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COM. CLUB INSTALLS CABINET OFFICERS

Miss Anne Lewis Suceeds Mrs. G. H. Wilson as President

ADDRESS BY REV. KIRWAN

At the last meeting of the Community Club, the retiring president, Mrs. Herbert Wilson, who has filled the chair so efficiently and graciously for the past year, introduced the new cabinet of officers. They are Miss Anne Lewis, president; Mrs. J. H. Summerfield, secretary, who read the minutes of the last meeting; Mrs. P. Roland Fisher, vice president; Miss Myrtle Dukes, treasurer, whose assistant is Mrs. Alda Jackson. The assistant secretary is Mrs. J. Virgil Moore, and the librarian is Miss Louise Dukes. These officers were selected from the Board of Directors, the other three being Mrs. Henry Hughes, Mrs. Dawson O. George and Mrs. Herbert Wilson.

Mention was made by the president of the antique exhibit to be held in Greensboro Friday afternoon and evening; of the State Federation meeting at Annapolis the last four days of this month; of the County Federation meeting, also at Greensboro, on May 6th; and the Eastern Shore Federation meeting at Easton on May 13th. Miss Lewis the new president, and Mrs. Wilson, the retiring president, are the delegates chosen to attend the state meeting at Annapolis.

After the business session a most helpful talk was given by Rev. Mr. Francis Kirwan, on the uses to which a community center may be put, and also on different ways of financing this work. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, daltines and coffee, were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Alda Jackson, Mrs. A. E. Cooper, Mrs. Harry Clark and Mrs. Howard Sullivan. At the next meeting, on May 7th, the state president, Mrs. John F. Sippel, will visit the club and give one of her very interesting talks. Mrs. Sippel will also address the county meeting at Greensboro on the 6th.

The Community House has already been used for a number of community affairs and is always available for such purposes. The Young Peoples' Department of the Church of the Brethren have been granted the privilege of using it for a banquet to be given in a short time.

WILMER B. PARKER WINS NEW HONOR

Wilmer B. Parker, local representative of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, is in receipt of the following letter from Mr. J. B. Warner, Jr., Agency Manager at Wilmington, Delakare.

"My dear Mr. Parker:-

Sincere and heartiest congratulations on your achievement in leading the Field Force of the Wilmington Agency in the number of persons insured during the period of the President Day Testimonial Campaign just closed.

We are proud of your performance, which shows beyond doubt the sincere interest of the people of your community and their appreciation of the good work you are doing for them.

(Signed) J. B. Warner, Jr.
Agency Manager."

The accomplishment of Mr. Parker, that has merited the above letter from his company, is the insuring of no less than twenty-five persons during the short period of the first ten business days of April.

The results of his work plus the cooperation of the people of this county who know him to be one of our most active workers for the public good, places him in the lead of all representatives of the Equitable Life in the State of Delaware, Eastern Shore of Maryland, and Virginia, five counties in New Jersey and one county in Pennsylvania.

The President Day Campaign is the annual outstanding event in the life insurance world, and this is the second time the championship has come to Mr. Parker, as he won the leadership also in 1925, for this district.

In the United States last year 6,400 representatives of the Equitable Life secured 32,000 applications for $132,000,000 of insurance in the first ten business days of April.

This year 6,772 representatives secured 42,710 applications for $164,000,000, a gain of $32,000,000 in amount of insurance written.

The Field Force of the Equitable Life in the Wilmington Agency secured 226 applications for $1,146,000 of insurance during the campaign just closed, and this remarkable achievement has never before been equalled or surpassed by any company in this district.

The fellow citizens of Wilmer Parker wish him all the success he deserves in his work, because of its value to the people of this community, as the future comfort and happiness of many wives and children have already been assured by the efforts he has exerted to induce the business men and residents of our county to provide proper protection for their families.

BABY HEALTH CLINICS

There will be a Baby Health Conference at Ridgely Friday, April 30.

White children—in the M. E. Church house. Hours 1:30-4 p. m.

Colored children—at Boonsboro M. E. church, hours 10:30 a. m.- 1 p. m.

All mothers are invited 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 conduct these clinics.

"Come, mothers, with your babies."

H. RUTH JACKSON, R. N.
Public Health Nurse

MEDITATIONS OF THE CRACKER

My thoughts take flight to giddy heights, aspiring to lyrics. To make men weep I vainly seek; they're too doggone satiric. I seek to type an epic ripe with much ado and flourish, yet fool men jeer and spill no tears, but call my effort boorish. And thus in vain I spur my brain until my head is dizzy, yet none take heed my works to read, because they are too busy.

