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E. S. ASSO. MASS MEETING AT DENTON, FRIDAY AT 2 P. M.

CHAUTAUQUA IS COMING NEXT YEAR

Everyone Pleased With Program Presented This Week 34 Sign Contract

HELD IN HIGH SCHOOL

Chautauqua has come and almost gone. The response has been better this year than in the last years when we have attempted to have an entire week in the summer. The sale of tickets more than covered the contract price, and when all the erpenses are reckoned there will be a sum left for the school amounting probably to between thirty and forty dollars.

The program opened on Tuesday afternoon with a concert by the Mary Adel Hays Concert Co. This was followed by the organization of the Junior Chautauqua. The youngsters have organized a town, with the mayor and all officials. Their special performance comes this afternoon, when they have part of the last session reserved for their stunts.

Tuesday night the program was divided between a concert by the same company and the lecture by Arthur Walwyn Evans. Everyone who heard Miss Dorothy Flynn agreed that she was exceptionally good and by far the best violinist ever heard here on the Chautauqua program. Her numbers were well chosen, her technique splendid, her interpretation altogether satisfying. Miss Hays had a pleasing voice, and her appearance as Jennie Lind lent a most interesting touch to the first part of the program. The pianist was Miss Edna Hinton, and she was equaly good as accompanist and solosit. The second part was given to Spanish numbers, done in the costume of the country, and was most effective

It is not often that a lecturer is able to hold an entire audience as large as the one on Tuesday night, and especially when composed of lal ages, from the giggling youngsters on the front row, interested only in jokes, to the dignified business man, hunting for something to think seriously about. This however is just what Mr. Evans did in his lecture on "What America Means to me." In the first place, Mr. Evans has an unusual manner, a striking personality, and just enough English accent and bearing to make him a delightful speaker. He began with a series of jokes and kept them running through his entire hour, but so sprinkled in were they that the children hadn't time to get sleepy nor did the older folks have a chance to get bored by nonsense. Each joke had a point that stuck in the mind of the hearer long after the laugh had died away.

Mr. Evans used himself as a sort of mirror, for as he so aptly said, the average American, born and bred right here, is too close to get a true perspective and the proper proportion. Born in Wales, the speaker was educated in the spirit of nationalism. Right there Mr. Evans pointed out the difference between true nationalism and jingoism. But so far this nationalism has given us only one peaceful year out of fourteen in the last five hundred years. The cause lies in the fact that we have been teaching history and geography to our children in a manner calculated to prepare their minds for war and strife and international hatreds. "We are made," said the speaker, "by our earliest environment, and therefore that environment is the mos timportant part of our lives." We in America are heirs of the ages. Each race has a gift toward the progress of mankind. The art and music of Italy, the humor of Ireland, the caution of Scotland, etc., have all been pooled to produce the real American. We must not think in terms of America but in world terms.

As far as Europe was concerned, we had no entangling alliances in 1917 yet we were drawn into the greatest war the world ever knew. Thus was proven the fact that it is not entangling alliances that cause war but the grim realities of life and death. Mr. Evans pled for a wider vision. Travel in the direction of appreciation rather than toward prejudice; keep your sense of humor working, without which we are bound to lose our sense of proportion; pratice brotherhood in the widst sense—these were the rules given by Mr. Evans for the true American and the bigger America.

The program Wednesday afternoon was given by the company which presented the play in the evening, and was very good. The comedy given at night to a full house was much enjoyed, judging from the laughter that at times drowned the speakers' voices. The play, "Give and Take", was a somewhat exaggerated portrayal of the union of capitol and labor for the good of both. It was well played, especially the parts of John Bauer and Albert Kruger. Everything of course ended happily, as all plays must, but there were many anxious moments and many ridiculous moments before each side saw its mistakes and fell in line.

This leaves us only one more day. In the afternoon the children have their spree, followed by a lecture, "The Miracle", by Lethe Coleman. In the evening the Dunbar Bell Ringers will give an entertainment. They have appeared before us in the past, but there is no end to the delight that is brought by this most unusual way of making music, and we are sure the crowd will enjoy it as much as in the former years.

At the meeting last night about 35 signed the contract for the return of chautauqua next year.

FEDERALSBURG ENTERTAINED CLUBS

The Caroline County Federation of Women's Clubs was entertained by the Woman's Club of Federalsburg in the Masonic Temple Wednesday, February 10th. The president, Mrs. George Herbert Wilson, of Denton, presided and called the meeting to order at 11:30 o'clock. The session was opened by singing America, the Beautiful, fol lowed by invocation by the Rev. F. C. MacSorley of the M. E. church, Federalsburg. Old Kentucky Home was sung, piano accompaniment by Mrs. Kemp Jefferson, followed by roll call which was responded to by the following clubs: Andersontown-Hobbs, Denton Community, Federal Community, Greensboro Community, Preston Community, Williston Community, Woman's Club of Federalsburg, Twentieth Century and Federal. Minutes of the meeting held in November at Williston were read and adopted and the minutes of the executive board meeting held at the home of the president in January were read.

