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FOUR YEARS AT COLLEGE IS AWARD

High Schools Again Prepare to Submit Essays in Annual Good Roads Competition

4TH SUCCESSIVE YEAR

Washington, D. C., March 21.—For the fourth successive year, high school students of the nation are to be given opportunity to win the largest single educational award offered in the United States, according to a statement by the Highway Education Board today.

The award is the H. S. Firestone Four Years University Scholarship, providing not only tuition, but room, board, books and special fees for the student writing the best essay in the annual good roads essay contest. The assigned subject of the essays to be written is "The Influence of Highway Transportation upon the Religious Life of my Community."

Announcement of the contest is being made to superintendents of schools, high school principals, and students as rapidly as possible, and all available literature is being listed and tabulated for the information of the prospective contestants. The Board announces its willingness to answer any inquiry students and teachers desire to make, but it points out that all that is necessary is compliance with the simple rules of the contest, and the preparation of a 700 word essay on the subject. Essays should be submitted to the high school principal by May 1.

The contest, known to thousands of students throughout the United States and territorial possessions as the "annual good roads essay contest" is the most sustained competition of its kind. Inaugurated in 1920, it has provided a college education for three students, one boy and two girls, and its maintenance from year to year is assured by the donor of the scholarship, Harvey S. Firestone, Akron, O.

This year the subject is regarded as unique and unusual, bringing up for discussion the relation of improved transportation to the moral tone or the religious life of the community. Leading churchmen have expressed approval of the discussion the essays are to bring about, while distinguished educators have given their approval to the contest itself. In past years the subjects have been broader and more general, the subject for 1922 dealing with the improved transportation and the growth of the community as a whole.

Previous winners have been Miss Katharine F. Butterfield, Weiser, Idaho, 1920; Miss Garland Johnson, of Bridgeport, West Virginia, 1921, and in 1922, Karl G. Pearson, Washington, D. C. Miss Butterfield is in college, but Miss Johnson and Mr. Pearson, not being seniors when the scholaship was awarded, have remained in high school until their courses are completed. They will both enter college this year, Miss Johnson at the University of West Virginia, and Mr. Pearson as a university in Kansas, his home state.

The best three essays from each high school are to be submitted to state headquarters, where the best essay from the commonwealth will be chosen. One essay from each state and territory will then come to the Board at Washington, D. C., there to be handed to a national committee named by Dr. John J. Tigert, U. S. Commissioner of Education. The national committee will award the scholarship.

Inquiries should be addressed to the Highway Education Board, Willard Building, Washington, D. C.

$400,000 WEATHER BET MADE BY PEA FARMERS

Six Carloads Of Seed Put Under Ground—Gamble Made On Early Spring

Cambridge, Md., March 19.—The farmers of Dorchester county have made a $400,000 bet against unfavorable weather. This is not a story of romance, but a cold-blooded speculator's chance.

On Februray 28, March 1, 2, and 3 there was planted in the county 400 acres of peas. Seed for 600 acres was in hand, but the owners of the 200 acres were dilatory and since those four days there has been no fit weather for planting. There had been numerous talks and conferences and under the leadership of the County Agent, E. W. Montell, the planting gamble was inaugurated.

In those four days six carloads of seed were put under earth. If nature proves to be kind there will be a bounteous harvest of early peas and the growers chance of cleaning up $1,000 to $1,200 per acre will have won. It will cost them $20 per acre to fight another chance—the pea louse—that aphis that sucks the juice out of the pea. So they have bought themselves a cooperative power powder duster to fight this chance.

Another chance is the bad weather or late season, and their gamblers' crop will be worth perhaps $100 to $200 per acre. Should the experiment be successful, the growers will pocket $480,000. Should fate will it otherwise, $80,000 will come in. Either the expense of producing and marketing will return $400,000 or the loss will be the man's labor. In Dorchester they say it is a good bet.

April 6th Is Arbor Day

Governor Ritchie has designated Friday, April 6, as Arbor Day in Maryland.

