Report of the Auditing Committee

Of Kent County; Maryland.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Kent County, Md.

Gentlemen:—In compliance with an act of General Assembly of Maryland, passed January 1904, and in harmony with our appointment as Auditors for Kent County, we have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the County Commissioners, the Board of Education, the Treasurer's Office the Trustee of the Alms House and the Dog License Fund.

This Audit deals chieffy with the levy of 1927-28 when a rate of $1.60 on the $100.00 was declared for Kent County purposes.

This report gives in full the source of revenue for the County for 1928-29 as shown by the books of County Commissioners June 15, 1928.

Respectfully submitted,
J. RAYMOND SIMPERS,
J. FRANK WHEATLEY
C. ROMIE SKIRVEN,
County Auditors.

EXHIBIT NO. 1

Summary of Assessments for 1927-28, on Books in County Commissioners

Real and Personal	13,792,699.00	@ 1.60	220,683.18
Extra Real and Personal	62,888.00	@ 1.60	1,006.21
Motor Vehicles	694,825.00	@ 1.60	11,117.20
Corporations	184,234.80	@ 1.60	2,947.76
Non Stock Corporations	480.00	@ 1.60	7.68
Non Stock Corporations	155,680.00	@ .30	467.04
Bank Shares	445,327.40	@ 1.00	4,453.27
Trust Companies	23,539.92	@ 1.00	235.40
Securities	636,209.00	@ .30	1,90863
	$15,885,883.12		$242,826.37
Trust Companies since audit	8,833.14	@ 1.00	88.33
Corporations since audit	377,730.73	@ 1.60	5,043.69
Motor Vehicles since audit	33,561.00	@ 1.60	536.97
Non-Stock Corporations since audit	380.00	@ 1.60	6.08
Total			$249,501.44
Balance cash in Treasurer's hand, June 15, 1927			6,890.45
Overdue taxes collectable estimated by Treasurer			12,309.55
Total			$268,701.44

The Above Was Provided for the Following:

Levy for 1927 provides for orders 1927-28	190.655.06
Levy for 1927 provides for certificates 1926-27	68,749.62
Grand and Petit Juries Oct. 1927, Apr. 1928	2,636.00
Bonds and Coupons	18,575.00
The collowing order No. 184 for 13,241.03 was issued to Kent	
Total	$280,615.68
County Commissioners and included in the above amount or orders, was for debt received from the Treasurer of the State of Maryland, for the Free School Fund, and is now held by the said Commissioners in the Chestertown Bank of Md.	13,241.03
Total	$267,374.65

EXHIBIT NO. 2A

A Statement in Detail Showing How and for What Purposes the Levy of 1927-28 Was Appropriated.

Paid by Orders Issued 1927-28.

Roads and Bridges	24,694.92
Roads and Bridges Paid from Fund Brought in by Road Eng'r	4,291.27
County Commissioners Salaries	1,500.00
Clerk to County Commissioners Salary	1,140.00
Supervisor of Assessments Salary	1,000.00
Roads Engineer Salary	1,500.00
County Treasurer Salary	1,500.00
Deputy Treasurer Salary	1,000.00
State's Attorney Salary	1,200.00
Janitor's Salary	395.00
County Commissioner's Office Expense	399.80
Miscellaneous	298.32
Alms House	2,999.00
Orphans' Court	1,388.92
Pensions	555.00
Contract Printing	999.99
Health Office and Jail Physician	715.46
Hospitals	2,979.20
Attorney to County Commissioners Salary	300.00
Extension Service	2,500.00
Schools	114,000.00
Incorporated Towns Roads	3,900.00
Easton Hospital	500.00
Auditor's Report	150.00
New Assessment	7,507.15
Free School Fund (Check from State of Md.)	13,241.03
Total	$190,655.06

