THE AMERICAN UNION

VOL. LXIV—NUMBER 12 DENTON, MARYLAND, THURSDAY AFTERNOON. OCTOBER 1[illegible] 1923 $1.00 Year in County; $1.50 Out of County—In Advance

M. P.s to Celebrate 25th Anniversay

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Denton Methodist Protestant church wil be observed with appropriate exercises beginning Sunday and continuing for the whole week.

The work first began in Denton when Rev. D. W. Anstine was pastor of Caroline Circuit; he holding services in the school house. His pastorate was folowed by Revs. H. W. D. Johnson and C. E. Dryden. During this joint pastorate the church was built; the corner stone was laid in the fall of 1897. The edifice was opened for worship and dedicated October, 1898. In the spring of 1899, Rev. J. M. Dickey became the pastor, serving for two years was folowed by the five years Truitt, who served for three years. Rev. D. M. Dibble had a pastorate of two years, folowed by the short pastorate of Rev. T. F. Wheeler. The confernce of 1907 sent Rev. F. T. Benson who remained for three years. Rev. A. N. Ward folowed with another three year pastorate. Rev. J. R. Gaar's pastorate of two cayrs was folowed by the five years of Dr. T. O. Crouse. In 1920 the present pastor, Rev. J. A. Dudley was sent by the conference

The program for the week is most inviting. Five of the former pastors have promised to return and have parts on the program.

The program is as follows:

Sunday, 9:45 a. m., rally in Sunday school.

11 a. m., preaching, Rev. F. T. Benson, D. D., editor "Methodist Protestant."

6:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor.

7:30 p. m., preaching, Rev. A. N. Ward, D. D. President Western Maryland College.

Monday, 6:30 p. m. Church banquet

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., Musical and literary entertainment.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., Prayer meeting and love feast, led by Rev. D. W. Anstine.

Thursday, 7:30 p. m., community meeting.

Friday, 7:30 p. m., social evening with the choir.

Sunday, 21st, Harvest Home Day, Rev. T. O. Crouse, D. D., preaching.

The services of the wek are open to the general public save the church banquet on Monday, which is for the members and friends of the church. Dr. G. I. Humphreys, president of the annual conference will be present and make an address, as well as Rev. C. E. Dryden. The Tuesday evening program will be a rare treat to lovers of music. A silver offering at the door.

Money Wanted For Home

The campaign to raise $35,000 for the enlargement and improvement of the chidren's home of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, at Easton, will begin on next Monday, the 15th, and be concluded on the folowing Saturday, the 20th. As the home is non-denominational in so far as the children it receives are concerned, the public generally will be asked to contribute, as wel as all members of the Episcopal church. Pledges will be payable in five equal semi-annual installments, beginning with January 1st, next, and endnig on January 1st, next, and ending on Jan-

Caroline county has been asked to conrtibute $2000.

The proposed additions to the home wil increase its capacity from 28 to 39 children, and as it is the only home for friendless and orphan children on the Eastern Shore, and the only organized adjunct of the juvenile courts of this section, it is believed that the efforts in its behalf will meet wiht general and liberal response.

Special Services on Sunday

Local citizens have secured the services of Prof. L. F. Hildebrandt of Atlanta, Ga., a noted Bible exegete who will deliver his famous lecture on the subject "All Nations Marching to Armageddon, But Millions Now Living Will Never Die." You are urgently invited to hear this great discourse by this Bible exponent at the Palace Theatre, Denton, Sunday, October 14, at 3 p. m. This lecture will be under the auspices of the Int. Bible Students Asso.

Good Crop of Tomatoes

From 4 acres of tomatoes, John Shults and son, of near Marydel, picked and delivered 3235 baskets. The son Harold K. Shults is a candidate for the House of Delegates. If he can do as well at Annapolis as he can at farming, let's all remember him on election day.

FARMERS SUPPLY CO., INC., MAKES GREAT STRIDES

In an audit taken by Wiliam A. Gillespie and Co., of Baltimore, accountants and auditors, the folowing facts have been disclosed:

Under the management of Mr. R. W. Walworth, the above company's sales during the first nine months of this year amounted to $112,867.94, which is an increase of over $50,000 in sales for the same period last year.

