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CHILDREN ASKED TO FEED BIRDS

The Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association is pleased to announce that one of its members has donated two fine silver cups to be awarded next May (1936)—one to the Maryland boy and the other to the Maryland girl, each between the ages of 10 and 18, who shall between now and Spring do the best piece of work in Maryland in feeding and protecting our partridges and quail.

Constructing and attending to feeding stations, as they are called, is being done by many grown-ups and is stimulating and delightful recreation. All that is necessary to do is to find a sheldered place where partridges or quail feed or are in the habit of frequenting and erect with brush, tree limbs, pine boughs, corn stalks, hay, straw, or dry grass and the like, properly fastened in place by wire or tarrope or something of the sort so the wind, snow, or rain cannot injure the structure.

Due to the early snows and cold weather this winter, the need for feeding is right now extra pressing and the more birds which are fed now the more game there will be next Fall and what is even more valuable, the fewer destructive insects there will be next summer.

Scratch grain, wheat, Spratt's chick grain and buckwheat are good foods with which to keep the shelter supplied and any boy or girl who cannot otherwise secure the food necessary, can obtain a supply free of cost to the boy or girl by applying to the local salaried District Deputy Game Warden.

C. & P. TELEPHONE CO. CALLS PREFERRED STOCK

The preferred stock of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City is callable on any dividend payment date at $110.00. The Board of Directors at the meeting held today exercised its option to call the stock for redemption on April 15, 1936, the next dividend payment date. All stockholders in accordance with the provisions of the certificate of stock are being notified of this action. The Treasurer of the Company will handle the redemption and all stock is to be delivered on or before April 15, 1936, to the office of the Treasurer at 108 East Lexington Street, Baltimore. Checks covering the redemption for all stock certificates, properly assigned and delivered, will be mailed beginning April 15, 1936. Dividends have been declared up to the redemption date, April 15, 1936. No new financing of a permanent nature is contemplated at this time.

GAS LIGHT COMPANY TO REDUCE RATES

Agreement has been reached between the Public Service Commission and the management of the Washington Gas Light Company of Montgomery County, Maryland, and the Georgetown Gas Light Company of Montgomery County, Maryland, whereby the rates charged the customers of these two companies, both of which supply service in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, will be reduced, effective February 1st.

The lower rate will apply to both domestic and commercial services and customers using gas for house heating ing will also share in the reduction.

Certain of the civic organizations in the sections served by the companies co-operated in the informal negotiations and some of their representatives have conferred with the Commission from time to time during the course of the negotiations.

First Railroad in Ohio

The first railroad in Ohio, which ran from Adrian, Mich., to Toledo, was fostered by our northern neighbor, the Wolverine state. At the outset there was little confidence in the success of the enterprise. It was described in the Michigan legislature, which granted the charter, as merely "a fanciful scheme that could do no harm and would greatly please certain citizens of Toledo."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Just in Montgomery

The election recount cases which have lagged in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County for more than a year will be speeded through to a hasty conclusion. Chief Judge Hammond Urner and Associate Judge Arthur D. Willard, before whom the two cases are pending, directed the principals to show cause by February 15 why the 118 impounded ballot boxes should not be emptied and released in forthcoming primaries.

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The Woman's Auxiliary of Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department will resume the monthly luncheons at the fire house at noon Friday. The luncheons are for the benefit of the fire department. Miss Mary Miller Stabler heads the committee in charge.

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Four dress schools have been arranged for Montgomery County during February, Miss Edythe M. Turner, home demonstration agent for the county, has announced. They will be conducted by Miss Helen Shelby, clothing specialist of the University of Maryland Extension Service, and will be open to all women who have had sewing experience.

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Tentative plans for organization of a Boys' Club for Silver Spring were made at a meeting of business, professional, and civic leaders. Dr. Edwin W. Broome, superintendent of Montgomery County Schools, pledged support of the school authorities and declared that the gymnasium of the Takoma-Silver Spring Junior High School will be available at once for use of the club. Sixty-eight men attended the meeting, among whom were ministers and physicians of the community, presidents of civic, educational, service and fraternal organizations.

