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Just in Montgomery

Approximately $5,000 will be spent by the Red Cross in caring for 212 persons before flood relief work has been completed in Montgomery County, it was reported at the annual meeting of the county chapter. Rev. Fred Kullmar of Kensington told the Red Cross members that $2,800 has been expended in handling the cases brought to the attention of the chapter, while $2,200 more would be necessary before the 51 cases that are still active are disposed of. Former Judge Donald A. De Lashmutt, leader of the flood relief drive, reported the county oversubscribed its quota approximately 300 per cent in raising $4,107 to aid those whose homes were damaged or destroyed by the flood in March. The quota fixed for the chapter was $1,500.

Thomas E. Shaw, treasurer of the Campaign Committee, has filed with the clerk of the Circuit Court here, a sworn statement of the receipts and expenditures in connection with the recent Democratic primary election in the second, fifth, seventh and eighth precincts of Wheaton district. It shows that $375.30 was expended and that the entire amount was contributed by E. Brooke Lee, J. Donald Clagett, Julius P. Stadler and Mr. Shaw.

To raise funds for planting a permanent Christmas tree on the ground adjoining the Montgomery County General Hospital. Sandy Spring, the Young Men's Club of St. John's, Olney, will sponsor a card party in the public school at Brookeville the the night of May 22, C. Willard Harvey, chairman of the General Committee of Arrangements, has announced.

Thousands of black bass and perch which were washed from the upper Potomac River into holes in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal by the recent flood have been returned to the river, Joseph Fisher, chairman of the stocking and hatchery committee of the Rockville Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, reported at the monthly meeting of the chapter. The seining was done by members of the chapter under direction of W. Carroll Waters, chief deputy game warden for the county.

With 25 members and the fathers of most of them in attendance, the Rockville Boy Scout Troop held a banquet in the Christian Church last Saturday in celebration of the first anniversary of the formation of the troop. Rev. J. Lloyd Black, scoutmaster, was master of ceremonies. The speakers included Paul T. Hannen of Cabin John, Boy Scout commissioner for Montgomery County; W. Randolph Talbott and Guy Carter, chairman of the Troop Committee and traasurer of the troop, respectively, and Rev. Black.

The proposal to establish an incinerator at Chevy Chase Lake appears to be headed for defeat. Overwhelming sentiment has been expressed against the project by residents of Chevy Chase, Kensington and Bethesda, as well as the Chambers of Commerce for the two latter communities, and any public hearing could only result in a victory for opponents of the project. However, an application for permission to establish the incinerator in the Capital Transit Co.'s old power plant has been filed by J. F. Conrad of Washington, who proposes to install a $5,000 unit.

The Directors of the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation who are meeting wth the cooperative workers of all sections of Maryland will meet in Montgomery County May 28 at Odd Fellows Hall, Mt. Airy. The meeting will follow a dinner which is scheduled for 6 o'clock.

MARYLAND R. F. C. LOANS LISTED

Since its establishment to February 29, the R. F. C. has authorized loans of $1,290,253.00 in Montgomery County. Of this amount $1,156,900.00 was actually disbursed.

In the same period the R. F. C. disbursed in Maryland $124,009,336.47 of the $139,341,376.93 of loans authorized for the State, according to Arthur E. Hungerford, State Director of the National Emergency Council. In announcing a county breakdown of loans made in Maryland, he points out that no loans were authorized in Calvert County.

The $124,009,336.47 county breakdown does not include loans made to Federal Land Banks, to Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, to Regional Agricultural Credit Corporations, to the Commodity Credit Corporation, to the Secretary of Agriculture to acquire cotton, to railroads, and for financing exports of agricultural surpluses. The amount made available to Maryland for relief and work-relief is not included.

The total amount authorized for the entire country is $7,652,038,202.30 of which $5,916,482,390.77 was actually disbursed.

Dust "Black Storms"

On the Russian steppes, duststorms are known as "black storms."

KENSINGTON

By direction of the Town Council, a meeting of the citizens of the town is called for Wednesday, May 20, 1936, in the Masonic Hall at 8 p. m., to nominate candidates for the Municipal Election. The election will be held on Monday, June 1, 1936, at which time a Mayor and two Councilmen are to be elected.

PIGMY ELEPHANTS WITH HUGE CIRCUS

Mighty Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Combined Organization Offer Among Vast Hosts of New Features Col. Tim McCoy, Screen's Great Western Star, Midget African Elephants and Pongurs.

