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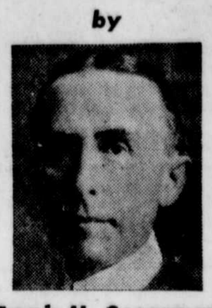

Frank H. Spearman

For more than a score of years the name of Frank H. Spearman has spelled adventure and swiftly-paced action to thousands of discriminating Western fans. Carmen of the Rancho is one of his most stirring and ambitious works, with the colorful and romantic background of Old California in the thrill-packed days of the Mexican War. Here is the author of Whispering Smith and Gunlock Ranch at his exciting best.

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Official Opening Of Susquehanna Span

After numerous delays and postponements of the opening date it was announced last week that the official opening of the $4,500,000 steel and concrete Susquehanna river highway bridge between Perryville and Harve de Grace, would open to traffic with appropriate ceremonies on Wednesday of this week, with Governor Herbert R. O'Conor, members of the State Roads Commission, other state officials and WPA officials present.

The ceremonies were scheduled to take place at the administration building on the Perryville side, when short addresses were to be made by Governor O'Conor, Col. Clark, acting administrator of the WPA in Washington, Col, Gilmore, regional director of Philada., and Mr. Creedon of the regional office in New York. Following the addresses a ribbon was to be severed and the bridge be opened for toll traffic.

Governor Herbert O'Conor was the central figures at the ceremony marking another historic event in highway construction in Maryland--the formal dedication of the new Susquehanna River Bridge, between Perryville and Havre de Grace.

Formal opening of this important structure, following close upon the Governor's announcement of impending roads expenditures totalling possibly $75,000,000 in connection with the development of a strategic network of Maryland roads for Defense needs, emphasizes the rapid strides that are being made in improving our roads and bridges under the present Administration.

Through the opening of the Morantown Bridge across the Potomac some months ago; the completion of the Susquehanna Bridge, and the prospective completion of the Great Potomac River Bridge, near Morgantown, Maryland, next year, Governor O'Conor's Administration is assured of an all-time record in bridge and road construction in Maryland.

Details of the strategic plan that was compiled for Federal approval shows that every section of the State will be benefited greatly when the proposed improvements are completed, probably without direct cost to the people of Maryland. Most important of the projects contemplated are new dual highways between Baltimore and Washington, and between Annapolis and Washington. Route 40, from Baltimore to Hagerstown, and the York Road, from Baltimore North to the Pennsylvania Line, will be partly reconstructed with a view to bringing them into line with Federal requirements, for the ultimate creation of the dual highways in each case.

Bankruptcy Petition

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States District court in Philada., Friday Aug. 16, against Victor Dairies, Inc., 2911 Ellsworth street, Philada., by Benton N. Hiddleson, West Marlborough township, Chester county, $790; Scott and Mann, Highland township, Chester county, $657; Peter C. Eckert, Colerain township, Lancaster county, $387; and Cyrus Ferguson, Colerain township, Lancaster county, $3,890.

Briefly Noted News

Willard E. Clark has resigned his position as salesman for the H. M. Duychinck Co., in this town.

The Water Witch Fire Company of Port Deposit, will hold a festival Friday and Saturday, August 30-31.

Monday next, September 2nd, is Labor Day, and is supposed to mark the official closing of the vacation period.

Thieves entered the service station of H. L. Stillwell, near Barnsley, Pa., one night last week, and stole $75.00 while the proprietor slept.

Ebenezer church has been improved by painting and also interior decorating, the work being in active charge of the minister, Rev. C. H. Atkins.

The gross receipts of the recent Oxford, Pa., Fire Company carnival are announced as $17,000; far below the amounts taken in before depression struck our country.

Robert Fisher was in an auto accident Thursday, when his car got out of control and upset, near West Nottingham. The car was badly damaged, but the occupant was fortunate to escape with nothing worse than sundry cuts and bruises.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Danneberg, West Chester, Pa., announced the birth of a son in Chester County Hospital, who only lived a short time. The mother will be remembered as Miss Margaret Kidd of Calvert, Maryland.

