THE CHESTERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF CHESTERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS ARGUMENTS ON SCHOOL CONDITIONS

The following is the fourth of the series of articles sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association of Chestertown High School in an attempt to answer arguments advanced against the improvement of school facilities for Chestertown High School Pupils.

ARGUMENT NO. 4—THAT IT WOULD BE ECONOMIC TO CONTINUE CHESTERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL IN THE PRESENT CRAMPED QUARTERS.

The term economic includes more than that which pertains to the financial side of the argument. Webster in defining the term 'economic' states in part,—

"Pertaining to the management of the affairs of government or community with reference to its source of income, its expenditures, the development of its natural resources.

Unquestionably schools are related to the affairs of government and to the community in relation to source of income, expenditures, and development of natural resources, hence it is with this aspect of the definition of 'economic' in relation to the present educational situation that we are concerned.

Boys and girls constitute the principal resource of any community, and in so far as they fail to secure a sufficient amount or the right type of education in good school facilities with adequate equipment, the community has failed to develop its resources. In a very small high school or in a crowded high school it is impossible to provide adequately for the needs of all pupils of varying capacities and abilities, hence pupils are not likely to continue in high school to graduation if the school fails to meet their needs. Comparison of Kent County High Schools with other counties in the State of Maryland shows that the high schools of eKnt County rank 20th among the counties of the state in the number of white boys in high school for every one hundred white girls who were in school for the school year ending in 1933. The percentage of white boys in school in proportion to the white girls has ranged from 68 per cent to 79 percent in different years in the past decade. In every instance Kent County has ranked below seventy-five percent of the counties of Maryland. It is not likely that the population of high school age in Kent County contains a smaller percentage of boys of high school age than other counties, leaving the only other conclusion to be drawn, namely, that the high schools of Kent County are not holding boys in school. The question can be raised why the high schools of Kent County are not holding the boys, and can readily be answered by pointing out that the present high schools do not present a curriculum offering, nor do they possess school facilities that are sufficiently challenging to the needs of boys of high school age to keep them in high school. Since Chestertown High School enrolls three-fifths of the high school population of Kent County, the failure rests primarily at the doors of Chestertown High School. As long as Chestertown High School is forced to continue in the present cramped quarters with limited facilities for education, Kent County will continue to suffer a loss in the development of a trained and well educated citizenry, men and woman who will be the citizens of Kent County tomorrow.

To continue the present curriculum plan of providing college preparatory, general academic, and commercial courses is not meeting the needs of all the boys and girls of Kent County of high school age. The county is distinctively an agricultural county, yet not a single course in agriculture is to be found in any of the Kent County High Schools. Queen Anne's County and Worcester County to the south make provision for the teaching of agriculture in the majority of their high schools. As long as Chestertown High School is destined to continue in the present cramped quarters no additions can be made to the enrichment of the high school program with agriculture or any of the related vocational subjects. It would appear that the largest high school in an agricultural county give consideration to the outstanding occupation of the county in view of the fact that most of the graduates will continue as agriculturists in the county.

In like manner, more adequate provision should be made in the vocational field for boys and girls. At present Chestertown High School is the only high school in the county that gives commercial work. Chestertown's only effort to meet vocational needs, other than commercial, is the work in industrial arts and home economics. All three of the vocational departments are handicapped for want of adequate space and equipment, and cannot attain maximum efficiency under present conditions. To employ specialists to teach high school boys and girls, and then to fail to provide adequate space for work and adequate equipment is not economical in any sense of the word, regardless whether the principle is applied to a high school or to an industry. The same applies equally well to the academic teachers and academic departments.

Finally, it would appear that Kent County has real natural resources in her boys and girls, resources that should be developed to their fullest capacity. The educational authorities of the county have provided a group of well trained men and women who are specialists in their respective fields. The one lack is adequate educational facilities. It would appear that economy would demand that to secure the best results for Kent County's boys and girls, tomorrow's citizens, that adequate facilities and equipment are essential if Chestertown High School, or any other high school, is to be conducted and administered along lines of real ecnomy.

WESTERN STEERS HERE THIS WEEK

The 455 western steers, being sent to Kent County arrived this week by special train and were sent to 18 farmers living in various parts of the coutny. They arrived here in eleven stock cars and are western steers bought by the Federal government for pasturing and fattening in eastern states. The steers are small, weighing from 450 to 550 pounds and will be slaughtered and used for relief purposes as soon as they are in condition. They are being purchased by local farmers for a three months period.

These steers were scheduled to arrive here two weeks ago but the shipmen which left St. Louis at that time were sent to other destinations.

NUDIST VISITOR

A Logan Heights little girl said there was a new baby at her house.

'Has the baby come to stay?' she was asked.

'I think so,' she said, 'he"s taken all his things off.'

KENNEDYVILLE

Mrs. Robert Young attended the funeral of a relative in Wilmington, Del., on Wednesday.

Mrs. E. T. Othoson and daughter, Mrs. Rodger Kennedy visited relatives in Coatsville, Pa., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elburn were given a shower at the home of her parents on Wednesday evening a large crowd attended and they received many useful gifts.

Services as usual in Grace Presbyterian church on Sunday evening at 7.30 p. m.