With one hundred double-length railroad cars, bearing 1600 people, African pigmy elephants, African pongurs, seven herds of full-sized elephants, 1009 menagerie animals and 700 horses, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Combined Circus will arrive in Washington Monday, May 18, and Tuesday, May 29, for afternoon and night exhibitions.

The circus is especially elated this season over the amazing success of the Big Show's sensational new superfeature—the first herd of African pigmy elephants (tiny tuskers that years ago attained their full growth) ever to leave the depths of darkest Africa, and the first herd of African elephants ever to set foot in America. The weird midget pachyderms are accompanied by a herd of miniature African pongurs, world's smallest beasts of burden. These new importations have taken America by storm.

The Big Show's big top, seating 16,000 persons, covers seven rings and stages, a huge hippodrome track and encircling grandstands, and is one of 31 great tents, among them the menagerie, sheltering the world's largest traveling zoo. In its center this season will be seen Col. Tim McCoy's Indian Village, with Sioux and Blackfeet warriors encamped. Col. McCoy, the screen's most outstanding western star, will himself lead his congress of rough riders of the world in the main performances and in the wild west.

CIVIC FEDERATION'S BANQUET TONIGHT

Senator Millard E. Tydings of Maryland and George E. Allen, District of Columbia Commissioner, will be principal speakers at the annual banquet of the Montgomery County Civic Federation at the Congressional Country Club tonight.

In announcing final plans for the Federation's one social event of the year, Washington I. Cleveland, president, said the organization's five past presidents and heads of civic federations in adjoining jurisdictions also would be honor guests.

The banquet will start at 7 p. m. and be followed by an entertainment program featuring the C. & P. Male Quartet and a chorus of mixed voices presented by Robert Frederick Freund, director of the gypsy chorus of the Department of Agriculture. The group he will direct is the one that sang at the Fox Theatre, Washington, last year.

All citizens of Montgomery County interested in civic affairs are invited. The function will be informal and tickets are $1.50 per person.

VEIRS GARDEN OPEN TO PUBLIC

Mr. William Bouic Veirs, 806 Maple Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, renews with pleasure his annual invitation to his friends and all who are interested to visit his Friendship Rose Garden and view his thousands of Iris up to May 30th, and his collection of Friendship Roses from that date to June 20th, 1936. Preferred hours 3 to 7 p. m. Telephone 10-J.

"Fiddler's Green"

"Fiddler's Green" is a sailor's terms for the Elysian fields where sailors go, especially those who are shipwrecked.

NICE HEADS TANEY MEMORIAL GROUP

Gov. Harry W. Nice has accepted the presidency of the Roger Brooke Taney National Memorial Foundation, a group seeking to preserve the Frederick home of Chief Justice Taney of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The foundation was organized some time ago and already has purchased the old Taney home and slave quarters. It has been furnished as nearly as possible in keeping with the times in which Justice Taney occupied it.

Alexander Armstrong, of Hagerstown, a member of the foundation, said the heavy debt incurred in purchasing and restoring the place was too great to be cleared by admissions paid by tourists visiting the home. The foundation will seek to raise funds to clear that debt, he said.

Roger Brooke Taney wrote the Supreme Court opinion in the famous Dred Scott case, one of the incidents which touched off sectional feeling during the troubled days immediately preceding the Civil War.

Gov. Nice, in accepting the foundation presidency, said:

"I am gratified to accept the honor as national president of the Roger Brooke Taney National Memorial Foundation, not only because Chief Justice Taney was the State's foremost citizen and jurist in the historical annals of this Nation, but, further, for the personal reason that I am a graduate and a doctor of laws of Dickinson College, the college that Taney attended in the early days of that institution."

FATHER ROSENSTEEL HONORED

Court Forest Glen, Catholic Daughters of America, gave a breakfast last Sunday morning in St. John's Hall, Forest Glen, in honor of Rev. Charles O. Rosensteel, chaplain of the court, who celebrated his 81st birthday anniversary. Miss Alice Watts, retiring grand regent of the court, presided. Mrs. Florence Brennan was in charge of arrangements.

The breakfast was preceded by the annual communion mass of the court of St. John's Church at 8:30 a. m., when for the past 46 years, was celebrant.

CUPS TO BE AWARDED

The two fine silver cups offered last winter by the Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association, thru the generosity of one of its members, to the Maryland boy and Maryland girl who, from then until spring, would do the best work in Maryland feeding and protecting bob-white quail, pheasants and other game birds, are about to be awarded and the committee in charge asks those who took part in the conservation work, and have not already done so, to write at once to Chairman C. Clemson Brown, 4016 Parkwood Avenue, Baltimore, Md., telling all about his or her work—how many birds fed, over how long a period, how many shelters built, etc.

