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KENSINGTON

Edward R. Saunders was nominated at the Town Caucus for the mayoralty election to be held on June 1. Mr. Saunders is a member of the present Council.

Alfred L. Gieger, who has been Mayor of Kensington for four years, declined the nomination for re-election.

Two nominations also were made for the councilmanic election, Edwin A. Noyes and Thomas H. Tremearne being chosen to run for the places to be vacated by the expiration of the terms of Alfred D. Hastings and Saunders.

Additional nominations may be made prior to the election under town laws, the only requirement being that certificates of candidacy be filed with Town Clerk Welles Merriam before the printing of the ballots.

Miss Edith Stockton Meriam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Welles Meriam, will receive the degree of Bachelor of Science from the School of Library Science of Simmons College at the annual Commencement to be held in Symphony Hall in Boston on June 8.

Miss Meriam was a member of the Y. W. C. A., Dramatic Club, 020 Club and Musical Association.

Mrs. John T. Williams, who has been visiting Mrs. Ray P. Hoover in Evanston, Illinois, will return to her home today.

The Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Marshall of California are guests at the home of Dr. James T. Marshall.

Capt. and Mrs. Kenneth Chappell and their children are visiting Capt. Chappell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Chappell, prior to their departure for Long Beach, California, where Captain Chappell will take up his new duties on the S. S. Chester.

The Woman's Club of Kensington held their last meeting of the season last Friday at Kensington Meadows, followed by a picnic lunch. The officers for the coming year are: President, Mrs. Wilson L. Townsend; Vice President, Mrs. Thomas H. Tremearne; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ernest J. Wakefield; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. John T. Williams; Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. H. Ronsaville; Parliamentarian, Mrs. George Landick, Jr.; Historian, Mrs. Alfred Hastings, and Librarian, Mrs. Robert V. Rusk.

NOAH BOWMAN

Noah Bowman, 77, retired farmer, died at his home in Kensington Tuesday after a year's illness.

Born near Wheaton, Mr. Bowman spent his entire life in Montgomery County. He had resided in Kensington for the past 20 years and was a member of the Methodist Church.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Fannie Smith Bowman, two sons, Percy and Noah, Jr., and two daughters, Martha and Jane Bowman, all of Kensington.

Services were held Wednesday. Interment was in Colesville Cemetery.

BLUE AND GRAY JOIN IN MEMORIAL SERVICE

Two Civil War veterans—one from the South, the other from the North—will take part in the Memorial day ceremonies to be held here Saturday by the Montgomery County Council of American Legion Posts.

They are James B. Munger, 94, and George Cubitt, 92, who live on adjoining farms at Poolesville, in the northwest section of Montgomery.

Both have taken part in the Legion ceremonies before, but Cubitt, who fought with the Union forces, was unable to attend in 1935 because of illness. Munger, a member of the Southern Army, has been present in both 1934 and 1935.

On Saturday they again will occupy a place on the speakers' rostrum for the services to be conducted on the Court House lawn. They also will ride in the parade which will precede the ceremonies at the Court House.

Just in Montgomery

The annual meeting and biennial election of officers of the Montgomery County Federation of Women's Clubs was held Thursday at The Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, in Kensington.

Sixteen additional old-age pensions were approved at a special meeting of the Public Welfare Board appointed to administer Federal and State relief funds in Montgomery County. Nine of the cases formerly received county pensions and are being taken over from the Department of Public Welfare rolls, it was explained by Miss Dorothy Everson, executive secretary. The new approvals bring the total number of county residents to receive old-age pensions to 143, but of these four have been canceled, one because of removal from the county and three because of death.

The United Young Men's Democratic Clubs of Montgomery County will give a barn dance at the barn of Charles Davis, president of the Poolesville-Barnsville Club, at Beallsville. J. S. Dawson, Jr., president of the county clubs, has appointed a committee composed of Jack Clagett, James C. Christopher, James W. Cummings, Don C. Glassie, Louis Thomas and Frank Ullmer to handle arrangements.