Toard Hollow

FIREMEN BUY THIRTY BAND INSTRUMENTS

At a call meeting of the firemen and band committees held in Mr. Kimmey's barber shop on Wednesday April 14th it was unanimously decided to order 30 instruments from Conn, and the order was phoned in. The instruments were distributed to members Wednesday eve. The members of the band have been taken in as active firemen, and within 30 days expect to be in condition to participate in the Memorial Day exercises, which are under the management of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

NEW BUS LINES FOR PENINSULA

American Motor Company Will Extend Line to Salisbury

A further binding of trade relations with Wilmington and towns down Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland is expected to result when the American Motor Bus Company completes its plans for operating busses to Salisbury, Md., and other places on the Eastern Shore.

The American Motor Bus Company this week purchased the Blue Hen State Bus Line, which operates busses between Wilmington and Dover. The deal for the purchase of the Blue Hen Line was consummated at Philadelphia. The Day & Zimmermann Company, a large holding concern, has an interest in a number of bus lines on the Eastern Shore and has a part in the deal which culminated in the purchase of the Blue Hen Line.

The American Motor Bus Company will continue to operate the Blue Hen Line under its old name and plans are already under way to extend its line from Dover into the Eastern Shore of Maryland, thus making it possible for persons to get quick transportation from southern points on the Delmarva Peninsula to Wilmington.

With the purchase of the Blue Hen Line the American Motor Bus Company gets the former's franchise which permits the operation of busses in and out of Wilmington to Dover.

FRANCIS A. CLARK

On Tuesday afternoon, April 20th, Mr. Francis A. Clark, a retired farmer, of near Andersontown, died of Bright's Disease. Mr. Clark had been in poor health for over two years, and was confined to his bed for only two weeks. In August, 1924, he had a slight stroke, and it was thought that this had a tendency to weaken him somewhat. Mr. Clark was 75 years old, and lived practically all of his life on the one farm. He was esteemed for his sterling character, and will be missed by all.

Hs is survived by his wife, four children, Bertha Nell, wife of Mr. Samuel Nowell, of Denton; Mrs. Lola Towers, of Rhodesdale; Gilbert Clark, of Carneys Point, N. J., and Harry Clark, of near Williston.

Funeral services will be held from his late home on Friday, April 23rd, at 2 p. m. Interment in the Concord cemetery, the Rev. C. H. Atkins officiating.

MISS CARTER HONOR GUEST AT BRIDGE LUNCHEON

Mrs. J. Thompson Swing entertained at luncheon and bridge last Saturday afternoon at her home in Ridgely in honor of Miss Ella M. Carter. Her guests were:

Mrs. Dawson O. George, Mrs. Thomas H. Callahan, Mrs. Mulford Swing, Mrs. Orrell Saulsbury, Mrs. Nat Goodwin, Mrs. Mark Breeding, Mrs. J. Owen Knotts, Misses Elizabeth Pastorfield, Adeline Fisher, Esther Willey.

MUSICAL PLANNED FOR MAY 6

A rare treat is in store for music lovers of this community on Thursday, May 6, when a concert will be presented in the High School auditorium under the auspices of the Girls' Glee Club, assisted by the Boys' Glee Club, the orchestra, the Juvenile Symphony Orchestra, a chorus of men, and other talent. This concert, which is under the direction of Mrs. J. Kemp Stevens, county musical instructor, will be for the benefit of school supplies.

An excellent program has been arranged and each group is practising hard to make its numbers a success.

K. K. K. CLEANING UP KENT COUNTY

Robed and hooded, 58 members of the Ku Klux Klan of Kent county, last Thursday morning, at one o'clock, raided the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips, near Millington, where several stills, a great quantity of mash, and much liquor was confiscated.

It was one of the biggest liquor raids made in this section of the peninsula since prohibition became operative, and it is said was made upon the complaint of several farmers of the upper section of the county. They have contended for some time that they could not get competent help on their farms, because workmen were always drunk, and that they were being supplied with liquor from stills in or near Millington.

Every member of the band was in uniform, and wore the regulation Ku Klux Klan mask, except the leader of the raid, who is said to be a prominent resident of Kent county, but whose identity is being concealed by Sheriff William Goodman. This leader appeared in ordinary civilian attire, so he could be readily recognized during the raid by his followers. Phillips attempted to offer armed resistance, but was overpowered and disarmed by this unmasked leader. Phillips was arrested by Sheriff Goodman, and taken to Chestertown jail, where he is being held for a hearing. Should he be held for the grand jury, his case probably will be heard Monday, when the county court will be convened in Chestertown.

