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Cecil County School Board

Delegations Appear Before Board In Interest Of Various Requests

The Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, March 14th. Those present were Mr. J. E. Crothers, President; Dr. T. B. Moore, Vice-President, and Mrs. Wallace Williams.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Feburary 14th and special meeting of February 24th, were read and approved, and sundry bills ordered paid.

A delegation of patrons from North East with Mr. Paul A. Von Hoten, spokesman, came before the Board with the request that dark shades be provided for the auditorium of the North East High School to facilitate the showing of movies in that room. The Board promised to cooperate in providing either dark shades or regular shades for the widows of the auditorium as soon as the necessary money was available.

Mrs. R. C. Dodson came before the Board as a representative of the Cecil County College Club with the request that the Club be allowed to stage a fashion show in the Elkton High School auditorium for the purpose of raising money to provide a scholarship for a Cecil County girl in a college of her choosing. Mrs. Dodson explained that the Club gives this scholarship every four years as a regular project. The Board approved this request.

Mr. Mackey, of the George W. Biles Company, Providence, and Mr. William H. Porzer, representative of the Electric Furnace-Man Inc., New York, appeared before the Board in the interest of installing automatic anthracite burners in the schools being constructed in the County. The Board explained that provision has been made for the heating plants of the new schools, but informed Mr. Porzer that if a different type of stoker was considered in the schools in the future, that his stoker would be given consideration.

A delegation of patrons from the Mitchell community, Mrs. Jhon P. Shockley, spokeman, came before the Board protesting the bus service which they were receiving from that community. Mr. Joseph Scarborough, driver of this bus, also met with the Board bringing witnesses to answer the charges made by the delegation from Mitchell. The Board of Education after listening to the evidence presented by both the above groups, decided that Mr. Scarborough was doing all in his power to render efficient and courteous bus transportation and approved the manner in which he was fulfilling his contract.

The Superintendent informed the Board that a letter had been received from the P. W. A., authorities stating that the recent change orders authorized by the board would have to be approved by regular resolution and that also a financial setup where the necessary funds would be procured had to be submitted. This would affect the recent action of the Board in eliminating the furring and plastering at the Perryville High School, in changing the plans of the home economics room at the Perryville High School and in several additional items in the Perryville Elementary School. The Superintendent informed the Board that he would prepare the necessary resolutions within the next few days.

A letter was received from Mr. E. B. Fockler, Principal of the Chesapeake City High School, requesting that the possibility of several changes in the new Chesapeake City School be considered. The chief change being to make a combination cafeteria and home economics room. out of the proposed instructed the Superintendent to obtain an estimate covering this proposed change if there is to be any additional cost.

A letter was received from Dr Albert S. Cook, State Superintendent of Schools, enclosing a letter which he had received from Mrs. John P. Shockley, regarding bus transportation in the Mitchell community. The Superintendent informed the Board that he felt the answer to his letter had been given in their re-action to a delegation from this community as mentioned above in these minutes.

Mrs. Maida B. Jones, of Elkton requested the Board that her name be placed on the elementary substitute list. This was approved by the Board.

The Board approved a suggestion of the Superintendent that all school busses be provided with fire extinguishers. Since there is a transportation bill pending in the Legislature, which includes this item, it was decided not to make this compulsory until the beginning of the next school year.

The Superintendent informed the Board that the deed for the Zion school had been received and was being forwarded to the State Superintendent of Schools for his approval.

The Board then discussed the matter of school organizations raising funds for their own particular use. In view of their discussion, and information which the Superintendent had received from other Counties, and in line with recommedations made by the State Department of Education, it was decided that: Any class, Club or any other organization of any school giving a public performance, entertainment or bake as a means of procuring money from the public, must see that 50% of the net proceeds of such affair be given to the general school fund.

Personal And Social

Construction work was started this week on Elkton's new $66.-000 postoffice building.

Right of way for the relocation of the Farmington-Bay View road have been secured by the Commissioners of Cecil County.

Saturday, March 25, being a legal holiday, Maryland Day, the banks in Rising Sun will not be open for business on that date.

The congregation of the Warwick M. P. Church celebrated the 84th anniversary of the founding of the church on Sunday.

