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County School Board Proceedings

Use Of Auditoriums, Transportation Route And Other Business Considered

The Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, January 9th. Those present were Mr. J. E. Crothers, President; Mrs. Wallace Williams, Vice-President, and Dr. T. B. Moore.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 12th were read and approved, and sundry bills ordered paid.

A letter was received from Mr. Samuel L. Graig, Acting Adjutant of Susquehanna Post No. 135 of The American Legion, Perryville, Maryland, requesting that permission be given The American Legion to use one room of the Perryville High School, two evenings a month for a meeting place for the Sons of the Legion and permission to use the auditorium one evening a month for a joint meeting of the Sons of the Legion and the Boy Scout Troop of Perryville. This was approved by the Board with the understanding that the regular fuel, light and janitor bill be paid.

The American Legion Auxiliary of Elkton, expressed their appreciation to the Board for the use of the chairs from the Elkton High School auditorium in connection with a recital sponsored by them in the Armory.

Mrs. Harry F. Gorrell, of North East, wrote the Board regarding the recent change in the route taken by the Mechanics' Valley school bus. Mrs. Gorrell felt that the new route was much more dangerous and inconvenient to the patrons of the Mechanics' Valley community. After some discussion, the Board decided to wait until Mr. John Lilly, bus contractor on this route, puts his new bus in service and makes a change or two in the schedule before making any further changes or alterations in the bus route as it is now running.

Mr. W. E. Frazer, of Earleville, wrote the Board that he would like to purchase the furniture in the Fingerboard school. The Superintendent was instructed to write Mr. Frazer that some of this furniture would be used at other schools, but that the remainder would be for sale.

The Annual Report for the school year 1938-1939 was then considered at some length by the Board.

The Superintendent informed the Board that Mrs. Dolly McCool Thornton as representative of the Elkton Alumni Association, had asked for the use of the Elkton High School auditorium for the purpose of giving a dance recital sponsored by them, coached by Mrs. Edith Collins. After considerable discussion, the Board agreed that the Alumni Association might have the use of the auditorium and that the regular rental fee \$5.00 would be expected.

The Board and the Superintendent then decided to visit the new Chesapeake City and Cecilton schools, which were occupied for the first time on January 2nd.

Odd Fellows Lauded

Governor Richard C. McMullen of Delaware, speaking at Elkton Wednesday night at the annual Eastern Shore get-together of the Odd Fellows Lodge, lauded the organization for its contributions to civic and rural progress on the Delmarva Peninsula. More than 300 members of Maryland and Delaware lodges attended.

The governor, a past grand officer of the Odd Fellows, explained the creed of the lodge and its services. Leonard A. Mason of Baltimore, grand master of Maryland, also spoke.

The third degree was conferred on 30 new local members by the degree team of Eden Lodge of Wilmington. Following the exercises, the meeting was thrown open to the public and the Eden Lodge marchers gave a demonstration.

P. T. A. Council Meeting

The P. T. A. Council meeting and Art Exhibit, held in the High School Auditorium on the evening of Jan. 8th, was attended by about fifty persons. A musical program was presented, and a number of short talks given. The guest speaker of the evening failed to put in an appearance, due to unfavorable weather conditions.

Jay Emrey, of Coloma had the misfortune to wreck his newly new Chevrolet coupe one night recently, on the road, near Principio Furnace. The car skidded on a curve, striking a fence. The machine was badly damaged but its three occupants escaped injury.

Briefly Noted News

A light snow Wednesday morning covered the ground with a mantle of white.

A chimney fire on Saturday evening called the firemen to Farmington, to the home of Mrs. Ella Coulson.

The Junior Choir is rehearsing on Wednesday evenings under the direction of Mrs. R. C. Dodson and Mrs. J. B. Dickerson.

William Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds, of near town, has secured employment in the National Bank here.

Veryl Riley has been working at the butcher shop of H. D. Thomas and Son, in the absence of Amos Crowl, who has been ill for some time.

The January meeting of the Cecil County College Club will be entertained on Saturday afternoon by Mrs. R. C. Dodson, at her home on Queen street.

The Sunday School Board met on Tuesday, January 9, with Miss A. Mabel Reynolds. The next meeting will be in March with Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Dickerson.