Sheriff Goodman says he had been notified by the Klan of the hour of the raid at the Phillips home, and he was requested to be present, and was there with the raiders. Phillips, his wife and their children, were asleep in bed when the band of robed men appeared in front of the house. They aroused the occupants, and, Phillips, looking from a window, was advised to come to the door. When he appeared there he was armed with a revolver, and is said to have flourished it as the masked men made a rush up the steps.

The unknown leader was the first man through the door, and he immediately grappled with Phillips, struck up his arm when the latter tried to level the weapon, and finally took it from him. The revolver was turned over to Sheriff Goodman.

Once Phillips was disposed of, the Klansmen, without search warrant or other process, swarmed through the house. They are said to have found six large stills; between 700 and 800 gallons of mash, and a quantity of peach brandy and corn liquor. The stills yesterday were on exhibition in the corridor of the county jail, in Chestertown, Sheriff Goodman having placed them there.

While Phillips was arrested by the sheriff, Mrs. Phillips was not taken into custody, because it was found she had a very sick baby to care for, and she was allowed to remain at home. She was served with a summons by the sheriff, and will be kept under surveillance until the child has recovered sufficiently to permit her to appear for a hearing. Her husband's hearing may be delayed until this time. When they are arraigned it will be before Police Magistrate Collins, in Chestertown.

After he had been taken into custody, Phillips is reported to have told Sheriff Goodman that his wife was the sole beneficiary of the sales of liquor. He claims Mrs. Phillips received all the revenue from the disposition of the moonshine, and that he worked at whatever employment he could find in Millington. The stills, mash, and liquor were found in all parts of the house.

Sheriff Goodman says for some time he has been receiving anonymous letters about the manufacture of liquor in and about Chestertown, and that many of these letters indicated some, at least, of the moonshine was coming from Millington and suspicion pointed to Phillips. Farmers have been insistent in their complaints about the sale of liquor to farm hands, and their constant drunkenness, and their consequent inability to work, or refusal to remain long on any one job.

This is the second big raid made by Klansmen within a month. The organization, which is reputed to have 500 members in Kent county, is said to have resolved that bootleggers and bootlegging in Kent county must be wiped out, and that they have banded themselves together as vigilantes to see that the illicit traffic is stopped. They are reported to have declared war on all the guilty parties, and intend to raid every home where it is suspected moonshine is being made or sold.

ELECTION ON MONDAY

The annual town election for Denton will be held on Monday, April 26, and it is the duty of every good citizen to go to the polls Monday afternoon and vote for a good man to assist the other commissioners in running the business of the town. If you want a better Denton, see that a good man is elected.

NEW COOLING STATION OPENS

$25,000 Enterprise Is Now Receiving Milk From The Farmers

The brand new $25,000 milk cooling receiving station at Ridgely opened for business Friday morning, with one hundred patrons or more, and still many to follow. The plant is one of the most complete in the Eastern Shore, and the farmers of this section are to be congratulated upon the success of the gigantic enterprise. The station is owned and operated by farmers of this section, Mr. Paul Holsinger being the president; F. M. Stevenson, secretary and treasurer; Lee Mitchell, C. W. Sparks and H. C. Harrington, directors.

The building is of concrete foundation to the first floor. It is equipped with all modern and sanitary machinery, including automatic weighing scales, automatic washer, each can getting four blasts—cold and hot water, soda and hot air. The cooling pipes are of German silver, costing $3200.

The price for 4 per cent milk at the new plant yesterday morning was $2.60 per hundred, while the price at the Pet plant was $2.15 per hundred. The milk is shipped direct from here to the Breyer Ice Cream Company, of Philadelphia, one of the largest manufacturers of ice cream in the United States. This widely known company, who have numerous enterprises of this kind, claim that the Ridgely plant is their most modern.—Caroline Sun.

MINISTERS' MEETING PLANS UNDER WAY

Washington College President Arranging for Summer Conference

FOR ALL DENOMINATIONS

Chestertown, April 16—President Paul Emerson Titsworth, of Washington College, is perfecting plans for holding a summer conference for ministers of all denominations at the school for one week prior to the opening of the fall term, the date of which will be September 7 to 10, inclusive.

Include Many Studies

The conference will be planned somewhat on the same basis as the annual summer conference of Young People Workers held at Western Maryland College the latter part of August, though provision is being made for courses of study which will prove attractive to rural residents.

The course to be offered will include studies in Rural Sociology, Rural Economics, Recreation, Bible and Principles of Agriculture.

Aside from members of the college faculty, including President Titsworth Dr. Fred Livingood and Dr. John K. Warren, educators of national reputation will conduct courses.

