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Springtime In Chill February

Nurserymen Nursing Trees And Plants For Baltimore Garden Show

While others huddled closely to their fireplaces and snuggled under extra blankets, greenhousemen have to disregard their own comfort to assure "springtime" in mid-February.

The sudden drops in temperature make it necessary for nurserymen, who are forcing plants for the Exhibit in the North American Sports, Garden and Outdoor Life Show, to spend entire nights bathing dogwood with warm water and sprinkling azaleas with a lukewarm spray. According to Cllarence C. Carty of Frederick, Maryland, Chairman of the Frederick County Exhibit, these plants, together with some small mountain phloox and other native flowers, are now in greenhouses so that they may be in full bloom in "A Mountain Trout Stream", exhibit at the show. In order that they will appear in their full spring beauty, it was necessary to place them in the green houses several weeks ago so they might be forced into full bloom in February.

Careful attention equaling that given babies in incubators, is necessary in spurring on the processes of Nature. The show will be open at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore on February 17th, and continue for nine days.

Advance tickets at fifty cents were placed on sale January 4th. The sale closes officially Feb. 4. When all fifty cents tickets are sold, tickets will be seventy-five cents, the regular admission price. The North American Sports, Garden and Outdoor Life Show will be held in Baltimore, February 17th to 25th, 1939, at the Fifth Regiment Armory and occupy two entire floors.

Dollar Days At Havre de Grace

The Chamber of Commerce of Havre de Grace is sponsoring for its merchant members its second semi-annual Dollar Day Sales on Friday and Saturday of next week, February 10 and 11. Twenty-eight business establishments will participate in the event.

Tried first as an experiment last August, the results of Dollar Days were so pleasing that it was quickly determined to hold these sales in Havre de Grace twice each year. The number of people attracted from all parts of Harford and Cecil Counties exceeded all expectations. These customers were well satisfied with their shopping, for honest values and dependable merchandise were offered them at little or no profit.

This year the merchants have made more elaborate preparations, and those who visited Havre de Grace last August can return with the assurance that they can buy there merchandise equal in quality and price to that sold by the stores in the larger cities.

Eleven thousand copies of a tabloid newspaper, carrying the special advertisements of all the merchants, have been printed, and distribution to every home in Harford and Cecil Counties will begin next Monday. Mail delivery will be provided in the rural areas and hand delivery in the towns.

New Rifles For The First Regiment

The Chief of the National Guard Bureau in Washington this week announced that the First Regiment, Maryland National Guard, will be issued 600 of the most modern and efficient semi-automatic rifles yet developed in this country.

The new rifles, known as type MI are capable of a sustained fire of thirty shots a minute, and in exhaustive tests have proven much more efficient than the Springfield, now standard in the Regular Army and National Guard.

Only four National Guard Regiments in the country have been selected to be equipped with the new rifles, and the First Regiment was picked due to its long record of excellence in small arms fire.

Streams Stocked With Fish

Maryland streams and lakes were stocked with a total of 213,033 game fish during the fiscal year of 1937-1938, according to the annual report of the State Division of Fish Culture.

Conowingo Lake drew the largest number of fish, being stocked with 75,000 large-mouth black bass, from two to three inches in length, and with 2,000 crappie, of legal size.

Briefly Noted News

A bank night award amounting to $260 at North East Theatre, was claimed by Mrs. John Guy of that town.

Prof. W. L. Wright, President of Lincoln University, was the guest speaker at P. T. A. meeting, held Tuesday evening last, in the high School auditorium.

Mr. Mousedale, the B. & O. Station Agent at Leslie, has been transferred to Havre de Grace and Mr. Boyer of Philadelphia is the new agent at Leslie.

There was a light fall of wet snow Tuesday morning. Clinging to the branches of every tree and bush it transformed the entire landscape into a beautiful fairyland picture.

The Ford car belonging to Miss Linda Anderson, of Port Deposit, stolen some time ago from the garage of W. W. Moore in that town, was found later parked on a street in Harrisburg, Pa.