The Mercury sedan, the grand prize awarded at the Oxford carnival, went to William Cassidy, of Chatham, Pa.

Mrs. Elsie Halsey, of Rising Sun, was awarded the eleven piece Living Room Suite.

Rev. Kenneth M. Gearhart, rector of Christ Church, Danville, Pa., has accepted the call as rector of St. John's Church, Havre de Grace. The church has been without a rector for the past few months when Rev. Robert M. Tomlinson resigned to become rector of Holy Trinity Church, Onancock, Virginia.

The Japanese beetles have disappeared from this locality but they left in their wake untold damage to roses and other flowers, grapes, and in fact nearly every growing crop. The beetles and the drought combined almost destroyed the sweet corn crop, all of the canneries now in operation are reporting the crop will be very short.

The many friends of Mr. Edwin Haines are glad to again greet him on the street and at his store. Our venerable townsman, who observed his ninety-fourth birthday in January last, met with a serious accident the latter part of March, when he was struck by an auto in front of his place of business, suffering injury to both of his legs. One leg was broken and the ankle of the other leg fractured. Mr. Haines was confined to the house nearly five months, but retained his good health and cheerful spirits and is again to be seen at his hardware store daily, where he attends to the books and greets customers, as sprightly as a man many years younger.

Hospital Patients

Miss Sally Ann McKee is a hospital patient, where she underwent an appendix operation on Thursday.

John M. Clayton, of Calvert, is a patient in Union Hospital, Elkton, where he sustained an operation.

Mr. Hugh Evans sustained an appendicitis operation in Union Hospital, Elkton.

Francis, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kennard of this town, was operated on at the Havre de Grace Hospital for enlarged tonsils and adenoids.

Boating Party Has Narrow Escape

A group of young people from Port Herman had a narrow escape from drowning last week. They attempted to cross the river in a boat too small to accommodate all of them. The small craft started to sink, and all hands took to the water to swim ashore. They all reached safety after much difficulty, but one girl suffered a heart attack and had to be taken to the home of Dr. Wells for treatment.

Real Estate Sales

Wheeler & Grier, Realtors, have sold for the George C. Logan, Est., the store property adjoining the Logan home at Rowlandsville, Cecil county, Md., to Horace B. Smith of same place. Also, the general store business of Mrs. Elizabeth Logan to the same party. It is understood that Mr. Smith will take over this business on or about Sept. 1st.

Shore Commissioners At Ocean City

A program covering problems from accounting to roads building and forestry, was considered at the convention of the Eastern Shore County Commissioners' Association at Ocean City on Saturday.

Walter G. McCready, of Crisfield, president of the nine-county organization presided.

Principal speakers and their topics at the all-day sesion included:

H. L. Langrall, "Accounting As It Applies To County Finance"; P. Watson Webb, State Roads Commission member, "Roads"; J. Milton Patterson, director of the State Department of Public Welfare, "Relief and Welfare"; Joseph T. Rothrock, district forester, "Forestry"; State Senator Wilmer Fell Davis, Caroline county, "Almshouse Problems", and J. Harvey Buress, of Bridgeville, Del., "The Country Editor."

Special aspects of these general questions as they affect the Eastern Shore were reviewed by the speakers and in discussions.

Cecil County Rod And Gun Club

The The Cecil County Rod and Gun Club held its August meeting in the hall at Oakwood on Friday evening, the 16th.

Theodore Brown, president of the club, explained the aims and purpose of the organization, and also reviewed its past activities.

Clifford Pyle, Secretary, brought before the group the part the club had taken in regard to the distribution of game in this country.

Gywn Goodman, chairman of the Cecil County Advisory Council, spoke briefly on the actions of this group.

Morris Hudson, Deputy Game Warden, explained the proper distribution and care of game.

Messrs. Kilby, McHenry and Lutman spoke for the Oakwood group. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the sportsmen in the Oakwood district meet in the near future and inform the officials of the Rod & Gun Club whether they wanted an organization of their own or become a branch of the county club.

