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SHORE TEACHERS IN SPRING GATHERING

Address Delivered By U. S. Senator Pepper Of Florida

The Upper Shore Region of the Maryland State Teachers Association met Saturday, April 5, at Washington College, Chestertown. The group includes Cecil, Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne and Talbot counties.

The meeting was presided over by M. U. Zimmermon, principal of Easton High School, and formerly of Rising Sun.

The principal speaker of the occasion was U. S. Senator Claude Pepper, of Florida, who told his audience that the hope of the future of democracy lies in the right kind of education for each coming generation.

"Democracy today requires knowedge first of all", he said. . . . "We too often speak of the privileges of democracy without the obligations of democracy. The educational system of our nation must, therefore, not only teach men that knowledge which is power but it must teach them how to use that power to a righteous end.

"So democracy must teach citizenship, government, understanding of public problems, even world affairs, as much as it must teach them reading, writing and 'rithmetic—as much as it must teach them how to make a living. We must teach men and women how not only to better themselves but to better mankind".

Among other speakers at the one-day meeting were Miss Hazel Scotten and Miss Katherine Leonbard, of Trappe High School, and Prof. Hugh Caldwell, of Cordova High School.

Cecil County Farm Bureau

The Central Planning Group of Cecil County Farm Bureau met March 27 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McDowell, near Cavert, when John B. Astle, of Rising Sun, was elected president; Atlee Armour, of Rising Sun, vice-president; Harvey Simmers, of Zion, secretary; Murray Cameron of North East, discussion leader.

The group discussed the question of Draft Exemption for Farm Labor and a letter was sent Senator Tydings inquiring as to classification. Canning crops were also discussed and some farmers decided not to plant tomatoes because of the help question, due to defense activities. Following the discussion of the corn allotment program a social hour with refreshments was held.

LOCAL BILLS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE

The Maryland General Assembly, which adjourned in the early morning hours of April 1st, after overrunning the time limit some hours, passed over 900 measures, State and county, during the ninety day session.

Of local interest were two pension bills passed, one granting a pension of $1,500 per year to John J. Hartnett, who had served 40 years as court stenographer at Elkton, and another granting Judge Evans, of Cecil Circuit Court, a pension of $2000 a year after he reaches 70 years of age. The judges pension bill also carried a yearly salary for those who had served fifteen years or more and had reached 70 years of $3500.

A bill giving the power to the County Commissioners to float a bond issue for Union Hospital was defeated.

A bill raising the salaries of Cecil County Commissioners to $1500 per year was passed by both houses.

The bill to authorize the State Roads Commission to reopen the double deck bridge between Havre de Grace and Perryville under the same toll as used on the new bridge, was passed, and it is presumed the Governor will sign the measure.

A bill providing for a state bond issue to be paid from tolls to improve Route No. 1 from Baltimore county to the Pennsylvania line, in the discretion of the State Roads Commission, was passed.

Elkton Marriage Mart Still Flourishing

While the bill designed to curb court-waiver wedlock awaited the signature of Governor O'Conor before becoming effective, Elkton's marriage business continued brisk.

Court records indicate that almost 14 per cent or 28 out of 195—of the licenses issued during the week between March 27 and April 2 were allowed on court orders waiving the forty-eight-hour period otherwise required by law. The percentage is comparable to those of previous weeks.

One measure, passed by the last session of the Legislature and now awaiting signature, would eliminate the judges' privilege of waiving the waiting period unless at least one of the license applicants is a resident of Maryland.

License Board Refuses Application

The Board of License Commissioners for Cecil County has refused the application of Albert Cemorosi for a beer liense at his home along Singerly road. Protests were lodged against granting the license.

ROAD BUILDING RESUMED IN STATE

Work On Philadelphia Dual Highway

With the arrival of spring weather, work has been resumed on highway construction projects in many parts of the State, including the uncompleted sections of the Philada. road relocation.

The Philada. road, a dual lane highway, has been open to traffic since late last fall, but only the westbound lane was paved all the way from the Susquehanna river to the Delaware line.