ARBOR DAY SET FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH

Announcement is made from the Governor's office that he will designate Friday, April the 6th, as Arbor Day. This is an annual festival, observed throughout the State of Maryland, particularly in the public schools a day set aside for the planting of trees and for exercises in recognition of the value of trees and forests to the community and to the nation.

Those who wish special information about Arbor Day and its observance, may secure full particulars from the State Forestry Department, 815 Calvert Building, Baltimore, as to suitable exercises for the occasion, trees adapted for planting, how they should be planted, where to plant them, and their proper care.

The Department does not furnish free trees, but will give the names and addresses of nurseries from which they may be obtained.

Preparations, already under way, indicate that Arbor Day, 1923, will be more largely observed, and more trees planted than in any previous day in Maryland history. It is important to make plans well in advance, and every school and civic organization should participate in this coming event.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

A Young Peoples' Conference will be held at Ridgely on April 13, at 9 a. m., to 9 p. m. Col. Joseph H. Cudlipp, State Superintendent of Young Peoples' Work for the Maryland S. S. Association, will be in charge. Further particulars concerning this conference will be printed in the county papers the week preceding the meeting.

Two boys, two girls and one adult leader from each Sunday School are expected to attend this conference, and each school should select its representatives and see that their representation is in attendance. The purpose of the conference is to train young people for effective christian leadership, hence the most earnest, active and capable boys and girls should be selected as the representatives of your school.

Cecilton, located in the lower part of Cecil county, is the center of a very prosperous and progressive agricultural community. It has its trade organization, churches and schools, but until recently it has had no community building. Under the inspiring leadership of Rev. Thomas R. Van Dyke, pastor of St. Pauls and Zion Methodist Episcopal churches, a $25,000 building suited to the needs of the community has been erected and furnished. On Sundays it ns used for the Sunday School work, on other days for Boy Scouts, Campfire girls, basket and volley ball, lectures, farmers' demonstrations, etc. A moving picture apparatus furnishes amusement and instruction. A playground is to be added. Here is a splendid example for other Eastern Shore towns. Cecilton says Dr. VanDyke is a preacher worth while—we can easily believe it.

Right of Way Secured

Representatives of the State Highway Commission, for this section, on Tuesday succeeded in securing the final papers on the right of way for projected state aid roads proposed for building this season. From Long Schoolhouse through Hillsboro to the bridge, Bridgeville - Federalsburg road, Marydel-Goldsboro road.

Kauffman Construction Company renewed this week the work on the Denton-Burrsville road and it is hoped to finish this early this season. The work was started last season, but owing to the inability to secure materials, only about one mile of road was constructed.

Advertising Maryland

In a series of advertisements, designed to bring New Yorkers into close contact with the rest of the country, the Bank of Manhattan has this is to say regarding Maryland.

From Maryland's Farms and Factories

"Not only are the sunny skies of Maryland responsible for the nation's largest tomato crop, but for a variety of farm products amounting to almost $110,000,000 annually. Large and diversified manufacturing interests gave the state a total industrial output of some $874,000,000 at the last census.

"Direct water connection has made New York the natural market for Maryland's products—necessitating close cooperation between her banks and those of the metropolis. The long affiliation of the Bank of the Manhattan Company with Maryland's leading banks has proven mutually profitable to its customers and to its customers and to theirs."

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Towers, Miss Emma Lu Ent, Miss Mildred Collins, of Harmony, Mrs. Anna Smick of Baltimore and Miss Blanche Chaffinch spen Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Towers.

EASTER CARDS, SEALS, and NAPKINS—The American Union.

