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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1923

GREENSBORO

The Ladies Aid took in about $106 at their election dinner.

Miss Hattie Stevenson spent the week end with Misses Cora and Lydia Edwards, near town.

Miss Ethel Hall, of near Barclay, spent a few days last week with Mrs. W. Thomas Thornton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Emory and son, Lester, Mrs. Sam Harrington, Mrs. Clarence Minner and daughter, Dorothy, of Harrington, were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Rhoda Porter.

Mrs. M. T. Kenton who fell and broke her limb a few weeks ago, is improving in Cambridge hospital.

The Daughters of Pocohontas entertained Rancocus Tribe and the Red Men and Red Ladies of Oxford last Friday evening.

Miss Lena Lewis was the delegate from St. Paul's M. E. Church to the regional Sunday school convention held in Salisbury last week. Others from here who attended were Mrs. W. O. Bennett and sister, Mrs. Ralph Sharp and J. Ed Willis.

Mrs. M. L. Weaver was operated on in Cambridge hospital last week and is doing nicely.

J. W. Porter was in Baltimore for the week end.

A. Dingledine, who is employed by the Quality Ice Cream Company, was burned about the face and eyes on Monday by ammonia.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Mitchell spent a few days last week with their son, George, at West Grove, Pa.

Mrs. Cornelia Prettyman, of Philadelphia, spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Swann, near town.

Mrs. Mary Rickards has returned home after spending two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. John Mitchell, near Willow Grove.

Mrs. J. Harvey Coursey was in Easton Tuesday.

Mrs. George Stevenson and daughter, of Wilmington, were week end guests with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pippin.

Mrs. Christian Gottwals, of near town, is receiving treatment at Easton hospital.

Miss Mae Pippin has returned home from two weeks spent in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Christian, of Philadelphia, were guests of their daughters here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Griffin, of Marydel, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Thomas Dabson.

Paul C. Phillips spent the week end in Baltimore.

Frank Dieterle spent the week end in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Curry of Bridgeville, visited relatives here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy and family spent Sunday at the home of Wesley Walls, near Felton.

Miss Martha Jones spent Sunday with her brother, Harry Jones, at Goldsboro.

A thief entered the chicken house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornton on Wednesday night, but did not get away with any fowls. Mrs. Thornton heard the chickens squawking and raised the window and saw the thief with the chickens in his hands. She shouted and the thief dropped the chickens and escaped.

For Sale

225 BARRED P. R. PULLETS. Also cook stove and couch. L. K. Zeigler, Denton. 1t

HOLIDAY NOTICES

The Denton National Bank
Denton, Md., Nov. 8, 1923
This bank will close all day Monday, November 12, Armistice Day, it benig a legal holiday. All notes payable here and maturing on that day may be paid on the day following.
W. I. NORRIS. Cashier

The Peoples Bank
Denton, Md., Nov. 8, 1923
This bank will close all day Monday, November 12, Armistice Day, it benig a legal holiday All notes payable here and maturing on that day may be paid on the day following.
T. F. JOHNSON, Cashier

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank
Denton, Md., Nov. 8, 1923
This bank will close all day Monday, November 12, Armistice Day, it benig a legal holiday. All notes payable here and maturing on that day may be paid on the day following.
GEO. W. BECK, Cashier

Caroline County Bank
Greensboro, Md., Nov. 8, 1923
This bank will close all day Monday, November 12, Armistice Day, it benig a legal holiday. All notes payable here and maturing on that day may be paid on the day following.
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DORCHESTER BOY IN JAPAN'S TRAGEDY

The following letter, dated September 6th, has been received by Mrs. Sue Creighton of East New Market, this county, from her son, Webster, now serving as 3d Assistant Engineer on the S. S. Navigator:

Dear folks:

No doubt you have heard of the terrible catastrophe which happened here, (Yokohama and Tokyo) Saturday noon, September first.

No words that you have read or none that I can use can possibly describe that dreadful scene. At ten minutes of twelve I was in my room washing my face and hands, the sun was bright and warm, not much air was stirring, but nothing indicated the coming of an earthquake.

The Junior Engineer was in the room at the time. There came an awful rumbling and shaking and without the least warning the heavy reinforcd concrete dock completely collapsed, snapping four six-inch Manilla ropes as though they were shoe strings.

I ran to the deck with a life preserver and just ahead of us the remainder of the dock was caving in with at least one hundred people, Japanese, coolies and foreigners, on it. It was indeed a terrible scene, with the women and children screaming; the rumble and noise with the dust made it fearful.

