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An Appalling Accident In Washington, D. C.

ROOF OF KNICKERBOCKER THEATRE FALLS IN KILLING 101 PERSONS AND SERIOUSLY INJURING OVER 90 OTHERS.

Saturday night, January 28, 1922, will be remembered by every one in Washington, D. C., as one of the most horrible ones ever known to the people of the Nation's Capitol. The night was a snowy and stormy one but, notwithstanding the condition of the weather, about 300 persons, bent on having an evening of pleasure, attended the Knickerbocker, a moving picture theater, located in the fashionable northwestern section of the city.

When every one apparently was laughing and enjoying an exceptionally funny picture, suddenly a roaring sound was heard and before any one could get out of the theater the roof of the same, composed of cement and heavy steel fell in and crushed out the life of 92 persons and injured 9 others so seriously they died shortly after being removed from the debris, or before they could be removed.

The snow storm which prevailed was one of the worst experienced in the East since 1899, over two feet of snow having fallen in Washington and at the time of the tragedy it was still snowing. The roof of the theater, which was known as a flat-one, had over two feet of snow on it the weight of which broke it down, causing the horrible accident.

Among those killed or seriously injured were officers of the army, navy, the diplomatic corps, with their wives, daughters and sons. The leader of the orchestra was killed instantly. A young lady had both feet crushed so badly they had to be amputated and many others lost legs, arms or eyes.

As soon as the accident was known, the police, firemen, marines, soldiers, doctors, nurses and citizens rushed to the building only to find themselves helpless until men who understood how to cut through the heavy steel girders with torches arrived and began the work of rescuing those caught under the extremely heavy roof.

The seating capacity of the theater was about 2000 and the small audience Saturday night unfortunately was grouped where the falling roof could do the most damage.

Monday Congress began an investigation of the tragedy and will sift it to the bottom. Many claim the building inspectors of Washington are too young and inexperienced and that a more experienced and higher priced man would not have allowed the theater to be covered with the roof which fell in. Others claim the material used was poor and the inspectors, had they been experienced and honest, would not have allowed it to be used in the building. If any one connected with the construction of the theater shall be found guilty of criminal negligence an indictment for manslaughter will follow.

An invitation to a dinner, perhaps, saved the lives of U. S. Senator O. E. Weller and Mrs. Weller. The Senator, for the purpose of relaxing after his duties in the Senate was wont to visit the Knickerbocker Theater and on the evening of the tragedy had intended to do so, but an invitation to dine out changed the plans and he and Mrs. Weller escaped.

About 30 years ago the old Ford's Theater, on Tenth street, N. W. in Washington, where President Lincoln was shot by Wilkes Booth collapsed, killing 30 clerks employed by the Government. Like the Knickerbocker Theater tragedy the crash came without a warning. The building had long since been abandoned for theater purposes and had been taken over by the army and was then being used as the headquarters of Adjutant-General Ainsworth.

In 1903 a fire in the Iroquois Theater in Chicago 604 persons perished, and the Washington tragedy recalls the Chicago one.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES

In the farmer's calendar you will notice the itinerary of the specialists of the University of Maryland and the County Agents for the week of February 6th, when farmers' institutes will be held in several towns in the county.

Mrs. Marian Bell, District Home Demonstration Agent, will speak on "Home Management", and "Inexpensive Time and Labor Saving Equipment".

Miss Rachel Everett, Home Demonstration Agent for the county, will speak on the "Relation of Food to Health."

Dr. Wm. Stone, District Health Officer, will be present and give one of his timely health talks which all will enjoy.

Mr. B. E. Carmichael, Animal Husbandry Expert, will discuss the methods of raising swine, and care and feeding of winter steers.

County Agent Fuller will speak on "The Production of Winter Eggs", and "Spring Work on the Poultry Ranch".

Two meetings will be held at each place. One meeting will be held in two sections where possible, one for the men and one for the women. The other meetings will be a joint meeting to discuss problems of interest to both men and women.

SALEM LUTHERAN

Rev. J. F. D. Bowersox, Ph. D. pastor

Installation Service.

St. Benjamin's at 10 A. M.

Sermon by Dr. A. G. Wolfe D. D.

3 P. M.

Sermon by Dr. Ezra K. Bell D. D., of Baltimore. All welcome.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, MANCHESTER

Rev. C. G. Leatherman, pastor.

Class in Catechise meets each Saturday 1:30 P. M.

