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KENSINGTON

Mr. John Davidson has sailed from New York on the S. S. Aquitania for England, where he will spend the summer.

Mrs. Welles Meriam and Miss Martha Meriam, left last Sunday for Bass Rocks, Massachusetts, where they will spend several weeks.

Miss Marie Stirling, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Henderson.

The Quarterly Communion of the Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday at eleven o'clock.

KENSINGTON TO HAVE SAME TAX RATE

The municipal tax rate of 53 cents on the $100 assessment was continued for another year by the Town Council with the adoption of a budget calling for the expenditure of $5,050 during the new fiscal period.

The meeting was marked by the reorganization of the town's governing body with the installation of Edward R. Saunders as mayor and Thomas H. Tremearne and Edwin A. Noyes as new members of the council. They were named to office in the June election.

Included in the budget items are appropriations of $1,800 for road and sidewalk maintenance, $1,500 for salaries of town employes, $1,200 for lights, $200 for support of the public library and $350 was placed in the contingent fund.

The council appointed Dr. Katherine D. Chapman, health officer; Wilson L. Townsend, corporation attorney; Welles Merriam, clerk to the council; J. E. Cooperider, town marshal and road maintenance superviser, and Willard A. Warthen, building inspector.

Councilman Robert Lewis was named chairman of the Finance Committee; Councilman Raymond L. Burgdorf, chairman of the committee on streets and roads; Councilman Noyes chairman of the committee on lights and Councilman Tremearne, chairman of publicity.

DR. SKINNER TO DIRECT RESEARCH

Dr. W. W. Skinner of Kensington, Assistant Chief of the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Chemistry and Soils is directing the search which the Department is conducting for a cure for Hay Fever.

Dr. Henry Stevens, Biochemist of the protein and nutrition division, is in charge of organization. Dr. Harry S. Bernton, noted allergist and professor of hygiene at the Georgetown University Medical School, has joined the group. He will act as consulting specialist in the department's studies.

The investigation is undertaken by authority of the Bankhead-Jones act which President Roosevelt signed a year ago. The chemical study of the allergens is one of the several studies made possible under the act's provisions.

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.

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.

Just in - Montgomery

The annual festival of St. Mary's Catholic Church here will be held on the church grounds August 4 and 5, it was decided at a meeting of the congregation, when committees were selected and other preliminary arrangements made. Rev. John J. Cody, pastor of the church, heads the General Committee.

Ira C. Whitacre, secretary of the Liquor Control Board for Montgomery County, has announced that a public hearing will be held in the Liquor Dispensary Building, Silver Spring, the afternoon of July 20 on an application of Leo Stevens for an "off sale" beer license for Cast's store on the Kensington-Wheaton road near Wheaton.

Mrs. Louise C. Ferguson of Washington has assumed her duties as librarian of the Silver Spring Public Library. A new schedule of hours during which the library will be open has been announced as follows: Each week day, with the exception of Saturday, from 2 to 6 p. m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7 to 9 p. m., and Saturday, 10 a. m. to noon.

Miss Edythe M. Turner, home demonstration agent for Montgomery County, will devote Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week to conducting canning schools in various parts of the county. She will give demonstrations of canning beets, beans, carrots, other vegetables and soup mixtures. The first class will meet Tuesday in the public school building at Damascus, and the following day there will be a class in the public school building at Gaithersburg. Where the other schools will be held has not been announced.

Under direction of William McBain, deputy grand chancellor, the recently-elected officers of Forest Oak Lodge, Knights of Pythias, were installed Monday evening in Pythian Hall, Gaithersburg. They are: Joseph Schwartzbeck, chancellor commander; John Melvin, vice chancellor; Clarence Mills, prelate; Kenneth Miller, master of work; John E. Speich, keeper of records and seals; Ernest Beall, master of finance; James T. English, master of exchequer; Colvin Whelan, master of arms; Forest Crown, inner guard; Bernard Gloyd, outer guard.

