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Just in Montgomery

Governor Nice has appointed Ernest D. Houghton of Glen Echo a justice of the peace for Montgomery County.

Judge Charles W. Woodward of the Montgomery County Circuit Court is recovering from an emergency operation for appendicitis at Garfield Hospital Washington. Judge Woodward became ill last Wednesday night and was taken to the hospital from his home in Poolesville.

Rezoning to permit the conversion of a number of homes in Takoma Park from one into two-family dwellings is being sought from the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission. Applications for the rezoning were submitted to the commission but will be referred to the Mayor and Town Council of Takoma Park before action is taken.

The barn on the farm of Mrs. Laura Gardner, near Clarksburg, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. It was stroyed by fire Saturday night. It contained about 100 tons of hay, dairy equipment, farming implements and other things, all of which also were destroyed. The loss, partially covered by insurance, was placed at approximately $5,000. The blaze was caused by lightning.

The seventh annual fire college short course at the University of Maryland in College Park will be held on September 1, 2, and 3, Sherwood Brockwell, fire marshal of North Carolina, will again be the presiding officer. Instruction will start with a lecture by Dr. Frank N. Odgen, Jr., Baltimore Fire department surgeon, on the principles of first aid. For practical training the school will be divided into three drill groups who will receive instruction on essential elements of fire fighting.

Two donkey ball games will be played by the volunteer fire departments of Silver Spring and Takoma Park next week. The games will be played at 8 p. m. at Georgia Avenue and District Lines on September 3 and 4. Arrangements are being handled by a joint committee composed of Thomas J. Kennedy, Victor H. Bender and Walter W. Brandt, of Silver Spring, and Ralph E. Harris, Irving W. Johnson and H. Dewey Hayes, of Takoma Park.

Round table discussions of various matters affecting the welfare of Rockville and vicinity featured the weekly luncheon meeting of the Rockville Rotary Club. William F. Prettyman, president of the Rockville Union Cemetery Association, told something of what has been done and is planned to develop the Rockville Union Cemetery, and Edgar Reed of the Rockville Town Council explained what has recently been done and what it is hoped to do in the near future to improve Rockville. F. Barnard Welsh, president of the club presided.

Officials and committees for the seventh annual horse show of the Montgomery County Horse Show Association to be held Saturday, September 12, on the farm of T. Alexander Barnsley in Olney have been announced by the association. This show is unique among those given each year in Montgomery, because it accords equal attention to draft and work horses and to riding horses and hunters. Fifteen classes are scheduled for the show, which will start at 9:45 a. m. Judges will be Joseph M. Vial, University of Maryland, and Benjamin Hill, Howard County, for draft classes, and Maj. George L. Caldwell, U. S. A., for riding classes.

An orthopedic clinic for crippled children will be conducted by the Montgomery County American Legion Council September 3, at the Montgomery County General Hospital in Sandy Spring. The clinic will be held in cooperation with the county health department and the Maryland League for Crippled Children. Dr. V. L. Ellicott, county health officer, and Miss Hermine Badenhoop, public health nurse, will be in charge, assisted by physicians from the crippled children's league. The legion council will arrange for providing transportation for the children and establishing a central headquarters at which parents of children desiring to attend the clinic may register.

VOTE MACHINES PLAN IS VETOED

A request of the Montgomery County Board of Election Supervisors for permission to purchase 35 voting machines in time for the November election was turned down by the county commissioners.

The commissioners vetoed the voting machine proposal by a four-to-one vote, Robert D. Hagner, Democrat, favoring the proposal. Richard H. Lansdale, Democrat, joined Frank H. Karn, Paul M. Coughlan, and Charles E. King, Fusion, in voting against the request.

Dust "Black Storms"

On the Russian steppes, duststorms are known as "black storms."

KENSINGTON

Mrs. Anna E. Raney of the Kensington office of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City has just been awarded a four-star gold emblem in recognition of twenty years service. She is included among forty men and women throughout the state of Maryland whose terms of employment total 700 years, who have received emblems during the month of August.

Mr. and Mrs. George Landick, Jr., have gone to Atlantic City for two weeks. They were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Emmett Thompson, of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Mrs. Fred T. Graff will leave tomorrow to join Mr. Graff at Endicott, New York. They will return about the first of October.

Miss Jean Taylor has returned from Sangerville, Maine, where she spent the summer as a peace volunteer for the Emergency Peace Campaign.

MRS. WATKINS DIES

Mrs. Rosa A. Watkins, 76, widow of Charles A. Watkins and long-time resident of Kensington, died early Saturday following a long illness. She is survived by two sons by a former marriage, Carroll F. Duvall of Kensington and William A. Duvall of Chevy Chase.

