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FIREMEN'S ELECTION AND BANQUET

Wednesday evening the Westminster firemen held their annual election and banquet in their recently improved building.

President Frank T. Shaeffer called the meeting to order, and the treasurer Harry D. Fowble, through Joseph Hahn, assistant treasurer, reported the receipts for the year $5,883.39, and expenditures $4,999.30, leaving a cash balance of $884.09.

Norman B. Boyle, the retiring chief reported 27 alarms in the county, and 23 in the city proper, to all of which the company responded.

An amendment to the by-laws granting to members over 60 years old who had served for 15 consecutive years on the active list, a pension of $5 per week as a sick benefit, was adopted.

The only election contest was for chief and William Utz defeated Walter Helm by a vote of 23 to 21. The officers elected were: President, Frank T. Shaeffer; first vice-president, Edward O. Diffendal; second vice-president, William H. Shaeffer; secretary-treasurer, Harry D. Fogle; assistant secretary treasurer, Joseph G. Hahn; chief, William Utz; assistant chief, Leonard Shaeffer; foreman of apparatus, Edward Orendorff; assistant foreman of apparatus, H. M. Phillips; librarian, Denton Gehr; assistant librarian, John Whitmore; marshal, William F. Helm, and assistant marshal, S. C. Stoner.

The executive committee appointed Warfield Babylon engineer.

The directors elected for the ensuing year are F. T. Shaffer, E. O. Diffendal, William H. Shaeffer, H. D. Fowble, and William Utz.

Supper and Banquet.

Immediately after the election President Shaeffer invited the members, active, retired, and honorary, and the invited guests to the supper room on the first floor, and, led by Mayor Matthews and Dr. A. Norman Ward, President of Western Maryland College, the whole assembly proceeded thence where an excellent meal was served.

At the conclusion of the supper those present reassembled in the large meeting room on the second floor where the following program was enjoyed: Singing, America; address, M. E. Walsh, Esq.; quartette; piano duet; orchestra; address, Guy W. Steele; quartette, and orchestra.

The following committees had charge of arrangements: Executive: Frank T. Shaeffer, Edward O. Diffendal, William H. Shaeffer, Harry D. Fowble, and Norman B. Boyle; supper: Marshall E. Campbell, chairman; Frank B. Dillard, H. Vernon Harbaugh, Bernard Fink, and Edward Orendorff; entertainment: J. Gloyd Diffendal, chairman; Francis C. Keefer, and H. G. Mathias.

KOONS—ZENTZ

A wedding which came as a surprise to their many friends was solemnized Saturday, when Miss Caroline Beatrice Zentz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Zentz, Thurmont, became the bride of Clyde O. Koons, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Koons, Keymar. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. Maxwell Stamets, pastor of the Augustburg Lutheran church, at the parsonage at Harrisburg, Pa. After a motor trip through Pennsylvania, the couple will be at their apartment, 17 East Patrick street, Frederick.

W. M. STUDENTS TO GIVE PLAYS

The students of the speech department, of Western Maryland College, under the direction of Miss Esther Smith, assistant director of dramatics, will present three one-act plays in Smith Hall this evening to which the public is invited for a small charge of admission. The casts are as follows: "All on a Summer's Day" by Flora Gebhart—One, Margaret Willinger; two, Virginia Shockey; three, Helen Baker; Mammy, Eva Logue. "The Neighbors" by Zona Gale, Mis' Diantha Abel, Thelma Shriner; Inez, Ruth Schlincke; Grandma, Gertrude Ranck; Ezra Williams, Wilmer Bell; Peter, Wilson Barnes; Mis' Elmira Moran, Margaret Wilson; Mis' Trot, Anna Swann; Mis' Carry Ellsworth. "Two Slatterns and a King" by Edna St. Vincent Millay, The King, Everett Meredith; Chance, Mabel Warde; Tidy, Leota Kolb and Slut Margaret Martignoni.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Burall, this city, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John Burall, Uniontown.