The Perryville High School is occupying the Fire House in that town for a short time, while certain work is being done on the High School.

Aquilla B. Miller of Elkton after 46 years' service as telegraph operator on the Pennsylvania Railroad, has been placed on the retired list.

John L. Stephens suffered a fracture of the right knee on Friday, when struck by a log, as he was trimming up a tree in his woods near town.

Prof. Walter L. Wright, President of Lincoln University, has been appointed as one of the trustees on the Valley Forge Commission, by Governor Arthur James.

The small frame bangalow and half acre of ground, across the road from Keppell's mill, north of Rising Sun, belonging to the late Harry Hess, was purchased at public sale on Saturday by Francis Keppell for $300.

By the terms of the will of Miss Catherine E. Wilson, of Elkton, who died on March 10th and filed in the Orphans' Court, her 16-room home on East Main street, in that town, was bequeathed to Union Hospital, Elkton.

Ralph C. Gifford, of Louisville, Ky., son of the late Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Gifford of Zion has been appointed to the Directorship of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad at a meeting of that Corporation at Cleveland, Ohio.

Highway conditions, proper use of motor vehicle taxes and the prevention of death and injury are subjects which will be discussed at the thirty-third annual meeting of the Keystone Automobile Club, in Philadelphia Convention Hall, Tuesday night, March 28.

The Conowingo Power Company has started to move its high power lines in Cecil county to make room for the new Susquehanna bridge approach and one foundation has been constructed. The preliminary work of relocating Ivy Run in Havre de Grace is progressing.

Road Condemnation Proceedings

Hearing of condemnation proceedings against Ira B. Moore for a strip of land through his farm. near the Maryland-Delaware State line, for the new dual highway, was started Monday in the Cecil County Court.

Moore has asked $10,000 for the land. His farm would be divided by the right-of-way. The State Road Commissioners, plaintiffs in the condemnation proceedings, have offered Moore $5,000. The jury visited the site Monday afternoon.

Elks Elect Officers

At a meeting of Lodge No. 1564, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Havre de Grace, officers for the ensuing year were elected.They were: Exalted Ruler, A. J Dinsmore, Rising Sun; Leading Knight, Joseph P. Collins; Loyal Knight, Joseph W. Haut; Electing Knight Joseph Carpenter; Secretary, Joseph H. Moore; Treasurer, Joseph F. Kelly; Tyler, Charles G. Prescott; three-year Trustee, Michael W. Fahey; alternate to the Grand Lodge, Michael W. Fahey.

Installation ceremonies will be held on April 6, in the Elks Hall.

Liquor Law Violators Before Court

Tried in the Circuit Court at Elkton, Martin X. McLaughlin, formerly of Wilmington, and his housekeeper, Mrs. Anna Purnell, were tried before a jury and found guilty on charges of having untaxed liquor in their home for the purpose of sale.

McLaughlin was sentenced to the House of Correction for nine months, and Mrs. Purnell was sentenced to three months.

Mrs. Katherine Goodyear was tried by a jury and found not guilty for having liquor in her possession for the purpose of sale.

Alphus P. Little, a fur dealer from Delaware, was found guilty on a false pretense charge, and sentenced to serve four months in the House of Correction.

In the suit of Morris Cohen vs. James L. Cole, a jury awarded the plaintiff $500 damages in an automobile collision.

M. Corthell Thompson was warded $100 damages against Harry Buchanan, in an auto collision.

Interesting Old Paper

Dr. J. B. Slicer, of this town, has in his possession a copy of the Philadelphia Inquirer of Tuesday, April 18, 1865. This old paper is in deep mourning, and gives under the headlines "The Nation Mourns Its Loss," a detailed account of the assasination of President Abraham Lincoln, who was shot in Ford's Theatre, by John Wilkes Booth the actor, on the night of Friday, April 14, 1865.

The paper gives a detailed account of the great tragedy by an eye-witness who was seated in the theatre near President Lincoln's private box.

It also tells of the escape of the assassin and the far-flung search being made; the attempt on the life of Secretary of State Seward, and the plot of the conspirators, headed by Booth, who hoped by the assassination of the President and Cabinet members to accomplish the overthrow of the Government and further the cause of the Confederacy.

