KENT 4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

NEW 4-H CLUB AT KENNEDVILLE

Fourteen boys met at the Kennedyville school Friday night, April 8th an drganized a 4-H Club. Richard and Robert Sutton made short talks telling what Club Work has meant to them. Assistant County Agent Stanley B. Suton, explained what the four H's mean and how we can live up to them. Pictures were then shown pointing out some of the opportunities of 4-H Club Work and showing what a 4-H Club can do. The group decided to organize and elect officers at the meeting which resulted in the following: President, Joseph Weer; Vice President, Merritt Robinson; Secretary, Charles Hague, Jr.; Treasurer, Harry Willis.

Theboys and parents present all joined in singing several songs. The club decided to meet Friday, April 22nd, at the school at which time a Program of Work for the year will be worked out. It is hoped that a number of the other boys of the community will be present at this time.

Millington

The Millington boys 4-H Club met at the home of Margaret Jones, Thursday night, April 7th. Seventeen members were present in addition to several visitors. The business meeting was conducted by President Charles Anthony, after which Assistant County Agent showed several pictures on 4-H Club Work.

Kent 4-H Clover Club

The Kent 4-H Clover Calf Club met at the home of Elwood Morris Tuesday night, April 12th. The newly elected president, William O. Carroll presided and conducted the meeting. New Projects, Program of Work, Demonstrations ,etc., were discussed. Each member told of his present project and how he wanted to increase it this year. The meeting adjourned by each member repeating the 4-H Club pledge.

Schedule Of Meetings For Week Of April 18th

Thursday, Apirl 21st, at 7.30 p.m.—Ideal 4-H Poultry Club at the home of the Ford's near Golt.

Friday, April 22nd, at 7.30 p. m.—**The Kennedyville Boys' 4-H Club at the school.**

Saturday, April 23rd, at 1.30 p. m.—Handy Andy 4-H Club at Massey for pracitce in Judging Dairy Cattle.

Swan Creek

The Swan Creek Boy's 4-H Club met at the home of Whitney McCrea, Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Six members were present and after a short business meeting, at which time the program of work was adopted, the boys engaged in judging practice under the direction of Asst. County Agent Whitney showed the members present his calf, pig and chickens. Mr. M. P. Edwarsd, local leader made a few remarks urging the boys to make the Swan Creek club the best in the county.

Piney Neck

The Piney Neck Boys' 4-H Club met at the School Wednesday night, April 13th with 23 members present. Their program of work for the year was adopted and each member present told of his plans for carrying out his project for this year. Local leader, William McCullin urged the members to put all they could into their work as they can only get out of it as much as they put in.

MARRIED OR SINGLE?

A survey has been made in the Teachers' College of Columbia University showing the majority of those interviewed are of the opinion that the married teacher is more capable than the unmarried teacher. The report says: "There is every reason to believe that when such problems as the balance between home and school responsibilities and the amount of actual work that should be undertaken by the teacher have been satisfactorily considred, the status of married women in the teaching profession ranks highest." That declaration has started a lot of arguments in many parts of the country; it probably will start a lot of them around this locality. Whether the teacher who has reared children is better fitted to teach them than those who have never borne children of their own will probably always be a matter of contention. As for the newspapers of the country, they are doubtless wise enough to stay out of the argument and let the teachers settle it for themselves.

ABOLISH U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The South Bend Chamber of Commerce voted recently to petition President Hoover an dthe Indiana delegation in Congress to abolish the United States Department of Commerce. There were 150 business men at the meeting. Mr. Erskine (President of th eStudebaker Company) asked anyone who had received any service from the Department of Commerce to raise his hand. One hand was raised.

The Curbstone Diplomat

By WILLIAM S. COLLINS

Chestertown Columnists seem to be jubilant over the fact that my family denied me, at the State Roads Commission hearing last week. A large stock-holder in the Chamber of Cammerce even saw fit to remind me of the fact. If any of them ever attended a Sunday School or church, they should know that it is no disgrace to be denied.

Well the location of the State Roads Garage is still undecided. I still contend, as I did last week, that having the head-quatrers here in Chestertown is a great asset and nothing should be done that would cause it to be moved to another town. The protests about the location came pretty late, but if the State is willing to change the garage to another location in our vicinity, all good and well, but keep it here.

