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E. S. FED. MET WED. AT DENTON

Euterpean Chorus, Easton, Delighted Huge Audience at Afternoon Session

LARGE CROWD ATTENDED

The seventh semi-annual meeting of the Eastern Shore Federation of Women's Clubs was held in the Court House, Denton, on Wednesday, Mrs. A. A. Hathaway, president, of Easton, in the chair. The session was opened by the singing of America the Beautiful, led by Mrs. J. Kemp Stevens, after which Rev. I. A. McGrew gave the invocation.

In a pleasant little address, given in her usual charming manner, Mrs. L. J. Walz, chairman of the Caroline federation, welcomed the host of visitors who represented every part of the Shore from Cecil to Worcester. The response was made by Mrs. Hathaway, who is a most delightful speaker, combining both tact and ability. Mrs. Hathaway called for the reports from various clubs in the different counties, and the responses showed an amazing activity along all lines of progress by the women of this part of the state. While the Easton club specializes in music, others are more interested in different subjects, among which are politics, civic affairs, literature, schools, fine arts, etc.

Mrs. John H. Sippel of Baltimore, the state president, who during her term of office has paid particular attention to the rural clubs, then gave a most delightful and earnest address, in which she spoke of the hopes of the national chairman, Mrs. John Sherman, who has expressed a determination to try during her administration to improve the homes of America.

The Denton Club had apopinted different ladies to act as hostesses, to see after the comfort of the guests and to show them the different things of interest that were to be seen. This being Better Homes Week in Denton, a lot of preparation had been made along this line. The offices of Miss Spafford, Home Demonstration Agent, and Miss Jackson, County Nurse, had on their gala attire, while the windows of the merchants had been beautifully decorated. Mr. Kemp Newnam deserves special mention, having spared neither time nor expense in the arrangement of the various model rooms on the upper floor of his store. These included living rooms, dining rooms and bed rooms. He also furnished the piano for the use of the musical program.

The luncheon was served in the Parish House, and consisted of chicken salad, ham, potato chips, Maryland biscuit, coffee, ice cream with crushed strawberries, and cake. Many comments of praise were made by the visitors on this delightful feature of the day.

The program for the afternoon was given by the Euterpean Choral Society of Easton, and was truly charming and enjoyable. Mrs. Cleveland Smith is leader, and the whole company of thirty-five voices showed wonderful training as a whole, as well as in the solo numbers. The program was as follows:

PART I

Open Wide the Gates for Spring, by Farman
Trees, Hahn
Solo, Miss Elinor Hughes
A. B. C., Mozart, Chorus
Massa Dear, Dvorak
My Sunshine, di Capua
Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Hayward, Mrs Blackwell, Mrs. Hull
Le Reve, Gotterman
Adoration, Borowski
Simple Aveu, Thome
Mr. Powell Cox, Cellist
A Legend, Tschaikowsky
When Mammy's Away, Rogers
All Through The Night (Welch Air)
Mrs. Oscar Fogle, Alto
Carmena, Lane-Blumeshein
Ava Maria, Chembini
Ole Uncle Moon
Chorus

PART II

Spring's Awakening, Sanderson
Mrs. Cleveland Smith, Soprano
Love's Garden of Roses, Wood
Honey Town, Widener
Salut d'Amour, Elgar
Orientale, Cui
Mr. Cox, Cellist
Saint John's Eve, Chaminade
Chorus

Special mention must be made of Mrs. Smith's beautiful solo, and of the rendering of "All Through The Night," by rs. Fogle.

During the intermission, Miss Florence Monk, of Greensboro, chairman of the Fine Arts Department of the Eastern Shore Federation, spoke of the desirability of forming a choral society in every community.

The Court House was packed to its utmost capacity by those who wished to hear this delightful program. The assemblage was dismissed by Mrs. Hathaway in a few well-chosen words of thanks and appreciation, in which she spoke of the hospitality of Caroline County.

