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Dr. Parran Will Formally Open Syphilis Drive

Surgeon General To Address County-Wide Meeting Here On May 25

Formal launching of the experimental campaign against syphilis in Queen Anne's county under the direction of Dr. James A. McCallum, County Health Physician and under the auspices of the State Board of Health will occur on Thursday evening, May 25, when Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, will speak at a county-wide meeting to be held at the Centreville Armory.

Dr. Parran is perhaps the outstanding authority in America on syphilitic problems from the view of public health and is generally conceded to have been responsible for the recently developed interest in combatting syphilis on a broad public scale. He was one of three physicians who investigated the set-up for syphilitic control in Norway, Sweden and Denmark some years ago. Upon his return to America from that investigation he initiated discussion which made America conscious of the problem and the need for control.

At Centreville he is expected to discuss what the syphilitic problem is from his viewpoint as a national leader and to indicate the possibilities of control in Queen Anne's if the public gets behind the present program.

The county-wide meeting is intended to show the public in Queen Anne's what the directors of the experimental program here are trying to do, what it is possible to do, what the problem of control is.

Actually the experimental campaign got underway about the first of February when increased effort was made to encourage sufferers to attend clinics.

A further step in the concentrated drive occurred this week when a new bus designed only for transporting colored sufferers to and from clinics completed its initial trips. These were made to the Stevensville clinic Tuesday night and to the Centreville clinic Wednesday night. A third route to Sudlersville will be inaugurated in about two weeks.

The clinic at Stevensville is conducted by Dr. Theodore Sattelmaeir, and one at Sudlersville by Dr. C. H. Metcalfe. The entire program is under the immediate direction of Dr. McCallum.

One clinic is being held at Centreville on Wednesdays at present. A second will be instituted here Friday, April 14.

To meet the extra duties imposed by the clinic a third nurse, specialist in syphilitic work, has been added to the staff. At present Miss Marianna H. Ward, Eastern Shore instructor and supervisor of county nurses for the State Board of Health, is assisting in Queen Anne's county. She has been loaned for the purpose by the State Board pending the arrival of Miss Maude Manahan, of Carroll county, who will report for regular duties May 1.

Miss Manahan is a college graduate adn also a graduate of the Johns Hopkins School for nurses. At the time she was engaged for work in Queen Anne's county she was employed by the University of Pennsylvania Hospital as an instructor of nurses.

The entire cost of the additional nurse, the bus and the experimental program is being defrayed by a contribution from unknown donors, with no impairment of the present county health staff.

Stevens Children Lead In Attendance

School Tops County For 3d Straight Month

For the third successive month the Stevens school led all Queen Anne's county schools in attendance when the little one-room group rolled up a mark of 98.6 percent present during March. Their nearest rivals among the white schools was Tri-County high school which showed a percentage of 96.2.

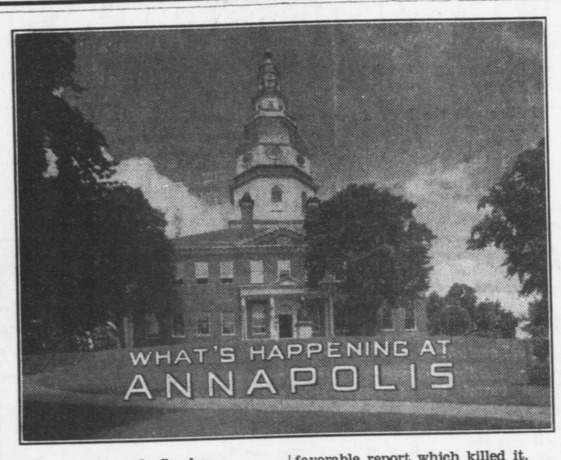
Figures released by Mrs. Lola P. Brown, attendance officer, give these leaders among the various schools: One-teacher, 1st, Stevens, 98.6 percent; 2d, Templeville, 95.7. Two-teacher, 1st, Barclay, 91.3; 2d, Chester, 91.1. Graded, 1st, Stevensville, 95.1; 2d, Queen Anne, 95. High schools, 1st, Tri-County, 96.2; Centreville, 95.5.

The average for the white schools was 93.4 percent.