Coasting of Stubbs Hill, Donald White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion White, suffered severe cuts about the mouth and face when his sled ran into a wire fence.

The basket ball team from Beacon's College, Wilmington, Del., played the High School team here on Friday afternoon and defeated the Sun boys by a score of 58 to 37.

The Ladies of Chesapeake City Volunteer Fire Co. Aux., raised the sum of \$500 by various entertainments during the year, and presented a check for that amount to the Fire Company.

His bicycle skidding on the icy road, Arnold Thorp, of near town, had a bad spill and was rendered unconscious. The lad was found by a passing autoist, who took him to his home at "Little New York."

Walter L. Johnson, colored of Elkton, taken into custody as a suspect in the attack on R. L. Stebbins of Port Deposit, was released after proving he was not in Port Deposit on the night of the attack.

James Dixon, assistant supervisor of the Maryland Division, Pennsylvania Railroad, with headquarters in Perryville, has been promoted to supervisor of the Panhandle Division, with headquarters at Conestoga.

Lodge Women Elect

The following officers have been installed by Chesapeake Council, Sons and Daughters of Liberty, for the ensuing year:

Junior past councilor, Mrs. Zelma Kelly; councilor, A. D. Lilly; associate councilor, Mrs. Margaretta Fredrick; vice-councilor, Mrs. Lola Stephens; associate vice-councilor, Mrs. Claudia Cooling; recording secretary, Miss Sylvia Rimmer; associate recording secretary, Mrs. Maud Kimball; financial secretary, Mrs. Rebecca Charshee; treasurer, Miss Dora Bond; guide, Mrs. Florence Purdham; outside guard, Mrs. Lillian Cobourn; trustees, Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett, Mrs. Zelma Kelly, and Mrs. C. Lillian Cobourn.

Warehouse Properties Purchased

The warehouse properties of Passmore & Co., at Nottingham, Pa., and Sylmar, Md., have been purchased by Ralph G. Mahan, who has been connected with the firm for the past twenty-nine years. Mr. Mahan having withdrawn from the firm of Passmore & Company as of December 31st, has purchased the business from his former partner J. Walter Passmore. The warehouse property at Nottingham will have been in the Passmore name 50 years on April 1.

Circus Park Gets License

At a meeting of the Board of Liquor Control in Elkton, a license was granted Mrs. Elvira Tamargo, at Circus Park, for on sale generally class "B" beer, wine and liquor. Mrs. Tamargo was represented by James Weinroth and no delegation appeared objecting to the license being issued.

Tried To Jump Gasoline Bill

When a young man driving a Lincoln car with New York license tags attached, drove away from the filling station at Calvert, without paying for a tank of gasoline, Harry McDowell, the proprietor, telephoned the State Police, who apprehended the oil jumper. Investigation proved the car had been stolen, and the young man is held in jail.

Colored Teacher Wins Salary Case

Despite protests of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education, Judge W. Calvin Chesnut decreed that salary payments to Negro and white school teachers in the county must be made equal, starting September 1.

The decree came after several weeks of discussion between the Negro teachers and the school commissioners had proved fruitless.

It followed the judge's decision in favor of Walter Mills, Negro school teacher, who brought suit last December against George Fox, county school superintendent, and the Board of Education. Mills contended he and other Negro teachers were discriminated against in their pay because of their race and color.

Judge Chesnut's decree, "perpetually," enjoined the School Board "from discriminating in payment of salaries against the plaintiff and other colored teachers in the county."

The decree which cited the existing situation as being a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution, added that "defendants are enjoined against paying the plaintiff or other school teachers less than the salary paid to white teachers of the same qualifications and experience."

"The operative effect of this decree is postponed to September, 1940."

Court costs for the lawsuit were levied against the County Board of Education.

Rod And Gun Club

About thirty were present, from various parts of the county, at the meeting of Cecil County Rod and Gun Club, held Friday evening at the Firemen's Hall, in this town.

The purposes of the Club were explained by the President, Theodore H. Brown. This purpose is to try and restore game and fish by restocking the fields with game birds and the ponds with fish.

Deputy State Game Warden, Morris Hudson, of Chesapeake City, was present and gave a talk. He stated men would be appointed, who ever application was made, who would look after the protection of game and would cooperate with the club. Anyone who will agree to provide feeding shelter for birds will be furnished feed for them free of cost.

