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E ENGINE ARRIVES AND IS GIVEN TEST

Dent n Volunteer Fire Co. Has As Good Equipment As Any in the State

HAVE MADE TWO TESTS

It's here!

What?

Haven't you heard it or seen it?

Well, what's here?

Why, Denton's fine, new motor driven fire engine. The one that the Denton Volunteer Fire Company and Denton Community Club held carnivals for for the last two years. With the co-operation and aid of Denton's Town Commissioners, the hopes of these two organizations was realized when on Monday afternoon the beautiful red fire engine was unloaded from its freight car and driven thru town for its first demonstration.

And, say, how proud those firemen were with it. Just like a child with new toy. Immediately they went r the bridge to the wharf and tried out. Their expectations were not disappointed for it did all they thought it would do and more. Then they paraded it around the town to "show it off."

Tuesday morning, bright and eraly, it was placed in front of the Denton National Bank building to show the visitors in town what we had and it created much interested. In the afternoon several of the members drove it to Hillsboro on exhibition.

Wednesday afternoon, another demonstration and work out for the firemen was had over the river, following with a trip to Greensboro to show it off there. When several prominent citizens of that town passed over $5 bills to become honorary members, the boys promptly took the truck down to the wharf and gave a demonstration. During this little trip, one line of hose got loose from the nozzlemen and started to clean things up, but the water was shut off promptly after one of the baldheaded firemen had his head sandpapered with the stream of water. Hold 'er tighter, next time, boys.

This new engine is made by the Seagrave fire engine company of Columbus, O., and is propelled by a six-cylinder motor of 130 brake horsepower, which has a 5½x6¾ inch bore. The engine is cooled by special arrangements, which keep it from getting hot while running at any speed when the machine is standing still pumping water and has been known to run 36 hours during a test, without heating the engine.

The engine and body are mounted on a specially constructed chassis to suit its special requirements and carries pneumatic tires, 40x8 inches.

The equipment of this fire engine consists of a pump with a guaranteed capacity of 600 gallons per minute at 120 pounds pressure at the pump. This pump is of centrifugal construction and can therefore discharge more water with less effort than pumps of other styles. The body of the truck is so arranged that 1,000 feet of high pressure hose can be carried. In addition to the pump the truck carries a 40-gallon chemical tank with 200 feet of chemical hose attached. This chemical line can be put in operation in less than 10 seconds after the line is out. One 20-foot extension ladder and 1 12-foot ladder and a pike pole are carried on one side, while fastened at various points around the truck are to be found 2 axes, 2 electric lanterns, 1 large spot light, 2 oil lanterns, 3 play pipes, two lengths of six-inch suction hose and strainer, 8 nozzle tips. When fully loaded with this equipment the truck will carry in addition from 25 to 30 firemen and travel as fast as 55 miles per huor. This equipment cost $11,750.

Several nearby towns have already made arrangements with the fire company to secure hose connections for the plugs in their towns so that at any time the engine is needed, it can go there and hook up to their water mains and fight a fire.

Surely the members of the Denton Volunteer Fire Company have every right to be proud of their latest acquisition.

New Bank Teller

Miss ucille Bailey has accepted a position as teller in the Farmer's and Merchant's State Bank at Denton. She was at one time a teller in the Queen Anne's National Bank, at Centreville. Miss Bailey began her new duties on Monday.

Patriotic flag seals and stickers on sale at The American Union.

THE TEA POT TRAIL

BY THE CRACKER

In politics we claim all graft is on the other side, and seek to pierce with scandal shaft the other's hide. We advertise as lily-white the crowd with which we train, and on opponents turn the light to watch them blush with shame. A broad and oily trail we see leads from Tea Pot Dome. We pick the scent with arrant glee to run the quarry home. With pack unleashed and in full cry we ride to voice and bugle on trail of Fall and Daughrit-e-e and Denby shrewd and frugal. We're satisfied with what we've treed, but hounds won't come ahoming; they pick old trails among the weeds and through the woods go roaming. They give tongue loud and staccato mid shady evergreens, and rouse a coon called McAdoo, who smells of kerosene. The pack with muzzles trained for oil are picking trails aplenty; Josephus to the surface boils, Gregory's petroleum scented. Garrison from brush they comb, as o'er winding paths they swerve. That little trail from Tea Pot Dome leads to a game preserve. Methinks we should have found "Who's who" before we started winging, and spread tarpaulin o'er our clothes 'ere mud we started slinging. We'd be embarrassed less ourselves; yes, 'tis the wisest plan to never call the "Board of Health" till we dump our garbage can.