The next meeting of the organization will be held in the Trinity Parish House, Elkton, on Friday evening, September 13, at 8 p. m.

Fell From Bike

Master Donald Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Johnson, of near town, met with a painful accident on Friday afternoon, and has since been swathed in bandages. He and Francis Durham were riding a bike "double" down the Brookview cemetery lane, when they had a bad spill, Donald being badly cut and bruised when thrown on the gravel roadway, requiring the services of Dr. R. C. Dodson. The other lad was more fortunate, and escaped injury.

Tuberculosis Clinics Slated In Maryland

The Maryland Tuberculosis Association has announced that it will hold 26 free clinics in various parts of the state, during September. One of the clinics will be held at Cecilton, on Sept. 2. Dr. W. A. Bridges will be in charge of the Cecilton clinic. There will also be a clinic at Havre de Grace, on Sept. 19th.

Red Cross Donations

On August 21st, the Cecil County Chapter, American Red Cross, sent to the Red Cross Warehouse in Jersey City, N. J., the following refugee garments made by volunteer workers throughout the county: 5 men's sweaters, 5 women's sweaters, 11 children's sweaters, 13 pairs of socks, 7 pairs of mittens, 15 women's dresses, 12 children's dresses, 2 layettes.

Declared Legally Dead

The Orphan's Court for Cecil County, in session at Elkton, passed an order declaring George Perkins, son of the late John W. and Mrs. Virginia Perkins of Elkton, who has not been heard from since 1896, legally dead. The court also ordered a distribution of his parents' estate made by the executors.

Charged with having no-tax liquor in his possession for purpose of sale, Clarence Craven was arrested by Sheriff David Randolph and Town Officer Elwood Boyd of Elkton Monday evening, and lodged in jail pending a hearing. The liquor was found by the officers visiting Craven's home on Collins Street in Elkton.

Centennial Reunion Of Balderston Clan

September 7 and 8 have been set for a centennial reunion of the Balderston Clan at the ancestral home established near West Nottingham in early 1841, and later to be known as Colora. 112 living descendants of the 132 in the family of Lloyd and Catherine Canby Balderston have had invitations to attend and it is expected that a large majority will be on hand.

Early arrivals include Daniel S. and Jane Balderston Dye, who arrived on August 14 by air, water and land from Chentgu, West China, and are visiting at the home of Jane's mother, Myra A. Balderston. Edward Balderston, of McLaughlin, South Dakota, arrived at the same home on August 24. All the ten children and twelve grandchildren of this branch of the family expect to be on hand.

Others from a distance include Dr. W. W. and Catherine Jones Cadbury, of Canton, China, who are also home on furlough and Dr. Thomas E. and Esther Balderston Jones, from Fiske University, in Tennessee, where he is President. John Balderston, of Movy farms also expects to be present.

Lloyd and Catherine Canby Balderston were married in November 1842. They had twelve children, three of whom died in infancy. Their descendents were 12 children, 32 grandchildren, 52 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild, and 38 in-laws. A total of 135, of whom 114 are living.

Robbery Suspects Arrested

The store of N. R. Touchstone in Zion was burglarized and looted of cigarettes and tobacco goods Sunday night by theives who gained entrance by breaking open the rear door. The store has been robbed frequently.

The garage of Wilbur Nickle at Principio Furnace was broken open and looted of tools and small cash early Monday morning.

Sheriff David Randolph and his deputy, Robert Boyd, and Sergeant Peterson of the state police, after investigating the Touchstone robbery, arrested Arthur Ott, Stanley Ott, James Collins and Hallus Collins, all of the Zion section. Some of the alleged stolen goods were found at the home of Arthur Ott, the officers say.

Jacob Tome Institute Registration

Faculty members of the Jacob Tome Institute will meet Monday, Sept. 9, in Washington Hall in preparation for the opening of school on Tuesday. Registration, already started, will continue till Sept. 10.

