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THE WOMAN'S COMMUNITY CLUB

The Woman's Community Club of Kensington met April 20 in the Masonic Hall with Mrs. M. K. Barroll presiding. The Club decided to hold its Annual Club Breakfast May 18 at Olney Inn. The proposed Incinerator at Chevy Chase Lake was opposed.

The Book section will meet Monday, April 27, with Mrs. George Shinn when they will review Bernard Shaw's play St. Joan.

The Music Section meets the second Wednesday in May with Mrs. Roy Graves.

Delegates and Alternates were named to represent the club at the County Federation which meets in Kensington in May. Delegates: Mrs. M. K. Barroll, Mrs. Joseph Brown, Mrs. Richard Wiebe, Mrs. C. M. Dyson and Mrs. J. R. Baker. Alternates: Mrs. J. H. Herrick, Mrs. R. G. Coggswell, Mrs. Leroy Rogers, Mrs. Wm. E. Parker and Mrs George W. Ashworth.

The committee in charge of the luncheon were Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Mrs. Joseph Brown, and Mrs. R. E. L. Smith as co-chairman with Mrs. Wm. Brüggerman, Mrs. Akers, Mrs. W. H. Ronsaville, Miss Anna Peck, Mrs. Wm. S. Busick, Mrs. J. W. Cooch, Mrs. Geo. W. Ashworth, Mrs. R. V. Rusk, Mrs J. P. Wetherell, and Mrs. Wm. K. Karsunky, assisting.

MARYLAND'S GARDEN WEEK

Ninety-four gardens, homes and publis buildings of historic interest will be open throughout Maryland during Maryland's Garden Week, 4, 5, 6, and 7, which is sponsored by the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland.

Many hundreds of visitors are expected to pour into all sections of the state. Arrangements have been made for the opening of private estates which at other times of the year are not available to the public, and many of which have not hitherto been open. Approximately forty more places will be open this year than were to be seen during the last Pilgrimage, in 1931.

The places to be visited include ten homes and historic sites in Harford and Cecil Counties, five in and around Baltimore, twenty-nine in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, six in Howard County, nine in Prince George's County, ten in Charles, seven in Calvert and twenty-one in St. Mary's.

From Baltimore to the tip end of St. Mary's county on the south is little more than a hundred miles, while the places to be visited on the north and west are included within thirty miles. Thus it is possible to cover the whole area with comfort during the period of the pilgrimage, planning a tour for each day and returning at night to Baltimore. However, overnight accommodations have been arranged in different sections, some of them being clubs only open to the public during the pilgrimage. Tickets for different sections and descriptive booklets may be purchased from the secretary, Miss Rebecca Boyce, Belvedere Hotel, Baltimore, where representatives of the Federation will be on hand to assist in arranging tours.

DELEGATES NAMED

The following three-year delegates to the Community Council were chosen at the monthly meeting of the Montgomery Farmers' Club: Austin P. Powell, Brookeville zone; Milton H. Bancroft, Olney, and Mrs. Charles E. Bond, Colesville district. Josiah W. Jones was chosen as the club's representative for one year.

The secretary, Robert H. Miller, Jr., was requested to write Gov. Nice urging him to sign the bill repealing the anti-trapping law.

Mahlon Kirk, 4th, will entertain the May meeting at Woodburn.

Terrazzo

Terrazzo floor is made of small chips of marble set irregularly in cement and polished.

Just in - Montgomery

Four residents of Montgomery County were among the 54 persons admitted to the bar at Annapolis as attorneys qualified to practice in Maryland. They are: Wm. V. Bouic of Rockville, Leanard H. Price of Bethesda, Joseph B. Simpson, Jr., of Takoma Park, and John Hanson Gassaway, 3rd, of Gaithersburg. The ceremony was held before the Court of Appeals with Herbert R. O'Connor, attorney general, moving the admission of the candidates to the bar after a short presentation address. The reply was made by Chief Juge Carroll T. Bond and the candidates were then sworn in by James A. Young, Appellate Court clerk.

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The State Roads Commision plans the building of a landscaped parkway through the center of Wisconsin avenue in Bethesda from the District of Columbia line to Old Georgetown road. The plan has been opposed by various groups that favor the paving of the entire surface of the avenue between those points, or parking between the District line and Bradley lane, with the entire street paved from there to the Old Georgetown road.

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Enrollments are now being received at the office of the county home demonstration agent here for the dress school to be held here May 9 and 16 under auspices of the University of Maryland extension service. The school will be open to older 4-H Club girls who have had sewing experience and will be conducted by Miss Helen Shelby, clothing specialist of the extension service, assisted by Miss Edythe M. Turner and Miss Judith Ault, county home demonstration agent and assistant county home demonstration agent and assistant county home demonstration agent, respectively.

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Rental and benefit payments by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in Montgomery County amounted to $270,016.95. Of this amount $188,372.14 were wheat payments, and $81,162.77 were corn and hog payments. Tobacco payments were $482.04. These figures were made public by Arthur F. Hungerford, State Director for the National Emergency Council for Maryland. They cover the period from May 12, 1933 through December 31, 1935.

ROCKVILLE GRADE CROSSING TO GO

The State Roads Commission have asked for bids on the Rockville Grade Crossing elimination project.

Under the agreement between Federal and State officials, contracts require the successful bidder to obtain at least 10 per cent of the labor used in building the bridges from local relief rolls.

Montgomery county, was removed from Federal work-relief lists some time ago, however sufficient relief labor is available.

The project calls for a bridge over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks a short distance from the present crossing. It will connect the Rockville-Georgetown pike with the Viers Mill road, making both roads part of U. S. Route 240.

Cost of the bridge and engineering has been set at $182,000, not including the right of way price.