THE HORNET'S NEST

By THE CRACKER

I ruminate 'mid shadows of the memories of yore, and I view a hillside meadow once again with childish lore; and well recall a lesson which learned me not to quiz too deeply in the question of some other feller's biz. It was in balmy summer, 'mid the grasses smelling sweet, with the dandylions gummy twining 'round my naked feet, that I spied the queerest structure built beside an apple tree, and to investigate this wonder I proceeded merrily. 'Twas oval built, a sort of gray, quite innocent it looked, and golden insects round it played like minnows round a hook. I crept up close to peer within the little hole on top, and heard a little buzzing din like the boiling of a pot. The hole was small, I couldn't see to satisfy my hopes, so used my finger to increase somewhat its normal scope. I didn't see, but Oh! I heard! a wild tumultous roar; a million bees sat on my shirt and shouted "All aboard." I broke all records then decreed; I sunfished and I bucked; I rolled upon the grassy lea, but still the critters stuck. Tho many years have passed away, I've ne'er since been obsessed with curiosity to gaze inside a hornet's nest.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CONSECRATION OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

April 30, 1925, was the fiftieth anniversary of the consecration of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Greensboro, Md. Prior to 1875, the communicants in Greensboro were included in the Parish of St. John's, Hillsboro. Local church work had been begun in Greensboro in 1870, when Mrs. G. W. Goldsborough and Miss Ellen Betts inaugurated a Sunday school, which opened with five scholars, but grew to over forty scholars and six teachers before the church building was ready for occupation. Meanwhile, Mrs. H. C. Comegys had taken a very active part in the school work and had become its superintendent. The printed report of the school for 1874 is of so much historic interest that it is included verbatim. It is as follows:

Report of the Episcopal Sunday school at Greensboro, Caroline county, Maryland, Diocese of Easton.

After Easter of 1870, two ladies, with only their Bibles and prayer books gathered five little children, who were receiving no religious training, into a Sunday school. Since that time their number has increased to an average of forty scholars, six teachers, a library of some three hundred volumes, beside numbers of the best text books, a valuable book case, a good map and a cabinet organ. In this time, 14 of our little flock have received the sacrament of baptism, and 6 the rite of confirmation. The school is self-sustaining, subscriping to two papers—the Christian Soldier and Carrier Dove—at a cost of $9.00 per annum; has raised for the missionary board, for home missions, $44, for foreign $13, for various diocesan and parish purposes over $80, and during the last year, gave the rector $150, besides money and provisions at different times; and $11 and a valuable box to the "Home" at Easton. There is now in course of erection a good and churchly church edifice to be completed in October.

All of these encouraging facts go to prove the efficacy of prayer and the great good which may be accomplished by persevering efforts, when the good of our felow beings and the glory of God are made the objects of our labors. Rev. G. L. Bevans, rector, Mrs. H. Comegys, superintendent. Teachers, Mrs. B. Massey, Mrs. A. Goldsborough, Miss L. Manlove, Mrs. A. Massey, Miss A. Manlove, Miss E. Betts.

In addition to the ladies and the first rector, Dr. G. W. Goldsborough and Mr. William C. Satterfield were energetic in the work of founding the church, and among the donations essential to its construction were the following:

The land on which the church stands was given by Mrs. M. T. McColley through Mrs. G. W. Goldsborough; the altar and chancel furniture by the Misses Mary and Sarah Goldsborough, of Myrtle Grove, Talbot county, thru the Rev. Robert Goldsborough, first rector of St. John's parish; and Miss Mary A. Reed bequeathed $1500 toward the building fund. The church was consecrated on April 30, 1875, by Bishop Henry C. Lay.

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Chincoteague Wins First Place

At the annual Declamation contest held at Washington College last Friday night Chincoteague won first place with Snow Hill second. Much difference of opinion as to the decision was expressed by those present. Miss Mary Fluharty of Preston received honorable mention.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AT LAYING OF CORNER STONE BY MASONS

Much interest was shown by the large crowd present at the laying of the corner stone of the new Denton high school building on Tuesday afternoon, May 19th, at 2 p. m. Temple Lodge No. 128, A. F. & A. M. were in charge of the ceremony.

Following the reading of the contents of the box which was inserted in the corner stone, the stone was laid in true masonic form. The box contained a copy of the bill of the legislature authorizing the building of the school, a complete copy of the minutes of the building committee, a copy of The American Union, a copy of the Denton Journal, a copy of the Carolinean, papers from Temple Lodge, and also an envelope containing one silver dollar, one half dollar, one quarter and one ten cent piece coined in 1925 from the Lodge.

