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Attendance In Cecil Schools

Report Of Attendance Officer Shows Improvement During Past Month

Edwin H. Barnes, school attendance officer, reports the attendance in all the Cecil County schools except six showed improvement during the past month. He reports that Finger-board school with a 99 per cent attendance led all others among the one-teacher schools; Cherry Hill with 96 per cent led the two-teacher schools; Calvert, the graded schools; Chesapeake and Kenmore were tie in the high school group, and Wilson with 98 per cent led among the colored schools.

The attendance at the various schools was as follows:

One-teacher Schools—Fingerboard 99 per cent, Pierce's Neck and Pilot 98 per cent., Pleasant Hill 95 per cent, Fair Hill, Earleville and Chapel schools 94 per cent, Jackson and Rowlandville 93 per cent, Liberty Grove, Wesley and Blake schools 92 per cent, Principio and Hart's 90 per cent., Charlestown and Union schools 88 per cent, New Valley and Warwick 87 per cent, Pond's Neck 86 per cent., Ookwood 84 per cent Marion 70 per cent.

Two-Teacher Schools—Cherry Hill 96 per cent., Elk Mills 95 per cent, Providence and Leeds schools 94 per cent., Colora 91 per cent., Perry Point 89 per cent.

Graded Schools—Calvert 93 per cent., Cecilton 92 per cent., Chesapeake City 91 per cent., Rising Sun and Perryville schools 90 per cent., Elkton 89 per cent., North East 89 per cent.

High Schools—Chesapeake City and Kenmore 95 per cent., each; Calvert and Cecilton 94 per cent., Rising Sun and Elkton 93 per cent., Perryville and North East 92 per cent. Elkton Colored High school 89 per cent.

Colored Schools—Wilson 98 per cent., Elkton 94 per cent., Cokesbury and Cedar Hill schools 92 per cent., Cecilton 87 per cent., North East 86 per cent., Port Deposit 84 per cent., Chesapeake City 83 per cent., Conowingo, no report.

Fire-Prevention Clean-Up Week

At the request of J. Alfred Fisher, Jr., of Annapolis, who is Chairman of the Fire Prevention and Inspection Committee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, Governor Nice has issued the following proclamation:

"WHEREAS, The general health, happiness, life safety and welfare of our citizens depend upon wholesome surroundings and good clean living conditions. Winter accumulations in vacant lots, yards, industries and homes are not only disease breeders but potential fire hazards. Our State should stimulate its civic pride by transforming every danger signal into a beauty spot.

"Now, Therefore, I, Harry W. Nice, Governor of the State of Maryland, do hereby designate and proclaim the week of April 10 to 16, as Fire Prevention Clean-up Week, and call upon all civic and trade associations, educational institutions, both private and public, and the citizens in general to take active part in the constructive programs arranged for their community's welfare."

In transmitting a copy of the proclamation to Mr. Fisher, Governor Nice made the following comment: "The objectives of your campaign, to my mind, are outstandingly sound and if accomplished will mean much to the people of this State. The Fire Companies, as represented by the Maryland State Firemen's Association, to my mind, are among the most important of the state agencies. It is useless to attempt to amass data indicating the value of your service to the people of Maryland, it cannot be estimated, and I would like you to know that I am in deep sympathy with your campaign and stand ready to cooperate to the limit of my ability."

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF CECIL TO MEET

The Women's Democratic Club of Cecil County, which will hold its spring meeting in Elkton on Wednesday afternoon, April 20, has invited all candidates seeking the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, to address the meeting. Two of them have already accepted.

Briefly Noted News

The mild spring weather this week has caused the pear trees to burst into a profusion of bloom.

The public schools of the county closed on Thursday afternoon of this week, for the Easter holiday, and will reopen on Tuesday morning.

James Dickson has been appointed assistant supervisor on the Maryland division of the Pennsylvania Railroad with offices at Perryville.

The Senior Class of Calvert High School will present in the auditorium a three-act play, "My Mother-In Law," on April 27-28, at 8 p. m.

