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Just in - Montgomery

Dr. W. W. Skinner of Kensington, chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland, was the speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Rockville Rotary Club.

The recently organized Landon and Legore Republican Club of Montgomery County opened headquarters in the Vinson Building in Rockville Monday. Employes and party leaders will be at the headquarters daily.

On an application of Leroy Smith for a license to sell beer at a store building on the Redland road, near Norbeck, the Montgomery County Liquor Control Board will hold a public hearing in the Liquor Dispensary Building, near Silver Spring, the afternoon of August 10.

Former County Commissioner Odorian W. Roby, now connected with the office of the county treasurer, entertained at dinner last Saturday, his guests including County Treasurer J. Forest Walker, a number of the employes of the county treasurer's office and several other friends.

Two public weddings have been arranged as outstanding features of the annual carnival of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department to be held at the old fair grounds August 14-22. One will take place the evening of Monday, August 17, and the other is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, August 19, with the dancing pavillion the scene of both ceremonies. The names of the couples are being withheld for the present.

In addition to approximately 50 4-H Club girls of Mongomery County, about the same number of 4-H Club boys of the county will attend the annual 4-H Club week at College Park early next month, Albert A. Ady, assistant agricultural agent for the county, stated. The girls will be looked after by Miss Edythe M. Turner, home demonstration agent for the county, and Mr. Ady will be in charge of the boys.

A public hearing will be held in the Silver Spring County Building on August 10 at 7 p. m. on the petition of Matthew Trimble for a rezoning of the Darby farm on Georgia Avenue north of Wheaton from residential "A" to commercial "D". The rezoning is sought by Mr. Trimble to permit location of a summer theater on the tract, which will be opened by Stephen E. Cochran, of the National Theater in Washington. Cochran plans to open the theater next summer if the rezoning is approved, Trimble said.

A street paving and repair program involving an expenditure of approximately $20,000 is being carried on during the Summer months in the five communities in Chevy Chase, Md. These are: Friendship Heights and sections 2, 3 and 4, all of which are special taxing areas, and the incorporated Town of Somerset. Minor repairs necessitated by the severity of the past Winter are being made to the streets in Friendship Heights, where the highways were newly paved about five years ago, and in sections 2 and 5. These include patching small holes, filling up cracks and repairing curbs and gutters. The work being done in Friendship Heights will cost about $100, in section 2 about $1,200 and in section 5 not more than $50. Somerset's street projects include the resurfacing of Dorset avenue, the town's main thoroughfare, from Wisconsin avenue to Kenwood, and such repairs to other streets of the town as necessary to put them in serviceable condition.

ROCKVILLE SEEKS TO RETAIN BRIDGE

A report, regarded as reliable, that when the modern bridge now in course of construction over the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad tracks here is completed the present overhead wooden bridge a short distance north of the new structure will be removed, is causing concern among residents of Rockville living just east of the railroad tracks.

It is held that if the plans as indicated are carried out many persons will be compelled to go several blocks out of their way to reach the eastern approach to the new overhead bridge. It is also contended that removal of the wooden bridge would depreciate property values in that section of town east of the Baltimore & Ohio tracks.

The mayor and Council have been appealed to and F. Barnard Welsh, attorney to the board, has asked the State Roads Commission to inform town authorities "very definitely" what it is proposed regarding the grade crossing, the wooden overhead and the approaches to the new overpass. A reply has not yet been received.

KENSINGTON

KENSINGTON PLANS SANITARY SURVEY

A sanitary survey of all homes and stores in the community, conducted from door to door by members of the Town Council and the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, was approved by the council Monday night.

Dr. Katherine Chapman, town health officer, who drew up the proposal, was directed to take charge of the survey. Each dwelling and business place will be surveyed as regards plumbing, septic tanks, the disposal of trash and other conditions affecting sanitation.

At the same time the survey is being conducted the firemen will check on all fire hazards in the town. Ralph H. Burdette, chief of the local fire department, was named fire marshal.

Mayor Edward R. Saunders reported that he and several of the councilmen had called on the State Roads Commission in an effort to expedite the elimination of the local grade crossing.

Mr. Saunders stated that he was told that the work is being held up pending negotiations with the B. & O. Railroad to have it contribute toward the cost of building the overpass, and it might be some time before an agreement could be reached.

He announced that he had succeeded in having the commission promise to fill in holes on Howard Street and to cut the weeds on Connecticut Avenue that are now creating a traffic hazard.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan of Takoma Park addressed the council, explaining the movement to have all municipalities in the State form an association to sponsor uniform regulations and laws.

CONNECTICUT AVENUE EXTENSION PROPOSED

Five road improvement projects will be advanced by the Kensington Chamber of Commerce if it succeeds in obtaining what it terms to be "a fair share" of State highway funds for Montgomery County.

