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The School Budget

We are pleased to note that a compromise has been reached between Governor Ritchie and Dr. Cook in the case of the State School Budget.

Dr. Cook is doing a significant piece of work in Maryland. He first attracted the attention of the school people all over this country when he was county superintendent of the schools of Baltimore County. Probably more people are familiar with the work that was accomplished in the schools of Baltimore County under the administration of Dr. Cook than that of any other county in the United States.

When he was appointed to the office of State Superintendent of the schools of Maryland, he at once proceeded to put the schools of Maryland on as efficient a basis as he had those of Baltimore County. His plans are functioning now and it seems practical that he should be able to continue the good work.

The school people of Maryland are rejoicing that Governor Ritchie is joining hands with Dr. Cook in promoting the school program for the next three years. With the loyal support of the school people, the Parent-Teacher Associations and all friends of Education and with sufficient funds to carry the load, Dr. Cook's program will go forward. For in the words of a writer "We are never standing still. We are either going backward or forward." The schools of Maryland will go forward and the boys and girls will reap the benefits.

February Special Days

February is rich in "Special Days" and Kent county will come forward, we are sure and observe these days in a manner appropriate to the occasion. However, we are not expecting the teachers to take time out of school for practicing and giving long programs this year. Our READING CAMPAIGN is our big goal just now but out of the reading material will comes the lives of the great men and a study of the characteristics which seem to have been potent in making them great.

All of this should be emphasized. It can be done in the Current Event Period which every teacher has once each week, in the language lessons and the reading lessons.

The lives of the two greatest statesmen America has produced should have special emphasis. We hope every child will become well acquainted with the lives of Washington and Lincoln and try to adapt some of those wonderful qualities ...y possessed to their own lives.

Attendance

All of the girls in Kennedyville, Mrs. Crew's room, were present every day during the month of January and on time. This is a fine record. But the boys must duplicate this record. They must not let the girls do better than they.

The names of every boy and girl who are neither absent nor tardy for the month is published in this department. Notice, it is for being not only present but on time. If you are tardy that breaks the record.

We trust the boys and girls of Kent county will watch these columns and just see what children in the county are making perfect records in promptness and attendance.

If the business man stayed away from his place of business even when he has other things that ought to be done, his business would soon dwindle; if the farmer neglected his crops, he would have no returns at the harvest period; if the boys and girls miss school or come tardy, the results are equally disastrous. In the case of the business man, he could put in a new stock, advertise, establish new and improved methods, attend to business religiously and "get on his feet again"; in the case of the farmer, he might possibly get credit to "tide him over" until he could get results from the following years and recover; but in the case of the boys and girls they are growing and when they reach a certain age, if they have missed their chances, they "lose heart" and as soon as the law will releas... them from the painful operation of appearing with their fellows unprepared because they do not have the foundation, they drop out of school .They have missed the inheritance which should have been theirs; they have lost, not the prize of a stock of goods not the returns from a year's crop but they have lost their rightful inheritance which would have prepared them to meet their competitors on an equal footing.

St. Paul

Mrs. Mildred Crouch, teacher.

The P. T. A. of St. Paul School held their regular monthly meeting February 13. The children conducted the literary program and all were pleased with their success.

The following program was carried out:

Recitation, Martin Radtka; Duet, Aline LeCompte and Ethel Shriley; Recitation, Albert Radtka; Song, small children; Song, by school.

The business meeting was then opened and we decided to hold the rest of our meetings the first Tuesday of each month.

The P. T. A. has painted the interior of the schoolhouse, and they are now installing lamps.

Mr. LeCompte gave a very interesting talk on the school and the P. T. A. He said that every school shoud have such an organization for the good of the boys and the girls and the general improvement of the school. He and the teacher urged the parents to visit the school and observe the work of the children.

Mr. Paris had attended the meeting that Mr. Robinson held in Rock ... and he explained to the patrons ...ld mean to their children ... mas made in the ... Fund. The patrons ...resolutions which were ...gislature. ...o have a box social March 4th. Ladies, come and bring your baskets; Gentlemen, come and buy them.

A box of surprise valentines was opened and the postman distributed them to all present.

Sixth Grade, Chestertown

Mrs. Ella P. Robinson, teacher.

