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Mrs. Casper Gregory Dickson has announced the engagement of her daughter Elizabeth to Mr. Louis Grandin Carmick, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis G. Carmick of Georgetown. The wedding will take place in the Fall.

Miss Diantha Bowie will leave tomorrow for Savannah, Georgia, where she will visit her sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Tierney.

Mrs. John Price Wetherill, III, entertained at luncheon on Thursday.

Rev. Issac Page of Toronto, Canada, Secretary of the China Inland Mission, will speak in the Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, on Monday, August 17, at 8 oclock.

RESIDENTS OPPOSE NORBECK THEATER

Establishment of a Summer theater and a restaurant on the Darby farm near Norbeck was bitterly opposed by a group of about 35 property owners at a public hearing on rezoning of the property from residential to commercial before the Board of County Commissioners.

Presented by its sponsor, S. E. Cochran, manager of the National Theater, Washington, as a plan for a dignified and beautiful theater appealing only to patronage of the highest type, it was characterized by its opponents as a potential menace and detriment to the community.

Cochran and his attorney, Police Judge Harold Smith of Rockville, in their plea for the rezoning in which outstanding stars would appear. The atmosphere, they declared, would be on a refined and dignified plane, attracting a reputable class of citizens.

In sharp contrast, F. Barnard Welsh of Rockville, attorney for Dr. Merton A. English, whose place is directly across the pike from the Darby farm, presented a picture of rowdyism, cocktail bars, a public dance hall and beer garden, which would attract rough characters, and ruin property for residential purposes.

COMMISSIONERS PRAISED FOR STAND ON ZONING

The Montgomery County Commissioners were commended in a resolution adopted by the Rockville Pike Citizens' Association for declining to rezone the tract of land formerly occupied by the Villa Roma Inn.

Protest was registered by the group in another resolution adopted to a type of real estate development being made near Jones Mill road. The commissioners and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission were asked to do what they could to keep the buildings there in conformity with other developments of the community.

Mrs. W. H. Talbott read a paper on the early history of Montgomery County, dealing largely with the old Georgetown road section, used by Washington and Braddock as a trail to Fort Duquesne.

SILVER SPRING MADE THROUGH MAIN STOP

Commencing Sunday, all through trains of the metropolitan division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will stop at Silver Spring, Md.

D. L. Moorman, general passanger agent, asserted this arrangement has been made primarily to accommodate residents of Northwest Washington who heretofore have been obliged to travel through congested city traffic to reach Union Station.

The Silver Spring station building and parking lot have been enlarged.

The Drink to Happiness

The drinking of a liquid from a single cup by the bride and groom is an important part of the wedding ceremony among two-thirds of the human race, or all those living in non-Christian countries. The majority use a distilled liquor, beer or wine while the others prefer either animal or cocoanut milk.—Collier's Weekly

Just in - Montgomery

The Ladies' Aid Society of McDonald Chapel, Quince Orchard, will sponsor a fried chicken supper on the church lawn August 27.

A public hearing will be held at the Bethesda County Building on September 21 on an application of Richard Leroy Emory for zoning lot 5 on Shoemaker lane, in Brooke Park, from residential A to commercial C.

A public hearing was held at 10 a. m. Thursday in the Office of the Public Service Commission in Baltimore on the application of the Washington Gas Light Co. of Montgomery County and the Georgetown Gas Light Co. of Montgomery County for permission to merge the two companies.

Featuring the monthly meeting of the Community Council of Sandy Springs, was a letter from the Volunteer Fire Department urging the Council to take action in regard to the hazardous condition at the cross roads in Ashton by having more warning signs erected. The matter was referred to the Roads Committee for investigation.

Final disposition of the proposal to purchase 35 voting machines for the county was deferred until next week when the commissioners were advised that several county election supervisors are absent from the county. Bids for 35 machines will be opened by the election board next Monday and must be approved by the commissioners.

Midsummer exhibits of numerous vegetables as well as flowers, were on display at the August meeting of the Horticultural Society, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Adams at Ten Oaks. The meeting was presided over by Vice President Robert H. Miller, Jr., and two readers, Miss Emma T. Stabler and Mrs. Robert Miller, Jr., contributed to the program. Miss Stabler read an Englishman's idea of a garden and Mrs. Miller had an article on gardens of flat houses. A visit to the flower and vegetable gardens of Ten Oaks was a part of the program.

