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ATHLETIC MEET TO BE HELD AT HENDERSON

Twenty Will Graduate From The State Normal School This Spring

WILL TEACH IN CAROLINE

Tuesday afternoon at the meeting of the County Board of Education it was decided to hold the County Athletic meet at the Henderson high school on Friday May 15th.

Henderson is the last school on the list to have the meet, it coming to Denton in 1926 and remaining here thereafter. By that time Denton will have their new school building and it is planned to have a suitable athletic field in connection with it.

Henderson guaranteed that the grounds of 5 acres would be put in first class condition and all requirements would be met.

These meets are the preliminaries to the state meet that is held in Baltimore each June. The winners from the different county meets are allowed to participate in the state meet which will mean that Caroline county will have an opportunity of sending practically 50 men to Baltimore.

Twenty-four applicants have applied for the position of school mechanic, recently made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Adams. Action on the selection of a man for this place was deferred until a little later.

On account of the large number (about 20) of Normal graduates coming into the county this year it has been necessary to notify the more unsatisfactory teachers that their services will not be needed another year. The State law provides that the teachers holding first grade certificates be employed wherever available and practicable, and that teachers holding second grade certificates be employed rather than those holding third grade certificates. Practically all third grade certificates have been eliminated in the past few years. This is very gratifying to know that so large a number of young people have completed their education at the State Normal School and are now ready to come back to the county prepared to teach in its schools.

High schools will hold in the near future a County Declamation contest, to decide on the representative from the county for the Eastern Shore Declamation contest to be held at Washington College, Friday, May 15th. Washington College will also hold the Eastern Shore Athletic meet, Saturday, May 16th, and it is likely that most of our high schools will be represented.

OBJECT SERMON TO BE GIVEN FOR CHILDREN

An object sermon is to be given for the children next Sunday morning at the Church of the Brethren, to which all are invited, both young and old. Also in the evening we expect to hear what the Bible says about April Fool. Are those words to be found in the Bible? You are invited to hear the discourse.

Surprise Party In Celebration Of Birthday

The Good Cheer Bible class of the M. E. Sunday school agreeably surprised Mrs. C. N. Jones at her home last Wednesday, the occasion being in celebration of her birthday. Mrs. Jones was presented with a large bouquet of carnations by the ladies as a token of their esteem.

Home made cakes and ice cream were served to those present after the evening had been spent in a very enjoyable program of music and games.

COMMUNITY CLUB HOLD REGULAR MEETING

A very enjoyable meeting of the Community Club was held last Thursday when Mr. F. B. Trenk, Forestry Specialist of the State Forest Department gave a very interesting address before the ladies on work of his office.

Mr. Trenk spoke of the splendid vacation one can get it by spending it away from all cares in a forest some place. No relaxation can be as great as one gets by hiding himself away for a few days and enjoying the works of nature as you can only do in a forest. He also spoke of the vandalism in our forests by the tourists each year. The damage that is done runs into thousands of dollars each year just on the account of the carelessness of some of our tourists.

After the address refreshments were served by the hostesses who for this occasion were; Mrs. Henry Hughes, Mrs. Harvey Cooper and Mrs. Kirkman Short.

CONTENTION

By THE CRACKER

No music soothes the beast in me like accents of the ukele. I love to list where moonbeams roam and shadows flit like fairy gnomes; unto its melody sublime, I love its rhythmic slurring time. While you perhaps of stronger brains may needs require static strains, and with you I will not contend, or urge you from the path you wend; if you prefer not gentle tones, go buy yourself a saxaphone. And as our trails do not converge, tis well I ween you should not urge; for that which you may masticate, perhaps to me would nauseate, if we are tuned in different keys we cannot blend in melodies. But if in unison we miss, let's not be contents, mal. or dis., but go according to our lights and not perscribe or proselyte, but each pack underneath his vest the line of stuff he can digest.

BETTER HOMES WEEK TO BE OBSERVED

Local Ladies Offer Prizes For Best Poster Submitted By Children

MERCHANTS TO ASSIST

Members of the Community Club are making great preparations for the observing of Better Homes Week during the convention of the Eastern Shore Federation of Women's Clubs which will be held in Denton some time in May.

It is hoped by the club to have the merchants co-operate in arranging displays in their windows suitable to the occasion. The local club is also offering prizes for the best poster made by the school children. Three prizes so far have been offered, cash prizes of $3 for the best, $2 for the second and honorable mention for the third. The ladies are expecting to increase the prizes, probably getting the Board of Trade to offer one. The contest is open to both the children in the elementary grades and the high school. Besides these prizes the County Federation of Women's Clubs is offering $10 in cash for the best essays written by any high school. This will be divided with $5 for the first prize, $3 for the second and third and fourth $1 a piece.