Work has been resumed on the eastbound lane, and the paving of the entire road is to be completed by summer.

In addition, contractors are working on three bridges on this road, one over the Pennsylvania Railroad trcks, and two over Little Elk cheek all in the outskirts of Elkton.

Work has been resumed on 2.22 miles of paving from Foy's Hill to Broad creek. Paving operations between North East and Bacon Hill are to be resumed April 15 if weather permits.

Several sections of the Philada. road, where paving is complete, still require work on gravel shoulders and on the central parkway. This work is to be resumed as soon as weather conditions are suitable.

Chesapeake City D. Of A. Entertain

Charter Oak Council, Daughters of America, of Chesapeake City, was host to the councils of Cecil, Kent, and Caroline counties at a rally in the fire house in Chesapeake City, Thursday afternoon and evening. The meetings started at 2 o'clock and were in charge of Mrs. Ella Lum, district deputy.

At 5 p. m. a supper was served to the visitors and guests in the Pensel Building, and at 8:30 a public installation of officers was held under direction of National Councilor Mrs. Leona LeBrun, assisted by State Councilor Mrs. Margaret Potts, of Elkton; and her State staff.

Lad Falls In River And Drowns

Falling into the Susquehanna river while playing on Abraham's wharf, at Havre de Grace, John Lutz, 7-year-old son of Luther Lutz, was drowned Sunday.

Members of the Susquehanna Hose Company tried for four hours to resuscitate the boy.

John, with a younger brother, was playing on the wharf when he fell verboard. The brother ran screaming to the home a short distance away. John Maurice grandfather of the boy ran to the wharf and dived time and again trying to find the body, which was located a few minutes later by persons dragging the bottom. The firemen started efforts to revive the boy almost immediately.

OLD SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BRIDGE

Bill To Reopen The Double-Deck Span

The fate of the old double-decker bridge—whether it once again shall bear traffic across the Susquehanna or come tumbling down for scrap iron—rests with Governor O'Conor.

The Legislature passed and sent to O'Conor a bill directing and authorizing the State Roads Commission to open the old span to local traffic, with tolls to be charged.

When the new bridge was built, a covenant in the bond issue directed destruction of the old double-decker, in recent years a free bridge. The legislative act presumably would be an "out" from this provision.

Residents of both Havre de Grace and Perryville, across the river, fought against tolls, and recently were given communtation rates far below the normal charges on the new bridge. The double-decker also has been opened for pedestrian traffic.

Local sentiment is strong for free passage across the river. But if tolls were charged on the double-decker under the bill, they likely would be low, set at a rate to cover only maintenance of the structure.

Governor O'Conor has not indicated whether he will sign the bill.

Senate Fails To Confirm Two Cecil Appointments

The failure of the Maryland Senate to confirm the appointments of Daniel H. Garrett of Elkton for police magistrate for the Third district and Arthur Van Lill as substitute police magistrate, is causing much speculation.

The unwritten law of the Senate is that it will not confirm local appointments if they are opposed by the senator from the county. Cecil Clyde Squier is the state senator from this county.

Mr. Van Lill is the present substitute police magistrate and Mr. Garrett served as a justice of the peace prior to being elected a member of the Board of County Commissioners.

Improvements At Janes Methodist Church

On Sunday last improvements and fixtures amounting to hundreds of dollars were presented to the Trustees of Janes Methodist Church. The list of the improvements: the auditorium and the Educational plant have been painted, the auditorium has been made more worshipful by two beautiful palms, a cross and candelabra, a new bulletin board has been placed in front of the church, a guest book and holder placed in the church entrance, a railing has been placed at the front entrance, new paint and kitchen equipment made the kitchen a still more attractive place, a ladies' parlor has recently been made.

INTERSTATE MILK PRODUCERS BANQUET

One hundred and sixty-eight members and guests of the local Interstate Milk Producers Association sat down to a splendid turkey dinner served in the auditorium of Rising Sun High School, on Friday evening last.