Mrs. W. S. Carson, president of the Woman's Club of Federalsburg gave the Federation a most cordial welcome which emphasized in its warmth and sincerity the greetings every visitor had received from a group of women of the entertaining club as she entered the building. Mrs. Wilson graciously responded in the name of the Federation.

The president opened business by asking for old business. There was none and Mrs. Wilson complimented the retiring president, Mrs. L. J. Walz, of Greensboro, by stating that she had been so efficient that she had left her an absolutely clean sheet. The attention of the Federation was called to the fact that Miss Jackson, county health nurse, is so often called upon to render aid in welfare cases for which she has not the time. Clubs were requested to appoint committees to look after this work wherever Miss Jackson may desire.

Mrs. Wilson presented the matter of the State Endowment Fund and urged the clubs to take action so that this movement which has been constantly before the Federation and the respective clubs for two years may be brought to a speedy and a successful conclusion. Clubs federated with state to report to state federation, others to county federation.

A plan for raising a fund to be controlled by the state federation and to be known as the Loan Scholarship Fund was laid before the body. Only six cents from each club woman in the state would aggregate a sum of $1000 which would be available as a loan to any student needing such aid for higher education and would be held by the federation in perpetuity for this purpose.

The feasibility of the election of officers in all clubs in the spring was brought to the attention of the Federation.

Announcement of the meeting of the state federation at Annapolis on April 28, 29 and 30, and of the bi-ennial meeting of the national federation at Atlantic City May 24-June 5, was made. Detailed information for the aid and convenience of those wishing to attend was given.

Mrs. Carson passed on to the Federation some gleanings she had gathered at the state council. Regarding the bi-ennial she stated that music is to be largely featured, much of the singing to be conducted in state group. At the close of the convention a silk flag will be given to the state which

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Lenten Thoughts

By Rev. S. IRA ARNOLD

The Lenten season is here again. To some this season means much while to others it means absolutely nothing. Many could not tell whether it was to be a time for fasting or feasting, a time for rejoicing or mourning. Since the early centuries the Christian Church, first the Roman Catholic and later followed by others, have observed a pre-Easter fast. The time has varied with different peoples and at different times of from one to nine weeks, during which this partial fast continues. At present the time is observed from Ash Wednesday to Easter eve, forty days, excluding Sundays. It is observed as a preparation for the Easter time.

During the middle ages the fast was observed with great exactness. An extract from a reliable writer gives the following: "The chief Lenten food from the earliest days was fish, and entries in the royal household accounts of Edward III show the amount of fish supplied to the kings. Herring pies were a great delicacy. Charters granted to seaports often stipulated that the town should send so many herring or other fish to the king annually during Lent.

"How severely strict medieval abstinence was may be gathered from the fact that armies and garrisons were sometimes, in default of dispensations as in the case of the siege of Orleans in 1429, reduced to starvation, for want of Lentel food though in full possession of meat and other supplies."

In the matter of Lent, as in all other matters of spiritual significance, the true fast must be in the heart. The Christ was approaching the climax of His career. "The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life." If in spirit we truly sympathize with His spiritual sufferings, we may well forget the needs of our bodies for a season. If, however, it becomes only a self-inflicted fast, the latter may kill any benefits intended for us. Shall we who thus profess to follow our Lord, fail not to honor Him in all things, in our feasts, our fasts, to honor Him with our substance as well as with our words, that He may be All in All?

WILL HELP TAXPAYERS TO FILE TAX RETURNS

Arrangements have been made to assign Deputy Collectors of Internal Revenue to various sections and communities throughout the District of Maryland for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing income tax returns for the calendar year 1925.

Below is a list of places to be visited in this section, together with the dates of such visits.

Denton, March 6-8
Federalsburg, March 9
Cambridge, March 10-15
Centreville, March 13-15
Easton, March 3-6

Will Hold Washington Birthday Social

A "Washington's Birthday socia." will be held at the home of Mrs. Willoughby Nowell on Second street on Tuesday evening, Februar 23d, at 8 o'clock for the benefit of the Good Cheer Bible class. Everybody welcome. Come and spend an enjoyable evening.

JR. O. U. A. M. WILL HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET FEB. 25

The 29th annual banquet of Caroline Council, Jr. O. U. A. M. will be held in the Parish House of the P. E. church Thursday evening, February 25, at 7:30 p. m. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Notes from Denton M. P. Church

It was fine to see so many out at the services last Sunday. Let's beat the record next Sunday.

At eleven o'clock the pastor's sermon theme will be "What do ye more than others?" A fine opportunity for self examination.

In the evening at 7:30 wil be given the third sermon in the series of Dramatic Book Sermons. The theme will be "The Outcast" by Selma Lagerlof. This is a marvelous story of redemption.

You are cordially invited to all the services of the day. Good music and singing and a hearty welcome for all.

Sewing Machine Demonstration

The Singer Sewing Machine demonstration mentioned previously will be held in the Woman's Community Club House on 2d street, February 25 and 26. The first day is especially for delegates appointed by various organizations. The second day is for any one interested.

