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# ARGUMENT FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL

The following is one of the series for a new high school at Chestertown written by one of its advocates.

THAT LARGER OPPORTUNITIES IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WILL DEVELOP CHILDREN MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN THE PRESENT HIGH SCHOOL SET-UP, PLUS THE FACT OF HOLDING PUPILS IN SCHOOL FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME:

One of the most glaring needs of the present high school plant is that of a gymnasium for those interested in athletics. Our program of extra-curricular activities calls for regular periods of training in physical education. Competent instructors for this work are provided and there is a great deal of interest displayed by the pupils for athletics. Yet because of the lack of a proper place in which to take care of the physical education classes, these classes must confine most of their activity to good weather in spring and fall, when they may play out or doors. During rainy weather and in the winter when it is too cold to practice on the athletic field, these physical education classes must remain in their study halls to study instead of getting their alloted periods of physical training which the State Department of Education recommends that they should have. In his respect Chestertown High School is not meeting the recommendation as the State Department of Education.

It is also worthy of note in this connection that the boys and girls interested in basketball (of whom there are a considerable number) would have no place in which to play were it not for the generosity of the college in permitting us to use their gymnasium for a short time during the noon hour and after school for practice. Considering the popularity of this sport on the Eastern Shore and the number of boys and girls ho go ut for it, it would be a real loss to the high school if these teams had to be dispensed with.

There is another point to consider in relation to equipment for physical education. Good health and the acquisition of good health habits are of prime importance in physical education. In fact, it may be said that the improvement of the health of the pupils and training for better health habits are the sole reasons and excuse for physical education classes being in high school. Yet, in spite of that, we have no dressing rooms for these classes. Pupils must use inadequate cloakrooms or lavatories which are impossible to be kept as clean as they should be kept. No lockers are provided for their uniforms and athletic equipment. Consequently their suits and sweaters are kept on nails or benches in the tiny dressing rooms with no pretense made of keeping them separate. It can readily be seen that this is unsanitary and positively dangerous to the health of those students using the dressing rooms. Moreover, no showers are provided and pupils coming in from the field, dusty and prespiring from playing, must change from uniforms to street clothes without a shower. This is inducive to lack of care of personal cleanliness, a habit which is certainly not to be encouraged. To this deplorable extent Chestertown High School is failing in the first cardinal principle of education—Health.

Another field of extra curricular activity in which the pupils of Chestertown High School manifest a great deal of interest is that of dramatics. There is a Dramatic Club which functions admirable considering the lack of facilities for this activity. We have no stage and no proper auditorium which are necessary if the high school is to give plays and entertainments of a dramatic character. Here again the college must be called upon for the use of their auditorium every time the high school decides to give a play. This is an inconvenience both to the high school and to the college. If Chestertwn High School could be provided with an auditorium (which might also be used for a gymnasium as is done in many modern high school buildings) we could have more and better dramatic productions and those people interested in dramatics would be encouraged to stay in school longer. Present conditions for developing dramatic talent, so far as equipment goes, could hardly be termed as encouragment to any pupil. Those who stay in high school because of this interest still in spite of their disadvantage rather than because of their advantages.

As is to be expected, one of the greatest interests among the high school pupils is in reading good books. As a result of this interest the Reading Clubs organized for this year are very popular with the students. A club is organized for each class and they meet periodically to discuss the books they are reading, to get more books to read and to read the books they like. Yet those people who are interested in reading find the lack of a library a real handicap in their activity. They must meet in a classroom and sit at their desks when their reading clubs meet. There are scattered thru out the building in the various class rooms, and those pupils who do not attend classes in any particular room are not familiar with the books in that room. Nor is there any room available in which to get all these books together. Would it not be much better if the pupils of Chestertown High School had a real library to which they could go when they want to find a particular book instead of searching blindly all over the building. not knowing where to look. Nor is it likely that the pupils of Chestertown High School will know how to intelligently use a library if they do not use a library of their own in high school.

In concluding this article it does not seem unreasonable to expect that the health of the pupils of Chestertown High School should be safeguarded by every possible means, that habits of cleanliness should be inculcated at all times, that proper facilities for dramatics should be provided, and that the love of good books and good reading habits be encouraged by the addition of real library to the plant of Chestertown High School.

# STILL POND

Mr. B. R. Fellows, daughter, Lucille and son, Rodger spent Monday in Wilmington.

The monthly business and social meeting of the Epworth League was held at the home of Mr. and Howard Raisin on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Gale Raisin and friend, Miss Dorothy Swan, of Wilmington, spent Tuesday evening with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Raisin.

William Medders, of Baltimore, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Medders over the week end.

We are glad to hear that Miss Laura Hague, who has been very sick is much improved at this writing.

The Ladies Aid held their monthly business and is social meeting at the home of Mrs. Angie Raisin on last Wednesday afternoon. They made plans for the Men's Supper which was held in the Church Wednesday evening of this week.

Mrs. S. W. Mathews is spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Mathews of Worton.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. E. M. Taylor is very sick at his home near Still Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Everett and son, of Sassafras visited her daughter Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Price Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dannaburg, of Baltimore, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bonwill.

Mrs. Webster Tomb, of Wyomissing, Pa., visited with her father, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hague over the week end.

Mrs. George Sutton, of near Still Pond, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clark and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Skeggs, of near town visited with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elsten Kendall, of Turner's Creek, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Bidwell spent the week end in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Newcomb and children, of Chestertown, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hackett Sunday.

Rev. Vaughn Moore and family spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Lavinia Harper, of Baltimore, is spending sometime with her son, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Harper and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Newsome and son, of Betterton, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Massey, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Oliphant and daughter, of Baltimore, spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Jones.