Much good was accomplished by the program and the committee wishes to hear from every boy and every girl who participated, and then decided on the winners of the prizes.

MATERNITY HEALTH TALKS

The Maternal Hygiene Committee of the American Legion, Department of Maryland, with the cooperation of the Maryland State Department of Health and the Baltimore City Health Department is conducting a series of educational radio talks on a program of "Maternity Health Talks" over Station WCAO every Tuesday from 10:45 to 11 a. m.

The talks are being given for the purpose of educating the public in the importance of Maternal Hygiene with the view in mind to reduce the high death rate annually of mothers and infants.

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.

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.

Palestine's Boom City

Tel Aviv is Palestine's boom city, and it owes its origin to a small group of Jewish residents who moved out from the Arabian city of Jaffa in 1909 and began a garden suburb in the sand dunes to the north. Since the World war Tel Aviv has had a spectacular growth. It is an all-Jewish community, the most modern of the eastern Mediterranean region.

ARCHITECTS SEARCH FOR BUILDING STONE

Marble Highly Valued From Earliest Times.

Washington.—One of the most strikingly beautiful buildings in Washington is the new United States Supreme court building. Its exterior is fabricated from white marble, while its interior is enhanced with columns and panels of the same stone but richly colored.

"Among the most ornamental of all building stones, marble has been valued by architects from earliest times," says the National Geographic society.

"White drums of marble from Mt. Pentelicus reared toward the clear blue sky of Athens, the graceful temples on the Acropolis. Domed Byzantine structures and Roman buildings were floored with mosaics of vari-colored marbles, veined and mottled. Visitors to the Pantheon may tread on a marble floor polished by the pacings of august Romans over 1,800 years ago.

Favored by Sculptors.

"Not only has marble been a popular building stone, but it is the favorite among sculptors. From it Phidias, Praxiteles, Canova, and many other artists carved their masterpieces. Carrara, in northwestern Italy, which supplied Michelangelo with marble for his famous statue of David, still supplies modern sculptors with some of their finest working material. In Carrara, a city of quarrymen and marble cutting factories, even the humblest homes have white marble lintels and steps.

"The most beautiful foreign marbles come from Italy, the French Pyrenees, and Belgium. In the United States, marbles underlie most of the eastern mountains from Vermont to Georgia, and part of the Rocky mountains. Vermont supplies 60 per cent of the amount quarried in this country.

"Marble is merely an altered form of limestone, transformed by heat and strong pressure. Limestone is much softer than marble.

"Limestone is found in many colors ranging from pink and red, through yellow to green and blue. From quarries in Indiana and Kentucky comes the variety best known in the United States.

"Although limestone is durable, it deteriorates under acids in the air and rain, especially under the sulphuric acid contaminating the air of cities. How waters containing chemicals affect the stone is dramatically shown in Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, where subterranean streams have eaten away the beds of limestone, hollowing out vast underground caverns.

Granite Is Valuable.

"Granite, igneous rock that has cooled, is a building stone valued for its hardness, strength, and durability. Unlike limestone, it is little affected by chemicals in the air and rain, but abrupt changes in temperature frequently cause it to crack. In regions where the temperature drops 80 degrees in a day, granite has been known to shatter into boulders, gravel, and sand.

"Because it is so hard, the cost of cutting and polishing granite once prohibited its use except in a roughly dressed state. But now that less expensive methods have been discovered, it is one of the most popular building stones.

"Porphyry, another igneous rock, usually a beautiful red in color, was prized by the Romans, but is little employed by modern architects, because of the difficulty and expense in cutting and polishing it.

"New York city's famous 'brownstone fronts' are made of sandstone, a popular building stone composed of grains of sand held together by a cementing material.

"The new air-conditioned home of the National Geographic society contains stones from many states and foreign countries. Its front steps are of pink and gray North Carolina granite. Limestone blocks and columns of the facade came from Bedford, Ind., and green marble spandrels from the French Alps.

"In the foyer gleam reddish-brown pillars and pilasters of polished Rojo Alicante marble from Spain. Walls are of lustrous Italian Botticino marble, a rich cream color, above a base of Belgian black marble. Brown Sienna and gray Roman travertine form a large eight-pointed star in the floor."

Potatoes and Tomatoes Growing on Same Vine

Lufkin, Texas.—J. C. Burt, farmer, living near Alto, believes he is well on his way toward raising potato-tomato vines.