Hon. T. Alan Goldsborough in opening his address which was very short but contained much good thought, spoke in part as follows:

"The corner stone of the new high school building for the community has been laid by ancient craftsmen, who have been devoted to public service of mankind. This building, when completed will also be devoted to public service. Daniel Webster once said "En grave upon stone and in time it may crumble, but engrave upon the child that which will live through eternity." Have their characters so trained and moulded to represent something living, something vital and something im mortal. As the years fly away, the building will in time pass away, but characters that are moulded and found ed on a solid foundation will live throughout many generations."

The corner stone is of buff Indiana limestone and is 12X28X34½.

The platform was decorated with bunting, while, the Maryland colors flew to the breeze under 'Old Glory."

The Building

The building when completed will contain 16 class rooms approximately 23X31 feet, a gymnasium on the first and second floorshaving a balcony 14X 40 fee s hjT .twi-e2eV:zui:8eEyaCn--p 40 feet. This will also be used as an auditorium and will have a stage and dressing rooms. The basement will contain the boiler room and domestic science and manual training rooms and there will also be a library in the building. The building will be trimmed with Indiana limestone copings and faces Randolph street toward 5th avenue. There will also be a north and south entrance to the building.

DENTON WON ANNUAL TRACK MEET

Caroline County annual track meet year after year is attracting more attention and larger crowds. This year the largest crowd ever assembled to derson last Friday.

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Denton won the meet with 173½ points with Federalsburg coming in second with 105 points and Preston third with 104½ points.

The American Union greatly regrets not publishing the result of this meet as it has done formerly but the report of the results sent out by the P. A. L. contained only those winning first place and because of the absence of the winners of the winners of the second, third and fourth places we reframe from publishing any of the results.

A PLAY IN THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

The God of the Pill Bottle—Coming to Denton, a play of great interest, and you will want to see it sure. It has several acts with scenes on opposite sides of the world. Given in the Church of the Brethren, next Sunday morning, May 24, at 11 o'clock, at the regular preaching hour, by a group of girls from Baltimore.

Sunday school will meet fifteen minutes earlier (9:45) next Sunday morning in order to be through in good time for the "Pill Bottle" play.

The play is not the only attraction fogr next Sunday. But an all day meeting is arranged for. The Young People's Department have arranged programs for both afternoon, at 2:30, and evening, at 7:30. Rev. Dudrow will speak at afternoon and evening meetings. You are invited to bring your lunch and enjoy a basket dinner with us at the noon hour.

Operetta To Be Given June 1

"Cinderella n Flower Land" will be the title of the operetta to be given Monday evening, June 1, in the Palace Theatre. Members of Miss Anne Anthony's kindergarten and her music pupils will present it under her direction.

LONG NOTE CASE GIVEN TO JURY FRIDAY NOON

Friday at noon one of the longest and most interesting civil suits in the history of the Queen Anne's county circuit court was concluded when attorneys for the Denton National Bank and Mrs. Agnes H. Harper concluded their arguments and the case went to the jury.

Friday afternoon at 2:20 o'clock the jury brought in a verdict for the defendant.

The jury in this case was impaneled on Monday morning and the trial has continued without interruption each day, with several night sessions. The suit involves the genuineness of a signature given to the Denton National Bank. The institution alleges that the signature is genuine, while Mrs. Harper denies any knowledge of it and brands the writing a forgery.

Testimony of handwriting experts has been introduced throughout the course of the trial.

Bank cashiers and other officials from all sections of the Eastern Shore have been in attendance, and practically all county bankers were prevented from attending the annual convention of the State Bankers' Association in Atlantic City, this week, due to the fact that they were summoned in the case here.

An array of legal talent appeared in the two cases. The attorneys for the defendant were: William Mason Shehan, of Easton; Edwin H. Brown, Jr., Madison Brown, J. Frank Harper and William R. Horney, of Centreville. The pla ntiff's attorneys were: Fred R. Owens, T. Pliny Fisher, W. Brewster Dean and William J. Rickards, or Denton, and J. H.C. Legg, of Centreville.

When court reconvened for the afternoon session yesterday, announcement was made that attorneys for the plaintiff and defendant had agreed to hold over the case of Cambridge National Bank vs. Agness H. Harper. This is a case identical to the Denton National Bank vs. Agnes H. Harper. This legality of a signature to a note. Mrs. Harper denies any knowledge of either note and brands the placing of her name upon the papers as forgeries.