Orphus Reed, of Port Deposit, was arrested on the charge of having no-tax liquor in his possession for purpose of sale and was lodged in jail.

R. L. Stebbings was elected by the Board of Town Commissioners of Port Deposit, Mayor of the town, to succeed the late Alan M. Vanneman.

Unfavorable weather conditions compelled the postponement of the annual Field Day for Colored schools, to have been held Saturday, at Elkton.

Dr. George Anderson, Richard Tome and J. R. Wood Downs, have been appointed members of the Board of Trustees of Tome School, Port Deposit.

Elk Klan No. 23, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan celebrated its 14th anniversary in The Progressive Club building, Elkton, on Tuesday evening, April 12.

The card of Ralph R. Crothers, of Zion, announcing his candidacy for the Republican nomination of Clerk of the Circuit Court, appears elsewhere in our columns this week.

The Minstrel given recently at Hopewell, in the hall, by local talent proved so popular that it has been decided to repeat the entertainment on Friday evening, April 22.

A Junior Epworth League, for young folks between the ages of eight and fourteen, was organized at the home of Mrs. Body Etter. Seventeen members will be under the direction of Mrs. Etter and Mrs. Mayde McDougal.

Mrs. Emily B. Coulson, who recently sold her farm, one mile west of Colora, will dispose of personal property, including horses, cows, chickens, farm machinery, household goods, etc., at public sale, on the premises, Tuesday, April 19, at one o'clock p. m.

Harvey H. Bowden, of Robin Hood, near Swan Creek, Harford county, was recently notified that he was the sole heir to the estate of his sister, Mrs. Eva V. Cassidy, of Wilmington, Delaware, who died October 12, 1936, valued at $20,576.95.

Mr. Bowden is a native of Rising Sun, and will be remembered by the older residents here.

Chimney Fires Keep Firemen Busy

Rising Sun firemen had a busy time on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, responding to calls from parties reporting their chimneys on fire. The blazes were all extinguished before they gained headway.

On Saturday afternoon they were called to the home of Wilber McCardell, at Liberty Grove, and had just returned to the firehouse, when they were called to Theodore to extinguish a blaze.

Sunday morning, about nine o'clock, they were called to Calvert, and on Monday morning, about 10:30 o'clock, were just about to leave the fire house, with apparatus, in response to a chimney fire call, when word was received the blaze had been extinguished.

RISING SUN M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL

At the meeting of the Sunday School Board of Rising Sun M. E. Church, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phleet Cooper last week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Supt., Claude C. Buck; Asst. Supt., Edwin L. Haines; Supt., Beginners and Primary Depts., A. Mabel Reynolds; Supt. Jr. Dept., Miss Nillie Alger; Sec., Mr. Wm. Henry; Ass't. Sec., Russell Johnson; Treas., Miss Lidie Campbell and Mrs. Mayde McDougal; Organists, Misses Dorothy Hindman and Ruth Biles; Sup't. Home Dep't, Mrs Clara B. Keen; Sup't Cradle Roll, Mrs. Claude C. Buck.

List Of Candidates Grows Daily

Pol tical Aspirants Are Making Known Preferences

LIST OF CANDIDATES

Like other things that are putting on life this glorious springtime, the list of budding political aspirants announcing their candidacies for the primaries in September, is growing day by day, and is already quite lengthy, despite the fact that the primary election is months from now.

Among those who thus far have announced themselves, are the following:

For Clerk of Court—Daniel H. Garret, democrat, of Elkton. Marion E. Rose, republican, of North East. John K. Burkley, democrat, of Elkton. Watler E. Buck, Democrat, and present incumbent, of Port Deposit. Ralph Andrews, republician, of Elkton.

For Sheriff—Roland A. Nickle, Dem., of Elkton, Robert A. Boyd, of Colora. Ralph J. Speakman, Dem., of Pleasant Hill. Harry A. Minker, democrat, of Elkton. Ralph W. Robinson, democrat, of Elkton. W. E. Malin, democrat, of Elkton.