In 1933 Burt planted a field of tomatoes. Last year he planted the same field of potatoes. This year he planted tomatoes again, and was surprised to find that some of the vines bore a strange fruit. The vines had potatoes on the roots and tomatoes on the stems.

Colorful Wildflower Is Found in Nevada Hills

Fallon, Nev.—A new species of poppy, gorgeous, larger than the California poppy and yellow in color, appeared this year in the hills around the old mining camp of Wonder. Prospectors say they have never before seen this plant. Varieties have also appeared along the Lincoln highway, not only in masses of single color, but in kaleidoscopic blues, yellows, pinks and whites intermingled.

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.

AVERAGE NET WORTH OF FAMILIES RISES

Special Survey Shows Home Mortages Reduced.

Minneapolis.—The average insured family has 39 per cent more cash in the bank today than it had in 1933, and has reduced the mortgage on its home by 10 per cent in the same two-year period, according to a survey of 10,000 policy holder families by the Northwestern National Life Insurance company of Minneapolis.

An average reserve of $356 per family of cash on hand and in banks, was reported as of the spring of 1933 in response to the insurance company's questionnaire; this compares with $464 per family at the present time, an increase of $108, or 30 per cent.

A reduction in the size of the average mortgage from $3,464 in 1933 to $3,110 in 1935 was shown in the reports. Approximately 49 per cent of the policy holders investigated were home owners; the average home valuation was $5,301. Half of the homes owned were clear of encumbrance; the remaining 50 per cent were mortgaged.

The average amount of life insurance owned per family was $7,710 in 1933, and $8,199 in 1935, an increase of 6.3 per cent.

The average net worth of each family, including equity in home but exclusive of life insurance, was $2,953 in the spring of 1933, and had risen to $3,440 two years later, the survey showed, an increase in average wealth of 16 per cent. The 10,000 families were selected at random from policy holder lists.

A special survey of urban housing conducted in 61 cities by the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce showed a reduction in the average mortgage on owner-occupied homes of 3.29 per cent from 1933 to 1934. The fact that the reduction for the two years from '33 to '35 totaled 10.22 per cent in the insurance company's survey would seem to indicate that the average family is paying off its obligations at an increasingly rapid rate, the report concludes.

Common House Fly Found to Carry Million Germs

New York.—Two scientists recently examined 400 house flies to determine how important that common insect really is in the spread of germs. Securing flies from all sorts of places they found that the average number of bacteria carried per fly was more than 1,000,000, reports the American Institute of Sanitation.

"Under the microscope the fly appears like an animated feather duster. The legs and body are covered with fine hairs which carry countless germs from place to place. Each of its six legs have two hairy pads in which a sticky fluid is secreted. By means of these adhesive pads on its feet a fly can perform the novel trick of walking upside down on a ceiling. But those pads, so useful to the fly in defying gravitation, pick up all sorts of bacteria as the scavenger walks along.

"A single fly may alight on a dozen objects in a few minutes and leave an unseen trail of germs that would be appalling if made visible to the eye of a housewife. Yet it is easy to demonstrate scientifically that a housefly literally sheds germs with every step he takes."

Confederates Rejected Man Who Lived Century

Nashville, Tenn.—Too frail for the Confederate army, William M. Bess, Nashville citizen, was not too frail for the battle of life. He died at the age of one hundred, just 21 days before his one hundred and first birthday.

Full of vigor until the last days of his life, Bess was able to take a daily walk of about three-quarters of a mile. Until three years ago, he would "walk down to Nashville," a distance of nearly 12 miles, whenever he took "a notion."

When the Civil war broke out, Bess volunteered, but because whooping cough and measles had settled in his lungs, he was ruled too frail.

Chinese Girl Student Wins Maine Scholarship

Orono, Maine.—The University of Maine's School of Education held a scholarship contest.

First prize in English went to Miss Mary Chin Heung. Both her parents were born in China. She was born in Portland 17 years ago. Not only a good scholar, she stars, too, in baseball, basketball and field hockey.

Find Many Mental Ills Among Workers

Dallas, Texas.—Fully 50 per cent of all persons employed in American industries suffer form varying degrees of emotional or mental ill health, according to Dr. H. L. Pritchett, professor of sociology at Southern Methodist university.

Many men and women who are highly successful in business and are entirely rational, nonetheless suffer from emotional maladjustment, Pritchett said.

Relatively few people are engaged in the type of work they really wish to follow, he said. Most people are engaged as they are because of compulsion or circumstance.

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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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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