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TOWERS ISSUES CALL FOR COUNTY MEETING

To Discuss Caroline's Part in Del-Mar-Va Asso. at Court House on 19th, 2 p. m.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS

The first meeting to be held in Caroline county in the interests of the new Del-Mar-Va Eastern Shore Association which was tentatively organized in Salisbury, on December 28, 1925 in the interest of advertising the advantages and possibilities of the Eastern Shore to the rest of the world will be held at Denton next Friday, February 19th at 2 p. m. in the Court House.

Senator Lawrence B. Towers, chairman of the finance committee of Caroline county has issued the call for that day and hour and expects every red blooded citizen of this county to be present at this meeting, at which time the purposes and plans for the organization will be explained and the co-operation of Caroline county will be asked.

At this meeting Messrs. Harvey J. Hill and H. G. Anderson, of New York; Senator Orlando Harrison, of Berlin; Hon. Fred P. Adkins, of Salisbury and Dr. G. Layton Greer, of Sussex county, Del., will be present and speak.

Remember, this meeting means something to YOU—every man, woman and child in this county. It is YOUR DUTY to be present.

Don't forget the date—19th; the time—2 p. m.; the place—Court House at Denton. Who is to be there—YOU.

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With annual contributions for the next two-year period in excess of $50,000, the Del-Mar-Va Eastern Shore Association crosses the line which assures its organization on a permanent basis. The sum which the association is seeking to obtain is $100,000 a year for two years. Reports from the counties which have so far signified their intention of backing the movement and have voluntarily accepted quotas, indicate that the Association will be within striking distance of the amount desired by March 1st.

At the meeting in Salisbury on December 28th, at which the association was launched, the delegates voted that no attempt should be made to organize on a permanent basis unless at least $50,000 a year was pledged.

With $50,000 secured the finance committee is issuing a call for the payment of the first installment on all subscriptions. During the coming week, according to an announcement made by Mr. F. P. Adkins of Salisbury, chairman of the organization committee, a call will be issued for a meeting of that body. At this meeting the form which the permanent organization is to take will be definitely determined.

While $50,000 has already been pledged to the association, Wicomico is the only county which has so far over-subscribed its quota. Wicomico agreed to raise $16,666 or one-sixth of the $100,000—the amount of the annual budget desired. It has reported subscriptions totalling $17,485. Dorchester county which is attempting to secure $7,500 has already raised $6,530. Sussex county which has $15,000 as its goal has reported $11,402. Somerset county which is striking for $6,000, reports contributions totaling $3,969. The Worcester county quota is a minimum of $10,000. It has raised $6,350. Kent county, Md., has accepted $6,000 as its quota and of this amount has already raised $2,500. In addition, the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce has pledged a contribution of $10,000 a year to the association.

Kent county, Maryland, accepted its $6,000 quota at a conference held in Chestertown on the 5th. At this conference $1,400 in new contributions were secured and arrangements were made for a thorough-going county canvass. Queen Anne will hold its county conference in the court house at Centreville on Tuesday, February 16th, the meeting starting at 2 p. m. Caroline county conference will be held at the court house at Denton on Friday, February 19th, at 2 o'clock.

Every county in which conferences have so far been held has not only pledged its moral support to the association but has voluntarily accepted a quota.

"The encouraging feature of the situation so far," says Chairman Adkins, "is that there is as yet no opposition manifested anywhere upon the part of any of the peninsula's communities to attempt to take what might be termed "a free ride." The association's ship is about ready to

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HOW WILL CAROLINE CO. BENEFIT THRU DEL-MAR-VA. ASSO.?

What has Caroline County to gain from a thorough-going development program? In just what ways can the property owners, business men, and industrial workers hope to benefit by the sort of program which the Del-Mar-Va. Eastern Shore Association proposes to inaugurate? These two questions deserve serious consideration.

As a first step in answering them, it is very necessary to get a pretty definite idea as to what the Association is trying to do. Its objectives have been repeatedly stated, but it would do no harm to state them so often that every one in Caroline county would know them by heart.

The purposes of the Del-Mar-Va Eastern Shore Association are, in general, as follows:

To promote the migration of people and the flow of capital into the Del-Mar-va Peninsula, and to keep them both when they come.

To advertise and publicize the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula, its lands, resources, opportunities, and products.

To develop and encourage its industries, to create an increased demand for its lands, to expand its markets, at home and abroad, to promote its resort and tourist possibilities and, in general, to make the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula a better place in which to live and an increasingly profitable place in which to do business.

