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VOL. LXVI—NUMBER 25 DENTON, MARYLAND, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 31, 1925 $1.00 Year in County; $1.50 Out of County—In Advance

LOSS OF $300,000 CAUSED BY FIRE AT OCEAN CITY

Atlantic And Seaside Hotels At Maryland Resort Are Destroyed

GHT PLANT, PIER AND CASINO BURNED

rozen Hydrants Handicap Efforts—Aid Sent By Other Shore Towns

Damage estimated at $300,000 was caused here today by a fire that for a time threatened to sweep the resort from end to end. Before the flames had been brought under control four hours after the fire started three blocks along the boardwalk had been laid in ruins.

The buildings burned and their estimated value follow:

Atlantic Hotel	$150,000
Electric light plant	50,000
Ocean City pier	20,000
Casino	20,000
Seaside Hotel	25,000
andyland	7,000
Reed's Amusement Resort	7,000
C. W. Purcell cottage	6,000

About $40,000 In Insurance

Several other buildings were damaged by fire and water. About $40,000 of the loss is covered by insurance.

The fire started in the plant of the Eastern Shore Gas and Electric Company. Fanned by a 35 miles an hour northwest wind the flames soon spread to nearby buildings. When the local firemen responded to the alarm they found the fire hydrants were frozen and while the hydrants were being thawed out by fires built around them the flames got a start and were not checked until 3 o'clock, 4 hours after the fire started.

Fire Engine Breaks Down

The local fire engine soon developed mechanical trouble and was put out of commission. Aid was summoned from other towns on the Eastern Shore and apparatus responded from Pocomoke City, Snow Hill, Berlin and Princess Anne, Md., and Laurel and Seaford, Del.

When the gas and electric lighting plant was burned the pumps used to force water through the mains were put out of commission and the firemen cut holes in the ice on Sinepuxent Bay to secure water. The trunk telephone lines leading to Ocean City were burned through and for several hours the city was cut off from communication with the outside world. The town will be without electric lights and gas for about a week, it was stated Tuesday night. A local ice company has agreed to provide a water supply.

Flames Spread Rapidly

The fire was discovered at 11 o'clock in a small room adjoining the engine room of the gas and electric light plant by Mrs. Harry Gunby. The dwelling owned by the Gas and Electric Light Company was the second building to become ignited and the flames soon spread to the 70-room Seaside hotel next door. The flames, whipped by the stiff wind, leaped across Baltimore avenue and began to devour the Atlantic hotel, a 5-story frame structure, containing 235 rooms. Dolles' Candy Shop then caught fire. Then the fire leaped to the Casino where several amusement devices are located, and then across the boardwalk to Reed's Amusement Park and the Ocean City pier. By this time all of the fire fighters from the other towns had gone into action and were able to check the flames as the 4-story Walls hotel was being threatened.

Motorists Flock To Scene

Occupants of many homes near the fire-swept area moved their furniture into the streets and vacant lots. Hundreds of motorists from points on the Eastern Shore were attracted by the smoke which could be seen for more than 10 miles inland and much further out at sea. A fire line was established a mile from town and the state road leading to Ocean City was packed with automobiles for nearly two miles.

Mr. C. W. Purcell, who purchased the Atlantic City hotel several months ago said that he probably would not rebuild the structure. This hotel celebrated its firtieth anniversary last summer. Dr. Purcell carried about $15,000 insurance on the hotel. The Seaside hotel was owned by Horace O. Cropper and he carried $10,000 insurance. It is believed the pier and Casino will be rebuilt.

T. B. CLINIC

There will be a tuberculosis clinic for known tuberculosis cases, contacts, and suspects in health center, Denton, Tuesday, January 12th, 9 a. m. and First National Bank building, Federalsburg, at 2 p. m.

VICISSITUDES

By THE CRACKER

Each New Year brings a different phase as down life's road we wander, in callow youth we bend our gaze impatiently to future days, to glory waiting yonder. We long for life's mature age, the great unknown tomorrow, to write success upon the page, of life where hero and sage have reaped defeat and sorrow. And years drag while our sinews leap and pulses with wild hopes rebound, we scorn delay when we would reap, success upon yon ramparts steep; where glad huzzas resound. But when at last the bud has bloomed, we stand supreme in man's estate, our goal afar before us looms, the sand the hour glass soon consumes, the years no longer for us wait. The pendulum ticks its endless swing and saps the season's like a leech: the years once long, have taken wings, the speeding cycle fails to bring the goal within our reach. We call for time to slack his pace, ere he another mantle shed; but all in vain! for youth still chafes, impatiently and bids him haste, to don the garment that we dread.

