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The Woman's Community Club

The Woman's Community Club of Kensington will meet Monday, May 11, in the Masonic Temple. Mrs. C. M. Pyson and Mrs. Robert L. Lewis, co-chairman with Mrs. H. M. Milburn, Mrs. R. A. Menesee, Mrs. J. B. Van Hoesen, Mrs. E. W. Moore, Mrs. E. M. Harrison, Mrs. S. G. Greene, Mrs. F. L. Knowles, Mrs. W. R. Gordon, and Mrs. Wm McCrossin.

Mrs. C. E. Brand, wife of Capt. C E. Brand, U. S. Army, stationed in Washington, will give an interesting talk on her visit to Russia.

Mrs. Charlotte M. La Fond will be the soloist.

All annual reports are to be given at this time.

The Club will hold its annual Breakfast at Olney Inn, on May 18th, at 12:30.

WORLD'S MIGHTIEST CIRCUS COMING SOON

Great Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Combined, with Pigmy Elephants and Pongurs from Africa, Col. Tim McCoy and Hundreds of New Foreign Features, Offers Epochal Program.

With the most impressive and brilliant seven-ring-and-stage program in its history, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Combined Circus, which will exhibit in Washington, Monday and Tuesday, May 18 and 19, offers this season, as a sensational super-feature, a herd of African pigmy elephants, the first ever to set foot on this continent. These tiny tuskers are not babies, but full-grown, middle-aged midget elephants, the rarest animals on the face of the earth. Accompanying them is a herd of miniature African pongurs, the world's smallest beasts of burden. The pigmy elephants have proven the greatest attraction the Big Show has ever placed before the public, not even excepting its presentations in the past of the disc-lipped Ubangis, the giraffe-necked women from Burma, the sacred white elephant of Siam, Jumbo, Tom Thumb and Goliath, the sea elephant.

Among the scores of new features, to say nothing of the new importations from Europe and Asia, including the incredible Naitto troupe, the Royal Bokara troupe, the Imperial Viennese equestrian troupe, the great Frederico and a free running horse, pony and elephant liberty act of sixty members, is Col. Tim McCoy, the screen's most outstanding western star, at the head of his congress of rough riders of the world—Cossacks, cowboys, cowgirls, vaqueros, Sioux and Blackfeet warriors and Australian bushrangers. Col. McCoy, plainsman, cavalry officer in the U. S. Army Reserve and friend of the Indian, is the idol of American boys and girls, and he will be seen in both the main performances and the wild west.

The Greatest Show on Earth heads into this territory on four long railroad trains of 100 cars, with 1600 people, 7 herds of full-sized elephant actors, 1009 menagerie animals and 700 horses. Its tented city covers 14 acres of ground. There are 31 large tents, including the world's largest bigtop, seating 16,000 persons.

This is the peak season for youth and beauty among the 800 world famous arenic artists with the show. In the air, in the three rings, on the four stages and in the quarter-mile hippodrome track will be seen hundreds of pretty girls. In the 60-girl aerial ballet, the most beautiful mid-air display ever produced, there are beauties that evoke columns of newspaper comment wherever the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Combined Circus exhibits.

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.

Just in Montgomery

The quota set for the Montgomery County Chapter of the Red Cross in the recent drive for flood relief funds was over-subscribed nearly 300 per cent, it was disclosed by former Judge Donald A. DeLashmutt, chairman of the committee. The goal was originally fixed at $1,000 and later increased to $1,500, while collections totaled $4,055.33.

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The State Public Service Commission granted the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission permission to issue $350,000 in sewer and water system extension bonds. A total of $121,859 was earmarked for expenditure in Montgomery, $59,667 in Prince Georges and $168,332 was not segregated. The bonds may not bear interest greater than 3½ per cent a year and will mature within 50 years. The commission has the option of redeeming the issue after 30 years.

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To familiarize the farmers of Montgomery County with a new soil conservation program, a series of meetings have been arranged by Otto W. Anderson, county agricultural agent, as follows: Laytonsville, May 5; Clarksburg, May 6; Poolesville, May 7; Gaithersburg, May 8; Darnestown, May 9; Sandy Spring, May 10; Barnesville, May 12, and Damascus, May 13. All of the meetings will be at night.

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Older 4-H Club girls of Montgomery County will constitute a class in advanced sewing which will meet in the office of the county home demonstration agent here May 9 and 16. Miss Helen Shelby, clothing specialist of the University of Maryland Extension Service, will be in charge and will be assisted by Miss Edythe M. Turner and Miss Judith Ault, county home demonstration agent and assistant, respectively. The girls will make Summer suits.

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The next regular meeting of the Montgomery County Civic Federation will be held on Monday evening, May 11th, at 8:00 p. m., in the Bethesda Elementary School Building. This will be the last meeting before the Summer recess.