Mrs. Frank C. Getzendanner of near Alta Vista was elected regent of Col. Tench Tilghman Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at a meeting of the group at the home of Mrs. Josiah W. Jones, near Olney. The other officers chosen were: First vice regent, Mrs. Josiah W. Jones; second vice regent, Mrs. E. Winsor Offutt, Bethesda; recording secretary, Mrs. Ernest H. Darby, Washington; corresponding secretary, Miss Margaret Loughborough, Bethesda; treasurer, Mrs. Richard Cummingham, Bethesda; registrar, Mrs. J. Brawner Nicholson, Rockville; chaplain, Mrs. H. Clinton Allnutt, Rockville; historian, Mrs. Ernest L. Bullard, Rockville; chairman of historic spots, Mrs. J. W. Swaren, Brookville. The program was featured by a paper on Stratford, the home of Robert E. Lee, by Mrs. J. Frank Wilson of Rockville.

Approximately 700 merchants and other residents of Montgomery County are required by law to obtain State licenses. Less than 60 per cent have so far taken out such permits for the year which began May 1. Clayton K. Watkins, clerk of the Circuit Court for the county, has called attention to a law which requires him to charge each delinquent 10 per cent for each month or fraction of a month after May 31.

The Montgomery County Liquor Control Board has received the application of Edward G. Weems of Rockville for a light wine and beer retail license. The date for the hearing is set for June 15.

The supervisors of elections will meet in Rockville Wednesday to prepare an expense budget for the year which begins July 1. It includes salaries of members of the board, clerks and attorney and the members of the Board of Permanent Registration, estimated expenditures in connection with the Fall's registration and election, cost of installing voting machines in Bethesda and Wheaton districts and the approximate cost of preliminary work incident to putting the permanent registration law into effect. The budget is subject to revision by the county commissioners.

Announcement has been made that subscriptions to the Albert C. Ritchie Memorial Fund can now be received. The Commission has completed the job of forming organizations throughout the State to receive contributions, and subscriptions are already coming in. Lithographed certificates, each bearing a picture of Governor Ritchie, will be issued to each contributor. They will be receipts for the gifts and evidence of membership in "The Albert C. Ritchie Memorial Fund." The goal of the Memorial Commission is the sum of $200,000. The type of memorial has not been decided upon. The Commission feels that under all the circumstances it would be too hasty if it selected the memorial before giving the people of Maryland a chance to express their views about it while they are helping to build up the Memorial Fund. Mr. E. Brooke Lee of Silver Spring is Chairman for Montgomery County.

The commissioners voted to close all county offices on Saturday in observance of Memorial day.

Washington Had No Salary

A salary as such was not accepted by Washington when he was President. As a matter of expediency and to establish a precedent, congress voted $25,000 for expenses. As a matter of fact, the President's expenses exceeded this sum.

Power of Gold

"The power of gold is shown by our dragon," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "which, though unlovely in form, becomes beautiful when artistically gilded."

SUPERVISORS URGE VOTING MACHINES

As a result of favorable action by the supervisors of elections, Montgomery County appears likely to be the first county in Maryland to install voting machines.

The supervisors voted in favor of purchasing 35 machines for use in Bethesda and Wheaton election districts, which are the county's most populous areas.

The law authorizing the use of such devices, however, makes their purchase subject to approval by the county commissioners. The supervisors of elections plan to lay the matter before that board, and if permission to buy is granted, to install the machines in time for the November election.

Substitution of machines in the two districts for the paper ballot method of voting has been under consideration for some time. It is held their use at polling places were voting is heavy would eliminate difficulty in counting the votes; would reveal the result of the voting within a very few minutes after closing of the polls; would insure absolutely honest elections and would prove much more economical in the long run.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES IN MONTGOMERY

Residents of Montgomery County will join with the rest of the Nation tomorrow in paying homage to those who gave their lives in the service of their country.