Miss Anna Walters, of Baltimore, is spending sometime with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Ford and family.

Mrs. Lillian Scheetz, of Philadelphia, spent Monday with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Feairheller and daughter, of Litiz, Pa., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Toulson.

**A King Wa[illegible]**

The judge's ermine and the mayor's fur collar are relics of the times when the temperatures of law courts and banqueting halls in England made them not an ornament but a necessity. Even at coronations it was hopeless to try to warm the Abbey, so the king and his august subjects were warmed instead, and modern sovereigns have cause to remember how chilly their ancestors felt when they in turn stifle under the same heavy fur robes. So cold were the homes of England that those who could afford it even slept in fur, and an old account book mentions the purchase of 17 skins to make a nightgown for Queen Elizabeth.


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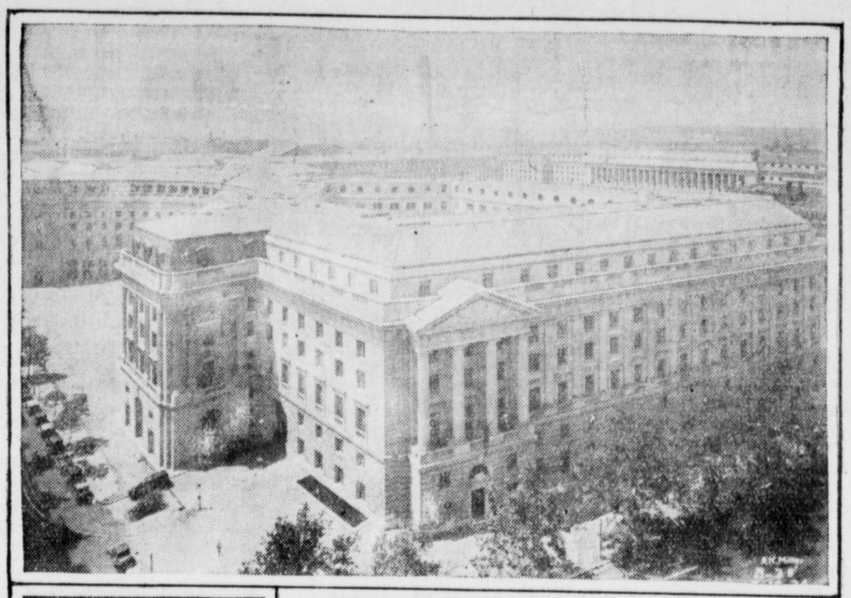
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# NATION'S NEW POST OFFICE BUILDING SERVED BY DIAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM







*Postmaster General James A. Farley (left) finds the telephone a great convenience in his work. (Underwood photo). Dial private branch exchange system switchboard showing Dulcie P. Mitchell, chief operator, standing; and Ellen Veihmeyer, Mary Pruitt, Hilda Robertson and Frances Nordin making connections. Above, the new Post Office building.*

Telephone service in the handsome new post office building at Washington recently occupied is the result of careful planning on the part of the government's architects and the telephone company's engineers. The Post Office Department, including city post offices in Washington, is served by about 500 telephones operating from a dial system installed and maintained by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. More than 5,000 calls are made daily over this system. Telephone service between the Post Office Department and other government bureaus is connected by tie lines operated from this switchboard.

The switchboard system permits calls to be made through city central offices direct to the post office officials and bureaus. Calls from within the department may be dialed directly with city central offices by using a code number designated for "outside calls."

When this building, which contains more than one quarter of a million square feet of floor space, was first planned, the architects communicated with the telephone company's engineers and asked for specifications to cover the facilities required to serve the new structure. The engineers, looking ahead to telephone growth, made suggestions to the architects that resulted in the provision of a cable vault with openings for riser cables, floor outlet boxes and conduit to serve desks at suggested locations now and in the future. This resulted in the new building, while under construction, being equipped with the necessary conduit between walls and under floors to adequately serve the offices with telephones.

When the building was sufficiently completed, the telephone company's construction forces installed the riser cables, terminal frames, outlet boxes and wired the offices for the installation of telephones. Then the switchboard and associated apparatus was installed in rooms especially designed for the purpose and when the building was formally occupied, the telephone system was placed in operation.

**TELLING THE WORLD**



New York . . . Telephone service may now be established between cities, towns and communities in the United States with Beirut, Syria. At Beirut were located the coal mines of King Solomon. This city has the distinction of having operated coal mines continuously since 1016 B. C. Telephone connections between this country and Beirut are routed via New York and London.

Calcutta, India . . . Reports recently issued by the Trade Commissioner show that the Indian post and telegraph department is served by 317 government-owned central offices, 148 non-departmental agency offices, and 383 non-exchange systems comprising about 25,000 telephones. In addition there are 25 exchanges operated by licensed telephone companies serving more than 35,000 telephones.

Washington, D. C. . . . Sales forces of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company working with 300 drug stores set out recently to stimulate the use of the telephone in ordering drug supplies. The efforts of these salesmen not only stepped up the telephone habit at the rate of 425,000 calls a year, but they increased the business of the drug store materially. One druggist estimated that there had been an increase of at least 125 per cent in telephone orders coming into his store as a result of this campaign.

Sidney, Australia . . . The Australian Telephone Development, Ltd. by guaranty has been registered here to aid in the development, use, manufacture, and improvement of telephone, telegraph and radio communication. Sidney, a city of 1,262,000 people is served by 106,472 telephones which is equivalent to about 9 telephones for each 100 of its population.


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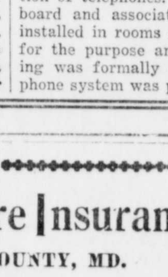
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