Walter Allen, Sr., of Earleville, was attacked by a bull on his farm, and knocked down three times before Harvey Allen succeeded in driving the animal off. Mr. Allen was painfully, but not seriously hurt.

Judge J. Owen Knotts has signed a decree, granting Mrs. Olive E. Smith an absolute divorce from Francis W. Smith. Mrs. Smith will make her home with her father, Carter Hall, of the Elk Neck section.

West Nottingham Wins

It was a torrid basketball game played in the Field House at West Nottingham Wednesday afternoon, January 25. The foe was Polytechnic High School of Wilmington, and they made the pace so hot the spectators almost forgot how cold it was. The lead see-sawed continually until half time, when everybody was all even at 16-16.

Then in the second half Jim O'Brien of Asbury Park, New Jersey, and Wally Wright of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, led the Maroon out in front, where they remained until the finish.

A last-minute rally by Wilmington came within three points of tying things up, but skillful "freezing" of the ball enabled the Maroon to hang on while the stop watch was beating the Wilmington boys down the stretch. Final score, West Nottingham 31, Wilmington Poly 29.

O'Brien was high scorer with six baskets for 12 points, while Wright was runner-up with five baskets for 10 points.

In a preliminary game the West Nottingham jayvees took the Wilmington seconds by a score of 12 to 10.

On Wednesday, February 1, the Maroons play Gilman School in Baltimore.

North East River To Be Dredged

Dredging of the North East river, near the town of North East, will be started when weather conditions permit, it was announced by Colonel William A. Johnson, Baltimore district engineer of the United States Army Engineer Corps.

The project, as approved by the War Department, calls for the dredging of the river to a depth of 7 feet, with a bottom width of 60 feet. The upper end of the project is to be enlarged to form a basin 120 feet wide and 300 feet long.

Meanwhile, Colonel Johnson's office is studying the possibility of further improvements in the area based on suggestions made by Charlestown interests.

Guernsey Cattle Men Dine

Cecil County farmers who own guernsey cattle and who are interested in improving and promoting the breed held a dinner at the Howard Hotel, Elkton, on Wednesday, evening, February 1, at 7P.M., Mr. Earl N. Shultz, Field Representative, American Guernsey Cattle Club, Peterboro, N. H., and Mr. H. C. Barker, Dairy Specialist from the University of Maryland were present and addressed the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a Guernsey cattle group in Cecil County and to discuss ways and means of increasing interest of farmers in breeding good guernsey cattle.

Hospital Funds Cut

All State-Aid hospitals and institutions were cut in the new budget presented to the Legislature on Thursday last, by Governor O'Conor. The reduction ranged from $500 to $5,000. Union Hospital was reduced from $8,000 to $7,000 per year for the next two years.

Newspaper Men Meet At Annapolis

At the annual meetings of the Del-Mar-Va Press Association, the Maryland Press Association, and the Chesapeake District Association Press group, at Annapolis on Jan 21, the Maryland Press Association was host. Separate and joint meetings were held, about one hundred members of the three organizations being in attendance.

The group accepted the invitation of the Del-Mar-Va Press Association to meet next January in the Hotel duPont, Wilmington.

At the business meetings of the two press associations the following officers were elected:

Del-Mar-Va Press Association: President, W. Murry Metten of the News-Journal Co., Wilmington; vice-president, Max Chambers of the Preston, Md., News; secretary-treasurer, A. O. H. Grier of the Wilmington Journal-Every Evening (reelected): directors, William B. Usilton III, of the Kent News, Chestertown, Md.; G. Marshall Townsend of the Milford, Del., Chronicle, and Col. James C. Wicks of the Dover, Del., State News.

Maryland Press Association: President, Leo M. Moore; vice-president, G. A. McDaniel of the Federalsburg Times; secretary-treasurer, S. E. Shannahan of the Easton Star-Democrat (reelected) board of governors T. William Webb of the Cambridge Banner; David S. Jenkins, Annapolis Capital Gazette; P. G. Stromberg, Ellicott City, Times; John D. Worthington, Aegis, Bel Air, and I. E. Jones, Salisbury Advertiser.

