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KENSINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Matthews have returned from Cleveland, where they visited their son, Mr. William Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Wakefield and their two children, left last Saturday for a two-weeks camping trip in the Adirondacks.

PLAN TO ORGANIZE BOYS' CLUB

A movement to organize a boys' club in the western suburban section of Montgomery County fashioned along the lines of those formed in Washington by the Metropolitan police force is gaining impetus in this area with the backing of civic, religious and educational leaders.

Success of the plan, however, is said by its proponents to be contingent upon their ability to acquire the use of the administration building in the new park at Somerset that soon will be turned over to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission by the Federal Government.

The structure, which is being used by the Department of Agriculture's staff at the experimental station now located on the tract at Somerset, is held to be the only available building in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area suitable for the purpose for which it is desired. Only minor changes would be necessary to convert it into a modern club house.

A survey completed recently by supporters of the boys' club idea revealed there are 1,358 boys between the ages of 6 and 17 years attending the public schools of this section of the country, while there are an additional 300 boys in the upper brackets of those ages who are not in school.

Organization of the club would provide those boys with an ideal place in which to spend their free time, contributing to their health and affording a means of reducing the number of cases of juvenile delinquency in the country, as the Police Boys' Clubs have done in Washington.

No official action toward establishment of the club has been taken as yet, the movement thus far being confined to informal discussions among leaders interested in the project.

MONTGOMERY HOSPITAL BENEFIT NETS $2,055

The executive meeting of the Woman's Board of the Montgomery County General Hospital has announced that $2,0055 was realized from the recent supper and advertising pamphlet.

Mrs. Charles C. Tumbleson, Miss Frances Leishear, Mrs. George Hunter, Mrs. Upton Nourse and Mrs. Francis M. Hallowell were named a Nominating Committee to bring in names of new officers at the November meeting.

In Miss Frances Leishear's report as superintendent, it was shown that 168 patients were admitted during the past month, 68 being charity cases; 20 births were recorded, 101 operations were performed, 115 X-ray and 313 laboratory examinations made.

SAFETY CAMPAIGN IN MARYLAND

Three safety cars loaned by Mr. Paul Hoffman, Chairman of the Highway Safety Committee of the Automobile Manufacturers' Association, will tour Maryland in an educational safety campaign.

Mr. Cliff Bergere, famous Indianapolis Race Driver, who, though one the safest drivers in the country, will demonstrate the mistakes committed by the careless and thoughtless driver accidents.

These are the same demonstrations that have proven such a marked success in New York, Philadelphia, Richmond, Norfolk and other cities.

The Blue Earth

Deposits left behind by lost primeval forests and the petrified resin now form what is called the "blue earth" in the Samland district in East Prussia, not far from the Baltic coast. This is the only place where amber is found, for there are no similar deposits elsewhere in the world.

Just in - Montgomery

Preston L. Snyder, county supervisor of public schools property, has announced that the public school property at White Oak, on the Colesville pike, which has been abandoned for school purposes, will be sold at public auction at 4 p.m. Saturday, August 29.

Thomas C. Darby, president; T. Alexander Barnsley, vice-president; Otto W. Anderson, secretary, and Ulysses Griffith 4th, treasurer, were the officers elected at a meeting of the directors of the Montgomery County Soil Conservation Association. The directors also named Darby, Barnsley and Ralph Walker a county committee to work with Secretary Anderson, who also is county agricultural agent, in administering the soil conservation program in the county.

The Young Men's Democratic Club of Silver Spring held first of a series of rallies in behalf of President Roosevelt and Representative David J. Lewis Tuesday night. The meeting was in the form of smoker, the program calling for an amateur boxing card and numbers by Frank Portillo, clown and "chalk-talker;" Paul Grove, monologuist and Thomas Suiters, musician. Representative Lewis accepted an invitation to attend. Arrangements were handled by a committee composed of George Menke, chairman; James W. Gill, John C. Livingston, Edward C. Holmead, Joseph D. Buscher and Charles M. Irelan, Jr. The program started at 8:15 and included a buffet supper.

On an application of William Charles Sumner for a license to sell beer at 7100 Wisconsin avenue, Bethesda, the Liquor Control Board of Montgomery County will hold a public hearing in the Liquor Dispensary Building, Silver Spring, at 1:30 o'clock the afternoon of August 24.