The banquet was served by the Parent-Teachers Association of the school and was under the direct supervision of Mrs. Selena Mackie, of the Home Economics Department, the High School girls acting as waitresses.

Perry A. Gibson, president of the Association, presided, and County Agent J. Z. Miller acted as toastmaster.

The speakers of the occasion included Dr. C. R. Roberts, of the Sheffield Farms Co., New York; Mr. R. M. Wellwood, vice-president Sheffield Farms, N. Y.; Dr. R. B. Corbett, Director Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Md.; and Mr. I. Ralph Zollers, secretary-treasurer Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative. The following is the dinner menu:

Fruit Cup
Roast Turkey Filling
Gravy
Baked Potato Carrots
Peas
Salad Rolls
Pickles Preserves Butter
Coffee Milk
Pie

Senior High School Play

Don't forget Thursday and Friday evenings, April 17th and 18th, those are the nights that the Senior Class of the Rising Sun High School is presenting its play, "New Fires", in the High School auditorium. The characters are as follows: Lucinda Andrews, Elaine Steele; Suzanne Toler, Louise Waddell; Sid Sperry, Charles Pierce; Jerry, Rodney White; Stephen Santry, Ernest Cullen; Billy, Ernest Richardson; Phyllis, Doroty Kyle; Anne, Patty Richards; Olive, Phyllis Alger; Eve, Anna Holbrook; Dick, Ralston Cullen; Dr. Lynn Gray, Emory Holbrook; Mary Marshall, Margaret Garris; Mrs. Marshall, Hazel Coale; Angie Sperry, Emily Ayers.

The play is an unusually fine one. Pleasing humor, interesting plot, real characters, a picture of everyday life---all blend to make the play enjoyable to all ages. The very capable cast is working hard to give a good interpretation of "New Fires".

The Senior Class would very much appreciate your support. Plan to come to the play.

GARDEN PILGRIMAGE PROGRAM

Several Estates In Cecil County Will Be Included In Tour

Mrs. Wallace Williams, Chairman of the Cecil Couty Committee for the Maryland Garden Pilgrimage, announces that the dates for the Maryland Pilgrimage this year, will be from May 2nd through May 11th, and Cecil County days will be May 7th and May 8th.

The Pilgrimage in Cecil County last year accounted for the sum of $382.80 toward the purchase of the Hammond-Harwood House in Annapolis, by the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Mrs. Gideen Stieff, Chairman.

Any lovers of our priceless historical Maryland homes will wish to include Kent County and the lower Eastern Shore homes in their visits this Spring.

In Cecil County, the beautiful Donaldsn Brown estate will be opened; also the charming home of Miss Lucy Clapp, "Fairlawn", with its lovely boxwood gardens; and the Tome House, home of Headmaster of Tome School, Dr. Mason Trentwell White and Mrs. White. All three of these homes are in Port Deposit.

In lower Cecil County, just across the Bohemia River, one may visit "Bohemia", the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Otley. Bohemia dates from 1740 and is famous for its Georgian architecture, beautiful Chippendale stairway, and hand moulded plaster ceiling decorations.

"Woodlawn", near Ceciliton, home of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Burrell will be opened. It was secured by royal grant from Charles II, by William Ward in 1686, and remained in the Ward family for seven generations. There are over 200 feet of boxwood in Mrs. Burrell's lovely gardens which terrace down to the creek behind Woodlawn.

The Maryland Garden Pilgrimage Committee is composed of Mrs. H. Rowland Clapp, Mrs. Martin Gillet, Mrs. Blanchard Randall, Jr., and Mrs. Harry Slack with headquarters in the Belvedere in Baltimore.

The Cecil County Committee is Mrs. Wallace Williams, Chairman, Mrs. H. A. Cantwell of North East, and Miss Lucy Clapp of Port Deposit. Tickets for the Tour may be had from the Committee or the hostesses. The roads will be plainly marked with green arrows leading to homes which are to be opened to the Pilgrimage.

