GRAY CLAD RANKS AT OLD SOLDIERS' HOME, PIKESVILLE, GRADUALLY THINNING OUT

Number Of Confederate Veterans Has Dwindled From 112 To An Even Score During Past 20 Years—Oldest Inmate 87, Youngest 67.

The ranks of the boys of '61 over at the Old Soldiers' Home, Pikesville, are gradually thinning out—the ranks that withstood the fire of the skirmish between the North and the South are succumbing to the advance of years.

Scarcely a handful of the gray coated men whose career ended at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, remain.

Twenty years ago the roster of the home showed 112 names; today but an even score are inhabitants. During 1923 five deaths occured and the average seems about one a year. William O. Sollers, 87 years of age, is the oldest one left, and the youngest inmate is 67.

The routine of life at the Old Soldiers' Home is far from military. During the winter months there is little to do, and the old "war horses" sit peacefully around the open fireplace, puffing on their pipes, swapping yarns, playing chess and dominoes, but with the advent of spring the vets find other things to amuse them. Some have small gardens and others work about the grounds—the less active may be found sitting under the trees.

Some few wear their gray uniforms, but the majority were worn out years ago, but they cling to the gray of Confederacy as long as it will hold together.

What will become of the home a few years hence when the last old soldier has passed to "the great beyond" is a source of worry to the old timers, for rumor has it the place will be abandoned.

The home is conducted under a State appropriation of $10,000 and the amount is reduced as the number of survivors fall. Lamar Holliday, the superintendent, believes it will not be necessarry to close the institution as the remaining few seem to be in good health and recently several applications for admission have been received.

COLONIAL DANCE AT DUNDALK.

Helena Lodge I. O. O. F., No. 171, held a colonial dance in the Dundalk Auditorium last night (Friday) for the benefit of the building fund. The next dance will be a St. Patrick's dance on March 17th.

BIRTHDAY PARTY AT DUNDALK.

Miss Doris Bennett, of 9 Flagship Road, was given a delightful birthday party by her brother and sister, Donald and Consulla Bennett, this week, at the Grrease Paint Club at Sparrows Point. About sixty guests from Dundalk and Sparrows Point were present.

HEALTH TALKS TO BE DELIVERED AT VARIOUS POINTS IN COUNTY.

While the "feed schools" are in session throughout the county, meetings will be held in the following places for the home-maker. Miss Campbell, nutrition specialist from the University of Maryland, will talk on feeding the family for health.

Dr. Bowen, health specialist, will talk on public health as follows:

Monday, February 25, Glen Arm School—Miss Campbell 3 P. M. 7.30 P. M.; Dr. Bowen 8.15.

Tuesday, February 26, Reisterstown High School—Miss Campbell 1.30 and 7.30 P. M.; Dr. Bowen at 2.15, 8.15.

Wednesday, February 27, Hampstead High School—Miss Campbell 1.30 and 7.30 P. M.

Thursday, February 28, Pikesville Public Health Center—Miss Campbell 2 P. M.; Dr. Bowen 2.45 P. M.

Friday, February 29, Eklo School House—Miss Campbell 1.30 and 7.30 P. M.

Saturday, March 1, Sparks High School—Miss Campbell 10 A. M., 2 P. M.; Dr. Bowen 2.45 P. M.

MINSTREL SHOW AT ELKRIDGE FEBRUARY 29.

Under the auspices of Grace Episcopal Church, Elkridge, a minstrel show will be "staged" in that village on the evening of February 29.

TWENTY-EIGHT AND ONE-HALF-POUND COON CAUGHT.

A [illegible] weighing 28½ pounds was caught by members of the Rose and Nay[illegible]ies, of the Harford road, rec[illegible]

NAV[illegible]TER APPREHENDED

Ch[illegible]tland, wanted on the charge of desertion from the United States Navy, was arrested by Patrolman William Moxley on Bishop's lane. He was locked up in the Catonsville Police Station and turned over to the Federal authorities.

When apprehended Outland wore an Army uniform.

INTEREST BEING TAKEN IN RANDALLSTOWN HEALTH CENTER.

Much interest is being taken by Second District folks in the Public Health Center organieed at Randallstown recently. Dr. Josiah S. Bowen, Deputy State Health Officer, Miss Ydia R. Martin, supervisor of public health nurses of Maryland, and Mrs. Ida J. Ells, nurse in charge of Second, Third and Fourth districts and already well known to residents of these districts where she has rendered valuable service in the past, made addresses pertinent to the work under consideration.

SOUTH AMERICAN GUEST OF CATONSVILLE FOLKS.

Mr. Louis Ganozo of Peru, South America, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Gundry, of Catonsville.

WOODLAWN MAN PATIENT AT HOSPITAL.

Mr. Albert Pahl, of Woodlawn, is a patient at the Franklin Square Hospital, where he underwent an operation recently.

STORK VISITS RANDALLSTOWN COUPLE.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schmidt, at Randallstown, recently, leaving a bouncing baby boy.

JOINT SUPPER AT SPARROWS POINT LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The P. O. S. of A. and R. O. of A., of Sparrows Point, are joining in an oyster supper to be held in the Lutheran Church February 29. The committee includes Edw. Stockum, Walter Machen, James Marks and Mesdames James Marks, Sarah Wagner, Charles Weaver and Jennie Christy.

MISS MARY A. FITE HEADS ROSLYN BRANCH INTERNATIONAL SUNSHINE SOCIETY.

