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OUR PRESIDENT

Yesterday it became President Calvin Coolidge by the choice of the people, who last November gave him an overwhelming vote that placed him as the leader of the nation for the next four years.

For months President Coolidge has had time to prepare for his coming administration. The people look forward to him as to no other President to give them an efficient and well-worth while four-year term. President Coolidge has had an opportunity of shaping a government that would be ready to function with full intelligence and understanding the instant he stepped into office.

Whether we agree with him in all he does, or in political faith, yet he is our President, the leader of the nation, selected by the vote of the people, and we should stand by him for a united nation whose aspiration is peace and prosperity.

CHURCH ADVERTISING

In one of our exchanges we find almost a page of church advertising. All the churches of the town have a display ad in each week telling the people just what the services will be for the following Sunday with an invitation to attend.

Upon inquiry we were told that the members of the different churches pay for this advertising. One man will agree to pay for the advertising for one month, some one else for the next month, and so on.

We think this a splendid plan. Why shouldn't the church advertise the same as any other business? We all know that advertising is the back bone of a business and why shouldn't the church benefit by this? With the above plan it would not cost any one person very much and the good that would come would many times repay the cost and effort. The church's business is saving souls and to save those souls you must first get them into the church. Advertising will bring them to the church and then it is up to the pastor and the congregation to see that they are saved.

CIVIC PRIDE

Just how proud are you of your town? Do you always stick up for your town when you are in another city?

You should. We once knew two boys who lived in a small town and who were visiting in a certain city and in a number of instances they were asked where they were from and the older would always say from a large city that was near the small town. The younger was proud of the fact that he came from that town and even though the people to whom he was talking had never heard of it, he never faltered to let them know about it. That boy was a real citizen and a booster.

A town is just what the citizens of that town make it. If you want a real, wide awake, prosperous, and genuine good town the citizens must make it so. There is only one way to do that and that is by working as a unit when it comes to a civic affair. Every man, woman and child in every town should take an infinite pride in their town and in civic affairs. We not only gain by having a better town in which to live but we gain in dollars and cents by having a higher value placed on the real estate that is bound to come through improvements that will follow an impetus in civic pride.

WHY LENT?

By Rev. IRVING A. McGREW, Rector Christ Church, Denton

That the paper should ask for religious articles is a good sign. The editorial space is not large, and must be wisely used.

In the cities all the churches have put an emphasis on this season of Lent. Down town services in halls and theatres are crowded for union services. Gifted men have unusual crowds to hear them—and this through the week, and in the middle of the day.

For centuries various groups have kept this season as a time of discipline and devotion. There are several good reasons for this observance. 1. The Christ found it a time to simplify and sanctify His life. It gave Him a chance to put first things first—to put God and His Kingdom in the forefront. 2. And the Christian tries to follow Him in this. 3. It is the change of winter to spring, and calls for a different diet—life is less shut in—and as it opens up there is a chance to redirect it to the highest ends.

It is a period of special training and emphasis on the power and value of religion—properly used, it may influence all the rest of the year. For forty days we make such use of time that we see that all our life is Lent us by God to be used for His service, for His glory.

Let us, each in his own way, each in his own place, spend, as well as keep, this Lent.

RIDGELY

A set of reference books, "Outline of Knowledge," has been added to the community library. The subjects include romance, history, art, science, religion, poetry, philosophy, travels, drama, essays, etc.

A class in community singing, under direction of Mrs. Mulford Swing, met for practice in the church Monday evening.

Mr. James Walker has converted into an office and store room the building which was once Royer's Garage and which was moved from First street to Mr. Walker's lumber yard.

Miss Bertha Schull, of Goldsboro, has been visiting Misses Ada and Elsie Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Risdon Fountain of Baltimore, Mr. Roland Fountain and family, of Irvington, N. J., Miss Teressa Fountain, of Baltimore, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Headley, of Philadelphia, were among those who attended the funeral of little Ann Saulsbury, Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. A. G. Peacock, of Jamaica, L. I., has veen visiting her mother, Mrs. C. O. Starkey.

Dr. Roenast, from Merchantville, N. J., has been spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Swing.

Mr. Charles Stevenson attended a meeting of the state canning crops committee in Baltimore this week in the interest of the local Farm Bureau.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Parsons, of Harrington, have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Flounders and Mr. J. C. Jarrell visited at the home of Mrs. Clifton Jarrell, Chestertown, Sunday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gibson and little daughter, Hannah, of Delmar, and Mrs. John Bromley, of New York, have been visitors at the home of their brother, Mr. Charles E. Stevenson.