Mrs. Lula Dukes, of Chestertown, visited her son, Mr. Bruce Dukes and wife last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Atwell were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray King.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Othoson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Kennedy.

Mrs. Mary Green, of Church Hill, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Archibald.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Garey and children and mother spent Sunday with relatives in Newark.

Mrs. Minta Weer is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. James Weer.

Master Rodger Ringgold returned to school this week after being housed for sometime with a sore knee.

Mrs. Mollie Miller visited her sons, Louis and William and families a part of last week.

Mrs. John George has been quite sick this week with a bad cold.

Mrs. Joseph Garey spent the week end with friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Walter Hurlock and Margueret spent Friday in Wilmington, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rasin and Jane visited relatives here on Sunday.

The Mite Society of Grace Presbyterian church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill on Wednesday evening.

We are very glad Mrs. Elliott is very much improved and will soon be able to be back to school.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Tucker, of Washington, D. C., is spending the week end with her sister, Mrs. James Weer and family.

Mrs. James Lusby entertained relatives from Wilmington this week.

Miss Catherine Hessner and sister, of Philadelphia, visited their mother, Mrs. Augusta Hessner a part of last week.

Mrs. McDonald returned to her home in Chester on Sunday after a pleasant visit with her daughter, Mrs. Norman Hopkins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston and son, Thomas, and Mrs. James Weer and Joe attended the funeral of their uncle, Mr. John Cullin in Baltimore on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Minner and Mrs. Robinson, of Camden, N. J., spent a part of this week with Mr. and Mrs. William Lipscomb.

Mr. Lester Coleman returned to his home in Baltimore, on Monday after a pleasant visit with relatives here and Still Pond.

Miss Gladys Archibald, of Wilmington, spent the week end with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pennington visited relatives here last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Urie, of Richardson Park, spent Sunday with their parents.

WORTON

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Knight entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of her father, Mr. John Duyer's birthday. Those present were: Mrs. Blanche Loller, and son, John Carroll, Mrs. Margaret Duyer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ford, of Chestertown, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crew and daughter, Thelma, of North East.

The Epworth League will hold a Social and Business Meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Cooper Wednesday evening, September 26 everybody requested to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hadaway visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hadaway and family, of Cliffs Sunday.

Miss Ann Matthews and friend, Mr. Jack King, of Palmyra, N. J., and Billy Beck Matthews, of University of Md., spent last week end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. George N. Coleman, of Rock Hall, were the guests of Mrs. Henrietta Rasin, Sunday.

Mrs. C. H. Clayville spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. R. P. Williams spent several days this week with her sister, Mrs. Northamer, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reed entertained relatives, of Chester, Pa., over the week end.

Mrs. John Duyer and Mrs. Henry Rasin spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moffett.

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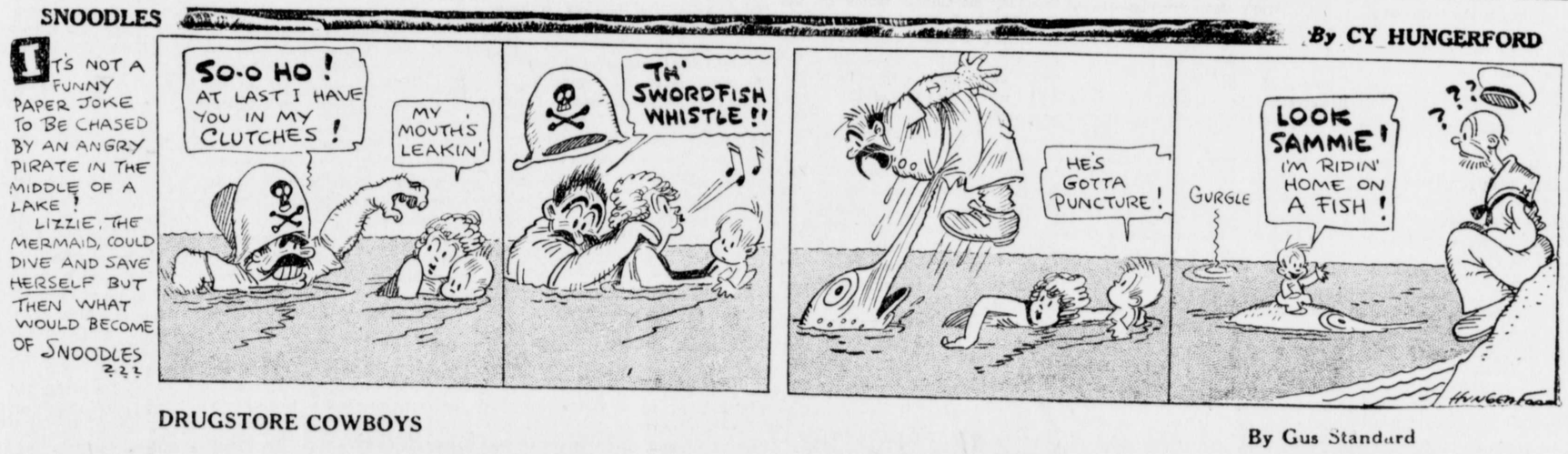
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