The meetings begin at 10 o'clock and 2 o'clock each day.

Gives School Fifty Dollars

"Breezy Point" the three act comedy presented by the Toilers Club, was a success in spite of the stormy night. About $75 was cleared. A donation of $50 was made to the new high school.

MEDITATIONS OF THE CRACKER

I don't dislike the landscape which a modern skirt displays, and a pair of nifty ankles may attract my casual gaze. In fact, like most he-humans I believe I am inclined to observe with admiration when I'm trudgin' on behind. A modish balanced turban slanted on a saucy bob may waylay my attention to negation of my job. And I always park my flivver on the outskirts of the town lest my gaze become deflected and I run somebody down. But when I hear a rattle, a shuffle and a scuff, like a blown out flivver tire which is still inclined to bluff, then I realize that pleasure from my tour has been washed, for I recognize the presence of the open top golosh. Nowhere the sun is shining where a golosh skids around. It desecrates the beauty of the bob, the calf, the gown. And I wonder why Dame Fashion has the cussed thing endorsed, which becomes a dainty ankle like pajamas would a horse.

FIRE COMPANY HELD ELECTION FRIDAY NIGHT

Honor Bars Presented to Members With 90 Per Cent Attendance Record at Fires. One Gold Bar

At a special meeting of the Denton Volunteer Fire Company last Friday night, an election was held for the purpose of filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Anderson as chief. The following results were obtained:

Mr. Clarence Roe was elected chief, and Mr. William Finn succeeded Mr. Roe as assistant chief. Mr. Emory Kimmey was elected president, Mr. Finn still acting as vice president. Mr. Melvin James was elected to the position of trustee in Mr. Kimmey's place, and Mr. Tom Layton was elected driver.

Mr. Eugene Anderson was presented with a fine fountain pen in token of the appreciation of his services as chief.

Silver honor bars were awarded to the members who have attended 90 per cent of the fires. A gold bar was presented to Mr. Carroll George, the only member of the company with a rating of 100 per cent attendanc.

W. C. T. U. TO HAVE WILLARD MEMORIAL MEETING

A Frances Willard Memorial meeting will be held on Monday evening, February 22d, in the Sunday School room of the M. E. church.

An interesting program of music and addresses has been planned. All are invited, whether members of the organization or not. The hour is 8 o'clock.

Don't forget the big mass meeting to be held in the interest of the Del-Mar-Va Eastern Shore Association which will be held at the Court House, at Denton, at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, February 19th. Prominent speakers will be present to talk on the subject of boosting the Eastern Shore section.

As you live on the Eastern Shore it is to your interest to attend this meeting, for by the success of this adventure will be forecast the future of the peninsula.

The other counties of the shore have had their organization meetings and have responded most liberally in enthusiasm and money, and we are hoping that Caroline will fall into line at the meeting Friday. 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 Grier of Sussex County, Del. are scheduled to speak at this meeting, and can bring you first hand information of this most important movement.

A number of the ladies of the Denton Community Club advised Chairman Towers that they will be present in a body.

M. M. STEWART RE-ELECTED SEC. TREAS. OF MD. STATE FARM BUREAU

M. Melvin Stewart, who for the last three years has successfully piloted the secretarial and financial affairs of the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation, was unanimously re-elected Secretary-Treasurer of the organization for another year, at a meeting of the executive committee recently held in Baltimore. No other name was placed in nomination for this position. In accepting the position, Mr. Stewart expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred and at the same time pledged his most earnest efforts toward the advancement of the state Farm Bureau and the general improvement of agriculture in the state. The State Farm Bureau Federation was organized early in 1923 with Mr. Stewart as its first secretary-treasurer and during that time much progress has been made until at present 18 of the 23 counties in the state have active and aggressive county Farm Bureau organizations.

Baltimore City was selected by the committeemen as the place for holding the next annual Farm Bureau convention, and the dates are January 5-6-7, 1927.

The following compose the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: James W. Davis, Harford county, president of the state organization, chairman; E. Thomas Massey, vice-president, Kent county; Dr. W. B. Burch, St. Mary's county; John E. Patton, Dorchester county, Charles T. Cockey, Jr., Baltimore county; Josiah W. Jones, Montgomery county; William B. Holloway, Worcester county; Mrs. Josiah W. Jones, Montgomery county, state chairman of the Home and Community Committee of the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation and Dr. Thomas B. Symon, director of the University of Maryland Extension Service.

YOU have read this little adv. If it were your little adv. other people would be reading it. Try a little adv. to help business.

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES



Dave Cooslum says that the worst feature about servin' ice cream in tumblers is that a feller's tongue ain't long enough to get clear down to the bottom.

Parson Savemall says "There aint no use trying to enforce the rules agin cussin' till Henry Ford builds a brake that will keep a flivver from runnin' over a feller when he's crankin' on a cold mornin'.

Hank Alderbush has bought a thermometer so he'll know when it's thawin'.

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