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...ETINGS TO BACK SHORE BODY BEGIN

...el-Mar-Va. Association Plans County-To-County Canvass On Peninsula

DATES ARE ANNOUNCED

Snow Hill Forms Chamber Of Commerce—Berlin Holds First Gathering

Salisbury, Md., Jan. 12—The part that Wicomico county will take in support of the Del-Mar-Va. Eastern Shore Association in its plans to develop, publicize and advertise the peninsula will be determined Thursday, when leaders in financial, industrial, professional and agricultural interests meet in the court house here.

This meeting will mark the first of ...a county-to-county canvass to se...ure membership pledges for the as...iation. At present Wicomico and ...ex (Del.) counties are leading in ...ged financial support. Pledges ...n the 14 counties of the peninsula ...ate total more than $27,000 per ... for the 1926-27 program.

...he dates of the meetings in the ...er peninsula counties have been ar...nged as follows:

Worchester—January 15.
Dorchester—January 26.
Somerset—January 28.
Kent (Md.)—February 3.
Kent (Del.)—February 9.
Caroline—February 11.
Queen Anne's—February 16.
Talbot—February 18.
Accomac and Northampton (Va.)—February 25.

...ewis W. Gunby is chairman of the ...mittee calling the meeting here ...day. Fred P. Adkins, of Salis... chairman of the committee on ...tion and incorporation, which ...he executive agent until the ...ip of the association is de... Senator Orlando Harrison, ..., is chairman of the finance ...mbership committee. Milford of Cambridge has been chosen ...ry treasurer.

...Hill, Md., Jan. 12—The busi... of Snow Hill assembled in ...cipal Building last night and ... chamber of commerce. For ...r of years Snow Hill has had ...ants' Association that has ...ed successfully when there ...necessity for business being ...ed that was of importance to ...rchants and municipality.

...chamber formed tonight will ... with the National Chamber of ...rce ... come into being to par... ...ly, at this time, give support to the Del-Mar-Va Eastern Shore Association.

Berlin, Md., Jan. 12—The first of the meetings planned by the Del-Mar-Va Association to be held outside of Salisbury was conducted here last night under the auspices of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce with an attendance that filled the Municipal Building, comprising representatives from Snow Hill and Ocean City. The principal addresses were made by H. G. Andrews, economist, and C. M. Freeman, both of Salisbury and prime factors in the promotion of the Del-Mar-Va Association. Addresses also were made by D. H. Fooks, of Snow Hill; E. I. Oswald, county agent; Senator Orlando Harrison, Dr. L. P. Bowen, Dr. J. R. Verbrycke, G. Hale Harrison and H. Crawford Bounds.

...Centreville, Md., Jan. 12—Next ...esday, January 19, Queen Anne's ...unty will take the first concerted ...tion looking to an alliance with the ...cently formed Del-Mar-Va Eastern ...hore Association when officers and ...rectors of the six county banks will ...eet in the court house.

Fred P. Adkins, president of the Del-Mar-Va Eastern Shore Association, announced the appointment of ... bankers' committee, with State Senator Dudley G. Roe, chairman; William R. Wilson and Walter T. Wright

At the meeting in Centreville Tuesday officials of the association will be present to outline the plans of the organization and steps will be taken to raise a fund that will adequately represent Queen Anne's county's banking interests.

Inheritance Tax Booklet

The "A B C of Inheritance Tax" is the title of a booklet that has just been published by the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. of Baltimore. The booklet discusses briefly and in simple language the entire subject of inheritance taxation, with special reference to the Maryland Law and the Federal state tax. The booklet points out that, except in the case of large estates, the question of inheritance tax is not so bad as it is painted."

