Women's Page



In speaking of the old buildings about town the writer made a mistake about the Eliason Building on Main Street always belonging to that family for it was really built as a hotel and was kept by a Mr. Plummer, an ancester of Mrs. Fleming and Mr. Frank Plummer who lives near town. In thinking of it we may see in fancy the stage coaches rolling up to the door, while the guests are seated under the spreading porch roof. And so though the old building has been in possession of the Eliason family for over three generations, it was built for a hotel.

It is a privilege that our citizens have every year of attending the exercises of the College at its June Commencement.

There is so much to please the eye and ear, from the time that we enter the well kept campus, with its flowering plants, to the time when the newly made alumni leave the Hall at the end of the exercises.

Beside the Baccalaureate sermon which always gives the hearers a new line of thought, the music, the harmony of color and the atmosphere of the Hall is all very pleasing. Then, too, there is something stimulating in the portraits that surround the stage. William Smith, with his keen black eyes, still seems to be taking part in the exercises. Such an outstanding man he was. Some one who has been searching into old archives, is very much impressed with the wonderful talent and accomplishment of this founder of the college. Then there is the portrait of Judge Joseph Wickes, dignified and unbending who has left behind the reputation of being a very just judge, Judge Pearce whose influence, and gentleness is still felt among us and, like the ever flowing fountain in the square, to his memory, is ano inspiration to us who knew him.

Judge Chambers, of country wide fame; and the presidents of the college Dr. Cain, Dr. Reid and Dr. Waters each adding his part to the welfare of this institution, and last, but, by no means the least, Dr. Micou, beloved by alumni and friends alike, all add to the impressiveness of the scene. One notes how the number of girl graduates grow, as the Academic procession comes in, this year they are one third of the number. Senator Black's address was most enlightening. It is pleasant to listen to one of these senators when we do not anticipate one of the opposite party, rising and gainsaying every statement he has made.

The portrait of Dr. Titsworth, late president and friend of the people, added another benefactor to the college, to those who has passed beyond our human sight. And so the 152nd Commencement is over and the Hall is quiet once more.

The celebration of the founding of Maryland goes on apace.

Quiet little St. Mary's County is a place of pilgrimage to those who are proud of the settling of Maryland and its subsequent history. Pageants and celebrations of all kinds are held for remembrance.

The 'Ark' and the 'Dove' have become almost as famous as the Mayflower, while the proud title of being the first state to observe religious toleration is added to the laurels of our state.

Altogether little Maryland, next to the smallest of the states in the union has reason to be proud of her records, of her patriotism, and the many outstanding citizens in her history.

SUMMER STYLES
Crepe and Linen

Enthusiasm grows at the thought of putting linen with silk and of combining it with cotton. Crepe dresses with linen jackets are new looking and hav so much class that they will qualify for town wear. There are a great many expressions of this two-fabric alliance about.

LINEN DRESSES

Linen dresses of the handkerchief variety, polka-dotted pink with black, blue with navy and yellow with brown, worn under well-cut white pique jackets, sporting four pockets, make us look forward to July in town.

Two fabrics, which have been quiescent for some time, are rising prominently on the fashion horizon this season—net and alpaca. Both are now emerging in the field of synthetics. The nets have lots of body and a beautiful hang, and the same is true of the alpacas. The former are being talked of as substitutes for sheers when scorching July days come. This is not a prophecy, but already a whole battalion of chic models has been mustered to march forth at the first onslaught of Summer. They cme in good colors, chiefly dark ones, plain and printed. For daytime wear they are being made in smart jacket and dress ensembles, with a very tailored look. For evening they have more dash, but nevertheless the very nature of the material provides them with a svelte trimness.

LOOSE COATS

Of course, something had to be done to rejuvenate the loose coat, so the couturiers changed its aspect considerably by suppressing the swagger, narrwing the shoulders and simplifying the sleeves. It now either falls perfectly straight or flares smoothly from the armpits to the hem, without any folds. The sleeves are plain, sometimes gradually flaring from a widish armhole; sometimes they are frankly kimono.