An effort will be made to have small game preserves established on farms throughout the county and a committee composed of Clifford E. Marker, Clyde Simmers and Willet Yerkes, was appointed to further the movement.

A general discussion on the protection of game was participated in. The next meeting of the Club will be on February 9th, in Elkton, at Trinity Parish House, when moving pictures will be shown.

Reading Group Formed

A community reading group of 12 members has been formed in Cecilton, the purpose of which is to encourage the habit of reading in the community. The 12 ladies forming the nucleus of the group are Mrs. Robert Kennedy, Mrs. H. B. Manlove, Mrs. Julian Robinson, Mrs. Earl Davis, Mrs. Jay Matthews, Mrs. R. M. Black, Mrs. George Padley, Mrs. William Wylie, Miss Julia Dushane, Miss Catherine Luthinger, Mrs. Elmer Pearce, and Mrs. Ernest Mann.

Advance Church Movement

A movement taking in 82 cities and involving all the Bishops of the Church will come to Wilmington, January 29, for an all day session. Bishop E. H. Hughes will be host Bishop, and three guest Bishops will present the address.

The movement is concerned with advancing the spiritual, missionary, educational and unification aspects of the Church.

Benefit Card Party

The card party, on Tuesday in the High School auditorium, sponsored by the Lions Club of this town, was very successful. Thirty-two tables of bridge, five hundred, pinochle and auction pitch were played, and a very pleasant social evening enjoyed.

Nears Century Mark

The Cecil Democrat, the oldest weekly publication in Cecil County, will observe its one hundredth anniversary on Feb. 1. Since its beginning it has had 16 different editors, the present editor and owner being Frederick H. Leffler.

Bank Directors Elected By Stockholders

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cecil National Bank of Port Deposit, the following directors were elected for another year: Dr. W. G. Jack, Pierre LeBrun, Walter Touchstone, Clinton Logan, Chester T. Kimble, Robert L. Stebbing and Miss R. Estella Butchenhart.

At the organization of the Board, Dr. Jack was reelected president, Mr. LeBrun, vice president, Leo Moore, secretary and Walter Touchstone, cashier.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Peoples Bank of Elkton, the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Sylvester Preston, David B. McDowell, Fred H. Leffler, W. S. Evans, Nathan B. Karl, G. Reynolds Ash, John Lawrence and Argus F. Robinson. The board organized by electing John Lawrence, president; Fred H. Leffler, vice-president, and Argus F. Robinson, secretary.

The reports showed the bank had one of the best years in its history.

National Bank of Oxford, Pa.—Reelected the same board of directors: F. E. Brown, J. C. Boulden, Samuel Dickey, J. B. Fassitt, Guy T. Holcombe, H. L. Patterson, A. E. Townsend, John W. Wait and W. L. Wright.

Peoples Bank of Oxford—Clyde E. Mason, Thomas F. Grier, Howard M. Long, John A. Kimble, Walter P. Reynolds, Harry J. Drennen, Robert J. Merrick, George B. Passmore and Granville H. Coates.

Quarryville National—George W. Hensel, Jr., A. Lewis Amber, Cyrus Eckman, M. D. Montgomery, Harry C. Blair and Frank Greenleaf.

Farmers National of Quarryville—C. C. Aument, James G. Herr, A. G. E. Ferguson, David Eschbach and Arthur E. Brown.

Assessment Delayed

The county-wide assessment has been held up for a time, due to the lack of funds, the amount appropriated \$15,000, having been expended.

The assessment is complete in all districts with the exception of a part of Elkton, North East and First district.

According to the County Commissioners, ways and means will be found to complete the assessment.

Lamm—Moody

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Rea Moody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Moody of Elkton, to Mr. Stephen Lewis Lamm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lamm, of Port Deposit, Md., will take place Saturday, January 20, at 5 o'clock in Trinity Episcopal Church, Elkton. Miss Moody will be given in marriage by her brother, Mr. William K. Moody. Miss Mary Alice Moody, sister of the bride-to-be will be maid of honor, and the bridesmaids will be her cousins, Miss Rebecca W. Biddle and Miss Jean duBose, both of Elkton. Mr. Joseph Gibson will be Mr. Lamm's best man. The ushers will be Mr. John P. Stanley, of Elkton, and Mr. Joseph Abrams, of Port Deposit. Mrs. Joseph Gibson, sister of Mr. Lamm will play the wedding music. A reception will follow the ceremony at 246 Mackall street, Elkton, Md.