MEDITATIONS OF THE CRACKER

I am not a courageous cuss, no wild, uncautious deeds 'ere formulate within my bust, I feel no urge to lead a life which calls for argument within a ructious zone, my muzzle fails to grasp the scent which leads to mangled bones. I savvy not to violence; and crave no burning strife, I've ne'er dispatched a foeman hence with axe or bowie knife. And yet, I love to read of men well tanked with fighting gore, whose lusty battle cries would blend with crash of cannon's roar; of scrapping gents at Bunker Hill and in the Alamo, whose deeds of valor far excel the common place I trow. I revel in those gunmen who used two gats at the hips, who took their chance upon the throw and wore boots on the trip. A tale which does not have a thrill and reek with acrid smoke is welcome as an unpaid bill, which meets you when you're broke. I always look with cold disdain on men with yellow stripes, and always shout a glad acclaim to those with courage ripe, and often grieve that I'm not built of gnarled and sterner stuff, instead of just a common gill who takes all kinds of guff. But as I cannot make the grade with those heroic folks, I'll just applaud and promenade a few more prosy jokes.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS TO MEET IN EASTON

Two-Day Conference Is Scheduled For January 15 And 16

TO VISIT INSTITUTIONS

Many State And County Education Officers Expected To Attend Convention

A two-day conference of school superintendents and supervisors will be held in Easton on Friday and Saturday, January 15 and 16. Friday morning will be spent in visiting the Easton schools and observing classes and methods of teaching. In the afternoon, Miss May Thompson, supervisor for Talbot county will conduct a teachers' meeting.

At night a conference of the visiting supervisors and superintendents will be held and continued on Saturday morning.

The following visitors are expected: Albert S. Cook, State Superintendent of Education; Miss I. Jewell Simpson, assistant state superintendent; Miss Teresa Wiedefeld, assistant supervisor of elementary schools.

From the counties the following are expected: Superintendent E. M. Noble, Caroline county; Miss Virginia Harwood, supervisor, of Caroline county; James B. Noble, Dorchester county; Miss Hazel Fisher, Miss Evelyn Johnson, supervisors, of Dorchester county; Superintendent Louis C. Robinson and Miss Helen Jane Woodley, supervisor, of Kent county; Superintendent Thomas Gordon Bennett and Miss Tempe H. Dameron, supervisor, of Queen Anne's county.

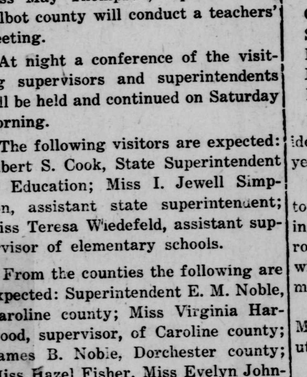
Superintendent E. W. Pruitt, of Somerset county; Superintendent James M. Bennett and Misses Nettie Holloway and Cora Gilliss, supervisors of Wicomico county, and Superintendent A. C. Humphries and Miss Elizabeth Mundy, supervisor of Worcester county, are also expected to attend.

Chautauqua Guarantors to Meet

A meeting has been called for this evening of the guarantors of the Denton chautauqua to be held in the high school building at 7:30.

Journal Installs Linotype

The Denton Journal is this week installing a linotype and joins the large number of printing offices putting behind them the "happy hand-set days."





LOYAL SONS TO HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

Last Thursday evening the regular monthly meeting of the Loyal Sons class of the M. P. Sunday school was held at the home of the Sunday school superintendent, Mr. T. P. Fisher, and the class received a royal welcome at the hands of the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher.

As this was the annual meeting, the main business was the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Clarence H. Roe, president.
Samuel Nowell, vice president.
Lewis McNeal, secretary.
Lee Walston, assistant secretary.
Emory Kimmey, treasurer.

Mr. Cecil Blake is the retiring president who has served for a number of years.

It was decided to hold an annual get-to-gether banquet on Thursday evening, January 21st in the Sunday school room and a committee was appointed, with Mr. Emory Kimmey, as chairman, to arrange the details.

At the close of the business session Mr. T. P. Fisher spoke for a few minutes.

Delicious refreshments were then served and a social hour enjoyed.

