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In connection with a "silver tea" to be served Sunday afternoon on the laws adojining St. Mary's Catholic Church in Rockville, the Holy Comforter Band of Washington will give a concert, beginning at 3:30 o'clock.

The officers of registration for the various election districts of Montgomery County met in the Circuit Court room in Rockville Wednesday evening to discuss the registration and election laws.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Sandy Spring Fire Department will hold the first of the monthly luncheons for the benefit of the firemen today at noon, with Mrs. Spencer Brown and Mrs. Roy Davis in charge.

Plans for the annual roll call and dinner of the Montgomery County Chapter of the American Red Cross were discussed at a meeting of the Executive Board Thursday night in the Rockville court house.

The Suburban Young Republican Club of Montgomery County will entertain the Young Republican Club of the District of Columbia Saturday at 10 p. m., at a dance in the National Woman's Country Club. Charles Murray is chairman of the committee in charge.

An ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council of Rockville makes it unlawful for any person to park any motor vehicles continuously for more than 24 hours at any one place on any street or alley of Rockville. A fine of from $1 to $5 for each offense is provided regulation.

Members of the Young Women's Democratic Club of Silver Spring, assisted by the Young Men's Democratic Club, will hold a house-to-house canvass shortly in the Silver Spring area in behalf of the campaign for the reelection of President Roosevelt and Representative David J. Lewis.

The usual September rush for hunting licenses is on in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court at Rockville. Approximately 1,400 licenses have been issued, about one-half of them during last week. The present demand was precipitated by the opening of the squirrel season. It is estimated that before the regular hunting season begins on November 15 something like 4,500 licenses will have been issued.

Miss Marie Mount, dean of women at the University of Maryland, addressed the first Fall meeting of the Woman's Club of Bethesda Tuesday afternoon at the club headquarters on Old Georgetown road. A feature of the meeting was an exhibit of early American glass and several old maps of Montgomery County. Glass for the exhibit was loaned by the Peter family and by Mrs. Lilly C. Stone of Bethesda.

The officers of registration for Montgomery County have had their attention called to instructions issued by Herbert R. 'Conor, attorney general of Maryland, to the effect where there is a general registration in the place from which an applicant for registration has removed no certificate of removal, or transfer, is necessary. There is a general registration this year in Baltimore City and in Frederick and Garrett Counties.

Montgomery County, traditionally dry until the repeal of prohibition in 1933, spent more than $330,000 for wine and liquor in the county operated dispensary system during the fiscal year ending June 30. This business returned the county government a net profit of more than $59,000 roughly equivalent to 6 cents on the county tax rate. According to the law creating the dispensary system, all profits are applied to interest and debt retirement on county schools bonds and cannot be applied to other county obligations. The dispensary system was adopted by the county after the Nation-wide repeal of prohibition in 1933. Previously the county had been dry since the Civil War.

ANNUAL CHARITY HORSE SHOW

The fourth annual Montgomery County Charity Horse Show wll be held October 3 at the Meadowbrook Saddle Club on East-West Highway. The show will benefit the Montgomery County Social Service League and the Mental Hygiene Clinic.

Officers or the show are: Harry Semmes, of Chevy Chase, president; Mrs. Alice C. Berry, of Rockville, vice president; Fred Lutes, of Silver Spring, treasurer, and Mrs. Charles Y. Latimer, of Takoma Park, secretary.

The program will include 18 classes and will run all day, including an evening show under floodlights.

Colors of Red-Wings

Black, with a bit of the brightest red and yellow-buff, are the only colors necessary for the male Red-Wings. He must be military, for he wears shoulder-straps. The broad, upper division is a brilliant scarlet. The lower, narrow division is yellow-buff.

KENSINGTON

The Ladies Aid Society of The Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, will hold a sale of cakes, pies, and salad at Mr. Walker's store on Saturday, September 26 at 10 o'clock.

Miss Lois Ernest is one of five Montgomery County Students who were named on the Honor Roll of The University of Maryland, Miss Ernest is a Student in Arts and Sciences.

The Kensington Chamber of Commerce held its Fall Rally on Wednesday Evening in the Auditorium of the School. Sir Willmott Lewis, Washington correspondent of the London Times, delivered an address on The International Situation. A musical program was given by Dorothy Raynor. The address of welcome was given by Major Edward Saunders.

ELECTION OFFICIALS NAMED

The supervisors of elections have appointed the following to serve as Judges and clerks at the third precinct, Wheaton at the November election.