By doing this large volume of busines under his able management it was only necessary to add 6.33 per cent to the cost, which meant a considerable saving to the farmer on his purchases. The stockholder during this period received over 20 per cent. in dividends, by the purchase method.

Mr. Walworth desires to call the attention of the stockholders, to the fact that their investment has enhanced in value approximately 115 per cent.

It rests with the farmers of Caroline County to make the Farmers Supply Co., Inc., th largest of its kind on the Eastern Shore and he urgently asks your wholehearted support for this organization, not only for its investment possibilities but for the benefit that the farmer will derive under the co-operative plan upon which this company heretofore operated.

Therefore, it behooves every farmer in Caroline county to become a stockholdr of this corporation and reap the benefits which accrue to its membership.

CHARLES M. DAVIS

Sunday, September 30, Federalsburg lost its oldest resident, Mr. Charles Mortimer Davis, whose venerable figure had long been a familiar one along the streets and whose large list of friends embraced young and old alike.

Mr. Davis had, since the death of his wife (nee Miss Sallie Brown), four years ago, resided in his home adjoining that of his daughter Mrs. J. R. Charles, and it was here he pased away. Retiring Saturday evening feeling better than usual, he declared, it was a shock to his daughter next morning to find death had come, aparenty, soon after his retiring. While his health had been greatly impaired for some months, he had been able to be up most of the time and could be seen almost daily entertaining on his porch, a group of veteran friends or of young people, whose society he particularly enjoyed.

Mr. Davis, who passed his 87th milestone last March, was born in Federlasburg ,the son of the late Curtis and Lydia Davis. As a young man he left there to engage in the commission business in New York where his brother, L. Shanley Davis had established a successful commission house, which still endures under the firm name of W. O. Davis. During this period he and his family resided at Hoboken, N. J.

About 30 years ago, he moved to a farm near that town, going into Federalsburg about a year afterward and purchasing the former home of Dr. J. C. Clark on Central Main street.

He was a veteran of the Civil war and had served as chaplain of Watkins' Post G. A. R., until its recent abandonment. Keeping in touch with events of the day through the newspapers and conversation of his friends and inviting the companionship of young people who frequented his home, kept him youthful in heert and feeling.

He was a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a loyal suppotrer of its tenets and a constant atendant at worship.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. H. H. Murphy, of Hastings, N. Y., and Mrs. J. R. Charles, of Federalsburg. Surviving half brothers and sisters are: Oscar, Wilmer O., of New York; Miss Elena Davis and Mrs. H. M. Carroll of Federalsburg.

Funeral services were held Tuesday of last week in Christ M. E. Church, Federalsburg, the pastor, Rev. F. C. MacSorley, officiating. A special choir including a group of young girls, friends of the venerable man, sang several of his favorite hymns. The flower laden casket was draped in the time worn colors of the G. A. R. Post, attended by the eight remaining members of this post. Interment in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Choptank Community Exhibit

Chotpank Community Club will hold an exhibit on Friday and Saturday of this week at Choptank. All persons are urged to have exhibits of various kinds.

AN APOLOGY

We regret the curtailment of the news in this issue of The American Union. A special gear went bad on our linotype the first of the week. Due to slownes in delivery of a telegram ordering a new part and further slowness on the part of the post office department, even after telephoning for a second part to be sent first class mail, it had not arrived by this noon, although three letters pertaining to it have been received through the mail.

Through the kindness of the Easton Gazette, we were today permitted to use their machine to set the news which you will find in these columns. We hope that the lost part will arrive in time for use next

HIGWAY BUILDING TO BE GREATEST INDUSTRY

There are more than six and a quarter million farm in the United States, worth in excess of seventy bil ions of dollars, a sum in excess of that invested in any other three industries of the country. Any up-to-date farmer tilling more than 80 acres knows that given a road over which he can travel, he must have a truck or lose money to his competitor who has one. Assuming for the purposes of argument that one-third of farms in America are 80 acres or more, it is obvious that more than two million trucks are needed on farms alone.

