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A NEAR FATAL ACCIDENT

Yesterday about twilight Mr. Arthur M. Zile, this city, accompanied by his son, and John Fringer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy N. Fringer, this city, John Harman, Harry Danner, and John Shipley, all of this city, were returning in Mr. Zile's auto via of Manchester from a trip to Hanover and York, Pa. Just after leaving Manchester and while rounding the curve in the road on the Manchester and Westminster state road which the recent rain and freeze had covered with ice, the auto in which they were riding skidded and went down a bank between a telephone pole and a tree. Both fenders were stripped from the machine, but fortunately no one but Mr. Harman, who received a slight cut on his head, was hurt. Mr. Zile left the auto where it landed and telephoned Mr. Walter H. Davis, this city, who brought all the persons here to their homes.

CLARENCE W. CHAMBERLAIN KILLED NEAR SILVER RUN

Saturday last, between three and four P. M., Clarence W. Chamberlain, of Washington, D. C., was killed when the auto he was driving turned over on the Westminster and Littlestown state road, near Silver Run, this county, and his companion, John Huff, an attorney-at-law, of Washington, D. C., received a severe shock. Chamberlain's head was driven through a window and part of his face was cut off by broken glass.

Both men were on their way to Hanover to visit a mutual friend, John W. Young, a produce dealer, and were carrying Christmas presents to him. The road was very icy and it is suspected that Chamberlain, who was driving, did not know how to handle an auto on an icy hill, Washington, D. C., his home city, being practically free of ice. When drivers attempt to drive over icy roads in a hill country they must exercise extraordinary care, and if ignorant of the manner of handling an auto on such roads, the hazard of an upset is very great. The part of the road where Chamberlain was killed, when icy, is a very dangerous one to motorists.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES

SALEM LUTHERAN PARISH

St. Benjamin's: Sunday school 9:00 A. M. Preaching 10:00 A. M. Subject, "First Things, First." Luther League 7:00 P. M.

St. John's: Sunday school 1:00 P. M. Preaching 2:00 P. M. New Year sermon.

CARROLL M. P. CHARGE

Our preaching services next Sunday will be Zion in the morning, Brandenburg in the afternoon, and Harmony Grove at night. The theme is "Stewardship and Resources." Are you a healthy Christian? Are you a sick Christian? Are you a dead Christian, or no Christian at all? If you belong to the first class, don't break your record. If you belong to the later two classes, now is a good time to start in. We welcome you to our services.

S. R. Martin, pastor.

WEDDINGS

CROUSE—KOONTZ

December 23, 1924, Mrs. Leah S. Koontz and Vernon L. Crouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Crouse, all of Taneytown, this county, were married in Thurmont, Frederick county, Md.

HARNER—IBACH

Monday, December 29, 1924, Miss Esther C. Ibach, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. O. Ibach, formerly of Union Bridge, this county, and George Harner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harner, of Taneytown, this county, were married at Salona, Penn. After January 20 they will be at home in Taneytown. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harner and daughter, Miss Novella, attended the wedding.

FAIR—ANGEL

Wilbur Z. Fair, Taneytown, and Miss Larue Angel, Graceham, were married at Trinity Reformed parsonage, Thursday, December 25, 1924, by the bride's pastor, the Rev. P. E. Heimer. They were accompanied by Miss Lottie Troxell and Mr. Charles Troxell, aunt and uncle of the bride. The bride wore a costume of steel Canton crepe, with slippers, hat and gloves to match. She for a number of years was organist at Apples church. Mr. and Mrs. Fair left for Philadelphia where they are spending a week.

U. S. IS TAKING STEPS TO FIGHT FOWL PLAGUE

$100,000 Fund To Combat Disease Provided By Congress.

Outbreak Is First Of Kind In Country.

All machinery of the Federal Government used to combat animal diseases has been thrown into high gear is an effort to fight the outbreak of European fowl pest, a disease which has resulted in severe embargoes being placed on shipments of poultry and which has thrown considerable uncertainty into the poultry industry. No sooner had Congress passed an emergency measure in record time, providing a fund of $100,000 to fight the disease, that the wheels of the Government were put into motion.