Two Lose Lives In Crash

William R. Kern, 45, son of the late Henry U. Kern, of Westamwell, this county, was killed Wednesday night, of last week, when a car he was driving, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Di Gicinto, of Wilmington, failed to take a turn on the Rockland road, at Holly Oak, Del., and crashed into a stone wall, demolished the machine, crushing the victims inside.

When the State police extracted the man and woman, from the wrecked car, Kern was dead, and Mrs. Di Gicinto, died a few minutes later.

Kern was in the employ of the Hoffman Cigar Company, at 2 W. 9th street, Wilmington.

Nineteen Head Of Livestock Perish

In a fire which consumed the H. Heiman on the West Chester-H. Neiman, an the West Chester-Pottstown pike, a mile south of the North Coventry High School, Chester county, Pa., Friday morning, fourteen cows, a bull, two heifers and two horses were cremated. Three were led to safety by Neiman and a hired man Foster Pfleiger.

The loss is estimated at from $18,000 to $20,000, covered by insurance. The cause has not been determined, but it is supposed that it may have resulted from a short circuit in the electrical wiring.

Benefit Card And Game Party

The faculty and students of the Elkton High School will give a benefit card and game party in the school Friday evening, Feburary 10th, at 8 p.m. Auction, Contract, 500, Pinochle, Bingo, Chinese Checkers and Parchesi will be played. The proceeds of the party are to help pay for the stage curtain purchased last spring. There will be a door prize of two dollars and a half as well as other worth while prizes. Refreshments will be served. Admission 50 cents.

Officers Blow Up Still

Receiving a tip that a still was in operation in the woods on a farm near Rising Sun, federal officers accompanied by Sheriff David J. Randolph of Elkton, went to the scene Saturday afternoon and destroyed it with a charge of dynamite.

The tenant on the farm had not been in the neighborhood for the past two months. No arrests were made.

Nurserymen's Short Course

The Horticulture Department of the University of Maryland announces that the annual Nurserymen's Short Course will be held on February 21 and 22, the annual Florists' Short Course will be held on March 7 and 8, and the annual Garden School is scheduled for April 12 and 13.

Cecil County Library In New Quarters

The Cecil County Library, at Elkton, has reopened after moving to its new location in the Hearn Building, on East Main street.

The library is open Monday and Friday afternoons from three to five o'clock and Wednesday and Saturday.

Books are now being delivered evenings from seven to nine o'clock, throughout the County by means of Mac's Laundry. Readers who receive books by this method are requested to make an effort to see that their books are returned on the date due, as nearly as possible, by having them ready when they are called for, or sending a card to the laundry requesting the driver to call for books.

The service of the library is free and readers are urged to call and make their own selection from the large assortment of Fiction, History, Biography, Travel and various other subjects on our shelves.

Special assortments of books are allowed for the use of teachers or Homemakers' Clubs.

As there is no allowance in the library budget for the purchase of new books we are obliged to borrow from the State Library Commission books that we do not have. A list of the books on hand may be obtained by addressing Estelle S. Kepler, Director, Elkton.

Diplomatic Rift Healed

Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, has announced the reopening of the Iranian legation is Washington and the full resumption of diplomatic relations with Iran (Persia) after a partial break of two years.

The new Iranian charge d'affaires, Ali Akbar Daftary, reopened the legation after a formal call on Hull.

The legation was closed two years ago following an automobile incident at Elkton, Md., involving the Iranian Minister, who asserted he did not receive diplomatic protection due him. Charged with speeding, he said, he was handcuffed and otherwise treated in a way not benefiting his rank.

Governor Crothers Highway

Delegate P. Steele Howard, of Cecil county, introduced a joint resolution in the House, Wednesday, to change the name of the dual highway, U. S. Route No. 40, from Baltimore to the Delaware line, to be known as "Governor Austin L. Crothers highway."

Governor Crothers was the originator of improved highways in Maryland in 1908, and is entitled to have a highway, which passes through his native county of Cecil county, named as a memorial in his honor.