Before reaching a decision as to whether this program means anything to Caroline County, it would be well to face facts. Any business corporation which during a 5-year period, had experienced a loss of $2,135,310, would begin looking around to discover the causes for such a deflation—with a view of applying the necessary remedies. Yet that is just what has happened in Caroline County. The value of its farm lands and buildings in 1920, according to the Federal Farm Census, was $12,242,565. The Federal Farm Census for 1925 gives the value of all of its farm lands and buildings as $10,107,255. That is rather a staggering shrinkage. The natural rejoinder is to say that 1920 was a year of inflated values, while the 1925 figures represent a return to normalcy.

But such a reply does not fit the facts. So far as Caroline county si concerned 1920 was not a year of inflation because the average value of its farm lands then was approximately $51.00 an acre. Moreover, the choicest agricultural plots in the county sold in 1920 far below the prices prevailing in other states which produced similar crops and similar yields.

The decrease in agricultural values between 1920 and 1925 represents a condition and not a theory, for this decrease in total agricultural land values has been accompanied by a decrease in the acreage under cultivation. In 1900 there were 125,908 acres of improved land in our farms. By 1910 this total had increased to 128,206. In 1920 the figure had decreased to 120,613. In 1924 the crop land in the county was 88,887. Of this amount 75,695 acres were harvested, there were crop failures on approximately 1,564 acres, while more than 11,719 acres of some of the best land in the county lay fallow.

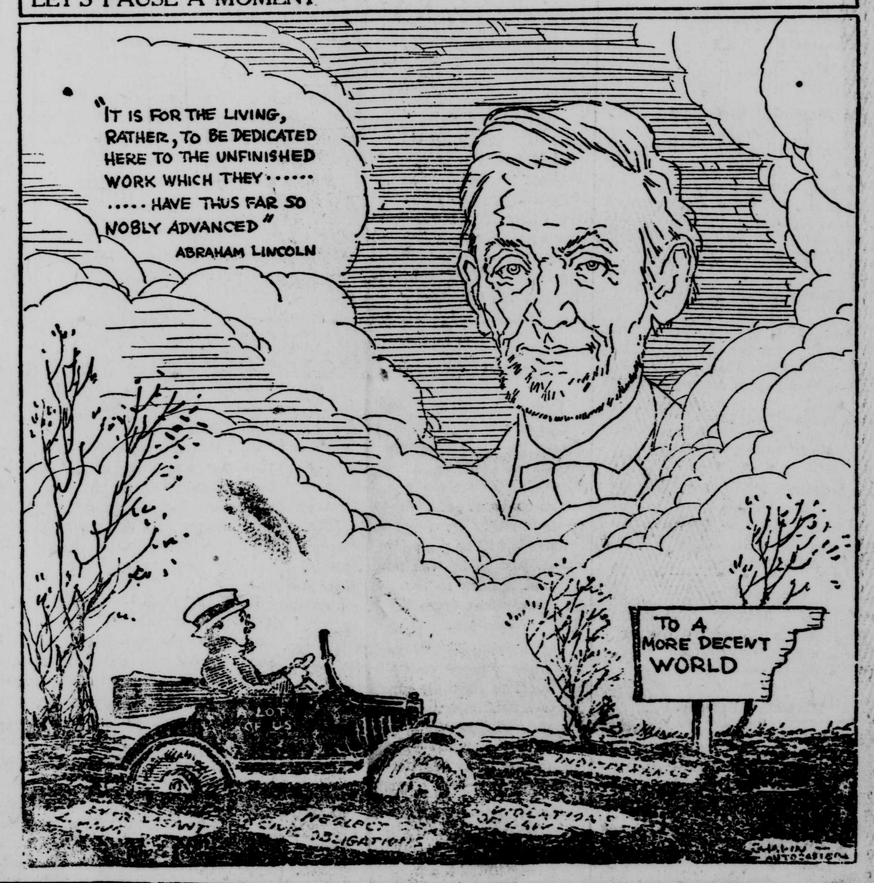
All of this might indicate a very distressing condition were it not for the very significant fact. Taking Caroline county as a whole, the one man farm has more than held its own while those who have been operating large agricultural acreages have been fortunate if they were able to break even. Agriculture, as represented in Caroline county by the small farm intensively cultivated by the man who owns it, is and has been a paying proposition.

All of this is very important to Caroline county, and for this reason the agricultural population of the United States is slowly redistributing itself. Farms in the North and in the West and Middle West have for a number of years been disposing of their large acrages and have been turning to the regions where they could secure smaller holdings, which under intensive cultivation could be relied upon to yield crops which would have a total value equal to the crops produced on the larger farms .In addition not only white collar employes but many industrial workers in the larger cities have been turning back toward the soil. For two decades the pendulum has been swinging toward the city so far as the drift of population is concerned. A change is becoming apparent. Many residents of the cities are beginnig to seek economic freedom by securing a few acres

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LET'S PAUSE A MOMENT

By A. B. CHAPIN



FEDERALSBURG WAS MENACED BY FIRE

Midnight Fire Threatens Business Section—Five Fire Companies Respond

A fire which broke out shortly after midnight Friday in the new store of Poole Bros. for a short time threatened the destruction of much of the business section of Federalsburg and but for the assistance rendered by the Hurlock and Bridgeville fire companies, would undoubtedly have burned a number of other buildings.

