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FARM BIRTHRATE HIGHEST

The power of a nation is indicated by its birth rate. The nation with a sound birth rate always is the stronger nation. Correspondingly sectional strength in a nation is subject to the same law. These facts are unassailable. The Institute of Social and Religious Service shows clearly where the strength of America lies. In its census analysis, just published, this organization tells us that the birth rate in the farming areas of the United States is 52 per cent. greater than in the cities, and 24 per cent. greater than in the villages—that is communities from 250 to 2,500 population.

Other interesting facts are disclosed. For instance the average number of children to each 100 married women between the ages of 15 and 45 years is—128 in the cities, 157 in the villages and 195 in the farming areas.

We also learn there are 109 men to every 100 women on the farms, while the villages have only 95 men to 100 women.

Villages have a disproportionate large number of old people as compared with the cities. 27.4 per cent. are 45 years old or have passed the milestone. The cities show that only 20 per cent. of the women are 45 or more.

The stability of America remains on the farms and in the villages. So, too, is the purchasing power.

MORE COSTLY EXPERIENCE

Farmers should take note of the decline in wheat prices, and plan their year's crop accordingly. The high prices of the year have stimulated producers to the point of over-planting, so that it will undoubtedly mean loss for any one to hold high-priced wheat over the coming of the new and probably cheaper crop. In consequence, the price had to break, to the dismay of armies of foolish speculators. An over-production is imminent which will mean lower prices than wheat is actually worth.

WHO AM I?

I have scattered bread crusts, tin cans, Sunday supplements and paper plates from the Caves in southern Oregon to Mount Baker in northern Washington.

I have hacked forest trees and left camp fires burning from the California line to the Canadian border.

I have hooked pears from a Medford orchard and walnuts in the Willamette Valley, "Rome Beauties" from beautiful Hood river and "Delicious" apples from the broad Yakima valley.

I have rolled rocks into the sapphire depths of Crater lake and thrown tin cans into Lake Chelan.

I have seen all, heard all, and in my weak way, have managed to destroy much.

I am the careless and thoughtless American Tourist!

The lumber industry represents investments totaling $12,000,000,000, employs 800,000 persons and indirectly about 1,000,000, and its annual output has a value of more than $3,000,000,000. Annually through destruction of forests by fires left by careless campers or smokers, it and the nation are subjected to timber losses which aggregate millions of dollars.

RIDGELY

The play, "So Big," given for the benefit of the church house, netted $28.35. Mrs. H. L. Holsinger was the chairman of this committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ord Rairigh and son, William, were entertained at supper, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Flounders, Wednesday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Mason and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Thompson motored to Dover lately and were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith.

Mrs. William Davis and son, Jack, of Newark N. J., are spending a month with her father and mother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davis, and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, Queen Anne.

Mrs. Maggie McCloud has been spending a week with Mr. Richard Blackburn and family at their farm home, near town.

Mrs. J. E. Wesley and daughter, Kathleen, of Centreville, have been visiting the former's sister, Mrs. John E. Lane.

Mr. Arthur Cohee has accepted a position in the Ridgely bakery.

Mr. and Mrs. Grimth Jones and son, of Marcus Hook, have been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Elmer Redden.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Mason will move on their farm near town.

The Woman's Community Club held its regular business meeting, Monday evening in the church house. The program was on "Better Gardens for Better Homes."

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Walton, of Wilmington, lately visited Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Klotz.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lane and son, Carlton, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. Lane's sister, Mrs. Kate Comegys, Centreville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scully, of Claymont, have been spending a few days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Scully.

An addition is being built to Mr. Applebaum's store, which will be occupied by Mr. S. B. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hansen, of near Bridgeville, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffman.

Mr. E. C. Harley, of Norristown, Pa., has been visiting Mr. Daniel Ritchie.

Mr. James Wilson and family, of Elsmere, were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Klotz.

Miss Maud Laird, of Philadelphia, spent a few days recently with her mother, Mrs. Ada Laird.

Miss Lucille Hammond, of Wilmington, has been visiting her cousins, Misses Winifred and Elizabeth Hammond.