The annual pilgrimage of the Layman's League of Washington Diocese will be made to St. John's Church, Olney, on July 12. H. D. Amiss, president of the league, has announced the following program: 11 a. m., morning prayer and address by William Tyler Page; 12 to 1:30 p. m., fellowship period and basket luncheon on church grounds; 1:30 to 3, conferences; 3 p.m., evening prayer and address by Dr. W. Sinclair Bowen. Dr. Thomas F. Opie, rector of St. John's, will act as host and members of the two other churches of St. Bartholomew's Parish—St. Luke's Church, Brighton, and St. Bartholomew's, Laytonsville, will join in welcoming the visitors.

A committee of four, including Josiah W. Jones, Frederick W. McReynolds, Mrs. Ivan Weld and Milton H. Bancroft, were named at the regular meeting of the Community Council of Sandy Spring to devise means of speeding up action of the Council. The resolution adopted at the last meeting requiring the delegates to select a substitute if unable to attend, in order to assure a fuller attendance, was stressed by Frederick W. McReynolds. A motion was carried that the question of the education of school children in the proper way of walking on the road be taken up with the School Board. The Roads Committee was ordered to investigate the responsibility for the removal of land markers.

The annual rally of the 4-H Club girls of Montgomery County will be held at Damascus July 30, it was announced at the office of the county home demonstration agent. Demonstrations of home economic projects carried on by the various clubs, a display of garments made by club members and a style revue around a campfire in the evening, at which dresses made by members of the different clubs will be worn, will feature the occasion. There will also be cake and quick-bread contests. Miss Edythe M. Turner, home demonstration agent for the county, will be in general charge and Miss Martha E. Manahan, home demonstration agent for Howard County, will do the judging. The exhibits wining first prizes will be shown at the annual 4-H Club week at College Park August 6-11.

The Summer playgrounds sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association of Somerset School will be opened at 9 a. m. Activities will be continued five days a week for a period of six weeks. On alternate days—Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays—those who enroll for the playground work will be transported by school bus to the Glen Echo swimming pool, where they will receive swimming instruction. Activities at the playground on the other two days will include organized athletics and handicraft. The playground is opened to all children residing in the area served by Somerset School. Sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association, the playground also is supported by contributions from the Kenwood Community Association, Somerset Town Council, Chevy Chase Gardens Citizens Association and individuals. More than 80 children enrolled for the playground work last year and a greater number is expected this year.

120 GIRL SCOUTS ENTER DAY CAMP

Approximately 120 girls enrolled in Camp Blair, a day camp for Girl Scouts of District No. 4, at the opening day at Jesup Blair Park.

The camp is being held every Wednesday and Thursday during the month of July. Mrs. M. F. Kurz of Takoma Park is director of the camp and Mrs. P. J. Hale is assistant director.

Divided into five units, the girls spend their time studing the various crafts and receiving instruction in tennis. Archery has been arranged for the older girls and is taught by Miss Mildred Sherman and Miss Frances Sherman.

The camp project for the year is a doll house, which will be constructed, painted and completely furnished by members of several of the units.

Mrs. Alma Jordan, chairman of the day camp committee, is assisted by Mrs. E. J. Viereck, Mrs. Edmund Graham, Mrs. H. A. Marmer, Mrs. Thomas Jeffers, Mrs. W. H. Walker and Mrs. Ray Yates.

COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE REPLACED

County Accountant Alexander K. Hancock, one of the few appointees left in office when the Fusion party wrested control of the Board of Montgomery County Commissioners from the Democratic organization in the 1934 election, is scheduled for dismissal.

It was learned from a source close to the administration that the Fusion bloc controlling the board voted in an executive session to dispense with Hancock's services and install C Vaughan Darby of Chevy Chase, Md., in his place.

The appointment will be made formally by the three Fusion Commissioners when the board meets and is to become effective on July 15.

Under their decision, however, Hancock is to continue in office until August 1 to instruct Darby in the routine of his new duties and will then be given two weeks' leave with pay before his dismissal actually takes effect.

