# SCHOOL SITUATION SURVEYED BY STATE SUPT. COOK

the long walk, and the widening, instead of the desired narrowing, of the distance between home and school, patrons and teachers, parents and child interests.

Hon. T. Alan Goldsborough gave a splendid talk in which he brought out most eloquently the fact that our government aims to bring its greatest blessing—education—to all the people, regardless of their wealth or lack of wealth. "Am I right, Dr. Cook?" he asked. "Yes, that is the principle of democracy," answered the state superintendent of education. Then Mr. Goldsborough explained that placing the new school so far from the center of population would be acting contrary to this principle. Further, he said that in no future possible event would the center of population swing from its present position to that location on the state road. Whatever building is done in that direction will not change the present location of the town.

Summing up the meeting, one might say that Dr. Cook's mission was not to criticise or condemn the action of the committee, nor to criticise or condemn the feelings of the public, but rather to find some plane on which they might get together and settle this matter to the satisfaction of both public and committee. He advocated two definite plans for the public to work on. The first was the wiping of the slate free of all that has gone before; that is an abstract thing. The second is the raising of the money necessary for the purchase of the inside location, so that both propositions may be laid free before the committee. This is a concrete line of action.

Throughout the entire discussion a feeling of co-operation was expressed and many laughs were had at remarks which were made, but through it all ran the deep feeling that the school MUST BE LOCATED WHERE IT WOULD DO THE MOST GOOD AND BE THE MOST CONVENIENT FOR THE CHILDREN WHO MUST ATTEND FOR 180 DAYS EACH YEAR, AND THAT WHAT WOULD SUIT THE GROWNUPS BEST WOULD NOT NECESSARILY DO—**IT MUST BE A DECISIO NWHICH IS BEST FOR THE CHILDREN FOR THE NEXT 50 OR 100 YEARS.**

Acting on the first of Dr. Cook's suggestions, we refrain from any comment whatsoever on what has transpired since our last edition, and while it served to add fuel to the already burning fires of public indignation, we shall pass it over and trust that from now on the aim of the committee may be to understand the desires of the public, and the aim of the public may be to understand the committee. Thus only, in Dr. Cook's estimation, can this matter be settled without disrupting the community.

## RIDGELY

Mrs. Harold Fountain and little son, of Downingtown, Pa., are at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. W. Jackson, for a visit.

Mr. Vachel Downes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vachel Downes, of Ridgely, was married on Tuesday of last week to Miss Alma Baker, of near Hillsboro, Mr. Downes is employed in the Centerville Observer office and the young couple will reside in Centerville.

A big street dance is scheduled for Ridgely on Monday evening, September 1. A base ball game will be played in the afternoon between Mardella Springs and the Caroline County Athletic Club.

The Topkis Brothers Garment factory has again resumed operations.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Simons have been holding a family reunion, the first in nine yars.

Messrs. Fred H. Flounders, Jr., and guest, Mr. Clifton Lumpkin of Baltimore, spent the week end with Mr. Russel Swann at Swarthmore. Mr. Wilson Jackson accompanied them to Wilmington.

Miss Beatrice Bowers will enroll with the students of the State Normal school at Towson this fall to take the senior course.

Mr. and Mrs. William Madara, of Lisbon, Pa., are visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ringgold.

Mrs. Mame Smith and daughter, Ann, have been visiting in Philadelphia.

Miss Emily Koeneman is spending a vacation with relatives in Philadelphia.

Rev. M. E. Wheatley and family attended a family reunion in Dorchester county last Thursday.

Miss Alice Wilson, a county nurse of Snow Hill, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. C. Cahall.

Prof. F. A. Stayer has gone to Pittsburg to prepare for his duties as principal of a school at that location.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Myers and daughter, of Cregmere, Del., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sewell.

Mrs. Alice Bennington, in company with her sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Sharpley, and their childreen of Chincoteague, and her little granddaughter, Alice Bennington, spending a vacation on a motor trip which will include Wilmington, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

Mrs. J. T. Moore has been spending some time at Ocean Grove.