Colored schools as a group averaged 93.1 percent. Leaders in the one-teacher class were 1st, Pondtown, 96.3; 2d, Hope, 94.4. Two-teacher, 1st, Centreville, 95.8; 2d, Grasonville, 95.5. Kennard high school reported 93.4 percent present.

ESCAPES INJURY

Calvin Foster, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Foster of Starr escaped injury when the automobile he was driving skidded on the wet road near Starr on Wednesday evening of last week, struck an embankment and overturned. The car was badly damaged, especially about the top.



Jam Ends Session

Caught in a welter of 1,354 bills, a new all-time high for measures introduced, the Legislature faced an end-of-the-session jam unlike others in that it was worse. However, the bulk of the administration measures had been cared for before the final legislative day and efforts were centered upon getting through as many of the remaining 1,354 bills as had a little support behind them. The final tally showed 776 new bills passed along to Governor O'Conor to sign or veto.

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By far the greater number of bills passed were local measures of interest to some county or town. These were acted upon in rapid fire order. One concerning itself with correcting a typographical error in a bill passed. But the important bills came in for searching study before the final day and not every bill passed.

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Among the bills killed was that requiring compulsory jury duty for women. This hardy perennial came closer than usual to running the gauntlet. It passed the House without difficulty. The Senate, however, held it off until almost the closing day, considered it in executive session, and adopted an unfavorable report which killed it.

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The anti-fireworks bill, which also crops up at each session was also killed. More surprise was created at its fate than in the case of the women's jury bill, whose proponents feared from the start that it would not get by the Senate. The anti-fireworks bill, sponsored among others by the Society for the Prevention of Blindness, was carried along without any frenzied urging by its humane purposes. Most of the pyrotechnics were supplied by the opposition, especially from Cecil county where several fireworks-manufacturing plants are located. In the end the opposition prevailed when three Senators previously favorable to the measure switched sides and killed it 15-14.

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United opposition from the public played a part in killing the bill which would have grouped eighteen licensing and examining boards under one head. This measure was fought by dentists, blacksmiths, professional and skilled artisans ,each of which groups preferred an individual set-up for their group.

The Legislature turned back the clock nearly twelve hours to prolong

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Grace Church To Admit Many New Members

Pastor To Greet Many Newcomers. Junior Choir Will Sing Cantata

Reception of new members at the morning service and a cantata, "The Triumph", presented by the Junior Choir, will be the prominent features in the observance of Easter Sunday at Grace M .P .Church, the Rev. L. Colvin Randall, pastor.

One of the largest groups of new members in recent years will be admitted to membership in exercises which will dominate the Worship Service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The group will be presented by the Rev. Mr. Randall. Special music will be sung by the choir, including the anthems, "Hosanna in the Highest" and "Lift Your Glad Voices." The cantata was directed by Miss Violet Gibson, assisted by Mrs. Milton Seney and Mrs. L. Colvin Randall. It will be presented at the evening service at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. Mr. Randall will preach on the topic, "Resurgent Christianity" at the Worship services at Grace, Ruthsburg and Hayden Churches on Sunday.

The schedule for the day will be as follows: At Ruthsburg, Worship Service, 9 a. m.; Sabbath School, 10 a. m.; Easter Program, 7:30 p. m. At Hayden, Sabbath School, 2 p. m.; Worship Service, 3 p. m.; Easter Program, 7:30 p. m. At Grace Church, Sabbath School, 10 a. m.; Worship Service, 11 a. m.; Cantata, 7:30 p. m.

Members of the Junior Choir are Bobby Barton, Barbara Seney, Mary Grace Tolson, Isabella Ferricks, Dorothy Lee Ferricks, Betty Jane Green, Emily Green, Alfred Green, B. S. Mallonee, jr.

Billy Grundson, Jimmy Barton, Morris Renshaw, John Rider Renshaw, Mahlon Towers, Bobby Towers, Ted Randall, Lawrence Morris, Grayson Chance, Edward Thomas.

Frank Morris, Layton Chance, Betty Ann Morris, Betty Blunt, Anna Murray Barton, Carolee Kessler, Alice Clough, Frances Benny, Pauline Willoughby, Madeline Willoughby.