Miss Mary A. Fite, of Randallstown, was elected president of the Roslyn Branch of the International Sunshine Society for the twenty-second consecutive term at a meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Andrew O'Rourke, Liberty Road. Miss Fite was elected to the presidency when she organized the branch in Aprril, 1902. Miss Louise C. Ritter and Mrs. David H. Kelley of Harrisonville were elected secretary and treassurer respectively, and Mrs. Daniel Richardson, of North Branch, was elected to the office of assistant secretary.

DUNDALKERS MOTOR TO WASHINGTON.

Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, Misses Eleanor Wise, Rose Keyhole, Adale Kolow and Messrs. Ralph Lee, Russel Bulle nand John Deal, of Dundalk, motored to Washington recently to visit Sergeant Thomas, a member of Helena Lodge, who is in the Walter Reid Hospital undergoing treatment.

MAN OF 70 SURPRISES WANDERLUSTERS.

A seventy-year-old man surprised the Wanderlusters, Baltimore's hiking club, when he trudged five miles through driving sleet with them last Sunday on their weekly hike.

With his dog trotting by his side, the man walked briskly with the strongest members of the group of 33 that braved the weather for the hike from Halethorpe, along the Washington Pike, Hammond Ferry road to Morrell Park.

He introduced himself as Jack Taylor of the United States, who began walking five years ago when physicians told him he had two months more to live. He declared he had walked himself to health, making a sufficient living by writing of the out-of-doors. He is on his way to Jacksonville, Fla., for the winter, he said.

Half the hikers were women and girls. Twenty of the 50-odd that reported at the starting point dropped out immediately upon discovering how slippery it was underfoot.

BOY SCOUTS' DAY OBSERVED.

Sunda ylast was Boy Scouts' Day in the Community Church, Dundalk, and in th emorning Dr. James P. Kerr preached, and at the evening service Mr. H. L. Varian, former Scout Master, of Catonsville, Scout Troop talked. There was special Scouts' exercises under the leadership of Scout Master Knoblock, of Baltimore avenue.

MISS CARRIE REIDER BECOMES BRIDE OF AUGUST HESS.

Miss Carrie Reider, of Stemmers' Run, became the bride of Mr. August Hess, the ceremony being performed at St. Peter's Lutheran Church by the Rev. Mr. Neirman.

PASSION PLAY GROUP TO BE IN THIS COMMUNITY ON MARCH SEVENTEENTH

Oberammerqua Villagers Will Give Week's Exhibition At Fifth Regiment Armory—Anton Lang, Christ Portrayer, To Display Rare Carvings.

Anton Lang and 10 other villagers from Oberammergau, who will appear in the Passion Play given decennially in the Bavarian village, will arrive here March 17. They will give an exhibition for a week at the Fifth Regiment Armory of their wood carving, which has gained them fame second only to their portrayals of characters of the New Testament.

Mayor Jackson, overnor Ritchie, Archbishop Curley and a committee will join in welcoming the visitors to Baltimore. Besides Anton Lang, who plays the role of Christ in the Passion Play, there will be three other principals of the cast. They are Andreas Lang, Sr., who has appeared as Peter; Guido Mayr, who plays Judas, and Joseph Abrecht, who portrays the Apostle James.

Except for Anton Lang, who has visited the Holy Land and Egypt, none of the party ever had been out of Bavaria until they arrived in the United States in December for a transcontinental tour.

Mayor Jackson, chairman, and Van Lear Black, vice-chairman, of an official reception committee, will welcome the players to Baltimore. Governor Ritchie will extend the greeting of the State.

Booths will be erected in the armory, each of the players presiding over one of these. A committee of young women will be employed at the booths assisting in sales. Anton Lang and Mayr will have reception rooms where they will receive guests. The visitors, who will not present the Passion Play in this country, will give exhibitions of their craft.

Suitable scenery will depict the environs of their native town, where prior to their departure for America, they refused $1,000,000 for the moving picture rights of their historical drama.

The party will arrive here from Pittsburgh after a little exhibition in that city.

GEORGE G. WHEELER HEADS TOWSON POST, AMERICAN LEGION.

At the recent election of officers of Towson Post No. 22, American Legion, George G. Wheeler was named Post Commander; Harry B. C. Green, Vice-Commander; Frank H. Jacobs, Jr., Post Adjutant and Finance Officer; Rev. Mark Depp, Chaplain; John Van Horn, Sergeant-at-Arms; R. F. S. Hanley, Historian and Milton J. Dance, J. Stephen Kelley and William Schnauffer members of the executive committee. Lawrence E. Ensor, Wm. F. Lickle and Wm. P. Cole, Jr., were elected trustees.

TWO FINED ON DISORDERLY CHARGES.

On charges of being disorderly, Winfield Chase, colored, was fined $10 and costs, and Samuel King, colored, was "taxed" $5 and costs by Justice Kanode at the Catonsville Police Station.

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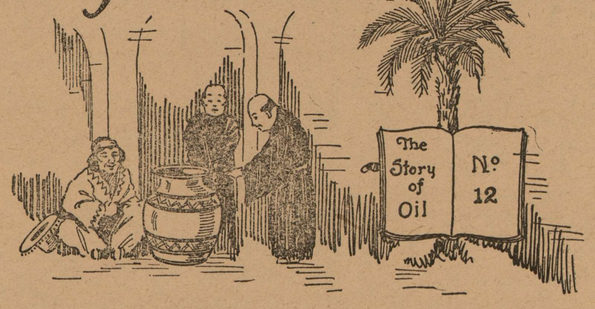

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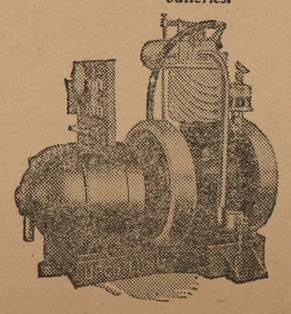
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