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MUSSOLINI'S INTOLERANCE TOWARDS FREEMASONRY

Mussolini's effort to destroy Freemasonry in Italy by making membership in the fraternty illegal can arouse only indignation in the mind of every liberty-loving man and woman. The charge that Freemasonry is political in character and animated by an anti-national state of mind is so obviously false that one must look for more insidious motive for the Italian Premier's attack. Loyalty to country has been the bulwark of Freemasonry since its inception. The fraternity stands openly piedged before the world "not to engage in plots or counterplots against the government," "patiently to submit to the civil magistrates, both supreme and subordinate," to "be true to the country" in which its members reside. If it be hoped this outrageous ban will engage sympathy in the rank and file of the Catholics, then again an unfavorable reaction is certain, for Freemasonry has in it no opposition to any religious belief. It demands only a belief in a Supreme Being, preserving sacred to its members their unbridled right to follow honestly the dictates of conscience and religious conviction. It prohibits even discussion of politics within its halls, urging only interest and honesty in the performance of civic duty. There is no secret as to where Freemasonry stands. Its underlying principles, to be learned by any man who will read, square so perfectly with the principles of the American Constitution, that Liberty and Freemasonry march hand in hand and side by side in their effort to make human brotherhood bring about a happier world. Americans remember that Washington was a Freemason, that Roosevelt was a Freemason, that Edward, King of England, was a Freemason, that Edward, now Prince of Wales, is a Freemason, that the Masonic fraternity has thundered down the ages, engaging and holding the attention and admiration of the World's greatest minds, minds of men who would shun immediately anything that had within it even the potentiality of disloyalty or that which would restrict man's right to worship his God as he sees fit. If Mussolini is looking for a sympathetic audience, whatever he may find in Italy, he will not find one in America where people think and have Freedom firmly in their hearts.

ENCOURAGING INCENDIARISM

In awestern state two convicted and confessed fire-bugs have just been released on parole without seeing a day in prison, after receiving a sentence of 8 years each.

They were the owners and managers of a restaurant and conspired to commit a gross fraud on their creditors and the insurance companies and the sentence of the judge and jury was not too severe.

In the easy-going way in which justice is being administered, where property and lives of others were endangered, the judge on the bench and the jury joined in extenuating pleas for the release of the fire-bugs.

It is stated upon high authority by one of the most prominent officials in this western state that 50 per cent. of the fires last year were incendiary and that the property consumed in flame and smoke, thereby totaled $5,000,000.

In the measure of criminality, deliberate incendiarism ranks with criminal assault, kidnapping and murder.

In addition to causing loss of life to citizens and fire fighters, fire-bug criminals generally aim to secure funds with which to carry on further operations.

As a matter of record, men, women and children constantly lose their lives in blazes lighted by fire bugs. The men in this case confessed to their crime of arson, to touching a match to oil-soaked materials.

Liberating fire-bugs imperils lives and financial interests of property owners, whose insurance rates are higher on account of leniency to confessed criminals.

Such a phony sentence as ordering two confessed criminals to the penitentiary for eight years each and immediately paroling them brings our courts into marked disrespect.

RIDGELY

Mr. Thomas Gaitley, who sufferd the loss of his business when the Saulsbury stare building was destroyed by fire, contemplates the purchase of the I. E. Mason property on Railroad avenue, and expects to soon be ready to serve his patrons at the popular location. Mr. and Mrs. Gaitley will move into the commodious apartment over the store and Mr. and Mrs. Burton Wilkinson will occupy the rooms now tenanted by Mr. Gaitley.

The Society of "Queen Esther's" are preparing for an indoor meet to be held at the M. E. Parsonage on the evening of January 30th.

Mrs. W. S. Jones and Mrs. R. E. Pippin have been visiting relatives in Marydel.

The Ridgely Fire Company has been presented with $100 by the Woman's Community Club.

The Ladies' Aid and Methodist church choir are planning an entertainment to be given in February for the benefit of the church house. The principal feature of this entertainiment will be a play entitled, "When Ma Took Office."

Mrs. Earl Cecil has been visiting Easton relatives.

Mr. Foster Clark of Henderson was a recent visitor at the home of his uncle, Mr. William H. Smith.

Chicken thieves are again active around Ridgely, having visited the roost of Mr. Lee Mitchell lately.

Miss Beatrice Bower is recovering from an attack of grip at State Normal School, Towson.

Mrs. Samuel Bear, in company with Baltimore relatives, is spending the remainder of the winter in Atlanta, Georgia, and Tampa, Florida.