Pastors Invited To Return To Charges

Rev. John W. Jones, pastor of Tome M. E. Church, Port Deposit, and Mt. Pleasant M. E. Church, has been invited to return to his charge the coming Conference year.

The Rev. H. G. Hodgson, of North East M. E. Church; the Rev. G. Home Murphy, of Bethel and Town Point Churches and the Rev. Harry T. Caldwell of Chesapeake City were invited to return for another year at the last Quarterly conferences.

Trailer-Truck Goes Down Embankment

A trailer-truck valued at $2,800, and being driven by W. D. Mitchell, of Miami, Florida, failed to make the sharp turn onto the bridge spanning the Pennsylvania railroad tracks, at Bacon Hill, and plunged down the enbankment. The big machine caught fire and was totally distroyed. The operator escaped injury by jumping from the truck.

Water Witch Fire Co.

At the annual meeting of members of the Water Witch Fire Company, Port Deposit, the following officers and directors were elected:

Ernest Baker, president; Wesley Paxton, vice-president; Martin Tyson, secretary; James Charsha, chief, and Charles Mohrlein, treasurer, William Campbell, Pierre Le Brun, Aaron Love, Clifton Blackburn, George Kepler, John Williams and Robert Cather were named directors.

Desire to change the old rules doesn't prove you a Liberal. It proves only that you aren't winning and have nothing to lose by a change.

Personal And Social

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Rawlings entertain over the week-end Miss Maggie Rowland, of Westtown, Pa.

Miss Hope Reynolds, of University of Maryland, was a visitor at her home here during the week.

Mrs. Kenneth Kemerick, of Fort Monroe, Va., was the guest of Mrs. Robert T. Cameron during the week.

R. James Roe, Port Deposit, has accepted the district chairmanship of the alumni of The Tome School.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanna entertained seven little girls at a birthday dinner in honor of their daughter, Joan's seventh birthday, Friday evening.

The engagement of Ruth Louise Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Owens, Principio Furnacce, to Robert D. Knauss, Port Deposit, has been announced.

Jesse T. Cameron, who has been a patient in Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, for some time, returned to his home here on Saturday, greatly improved in health.

Standley C. Richardson and Mildred M. Caldwell, both of Cochanville, Pa., were married by Rev. W. H. Haney, at his home near Rising Sun on Monday evening, Jan. 30.

Anita Hawley celebrated her birthday last week by entertaining several little girl friends Thursday afternoon. Anita is the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hawley.

Cecil county students who graduated from Goldey Business College, Wilmington, and received diplomas on Friday night last, were Edwin Naylor and Catherine Payne of Elkton, Franklin Simmers of North East and Hazel Fay of Perryville.

Mr and Mrs. John Sollars, son Samuel and daughter Ruth, of White Plains, Md., were Friday to Sunday callers at Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Jones and attended the funeral of Mr. J. T. Burkins, Mrs. Sollars brother.

Mr. and Mrs. William Purcell, of Perry Point, have announced the engagement of their niece, Miss Madge Gore, of Grant, Virginia to Sergeant Josph K. Hardin, of the Aberdeen Proving Ground. The date for the wedding has not been announced.

Mr. Edwin Haines, Rising Sun's oldest resident, received congratulatoins Saturday from a host of his friends on the attainment of his ninety-third birthday. Mr. Haines is blessed with good health and may be seen daily at his hardware store here, attending to business. He is a firm believer in work, and has no intention of retiring from his business activities.

The Friendly City

Bradenton, Fla., Jan. 30--Maryland is representer by a rapidly growing colony of its own at this winter resort half way down the Florida peninsula on the Gulf of Mexico, and this section of the sunshine state is playing host to the largest migration of Northern visitors in many years.

Included as winter guests at "The Friendly City" who are pursuing an intensive round of resort activities are Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Cameron of Rising Sun.

Of current interest to visitors at this time, besides the sunshine sports, is the scene of January Florida iceberg lettuce and Gladiolus harvesting.

