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MISS NUTTER'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

One of the Dramatic Club plays to be presented before the P.T.A. on December 18, is under the direction of Miss Nutter. It is another of the Jones family plays, "Pop Reads the Christmas Carol", concerning the efforts of Dad to have a quiet, sober Christmas Eve. The characters are as follows: Mr. Jones, the father, David Bolen; Mrs. Jones, the mother, Gladys McMullen, Paul Jones, the older son, Edward Kilby; Junior Jones, the kid brother, Robert Howery; Mary Jones, the daughter, Harriet Coale; Jeane, Paul's girl friend, Marialice Harrington; Jack, Mary's boy friend, Ernest Cullen.

Ella Wigton

ANDERSON'S CIRCUS

On November 29, the Rising Sun High School pupils were pleasantly entertained by the assembly, sponsored by the Anderson's Circus.

Trixie, who scored the highest diving record for dogs, was very interesting to the audience. The coyote, monkeys and other dogs were very interesting, also. Don, the pony, was very humorous by telling pupils how old they were and by picking out colors of the American flag. The assembly ended with a loud applause from all the students.

Dorothy Fisher
Marie Jones

Notice: Instead of the previously announced Parent Teacher's Meeting scheduled for December 19, it will be held on Wednesday night, December 18.

We had a movie in which the King and Queen of England came over to the United States for a visit. They went to Mount Vernon, where the King placed a wreath on George Wasihngton's tomb. The first place they went was the Ambassador of England's home. They were escorted by army tanks and policemen on motor cycles.

MR. PRETTYMAN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

The Dramatic Club will present the P.T.A., a play on December 18, under the direction of Mr. Prettyman. The play "Light Dessert for Christmas," concerns a poor family having a surprise turkey sent to them for Christmas, and as they were kind hearted they shared it with a group of others. The characters are as follows: Mrs. Tompkins, the mother, Hazel Coale; Helen, the daughter, Phylis Alger; Tommy, the son, Samuel Nickle; Benny Kolynos, Telford Lutman; Mrs. Kolynos, the Greek neighbor, Loiuse Carter; Rev. Grant Mason, Richard Hall; Marjory Whiting, Helen's girlfriend, Norma Price; Peter Byrd, the uncle, William Stuart; Mrs. Byrd, the aunt, Ethel Brammer; Patricia Parrot, Carolyn Sebold; Mathilda Parrot, Ruby Graybeal; Delivery Boy, Geo. Coulter.

Ella Wigton

OUR LIBRARY

Our school library has this year decided to open to the neighborhood and student parents. We have about one thousand books including four sets of Encyclopedias and about fifty biographies. This last year we have spent around $120.00, $45.00 of which was spent on the last order. We have been building up our library for the high school students, but we are sure the parents would enjoy them too.

Some of the new books are as follows: "Boys Life of Lincoln," "Tragedy in France", "Wuthering Heights", "David Cooperfield", "So Big", "Goodbye Mr. Chips", "Hurricane", "Green Light", "Slave Ship", and "Mother".

If any of the parents have any good, well bound books, that they have no more use for, we would appreciate them very much. Mrs. Wm. Cherry gave "The Yearling" and "A Great Day". We appreciate them very much. Help build your library!

Doris Lucas

BETHEL FARM

Mr. England and Clifford look over the farm which the youngster will probably help manage some day. P. R. Brandon, one of Mr. England's helpers, holds the young man's mount, a 2-year-old Jersey.

Farming is quite different today from what it was 200 years ago. But Bethel Farm, which has been known as such since 1740, is still the means of providing a happy way of life for lovers of the soil. This fine old farm on Route 2, Rising Sun, Md., is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett R. England, their children, Francis, 11, Helen, 8, and Clifford, 3, and Mr. England's father, C. C. England.

The original owners of the land would be surprised if they could return and see how farming is being done in 1940. No doubt the "old timers" who felt that land changed little regardless of its treatment would wonder why Mr. England rotates his crops, why he plants treated seed of known origin, why he applies certain types of fertilizer to certain crops, why he is careful to provide his livestock with a balanced ration, why he does many things they never did. But if they questioned his practises, they would not have to search far for a justification of his methods. They would find that the cows, fed a balanced ration, are healthy and producing large quantities of milk. They would see abundant harvests made possible through treated, known-origin seed, planted on properly fertilized and handled land. They would see on every side evidences of careful planning.

Mr. England's 18 acres of barley, planted this fall with two bushels of seed to the acre, are expected to yield 50 bushels an acre. This crop, fertilized with open formula 0-14-6, followed sweet corn and tomatoes.

Three silos have been filled for the winter, two with corn husks and one with pea vines. The barn is all but overflowing with red clover, alfalfa, and timothy. Barley, alfalfa, and ensilage supplemented with Southern States Milkmaker, constitute the barn-feed for the herd of 35 Jersey cows.

Mr. England is active in farm organization work, and finds time to serve on the board of directors of Southern States Rising Sun Service.