At first I thought it was an oil tank explosion, but just then buildings began sinking on shore (we lay fifty yards off shore tied to a dock which projected three hundred yards from shore) and terrific flames shooting up into the air. In less than fifteen minutes not a building could be seen, smoke, flying concrete and flames obscured the city of Yokohama. It was unbelievable that twenty minutes before street cars with their burdens of humanity, offices crowded with people and hotels teeming with thousands could have been so completely demolished. Had there been a hundred warships bombarding the city, they could not have done the same damage in a week. The beautiful Hotel Grand, a four-story building of white masonry was obut the first to fall and all that can be seen of it today is its roof; two people escaped from beneath its roof, the manager and the head waiter, and it is estimated that in this one building alone there were fifty persons who lost their lives.

By this time, 12.25 p. m., the city was entirely obliterated; the blackest smoke imagineable poured from every building, and a very strong wind swept down from the hills causing the flames to eat their way toward the water front. We had not been idle during this time but had dragged in over 100 refugees from the water, so you can imagine the comparatively short time they had to make their escape.

One earthquake followed another; there were six violent shocks that wrecked the entire city before a lull came; by this time, 12:45, it was so dark you could scarcely see and it was next to impossible to breathe. The poisonous smoke with the sparks had entered every crevice and the fire hose was working continually in order to save the ship.

At 12:50 p. m. we had steam on all the boilers (otherwise dead) and the engine was turning over with the gauge glasses and main steam lines vibrating terribly. I was stationed by the throttle from time on until the calamity was about over. This letter tells what I saw and heard that happened between noon and 3:45 p. m September 1.

I went on deck leaving the second engineer in charge of the engine room and there saw huddled together shivering, terrified, wet, crying, moaning and dumbfounded at least six hundred refugees consisting of every nationality that walks the globe: Greek, Russian, Japanese, American (100), English (90), German (10), Swiss (6), and French. Several ran down to the ship on what remained of the pier or swam out from the shore. Families were separated, people came on board with their arms crushed and others were brought on unconscious by those who had escaped injury, it was impossible to distinguish the color of any one as the smoke and fire and dirt had turned them all an inky black.

The crew, which included two other Eastern Shore boys, did great rescue work standing by the rails with life lines and pulling the people from the sea as fast as possible. The dead were as numerous as the living, their bodies floating on the surface of the water, for the entire population of the city was forced by the flames to the waterfront—the Bund—or to a public park in the center of the city.

Night came at 4:30 p. m., the wind which had been so strong as to carry away the metal roofs of the sheds on the half sunken piers, died down a little and once more we started dragging in the unfortunates.

Ships in the harbor were trying to move and everything was wrong. The S. S. Empress of Australia, one of the largest ships running to the Orient, had been forced from her berth back on us, a Japanese ship had struck us amidships, scraped our side and torn off two booms, we had chances for escape, but just when the opportunity presented itself something would turn up to prevent. Finally the port propeller of the Empress of Australia caught the chain of our seven ton anchor and then we were doomed to stay where we were until things became more settled.

That night flames swept the remainder of the entire city, oil tanks burst and caught on fire, barges of lumber or those otherwise empty were in flames and drifted about the harbor; it looked as though there were no place big enough for a ship to lie without being consumed.

We launched two life boats and the remainder of the night we were busy bringing people aboard ship, all ships did likewise. It seemed like a nightmare and though I should live to be a hundred I shall never forget that day (or night) gazing at the ruins of the Japanese Empire.

During the night the fire reached its limit and the ship could be seen from stem to stern, the whole sky was illuminated and when morning came with the exception of a few pillars and ruins, the city was buried.

It would be impossible to tell the stories of the people we rescued during the next three days, how they were buried alive or were caught under falling stones and to save them, legs were amputated.

The Chief Engineer of the ship was coming back to the dock from up in the city when the first shock occurred a great chasm opened up in front of him, and the coolie and his rickshaw were never seen again, the chief was thrown clear of the opening and escaped unhurt.

The captain of the S. S. Selma City and our Captain Simpson were talking in front of the American Consulate; our captain was killed as he was in conversation with the other captain, who escaped.

We pulled out in the stream the next day and continued rescue and relief work until Tuesday morning, when we sailed for Kobe and arrived here with 104 European (white) refugees, after 600 Japanese had been sent aboard their own ships. Among our list included two American Vice Consuls, a representative of the Texas Oil Company, a Standard Oil man, the Steel Products representative.

We expect to leave here soon and resume our regular scheduled trip, stopping at Manila, Cebu, Java, Singapore, thence thru the Suez Canal, etc and hope to be home for the Xmas holidays.

Love to all,
WEBSTER.

BURRSVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Collison were given a miscellaneous shower Thursday evening of last week at the home of Mrs. Collison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Collison had as their guest recently her brother, Mr. F. Lewis of Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Collison of Hobbs, were visitors Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. H. Collison.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Thawley had as their guests recently, Mr. and Mrs. James Thawley of Greensboro.

Mr. C. W. Collison of Chester, Pa., is visiting his family here.

The November meeting of the Mite Society of Union M. P. Church will be held at Porter's Hall this Friday evening. An interesting feature will be the rendering of the program exclusively by the male members of the society, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters, host and hostess.

AUDITOR'S ORDER NISI

HENRY R. LEWIS, Assignee
vs.
JOHN H. HORSEY

In the Circuit Court for Caroline County, in Equity No. 2254

Ordered, this 7th day of November, 1923, that the Auditor's report, made and filed in the above cause, be ratified and confirmed unless good cause to the contrary be shown within three weeks from the 8th day of November, 1923, provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Caroline county, once in each of two successive weeks before the 17th day of November, 1923.

GEO. A. DEAKYNE, Clerk

True Copy—Test:
GEO. A. DEAKYNE, Clerk

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CALVERT C. MERRIKEN, Solicitor

NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maryland
In the matter of
THOMAS H. MEEKS, Bankrupt

Notice is hereby given that on October 24th, 1923, the said Thomas H. Meeks, of near Denton, Caroline County, Maryland, was duly adjudged Bankrupt, and the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the law office of Calvert C. Merriken in Denton, Maryland, on the 12th day of November, 1923, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., at which time the creditors of said bankrupt may attend, prove their claims, appoint a Trustee or Trustees, examine said Bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before the said meeting.

SIDNEY P. TOWNSHEND,
Chestertown, Md., Referee

N. B.—Creditors should at once prove their claims before a Notary Public and file same with the Referee or have them ready to file at the first meeting of Creditors. 1-2t

Notice to Taxpayers

I WILL SIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING TAXES between the hours of 1 o'clock p. m., and 6 o'clock p. m., at the following places, (all other days at the treasurer's office in the Court House), on the following days:

Greensboro, Saturday, November 10
(CAROLINE COUNTY BANK)

Preston, Saturday, November 17
(COVEY BROS'. STORE)

Henderson, Monday, November 19
(COLE'S STORE)

Ridgely, Wednesday, November 21
(BANK OF RIDGELY)

Federalsburg, Saturday, November 24
(COVEY & WILLIAMS' STORE)

Hillsboro, Thursday, November 15
(THOMPSON'S IMP. STORE)

American Corner, Monday, Nov. 26
(LORD's STORE)

Office in Denton will not be open from 1 to 6 on these dates.

T. FRANK SEWARD,
Treasurer of Caroline County.

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Cooking Apples 3	lbs 15c	Calif. Peaches	can 20c
Sweet Oranges	doz 45c	Sliced Peaches	can 15c
Juicy Grape Fruit	each 10c	Sliced Pineapple	can 25c
Thin Skin Lemons	doz 20c	Crushed Pineapple	can 19c
Calif. Apricots	lb 17c	Kieffer Pears	can 18c
Santa Clara Prunes	lb 10c, 17c	Calif. Peaches	lb 19c

Asco Teas 1-4 lb pkg 14c lb pkg 55c
Five quality Blends—Orange Pekoe, India Ceylon, Old Country Style, Black, Mixed.

Pride of Killarney Tea ..... lb tin 65c

ASCO Buckwheat Flour	Gold Seal Rolled OATS	ASCO Golden SYRUP
pkg 10c	3 pkgs 25c	can 10c

BAKING NEEDS		QUALITY VEGETABLES	
Cleaned Currants	pkg 18c	Choice Peas	can 15c
Seeded Raisins	pkg 12c	Asco Peas	can 17c, 19c, 25c
Orange Peel	lb 30c	Tender Corn	can 10c, 12½c
Lemon Peel	lb 30c	ASCO Sugar Corn	can 15c
Glace Citron	½ lb 30c	Choice Tomatoes	can 10c, 15c
Vanilla Extract	bot 12c, 22c	Asco Tomatoes	can 12c, 17c
Lemon Extract	bot 12c	Garden Spinach	can 19c
Golden Pumpkin	can 12½c	ASCO Lima Beans	can 18c
Snowdrift Shortening	can 22c	Choice Lima Beans	can 12c
N. O. Molasses	can 10c	Cut string Beans	can 13c
Brown Sugar	lb 9½c	Red Kidney Beans	can 10c

Rich Creamy CHEESE lb 33c
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FINE JOB WORK AT THE AMERICAN UNION

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