Mr. George R. Babylon, of the Fidelity and Deposit Company, Baltimore, spent Monday in this city.

Mrs. Amanda Lockard, East Main street, spent Wednesday at the home of L. W. Caple, Sandyville.

Miss Mary O'Dell, near Union Mills, spent the week-end with friends in this city.

Charity Lodge, No. 58, Knights of Pythias, conferred the rank of Knight upon eleven Esquires Tuesday night.

Mr. Harry C. Albaugh, Hanover, Pa., spent Wednesday in this city and attended the firemen's banquet held that night.

Miss Annie Starner Senft, "Shady Side," is visiting relatives and friends in Spring Grove, Landisville, and Harrisburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lee Erb and the latter's son, John Saylor, Detour, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Bowers, Park avenue.

Tuesday C. Ray Fogle, deputy register of wills, attended the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Grayson H. Fogle, at Thurmont, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Coblentz, Union Mills, are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son born Monday.

Harold Armacost, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Armacost, Pennsylvania avenue, has recovered after suffering from a severe attack of spasms.

Miss Mary B. Shearer, Baltimore, will give a luncheon on January 30 in honor of Mrs. Howell Carroll. Mrs. Carroll is at present the guest of her sister, Mrs. Guy W. Steele, this city.

Thursday last Mrs. Harry Cover and Mrs. Ralph Cover, this city, attended the funeral in Easton of Mrs. Anna B. Cover, a former resident of this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Maus and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Eckard, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Eckard and family, all of this city were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Maus and family, Northern Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Blizzard and son, East Main street, have returned from a business trip to Ohio where Mr. Blizzard purchased an airplane which he will use on the aviation field near this city and will continue under the name of the Westminster Flying Service. The plane that Mr. Blizzard operated last summer was completely demolished several months ago by a wind storm.

Betty Magin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Magin, Church street, celebrated her sixth birthday Tuesday evening from 7 until 9 o'clock. Attractive favors were used and delicious refreshments served. Those present were Ruth Ohler, Dorothy Brown, Mary Jane Darr, Doris Myers, David Myers, Ruth Ellen Magin and Mary Anna Dinst.

R. O. T. C. UNIT INSPECTED

Colonel Clarence Deems, Jr., Staff Officer of the Third Corp Area headquarters inspected the Western Maryland College R. O. T. C. Unit on the Hill Monday and Wednesday. He congratulated Captain Harold D. Wooley upon the excellent showing made. Colonel Deems inspected the entire corp on Monday morning on Hoffa field. After the ceremonies in the morning were completed, he presented letters to the members of the rifle team of '26 and '27 and also commended each man upon his rating and especially Major Thomas Reed, Captain James Lusby and First Lieutenant Charles Summers on being members on the Third Corp Area Rifle Team at the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. Reed also won a gold medal for highest score in the Third Corp R. O. T. C. indoor competition with a score of 794 out of a possible 800, which was the second highest score in the United States. The following men were awarded letters: S. Whitney Downer, Charles A. Holland, Earl B Lippy, James Lusby, Oscar L. Morris, T. W. Reed, John H. Simms, and C. A. Summers.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

E. Richard Moul and Katherine Bowersox, York, Pa.

Mervin H. Stambaugh and Margaret Smith, Thomasville, Pa.

Lester Schoelkoph and Josephine Baldwin, Gettysburg, Pa.

Charles E. Baublitz and Beulah E. Robinson, New Windsor.

John E. Stonesifer and Catherine R. Troxell, Keymar.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

Nelson Wantz and wife to Mervin E. Wantz and wife, 2 tracts, $5,000.

Bertha E. Hooper and husband to Edgar Fowler and wife, 86 sq. pr. $10.

Edgar Fowler and wife to Joseph B. Hughes and wife, 86 sq. pr., $10.

Edward O. Weant et al to Henry S. Brandenburg and wife, 7 a, $1200.

Edward O. Weant et al to James M. Gaither and wife, 1188 sq. ft., $4050.