Owing to the bad weather of last Sunday the Foreign Mission Service was postponed until February 5th.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL

For the Sentinel.

The program for the "Literary Society" was given Friday afternoon, January 27, 1922, as follows: Opening song, Dixie Land; reading of the minutes by the Secretary; roll call; recitation, Ralph Humbert; recitation, Grace Snyder; recitation, Margaret Myers; recitation, Martin Myers; recitation, Guy Leister; reading, Myrle Myers; recitation, Martha Smith; recitation, Edna Wells; song, by the girls; reading, John Helwig; recitation, David J. Yingling; dialogue, "A Trip"; recitation, Herbert Smith; recitation, Howard Leister; reading of the Diary; dialogue, "The Quacks"; song, "Tramp! Tramp! Tramp!"

The classes receiving the banners this week for the best recitations, attendance, conduct, and politeness are: Sixth grade for recitations, fifth grade for attendance and seventh grade for conduct and politeness.

The pupils present every day for the month of January are: Georgia Bixler, Patricia Kain, Martin Helwig, Edmund Helwig, Theodore Leister, Frederick Myers, Guy Myers, Kermit Weisharr, Howard Leister, Leroy Helwig, William Leister, and Paul Geiman. Those that missed one day are: Luella Helwig, Mary K. Petry, Martha Smith, Johanna Helwig, David G. Yingling, Roy Hiltabridle, Guy Leister, and Steward Smith.

Due to the fact that the people of this community have been so prompt in opening the road, we were able to have school on Monday.

MANCHESTER REFORMED CHARGE

Roy J. Freeman, pastor.

Manchester:

Sunday School 9.30.

Worship and Sermon 10.30 and 7.30.

Catechetical instruction Saturday afternoon 2.00.

Consisaory meeting Saturday evening 8.00.

"ALL ABOARD" WELL RENDERED BY LOCAL TALENT

WILL BE REPEATED TO-NIGHT. WILL AFFORD AN EVENING OF MUCH PLEASURE.

The farce musical comedy "All Aboard," the first performance of which was given last night in the Opera House, this city, by a company made up exclusively of local talent, was well received and generous applause given by a representative audience which filled the building.

For some unknown reason the play was delayed in starting for at least 45 minutes, but, being the first performance by an amateur company delays in opening were to be expected. The audience, however, was a good natured one and, aided by the excellent music by the orchestra it was kept in a good humor.

The leading characters, as well as the minor ones, were well performed and from the first curtain until the last the audience was kept in a continuous laughter. "Billy" Ditman, as Alexander C. Phome, was a typical colored porter on the steamship Florida. Miss Ethel Mitten as Mrs Sloane deserves special credit because she came into the play rather late, having substituted in place of one who was taken ill. A Calvin Bready, of W. M. College, as Billy Brady; Miss Emily Richmond, of W. M. College, as Dorothy Brady; Charles Richardson as Johny Thomas; Mrs. Paul Wimert as Beatrice Sloane; Harry M. Kimmey as Captain Kidd; Miss Dorothy Reifsnider as stewardess; Preston Coffman as Barney Kehl, and Joseph L. Fears as Bull Works acquitted themselves very creditably.

Last night's performance, being the first one, a little jarring, which was to be expected, took place, but none of the actors forgot the lines, which often happens with amateurs. With last night's experience the performance to-night should be much better especially the dancing of the young girls and boys.

The choruses were good and the solos by Miss Helen Ditman and Harry M .Kimmey were excellent. The latter, dressed in a blue and gold laced uniform, made a capital looking captain of the steamship Florida.

"All Aboard" requires at least 120 persons and Westminster may be thankful that Salem Lodge I. O. O. F., had nerve enough to build an opera house with a stage and dressing rooms large enough to accommodate so many performers.

The scenery, which was supplied by the John B. Rogers Producing Co., under whose management, by their director, M. Lannon Simons, the comedy was produced, was very appropriate, the stage representing the upper deck of an ocean going steamship.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTMINSTER C. E. UNION

The annual meeting of the Westminster Christian Endeavor Union will be held Thursday night, February 9th, 1922, at 7.30 o'clock, in St. Paul's Reformed Church, with the following program: Song service. Minutes of last meeting, Mrs. Frank T. Myers. Hymn. Scripture Reading, Mr. Glenn E. Miller. Prayer, Mr. Charles E. Lippy. Selection, Church of God C. E. Society. Selection, St. Paul's Reformed C. E. Society. Report of Nominating Committee. Business Session. Selection, Grace Lutheran C. E. Society. Selection, Methodist Protestant C. E. Society. Offering. Hymn. Address, Rev. John B. Rupley. Hymn. Mizpah Benediction. An invitation is extended the public to attend this union service.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 9:15 A. M.