BRIEFLY MENTIONED NEWS

J. Willis Hathaway, of Cecil Co., has entered suit in court for a divorce from Sadie R. Hathaway, a non-resident of Maryland, from whom the complainant alleges he has been separated since eight months after their marriage in June, 1934.

The Sunday School Boaord met with Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Buck on Tuesday evening of last week, when all the old officers were reelected. The May meeting will be with Miss Lidie Campbell.

George W. McCool and Charles H. Masemore, members of Elkton Town Council, whose terms expire next month, have announced their candidacy for reelection May 19.

The Reynolds School will hold their Annual "Bake", Wednesday, April 16th, in the Basement of the Methodist Church, Cake, pies, rolls, candy and lemonade for sale.

Aaron Reynolds, Pennsylvania Railroad station agent at Elkton, has purchased the Philip Rambo property on Bow street, in that town.

Harry Atkinson, of Charlestown, while employed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, was struck in the eye by a piece of lumber. He was taken to the hospital for treatment.

The Volunteer Fire Company of North East has selected July 18 to August 2, inclusive, as the dates for holding their annual carnival the coming summer.

The public schools of the county close on Thursday afternoon of this week for the Easter holiday, reopening on Tuesday morning next.

The Woman's Christian Society met in Janes Methodist church on Thursday afternoon last, with about fifty members present. A talk on China was given by Mrs. Everist, of Liberty Grove. Following a pleasant social hour refreshments were served.

A county-wide meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliaries of the Fire Companies will be held at Chesapeake City Wednesday evening, April 23. Chesapeake City Auxiliary will be hostess to the visitors.

Mrs. H. K. Thomas, who has returned to her home here much benefited in health, wishes to thank her many friends for the cards, flowers and gifts sent her while she was a patient in the hospital.

Perry A. Gibson, of near town, met with a painful accident last week, when he accidentally cut a deep gash in his leg with an axe.

Malvern T. Jeffers, of Elkton, suffered painful burns about the hand and forearm as he was throwing rubbish on a fire in his yard.

The Council of Churches of Cecil County is conducting a Holy Week Assembly in all of the High Schools of the County.

Dr. J. Leroy Trone, of Elkton, has been appointed by Governor O'Conor a member of the Cecil County Draft Board.

Glenn Meeks has secured a position as salesman for the Grand Union Tea Company.

The Elkton Town Council has voted down the proposal to adopt daylight saving time.

A truck loaded with lumber crashed into the rear of another truck, also loaded with lumber, on the new dual highway, near Elkton, early Friday morning. Joseph C. Black, aged 27, of Crochet, Va., was killed and Goodwin W. Mower, aged 29, of North Gardens, Va., badly injured.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

The wedding of Miss Rhoda White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. White, of Perryville, and Mr. Nelson A. Walker, son of Mr and Mrs. Cecil Walker, of Havre de Grace, will take place Saturday, April 19, at Perryville Methodist Church, at 7 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. John Donnelly, well-known residents of Havre de Grace, will be at home on Sunday afternoon, April 13 from four to five o'clock, in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Dr R. C. Dodson, who was a patient in Union Hospital, Elkton, last week receiving treatment for throat trouble, was able to return to his home here on Sunday, greatly improved.

Mr. Vernon Tome, of near town, is confined to his home by illness.

Miss Marian McCardell is among those on the sick list.

Mrs. H. K .Thomas returned to her home here on Saturday, from Methodist Hospital, Philada., where she sustained an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. William McNamee entertained a number of friends on Saturday evening, at their home on Cherry street.

Joseph Touchton, Philada., is spending Easter school vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Touchton.

Mr. H. J. Effing, of Philada., a former resident here, visited Rising Sun friends during the week.

Mrs. Emma Donache, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Donache, visited Private Leigh Donache at Fort Meade on Sunday. Pvt. Donache has been a patient in the hospital the past two weeks, a victim of contagious sore throat.

Mrs. William Snyder and son William were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Bently Jacobs, New Texas, Pa. Mrs. Jacobs is slightly improved at this writing.