In protesting the location, one of our civic workers, with big ideas, gives mention to our river banks and keeping them beautiful. O. K. a very noble idea, but what about the river itself. A civic organization should look out for waterman as well as any other form of industry.

Watermen at the present time, are barred from catching oysters above North West Point. With the conditions getting worse all the time, caused by sewage from Chestertown, they will probaby have the forbidden zone moved still further down the river.

Now another of the leading civic workers, tells me that their organization has worked on having the source of contamination of the river remedied. Maybe they have, but some of us wish they would work just as hard on this, as they are doing on the location of the garage. Their support on cleaning the river seems to be sort of luke warm; sort of like the way Al Smith will support Roosevelt, should he be nominated.

The States Roads Commission, while in town on Monday, were escorted down to Front Street and Maple Ave., to inspect their death-trap. So far no very serious accidents have taken place, but we do not think much of them waiting for a death or so, before this dangerous traffic situation is remedied.

It is gratifying to find that the Chestertown baseball team is going to present a play to raise finances. There was a possibility of being asked for a handout and the question nowa days is who to borrow it from to hand it out. Another thing to get happy about is the fact that local management will have charge of the show and the rake-off will not have to be split with any producing Company.

BY-KOTA CLUB TO MEET

The By-Kota Club will meet on Monday, April 18th, at 8 p. m. in the social rooms of the church. The club will e entertained by Mrs. Catherine Ward, Miss Jennie Kirby and the Misses Caldwells.

TRACK MEETS OPEN TO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS

High Schools of the county will have a chance to compete in three track meets, with other High Schools of the state, this spring.

Besides the regular P. A. L. meet in Baltimore, Washington College will stage an interscholastic track meet on May 21st and the University of Maryland on May 7.

The Washington College event will offer a large variety of events.

Entry blanks have been sent out for the scholastic track events of the University of Maryland field day that will be held at College Park May 7. Geary Eppley, chairman of the games Committee, has announced that entries will close on May 2 and those not received by that day will not be accepted.

Three relay races, added features, that have met with favor are the one-mile interscholastic, the one-mile State championship and the half-mile for county schools.

With the scholastic program and the dual meet between Johns Hopkins and Maryland, to be run concurrently, there will be 42 events on the card, 28 running and 14 field.

As a grand finale, the Old Line Lacrosse team will entertain St. John's of Annapolis in one of the biggest and most important games of the entire season in the country. Both have Olympic aspirations.

PENINSULA NEWS

According to the present enrollment Chincoteague sends out challenge as largest 4-H club in the United States. There are 134 boys and girls enrolled in this club.

Cecil county police believe that illicit liquor traffic here has been badly crippled in a raid at the Riverview Heights road house and filling station, near North East, Tuesday. Nine alleged incomplete stills and a quantity of other apparatus used in the manufacture of whiskey were confiscated by the officers.

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATIONS PLANNED

THIS PLAN UNAMIMOUSLY ENDORSED BY SCHOOL BOARD

Below is printed a letter of recommendations for reducing the cost of education in Kent County. This letter was written by Superintendent, Louis C. Robinson and is addressed to the Kent County Board of Education. This letter in its entirely, was unanimously approved by the School Board.

The letter is as follows:

Chestertown, Maryland
April 14, 1932

Board of Education of Kent County
Chestertown, Maryland
Gentlemen:

In the preparation of the Kent County School Budget for the fiscal year beginning August 1, 1932, your wish that the cost of operating the public schools of the county be reduced in every possible way in order to meet the demand of the public was given full consideration.

Although the "Instructional Service" item is the largest in the budget it cannot be reduced by cutting the salaries of the teachers as they are being paid on the basis of the State minimum salary scale. In the opinion of the writer ,it would be unwise to do this even if it were possible. When the teacher salary schedule was written into the State law it was based on living costs somewhat as they are today. Neither the sponsors of this law nor the Legislature that passed it took into consideration any unusual rise in the cost of living such as the Country experienced from 1924 to 1928. During that period teachers' salaries were far below the scale of salaries among the industries and also below the living costs. No relief was proposed for the teachers then. It is only fair, therefore, that, during a period of low living costs such as we are now having, teachers should be permitted to recover from the financial stress that they were under when the cost of living was high. The teacher's salary (based on the Maryland minimum salary scale as it is in Kent County) over a period of ten to fifteen years will average no more than a bare living wage.