THE LENTEN SEASON

THE LORD HATH NEED OF THEM

By REV. O. T. BAYNARD

The nearer we approach Easter, the more should our hearts, minds, and lives turn toward the blessings derived from the suering and death of our Lord and Master. The effect of His death was destined to be world-wide. Many wonderful events happened in the Master's life during those last days. The one that comes most prominently before our lives at this time is His triumphal Entry into Jersalem. All of us are glad that for once those tired feet that had walked so many long miles on errands of mercy had a chance to and love

cy and love, had a chance to rest, while the Master rode into the city amid the shouts of Hosannas from the men, women and children. What about the owner of that borrowed beast? His own heart must have been glad for the privilege of giving that much to this grand procession. Would not the Mster's work be quickened and our lives made the richer if we would give the Lord the use of some of our talents, or powers that are idle, as those beasts were idle; or those powers that are tied up to something that is not of as much value to our fellow men. How many of our seeming small and useless powers our Masteh could use to spread abroad His kingdom. We may not have a beast of burden that is idle of a colt to loan. But we wonder if the Master could not use that extra car which is more of a luxury than a necessity to us, or that extra set of furs or the unnecessary pair of shoes. The price of these would go a long way to clothe the destitute or feed the hungry ones, or send some one to tell this wonderful Easter story to ears and hearts that have never heard it. Many of us could be in crowd of Garment Givers and by this means assist Jesus to ride on thru Jerusalem, on till he has journeyed to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Let us who are His children look about our lives, unloose some of those tied up powers or talents which the Lord has need of and can use. That voice which is tied up to some worldly pleasure, that power to lead and train childhood, that ability to aid in the activities of the church. Jesus can use you and me, He has need of us. So dear Jesus we bring at this Easter time our latent, teid-up powers and give them to Thee for Thy use, to aid Thee in riding around this whole wide world.

Now glory to God in the highest is given;
Now glory to God is re-echoed in
Around the whole earth let us tell the glad story,
And sing of His love, His salvation and glory.

O Jesus, ride on—Thy kingdom is glorious;
Over sin, death and hell, Thou wilt make us victorious:
Thy name shall be praised in the great congregations,
And saints shall ascribe unto Thee their salvation.

WEST DENTON MAN COMMITTED SUICIDE

Mr. William A. Robertson of Philadelphia shot and killed himself Wednesday morning about 6:15 o'clock, at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. D. Fleetwood, in West Denton.

Mr. Robertson got up before any one else in the house and went down to the dining room(where he procured a double barrel shotgun. This he placed with the muzzle to his heart and pulled the trigger. As the muzzle of the gun was right against the body, no noise from the gun was made, and the only sound made was that of the thud of the body falling on the floor. Dr. George was called and stated that death was instantaneous as the discharge had gone thru the heart.

Mr. Robertson, who is a native of Dorchester, near Eldorado, was 58 years old, the son of William and Arcadia Robertson. For a number of years he has been a commission merchant of Philadelphia. He had come to West Denton to the home of his sister during the latter part of November, 1922. For some time he has been very melancholy.

About 25 years ago he married Miss Ella Knight of Philadelphia, who died about 14 months ago. About nine months ago he married Miss Alice De Coursey, of Philadelphia, who survives him. He had no children. One brother, Mr. U. J. Robertson, of Philadlphia, and four sisters, Mrs. J. R. Nace, of Philadelphia; Mrs. W. D. Fleetwood, Mrs. M. P. Allen, and Mrs. G. W. Smith of Denton survive.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Fleetwood, the Rev. Mr. Alward Chamberlaine, rector of Christ Church, officiating. Interment in Denton Cemetery.

Entertainment at Epworth Church

The church entertainment that was held in Epworth Church at Schenks Corner, last Saturday evening, was much appreciated and well attended by nearby town's folks. The song selections were rendered exceptionally well by the following people: Mr. Roy Schmidt, baritone; Mr. T. Henry Davis, bass, Mrs. Sam Buckye, soprano, Mr. Arthur Sydic and Mr. Herman Taylor, tenor; Miss Mary Cahall soprano, Mrs. Anna L. Everett, leading soprano, and Mrs. Elsie Lecompte alto. Mrs. Ella Pippin, the organist, was suddenly taken sick and had to cancel her engagement, but Miss Green played in her stead. Had a piano been installed, as expected, Mrs. Lecompte's son Palmer, age 14, would have given us some classical music, under the direction of his teacher, Mr. Blair of Wilmington. We hope to have him with us for our next affair.

The little fairies, flag drills, pantomime, and recitations were rendered exceptionally well, being under the direction of Mrs. Pauline Carter, Mrs. Anna L. Everett, and Miss Mildred Shelton.