Paid by Certificates Issued 1926-27

Witness, Circuit Court Oct. 1926	104.79
Witness, Circuit Court April 1927	223.37
Circuit Court	1,805.88
Circuit Court, Clerk's Office	2,156.02
Court House and Jail	2,032.95
Court House	412.60
Jail	4,240.40
Jail Supplies	912.67
Sheriff's Fees	1,446.24
Magistrates and Constables	1,604.16
Treasurer's Office	780.16
Orphans' Court	122.13
Morgnec Bridge	106.71
Assessments	91.16
Auditor's Salaries and Expenses	236.86
Miscellaneous	2,292.48
Wharves and Landings	471.25
Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, joint account	189.49
Refund Taxes Paid in Error	35.20
Hospitals	2,898.49
Alms House	6,238.00
Charities	199.73
Machinery for County	5,197.62
Inquisitions	178.01
Schools	10,699.14
Registrations and Elections	6,216.49
Incorporated Town's Bank Shares	1,182.64
Commissioners of Chestertown	198.68
Public Health Association	1,880.71
Roads and Bridges in Excess of Levy	11,445.80
Pardee Case	3,149.79
Total	$68,749.62

EXHIBIT NO. 2B.

A Statement Showing the Amount of Cash to the Credit of Kent County Commissioners, in the Chestertown Bank of Maryland, June 15, 1928.

Free School Fund	13,417.56
Tax Sale Fund	326.41
Total	$13,743.98

EXHIBIT NO. 3A.

Summary of Assessments, Real aod Personal, Etc., and Amounts Levied by County Commissioners and Charged to County Treasurer, for the year 1927-28—Clarence Newsome, Treasurer.

Real and Personal	13,792,699.00	@ 1.60	220,683.18
Extra and Personal	62,888.00 G	1.60	1,006.21
Motor Vehicles	694,825.00	@ 1.60	11,117.20
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Non-Stock Corporations since audit	380.00	@ 1.60	6.08
Total			$249,501.44
Interest Collected to June 15, 1928			1,836.57
Cash from County Commissioners (see list below)			35,114.43
Two Short Term Certificates $10,000.00, $7,000.00 and $800.00 from Dog Fund			17,800.00
Total			$204,252.44
Collected Real and Personal to June 15, 1928			$216,763.89
Uncollected Real and Personal to June 15, 1928			3,919.29
Collected Extra Real and Personal to June 15, 1928			949.73
Uncollected Extra Real and Personal to June 15, 1928			56.48
Collected Motor Vehicles to June 15, 1928			9,480.38
Collected Corporations to June 15, 1928			2,173.79
Collected Corporations to June 15, 1928			8,379.61
Uncollected Corporations to June 15, 1928			611.84
Collected Non Stock Corporatin to June 15, 1928			8.96
Uncollected Non Stock Corporation to June 15, 1928			4.80
Collected Non Stock Corporation to June 15, 1928			467.04
Collected Bank Shares to June 15, 1928			4,453.27
Collected Trust Co. to June 15, 1928			323.01
Uncollected Securities to June 15, 1928			289.29
Collected Securities to June 15, 1928			1,619.34
Uncollected Trust Companies to June 15, 1928			.72
Total			$249,501.44
Interest collected June 15, 1928			1,836.57
Cash from County Commissioners			35,114.43
Two Short Term Certificates $10,000.00, $7,000.00 and $800.00 from Dog Fund			17,800.00
Total			$304,252.44
Total Expenditures 1927-28 to June 15, 1928			$291,805.10
Taxes Uncollected 1927-28 to June 15, 1928			7,056.21
Balance Clarence Newsome, Treasurer, to June 15, 1928			5,391.13
Total			$304,252.44

We find cash $7.55 in excess of balance shown in statement.

Uncollected June 15, 1927:	
Real and Personal	$2,416.24
Extra Real and Personal	206.38

George W. Sutton, Treasurer, Year 1924-25.