The present yearly production of trucks is a quarter of a million. The existing number of trucks serving farms is probably not in excess of half a million. The reason why use lags so far behind necessity is the fact that the trucks should travel over two and a half million miles of road and actually do travel over less than three hundred thousand miles of road, for the good and sufficent reason that only that number of miles are sufficiently improved to make truck hauling economical.

Statistics gathered by the government show that, given a reasonably good road, it costs, per ton mile, 15 cents to haul wheat, 15 cents to haul corn, and 18 cents to haul cotton by truck, wheras by wagon the rates are 30, 33, 48 cents, respectively.

The American farmer is not a stupid person. Let him once realize how much he can save by a truck and he won't ask for good roads, he will demand at the polls that the United States government give him good roads. He already is asking in no uncertain voice, which is why it can confidently be predicted that the industry of the future which will be the biggest in the United States is neither railroads nor automobile building (the two present leaders, except farming) but not road makjng. When the farmers of the nation insist on having their two and a half million miles of mud tracks made into roads, highway building will become the nation's premier industry.

Farm Bureau News

Grensboro, Preston and Federalsburg locals held their regular monthly meetings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights of last week. The atendance was not large but the opinion was expressed by those present at these meetings that the time is at hand when the members will have more time to devote to the organization.

Special attempts will be made to provide attractions to bring the members out to the metings. The Farm Bureau was started in the county right at the begining of the rush season but even in view of the results accomplished have been very remarkable.

The time is thought ripe for each local to make an attempt to enlarge its membrship. The organization has been going long enough and has created enough comment, favorable and ohterwise, to make it plain even to the persons least interested that the Farm Bureau is not a piece of furniture for the rural bedroom.

Christian Endeavor Convention

The thirty-second annual convention of the Maryland Christian Endeavor Union wil be held on October 16, 17, 18, at Cambridge.

Six hundred delegates are expected to attend this convention and the state officers are planning to make this convention the best ever

There will be inspirational talks, conferences, addresses and special speakers on all phases of Christian Endeavor work.

Oyster Supper at Concord

The Ladies' Aid of Concord church will hold an oyster supper and bazaar in the boarding tent of the camp ground on Thursday evening, October 18th. If storming it will be held on Friday evening. Super will be served from 5 to 8. Every one cordially invited to come.

Conditions at H. S. To Be Discussed

There wil be an important busines meeting of the Parent Teachers' Association Monday October 15 at the high school auditorium at 7:45 sharp.

Do you know the existing condition of the Caroline High School for the school year 1923-1924? If you do not, arn't you, as a citizen and patron of the school, sufficiently interested to give one evening to seriously considering plans whereby 300 children may be given the proper training?

The children of today, are the citizens of tomorow. Should we be satisfied with the present conditions? Is it right to ask so many children to suffer not only during th time in school but during their life because of improper lighting conditions?

Can you expect the pupils and teachers to accomplish the best results under the present conditions?

Come out and learn about the many difficulties confronting the present faculty. We need your support and co-operation.

We must have a new high school and we can get it. Denton is the only town in this county that doesn't have an up-to-date school, with modern equipment.

The county seat has the largest school in the county and it should be the best.

You cannot afford to miss this meeting if you are interested in the future citizens of Denton.

Regional S. S. Convention To be Held at Salisbury

It is beter to be a happy "Glad I Went" than a sorry "Wish I had," which the stay-at-homes wil be when you return and tell them of the splendid time you had at the regional Sunday school convention at Salisbury, October 31, November 1, and 2. Make your plans now to go by auto loads or by train; and you will be just as welcome if you come by mule back or flying machine, provided you are a member of a Sunday school.

The real object of this convention is that by taking council, one with another and instruction from Christian leaders, we may all be able to do better work for His kingdom.

Adresses will be made by Dr. Charles L. Goodell,, executive secretary of the commission on Evangelism.

Dr. Abraham L. Latham, pastor of Third Presbyterian church of Chester, Pa., whose mesage inspires his hearers with an increased desire to study the Bible.

