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Real Magician, Bags Of Gold In Aladdin's Lamp

Oriental Touch Tints Little Theatre Play. Tots Admitted Free

As an added feature of the children's "Aladdin's Lamp" show to be presented at the Little Theatre on July 1 and 2, Carl Rosini, well-known New York magician has been secured for the performances through the kindness of a Theatre patron.

Little children are to get a break in the box-office as all under eight years of age will be admitted free at the regular performances and the matinee July 1 provided they are ushered in by an adult spectator.

The glamorous touch of the Orient will weave through the production as strange costumes, two sacks of gold and silver coins, bizarre lighting effects and Eastern dances splash color and beauty.

All parts except four in "Aladdin's Lamp" are being taken by the Junior players, the group under thirteen years. Four adults will play character roles.

Mrs. Sterling G. Harris is directing the production with Miss Lorraine Doehler assisting with the dance features. Designing and sewing forty-odd costumes is the task of Mrs. Charles E. Tucker and her assistants, Mrs. W. Hopper Gibson, Miss Fannie Goldsborough, Mrs. Charles Barney, Mrs. Ray Tabler, Mrs. D. C. Blevins and Mrs. Wm. Morris.

Assisting Charles West with scenery are Miss Sara Turpin and Miss Betty Earle. William Riggs, stage manager, will be aided by a staff consisting of Frank Willis, Dudley Benton, Letha Bordley, Jr., and Jim Bright. Taylor, Leonard Binebrink, Madison

Others helping in the production are Mrs. A. A. M. Dewing and Mrs. Frank Willis, properties; Miss Lillie Rochester, Mrs. J. Hall Barton and Mrs. John Palmer Smith, tickets; Richard Pitkin, lighting effects; and Misses Sara S. Roe, Eleanor Dudley and Margaret Wiggins, publicity.

Commissioners Delay Action On Lady Constable

Upper County Residents Voice Vigorous Objection To Mrs. Parks

Queen Anne's county will not get a woman constable, at least not for a couple of weeks if at all.

Final action on the application of Mrs. Ida Skipper Parks of Upper Queen Anne's county for appointment as constable in the Second District was postponed for two weeks at the request of Mrs. Parks when the matter came before the Board of County Commissioners at their session Tuesday.

Vigorous opposition to the appointment of Mrs. Parks was voiced by residents of the upper county. A delegation of five consisting of Dr. H. P. Copeland, James Thompson, Walter W. Needles, Edward D. Noll and H. B. Pyle appeared before the commissioners to ask that the application be rejected. A petition signed by nearly fifty men and women of the upper county was also submitted, flatly objecting to the appointment.

Mrs. Parks is seeking the post of constable on the grounds that noise and disturbances is prevalent in the vicinity of the Chestertown bridge especially at night and over the week-ends.

The protesting delegation insisted that their community was law abiding and peaceful, that there was no need of a constable, and that if one should seem to be advisable they preferred that he should be a man.

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Noble Motor Company Sponsors Airplane Flights

On Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21, airplane enthusiasts from Queen Anne's County will have the opportunity to ride in a big Ford tri-motored, 15 passenger cabin plane, which will fly from the Easton Airport.

A twelve mile trip over Queen Anne's and Talbot counties showing all points of interest will only cost $1.00 per person.

This opportunity is made possible under the auspices of Noble Motor Company, of Easton.

Mason Shaw, local representative will be glad to arrange transportation for anyone who would like to go but has no way to the airport.

Allen Stafford Chosen Head Of Alumni Body

Allen L. Stafford, Templeville business man, was chosen president of the Sudlersville High School Alumni Association at the annual meeting in Cox Memorial Hall which was featured by the presentation of a portrait of Dr. Reginald V. Truitt, former principal of the school, to the association.

Other officers selected were Miss Trixie Phillips, vice-president; Miss Mildred Wallace, secretary; Miss Juliet Gillespie, assistant secretary; and Miss Lillian Merrick, treasurer.