The anniversary of Lincoln's birthday was observed by the sixth grade with the following program:

Address, Norman Sutton; Reading, Dan Ingersoll; Compositions, Vivian Wooley, Rebecca Newcomb; Quotations, Dorothy Latham; Declamation, "Tribute to the Loyal Women of America" Olivia Allen; Story, Janet Atwater. Declamation, "The Gettysburg Address," Emily Jewell.

Note: The Fourth and Fifth Grades we understand had special exercises but we have had no report of those programs. Editor.

Worton Point

Edith H. Crew, teacher.

We had our P. T. A. Thursday, January 31 in Worton Point School. The following program was given:

Flag Salute, by school; Song, "America"; Lord's Prayer; Reading of the minutes of the last meeting by the Secretary; Report of the Treasurer; Recitation, Edgar Harris; Duet, Hilda Watts and Oscar Whittaker; Recitations, James Bigger, Lewis Dill.

Our present officers are:

President, Mrs. Robert Goodman; Vice-President, Mrs. Hope Dill; Secretary, and Treasurer, Edith H. Crew.

A majority of the patrons were present. We wished you and Mr. Robinson could have been with us.

Piney Neck

Lillian D. Orr and Myrtle Thompson, teachers.

Last Thursday evening the patrons children and teachers celebrated St. Valentine's Day by having a Valentine Social.

The crowd had gathered by seven P. M. and the room was most beautifully decorated. An archway was made in place of the folding doors, of red crepe paper and hearts. Every where the red hearts could be found. The blackboards were decorated with hearts and chains.

The program was as follows:

Music, Abner Bryden, Clarence Edwards, Stewart Edwards; Duet, Misses Thompson and Wood; Recitation, "Mr. Nobody" Rae Hudson; Solo, Miss Orr; Recitation, Boys Wanted, Oscar Vansant; Song, Group of girls; Recitation, Mr. Abner Bryden; Duet, Hallie Ashley and Gladys Edwards; Reading, Miss Orr; Recitation, Evelyn Edwards; Instrumental Solo, Mrs. Abner Bryden; Recitation, "The Darkey's Sermon," Mr. Stewart Emory Edwards; Selection, Orchestra.

After the program, games were enjoyed by all. Then refreshments of heart shaped cakes and coffee were served. We had an ice cream booth and valentine postoffice and much fun we enjoyed when the mail was distributed.

Everyone enjoyed the evening and the patrons and teachers were pleased when we found we had cleared twenty dollars after all expenses were paid. This money will be used for the benefit of the school.

Massey

Anna P. Radnor, teacher.

A Parent-Teacher Association was organized at Massey January 17th. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. E. Thomas Massey; Vice-President, Mrs. James Glass; Secretary, Miss Mamie C. Donahoe; Treasurer, Mrs. Dudley Everett.

A meeting of the P. T. A. was held Friday February 1st. A constitution was drawn up and adopted. The members decided to hold their regular meetings the first Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held March 5th.

Worton

Myra C. Wheat, Hope W. Meeks, teachers.

The Worton P. T. A. is an energetic business association. It has served on an average of fifty children daily with lunches, since its organization in November.

Besides serving the lunches, they have planned and held a social making twenty four dollars and ninety cents, bought an organ, repaired the large bell and now have plans on the way for oiling the school house floors.

The Worton P. T. A. is an organization which any school may well be proud to have back of it.

Skinner's Neck

Mrs. Minnie M. Kelley, teacher.

The patrons of the Skinner's Neck School have organized a P. T. A. They have elected the following officers: President, Mrs. James Boulter; Vice President, Mrs. William Mercer; Assistant Vice President, Mrs. Wm. Hill; Secretary, Mrs. Minnie M. Kelley; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Herman Hill; Treasurer, Mr. Edward Watson; Assistant Treasurer, Mr. H. H. Dierker; Recreation Committee, Mr. John Boulter, Chairman; his assistants are: Mr. Andy Heinfieldt, Carrie Dierker, Martha Kendall, Grace Kelley. The Lookout Committee are: Mrs. James Dowling, Mrs. Henry Mercer, Mr. James Boulter.

There is no reason why Skinner's Neck will not have a live P. T. A. We have the young people, we have wide-a-wake people who can and will make this a living, acting organization.