We are glad to give these facts, and trust youn interest in our entertainment as evidenced by your presence, will give support to the better ones and still better ones that will be directed by the present managers of the Willing Workers.

The door collection was $36.25, to be divided between our Sunday School and foreign mission work.

Thanks to all who contributed to the cause.

Holy Week Services at M. P. Church

Holy Week services will be held in Denton Methodist Protestant Church on Wednesday and Thursday, with Holy Communion at 7:30 p. m., on Friday at 9 a. m., and in the evening at 7:30.

Services appropriate to the occasion will be held Palm Sunday.

Send your friend one of our Easter cards, which express the joy and beauty of the season. At the American Union office

TOMATO GROWERS TO COOPERATE

A meeting of the Caroline County Tomato Growers Association was held in the Court House Saturday afternoon, March 17th. About 35 representative growers were present. Prof. Ballard of the Maryland Agricultural College, who was expected to speak, had to leave on the early train to fill an appointment elsewhere so County Agent Thomas gave the talk which was in the interest of increasing the tomato yield by using nothing but the best seed and the plants being grown in community beds, and described in detail an experiment put on in Cecil County last year by Mr. Radebaugh, county agent, and Professor Ballard, which doubled the yield of tomatoes for those parties. After some discussion it was decided to have two community beds in Denton district, one in Tuckahoe Neck and one east of Denton. A committee of 3 was appointed with the county agent to arrange for some.

The question of marketing was then taken up. It was found that only 4 people present had contracted, the price being 25c per basket delivered to the cannery. After some discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by 31 growers:

Resolved: That the canned tomato market being well cleaned up, and the prospect good for the canner, we believe that 25c per basket is not our just share in the deal, and if the Phillips Co. of Cambridge and others can pay 30 c per basket and furnish the baskets, our canners can do as well. We further believe our canners can put up as good a product and as cheap as any other canners in the state and as business men are as good salesmen.

Therefore be it resolved, if our canners will agree to give us 30c per basket for our tomatoes delivered to their canneries, we will contract for same, otherwise we wll hold our tomatoes for open market.

It was decded to hold another meeting of the growers at the Court House Tuesday, March 27th, at 2 o'clock, at which time the growing of tomato plants in a centralized community bed will be further discussed. The committee will report on location of bed and seed, and the question of selling on the open market or contracting for a price fair to both grower and canner will be discussed. It is most important that every tomato grower be present.

MRS. SARAH EMMA REDDEN

Mrs. Sarah Emma Redden, aged 63, wife of Frank A. Redden of this place died in the University Hospital, Baltimore, at ten minutes past ten Friday morning, March 16. Mrs. Redden had been suffering since October last, at which time she was taken to the Easton Hospital and from there to the Baltimore hospital.

Mrs. Redden was the daughter of Mary Elizabeth and Alexander Stewart and had lived all but three years of her life in Denton, the other three years having been spent in Wilmington, from whence she removed to Denton about 18 months ago.

In 1881 Miss Stewart married Mr. Frank A. Redden, a carpenter of this place, and he and the following children survive: Mr. Robert G. Redden of Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. Anna Oakley Weltin, of New Haven, Conn., and Mrs. Joseph Death of Glassboro, N. J. One brother, Mr. William A. Stewart of Denton, also survives.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. Mr. Vinal E. Hills officiating. Messrs. W. B. Deen, F. R. Owens, William Scotton, W. I. Norris, F Baynard and J. F. Wright acted as pailbearers. Interment was made in Denton Cemetery. Messrs. Sidney P. Gadd and David Taylor, of Centreville, attended the funeral, and Mrs. Redden's children were all here.

PROSPERITY VS. RETROGRESSION

By the CRACKER

Retiredville was a quiet town as you would ever see. There shrieking whistles did not sound to rouse its lethargy. A butcher shop which sold dressed hogs and half a dozen stores, about two hundred mongrel dogs and lawyers by the score. No laborers toted dinner pails or wielded picks and shovels. No factories turned out iron rails, or blew out glass in bubbles. It had no Chamber of Commerce, it had no Board of Trade; in dormancy it was immersed, the cops dozed in the shade. The merchants sold their wares for cash, they took no beans and cabbage, so the farmer man who had such trash, went elsewhere with his baggage. Its wealth reposed in vaults of steel, 'twas out of circulation, and did not turn a single wheel of industrial progression. Its rents were high and taxes great; the farmers round were poor, and foreclosure sales of real estate were many and galore.