Grades have been reclassified as follows: Primary school, kindergarden through fourth grade; grammar school, fifth grade through sixth grade; junior high school, seventh through ninth grade; senior high school, tenth through twelfth grade. All others will be the post graduate group.

Clark--Murphy

Miss Charlotte Clark, of Baltimore, and Mr. Charles Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Murphy of Colora, were married in Baltimore on Sunday, August 18. The happy couple left that evening for California, where Mr. Murphy is employed at plumbing.

Band Concert Postponed

The concert scheduled to be given in Rising Sun by the Elkton Band on Tuesday evening, was postponed on account of rain. And how it did rain! In fact it began raining Sunday and stuck at it pretty steadily Sunday night, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The postponed concert by the Band will be given at a date yet to be announced.

Children Injured By Roller

Walter Taylor, Jr., seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor, who live on the farm of Mrs. Elsie Johnson, Rowlandsville, was taken to Havre de Grace Hospital on Thursday in a serious condition, as the result of an accident. The lad, with his younger sister, was playing about a roller and was run over by the heavy farm implement. He suffered a fracture of the right leg and internal injuries. His little sister suffered a fractured hand.

The Maryland Traffic Safety Committee says, "Drive Safely! Walk Safely! and have no regrets when the Labor Day holiday is over."

Personal And Social

Miss Dorothy Fisher is spending the week with her sister in Philada.

Leroy Nesbitt and John Hindman, Jr., have been on the sick list.

Mrs. C. W. Ashby has been visiting Miss Catherine Evans in Manasquan, N. J.

Mrs. Job W. Kirk had as her recent guest Mrs. Ralph E. Reynolds, of Baltimore.

Miss Ethel Burkins was operated on in Union Hospital, Elkton, Thursday, for tonsils and adenoids.

Miss Ruth E. Jenkins, Baltimore, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jenkins.

Mrs. A. J. Dinsmore and Master William Trimble were entertained on Wednesday by Mrs. Marion Brumfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Denman Garrison were Saturday visitors of Mrs. Maratha Harding.

Miss Ruth Biles visited Miss Evelyn Kordes in Long Island, New York during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Fisher are on a motor trip through Kentucky and other states in the South.

Dr. E. A. Bechtel, of New Orleans, is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Bechtel at West Nottingham.

Paul Greybeal, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn H. Graybeal, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Teeple and son, Gifford, Monkton, Md., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fassitt.

Misses Nancy and Dorothy Edwards, Perryville, are spending the week with their aunt, Mrs. Harry Plummer.

Miss Anna Davidson and Miss Eleanor McCauley are spending the week at White Crystal Beach, along the Bohemia river.

Mr. and Mrs. James Flounders, of Akron, Ohio, have been visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Flounders.

Mrs. Harry Murphy and Miss Joyce Francis, of Philada., were visitors last week of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johnson.

Mrs. Clarence Achby and Miss Katherine Kirk were visitors last week of Miss C. P. Evans, at Manasquan, New Jersey.

Mrs. Annie Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jenkins and Jane Jenkins spent sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buck, Port Deposit.

Dr. Merton Cameron and son, from Honolulu, have been recent guests of the former's brother-in-law, Jenks Smith and family, near Zion.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shingler returned to Rising Sun this week, after spending the summer vacation period in Altoona, Pa. Mr. Shingler is a member of Rising Sun High School faculty.

Mrs. Ella Reese, Miss M. Lidie Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. David Reese are enjoying a motor trip to the Old Dominion State, visiting historic Williamsburg and other points of interest, as well as going over the Skyline Drive.

Mrs. J. E. Tyson, Mrs. Carroll H. Cameron, Mrs. Leslie Rawlings, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. T. Tyson were among those from our community to enjoy a special three-day excursion to the World's Fair at New York last week.

House guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Bechtel, at "Oaklawn", West Nottingham, have been Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cooch, of Dillsburg, Pa.; Dr. and Mrs. L. N. Tate, of Galesburg, Ill.; Miss Sara Witherspoon, of Fairmont, Ill.; Mrs. Anne Auchenback, Mr. Ralph Bram, of Reading, Pa.; Mrs. Edna Masters, Miss Gail Masters, of Bessemer, Michigan; Dr. E. A. Bechtel, of New Orleans, Louisana.