Negro Health Week

Preparations are under way throughout the country for the Twenty-Fifth Annual observance of National Negro Health Week, during the week beginning April 2, which will be held under the auspices of the National Negro Health Movement and the Negro Health Week Committee, in cooperation with the U. S. Public Service State, County, and City Departments of Health, and various national or local organizations interested in health or civic betterment. In commemoration of the silver anniversary. the entire month has been set aside for health promotion activities, all of them having a bearing on the year-round program.

In announcing the plans for the observance throughout the Counties of Maryland, Dr. R. H. Riley, Director of the State Department of Health, said that arrangements in each county were being made under the direction of the County Health Officer and would include health conferences, clinics, exercises in the churches and schools, and clean-up campaigns.

To Present Operetta

The children of the Elementary grades of the Jacob Tome Institute, Port Deposit, are presenting an operetta in Washington Hall on March 30 and 31st.

The operetta, entitled "My Maid on the Bamboo Screen" is the story of two Chinese princess whose apartments are separated by a bamboo screen. On this screen are two beautiful sing song girls who are brought to life.

The operetta has been in production for the past six weeks and is under the direction of Mrs. Clarence I. Benson, music director assisted by the faculity of the elementary grades.

Seek Jobs On New Susquehanna Bridge

An office was opened in Havre de Grace last week, by the Md., State Employment Service, when five hundred persons applied for jobs in the construction of the new highway bridge over the Susquehanna river. Minimum rates of 50 cents an hour were ordered for unskilled workmen on the project, being built with PWA aid.

The Reynolds' School will hold their Annual Bake Saturday afternoon, April 1st, in the basement of the M. E. Church. Cakes, rolls, candy, pies, lemonade, for sale, at reasonable prices.

Dwelling Destroyed At Porters Bridge

Rising Sun firemen received two calls shortly before three o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The first one came from the Harrisville section, where sparks from a burning trash pile set fire to a nearby grass field, and in an instant the flames were beyond control, sweeping over a large area. The fire was on the property of Sterling Nesbitt.

About ten nimutes after a number of firemen with chemical apparatus had left to give assistance, the siren sounded again. The call came from Porters Bridge, were the dwelling on what is known as the Granville Richards property, occupied by Walter Robinson, was on fire.

The big La France pumper was taken to the scene, but there was no water with which to fight the flames, which had gained headway before their discovery, and the dwelling was a seething mass by the time the firemen arrived and was totally destroyed.

The fire is reported to have started from a bonfire in the yard, near the dwelling.

Cecil County Chapter Of Red Cross

Cecil County Chapter of the American Red Cross held their annual meeting at the Church House, Elkton, when the following committee chairmen submitted their reports: Home service, Miss Mary Ellen Davis; recreation, Mrs. Walter Miller; production, Mrs. Sterling Dunbar; farm and home accident prevention class, Mr. Edwin Barnes; home hygiene class, Miss O'Conner.

The nominating committee selected the following officers who were installed for the year 1939-40: Chairman, Mrs. A. Victor Davis; Vice-chairman, Miss Grace Wells Price; secretary, Mrs. Lynn Gillespie; treasurer, Mr. George Lawrence, Rising Sun; chairman home service, Miss Mary Ellen Davis; production, Mrs. Sterling Dumbar; recreation committee, Mrs. Thomas McIntyre, accident prevention program, Edwin Barnes, publicity chairman, Miss Annamary Brown.

Suicide By Hanging

Joseph Burton Conner, of near Elkton, aged 64 years, took his life on Monday, by hanging himself in the cow stable on his farm. He was found by his wife, who tried to get him down, but failed and called Sheriff Randolph.

Mr. Conner had been in Elkton earlier in the morning. About ten o'clock, after returning from Elkton, he went to the cow stable and placed a rope over a rafter, about eight feet from the floor, and stepped from the hay mow. His neck was broken, death being instant.

No cause can be ascribed for the rash act. His wife and daughter survive.

P. T. A. Entertainment

The entertainment of Rising Sun P. T. A., on Thursday evening last, in the high school auditorium, drew a large crowd of patrons and friends of the school, and the exercises were much enjoyed.