Judges: John R. Graff and Raymond L. Burgdorf, Republican, and A. M. Kline and Harry W. McGinnis, Democrats; clerks, Charles H. Davidson, Jr., and Dorothy A Farrell, Republicans, and Mrs. J. A. Kaiser and J. Stealy Elms, Democrats.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO INSPECT SCHOOL

Investigation of an alleged fire hazard, congestion and unsanitary conditions in the Kensington Elementary School will be made by the Chamber of Commerce members to determine whether a demand for improvements should be made to the Board of Education.

A complaint against such conditions with a request for immediate action had been made to the organization and has been referred to the Public Safety and School Committee for study.

ROOSEVELT-LEWIS HEADQUARTERS OPENED

Roosevelt-Lewis campaign headquarters will be opened in Takoma Park, Md., under auspices of the Young Men's and Women's Democratic Clubs, of Takoma Park, according to an announcement by J. Bond Smith, president of the Young Men's Club.

Headquarters will be at the home of former Mayor Ben G. Davis, 110 Cedar avenue, where a well-equipped office has been prepared. Davis also is a member of the excutive and advisory committee of the Young Men's Democratic Club.

"The new headquarters will be open day and night and will be a valuable asset in the campaign as well as in the registration of voters favoring the reelection of President Roosevelt and Representative Levis."

ANNUAL INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Warning to Maryland motorists that the ninth annual Save-A-Life Inspection Campaign of all motor vehicles registered in the State will be conducted from October 1 to October 31, has been issued by Walter R. Rudy, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

The inspecion is a prerequisite to the registration of motor vehicles for 1937 and owners will be unable to obtain new license plates unless their machines bear the official sticker certifying the inspection has been made. Every automobile and truck in the State must be inspected by a mechanic or service station, meeting the approval of the Commissioner and appointed for that purpose by him.

Mary Washington's Home

Fredericksburg (Va.) contains the home of Mary Washington, mother of George, and a large number of relics of Washington. This city was also the scene of furious fighting in the war between the states.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN HOLD RALLY

The first of a series of pre-election rallies to be held by the women's Democratic Clubs of Montgomery County was held Thursday night at 8 o'clock on the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Casey on the Rockville-Gaithersburg road.

Miss Mae Helm, vice president of the Democratic League of Washington, was one of the principal speakers on the program, while others included State Senator Stedman Prescott, Democratic leader in the country, and J. Somerville Dawson, Jr., president of the United Young Men's Democratic Clubs of Montgomery.

Mrs. Charles Y. Latimer, president of the women's club, will preside.

Many prominent woman Democrats from the state were invited. They included Mrs. Elizabeth R. Menafee of Cumberland, national committeewoman; Mrs. Mary H. Duvall, chairman of the United Democratic Women's Clubs of Maryland; Mrs. Frances McFadden of Mount Rainier, Southern Maryland chairman of the State group, and Mrs. Brewer Stouffer of Hagerstown, Western Maryland chairman for the United Democratic Women's Clubs.

COMMISSIONERS VOTE FOR AUDIT

Complete audit of Montgomery County's lateral road account with the State Roads Commission covering 1923-1930 was ordered by the County Commissioners in Rockville Tuesday and will be undertaken at once by the firm of Woodin & Benson, Baltimore accountants.

The audit is a result of efforts of the State roads commission to collect an alleged overdraft of $227,000 from Montgomery with two charges totaling 152,000 predating a complete settlement which the former county board made five years ago.

Accountants who made a cursory examination of the account recommended last week that a complete audit be carried out before adjustment of the overdraft is made.

It was pointed out by the accountants that William A. Codd, chief auditor for the roads body, had refused to accept the responsibility for the accuracy of any charges made in the account prior to his employment in 1929 and the two charges aggregating $152,000 predate that tme.

CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION NAMES ZONING GROUP

A special Zoning Committee has been appointed by the Silver Spring Citizens' Association to study the matter of zoning and re-zoning permits for land in the county.

The committee has been directed to endeavor to ascertain if a more effective way of notifying the public of changes in zoning can be worked out.

It was suggested that county officials be asked to notify each adjoining property owner affected by the change in zoning, and to give a more clear description of the land to be re-zoned in the advertisements.

It was brought out at the meeting that certain lots adjacent to the East Silver Spring School have recently been re-zoned.

Members declared that the re-zoning would "radically" affect proposed additions to the school grounds. An immediate investigation of the matter was directed.

SILVER SPRING TO MARK OPENING OF B. & O. STOP

Plans for a formal ceremony marking the opening of the local station as a suburban stop for all trains on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, have been announced by P. M. Williamson, secretary of the Silver Spring Business Men's Association.