Domestic Corporations	426.33
Securities	78.52
Interest Collected to November 25, 1928	32.99
Total	$3,160.46
Collected Real and Personal to Nov. 25, 1928	23.90
Uncollected Real and Personal to No. 25, 1928	2,392.34
Uncollected Extra Real and Personal	206.38
Collected Corporation, Nov. 25, 1928	161.25
Uncollected Securities No. 25, 1928	78.52
Interest Collected Nov. 25, 1928	32.99
Total	$3,160.46

George W. Sutton, Treasurer, Year 1925-36.
Uncollected June 15, 1927

Real and Personal	$2,638.45
Extra Real and Personal	185.29
Corporations	295.43
Securities	15.72
Interest Collected to Nov. 15, 1928	46.22
Total	3,181.11
Collected Real and Personal to Nov. 25, 1928	2,404.59
Uncollected Extra Real and Personal to Nov. 25, 1928	185.29
Collected Corporations Nov. 25, 1928	160.29
Uncollected Corporations Nov. 25, 1928	135.14
Uncollected Securities Nov. 25, 1928	15.72
Interest Collected Nov. 25, 1928	46.22
Total	$3,181.11

EXHIBIT NO. 3 A

George W. Sutton, Treasurer, year 1926-27.

Uncollected June 15, 1927.		
Real and Personal	4,147.83	
Extra Real and Personal	246.66	
Bank Shares	6.14	
Corporations	387.56	
Securities	26.36	
Extra Securities	.78	
Interest Collected to 10-25-28	165.19	
		4,980.52
Collected Real and Personal to 10-25-28	2,497.94	
Uncollected Real and Personal to 10-25-28	1,649.89	
Collected Extra Real and Personal to 10-25-28	16.08	
Uncollected Extra Real and Personal to 10-25-28	230.58	
Collected Bank Shares to 10-25-28	6.14	
Collected Corporations to 10-25-28	130.41	
Uncollected Corporations to 10-25-28	257.15	
Uncollected Securities to 10-25-28	26.36	
Uncollected Extra Securities to 10-25-28	.78	
Interest collected 10-25-28	165.19	
		4,980.52

George W. Sutton, Treasurer, 1927-28.

Balance George W. Sutton, Treas. 6-15-27	6,890.45	
Taxes collected for 1924-25 to 10-25-28	185.15	
Taxes uncollected for 1924-25 to 10-25-28	2,942.32	
Interested collected for 1924-25 to 10-25-28	32.99	
Taxes Collected for 1925-26 to 10-25-28	394.15	
Taxes uncollected for 1925-26 to 10-25-28	2,740.74	
Interest collected for 1925-26 to 10-25-28	46.22	
Taxes collected for 1926-27 to 10-25-28	2,650.57	
Taxes uncollected for 1926-27 to 10-25-28	2,164.76	
Interest collected for 1926-27 to 10-25-28	165.19	
		18,212.54
Amount paid to County Commissioners by George W. Sutton, Treas. to 10-25-28		
Paid in 1927-28	10,093.53	
Paid in 1928-29	312.13	
Taxes uncollected 1924-25 to 10-25-28	2,942.32	
Taxes uncollected 1925-26 to 10-25-28	2,740.74	
Taxes uncollected 1926-27 to 10-25-28	2,164.76	
	18,253.48	
Over paid County Commissioners	40.94	
		18,212.54

Leonard Wilson, Treasurer, 1923-24.

Uncollected June 15, 1927.		
Real and Personal for 1923-24	249.05	249.05
Settlement made with County Commissioners see their minute book of July 5th, Nov. 1, 1927.	249.05	249.05

Itemized statement of amounts received from County Commissioners. (Entered above 35,114.13.)

