CHESTERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

The following is the eighth of a 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. 8.—THAT THE BURDEN OF PAYING FOR IMPROVED SCHOOL FACILITIES WILL FALL ON THE PRESENT GENERATION OF TAXPAYERS.

The answer to the above argument lies in a well planned financial program. Public projects can be financed in three ways,—first, from a sinking fund which has been built up over a period of years looking toward the financing of some public project, second,—the outright payment for the project based on excessive taxes over a short period of years, or third,—by a well planned bonding program. The first two plans are unquestionably out of reason for Kent County, leaving the third plan of bonding as a feasible method of providing for the financing of needed improvements for a community.

Bonding may be of two types, term and series bonds. The first plan of term bonds provides for the issuance of bonds for a term of years, the borrower being immediately responsible for the interest each year as due while the principle is not due until the end of the term of years,—ten, twenty- twenty-five, or whatever term of years is specified. Providing those who are in charge of finances allocate each year a certain sum of money to the sinking fund, looking forward to the retirement of the bonds, and pay the interest regularly, the plan has its merits. On the other hand it is possible that this plan administered by individuals unfamiliar with financial administration, or in the hands of a group of public officials who change the makeup of the controlling board frequently, may force the payment of the total principle at the end of a term of years when no provision has been made to meet payment and when the total payment falls on a generation thirty years removed from the time of the improvement.

The second method and best approved plan of bonding is by the series bond plan,—the borrowing of a certain sum for a period of years, ten, twenty, or twenty-five years, with the provision of paying the interest each year and at the end of each year or two year period to retire a certain part of the bonds. For example, if $125,000 is borrowed for twenty-five years, the amount could be divided into twenty-five payment periods, retiring $5000 each year, plus the interest on the principle unpaid at the end of each year. Thus at the end of twenty-five years, retiring $5000 a year plus interest, the entire amount would be paid off with decreasing interest amounts each year until the principle is paid off.

Under a plan whereby a bond issue would be obtained on a series plan for community improvement, it is quite evident that the boys and girls today would be helping to pay off this indebtedness as taxpayers. For example, if a bond issue were approved, and the money were available on March 1st of a given year, a case can be cited to show the part that the coming generation of taxpayers would have in meeting the finuancial obligation. A boy or girl who begins high school in the fall of the year that the bond issue is available, would then be 13 years of age. By the time of graduation the pupil would be 17 years of age. Granting that he or she returns to the community as a farmer, merchant, commercial worker or house-wife, the individual would probably be paying taxes by the age of 23 years. Although he has failed to make any contribution toward the payment of taxes toward interest payments and retiring of bonds for the first ten years, he still has ten years ahead of him when he will contribute toward the payment of this bonded debt. A senior in high school, in contrast, would be responsible for at least thirteen years in helping to pay off this bonded indebtedness.

The boys and girls of Chestertown High School for the past several years have been awake to this problem and have discussed the financing of a new school. They have discussed the varied aspects of the problem of community financing, and in so far as they have an understanding of the problem have indicated their ready willingness to shoulder financial responsibility as future taxpayers of Kent County in return for improved high school facilities.

Not only will the boys and girls of high school age benefit by reason of improved high school facilities, but also every man, woman and child who is in the least community minded. Improved educational facilities would make community life richer. Adults and children alike would reap the benefits of improved facilities, and by reason of the benefits gained would be more willing to support education. Granting that the present taxpayers of Kent County would have something added to tax bills, there would also be the increased returns to the community. Furthermore, improved high school facilities would be instrumental in attracting people to Kent County, individuals who would be taxpayers on no mean scale.

According to all available figures, Chestertown High School serves three-fifths of the high school population of Kent County, hence it is altogether probable that these future citizens and the homes they represent will be responsible for three fifths of the increased costs on annual tax charges. It is reasonable to suppose that the boys and girls from these communities, now in high school, will in most instances return to the communities from which they come, taking their places in the community as taxpayers. The coming citizens of Kent County are only too ready to assume tax burdens if they can also have some of the benefits. Under any well organized bonding program for community improvement, educational or other improvements, the burden will not fall in its entirely on the present generation of taxpayers.

KENNEDYVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Author Groves and son spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Shriely and family near Fairlee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hurlock and Mrs. Ada Hitch, of Queenstown, are spending sometime with Mrs. Walter Hill and family in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Hedley and sister, Miss Mary Oliff, of Chester, spent Sunday with relatives here. Mrs. Oliff returned home with them for a short visit.

Mr. Irving entertained friends from Middletown on Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Urie, of Richardson Park, visited relatives here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boggs and Sara, of Nassawatax, Va., spent the week and here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boggs.

Miss Marian Pennington attended the convention in Atlantic City a part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hopkins and daughter and Miss Elizabeth and Louise Groves spent Sunday with relatives in Chester.

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

Miss Catherine Atwell spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Atwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall and son, of Baltimore, visited relatives here on Tuesday.