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At the Town Elections in Montgomery County, Henry T. McCuen, mayor of Glen Echo for the last four years, defeated Town Councilman Ernest D. Houghton to retain office for another two-year term. One of the Town Council posts at stake in the balloting at Glen Echo went to Mrs. Fannie Orndoff, the first woman to hold such office in Montgomery. William McBain was returned to office for a sixth term as mayor of Gaithersburg. John R. Adams received 548 of the 575 votes cast in the election at Takoma Park to become mayor of the county's largest municipality. Rockville reelected Mayor Douglas M. Blandford. At Garrett Park Councilman Roy T. Moore was named Mayor, succeeding L. L. Dye, who declined renomination at the town caucus. J. W. Stohlman, who has served as Mayor of Somerset for more than 20 years, was reelected.

GLEN ECHO OPEN

Glen Echo's new baby motor boats are the current hit attraction at this popular park. These smart little boats steer as easily as a kiddie-car and the small boys and girls are having the times of their lives in steering them around the beautiful new winding water course.

In the evenings the boats are equally favored by young couples taking "time out" between dances. The course is illuminated by railbow lights from two big light-houses, so it makes not a bit of difference whether the moon is shining romantically or not.

Glen Echo evenings are glorified by the music of Dave McWilliams' big 12-piece "swing" orchestra directed by Phil O'Brien whose technique is as fiery as his red head. The Spanish ball room, a delightfully good-looking place, has been redecorated to tulip freshness.

Glen Echo's fifty attractions provide a good time for the whole family for the whole day, from noon until midnight. Picnic luncheons may be enjoyed leisurely at the many chairs and tables the management has provided for such pleasant events. Admission is free.

The Glen Echo Crystal Pool will open on May 27. Be sure to have those bathing suits ready.

Longest Overland Telegraph

The telegraph line connecting Port Augusta, south Australia, with Darwin, Northwest Territory, Australia, is said to be the longest individual telegraph line in the world. It crosses overland 1,950 miles and 36,000 poles, mostly wood, but some of iron, were used in its construction. The copper wire used measured 60,000 miles and weighed 1,000 tons.

Lemons in Early Use

Many years ago, in the days of early sailing vessels, scurvy was a dread disease among the sailors on long voyages. It seemed there was neither an escape nor a cure for it, until one day, quite by chance, a vessel sailed out of harbor, taking lemons in its cargo. They were served the men and lo, not a sign of scurvy appeared.

NEW LAW TO SAVE HISTORIC OLD HOME FOR WAR VETERANS

Maryland veterans are celebrating the signing by Gov. Nice of the bill creating the Arsenal and Veterans' Memorial Commission, which will take over the administration of the famous old Maryland Arsenal and Confederate Soldier's Home property at Pikesville, Baltimore County.

The historic old home will be turned into a museum and home for veterans of all wars. The Governor said he would appoint the members of the commission, who are to serve without compensation, within a short time.

The creation of the commission "would prevent the sale and tearing down of this valuable landmark and perpetuate a really historic spot to house relics of past wars and make a home for those Maryland veterans who may need it."

PRIMARY RESULTS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

President Roosevelt carried Montgomery County by a majority of nearly 6 to 1 over Col. Henry Breckinridge, his anti-New Deal opponent, in the Democratic preferential primary.

Unofficial returns from 56 of the 58 polling places likewise gave Representative David J. Lewis, the president's running mate, a majority of more than 2 to 1 over Clay Plummer, former Montgomery sheriff, in the race for the congressional nomination from the sixth district.

Representative Lewis won every precinct in Montgomery with the exception of the two in Plummer's home district, Gaithersburg, where the latter received 416 votes against 311 for the Allegany County incumbent. The available returns showed Lewis with 4,761 votes against 2,017 for Plummer.

A large turnout of State Senator Harry W. Le Gore's supporters in the suburban area placed the Frederick County legislator ahead of his six rivals for the Republican nomination for the House of Representatives.

The nominees of the Democratic organization for the State convention and those supported by the so-called Dawson-Sleman faction for the Republican convention won by a majority of approximately 2 to 1 over their opponents.

Former Judge Donald A. De Lashmutt led with 5,036 votes followed by Lacy Shaw with 4,884; Ralph H. Chase, 4,805; J. Bond Smith, 4,710; J. Harry Welch, 4,591, and D. Jane Price, 4,210. The defeated candidates, Dr. Jordan and Imirie, received 1,792 and 2,217, respectively.

The Dawson-Sleman ticket elected as the county Republican's State convention representatives includes Walter W. Dawson, who was given 1,855 votes; Frank Dwyer, 1,816; Thomas C. Kelley, 1,778; John W. Coffman, 1,769; Paul Sleman, 1,704, and Esther E. Fleishell, 1,658.

Running behind the winners were Carson W. Pope, 895; James Veirs, 877; Harry L. Willard, 859, and Mary Moore Warner, 842.

Only scattered returns were available on the referendum that was held to determine whether to legalize the operation of benefit carnival games in Montgomery, but indications pointed toward a victory of at least 2 to 1 for proponents of the plan.

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.