PLANES COMING TO HOPE

Weather permitting, the Mount Vernon Airways plan to send a plane or two to Needwood Farm on the Hope Road Saturday and Sunday afternoons with parachute jumping and passenger flights the order of the day.

Flights of eight minutes length in a three-passenger ship are scheduled under the guidance of experienced pilots.

Rajah The Magician

AN EDITORIAL

The Hon. Dudley G. Roe, who displayed his talents not so long back in the role of Rajah the Magician in a home talent play, spread himself in a big way on the front page of the Observer last week.

He tore off a yard, a yard and half or two yards of scribbling on the new tax rate just declared by the County Commissioners and when he got through his feats of legerdemain with the figures, he had far exceeded his magnificence as a magician on that other hilarious occasion.

To begin with, he picked out the tax rate for the last two years in which he wielded the big stick in these parts and lumped them. These figures added up to a two-year average of 83c. He struck a total on the present boys in the courthouse and found their two-year average to be 95c.

Rajah then slapped the difference of 12c against the taxable basis and said it was costing $20,000 a year extra to keep the present Democratic Organization under the dome.

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Now anybody knows it doesn't call for good juggling to toss two balls up and keep them going. So let's pick up eleven balls, one for each year that he told everybody in this county what to do.

In 1934 when the great prestidigitator got truly passionate to do something for the dear taxpayers, considering that somebody else had eyes on the courthouse, his Observer went way back to the effulgent dawn of the Roe era to review tax rates.

According to figures published at that time, and they're his own, his eleven year average is $1.23. Since our boys have a two-year average of 95c, it's only fair to substract the whole shooting match. That leaves our boys 28c to the good.

Juggle all those balls for eleven years, the only real test of a juggler, and one finds it cost $44,800 a year extra to keep Dudley on the throne. All told, now multiplying by eleven, the Queen put out $492,800 in luxury taxes.

Let's keep our boys in for nine more years and see what they can do.

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After indulging in the pleasant pastime of juggling the tax rate, Rajah the Magician turned to the schools to wave his wand and burn the incense.

He "assumed" that substantial monies were to be used to fix them up. For once he was right. However, he didn't have to "assume", had he consulted the figures Sis Bert, his Editrix, had dug up for him the night before.

Right there in the Commissioners' budget was $5,000 for the Centreville Grammar School, $2,000 for the new Negro High School, and $5,739 for additional school purposes such as transporting high school students, thus assuring that all who wish to take advantage of the most the Queen offers in the way of education may do so.

Schools are a good thing, the Rajah opined. But he said nary a word about his ten-year-old promise to Centreville to alleviate wretchedly overcrowded conditions and to correct a deadly fire trap. Nothing was said about Stevensville High School's four years of pneumonia temperatures. The magical one didn't mention that Kent Island's heating problem of many year's standing had been solved in the first full year of the new Board's regime, and that Centreville's children will stretch their limbs and be able to breathe deeply when September comes again. The Rajah seems to have a convenient memory.

Since the Hon. Mr. Roe prides himself so highly on the two years just prior to being read out of the courthouse, let's look at some of the figures he left behind. They are all in the handwriting of his compatriots and the new Democratic Organization can't be accused of retracting the penmanship.

In 1933 his Board levied $136,063.03 and turned around to budget expenses for the year at $180,622.30—a deficiency of $44,559.27. In 1934, the levy was $140,015.93 and the budget $182,700.00, hence another deficiency of $42,684.07. Both deficiencies make $87,243.34. Members of his Board loudly insisted that nothing less than 88c, the tax rate of the year before, would meet county needs, but Roe was determined to hit an all-time low and make a record on the eve of the election.

On the books were uncollected taxes totaling $79,973.67. The county owed $62,500 in short term notes bearing 6% interest.

Evidently the Rajah figured out that if he got another extension on the courthouse he could rub his magic lamp, and, like Aladdin, all obligations would disappear.

But he came a cropper in the primary and has been bellyaching ever since, questioning the good judgment of the people of Queen Anne's County for turning him down at the polls.