The program embraced singing by the school; violin solo, Ann Lane Wilson; reading, Mrs. Clinton England; tap dancing, Helen Fitzgerald; solo, Mrs. R. C. Dodson, and two clever little sketches by members of the P. T. A., the first a blacefare dialogue by Mrs. Harry Fox and Mrs. Whiteman; and the second a play, in which the characters were impersonated by Mrs. Wm. Graham, Mrs. Curtis Reynolds, Mrs. Clyde Keilholtz, Mrs. Asher Roberson and Mrs. Ralph Reed.

Spring Arrives Officially

The almanac tells us that Spring arrived officially on Tuesday, the 21st. But what a Spring day! The weather records show it was the coldest first day of Spring in seven years, the mercury being well down in the twenties. Then to top it off, Wednesday the ground was covered with more than an inch of snow, so that Spring is really still just around the corner.

Big Sale Of Live Stock

J. P. Thompson and Son, merchants, at Nine Points, Pa., had a public of live stock recently, when 233 head were disposed of. Three pairs of mules brought a total of $1500, an average of $500 a pair. A pair of horses sold for $275 and another pair for $265. A mare brought $160. Eighteen head of bulls averaged over $73.

Briefly Noted News

Mrs. E. C. Dixon, of Philadelphia, was a visitor at the home of her mother, Mrs. B. H. Brown, on Saturday.

Rev. Frank White is attending the 71st annual M. E. Conference, which convened in Wilington on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. U. Zimmerman and son, Marlin, Jr., of Easton, Md., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Job W. Kirk.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Smith, of Liberty Grove, celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on Wednesday, March 15.

Miss Wilamina Ward entertained at cards on Saturday afternoon, at her home on Cherry street. Eleven tables of Contract were played.

Mrs. Nettie Evans and Riale Richardson, of Wilmington, former Rising Sun residents, were visitors of Miss Mary Brumfield and J. E. Brumfield on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whitaker were given a surprise Fiftieth Wedding Anniversity party on Monday evening, March 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Whitaker, Port Deposit.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Rittenhouse of North East, announce the marriage of their daughter, Frances Louise, to Mr. Arthur William Winebrenner, on Friday, March 3rd, 1939, at Fountain Green, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Roberson announce the marriage of their son, William L. Roberson, of Elkton, and Miss Daisy Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Marshall, of Chesapeake City, Saturday, March 11th, by Rev. Melvin E. Wheatley.

Mrs. Jennie W. Taylor entertained at family dinner on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Warren L. Taylor, sons Arthur Lee and Donald C.; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vansant, Miss Roxanna Belote, John T. Hirzel and Taylor Hirzel, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Louise Shook, of Rising Sun.

The dinner was in honor of the birthdays of John Hirzel and Donald Taylor.

Allen--Jones

The marriage of Miss Josephine M. Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Jones, of Holtwood, Pa., and Robert Stanley Allen, Port Deposit, took place at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, March 5, at the home of the bride's parents, with the Rev. G. W. Johnson, of Port Deposit, officating. The bride wore a gown of blue cerepe with white accessories. Mrs. Allen is a graduate of the Quarryville High School, class of 1934 and the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Philadelphia, class of 1937. They are residing in Holtwood.

Stephens--Bea

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Haryon E. Bea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bea, Oxford, Pa., and Harvey G. Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Stephens, New Garden at Rising Sun, on Friday, March 3. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Frank White, pastor of Rising Sun Methodist Church.

Wheatley--Smith

The marriage of Miss Ruth Everett Wheatley, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Melvin E. Wheatley, to Rev. Aldin Totten Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon H. Smith, of Madison, N. J., took place at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Elkton Methodist Episcopal Church.

The bride's father performed the ceremony and she was given in marriage by her brother, Rev. Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr. The matron of honor was Mrs. Andrew G. Wilson of Wilmington, Del., sister of the bride; the maid of honor, Miss Cynthia Willard, of Washington, D. C. The bridesmaids were Miss Lucile Maris, of Arlington, Va., and Miss Helen Pabis, of Pittsburg, Pa. Little Miss Mary Virginia Wheatley, sister of the bride, was flower girl. The best man was Rev. Mahlon H. Smith, Jr., brother of the groom. The ushers: Mr. Burton Totten, of Madison, N. J.; Mr. Sherman Watts, of Wharton, N. J.; Mr. Andrew G. Wilson, of Wilmington, Del.; Mr. Ralph Andrews, of Baltimore, Md.; Master Ira M. Wheatley, brother of the bride was junior usher.