The funeral took place at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon from Christ Episcopal Church, burial was in Rockville Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Watkins had lived in this county more than 50 years. She was formerly a resident of Baltimore.

PROPOSE LEGAL ACTION

The question of whether the Montgomery County Board of Commission-State Roads Board to force construction of the Kensington overpass was referred to committees of the local Chamber of Commerce Saturday night.

Members of the executive and Advisory Committees of the chamber met at the home of Washington I. Cleveland to discuss the matter.

Contract for the bridge was awarded several months ago, but it has not been signed.

ROOSEVELT FIRST VOTERS LEAGUE

Wilbur R. Dulin of Anne Arundel County, Executive Secretary of the Young Democratic Clubs of Maryland and member of the House of Delegates, who was appointed recently by Senator George L. Radcliffe, Chairman of the Roosevelt Campaign Committee in Maryland, as the director of the Roosevelt First Voters League of Maryland, has announced that the Roosevelt First Voters League of Maryland has been organized in every county of the State and that the State officials of the League are S. Scott Beck, Jr., of Chestertown, Chairman; Miss Julia Raphael of Cumberland, Vice-Chairman; Miss Rose Louise Swindell of Annapolis, Vice Chairman; Thomas G. Young, Jr., of Baltimore, Vice-Chairman, and Ridgley Retzer, of Baltimore, Secretary, have planned an active and aggressive state-wide campaign.

PURCHASE OF BONDS APPROVED

Approval was voted by the county commissioners of a request by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for authority to purchase $60,000 in bonds for their sinking fund. The commission contemplates purchasing $20,000 United States Government bonds, $10,000 bonds of the city of Montgomery, Ala.; $15,000 bonds of the city of Camden, N. J., and $15,000 bonds of the town of Havre de Grace, Md.

Milk Mostly Water

More than 87 per cent of a cow's milk is water. The remainder is milk, sugar, fat and protein.

PUBLIC URGED TO USE PARKS

Mr. Witton T. Allen, new park commissioner for Montgomery County, has sent a letter to all Presidents of Citizens Associations, Parent Teachers Associations, Clubs, and Schools Inviting them to take advantage of the Recreational facilities of the beautiful parks in Montgomery County.

These parks are located at Rock Creek, Sligo Creek and Jessup Blair Park and large playgrounds at Kensington, Garrett Park, Cabin John and Takoma Park. There are tennis courts in all these parks, available any day in good weather at a charge of twenty cents per hour per court.

Jessup Blair Park also has a large community house available for meeting of civic groups and houses the Silver Spring public library.

When using the County Parks the public is requested to observe the Park Regulations which will be found posted throughout the park system.

All parks are under the jurisdiction of the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission, the Montgomery County members of which are Richard F. Green of Kensington and Lacy Shaw of Silver Spring.

CAMPAIGN OPENED AT ROCKVILLE MEETING

Five hundred Democrats jammed the Rockville Courthouse Monday night to hear the formal launching of the Montgomery County campaign to re-elect President Roosevelt and David J. Lewis.

State Senator Stedman Prescott, chairman of the county Democratic organization, who presided, pledged support of the two candidates and told of the benefits brought by the New Deal to agriculture and labor.

Richard B. Shannahan, Department of Justice attorney, praised the Administration war on crime and, pointing to "general national recovery," asserted that the American business man is the greatest beneficiary of the New Deal.

Other speakers were Mrs. Charles Y. Latimer, president of the Montgomery County Women's Democratic Club, and J. Somervel Dawson, president of the United Young Men's Democratic Clubs of the county.

MR. AND MRS. LEHMAN WED FIFTY YEARS

Monday was the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Lehman, among Rockville's most respected residents. The event was celebrated in their home with most of their children, grandchildren and a few close friends present.

The celebration consisted of a short speech of felicitation by Rev. Herbert O. Cooper, pastor of the Rockville Baptist Church; vocal and instrumental music, a few remarks of appreciation by Mr. Lehman and the serving of refreshments.

Mr. Lehman is 74 years old and his wife 71. They were married in Howard County and have been residents of Rockville 32 years. They have 10 children and 16 grandchildren.

Mound of Earth Memorial to Beloved Polish Hero

The most interesting monument of Cracow, Poland, to Americans is the great mound of earth which the entire Polish nation built to the memory of Kosciuszko, who served as Washington's adjutant during the Revolutionary war, notes a writer in the Chicago Daily News.

Kosciuszko also fought for the independence of Poland and after his death the Polish people revived their ancient way of honoring heroes. From all over the country peasants came bringing earth in their long, flowing sleeves and aprons to deposit on the site here. The mound is 1,000 feet high and is crowned with a large granite block marked "To Kosciuszko."