R. A. Waite of th Young People's Division of the International Association.

Dr. O. F. Barthalow, Methodist minister of New York, whose class of 1700 men include 140 commercial travelers, 40 doctors, 40 pullman conductors, 200 laborers, six ex-saloon keepers, etc. His inspirational address should help us put thousands of adults in our Bible class.

Dr. John Roach Straton of Calvary Baptist church, New York, a courageous worker for the Master, well known through the East.

Rev. William Albian Squires, of Philadelphia, and others.

It is hoped and is very important that every Sunday school superintendent and teacher attend this convention, together with as many members from each school as can go. A number of the delegates near Salisbury will attend daily ,returning home at night. Those from a distance wil lbe entertained at private homes in Salisbury, lodging and breakfast free, provided they make reservations in time.

Runaway Boy

Friday, September 21st, 1923, Robert Whinen, a light colored boy, aged 13 years, a ward of the Children's Aid Society of New York, left his home with Mr. H. Nelson Beaven of Easton, Md. After the printing of this notice, any person harboring said boy without notifying our agent Mr. William J. Bryan, Harrington, Del., 'phone 57, wil be prosecuted acording to the law. Children's Aid Society of New York.

THEIS—PARKER

Mr. Irvin Theis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Theis, of Denton, and Miss Ruth Parker, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Parker, of near Burrsville, were united in marriage Saturday evening October 6th, at the M. E. parsonage here by the Rev. C. N. Jones.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION NOMINATES

ARMSTRONG, COLEMAN, HOLLAND AND BREWER

ADOPTS CONSTRUCTIVE PLATFORM

Baltimore. — Declaring in its preamble that it shall not temporize, the Republican platform adopted at the party convention held here last Thursday, bitterly assailed the Democratic administration of Governor Ritchie and pledged a change in government that would bring about vital improvements in the State's affairs. The Republican party sounded the keynote "The People above Party for Better Government."

The nominees selected for the State ticket are Governor, Attorney General Alexander Armstrong, of Washington county; for Attorney General, William C. Coleman, Baltimore; for Comptroller, J. Monroe Holland, Baltimore; for Clerk of the Court of Appeals, J. Clayton Brewer, Annapolis.

Former Governor P. L. Goldsborough presided at the Convention of a united Republicanism and praised the party for the high caliber of the ticket.

The main features of the Republican platform are as follows:

Governor Ritchie's extravagant claims of constructive government are wholly unjustified, because the most casual inspection of his boasted measures shows that they were saturated with partisanship and are frauds upon the public. As an illustration, his Reorganization bill. This has worked no real reforms. It is claimed for it that it has reduced the number of State departments from eighty (80) to nineteen (19). As a matter of fact, not a single agency heretofore known as a department has been abolished. There has been merely a regrouping and a change of names. Every one of such former agencies has been retained and is functioning today. The number of jobholders has been increased rather than diminished, and the cost of the State's government is more burdensome than before.

Again, the Fewer Elections bill unnecessarily deprives the people of their right to vote every two years upon State candidates and issues. It abolishes time-proven checks and balances. It tends to perpetuate in power the man and his friends who designed it for this very purpose. We demand that people shall have a right to vote on State matters at least every two years. This is a reasonable and necessary check upon abuses in public office. It will tend to make government responsive to the popular will. It is also necessary in order to secure some measure of continuity in governing bodies, such as boards of county commissioners. Since national elections are held every two years State elections could and should be held at the same time without additional expense.

The administration of Governor Ritchie has been the most expensive, extravagant and wasteful in the history of the State and out of all proportion to the necessities of the times. The people have been lulled into security by the hypocritical device of lowering the tax rate without lowering the tax bills. Actual taxes have been increased with increasing assessments and the camouflage of economy furnished by the use of an enormous balance received from the preceding administration and the huge sums derived from the Racing Commission and other sources.