Morning worship at 10:30.

Subject of Sermon: "Doing the Father's Will".

C. E. at 6:30 P. M.

Evening worship 7:30.

Rev. J. F. D. Bowersox will preach at this service. A welcome to all.

ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN, SILVER RUN.

The St. Mary's Lutheran congregation, Silver Run, will celebrate the Holy Supper, February 12, 1922.

A. G. Wolf, pastor.

TEN COMMANDMENTS ADOPTED BY NATIONAL W. C. T. U.

The following ten commandments were recently issued and adopted by the National W. C. T. U. and are recommended to every citizen of the United States by that organization.

1. Thou shalt not neglect to give foremost place to thine obligations as a citizen of the American republic.

2. Thou shalt not fail to familiarize thyself with the laws of thine own country.

3. Thou shalt not treat lightly or facetiously the violation of one jot or tittle of the law.

4. Thou shalt make a vow unto thyself to obey the spirit as well as the letter of the law.

5. Thou shalt definitely aim to create in thy community a sentiment favorable to law enforcement.

6. Thou shalt uphold the hands of thy law enforcement officials.

7. Thou shalt persuade the editors of thy local papers that it is their duty to publish those facts and truths that make for the observance of the law.

8. Thou shalt prevail upon thy preachers, thy public school and Sunday school teachers and all thy friends and fellow townsmen to talk, think, sing and work for law enforcement.

9. Thou shalt seek to win to enthusiastic cooperation in the law-enforcement campaign all thy fellow citizens, and especially the newly enfranchised women of thine acquaintance.

10. Thou shalt keep diligently all these commandments that thy nation may continue to flourish and be as a great lighthouse that sheddeth radiance upon all the world.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAKE GOOD RETURNS IN 1921, IN POULTRY PIGS AND CORN

The Poultry Club was the largest club this year. The County Poultry Association donated 27 settings of eggs to boys and girls who would hatch them and return a pullet in payment for the eggs in the fall and exhibit a trio at the fair. Twenty-one was able to do this. The association is planning to carry on the same work this year and any farm boy or girl should make application at once to the County Agent for settings on the same conditions; also that only one breed go to a farm.

The standing for this year is as follows: First, Carroll Rinehart, Union Bridge; second, H. C. Bemiller, Union Mills, and third, Margaret A. Myers, Pleasant Valley.

The Pure Bred Sow Pig Club was started at Taneytown in August through the Taneytown Savings Bank. The returns so far: First, Hubert Null, and second, Carroll Rinehart, Union Bridge, and third, Burton Kephart, Taneytown. The first two bought their pigs direct, eight bought through the bank. The pigs are all purebred Duroc Jersey and are making good growth with the promise of close competition at the Taneytown Fair this fall.

The Acre of Corn Club is small but shows good gains with high yields. John Myers, Baughman's Valley, produced 95 bu. shelled corn, Reids Yellow Dent, and Hubert Null, Taneytown, produced 74 1-5 bu. of the same variety.

The boys winning first place will receive the Short Course at the University of Maryland this summer. The Carroll County Farm Council is back of the boys' and girls' club work and so are a number of the banks and county farmer's organizations.

Now is the time to register for this year's club work. "Are you on?"

FARMER'S CALENDAR

February 4—Dairymen's meeting, Firemen's Hall, Westminster, 1:30 P. M.

February 7—Farmer's Institute, Taneytown, 10 A. M. and 1:30 P. M.

February 8—Farmer's Institute, Sykesville, 10 A. M. and 1:30 P. M.

February 9—Farmer's Institute, Silver Run, 1:30 P. M. and 7:30 P. M.

February 10—Farmer's Institute, Sandymount, 10 A. M. and 1:30 P. M.

February 11—Sweet Corn Grower's meeting Firemen's hall, Westminster, 1:30 P. M.

This will be an important meeting and every farmer should be present.

OBITUARY

SOPHRONIA H. BOWEN

Sophronia H. Bowen, aged 79 years, widow of the late William S. Bowen, of Baltimore, died Thursday, February 2, 1922, at the Methodist Protestant Home, this city.

The remains were removed to the residence of her son C. L. VanHorn, 27 Allegany Avenue, Towson, Baltimore county, Md. On Sunday at 2:30 P. M., the funeral services will be held in the M. P. Church, Towson. Interment in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Towson.