Mrs. Bryan Turbitt of Philadelphia is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Selby Smith.

Mr. Joseph Goldstein of Baltimore has been spending a week with his brother-in-law, Mr. Samuel Bear.

Mr. Thomas E. Murphy, a nephew of Mrs. Elizabeth Flounders of Ridgely, dropped dead last week while shoveling snow from the front of his store in Camden, N. J.

Mrs. Jennie Mitchell is spending some time with relatives in Washington, Philadelphia and Wilmington.

At the conclusion of the last business meeting of the Women's Community Club Mrs. Mulford Swing had charge of the program for entertainment, which celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Bayard Taylor.

A piano has been purchased by the Ladies Aid for the new church house.

Dr. F. W. Taylor has accepted a position as assistant veterinary inspector with the Breyer's Milk and Ice Cream Company of Philadelphia, and will assume duties February 1. His family will remain in Ridgely for the present.

Rev. M. E. Wheatley made an address at the Masonic banquet held at East New Market.

Mrs. Samuel Lane has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Edward Bowers, Philadelphia.

Mr. Carlton Lord of Philadelphia is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hemmons.

Mrs. A. G. Koeneman was in Philadelphia recently.

Mr. William Matthews of Smyrna has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wiley.

Mrs. Hannah Freeman with her two daughters, has been visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Emma Snowberger, Marcus Hook.

Mr. J. M. Swing and son, Mulford, have been on a business trip in New Jersey.

Mrs. F. H. Flounders is recovering from an attack of gripp.

Mrs. Emma Turner is spending some time in Wilmington at the home of Mr. Homer Roe.

Mr. Charles Cherry has been very sick, but is improving.

Miss Irene Neff has been spending a week with relatives in Pottsville, Pa.

Mr. R. G. Eaton and family of Centreville have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dean.

Miss Irma Imler, who has been spending some time at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Imler, has returned to her work of nursing in Elmira, N. Y.

Miss Vianna Mitchell of Baltimore was a recent visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mitchell.

Mrs. Hollingsworth of Denton with her son, Mr. Henry Hollingsworth, and wife, of Leonardo, N. J., were entertained lately at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thompson have returned from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Harold Hatfield, who has been ill at her home in Georgetown, Del.

Mrs. Roy Speakman of Marcus Hook is visiting her mother, Mrs. Isabel Andrews.

Rev. and Mrs. George Fitz and Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Shaner lately visited at the home of Mrs. Shaner's brother, Mr. Warren Richards, Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stack of Goldsboro have been visiting at home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Shaw have moved from Easton to Ridgely and are occupying the George Roberts property on Maple avenue.

The third Lyceum entertainment was held at the Ridgely theatre Tuesday evening. It consisted of a costume lecture on Charles Dickens and his characters. Lovers of Dickens much enjoyed the evening.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Madara expect to spend the remainder of the winter with Dr. and Mrs. F. P. Herr in Florida.

Mr. R. E. Smith is recovering from an attack of grip.

County Agent L. M. Goodwin attended the annual conference of County and Home Demonstration Agents and Specialists at the University of Maryland, College Park, this week.

PRESTON

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Outten visited their son, Dr. Randolph Outten, and family in Laurel, last week.

The Ladies Club met with Mrs. Martha Noble last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. H. M. Hollis and Miss Katharine Cox attended a party last Saturday night at the home of Miss Mary Davis, Federalsburg, in honor of Miss Rachel Webster of Hurlock.

The "Bridge Club" was entertained at the home of Mrs. H. B. Wright, Saturday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. William D. Noble and little daughter of Baltimore spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Clare N. Payne.

The Community Club will meet with Mrs. W. M. Wright, Thursday evening, January 22.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Orrell of Centreville spent the week end with Mrs. Orrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sisk.

We are glad to report that Miss Naomi Wright has improved sufficiently to return home from Easton Hospital.

Messrs. A. W. Sisk, A. F. Sisk and N. H. Fooks were among those who attended the Tri-State Canners Convention at Wilmington last week. Mr. Fooks was elected president of the organization for the ensuing year.

Mrs. A. W. Sisk visited her daughter, Mrs. A. P. Osteen, Baltimore, last week.

The annual Masonic banquet will be held in the high school auditorium, Friday night, January 23d.

Mr. William K. Wrightson spent the weekend in Mt. Airy, Md., with his wife who has been ill for several weeks at the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sisk left this week for Miami, Fla., wher they will spend several months.

