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KENSINGTON

Mrs. H. R. Rector, Miss Helen Rector and Mrs. John Lockovitz of Moorestown, New Jersey, are the guests of the Misses Grove.

WORK ON GRADE CROSSING STARTED

Edward R. Saunders, Mayor of Kensington turned up the first shovel of earth last Thursday afternoon as work began on the overpass to eliminate the grade crossing. Town officials who were present were, Thomas L. Tremearne, and R. L. Burgdorf, councilmen Wilson L. Townsend, Attorney, Welles Meriam, Town Clerk and former Mayors Lucien B. Ernest and Dr. W. W. Skinner.

The overpass will cost $27,500 and will take about three months to complete.

KENSINGTON BODY RENEWS FIGHT FOR BIGGER TAX SHARE

Resuming their efforts to obtain a "fair" share of State gasoline tax proceeds for Montgomery County, officials of the Kensington Chamber of Commerce are planning to swing off on a new tack at the meeting September 23.

The launching of an investigation to determine the amount of gasoline levies collected in the county, as compared with the funds Montgomery receives from that source, will be recommended to the chamber by its Executive and Advisory Committees.

Committee members declared the inquiry will reveal Montgomery is contributing far more to the fund than it receives and unanimously adopted a resolution suggesting the chamber direct the investigation be made.

It was explained by the chamber several months ago, in opening the fifht for allocation of additional funds to Montgomery, that proceeds from the tax are distributed on the 1910 mileage basis, whereas a new scale on the present mileage basis would give the county a much larger share.

A recommendation also will be made to the chamber that the Town Council be requested to institute proceedings to have the Sandy Spring Railway Co. remove its tracks and equipment from Frederick avenue. The railroad's easement, it is understood, expired September 1. The traction company ceased operations a year ago.

The committees voted to suggest a resolution be sent the State Roads Commission commending it for beginning work upon the overpass that is now being built to eliminate the dangerous Kensington grade crossing, where several fatalities have occurred.

Plans were begun for the Fall rally to be held in conjunction with the September meeting and it was decided to invite Mayor Edward R. Saunders to deliver the address of welcome. Other features are to be arranged.

REPUBLICAN PICNIC AT KENSINGTON SATURDAY

State Senator Harry W. LeGore, Republican candidate for the House, will be guest of honor at a picnic Saturday, from 2:30 to 8 p. m., at the Kensington Log Cabin, under auspices of the Thirteenth District Republican Club. A program of games and races is being arranged and a picnic supper will be served. Senator LeGore will speak. Sidney M. Oliver, general chairman, is assisted by Robert L. McKeever, vice chairman. Committee chairmen are: Reception, Paul Coughlan; program, Robert McKeever; dinner, Frank L. Hewitt and Oscar Foulk; games, Elmer Goebel; cakes, Mrs. Esther Fleishell; publicity, Walter Crossan; transportation, Selden D. Cole, and soft drinks and ice cream, Gerald Warthen.

First Radio Law

The first federal statute dealing with radio became effective in 1911 and simply required apparatus and operators on ocean steamers. By the passage of the radio act of 1927 the radio service was set up as a separate division of the Department of Commerce.

Just in - Montgomery

Both the Young Men's Club and the Young Women's Club of Silver Spring will undertake a house-to-house canvass shortly in behalf of President Roosevelt and Representative David J. Lewis. The two clubs join in sponsoring a dance here October 9 to raise funds for the campaign.

The Rockville Community Garden Club has selected October 9 as the date for its fourth annual flower show, to be held in the Rockville Fire Department Building. Mrs. Eugene W. Scott, chairman; Mrs. George F. Hane, Mrs. J. Harry Gormley, Mrs. Benjamin T. Elmore and Mrs. Edward L. Morrison comprise the general committee of arrangements.

Pending completion of the second unit of Rockville's Elementary School, which has been in course of construction since early in Summer, the third grade classes of Miss Elizabeth Banks and Mrs. Hattie Kingdon will use the old Academy building, in the western section of Rockville, Edwin W. Broome, county superintendent of schools, has announced. The addition will be ready in about two months.

Distribution of clothing and toys to wards of the Montgomery County Social Service League in foster homes will be the Christmas project of the Home Service Committee, of which Mrs. Albert A. Fenderson of Chevy Chase is chairman. The plans are in charge of Mrs. Ronald L. McDonald of Woodside and Mrs. Charles M. Randall of Silver Spring.