F. A. Sharrer & Son of this city, prepared the remains for burial.

WILLIAM CARR

William Carr died Tuesday, January 31, 1922, at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Carr, Mt. Pleasant, this county, aged 18 years, 3 months and 17 days. Besides his parents he is survived by a number of brothers and sisters.

The funeral services will be held to-morrow (Saturday) morning in the Church of God, Warfieldsburg, this county, Rev. J. W. Reinecke, pastor of St. Benjamin's Reformed Church, of near this city, officiating, and the interment will be in the adjoining cemetery.

James M. Stoner funeral director.

CHARLES E. WEBSTER

Charles E. Webster, a well-known and highly respected retired farmer, died Friday morning, January 27, 1922, at the Main Court Apartments, this city, aged 73 years, 5 months and 9 days. Besides his widow he is survived by two sons (Elisha and Dorsey Webster, of this city) and two daughters (Mrs. Preston Bosley, of Oakland Mills, this county, and Mrs. John Bosley, of Arlington, Baltimore, Md.)

The funeral services, which were largely attended, were held Tuesday last in Deer Park Church, Smallwood, this county, Rev. R. N. Edwards, of Centenary M. E. Church, this city, officiating, and the interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

The pallbearers, all of whom were former friends and neighbors of the deceased, were Messrs. George A. Shipley, Fenby L. Hering, John Nelson, Harry Buckingham, Bradford Owings and Carroll Owings.

Harvey Bankard & Son funeral directors.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Jesse Sterling Ruby and Rachael Elizabeth Martin, both of Baltimore county.

Henry Elwood Musselman, Manchester, and Edna Viola Patterson, Hampstead.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

Robert L. Runkles et al to The Mt. Airy Ice Cream Co., 61 1-2 sq. pr., $8500.

Thomas A. Harrison and wife to J. Willard Pickett and wife, 1 acre, $10.

William D. B. Hepner and wife to Henry W. Clarke and wife, property Sykesville, $10.

Annie E. Hawn to Chester A. Stevenson and wife, 8 1-4 acres, $10.

Philip T. Wentz and wife to Guy S. Wentz and wife, 15 acres, $2000.

ORPHANS' COURT

Monday, January 30th, 1922.

Emory C. Ebaugh, administrator of Jeremiah Ebaugh, deceased reported sale of personal property.

Martha A. Smith, administratrix of James E. Smith, deceased, returned inventory of personal property and money, and received order to sell personal property.

The last will and testament of J. A. P. Garner, deceased, was probated and letters testamentary thereon granted unto Mary E. Garner and Mamie I. Keefer, who received warrant to appraise and order to notify creditors.

Tuesday, January 31st, 1922.

Charles W. Koontz, executor of Robert N. Koontz, deceased, settled his first and final account and order to transfer stock.

Letters of administration on the estate of Jacob Bonsengz, deceased, were granted unto Edward O. Weant, who received order to notify creditors.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MASS MEETING

The mass meeting February 17th, 7.30 P. M., Armory Building, Westminster, will launch the American Legion Auxiliary. Every woman, who is eligible for membership, should consider it an honor to become a member.

The faculty of Western Maryland College has consented to hold their annual debate at the armory that night, subject, "Soldiers' Bonus". We will have an orchestra and band. Rev. Chalmers W. Walck will deliver an address on the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion.

After the big meeting, every community well-wisher will attend a short meeting to determine what will be for the best interests of the community. Every religious order, lodge, society, club, and organization of any kind, should appoint committee to attend. You may be sure that something definite will take shape at that meeting and, once started, will go on and grow. It may be a memorial, a community building, or a hospital.

We need men and women of good judgment. You realize that something could be put over, which would be a drag and burden to the community, and this could be done by a serious, conscientious, hard working, community loving man or woman. We need you that night. You often hear the remark, "They put one over on us—I could not attend the meeting". Don't let that be said of you.

Regular post meeting February 8th, 8 P. M., at the Club Room.

Carroll Post No. 31, American Legion.

C. C. Beach, Com.

ST. JOHN'S TO PLAY WESTMINSTER H. S. GAME FEBRUARY 7, AT ARMORY.

On next Tuesday evening the basket-ball fans of Westminster will have their first chance of the season to see two of Westminster's leading junior teams in action against one another. It will be a game in which only home talent will contest.