Kent Island Woman's Club To Elect Tuesday

The Kent Island Woman's Club will hold its annual election of officers in the clubrooms Tuesday. Mrs. Matthew S. Higgins is chairman of the nominating committee, her associates being Mrs. John Holden, Mrs. A. Fleming, Mrs. Wedge Jones, Mrs. John Coursey and Mrs. John Milner.

The organization boasts a membership of 101, easily the largest woman's club in Queen Anne's county. Some of its members reside in Baltimore. One of the newer projects this year has been serving lunches to school children, approximately fifty being catered to daily, of whom twenty are supplied without charge.

Mrs. Harmon Elected Leader Of WomansClub

Annual Elections Monday. Mrs. Reynolds Becomes Red Cross Chairman

Mrs. Guy E. Harmon of Queenstown was elected persident of the Centreville Woman's Club at the annual election of officers held in the County Office Building Monday afternoon. Mrs. A. A. M. Dewing, retiring president, conducted the meeting.

Mrs. Oliver C. Jones was chosen vice-president; Mrs. Elmer S. Kessler, recording secretary; Mrs. Virgil R. Freeny, corresponding secretary; Miss Anna Taylor, treasurer. Mrs. Frank Elzey was appointed chairman of the program committee and Mrs. Vachel A Downes was retained as publicity chairman.

Mrs. Harry C. Reynolds of Queenstown was appointed chairman of the Queen Anne's county chapter of the Red Cross which is sponsored by the Woman's Club. She succeeds Mrs. Howard W. Ryland, who resigned after filling the post for several years.

At the business session a contribution was made toward the cost of sending the Safety Patrol boys of the Centreville elementary school to Washington for their annual trip. A number of resolutions of the National Federation of Women's Clubs were approved.

The Centreville club has been invited to present a three-minute skit dramatizing some project of the year's work at the meeting of the Eastern Shore District Clubs to be held at Hurlock on April 20. Mrs. A. A. M. Dewing is in charge of the local club's presentation.

Definite date has not been assigned for the trip to Longwood Gardens being planned by the club. Mrs .Downes is in charge of reservations.

Three Hour Service To Mark Good Friday

Good Friday will be marked by St. Luke's Parish with a three hours' service t be conducted by the Rev. Walter C. Eastburn, rector, at St. Luke's Church beginning at 12 o'clock noon.

The following services for Holy Week and Easter for the parish have been announced by the Rev. Mr. Eastburn: St. Andrew's Chapel, Thursday, Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion and Sermon at 7:30 p. m.; Easter Day, Holy Communion and Sermon at 9 a. m. At St. Luke's Church, Good Friday, three hours service beginning at 12 m.; Easter, Holy Communion and Sermon, 11 a. m.

The annual election of the Vestry of St. Luke's Parish will be held in the Rectory at Church Hill Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

CLERK TO BOARD ILL

Francis Moore, of Queen Anne, clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, has been confined to his home due to illness this week. His wife, Mrs. Florence Moore, filled his post during the Commissioners' session Tuesday.

County Prefers State Body To Maintain Roads

Declines Chance Of Getting Return To Local Handling. Feeling Alters

Queen Anne's will be one of fourteen Maryland counties which will continue to have its road system maintained by the State Roads Commission under provisions of a bill passed by the Legislature Tuesday. Choice was given to each county to have their road maintenance continued under the present handling by the Roads body or returned to the county for county maintenance.

Contrary to the view taken about the county systems up to a short while ago all the Eastern Shore counties except Cecil preferred to let matters stay as they have been. Repeatedly at sessions of the Eastern Shore County Commissioner steps were taken to secure the return of county roads maintainance to the individual counties. When the showdown came eight Shore counties shunned taking over.

A provision in the measure, however, will permit a county to obtain return of the county maintenance system if a request is made by September 1. Counties which manage their roads will be required to expend fifty percent of the funds allotted from the lateral road-gasoline tax for new construction exclusively, the other fifty percent to be used for maintenance, debt service and payments to incorporated towns.

Because of the elimination of diversion of gasoline taxes nearly twice as much money as heretofore will be available. For that reason the counties stepping out from under the State Roads body were required to spend money for new contsruction, thereby preventing diversion within the county.

Under the new act the Roads Commission would construct new roads in the counties where they have charge of maintenance. Since practically all the Shore counties come in this category the recently announced plans for a network of improved highways on the Shore may be carried out. A map of the plans for Queen Anne's county appears on Page 4 of this issue of the Record-Observer.