Approximately 5,000 are expected in Rockville for the special Memorial day ceremonies to be held by the Montgomery County Council of American Legion Post, with the assistance of the veterans of Foreign Wars, Spanish War Veterans, civic and Patriotic organizations.

The graves of the war dead will be decorated during the morning, followed by a parade at 2 o'clock and memorial services on the court house lawn one hour later.

Commanders of the seven Legion posts and the Montgomery County post. Veterans of Foreign Wars, headed by Warner E. Pumphrey of Rockville, will visit the cemeteries to place flowers on the graves of all veterans buried in the county and formercounty residents buried nearby.

Mayor Douglas M. Blandford of Rockville, who will make the address of welcome, heads the Reception Committee.

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.

Has Impressive Ruins

Antigua, in Guatemala, has ruins ranking with the most impressive in the world. The city itself has only 10,000 population where once it had 80,000.

Gifts in Roman Days

A historian, writing of Roman days, says that a large number of public buildings in Pompeii were gifts from private citizens.

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.

English Sparrows Were Imported to Eat Worms

The United States biological survey has records of 15 direct importations of English sparrows between the years 1852 and 1881.

The first importation of these birds was in 1850 when eight pairs were brought here under the auspices of Nicholas Pike and other directors of the Brooklyn Institute. They were released in Brooklyn the following spring, but they did not survive. In 1852, while on his way to assume the consul generalship of Portugal, Pike made arrangements for a second shipment to this country. Some of these birds were released as the ship entered New York harbor, while the remainder were kept in captivity until the spring of 1853, when they were liberated in Brooklyn.

Most of the sparrows were imported to this country with the idea that they would protect the shade trees from the foliage-eating caterpillars, particularly the span worm, which is the larva of the Geometrid moth, but it was soon learned that they were of little value as insect destroyers and that they were a nuisance to the community.

Sun Holes That Pierced Walls, Ancient Calendar

Casa Grande National monument's prehistoric calendar is the focus of interest to visitors to this ancient ruin in Arizona. Every one has heard of the devices for reckoning time by the sun invented in prehistoric times by the Egyptians, the ancient Britons and the Mayans. There are similar evidences of primitive astronomical study in America.

Here, through the thick adobe of the Casa Grande watch tower, two "sun holes" have been pierced, through opposite walls. Twice a year, on March 7 and October 7, the beams of the rising sun send their rays through these openings, illuminating a spot on a third parallel wall. For eight minutes the sun shines through these holes.

Now, at least 600 years since the last Indian forsook the picturesque pueblo, on those two days the sun pierces through at these points. It is believed that the "ancient people" set their planting and harvest ceremonials by those two annual dates.

Origin of Numerals

The characters that we use to express number and term "Arabic numerals," and which are said to have been of Indo-Arabic origin by learned men of research, came into European use in the Twelfth century.

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.

Swiss Guides Have Village

Near Golden, B. C., lies a quaint little village, picturesquely situated on the slope of a mountain. Its name is Edelweiss and its inhabitants are Swiss guides who have transported their household effects and their families from their own beloved Alps to the Canadian Rockies. Each guide has special credentials of his calling from the official climbing organization in Switzerland. The need for guides in this great mountain playground can be realized when one considers that there are 630 peaks over 6,000 feet in height; that 208 of these are between 7,000 and 10,000 feet, 161 between 10,000 and 12,000 feet, and four over 12,000 feet.

Water Plants as Food

The pond lily has tuberous underground stems several feet in length which are rich in starch. In fact, the moose, largest of all North American mammals, is known to feed on these stems of the pond lily and other aquatic plants. The cattail and swamp grasses also have stems and roots of sufficient size to serve as food for an elephant. Here then was the food for this extinct race of curious beasts, which ranged across the deserts of Asia and North America.

Crowded Out by Insects

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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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