VERNON

Renzie Todd has returned to Chester from a visit with his mother, Mrs. Josephine Todd.

Revival services are in progress at Prosptct, Rev. Harry Bailey of Farmington being the pastor.

Miss Rachel Price of Wilmington has returned from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Noble have been entertaining friends.

Miss Irene Turner has returned home from a visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ross.

Mrs. A. C. Warrington, who resides near Harrington, has been on the sick list.

Rev. G. F. Farring, who has been on a visit to Baltimore to officiate at the wedding of his nephew, has with the assistance of Rev. John Bailey, of Georgetown, carried on the revival the middle of January at Cannon.

A proposed new road to go by the farm of Benjamin McKnatt is greatly discussed.

Miss Elizabeth Adams of Adamsville has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ruth Vincent, near Harrington.

Wood sawing is in progress.

Rev. Harry Bailey of Farmington has been the guest of friends at Prospect.

Rev. John Bailey, a former minister of Union M. P. church near here, has been visiting relatives at Harrington.

Mrs. Lewis Slaughter has been entertaining a number of guests.

William Hardesty of Seaford has been the guest of friends, including the family of Lewis Slaughter.

Mrs. Ray Price has been visiting Mrs. Annie Price.

Miss Lucy Pierson has returned to Swarthmore after a visit with he parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Pierson.

R. Wesley Ross was a recent Dover visitor.

Miss Anna Short of Cannon, Miss Quillen of Sudlersville and Mrs. Alice Ross have visited Bridgeville.

GOLDSBORO

Mrs. Mary Urry died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Stubbs, early Friday morning. Mrs. Urry had been a great sufferer for nine months past. She was 82 years of age. Mrs. Urry leaves to mourn her loss three daughters, two sons and one brother. The funeral was held at her home Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. H. Schooley. Interment was in the Jones burying ground.

Mrs. Elvira Shockley celebrated her 88th birthday last Saturday. Mrs. Shockley received many presents, and many of her friends called to see her.

The stork left Mr. and Mrs. Noble Jarrell a fine girl baby last Friday night.

Mr. Noble Dhue and wife have moved into the house owned by Mrs. Mattie Bennett.

Rev. J. H. Wells D. D. will preach in the Methodist church next Sunday night. The fourth quarterly conference will be held after preaching.

The entire community was shocked last Saturday to hear that Mrs. Samuel Reid had died at the Bergam Sanitarium, Jersey City, where she was operated upon some days ago. Mr. Reid has the sympathy of his many friends.

The revival service at the Methodist church is running into the third week. The congregations have been unusually large and a number have been saved.

Mr. Paul Cartwright and family of Selbyville spent Sunday with his brother, Devolson.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett of Middletown spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shockley.

UNION GROVE

Master Leonard Collins is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hubbard were guests of friends in Baltimore and Wilmington, last week, returning on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perry, of Easton, were the guests of Mr. W. E. Collins and family last Sunday.

Rev. F. J. Phillips has recently presented himself and family with a new Chevrolet sedan of the deluxe model.

Grove M. P. Sunday school has been recently re-organized. The following officers were elected for the year: Superintendent, Mr. W. E. Collins; assistant superintendent, Mr. John R. Butler; secretary, Miss Grace Carroll; treasurer, Mrs. Myra Hubbard; organist, Mrs. Hudson Taylor; librarians Miss Elizabeth Taylor and Mr. Wesley Butler. The following teachers have been appointed: Men's adult Bible class, Mr. Hudson Taylor; woman's adult Bible class, Mrs. W. E. Good; young peoples Bible class, Mrs. Bertha Taylor; boy's junior class, Mr. B. M. Connelly; girls junior class, Mrs. Bertha Collins; primary department, Mrs. Harry Butler.

According to the secretary's report, which was read last Sunday, the school has made a fine record for the past year. This is Mr. Collins' sixth year as superintendent and we wish him continued success and a hearty co-operation of his board of officers and teachers.

HARMONY

There will be an entertainment and variety social held at Harmony school on Friday, January 30th, beginning at 7:30. Everybody welcome. Benefit of the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ferrins and sons visited Mrs. Ferrins' sister, Mrs. McCarty at Smithson on Sunday.

Miss Spafford met a few of the ladies of Harmony at Mrs. McConnel's on Thursday evening at which time she gave a very interesting talk on dress and collars. The next meeting will be at Mrs. H. C. Todd's.