Both St. John's and the High School have tasted defeat this year. Although the High School seems to hold a slight advantage over their rivals, they will have to be at their best to defeat the Catholic boys. Play will start at 8 P. M.

Due to the heavy snow storm of last Saturday and Sunday, the Diocesan League scheduled between St. John's of Westminster and St. Elizabeth's of Baltimore had to be called off at the last minute. Although idle, the Westminster boys moved into a tie for second place with St. Andrew's The standing of the teams is as following.

	W.	L.	Pct.
St. John's of Baltimore	3	0	1.000
St. John's of West.	2	1	.667
St. Andrew's	2	1	.667
St. Ann's	1	1	.500
St. Martin's	1	1	.500
St. Bernard's	1	1	.500
Our Lady of G. C.	1	1	.500
St. Elizabeth's	0	2	.000
Sacred Heart	0	3	.000

WEDDINGS

MESSENGER—STREVIG

Miss Emma Grace Strevig and S. Jacob Messinger, both of Union Mills, this county, January 26, 1922, at the Lutheran parsonage, at Silver Run, this county, were married by Rev. A. G. Wolf.

PATTERSON—MUSSELMAN

Miss Edna V. Patterson, of Greenmount, this county, and Mr. Henry Musselman, of Manchester, this county, Saturday, January 28, 1922, were married at the parsonage of the Reformed Church, Manchester, by the pastor Rev. R. J. Freeman. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Musselman left for a trip which wil lbe a combined honeymoon and business one, Mr. Musselman being engaged in a business which takes him to all parts of the United States.

SEE "ALL ABOARD" TO-NIGHT. IT'S FINE.

SEVERE SNOW AND WIND STORM. WORST SINCE 1899.

COUNTY ROADS BLOCKED

BUSINESS AT A STANDSTILL

Last Friday night, or very early Saturday morning, a snow storm of exceptional violence swept into this vicinity from the South and by Saturday night nearly two feet of snow had fallen. It was of a light variety and on Saturday night when a strong northeast wind acrose the roads in the county were very soon blocked with it. Saturday night many persons were caught away from home and had to put up with friends or strangers.

Ex-State Senator Wade H. D. Warfield and Mrs. Warfield Saturday afternoon were caught in drifts on the Liberty road between Harrisonville and Eldersburg and had to remain over night with some friends. They did not reach their home in Sykesville until Sunday noon and only then after a large gang of men had shoveled snow out of the road.

George W. Magin, a huckster, of Taylorsville, Saturday night was returning from his stall in the Lexington market, Baltimore, and had proceeded on the Liberty road as far as Harrisonville when his truck became imbedded in a snow bank. Desiring to reach home that night for fear his aged parents and his own family would be worried about him and might also need his presence he left two of his sons to guard his truck and put up with a family residing near Harrisonville while he trudged nine miles through deep snow, reaching his home in the morning when he found all well and comfortable.

The Western Maryland Railway Company by running heavy trains was able to keep its track clear, but the bus lines running out of this city for several days were tied up tight until the State Roads Commission snow plows came to their aid and pushed or shoveled the snow off the state roads.

Monday in Westminster was an extremely dull day for business. Most of the rural mail carriers got through by using horses but a large number of farmers were locked up by drifted roads. By Wednesday, however, many roads had been opened and business was resumed.

In 1899 this county was visited by a snow storm which blocked every road in the county. The snow, like that which fell Saturday, was light and a strong wind piled it many feet high. In some places in cuts along county roads it hid the road and the fences along side of them.

THE WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION MEETING.

On Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Royer the W. C. T. U. held their January meeting. This meeting was of more than ordinary interest to the women of the W. C. T. U. because the subject was "Child Welfare" and taken from our Children's Bureau. Whether the members of the W. C. T. U. have children of their own or not they are Americans and are interested in all American children. The National W. C. T. U. has prepared programs and subjects for study for the monthly meetings of the Unions, and papers prepared upon these study subjects make the meetings for the year of unusual interest. The study for the February meeting will be Citizenship, and the meeting will be in the County Agent's office with Miss Everett. Miss Engel of Baltimore will be the instructress, and every white ribbon woman, who does not or expects to in the near future, to vote in Maryland, should be at the meeting to study Maryland laws. Both the secretary and treasurer were absent and Mrs. Edward Little filled their places. Mrs. David Geiman read an excellent paper from the Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor.

While at school on Thursday last Douglas Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barnes, of near Gist, fell and broke his arm. Just three months ago the same arm was broken.

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