Norris J. Reynolds and Perry A. Gibson attended the anniversary banquet of the Sheffield Company, in New York on Thursday evening last.

Calton B. Nickols, of Wilmington, who just returned from a two week's motor trip to Florida, visited Rising Sun friednds on Saturday.

Miss Anne Roberson, of Washington, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. B. Roberson.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Deacon were entertained on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Morton McCardell.

Mr. David Tosh, of New Jersey, visited friends in town over the week-end.

Miss Adeleen Wilson, Hood College, Frederick, Md., is spending her Easter holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson.

Mrs. Mary Cherry, Miss Louise Worthington visited Baltimore relatives from Thursday until Monday.

No man knows what it is to be a woman, and ought to be glad of it.

Whitlock--White

In Bethel Methodist Church at seven o'clock Monday evening, March 31, Miss Beatrice E. Whitlock, daughter of Mrs Charles Whitlock of Chesapeake City, and Mr. Clifford White of Elkton were married by the Rev. George Homer Murphy.

The bride's only attendant was her sister, Mrs. Raymond Ridley of Richardson Park. Mr. Reginald Brown of Elkton was best man.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Raymond Whitlock. She wore a seafoam blue silk dress with matching accessories. Mrs. Ridley wore ashes of roses silk with navy blue accessories.

A small reception for the immediate family was held at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Freet. After a short wedding trip the couple will be at home in Elkton.

Perkins--Cressman

At the Swarthmore Friends Meeting House, on Saturday, March 29 at 12 noon, Miss Virginia France Perkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Perkins of 530 Cedar Lane, Swarthmore, Pa., became the bride of Mr. Phillip George Cressman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Cressman of Yale Avenue, also of Swarthmore.

The bride wore a dress of blue sheer crepe, with a blue turban to match, and a corsage made of blue and yellow flowers.

Dr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Holmes, of Moylan, Pa., Mrs. William Clark, of Wallingford, Pa., and Mr. Edward Rwason, of Rose Valley, Pa., were the overseers, while Mr. William W. Price, also of Rose Valley, Pa., read the certificate.

The bride is a grand-daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hartenstine, former residents of Rising Sun.

Marriage Law Amended

In preliminary closing rush of the Legislature, during which 168 bills were passed and made ready for the Governor's signature, a bill effecting the Maryland marriage law was approved.

This new measure, introduced by Senator Wilmer Fell Davis (Rep., Carolins) will take away the right of judges to waive the forty-eight-hour marriage wait law, unless one of the parties contracting marriage is a resident of Maryland.

Passage of this bill will reduce, to a very small number, weddings performed in less than 24 hours after application for marriage license has been made. Heretofore many marriages took place without the 48-hour wait on permission of judges who had the right to waive the law in cases where they deemed it advisable. Most of the requests were made by couples both of whom were non-residents of Maryland.

New Red Cross Chapter Organized

The newly organized Chapter of the American Red Cross of the Elkton and Fair Hill district, has chosen the following officers: President, Mrs. Harry Smith; vice-president, Mrs. Fred Martenis; production chairman, Mrs. Peyton Harrison; secretary, Miss Miriam Jeffers; treasurer, Mrs. John K. Burkley.

Easter Sunrise Service

Final plans have been completed for the eighth annuol Cecil County Ester Sunrise Service which will be held at Tome School, Port Deposit, on Easter Sunday morning, at 7 o'clock. As stated before, the servicies will be held inside if weather is inclement.

Two outstanding features have been added to the program. This year, through the kindness of Mr. Lee Patterson of Perryville, we have been able to obtain from the Penn-Electric Co., of Lancaster, Pa., an electric organ. This organ will be equipped for outdoor service. The type of organ is the Model 5-Everett Orgatron, and has been widely used by many churches throughout the country.

The other feature is a vocal solo by Mr. Earl Frederick Kaufmann of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Kaufmann comes to us highly recommended. He is known throughout Balto. schools and churches.