Health Gnome Speaks In Behalf Of The Runabout

Does your child take a nap after his midday meal? If he does, the child is less likely to have tantrums and nerves, and you will get a good mark from the Health Gnome who is an occasional visitor to the State Department of Health. The Health Gnome blew in the other day, and expressed his approval of the emphasis laid on the importance of the midday rest for the runabout, in a pamphlet just issued by the Bureau of Child Hygiene of the State Department of Health. This is what the phamplet says on that subject:

"Every young child should have a rest of 45 minutes on a bed or couch after the midday meal. No active child under 6 years old can store up sufficient energy even in a good night's sleep to carry him through the day without fatigue." "Because the runabout period—after infancy and before school— is such an important period in the life of the growing child, parents are further advised to take these youngsters to their family physicians every three months, for inspection and advice.

Here are some of the things the runabout is up against:

Rapid growth and development of body and mind.

Occurrence of four-fifths of all of the infectious diseases.

Development of the physical defects that are not present at birth, such as

Defective teeth. Obstruction in breathing from enlarged tonsils and adenoids. Deformed bones from rickets. Defects of eyesight and hearing.

Habits good and bad are also formed at this period and are difficult to alter later. Some of these are

Obedience, self control, unselfishness, team play, punctuality, cleanliness.

Because these transformations are taking place in the body and mind, and spirit of a little child, a trip to the family doctor, at regular intervals of three or four months is urged, so the proper advice can be given to the parents as to the child's food, clothing, sleep, rest and training, in order that defects may be corrected and helpful habits encouraged.

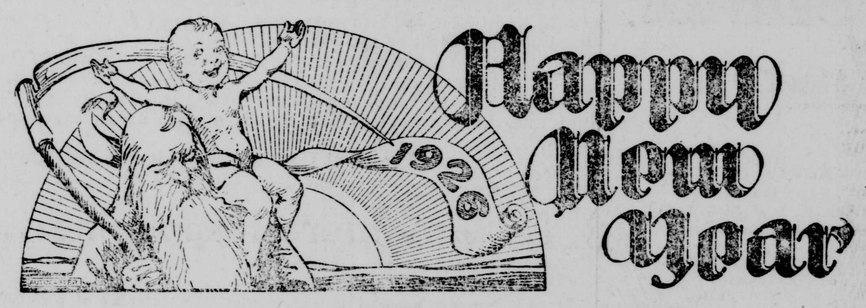
Miss Nichols Announces Engagement

Miss Pauline Nichols announced her engagement to Mr. Henry Muessen on Saturday afternoon at a bridge party held at her home on East Market street. The following were guests: Miss Mary Rebecca Saulsbury, Mrs. Rosenast, and Miss Ella Pearsaul, Ridgely, Miss Marion Malone, Greensboro, Mrs. Thomas Trice, Preston, the Misses Ann and Harriett Welch, Chestertown, Mrs. Joe Muessen, Mrs. Edward Breeding, Mrs. Lester Everngam, Mrs. Otis Smith, the Misses Mary, Blanche and Edna Hobbs, Anne Anthony, Virginia Cooper, Margaret Rathel, Carlotta Kinnamon, Eleanor Willis, Louise Fisher, Denton.

Hog Cholera Warning

Hog cholera is reported on the premises of Joseph Wyatt near Denton. Advise your neighbors of the above outbreak. If you know of sick hogs in your county, notify your County Agent.

Promptly burn or bury the carcass of any animal that dies on your premises.



At the break of a new day as the sun in its glory dispels the clouds—so may the New Year dispel your clouds and troubles and open to you a clear vision that will bring happiness and prosperity.

DENTON MERCHANTS TO HAVE RECORD WEEK OF SALES

At a called meeting of the Denton Board of Trade Tuesday evening the mercantile section placed before the assemblage a plan for a combined sale of all the merchants of Denton during the second week in January, beginning January 12th and running until the 16th, inclusive.

Various plans were discussed fully with reference to the sale and it was decided that special articles would be offered in each store at very special prices during these days as well as many other things at sale prices.

It was also diecided that a very special item would be offered for sale on the last day. Be sure to watch for this particular item in the advertisement which will appear in this paper next week.

About a year ago the mercantile section of the Board of Trade put on a dollar day at which tim the residents of this section were highly favored with many specials at the price of one dollar. At that time the sale proved advantageous and helpful to both the merchant and the purchaser and it is hoped to make this sale a much bigger event than the dollar sale.

TUBERCULOSIS CLINICS SUPPORTED BY SALE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS

Last year approximately 1800 patients were examined in the counties of Maryland, by the clinician of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association. Of this number more than 600 of those examined were found to be manifest tuberculosis cases.

The records for the first 8 months of 1925 show that more than 1,900 patients have been examined.

These clinics which are made possible by the sale of the little Tuberculosis Christmas seals, are rendering distinct service to the people of this and other counties in the state, who are unable to pay for a consultant's examination.