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For months and months Rajah has been clamoring for an explanation as to why it was necessary to bond the county for $75,000. The quickest way to answer that, perhaps, would be to say that the boys didn't have a magician among them when they filed through the door to take over the reins.

And, while not magicians, neither were they cabbageheads—at least not cabbageheads of the variety in which the Hon. Mr. Roe stuck a knife with such gusto in the recent home talent play.

They were forced to face facts, and face them they did. They gained legislative approval for the bond issue and sold it at the record low interest rate of 2¾%.

Immediately they paid off all the short term notes and on these the county had been paying 6%. If our arithmetic does not fail us, the annual saving in interest alone is $2,031.25.

Other funds were necessary for Old Age Pensions, Welfare Relief, Children's Aid (compulsory), maintenance of public properties, special aid with the roads program, and possibly other things that could be mentioned. Coupled with these advantages, they are also in a position to discount their bills and pay as they go until the next tax returns start to come in, without borrowing a dollar.

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A little while back the ex-Sen. added "auditor" to his other accomplishments and threw together a neat string of figures which had the county owing him money. Figures do not bother an accomplished juggler any more than do words, so right off the reel he subtracted various miscellaneous items twice which totaled up in the thousands.

Everyone knows that a magician's spiel is usually added as a part of his act, so, doubtless, Rajah the Magician will continue to fire up his lamp and the blackest smoke will belch forth from his sanctum.

Grasonville M. E. Supper To Have Seafood Tang

Another of the celebrated Grasonville crab and chicken salad suppers is slated for the public appetite when the ladies of the Grasonville Methodist Episcopal Church swing into action at the Pythian Castle next Wednesday evening with just such a repast, aided and abetted by a course of fish to put a stiffening in the seafood angle. Serving will start at 5 o'clock.

Among those who have already reserved plates and places for themselves are the Queenstown Lions who will attend in a body and perhaps match appetites.

The supper is for the benefit of the Grasonville M. E. Church of which the Rev. Ray W. Kirwan is pastor.

MASONIC SERVICE SUNDAY

Centreville Lodge of Masons will attend service at St. Paul's Church, Centreville, Sunday morning in honor of St. John's day. The sermon will be preached by the rector, the Rev. Alward Chamberlaine. The public is cordially invited.

The usual service at 8 a. m. will also be held.

ANNOUNCE COMING MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Holland of Queen Anne announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Emma Holland, to Mr. Jay Vernon Good of Elizabethtown, Pa. The ceremony will take place at the Hillsboro Methodist Episcopal Church on Saturday, June 20.

Joe George Tops Skeet Gunners With 48 Birds

Permitting only one clay bird in each round to get away unscathed, Joseph M. George took top honors at the weekly shoot of the Sudlersville Skeet Club Sunday afternoon when he nicked 48 birds out of a possible 50. Dr. C. H. Metcalfe and J. Clifton Green tied for the second slot with 45 smashed clays apiece.

Except for cloudy skies conditions for the shoot were satisfactory.

The scores for two rounds were Mr. George, 24, 24, 48; Dr. Metcalfe, 23, 22, 45; Mr. Green, 23, 22, 45; Mark Geiser, 23, 20, 43; Harry Hartley, 22, 20, 40; Dr. Merritt Brice, 21, 20, 41; Dr. Turner, 14, 15, 29. Dr. James A. Crowl cracked 15 in a single round.

Merchants Supply New Uniforms For Local Nine

The Centreville Amateur baseball team will take the field against Cordova at Cordova Sunday in brand new uniforms made possible by contributions from Centreville business men. A committee consisting of J. Hall Price, Hope Morris, John Hagen and Ginger Pinder made the rounds this week and quickly gained the needed support.

The Centreville lads pinned a 4 to 1 defeat on the Cordova lads in a tight game on the Centreville High School grounds, Sunday, John Hagen keeping the Talbot lads well under his thumb.

Artesian Well Bubbles Over At Wye Mills

An artesian well sunk on the grounds of John B. T. Roe at Wye Mills started flowing without the assistance of a pump on Saturday and has been flowing ever since.