Mr. and Mrs. German Wright and family of Easton were the guests on Sunday of Mrs. Wright's mother, Mrs. Bell Dean.

We are glad to report that Dr. Duhadaway is improving rapidly from his recent illness.

Among those listening in on the radio at Mr. Lloyd Brodes' were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Thomas and Mrs. Cora Todd.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank

December 31, 1924

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants State Bank will be held in their banking house in Denton, on Tuesday, January 27th, 1925, between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock p. m. of that day for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year.

1-4t GEO. W. BECK, Cashier

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This is to give notice that the subscribers of Caroline county, have obtained from the Orphans' Court for Caroline county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of

DANIEL GIBSON,

late of Caroline county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are warned to exhibit the same to the subscribers, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, on or before the 31st day of July 1925, or they may otherwise, by law, be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under our hands this 6th day of January, 1925.

J. VIRGIL MOORE and
ALVERTA GIBSON
Administrators of, Daniel Gibson, deceased. 8-3t

REMEMBER TO HAVE THE CHILDREN VACCINATED

Commenting on the notice that has been inserted in the papers of Somerset county by the Board of Education of that county, reminding parents of children who will reach school age this winter, that the children must present a certificate of successful vaccination against smallpox before they can be addmitted to school, Dr. John S. Fulton, Director of the State Departmnet of Health expressed hearty appreciation of the cooperation of the county boards of education in securing the enforcement of the state law.

"Maryland, he said, "has had an enviable record in regard to smallpox. But it has been maintained only by the close cooperation of parents, schools, physicians, the general public, and public health authorities. The state law requires the vaccination of all children before they are admitted to school. By strict observance of the law and by refusal to admit children who have not been vaccinated, the school authorities are rendering a double service. They are protecting the public as well as the children.

Children are especially susceptible to small pox, and successful vaccination in infancy or early childhood will protect them from this repulsive and disfiguring disease certainly for a period of years; generally for a life time, though it is advisable to repeat between the ages of twelve and twenty. A person who is exposed to smallpox, should lose no time in being revaccinated whenever smallpox appears.

"During the last two years there have been serious outbreaks of smallpox in different parts of the country, especially in the states which have no vaccination law or do not enforce the law. Michigan and California together recorded over 31,000 cases during the five-year period, from 1919 to 1923. Maryland has escaped such visitations. During the same five years 586 cases occurred in Maryland.

The State Department of Health furnishes small pox vaccine promptly and free of charge to any physician who requests it. So there is no excuse for failure to secure the protection which vaccination affords against this disease."

ORPHANS' COURT

At the regular session of the Orphans Court on Tuesday, there were present their Honors, Judges West, Harper and Shawn, and the following business was transacted.

In the matter of the estate of Georgia W. Smith, deceased, on petition and order of Court, H. Earl Smith, Executor, was authorized and empowered to assign certain shares of the Continental Life Insurance Company's stock.

J. Virgil Moore and Alvertie Gibson, administrators of Daniel Gibson, deceased, filed inventory and appraisement of the personal property of the said deceased, and an order to sell was granted.

Romey Pritchett, administrator, c. t. a., of Philip Pritchett, deceased, filed an inventory and appraisement of the personal property, and an order to sell at public or private sale was granted and approved.

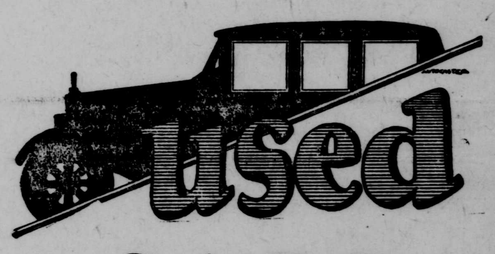
Charles H. Dean, administrator of William E. Callahan, deceased, filed his second and final account of administration, which was duly examined by the court, approved and ordered recorded.

On application, letters of administration on the personal estate of William J. Webb, deceased, were granted unto Harry E. Webb; Bond filed and approved, and Ulyssus G. Adams and Luther W. Friend were named as appraisers, and approved.

Charles B. Harrison, executor of the last will and testament of Susie E. Patton, deceased, filed release from William D. Sisk, distributee.

NOTICE

Mrs. Lapham, secretary of the Red Cross, will be away until the middle or latter part of February. She will be at home in time to aid any who have not yet sent in their applications for adjusted compensation. These application blanks will be given to anyone calling upon or writing to the secretary, Mrs. J. S. Lapham, Goldsboro, Md.



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