Oxford Graduate Dean

Dr. M. A. Dawber; a graduate of Oxford University, will be dean of the conference and will offer the course in Bible study.

It will be the first conference of the kind ever held on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and will fill a need long felt throughout the entire peninsula in educational lines.

FERRY SERVICE AT LEWES WILL START JUNE 1

Will Connect Western And Eastern Shores of Maryland With New Jersey Coast

CONNECTING AT LOVE PT.

Regular ferry service by June the first, between the Del-Mar-Va Eastern Shore and New Jersey, with the terminals at Lewes, Del., and Cape May Point on the Jersey side of the bay is now assured.

Ground was broken on the Cape May side two weeks ago and last Saturday at 2 o'clock ground was broken for Lewes with appropriate ceremonies in charge of the Lewes Chamber of Commerce, at which time many prominent people from Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey were present.

Sunday Afternoon Radio Service

The St. Mark's day service of the Bethlehem Chapel, Washington Cathedral, wil be broadcast at 4:00 p. m. April 25, by WCAP. The service will be preached by the Rt. Rev. James E. Freeman, bishop of Washington, while the music of the male chorus will be under the direction of Edgar Priest, organist.

The raid of Thursday morning has created a sensation throughout the neighborhood and it was almost the sole topic of conversation yesterday. Sheriff Goodman, if he knows any of those who were in the band of raiders, is not telling who they were and he will not even reveal the identity of the leader, although he admits he knows who the man is.

DENTON BOYS WIN HONORS AT U. OF P.

Layman F. Redden, of Denton, Md., has completed the preliminary work of a study on "The Canning Industry," for the research department of the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania. Redden, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. R. Redden, of Denton, will soon enter upon the final writing of his thesis, which is a requirement for graduation, each student being obliged to do a piece of practical research before receiving his diploma.

The Senior research is one of the most important phases of the Wharton School curriculum and marks a definite attempt on the part of the authorities to give the graduating students a taste of practical business problems. This year over five hundred students carried on research, seventy per cent. of whom engaged in actual field work.

Over two hundred manufacturing and business establishments co-operated with the Wharton School by opening their plants to the students. Many of these have availed themselves of the results of the studies to improve their method and equipment, and each year increasing numbers of concerns are asking for Wharton research students in connection with one or another of their difficulties. In addition to research in business institutions, studies have been made for the Pennsylvania State Department of Labor and Industry, the Philadelphia Housing Association and other bodies.

The average time spent on research of the type which Redden is doing is eight hours per week over a period of six months. Studies are made in every field of business activity and are under the supervision of the faculty and the heads of the business in which the research is being made, thus insuring a practical approach to the problem.

Redden is one of the prominent students on the University campus, being associate manager of the soccer team, managing editor of the Red and Blue, the University literary monthly, and a member of Phi Kappa Beta Junior Society, the Sphinx Senior Honor Society, the Franklin Society and the Varsity Club.

Redden is a graduate of Blair Academy, and while there was a member of the track and wrestling squad.

Another Denton student to complete his research is Phillip W. Downes, Jr., who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Downes. He has made an intensive study of the "Commercial Policy of Great Britain," and is a graduate of the Caroline High School, where he played right fullback on the soccer team.

MANY CONVERSIONS RESULT FROM GEORGETOWN MEETINGS

Georgetown, Del., April 16.—More than one hundred conversions have resulted from the union evangelistic meetings being conducted in Wesley Methodist Episcopal church, this city, under the direction of the evangelist, Dr. George Cooke, who has within the past few months stirred the Delmarva peninsula by his addresses.

On Sunday Dr. Cooke will have Prof Lucius A. Williams, of Philaedlphia, one of the noted chemists of America, deliver an address. Three churches will probably be required to accommodate the people who are expected here on Sunday night, and plans have been made to hold services in each.

Dr. Cooke is scheduled to come to Denton for three weeks, beginning on May 16, when all the churches will unite in a common service. It is earnestly hoped that the wonderful power of Dr. Cooke, as shown in the work he has done all over the shore, may be felt here.

WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS

The week was without precipitation of any consequence and was favorable for farm work, but the temperature averaged very low for the season, with freezing during the early morning hours of the 19th and 20th. Vegetation made little progress. The season is about two weeks late.

Wheat and other winter crops are backward, their average condition being only fair at the present time. Some early wheat is very good, while the late sown is generally poor. Spring oats are coming up slowly in the southern and eastern counties and are being planted in the northern and western portions. Rye made fair to good progress.