This is the first time in history that European fowl pest has appeared in this country. It was first discovered in Italy in 1878, and since that time has spread north, west and east. It is now prevalent in Germany, France, Belgium, Austria and Hungary. It first was discovered in this country on some of the big Eastern poultry markets and was called to the attention of the Government by Dr. V. A. Moore, of Cornell University. His diagnosis of the disease was confirmed by Federal experts.

Control Methods Detailed.

Dr. J. R. Mohler, chief of the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry, has sent 130 letters of instruction to the bureau inspectors in all parts of the country, giving details of methods and measures to be adopted in eradicating the plague wherever found in preventing its possible spread. In this control work use will be made of all such flexible forces of the Government as inspection, tuberculosis eradication and others.

As this disease never has appeared in the United States before there is no available literature on the subject. In a recent statement, Dr. Mohler describes the disease as follows: "It is a very acute infectious disease affecting particularly chickens, turkeys and geese. Blackbirds, sparrows, owls, hawks and other birds also contract the disease, while water fowl and pigeons are resistant. Mammals, including the human, are not susceptible . The infective agent is present in the blood and various tissues of the bird. It is so very small that is passes through the finest pores of a filter and no microscope is powerful enough to detect it.

High Mortality Recorded.

"The disease is characterized by its extremely infectious nature, rapidly progressing course and high mortality. The infected fowl loses its appetite, has an irregular walk, and becomes very droopy. The feathers are ruffled, and there is considerable prostration, with swelling and darkening of the comb and wattles. The bird lives as a rule, from two to five days. It apparently may be in good condition in the morning and be found dead in the evening as a result of having the disease in a very acute form."

There is no remedy for the disease from a medical standpoint, according to Dr. Mohler. The aim should be to prevent the spread of the infection. Sick fowls should be killed immediately and the carcasses burned or buried deeply. The healthy fowls should be moved to new quarters and carefully watched for signs of the disease.

Houses and runs should be thoroughly cleaned at frequent intervals, Dr. Mohler says, and disinfected with a 5 per cent. carbolic acid solution. The drinking water may be made antiseptic by adding one-third teaspoonsful of permanganate of potash to each gallon, a procedure which serves to prevent the spread of the disease through water and which also is a convenient means of administering an internal antiseptic.

There is no reason for the public to fear this outbreak, according to Federal authorities, from the standpoint of human health. Measures being taken at present by health authorities at the various markets are said to be adequate to assure the appearance on the retil markets of nothing but poultry that is healthy and safe to eat.

Messrs. W. Byers Unger and Wilfred M. Copenhaver, this city, are in Washington, D. C., attending the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Write it 1925.

Miss Esther Bixler, this city, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

Miss Hilda Keefer is visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Stem, this city.

Wednesday night a union watch meeting was held in the Methodist Protestant church, this city.

The New Year came in cold and raw with every indication of snow. It was a general holiday in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Warehime spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kauffman, this city.

Mr. Gilbert Houser is visiting his uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. William Hesson, this city.

Mr. Bernard Doyle, this city who, several days ago was struck by an auto, is able to be out.

Miss Virginia Waddell, this city, is visiting Miss Catherine Albaugh, of Hanover, Pa.

The First National Bank of Westminster has added $10,000 to its surplus.

On Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. George Stem, this city, entertained at dinner a large number of their friends and relatives.

Sunday last Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sweigart, this city, visited Mr. and Mrs. Monias V. Bankert, of Silver Run, this county.

Sunday last Mrs. Annie Doyle, of Cranberry, near this city, entertained a large number of her friends with a fine dinner.

Cold weather has stopped work on the new store building of Mr. Arthur L. Stonesifer, East Main street, this city.

Last night this county was visited by a severe snow storm. By this morning over a foot of snow had fallen. Some roads are blocked.

The Christmas rush is now over, and the post office people will not object if you buy Christmas presents for 1925 and mail them now.

Mr. Howell Davis, this county, who received the contract to erect the foundation for the Newark Shoe factory, this week began hauling materials.