County Commissioner—Howard S. Vincent, democrat, of Elkton. Walter B. Scarborough, democrat, of Elkton

Judge of Orphans Court—Sylvester Preston, democrat, of North East. W. Palmer McFadden, democrat, of Elkton. Albert C. Winchester, republican, of Perryville.

Attorney Files Objections To Divorce Suit Deposition

Contentions that evidence taken in France in the divorce suit of Dr. Joseph I. France against his Russian-born wife was "unauthorized, illegal, null and void" went before Circuit Judge J. Owen Knotts at Elkton last week.

Isaac Lobe Straus, attorney for the former-Republician U. S. senator from Maryland, filed the objections to evidence about Mrs. France's health. France sued for divorce, charging desertion; Mrs. France asserted she was ill and unable to return from Paris.

The Attorney asked Judge Knotts to refuse to admit the depositions on grounds France's counsel did not have time to be present when they were taken and that the consular official who took them was not qualified for the task under Maryland law.

National W. C. T. U. Field Representative

Miss Lily Grace Matheson, of Neenah, Wisconsin, Field Representative of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, spoke to a good sized audience in the M. E. church here, Sunday evening, and held the close attention of her auditors for almost an hour. She is a fluent talker, thoroughly conversant with the subject of temperence and presented it in a masterful style.

Miss Matheson is spending the month in Maryland, speaking in many meetings. She spoke in North East, Chesapeake City and Rising Sun on Sunday and her presentations are strong pleas for temperence advancement.

Town Meeting

The annual Town Meeting will be held in the Public Hall, Tuesday, April 26, at 8:00 o'clock p. m.

The purpose of this meeting is to hear the Treasurer's report and to transact any business that may properly come before a meeting of this kind.

All citizens are cordially invited to attend.

Board of Commissioners
of Rising Sun.

NEGRO THREATENED TO KILL HIS WIFE

Arthur Brooks, a Negro of Leeds, was lodged in Elkton jail charged with threatening to kill his wife with a shotgun. The woman told officers she was driven out of their home by Brooks' gun threats and spent the night in the woods in hiding.

She said she went to the home of a neighbor, John Warrington, the next morning and he helped her make complaint against her husband.

State Council Mary-O. U. A. M.

Meets In Annual Convention At Principio Furnace

Representatives from various parts of the State met at Principio Furnace on Wednesday and Thursday of this week for the nineteenth annual session of the State Council of Maryland Order United American Men.

The convention was held in the lodge room of Star Council No. 7, with State Councilor Rossie J. Gray presiding.

The delegates enjoyed a banquet on Wednesday evening, served by the ladies of the M. E. church.

A memorial service for deceased members was held at 8:00 p. m. Wednesday in the M. E. church.

The high light of Thursday's session was the election and installation of officers.

The Order United American Men, which was formerly the Senior Order United American Mechanics, was organized in Philadelphia in 1848. During the war, in a spell of patriotism, the name was changed from "Mechanics" to "Men." There is a great desire among the members to have the name changed back again. However, certain legal barriers are hard to surmount. The O. U. A. M. is the parent organization of many of our great faternal orders, notably the Jr. Mechanics.

Lions Dine And Bowl

The Rising Sun Lions Club held their dinner meeting at Deer Park Hotel, Newark, Del., on Thursday evening last. Following the excellent dinner served, J. Z. Miller, County Agent, talked interestingly about the Japanese Beetle and told of the campaign planned in Cecil County this year to combat the pest.

The beetle infested localities have been mapped and traps will be distributed to all parties who agree to cooperate, and a systematic effort made, on a large scale to combat the spread of the destructive insect, which feeds upon more than two hundred diffierent varietes of vegetation, including trees, shubbery, vegetables, lawns, field crops, etc.

At the conclusion of the meeting at the Hotel, the Lions put on a bowling contest at the Legion Alleys, in order to select a team to represent the Club at the 16th annual 22nd District Convention, which meets in Wilmington May 23-24.

The team will be composed of the five Lions who made high scores on Thursday evening. There were: Dr. R. C. Dodson 398, J. C. Hindman 396, Lawson C. Tosh 391, M. U. Zimmerman 365 and Dr. Walter Kirk 334.

