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REVIVAL OF POTTER MANSION BRINGS BACK OLD MEMORIES

The traveller on the State Road about 3 miles south of Denton, comes suddenly upon the most entrancing lake. You are impressed each time you pass this mountain like sheet of water you wonder why its shores are not dotted with cunning little cottages and bungalows. The shadows which always play there like the fairies in a Hans Anderson tale, are always in evidence. By the moonlight they are just as busy and as attractive as when Old Sol reigns brighter rays.

Then there is about a half mile from this spot and situated on the great Choptank river, the village of Williston. Willis Town originally, probably, because we learn that somewhere about 1850 Col. John Arthur Willis bought the Old Potter Mansion. It is this old homestead which attracted my attention because I knew it had a history. I went into this house, now recently purchased by a hotel man, Mr. William Adams, and was impressed with the manner in which the room had been untilized. There are some twenty bed rooms and the spacious dining and living rooms should make the summer boarder an ideal resting place. There are fish in the river, there is an amusement hall hard by, boating of course can be varied from the tiny birch canoe to the palatial steam launch.

There is material here for the artist, and dream grounds for the intellectually inclined. There is history of "ye olden times" and when this very town was the metropolis of trade for a hundred miles around. There are the grave of General Potter and his wife and an enormous boxwood arbor which betokens prosperity in days when people planted for the coming generations and so indulged in those varieties which only future generations can hope to enjoy. I could picture there had been verandas, porches and porticoes on this once palatial residence and the maidens and their swain with the little pickaninny slave boys running errands with delight to brighten the joys of their mistresses, and marsers.

Beautiful Old Garden

The garden too is the richest of all rich gardens in the vicinity because in days when labor was for the mere asking, the lake bottom and the river bottom, where refuse had been collecting, was used as the most wonderful fertilizer. It was the kind which has stood the test of time, for there today is evidence of what the soil of Caroline county can be made to produce if you will cater to its yawning appetite for plant food. It must pay to bring the soil to this stage of fertility because, he who has winter vegetables all the cold season, growing right out of doors, adds to his bank account, but most ofw all to his own cuisine, thereby contributing immensely to health and happiness as well as wealth.

Of course the bricks in this mansion were brought from "The Old Countrie," as ballast in the sailing vessels whose main cargo was such staple supplies as furnished the real and final cause for the outbreak of the Revolutionary war. Slave quarters give more evidence of luxurous living. The old store house razed to the ground three or four years ago contained lanterns in perforated tin, in which they used candles, and account books wherein we gather the price of commodities before, during and after the Civil war.

A granddaughter of Arthur John Willis is Mrs. Charles Redden, of Denton and his great grand daughter, Miss Irene Wallace, was one of the most charming young women of which Denton can boast.

Miss Wallace married Mr. Robert Meyer and lves in Cambridge, Mass., where Mr. Meyer is an instructor in one of the largest and finest of private schools of the Newtons. So Williston has contributed and is contributing not only to the educational world, but her sons and her daughters may be found North and South. In Galveston, Tex., a son of Arthur John Willis became a very prosperous wool and cotton merchant, enmassed wealth and has left children and grandchildren who are taking their places in the big questions of the day.

Williston, a few years back boasted of few attractions, needs today as we see it, a good live civic improvement organization, or a village improvement society, (don't you have them here?). Ladies, in towns, from whence I came, are busy and have been for these 20 years planting trees, and flowers. One vacant lot I remember, just around the corner from where I was born, was a veritable dumping hole, is now and has been for 15 years a beautiful garden spot. An oasis where children play and the older folks meet and rest awhile on the benches, or admire the foliage of a wonderful bed of colias, the blooms of tulip which come early in flowering time, the peonies, the hydrangia, the iris, and the annual, all of which can be made to grow so luxuriantly here. Come, ladies, get out into God's blessed sunshine. Bring from your own garden, seeds and plants which will make a public park, a public square, a wilderness of roses where chaos now reigns and where you have all of the natural setting for restoring Williston to its own.