TYDINGS TO ADDRESS RALLY

Senator Tydings will be the principal speaker at a Democratic dinner and rally in Congressional County Club, May 12.

The rally will be staged to boost the candidacies of President Roosevelt and Representative Lewis, the only Democrats involved in this year's election in the sixth district of Maryland.

In addition to Senator Tydings, speakers at the rally will include Senator Radcliffe, Representative Lewis, Mayor Howard W. Jackson of Baltimore, Attorney General Herbert R. O'Conor, State Senate President Lansdale G. Sasscer, former Attorney General William Preston Lane, Jr.,; David C. Winebrenner, 3rd, former Secretary of State, and former Judge William R. Walsh of Allegany County.

State Senator Stedman Prescott, head of the Montgomery County Democratic organization, will preside.

Curtis Walker, is chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.

BRECKINRIDGE TO TOUR COUNTIES

That the campaign of Colonel Henry Breckinridge for the Democratic presidential nomination in Maryland will be carried into every county in the State was assured today with the announcement by Thomas F. Cadwalader, the Maryland campaign manager, that Breckinridge-For-President clubs have been started in virtually every section.

Col. Breckinridge will arrive in Maryland, April 28, to spend the balance of his time until the primary election May 4 in a personal campaign tour of the State.

Coarse Powder Used

Grains of smokeless powder for some guns are as large as a human thumb.

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 wool 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.

Five-King Feast of 1363 Honored John of France

There is much obscurity about the origin of the famous five-king dinner of 1363 in the Vintners' hall, according to a writer in the London Observer.

Apropos of the Swan dinner recently tendered in London by the Worshipful Company of Vintners, honoring four princes of England (Prince Arthur of Connaught was unable to be present), he describes the original company as Edward III (England), David (Scotland), John (France), Waldemar III (Denmark) and Amadeus VI (Cyprus).

"John," he continues, "was at the time a prisoner in England. He had been made captive at Poitiers (1356) and was released on ransom four years later, but, on arriving in Paris, found himself unable to raise the money. His son had been left at Calais as hostage, and when he escaped in the summer of 1363, John returned to England to give himself up.

"It seems quite probable that the Vintners' banquet was given in compliment to him, for we read that he was received in England 'with great honor,' was lodged, as before, in the Savoy and was a frequent guest of Edward at Westminster. He died in the following spring, and his body was sent to France with royal honors."

The First Battery

About 1700, Luigi Galvani found that if the legs of a dead frog were supported by a brass wire, with its feet resting on an iron plate, the legs suddenly kicked. In 1799 Alessandro Volta repeated Galvani's experiment and concluded that the movement of the legs was due to a flow of electricity caused by the connection of the two different metals, brass and iron, through the moist body of the frog. On this theory, he constructed a pile of a large number of discs of copper, zinc and moist paper and found that, upon connecting the top and bottom of the pile, he obtained a shock similar to that from the Leyden jar. He also discovered that his pile was a means of producing a steady flow of electricity. The voltaic pile was the forerunner of all modern wet and dry batteries.

Trousers in Scotland

After the battle of Culloden in 1746 the English attempted to make the Scots wear trousers, and forbade the tartan. Averse to the new garments, some ingenious Highlanders discovered that the law did not specify how the trousers were to be worn. Accordingly, when men went on journeys, they often hung a pair over their shoulders on a stick, to keep within the decree. Such infractions were punished just the same, but a few years later the law was voided and the tartan once more became the national dress

Laying Varies

It is not always the largest bird that lays the greatest number of eggs. Although the ostrich usually numbers 15, the emperor penguin, largest of the species, lays but one egg. All other penguins lay two eggs. On the other hand, some of our small songbirds lay four or five eggs.

Evolutionary Changes

In general it may be said that evolutionary changes are taking place but so gradually among the living animals and plants that they are almost imperceptible. A case in point is the little toe of human beings which seems to be gradually disappearing.

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.

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.

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Flourished 4000 B. C.

The people who lived on the mound Iepe Gawra—14 miles from the Biblical city of Nineveh—flourished at about 4000 B. C., in the dim twilight of history, says the Philadelphia Record. At the time they were making their painted pottery and carving obsidian, the ancestors of the Greeks were crouched in caves during their own Stone age and only savages were living in the Americas. It was 800 years before the Egyptians would begin to think of piling stone on stone to form pyramids.

Many Still Use Bead Counters

About 60 per cent of the world still does its calculating on the ages-old abacus, the instrument with a frame crossed by stiff wires on which balls or beads are strung, writes Robert Frenchick, Los Angeles, Calif., in Collier's Weekly. Not only is it used throughout all Asiatic countries, Russia and in other parts of Europe, but even by some American statisticians.

Return Lightning

Return lightning is described as a quite small electrical discharge that takes place here and there from objects on the earth's surface directly with lightning flashes. This discharge is quite insignificant to the main flash, but is powerful enough to cause explosions, to start fires and even take life.

Weather Man's Workshop

The weather man employs a rather imposing workshop of intricate instruments in addition to his barometer. He has thermometers to measure temperature and instruments to measure humidity, air direction (wind vane), air velocity (anemometer), and combinations of these to gauge and record the different factors of the weather at a single operation and automatically, such as the aerometeorograph, which he dispatches aloft in an airplane. He has rain gauges and snow gauges, balloons and kites, sunshine recorders, and scores of other complicated mechanical assistants.

First Radio Law

The first federal statute dealing with radio became effective in 1911 and simply required apparatus and operators on ocean steamers. By the passage of the radio act of 1927 the radio service was set up as a separate division of the Department of Commerce.

Meaning of Word "Reich"

The word reich means government and the third reich refers to Germany's third system of government. The first was the German empire, the second the German republic following the World war and the third the Nazi rule, a reversal of the policies of the earlier reichs.

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