Buck—Jackson

Mr. Edwin D. Jackson announces the marriage of his sister, Miss Beatrice Jackson, daughter of the late Andrew and Edna Rouse Jackson of Havre de Grace, and Mr. Geo. Buck, son of Mr. Walter E. Buck, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Cecil County, and Mrs. Buck, of Port Deposit, which took place in Harrisburg, Pa., September 2. The bride is a graduate of the Havre de Grace High School and is one of the most popular young ladies in Havre de Grace. Mr. Buck, a graduate of Tome School for Boys, is employed in the Internal Revenue Department of the U. S. Government. They are residing in Havre de Grace.

Cecil County Historical Society

Hon. J. Alexis Scribner, of Bel Air, was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Cecil County Historical Society, held Monday in the Court House, at Elkton. He spoke on "Ancient Manors in Cecil County." Governor Herbert R. O'Connor was a guest of the society at the luncheon prior to a meeting.

Magistrate G. Reynolds Ash, of Elkton, on complaint of the Cecil County School Board, has committed Allen Kline, of Elkton, to the Lock Haven Training School, on the charge of habitual truancy and incorrigibility.

Personal And Social

Mrs. Davis Boyd has been indisposed for time, with a severe cold.

Kenneth, young son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gamble, is a victim of the mumps.

John Keppel is on the sick list, his place being filled at the mill by Leigh Donache.

Mrs. Arthur J. Dinsmore was the guest on Tuesday of her sister, Mrs. Marion Brumfield.

Mrs. Annie Marshall is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harry Crooks, in Frederickburg, Va.

Mrs. Taylor R. Biles is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clifford H. Roberson, of Freehold, New Jersey.

Mrs. Elmer Reynolds and Mrs. Clara Pugh, of Oxford, were Friday guests of Rising Sun friends.

Mrs. Stanley McVey is spending some time with her son Wilson McVey and wife, Hyattsville, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams and daughter Susan, of Baldwin, Md., visited relatives in this vicinity on Sunday.

Mrs. Edie K. Evans will leave on Saturday for Fort Myers, Florida, where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. J. D. Donache has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert Brown, whose infant daughter, Mary Lou, has been quite ill.

Miss Helen McKelvey is visiting her sister in Washington, D. C. Her sister, Julia McKelvey, is spending some time with Mrs. Addie Clayton.

Virginia Cooper, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philet Cooper, is seriously ill, threatened with pneumonia, but is reported somewhat better at this writing.

Mrs. Clara R. Biles entertained the following ladies at luncheon on Wednesday, Mrs. William M. Pogue, Mrs. Howard R. Brown, Mrs. Lillian R. Roberson, Mrs. Claude Buck, Mrs. J. B. Dickerson and Mrs. E. L. Haines.

Mrs. Carrie Cameron entertained on Saturday evening at a birthday anniversary dinner. The guests present were Miss Mary Haines, Mrs. W. A. Heeder, Dr. T. B. Moore and Rowland Keilholz. The piece de resistance was Long Island duck.

Miss Esther Maxwell announced the engagement of her sister, Mary L. Maxwell, to Mr. Charles T. Mahoney, at a small dinner given Jan. 7th at her home near Rising Sun. At the same time announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Florence J. Moore and Charles T. Crothers.

Golden Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. S. James Wilson, of Delta, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Monday January 1. Mr. Wilson and Miss Lottie Burns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Burns, of Constitution, Pa., were married January 2, 1890, in the Farmers Hotel, Bel Air, by J. M. Yinging, pastor of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of seven children, five of whom are living.

Mr. and Mrs. George McMaster celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home in Havre de Grace Friday evening. About seventy guests were present. An old time dance was held and a buffet lunch was served. They received many beautiful gifts and flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mobley of Delta celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on Tuesday, Jan. 2. A reception for relatives and friends was held, at which time they received congratulations from one hundred and eighty guests.