Considerable satisfaction has been manifest in Queen Anne's county during the past two years over the improvement of county dirt roads through the handling of the State Roads Commission and the county auxiliary program, which is probably the underlying cause of the shift of opinion here from coutny maintenance to State Roads handling.

America First Meeting To Be Held In Armory

Bruce Bair, Ex-State Commander, To Speak. Auxiliary Will Sponsor

Joining a nation-wide movement at this time to remind Americans once more of their duty to the country in the present period of world unrest and the rise of Fascist, Communist and other forms of totalitarian government, a monster Americanization meeting will be held in the Centreville Armory on Friday evening, April 14, at 7:30 at 7:30 o'clock under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary of Jeff Davis Post and the cooperation of Jeff Davis Post of the American Legion.

The meeting will be open to all residents of Queen Anne's and adjoining counties. Invitations have been sent to all schools and all organizations in Queen Anne's county, as well as to Frank M. Jarman Post in Chestertown and the National Guard company in Kent county. A blanket invitation is also extended to all individuals who may not be reached through an organization.

The speaker of the occasion will be Bruce Bair, former State Commander of the Maryland Department of the Le-

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Queen Anne's County H. S. Leagues

Baseball, Volleyball Schedule — 1939

April 21—Stevensville at Centreville; Church Hill at Sudlersville. Tri-County, bye.

Apri 28—Tri-County at Stevensville; Centreville at Church Hill. Sudlersville, bye.

May 5—Stevensville at Church Hill. Tri-County at Sudlersville Centreville, bye.

May 12—Centreville at Tri-County; Sudlersville at Stevensville. Church Hill, bye.

May 19—Church Hill at Tri-County; Sudlersville at Centreville. Stevensville, bye .

Note: In the event of inclement weather, postponed games will be played the following Tuesday.

Warns Drivers Against Racing Trucks To Fires

Careless Motorist Delays Firemen. Chief Nelson Cites Motor Laws

A warning was issued by Chief O. K. Nelson of the Good Will Fire Company of Centreville on Tuesday advising all motorists against crowding or passing the fire truck when it is on its way to a fire.

Carelessness by a Queen Anne's county motorist prompted the warning. On Sunday afternoon when the fire truck was responding to a blaze on the farm of George Morris, which proved subsequently to be a chimney fire, the motorist went flashing by the truck, got in its path and temporarily blocked the passage of the truck into the farm lane. The identity of the motorist was known and he was warned privately. His excuse was that he was unaware of the law.

Chief Nelson quotes three sections of the Motor Vehicle laws pertinent to the incident. One reads, "Following, or parking closer than 600 feet to fire apparatus answering an alarm" is punishable by a fine from $5 to $50. Racing fire apparatus to a blaze has been interpreted as coming under this head.

Some cars such as those transporting other members of the company will necessarily follow the truck. To be safe these cars and all others should keep a distance of at least 600 feet, or more than one-tenth of a mile.

Two other sections each carry a fine of from $5 to $50. The first is for "Failing to give right of way to ambulance, police and fire department vehicles."

The second reads for "Failing to drive to right side of road upon approach of above vehicles, and remaining until passed."

The Chief of the Good Will Fire Company stated that he is not especially anxious to get motorists in trouble but he advises that the law is there and upon sufficient provocation by violators the law will be enforced.

Easter Cantata By Senior Choir

Concludes Centreville M. E. Easter Program

An Easter cantata, "Christ Victorious", to be presented by the Senior Choir, will conclude the Easter program at Centreville M. E. Church, the Rev. Harry V. Branford, pastor. The cantata will be sung at the Sunday evening service beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Ralph C. Baynard, organist and director of the choir, will conduct.

The schedule for Holy Week and Easter as announced by the Rev. Mr. Branford is as follows: Thursday, 7:30 p. m., Holy Communion. Friday, 7:30 p. m., Sermon, "The Last Words from the Cross." Sunday, 9:45, Sabbath School; 11 a. m., Morning Worship and Sermon with special music by the Senior and Junior Choirs; 7:30 p. m., cantata, "Christ Victorious," to be presented by the Senior Choir.