Sunday evening last the cantata by the choir of the Methodist Protestant church, this city, was well rendered, especially the solos by Miss Caroline Wantz.

Wednesday afternoon a chimney fire at the residence of Mr. Clarence Stem, Carroll street, this city, caused considerable excitement, but the firemen soon put out the flames.

Twenty-seven boxes of cake, fruit, nuts, and candy were delivered by the Woman's Adult Bible Class of Grace Lutheran church, this city, to "shut-ins" of the congregation.

Tuesday night, January 6, Charity Lodge K. of P. will install its newly elected officers for the ensuing year. The entertainment committee has arranged a fine program, included in which are excellent refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, December 21, at the Franklin Square hospital, Baltimore. Mrs. Cooper was Miss Mary Reese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reese, near Mt. Pleasant, this county.

This week while driving on a street in Gettysburg, Pa., the auto of Rev. L. K. Young, pastor of Mt. Joy Lutheran church, Harney, this county, caught fire and was damaged to the extent of about $100. Chemicals thrown on the engine saved the body of the auto from destruction.

Wednesday morning 15 trucks were unable to negotiate the hill on the Westminster and Manchester state road immediately this side of Manchester. The State Roads Commission ordered a flagman placed on the hill to notify motorists. The trucks turned around on the ice.

OBITUARY

J. ERNEST SNYDER

J. Ernest Snyder died Wednesday, December 31, 1924, at his residence near Hampstead, this county, aged 44 years.

Today, at 1 P. M., funeral services were held at his late residence, and further services in Wesley Chapel M. E. church, near Hampstead, and the interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

HENRY B. FREENY

Monday last Henry B. Freeny, aged 54 years, a graduate of Western Maryland College, this city, and a prominent attorney and business man of Salisbury, Maryland, died at his residence in Salisbury from pneumonia. He leaves a widow, who was Miss Grace Ellegood, daughter of James E. Ellegood, and two children, Miss Rosalie, and James E. Freeny.

MRS. FRANK L. MIDDLEKAUFF

Mrs. Frank L. Middlekauff, a daughter of Jesse M. Harden, a former resident of this county, and Reisterstown, Baltimore county, died Tuesday, December 30, 1924, in the Waynesboro, Pa., hospital, following an attack of acute appendicitis. She was stricken Christmas night and taken immediately to the hospital. Surviving are her husband, her father, who now resides at Blue Ridge Summit, and one son Walter L. Fox by a former marriage. Funeral and interment January 1.

MRS. EDWIN H. MANNING

Mrs. Betty, wife of Edwin H. Manning, formerly of this city, died December 27, 1924, at her late residence in Dallas, Texas, aged 37 years, 3 months, and 6 days.

Wednesday the remains were brought to this city and, after funeral services in Ascension Episcopal church, Rev. R. R. Genois officiating, interred in the Westminster cemetery.

The pallbearers were John Manning, Ralph S. Reifsnider, Raymond Stiver, J. Thos. Anders, S. C. Stoner, and Carroll Crawford.

F. A. Sharrer and Son funeral directors.

MRS. CHARLES POHLER

Mrs. Charles Pohler died January 1, 1925, at her home, near Uniontown, this county, aged 45 years, 7 months, and 8 days.

Besides her husband, who was her second one, she is survived by three children by her first marriage. Mrs. Mary Standiford, and James Ireland, of Baltimore, and Charles Ireland, of this city.

Monday next at 2 P. M., January 5, the funeral services will be held at the residence of her son James Ireland, 1511 Belt street, Baltimore, and the interment will be in Cedar Hill cemetery, Baltimore.

Harvey Bankard and Son funeral dirocetors.

CHARLES LIPPY

Charles Lippy, formerly of this city, died Monday, December 29, 1924, at his late residence in Philadelphia, Pa., aged 52 years, 3 months, and 19 days. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Samuel Null, and a half sister, Miss Gertrude Null, both of this city.

Wednesday the funeral services were held at the residence of his step father, Samuel Null, Pennsylvania avenue, this city, Rev. R. S. Patterson, of Salem Lutheran Parish, officiating, and the interment was in Kreider's cemetery, near this city.