The marriage of Miss Helen Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Clinton Logan of Rising Sun, and Ellsworth Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barr, of Port Deposit, took place Friday evening, August 16, at Tome Methodist parsonage, Rev. J. W. Jones officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Winchester were the attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Barr are residing in Port Deposit. The groom is employed at the Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Edward Balderston, of McLaughlin, South Dakota, is visiting his mother and family. He arrived just in time to attend the Centennial of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church and to hear Mr. Briggs, who was pastor when he was home for a short stay after his father's death.

Election Board Will Direct Conscription

Machinery To Be Put In Operation By Supervisors When Bill Is Enacted

In the event of the enactment of the Burke-Wadsworth bill by Congress, the Board of Election Supervisors of Cecil County, embracing T. Bayard Vinyard, president; Harvey W. Ewing, of Rising Sun, and Tobias Rudolph, of Elkton, together with the counsel for the Board. J. Albert Roney, Jr., of North East, will set up the necessary machinery to handle conscription in this county.

According to the provisions of the measure now before the national congress, the election boards are designated to handle the registration in the regular polling places, and the boards of supervisors of the various counties may use the present poll officials, or may designate any other workers they might choose for the task.

The call for conscription instruction was issued by Lieut. Col. Henry C. Stanwood, National Guard officer on Governor O'Conor's staff and on the day the Cecil County officials sat with the instructors, several other counties were represented.

According to Mr. Scott, the present registration plans call for two officials at each table where the men who come within the age limits, to be set by the conscription legislation, will present themselves. The man registering his name will be interrogated by the officials who will fill in prescribed cards. A card will then be issued to the draftee. The cards on file will be bundled and wrapped and sent to state headquarters and finally another board, later to be appointed, will do the drawing.

"It must be considered, however," Mr. Scott said, "that as yet there is no conscription law on the books, and not until such law is passed will anything really definite be known about the final set-up."

Murphy--Jackson

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Anna E. Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy of Elkton, to Mr. W. Vernon Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jackson of Elk Mills. The wedding took place on Aug. 16 at Havre de Grace, with the Rev. Cromwell of the Methodist church officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hufnal, Jr., were the attendants.

Metcalfe--Kolar

Miss Doris Metcalfe, Elkton high school chemistry teacher, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gilson Metcalfe, of Baltimore, was married Friday August 16, to William Kolar, of Baltimore, with the borther-in-law of the bride, an Episcopal minister, officiating. The bride and groom came to Elkton to spend the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Dunbar and then motored to Ocean City, Maryland, to spend the week. They will make their home in Elkton.

McSparran--Brown

The marriage of Miss Frances Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Brown, Chestnut Level, Pa., and J. Walter McSparran, Hensel, took place Thursday afternoon Aug. 15, in the Methodist Memorial Church, White Plains, N. Y., by the Rev. Willmathis Dunn, the pastor.

The bride wore Eleanore blue with matching accessories and a corsage of sweetheart roses.

Mrs. McSparran is a graduate of the Presbyterian Hospital, Hospital, Philada., and for the past four years has been night supervisor of the nursing staff at the New York Orthopedic Hospital, White Plains. Mr. McSparran is a merchant at Hensel, Pa.

Goss--Davidson

The marriage of Miss Virginia Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Davidson, 116 North Fourth street, Oxford, Pa., and Joseph E. Goss, Broad street, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Goss, Kennett Square, took place Sunday afternoon, Aug. 18, at 2 o'clock at the parsonage of the Rising Sun Methodist church; Rev. J. B. Dickerson performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate families and a few close friends.

The bride wore a brown net ensemble with matching accessories. Mr. and Mrs. William McNamee, brother-in-law and sister of the bride, were the attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Goss will reside in Oxford. The groom is a salesman for H. T. Walton & Son, Chevrolet dealers; the bride holds a position with The Oxford News.