Bradenton also boasts one of the largest trailer camps in the state and on January 23rd began the convention of the automobile tourists association. The organization claims a membership of 16,000 trailerites and is said to be the largest of its kind.

Elected President Of The Perryville Bank

Dr. James F. Magraw has been elected president of the National Bank of Perryville, to succeed Mr. Joseph Coudon, who recently resigned. The newly elected bank president is a practicing physician.

Mr. F. O'Neill Mitchell, of Perryman, well-known farmer and canner, has been elected president of the Citizens National Bank, of Havre de Grace, to succeed Mr. Joseph Coudon, resigned.

Ground Hog Day

Weather conditions on Thursday of this week,—Ground Hog Day, make it possible to predict what sort will prevail for the next six weeks,—so we are told. If the little animal sees his shadow on that day we will have six weeks more of winter, and if he does not see his shadow,—well, we will have six weeks more of winter anyway!

Legislature Is Well Under Way

Desire Of Members To "Go Along" Augurs Well For Governor's Program

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 30—With only one-third of its allotted time passed, and a host of important bills relating to the fiscal condition of the State, reorganization of State Departments, etc., already introduced and referred to the proper committees for consideration, the current session of the Legislature promises to establish an all-time record of speedy handling of new legislation. Old-timers in the State House cannot recall a time when the first month of the session has produced such a crop of important measures, or when the members of the various committees have shown more disposition to get down to work in the handling of the new measures.

Under the efficient leadership of President Arthur H. Brice, of Kent County, in the Senate, and Speaker Thomas E. Conlon, of Baltimore City, in the House, committee consideration of the proposed measures is being carried on with a despatch that is in decided contrast to the activity of many former sessions of the Assembly. From present indications, it not only seems entirely possible, but even quite likely, that the present session will have its house in order to such an extent that the usual last-minute hectic rush of legislation of every nature, minor and major, will be eliminated entirely—an end to which Speaker Conlon already has signified his intention to work.

Evidently keeping in mind the hope expressed in his Inaugural Address "that the legislature might complete its work before the expiration of the period allowed by the Constitution", Governor Herbert R. O'Conor has speeded up greatly the preparation of Administration-sponsored legislation, and already has laid before the members of the two Chambers bills dealing with such important matters as:

Creating an Industrial Relations Department and abolishing both the Office of Commissioner of Labor and Statistics, and the State Industrial Accident Commission.

Providing for the Creation of a Department of Natural Resources, and abolishing the officess of State Game Warden and State Forester.

Proving for a Legislative Council and prescribing its membership, powers and duties.

Several bills relating to the reorganization of the People's Court of Baltimore City.

Creating the Department of Public Welfare under the Direction of a Director of Public Welfare, and creating the Council of Public Welfare and defining the powers of said department;

Abolishing the Racing Commission, and substituting a Racing Commissioner and an Adisory Commission;

Creating a Department of Post Mortem Examiners to replace the Coroner system;

Repealing certain sections and enacting subtitute sections of the Annotated Code with relation to the composition of the State Road Commission.

All the remaining bills necessary to put into effect the recommendations of the Bowman Commission, the Commission on Taxation and Revenue, and the soon-to-be received Report of the Commission on Interior Courts will be drafted and sent to the Legislature within a very short time, along with, among others, a bill providing for the consolidation of control of the five State Mental Hospitals; so that by the middle of February, when the 'halfway' mark is reached, the Legislature will have before it for consideration pratically every Statewide measure of any importance, and can settle down to thorough discussion of these pressing phases of State problems.

Cecil County Goes Over The Top

Cecil county is one of the 17 counties in the State that have exceeded their Christmas Seal sale total of the previous years. The Maryland Tuberculosis Association reports even larger totals could still be recorded if those who have not yet mailed their contributions, to the County Seal Chairman would do so.

Planning New Hospital

The directors of Union Hospital, Elkton, are considering ways and means whereby funds can be raised to make possible the erection of a new hospital at Elkton.

An entire new plant, costing $150,000, is advocated, to replace the present inadequate institution.