Miss Margaret Sparks, of Philadelphia, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Sparks.

Mr. Kent Temple, who holds a position in New York, had an operation this week for the removal of tonsils and adenoids. His mother, Mrs. W. T Temple, went to New York to be with him.

Mr. and Mrs. William Marvel and daughter, were recent visitors at the home of the former's uncle, Mr. Al Marvel, Trappe.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoffman and son and Mrs. Frank Simon have been spending a few days in Philadelphia.

Mrs. George Bullock, of Federalsburg, was [illegible] g a few days with Mrs. J. E. Morris.

Mr. Benjamin Mahan and family, of Henderson, have been visiting Mrs. Mahan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Tippin.

Mrs. J. W. Grabill, of Baltimore, has been visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. Charles Stevenson.

Rodie and William Carroll, of Dover, sister and brother of Mrs. Frank Long, have been spending a few days with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hammond, of Wilmington, have been visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Swann.

Mr. Wilson Jackson has returned to his work as manual training instructo at Newark, N. J.

A chicken brooder in the upper story of the dwelling occupied by barber Johnson caught fire about 7 p. m. Monday. The alarm was given and some of the fire company went to the rescue, but the fire had been extinguished when they arrived.

A banquet was given for the Ridgely fire company in the church house, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. H. L. Holsinger spent a few days in Baltimore, this week.

Mrs. D. M. Swing and Mrs. Thompson Swing were in Baltimore a few days this week.

The Ridgely Women's Community Club are preparing to observe the "Better Homes Week," and will have interesting programs for each meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Burton Wilkinson attended the races at Havre de Grace this week.

Lieut. and Mrs. Mervyn Seward, of Aberdeen, spent the week end with the former's parents, Mr. and Hrs. Frank Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rickards, of Wilmington, have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Ord Rairigh and with relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Warrington, of Wilmington, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swann entertained, on Thursday evening of last week, in the honor of the 87th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Swann's father, Mr. M. H. Swing. The party included Mr. Swing's children and their families and the ministers of the town with their families. An old comrade of Mr. Swing's, a veteran of the Civil War, from Wildwood, N. J., was also present.

The primary school will celebrate the first of May with a May-pole dance and various other games on the school grounds.

Mrs. Mamie Smith, of Centreville, spent the week end here.

Mr. Vachel Downes, of the Centreville Observer, with his wife and baby, recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vachel Downes.

Mrs. John Van Sant, of Clayton, has been visiting her sister, Miss Virgie Sparks.

Mrs. L. S. Shaw, of Altoona, Pa., has been spending a few days with Mrs. J. J. Ivison.

Mrs. Lydia Wilson has been visiting friends and relatives in Baltimore and Wilmington.

Dr. James P. Swing, of Cambridge, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Swing, and Mr. and Mrs. John M. Swing and daughters, Misses Margaret, Rebecca and Loraine, have been spending a few days at Rehoboth.

Mrs. Alice Hays, of Boston, who has had wide experience in the hotel business, will take charge of the Ridgely hotel and will open the house to the public, May 15th.

Ridgely, it is reported, will have a base ball team this season.

Mr. Paul C. Sewell has been appointed secretary for the Caroline County Farm Bureau, with headquarters in Denton.

Mrs. Mamie Blanche, of Philadelphia, has been spending a few days with Mrs. Hannah Snowberger.

Miss Grace Dyer has returned from a visit with a cousin in Elizabeth, N. J.

ORPHANS' COURT

On application, letters of administration on the personal estate of Nancy H. Liden, deceased, were granted unto Gootee S. Liden. Bond filed and approved. Notice to Creditors ordered and Harry W. Davis and Donald E. Jefferson were named as appraisers and approved by the court.

Renunciation having been filed on application, letters of administration, c. t. a., on the personal estate of Samuel R. Hopkins, deceased, were granted and committed unto Philip E. Hopkins, a son of said deceased, who qualified as such by filing an approved bond; notice to creditors ordered and James Perry and James B. Todd were named as appraisers and approved by the court.