RIDGELY PEA GROWERS ORGANIZED THURSDAY

A meeting of the farmers in the vicinity of Ridgely engaged in growing cannery peas was held on Thursday night, February 7th. About 25 growers turned out for the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discus the continuing and growing of the crop at the current contract price now being offered by the canneries of the Eastern Shore. It was brought out in the course of the dscussion that for the last ten years the average cost per acre has been about 1500 pound. Assuming that the weather conditions will be such that an average crop can be grown the coming season, it would mean that the growers could just about break even if they were to receive $70.00 per ton for shelled peas. If on the other hand conditions similar to those of the last three years were to prevail the growers would again lose money on the crop. Certainly not a very inductive outlook. Of course if a crop of one ton or more per acre could be secured there would be money in it for the grower. However, the fact can not be overlooked that the grower is on the short end, with odds against him.

This of course is a condition over which the packer has no control and if $70 per ton is the top price that can be paid for peas it looks lke the industry must in a very short time become a thing of the past. It is an unfortunate condition and one that should be faced squarely by both the packer and grower in an effort to get this one time profitable industry back on its former basis. Certainly the grower can not grow the crop when he receives on an average, less than than the cost of production, on the other hand the packer cannot be expected to pay a price per ton for peas that will prevent him from doing business on a reasonable profit. Either condition is unsound and would soon result in disaster.

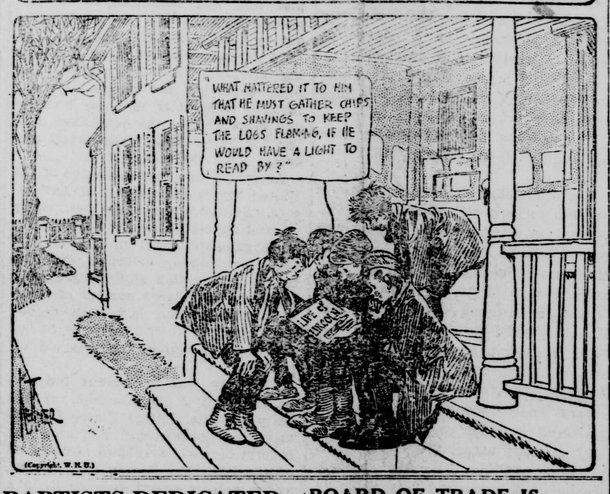
At the Ridgely meeting, an association was formed and those present signed a contract to market their peas as a group through the Caroline County Farm Bureau Co-operative Association, Inc. A committee of five growers were appointed and instructed to arrange for a meeting with the local packer for the purpose of seeing if some arrangement could not be reached that would be mutually satisfactory and allow both interests an opportunity for a reasonable return from the crop.

M. E. Church Notes

At a recent meeting of the quarterly conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, the Rev. C. Nadal Jones was invited to return to Denton for another year.

At a meeting of the official board last evening, Mr. W. I. Norris, was chosen to represent this charge at the lay electoral conference in Wilmington, March 28. Mr. Walter Sparklin was chosen alternate.

Lincoln



BAPTISTS DEDICATED CHURCH ON SUNDAY

The splendid new house of worhsip erected by the Baptists of this community in Greensboro was dedicated Sunday afternoon. Unfortunately the snow storm kept away many from all over the shore who had planned to be present, but the auditorium was well filled even so.

Following the service, the program of which will be found below, invitation was given to inspect the building, which is the last word in modern church buildings. The congregation found something different from the regular church. With a view to ministering to the peoples' social needs, as well as to the spiritual needs, this building has been planned for a seven-days-a-week church. Beside the church auditorium and the adjoining Sunday school rooms, there is a splendid hall with a stage for the use of the community for whatever gathering may be wanted. Kitchen, library and reading room, nursery, dressing rooms, rest rooms, etc., with a radio, are some of the most notable features of this building.

At the service Sunday afternoon it was hoped that $15,000 of the debt would be subscribed, to be paid this year, but owing to the inclement weather as large a turnout as was expected, was not present and but a portion of the amount was subscribed. This modern building, the finest in the county and for many miles around cost $42,000 to build, with approximately $17,000 paid, leaving a balance of $25,000, $15,000 of which is expected to be raised this year.

Rev. Melvin G. Morris, the pastor, in the four years he has been connected with the church has brought forth remarkable accomplishments, and it is largely due to him that the Greensboro community have this beautiful edifice to be thankful for, for he suggested the building, but drew the plans, helped with the work, supervised the workmen and raised the funds with which to carry on the work.

Valentine Card Party

A valentine bridge whist party was given by Mrs. William A. Smith at her residence Tuesday afternoon, February 12th .

The home was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Red hearts were hung over windows and doors and also used as tally cards.

Refreshments consisting of chicken salad, beaten biscuits ,olives, coffee, cake, ice cream and salted nuts were sreved by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Richard Rathell.