Centralization of the town activities of Takoma Park, Md., in one building, preferably the Volunteer Fire Department Building, was discussed at a meeting of the Community League of Takoma Park in the office of Judge H. C. Heffner, president, 107 Carroll Avenue. Judge Heffner said the town is now spending $9,000 a year for buildings which could be used in upkeep of the firehouse and in developing a civic center.

An increase in diphtheria among the school children is more likely this Fall in the suburban area of the county than in the rural sections, according to V. L. Ellicott, health officer. At immunization clinics held by the health department last year 79 per cent of the up-county children were protected as against 49 per cent of those in the lower sections of the county. Dr. Ellicott urges parents to have their children protected before diphtheria become more prevalent, as there is a delay of several weeks between inoculation and the time it takes effect.

The 57 schools of the county reported an estimated enrollment of approximately 13,000, an increase of about 700 over last year. The increase made necessary appointment of 24 additional teachers, bringing the teaching force to 417. Additional teachers are expected to be appointed when the new Montgomery Hills Junior High School opens in midterm. The school term will consist of 137 days, with white and colored terms running concurrently for the first time in many years. Heretofore colored schools have closed a month earlier than white. The term will include 13 holidays, the first of which will be for the Presidential election day, Noverber 3. Two days will be given at Thanksgiving, seven for Christmas, two for Easter and one day when the State Teachers Association meets in Baltimore.

MONTGOMERY OFFICIALS TO BE DINNER GUESTS

County officials were guests of the Silver Spring Business Men's Association at its first Fall dinner Thursday night at 6 o'clock in the Woodside Methodist Episcopal Church.

Those who attended included County Commissioners Paul M. Coughlan, Frank H. Karn, Charles E. King, Richard Lansdale and Robert D. Hagner, Park Commissioner Wilton T. Allen, Irving C. Root, chief engineer of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission; Ralph S. Fowler, chairman of the Montgomery County Liquor Control Board; Chief of Police William Garrett, Sergt. Guy Jones of the Silver Spring Police; Ira C. Whitacre, clerk of the county commissioners, and F. H. Harmon, chief of the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department.

A representative of the B. & O. Railroad outline and plans for a formal ceremony celebrating the inauguration of the local station into a suburban stop for all trains to and from the West.

Tentative plans call for the celebration within the next 30 days. It will be held by the railroad in co-operation with the Business Men's Association on a pretentious scale, and is expected to be one of the largest events ever held in this area.

Longest Texas Longhorns

The record length of Texas longhorns is believed to be a pair possessed by a curio store in San Antonio, Texas. It has a total length from tip to tip of 8 feet 1¾ inches. Measuring along the horns, they are over 9 feet.

WEDDING OF MISS HUTCHINSON AND MR. GRAVES

One of the prettiest weddings of the late Summer took place last Friday in Takoma Park, Md., when Miss Margaret Carol Hutchinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hutchinson, Jr., was married to Mr. Robert Graves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ralph Graves of Kensington, Md., at the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church.

The wedding was performed at 4 o'clock by the Rev. R. Paul Schearrer, pastor of the church.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a redingote gown of lace over white satin, the gown fashioned with long sleeves and a high neck and a train of lace, which fell from the hip line. She wore a veil of tulle held in place by a spray of orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses, lilies of the valley and gardenias.

The maid of honor, Miss Hestor Rayner of Washington.

The other attendants were Miss Eloise Dahn of Washington, Miss Margaret Graves of Kensington, sister of the bridegroom; Miss Mary Beitler of Baltimore and Miss Virginia Hutchinson, sister of the bride.

Mr. John Wurtz of Washington served as best man, and the ushers were Mr. Henry Waller, Mr. Robert Davidson, Mr. John Bourke and Mr. Edwin B. Morris, Jr., all of Washington.

There was a reception immediately after the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves will be at home at 221 Fortieth place northwest after September 23.

HOUSING PROJECT GIVEN APPROVAL

The Federal Housing Administration has paved for construction work to start on the proposed $1,100,000 housing project at Silver Spring, Md., known as Falkland Properties, Inc. A contract was signed by the sponsors by which the F. H. A. insured an $840,000 first mortgage on the property.