Check from State Roads Commissioner, rent of Roller	17.50
Check from Leonard Wilson, Treasurer	183.72
Check from George Sutton, Treasurer	6944.21
Check from State Roads Commission, Rent of Roller	17.00
Check from State Roads Commissioner, Rent of Roller	20.00
Check from James T. Dixon, Deputy Clerk, Due for June	142.50
Check from W. K. Hackett, Board of wife at Hospital	31.25
Check from Kent Co. Commissioners, Excess of Dog Fund	400.00
Check from Horace B. Derrick, 1-2 Tel.	5.50
Check from G. B. Taylor, Junk Sold	1.20
Check from M. W. Thomas, Treasurer Alms House	275.97
Check from Kent Co. Com. John Medders, Clk., Accrued interest	27.09
Check from J. B. Newnam, Crouch's Shanty	60.00
Check from C. A. Raleigh for Desks	6.50
Check from State Roads Commissioner, Rent of Roller	55.00
Check from State Roads Commissioner, Rent of Roller	27.50
Check from G. W. Sutton, Treasurer	935.41
Check from Chas. R. Kerr, P. J. Fines	72.95
Check from State Roads Commissioner, Rent of Roller	27.50
Check from M. W. Thomas, Sec., Alms House	866.47
Check from H. B. Derrick, 1-2 Tel.	2.15
Check from States Roads Commissioner, Rent of Roller	25.00
Check from State of Md., Free School Fund	13241.03
Check from State Roads Commissioner, Rent of Roller	25.00
Check from State Roads Commissioner, Rent of Roller	25.00
Check from G. B. Taylor, Roads Engineer	2.50
Check from M. W. Thomas, Treas., Alms House	167.96
Check from States Roads Commissioner, Rent of Roller	25.00
Check from H. B. Derrick, 1-2 Tel.	1.50
Check from Mary C. Brooks, Board of Sister at Hospital	4.90
Check from States Roads Commissioner, Rent of Roller	30.00
Check from States Roads Commissioner, Rent of Roller	30.00
Check from H. B. Derrick, 1-2 of Tel.	2.05
Check from M. W. Thomas, Treas., Alms House	671.21
Check from W. K. Hackett, Board of wife at Hospital	31.25
Check from Dr. E. A. Scott, part purchase, Robert Harris Prop.	50.00
Check from Texas Company, overcharge	9.08
Check from State Comptroller	197.20
Check from Morris L. Clothier, for Slag	2400.00
Check from Leonard Wilson, Treas.	10.58
Check from Jame s T. Dixon, Deputy Clerk	73.72
Check from W. B. Usilton, P. J. Fines Collected	154.20
Check from Chas. R. Kerr, P. J. Fines Collected	26.44
Check from M. W. Thomas, Treas., Alms House	152.81
Check from W. S. Tarbutton for Pipe	12.00
Check from S. G. Caldwell, Tel.	22.55
Check from Horace B. Derrick, 1-2 of Tel.	5.35
Check from Stam Drug Co., refund Andrew Perry bill	21.45
Check from H. E. Perkins, Atty., Robert Boston	1.75
Check from H. B. Derrick, 1-2 Tel.	1.85
Check from M. W. Thomas, Treas., Alms House	138.90
Check from W. K. Hackett, Board of wife at Hospital	31.25
Check from W. T. Hicks, Wharfage, Chestertown	27.87
Check from G. B. Taylor, Road Engineer, Slag at St. Pauls	120.00
Check from M. W. Thomas, Treas., Alms House	116.84
Check from H. B. Derrick, 1-2 Tel.	1.75
Check from W. B. Usilton, P. J. Fines	66.40
Check from G. W. Sutton, Treasurer	2,213.91
Check from Chas. R. Kerr, P. J. Fines	5.15
Check from John C. Flick, Rent of Roller	53.75
Check from H. B. Derrick, 1-2 Tel.	1.60
Check from State Roads Commissioner, Use of Roller	20.00
Check from G. B. Taylor, 1-2 Tel.	1.50
Check from M. W. Thomas, Treas., Alms House	159.17
Check from H. B. Derrick, 1-2 Tel.	3.35
Check from G. B. Taylor, 1-2 Tel.	1.50
Check from M. W. Thomas, Treas., Alms House	161.01
Check from Board Election Supervisors, Goldsborough Fees	25.00
Check from W. K. Hackett, Board of wife at Hospital	31.25
Check from H. B. Derrick, 1-2 Tel.	2.35
Check from Joel T. McGinnes, Galena Stable	87.50
Check from M. W. Thomas, Sec., Alms House	161.66
Check from Irene Martinetz, Board of Edith Martinetz	50.00
Check from State Comptroller, Franchise Tax	70.97
Check from Election Supervisor, Mrs. Parkhurst Fees	10.00
Check from Election Supervisors, A. Stengle Marines Fees	25.00
Check from John R. Goodman, Keep of Woodmender Hospital	12.73
Check from States Roads Commissioner, Use of Roller	20.00
Check from States Roads Commissioner, Use of Roller	45.00
Check from States Roads Commissioner, Use of Roller	3.75
Check from W. B. Usilton, P. J. Fines Collected	6.30
Check from Chas. R. Kerr, P. J. Fines Collected	29.80
Check from M. W. Thomas, Treas., Alms House	144.04
Check from Harry Griffith, Taxes	10.41
Check from M. W. Thomas, Treas., Alms House	39.11
Check from W. C. Washington, Taxes	22.71
Check from J. Thos. Hadaway, Sheriff, Costs	19.95
Check from H. B. Derrick, 1-2 Tel.	2.45
Check from W. T. Hicks, Wharfage	6.54
Check from W. T. Hicks, Wharfage	21.00
Check from Department of Forestry	1.65
Check from T. W. Eliason for Desks	12.00
Check from James Thompson for James Kostik Taxes	15.48
Check from G. B. Taylor, Fund pd. by order in error	1341.82
Check from B. Howard Harmon for Pipe	16.00
Check from Robert R. Shallcross, Clerk	70.00
Check from H. B. Derrick, 1-2 Tel.	1.85
Check from M. W. Thomas, Treas., Alms House	943.81
Check from J. B. Anderson	51.75
Check from State Roads Commissioner, Use of Roller	17.50
Check from Dog Fund Excess	1000.00
Check from Board of Election Supervisors, Hoover and Bruce Fees	20.00
Check from Board of Election Supervisors, S. S. Beck Fees	25.00
Check from Board of Election Supervisors, J. H. C. Legg Fees	25.00
Check from G. A. Atkinson, Use of Roller	50.00
Check from Election Supervisors, Goldsborough Fees	10.00
	35,114.13