The buildings destroyed included the new store of Poole Bros., post office builing, Johnson's Barber Shop, Jos. Golldagnia's shoe shop, C. E. Turner's insurance office, while the plate glass windows in the large department store of Long & Short, across the street, were broken by the heat from the burning buildings as were windows in the general store of M. M. Edgell. Across the street from the burned buildings were the Federalsburg Bank of the Eastern Shore Trust Co., the Citizen's Bank and the Telephone Exchange.

Fire companies from the neighboring towns responded quickly, Hurlock being the first one on the scene and rendered very valuable assistance in getting the flames under control. As usual, the Denton company turned out in record time, leaving town with 21 men on the truck in six minutes after the siren sounded and made a record run. When they reached there the Hrulock and Bridgeville companies had the fire under control and the Denton company stood by until assured everything was safe. As they were leaving the engines of Cambridge and two from Easton arrived. The Easton men had hardly arrived when they were summoned to return and go to Tilghman's island where the large plant of the Tilghman Packing Company was one fire.

In addition to the buildings burned the Red Men's Hall, which was above the post office was also destroyed with all the equipment of the order. The loss is estimated at about $20,000 with about half of the loss covered by insurance. The barber shop was owned by Mr. Johnson, the store was owned by Poole Bros., who were opening a Ladies' Wear Shop, while the other buildings were owned by Mr. Thomas H. Chambers.

Rewarded for Efficient First Aid

Master Burdette Nuttle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Nuttle, last week received from the Bauer & Black Co. a $10 gold piece as a prize for proficiency in first-aid treatment.

Last summer, while Burdette was visiting relatives in Pennsylvania, his knowledge of this treatment was put to the test when a dog bit one of the boy's acquaintances. He acted with such thoughtfulness and skill that the prize was the result.

DRUM CORPS TO GIVE MINSTRELS

Every one has been hearing off and on for several weeks, whisperings of a minstrel show to be given in Denton in the near future. Sh! The secret is now out.

Denton is to have the biggest and best minstrel show ever held in Caroline county, according to those who are at the head of it, and when you consider who is giving it, you will surely have to admit that it will be some show.

The sponsor of this big minstrel is that "baby" organization which sprang into existence a couple months ago and last week demonstrated that it is practically a grown child already—The Denton Bugle and Drum Corps.

Last week when the drum corps entertained the firemen they "showed off" with a few of the features that are expected to be given at the minstrels and it took the fire company by storm, so get your laughing apparatus working so you will be in a mood to enjoy the entertainment.

The date, did you ask? Surely. They are going to give every one a chance to see it and will hold it on two nights, Wednesday and Thursday, March 10th and 11th.

FEDERALSBURG ORGANIZES C. OF C.

A Chamber of Commerce for Federalsburg was organized last week at a meeting held in the Temple, attended by 50 of the leading business men of the town and community. Much enthusiasm was shown by those present and the enrollment of 40 members is proof conclusive of the great interest evidenced in the new enterprise. The meeting had been called for the purpose of discussing the advisability of forming the organization in Federalsburg and Mr. H. H. Long, of the firm of Long & Short, had previously arranged to have the scope and purpose of a chamber of commerce explained by Mr. W. T. Gardner, secretary of the Salisbury Chamber, assisted by Mr. David Dallas. Mr. Robert Eddington was appointed acting chairman of the meeting.

The Rev. T. S. Holt was nominated and elected for the presidency of the new organization. The other officers elected were: Secretary, W. E. Cox; treasurer, W. S. Noble. These officers who are to serve for a term of one year, are to receive no recompense for the performance of their duties.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for their kindness during the illness and death of our wife and mother, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hignutt.

D. WARNER HIGNUTT
and Children

NEGRO IS GIVEN DEATH SENTENCE

Butler Taken Through Delaware Mob After given Speedy Trial

Georgetown, Del., Feb. 8—George Butler, Negro, was sentenced to be hanged on February 26th following his conviction here late this afternoon of criminally attacking Eleanor Steinmetz on January 21th, near Bridgeville, Del.

Under cover of machine guns that were manned by three batallions of Delaware National Guards, the Negro was escorted by state policemen thru 7,000 persons, who surged against a barbed wire barrier erected around the court house, placed in an automobile and speeded to the New Castle County Workhouse, where he will be held until the day of the execution.