Kosciuszko's tomb is in a vault of the Cathedral of Cracow, a national sanctuary for Polish kings and heroes. A silver coffin, that of Stanislaus, the patron-saint of Poland, stands in the middle of the church, and near one of the chapels is a crypt containing the ashes of the greatest Polish poet, Adam Mickiewicz.

The cathedral and the other churches of Cracow are particularly worth a visit by the tourist on religious festivals, especially Corpus Christi day. At this time girls dressed in white and blue carry gaily colored images of Mary from church to church, and the entire city turns out for the processions.

Nova Scotia Discovered 3 Times

Nova Scotia, the Atlantic province of Canada, claims three discoverers. John Cabot landed on Cape Breton island in 1497, decided he was the discoverer and claimed it for Henry VII of England. Jean Denys, a Frenchman, touched on it in 1506 and thought that he had discovered it. In 1524 Jean Verrazano, a Florentine under the commission of Francis I of France, came across it and claimed it for his patron. In fact, he claimed the entire American coastline from Nova Scotia to the Carolinas, and "all the regions beyond." Although there is no proof, there is everything of a convincing nature to make fairly definite that Leif Ericson, the adventurous Viking, discovered Nova Scotia away back in 1000.

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.

AVERAGE NET WORTH OF FAMILIES RISES

Special Survey Shows Home Mortages Reduced.

Minneapolis.—The average insured family has 30 per cent more cash in the bank today than it had in 1933, and has reduced the mortgage on its home by 10 per cent in the same two-year period, according to a survey of 10,000 policy holder families by the Northwestern National Life Insurance company of Minneapolis.

An average reserve of $356 per family of cash on hand and in banks, was reported as of the spring of 1933 in response to the insurance company's questionnaire; this compares with $464 per family at the present time, an increase of $108, or 30 per cent.

A reduction in the size of the average mortgage from $3,464 in 1933 to $3,110 in 1935 was shown in the reports. Approximately 49 per cent of the policy holders investigated were home owners; the average home valuation was $5,301. Half of the homes owned were clear of encumbrance; the remaining 50 per cent were mortgaged.

The average amount of life insurance owned per family was $7,710 in 1933, and $8,199 in 1935, an increase of 6.3 per cent.

The average net worth of each family, including equity in home but exclusive of life insurance, was $2,953 in the spring of 1933, and had risen to $3,440 two years later, the survey showed, an increase in average wealth of 16 per cent. The 10,000 families were selected at random from policy holder lists.

A special survey of urban housing conducted in 61 cities by the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce showed a reduction in the average mortgage on owner-occupied homes of 3.29 per cent from 1933 to 1934. The fact that the reduction for the two years from '33 to '35 totaled 10.22 per cent in the insurance company's survey would seem to indicate that the average family is paying off its obligations at an increasingly rapid rate, the report concludes.

Common House Fly Found to Carry Million Germs

New York.—Two scientists recently examined 400 house flies to determine how important that common insect really is in the spread of germs. Securing flies from all sorts of places they found that the average number of bacteria carried per fly was more than 1,000,000, reports the American Institute of Sanitation.

"Under the microscope the fly appears like an animated feather duster. The legs and body are covered with fine hairs which carry countless germs from place to place. Each of its six legs have two hairy pads in which a sticky fluid is secreted. By means of these adhesive pads on its feet a fly can perform the novel trick of walking upside down on a ceiling. But those pads, so useful to the fly in defying gravitation, pick up all sorts of bacteria as the scavenger walks along.

"A single fly may alight on a dozen objects in a few minutes and leave an unseen trail of germs that would be appalling if made visible to the eye of a housewife. Yet it is easy to demonstrate scientifically that a housefly literally sheds germs with every step he takes."

Confederates Rejected Man Who Lived Century

Nashville, Tenn.—Too frail for the Confederate army, William M. Bess, Nashville citizen, was not too frail for the battle of life. He died at the age of one hundred, just 21 days before his one hundred and first birthday.

Full of vigor until the last days of his life, Bess was able to take a daily walk of about three-quarters of a mile. Until three years ago, he would "walk down to Nashville," a distance of nearly 12 miles, whenever he took "a notion."

When the Civil war broke out, Bess volunteered, but because whooping cough and measles had settled in his lungs, he was ruled too frail.

Chinese Girl Student Wins Maine Scholarship

Orono, Maine.—The University of Maine's School of Education held a scholarship contest.

First prize in English went to Miss Mary Chin Heung. Both her parents were born in China. She was born in Portland 17 years ago. Not only a good scholar, she stars, too, in baseball, basketball and field hockey.