EXHIBIT NO. 3 B

Dog License Fund		
Balance on hand June 15, 1927	1,403.51	
Cash from sale of License 1927-28	1,756.50	
		3,160.01
Total disbursements, loss of stock, poultry, etc.	2,136.00	
Balance on hand June 15, 1928	1,024.01	
		3,160.01

EXHIBIT NO. 4

Statement of Alms House and Farm, showing expenditures and receipts from June 15th, 1927, to June 15th, 1928.

Alms House Expenses		
Groceries, Meats, Clothing, Dry Goods, etc.	1,859.81	
Drugs, etc.	79.60	
Telephone	37.60	
Labor	563.25	
Salary of Trustees	120.00	
Salary of Sec. and Treas.	150.00	
Salary of Superintendent	400.00	
Salary of Matron	300.00	
Salary of Physician	150.00	
Stoves, Hardware, etc.	57.24	
Coal and Freight	701.89	
Mill Feed	30.90	
Lumber and Repairs to Building	260.87	
Oil, Gas and Paint	60.73	
Fertilizer and Seed	30.73	
Warrant Book and Blacksmith	18.50	
Coffin	9.00	
		4,840.12
Farm Expenses		
Labor, Implements, Repairs, etc.	1,044.92	
Tenants share of Milk	400.44	
Lumber and Repairs to Buildings	55.04	
Oil and Gas	432.58	
Mill Feed	367.34	
Fertilizer and Seed	287.14	
Stock	375.00	
Insurance	26.50	
Groceries	17.30	
Miscellaneous	6.63	
Total		3,012.89
Total for year		7,843.01
Difference between bills and followings warrants No. 456,489,19		2.62
		7,840.39
Warrant provided for from previous year		5.80
		7,846.19
Orders in Levy 1927-28	2,999.00	
Certificates to be provided for in Levy 1928-29.	4.313.18	
Alms Houses warrants not presented to Co. Com.	534.01	
		7,846.19
Total cash receipts from Farm, for 1927-28 and due County Commissioners		3,998.96
Total paid County Commissioners		3,998.96
Total cash receipts from farm 1927-28	3,998.96	
Wheat and corn furnished farm 1927-28	435.45	
Wheat and corn furnished Alms House 1927-28	162.45	
Total cash receipts and wheat and corn furnished for 1927-28	4,596.86	
Total expenses of 3,012.89, and wheat and corn furnished 435.45	3,448.34	
Net gain of farm 1927-28		1,148.52
Total expenses of Alms House for 1927-28		4,830.12