Surely farming is not what it used to be at Bethel, but through good management, it is successful.

When friends drop in, Mrs. Roosevelt scrambles eggs; little people, afraid of seeming little, rustle up a big dinner.

American agriculture, and a large part of American industry, must depend more and more on the American market for a living. The reason is plain, loss of European markets as an inevitable result of the war.

Don't condemn people for being loyal to an awful man. Think of our wives.

Free land: One where 130 million people are left exposed to foreign enemies because a few decide to strike.

Those who live by the sword shall perish by the taxes.

Christmas Season Celebrated Before Christ Was Born

Strange as it seems, the Christmas season was celebrated long before Christ was born. Of course, it wasn't called Christmas then, but many religious and pagan ceremonies were held during the Christmas period.

This period is celebrated by the Jews as the Festival of Lights or Dedication. According to Jewish history, a large force of Maccabees defeated an army of Syrians in 165 B. C. The victors began the work of purifying the desolate Jerusalem, completing their task on December 25. The Jews have celebrated the eight days previous to December 25 ever since that time.

The proximity of Christmas to the winter solstice caused many pagan ceremonies to be held during that period. In Scandinavian countries, great fires were kindled in the middle of December to defy the Frost King.

Centuries before this, the ancient Druids of England observed this season in their roofless temples. Torches blazed as strange ceremonies were performed, dealing with the cutting of the mistletoe.

Several accepted Christmas customs of today originated with the old Roman celebration of Saturnalia. The higher class of free Romans exchanged presents with their friends. Inside houses, candles were lit and the rooms and hall adorned with laurel and green trees.

These festivals in honor of the god Saturnus were started before the earliest recorded history of that great empire. The pagans celebrated from December 17 to 24 in honor of their sun god. Among the slaves and lower classes, the celebration was transformed into unrestrained orgies.

Even the ancient Egyptians celebrated the Midwinter festival. Near the end of December they rejoiced over the birth of Horus, son of the god Isis.

The last religious celebration to be held on Christmas day appeared in the middle of the Fourth century, A. D. At this time various dates assigned to the birth of Christ were examined; and the Catholic church in Rome proclaimed December 25 to be Christmas.

BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS PICTURE IN FULL COLOR

A timely, charming painting in the Holiday spirit, by Henry Clive, distinguished American artist, reproduced in full color. Don't miss this feature in the December 22 issue of

THE AMERICAN WEEKLY

the big magazine distributed with the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN

PLEA FOR SAFETY DRIVING PRACTICES

Grave concern over the mounting toll of deaths from streets and highway accidents in the State was expressed by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor in a plea to all Marylanders, motorists and pedestrians alike, to take every precaution in order to stop the many serious accidents now occurring.

"Following the naming of the Maryland Traffic Safety Committee last September," the Governor declared, "there was a decided improvement in traffic conditions in the State. Particularly in the counties the death toll was reduced markedly.

"During the past several months, however, not only in this State but in many states in the Union, there has been a staggering number of fatal accidents reported, a condition due in part here in Maryland to the greatly increased use of the roads. The State Administration is bending every effort towards making our roads system imperative that our State people realize the dangers, and take the necessary added precautions.

"With the approach of the holiday season, a season when joy is the prevalent note, it will be particularly distressing if, through accidents on our roads, a number of our people lose their lives. Yet this surely will happen, particularly under adverse weather conditions, unless motorists and pedestrians alike drive and walk more carefully, and give thought continuously to the danger of reckless or careless actions.

"I appeal with the utmost sincerity to every person in our State to be on the alert to help in this very worthwhile effort towards saving the lives of our citizens."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"God the Only Cause and Creator" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 15.

The Golden Text will be from Proverbs 2:6, 8, "The Lord giveth wisdom; out of his mouth cometh wisdom and understanding. . .He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints."

Among the citations comprising the Lesson-Sermon will be the following from the Bible, Psalms 76:1: "In Judah is God known; his name is great in Isreal."

The Lesson-Sermon also will include passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, among which is the following, page 22, "Work out your own salvation' is the demand of Life and Love, for to this end God worketh with you."

Better not say anybody is "disloyal to his class". To have such an idea is to be disloyal to all that makes America.

MILES RIVER REGATTA

Commodore J. Norman Marshall, of the Miles River Yacht Club, at the November meeting held at St. Micheals, Md., stated that the annual regatta would be held during the first week-end in August, 1941.

Perhaps the world's largest water carnival, the Miles River Regatta has come to be known as the Poor Man's Regatta, where every man may take part, on matter how small his boat may be. About 1800 boats attend annually, bringing 10,000 people for the three day program of racing. There is always a big field of Stars and Comets and fast power boats, but the photographer finds his prayers answered when the log canoes and minature clipper ships spread their white wings to the breezes. St. Micheals Club House is located on the Miles River on Maryland's famous Eastern Shore, approximately 50 miles southeast of Baltimore, the way the crow flies.