Considerable interest is being shown all over the country in Better Homes Week and it is hoped that the local people will co-operate with the ladies in their endeavor to make it a real educational campaign. The local committee is: Mrs. D. W. Davis, Mrs. T. Pliny Fisher and Miss Spafford, county demonstration agent; Mrs. L. J. Walz, of Greensboro, is the county chairman for the Federation.

CO. DEMONSTRATION AGT. HAS BUSY WEEK

Miss Emerson, State Girl's Clubs leader, spent two days this week with County Demonstration Agent Miss Bessie M. Spafford, and visited a number of the county clubs. On Tuesday night a meeting of club leaders was held at the office of Miss Spafford at which plans for future work were made. This was a very profitable meeting as the work of the Four H Clubs was discussed in detail and many new ideas were worked out from the discussions.

Miss Emerson and Miss Spafford visited the Girls clubs Wednesday at Williston, American Corner, Chesnut Grove and Harmony and talks were given, stimulating interest among the members, by showing what other clubs were doing throughout the state.

Plans are being made by the Tuckahoe Neck Farm Bureau local to arrange programs for the boys and the girls at the meetings of the bureau. Mr. Ira Samis has been elected chairman of this work and already has made plans whereby the children will be kept busy at these meetings.

On last Wednesday night Miss Spafford attended the meeting of the Preston Farm Bureau and a general discussion of interest to the ladies was made.

On Thursday Miss Spafford met with the Andersontown-Hobbs Women's Club that met at the home of Mrs. Orme. She gave a very interesting address on "Arranging the Table Attractively." Plans were also made at this time to have a class in millinery in the near future under the direction of Miss Spafford.

Lenten Thoughts

A LENTEN PRAYER

Dear Saviour, in these thoughful Lenten days we would keep close to Thy side. In the thick of our work and under the burden of all our cares we would yet find leisure of soul for communion with Thee. Draw near, we beseech Thee, and open Thy heart to us as Thou didst to Thy friends in the long ago. It is Thy comradeship that we most desire, a true and simple understanding of Thy mind, so that we may walk with Thee in the way Thou goest and share Thy will, Thy vision and Thy victory.

May we not set Thee off from us as one so remote and singular that we cannot conceive ourselves as Thy friends, but can only stand in awe of Thee. Forgive us that we have not known Thee as we ought. And forgive our teachers who have drawn false and unhuman pictures of Thy person, robbing us of our Saviour and giving us a demigod in Thy stead. Show us, O friendly Master, how human Thou art, how human God our Father is, and how divine are these modest lives of ours. Create in us the sense of oneness with that family of God whose dual habitation is both heaven and earth. And may we learn to walk with Thee in boldness and awe, seeing ever in Thee the glowing radiance of the Father's righteous love.

Talk to us as Thou goest with steadfast purpose up to Jerusalem. May we walk in Thy fellowship all the way from Mount Hermon's transfiguring vision to that little hill outside the city's wall which Thy cross made sublime. What is this cross to which Thou goest? And why dost Thou refuse all other approaches to men's hearts save only the way of a cross? Thou couldst make bread of these stones and buy the allegiance of men through gratitude and dependence. Thou couldst cast Thyself from the temple's pinnacle and compel men's acclaim. Thou couldst shrewdly ally Thy human genius with the secular powers that be, and come thereby into rulership of the kingdoms of this world. Why hast Thou rejected the sword for the cross? What is this foolishness of God which Thou wilt not exchange for the wisdom of men? Show us Thy redemptive secret, O Saviour. This mystery at the heart of Thy life haunts us, and we cannot have peace in Thy company until we share its meaning with Thee and commit our ways to its way. Amen —The Christian Century.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By George Arthur McDaniel

The Seniors have started practicing on their class play, "Broadway Jones," which will be presented about the second week in May. Miss Willis, our English teacher, is directing the play and she as well as all the Seniors feel that it will be one of the best ever given by the Caroline High School.

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The whole school has started practicing for the athletic meet that will be held Friday, May 15, at Henderson High School. Mr. Fritz and Mr. Leary, coaches, have carefully worked out a daily schedule for each event. A 220 track has been laid out and each day sees the members hard at work. Caroline High School has made some very creditable showings in the track meets held in the past and it is their aim to do even better this year.

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On Tuesday the Senior class held a meeting to decide on whether to buy a ring of a pin as the class emblem. It was finally decided to purchase rings and from the large selection of samples a signet ring of 10-K white gold was selected. The signet contains the letters of C. H. S. with the figures 19 on one side and 25 on the other. The insigna is to be of 14 carat gold.

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Our baseball season was formally opened last Friday when we met the Federalsburg high team and defeated them by the score of 9 to 6. The game was a real thriller, Federalsburg leading until almost the last innings when Capt. Woodter's men made a decisive rally, scoring enough runs to put the game on ice. Our second game will be with the Greensboro high, Thursday afternoon, when the boys are sure they will annex another victory.