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A resolution urging the county commissioners to request the State Roads Commission to reduce the speed on arterial highways running through Silver Spring was passed by the North Woodside-Montgomery Hills Citizens' Association last night. The resolution claims that recently the speed limit on the newly widened Colesville Pike and on the East-West Highway, between the District line and Second Avenue, has been raised to 45 miles, creating a dangerous traffic hazard. It asks that the limit be made about 30 miles.

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Plans and specifications for the Rockville and Kensington grade crossing eliminations have been given the United States Bureau of Public Road's stamp of approval and bids for construction of the two spans will be sought shortly by the Maryland State Roads Commission. Advertisements for the bids have been withheld pending approval of the plans by the Federal highway body, a step necessary to obtain release of the Public Works Administration funds allocated for the projects. The plans were approved following their inspection by District Engineer Vernon M. Pierce and are to be returned to the Maryland State Roads Commission within the next few days. It is estimated that the two bridges will cost approximately $400,000 to build.

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Announcement has been made that the Rockville Athletic Association will sponsor a dance in the Rockville high school February 1. The committee in charge of the arrangements consists of Ralph Benson and John Clagett.

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County Building Inspector E. J. Gray was elected president of the Edgemoor Citizens' Association at the annual meeting of that organization. Paul T. Culbertson was named vice president, C. Emory Phillips, secretary-treasurer, and Paul T. Culbertson, Robert F. Fleming, Jo V. Morgan, Mr. Phillips, William S. Hepner, Maj. John E. Upp and R. E. Burnie, delegates to the Bethesda Fire Board. The association reaffirmed its stand for an immediate equalization of assessments in Montgomery County and instructed its delegates to the Civic Federation to direct their efforts toward that end.

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Frank H. Karn, president of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, and Peter Snyder, Washington attorney, were the speakers at the annual meeting of the Montgomery County Federation of Republican Women Monday afternoon in Jessup Blair Community House.

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The Town Council of Takoma Park will hold a public hearing in the fire house on February 17 for the benefit of all property owners interested, prior to the construction of the concrete curb and gutter between Hodges lane and Philadelphia Avenue, which, it is estimated, will cost abutting property owners $1.50 per linear foot.

Initials on Lincoln Pennies

The initials V. D. B. on some Lincoln head pennies minted in 1909 are those of Victor D. Brenner, the medalist and sculptor who designed the coin. But this part of the design was soon withdrawn by the Treasury department and consequently the artist's initials appear on only part of the Lincoln pennies bearing the date 1909. Many thousands of the initialed cents were circulated, however.

ROAD BOND ISSUE MAY SOLVE DEBT IN MONTGOMERY

A solution to the problem created by the threatened withdrawal of State aid in maintaining Montgomery County roads will be proposed to the State Roads Commission.

Paul M. Coughlan, member of the Board of Commissioners, and Edward Peter, board counsel, met in Baltimore with Dr. Homer E. Tabler, Roads Commission chairman, to offer suggestions for financing road programs through a bond issue, pending settlement of the county's indebtedness to the State.

Dr. Tabler has notified the county that unless its account was settled promptly, the commission would halt further extension of credit for maintenance of lateral roads or debt service.

Coughlan and Peter proposed that Montgomery County be authorized to float a bond issue, the proceeds to be used to maintain roads until its account is adjusted. The bond issue revenues would be independent of gas tax receipts, these going to the State toward settlement of the county's debt. Money raised by the bond issue would be allocated to the State on a monthly basis to be used for road maintenance, while the gas tax revenues are earmarked for debt adjustment purposes only.

Ax of Prehistoric Giant

There were giants on the earth in the old days. This conclusion seems to be justified by the finding of a stone ax wielded by prehistoric man. The ax weighs 14.5 pounds. It was found in Norfolk, England, in strata that underlies glacial deposits indicating that it was produced and used by a race that antedated the Ice age. The deposit belongs to the early Pleistocene epoch and the man who used it may have lived 1,000 millenniums ago. No skeletons of giant human beings have been found to give support to the theory that a race of giants at one time inhabited the earth but no other theory has been offered to account for the gigantic size of this flint ax.

