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Plans are being completed for a concert at the Kensington School auditorium April 17 at 8:15 o'clock under the auspices of the Suburban Symphony Committee.

Proceeds from the concert will be used for the benefit of the national symphony sustaining fund. Among artists who will appear on the program are M. Henry Longpre, violinist; Miss Janet Coon, whistler and entertainer, and the Chevy Chase Chanters.

The concert is being arranged by Mrs. H. M. Milburn, chairman; Mrs. Roy R. Graves, Mrs. Wilson L. Townsend, Mrs. Ernest J. Wakefield, Mrs. Bradley Van Hoesen, Mrs. Thomas Tremearne, Mrs. K. L. Hungerford, Mrs. H. M. Flinn, Mrs. Ruth Sessions and Mrs. N. Wheeler.

The Woman's Community Club has postponed its regular monthly meeting from April 13 to April 20.

MONTGOMERY BILLS PASSED BY LEGISLATURE

Among the Montgomery measures that achieved enactment in the waning hours of the Legislature was the $180,000 school improvement bond issue bill, another permitting a 10-year extension on all uncollected street assessments in the suburban district. Others eliminate personal property levies on automobiles from provisions of the semi-annual tax payment law to become effective in 1937.

Provide for a referendum May 4 on the legalization of games of skill and chance at benefit carnivals and like functions.

Create a police court for the town of Takoma Park through the appointment of a police justice, who would receive $1,200 annually—half to be appropriated by the county and the remainder by the town.

Amend the charter of the town of Takoma Park.

Provide $3,000 annually for the maintenance of the law library at Rockville by diverting a portion of court fines and forfeitures.

Reduce hucksters' licenses from $100 to $50 a year.

Repeal the anti-trapping law in Montgomery.

Empower the county treasurer to publish his annual statement of county xpenditures and receipts in two papers.

Enpower the county treasurer to publish delinquent tax lists in two county papers.

Takoma Changes Authorized

Authorize the Mayor and Council of Garrett Park to adopt and enforce building and zoning regulations that would conform to those of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Five changes would be made in the laws of Takoma Park if the charter amendment bill receives the gubernatorial signature which all legislation requires before becoming a law

Prospective voters would be compelled to take oath of residence in the municipality; town policemen would be empowered to enforce all county and Statewide laws within the corporate limits, semi-annual payment of town taxes would be optional, hearings would be required on all petitions for public improvements submited to the mayor and council and the mayor and council would be prohibited from entering into any contracts with the town.

"The Island of Good Luck"

Bonaventure island, which means "the island of good luck," was so named by the French-Canadian fishermen of Perce because of the good luck they had around it in the early days when salmon was plentiful. Today the island is noted for its cod fisheries—as well for being the scene of the largest sea fowl sanctuary on the north Atlantic coast.

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."

Just in - Montgomery

Final plans for a number of activities this month were discussed at a meeting of Forest Glen Council, Knights of Columbus, Tuesday night in Rosensteel Hall. The council has set the date for its annual communion and breakfast at St. John's Church for April 19 at 9:30 a. m. On April 17 the group will give a dance jointly with Montgomery Council of Gaithersburg at St. Martin's Hall in Gaithersburg. Proceeds will be given to the two parochial schools in the county—St. Martin's at Gaithersburg and St. Michael's at Silver Spring.

Building operations in the eastern suburban district of Montgomery County reached a new peak for the current boom during March, Gerald Warthen, building inspector for the area, announced. A total of 87 permits for structures estimated to cost $278,787 were issued during the month. Of the 87 permits granted last month, 64 are for houses, one for a store, one for an apartment and the others for garages, cottages, additions to dwellings and miscellaneous structures.

Nominations for mayor and three councilmen will be made at a convention in Takoma Park on April 20. At least two rivals for mayor are in prospect. One is John R. Adams, dean of the Council. The other is Dr. C. C. Galloway of the Community League of Takoma Park. Mayor Frederick L. Lewton and Councilmen Peter Remsen and Royal G. Sherburne have stated they will not be candidates for re-election. Captain Harold W. Orcutt, the third councilman whose term expires, will endeavor to succed himself. The town election will be held May 4. Registration days have been set for April 28 and 29.