The payroll of the State, exclusive of salaries under the school system, in the judicial and legislative departments, and also exclusive of certain other items, has increased approximately $1,000,000 since Albert C. Ritchie became Governor. The Ritchie budget of 1920 increased the appropriation to the Executive Department alone (exclusive of salaries and wages) from $47,000, the amount appearing in the preceding Harrington budget, to over $72,000 an increase of over 50 per cent. The total taxes on real and tangible personal property (exclusive of tangible taxes on ordinary business corporations) produced by the lowered rate of 30 1-3 cents, of which the Governor boasts, were larger in the aggregate during 1923 than the amount derived from the higher rate of 36 31-72 cents on the assessment of 1920. anything in the Democratic platform to the contrary notwithstanding. And these taxes came from the pockets of the taxpayers. In view of the tremendously increased State revenues derived from special taxes and licenses, reasonable economy in the management of the State's affairs should have practically cut the tax bills in half.

Nothwithstanding the obvious propriety of auditing regularly the accounts of the State departments, this safeguard to the proper conduct of our State finances has been grossly neglected. The Automobile Department, the Public Service Commission, the Insurance Department, the Governor's contingent fund and other departments have escaped any audit for several years. The failure to make these audits is inexcusable and should receive the condemnation of every voter who believes in the application of efficient and business principles to the finances of our State.

We call attention to the fact that no Governor of Maryland has ever succeeded himself. This custom continuously adhered to is significant as a guarantee against too great concentration of power.

The framers of our State constitution foresaw this, and Article 34 of the Bill of Rights provides "that a long continuance in the executive departments of power or trust is dangerous to liberty; a rotation therefore in those departments is one of the best securities for permanent freedom."

Thus it will be seen that change in office is more than a mere custom. It is an accepted doctrine of our Government written into our organic law. We reaffirm it, and point out that it has a particular application to conditions existing in the present administration, controlled by a Governor who desires to strike down this check upon one-man power for his own personal aggrandizement.

Party Pledges.

We solemnly promise that we will give to the State an administration of real economy, making only such appropriations as are absolutely necessary for the public welfare and safety. We promise to make a careful survey of the State government and eliminate any jobholder who is not indispensable to the preservation of efficiency. We further promise that the present laws governing audit of books of the various State departments and State-aided institutitions shall be obeyed and that there shall be a thorough annual audit of every branch and department of the State government.

Taxation.

We promise an immediate additional lowering of the State tax rate to the end that the taxes paid by our citizens, and not simply the rate, shall be actually and substantially reduced.

Schools And Colleges.

We recognize the fact that the school system of the State is fundamentally sound. In the matter of teachers' salaries, however, we believe that there should be a more equable grading.

Appointments to county school boards have been frequently determined not by real fitness but rather for the purpose of serving political ends, with the result that the standards of education afforded our boys and girls in various parts of the State have been improperly reduced.

We pledge ourselves to see to it that politics is completely removed from our schools.

With respect to the colleges throughout the State, we recognize their importance and their increasing needs. We, therefore, pledge ourselves to see to it that they shall receive such recognition, financial and otherwise, as is consistent with these needs, and with the requirements of a general policy of business-like economy.

University Of Maryland.

We believe that its facilities should be improved and its activities extended, and we pledge our support and cooperation in granting such appropriations as may be essential to the accomplishment of these ends.

Elections.

For the purpose of encouraging the fullest participation in election by all citizens, we advocate:

1. The passage of a law conferring upon registered citizens, who on election day are bona fide, prevented from attending their polling place in person, the right to vote by mail, subject to reasonable limitations and safeguards.

2. The repeal of the Declaration of Intentions law and also the Affidavit of Removal act.

3. The repeal of the provision in our Election law requiring voters to appear in person before election officials to secure their transfer certificates and permitting the issuance of such certificates upon the presentation of proper affidavit.

4. The amendment of the Election law in such manner as to permit women to register by stating merely that they are over 21 years of age.

Woman's Place In Public Affairs.

We believe that in those branches of government which deal with the sick, the indigent, the insane and the mentally and physically defective; with education, public health, child welfare and the conditions of women in industry, women are peculiarly qualified to participate. We therefore favor their increased representation on boards, commissions or in other positions having to do with such vital matters and also upon the governing bodies of our party.

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