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The Arrow And The Song

"I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth, I know not where;
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight
Could not follow in its flight.

I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to earth, I know not where;
For who has sight so keen and strong
That it can follow the flight of song?

Long, long afterward, in an oak
I found the arrow, still unbroke;
And the song from beginning to end
I found again in the heart of a friend."

Kent County Reading Campaign

The teachers and pupils of Kent County will complete the first section of a very intensive READING CAMPAIGN which has been running since January 1st. This campaign will continue throughout the school year, but will have reached the first goal March 7th.

It has been a season of joyous, intensive work. As we have visited the different schools of the county, it has been a joy to see not only the teachers entering into this work in reading, happily and earnestly but also to see that the children were saturated with the spirit of it and were really getting so much skill out of it.

It is true, that some schools have made a little less progress in this work than others because of epidemic, etc.; it is true that some teachers have been able to put more "fire", enthusiasm and power behind the presentation of this work; but all in the campaign have put forth effort, have lived in the spirit of it; and good results are bound to follow in every case.

Our AIM or OBJECTIVE in the READING CAMPAIGN has not been to cover a certain number of pages nor has it been to cover a certain number of topics, our whole object has been to give to the children not facts but big principles; to give them power to apply these big principles so that they may work independently; not because their parents say they must nor yet for fear of what the teacher may say or do but because of a personal desire to enter fearlessly into new fields and enjoy new experiences. To be able to read and enjoy the newspapers and magazines as much as do their elders; to be able to apply their school work to life situations.

From March 7 to 14th, each teacher will strive to "round out" and "clinch" the FOUNDATION WORK, which has been our OBJECTIVE during the campaign.

From March 14th to 21st inclusive will occur our Group Meetings at different points throughout the county. These meetings will be held for the purpose of drilling, reviewing and "clinching" the BIG PRINCIPLES IN the READING CAMPAIGN.

At the March meetings, each teacher will bring, IN WRITING, descriptions of the various aids, methods and devices which she has used in creating interest, in holding interest or that have in any way been a source of promoting the cause generally or that have really shown tangible results in Reading. For, after all, no matter what the work may be, it is effective results that count IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS.

At the March Group Meetings, the County Supervisor will present plans for the last section of the KENT COUNTY READING CAMPAIGN for this year. Teachers will be urged to share in this responsibility by giving suggestions as to how these plans may be of help to each individual school. We shall decide upon a slogan for the rest of the campaign; we shall also decide upon our Goal or Objective as a result of the first part of the campaign.

We hope the patrons of all of the schools will visit the schools and note the work in reading as it is being carried out by the teachers. As a result of the READING CAMPAIGN, we hope the parents will enjoy listening to the children read at home in the evenings. We hope parents will encourage the home ORAL READING as it will increase the efficiency of all children who have this privilege.

The Prize Peace Essays

During this present year the State W. C. T. U. Organization of Maryland offered ten dollars for the best and five dollars for the second best essay of not less than five hundred and not more than one thousand words by any High School pupil in the state on the subject "How Can We Establish Permanent Peace."

Mrs. W. B. Copper, Superintendent of the Kent County Peace Organization sponsored this work in Kent County and it was thru her efforts and her management that a large number of the young people of our high schools entered this contest. Mrs. Copper, thru her organization offered ten dollars for the first and five dollars for the second best essay and in this way, the winner in Kent County will have the opportunity of entering both state and county contests and the possibility of winning in both.

Each school was privileged to eliminate according to their best judgments, all essays but the best and second best written by pupils in each of the four High School grades.

The names and addresses of all contestants were sent directly to the County Superintendent in a sealed envelope and the seal was not broken until after the judges had made their decisions. No names appeared on the essays and the judges had no means of knowing to whom they belonged.

The decisions were made on the following points:

1. Breadth of view.
2. The pupil's own interpretation of the subject.
3. Organization.
   a. Sequence of thought.
   b. Paragraph and sentence feeling.
   c. Use of words.
   d. Punctuation.
   e. Arrangement of the written page.