One of the most important of these is the proposal to extend Connecticut avenue from its present terminus in Kensington to that it will cross the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad tracks and continue on northward.

Another of the program's principal features is the suggested paving of the unimproved 2-mile strip lying in the center of Viers Mill road, which runs from Wheaton to Rockville.

Other items include building a connecting link between Jones Mill road and Beach drive, construction of a link between the Garrett Park road and the new overpass to be built above the railroad tracks, and widening and straightening of the Forest Glen-Kensington road.

One of the members of the committee to be appointed to confer with Gov. Harry Nice will be Richard M. Ham, an official of the American Automobile Association, who was elected a member this week. The others will be named shortly.

MISS RANEY'S ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mrs. James P. Raney of Kensington has announced the engagement of her daughter, Elizabeth Margaret, to Mr. William F. Farrell of Plymouth, Mass. The wedding will take place this summer.

The Great North Road

The Great North road, between Auckland and Wellington in the North island of New Zealand, was built as a military road by the British at the time of the Maori war, about 1840. An interesting part of the road passed the 1,000-foot eminence known as Taupiri hill, a sacred burial ground of the Waikato Maori kings. When the road was first built so strong was the taboo on this hill that travelers approaching the hill were required to leave the road and pass the hill by canoe on the Waikato river, resuming land travel after they were well past.

Widest One-Way Thoroughfare

Tyler, Texas, claims the widest one-way thoroughfare in the state for its 80-foot streets bordering courthouse square.

APPROVAL IS GIVEN TEN MORE PLATS

Indication of the continued development of Montgomery County was seen in the approval of four final and six preliminary subdivision record plats by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Final plats approved were:

Overbrook—Plat filed by the Newbold Development Co., of Bethesda, Md.

Westhaven—On Massachusetts avenue extended, block 3, section 1, filed by Loughborough Development Co.

Hillandale—Section 4, filed by Merritt Lockwood.

Huntington Terrace—Blocks 3, 4, 6 and 7, filed by Waggaman & Brawner, Inc., and the Howard Griffith addition to Woodside Park.

Preliminary plats, all in Montgomery County, approved by the commission were:

English Village—In Bradley Hills, resubdivide lot 25, block 10, located at Wilson lane and Aberdeen road, filed by C. R. French.

Woodside Park—Resubdivide lot 1, block 1, section 1, filed by R. H. Best.

Westgate—On Massachusetts evenue extended, blocks E and F, filed by the Central Building Co. of Washington. Also lots 16 to 20, inclusive, in block A.

Woodside Park—Lot 1, block E, section 4, filed by Charles M. McCulloch.

DEPOT REMODEDED AT SILVER SPRING

Construction of a modern waiting room and remodeling of the old Baltimore & Ohio Railroad station is now under way at Silver Spring. Foreman D. L. Frye estimated the total cost of the work to be approximately $15,000, with the new building to be opened about August 15.

In addition, a loading platform 680 feet long is being constructed for the eastbound track, and another, 840 feet long, for the westbound track. Upon completion of the work all fast trains into and out of Washington will stop at Silver Spring.

A parking lot with a capacity of 100 cars is being prepared just off the present station.

Gayety Marks Ancestors' Memorials With Chinese

Ancestor worship prevails in China, along with Buddhism, Taoism, and Confucianism. Custom provides for markers on the graves for identification purposes only. In every Chinese home, however, there is a tablet or shrine which contains the two ancestral names of the father and mother, carved on wood or written on paper, and before these incense is burned daily.

On a certain day, says a correspondent in the Chicago Tribune, the graves are visited by surviving relatives on a sort of festive occasion, partaking of the spirit of Easter, and to the children are imparted reverence and love for their own families.

Much productive land is occupied by these many graves, but every available foot of that remaining is made to produce. A primitive man-pushed plow or one pulled by a carabao (water buffalo) is the only visible agricultural implement. Treadmills to lift the water from one rice paddy to another are operated by four or five persons. Men and women stand alongside each other and trudge the long dreary day to turn the wheels, many of the women crippled with cruelly bound small feet, and most of the time there is enough of a breeze blowing to turn the water wheels without human labor. Not a windmill is permitted, because of superstitious fear of offending the wind and water spirits.

Matter of Dietetics Not Much in Evidence

When the young woman teacher of dietetics married a physician the Woman thought it a most suitable match. Their little girl has now grown to be a chubby four-year-old. She certainly is a good advertisement for the strictly scientific upbringing, every one says, judging from her ruddy appearance. But a recent event in the life of this model child, related by her mother, has led the Woman to doubt whether the parents' adherence to the rules of science is entirely responsible for the perfect state of health of the little girl.