Now Busyburg was a different town—it wasn't much for beauty, but you'd hear a dozen whistles sound to call their hands to duty. Its factories manufactured wheat, and turned out iron mauls, and at noontime, upon the street, were men in overalls; and mightly trains of iron pigs came puffing into town, where smelting pots and dies and jigs would work the metal down. The farmers came with ears of corn and sold them by the hundreds, their cabbage, peas and peppers warm, and pumpkins in great numbers. They spent their money at the stores, and everyone was happy with brand new suits of Sunday clothes and shoes and caps right snappy. The traffic cops were busy boys keeping the streets from blocking, for folks from miles around with joy to Busyburg came shopping. No dignified looks about this town, but its capital was working, and everywhere you looked you found prosperity was lurking. When a town retires and hits the hay, and takes the loafer's station, and puts its cash in vaults away, it spells plain retrogression.

MRS. JULIA DAY

Mrs. Julia Day, aged 76, died Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock at her rooms on Franklin Street. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Parks and was born in Dryden, N. Y., along the Hudson.

Fifty-three years ago the family moved to a farm in Tuckahoe Neck. For a number of years she had a millinery and dressmaking store here in Denton, and then she and her brother James went in the grocery business in the stands where Mr. Flaharty and Mr. Andrews now have stores. She discontinued the store some five or six years ago.

In 1891 she married Isaac F. Day, a marine engineer of Baltimore.

Mrs. Day was a very kind, sympathetic and lovely woman, and was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

No near relatives survive. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams of Federalsburg and Mr. Henry Cade of near town are related by marriage.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. Mr. Vinal E. Hills officiating. Interment in Denton Cemetery.

County Schools Will Debate

Debates at the six high schools of the county will be held Wednesday evening next, March 28th, at the various high schools in accordance with the regulations of the local officers and the Public Duscussion League of the state.

The question for discussion is—Whether the Direct Primary System or the old Convention Plan of Nominating Candidates for Office is Better.

The following schedule has been arranged:

Preston, affirmative at home, vs. Federalsburg, negative.

Federalsburg affirmative at home vs. Denton, negative.

Denton affirmative at home vs. Preston, negative.

Henderson, affirmative at home vs. Greensboro, negative.

Greensboro, affirmative at home vs. Ridgely, negative.

Ridgely, affirmative at home vs. Henderson, negative.

The affirmative team of each school debate at home and the negative side away. This arrangement provides for the training of teams for both sides of the questions in each school.

The baeeball schedule of the county high schools has been approved as follows:

April 6

Denton at Henderson, Ridgely at Federalsburg, Preston at Greensboro.

April 13

Denton at Ridgely, Federalsburg at Preston, Greensboro at Henderson.

April 20

Preston at Denton, Greensboro at Federalsburg, Henderson at Ridgely.

April 27

Denton at Greensboro, Henderson at Federalsburg, Preston at Ridgely.

May 4

Federalsburg at Denton, Ridgely at Greensboro, Henderson at Preston.

Star Agency Here

Messrs. Alda P. Whitby and William P. Carroll have accepted the agency for the Durant and Star automobiles for Carolne County, having signed the contract Tuesday.

They will have their show rooms in the building on North 3d Street being remodeled by Lawrence B. Towers.

These two makes of cars are comparatively new, but claim many superior merits over other cars of the same classes.

HEARN OIL CO. TO LOCATE IN WEST DENTON

Denton's topographical location was the means of bringing here the oil tank station of the Hearn Oil Company of Wilmington. This company, to serve its patrons better, is locating distributing stations over the Eastern Shore, with Chestertown, Cambridge and Salisbury as the other points.