Wheat and corn furnished Farm and Alms House for 1927-28.

For Farm, 70 bu. wheat @ 1.26,	88.20	
For Farm, 300 bu. corn @ 1.15 3-4	347.25	
		435.45
For Alms House, 13 bu. wheat @ 1.26	16.38	
For Alms House, 70 bu. wheat @ 1.26	88.20	
For Alms House, 50 bu. corn @ 1.15 3-4	57.87	
		162.45
		597.90

EXHIBIT NO. 5

Statement of Board of Education of Kent County, Md., for 1927, 1928

RECEIPTS:			
Balance on hand, July 31, 1927			$1,446.82
County Levy for 1927-'28.			
For Current Expenses of Schools		$114,000.00	
For Permanent Improvement (Capital Outlay)	$1,950.00		
Less Amount used in school year ending July 31st, 1927	905.00	1.045.00	115,045.00
From State and Federal Funds			
Census and Attendance		$17,679.51	
High School Aid		11,942.50	
Free Book Fund		2,266.84	
Materials of Instruction		566.72	
Salaries of Officials		4,720.00	
Colored Industrial Fund		1,500.00	
Equilization Fund		8.665.81	
Total from State and Federal Funds			$47,341.38
From Other Sources			
Licenses and Special Fines or Taxes		$1,059.74	
Tuition from Adjoining Counties		3,218.66	
Tuition Fees from Patrons or Pupils		237.50	
Interest on Bank Balances		165.55	
Transportation Fees from High School Pupils		1,561.80	
Coleman's Corner	$200.00		
Sharptown Colored	155.00		
East Neck Island Bldg.	35.00		
Text Books	68.80	458.80	$6,702.05
Rosenwald Fund		$1,600.00	
Jeanes Fund		100.00	
Contribution from Patrons of Coleman Corner Colored School as part payment on new School building		1,164.00	
Contributons and Donations		288.21	
Schools, For Library Books		608.07	
Refunds		9.66	
Loans		200.00	$3.969.94
Total Receipts			$174,505.19
DISTURSEMENTS:			
General Control:			
Office Expenses		$ 899.76	
Printing and Advertising		380.62	
Board Members Allowance		300.00	
Salary of Superintendent		2,680.30	
Traveling Expenses of Superintendent		458.26	
Salary of Clerk		1,282.38	
Salary of Attendance Officer		1,093.16	
Traveling Expenses of Attendance Officer		500.00	
Other Costs of Control		184.90	
Total Costs of Control			$7,779.38
Instructional Service:			
Salary of Supervisor and Helping Teacher		$ 3,892,99	
Traveling Expenses of Supervisor		500.00	
Other Expenses of Supervisor		114.84	
Teachers' Salaries:			
White Elementary		61,704.80	
White High		29,369.36	
Colored Elementary		17,289.01	
Colored High		1,665.00	
Text Books		4,395.39	
Materials of Instruction		1,578.90	
Summer School Allowances		750.00	
Other Costs of Instruction		909.36	
Total Costs of Instructional Service			$122,169.67

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One Dream and Another

By AD SCHUSTER

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WHEN Betty Jane was a little girl it was her mother's delight to dress her in pink or green taritan and place her on a stage before a crowd of elders. As Betty sang and danced, the mother, in the front row, leaned forward strained and nervous. With the very first burst of applause she relaxed to beam her happiness in the possession of so marvelous a child.