Her mother was busy in the house and had allowed Martha to play with the well-brought-up little boy next door. It was not long before Martha was called in to lunch. She came in blithely, sucking an enormous hard candy.

"Wherever did you get that piece of candy? And just before lunch, too?" asked the parent, horrified at this double infringement of the rules.

"Harry gave it to the doggie, and the doggie didn't like it," explained Martha.—New York Sun.

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.

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.

SPEND $1,000 MONTH ON DIONNE BABIES

Famous Quintuplets Financially Independent.

Callander, Ont.—Through their physician, Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe, the Dionne quintuplets recently gave a message to the world. They said:

"Thanks for all your help, and we want you to know we are now self-supporting. We say this because so many persons and organizations helped us when we were not able to take care of ourselves. Now we are making enough money to meet all our needs and allow us to save some. We thought you would like to know."

Doctor Dafoe sat back in a deck chair on his front lawn and elaborated on the statement.

The girl babies of Oliva and Elzire Dionne are not nearly as wealthy as many persons believe. They have $45,000 in bonds and cash, and contracts now in force probably will bring them another $50,000. In their 2 months of life the youngsters have spent a lot of their own money. How much, the doctor declined to say.

The Canadian Red Cross paid for the nurses for a year and, with the Ontario government, helped out in various ways. In the last four months the children have paid all their own expenses—and expenses of quintuplets are large.

No figures have ever been given out, but salaries of the doctor and nurses probably total $450 a month. Other salaries, for an orderly, two maids and two guards, take perhaps $250 more. That total of $700 does not include upkeep of the hospital, which must be large, as all the staff, but the doctor, have their meals there. Everything the babies eat and drink is of the best and their food bill is large.

In addition there are many extras, which all go to make $1,000 a conservative estimate of the babies' monthly expenditure.

One of their chief assets is their home, valued at $20,000. The small Dafoe hospital that was opened a year ago has been enlarged to a 13-room building with three baths.

The babies' $45,000 in bonds and cash has come from endorsements of products they use—milk, tomato juice and the like—and motion-picture and newspaper photograph contracts.

Scotland's Gretna Green Still "Marrying" Town

Gretna Green, Scotland.—Hundreds of couples still come to Gretna Green to be married, for even today an air of romance clings to it and its old reputation for runaway weddings.

Until the marriage act was passed in 1856, making it compulsory for one of the contracting parties to reside in Scotland at least 21 days before the ceremony, Gretna Green was the destination of elopers from all over England. Their carriages came dashing into the village at all hours of the day and night, for once they were through the toll gate and into Scotland, they could be married, and no questions were asked.

Likely as not, the irate father or guardian came galloping up a few minutes later, only to meet the happy couple leaving the Blacksmith's Forge. This building, where hundreds of marriages were performed, is now a curio shop, with books, postcards and "Romances of Gretna Green" for sale. Many Americans traveling in Scotland make it a point to visit the village, as it is off the beaten track and therefore all the more delightful.

The blacksmith, who once did a thriving business in marriages, has become a legendary figure. It is said that he performed three marriage ceremonies on his deathbed, and that he died with the fees tightly clutched in his hand.

Radio in Arctic Circle Aids in Birth of a Boy

Dixon Island, U. S. S. R.—Communication by radio enabled a surgeon here to conduct a difficult case of childbirth many miles away.

Doctor Firsov of Cape Desire, on the Novaya in the Arctic ocean, was attending the case there, but because it presented unusual difficulties he sought the advice of Doctor Nikitin of Dixon Island. Radio connection was established and the doctors discussed the case for three hours. After hearing the details, Doctor Nikitin gave his instructions.

Three hours later he received another message—this time from the proud father of a son thanking him and the radio operators for their aid.

Archer Kills Snake With Bow and Arrow

Fresno, Calif.—Spinners of fanciful rattlesnake yarns often wander further from the truth than fishermen, but Arthur H. Shipley, deputy county superintendent of schools, vouches for this one:

Shipley spied a 3-foot snake along the roadside one day. Anxious to get a set of rattles, he searched for something with which to kill the reptile. Clods of dirt served only to enrage the snake.

Finally he thought of the bow and arrow in the back of his car.

With only three shots Shipley pinned the rattler to the ground in three different places. A fourth arrow pierced the head and killed the snake.

Shipley has a set of rattles as evidence.

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.

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.

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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Earliest Sponge Rubber

Probably the earliest mention of sponge rubber is in British patent No. 13103, issued to William Edward Newton, Middlesex, England, in 1850. The sponge rubber was made by mixing raw sugar, resins, or other materials, with the rubber prior to vulcanization, and was used for shoe soles and for other purposes in connection with footwear.

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.

"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.

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