Sunshine Class Entertains

The Young Women's Sunshine Bible Class entertained the Young Men's Class at James Methodist church on Friday evening last. The evening was spent in games and other social divisions, and refreshments served.

Also at the same time the Young Peoples Branch held their business meeting and afterward enjoyed games and refreshments.

Covered Dish Supper

The ladies of the Sixth District Hospital Auxiliary are highly pleased with the success of the covered dish supper, held on Wednesday evening last, in the basement of the church here. The supper was liberally patronized and the variety of the "dishes" served pleased everyone who attended and partook of the repast. Only a small charge was made for the supper but the net receipts were over \$25.00.

It costs a dollar a second to maintain postoffice in Canada!

State Funds For The County Roads

Twenty-One Counties Have Total Of \$1,733,000 For New Highways

Twenty-one of Maryland's twenty-three counties have a total of approximately \$1,733,000 to spend for new construction between now and the end of the current fiscal year, William A. Codd, chief auditor of the State Roads Commission, has revealed.

The other two counties—Kent and Calvert—haven't a cent left out of their share of the 1 1/2-cent lateral gasoline tax to spend on new county roads this fiscal year. In fact, both counties have overdrawn accounts, Kent county to the extent of \$10,370. Calvert is "in the red" \$151.

Allegany county is not much better off, having only \$99 left in its road account.

Mr. Codd said Kent county last year had done two years' work in one, hence the overdraw. Calvert county's projects cost more than was anticipated, which resulted in its over-encumbered position, he pointed out.

The amount Cecil county will have to spend on new construction is \$118,161.

Calendar Mystery

Pittsburgh, Jan. 9.—A young University of Pittsburgh professor today claimed to have proved a mystery of Egyptian history.

Dr. Joham Johnson announced that he had figured out the date of the beginning of the Egyptian solar calendar—that it was June 18, 3251 B. C. He said this also set a probable date for the beginning of a written language in Egypt.

Eight years ago Dr. Johnson went to work. And when he had completed pencil-and-paper calculations, he took his figures to the Buhl Planetarium for a checkup. The stars were turned back 5,000 years to the date he had fixed.

Dr. Johnson had a crushing feeling of disappointment. He knew that the Egyptian calendar began on a morning when Sirius, the dog star appeared over the eastern horizon just before sunrise. He also knew that on that night, if his calculations were correct, there was a new moon. But the planetarium wasn't showing them that way.

Suddenly he realized that the planetarium calculated time by the Gregorian calendar. He had used the Julian system. Quickly he figured out the difference and the sky above him was corrected. He saw Sirius just above the sun and a new moon in the western sky.

Dr. Johnson is well-known in this locality when he has spoken before our civic clubs and high school. He is a former resident of Rowlandville, Cecil County.

New Official Record By Dairy Cows

Peterborough, N. H.—Two Guernsey cows owned by Wilmer Stradley of North East, Md., have just finished new official records for production which entitles them to entry in the Advanced Register of The American Guernsey Cattle Club. These animals include four and one-half year old Valley Hill's Charlotte 390270 producing 12954.0 pounds of milk and 549.4 pounds of butter fat in class BB, and three year old Jethro's Cherub Dollie 479609 producing 107271.2 pounds of milk and 549.4 pounds of butter fat in class E.

A new record, exceeding the average of the Guernsey breed for her age and class has just been completed by a four year old cow Rose King's Lou 466710 of Port Deposit, Md., tested and owned by Donaldson Brown. Her official record supervised by the University of Maryland and announced by The American Guernsey Cattle Club is 9636.7 lbs. of milk and 582.7 pounds of butter fat in class CC.

Engagements Announced

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Florence Moore, of the Department of English, Tome Town School, Port Deposit, and Mr. Charles Crothers, of Rising Sun.

Mrs. Charles C. Cameron, Paulsboro, N. J., formerly of Nottingham, announces the engagement of her daughter Margaretta to John M. Robok, of Chambersburg, Pa.

The engagement of Miss Mary Paxson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Paxson of Belbank, to Mr. Robert Hogg, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hogg, Cochrantville, was announced Wednesday evening, January 3, at a party given by Miss Doris A. Wunderlich at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Hogg, Jr., Cream.