Mr. Robert Headley and family, of Philadelphia, have been spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Headley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Saulsbury.

Mrs. Frank Simon was a recent visitor at the home of Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Troxell, Baltimore.

Mrs. S. B. Elliott is recovering from an attack of grippe.

Mrs. J. W. Gibson of Goldsboro, visited friends in Ridgely lately.

Miss Virginia Willkin, of Trappe, was a recent guest of Miss Emily Koeneman.

Mrs. Ernest Jones has been visiting Mrs. A. G. Koeneman, Cordova.

The class play selected by the Seniors of the Ridgely high school is "Ruth in a Rush," which will be given late in March.

About $60 was taken in at the dollar social given by the Methodist Ladies Aid.

Miss Pauline Wiley, a teacher in Smyrna, has been spening a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wiley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mitchell and Miss Edna Detwiler were recent guests at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. A. G. Gelletley, Williston.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Marvel have been spending a week in Baltimore.

Work on the Bear and Appebaum stores is progressing rapidly and it looks probable that they will soon be ready for business in their new locations.

The annual St. Patrick's social will be held by the ladies of the Reformed church congregation March 17th in the basement of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morris have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Bullock, Federalsburg.

The new store of Mr. Samuel Bear is about completed and is one of the most attractive business places on Central Avenue.

Mr. John D. Blackiston, of Newark, Del., has been visiting his daughter, Mary Ruth, at the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. L. Porter.

Misses Ruth Stauffer and Grace Zeigler, being the same age, celebrated their birthday anniversaries jointly last week at the home of the latter.

The ruins of the Saulsbury store building are being cleared away.

Mr. Walter Mitchell, a student of commercial art at Maryland Institute, Baltimore, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mitchell.

Mrs. George Hughes, of Chester, was a recent guest of her daughter, Mrs. Lee Bennington.

Miss Marie Ackler and Mr. Edgar Lane, of Philadelphia, were recent visitors at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lane.

Mr. George Camper and Mrs. Julius Covey, of Easton, have been visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Porter.

The following friends were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Marvel last Sunday: Mr and Mrs. Thomas Gaitley and Mr. and Mrs. William Lynch and daughter, June.

Mr. Bion Roberts, from Pittsburg, has been spending a few days at the home of his aunt, Mrs. H. W. Lane.

Messrs. Harry Royer, of Marcus Hook and Milton Royer, of Chicago, have been visiting at the home of their mother, Mrs. Amelia Royer.

Mrs. Samuel Bear has returned from an extended stay with relatives in Atlanta, Ga., and Miami, Fla.

Mrs. Jennie Mitchell, who has been spending some time with relatives in Washington and other places, has returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. E. Wheatley.

LITTLE THINGS MEAN WHOLE LOT

Possibilities of Parent Teacher Associations to Help Conditions

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER PROBLEM

A little liberality, a little intelligence, a little honesty, a little of vision, a little of co-operation, a little investment of money and unselfishnes, will go far to solve the teacher problem in the small high school, John Calvin Hanna, state supervisor of high schools, Department of Public Intruction, Springfield, Ill., told the National Association of high school inspectors, meeting at Cincinnati, O. on Tuesday.

"A small high school may be assumed to be any high school enrolling one hundred and fifty or fewer; this would include half the high schools in the United States," said Hanna, by way of explanation.

"The average duration of service among high school teachers is not far from five years. One-fifth of the teachers in these small schools must be replaced by new ones every year. The turnover is heavy. What are the causes? What are the results? What is the remedy?

"The following are the chief causes of the turnover: (1) low salaries; (2) loneliness and the lure of city life; (3) unsatisfactory living conditions; (4) the lure of occupations apparently offering a more vigorous life and greater opportunity; (5) the attraction of marriage and home life; (6) the irksomeness of teaching to persons ill-fitted by nature or training for teaching; (7) rebellion against ill-timed and ill-chosen control by superiors.

"The last four of those are common to teachers in small schools and in large schools; the first three belong especially to small schools.

"A careful examination of the salaries and of actual changes in many communities convinces one that the salary question is not a large factor, since many rural communities now pay fair salaries. The other two loneliness and unsatisfactory living conditions—are the chief elements to be considered. The problem then is merely one phase of the whole problem of country life as compared with city life—or making available to country residents all or a considerable part of the conveniences and activities of the city, its means of culture and entertainments, its social and avocational possibilities.