Development of Tugwelltown is being closely watched by members of the Maryland-National Capial Park and Planning Commission, who realize it eventually will be linked with the suburban area's park system. The Government's $5,000,000 homestead project at Berwyn, officially designated Greenbelt, lies directly in the of what eventually is expected to be a parkway link between Washington and Baltimore the park group is pleased to note that it is being developed with adequate thought to artistic arrangement of houses and sufficient park and recreation areas.

Clayton K. Watkins, clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, is notifying merchants that their State traders' licenses will have to be renewed by May 1, and that there is a 10 per cent penalty for each month after May that the licenses remain unrenewed.

The Democratic organization candidates for delegates to the State Convention have filed notice of their intentions with the Board of Election Supervisors. The slate includes Mrs. D. Jane Price of Barhesville, former Judge Donald A. Delashmutt, of Rockville, Ralph H. Chase of Chevy Chase, J. Bond Smith of Takoma Park, Lacy Shaw of Colesville and J. Harry Welch of Chevy Chase. Thus far no other candidates have filed. The six names will not appear on the ticket in the presidential and congressional primary on May 4 unless they are opposed.

Montgomery County's commissioners will turn their share of the State relief funds over to the Board of Public Welfare rather than the County Welfare board, for disbursement. Under the new relief tax bill, part of the relief funds is to be paid to the commissioners of the various counties, to be used for welfare work through whatever agency they elect or to cut the tax rate. Paul M. Coughlan, acting chairman of the local county board, said Montgomery's relief needs would preclude any possibility of using the money to cut the tax rate.

The question of future action by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission regarding applications to rebuild on Chesapeake & Ohio Canal property rest in the hands of the commission's attorney. It was referred to him following a conference between the commission, representatives of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Co. and representatives of the communities involved. About 15 persons whose homes were damaged or demolished by the flood have applied for building permits. For the present they are being refused as failing to conform to a provision of the zoning code. The canal company is willing to cooperate with county authorities in eliminating undesirables from the river front.

The United Young Men's Democratic Clubs of Montgomery held election of officers Monday night in Rockville. J. S. Dawson, Jr., of Rockville, was elected president, Don Caffery Glassie of Chevy Chase, James C. Christopher of Bethesda, A. D. Noyes of Kensington, William E. Wootton of Rockville and Charles Davis of Poolesville were elected vice presidents; Ralph Berry of Kensington, recording secretary; Jack Spates of Rockville, corresponding secretary; James T. Hoyle of Poolesville, treasurer; Albert Brault of Bethesda, parliamentarian, and Frank Day of Potomac, sergeant at arms.

The Bethesda Chamber of Commerce brought to a close Monday night one of the most successful programs of civic undertakings ever attempted by a Montgomery County organization and swung into another fiscal period with a new set of officials at the control of its administrative functions. Heading the staff is Adlai Magee, who was elected to succeed William Buckley as president, while his aides are Harry L. Golladay, first vice president; G. Wady Imirie, second vice president; John A. Overholt, secretary; S. Walter Bogley, treasurer; Joseph A. Cantrel, A. R. Townshend, S. Roy Robertson, Walter K. Bachrach, Earl S. Carlin and Buckley, directors.

As the initial step in the roadside planting program of the Rockville Community Garden Club, which will be the group's principal project of the current year, the work of planting approximately 100 tulip, poplar and Oriental plane trees on the Rockville pike was begun Monday morning.

Anticipating opposition, Montgomery County Volunteer Firemen are planning a campaign to carry the referendum on the question of legalizing games of skill and chance at benefit carnivals. The county Board of Election Supervisors plans to handle the referendum, which will be held in conjunction with the presidential and congressional elections on May 4. Details of the firemen's campaign in behalf of the proposal to be waged during the coming month will be agreed upon at a meeting of the county firemen's association to be called soon, according to Eugene J. C. Raney, president of the Kensington department.

The Rockville Chamber of Commerce authorized appointment of a committee to assure the commissioners for Montgomery County of its interest in the proposed construction of a bridge over the Potomac River at Whites Ferry, or in that immediate vicinity, and of its willingness to cooperate in every way within its power.