Mrs. Copper appointed the following persons as judges of the Peace essays to assist her in making decisions:

Mrs. W. T. Brown, Mrs. Edgar Pennington, Miss Alice Florer.

The judges have met and made their decisions as follows:

First prize—Miss Frances Alice Clements, Chestertown.

Second prize—Alton Jerome, Rock Hall.

Honorable Mention—Anne Bonwill, Betterton.

These essays, the first and second best, will contest for a place in the state contest and we are hoping our people will win the prize or at least one of the two prizes that will be awarded by the state W. C. T. U.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

The following is a list of the names of the children that have been reported to Mrs. Beck, the County Attendance officer as having been neither absent nor tardy during the month of January: Continued from last week.

LYNCH

Miriam Cornelius, John Rasin Jewell, Elma Usilton.

BETTERTON

Elizabeth Brice, Gladys Skeggs, Frances Brice, Anna Wilmer, Evelyn Brice, Sara Harris, Anna Crew, Walter Greenwood, Clarence Crew, William Turner, Frank Brice, Eugene Wyble, John Crew, John Harris, Arthur Crew, Emerson Moore. Elmer Brice, Floyd Brice, Frances Silcox, Dorothy Crew, Margaret Reardon, Elizabeth Shallcross, Horton Silcox, John Price, Isabelle Brice, Pauline Crew.

JANVIER

Walter Willis, Maxwell Willis, Anna Herbert, Margaret T. Gears.

EAST NECK ISLAND

Daisy Pearce.

SKINNER'S NECK.

Stanley Boulter, Thomas Mercer, Herman Dierker, Herman Hill, Charles Heinefielt, Margaret Reihl, Ethel Reihl Catherine Mercer, Louise Higgins, Amy Higgins, Augusta Reihl, Marie Dowling. Mary Hill, Melvin Boulter, Anna Mercer, Anna Dierker, Bessie Dowling.

ROCK HALL

Bartus Carter, Frank Ford, Edward Rodney, William Thompson, Catherine Gagalsky, Gertrude Hague, Richard Carter, George Coleman, William Thompson. Virginia Willson, Rose Ella Leaverton, Myrtle DeFord, Anna DeFord, Mae White, Norma Elbourne, Miriam Ford, Dorothy Glenn, Jane Hatcherson, Jean Leary, Christine Moffett, Thelma Urie. Teresa Willson, Milton Bramble, Edward Cannan, Leon Donnelly, Sterling Hersch, Jack Jacquette, Carroll Hogans, Anna Wachowig, Agnes Joiner, Dorothy Hague, Eleanora Droll, Leon Carter, James Davis, Arthur Downey, Franklin Hogans, Metcalf Jacquette, George Leary, Clarence Thompson, Charles Urie, Doris Downey, Elizabeth Francis. Marie Jacobs, Esther Scoone, Cora Thomas, Elwood Rodney, Leroy Jacquette, Walter Weaver, Francis Williams, Dan Downey, Beatrice Donnelly. Mary Hatcherson, Charlotte Hubbard, Clara Joiner, Emily Blackiston, Bernice Coleman, Minnie Jacobs, Elizabeth Weaver, Randolph Burgess, Franklin Jacobs, Walter Durding.

PINEY NECK

Ida May Staats, Minnie Coleman, Hilton Crouch. Helen Edwards, Hattie Coleman, Gladys Edwards, Elilabeth Beck, Irene Rollison, Grace Coleman, Lula Ashley, Mary Bryden, Carrie Ashley.

SWAN CREEK

Edward Gustafson, Elmer Gustafson.

FAIRLEE

Julian Loller, William Kirkbride, Walter Rees. Leroy Barnes, John Skirven, Ellen Jones, Margaret Rash, Charlotte Elliott, Corey Jones, Lawrence Nicholson, Wm. Reinhart, Marian Reinhart, Mary Sheen, Dora Anne Sheen, Virginia Miller. Gertrude Leaverton.

LANKFORD.

Betty Browne, Priscilla Granger, Mary Winchester

MELITOTA

Paul Whiteley, Harry Whiteley, William Whiteley. Alice Davis.

