PIGEON MASCOT WATCHES OVER BIG VESSEL FROM "FRISCO," NOW LYING OFF COUNTY WATER-FRONT

Named "Fluff" By Crew, For Ten Months Bird Has Made Its Home In Masts Of The "Centaurus"—Terriffic Storms At Sea Did Not Mar Its Apparent Happiness.

Just as an albatross watched over the destinies of the vessel on which sailed the "Ancient Mariner," a gray pigeon sails the Atlantic and Pacific coasts aboard the steamship Centaurus of the Norton Lilly Steamship Company, now lying off the Baltimore county water front, from San Francisco.

For 10 months the pigeon, called Fluff by the crew, has been aboard the Centaurus. In these 10 months everything has gone smoothly. The terriffic storms have not bothered the Centaurus, for she has missed them all. Naturally, the superstitious sailors lay all their luck to the pigeon.

While the Centaurus was loading cargo here the little pigeon flew aboard the ship. No effort was made to catch him, but the hardy sailors enjoyed watching his antics during the day, and fed him as the ship lay here. When the Centaurus steeamed from the harbor Fluff was perched on the deck rail, forward. Except for occasional flights of a few hours, he stuck faithfully by the vessel and has never been caged. Sailors aboard the centaurus say he has traveled more than 20,000 miles.

In San Francisco he found a mate and they nested amidships. The mate stuck faithfully until the ship reached Boston, where she deserted. On the trip two squabs were hatched out, but died.

Once a sailor, longing for a change in food, followed in the footsteps of the Ancient Mariner, who shot the Albotross, and suggested a pigeon pot-pie would be palatable. He was hooted down.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL TO BE REORGANIZED.

Tomorrow (Sunday) morning the Sunday-school at Trenton will be reorganized.

TRENTON WOMAN IN HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Ruth Merryman, of Trenton, is a patient at a Baltimore City Hospital suffering from kidney trouble.

CATONSVILLE COUPLE PETITION COURT FOR ADOPTION OF CHILD.

A petition was filed in the Circuit Court at Towson by George O'Brien, and wife, of Catonsville, asking that they be permitted to adopt an infant male child whose name and parents are unknown to them.

LONG GREEN GRANGE TO HOLD MEETING APRIL 3RD.

On April 3rd Long Green Grange will hold its monthly meeting at the home of Mr. William Francies.

"POVERTY SOCIAL" TONIGHT.

Tonight (Saturday) a "poverty social" will be held at Shirley Hall, at Hydes.

NEW YORKER GUEST OF GLEN ARM FOLKS.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Pearce, of Glen Arm, had as their recent guest Mr. James Auerbech, of New York.

SUFFERS BRUISE ON CHEEK.

Caused by falling on a stone, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jenfrey, of Sweet Air, is suffering from a severe bruise on her cheek.

FIRST MEETING HELD.

The first meeting of the Home Missionary Society of Long Green, was held recently at Wilson Church.

FITCHETTS RE-OPEN GLEN ARM HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Fitchett and family, who have been wintering in Baltimore City, recently opened their home in Glen Arm.

GLEN ARM WOMAN PATIENT AT HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Frederick P. Glase, of Glen Arm, has been a patient at the University Hospital, Baltimore City.

APRIL 4TH PROCLAIMED ARBOR DAY BY GOV. RITCHIE.

Arbor Day, observed annuolly in Maryland for tree planting since 1884. has been set this year for April 4 by proclamation of Governor Ritchie.

The announcement was accompanied by an appeal from the State Department of Forestry that tree planting be general throughout the State. The department offered complete information concerning suitable exercises, trees best adapted to the climate, method of planting and proper care.

PIKESVILLE CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS.

The Pikesville Club has elected officers for 1924 as follows: President, William N. Carver; vice-president, Robert M. Finnegan; secretary, Harry J. Eckenrode; treasurer, J. David Messersmith. Leonard Carver is manager of the team. The club will meet again on Wednesday, April 2, when plans for the season will be considered.

PLAY AT ESSEX APRIL 30TH.

Under the auspices of the Ladie's Aid Society of the Essex Lutheran Church, "The District School of Blueberry Corner" will be given on April 30th.

U. S. HAS FIVE MOTOR CARS FOR EVERY RAIL CAR.

A census of the railroads' rolling stock for all of the steam roads in the United States shows, at the close of 1923, 2,400,000 freight cars, 57,000 passenger cars and 68,000 locomotives of all types. There are therefore more than five automobiles for every freight car, passenger car and locomotive in the United States. Motor trucks alone carry about an eighth of the tonnage carried by tre railroads, while the passenger automobiles transport as many passengers annually as are transported by the railroads of the country.

OPERETTA TO BE PRESENTED AFTER EASTER.

An operetta, "The Fairy's Rose," will be given for the benefit of St. Mark's-on-the-Hill P. E. Church, at Pikesville, shortly after Easter.

FACES PROSPECT OF BATTLE.

Congressman Millard F. Tydings, of the Second Congressional District faces prospects of a battle both in the primary and general elections, for it has been rumored that Geo. D. Iverson, Jr., who ran in 1922 for the Democratic nomination, again has "the bee in his hat."

PARKTON YOUNGSTER BREAKS COLLARBONE.

John Wesley, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Cooper, of Parkton, had the mifortune to fall from a chair, fracturing his collarbone. The lad is undergoing treatment at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore city.

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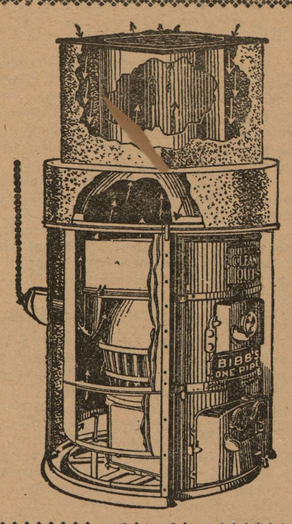

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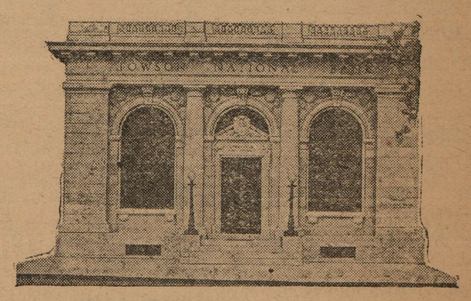

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