Miss Dorothy Russel, of Pittsburg, Pa., sang before the ceremony and Mrs. Ernest George, of Gouldsboro, Pa., accompanied her and played the wedding music.

Miss Wheatley for several years, has been engaged in Deaconess work in the Methodist Episcopal Church; holding positions in Wilmington, Del., and recently in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Coal contains some fine specimens of fossil insects that lived on earth millions of years ago.

Public Improvement Issue Wins

Heated Election In North East On Water And Sewer Proposition

The "wets," so-called because they favored installation of a water-and-sewer system, scored a 17-vote victory Monday, electing Marion E. Rose Mayor of the town of North East, over Ira Cameron, candidate of the "drys," who opposed the town improvement program.

Rose backed by supporters of a proposed $70,000 bond issue to finance the improvements, received 254 votes. Cameron polled 237.

Candidates elected town commissioners, and the number of votes each received were: Herman Yerkes, 441; Edward E. Clark, 370; Geo. W. Rawson, 280, and Clayton Craig, 275. A fifth candidate for one of four commission posts was William E. Craig, who was eliminated as low man, with 261 votes.

Rose will succeed Walter I. Smith, who did not seek reelection.

The campaign actually started last autumn, when the bond issue was put to a vote and the proponents won by a 37-vote majority.

The election, preceded by a bitter campaign, failed to settle the controversy, for opponents of the improvement program went to court and blocked it with a ruling the election was illegal.

An order for reregistration of voters followed, and Monday election with both sides backing candidates, was expected to settle the issue.

Some residents held that a victory by the wets would assure the improvements, and that another election on the bond issue would not be necessary.

Packing Plant Bought By Phillips Company

Two new Eastern Shore counties were added to the list of Maryland and Delaware counties in which canning operations are conducted by the Phillips Packing Company of Cambridge, when this company recently acquired the two large plants of the Talbot county, and the other at Willoughby in Queen Anne's county.

These two plants were purchased at public sale, increasing the number of Phillip Packing Company plants on the Delmarva Penninsula from seventeen to a total of nineteen. Colonel Albanus Phillips, President of the Company, announced immediately after the sale that steps would promptly be taken to place both factories in full operation this summer.

Developed over a period of nearly 25 years the two plants are equipped with modern food packing machinery and both are located in rich and fertile agricultural area capable of producing practically unlimited acreages of fresh vegetable crops of distinctive excellence.

The company now owns and operates eight plants in Cambridge, where the home offices of the organization are located, and also plants at Laurel, Newark and Oak Grove, Delaware; Denton, Williston and New Bridge, in Caroline county, and Vienna, Church Creek and Eldorado, in Dorchester county, Maryland. To these have now been added the plants at Cardova, in Talbot county, and Willoughby, in Queen Anne's county.

The company packs 56 different varities of canned foods, marketed under the brand name of Phillips Delicious, and now in wide distribution from coast to coast in the United States, and in numerous foregin markets.

Pageant At Longwood

June 14, 15, 16 and 17 are the selected evenings for the tenth annual American Legion Pagent at Longwood Gardens, near Kennett Square, Pa., on U. S. Route 1. The theme is "Prunella," or "Love In A Dutch Garden", from the delightful story by Laurence Housman and Granville Baker. A community talent cast of two hundred will again be directed by John Warner Judd.

An added feature is the famous Longwood electric fountains, including the curtain of water, stage fountains, fairland display a city block in area, and the water falls with lake.

Capacity audiences in the beautiful duPont open-air Theatre have enjoyed the previous Kennett Legion Pageants of Robin Hood, Rip Van Winkle, Romona, Historic Delaware, Story of Kennett, Arabian Nights, Building a Nation, Fantasy of Fairyland, and Historic Chester county.

Advance reservations are necessary, and now received. For a free descriptive booklet, address: Legion Pageant, Kennett Square, Penna.