Gov. Nice has been invited to attend the annual carnival of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, which begins at the old fair grounds in Rockville tonight and to continue through August. He has been asked to lead the parade, which will be staged the afternoon of August 15, as one of the leading features of the big event, and to present prizes to the fire department making the best appearance in the parade, the department coming the longest distance to participate and to the best band in the parade. The parade, the arrangements for which are in charge of a committee headed by Marberry Gates, will be participated in by fire departments from this and nearby counties of Maryland and Virginia, town and county officials, Boy Scouts and other groups and several bands will be in line.

K. OF C. AT FOREST GLEN TO JOIN IN CELEBRATION

A proposal that Forest Glen Council, Knights of Columbus, take an active part in the Nation-wide celebration of the Sesquicentennial of the establishment of the Constitution of the United States, to be held in 1937, was unanimously indorsed by the group at a meeting last week.

Participation of the Knights in the celebration was proposed by Robert Conroy, a member, who pointed out that Daniel Carroll, a member of the constitutional convention, was a local resident.

The council also voted to donate the furnishings and equipment for one of the class rooms in the new school building of St. Michael's Parish at Silver Spring. Louis C. Beall was appointed chairman of a committee to make plans for a miniature carnival.

WISCONSIN AVENUE CONTRACT AWARDED

The State Roads Commission awarded a contract for paving the center of Wisconsin Avenue, near Bethesda, to the M. J. Grove Lime Company, of Lime Kiln, Md. This company submitted a low bid of $43,700 for the work, which comprises a stretch of 1.69 miles. The portion of the road to be paved formerly was occupied by street car lines.

Nathan L. Smith, chief engineer of the commission, said work ordinarily started within a week or ten days after a contract has been let.

Completion of the project will give Montgomery County a modern highway extending from Washington through the western section of the county by way of Bethesda and Rockville and continuing on westward through Frederick and Pennsylvania.

Mikado's Court in 1608

During the feudal period in Japan (1608-1867), the Mikado's court was at Kyoto, but the Shogunate, which controlled the administration of the kingdom, was at Tokyo, 323 miles away. The Tokaido road was built to accommodate the heavy traffic between the two most important centers of the kingdom.

ROCKVILLE RESIDENTS WORRIED OVER SPAN

Conditions facing that section of Rockville east of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad as a result of the construction, now well under way, of a bridge over the railway tracks will be discussed at a conference the Mayor and Council of Rockville plans to hold with the representatives of the State Roads Commission.

It is held that if the Baltimore road grade crossing is closed and the wooden overhead bridge, a short distance north of the modern overpass now being constructed is removed, not only will many residents of East Rockville be inconvenienced to the extent of having to go several blocks out of their way to reach the approach to the new overhead, but that property, both business and residential, immediately east of the railroad, will be greatly depreciated in value.

ALLEN TO OPEN G. O. P. FIGHT IN MONTGOMERY

Henry J. Allen, former United States Senator and Governor of Kansas, will open the Landon-Knox-Legore campaign in Montgomery County with an address in the Silver Spring National Guard Armory, August 22, at 8 p. m.

Gov. Landon was secretary to Allen when the latter was Governor of Kansas.

Allen's talk is being given under the auspices of the Landon-Knox-Legore Republican organization of Montgomery County. It is working for the election of State Senator Harry W. Legore of Frederick to the House of Representatives from the sixth Maryland district as well as for the national ticket.

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 gen ralship 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.

Ohio to Pay for Horses Morgan Stole in 1864

Columbus, Ohio.—Seventy-one years after General Morgan and his Confederate raiders entered southern Ohio and carried off provisions and other booty, the state of Ohio has acquiesced in a claim against his troopers.

The legislature has agreed to pay a claim of $600 occasioned by the theft of some horses by Morgan and his men during the war between the states.

Unless Governor Davey vetoes the item, Leoda Burke Oyler, of Cincinnati, will receive a check for $600 from the state of Ohio.

The claim was filed with the state many, many years ago. But each time it came up it was shunted aside, although the federal government sent the state a check years ago to meet the obligation.

Too Tough to Die, Is Boast of Town

Tombstone, Ariz. — Tombstone, the town that proudly describes itself as "the town that was too tough to die," is nothing if not foresighted, despite accusations that it is living in its glamorous past.