The members of the choir will include Sopranos, Mrs. Howard W. Ryland, Miss Helen West, Mrs. E. A. Pickering, Mrs. Norman P. Walters, Mrs. Charles E. Anthony, Mrs. J. Elmer Anthony, Mrs. W. Marvin Barton, Mrs. Harry V. Branford, Mrs. Frank Elzey, Mrs. Ben F. Hayden, Mrs. Arthur Morris, Miss Annabel Story, Miss Elizabeth Powell.

Altos—Mrs. Milton B. Wolcott, Mrs. J. Grant Yates, Mrs. F. Bennett Carter, Mrs. Walter Voshell, Miss Bertha Williams, Miss Bessie Ireland.

Tenors—Milton B. Wolcott, Ridgeway Perkins, Ralph C. Baynard.

Bassos—E. O. Willis, Arthur Morris, Norman Walters, Warren Slemmer.

Centreville Bank Offers New Check Service

A new departure in check service was instituted by the Centreville National Bank this week to accommodate persons who do not have checking accounts at any bank. For a nominal fee plus the amount of the check the Bank will issue personal check for the individual for sums up to $100.

These checks may be sent through the mail or used in any way that one drawn on a chceking account is used. In addition the returned check may be obtained later to serve as a receipt.

Old Wye To Resume As Spiritual Center

Definite plans for the restoration for Old Wye Church as an active spiritual center are underway, reports the Rev. Matthew S. Higgins, rector, the restoration to include improvements to the building and the grounds. Beginning with the week following Easter there will be a celebration of Holy Communion each Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock throughout the Spring and Summer months.

Baseball Group Selects Officers For 1939 Season

F. A. Bartlett Chosen Business Manager. Directors, Park Board Given New Members. Plans For Season Gain Momentum As Opening Game Approaches

F. Asbury Bartlett was chosen business manager for the Queen Anne's Sports Activities, Inc., sponsors of organized baseball in Queen Anne's county, at the annual election of officers held Friday evening in preparation for the approaching Eastern Shore League season. L. Tilghman Hayden was appointed assistant business manager.

Officers and directors were also chosen. No changes was made in the official staff which has guided the organization since tis inception two years ago, the staff re-elected consisting of John W. Perry, president; L. Tilghman Hayden, vice-president; William R. Horney, secretary, and W. Layton Holton, treasurer.

The board of directors includes the above officers, together with Mr. Bartlet, J. Grant Yates, Oliver C. Jones, Philemon H. Thompson, Clayton Wright, Frank W. Brower and Charles Chew Mickle.

A new park board to superintend the buildings and grounds was named by the club to consist of Mr. Bartlett, holdover from the previous board, and P. H. Thompson and Clayton Wright. Retiring members of the board are Mr. Perry and J. Elmer Anthony who with Mr. Bartlett served for the past two years.

As business manager Mr. Bartlett will be in charge of the so-called "front office" of the club, his duties covering everything except the playing end. This will be handled without interference by playing manager Coble, assigned by the Boston Red Sox. The club will again be known as the Colts.

Encouraging progress on the season ahead was reported. A bake conducted by women of the county under the leadership of Mrs. William McKenney netted $107 on Saturday with the prospects bright that the total will be lifted to $125 or better. The club officials expressed their thanks to the ladies and on behalf of them to all who contributed toward making the bake a success.

Admission prices were set at 40 cents for any place in the park; 25 cents for school children, and 25 cents for colored people. Admissions to white patrons will include either grandstand or bleachers as preferred.

Family tickets will be on sale up to the opening game in Centreville May 5. Considerable patronage of these tickets has come from the entire county, tickets having been bought in Stevensville, Grasonville, Queenstown, Sudlersville and Church Hill. Increasing interest throughout the county was also reported.

The diamond and the road beside the park were scraped Monday by Pharis Morris and Mark Bedford. A tractor and use of a man were donated by R. A. Kenworthy for the purpose.

Practically all the advertising on the score cards has been sold. Some advertising on the fences has also been contracted for together with advertising on the schedule cards. The entire board of directors constitutes the advertising committee with Abe Epstein also aiding.

Clayton Wright and Royden Powell assisted in getting logs and lumber in preparation for the bleachers, work on the foundation of which has started.

The park is being whipped into shape and barring unfavorable weather will be in excellent shape when the players roll in this month.