Miss Margaret Groomes, visiting nurse of the Montgomery County Red Cross Chapter, made 106 visits in connection with her work in March. The nursing service is available to all needing bedside care under doctors' directions and is free to those unable to pay.

ELECTION OFFICIALS NAMED IN MONTGOMERY

To fill vacancies, the Supervisors of Elections for Montgomery County have appointed the following to serve as officers of registration on April 28 and as judges at the Presidential and Congressional primary elections on May 4.

Rockville district, Second precinct, Charles M. Hickman, Republican; Third precinct, Mrs. Raymond C. Karge, Republican; Fourth precinct, William C. Beck, Republican.

Colesville district, First precinct, Mrs. Grace M. McCeney, Democrat.

Bethesda district, First precinct, Walter H. Young, Republican, and Mrs. Frances R. Stone, Democrat; Second precinct, Richard B. Winder, Democrat; Third precinct, Mrs. Annie Jennings, Republican.

Barnesville district, Sterling Miles and Robert T. Dayhoff, Republicans.

Wheaton district, First precinct, Richard C. Birney and Lawrence C. Rabbitt, Republicans, and Leroy M. Smith, Democrat; Seventh precinct, Edward W. Koch, Republican; Eighth precinct, Mrs. Stella M. Kline, Republican.

Easter Island Has Many Puzzling Stone Images

For centuries explorers who have touched the shores of Easter island have stood in bewildered awe before the huge stone images of hideous men which stand, remnants of a mysterious people, not far from the Pacific coast of the island.

The images are roughly chiseled from lava quarried on the island, which lies several thousand miles off the west coast of South America. Some of the faces with their large noses and long pointed chins are still part of the rock in the quarry—left there for some reason at which we can only guess, writes a correspondent in the Washington Star.

Of the people who made them we know very little. They can scarcely be called artists, for the images are poorly made and show only a childish skill, with great heads out of all proportion to those we are now familar with.

But these people had a strange culture of their own, for in the small stone houses scattered over the little island are symbols which seem to be part of a written language. The symbols have not been deciphered, but they indicate an ancient culture on this far-away island.

Another question which baffles modern students of the problem is how the immense and heavy images were carried from the inland quarries to their present location on vaulted foundations near the shore.

Famous Fort at Resort

Fort Monroe, one of America's oldest military strongholds, where Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, was held a prisoner after the Civil war, is still an active military base.

SPEND $1,000 MONTH ON DIONNE BABIES

Famous Quintuplets Financially Independent.

Callander, Ont.—Through their physician, Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe, the Dionne quintuplets recently gave a message to the world. They said:

"Thanks for all your help, and we want you to know we are now self-supporting. We say this because so many persons and organizations helped us when we were not able to take care of ourselves. Now we are making enough money to meet all our needs and allow us to save some. We thought you would like to know."

Doctor Dafoe sat back in a deck chair on his front lawn and elaborated on the statement.

The girl babies of Oliva and Elzire Dionne are not nearly as wealthy as many persons believe. They have $45,000 in bonds and cash, and contracts now in force probably will bring them another $50,000. In their 14 months of life the youngsters have spent a lot of their own money. How much, the doctor declined to say.

The Canadian Red Cross paid for the nurses for a year and, with the Ontario government, helped out in various ways. In the last four months the children have paid all their own expenses—and expenses of quintuplets are large.

No figures have ever been given out, but salaries of the doctor and nurses probably total $450 a month. Other salaries, for an orderly, two maids and two guards, take perhaps $250 more. That total of $700 does not include upkeep of the hospital, which must be large, as all the staff, but the doctor, have their meals there. Everything the babies eat and drink is of the best and their food bill is large.

In addition there are many extras, which all go to make $1,000 a conservative estimate of the babies' monthly expenditure.

One of their chief assets is their home, valued at $20,000. The small Dafoe hospital that was opened a year ago has been enlarged to a 13-room building with three baths.

The babies' $45,000 in bonds and cash has come from endorsements of products they use—milk, tomato juice and the like—and motion-picture and newspaper photograph contracts.

Scotland's Gretna Green Still "Marrying" Town

Gretna Green, Scotland.—Hundreds of couples still come to Gretna Green to be married, for even today an air of romance clings to it and its old reputation for runaway weddings.