It is quite natural for the public, not knowing the demands made upon teachers, to think that their salaries are high at this time. Teachers do not have their entire salaries available for current needs. Four to eight percent of their salaries are deducted each month to cover their deposits in the Teachers' Retirement Fund which was established to keep teachers, who survive the nervous and physical strain of teaching until the age of sixty, from becoming subjects of charity. Teachers are also required every three or four years to add to their training in summer school. An expenditaure of one hundred fifty to two hundred dolars by the teacher is necessary each time he attends summer school. In addition to these demands from which the teachers have no escape, there are others from which they feel they cannot turn away. In order to make their work with their pupils the more effective, the great majority of our teachers, even against the advice of the writer, spend from their own salaries for materials of instruction to supplement the materials supplied from the limited school funds. Then, too, our teachers contribute to needy families among their school patrons and to social service work in general. If teachers would permit this information to be given out, the public would be surprised at their liberality in meeting these situations. In view of this and the assistance that a number of our teachers are giving their relatives during this period of depression it is fortunate that their salaries cannot be cut.

The writer is glad to report that it is not necessary to cut teachers' salaries in order to reduce materially the cost of operating the schools in Kent County. The program that he presented to you at your meeting on April 5 was only tentative. On further study, the total possible saving has been increased to an amount greater than ten percent of the present teacher salary item. By spending sixteen thousand five hundred dolars ($16,500) less in teachers' salaries and only five thousand five hundred dollars ($16,500) ($5,700) more for transportation of pupils you can efefct a saving of ten thousand eight hundred dollars ($10,800). To this can be added one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500.) that would be saved each year in fuel, sanitary costs and repairs at present required for the sixteen (16) white one-room schools and the four (4) colored schools the closing of which is proposed in this program. This would effect a total yearly saving of twelve thousand three hundred dollars ($12,300.) or a saving of five dollars ($5) per pupil in the operation of the schools of Kent County.

You will doubtless be glad to know that by adopting this program you will not only bring about the saving stated above, but also greatly improve the educational opportunities of one-fifth of the high school pupils in the county and one-third of the elementary school pupils. Without increasing one dollar the cost of operating the central schools to which the pupils, who are not in the outlying schools, would be transported in comfortable, glass enclosed busses, these children can be housed far more comfortably than they now are. They will receive much better instruction as their teachers will be working under conditions that far surpass those of the one-room school.

The program of consolidations upon which the above figures are based is as follows:

Millington High School Department with Galena High School.

Chesterville with Millington Elementary.

Golt with Massey School.

Sassafras and Locust Grove Schools with Galena Elementary

Morgnec and Cherry Lane with Kennedyville School.

Janvier, Lynch and Still Pond with Betterton School.

Hanesville with Worton School.

Flatland, Cliffs and Pomona with Chestertown Elementary.

St. Paul with Fairlee School.

Swan Creek and Skinner's Neck with Rock Hall Elementary.

Sassafras colored with Olivet Hill Colored School.

Davis Hill colored with Garnett or Chestertown Elementary colored school.

Mt. Pleasant colored with Melitota colored school.

Sandy Bottom colored with West Georgetown colored school.

The adoption of this program will not crowd any of the central schools. On the other hand there will still be room for increased enrollments. At the Millington school there will be three vacant classrooms; at Massey, one vacant room; at Galena, one vacant room! at Kennedyville, one vacant room; at Betterton, one vacant room; at Worton, one vacant room; at Chestertown Elementary, two vacant rooms; at Fairlee, one vacant room ;and at the Rock Hall Elementary there will be space for thirty or more pupils in the six classrooms all of which will be in use. At Piney Neck school with which no school will be consolidated, there are two vacant rooms.

Many of the patrons of the above schools that will be closed by the adoption of this program undoubtedly wish them to be kept open. However, in view of their urgent demand that the cost of the schools along with the cost of other public institutions be reduced, they should accept this program willingly. "They cannot keep their penny and have the cake, too." They must be willing to give up their expensive little schools if you are to meet their demands. Any opposition on their part will not relieve you of yuo rresponsibility to provide the best educational opportunities to the children of the county at the lowest possible cost and it is only through the course outlined above that you can materially reduce the cost of operating the schools.

In the interest of the child who will have a much better opportunity in the central school to get a good education and in the interest of the taxpayer who helps to maintain the schools, the writer sincerely expresses the wish that you unanimously adopt this program in its entirety.