Known cases of tuberculosis, suspects, and contacts are examined when referred by physicians for diagnosis. This results in the discovery of many early cases being subsequently recommended for sanatorium treatment.

Last year 14 clinics were held in this county. The clinician examined 116 patients, and found 53 manifest tuberculosis cases.

Seventy per cent. of all the returns received in this county from the sale of Christmas seals will remain in the county to finance county health work. The 30 per cent. which is sent to the office at Baltimore is used to help support the tuberculosis clinics.

As a result of these clinics, families are advised by the clinician and the public health nurses, as to the proper health care and prophylactic measures in general, which has resulted in the protection and care of the public.

Buy Christmas seals; they save human lives.

Tax Representative Here

A representative of The Maryland Tax Reform Association will address the people of Denton on Wednesday, January 6, at the Court House, on the subject of taxation. The subject is an important one. Come and learn something of the ideas of experts who would reform the plans for paying for public utilities. The meeting is under the auspices of the Commissioners of Denton.

I gazed upon the camel,
And wondered at his humps,
"Well, that's a funny place," says I,
"For a mule to have the mumps."

TENOR'S VOICE TO BE HEARD ALL OVER THE WORLD

Plans Are Being Made For John McCormack's Voice to Be Heard Around the World In International Broadcasting New Year's Night

The golden tenor voice of John McCormick will be heard almost around the world on New Year's night if an elaborate international broadcasting program is successful. His singing will be one feature of an international concert which will be opened at 6 p. m. Eastern time by the broadcasting of the chimes of "Big Ben" in London.

McCormack has sung over the radio only once last New Year's. Lucrezia Bori, who sang with him a year ago will be on next Friday's program.

The program will be transmitted from the experimental station of the Radio Corporation of America at Boundbrook, N. J. A chain of radio stations will re-broadcast it to this country. The British company will be re-broadcast to England the continent and German stations also will aid in re-broadcasting.

Other numbers announced for the program include: The United States Marine band; the Shannon quartet, Eastman Symphony orchestra, Neapolitan trio, Florentine string quartet and the Victor concert orchestra. These will hold the air until 11 p. m.

The eastern stations in this country which will relay the program are: WJZ, New York, WRC, Washington, WGY ,Schenectady and WBZ, Springfield.

General James H. C. Harbord, president of the radio corporation said the program is intended as a world wide demonstration of the possibilities or radio communication and that official "listening posts" would be established in London, Paris, Berlin, Rome, Warsaw, Honolulu, Tokio and other centres.

Christmas greetings to America from leading statesmen of Germany were broadcast Friday night from station WRNY in New York.

EASTERN SHORE GAS & ELECTRIC ENTERTAINS OFFICE FORCE A TDINNER

A business meeting of the district representatives, cashiers, and solicitors fo the Eastern Shore Gas & Electric Company at Salisbury was held Tuesday, December 29th, at the Wicomico Hotel, Salisbury. Those present were entertained at a 6 o'cock dinner at the hotel.

M. P. Choir Gave Cantata

In spite of the fact that three members were absent due to illness or bad weather the choir of the M. P. church gave a very fine cantata Sunday night in a very commendable manner. The church was only partly filled because of the extremely cold night, but those who heard the cantata were very generous with their praise. Each number was beautiful but perhaps the finest was the solo, "Mary's Lullaby," sung by Miss Louise Fisher. It was indeed unfortunate that such an excellent service came on such a bad night.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Cohee, Andersontown, announce the marriage of their daughter, Anna Louise to Mr. Thomas Stanley Draper, on Saturday, December 19, at Dover M. E. church by Rev. Leonard C. White. Mr. Draper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Henry Draper, near Shepherd's Church.

When is a wall like a fish?
When it is scaled.

NEW SCHOOL TO BE DEDICATED MONDAY, JAN. 4

On Monday evening, January 4th the dedication of the new high school building for Denton will take place at 8 o'clock. The program will be in charge of the building committee with Chairman John T. Carter presiding. The finishing touches on the construction and fittings for the new school building are being completed this week and when school opens next Tuesday there will be 11 class rooms, manual training room, commercial arts room, combination gymnasium and assembly room with a seating capacity of 600; domestic science room, principal and teachers' rooms. The assembly room is stated to be the best of any school building on the Eastern Shore.

While the committee has not completed its program, the program will be along the following lines: Presentation of the school building to the Caroline County Board of Education will be made by J. Owen Knotts, secretary of building committee, and will be accepted by Dr. H. W. B. Rowe, president of the Caroline Board of Education. Addresses will be made by Senator Lawrence B. Towers, sponsor of the bill which provided this building; Dr. Albert S. Cook, state supervisor of schools, and Professor E. M. Noble of the Caroline county schools.