—The Department of Commerce announces, for the State of Virginia, its preliminary estimate of the value, December 31, 1922, of the principal forms of wealth, the total amounting to $4,891,570,000, as compared with $2,364,575,000 in 1922, an increase of 106.9 per cent. Per capita values increased from $1,122 to $2,050, or 82.7 per cent.

CHESTERTOWN'S MAPLES

Chestertown has some beautiful maples, especially water street and on the Washington College Campus and High stret extended. Below we are printing some verses that may make former Chestertown people homsick in their far-off homes, but are quite applicable.

I want to see the Maples
And go, too, where they grow;
Where summer winds are blowing
Through the branches, soft and low;

Where, o'er the hills and valleys,
The sun shines, warm and bright,
And all the leaves are wet with dew
That has fallen through the night.

I want to see the maples
On the green lawn at home,
Where the robins and the blacbirds
Are calling me to come,
To sit again beneath their shade
And never more to roam.

I want to see the Maples,
In the silence of the night,
When whispering leaves make music
In the breezes as they pass,
And to see, again, their shadows
In the moonlight on the grass.

I want to see the Maples
That sheltered me for years,
And as I think about them,
My eyes grow dim with tears;
The sturdy, fine old Maples,
They stand so trong and true,
They are the grandest trees,
I think, that ever grew.

I would that I could go to sleep
By the window, 'neath their shade,
And dream that I am home again,
And hear the rain drops fall
And patter on the pane.

And when, at last, I have reached the end
And my journey is, fully, made,
Carry me back and let me sleep
Beneath the Maple's shade.

POOLING TOMATO CROP.

KENT, ALONG WITH OTHER COUNTIES, WILL THEREBY GET A MORE UNIFORM PRICE.

Word from various sources is to the effect more than half of the tomato acreage of each of the two counties signed up in the Four County Pool. Kent county reports fine progress, with universal support among her farmers, and Queen Anne's is still setting the pace for Maryland in the race for organized tomato marketing. Dorchester county reports wholesale signing of her farmer's contract, with an organization meeting scheduled for today to take up the matter of farmer price setting on farmer production. Caroline county reports the close of her initial arrangements for the canvassing of farmers around thirty canneries.

Each of the four counties in the pool are to maintain closest touch with each other through their county headquarters, especially during the period in which contracts are to be made with canners. Progress has been such in the past month that all counties now feel themselves safely embarked on their move to market tomatoes through centralized heads rather than by individual marketing methods. Those in charge feel the necessity of this contract.

The canvassing for the Pool in Queen Anne's will stop on Wednesday February 20th. the date agreed upon by all contracting parties for the close of the campaign. Before this time, according to Farm Bureau officers and others in the work, Queen Anne's will have within its pool at least two thousand acres of tomatoes, and will be in control of at least two thirds of the county's tomatoe acreage.

It is remakable that within three weeks four Eastern Shore counties would have massed sufficient farrer organization to definitely put across a deal of the size of the tomato situation at its present stage. In Queen Anne's alone, the tomato yield in 1923 was one million five hundred baskets. In Dorchester county, tomato growers lead Maryland in tomato production. Kent and Caroline counties rank tomatoes as chief along their farm products. The State of Maryland, not many years ago, produced almost exactly one third of the total tomato pack in the United States. From these figures, it is thought that farmers deserve due credit for their efforts in the organization of a big portion of the area which controls one third tomato productia of the country. On this basis, a grower is unwise to remain outside the pool organization.

KENNEDYVILLE

The regular monthly meeting of the Mites Society of Grace Church will meet in the School building on Wed. evening, Feb. 20th. All members and friends are invited.

Mr. Granville Ward, of Phila., spent the week-end here.

Quite a number of our folks have attended Chautauqua at Betterton.

Services at Grace Church this Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

M. P. Church, Sunday School at 10 o'clock sermon by Dr. Trout at 11 a. m.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Henry Boggs, Mr. Harry Johnson, Mrs. C. A. Tucker and Mrs. Robert Kennedy.

Mrs. Greenwood and daughter have also been on the list.

—Sixty-seven marriage license were issued at Elkton last week, an increase over the totals for several previous weeks. Last week's couple included 11 from Delaware and Maryland.

MILK MUST BE PURE.