Promptness of the jury in reaching a verdict, the court imposing sentence and the policemen in hurrying the prisoner from the court room and grounds left the crowd outside temporarily dazed.

The order in the court room when sentence was pronounced and the quietness of the crowd outside when the prisoner was taken away surprised court officials and the national guardsmen since earlier in the afternoon tear bombs had to be hurled into the crowd to prevent a concerted rush to get in the court room.

The jury brought in its verdict of guilty after deliberating only eight minutes. Within 35 minutes sentence had been passed. Butler then was ordered delivered to the sheriff of New Castle county, who will hold him in the county work house until the date set for the execution. On that day he will be turned over to the sheriff of Sussex county and hanged in the jail at Georgetown.

POOLE BROS. OPEN NEW MILLINERY STORE

Poole Bros. of Federalsburg, will open a new millinery store on Friday, February 12th, at Federalsburg, which will be located beside their men's store on the main street in the store recently occupied by Mrs. Ola Satterfield.

Until February 1st, Poole Bros. had their women's wear and millinery department in the Woman's Shop located further out on the main street, but moved from that location on the 1st. The women's wear store would have opened Saturday in the building recently purchased by them located beside the post office and which was destroyed early Saturday morning with en entire loss of all of the stock, for insurance had not been placed on it at the time, though the builing was covered with insurance.

A CIRCUS DAY

At 3:15 this afternoon at the primary school a circus day was given for the children and parents. The boys and girls had a splendid time.

CHAUTAUQUA COMING NEXT WEEK

Will Be Held in High School Auditorium. Fine Entertainments Planned

GET A SEASON TICKET

Chautauqua is coming next week. From Tuesday afternoon till Thursday evening, the community will have the opportunity to enjoy some unusually good entertainments at a very small sum.

We all enjoy good movies; we all enjoy good "home talent" plays. This winter we have had lots of both. But here is a chance to enjoy six separate events about which we need have no worry—lest the participants forget their parts, or the scenery comes down. The quality of the programs will be above anything we can prepare among ourselves. These performers, having successfully entertained thousands of other people all over the country, and with a wide experience and splendid reputation, are now coming to us. All we have to do is buy a ticket—a season ticket, preferred—get a good seat, and sit back prepared to enjoy it all.

This year we have the splendid auditorium of the high school in which to hold chautauqua. It is warm and comfortable, and it is hoped that it will be well filled for every program. Junior chautauqua meets in the afternoon and provides wholesome entertainment for the children.

The program, as outlined on the advance notices, is as follows:

Tuesday

Afternoon—Opening exercises.

Full concert, Mary Adel Hays Concert Co.

Junior chautauqua.

Night—Concert, Mary Adel Hayes Concert Co.

Lecture, "What America Means to Me," Arthur Walwyn Evans

Wednesday

Afternoon—Lecture.

Entertainment, "Give and Take" Co.

Night—Comedy drama, "Give and Take".

Thursday

Junior chautauqua demonstration.

Lecture "The Miracle", Lethe Coleman.

Full concert, Dunbar Singing Bell Ringers will occupy the last evening.

Season tickets are $1.50. single admission is 75c.

Mrs. MARY B. BECKWITH

Mrs. Mary B. Beckwith, wife of Mr. William C. Beckwith, died at her home near town early Sunday morning, following an illness of more than two years. Born near Felton, Del., nearly sixty years ago, Mrs. Beckwith was the daughter of Emory and Anna H. K. Burnite. When she was about two years of age, the family moved into this section of Maryland, living at times in Henderson and Wye Mills as well as in Denton. Following her graduation from the Domestic Science Department of Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City, she held several positions of importance, one of which was with the Mutual Life Insurance Co., as the New Jersey State Woman Agent. Upon her return to this section she was domestic science instructor for several years here, and state agent for the Girls' Canning Club.

On December 30, 1014, she was married to Mr. W. C. Beckwith, and in the following June they began the building of their most attractive and unique home at Double Hills. Mrs. Beckwith was interested in everything concerning the general good and uplift of the community, through the schools, community clubs, League of Women Voters, etc., and was a most influential and capable woman. Her days were full of good deeds and her heart overflowed with cheer, kindliness and thoughts of others. Her many warm friends, in whatever location she has been, deeply regret her passing, yet rejoice in her release from suffering. Surviving her are her husband and two sisters, Mrs. W. W. Walker of Easton and Mrs. John Dorr of Little Neck Hills, Long Island.

A brief service was held at the home Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, with the Rev. Mr. J. W. Krabill officiating. The pall bearers were Messrs. E. P. Walls and R. R. Walker, of Easton; Walter Howard, Frank Yeoman, E. M. Noble and Charles Dukes of Denton. Following the service the body was sent to Oriskany, N. Y., where it will be place din a vault until interment is possible.

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