The celebration is to be staged jointly by the association and the railroad sometime in October.

Tentative plans call for a parade on Georgia avenue from the Colesville pike to the station. Every organization in this area will be asked to participate. A program of speeches will follow.

In connection with the celebration the railroad is planning an elaborate display, which will include the latest of railroad equipment and some of the oldest. The exhibit will be on the railroad sidings for several days.

Weather Man's Workshop

The weather man employs a rather imposing workshop of intricate instruments in addition to his barometer. He has thermometers to measure temperature and instruments to measure humidity, air direction (wind vane), air velocity (anemometer), and combinations of these to gauge and record the different factors of the weather at a single operation and automatically, such as the aerometeorograph, which he dispatches aloft in an airplane. He has rain gauges and snow gauges, balloons and kites, sunshine recorders, and scores of other complicated mechanical assistants.

Classification of Mexicans

The Mexicans are classified as belonging to the white or Caucasian race. There is a dominant white population of Spanish descent, but there has been intermarriage with Indians and some negroes.

The Lysimeter

A lysimeter is a device to measure the percolation of rain through the soil or the amount of matter in a liquid solution.

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 th se 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.

Slower Flying Birds

Woodpeckers, finches and thrushes are among the slower flying birds. They cannot keep up with a car at 20 miles an hour. Jays and orioles are about as slow, but barn swallows, going unevenly in one direction for at least 50 yards, will quickly get well ahead of a 40-mile speed.

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.

FACTS AND FIGURES ON YOUR TELEPHONE BY Edwin F. Hill

Telephone calls have increased 7 per cent in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia in the past year. Officials of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Companies report 3,500,000 originating calls are now being made each twenty-four hours. In Maryland there are 917,000 daily calls, Virginia 1,112,000, West Virginia 625,000 and the District of Columbia 855,000 calls. Service improvements include more calls being completed on the first attempt of the operator to reach the subscriber and a substantial decrease in operating errors.

Quicker Service

During the past year more than 83 per cent of all local Bell System telephone calls in the United States were answered on the first attempt of the operator as compared with about 81 per cent in 1929. Telephones reported busy or not answered accounted for nearly all of the calls not completed immediately. In the six years—1929 to 1935 inclusive—operating errors on local calls throughout the country were decreased 40 per cent. On long distance calls the average time required for completion of connections was reduced from slightly less than 3 to 1½ minutes and all but 8 per cent of such calls were handled while the person calling remained at the telephone as compared with 29 per cent in 1929. As a result of these and other betterments, 750,000,000 telephone calls or about three per cent of the total calls made throughout the country last year were handled with much more satisfaction to telephone users than would have been the case six years previously.

Fewer Troubles

Improvements were not limited to the service for 95 out of every 100 telephones were installed last year under the practice of arranging with the customer to place the telephone at a definite time agreed on as compared with 57 out of every 100 telephones six years ago. Reoords show that subscribers' lines and telephones were in service without interference an average of 23½ months as compared with 20 months. The percentage of troubles cleared on the day reported was increased during the year from 87 to 96 per cent.

Difficult to Trace Back Ancestry of the Bulldog

Because of his English origin, the bulldog is frequently called the English bulldog, but the official and correct name for him is simply "bulldog." As with most breeds, it is extremely difficult to trace back the origin of the bulldog. When the Romans invaded England in the early centuries, one of the things they wrote about was that the country was nearly overrun with large, ferocious dogs with perpetually snarling faces. These probably were mastiffs, and could be called the ancestors of the later bulldog, says a writer in the New York Herald Tribune.

The name first appears in print in the early part of the Sixteenth century in England. The name clearly indicated just what the bulldog was used for, that is, the ancient sport, so-called, of bull-baiting. However, the cruelty of this sport caused parliament in the Seventeenth century to issue an edict prohibiting these spectacles, and from then on the bulldog lost its popularity. In fact, it was the impression at that time that he was good for only one use, that of bull-baiting, and the breeding was practically discontinued when it was prohibited by law. The breed became almost extinct, and yet it can be truly said that the good qualities of the bulldog were not really appreciated until he ceased to be bred for bull-baiting. Then, and only then, he came o be loved for himself alone, for he was then, as he is now, despite his sour expression, an ideal pet, especially for children.

Andersonville Prison Grounds

At first Andersonville Prison grounds contained 22 acres, and the area was later increased to 27 acres. As many as 33,000 prisoners were at times crowded into the enclosure.

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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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