Judge Keating Announces Candidacy

Associate Judge in the Second Judicial Circuit and ranking judge on the Eastern Shore in length of service, Judge Thomas J. Keating has announced his candidacy for reelection.

His announcement brought an immediate and unanimous indorsement from the Queen Anne's County Bar Association.

Judge Keating's announcement appears elsewhere in our columns this week.

Federation Of Men's Bible Classes

The Maryland Federation of Men's Bible Classes has selected Elkton for the ninth annual convention April 30 and May 1. A committee comprising H. C. McClintock, chairman; C. Ellis Deibert, J. K. Newcomer, the Rev. M. E. Wheatley, the Rev. Albert E. Thomas and the Rev. D. Warren Albinson are making arrangements for the 300 delegates expected.

DIRECTORS OF ELKTON PUBLIC PARK

At the annual meeting of the Eder Park Association held in Elkton, the following directors and officers were elected: John E. Gonce, W. Sterling Evans, J. Frank Frazer, G. Reynolds Ash, Henry H. Mitchell, Russell M. George, William P. Fowler, A. Victor Davis, Mrs. Charles Catchell, Mrs. I. D. Davis and Miss Grace W. Price. Mr. Gonce was reelected President; Mr. Evans, secretary, and Mrs. Davis, treasurer.

Personal And Social

Mrs. Lewis Taylor, of Rowlandville, is a patient in the Woman's Hospital, Baltimore, where she underwent a major operation.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Wilson had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Samples, who were returning to their home in Oxford, Pa., after spending the winter in Florida.

Mrs. Asher Roberson, Mrs. Taylor Biles, Mrs. Marian Fehr, Mrs. Edwin L. Haines were recent visitors of Mrs. Emma Plumley, Mrs. Roberson's mother, at the Masonic Home, Elizabethtown, Pa.

Major and Mrs. Raynor, Garey and sons, George Frye and Raynor Jr., who have been visiting Major Garey's mother, Mrs. George O. Garey, at North East, have left for Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. They will motor to the west coast and sail from San Francisco May 7.

WEDDINGS

HARVEY—STREAKER

On Thursday afternoon, April 7, at 2:30 o'clock, Miss Mildred Streaker, daughter of Mr. A. J. Streaker, North East, and Mr. Charles Harvey, son of Mr. Thomas Harvey, Wilmington, Del., were married by the Rev. John P. Clelland in the manse of Eastlake Presbyterian church, Wilmington.

The bride's only attendant was Miss Ruth Jackson of Philadelphia and Mr. Elam Gray of Wilmington, best man.

The bride wore a clipper blue dress with dark blue accessories and a corsage of pink tea roses and forget-me-nots.

Miss Jackson wore dark blue trimmed in white and a corsage of white gardenias.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey will reside at 1425 Lincolm St., Wilmington, Delaware.

BRADLEY—McCALL

Miss Dorothy A. McCall and Ernest M. Bradley, both of Rising Sun, were married Thursday afternoon last, at West Nottingham Presbyterian Manse, by Dr. Venable.

The newly-weds were given a rousing serenade on Monday evening, at their home on Pigeon Hill, west of town. The groom is employed at the A. & P. store in this town.

FISHER—FISHER

Mrs. Annie M. Fisher, of Port Deposit, and Harry E. Fisher, of Rising Sun, were united in marriage at Hopewell M. E. Parsonage on Saturday afternoon by Rev. S. T. Hamblin. They left immediately by auto on a honeymoon trip to New York city and other points, returning to Rising Sun on Tuesday, where they will reside.

Easter Service

Easter will be observed here in the M. E. Church, with an appropriate service Sunday morning, including a sermon by the pastor, Rev. Frank White, and special music by the choir.