Fire Drills Begin

Answering a complaint from a parent published in the Reader's Column of the Record-Observer February 23 to the effect that no fire drills were being held in Centreville high school, such drills were instituted last week.

An article prepared for the Centreville Hi-Post reports the situation as follows:

"Not long ago there appeared in our county paper a letter concerning the fact that at our high school we had no fire drills. We showed our recognition of this letter on last Wednesday, when at 1:05 p. m., we had a fire drill. A signal of three short rings of the bell is given and we form lines. We were allowed two minutes to get out of school but we managed to get out in just one minute. These fire drills will continue and we are sure they will be an advantage."

Garden Club Gives Shrubs, Trees To School

Exercises Given Arbor Day Touch. "Longfellow" Writes Timely Verse

At a colorful Arbor Day ceremony the Queen Anne's Garden Club presented two pin oaks on its own account and a collection of attractive evergreen shrubbery donated by Blakeford to the Centreville elementary school Tuesday morning to further the present landscaping program of the schools grounds.

Mrs. W. Marvin Barton, president of the Garden Club, made a brief address in presenting the trees and shrubbery and read a poem prepared by a Centreville "Longfellow". Evelyn Voshell accepted for the school.

The entire student body and the teachers, members of the Garden Club and of the Parent-Teachers Association of the school attended the exercises.

A brief program was given by the pupils following the presentation. This included a Toast to the Trees by Milton Skinner, Marjorie Emory, Edward Capel, Jean Schellhouse, James Mears and Betty Ann Kaufman; Tree pictures by Jeanne Valliant, Ruth Roe, Omah Hudson, Jane Greaves, Eva Whitby, Lawrence Morris and Ruth Anna Ratcliff; the reading of Kilmer's "Trees", by David Green and a closing song by the school.

The presentation poem was as follows:

From the Garden Club of Old Queen Anne's
These Oaks we leave with you;
'Tis just a small remembrance
Of loving kindness true.

These trees we're sure you'll guard with care
So each may show its beauty rare;
And may you live to see each tree
A massive Oak preserved by thee.

These trees are young as you folks are
And need a helping hand
To make them grow to heights afar
And beautify this land.

Now, as your teachers guide your step
And down life's road you go;
Please try to aid these humble Oaks
That they may larger grow.

Hilton Trophy On Display In Centreville

The Hilton trophy won by the rifle team of the First Regiment, Maryland National Guard, at Camp Perry, Ohio, last September, arrived in Centreville Tuesday for a brief period of display. The trophy has been placed with shields, pictures and background in the window of the former M. A. Perkins store at Commerce Street and Railroad avenue.

The trophy which has been in competition since 1883 is awarded to the Naitonal Guard rfile team scoring highest in the matches at Camp Perry. The 1938 triumph was the first ever scored by a Maryland team in the Hilton competition.

Captain Victor P. Gillespie of Company K was coach of the First Regiment team and drew wide commendation for his handling of the squad. The trophy is making a tour of Maryland counties represented in the First Regiment.

BURRISVILLE M. E. CHURCH

The Rev. W. P. Martin will preach at the Sunday evening service at Burrisville M. E. Church at 7:30 p. m.

Children's Aid Drive Nets $500

Final Returns Expected To Pass $600

Preliminary reports on the campaign of the Queen Anne's county chapter of the Children's Aid Society show that almost $500 had been raised up to Tuesday afternoon, at which time a meeting of district chairmen was held in the Courthouse under the leadership of Mrs. J. Paul Brown, chairman.

Mrs. Brown announced that a total of $499.38 had been received up to that time. Of this amount $157.78 was the chapter's profits from "The Torch Bearers", a comedy presented by the Players of the Little Theatre. The remaining $341.60 has come from memberships and donations.

Three districts have not yet been heard from, nor have all individuals been contacted. The goal of the chapter is $600 or more. Mrs. Brown expressed confidence that this amount will be contributed. A detailed report by districts is to be made upon completion of the drive.

PRICE NEGRO DIES

Arthur Thornton, elderly negro who was a familiar figure in and around Church Hill and Price, died at his home near Price Saturday from paralysis. He farmed on the Johns farm near Church Hill for many years. When his health failed two years ago he moved on a smaller place near Price.