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At the regional conference to be held in Baltimore September 26, the Rockville Izaak Walton League Chapter will be represented by Albert A. Ady, Reuben Riggs, Hilton Darby, Joe Dawson, James H. Berrier, Brooke Edmonston, Joseph Fisher, Bradley Van Hoessen and Owen Knight.

The annual pre-school conference of the public school teachers of Montgomery County was held in the high school building in Rockville on Wednesday under direction of Edwin W. Broome, county superintendent of schools. Virtually all of the approximately 400 teachers of the county attended.

C. M. Purves, president of the Takoma Horticultural Club, announced the annual fall flower and fruit show will be held September 17 and 18. It will be held at the Takoma branch of the District of Columbia Library. Featuring the show will be the display of dahlias, zinnias and fruit grown by the members. Clarence Ross is chairman and Mrs. Henry Ewing will be exhibition chairman.

Montgomery County School teachers will be in the various county schools Thursday and Friday to receive enrollments of new pupils, Dr. Edwin W. Broome, county superintendent of schools, announced. Pupils in the elementary schools who are merely resuming their classes or moving to a higher grade do not have to enroll. They will report Monday, September 14, at 9 a. m. to their schools.

Fines and costs levied in the county police court during August amounted to $2,208, Harry M. Williams, clerk, has reported automobiles fines, which go to the commissioners of Motor vehicles in Baltimore amounted to $836, while county fines and costs which go to the county treasurer, accounted for $1,317. In addition costs in civil cases amounted to $78 and game warden costs were $55. Dog tags secured during the month totaled $229, he reported.

Work was started Tuesday on the improvement of the center of Wisconsin Avenue, from the District line through the town of Bethesda to the old Georgetown road. The improvement will consist of a center parkway, from the District line to Bradley lane, and center paving from Bradley lane to the old Georgetown road. The improvement will complete the resurfacing and widening of Wisconsin Avenue, which was first started several years ago. The center has remained unimproved since the abandonment of the old Washington-Rockville trolley line more than a year ago. The work is being done by the M. J. Grove Lime Co., of Lime Kiln, Md., low bidders.

The following officers were elected by the Barber Briggs Post, No. 104, American Legion, for the coming year: Commander, William M. Phoebus, Gaithersburg; first vice commander, Carroll K. Fetzer, Damascus; second vice commander, Frank Heller, Washington Grove; finance officer, Norman Belt, Gaithersburg; historian, Ira Darby, Gaithersburg; service officer, William T. Grover, Clarksburg; chaplain, Rev. Herman M. Wilson; sergeant-at-arms, Edward H. Barber, Gaithersburg; Executive Committee, Dr. F. J. Broschart, Walter F. Reinhart and Charles L. Ward. Rev. Herman M. Wilson, Otho C. Trundle and C. L. Ward were named as delegates to the Southern Maryland Council and Ira Darby, Norman Belt and William O. Young, delegates to the Montgomery County Council.

BOYS' CLUB SEEKS SOMERSET HOME

Application for permission to use the administration building located on the site of the old experimental farm at Somerset as a home for the boys' club soon to be organized in the western suburban district of Montgomery County has been filed with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

The request marks the first formal step proponents of the boys' club idea, which was conceived two weeks ago by a group of Bethesda's civic leaders, have taken to acquire the structure and the application was made to the commission by the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Post of the American Legion, one of the club's sponsors, through its commander, James L. Martin.

TRAP SHOOT PLANNED

Plans for the fourth annual trap shoot and oyster roast of the Rockville Izaak Walton League Chapter were discussed at the monthly meeting of the group at its fishing lodge near Seneca.

The affair will be staged at the fair grounds at Rockville next month, the exact date to be selected later.

Albert A. Ady chairman of the Education and Publicity Committee reported that a junior chapter has been formed in the Bethesda-Cabin John area.

KENSINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. John Graff left last Saturday for Denver, Colo., to visit Mr. Graff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graff, Jr. They will be gone about three weeks.

Mrs. Caspar Gregory Dickson has visiting her for several weeks her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Hall, of Bath, N. Y., Miss Edith Gregory of Summerville, S. C., will arrive this week for a visit of two weeks with Mrs. Dickson.

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Anna Farrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Farrell, and Mr. John M. Christie, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Christie of Woodside, Md., will take place Saturday at 4 o'clock in the garden of the bride's home. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. James S. Cox, vicar of the Church of Ascension in Silver Spring, Md.

Miss Farrell will have as her matron of honor and only attendant Mrs. John O'Keefe, of Washington. Mr. Robert C. Christie, of Woodside, will act as best man for his brother. A reception will be held following the ceremony.