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Wednesday morning during the sessions of the classes a fire drill was held and it was learned that the building was emptied in about 45 seconds which is in record time when it is considered that some 200 students filed out in perfect formation under the impression that there was a fire.

It is planned to hold the fire drills more often than has been the case in the past.

TOMATO GROWERS TO ADOPT DOVER PLAN

Tuesday night at the Court House about 20 local growers of tomatoes met with Mr. L. M. Goodwin, county agent, for the purpose of discussing the Dover plan of cooperation between the grower and the canner.

At this meeting plans were made to bring about a better agreement between the canner and he grower. Mr. Fred R. Owens, local canner, was present, and agreed to co-operate with the growers in every way.

A committee was appointed from those present to go ahead with the details and work out a plan similar to those in force at a number of other places. The committee is: Messrs. J. A. Long, chairman; W. H. Young, H. E. Holsinger, Frank Zeigler and W. J. Martin.

WORK BEGINS ON NEW SCHOOL BLDG

Today (Thursday) the first ground was broken for the new $100,000 school building to be built by Contractor Roland De Shields, of Princess Anne. Mr. De Shields has been busy all week unloading cement that will be used in the building.

Plans by the building committee have been made to have the water piped from Fountain avenue to the new building and until that is done not much of the work can be undertaken by the contractor.

The plans call for the building to be completed by November 1, 1925.

WHOLE TOWN INVITED TO THIS WEDDING

To Be Soleminized At Palace Theatre Next Tuesday Evening

The whole town have been invited to attend "Sophronia's Wedding" to be solemnized at the Palace theatre next Tuesday evening, March 31, at 8 o'clock promptly.

"Sophronia's Weeding" is a three act comedy that is being presented by the Live Wire Class of the M. P. Sunday school, in order to bear their share of the money for the budget fund. The girls have been rehearsing diligently for the past two weeks and the evening promises to be one that will be long remembered by all those who attend.

The play takes us back a few years when the "Tattletown Uplift Society" was at its height and gives us a glimpse of what some of those societies did. Numerous comedy situations promise the audience an evening of laughter and enjoyment.

The following is the cast.

Mrs. Uriah Snodgrass, Lucille Bailey

Seraphina, Martha Beck

Mrs. Abner Doddridge, Lillian Timmons

Miss Mossy Spriggs, Elizabeth Towers

Mrs. Joshua Perkins, Pearl Taylor

Mrs. Elmer P. D. Killemquick, Florence Morgan

Mrs. Peace Peabody, Grace Hubbard

Flossy Snippem, Margaret Cooper

Mrs. Caleb Savinsoules, Mrs. Cecil Blake

Lobeta Witherpoon, Belva Hooker

Pamelia Witherspoon, Ruth Bell

Lottie Anne Sykes, Mildred Collison

Mrs. J. Anderson Piper, Esther Dunham

Tilly Tucker, Ruth Satterfield

Genevieve Van Houten, Pauline Roe

Sophronia Piper, Nellie Thawley

Elmira Pennywhistle, Elizabeth Theis

Little Tommy Savinsoules, Esther Statum

Ferry Schedule to Change

Beginning Friday April 3 the schedule of the Claiboren-Annapolis ferry will change. Boats will leave Annapolis at 8 a. m., 1 and 5:20 p. m.

Leave Claiborne at 10 a. m. and at 3 and 7 p. m.

QUARTETTE PRESENT PROGRAM AT CHURCH

Before a crowded house the Elizabethtown College male quartette gave an excellent program in the Church of the Brethren last Sunday afternoon

The program was of sacred music and was so throroughly enjoyed by all that the evening service of the church was dismissed so that the members could go to Ridgely that evening where the quartette rendered another program.

FOUR TOMATO MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN COUNTY

County Agent L. M. Goodwin has planned four tomato meetings for (Thursday) and tomorrow, at which time Mr. A. D. Radebaugh, Canning Crops specialist of the Extension Servise, and former county agent for Cecil county, will be the speaker.

Mr. Radebaugh is considered an authority on the growing of tomatoes and we are fortunate in being able to have so well known a speaker for these meetings. Any farmer interested in the growing of tomatoes cannot afford to miss them. Mr. Radebaugh will discuss both plant bed and field culture methods.

The following is the schedule of the meetings:

Tuckahoe Neck, Thawleys Hall, 2 p. m., Thursday, March 26; American corner, school house, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, March 26; Henderson, Town hall, 2 p. m., Friday, March 27; Denton, Court House, 7:30 p. m., Friday, March 27.

NEAR EAST RELIEF DINNER SERVED

Guests Are Given Same Kind of Food That Is Served the Orphans

LARGE CROWD PRESENT

Monday evening a very unusual dinner was served in the Town Hall under the auspices of the local committee of the Near East Relief, Mrs. G. H. Wilson, chairman.