Mr. Rodger Kennedy is suffering with a sore knee.

Mr. William Irving has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Pearl Walls and son, Harry are spending this week in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jewell spent last week in Chicago visiting the Worlds Fair.

We are very glad, Mrs. Elliott expects to return to school next Monday.

The Mite Society of Grace Presbyterian church will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Weer next Wednesday evening, October 24.

Rally Day Service in Grace Presbyterian church next Sunday evening at 7.30 p. m.

Jean King entertained some little friends on Tuesday afternoon in honor of her seventh birthday.

MILLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McQuire, of Richardson Park, Del., visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jones Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Tobin and two children, Jean and Jack, spent last Monday in Wilmington with relatives.

Miss Leona Phillips, of Wilmington, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Phillips.

Mrs. Clara Darner, of Petersburg, Va., spent a few dayas last week with hr sister ih law, Mrs. Eva W. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Rasin and daughter visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rasin, of Kennedyville, Sunday.

Mrs. Noah Walker returned home Monday after spending several days with friends in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Ethel C. Moffett visited Baltimore friends for a couple of days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Wood, of Wilmington, Dl., were guests of her mother, Mrs. John P. Ahern on Sunday.

Mrs. John W. Gladding, of Franklin City, Va., is spending some time with her brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Taylor.

Mrs. J. W. Higman is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Mary Adams, of Rehoboth, Del.

Mr. William Vansant, of Elkton, was the guest last Monday of his mother, Mrs. George B. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Compton and son, Joseph, Jr., of N. Y. City, were week end guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Porter and daughter , Jean, of Dover, Del., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and son, Bobby and Millard Porter, of Wilmington, were Sunday visitors with their mother, Mrs. Eva W. Porter.

Mr. Horace Shahan, of near town, suffered a stroke of Paralysis on Wednesday of last week and died on Friday at 11 p. m. The funeral was held at his late home on Tuesday at 2 p. m. Rev. A. W. Goodhand officiating and interment was made in Millington cemetery. Tobin & Son, were the undertakers. He leaves a widow who before marriage was Miss Lulu Dixon daughter of the late John and Lizzie Dixon and four small boys.

WORTON

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Clayville visited relatives in Baltimore several days this week.

Miss Nina Ford, of Chestertown, spent last week end with Hilda and Hazel Mason.

Mrs. Esther Duyer, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Duyer.

We are sorry to report Mr. C. G. Hadaway is quite ill at this writing.

Mrs. Sally Crowding and children, Charles and Doris, of Chestertown, spent Sunday with Miss Dorothy Ivens.

Preaching will be next Sunday evening instead of Sunday afternoon as usual.

Mr. Joseph Korycki left Sunday for a visit with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Williams entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, Jr., and Miss Alice Cruickshank, of Galena, last week end.

Mr. Henry Matthews, of Rochester, N. Y., and friend, Miss Helen McCarthy, of Pittsburg, Pa., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Loller, of Wyoming, Del., spent the past week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loller.

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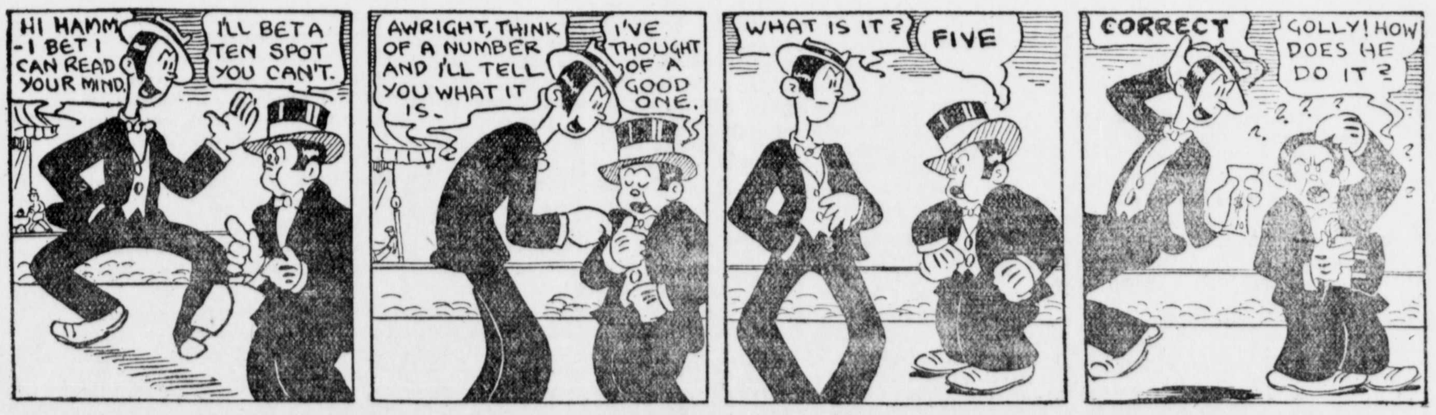
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