Mrs. Smith proved a delightful hostess, all present expressing themselves as having had a delightful afternoon. Those present were:

Mesdames George A. Deakyne, S. G. Nuttle, Herbert Wison, Alca P. Whitby, Fred Towers, Earle Smith, Bradford Downes, Leslie Merrick, Roland Fisher, T. Mark Breeding, L. B. Towers, Stanley Deakyne, Wright Garton, E. W. Breeding, T. Alan Goldsboro, William H. Anderson, William J. Rickards, Carroll Pastorfield, Roland Chaffinch, Richard Rathell, and the Misses Helen Richardson, Blanche Hobbs, Adeline Smith, Louise Dukes and Sue Smith.

Small flag stickers and stickers suitable for use at Washington's birthday for sale at The American Union.

FARMERS READ THIS!

Before selling your wheat, see us. We are paying highest market price. W. T. EDDINGTON & SON, Federalsburg, Md. 7-3t

BOARD OF TRADE IS AFTER MORE BUSINESS

Last Thursday evening the members of the Denton Board of Trade met in the rooms of the Denton Volunteer Fire Company in a special meeting to discuss various subjects pertaining to the betterment of conditions in and around Denton. Many suggestions were offered during the course of the evening and it is thought that among these suggestions several very good suggestions were made and that something can be done in the near future.

As a starter the mercantile committee announced that it is arranging a Dollar Day for Denton on Tuesday, February 26th. Practically every merchant will join in this dollar day and offer bargains for that day.

The following committees were appointed:

Commercial—Ernest G. Cooper, F. B. Nuttle, T. Fred Towers, John T. Carter, J. Ed Nichols.

Publicity—J. Owen Knotts, B. H. Johnson, George T. Redden.

Entertainment—W. E. Thawley, W. T. Bradley, Alda P. Whitby.

Welfare—T. Pliny Fisher, Monroe G. Crouse, W. I. Norris, E. D. Kimmey George W. Beck.

APRIL JURORS DRAWN

A list of jurors drawn by Honorable Thomas J. Keating, associate judge of the Circuit Court for Caroline county to serve at the April term 1924 of said court:

1st District—
J. Edgar Walls
Frank S. Smith,
Charles H. Conley
H. H. Dennison
William G. Carrow
William J. Murphy

2d District—
Alvin Smith
P. Seldon Raughley
Jacob E. Gibson
A. C. Bilbrough
L. Irving Jones
James E. Curray

3d District
Robert H. Stafford
George T. Redden
Elmer T. Orem
William W. Noble
William C. Beckwith
George A. Dever

4th District—
Charles A. Carroll
John E. Todd
Nelson H. Fooks
Carroll K. Dulin
J. Lee Covey
William H. Harding

5th District—
Clinton S. Poole
George H. Smith
Victor Dean
Robinson Nichols
Tilghman R. Hackett
John A. Hyland

6th District—
Edward Pinkine
Wiiiiam D. Fleetwood
William E. Syivester
Anderson Redden
Howard D. Knotts
James E. Wright

7th District—
Allen Cherry
Christian P. Holsinger
Calvin D. Lynch
A. G. Saulsbury
Charles Stevenson
J. Mulford Swing

8th District—
George W. Kelley, Jr.
Walter Howard
Lacy Alford
Linwood Todd
Joseph Sautter
John R. Andrew

TOMATO GROWERS ARE ORGANIZED

At the meeting of the directors of the Caroline County Farm Bureau held at Denton on Tuesday afternoon, the propositions of forming a county Tomato Growers Association came up for final discussion and action. This project has been under discussion for the past two months in a number of Eastern Shore counties. At present Queen Anne county has practically completed their organization, Dorchester county is now engaged in putting on a drive for the same purpose. Also, Kent county is forming an Association on somewhat the same plan. It is expected that Talbot county will take similar action in the very near future.

In line with the real purpose of all farm organizations, the Board of Directors felt that an effort should be made in Caroline county for the purpose of organizing our growers on a plan similar to that being carried on by our neighboring counties . The main object of the Association is to get a better price for a better product. That is, to offer for sale through the association a product of a uniform standard. All who have ever grown tomatoes know that there is a wide variation of the tomatoes delivered at the canneries by the individual grower. While the majority deliver a sound marketable tomato, there are just enough others who insist on delivering an inferior product to make it necessary for the canner to pay a general price that will make up for the loss sustained through accepting the poor quality tomatoes.

Practically all canners who have been approached on the proposition feel that such an organization would be of mutual advantage to both producer and packer.

It will, of course, be necessary to have more than fifty per cent of the county acreage in the association to make it effective. The details of the organization will be worked out during the next few days and a drive is planned for the week of February 25th. It is getting late in the season, and so it will be necessary to put on an extensive drive covering Caroline county in a limited time. It is hoped that this movement will meet the hearty support and co-operation of all concerned. The Association will be open to all tomato growers in Caroline county or neighboring sections affected.