A beautiful Bible will be presented by the A. F. & A. M. lodge No. 128 of Denton and a beautiful flag by the Jr. O. U. A. M. No. 175. Music will be rendered by the glee club of the high school and will comprise the following: Annie Laurie; Awake Dearest One, Ball; The Barefoot Trail, Wiggus; Torpedo and the Whale, from Olivet, by Audrem. A chorus composed of the glee club and tenors and basses recruited from the church choirs will sing the national anthem, God of Our Fathers, and Star Spangled Banner.

The building committee is comprised of Messrs. John T. Carter, chairman, J. Owen Knotts, secretary; Fred B. Nuttle, J. Roland Chaffinch, Benjamin H. Johnson, W. I. Norris, Dr. F. N. Nichols.

The committee extends a cordial invitation to everyone to be present at this dedication service.

"Guess I'll be leaving you now," said the biscuit on being pulled out of the oven.

"You'd better go now," retorted the oven, "after the hot time we've had together."

Do it now—Advertise

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES



They had a holiday doins at Parson Savemall's the other night, but as the Parson stood under the mistletoe most all the evenin' the other men folk didn't enjoy themselves extra good.

Hank Alderbush says that a banana cake is the stalest thing to kepe over the holidays, next to an automobile license.

Dave Gooslum says that if a feller gits stuck in the mud the night before New Years he'll find somebody ready to pull him in in the mornin'.

NEW BODY FORMED ON EASTERN SHORE

Tri-State Boosting Association Organized In Salisbury

$50,000 IS SUBSCRIBED

Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Subscribe To Move Toward Exploiting Territory

In twenty-five minutes the the newly created Delmarva Eastern Shore Association received $50,000 in subscriptions, the Pennsylvania Railroad promised its support to the movement and bankers asked that their subscriptions be received through a special committee.

To Boost Area

This was all done at a five-hour meeting in two sessions held at the Wicomico hotel. The purpose, as set forward by the principal mover in the scheme, Fred P. Adkins, is to promote migration of people and the flow of capital into the peninsula and to keep them both when they come. He stated that the organization was a business proposition and that it could advertise the Eastern Shore and Delaware continuously and nationally.

The three counties of Delaware, two of Virginia and eight of the nine on the Eastern Shore of Maryland were represented.

From Caroline county twenty men registered: Dorchester county sent fifteen; Kent twenty, Queen Anne's two, Somerset eighteen, Talbot four, Wicomico sixty-eight, Worcester twenty-six. From the three counties of Delaware twenty-five registered and from the two of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, thirty-two.

Earle Lauds Shore

Besides these who registered as representatives of the localities, about 250 came unattached.

During the morning session, Swepson Earle, Conservation Commissioner of Maryland and president of the Eastern Shore Society, addressed the association on the beauty of the Shore.

Porter Allen, superintendent Norfolk division, P. R. R., expressed the good wishes of that company and promised to back up the program of the association. The other speaker of the morning was H. J. Hill, executive vice-president of the Florida Development Board and a member of the Florida Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Paul E. Titsworth, president of Washington College, presided at the opening of the afternoon session. The committee reported a program of organization which was adopted. The purposes of the association as stated are:

"To further a sound business building program.

"To promote the migration of peoples and inflow of capital.

"To promote and develop new industries, to promote and develop the resort business as a component part of the Eastern Shore's economic life."

The name of the association for a time proved an obstacle, but finally the committee agreed upon "The Delmarva Eastern Shore Association."

Pending the completion of the work of the organization and incorporation committee, Mr. Adkins was continued temporary chairman.

Names County Chairman

Senator Orlando Harrison who was made chairman of finance and membership committee. He named the following as county chairman: Graham Gumby, Wicomico; C. C. Gelder, Somerset; P. M. Brooks, Kent; L. B. Towers, Caroline; J. R. Parsons, Northampton, Va.; W. G. Mapp, Accomac, Va.; J. T. C. Hopkins, Cecil; J. H. Chambers, Queen Anne's; G. B. Woolford, Dorchester; John McDaniel, Talbot; J. Layton Greir, Sussex, Del.; J. S. Rossell, New Castle, Del.; C. W. Hardesty, Kent, Del.

Salisbury business men entertained the guests at luncheon, where the suggestion was made to start the financial campaign. The goal is $100,000, payable in two years. After the meeting this afternoon it was reported that another $25,000 was being pledged.

CLASS OF '25 OF C. H. S. HOLDS FIRST REUNION

The Class of '25, Caroline high school, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rairigh on Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock to hold a grand reunion. All of the members are in town for the holidays so it was voted by the members to have a reunion to talk over the past and to bring back old school memories. From there the members of the class motored to the Dover Opera House where every one had an enjoyable evening.

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