In the evening the young people will present a pageant entitled "The Enshadowed Cross". A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

WEDDING OF TWINS

The marriage of Misses Ruth and Anna Walter, twin daughters of Charles Walter, of Drumore Township, Lancaster county, Pa., and Benjamin H. and Christian N. Metzler sons of Abram D. Metzler, of Drumore Township, took place on Wednesday morning, April 6, by Bishop Abram Martin, who performed the double ceremony at his home in Intercourse, Pa. The couples will go to housekeeping immediately on a farm at Holtwood, R. D., which they will operate together. Miss Emily Walter, sister of the bride, and Rufus Kreider, of Peach Bottom, were the attendants.

BOY SCOUT TROOP

Scout Troop 28, of Rising, held its weekly meeting Monday evening, April 11. The meeing was held in Mr. Shingler's room, because a farm meeting was held in the auditorium.

We talked about the coming year and our plans for it. The Troop Board Review held its monthly meeting in the office and several boys went before it. Mr. Shingler showed us some pictures he had taken with his candid camera while we were at Camp Horseshoe the week-end of April 2 and 3. The rest of the evening was spent in passing tests.

Swindler Leaves Trail Of Victims

Slick Operator Proves Fast Worker And Negotiates Numerous Deals

Coming to this locality last fall from York, Pa., John Rider purchased the farm of Frank Wright, just across the State line, in lower Chester county, Pa. The deal included the farm, livestock and equipment, and a payment of $500 was made, with agreement of final settlement to be made April 15. Mr. Rider proceeded to do business with various dealers in our town, purchasing a quanitity of oats and clover seed at the warehouse of Jesse T. Cameron, here, and a Pick-up truck from Harvey Ewing, Ford dealer. He also purchased a plow and harrow from the firm of Jos. S. Pogue, Sons & Co. Notes were given in these various business transactions, with the newly acquired farm as ample security.

He is also reported to have negotiated a $700 loan at an Oxford, Pa., bank by the same means.

It developed later that Mr. Rider had been quietly selling various pieces of equipment from the farm, including a tractor, for which he received a check for $140.

About two weeks ago Mr. Rider moved from his farm at Mt. Rocky, at night. Going to Baltimore he purchased a new dwelling property at 2516 Taylor Ave., making a payment of $50, and agreement to settle on April 25. Mr. Rider took immediate possession of his new property, moving into it with the furniture he had brought with him. The next day this furniture was placed in storage, Mr. Rider giving out the information that new furniture, in keeping with the modern new home would be purchased. With the furniture in storage a loan of $300 was negotiated.

The next heard of Mr. Rider was a few days later, when he was apprehended in Des Moines, Iowa, for some traffic violation. The authorities seeing the clover seed in the Ford truck, with the tags of the Baltimore seed house, from whom Mr. Cameron had purchased it, communicated with Baltimore to accertain if the seed had been stolen, and were told it was not, and Mr. Rider evidently was released.

Later, when the seed merchants had traced the sale of clover seed to Rising Sun, and further investigation was made the Des Moines authorities were communicated with and asked to located the man again and detain him.

He was finally located in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and placed under arrest. Traveling in the party, besides Mr. Rider, who it appears, had been using several aliases, were two women, a child, another white man and a negro. They were driving a fine, new auto and Mr. Ewing's Ford truck. Mr. Ewing left this week by airplane for Wyoming and will drive his truck home.

Just what will be done with the slick swindler, who made quite a clean-up, in his various "business" transactions, is not yet known.

Later developments prove that the deals mentioned above are but a few of those made by this man of several aliases.

To Observe Easter Sunrise Service

Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Tome Institute Campus, Port Deposit on April 17, at 6:30 a. m. This service is being sponsored by the Youth Department of the Cecil County Council of Churches and Christian Education. Elaborate plans have been made to make the service one of the outstanding features of the Easter season. All churches and denominations are invited to come and participate in this service.

Special music by individuals and by church choirs will be furnished. The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Venable, pastor of the West Nottingham Presbyterian Church.

All the Girl and Boy Scout Troops have been invited to the service.

THUGS HOLD UP COLORED TEACHER

Miss Mary D. Bates, a teacher of the colored High School, Elkton, while on her way to school one evening last week, was held up by two young white men, who at the point of a revolver demanded her money. She screamed and fainted on the sidewalk, the two hold-up men taking to their heels.