"The possibilities of the Parent Teacher Association and of their relation to extra-curricular activities and in general the development of the community spirit in the broadest and best sense of that term are closely linked with this problem. The solution of providing at public expense comfortable residences properly chaperoned for young men and women teachers, in village communities, has been met in a few places and can be met in many others."

VERNON

The stork has visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mulholland and left a fine son. Both are doing well.

R. Wesley Ross attended the Chautauqua at Harrington which was very fine this year.

Mrs. Laura Porter will return from a visit to Wilmington with Wilton Porter and family and other relatives at which place she has been spending the winter.

The Mite Society of the M. P. church of Burrsville was entertained for February by Mr. and Mrs. Elias Pierson and for March will meet with Mrs. Laura Porter. A fine program and delicious refreshments were features.

Mrs. Alice H. Ross accompanied Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cannon, of Cannon, went to Bridgeville to hear Dr. Pierre du Pont, founder of Service Citizens explain his new system of taxation and the betterment of Delaware schools. Harry Cannon of Bridgeville was the chairman. A rising vote of thanks was tendered Mr. du Pont. Mrs. Ross also had the pleasure of hearing of hearing Mr. du Pont at the Sussex county teachers convention which, by the way, was one of the best conventions ever held in the state. It is needless to add the teachers are in favor of the new system as well as many of the school boards and people throughout the state.

Miss Ruth Bullock of Middletown has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bullock, spending a week end.

Mrs. Will Priestly, vice president of the Parent Teacher Association, of Cannon, and one of the most charitable and helpful women in that section, shows a decided love for flowers in the beds of all kinds of crocuses, daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips. The beds also contain many kinds of summer and fall blooms and with the indoor winter bulbs her home is a scene of beauty throughout the year.

Mrs. Rebecca Jester is spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. George Ross.

Miss Hazelle Ross has spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Turner and attended the Chautauqua.

R. Wesley and B. Frank Ross were recently entertained at Denton, by their friends, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Taylor, a former merchant here.

The stork has visited the home of our popular editor, poet, entertainer, and man of letters, J. Harvey and Mrs. Burgess and left a fine son. Mrs. Burgess being a well educated woman is a fine helpmeet for her husband. Both mother and child are doing well. Congratulations are extended.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lofland recently entertained their brother, John Lofland and other guests.

The February meeting for Cannon school of the Parent Teacher Association was called to order by the vice president, Mrs. Priestley. After singing America by the assembly and prayer by the Rev. Farring, several items of business were transacted as follows: victrola fixed, deciding to elect delegates to the state Parent Teacher convention at Dover during the March meeting, expecting to give another large donation to the Stockly home at the same time this year as last (this donation being the first given in the western Sussex), and selling candy for school needs. The following program was then rendered: recitations, Little Boy Abe, William Hill; plantation chant, Howard Marvel; The Minuet, Jessie Allen; The Flag Goes By, Alice Wingate; trio, The Flag Besty Made, Alice Jessie, and Hattie Marvel; reading, Lincoln's Gettysburg address, Alice Wingate; recitation, Plantation Serenade, Donald Records; song, February, school; essay, Lives of Great Men Born in February, Granville; recitation, Washington's Birthday, Horace Johnson; recitation, The Deacon's Courtship, Mrs. Ross; chorus, George Washington Song, school; address, Mr. Williams, of Millsboro.

Mr. Williams' address was exellent and a number of interesting topics were discussed, among them being religious instruction, better schools, face the fact, the Pierre S. du Pont plan. A rising vote of thanks was given him. Mr. Allen gave a good talk on our donation to the Stockley Home. Mr. Williams expressed his delight at being with the Cannon people and also with the program saying he had not heard a better one in his visits to the school. He is not only a good talker, but he is something even better, a doer. He gave $500 out of his own pocket to have a better school in Millsboro. Ice cream was served in abundance. The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, March 19th at 7 o'clock. Dr. Holloway will be the speaker. All are invited.

The ladies of the M. P. church will hold a rummage sale and bake next Saturday, March 7, beginning at 10:30 a .m. in the store recently vacated by Mr. M. K. Newman.

PHONE RATE INCREASE GRANTED

Schedule Revision by P. S. C. Due as Temporary Injunction is Allowed

HEARING TO BE HELD

The United States statutory court, Judge John C. Rose, presiding, Friday morning, rendered a compromise decision in the fight of the Chesapeake Potomac Telephone Company to increase Maryland telephone rates, giving the company slightly more than one-third of the additional revenue for which it asked and which the Public Service Commission refused.

The decision contains the following high points:

1. Valuation of the Company's property fixed by the Public Service Commission at $24,350,944 is found to be wrong, and the Court decides the valuation should be $28,869,283.