The well drilled by Milton Harrison was driven 225 feet when water shot up from the ground. No attempt has been made to cap the well because of the force of the water and an elbow permits the stream to flow across the road.

A flow of water from artesian wells at the height above sea level of the Wye Mills well is unusual. In the past wells have bubbled over at St. Michaels and Hillsboro. All Eastern Shore artesian wells are supposed to tap an underground stream flowing down from Pennsylvania.

JOINS THE MARINES

Harold Nichols, a graduate of this year's class at Tri-County High School and who for the past eighteen months made his home with Mrs. Elizabeth Lightner at Queen Anne, has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was transferred last week to Parris Island, S. C.

ATTEND ROTARY MEET

E. Clyde Walls and Milton B. Slemmer will leave for Atlanitc City, N. J., to attend the International Rotary convention as delegates from the Centreville club. The convention will run from Sunday until Friday.

New Postmaster



FRANCIS E. THOMAS

Francis E. Thomas received a telegraphic notice from Senator George L. Radcliffe and Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough that his appointment as Centreville postmaster was confirmed by the Senate on Monday and upon receipt of instructions from the Postoffice Department Mr. Thomas expects to post bonds and qualify for the position.

Crabbers Freed When Warning Is Witheld

State's Attorney Brown Issues Own Injunction Against Small Crabs

Refusing to press charges of taking undersized crabs against three watermen on the ground that recent orders from the State Conservation Commission stipulated only a warning for the first offense, State's Attorney Edwin H. Brown, Jr., moved for the dismissal of cases against Purnell Coleman, Wallace Chance and John W. Taylor in Police Court before Magistrate J. West Thompson Monday evening.

However, Mr. Brown promptly issued a blanket notice that hereafter no warnings are to be given. He instructed Captain Morris Everett, inspector who preferred the charges hereafter to make arrests directly under the law.

The three watermen, all from Kent Island, were arrested by Captain Everett on Friday. Coleman and Chance, both from Chester, were caught in Tilghman's Creek and Taylor in Hail Creek on the Kent side.

The inspector testified that he found from a third to a half barrel of undersized crabs in the possession of the men. He admitted arresting them without previous warnings but said that he considered the warnings he had given to four or five in the past sufficient for the community.

The men pleaded nolo contendre by the advice of Senator J. H. C. Legg and upon Mr. Brown's motion won a dismissal of charges.

Magistrate Thompson also served notice that hereafter the small crab law must be obeyed and that Mr. Brown's blanket warning would serve as a notice to all.

Under the law watermen are forbidden to take crabs under five inches, soft crabs under three and a half inches and peelers under three inches.

Bonus Arrives; Many Veterans Seek Cash

Quick Delivery Made At Local Office

The Veterans' bonus came to Centreville along with the rest of the county on Monday when nearly sixty registered letters containing bonds and checks were received at the Centreville postoffice on the morning mail. Distribution started at once and a large proportion were delivered by that evening. The remainder were distributed early Tuesday morning.

The bonus came in the form of bonds in $50 amounts with checks for small balances. More than $500 worth of checks were cashed at the office by Tuesday.

A rush for applications to cash bonds started almost immediately upon their receipt. By Tuesday afternoon thirty-two requests totalling nearly $16,000 were filled out, or more than 50% of the bonuses received.

The distribution passed off without difficulty, the sole exception being in the case of a letter addressed to Oscar Jenkins who was not known to the office. A second Oscar Jenkins who was never in service was invited to call for the bonus. He disclaimed ownership since he had not had the pleasure of being in the service.

Time For Soil Signing Extended To Saturday

The privilege of signing applications under the Soil Conservation program has been extended until Saturday of this week, according to word received by County Agent Kenneth W. Baker. The postponement was ordered because the broadcast tour in the interest of the Soil program will not reach the Eastern seaboard until this week.

Thus far 650 of the 800 farmers in Queen Anne's county have signed applications. Mr. Baker stresses the point that no obligation is entailed by applying under the program.

DANCES AT SILVER ROOF

Beginning this week, dances will be held regularly on Thursday and Saturday evenings at the Silver Roof at Stevensville. The new schedule was instituted by M .Dubnow, manager.