Original Copies of Bills

The original copy of a bill signed by the President or passed over his veto is sent to the Department of State, where a certified copy is made which is given to the public printer. It is then printed from the certified copy into a form known as slip sheets, and later is included in the United States Code of Permanent Laws. The original copy remains with the Department of State.

"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.

Police Ammunition Blast Caused by Fire in Rio

Rio de Janeiro.—Fire in police ammunition stores at General police headquarters caused explosions of artillery shells, hand grenades, rifle cartridges and tear gas bombs.

The detonations threw the thickly populated district into a panic for an hour. The blasts cracked walls and broke window panes several blocks away, menacing another police warehouse containing a large quantity of explosives and tear gas bombs.

While masked firemen fought the blaze, sheltered from flying missiles, confining it to a small area, policemen emptied an adjoining building of ammunition. The police said several thousand shells exploded.

There was no casualties. A shell explosion is believed to have started the fire.

School Teacher Learns She's Recorded as a Boy

St. Clairsville, Ohio.—Bertha Offerdinger, a school teacher, learned that she had been officially recorded as a male for the 36 years of her life. The discovery was made when she applied for a passport and was surprised to find that she had been listed as a boy when her birth record was submitted in 1899 without a first name. An order of Probate Judge Harry Albright was necessary to correct the error.

Pilgrims Take New Highway to Mecca

Jerusalem.—The opening of a new direct route between Irak and the Hijaz is causing considerable worry in Syria.

The protest is from the merchants of Damascus and outposts on the old Syrian route. On the new route, agreements have been reached with the governments of Irak and Hijaz for establishment of a sanitary post and a passport office at Idha.

To date 2,000 foreign pilgrims have journeyed over the new highway. Pilgrims from Mecca will not be allowed to carry cameras. The reason for the ban is to prevent photographing of the rites and scenes sacred to the Moslem religion.

Severest Test for Airplane

The severest test that an airplane can be given is the power dive. The machine is put into a vertical dive from a great height, with power full on. When the greatest possible speed is attained the pilot pulls the plane into level flight. It is a highly hazardous test for both pilot and plane.

The "Aristocrat of Fruits"

The "aristocrat of fruits," the avocado called "calavo," is grown in California, Florida and Texas and is considered a "native" fruit in those sections. For generations West Indians regarded the avocado as a staple food, using its pulp on bread like butter.

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.

Riders Learn to Fall

Steeplechase riders are seldom injured seriously because they have learned the art of falling.

FENCE POSTS SHOW PROSPERITY RETURN

Demand Unfailing Barometer to Woodsmen.

Escanaba, Mich.—Woodsmen in the upper peninsula of Michigan do not have to read the agricultural journals in order to get an idea how the farmers in the corn belt and other sections of the country are faring. There is an unfailing barometer of the changing weight of the farmer's pocketbook, and that is the insignificant-looking fence post.

When the farmer is hard pressed, as he has been during the last few depression years, he allows his fences to fall into a state of disrepair. But when money starts to jingle in his jeans again he takes the usual pride in them and becomes a heavy buyer of posts.

The peninsula division of the Chicago & North Western railway is reporting unusually heavy shipments of posts this summer. A large percentage will be used for replacements, but the trend toward diversification of agriculture is also a factor. Western grazing lands, for instance, are being converted into small farms, necessitating the construction of enclosures.

There is a noticeable increase in the summer volume of pulpwood traffic. Railroad officials attribute this upswing to the manufacture of many new paper products, such as table covers, curtains, bakery supplies and wrapping paper.

With the increasing demand for paper products, the lowly jackpine has taken place beside the spruce and balsam pulpwood. This heretofore useless wood is now the important element in producing paper of fine texture such as that used for waxed papers. The United States forest service has worked out plans for considerable reforestation of jackpine and other pulpwood to meet the demands of the paper industries in Michigan and Wisconsin in the future years.

Texas Boy, 15, Harvests Crop "Raised by Moon"

Mykwa, Texas.—Elmer Alford Fowler, fifteen years old, who farms 15 acres "by the moon" and his weather almanac, is the envy of Texas 4-H club boys.

Elmer, barefoot and in the fifth grade at school, waits for the "full of the moon" to plant and harvest because a "full moon yields a full harvest."

He expects to make 65 bushels of corn per acre. He has harvested 75 bushels of peas from an acre and a half and expects to pick as many more.

Elmer farms while his fifty-year-old father, J. A. Fowler, "works out."

"Corn husks are thick, so you can look for a hard winter with lots of rain and cold," he says. He knows all the signs of the zodiac and plans according to "indications."

Elmer's father said he foresaw the depression and traded his $2,000 city home for his farm. Since 1926 value of the property has mounted to $15,000.

Elmer likes to farm because of the freedom. "You can work when you want to and quit when you want to," he said.

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.

Fire Most Disastrous

A serious fire is about the most disastrous thing that can happen to a business. Out of every 100 industrial and commercial companies whose buildings burn, only 57 attempt to survive and 40 of this number suffer greatly from a heavily reduced credit rating or a substantial loss in income.—Colliers' Weekly.

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