2. The Court holds the Company is entitled to earn a return of 6 per cent. on the latter valuation, whereas it actually earned in 1923, under existing rates, $1,395,817, so that the Court says the company is entitled to $336,134 more revenue annually than it receives under the present rates. The increased rates proposed by the Company would have increased its revenue slightly more than $1,000,000.

3. The Court therefore finds the existing rates are confiscatory and grants the temporary injunction prayed by the Company.

Under this decision the Maryland Public Service Commission will have to immediately call another telephone hearing and fix the rates sufficiently higher than those in effect now to give the Company an aditional revenue of $336,134.

It pays to advertise, and a trial will convince. Let us have that adv

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

AUDITOR'S ORDER NISI

FRED R. OWENS, Assignee,
vs.
HARRY E. LANE

In the Circuit Court for Caroline County, in Equity, No. 2285

Ordered this 2d day of March, 1925, 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 5th day of March, 1925, 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 16th day of March, 1925

GEO. A. DEAKYNE, Clerk

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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF HARRY D. RITCHEY AND EVA MAY RITCHEY, HIS WIFE, TO ADOPT CAPITOLA ALLEN, AN INFANT, AND TO CHANGE HER NAME TO MARY RUTH RITCHEY.

In the Circuit Court for Caroline County in equity.

The object of the petition in the above case is to procure the legal adoption of Capitola Allen by Harry D. Ritchey and Eva May Ritchey, his wife, and to change the name of said Capitola Allen to Mary Ruth Ritchey.

The petition states that the petitioners reside near Denton, in Caroline County, State of Maryland.

That Capitola Allen, an infant without legal custodian, care and guardianship, was on April 21st, 1921, committed by the Magistrate of the Juvenile Court of Baltimore to Florence Crittenton Mission, an institution for the care and guardianship of infants and that the supervisors of City Charities have exercised a supervisory care over her.

That in January, 1922, the same Mission placed the said Capitola Allen, who is now about four years of age, in charge of said Harry D. Ritchey and Eva May Ritchey.

That the mother of said Capitola Allen was living in Baltimore in April, 1921, at which time the mother left the home where she then resided, since which said time the residence of said mother and father have been unknown.

That the said Florence Crittenton Mission and the Supervisors of City Charities assent to said adoption.

That said petitioners are able to provide and care for said infant and that her welfare and happiness will be promoted by adopting her.

That said petitioners have become very much attached to said Capitola Allen and desire to adopt her as their own child and to change her name to Mary Ruth Ritchey.

It is thereupon this 21st day of February, 1925, by the Circuit Court for Caroline County, in Equity, ordered that the petitioners cause a copy of this order with the object and substance of the petition to be inserted in some daily newspaper published in Caroline County once a week for four successive weeks before the 31st day of March, 1925, giving notice to the parents of said Capitola Allen and to whom it may concern to appear in this court in person or by solicitor on or before the 16th day of March, 1925, to show cause, if any there be, why a decree shall not be passed as prayed.

GEO. A. DEAKYNE, Clerk

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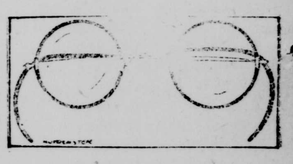

DO YOU KNOW—

whether your eyes are all right?

MANY TIMES—

people need glasses that thought their eyes were all right until they had them examined.

LET US—

examine your eyes so you may be sure.

F. J. WRIGHT
OPTOMETRIST

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This is to give notice that the subscriber of Caroline county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of

FRANCENA DAVIS

late of Caroline county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are warned to exhibit the same to the subscriber, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, on or before the 6th day of October, 1925, or they may otherwise, by law, be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 18th day of February, 1925.

J. VIRGIL MOORE,
Administrator of Francena Davis, deceased. 19-3t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This is to give notice that the subscriber of Caroline county has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Caroline county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of

WILLIAM A. THOMAS

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

Given under my hand this 3d day of February, 1925.

NONCY F. THOMAS,
Executor of William A. Thomas, deceased.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

J. OWEN KNOTTS, Solicitor

NOTICE OF

FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maryland

In the matter of
ALFRED P. HAMMER, Bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on January 30, 1925, the said Alfred P. Hammer of Caroline County, Maryland, was duly adjudged bankrupt, and the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the law office of J. Owen Knotts in Denton, Maryland on the 10th day of March, 1925 at 2 o'clock, p. 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.

EDWARD T. MILLER, Referee,
Easton, Maryland

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.

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