Gold in California

The first discovery of gold in California was in 1842 near the San Fernando mission near Los Angeles. No real importance was attached to the discovery until February 9, 1848, when the daughter of James W. Marshall, the overseer of a mill owned by John A. Sutter, found a piece of nugget in a mill race on a branch of the Sacramento river near Coloma. This discovery started the gold rush to California. James W. Marshall died old, alone and almost penniless in a mountain saloon.

Symptoms of Hysteria

Hysteria, a morbid state of the nervous system, produces a variety of symptoms, including high fever, which closely resemble those of organic diseases and are difficult to diagnose, writes No. 10,375, State penitentiary, Deer Lodge, Montana, in Collier's Weekly. Some time ago a man, afflicted with recurring spells, was operated on—over a period of years—by five different surgeons who were convinced by his condition that he had appendicitis

State Has Four National Parks

California is the only state having four national parks. Each has some outstanding feature, all are in mountainous country. The northernmost one, Lassen Volcanic National park, encloses Mt. Lassen, the only active volcano in the United States. Directly east of San Francisco are the great valley and granite domes of Yosemite National park, deep in the Sierras. Farther south are Sequoia and General Grant National parks, preserving giant sequoias and redwoods.

Bear Sucks Up Ants

When the black bear of India finds an ant-hill it takes but a few minutes to tear up the hard, cemented clay and lay the deep galleries bare; then putting its gutta-percha muzzle to the mouths of each gallery, it draws such a blast of air through them that the industrious laboring ants are sucked into its gullet in drifts. Afterwards the bear digs right down to the royal chamber, licks up the bloated queen, and goes on its way.

Many Languages Used

There are 2,796 languages used by the 2,000,000,000 inhabitants of this earth. Chinese leads in popularity, with a variety of dialects, as the mother tongue of 475,000,000 persons, and English rates second with 224,095,500. Then follow in order Hindustani and the other Indian languages, Russian and dialects, Japanese, Spanish, German, French, Portuguese, Javanese, Italian and Arabic.

People of Gaspe Peninsula

The people who live on the Gaspe peninsula are the descendants of the early traders and fishermen who arrived from France shortly after the country had been discovered, of Channel islanders who settled on the coast in the early days of the new colony, of Loyalists who came from the United States, of Acadians who were exiled from their country, of English Irish and Scotch immigrants.

Colors of Red-Wings

Black, with a bit of the brightest red and yellow-buff, are the only colors necessary for the male Red-Wings. He must be military, for he wears shoulder-straps. The broad, upper division is a brilliant scarlet. The lower, narrow division is yellow-buff.

Oldest Piece of Furniture

The oldest known piece of furniture in the world is the throne of the Egyptian Queen Hetshepsu, which is preserved in the British museum. It is known to be more than 3,000 years old.

All Sorts of Muskets in Use During Revolution

In the American Revolutionary war the battling patriots of the new world carried all sorts of muskets, and a few were armed with the long rifle, later known as the Kentucky rifle. At Bunker Hill the British troops carried smoothbore muskets, and the farmers and militiamen who faced them likewise were armed with smoothbores, with the likelihood that a few of the last named carried the rifle that had been introduced into this country by German immigrants.

The smoothbore musket of the revolution, and the weapon with which a majority of Washington's troops were armed, was the French Charleville musket, says a writer in the Chicago Tribune. It had a maximum range of about 880 yards, or a half mile, and an accurate range of about 100 yards. If a soldier could hit a man or a horse at 100 yards with his musket he was considered a good shot, the order of the officers to the men then invariably being to "wait until you see the whites of the enemies' eyes." The long rifle, on the other hand, a weapon in existence at that time, had a maximum range, with a full charge of powder, of about 1,320 yards, or three-quarters of a mile, and was accurate up to 150 to 200 yards, depending entirely upon who was doing the shooting. Some of the most skillful of the marksmen of that time could shoot the old long rifle accurately at a distance of even more than 200 yards.