TOURIST

LIFE'S HIGHWAY

By the CRACKER

Life's road for some seems hard to travel, many woes and trials we face, through deep sand and mud and gravel we are compelled to make the race; we seemed bound by all tradition to assist the upper ten, to a swivel chair position where they reap the kale and yen; On highways broad and shining they with pleasure glide along, and from the mire where we're pining we hear their joyous song. They grieve not for us Yakels who flounder in the vale, as we delve deep for the shekles, for the taxes which they nail, our rubles are expended and no benefit we reap, then with language strong appended to our wrath we loudly speak. That election day is coming and we'll wreak a vegenance dire, on the upper crusts who promised to assist us from the mire; But before the day of vengeance, comes the chap who got our goat, and he brings to our attention that we must not rock the boat; tells us, there's macadam coming and we'll surely get a strip, for our interest he is drumming and the plums we soon will pick; and his smile is crowned with beauty and his golden teeth like stars, and he pledges sacred duty from a box of "cheap" cigars. Then we burn the roll of cabbage with its shiny yellow band, we swear by all our baggage that he is the "peepuls" man; Then we place him on the docket head and shoulders o'er the top, and we find the promise market has took a sudden drop; while he sharpens all his axes on the grindstones which we turn despair around us waxes and rage within us burns, all our labors, planning, dreaming, to attain our place in life by the other fellow's scheming, with disapointment now is rife. All our boosting for the favorite to his station among the stars, is rewarded by inhalation of a cabbage leaf cigar.

CO. FEDERATION WILL MEET IN RIDGELY, 23d

The County Federation of Women's Clubs will meet at the Reform church at Ridgely, Maryland February 23, 1923.

The program is as follows:

9:30 a. m., Assembly.
10 a. m., Called to order.
Song, "America", Federation
Roll Call
Minutes of last meeting
Reports of Committees
Talk: "The Value of a County Nurse," Miss L. M. Martin
Voting of Federation on County Nurse Question.
12:30 m., Lunch served by Ridgely, the hostess club
1:30 p. m., Called to order.
Singing, Federation
Address: "Public Welfare Work", Mrs. Alfonso Boley
Interpretation of "Aida", Miss Florence Monk
Explanation of Children's Code, Miss Levina Ingle

Bible Institute Next Week

The church of the Brethern will hold their annual Bible Institute from February 23 to 25, beginning with a session on Friday evening and continuing with three sessions on Saturday. Two instructors from Blue Ridge College will be in charge. Everybody is welcome.

P. R. R. Will Run Excursion

Sunday, February 18, the Pennsylvania Railroad will run an excursion to Wilmington, Chester and Philadelphia. Special train leaves Queen Anne at 6:56 and returning leaves Philadelphia at 6:15, Chester at 6:36, and Wilmington at 6:57 p. m. Tickets will be placed on sale on Friday, February 16.

THE LENTEN SEASON

This is the first of a series of articles which will appear during the Lenten season, written by the ministers of our churches. Surely at this season of the year a word from the leaders of the religious life of the community is most timely.

Unfortunately Rev. Dudley, when we asked for the first of this series, was away, and returning last evening found our letter. He most kindly consented to do what he could in the very short time left him.

We hope that our readers will enjoy these talks, and will find therein something to help them in the everyday life.

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The writing of a paper on Lent with so little time to think upon the subject may cause it to seem that I am not familiar with the Holy season of the Christian Church. It might seem that a minister of a church that observes Lent would be the best one to write on the subject, but I hasten to inform the readers of The American Union that I was the only minister in Denton who held Holy Week services last year, and I purpose to do the same this year, as I have done each year since I entered the ministry.

There is no injunction in the Scriptures for the observation of Lent. There is mention made in Matthew's Gospel of fasting and as the Jewish Church had seasons of fasting, it soon became a custom to fast for the forty hours Christ was in the grave.