Counsel for Mrs. AnnaQ. Skinner Withdraw Mandamus Petition

County Board Obtains Corsica Right Of Way

Commissioners Sell Tax Holdings, Seek Dredge, Plan Comfort Station

Way was cleared for the building of the connecting link from Chesterfield Avenue to the Corsica Neck road as the Board of County Commissioners completed the task of securing the entire right of way at their session Tuesday.

A 50-foot right of way has been established running through the store now occupied by Herbert Moore, passing to the north of the old Larrimore granary, thence across a new bridge to join the present road near the crest of the hill.

The major item in the operation was the purchases of the Herbert Moore estate. All together signatures of twenty-four people and the County Commissioners were required both on a deed and an option contract.

The new link will be of tarred macadam in keeping with the present Corsica Neck road. The bridge is to be twenty-four feet wide of creosoted timbers and a concrete floor. It will eliminate the present goose-neck approach to the Corsica section as well as the sharp curve now needed for entrance.

The County Commissioners have been active in the past two weeks disposing of several of the various properties left in the hands of the county as a result of the tax sales of 1935. Eight of these were sold at private sale last week and twelve in addition on Tuesday.

All sales are outright as the time for reclaiming property under the law is expired. Thus far the Commissioners have been able to dispose of the property without loss to the county.

The Commissioners intend to continue the sale of remaining holdings as fast as purchasers appear. A list of the properties is on file at their office.

There is a possibility that another dredge will be placed on the Beaver Dam Ditch provided the County Commissioners will furnish an operator. The matter came before the Board Tuesday. They not only agreed to provide for the operator but got in touch promptly with Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough to facilitate the dispatch of the dredge.

At present work of the C. C. C. project is advancing steadily. The magnitude of the job indicates that clearing up the Big Ditch section will take longer than originally estimated. The second dredge if obtained will be assigned to the county for a temporary period to help speed up the work.

Tentative suggestions were considered for the establishment of a comfort station somewhere near the Courthouse by the Commissioners in conjunction with the Town Commissioners of Centreville. There are now no suitable conveniences for visitors to the county seat and a clean convenient station, properly equipped, heated and lighted is contemplated. Janitorial service will be supplied by the county in the event that the two Boards of Commissioners join in the proposed structures.

E. H. Brown Named County Head For Roosevelt Rally

State's Attorney Edwin H. Brown, Jr., has been named county chairman for the big Roosevelt rally to be held throughout the county on Saturday evening, June 27, when the President's speech of acceptance of the nomination at the Democratic National Convention will be broadcast.

Some time previously Mr. Brown will name a committee to assist him. Details of the forthcoming rally will be announced next week at which time the chairman, place and hour of the meeting will be announced.

Mrs. Ralph Graham Hostess At Bridge Luncheon

Mrs. J. Ralph Graham entertained at a bridge luncheon at her home in Sudlersville, Wednesday afternoon.

Her guest list included: Mrs. R. J. Lindale, Mrs. Ralph Emerson, Mrs. N. S. Roe, Mrs. George Lundgreen, Wyoming, Del.; Mrs. J. E. Lewis, Dover; Mrs. Walter C. Eastburn, Mrs. J. B. T. Merrick, Church Hill; Mrs. Percy Merrick, Ingleside; Mrs. Dudley G. Roe, Mrs. J. F. Stokes, Mrs. Foster Sudler, Mrs. Addie Sudler, Mrs. Paul Phillips, Mrs. Hewitt Walls, Mrs. Millard Bull and Mrs. John Mallalieu, of Sudlersville.

Mrs. Luther Gadd And Party Leave For Hawaii

Mrs. Luther L. Gadd of "Readbourne" and her son Damon left on Monday for a five months' sojourn in Honolulu. They were accompanied by Mrs. Gadd's sister, Miss Daphne Damon of Honolulu, who has been visiting at "Readbourne."

The party left Wilmington by train via Chicago for Los Angeles, where they will arrive tomorrow, Friday. After a few days of sightseeing they plan to board the S. S. Monterey for Honolulu next Wednesday.