MR. Z. POTTER STEELE

For the second time in a week the Death Angel has visited Denton and summoned one of her prominent men. On Wednesday evening Mr. Zebdiel Potter Steele answered the summons, following an illness of only a few days. For many months Mr. Steele has been suffering at times, but each time recovered, and only last week delivered the address concerning the history of Christ Church at the anniversary. His passing comes now as a shock to his many friends in the town and county.

Mr. Steele was born March 12,1848, the son of James B. and Elizabeth Richardson Steele. He has been one of Caroline's most prominent men, being associated with Mr. Howard Melvin in 1871 as editor of the Journal. Later Mr. Steele and Mr. Marshall F. Muchler edited The Democrat, which was later sold to the Journal. For many years Mr. Steele was the only notary in the county. He has served the town well as magistrate and as register of wills for an unexpired term and then for an elected term.

Surviving Mr. Steele are his wife, who was Miss Sally Reyner before her marriage 44 years ago, a brother in the west, Mr. Gail Steele. Mr. Steele has been prominent in the work of Christ Church, and was Senior Warden at the time of his death . Funeral services will be held at the church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock the Rev. I. A. McGrew officiating. Dur ing the time of the passing of the body from the house to the church, the stores will close as a mark of respect to the deceased. The pallbearers will be: Hon. T. Alan Goldsborough, Dr. W. A. Smith, Eugene G. Anderson, William K. Scotton, J. Frank Wright, Dr. D. O. George. Temple Lodge No. 128 A. F. & A. M. will have charge of the services at the grave. Burial in Denton Cemetery.—Thirty.

Board of Education Re-elects

At the meeting of the County Board of Education on Monday Dr. H. W. B. Rowe, of Hillsboro, was re-elected president and Mrs. J. W. Stowell vice-president. Miss Harwood was re-elected as supervisor, Mrs. Stone as attendance officer and Mrs. Agnes Case as clerk. Mr. E. M. Noble was continued as superintendent for another year.

BERRY CHECKS
THE AMERICAN UNION

HISTORICAL ESSAY PRIZE AWARDS MEETING

The Maryland Historical Society extends a cordial invitation to the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City to attend a special meeting of the former society, to be held in its building, on Tuesday evening, May 26th, 1925, at 8 o'clock.

Historical essays committee: Mr. George L. Radcliffe, chairman; Mr. Samuel K. Dennis and General Francis E. Waters. President, L. Irving Pollitt, member ex-officio.

Essay contest: This is the third annual contest put on by the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City, in high schools of the Eastern Shore of Maryland; the contestants being of the Class of 1925. Essays are limited to 1,000 to 1,500 words and were submitted February 15, 1925. They deal with Colonial period, ending July 4, 1776 and with some person, event, or events directly or closely concerned with the history of the county of the contestants.

The successful contestants will be the guests of our society. Chairman George L. Radcliffe will preside and present the prizes, consisting of a twenty dollar gold piece, to be given the winner in each county, and an additional prize, other than money, for the best essay.

Following are the counties competing, subjects and names of the winners, for the best essay submitted from each county as awarded by the Historical Seminary of the John Hopkins University, under direction of Professor John M. Vincent:

Caroline county: The Raising of Troops for the Revolutionay War, by Arthur L. Fairigh, Denton.

Cecil county: The Colonial Courthouse and Court of Cecil county, by Willard McCauley, Chesapeake City.

Dorchester county: Out of the Mist, An essay of Dorchester County, by Westbrook Evans, aCmbridge.

Queen Annes county: Colonial Queenstown, by Katherine E. Cockley, Centreville.

Somerset county: Time's Hour Glass by Nina K. Laird, Crisfield.

Talbot county: The Biography of Wenlock Christison, by Elizabeth Vorwald, Easton.

Worcester county The Early History of the Pocomoke River and Pocomoke City, by Dorothy Bounds, Pocomoke City.