During the time of the great persecution in the Fourth Century, the period of fasting was extended to forty days on the analogy of the forty days' fast of Jesus. This even has been extended as certain days were excepted until we discover that from the beginning of Lent until Easter we have forty-six days.

Much inconsistency is found relative to the occasion, and superstition is practiced; so much so that many choice Christians are prejudiced against Lent, but for one, I believe every opportunity should be availed of to draw nigh to Christ. To admonish you to abstain from going to the play-houses during Lent and to indulge to the limit on Easter Monday and thereafter is absurd. What is wrong during Lent is wrong at any other time, but to deny one's self for the cause of righteousness is worthy to be practiced. A young lady acquaintance of mine always denied herself candy during Lent and the money she was accustomed to spend for this was cheerfully given to the Lord's cause on Easter. In like manner, many readers of The American Union could deny themselves for righteousness' and Christ's sake.

But to me, the chief value of Lent is as a reminder of the death of Christ and as many hearts are tendered by death, so as one comes near to the Crucifixion of Christ for the sins of the world, I find the vicarious suffering of my Lord and urge all to live for the Christ who died for the sins of the world, and figures reveal the wisdom of such a procedure, as there is no time during the year when larger numbers are received into the Church than at Easter.

"RHYMES OF MANY RACES" WAS SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT

Mr. Leon M. Pearson gave an unusually fine lecture-recital last Friday night in the Town Hall. The recital, given under the auspices of the Denton Community Club, was called "Rhymes of Many Races."

Mr. Pearson began by giving a general idea of the vast "brotherhood of man", and the part played by the poets in uniting those of different races and creeds. Some of his own experiences during a 3-months' trip abroad, were indicative of this same wide relationship. After quoting from Kipling's "The Ballad of East and West." Mr. Pearson then carried his audience to Ireland, reciting three of the lilting Irish poems of the people to illustrate that race.

Bobby Burns was selected to represent the Scotch, with his "A Man's a Man for a' That" to head the group. And then Tommy Atkins from England appeared in four of Robert W. Service's poems taken from the collection "Rhymes of a Red Cross Man." Leaving the British Isles, Mr. Pearson next showed his audience the Italian in America sketched in four of Tom Daly's poems, and last of all, the American Negro as presented by Paul Lawrence Dunbar and Joel Chandler Harris.

It is impossible to praise this recital too highly. The work was that of an artist, a finished actor. Forgetting the setting of the affair, the audience saw only the folk Mr. Pearson pictured and the scenes he described. Somehow his very features and bearing assumed the characteristic touches of the man he was portraying. Mr. Pearson as "himself" has a most pleasing personality and created instant admiration on the part of his hearers. But one unfavorable comment was heard, and that was a very widespread one—"Why did he stop? Why didn't he keep on another hour?"

Mr. Pearson, who is the son of Dr. Paul Pearson, director of the Swarthmore Chautauqua, is a garduate of Swarthmore College and the Harvard School of Dramatic Art.

Preston Co-operation Market

The Preston Produce Growers Association will hold its next meeting Wednesday, February 17th at 7:30 p. m. All farmers are most urgently requested to attend this meeting in the interest of cooperating a marketing of their produce of fruits and vegetables. This will be the last of the series of meetings that has been held. Remember farmers, if you join you will not only help us but yourself so make it a point to be present.

HARRY H. RIECK, Secretary

Washington's birthday seals and napkins for parties at The American Union.

WASHINGTON GETS NEW RADIO MARKET SERVICE

Beginning February 15, a Washington wholesale produce report prepared by the Market News Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, will be broadcast at 11:30 a. m. daily from radio broadcasting station WJH operated by White and Boyer Company at Washington. The report will be sent broadcast on 485 meters wave-length and will be heard within a radius of 100 miles from Washington.