FARM BUREAU NEWS

The Federalsburg Farm Bureau Local held its regular meeting on Saturday afternoon, February 9th. Mr. Thieroff, president of the county Farm Bureau, was present and gave a very interesting talk on the plans and accomplishments of the organization. County agent Goodwin led a discussion with the members relative to the comparative value and economy of the various forms of lime commonly used in Caroline county. County secretary Bye was on hand to take orders for Red Clover seed. Mr. Bye has been fortunate in being able to secure a limited quantity of Maryland grown Red Clover Seed. This kind of seed is very scarce this year. The main bulk of the Red Clover seed will be imported from Europe and according to our experiment stations it is not adapted to Maryland conditions. They claim the use of foreign grown seed has been in a large measure responsible for failure in recent years by Maryland farmers with Red Clover. The station recommends the substitution of a mixture of alsike and alfalfa in case native grown Red Clover seed cannot be secured.

Joint meeting of the Ladies Home and Community Club and the Farm Bureau Local of Tuckahoe Neck was held at the home of Mr. Clopper. This is the only community in the county where joint meetings are held although that is the plan recommended by the American Farm Bureau Federation as it serves to increase the attendance at both meetings. The Tuckahoe Neck meeting will be held next month at the home of Mr. Howard Wright.

The Farm Bureau members of Ridgley held their first local meeting of the month in the Town Hall Ridgely on Tuesday night, February 12th. Mr. E. H. E. Thieroff, county president, was on hand and was the main speaker of the evening. In the course of his talk Mr. Thieroff brought out some very valuable points in reference to the great service the organization can perform for the farmers of the county. Following Mr. Thieroff a report of the state meeting was presented by [illegible] was one of the five delegtaes attending the state meeting from Caroline County

BIG DELAWARE SHIPPING PLANS TO REGENERATE R R

Terminal Corporation's Scheme Includes Electrification of M. D. & V.

HAUL COAL FROM W. VA.

Lewes, Del., Feb. 10—Included in the plans of the Delaware Breakwater Terminal Corporation is the regeneration of the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia railroad between Love Point and this city, the other terminal.

The plans further include the electric operation of the entire route. This was announced today by William H. Yox, the planning engineer.

The terminal corporation is Philadelphia project incorporated under the laws of Delaware, with authority to raise capital to the extent of $15,000,000. It is incorporated for the purpose of constructing an international port at Lewes.

Officers Named

Mr. Yox said today that he would be the president of the concern, and other officers would be William H. Townsend, secretary; Hiram Rodney Burton, chairman, and A. N. Kinney, fiscal director.

The purpose of the corporation, Mr. Yox stated, was to erect at Lewes a series of piers and warehouses and engage in the foreign trade. The plans include the building of a breakwater 200 feet beyond low-water level and the construction of four double-deck piers 1,500 feet long, around which would be 35 feet of water.

At the shore end of each pier there is to be built a seven-story warehouse and refrigerating storage. He further said that the Pennsylvania Railroad is cooperating with his company and would bring its tracks to the new project.

The first construction, Mr. Yox said, would be a coal pier costing $2,500,000, with a capacity of 40 cars an hour. The coal is to be brought from the West Virginia fields through Love Point and then across the Eastern Shore by the M. D. & V. The electricity is to be manufactured at the plant of the corporation.

Asked who was financing the corporation, Mr. Yox answered that the money was to be furnished by New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis and English investors. Enough money was in hand, he said, to do the preliminary work and start the construction of the coal pier.

The plan of financing the corporation ,Mr. Yox said ,was to make two issues of stock and bonds. Thirty million dollars will be required to complete the program outlined.

Is William Penn Grant

The site of the proposed development is within the shelter of the natural breakwaters at the mouth of the Delaware Bay. It is on a stretch of land three-fourths of a mile long, owned by the town of Lewes. It is an original William Penn grant and cannot be sold. The corporation will obtain a 99-year lease. It is already buying the ground rents of the present occupants.

It is said that active work will start with the opening of spring. Lewes is a town of about 2,000 people, who have faith in the enterprise. It is entirely unable to house the employes expected to be needed and the plans of the corporation embrace provision for its workers.

W. McC.

RAILROADS AT QUEEN ANNE ARE BEING CONNECTED

Work was started last week by a force of laborers, augmented by several steam shovels. The preliminary preparations consist of extensive excavations for the roadbed of the new tracks. The lines are being laid over property recently purchased from C. E. Moore, of Queen Anne, for which the railroad company is reported to have paid $4,000. Schedules will be revised to permit the operation of trains from Love Point, through Queen Anne to Easton, as soon as the connection is completed.

A deputy collector of internal revenue will soon be in Caroline to assist income taxpayers in making their returns. He will be in Preston next Friday, the 15th; in Federalsburg on February 18-20, and in Denton on March 5-7.

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