Blanche V. Barnes and husband to Raymond M. Brashear, 111 a, $10.

Irvin S. Leister and wife to Jacob E. Leister, 7 a, $10.

James L. Lockard, Jr., to Joseph E. Hunter, 4 lots in Westminster, $10.

Clarence W. Duvall and wife to Walter M. Young and wife, 2 lots in Westminster, $10.

Amanda I. Baker to Edward H. Winter and wife, 2 lots in Taneytown, $10.00.

Herbert E. Hetrick and wife to J. Frank Warner, 2 lots in Lineboro, $1.

J. Frank Warner to Cora J. Hetrick, 2 lots in Lineboro, $1.

Asa H. Watkins and wife to James F. Orr, 2 lots in Mt. Airy, $10.

Charles P. Jones and wife to John H. Roop and wife, 1441 sq. ft., $1.

John W. Cross and wife to John H. Roop, parcel of land in New Windsor, $10.

Michael E. Walsh and wife to D. Eugene Walsh, 4 a, $1.

John C. Melville and wife to Trustees of Oakland M. E. church, 2 a, $10.00.

ORPHANS' COURT

Monday, Jan. 16.—Ella B. Lloyd, executrix of Scott N. Lloyd, deceased, returned inventory personal property.

Maggie P. Eyler, executrix of David F. Eyler, deceased, returned inventory personal property.

Westminster Deposit and Trust Co., administrator of John E. L. Hanna, deceased, reported sale of personal property.

A. Florence Forrest and Ella M. Forrest, executrices of Martha Alice Forrest, deceased, returned inventories of personal property and real estate.

The last will and testament of Cornelius F. Dice, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon were granted unto Guy A. Dice, who received warrant to appraise personal property and order to notify creditors.

Letters testamentary on the estate of Philip Horpel, deceased, were granted unto Kate Horpel, who received order to notify creditors under Chapter 146 Acts 1912.

Letters of administration on the estate of Oliver D. Price, deceased, were granted unto Daisy M. Burgoon and Lizzie P. Ports, who received order to notify creditors.

Letters of administration on the estate of Abraham J. Hann, deceased, were granted unto Emma Hann, who received order to notify creditors.

Walter J. Stonesifer and G. Roscoe Stonesifer, administrators of Annie R. Stonesifer, deceased, reported sale of personal property.

Mary F. Hill, guardian of Emma May Hill, ward, settled her first and final account.

Tuesday, Jan. 17.—Bettie G. Galt, administratrix d. b. n. c. t. a., of Annie L. Fritchey, deceased, settled her first and final account.

Annie R. Bohn, administratrix of Wellington G. Bohn, deceased, settled her first and final account.

Lorraine K. Hoff, executrix of Joshua K. Kemp, deceased, returned inventory debts due.

The sale of real estate of Frank J. Sneeringer, deceased, was finally ratified by th ecourt.

George E. Deberry and William E. Deberry, executors of John W. Deberry, deceased, received order to sell real estate.

The last will and testament of Savanna C. Stair, deceased, was admitted to probate.

FOR POSTMASTER AT LINEBORO

All applications for appointment of postmaster at Lineboro, this county, must be filed with the Civil Service Commission at Baltimore on or before February 8, 1928.

OBITUARY

GERALD P. LAWRENCE

Gerald Preston, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl P. Lawrence, died at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bohn, near Union Bridge, Saturday, January 14, 1928, aged two months and 22 days. The funeral was held Sunday at the house at 9:30, followed by services at Beaver Dam Church of the Brethren. Interment was made in the cemetery adjoining.