Until the marriage act was passed in 1856, making it compulsory for one of the contracting parties to reside in Scotland at least 21 days before the ceremony, Gretna Green was the destination of elopers from all over England. Their carriages came dashing into the village at all hours of the day and night, for once they were through the toll gate and into Scotland, they could be married, and no questions were asked.

Likely as not, the irate father or guardian came galloping up a few minutes later, only to meet the happy couple leaving the Blacksmith's Forge. This building, where hundreds of marriages were performed, is now a curio shop, with books, postcards and "Romances of Gretna Green" for sale. Many Americans traveling in Scotland make it a point to visit the village, as it is off the beaten track and therefore all the more delightful.

The blacksmith, who once did a thriving business in marriages, has become a legendary figure. It is said that he performed three marriage ceremonies on his deathbed, and that he died with the fees tightly clutched in his hand.

Radio in Arctic Circle Aids in Birth of a Boy

Dixon Island, U. S. S. R.—Communication by radio enabled a surgeon here to conduct a difficult case of childbirth many miles away.

Doctor Firsov of Cape Desire, on the Novaya in the Arctic ocean, was attending the case there, but because it presented unusual difficulties he sought the advice of Doctor Nikitin of Dixon island. Radio connection was established and the doctors discussed the case for three hours. After hearing the details, Doctor Nikitin gave his instructions.

Three hours later he received another message—this time from the proud father of a son thanking him and the radio operators for their aid.

Archer Kills Snake With Bow and Arrow

Fresno, Calif.—Spinners of fanciful rattlesnake yarns often wander further from the truth than fishermen, but Arthur H. Shipley, deputy county superintendent of schools, vouches for this one:

Shipley spied a 3-foot snake along the roadside one day. Anxious to get a set of rattles, he searched for something with which to kill the reptile. Clods of dirt served only to enrage the snake.

Finally he thought of the bow and arrow in the back of his car.

With only three shots Shipley pinned the rattler to the ground in three different places. A fourth arrow pierced the head and killed the snake.

Shipley has a set of rattles as evidence.

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.

RADIUM, JEKYLL AND HYDE AMONG METALS

Capable of Curing Disease and of Causing It.

Washington.—Radium, most precious of metals, an ounce of which is worth nearly as much as a ton of gold, recently has been brought to the fore again through new advances in its use in the treatment of disease.

"This silvery-white substance, which few people ever have seen, is a sort of Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde among the metals," says the National Geographic society. "While its principal use is in the treatment of dreaded cancer, in many cases of which it is a saver of life, radium also is capable of causing cancers and a fatal form of anemia when not properly handled.

"Recently the largest 'radium pack' for treating cancer ever used in the United States was put to work at Bellevue hospital, New York city," continues the bulletin. "It contains five grams of radium and is expected to be particularly useful in treating deep-seated cancers.

"It is estimated that there are about 250 grams of radium in the United States at present, nearly half of the total of 600 grams or approximately one and one-quarter pounds that has been produced in the world.

Worth Million an Ounce.

"Radium first was produced from pitchblende ores of Bohemia after its discovery in 1898. Since then prospectors have found radium-bearing deposits in many parts of the world. The most recent important 'radium strike' was in the Great Bear lake district in the wilderness of northern Canada, farther north than the Yukon gold fields.

"So valuable is the ore that it is profitable to fly out loads of it by airplane to civilization for refining. Today the world's principal sources of radium are the Great Bear lake deposits and mines in the Belgian Congo, Africa. There also are radium deposits in the United States, in Colorado and Utah. They are not rich enough to be worth working at present prices, but form a sort of radium reserve available in case other supplies are cut off.

"The value of radium is fabulous. It is worth about $1,000,000 per ounce at present prices. Gold is now valued at $35 per ounce in the United States, and platinum approximately the same. In small amounts radium may at times command a price of as much as $75 per milligram, the thousandth part of a gram. In past years its price has been much higher than now, reaching $125,000 per gram during the World war.

Used in Luminous Paint.

"Aside from the treatment of cancer, the chief use of radium is in luminous paint, used on watch and clock dials, for electric switches and keyholes, and in wartime, for gun sights and compass cards for use where lights would betray presence of troops.