TRUMAN MILSTEAD DIES

Truman Ignatius Milstead, 81 years old, died Saturday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Spencer J. Bean.

Mr. Milstead, born at La Plata, Md., resided for a number of years in Washington before moving into Montgomery County. He was employed by the Capital Traction Co. for nearly a quarter of a century.

Surviving are two sons, Harry Milstead of Washington, D. C., and Joseph Milstead of Mount Holly, N. J., and two daughters, Mrs. Bean and Mrs. Della Crawford, both of Kensington.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. Paul's M. E. Church. Burial was in the Forest Oak Cemetery at Gaithersburg, Md.

FIREMEN TO MEET IN SILVER SPRING

The third annual convention of the Montgomery County Volunteer Firemen's Association will be held in Silver Spring on October 24, T. Marshall Duff of Chevy Chase, president of the organization, has announced.

Plans for the parley include a field day program, instructions in fire prevention and fire fighting and banquet.

A feature of the contests held in conjunction with the convention will be the two engine hook-up races for the Randall Cup and Star Trophy, both of which must be won three times by a county department to be retired from competition.

The Randall Cup was donated several years ago by the late Mrs. Charlotte B. Randall of Washington, who was honorary chief of the Chevy Chase Fire Department. Bethesda holds two "legs" on the cup and can retire it by winning the contest this year.

The Star Trophy was presented by The Evening Star. None of the 11 departments embraced by the county association has won the trophy more than one time.

MARYLAND FARMS ARE ON INCREASE

The Census Bureau said there were 1,200 more farms in operation in Maryland in 1935 than in 1930, Frederick County leading all others in the State with a total of 3,474 farms.

A total of 44,412 farms were operated in the State last year 43,203 in 1930. and 49,001 in 1925.

The bureau said there were 11,570 persons on farms in Maryland as of January 1, 1935, who had lived in a non-farm residence five years earlier, and reported the total farm population in the State last year was 241,596.

Gales

At 40 miles an hour the wind becomes a "moderate gale." A "fresh" gale has a velocity of 45 miles or above; a "strong" gale 50, and a "whole" gale 60.

REDUCTION OF TELEPHONE RATES

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City has just filed with the Public Service Commission a new schedule of rates for certain classes of service which will bring about reductions of approximately $92,700 annually, affecting about 40,000 telephones.

The reductions effective on and after September 1, 1936, affect the following services:

In Baltimore City—Residence extension and private branch exchange stations on unlimited services, affecting 8,500 telephones at an annual saving of $23,500, from $1.00 to 75c per month, and on message rate services from 75c to 60c per month.

Outside of Baltimore City—Business extension and private branch exchange stations, affecting 6,500 telephones at an annual saving of $19,400, 25c per month.

Hand sets throughout the State, affecting 24,000 telephones at an annual saving of $20,000, from 15c for eighteen months, or $2.50 flat charge, to 15c for twelve months, or $1.50 flat charge.

Other reductions, amounting to $20,000, annually, include the rates for certain items of private branch exchange equipment, outside lines on private property, directory listings, jack and plug equipment, and the charge for connecting stations and trunks when two or more are connected at the same time.

COUNTY ORDERS SURVEY OF STATE ROADS ACCOUNTS

A survey of the accounts of the Maryland State Roads Commission to determine whether or not Montgomery County would be benefited by an audit of the records affecting county road projects was ordered by the board of county commissioners at their weekly meeting Tuesday in Rockville.

The survey will be made by E. E. Wooden, of the accounting firm of Wooden & Benson of Baltimore, which now is conducting an independent audit of the county records for the past two years. Wooden was directed to make a preliminary study of the State records and report back to the county in the near future.

The study will be made in connection with the so-called county overdraft with the State commission, which has been established at approximately $227,000. This figure has been challenged by the county commissioners, who plan to demand a detailed audit of the accounts if Wooden's study indicates that a substantial portion of the account could be disproved by an audit.

COMMISSION TO SURVEY OPINION OF YOUTHFUL

A survey by the American Youth Commission to determine the opinions of persons from 16 to 24 years of age on various phases of local and national life was begun last week in the county.

Mrs. John C. Livingston of Silver Spring, E. Kenneth Fabler of Forest Glen and Russell Umstead of Gaithersburg have been chosen to interview a limited number of young people in the county which is one of 10 counties selected for this work in the State.

The work will continue until December 1 when the findings will be turned over to the commission and later made available to organizations and local committees. It is expected between 10,000 and 15,000 persons will be interviewed in the State.

The study is a Nation-wide effort of the commission to develop more satisfactory education, recreational and vocational programs for the youth of this country.