Members of the Tombstone American Legion post will march in the grand parade at the National Legion convention in St. Louis next September, bearing banners, "Tombstone, 1975 Convention City."

That, of course, is only 40 years in the future.

Horace Greeley's Nomination

Horace Greeley was nominated for the Presidency by two parties. In May, 1872, the Liberals, most of whom were anti-Grant Republicans, nominated him at Cincinnati, and in July, 1872, the Democrats met at Baltimore and also nominated him.

All Sorts of Muskets in Use During Revolution

In the American Revolutionary war the battling patriots of the new world carried all sorts of muskets, and a few were armed with the long rifle, later known as the Kentucky rifle. At Bunker Hill the British troops carried smoothbore muskets, and the farmers and militiamen who faced them likewise were armed with smoothbores, with the likelihood that a few of the last named carried the rifle that had been introduced into this country by German immigrants.

The smoothbore musket of the revolution, and the weapon with which a majority of Washington's troops were armed, was the French Charleville musket, says a writer in the Chicago Tribune. It had a maximum range of about 880 yards, or a half mile, and an accurate range of about 100 yards. If a soldier could hit a man or a horse at 100 yards with his musket he was considered a good shot, the order of the officers to the men then invariably being to "wait until you see the whites of the enemies' eyes." The long rifle, on the other hand, a weapon in existence at that time, had a maximum range, with a full charge of powder, of about 1,320 yards, or three-quarters of a mile, and was accurate up to 150 to 200 yards, depending entirely upon who was doing the shooting. Some of the most skillful of the marksmen of that time could shoot the old long rifle accurately at a distance of even more than 200 yards.

Close Weaving Is an Art Common With Araucanians

Araucanian textiles are beautiful examples of the craft. They are closely woven and have a deep, rich nap. They are prized also for their characteristic designs, the blending of colors and the quality of their dyes. It is well to know quality, however, for aniline dyes have in recent years gained some favor with the natives and replaced to some extent the vegetable coloring used for centuries.

Close weaving is an art which nature forced upon the Araucanians, states a writer in the Washington Star. Persistent rains at certain seasons of the year have led them to fashion cloth and robes as waterproof as possible. A variety of colors and striking patterns, make the garments gay and lovely.

Ponchos usually are woven with stripes or rectilinear designs. Sometimes a Greek cross forms the center of the pattern, and others have small squares with zig-zag sides. The background is usually blue or black and in bringing out the pattern, the Indians use a method which has been followed for generations. Upon the wool that is to remain white, the craftsman ties strips of leather or resistant vegetable fiber. After the dyeing is completed, the coating is removed.

Mistletoe First State Flower

The mistletoe was the first state flower to be chosen, Oklahoma making the choice in 1893. Since that time many states have chosen flowers and have changed from one flower to another. Selections have been made by vote of the school children, by vote of the state legislatures and some stand by general adoption. A national flower still remains to be chosen, the dogwood, rose, mountain laurel, daisy, columbine and golden rod having been suggested. The wild rose was chosen for the United States by vote of the readers of Nature Magazine, but no flower has been officially selected. The rose is very popular in state-naming lists, the District of Columbia selecting the American Beauty rose, Iowa and North Dakota, the wild rose, New York, the rose, and Georgia, the Cherokee rose.—Detroit News.

The Brown Thrasher

Graceful and alert, his reddish brown back, head, tail and wings make him blend into his surroundings so well that the sly Brown Thrasher is often overlooked. There are some black markings across the upper part of the wings. This black is bordered with white, so that two white bars seem to extend across each wing. The side of his head is light yellow-gray. The eye is pale yellow. The throat, breast and other underparts are pale gray, tinted with light brown. The undermarkings are black. His feet are brownish gray, and the beak is dull blackish brown. The Brown Thrasher ranks with the mockingbird as a songster.—Indianapolis News.

Violin Has Not Changed

While every other musical instrument of the modern orchestra, with the organ and piano, have undergone such changes in construction as almost to make them different instruments, the violin has not changed for the better in the last 300 years. Amati, Stradivarius, Guarnerius, and the others, found the perfect model, and although many attempts have been made to improve on it, they have resulted in failure. The Cremona type became the class model for the violin and it is accepted as such, universally.