Miss Edythe M. Turner, home demonstration agent for Montgomery County, has announced meetings of homemakers' clubs of the county during September as follows: September 3, Dickerson - Barnesville - Poolesville, afternoon, and Travilah-Darnestown, night; September 8, Clarksburg, afternoon; September 10, Damascus, afternoon, and Gaithersburg, night; September 11, Colesville, afternoon; September 14, Cedar Grove, afternoon; September 15, Four Corners, afternoon; September 17, Wheaton, afternoon, and Rockville, night; September 18, Cabin John, afternoon; September 19, Slidell, afternoon; September 21, Burtonsville, afternoon; September 22, Brighton, afternoon; September 23, Silver Spring, afternoon; September 24, Germantown, afternoon; September 29, general meeting at office of home demonstration agent, Rockville.

RECREATION AREA NEARLY FINISHED

Four tennis courts under construction in the first unit of Rock Creek Park were opened for use Wednesday and the entire recreational area in that section of the park system is to be thrown open to the public witthin a few days.

The arrival of swings, slides, giant strides, see-saws and other playground apparatus has delayed the opening, the equipment is expected momentarily.

The area is the first for recreational purposes made ready in Rock Creek Park and is located just off Beach drive, immedately adjacent to Meadowbrook Saddle Club. Close by is the picnic grounds that have been in use for some time

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission will arrange a formal ceremony for dedication of the area. Residents of the District of Columbia, as well as those of Maryland, are invited to use the facilities of the park.

The tennis courts are of the latest type construction, with the new bituminuls surface now being used in many places.

SCHOOL TERM SET IN MONTGOMERY

The public schools of Montgomery County, both white and colored, will opne on Monday, September 14, and continue through June 18.

Heretofore the colored schools have closed several weeks in advance of the white schools. The calendar, which has been approved by the County Board of Education, calls for the schools to be in session 187 days and provides for 13 holidays as follows: General election day, two days at Thanksgiving, seven at Christmas, two at Easter and one because of the annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association.

The teachers of the white schools will hold a conference in Rockville, September 9 and will work in their respective class rooms September 10 and 11 getting things in readiness for opening of the schools the following Monday. The pre-school conference of the colored teachers will be held September 11.

Oldest Piece of Furniture

The oldest known piece of furniture in the world is the throne of the Egyptian Queen Hetshepsu, which is preserved in the British museum. It is known to be more than 3,000 years old.

OFFICIALS ACCEPT VOTE MACHINE BID

The supervisors of elections for Montgomery County voted to accept a bid of the Automatic Voting Machine Corp. of Jamestown, N. Y., to furnish 35 voting machines for use in Bethesda and Wheaton districts.

The bid of the Jamestown corporation was the only one received. It proposed to sell the county the 35 machines at $900 each, $5,000 to be paid on their arrival and a like amount every other year until the entire indebtedness is canceled, the deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent. The corporation agrees to deliver the machines within 20 days after the contract is signed.

The action of the supervisors of elections, however, is subject to approval by the county commissioners and it is planned to have the two groups hold a joint meeting August 25, when it is thought the question of whether or not the machines will be bought in time for the November election will be definitely decided.

NORBECK THEATRE PERMIT DENIED

The board of county commissioners Tuesday denied a petition of Matthew Trimble for rezoning of the Darby farm near Norbeck, to permit establishment of a summer theater and restaurant on the tract by Stephen E. Cochran, manager of the National Theater.

The application was rejected by a vote of four to one following the receipt of a recommendation from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission that a permit be denied.

The lone supporter of the application was Commissioner Charles E. King.

FOURTH JUDGE IN SIXTH CIRCUIT IS APPROVED

Montgomery County Bar Association has indorsed the proposal to create a fourth judgeship for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Maryland.

A resolution adopted at a meeting last Wednesday, expressed the association's approval of the proposal, which will be submitted to the voters in the November election in the form of a constitutional amendment.

Robert B. Peters, Jr., former State's Attorney, offered the resolution.

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 argicultural 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.

Lemons in Early Use

Many years ago, in the days of early sailing vessels, scurvy was a dread disease among the sailors on long voyages. It seemed there was neither an escape nor a cure for it, until one day, quite by chance, a vessel sailed out of harbor, taking lemons in its cargo. They were served the men and lo, not a sign of scurvy appeared.

Titmouse or "Sugar Bird"

The Titmouse or "Sugar Bird," is an excellent acrobat, and he climbs, swings, and daringly clings to the bark and twigs of trees in his search for insects. A deserted woodpecker hole, or hollow stump, is lined with feathers, soft grasses and mosses when he chooses to mate in spring nesting time.

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 22 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 varl-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.

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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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