cancer. This disease has no terrors for the young for the death toll of this disease is not taken until mid-life. After the age of forty Cancer becomes one of the most potent agencies of the Angel of Death. Under the efficient leadership of the American Society for the Control of Cancer, the medical profession has announced that the week of November 22 to 29 is to be a nation-wide "Cancer Week" devoted to the attempt to educate the people to recognize the early symptoms of Cancer, in order that its victims may obtain prompt assistance and check the trouble in its beginning when a cure can be effected. When the disease is far advanced, it is always fatal; there is no late cure for cancer. In the early recognition of Cancer lies the hope of cure.

Ninety thousand people die yearly of cancer in the United States and the number of deaths from this disease is steadily increasing. Many of these lives could be saved if the treatment of the disease were begun in time. Today ninety thousand people have cancer in an early and curable stage; a majority of these will die of the disease unless they seek treatment in time to be cured.

Is it not still true, as of old, that we are our brothers' keepers? Will you not help this cause by informing yourself of the early signs and symptoms of cancer and by spreading the news to others? We ask you to help these sufferers before it is to late by joining in the Cancer Week activities. Above all, inform yourselves as to the early symptoms of cancer.

GARBAGE NOT SUITABLE FEED FOR HOGS

College Park, Nov. 20—The wide spread belief that garbage is a suitable feed for hogs and neglect on the part of farmers in infected territory to use the serum treatment as a preventative measure, were responsible for 123 outbreaks of hog cholera in Maryland during the month of October, according to a statement here today by Dr. I. K. Atherton, inspector in charge of hog cholera control work in Maryland.

The number of cases reported during October is thirty more than for the same period of last year. Investigation of the 123 cases, according to Dr. Atherton, discloses the fact that 58 occurred in territory where the disease had not formerly appeared and that 65 occurred in infected localities and were due to the spread of the disease.

The source of the disease could be traced in 33 of the 58 cases which occurred in uninfected localities, says Dr. Atherton, and in 31 instances was found to be due to garbage feeding and in only two cases to the importation of new animals.

Fifty-five of the 65 cases, due to the spread of the disease in infected territory, could have been prevented, says Dr. Atherton, as the owners of the herds had been warned of the presence of hog cholera nearby but refused to use the serum treatment as a preventative until too late.

Box Social

There will be a box social and patrons meeting at Concord school, Wednesday evening November 29. Proceeds for benefit of school. Everybody is cordially invited.

CAROLINE HIGH LOST IN GOOD GAME, 2-0

Caroline High School lost the Caroline County championship soccer game last Friday at Preston by the score of 2 to 0 in favor of Federalsburg. Playing by both teams was very good, though many fouls were made but not penalized by the umpire.

Federalsburg made one goal in the first half and scored the second goal near the end of the second half.

The largest crowd of the season witnessed this game played between the two best teams in the county, both teams having lost and won a game from the other and being about evenly matched, though it is conceded that the Federalsburg team was a little better trained.

All during the season, in whatever game the Federalsburg team has played the referees sent by the P. A. L. have seemed to favor this team. In many instances in game after game errors and fouls have been made by the boys on the Federalsburg team which have not been corrected by the referee, excepting in the game played by Federalsburg and Caroline at Denton at which game a good referee was on the job and eliminated all chances for dispute.

From reports gathered before and since last Friday's game, it seems to be common property that Federalsburg was to win the game if it were at all possible for the referee to give it to them.

Numerous times during Friday's game errors and irregularities were called to the attention of the referee and it finally culminated when one of the Caroline boys became hurt and asked for a substitute and was refused one both by the referee and by the principal of the Federalsburg high school, making the boy continue to play the balance of the game with a hurt foot, as he would not leave his position open by getting out of the game.

Finally, with but three minutes more to play, an irregularity was called to the attention of the referee by Prof. Leary of Caroline High, asked him to stop the game or correct it. The referee replied with an oath that he would not. After the game, when told that he would be reported, he is quoted as saying "To H— with you, Pitman, and every one else,"

All during the season complaints have been made to the referees concerning the decisions and after the games complaints have been made to the P. A. L. but without avail and as a result several of the high school principals are discussing the advisability of dropping the game until such time as a square deal can be had from the referees and the P. A. L.

RED CROSS CONTINUES DRIVE FOR MEMBERS

Caroline County Chapter is continuing its drive for new members and will continue to do so until Thanksgiving Day, having begun on November 11th.