The pallbearers were Herbert Essich, Harvey Stone, Charles E. Lippy, George E. Marker, George W. Babylon, and Milton P. Myers.

Harvey Bankard and Son funeral directors.

CHARLES H. ZILE

Charles H. Zile, son of the late Leonard and Margaret Zile, formerly of Frizellburg, this county, died Sunday, December 28, 1924, at his late residence, 2823 Riggs avenue, Baltimore.

Besides his widow, Cora E. Fair Zile, who was his second wife, his first wife having died about four years ago, he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: J. R. Zile, of York Haven, Pa.; J. Thomas and Miss Bessie Zile, of Frizellburg, this county; Mrs. Edward Yingling, of Pleasant Valley, this county; Mrs. Grace Bish, of this city, and Mrs. J. Snader Devilbiss, of Uniontown, this county.

Wednesday at 9:30 A. M. the funeral services were held at the late residence of the deceased. Interment at New Oxford, Pa., the former home of his widow.

MARYLAND SWEET CORN PACK SHOWS BIG DROP

The sweet corn pack of Maryland for 1924 is 500,000 cases under that of last year, according to the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. The total pack this year is 1,707,000 cases as compared to 2,256,000 cases the year before, while the 1922 pack was somewhat less than two million cases, the Foundation states.

The sweet corn pack in this state finds its counterpart in the national pack for the year. Total production in 1924 was over twelve million cases as compared with the fourteen million cases of the year before. This year's production, however, is about a million cases above the pack of 1922. The violent fluctuation from year to year has been characteristic of the corn industry, so that the 15,000,000 cases which were produced in 1920 dropped the very next year to scarcely half that figure. Although 14 million cases were produced as far back as 1911, two years later found that production cut into two ,with the result that steady prices would be impossible but for common practice of carrying heavy stocks over from one season to the next.

The fluctuation in production is not only shown in the country as a whole but individual states fluctuate sharply in opposite directions the same year, the figures compiled by the Foundation show. Ohio canned only about half as much corn this year as last, while Maine increased her output about one-third. Maine, New York and Minnesota were the only states to show material increases this year, Iowa, Illinois and Maryland dropping off 20 to 25 per cent. each while still dividing honors fairly evenly for leading place.

FINDS INEXPERIENCE IN COUNTY TEACHERS

Albert S. Cook, Superintendent, Says 15 Per Cent, Are Lacking in Skill.

Approximately 15 per cent. of the teachers in Maryland county schools are inexperienced according to a section of the annual report of the State Department of Education made public Tuesday by Albert S. Cook, Superintendent.

In white elementary schools there are 421 persons holding teaching positions for the first time, it was stated. Annual turnover in white high schools, it is asserted, is greater proportionately than in elementary schools. Approximately 17 per cent. of the high school teachers are declared to be inexperienced.

Garret Leads List.

"The greatest turnover in elementary schools," the report says, "occurs in the one-teacher school, the average being about 22 per cent. Garrett county has the largest proportion of inexperienced teachers in the graded schools. However, if a large number of inexperienced teachers means the replacement of untrained teachers by better trained normal graduates, a high turnover is not an undesirable thing.

"Charles county with its comparatively high salaries and consequently stable faculty at Indian Head and its experienced teachers at the consolidated school in Glasva, has the least experienced high-school teachers.

"Baltimore county also has a good salary schedule and few inexperienced high-school teachers. Kent and Dorchester employ a large proportion of residents in their high schools. Queen Anne's pays salaries large enough to retain good teachers. All of these have less than 10 per cent. of inexperienced teachers.

Due To Minimum Salaries.

"At the other end of the scale are Calvert, St. Mary's, Garrett, Howard, Washington, Carroll, Montgomery and Harford, which have a fifth or more of their teachers without previous experience. The high turnover is due to minimum salaries and the competition of nearby cities and counties, which pay more."