Find Many Mental Ills Among Workers

Dallas, Texas.—Fully 50 per cent of all persons employed in American industries suffer form varying degrees of emotional or mental ill health, according to Dr. H. L. Pritchett, professor of sociology at Southern Methodist university.

Many men and women who are highly successful in business and are entirely rational, nonetheless suffer from emotional maladjustment, Pritchett said.

Relatively few people are engaged in the type of work they really wish to follow, he said. Most people are engaged as they are because of compulsion or circumstance.

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.

OLD PORT OF ROME REVEALS ITS PAST

Excavators at Ostia Bare Many Tombs and Houses.

Rome.—The excavations being conducted at Ostia, the ancient port of Rome, are beginning to rival, at least in popular fancy, those at Herculaneum and Pompeii. While the two Graeco-Roman cities of the Neapolitan Campania were almost entirely dedicated to leisure and elegant life, Ostia thrived with commerical life and its people were principally manufacturers, merchants, small capitalists, clerks and sailors.

"It was a population always on the move and alert," says the Agenzia d'Italia of Rome, "and having dealings with merchants and brokers and travelers coming from every part of the ancient world. This explains Ostia's appearance, very different from Pompeii, with its large number of 'insulae,' which in ancient Rome were the type of houses used by the lower and middle classes.

Ancient Tombs Unearthed.

"The discovery made a few days ago in the excavations along the southern side of Ostia, near the new 'motor road' going to the Roman Lido, will attract especially the attention of archeologists. It consists of a mass of tombs, some of which seem to go as far back as the epoch of Augustus and appear to be very singular in their type and structure. These excavations were made on an area of about 100 meters on one side and 150 on the other.

"A road, Roman paved, shows the beginning of the newly explored area, passing along two rows of buildings recently excavated. A little further on are some stairs at the end of which is a square showing on the left side the molding of a stone monument, on a quadrangular basis, almost five meters high. It is one of the most characteristic Roman tombs of the imperial epoch, of a style reserved for wealthy families.

"In the central part of the area excavated, both on the right and on the left, are cubicles, nearly all built with curved vaults, with niches of various sizes cut into the walls.

Many Fine Pictures.

"On the walls are remarkable paintings and stuccos. One picture is three meters wide and two meters high and represents a lion devouring the head of an ox.

"Painted under the central screen is another representing a crocodile, a boat with two pigmies rowing, also two ducks, one with a pigmy riding upon its back.

"Another picture, in a niche, represents a woman sitting in front of a small table and a human figure with wings. On the right are a peacock and some other birds and on the small vault a bird looking very much like a crane.

"These pictures are astonishingly like those of the Empress Lina's 'ninfeum' at Saxa Rubra. In a cubicle, enclosed in an urn, are many animal bones, most probably sheep bones, belonging presumably to animals sacrified according to pagan rites. Every tomb is covered with inscriptions containing the names of the dead."

Globe-Circling Trip in Two Weeks Soon a Fact

Chicago.—A globe-circling journey in 15 days will soon be a reality as a projected trans-Pacific air service nears establishment, says a bulletin issued by United Air Lines.

It will be possible to leave the Pacific coast, for example, by air and be back home in 15 days, including a steamer crossing of the Atlantic, the only section of the trip not made by air. This remarkably fast time for a world tour will be speeded up even more when trans-Atlantic service is developed.

The schedule, based on the proposed Pan-American trans-Pacific air passenger trip, calls for the following itinerary: California to Manila by air, three days; Manila to Singapore by air, one day; Singapore to Amsterdam by air, five days; Amsterdam to Paris by air, two hours; Paris to La Havre by train, three hours; La Havre to New York by steamer, four and one-half days; New York to California by United Air Lines' overnight plane.

Thus Jules Verne's famed fiction plan of "Around the World in 80 Days," which was a sensation in 1872, becomes merely a leisurely sojourn around the globe.

Indian Songs Contribute to the Music of America

Omaha.—The folk songs of the American Indian represent an almost untapped reservoir for modern American music, according to Thurlow Lieurance, composer.

Lieurance, who wrote many Indian lyrics, including the popular "Waters of Minnetonka," believes that the traditional music of the Indian one day will provide an important background for developments in modern compositions.

"Indian music still has much to offer," he said. "It is of a type that can be worked over and adapted for use of almost any musical group."

Boy Reproduces Battlefield

Galion, Ohio.—A reproduction of the Argonne battlefield of the World war won for Victor Smith, Galion high school student, too young to remember the war, first prize in the local Rotary club's hobby fair.

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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Washington Had No Salary

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Power of Gold

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