DORCHESTER-CAROLINE PAST MASTERS ELECT

Masonic Association Names Officers At Cambridge Meeting —Next Session In Denton

The Past Masters' Association of the Masonic lodges of Dorchester and Caroline counties last night conferred the past masters' degree upon the following: Edward W. Breeding, of Denton; W. Johnson Bonner, Preston; Paul C. Cantner, Federalsburg; Walter E. S. Hubbrt, Cambridge.

Officers were elected as follows: M. Kemp Newnam, Denton lodge, president; Olin R. Higgins, East New Market, first vice-president; James O. Wright, Preston, second vice-president; Benjamin F. Johnson, Denton, secretary; T. S. Kemp, Denton treasurer; T. Ira Johnson, Federalsburg, senior deacon, and Scott Meekins, Cambridge, junior deacon.

The next meeting will be held at Denton.

FIREMEN HELD SPECIAL MEETING

Monday evening a special meeting of the Denton Volunteer Fire Company was called to hear the report of the committee which was to wait on the town commissioners with reference to buying more hose.

The committee reported that the commissioners would pay for half of the hose as they had previously done, but would not buy all of it. The commissioners were present and stated their reasons. No definite action has been taken further.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN CAROLINE LED STATE IN NOVEMBER

For the month of December thirty-five of our county schools averaged between 90 and 100 per cent in attendance.

Reports from the state just received for the month of November list Caroline as leading the state in elementary school attendance. Our county was especially complimented for its wonderfully high rank in one-teacher (rural) and graded schools.

Following is the list of schools on the honor roll for the month of December:

High schools—
Preston
Caroline
Federalsburg
Greensboro
Henderson
Town schols—
Ridgely Primary
Denton Primary
Greensboro Elementary
Preston Elementary
Henderson Elementary
Two-Teacher schools—
Friendship
Rural schools—
Howards
Central
Hickory Hill
Laurel Grove
American Corner
Furmans Grove
Hubbards
Marydel
Cedar Grove
Oaks
Williston
Camp Grove
Barcus
Nichols
Baltimore Corner
Chestnut Grove
Concord
Smithson
Houstans Branch
Colored schools—
Bridgetown
Castle Hall
Harmony
Greensboro

The schols receiving the attendance banners and library books for highest attendance are Preston High, Ridgley Primary, Friendship (two - room), Howard's (rural) and Castle Hall (colored).

COME—BRING YOUR BABIES

To the well baby conference to be held at Denton, Friday, January 22d, in the nurse's office in the Law building, third floor.

All mothers are urged to bring their children up to 7 years of age for a free physical examination.

A representative from the Bureau of Child Hygiene of Baltimore will be present to conduct the conference. Hours 12:30 to 4 p. m.

H. RUTH JACKSON

P. T. A. ELECTED OFFICERS MONDAY

The first meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association for the new year was held in the new building on Monday evening. There was a splendid attendance. It was decided to postpone the supper indefinitely and to devote all the time and energy towards selling tickets for the Chautauqua, since one half the surplus is to be devoted to the needs of the school. A committee was appointed to meet the teachesr and Miss Caroline Redden on Friday morning to hear her suggestions along this line.

Mr. Johns, principal, spoke of the different attitude that prevails among both teachers and pupils since moving into the new building. He said an effort will be made to secure a speaker each Friday from the various walks of life, and gave a cordial invitation to every one to visit the school during this period especialiy, or at any time during school hours.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. D. W. Davis; vice-president, Mrs. F. E. Yeoman; secretary, Miss Mildred Nuttle; treasurer, Mrs. Norman Rairigh.

Theprogram was furnished by the Junior class, under the direction of Miss Willis, and consisted of a number of charades that represented different moving picture titles. The introduction and explanation was given by Harry Copeland, the audience being aged to guess the picture represented. They were as follows—Masked Bride, Helen George; Ten Commandments, Esther Rairigh; Smilin' Through, Helen Norris; Grandma's Boy, Henry Morgan and Anna Martha Richardson; The Four Horsemen, John Lord, Charles Rickards ,Henry Morgan and Harry Copeland; America, Victoria Deen; Little French Girl, Esther Bowdle; So Big, Elizabeth Deen; The Manicure Girl, Helen Norris, Harry Copeland; Finis, the whole ensemble.