T. Pliny Fisher, executor of the personal estate of George Ralston Neal, deceased, filed inventory and appraisement of the personal estate of said deceased, which was duly examined by the court and approved, and an order to sell was granted.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

T. PLINER FISHER, Assignee
vs.
OSCAR CLARK and
CATHERINE CLARK, his wife
In the Circuit Court for Caroline County in Equity No. 3002

Ordered this 30th day of April, 1925 by the Circuit Court for Caroline County in Equity, and by the authority of said court, that the creditors of Oscar Clark and Catherine S. Clark, his wife, and all persons who may be entitled to participate in the distribution of the surplus proceeds of the balance remaining after satisfying the mortgage under which the real estate of said Oscar Clark was sold, be and hereby are notified to file their claims with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Caroline County on or before the 3d day of August, next, provided a copy of this order be published in some weekly newspaper printed and published in Caroline County, Maryland, once in each of four successive weeks before the 3d day of June, 1925.

THOMAS J. KEATING,
True Copy: Test—
GEO. A. DEAKYNE, Clerk
30-4t

EXECUTOR'S SALE
—OF—
REAL ESTATE
—IN—
IN TUCKAHOE NECK

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a certain mortgage, dated November 22, 1915, from Jonn W. Wright and Henrietta Wright, his wife, to Albert G. Towers, which mortgage was duly assigned by the said Albert G. Towers to George R. Neal, said assignment being recorded in Liber G. K. S., No. 16, folio 194 &c., one of the mortgage record books for Caroline County.

The undersigned, as the executor of the last will and testament of the said George R. Neal, late of aCroline county, deceased, will expose and sell at Public auction to the highest bidden on

Tuesday, May 26, 1925

in front of the Court house, Denton, Maryland, all of that lot, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Sixth Election District of Caroline County, on the county road from Harris' Chapel to Hillsboro, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point near Deep Branch at a stake and from thence runs with said County road, on said County road, north 22¾ degrees west, 28.2 perches to intersect the lands of Oscar Clark; thence with said lands south 75¾ degrees east; 26.9 perches; thence south 59¾ degrees east, 6.2 perches; thence south 34 degrees east, 2 perches; thence south 62 degrees west to the place of beginning, containing two and three-fourth acres of land more or less; save and excepting two small parcels of land 50 feet by 100 feet each heretofore conveyed by the said John W. Wright and wife, one of said parcels being conveyed to William Roger Wright and the other to Anna Daisy Lake, the former being recorded in Liber C. W. H. No. 67, folio 582, and the latter in C. W. H. No. 67, folio 250, one of the land record books for Caroline County; and is the same land conveyed to the said John W. Wright by James T. Smith and wife by deed dated March 16, 1880 and of record among the land record books for said Caroline County in Liber L. H. G. No. 42, folio 163 &c., save and except the two parcels above mentioned, being the same property mentioned and described in the aforesaid mortgage. The improvements are a six room dwelling.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH. Title papers and revenue stamps at expense of purchaser.

JAMES TEMPLE, Auctioneer.
T. PLINY FISHER
Executor of the last will and testament of George R. Neal, deceased.
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T. Pliny Fisher, executor of the personal estate of James D. Neal, deceased, filed an inventory and appraisement of the personal estate of the aforesaid deceased, which was approved by the court and ordered to be recorded and an order to sell was granted.

In the matter of the estate of Mary F. Dickinson, deceased, upon petition and order of court, the distribution account of said estate was ordered to be rescinded and a new distribution of the said estate made, approved and passed by the court.

William E. Brown, executor of Martha B. Walters, deceased, filed release from William E. Brown, distributee, which was duly examined by the court approved and ordered recorded.

In the matter of the estate of Edward Hubbert, on petition of Ida Nichols and Olon Hubbert, the Eastern Shore Trust Company of Federalsburg, Maryland, was authorized and directed to pay over to said petitioners, certain sums of money, with all accrued interest thereon.

Nathan H. Marvel and George B. Marvel, administrators of Philip A. Marvel, deceased, filed their first and final account of administration, which was duly examined by the court, approved and ordered to be recorded.

He—Did you ever see a corn-husking bee?

She—No, and I don't believe any bee can do it.

A Rough One

Oh! Scissors, let's cut up!

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