Mr. Horace Wells Sellers, an architect of Philadelphia, will give an illustrated address on "Charles Willson Peale." Mr. Sellers is a descendant of this artist, a speaker and writer of authority on the life and works of the Peale family. He has original documents of Charles Willson Peale— notably the "Autobiography" on which Peale was working at the time of his death—and is his biographer. Charles Willson Peale (1741-1826) was born in Queen Annes county. During his infancy his father, Charles Peale, an accomplished scholar, moved to Chestertown, Kent county, where he was a teacher in the celebrated Free School; they lived here until 1750. The son became one of our greatest American painters. He was also an officer in the Revolution, serving under George Washington.

Informal reception, music. Dress, formal or informal. Members are privileged to bring guests, ladies and gentlemen. Card of admission is not required.

There will also be an opportunity to view the H. Irvine Keyser Memorial Building of the Maryland Historical Society; these buildings contian large and varied collections of great historic interest. Exhibits of special interest to members of our society and closely related to the history of the Eastern Shore an d paintings by haCrles Wilson Peale and Rembrant Peale.

MR. SOMERS BLAKE

Mr. Somers Blake, a well known resident of Denton, died at his home on Main street, Saturday evening, May 16, after a brief illness of about three weeks.

Mr. Blake was 69 years of age and has resided in and near Denton all his life and in late years represented G. Ober & Sons Co., dealers in fertilizer.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday morning at 10:30, Rev. Melvin E. Wheatley and Rev. G. J. Hooker taking charge of the services. The Masonic Lodge was present and took charge of the services at the grave.

Mr. Blake leaves to survive him a widow, who before her marriage was a Miss Hollis, a sister of Mr. Harry Hollis of Preston, one nephew and two nieces. He was a director of the Peoples Bank.

DENTON SECOND AT CHESTERTOWN

Annual School Contests Held on Washington College Field Saturday

EASTON BREAKS RECORDS

Points Scored by Various Schools

Easton	47½
Denton	44
Crisfield	24
Chestertown	18
Preston	14½
St. Michaels	12
Cambridge	11
Oxford	9
Sudlersville	8
Deals Island	8
Stockton	8
Elkton	6
Federalsburg	6
Pocomoke	5
Centreville	3
Princess Anne	2
Cordova	1
Hurlock	1
Stevensville	1

Chestertown, Md., May 18—Easton ran away with the fourth annual Eastern Shore interscholastic field and track meet held here under the auspices of Washington College. The Easton lads chalked up a total of 47½ points, while the county as a whole totaled 69½ points.

Denton ran the winners a close second with 44 points, while Caroline county registered 64½ tallies. Crisfield came third with 24 points, Somerset county pulling down 34.

The Eastern Shore was well represented at Washington Field, as 35 schools entered 600 athletes in the spring track classic. During the intermission, the crack Washington College track team ran an exhibition medley relay race for the edification of the youthful visitors.

The county school lads cracked the following Shore records: 440-yard relay 95 pound class, time 55 4-5 seconds; 220-yard dash, junior unlimited class, time 24 4-5 sec.; medley relay, junior unlimited class, time 1 min. 14 4-5 sec;

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COMMUNITY CLUB THANKS MERCHANTS

The Community Club wishes to express to the merchants of Denton its appreciation of their interest in decorating their windows specially for the Better Homes Week, and its gratification in the effective results of such effort. The awarding of the prizes by the committee, consisting of Miss Spafford, Miss Louise Dukes and Mrs. I. A. McGrew, was not an easy matter for many of the windows seemed equally attractive and showed careful thought and arrangement.

The first prize of $5 was awarded to the model kitchen of the 5c to $1 store. This window was veryc omplete in detail and appealed strongly as real ly showing a better home in its sanitary and practical suggestions.

The second prize of $2 was awarded to the linen window of J. L. Everngam & Son. Its arrangement and artistic selection of colors and cretonne was very effective. Each window had its special merit and showed taste and care. The citizens of Denton would delight to have a continuous special window display that our beautiful little town might look its best at all times, both to those who live and those who visit here. *

Opportunity

Do not cry and weep for chances,
Chances that have passed away,
Opportunities neglected—
Grasp the chance you have today.
—Selected

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

Parson Savemall won't carry a monkey wrench in his car because he's a fundamentalist.

Abe Grimsley took a bath last week an' lost three pounds in weight.

While Dave Gooslum was takin' a nap on the store porch the other day Tobe Dufunny's pet goat ate up his last suspender.

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