Very truly yours,
LOUIS C. ROBINSON,
County Superintendent.

STILL POND

Misses Helen and Josephine Taylor, of Cambridge, Md., spent several days last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Taylor.

Miss Mabel Norris has returned home after spending last week with her sister in Baltimore, Md., she was accompanied home by her sister and family who spent several days here.

The Phililhia Class o fthe Sunday School hel da very interesting meeting on Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Toulson.

Miss Kate Howard and Miss Louise Pennington spent Thursday with friends at Cheswold, Del.

Miss Minnie Medders and grandniece, Joan Robinson are spending some time with her brother, Mr. Wm. Medders.

Miss Virginia Jones spent last week end in Betterton, Md.

The Epworth League held a very interesting meeting on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rasin. Plans were made to hold a Reception in the Sunday School Room on Wednesday evening April 20ht to meet Rev. Price and family. Members and friends are all invited to be present.

The devotional service of the Epworth League will be lead on Sunday evening at 7.30 p. m. by Mr. Baynard Harper, Jr.

COOPERATE

If Mr. Hoover and Mr. Wills would cooperate we could reduce expenses $250,000,000 without the least trouble. —Speaker Garner.

Which is a reminder of the story of the man trying to rescue a woman who ha dfallen into a river. He grabbed her by the hair and her wig came off. He caught her by the ankle and her cork leg came loose. Then he cried out: "Madam, if I am going to save you i have got to have some cooperation."

H. F. JEFFERSON

Dear Shoppers—Wise and Other Wise!

I've been telling in these letters so far about what to buy—Now I want to get a few words across about where to buy! It's knowing where to buy that shows up the clever woman—

Let's be honest. Down in your hearts, don't most of you feel that the city is the best place to shop for new fashions and lower prices,—bargains or smart expensive things—I know how you feel—But you see I've been on the inside of those city stores for years looking out—And those just who did the buying, the designing, the styling know that the small town store that's awake, can beat the big city store at its' own game every time—The city store goes in for quantity—it has to, to survive—When it goes in for quality as well,—you pay for it, and pay and pay—

But the small town Store has a low over head—It can afford to undersell the city store—The small town store owner does his own buying with a personalized knowledge of his customers preferences and needs—What's more, because he lives among you, and his customers are his friends,—he takes a pride in giving you high quality and good style at the lowest possible price Now think about that—Who can you trust to give you your moneys most worth,—a big corporation to whom you are a tiny speack out of this great mass of customers,—or the man who's going perhaps to sit beside you in church Sunday and shake your hand after service?

Which is the thrifty shopper who knows her dollars,—the one who spends time money and strength going to the city, shops endlessly through row and rows of aisles hunting, hunting for what she wants, vainly trying to make some sales clerk understand and help her find it,—who finally buys something that isn't right or costs more than she can afford,—because the train of the ferry or the car's get to leave!——or the one who trots right down to Jefferson's, sets down and tells Mr. Jefferson what she wants, waits a minute while he shows it to her if he has it or leaves it to him to order it for her at what she wants to pay, if he doesn't happen to have the exact item at the moment—and having done her business in five minutes goes back to her bridge game.

And the moral of that is go in this very day and look at the new $5.75 and $15.75 dresses at Jeffersons!

By LDIA LEE.

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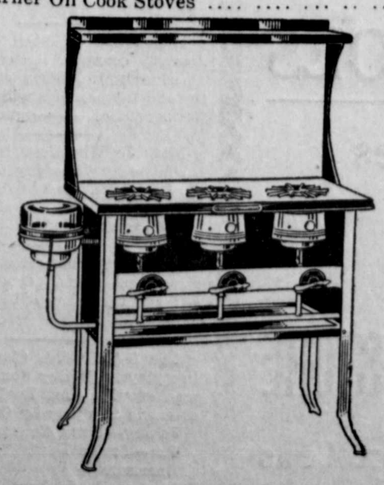
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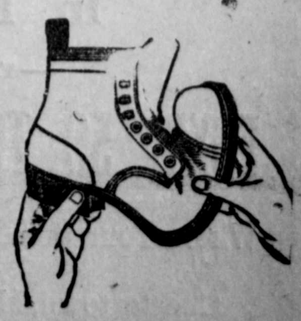
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