DRIVE FOR BAND UNIFORMS NOW ON

SEEK NEW EQUIPMENT FOR STATE MEETING

"The drive for free-will subscriptions to help uniform new members of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company Band is on in full swing. Those in charge of the campaign are making no attempt to solicit contributions but are asking for volunteer donations.'

"Some new uniforms have been ordered for the new band members but in other cases, to cut down on expenses, old uniforms are being altered. In asking for contributions those in charge of the drive point out that the band is a civic organization, the off spring of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company, one of the town's most active civic organizations.'

"Subscriptions are sought at once in order that the band may be properly equipt to make an adequate appearance at the annual convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association to be held at Cambridge, June 20-23.'

"Subscriptions, large or small, will be appreciated and may be sent or handed to A. L. Sparks, Chestertown."

Supposed "Impossibles" Not Always Impossible

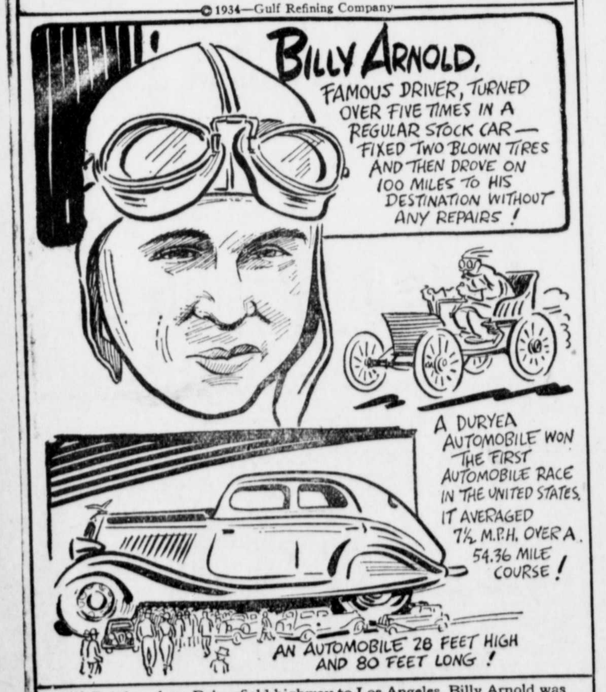
That the commonplaces of today were the "impossibles" of yesterday is most graphically shown when bits of information like the following are brought to light:

The telephone was first thought of as a very marvelous laboratory experiment, nothing more. Chauncey Depew was asked to invest $5,000 in the invention, but an expert electrician of his day warned him against it.

In 1866, a decade before Bell, one Joshua Coppersmith was arrested in New York for attempting to extort funds from "ignorant and superstitious people by exhibiting a device which he claimed would convey the human voice any distance over metallic wires, so that it could be heard by the listener at the other end."

A Boston newspaper at the time (incidentally, Boston is where Bell later perfected his telephone), editorialized about the arrest thus: "Well-informed people know that it is impossible to transmit the human voice over wires as may be done with dots and dashes and signals of the Morse code and that, were it possible to do so, the thing would be of no practical value. The authorities who apprehended the criminal are to be congratulated, and it is hoped that his punishment will be prompt and fitting, that it may serve as an example to other conscienceless schemers who enrich themselves at the expense of their fellow-creatures."—Washington Post.

AUTO ODDITIES



(1) Driving along Bakersfield highway to Los Angeles, Billy Arnold was forced by another car to go off the road. Though he turned over five times he was able to proceed on to Los Angeles without any repairs except changing two tires. (2) In November 1895 a Duryea automobile won the Thanksgiving Day race at Chicago with an average speed of seven and one half miles per hour. (3) One of the exhibits at the World's Fair at Chicago this summer will be a model automobile 80 feet long, 28 feet high and 30 feet wide. It will contain an auditorium that will seat eighty people. (17)

Watch for Auto Oddities in this paper next week

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