The dinner was known as a Golden Rule dinner, or one similar to that which is served three times a day, 365 days in the year to the orphans in the Near East who are being taken care of in about a dozen large orphonages scattered throughout that vast area.

The dinner was served on tin plates on bare board tables and consisted of rice, prunes and coffee, the latter not being included in the children's fare, and one slice of bread. The spoon and fork were made of paper.

The electric lights were turned out and the room was lighted with candles, as were the dining halls over there this winter when the windows were darkened with 140 inches of snow. A blessing on the food was asked by the Rev. G. J. Hooker, following which Mr. T. P. Fisher made several announcements concerning the dinner and aswered questions concerning the Near East work. He stated that the children received but about one-third the rice which was served here and but two prunes, while the slice of bread was proportioned in size according to the age of the child receiving it.

Following the dinner the Rev. Ira S. Arnold delivered a very interesting talk from first hand knowledge of the living conditions in India, which he said were similar to those found in the Near East. His remarks were short, but were to the point and led to the main address of the evening, which followed.

Mr. H. F. Pellegrin, state director of the Near East Relief, who spent some time in the Near East getting personal knowledge of the work, then presented a very interesting talk in pictures to which he wove a very interesting and touching story of personal experiences he encountered while in the Near East and concerning the pictures which were taken while he was there.

Mr. Pellegin stated that the refugees did not want charity any more than any other human being and in order to avoid making them feel that they were receiving charity, each one had to do a certain amount of work each day or they received no food, only those who were in the hospitals were exempt, even the little blind children had to do their part. In making each one do his share of the work the children are taught trades of all kinds and American ideas of farming are being taken in and a much larger yield of farm produce is now gotten than formerly and it is hoped that soon enough food can be raised to partially support the work, but when

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TWO BIG QUESTIONS BEFORE CONFERENCE

Unification Of Two Churches To Be Decided On At Meeting

LAY CONFERENCE BEING HELD

Considerable interset is being taken in the sessions of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church which started Wednesday of this week, at McCabe Memorial church at Wilmington.

Aside from the ministerial changes that will be made, there are two other big questions that will come before the conference. One of the questions is the union of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South. It is likely that the Wilmington Conference will act favorably toward the union although some members have already expressed their opposition to it claiming that it is too cumbersome.

The second big question is the amendment regarding admission of laymen as members of he annual conference. The amendment proposes that there should be an equal number of laymen and ministerial members.

These two questions were sent to the Wilmington conference from the General Conference and it is for this reason that the lay conference will be in session this year. The lay conference meets but once in four years and was in session last year. The lay delegates at the lay conference session will vote on the question of the unification of the churches and the admitting of the lay delegates to the annual conference.

The following are the delegates from the Middletown District:

John W. Harrison, Charles Griffith, J. M. Arringdale, John N. Bennett, W. C. Cantwell, J. T. Scott, C. W. Hall, H. N. Nuttle, W. E. Roe, Mrs. Emily Bitting, W. J. Norris, C. Norman Jefferson, B. F. Rash, W. T. Hadley, James W. Thawley, B. F. Rash, Lemuel Kirwan, Harry B. Clark, George F. Wilson, J. E. Higman, Joseph G. Brown, Davis Pritchard, Leonard Ward, William H. Alderson, Charles E. South, I. E. Mason, Edgar N. Culley, Mrs. A. Boley, William J. Keithley, J. Linwood Wallace, L. M. Price, Mrs. M. V. Turner, Spencer Walls, George W. Haddaway, Theodore Ferguson, Harvey L. Staughter, Oscar W. Starr.

SEVERAL FIRMS MOVING INTO NEW QUARTERS

Mr. William Stewart has now completed alterations in his new store room on Market street and will be ready for business about Saturday. He has divided the building into two rooms, the other being occupied by Mr. W. H. Neal with a new and up-to-date plumbing shop, with his pressing and cleaning business upstairs.

Dr. Theo. A. Tobin, chiropractor, will move his office into the rooms in the Carter Block formerly occupied by Mr. Neal.

ADDRESS ON NEAR EAST RELIEF GIVEN AT CHURCH

The Near East Relief cause was presented in the Church of the Brethren last Sunday morning by Rev. Grimes. The vision of seventeen thousand orphans in one of the rescue orphanages brought an appeal which was met by a substantial response in the offering that followed.

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

There was a strange feller in town the other day, an' the folks thought because he wore a star on his lapel that he probably belonged to some astronomical society, an' it later developed that they were right because he was lookin' for moonshine.

Hank Alderbush an' his wife have been wearin' the family shoes to church on alternate Sundays for quite a while.

The editor of the Screw Driver put his picture on the front page last week an' some of the readers thought he was runnin' a comic section.

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