Close Weaving Is an Art Common With Araucanians

Araucanian textiles are beautiful examples of the craft. They are closely woven and have a deep, rich nap. They are prized also for their characteristic designs, the blending of colors and the quality of their dyes. It is well to know quality, however, for aniline dyes have in recent years gained some favor with the natives and replaced to some extent the vegetable coloring used for centuries.

Close weaving is an art which nature forced upon the Araucanians, states a writer in the Washington Star. Persistent rains at certain seasons of the year have led them to fashion cloth and robes as waterproof as possible. A variety of colors and striking patterns, make the garments gay and lovely.

Ponchos usually are woven with stripes or rectilinear designs. Sometimes a Greek cross forms the center of the pattern, and others have small squares with zig-zag sides. The background is usually blue or black and in bringing out the pattern, the Indians use a method which has been followed for generations. Upon the wood that is to remain white, the craftsman ties strips of leather or resistant vegetable fiber. After the dyeing is completed, the coating is removed.

Mistletoe First State Flower

The mistletoe was the first state flower to be chosen, Oklahoma making the choice in 1893. Since that time many states have chosen flowers and have changed from one flower to another. Selections have been made by vote of the school children, by vote of the state legislatures and some stand by general adoption. A national flower still remains to be chosen, the dogwood, rose, mountain laurel, daisy, columbine and golden rod having been suggested. The wild rose was chosen for the United States by vote of the readers of Nature Magazine, but no flower has been officially selected. The rose is very popular in state-naming lists, the District of Columbia selecting the American Beauty rose, Iowa and North Dakota, the wild rose, New York, the rose, and Georgia, the Cherokee rose.—Detroit News.

The Brown Thrasher

Graceful and alert, his reddish brown back, head, tail and wings make him blend into his surroundings so well that the sly Brown Thrasher is often overlooked. There are some black markings across the upper part of the wings. This black is bordered with white, so that two white bars seem to extend across each wing. The side of his head is light yellow-gray. The eye is pale yellow. The throat, breast and other underparts are pale gray, tinted with light brown. The undermarkings are black. His feet are brownish gray, and the beak is dull blackish brown. The Brown Thrasher ranks with the mockingbird as a songster.—Indianapolis News.

Violin Has Not Changed

While every other musical instrument of the modern orchestra, with the organ and piano, have undergone such changes in construction as almost to make them different instruments, the violin has not changed for the better in the last 300 years. Amati, Stradivarius, Guarnerius, and the others, found the perfect model, and although many attempts have been made to improve on it, they have resulted in failure. The Cremona type became the class model for the violin and it is accepted as such, universally.

May Be Cause of 'Quakes

Scientists believe that earthquakes are very rarely due to volcanic explosions below ground. We live on the solid crust of the earth, which is some forty miles thick and continually subject to slow earth movements. These put the earth's crust into a state of strain, which increases until it becomes too great at one point for the strength of the rock to resist. Then there is a sudden slip or rupture, which appears on the surface as an earthquake.

Degrees for Presidents

Forty-nine American universities and colleges have conferred degrees on Presidents. Collegiate honoring of Presidents began with George Washington and has continued almost uninterruptedly.

Step on Your Troubles

Jud Tunkins says troubles are like colds. It's unfair to scatter 'em around among innocent bystanders.

SMUGGLING GUNS TO ETHIOPIA NEW GAME

Rumrunning Adventurers Now Turn to Arms.

Paris, France.—Europe's gangsters and international adventurers, who have found time on their hands since bootlegging booze into America became a dead industry, have discovered a new racket in gunrunning into Ethiopia.

While the chancelleries are busy trying to find a solution to the quarrel between Benito Mussolini and the emperor of Ethiopia, Haile Selassi I, gunrunning racketeers are busy rushing into East Africa the munitions which will blaze when talking ceases.