The new service will give Maryland and Virginia farmers who use the Washington market as an outlet for their produce first-hand, current information regarding the Washington market, an hour and a half after the market has been established. Dealers within the radius covered, who buy on the Washington wholesale market will also know from well-adised authoritative sources exact prices of the various lines of produce.

The White and Boyer Company has been cooperating with the radio Market News Service of the Department of Agriculture practically from the beginning of the department's radio services, more than two years ago. Washington housewives having radio receiving sets can also listen in on station WJH at 11:30 a. m., each day, and get not only a practically complete list of all products on the Washington wholesale market but an idea of the prices paid by local storekeepers

INCOME TAX FACTS

Revenue officers are visiting every county in the United States to aid taxpayers in the preparation of their income tax returns for the year 1922. Information concerning the date of their arrivial and the location of their offices may be obtained by writing the collector of internal revenue for the district in which the taxpayer lives.

Forms for filing returns of individual net income for the year 1922 are being sent to taxpayers who filed returns for the year 1921. Failure to receive a form, however, does not relieve the taxpayer of his obligation to file a return and pay the tax on time, on or before March 15, 1923. The forms, 1040A for filing returns of net income $5,000 and less and 10-40 for filing returns of net income in excess of $5,000, may be obtained from collectors of internal revenue and deputy collectors.

Returns are required of every single person whose net income for 1922 was $1,000 or more or whose gross income was $5,000 or more and of every married person whose net income was $2,000 or more or whose gross income was $5,000 or more. Careful study of the instructions on the forms will greatly aid in making a correct return.

GREATEST INVENTOR OF AGE ENDORSES PROHIBITION

Sunday was the 76th birthday of Thomas A. Edison. In his annual interview with the reporters on Sunday Mr. Edison touched briefly on many of the questions before the public today.

What do you think of prohibition?" he was asked.

"Sober America", he said, raising both hands, "I'm for it by all means. I know prohibition is a failure in the cities, but when wood alcohol kills off all the old soaks prohibition will have its day. The boys and girls of the next generation won't have any taste for the dammed stuff!

"What's good in the field of invention?", was another question put to the wizard.

"The helicopter—the heavier-than-air machine that goes straight up. There is a great commercial field for the helicopter."

Mr. Edison asserts that he is doing more work than ever before. "I am interesting myself in business thories as well as mechanical and electrical construction.

TELEPHONE CO. WORKS FOR 100 % SAFETY

As a result of three years of effort to prevent accidents among workmen, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company in its 1922 safety campaign achieved a record which is looked upon by all industry as a remarkable one.

Three departments of the company in Maryland, numbering several hundred men, had perfect records in the annual accident prevention contest, it is shown in the announcement of the winning districts, and they accordingly have been declared tied for first place in the contest. Sixteen districts of the company in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia competed.

In all of the Baltimore division of the company, the number of accidents totalled 14 in 1922, against 42 in 1921. The number of days lost from work by employees as a result of injuries on the job was 222, which is 406 less than in 1921. In the Hagerstown district comprising all of Western Maryland, there were only three accidents last year against 10 in 1921.

The company has been campaigning strenuously against accidents for several years and has reduced them throughout the territory from 269 in 1919 to one-sixth that figure in 1922. Each man of the company's plant forces has been instructed in the avoidance of dangerous and careless practices in constructing and maintaining telephone property. Last year, under the direction of the Red Cross, the men were given a course in first aid work, and nearly every one was certified as being capable of rendering practical first aid.

The company also has taken special measures to see that tools, equipment and telephone property were kept in such condition that injury could not befall men working with them, who observed the proper precautions.

The campaign has been conducted with the double purpose of helping employees in preventing accidents, and to keep telephone property in such shape that the public is protected from any possible injury.

The campaign in each district and department is in direct charge of the various superintedents. Those leading the winners in the 1922 contest are W. S. Gardner, Superintendent of Maintenance; Harry Ellis, supervisor of supplies and motor vehicles, and G. H. Lyon, superintendent of buildings. R. N. Keller, district superintendent of plant at Hagerstown, directed the work in Western Maryland.