May Be Cause of 'Quakes

Scientists believe that earthquakes are very rarely due to volcanic explosions below ground. We live on the solid crust of the earth, which is some forty miles thick and continually subject to slow earth movements. These put the earth's crust into a state of strain, which increases until it becomes too great at one point for the strength of the rock to resist. Then there is a sudden slip or rupture, which appears on the surface as an earthquake.

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.

U. S. RENEWS FIGHT ON LOTTERY SALES

Fraud Orders Deal Blow at Use of Mails.

Washington. — Renewing its war against foreign lottery operators, the Post Office department has recently issued fraud orders against 450 residents of foreign countries, the longest individual list ever issued by the department. Notwithstanding the close watch maintained at the border by customs officers and the vigilance of post office investigators, foreign lottery tickets find a wide sale in the United States.

The results of the current offensive will be in proportion to the success of federal authorities in locating and identifying foreign distributors and in intercepting lottery material. Existing federal statutes, which carry a blanket ban on the sale of lottery tickets through the mails, are declared to be adequate. A more difficult job—one that does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Post Office department—is the prevention of the peddling of lottery tickets in the country—prohibited by the laws of most states.

Annual Sales $10,000,000.

Money sent abroad by Americans, either for the purchase of legitimate sweepstake tickets or "phonies," totals to a vast sum. The best estimates, based partly on the prize money won by Americans, place the value of ticket sales at $10,000,000 annually. In addition to the tickets sold for the Irish and other recognized sweepstakes and lotteries, thousands of counterfeit tickets have found an easy market in this country. Not only are counterfeits peddled in large quantities, but there have been many sales on fake sweepstakes. That is, the agents sell tickets, comb their "sucker" list, and then fold up completely, purchasers of tickets never hearing from them again.

The Post Office department receives a variety of information that is passed to its inspectors. Practically all the agents and distributors of tickets who use the mails reside outside the United States. When a customs inspector, a local postmaster, or any other federal official sees a large batch of letters in a single mail shipment, from the same address, suspicion is around. (Lottery agents customarily use first-class mail, in their efforts to build up a customer list).

Promptly Confiscated.

Though postal authorities have no authority to open first-class mail, they do have the authority, on suspicion, to stamp a letter: "Supposed to contain matter prohibited importation." When a letter so stamped reaches the post office of destination, the American addressee is required to open it in the presence of the local postmaster.

If the letter contains a lottery ticket it is promptly confiscated, and the Post Office department issues forthwith a fraud order against the foreign agent. The order is a double-barreled weapon. The Post Office department will not deliver letters from the foreign person or address, nor will it accept mail matter originating in the United States for names that appear on a fraud order.

Blame Henpecked Mates if Women Go Hysterical

Berlin.—"If women go hysterical their husbands are to blame in most cases, and especially the henpecked ones!"

This is the conclusion reached by Dr. G. Giehm, psychiatrist of a large sanitarium at Zepernick in the north of Berlin, as a result of an investigation of cases of hysterical women.

Writing in the German Medical Weekly, Doctor Giehm says: "As a practical consequence of this discovery the husbands should be treated and cured rather than their wives, in the first place."

Doctor Giehm found that the henpecked husbands were very sensitive, inactive, soft, over-careful, wavering men who covered up their weakness by pretending to be "kind and gentle" sympathizers with their wife's malady.

This kind of husband constitutes the greatest danger for the hysterical patients, he believes.

Best Pen Ever Found in Post Office, Woman Says

Newark, N. J.—The millennium is here, Postmaster Sinnott believes.

A woman walked into the post office, picked up a pen, dipped it in ink and began to write. As she finished, she scrutinized the pen carefully, and then walked to the inquiry window. Holding forth the pen to the amazed clerk, she said:

"Could you tell me what make this pen is? It's the best I have ever used."

This will answer all future critics of post office pens, chuckles Sinnott.

Monument Marks Grave of Friendly Sioux Chief

Chamberlain, S. D.—The first monument ever erected over the grave of a Sioux Indian chief, so far as the history of South Dakota reveals, stands on Medicine creek across the Missouri river from here. It marks the grave of Iron Nation, head of the Lower Brule, hereditary enemies of the Pawnees, Gros Ventres, Poncas and Crows.

Iron Nation was a prominent figure in the tribe for 60 years, the early ones being spent as a war chief. During his latter years he was a firm friend of the whites.

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.

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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."

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