Denton was considered with Easton for the location of the fourth center, but when Mr. Claude Hearn came here personally and saw the town and its location in regards to both water and rail connections, he was very much pleased and definitely decided on Denton, rather than Easton, to supply these two counties.

Attorney J. Owen Knotts, acting as their legal representative, secured from the County Commissioners the right of way for a pipe line from the railroad in West Denton to the property which the oil company purchased at the Whitby cannery in West Denton . This gives the oil company both water and rail service. This company will bring a large part of its oil here in its own steamers, which will help Denton in keeping open the Choptank river this far for navigation. Of late years the river has been used less and less, and at that rate in a short time it would fill up, and as it was not used, the government would not have it dredged.

Denton will welcome this new enterprise and be grateful for the benefits to be derived therefrom.

LECTURE ON "EARLY CHRISTIANITY IN ROME"

On Thursday evening last Mr. Chamberlaine delivered the fourth of the series of Lenten addresses at the Episcopal church. The attendance crowded the little building to its capacity. The subject was "The City of Rome and Its Contact with Christianity." Mr. Chamberlaine spent many weeks in Rome several years ago, and gave a vivid description of the ancient ruins as they exist today. He described the ancient hill of the capitol, crowned as it was in the days of imperial Rome with the mighty temple of Jupiter; the prison dungeon where St. Paul is said to have been confined; the ruins of the Roman Forum; the beautiful arch of Titus with the bas-relief sculptures of the fall of Jerusalem in the year 70 A. D., and the captors returning to Rome with thousands of Jewish prisoners bearing the sacred ornaments of the temple, such as the seven-branched candlesticks, the tables of the shew-bread, the long silver jubilee trumpets, and other sacred relics.

He described the ruins of the palaces of the Caesars on the Palatine Hill, and the excavations which have revealed the judgment hall of Nero, where the apostle St. Paul was taken for judgment; and the soldiers' barracks, upon the walls of which was sketched the earliest known caricature of the Saviour, an ass hanging upon a cross with the inscription in Latin, "Aleximenos worships his God."

The last section of Mr. Chamberlaine's address was a description of the great Coloseum, its history, architecture, gladitorial combats and fearful martyrdoms of the Christians. He carried his audience to visit this great ruin by moonlight, and introduced the word-picture which he drew by quoting those well-known lines of Lord Byron:

"I do remember me, that in my youth
When I was wandering—upon such a night
I stood within the Coloseum's walls,
Midst the chief relics of almighty Rome."

Speaking of the Christian martyrdoms he said: "Let us stand upon this very spot drenched with the blood of the martyrs, and for a moment, as we allow the nineteen centuries to fade away, we see again that mighty throng of a hundred thousand spectators crowding these ancient walls. Yonder, only a little distance, is the iron grating behind which are the lions, kept for days without food. Where we stand, knelt the Christians in earnest prayer awaiting the onslaught of the ravenous beasts. With a roar, the lions rush upon them. They died, but, in the words of an ancient writer, "the blood of the martyrs was the seed of the church."

Baby's Condition Remains Same

There is little change in the condition of Sherman E. Hignutt, Jr., who was so cruelly burned on Wednesday of last week. The fact that he has lived this long is in his favor, but no definite hope is given by the doctors.

Mrs. Hignutt's hands, which were badly burned in trying to save her son, are healing.

Rev. Dudley Asked To Return

The Members' Meeting of the M. P. Church elected as delegate to their annual conference Mr. J. Ed Nichols, with Mr. T. Pliny Fisher as alternate.

Mr. Fisher was elected Superintendent of the Sunday School, and the old board of stewards was re-elected.

The pastor, Rev. J. A. Dudley, was invited to return for his fourth year.

Talked on Fire Equipment

At the regular meeting of the Denton Volunteer Fire Company last Friday night, a representative of the Foamite-Childs Fire Apparatus Company talked to the members concerning fire trucks, chemical engines, etc. While the company is not at the present time in the market for any of this material, the members were glad of the information which will be used at some future time.

The names of Miss Caroline Redden and Wesley E. Thawley were added to the list of Honorary members of the department.

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