With some 500,000 men to resist the might of Italy, and the need for airplanes, tanks and motorized artillery, the ruler of Ethiopia has sent emissaries to munition plants of Europe to try to obtain the equipment necessary to carry on war against the white invader of the kingdom founded, according to legend, by Solomon and the queen of Sheba.

Secret Orders Placed.

Owing to the ban on export of arms, the Ethiopians have not been able to buy enough war stocks, although the emissaries have offered gold from their fabled mines. Some secret orders have been passed and ships, under sealed instructions, have sailed mysteriously from several ports in Europe down through the Suez canal and the Red sea.

Normally, they carry trinkets and western goods for the emperor's people, but in reality they have been loaded to the Plimsoll line with powder and arms.

The gunrunning racketeers are supplementing this traffic. Mostly Greeks, Germans, Armenians and other individuals of no defined nationality, they have spread their activity from the capitals of Europe to the shores of the Red sea and the inland frontiers of the emperor's kingdom.

Their agents throughout the western capitals are charged with the mission of buying all available rifles, shotguns and revolvers and, if possible, machine guns. These are then shipped to the nearest port, where bartering goes on with the captains of vessels bound east of Suez.

Racketeers Charter Ships.

The smugglers' agents offer big rewards to sea captains who are willing to use up available space in loading guns for the East African war. As, however, the number of vessels available on the regular routes is limited, the racketeers have been chartering vessels of their own, idle tramp steamers, yachts and sailing craft.

Crammed full to the decks with grenades and rifles and machine guns, they steer for the Red sea, unload their cargoes and rush them over the caravan routes by camel and mule pack to the frontiers of Ethiopia.

Here the Ethiopians, hungry for the guns which they need to defend their soil, are ready with precious goldust tied in cloth, which they pay to the gun traders.

Throughout the vast desert wastes of Arabia and the Yemen, where Lawrence roused the tribes against the Turks in the World war, the gun traders today are searching the land for guns which they can ship across the stretch of water which separates the Arabian state from Africa.

Arabian tribes, eager to help their Ethiopian neighbors against the invading Europeans, gladly contribute their sharp-shooting rifles to the cause, especially when they get well paid for their benevolence.

"Blue Eagle's" Rise and Fall Is Found in Bible

Boston.—Mrs. Evelyn Connell, Biblical student, compared events of the past few years with those of the Bible and found them similar, even to the rise and fall of the Blue Eagle.

Mrs. Connell said the Great Stone Face in New Hampshire was similar to the part of Joshua where pilgrims entered the promised land and were commanded to take stones and leave them in the lodging place where they lodged for the night.

"And these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel forever. And the children of Israel did as they were commanded, and they are there unto this day."

"Joshua took a great stone and set it up 'as a witness unto all the people,' for it hath heard all the works of the Lord which he spake unto us." Thus the stone face.

She finds the eagle in the seventeeth chapter of Ezekiel, where it said that an eagle rose, and settled among "the merchants of the city," planted and sowed in the fields, but ultimately was vanquished.

115-Year-Old Indian Is Still Working His Farm

Wabeno, Wis.—Joe Ice, one hundred-and-fifteen-year-old Indian living near here, has earned the reputation of an excellent farmer among the younger tribesmen.

His corn crop was so superior last season that members of his tribe purchased their seed for this year's planting from him.

Friends say he is in excellent health, for his age and "is good for another ten years." Ice, who isn't just exactly sure of his age, but remembers when his people lived in Chicago and were moved across the Mississippi river, can speak only the language of the Pottawattomie Indians.

Largest Herd of Moose

The largest herd of moose on this continent is probably the one on Isle Royal in Lake Superior. The National park service estimates that there are more than 2,000 moose in this herd. The number is constantly increasing.

Alcohol on the Brain

Up to a drep of alcohol may be found in the brain of a person who has never touched liquor, says a New York university professor.