Splendid music was furnished by several members of the orchestra accompanied by Mrs. William Neal.

The hostesses served coffee and delicious cake. Those appointed as hostesses for next time were Misses Mildred Nuttle and Eleanor Willis, Mrs. Kirwan Everngam, Mrs. Annie Todd, Mrs. Bruce Deen and Mrs. John Chaffinch.

Church of Brethren Notes

Sunday morning, December 17th, Rev. Arnold expects to preach on the subject, "Stones to be rolled away." A welcome awaits you. Remember the hour, 11 a. m.

Last Sunday evening a large audience enjoyed the lecture by Mr. Emmery Wine, on the League of Nations and World ourt. The views were very instructive and all showed clearly the purpose and intentions of these international institutions and the good they have done, in settling international differences.

J. R. CHAFFINCH BANK PRESIDENT

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Denton National Bank Tuesday afternoon it was unanimously decided that Mr. J. Roland Chaffinch be president of the bank for the coming year to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Harvey L. Cooper.

Mr. Chaffinch has been connected with the Denton National Bank for a number of years and for several years has been a vice president.

The officers are as follows: J. Roland Chaffinch, president; Charles W. Hobbs, vice president; W. I. Norris, cashier.

All of last year's directors were re-elected and are as follows: Harvey L. Cooper, Charles W. Hobbs, A. R. Wright, William H. Deen, Harry S. Dailey, James H. Nichols, John L. Everngam, J. Roland Chaffinch, Frederick B. Nuttle, H. M. Thompson, A. W. Brumbaugh, L. B. Towers, I. T. Saulsbury, J. Percy Bittle.

HOTEL AT EASTON IS SWEPT BY FIRE

Guests Escape; Most Of Effects Saved; Business Section Threatened

BUILDING WING BURNED

Apparatus From Four Other Shore Towns Aid In Conquering Blaze

Fire, for a time threatening the business section of Easton, was brought under control at 12:45 p. m. Friday after it had swept through the northwest wing of the Avon hotel, a four-story frame structure. None of the guests were injured and most of their effects were removed. Most of the hotel roof was burned over and in addition to the damage to the northwest wing the dining room was left open to the sky when the flames were subdued.

Firemen called from Denton, Cambridge, Centreville and Chestertown aided in the fight. The Salisbury department, also called, arrived later but was not needed. The Cambridge apparatus made the 32 mile run in 35 minutes.

The fire began in the kitchen and burst through the roof a few minutes later, making it necessary for the guests to escape quickly.

The business district surrounds the hotel and for a time it was feared the flames would spread to adjoining structures.

The alarm was sounded at 7 o'clock and for over 5 hours the firemen fought to keep the blaze confined to the hotel.

The Avon hotel is a structure of 100 rooms and is valued at $40,000 to $50,000.

Just before the hotel fire broke out the body of Mrs. W. L. Cockran was rescued from Trinity Methodist Episcopal church South here by firemen, when fire partially destroyed an overheated flue when the janitor stoked the furnace to heat the church for the funeral services to be held at 11 o'clock.

The firemen removed the casket after fighting beside it to subdue the flames. The funeral later was held from the Methodist Protestant church.

Mrs. Mary B. Simmons was given an informal surprise party Monday afternoon, it being her 81st birthday. She was delighted to see that a number of her good friends had remembered the occasion.

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES



Abe Grimsley accidentally fell thru the floor of Hank Alderbush's corn crib the other night an' broke his leg. It won't be necessary to take up a collection for Abe as Judge Applewyne headed the list with thirty days board.

Dave Gooslum says that he'd noticed for some time that the floor was gettin' rotten but thought it was safe to tote a bushel across.

Parson Savemall allowed that the way of the transgressor was hard, an' most of the folks is a wonderin' who he meant.

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