SENATOR DICKINSON TO SPEAK AT RALLY

Senator L. J. Dickinson, of Iowa, will be principal speaker today at a Republican rally to be held at the Germantown, Md., farm of Walter Johnson, former baseball star. The rally is being conducted by the Landon-LeGore Club of Montgomery County.

Another speaker at the rally will be State Senator Harry W. LeGore, Congressional candidate from the Sixth Maryland District.

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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 $5,801. 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.

EXPECT PLANE FOR $700 ON SALE SOON

Experiments Give Promise, Director Vidal Says.

Detroit.—Eugene Vidal, federal director of air commerce, reviewed the progress made here to date in the nine most promising projects concerned with the development of a light and inexpensive airplane sufficiently safe for any automobile driver to fly.

Despite the apparent inability of the aircraft industry to believe in the possibility of turning out a $700 airplane as indicated by the machines on exhibit at this 1935 all-American aircraft show, Vidal asserted there is every hope that such a machine will be on the market within a short time. He said several builders whose experimental designs were ordered built by the bureau have turned out machines which seemingly meet all these demands.

"At least three of our projects are very promising indeed," he said. "The ships can be flown absolutely safely by novice pilots. They do not spin, they land themselves hands off or with the stick all the way back from 200 feet. They are, what we think, safe airplanes."

Ships Are Safe.

"Don't mistake me to say that these ships are unsafe," and he waved out the window where several transport air liners were drawn up before the Detroit City Terminal building, dozens of smaller planes were "hopping passengers" and Vidal's own cabin monoplane he had flown down from Washington with Frederick R. Neely, chief of the information section of the bureau.

"Properly flown they are safe, but the planes we are building can be flown with only a couple hours' instruction almost by anyone at all."

The plane nearest completion is the tailless Waterman high wing monoplane. The enclosed cabin seats two and has a 95 horse power motor turning a pusher propeller at the rear. The rudders are at the wing tips with ailerons and elevators in the trailing edge of the wing.

"We are ready to give this machine an approved type certificate (the ultimate stamp of Department of Commerce approval) and it is to be flown east this week by a novice pilot. It passed all its tests with flying colors, having a top speed slightly over 110 miles an hour, and can be landed with wheel brakes locked. We tried for two weeks to spin it, but couldn't."

Another machine is the Welck high wing monoplane with pusher motor. Its tail is at the rear, on the end of an outrigger boom. Fred Welck of the Langley field, Va., N. A. C. A. laboratories was the original designer, but it now is being completed by Fairchild. It has "flown beautifully," Vidal said.

Speed Over 110 Miles.

The "roadable autogiro" is entirely different sort of machine, Neely stated. When finally delivered to the bureau in October it is expected to be a sensation. Direct lift, meaning that no forward run will be necessary for it to get into the air perpendicular descent, cruising speed over 110 miles an hour on a 90 horse power motor, and gearing to allow it to be driven at 20 miles an hour over highways, the pilot's "garage" and a clear field, are the unusual characteristics.

There are three attempts under way to convert inexpensive production type automobile engines for airplane use. One is a Hudson Terraplane engine with a belt and pulley reduction gear, another is a Ford V8 engine, and the third is a Plymouth motor.

Dean Hamond, youthful designer of the Hammond Y safety plane which in its original version has failed to meet the speed requirements of the Department of Commerce contract under which it was built, appeared at the show and he said he is building a new machine which will incorporate all the safety features of the first one, but with top speeds considerably above the 110 minimum demand.

Take Movies of Interior of Body to Help Science

Paris.—Motion pictures of the interior of the human anatomy are being shown here as the result of a device developed by the noted radiologist, Dr. George Djian.

It consists of an extremely strong series of lenses transmitting light onto an extremely sensitive film.

No claims are made for it by the thirty-five-year-old inventor beyond the fact that it does take motion pictures of the interior of the human body. Enthusiasts feel that it has opened an unlimited field of study. Heretofore examination of the human interior has been limited to radioscopic and radiographique examinations. The first permits casting a shadow of the interior on a fluorescent screen. The second—familiarly known as X-raying—permits a photograph. Both have their faults.

Ukranian Youth Builds Smallest Working Motor

Kiev, Ukraine.—A miniature electric motor, said to be the smallest working model in the world, has been made here by Victor Nikitashenko, sixteen years old. It weighs just under one-sixteenth of an ounce.

The Institute of Physics of the All-Ukrainian Academy of Sciences has examined Victor's motor and passed it as being a genuine working model. It is brought into action by a two-volt battery. The armature is only five millimeters in diameter, although upon it rests 405 twists of thin wire.

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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