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Difficult to Trace Back Ancestry of the Bulldog

Because of his English origin, the bulldog is frequently called the English bulldog, but the official and correct name for him is simply "bulldog." As with most breeds, it is extremely difficult to trace back the origin of the bulldog. When the Romans invaded England in the early centuries, one of the things they wrote about was that the country was nearly overrun with large, ferocious dogs with perpetually snarling faces. These probably were mastiffs, and could be called the ancestors of the later bulldog, says a writer in the New York Herald Tribune.

The name first appears in print in the early part of the Sixteenth century in England. The name clearly indicated just what the bulldog was used for, that is, the ancient sport, so-called, of bull-baiting. However, the cruelty of this sport caused parliament in the Seventeenth century to issue an edict prohibiting these spectacles, and from then on the bulldog lost its popularity. In fact, it was the impression at that time that he was good for only one use, that of bull-baiting, and the breeding was practically discontinued when it was prohibited by law. The breed became almost extinct, and yet it can be truly said that the good qualities of the bulldog were not really appreciated until he ceased to be bred for bull-baiting. Then, and only then, he came to be loved for himself alone, for he was then, as he is now, despite his sour expression, an ideal pet, especially for children.

Air Pressure Winds Clock

The medieval town of Orebo in central Sweden has a great clock phenomena, which has been going on keeping correct time since November, 1916, without being rewound. The clock is actuated by changes in air pressure. The movement consists of seven metal boxes which are affected by changes in atmospheric pressure. The movement which they receive from such variation of pressure is employed to draw up a weight which actuates the clock's hands.

Chinese Have Kitchen Gods

Most Chinese homes still have their kitchen god, in a picture, who watches over the household for twelve months and then, upon being burned up on New Year's day, goes to heaven to give his annual report on the behavior of the family. If they believe his report is going to be unfavorable, R. E. Gray, Shanghai, China, writes in Collier's Weekly, his picture is soaked in wine before the burning so he will become drunk and be refused admittance at the Golden Gate.

Asbestos Used in Ancient Rome

Writings of ancient Greece and Rome indicate that asbestos was used in incombustible fabrics for tablecloths, winding sheets, handkerchiefs and other articles.

Gayety Marks Ancestors' Memorials With Chinese

Ancestor worship prevails in China, along with Buddhism, Taoism, and Confucianism. Custom provides for markers on the graves for identification purposes only. In every Chinese home, however, there is a tablet or shrine which contains the two ancestral names of the father and mother, carved on wood or written on paper, and before these incense is burned daily.

On a certain day, says a correspondent in the Chicago Tribune, the graves are visited by surviving relatives on a sort of festive occasion, partaking of the spirit of Easter, and to the children are imparted reverence and love for their own families.

Much productive land is occupied by these many graves, but every available foot of that remaining is made to produce. A primitive man-pushed plow or one pulled by a carabao (water buffalo) is the only visible argicultural implement. Treadmills to lift the water from one rice paddy to another are operated by four or five persons. Men and women stand alongside each other and trudge the long dreary day to turn the wheels, many of the women crippled with cruelly bound small feet, and most of the time there is enough of a breeze blowing to turn the water wheels without human labor. Not a windmill is permitted, because of superstitious fear of offending the wind and water spirits.

Matter of Dietetics Not Much in Evidence

When the young woman teacher of dietetics married a physician the Woman thought it a most suitable match. Their little girl has now grown to be a chubby four-year-old. She certainly is a good advertisement for the strictly scientific upbringing, every one says, judging from her ruddy appearance. But a recent event in the life of this model child, related by her mother, has led the Woman to doubt whether the parents' adherence to the rules of science is entirely responsible for the perfect state of health of the little girl.

Her mother was busy in the house and had allowed Martha to play with the well-brought-up little boy next door. It was not long before Martha was called in to lunch. She came in blithely, sucking an enormous hard candy.

"Wherever did you get that piece of candy? And just before lunch, too?" asked the parent, horrified at this double infringement of the rules.

"Harry gave it to the doggie, and the doggie didn't like it," explained Martha.—New York Sun.

Lost That Friend

"My neighbor, Hi Hat, once borrowed carfare from me," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown. "He no longer speaks to me. Had I refused him he might still be obsequious in the hope of borrowing."

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