Mrs. Joseph Williams and children, who have been spending a month at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Flounders, have returned to their home in Wilmington.

Anna Frances Seward has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Edward Lapham, Goldsboro.

About $45 was added to the church house fund as a result of the benefit movie given at the Ridgely theatre.

Miss Dorothy Davis is spending some time with friends in Washington.

Mrs. J. H. Hemmons and daughter, Marion, and Miss Edna Detwiler are at Camp Royal for ten days.

Mr. J. M. Russel of Philadelphia has been visiting at the home of his brother, Mr. A. L. Russell.

Mrs. Bell Saxton of Centerville visited friends in town this week.

Mrs. Eddie Golt of Easton, has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. T. W. Smith.

Mrs. Keplar Barnette, of Queen Anne, was a recent visitor at the home of her brother, Mr. Henry Wilkinson.

Miss Ella Pearsaul has been spending a few days with a party of friends at Ocean City.

Mrs. Virginia Hayes and grandson, Frederick Lane are spending some time with Mr. J. C. Jarrell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Holsinger and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Pennington motored to Royal Oak on Sunday of last week and were entertained at the home of Mrs. Pennington's sister, Mrs. Peter Cook.

Edgar and Edwin O'Day of near Bridgeville, have been visiting at the home of their aunt. Mrs. Willard Jones.

Mr. Clarence Beckwith and family of Baltimore have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blackburn.

Miss Alice Samis, of Philadelphia has been visiting her grandmotner, Mrs. Lewis Lane.

Miss Catherine Sparks of Bridgeville, has been visiting at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Sparks.

Miss Lydia Pennington has been spending a few days with Mrs. Lula Calloway, Centerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanford Sarles and daughter, of Annapolis, and Mr. Frank Cox of Philadelphia, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Marvel.

Mr. Kermit Sharpley of Chincoteague, has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. Alice Bennington.

Mrs. Gilbert Johnson, with her son, from Federalsburg, and Mr. Harvey Reininger, of Wilmington, have been visiting their father, Mr. H. E. Reininger.

Mr. Kenneth Biddle and family, of Camden, Del., have been guests of Mrs. Stella Diefinderfer.

Mrs. Arthur Sculley has been entertaining her niece, Miss Catherine Porter, of Greensboro.

Mrs. Willard Jones has been visiting relatives in Marydel.

Miss Hilda Schwartz of Baltimore, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. Applebaum.

Misses Pauline and Helen Elliott, Irene Lynch and brother were recent visitors to Ocean City.

Mrs. Benjamin Mahan and son, of Henderson have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pippin.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Bullock of Hurlock and Miss Georgia Cahall, of Wilmington. have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Bullock.

## THE MERCHANTS' SHOT TOWER

This lofty building, corner of Fayette and Front streets of Baltimore, is the only one remaining of three which formerly attracted the gaze of strangers. It is also the last known structure of its kind in the world, representing an industrial process now obsolete.

The following description of this shot tower has been taken from accounts in the daily press at the time of its completion:

"The circular brick tower erected by the Phoenix Company for making shot, at the corner of Frant and Fayette streets, has reached the intended elevation, being two hundred and thirty-four feet and three inches from the pavement. Its diameter at the bottom is fourty-four feet and at the top twenty."

"The stone foundation wall is ten feet thick at the bottom and six at the top. The brick work, which commences at the surface is five feet and a half thick, of which thickness it continues for the height of nearly fifty feet. When built, it was pronounced the finest specimen of brick work on this continent and perhaps in the world."

"The parapet at the top is white, and somewhat resembles in its appearance a mural crown, and as the tower is well proportioned, the whole edifice is an ornamental feature in the prospect of the city."

"It has a foundation seventeen feet in depth, resting upon solid rock. This gives the tower the rare and important advantage of being absolutely free from vibration, except during the heaviest gales of winds, hence its fame for producing perfect shot."

Baltimore and Maryland must save this,—one of its most prominent objects, in the distant view of Baltimore rivaling in height the Washington Monument.