ST. PAUL

Alfred LeCompte, Thomas Poole, Francis Poole, Stella Poole, Aline LeCompte, Ethel Shriley.

QUAKER NECK

Maryland Mench, Elizabeth Mench, Miriam Hadaway, Helen Brooks, Margaret Brown, Mary V. Brown.

CLIFFS

Frank Hadaway. Dorothy Hadaway, Margaret Taylor, Mary Legg, Louise Kirby.

BROAD NECK

Oliver Maslin, George Vickers, Emma Davis, Edna Davis, Grace Maslin, Frances Vickers, Helen Strong.

POMONA

Walbert Royston, James Coleman Davidson Coleman, Dorthy Walbert, Mary Luckt, Martha Luckt, Pearl Chaires, Daisy Starr, Rose Starr, Gladys Everett, Lillie Luckt, Reba Chaires, Evelyn Walbert.

CHESTERTOWN

Franklin Bolth, Alvin Coleman, Joseph Elburn, Francis Gibson, Arthur Goodman, Paul McGinnis, Charles McLaughlin, Leverm Evans, Charles Clift Clinton Robinson, Jack Shockley, Margaret Belle, Annie Bland, Annabel Coleman, Carrie Schreiber, Helen Coleman, James Bland, Harry Coleman, Louis Hess, George Taylor, Gladys Aldridge, Margaret Anthony, Christine Clark, Lillian Evans, Louise Hopkins, Alice Sterling, Emily Sutton, Miriam Thompson, Pauline Woolford, Pearl Younger Don Falls, Jr., Robert Hadaway, James Kreeger, Murray Robinson Blair Lee Smith, Bayard Sutton, Clarence Sutton, Cecil Taylor, John Wright, Helen Benjamin, Betty Thibodeau, Viloa Biggers, Ivon Culver, Otis Flowers, Albert Hickman, Harold Newton, George Peacock, Charles Taylor, Erma Adams, Esther Allen, Margaret Cosden, Maude Duyer, Mary Hickman, Helen Needles, Frances Woolford, Edgar Massey, Alvin Meredith, Elizabeth Anderson, Elinor Rolph, Elizabeth Hopkins, Ethel Smith Margaret Smith, Thelma Smith, Carrie Walters, Allan Barnes, George Gardner Jack Reed, Harry Patrick, Norma Warren, Rose Gordon, Anna Gardner, Evelyn Allen, Walter Elburn, Harry Lewis, Thomas Jones, Rawlings Massey, Albert Sutton, Frank Sutton, Norman Sutton, Dorothy Latham, Martha May Jarrell, Blanche Hurd, Helen Adams, Theodosia Chapman, Miriam Kirby, Anne Kreeger, Mary Phillips, Vivian Wooley, Albert Raleigh Elizabeth Bell, Frances Bennett, Isabelle Crow, Esther Peacock, Louise Simpers, Ida Spielberger, Harry Fallowfield, August Herzberg, Vernon Needles, A. Parks Rasin, Jr., Sterling Townshend.

PERCENTAGE OF ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY.

1.	Flatland	97.1
2.	Cherry Lane	97.1
3.	Still Pond	94.9
4.	Pomona	93.5
5.	Kennedyville	93.5
6.	Skinner's Neck	92.8
7.	Melitota	92.1
8.	Massey	91.7
9.	Worton Point	91.6
10.	Cliffs	90.7
11.	Chestertown	90.0
12.	Janvier	89.5
13.	Broad Neck	89.4
14.	Lynch	88.7
15.	Swan Creek	86.5
16.	Millington	86.3
17.	Rock Hall	85.9
18.	St. Paul	85.6
19.	Sassafras	85.4
20.	Hanesville	85.0
21.	Worton	84.6
22.	Morgnec	83.6
23.	Galena	82.1
24.	Quaker Neck	81.9
25.	Locust Grove	81.3
26.	Piney Neck	80.2
27.	No. Ten	80.0
28.	Lankford	78.6
29.	East Neck	78.5
30.	Fairlee	77.2
31.	Chesterville	75.2
32.	Golt	69.8
33.	Turner's Creek	62.3

MAKING SNOW SURVEYS.