No entertainment was complete without Betty and upon each occasion the mother spent hours in supervising rehearsals and preparing the costume. The child grew up the possessor of a spoiled voice, an assortment of dance steps, and a distorted sense of importance. Sometimes she wondered if she had not been cheated out of the pleasure of childhood and questioned the merits of the mother's ambitions. She would like to sit with the audience, for a change, and see the others perform.

"Why is it," she asked, "I must take part in all these entertainments? Why must I spend so many hours practicing?" She paused when she saw the consternation on her mother's face.

"It is because you are the most accomplished girl in Minden. It is not everyone who can sing and dance like you. Some day you will go to the large city and be famous. Some day," and the mother smiled softly, everyone in Minden will be boasting they knew you as a child."

What the mother did not say was that this Betty in her bright costumes was a dream come to life, the dream of another girl, who had longed to dance, as she washed the dishes. The mother's reward was in the success of the daughter and her joy was so complete she did not know, or would not think of the cost.

"Famous," said Betty to herself, "I wonder?" She saw herself singing and dancing into the future and always there was the mother in the front row, watching anxiously and leading in the applause. Betty was sorry for the mother and a little sorry for herself.

There came to Minden, Abner Curran, large of limb and with face colored by wind and sun. He was on a vacation, he said, looking at dry land for a change and taking a rest from writing and experimenting and this was enough to start the tongues. It was said he was a sailor-writer but Abner did not explain. From the first he was attracted by Betty Jane for to him she was a creature of another world. When the Women's club gave their annual entertainment Abner was a silent pectator. Betty was a fairy, he told himself, quite beyond the reach of a clumsy mortal like himself. It was a queer impossible dream he had been harboring, to take this girl away. She belonged to the city, to the footlights and applause. And yet, he would try

Perhaps no more hopeless lover ever proposed and none was ever so surprised. Betty Jane looked at the big man in astonishment as if she doubted her ears and then she made him tell her of his work and his life and where they would go if they were married, and as he talked she listened as one who hears a new and beautiful story. The answer was in her face and the story ended with Abner Curran bewildered and ecstatic.

"And I was afraid to ask you to go with me, to live alone—"

"Afraid?" She saw a release from dancing, a chance to think and act for herself. "Oh, Abner, if you knew how I wanted to be alone. I have been on exhibition all my life. Mother will take it hard at first but it's a way out—a rescuing chance."

And those in Minden who knew the girl since she first took part in kindergarten entertainments, and who followed her brilliant career as the town's most accomplished performer, said it was a shame that she should go to live on a lonely island where her husband was lighthouse keeper and writer on the side. And always they added, "And after all her mother had done for her!"

Ferdie's "Ohio Folks" Suddenly Swept Away

Ferdie, seven years old, was a young Ohioan who had gone to southern Kansas with his parents during the oil boom, and was much given to the phrase, "my folks in Ohio," to the infinite disgust of his boon companion, some two years older. One day the latter remarked witheringly:

"I don't want to hear any more about your folks in Ohio. We don't think much of 'em out here in Kansas."

Ferdie was puzzled and, for a brief minute, silent. Then he brightened suddenly.

"Herbie," he piped up eagerly, "you know my folks in Ohio that I was telling you about?"

"Well," Herbie answered patiently, "what about 'em now?"

"Herbie," and Ferdie fixed his audience with a convincing eye, "they is all dead!"—Kansas City Star.

Peril in "Reducing"

Unscientific reducing causes many premature deaths, says a prominent physician, and it may develop that, after all, it is the case of the survival of the fattest.—Russell Crouse in the New York Evening Post.

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