MR. COHEE, HEAD OF PHILADELPHIA DAIRY COUSCIL, MAKES SOMEWHAT STARTLING STATEMEST IN KENT COURT HOUSE

About a hundred and twenty-five Kent County dairymen and farmers gathered in the Court House here last Thursday to hear Mr. Cohee, head of the Philadelphia Dairy Council, discuss the regulations which the Inter-State Milk Producers Association has adopted, to become effective on May 31 relative to the observance of stricteer sanitary conditions in the production of milk on the Maryland-Delaware peninsula. Mr. Cohee made it plian that the Philadelphia Council and the Inter-State Milk Producers Association had no choice in the matter but to observe these regulations if the farmers here wanted to hold Philadelphia as their shipping point because the health authorities of that city are determind to shut off the supply of all milk which does not conform to these regulations.

Mr. Cohee stated that he had just returned from a tour of the dairy centers of the great middle west and the farmers there are striving to find some practical way by which they can ship their milk into Philadelphia and if that way is found and the farmers here continue to sell the kind of milk they have been putting on the market, that the farmer here might as well go out of business because it is absolutely impossible for them to compete with the western farmers in the production of milk on account of the difference in the cost of dairy feeds here and in the west.

Mr. Cohee stated that nothing about the regulations which the Inter-State Milk Producers' Association has adopted are at all drastic. Beginning next week when the farmers take their milk to the station they will be given a temporary permit to sell their milk there.

On May 31 an inspector from the Philadelphia Dairy Council will visit every farm in the county and the peninsula as well and if he finds that the farmers have complied with the regulations, the temporary permit will be revoked and a permanent one will be issued which will entitle the farmer to sell as long as he complies with the regulations. On May 31 if the farmer has not complied he will be given a reasonable time in which to comply and if he then fails he will be barred from selling his milk at any of the stations.

This move on the part of the Philadelphia Council will have the effect of making milk cleaner and purer and a better price should, consequently, be paid.

—Governor Ritchie's committe to investigate the feasibility of operating a State ferry between Sandy Point and Kent Island conferred this week with N. W. Smith, assistant general manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

MELLON TAX PLAN DEFEATED.

By a vote of 222 to 196 the House of Representatives late Tuesday afternoon substituted the Garner-Democratic income tax rates for the Mellon schedules favored by the Republican administration. To the Democratic vote of 203 were added 17 Radical Republicans. Mr. Wefaid, Farmer-Labor member from Minnesota, and the Rev Mr. Kvale, Independent, from the same state. Four Democrats and 11 Republicans did not vote at all.

The plan as accepted would reduce normal taxes to 2 per cent on incomes up to $5,000 to 4 per cent on incomes between 05,000 and 8,000 and to 6 per cent on incomes above 08,000. Exemptions would be increased from $1,000 to $2,000 for single individuals, and from $2,500 to $3,000 forheads of families. The Mellon bill proposed to reduce the normal taxes from the present 4 and 8 per cent to 3 and 6, and allowed the exemptions to remain as at present, with the maximum surtax cut to 25 per cent. The maximum surtax of 44 per cent in the Garner plan applies to incomes above $92,000.

WAR MEMORIAL IS BALTIMORE

Kent county will be asked, together with the rest of the counties in Maryland, to submit plans for a tablet to be placed in the War Memorial Building Fat Baltimore.

The county tablets will be ranged around the walls of the main hall of the building. Each will be approximately four feet wide and six feet high. They will be made of buff veined marble. Each will contain the honor roll of the county in a symbolic setting.

Just what means each county will take to choose its plan have not yet been decided. The designs that each county submit will be passed upon by the Commission before being accepted.

Colonel R. C. Jones, chairdan of the War Memorial Commission, in a communication to the Record, states that the Commission is looking forward to an enthusiastic response on the part of the patriotic people of the counties in providing a suitable Memorial Tablet to the men who lost their lives in the service.

—W. A. McRae, real agricultural expert says that Palm Beach county in Florida is destined to be the greatest farm site county in all the Eastern part of the United States. That county has 1,750,000 acres, contains 300 miles of navigable water and hundreds of thousands of acres of black muck lands that will feed untold millions indefinitely. One little enterprise under way in that biggest county on the east coast will interest small boys and elephants. It is the planting of 40,000 acres of Everglades land in peanuts.

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