Extensive "snow surveys" are something made by the Weather Bureau of the United States Departmnt of Agriculture in regions where the water required for irrigation is obtained almost entirely from melting snow. The mountain slopes constitute natural reserviors, from which the moisture that falls in the winter the snow surveyor travels over the spring and summer to the surrounding country. In order to ascertain the total amount of water available, the snow eurveyor travels over the watershed. often on skis or snowshoes, cutting sections of snow with a cylindrical "snow sampler" and weighing them with a small spring balance. The Weather Bureau also maintains a number of special stations at which daily measurements of snowfall are made for the benefit of irrigation projects.

The heaviest snowfall in the United States occurs in the Sierra Nevada of California and in the Cascade Range of Washington and Oregon. At places in both of these regions more than 65 feet of snow has fallen in a single winter. The snow sometimes lies 26 feet deep on the ground, burying one-story houses to the eavs.

ROCK HALL

Mrs. Mollie Sewell, of Worton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Susie Baker.

About twenty-five friends of John Hersch paid him a surprise visit last Wednesday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hersch.

Mr. Irwin Hadaway and a friend motored from Chesapeake City Monday and spent seeral hours with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Clay Hadaway.

Mr. Joseph Downey, Sr., was at home a couple of days last week from Baltimore where he and Mrs. Downey are spending the winter.

Mr. Charles Jacquette is quite sick at his home.

Mrs. Charles E. Davis is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Willard Dodson, and Mr. Dodson at Worton.

Mr. Preston Smith and family, of Baltimore, spent several days, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Smith.

Mrs. Mildred Crouch held a successful box social last night at St. Paul's School where she is teaching.

Mr. James B. Turck has returned from Chicago after an absence of five months and is at home with his cousin Mr. Henry Dietz, in Green Lane.

Mr. Clarence Hersch has resumed employment as inspector on a dredge and is at Queenstown harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carter were hosts to a large party of friends Thursday evening in honor of their son, Mr. Franklin Carter, whose anniversary it was.

Mr. and Mrs. John Huber have moved to the bakery and are preparing to open it in a few days.

Miss Eleanor Wilkie. of Baltimore, is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Ayres and Mr. Ayers.

Mrs. Raymond Powers, of Baltimore, is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. David E. Joyner, and Mr. Joyner.

—Clarence L. Cole, and his daughter, Miss Myrtle Cole, of Perryville, have entered suit in the Cecil County Court for $25,000 damages against the Northern Maryland Electric Company and the Elkton Electric Company for personal injuries sustained last summer.

—Newspaper reports state that "Maryland's largest tree" in Cecil county has been cut down. At the ground it was six feet 11 inches. The Wye Oak, over five hundred years old, measures today 18 feet 3 inches and has a spread of branches of 135 feet.

—Mary Gabrielle, an infant, by her father, Frank Repsik, has filed a bill in the Elkton Court for a divorce from Frank Gabrielle. The bill states that the infant plaintiff was 16 years of age and that the defendant was a man of fifty years.

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FARM NOTES

ITEMS OF AGRICULTURAL INTEREST FOR OUR READERS OF THE COUNTY.

On the Baltimore-Washington highway, 22 miles from the City Hall in Baltimore, at Beltsville, Md., is the greatest experimental milch goat farm in the world—a research project which is solving the secrets of the famous Swiss breeds of milking goats.

Spring work will soon start on the farm. Already farmers who have sandy soil have begun to plow during the warm spring-like days.

If shelled corn is to be fed pigs, it should be fed in clean troughs, and not sprinkled with litter, as some suggest. Scratch feeds for poultry are properly mixed with the litter in order to induce exercise of the birds, but this is not wise or necessary with young pigs.