"The radiations which make radium both useful in treating disease and dangerous when handled without protection, are caused by the explosion of atoms in the radium. Slowly radium is dissipating itself away by these explosions, though it takes from 1,690 to 2,500 years for half of a piece of radium to dissipate itself.

"The exploding atoms send out three different kinds of radiations or rays—alpha particles, positively charged, traveling up to 12,000 miles per second; beta rays, negatively charged electrons traveling with almost the speed of light; and gamma rays, electro-magnetic waves which also travel nearly as fast as light.

'In treating diseases, an emanation or by-product of radium usually is used instead of the radium itself, because it is far more radioactive than radium. One of the most frequently used is radon, a gas which can be released from radium by heating or dissolving it. A very small quantity of radon is as radioactive as a large amount of radium. Radon can be produced without the original radium being scattered or lost."

Inscribed Terra Cotta Cones Back Up Testament

Washington.—New proof of the accuracy of the Old Testament as a historical record has been obtained by the Smithsonian institution.

The findings—three inscribed terra cotta cones found in a temple wall at Ur of the Chaldees—were memorial tablets buried to perpetuate the name of the king, Libit-Ishtar, fifth ruler of the Isin dynasty who reigned about 2075 B. C.

Included in the cuneiform inscriptions were references to several early cities, mentioned before in the Book of Genesis. The Smithsonian said their existence based on the Biblical reference was never considered conclusive, however.

The fourteenth chapter of Genesis gives Ur as the birthplace of Abraham, presumably in the reign of Rim-Sin or of Hammurabi, 2000 to 1900 B. C.

Jersey Tailor Makes 2,500th Suit and Quits

Collingswood, N. J.—Thomas Nebelitsky, who made by hand more than 2,500 suits of clothes, has retired. Although only fifty-eight, Nebelitsky has been in the tailoring business for 24 years.

"There is only one way to make a suit of clothes," Nebelitsky commented as he closed his shop. "And that is to build it like a house for the man who orders it."

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 drop 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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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 224,995,500. 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.

"Guilty" or "Not Guilty"

Accused persons are not tried by the police, but by a court. The plea of "guilty" or "not guilty" is the pleading by the defendant in court to determine whether the accusation must be proved or is admitted. A defendant cannot be compelled to testify. On a trial after a plea of "not guilty" the defendant is permitted to make any such contention for the jury to determine its truth.

Science Before War

During the war, Australian soldiers trench-digging near Beersheba on the road to Egypt turned up ancient pavements with Christian signs and inscriptions. For a week the Australians, continually under airplane bombing by the enemy, dug away, carefully raised it and dispatched it safely to Cairo.

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Beginning of Volley Ball

Volley ball was invented in 1895 by William G. Morgan, then physical director of Holyoke (Mass.) Y. M. C. A. He created the game to supply the need for a gymnasium sport that was competitive, yet not combative. A tennis net and a rubber bladder, taken from a basketball, were the crude implements originally used. The game was intended for middle-aged men who could not indulge in a strenuous sport like basketball. It is now an "all-ages" sport, the boys having speeded it up so much that the action is little short of cyclonic. Women also play the game.

Giant Plants in New Zealand

New Zealand is the home of many remarkable plants, some of which are distinguished mainly because of their size, says Pathfinder Magazine. There is a buttercup measuring 3 inches in diameter. Notwithstanding, it appears as a dwarf beside the great rafflesia—the largest single flower in the plant kingdom. Some of them measure several feet across, may weigh up to 15 pounds and have no leaves. Naturalists have reported finding great orchids in the Florida Everglades with stems 15 feet in height and bearing several hundred blossoms of proportional size.

Mikado's Court in 1608

During the feudal period in Japan (1608-1867), the Mikado's court was at Kyoto, but the Shogunate, which controlled the administration of the kingdom, was at Tokyo, 323 miles away. The Tokaido road was built to accommodate the heavy traffic between the two most important centers of the kingdom.

White House Begun in 1792

The White House was begun in 1792 and completed in 1799. John Adams was the first President to occupy it in 1800. There were still finishing touches to be added, and it was some time before the grounds were in order.

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