Mrs. Fred R. Owens, chairman of the Denton district, with her associates are canvassing the town for members. Every man, woman and child in Denton should enlist in this worthy cause and give their dollar for membership.

Fifty cents of every dollar contributed in Caroline county stays right here for relief work in this county, the remaining 50 cents ging to the national organization.

Enroll NOW.

First Thanksgiving Portrayed

A very quaint portrayal of the life of the Pilgrims at the time of the first Thanksgiving is on display in the window of the Eastern Shore Gas and Electric Company offices.

At one side is the log cabin with thatched roof, the old well and even the old oaken bucket. Near the house is the mistress in her quaint pilgrim primness, while further away near the woods of evergreen is seen the head of the house with his dog and gun.

Union Service Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving morning at 10:30 a union Thanksgiving Day service will be held in the M. E. Church. Rev. Mr. Levi K. Zeigler, pastor of the Church of the Brethren will preach. Every one is urged to attend and give thanks for the blessings received during the past year.

NEXT WEEK'S PAPER

Owing to the fact that as our publication day is Thursday, we will publish next week on Wednesday, instead of on Thanksgiving day. We ask that all of our friends, advertisers, and correspondents keep this in mind and let us hear from them one day earlier. We thank you.

WM. S. HART TO PLAY FOR FIREMEN BENEFIT

Thanksgiving night the Denton Volunteer Fire Company will hold a benefit movie at the Palace Theatre. This is a special night, with an excellent program, but through the courtesy of Mr. Marc Bryant, this date was secured for the fire company.

At 7:45 the first performance will begin, following which a portion of the show will be shown again for those who arrive late, due to late dinners.

That such a picture as "John Petticoats" played by that wonderful westerner William S. Hart, has been secured for the feature for this evening furnishes sure proof of the high character of the program, irrespective of the fact that this is a Thomas H. Ince Paramount-Artcraft production.

Following the main picture will be a news and a comedy.

Help the firemen by buying a ticket, for you may need their help some day.

Firemen Busy

During the past several weeks the firemen have been busy putting their equipment in fighting trim. All three of the hose trucks have been repainted and fully equipped with wrenches, new hose, where needed, lanterns, axes, chemical extinguishers, etc., while the firemen themselves have been equipped with rubber boots, rubber coats and sou'wester hats. Ladders have been purchased to be placed on a hook and ladder wagon and these have been painted and are now ready for use.

Five hundred feet of new hose has arrived, which has been distributed between the three companies as needed, putting the full amount of hose on the reels in good condition.

An electric siren has been ordered and word has been received that it has been shipped. This will be mounted on a platform on the roof of the Nuttle Hardware building as that is the most centrally located high building in town. At the meeting of the fire company last Friday evening, it was decided that this siren would not be sounded after erection, except in case of fire, until after notice has been published as to the hour, in the local papers, in order that the inhabitants will not be frightened.

Dn't forget to buy your ticket for the benefit movie for the firemen.

Box Social

A box social will be held at Moore's school Tuesday evening, November 28 everyone invited. Ladies please bring boxes.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK—

THAT a city that has a splendid spirit of co-operation is always moving ahead.

THAT a Chamber of Commerce does not conflict with any other organization, it studies the needs of the entire community and plans programs that looks into the future and it avoids ill-advised and costly experiments.

THAT cities with resources and prospects should widely advertise those facts so more people and industries will move there. That will mean more business and prosperity for all.

THAT small investors should put their savings into solid permanent investments or business near home instead of something far away from home. IT HELPS YOUR CITY AND WHEN IT HELPS YOUR CITY IT HELPS YOU.

THAT some business that comes in contact with the public should start a COURTESY SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.

THAT for a city to have a good reputation is a priceless asset.

THAT quality, price and service are great trade builders.

THAT a city should be known as a merchandising center with stocks of every kind.

THAT the rise or decline in the value of real estate is a good way to judge a city.

THAT it will tell you whether the city is forging ahead, content with present conditions, or going into a rut and not trying to get out.

THAT if a city is going backward, every effort should be made to make a dent into the thick skulls of those responsible, so they may wake up, put their shoulders to the wheel and help to make their city move forward.

THAT YOU SHOULD PIN YOUR FAITH IN YOUR CITY. IT PINS ITS FAITH IN YOU.

THAT what matters the mines, the farms, the industries, if men do not have stout hearts and strong arms, untramelled by disease and debility to work them and keep the old world going?

E. R. WAITE, Secretary,
Shawnee, Okla., Board of Commerce.

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