SPOTTED FEVER APPEARS

Three recent cases of Rocky Mountain spotted fever near Washington, D. C., emphasizes the need for vigilance against wood ticks, or dog ticks, that spread this disease, warns Dr. F. C. Bishop of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Fortunately, he says, only a small percentage of these common ticks are infected, but mentions Maryland among the States in the East in which infected ticks are known to occur.

Judges Keating And Knotts Permit Case To Be Dropped

The prolonged legal controversy relative to the publishing of the auditing committe's report on the county treasurer's books ended Wednesday morning with the new Democratic Organization holding the winning hand when counsel for Mrs. Anna Q. Skinner moved in Circuit Court for leave to withdraw her petition for a writ of mandamus to compel the Board of County Commissioners to publish the report.

The Court with Associate Judges Thomas J. Keating and J. Owen Knotts on the bench granted leave to withdraw.

In substance the action taken by Mrs. Skinner's counsel means that they have given up the attempt to force the Commissioners by a mandamus to publish the auditing committee's report, which would have cost the taxpayers approximately $225.00.

The Commissioners were represented by attorneys John Palmer Smith, Senator J. H. C. Legg and William R. Horney. Counsel for Mrs. Skinner were Madison Brown and Thomas J. Keating, Jr.

Thrilling Days Slated For Kent Island Event

Special Nights, Beauty Contest To Mark Monster Celebration

Kent Island is getting set for a monster celebration starting Saturday, June 27, and continuing for eight exciting days through the Fourth of July holidays. The affair is expected to eclipse the 1935 celebration when 7,000 visitors crowded to the Island for the opening events and 35,000 came during the duration.

The Kent Island Business Men's Association under the leadership of Carroll C. Sturgis is backing the celebration whose purpose is to raise funds for a fire department. Others assisting are Percy E. Thomas, Felix Gardner, H. D. Kelley, Addison Frampton and R. J. Dolby.

Color and drama are threaded through the entire program. There will be special occasions such as Mardi Gras night, Prom night and Firemen's night.

A Bathing Beauty Contest is open to entrants from the entire Delmarva Peninsula with a trip to Atlantic City in store for the lovely winner.

Airplanes and parachute jumping, boat races with valuable prizes, a men's swimming contest carrying a gold medal for the winner, dancing to the lilt of a national known orchestra, baseball and fireworks and illumination on July 4th are among the top features carded. A miniature Coney Island with a merry-go-round, whip and other novel pleasures has been engaged.

Special excursion boats are to be run by the Love Point Ferry each day. Refreshments are to be sold on the ground, parking arrangements will be exact to the last detail and care given to the comfort and enjoyment of visitors.

Mr. Randall And Mr. George Return To Present Posts

No changes were made in pastorates of the Methodist Protestant Churches of Queen Anne's County at the Maryland Annual Conference of their denomination at Western Maryland College this week, both the Rev. L. Colvin Randall, pastor of Grace Church, Hayden and Ruthsburg, and the Rev. J. P. George of Stevensville, pastor of the Kent Island charge being retained in their present posts.

Following the lead of Dr. J. H. Straughn, president of the general conference, the Maryland body voted overwhelmingly to unite with the Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Episcopal, South, denominations.

QUEENSTOWN CHILDREN'S DAY

The annual Children's Day services of Queenstown Methodist Episcopal Church will be held Sunday evening at 8 o'clock with Mrs. John Cole and Mrs. Harry Holden in charge of the program. Recitations, special singing and pageantry by the Sunday School classes will be presented.

The preaching service at Grasonville M. E. Church will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

YACHTING ON THE WYE

George Blakeslee of Wye Mills was host to a group of friends on an all day yachting party aboard his craft, the Kathryn B., down Wye River to Eastern Bay and return on Monday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Orrell, Jr., Mrs. Emma Orrell, Miss Pauline Bailey, Miss Edith Denny and Alfred Covington.



Abner *says*-

You can raise a rooster in a bottle but try it with a hen.