MILK COW A GOOD BET

"As a grain and hay burner, the milk cow looks like a pretty good bet this winter," John L. Wilson of the U. S. Department of Agriculture told milk dealers at their Atlantic City convention this fall. Wilson, a Federal agricultural statistican, reviewed the summer season when cows generally maintained their flow of milk as the result of better than average pastures and farmers feeding grain and concentrates enough so that the average production was higher than usual.

For the winter, this unusually high flow is likely to continue, Wilson says. Hay supplies are ample--the second largest per unit of livestock in 12 years, and farmers can feed milk cows from their better quality hay. Feed grains and by-products feeds are available in the largest supply--in proportion to livestock numbers--in 15 years, and concentrate rations need not be skimped. Dairy product prices, he finds, have been about average in relation to feed grains. This combination, Wilson pointed out, accounts for the highlights of the milk supply situation. There is hay and grain for the cows to burn.

GREAT NEW SERIAL OF THE STAGE

"The Poison Crystal". New serial in which love and hate play dramatic roles begins in the December 22 issue of

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The cows in America yield a combined average total of more than 100,000 quarts of milk every 60 seconds throughout the day's 24 hours.

CHRISTMAS SEALS HAVE INTERESTING HISTORY

Christmas Seals, which support the work of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association have had an interesting history.

The idea originated with a Danish postal clerk, Einar Holbell, who in 1903 thought how easily rich and poor alike could build a hospital for tuberculosis children if each letter carried a small penny stamp of the season's greetings.

His idea crystallized into a plan which was sanctioned by the royal family. The next Christmas, 1904, the Danish people built the hospital through their generous response to the first nation-wide Christmas Seal Sale.

The Seal came from Denmark to America on a letter to Jacob Riis of New York, author, reporter and pioneer in the field of social service. He envisioned what the small Seal could do in this country toward the control of tuberculosis and in an article in the "Outlook" urged its adoption here.

Miss Emily Bissell of Delaware was trying to save a small children's sanatorium on the Brandywine from closing through lack of funds. She read Mr. Riis's article and determined to give the Seal a try.

Miss Bissell, herself, designed the Seal and borrowed $40 in order to pay for the printing.

The first American Christmas Seal went on sale in Wilmington on December 9, 1907 and instead of raising $300, Miss Bissell had $3000 when the campaign was ended. Everyone knew that Christmas Seals were the media through which the fight against tuberculosis could be carried on when a ragged newsboy reached up to the marble counter, higher than his head, and put down his penny for the first tuberculosis Seal sold in America saying, "Gimme one, my sister's got it."

The following year, 1908, Maryland had its first tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale and ever since these penny Seals have been winning the battle against the "white plague" in this state.

From the humble beginnings Christmas Seals have spread thruout the land and all over the world. They range from New Zealand to Alaska, from China to France. Great countries, small countries, 45 in all now have or have had Christmas Seals campaigns of their own in the effort to stamp out tuberculosis.

Commenting on the story of the Christmas Seal Doctor Samuel Wolman, president of the Maryland Tubercuoslis Association said, "Public health can be bought. The dollars spent by the citizens of Maryland for tuberculosis Christmas Seals have been and are an investment in health in their own community. Continued dividends from such investments are beyond reckoning.

"Year-round activities, Doctor Wolman continued, "financed by Christmas Seals include, medical research, tuberculin testing, x-rays, clinics, and the Miracle House, a preventorium for undernourished children."

FISHING FAIR AT NORTH BEACH

At the 5th annual meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Fishing Fair Asso. Inc., held at Preston, Md., North Beach, a resort port on the Western Shore of the Chesapeake, 25 miles south of Annapolis and directly across the Bay from Tilghmans, was chosen as headquarters port for the 6th annual Fishing Fair Grand Contest.

North Beach and Chesapeke Beach, famed for excellent bathing, good fishing, and fine food, and unexcelled hospitality, are making plans for the big angler's convention on a grand scale.

Stewart Kennard, Director of Special Events for radio station, WFBR, in Baltimore, was elected President. Altogether, Mr. Kennard has broadcast 116-fifteen minute programs for the Fishing Fair Association.

Max Chambers of Preston, was reelected Executive Secretary, and reported that more than 200,000 pieces of literature were distributed by the Association during the 1940 season and that the prospects for good fishing in 1941 looked good. The Association awards 36 trophies and nearly a hundred prizes at the Annual Grand Contest and issues a free Guide Book, telling the whole story of Chesapeake Fishing each summer. Many requests have already been received for the 1941 book.

BLUEPRINT FOR AGRICULTURE

It will be New Year's resolution time almost before we knew it. And here's one good resolution for progressive farmers: "I'll get behind the marketing cooperative movement and support it more aggressively than ever."

That's a resolution that shouldn't be broken. For marketing cooperation in all the important agricultural fields has proven itself worthy of any farmer's backing. It has gone through good times and bad, and it has done its job under all conditions. It isn't dominated by politics, and its policies don't switch with changing political winds. It's a real business, working on proven business principles.

Each year has seen an increase in the membership of the marketing cooperatives, and in their influence.