A farmer gives a note bearing 6 per cent interest with a penalty of ten per cent if not paid at maturity. The note is not paid and an attorney puts a judgment on record. The mathematical problem then is like this:

Amount of note	$ 100.00
Interest	6.00
Attorney's fee	10.60
Court costs on judgment	7.50
	$123.10

In other words the $100 has cost the farmer $23.10, which must be added to the expense account of his farming.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Lewis E. Braumbaugh, Brokville, Ohio, and Eva R. Diehl, Union Bridge.

Clayton E. Moul and Elizabeth Schriver, Gettysburg, Pa.

James Ralph Dunkinson and Ida Mae Eldred, Hanover, Pa.

Harry W. Biller and Anna R. Keefer, Woodbine, Md.

Gorman Calvin Jordan and Mary Rebecca Stem, Westminster, Md.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

Raymond K. Angel and wife to Joseph P. Bostian, 70 sq. rds., $10.

Harry C. Bowman and wife to Chas. E. Taylor and wife, 4 a. $10.

Joseph Fridinger and wife to Chas. D. Snyder and wife, 9,790 sq. ft., $10.

Norman E. Murray and wife to Joseph Fridinger and wife, 23 sq. prs., $10.

Frederick J. Nagle and wife to J. Frank Utz and wife, 5 a, $5.

Edward D. Cronk and wife to Frank B. Bennett and wife, 188 a, $10.

Walter H. Davis and wife to J. George Klee and wife, 9,000 sq. ft., $5.

William P. Berry and wife to George E. Costley, 1 a, $5.

James W. Lowman to George E. Costley, 1 a, $5.

Charles W. Barnes, executor, to Francis Earl Brown and wife, 2 a, $550.

Harry C. Frick and wife to A. Earl Shipley, 47 a, $10.

A. Earl Shipley to Harry C. Frick and wife, 47 a, $5.

ORPHANS' COURT

Monday, Dec. 29.—The last will and testament of George A. Utermahlan, deceased, was duly admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon were granted unto Nevin W. Crouse, who received warrant to appraise and order to notify creditors.

Letters testamentary on the estate of Ezra J. Little, deceased, were granted unto John W. Little and Henry S. Little, who received order to notify creditors and who returned inventory debts due.

Tuesday, Dec. 30.—Letters of administration with the will annexed upon the estate of John Paul Smith, deceased, were granted unto Nathan H. Baile, who received order to notify creditors.

Mildred Buckingham, received order to draw funds.

Maggie Rowe, received order to draw funds.

Letters of administration on the estate of Fanny M. Michael, deceased, were granted unto Bernard H. Michael, who received order to notify creditors and who returned inventory debts due.

Charles H. Stonesifer, acting executor of Sarah J. Stonesifer, deceased, returned inventory personal property.

Elsie L. Wilson, administratrix of Frank G. Wilson, deceased, returned inventory personal property.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The county commissioners were in session on Monday and Tuesday of this week and transacted the following business: Paid the following bills: Edward Cushing, district No. 3, $27.37; W. T. Roberts, turkeys killed by dogs, $9.00; Blue Ridge Garage, No. 11, $128.72; F. W. Fuller, county agent, $200.00; E. O. Weant, election board, $100.00; C. L. Arnold, No. 4, $4; Geo. R. Bitzell, $16.66, and John S. Tecter, No. 1, $292.66.

NEAR EAST RELIEF NEEDS CANDY

From the Islandof Syra, where Miss Alice Anna Rouse, of Belair, Maryland, is stationed, under auspices of the Near East Relief, comes the news to Maryland Headquarters of the relief organization, that, but for the toys sent from this county, with a few others from the other parts of Maryland, the kiddies on the island, would have had no toys for Christmas this year.

These toys, with a lot of hard candies, were sent over last year for Christmas, but arrived too late for Christmas there. The candies were distributed and the toys held over until this Christmas in hopes that more would be sent. But they were not, and if it had not been for these toys, the little children, whom Miss Rouse is teaching how to play, would have had none.

Candies are needed for the children on the island, and Maryland Headquarters, 14 West Franklin street, (2nd floor), Baltimore, would welcome any donations. It is asked that any charges on the donations be prepaid, to save the Near East Relief, that expense.

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