Final plans for the project, where an average rental of $14.50 per room will be maintained, were approved by the Housing Administration, and the financing was arranged through the R. F. C. Mortgage Co.

On the 10-acre site, just across the District Line in Silver Spring, will be built 178 family units in two and three story semi-fireproof structures. They will have garages for 28 cars. The site extends east from Sixteenth street along the Colesville pike.

Buildings will occupy 2 acres of the site, the remaining 8 acres being reserved for gardens, playgrounds and wooded park areas. A gentle roll of land lends itself to an informal arrangement of the buildings and landscaping.

WILLIAM A. WATERS DIES SUDDENLY

Seized with a heart attack, William A. Waters of Germantown, well-known farmer, banker and member of one of Montgomery County's pioneer families, died in the court house late last Friday afternoon. He was 64 years old.

Mr. Waters had paid a tax bill and was talking with County Treasurer J. Forest Walker in the latter's office when stricken. Two physicians rushed to his assistance from the health department, on another floor of the building, but he was dead when they arrived.

He was vice president and director of the Bank of Germantown, a prominent member of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau and an active worker in the Democratic organization.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mamie H. Waters; four sons, Carroll, Paul and Robert Waters, all of Germantown, and Douglas Waters of Leavenworth, Kans.; three brothers, Bowie F., Eugene H. and Julius E. Waters, all of Germantown, and two grandchildren.

ROAD AUDIT ADVISABLE

Montgomery County commissioners were informed Tuesday by E. E. Wooden, Baltimore, accountant retained by the county, that an audit of the county account with the Maryland State Roads Commission appeared advisable if the county is to challenge the $227,000 so-called overdraft which the State commission contends is owed by the county.

Wooden appeared before the weekly session of the board in Rockville to report on a survey he has made of the State accounts. He said he had been advised by William A. Codd, chief auditor of the roads body, that Codd would not assume responsibility for accuracy of accounts prior to his assumption of office in 1929.

Meaning of Word "Reich"

The word reich means government and the third reich refers to Germany's third system of government. The first was the German empire, the second the German republic following the World war and the third the Nazi rule, a reversal of the policies of the earlier reichs.

Rooms in White House

There are 76 rooms in the White House, including 20 bedrooms, 10 bathrooms and 4 toilet rooms, 5 halls and corridors, and 10 storage rooms.

REGISTRATION DAYS SEPT. 29 AND OCT. 6

The officers of registration or Montgomery County will be in session in their respective election precints from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Tuesday, September 29, and Tuesday, October 6, to register and transfer qualified voters.

Those days will be the only opportunities residents of the county entitled to register but whose names are not on the registration books will have to enroll for participation in the November election.

The registrars will also sit during the same hours on Tuesday, October 13, to revise the registration books and to register only persons presenting removal or transfer certificates.

FENCE POSTS SHOW PROSPERITY RETURN

Demand Unfailing Barometer to Woodsmen.

Escanaba, Mich.—Woodsmen in the upper peninsula of Michigan do not have to read the agricultural journals in order to get an idea how the farmers in the corn belt and other sections of the country are faring. There is an unfailing barometer of the changing weight of the farmer's pocketbook, and that is the insignificant-looking fence post.

When the farmer is hard pressed, as he has been during the last few depression years, he allows his fences to fall into a state of disrepair. But when money starts to jingle in his jeans again he takes the usual pride in them and becomes a heavy buyer of posts.

The peninsula division of the Chicago & North Western railway is reporting unusually heavy shipments of posts this summer. A large percentage will be used for replacements, but the trend toward diversification of agriculture is also a factor. Western grazing lands, for instance, are being converted into small farms, necessitating the construction of enclosures.

There is a noticeable increase in the summer volume of pulpwood traffic. Railroad officials attribute this upswing to the manufacture of many new paper products, such as table covers, curtains, bakery supplies and wrapping paper.

With the increasing demand for paper products, the lowly jackpine has taken place beside the spruce and balsam pulpwood. This heretofore useless wood is now the important element in producing paper of fine texture such as that used for waxed papers. The United States forest service has worked out plans for considerable reforestation of jackpine and other pulpwood to meet the demands of the paper industries in Michigan and Wisconsin in the future years.