Corn land has been prepared generally, but some plowing is still to be done. No corn has been planted as yet.

Early peas and potatoes are germinating very slowly, owing to the low temperature. Some are up in the south and east.

Strawberries are late; a few blooms are reported in Somerset, St. Mary's, and Dorchester counties.

Tobacco plants in beds have come up generally, but are quite small.

Sweet potatoes are being bedded.

Fruit buds have been held back considerably by the cold weather; however, many peach and pear trees in the southern counties have bloomed. The cold weather of the week, especially of April 16, did considerable damage to peaches in southern Delaware, but generally speaking, it is believed the crop has not been much hurt.

ROSCOE NUNN
Section Director

CATTLE AND HORSES KILLED IN BARN FIRE

Big Building Razed On Farm Of A. A. Christian Near Greensboro, Md.

ALL IMPLEMENTS LOST

Greensboro, Md., April 18—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the large barn on A. A. Christian's farm, and tenanted by C. C. Williamson, about two miles from here, yesterday evening. Twenty-nine head of live stock and practically all the farming implements were burned.

Had Just Left Barn

Mr. Williamson had not been away from the barn more than ten minutes when he looked out from his home and found the building afire. He tried to save his stock, which consisted of twenty cattle, some of them pure breds, and nine horses and mules, but the fire had gained such headway and the heat was so intense that he could not enter the barn. Fifteen tons of hay and about 800 baskets of corn were burned, with four turkey hens.

The flames were fanned by a strong northerly wind, which carried embers to the woods a half mile away and set fire to it, but this was soon extinguished. Folk in Dover and Easton, twenty-five miles away, saw the light of the fire.

Built Fifty-Six Years Ago

The barn, which was one of the largest in the county, was built fifty-six years ago. The barn was insured for $2,000 and Mr. Williamson carried $3,000 on his live stock and implements. Work of clearing away the debris in preparation to erection of a new building will begin tomorrow.

MISSES JOHNSON GIVE SHOWER FOR MISS FISHER

Misses Emily and Frances Johnson entertained at a card party at their home last Friday evening in honor of their cousin, Miss Adeline Fisher, whose wedding occurs this evening.

The guests included Mrs. Lester Everngam, Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, Mrs. Paul Knotts, Mrs. Benjamin F. Johnson, Mrs. Ralph Cover of Westminster, Mrs. A. G. Packard, of Baltimore, Miss Edith Smith of Harrington, and the Misses Louise Nuttle, Anne Anthony, Katherine Taylor, Hilda Harwood, Katharine Stewart, Jennie Stafford, Adeline and Louise Fisher, of Denton.

Delicious refreshments were served consisting of chicken salad, Maryland biscuits, potato chips, olives, pickles, sherbet, cake, nuts, mints and coffee.

One of the features of the party was the entrance of a black Aunt Jemima who carried a basket of kitchen gifts each of which was presented, with appropriate remarks, to the bride-to-be.

NEGRO SHOT SUNDAY BY COLORED WOMAN

Leonard Adams, colored, about 35 years old, was shot and killed by Edna Hayes, colored, 25, early Sunday morning. Adams and the woman had a quarrel and she went home to her mother. Adams followed her and despite warning she would shoot, he entered the house, received the full load of a shotgun in his breast, dying instantly.

The woman went to the office of Sheriff Temple and surrendered. A jury of inquest at 3 o'clock Sunday returned a verdict that Adams was shot by the woman in self-defense. She is held in jail pending a hearing early this week, but it is not thought likely State's Attorney W. D. Thawley will prosecute the case.

NOTES FROM CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Saturday, April 24, is to be a big day at the Denton church. The Young Peoples' Rally for the Eastern Shore is the feature. The program continues throughout the day. In the evening the public is invited to hear Rev. Kulp lately returned from Africa. You may also hear this speaker, direct from the dark continent, on Sunday at 11 a. m.

The musical program on last Sunday evening was more than a success. Miss Kuth Krabill deserves much of the credit, as she had charge of the program. All lights except the foot lights being off, the pantomimes, monologues, tableaux, readings and crayon illustrations appeared at their best. The large crowd was amply repaid for their coming.

Play at Thawley's Chapel

"Plain People", a four act comedy, will be presented at Thawley's Hall, Tuckahoe Neck, by the Ruthsburg talent next Thursday evening, April 29. Proceeds for benefit of church.

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES



Pete Doolittle busted his suspenders the other day, so now he's got an excuse for not workin'.

Hank Alderbush laid abed all day Monday while his wife washed and ironed his clothes.

Somebody stole Dave Gooslum's hat when it was bein' used for a window light last evenin'.

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