Youngsters nine or 10 weeks old will do best if fed four times a day. The middlings can be appropriately mixed with the shelled corn and water and fed in the form of a thick slop if desired; but I shound not combine the middlings with the skim-milk. It would be better to let them drink the skim-milk at a separate feeding rather than attempt to combine this product with the ingredients.

As to the amount of grain to feed, 4 lbs. of dry corn ought to produce 1 lb. of grain in pigs of this age, and it would be reasonable to expect youngsters of this age to gain ¼ ib. a day. Therefore, 2 lbs. of grain per animal per day would constitute a very generous feeding. This of course depends upon the size of the pig. Usually it is safe to feed youngsters all that they will clean up with relish three of four times per day. This is a good practice, for it insures no loss or waste of feed. The correct proportion of feed to us in this instance would be five parts of shelled or ground corn and three parts of the red-dog flour. For each pound of grain fed it is advisable to let the pigs have 3 or 4 lbs. of skim-milk. —Rural New Yorker.

Not long ago the writer saw the United States Department of Agriculture film called Exit Ascaris, wihch shows the life history of the roundworm in hogs. "Raise your pigs under clean, sanitary conditions and prevent them from becoming infested with worms and infected with diseases rather than try to dope them up later," was the story told. As I watched this picture and caught the idea of the importance of sanitation in raising pigs I kept thinking of the vigorous pigs usually brought home by the old sows that would run or and farrow in some out-of-the-way-place. I had never thought of it in just that way, but certainly those pigs were started under clean, sanitary conditions.

During the past year many Nebraska farmers have tried out the system of raising pigs under the sanitation plan. Through the Agricultural Extension Service more than seventy-five farm demonstrations have been conducted. The plan that is being carried out is simple, cheap and really is nothing more than good common sense.

In brief, there are four points to keep in mind: First, a clean, sanitary farrowing place should be provided. Second, the sow should be cleaned well before being put in the farrowing pen. Third, when the pigs are old enough to run on pasture, a field that has not recently had hogs on it should be provided. Fourth, plow up the old hog lots and seed them to some crop.

The farmer's wife will soon be listening for the joyful chirp of the robin and awaiting the first south wind that will cause her flowers to hearken to the call of spring.

As is well known, the State of New York still owns certain tracts of land, most of which was bought of the farmers when the barge canal was built. There are some strips of this State land which could be profitably added to farms or used for building purposes. Then there are some tracks of woodland with fair timber or trapping privlieges.

Doctor Peters, of the United States Department of Agriculture, has probably dug more deeply into the red-clover strain adaptation problem than anyone else in the United States.

First, he warned against the use of Italian clover seed.

"Italian seed should not be used at all, except in the Pacific Northwest," he said, "since it has nowhere else given as good results as other foreign seed, and in most sections has proven very unsatisfactory.

"From present information," he went on, "it seems possible to draw the following conclusions:

"For regions of severe winters, as Minnesota and Iowa, Northern-grown seed should by all means be used.

"For regions of less severe winters, where a certain and heavy snowfall will give protection, domestic seed is desirable, but Chilean, French, North European or Bohemian seed can be used with good prospect of success.

"In regions where anthrancnose is common and severe, local resistant strains will have to be developed; until this development takes place, it will be wise to buy domestic seed grown as near the point of sonsumption as possible. If foreign clover is used, it should always be August-sown instead of put out in the spring.

Kent farmers, by pooling their tomato crop, will doubtless receive a better price for it. And this applies to all branches of farming. Pooling anything makes it bring a better price. The sooner farmers realize this and are able to do it, the sooner they will return to a more prosperous condition.

It is often said there are acres of diamonds under our feet if only we would dig them up. So it is with market opportunities. They are all round us, close at home or perhaps farther away, if we could only spot them. We are accustomed to send products down the beaten path where often the route is choked with gluts. But here and there are byroads and paths leading to markets untouched or to markets that reallly belong to us but which are filled by outsiders. As an example of this there are many local farmers who send their produce, chickens, eggs and the like right to the big city stalls. Of course this is more trouble and more profitable.