We are asking your hearty support —PLEASE help us. The movement is statewide. If the press of our state is for us no one can defeat out aim to raise twenty-seven thousand dollars in a month. This we must do and we will do, for we mean to save the tower.

Executive Committee: Mayor Howard W. Jackson, honorary chairman, Senator William Cabell Bruce, Van Lear Black, George Cator, Frederick A. Dolfield, A. A. Goldsborough, Lawrason Riggs, George L. Radcliffe, chairman.

Donations will be received at this office.

## HUGE STORE OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE NOW READY FOR FARM AND ROAD

Richmand, Va., Aug 8.—Enough explosive to load a freight train 40 miles long soon will be made available to farmers for land clearing and to states for road construction, according to an announcement received tonight from the United States Department of Agriculture.

One hundred million pounds of the explosive, pyrotol will be distributed by the Bureau of Public Roads, of the Agriculture Department, it was stated, at the cost of preparation and shipment.

**Is Left From War**

"This is a continuation of the work which has been carried on for the last three years, whereby the vast supplies of explosives in the possession of the Government at the close of the World War are being made over to make them suitable for constructive purposes." the announcement said. "The distribution already has resulted in saving millions of dollars to the people of the United States.

"Pyrotol is composed largely of ground smokless powder, prepared by a process perfected by George R. Boyd, of the Bureau of Public Roads. It is peculiarly adapted for blasting stumps and work of similar character. It can be used for all open-air work without causing headaches or other ill effects and will not stain the hands or clothing.

"It is a low-freezing explosive and can be used with good results in all ordinary temperatures. The cartridges are of the same size and shape as the ordinary dynamite cartridge. Each box contains 50 pounds, about 150 cartridges, and each cartridge is approximately equal in strength to a cartridge of 20 per cent. dynamite.

**Safe to Handle**

"It is safe to handle, providing the ordinary care exercised in handling dynamite or other explosive is used. It is detonated by the No. 6 caps commonly used with commercial dynamites.

"The laws under which these explosives are made available authorize distribution to the State highway commissioners for use in road building and to farmers for land clearing.

"There is no charge for the explosive itself, but the consumer has to pay the cost of preparation and the freight charges. These charges are diffeerent in various sections of the country, but in general, the cost is about half the cost of an equivalent amount of commercial explosive."

## SALISBURY C. C. TRAFFIC BUREAU WINS A CASE

**I. C. C. Orders Proposed Tariff On Iron And Steel Canceled**

The Salisbury-Wicomico Chamber of Commerce, through its Traffic Manager, Mr. W. T. Gardner, has again won a victory not only for this immediate community, but for the Peninsula at large through the securing of cancellation on a proposed tariff which would increase the rates from Philadelphia to Maryland, Delaware and Virginia points on iron and steel products such as culverts, fencing hoops, pipe, wire and others.

While Mr. Gardnere was unable to form an estimate of the savings to the Delmarvian merchants, the amount will run well up into the thousands of dollars annually.

The schedules proposing to increase the rates were filed to become operative May 23d of the present year. suspension was secured until September 20th, by ruling of the Inteerstate Commerce Commission, before which the case was argued, the proopsed tariff must be cancelled before the latter date.

Mr. Gardner represented the protestants at the hearing and presented their case at the same time attorneys for carriers explained their reason for the proposed boost in charges. This is the sixth case presented to the body of a somewhat similar nature by the local tariff xpert and in every case the decision has been rendered for the protestants.

## HOG CHOLERA WARNING!

You are advised that hog cholera is reported to exist on the permises of Harry Fisher and Ben Brown near Hillsboro.

Stay away from other people's hogs; keep people away from your hogs. Use care in moving hogs to your premises for any purpose. Keep your dog tied up; keep other dogs away. Promptly burn or bury the carcass of any animal that dies on your premises. See that other people do the same. If a hog in your herd appears sick, lose no time in calling a competent person, veterinarian if possible to examine it. If evidence of Hog Cholera is found in your herd, if there is or has been a possibility of exposure, lose no time in vaccinating. Advise your neighbors of the above-noted outbreak. If you know of sick hogs call in the County Agent.

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