Texas Boy, 15, Harvests Crop "Raised by Moon"

Mykwa, Texas.—Elmer Alford Fowler, fifteen years old, who farms 15 acres "by the moon" and his weather almanac, is the envy of Texas 4-H club boys.

Elmer, barefoot and in the fifth grade at school, waits for the "full of the moon" to plant and harvest because a "full moon yields a full harvest."

He expects to make 65 bushels of corn per acre. He has harvested 75 bushels of peas from an acre and a half and expects to pick as many more.

Elmer farms while his fifty-year-old father, J. A. Fowler, "works out."

"Corn husks are thick, so you can look for a hard winter with lots of rain and cold," he says. He knows all the signs of the zodiac and plans according to "indications."

Elmer's father said he foresaw the depression and traded his $2,000 city home for his farm. Since 1926 value of the property has mounted to $15,000.

Elmer likes to farm because of the freedom. "You can work when you want to and quit when you want to," he said.

Laying Varies

It is not always the largest bird that lays the greatest number of eggs. Although the ostrich usually numbers 15, the emperor penguin, largest of the species, lays but one egg. All other penguins lay two eggs. On the other hand, some of our small songbirds lay four or five eggs.

Cuckoo Selects Nest of Other Bird to Lay Eggs

In appearance the cuckoo is much like the sparrow hawk or kestrel, and just as most of the smaller birds will attack a hawk when they see it in the air, so will they attack the cuckoo when it shows itself.

The cuckoo has kept a secret for thousands of years. From earliest records, notes a writer in Tit-Bits Magazine, going back to the ancient Greeks, it was thought that she laid her egg upon the ground, picked it up in her beak, carried it to the selected nest and dropped it in, but investigation proves that the cuckoo lays her egg directly into the nest.

When the female cuckoo is ready to lay, she will sit on a perch almost motionless from half an hour to six hours, and this corresponds to the time that any other bird would sit on the nest before laying. Then she glides down to the selected nest, for during the previous days she has carefully watched the owners. She wastes no time, but goes quickly to it, stealing one of the eggs. Holding this in her beak, she moves her body on to the nest, lays her own egg in the place of the one removed, and flies off with the stolen egg. This is devoured, sometimes while she is flying away, but more often when she reaches a convenient perch.

Five-King Feast of 1363 Honored John of France

There is much obscurity about the origin of the famous five-king dinner of 1363 in the Vintners' hall, according to a writer in the London Observer.

Apropos of the Swan dinner recently tendered in London by the Worshipful Company of Vintners, honoring four princes of England (Prince Arthur of Connaught was unable to be present), he describes the original company as Edward III (England), David (Scotland), John (France), Waldemar III (Denmark) and Amadeus VI (Cyprus).

"John," he continues, "was at the time a prisoner in England. He had been made captive at Poitiers (1356) and was released on ransom four years later, but, on arriving in Paris, found himself unable to raise the money. His son had been left at Calais as hostage, and when he escaped in the summer of 1363, John returned to England to give himself up.

"It seems quite probable that the Vintners' banquet was given in compliment to him, for we read that he was received in England 'with great honor,' was lodged, as before, in the Savoy and was a frequent guest of Edward at Westminster. He died in the following spring, and his body was sent to France with royal honors."

The First Battery

About 1700, Luigi Galvani found that if the legs of a dead frog were supported by a brass wire, with its feet resting on an iron plate, the legs suddenly kicked. In 1799 Alessandro Volta repeated Galvani's experiment and concluded that the movement of the legs was due to a flow of electricity caused by the connection of the two different metals, brass and iron, through the moist body of the frog. On this theory, he constructed a pile of a large number of discs of copper, zinc and moist paper and found that, upon connecting the top and bottom of the pile, he obtained a shock similar to that from the Leyden jar. He also discovered that his pile was a means of producing a steady flow of electricity. The voltaic pile was the forerunner of all modern wet and dry batteries.

Trousers in Scotland

After the battle of Culloden in 1746 the English attempted to make the Scots wear trousers, and forbade the tartan. Averse to the new garments, some ingenious Highlanders discovered that the law did not specify how the trousers were to be worn. Accordingly, when men went on journeys, they often hung a pair over their shoulders on a stick, to keep within the decree. Such infractions were punished just the same, but a few years later the law was voided and the tartan once more became the national dress.

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.

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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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