A similar contest for 1923 already has been started. Each department is planning special instructions in accident prevention for the men and is arranging for first aid contest. The Industrial Bureau of the Red Cross again will co-operate in the work.

MRS. SALLIE ADDISON

Mrs. Sallie Addison formerly of Denton died at her home in Ruxton, near Baltimore. She is survived by two daughters, Misses Mammie and Sadie Addison. Interment will be made in Denton cemetery on Saturday morning.

see page 4 for a new recipe for a Washington's birthday party

BUSINESS IMPROVES THROUGHOUT STATE

Federal Report Shows Fewer Idle in January Than in December

BETTERMENT IS GENERAL

Washington, Feb. 8—Employment and business conditions in Baltimore and elsewhere throughout Maryland held up well during January, notwithstanding the usual seasonal reaction from the holiday season, according to the monthly survey of the Federal Employment Service, Department of Labor, which was made public today.

Referring to the situation in the state as a whole, the report says that the seasonal setback was evidenced in food and kindred products, textiles, iron and steel, metal and metal products and tobacco, but that there were large increases in the number of workers in stone, clay, glass and miscellaneous products.

Employment Shows Increase

"Despite reaction from the holiday season," says that section of the survey devoted to Baltimore, "employment in manufacturing lines in the city is greater than in December. Increases of forces have been made in chemicals, metals, car wheels glass and electric plants.

"Many textile lines also need more help and there is a good demand for help and there is a good demand for labor in shipbuilding plants. Employment is also better in meat-packing plants, wholesale drugs, hardware and dry goods products. Skilled labor is in demand in iron and steel mills. Food and kindred products and tobacco, however, made slight reductions in forces."

Reports From Other Cities

Brief reports concerning the employment situation in three other Maryland cities also are included. These reports follow:

"Cumberland—Very little unemployment exists. About 40 plants are runing full time, 11 on part time. Decided improvement made in textile employment. Slight additions to forces made in lumber, chemical and vehicle industries. Decreased employment recorded in food and chemical products, paper and printing, metal products and miscellaneous industries. Housing situation in need of improvement.

"Hagerstown—Labor supply and demand equal. All plants operating, including a pressed steel plant in process of liquidation. Shoe factories are running overtime. The erection of a power generating station and municipal light plant will employ 150 mechanics, with local labor supply ample. All factories are taking on additional help. Railroad shops reveal great improvement in employment. Housing shortage becoming acute.

"Frederick—Labor market well balanced. All plants on full time. Local labor supply sufficient to meet demand."

General Conditions Improve

Employment conditions throughout the country as a whole also showed improvement for the month. Practically without exception the manufacturing industries showed shortages in both skilled and common labor. Lumber industries cited shortages, both in the woods and in the mills, while many mining districts made like reports.

Building lines were reported to be active, except in a few sections, where operations were retarded by the weather. In only the agricultural, food and certain seasonal industries were surpluses of labor experienced and in none of these was the condition termed serious.

MRS. MARTHA EVERNGAM

Mrs. Martha Everngam, nee Horsey, wife of the late Mr. Joseph Everngam, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank L. R. Nuttle, in Denton, on Wednesday morning about 4 o'clock. Mrs. Everngam was born near Concord 67 years ago last December. She leaves to mourn her loss the following children, Mrs. Charlie Clark, Mr. Thomas Everngam, Mr. Charles Everngam, Mrs. John L. Everngam, Mrs. J. A. Todd and Mrs. Frank L. R. Nuttle; two sisters, Mrs. Vane, of Cambridge and Mrs. Beauchamp of Berlin.

For several years Mrs. Everngam has spent the winters with her daughter in town and the summers in the country with one of her children.

There will be a short song service at the home on 5th avenue Friday afternoon at 1 p. m. Funeral services will be at the Concord church with interment in Concord cemetery.

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