The work of Kent Granges is always of interest to our readers. Reporting the work from year to year of Granges so long and well established is like making a report of Nature from day to day or from year to year. The ordinary changes of growth and development could hardly be reported as only the spectacular and exceptional things would interest most people. To say that the sun rose at the usual hour, passed over the earth and set at the accustomed time each day, or to say that the usual rains occurred during the season would seem commonplace and unnecessary to report; yet were it not for these regular or seemingly uneventful occurrences life would soon become extinct. A comet, a cyclone or an eclipse is usually thought to be worthy of report. So with the Grange, the spectacular, exceptional activities are often thought of and stressed, while the constant regular work of the subordinate Grange, in holding ordinary meetings in an ordinary way year after year for half a century, is hardly thought worth reporting; yet it is this regular community work that is so essential to the life of organized society. Send in your Grange news to us!

The National Grange went squarely on record in a reaffirming of its approval of former years of the general principle of the gasoline tax and declared:—"The traffic that uses the highways should to a reasonable degree bear the cost of maintenance, and inasmuch as modern means of transportation are such that highmaintained that they will bear heavy motorized traffic therefore we believe that the gasoline tax provides an equitable means of placing a reasonable share of the cost of highway maintenance upon the traffic that most wears out the roads."

MAY INCREASE TAG TAX.

That the proposed Baltimore and Eastern Shore boulevard could be constructed from Kent Island to Denton, and a high-frequency ferry established and maintained between this county and the Western Shore, by a slight increase in the automobile tag tax, without in any way affecting either state or local taxes, is the newest suggestion in connection with the plan to provide adequate transportation facilities between the two halves of Maryland, separated by Chesapeake Bay.

Confronted by the realization that all the state expenditures in subsidizing state ferries are not having the desired effect of linking up the highway systems of the Eastern and Western Shores, John N. Mackall, chairman of the State Roads Commission, has prepared rough estimates showing that the ferry project, including all of its related road construction. would cost approximately $2,500,000.

An encouraging feature of the new suggestion, however, is the fact that even this large sum could be raised by a slight increase in the license tax. These facts were submitted by Commissioner Mackall before a joint meeting of the Roads Committees of the Senate and House of Delegates of the Maryland Legislature.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. HARRY .. HEPBURN.. .... ..

Not only her family, but the community at large, has met with an irreparable loss. in the passing of Mrs. Laura Hepbron, wife of Mr. Harry Hepburn near Rock Hall. It was not privilege of the writer to know her intimately. But the few times he was thrown with her made a deep and abiding impression. She was the mother of a large family, six sons and twa daughters, several of whom are now approaching man hood.

This mother in Isreal, impressed me as being not only a devoted wife and mother, in her own family, but as being ready to mother any one else, in distress and need of maternal attention. A cousin of her husband, who had no claif on her whatever, was stricken down with tuberculosis. There was a small comfortable house separated only a few steps from her door, that invalid had no home of his own. With all her numerous family and her many house-hold cares. This good woman took him in and nursed him tenderly to the end, it was during that period of several months, as a visitor to the invalid, that I met her. Always the same bright, cheerful, hospitable and uncomplaining woman. The conditions were such as to make me feel that she was no mere ordinary character.

Her last days were days of suffering from the most dreaded disease that can assail our poor humanity, cancer. The mysteries of life cansot be explained the just and the unjust suffer alike. Such a character as this woman revealed all through life, sustained her in the day of trial. She undoubtedly gained the victory. To her bereaved family our sympathy flows out in fulness.

—Premier Mussolini has ordered the purchase of the tomb of Virgil, now private property, says the New York World. The surrounding plot will be transformed into a garden of Greco-Roman style, with roses, laurel and myrtle, thus becoming a shrine for admirers of the classical poet.

—Mr. William A. Stewart, of Denton, has among a lot of old papers a copy of the Ulster County (N. Y.) Gazette of January 4, 1800, which carries the announcement of the death of General Washington. The sheet is in good state of preservation.

—Ridgely's handsome new fire-proof theatre building is about completed, The chairs will be installed next week, and the opening date will be announc- and the opening date will be later.



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