Mr. Darby, who maintains his own accounting office in Washington, is secretary to the Board of Accountancy of the District of Columbia and a member of the accounting faculty of the Strayer College of Accountancy. He received an honorary degree in accounting from Benjamin Franklin University.

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.

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.

Indians Used Sand Dunes

The Indians sent smoke signals from the Michigan sand dunes during tribal wars and held councils with the missionaries upon them. Occasionally the shifting sand uncovers remains of prehistoric villages and piles of stone implements, buried for many centuries.

The Basset Hound

The Basset hound has never been overly popular in America and perhaps never will be so long as the little beagle and the domestic hound continue to serve their masters of the hunt. In appearance and form the Basset occupies a place of first importance in the lives of those who must hunt. In appearance in form the Basset resembles a cross between the daschund and bloodhound. Somewhat larger than the beagle it is more underslung with a face and head resembling the bloodhound. It comes in two types; long and short-haired, the former being the most popular field dog abroad. Its greatest popularity as a sporting animal is confined to France, England, Russia and Germany. Its color is that that fits any "hound."

Largest Anteaters

The ant bear is the largest of the anteaters. He grows to a height of about 2 feet and a length of 4. His tail is long and shaggy, and when he sleeps the ant bear spreads it over his body like an umbrella against sun and rain. He lives on the ground, but does not burrow, and his kind is comparatively scarce because he produces only one young ant bear at a time. Other creatures, unrelated to the anteaters of South America, have somewhat similar habits. The aardvark of Africa and the spiny anteater of Australia eat ants, but they are not true anteaters. Members of the pangolin family are also addicted to an appetite for ants, but they are unrelated to the anteaters.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Use of Word "Minnow"

Although the name "minnow" is popularly applied to almost any small fish, more technically it applies to members of the family Cyprinidae, which includes the dace, carp, etc. In the United States the name usually belongs to various small cyprinodonts, mainly of the large genus "Notropis" living in the lesser streams and frequently called shiners. The largest and best known of these is the golden shiner, which has a very small head, but is sometimes a foot in length.

Missouri Led Pioneers

Forty years before California cried "Gold!" the glowing reports of Lewis and Clark led settlers into the great Northwest. Pioneers in pirogues, bullboats and cottonwood log canoes traveled up the Missouri river at the rate of about nine miles a day. Until the coming of the trans-continental railroad, "Big Muddy," as the Missouri is called, and its branches were the principal highways into the West. Even wagon trains followed its course.

Cod Liver Oil Long Used

Cod liver oil has been used for rickets for over a century, though its specific value was not recognized until recent years.

Flowers Feminine, Trees Masculine

All flowers and grasses are considered by the Japanese to be feminine, while trees are masculine. Buds represent the female, and perfect flowers are used to denote the male. It's a man's world, after all, for overblown and withered blossoms revert to the feminine gender. The front of a leaf is masculine, but a leaf turning its back is not; and a large leaf gallantly enfolding a smaller one is considered to convey the idea of a man.

The Wood Thrush

The Wood Thrush, like the other thrushes, feeds on the ground among the forest litter. Thus, with his cinnamon-brown back, wings and tail, he is not easily seen. On his white underparts are the telltale black spots and lines which mark the thrushes. His trim feet and legs are a delicate creamy gray in color. The upper part of his beak is black, the lower part yellow.

Earlyday Pickpockets in England

During the Eighteenth century the courts and levees held in the royal palaces of England welcomed almost anyone. Consequently pickpockets were numerous and active. However, writes Andrew W. Robertson, London, Eng., in Collier's Weekly, these "mixed" receptions were stopped in 1792 after one of these light-fingered lads, during a levee at St. James' palace, made the inexcusable mistake of picking all the pockets of the prince of Wales.

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 308 of these are between 7,000 and 10,000 feet, 161 between 10,000 and 12,000 feet, and four over 12,000 feet.

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.

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The Redbud

The redbud grows from 25 to 50 feet high with heart-shaped, dark green leaves. The wood has little commercial value and is particularly hard and heavy.

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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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