MRS. MARGARET YINGLING

Mrs. Margaret Yingling, widow of Ephraim Yingling, died Friday, January 13, 1928, at the home of Harvey C. Snyder, Hampstead, after an illness of two weeks. Death was due to dropsy and heart trouble. She was aged 86 years, 5 months and 16 days. Her husband preceded her in death eight years ago at their home near Hampstead. Since that time she has been living with Mr. and Mrs. Snyder. Her closest surviving relatives are a number of nieces and nephews. Mrs. Yingling was a member of the Manchester Lutheran church. The funeral was held Monday at the Snyder home at 1:00 P. M. with further services in Immanuel Lutheran church at Manchester, the Rev. L. H. Rehmeyer, pastor, officiating, and interment was made in the adjoining cemetery.

MRS. SAMUEL STULLER

Mrs. Sallie Stuller, wife of Samuel Stuller, died from a stroke of paralysis at her home at Becktown, midway between New Windsor and Uniontown, Friday, January 13, 1928. She was aged 54 years, 5 months and 19 days. She was a daughter of the late George and Sarah Fritz and was thrice married, her first husband having been Samuel Haines, and her second Isaac Gilbert. Besides Mr. Stuller, she leaves two children by her first marriage: Mrs. Philip Weller, Clear Ridge, and John S. Haines, at home. She is also survived by three grandchildren and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Emma Greenwood, Mt. Airy; Mrs. J. M. Carter, Hagerstown; Harry Fritz, Glyndon; Scott Fritz, Minneapolis. The funeral was held Monday at the house at 1:30 P. M. with further services in Winters' Lutheran church. The Rev. J. E. Lowe officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. B. Rupley. Interment was made in Winters cemetery.

GEORGE E. KOUTZ

George E. Koutz, well-known insurance agent of Taneytown, died Tuesday, January 17, 1928, aged 55 years, 5 months and 22 days. Mr. Koutz had been suffering for the past eight years from inflammatory rheumatism but was able to get around by means of crutches. He suffered a stroke of paralysis 10 days ago which was the direct cause of his death. He was a son of the late Joshua and Savilla Koutz. He was agent for the Dug Hill Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore county and a charter member of the Taneytown P. O. S. of A. lodge. He was married to Miss Annie A. Bankert, who survives with three children: Mrs. W. Rein Motter, Taneytown; Kenneth B. Koutz, at home; and Herman J. Koutz, Baltimore. He is also survived by one grandson and two sisters, Mrs. Nettie A. Weaver, Baltimore, and Mrs. Oliver M. Crouse, this city. The funeral was held this morning with services at the house at 10 A. M. His pastor, the Rev. Guy P. Bready, officiated. Interment was made in the Reformed cemetery at Taneytown. The P. O. S. of A. lodge conducted services at the grave. The pallbearers were D. J. Hesson, F. A. Crouse, S. C. Ott, Augustus Morelock, John Shirk and George Newcomer.

TO ATTEND CANNERS' CONVENTION

To-morrow, at 5:30 P. M., the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad canners' special train will leave Camden station, Baltimore for Chicago where the National Canners' Convention will be held Monday and Tuesday next. George N. Hunter, canner, of this city will be a passenger of the special.

Messrs. Joseph N. Shriver and Samuel H. Shriver, of The B. F. Shriver Company, this city, will attend the convention, but will go by a different route. Herbert Kiler, J. Howard Miller, Ralph Cover and George Osborne, this city, will also attend.

CONFERENCE OF COUNTY AGENTS

Tuesday last the annual conference of county agents of the Extension Service of the University of Maryland was begun at College Park.

Dr. R. A. Pearson, president of the university welcomed the agents. T. B. Symons, director of Extension Service presided at the opening meeting, and Prof. Boyd H. Bode, Ohio State University delivered an address.

State Needs More Cows

During the conference the morning sessions will be joint ones of the county agents and home demonstration agents, while the afternoon meetings will be separate. "Strengthening the Dairy Marketing Program" was the topic discussed at the afternoon session of the county agents.

I. W. Heaps, secretary of the Maryland State Dairymen's Association, asked cooperation of the agents in the procuring of better cows in the State. He told them there never had been enough cows in the State and there never would be enough, but the crying need was for better cows and better feeding. He said if the county agents would teach the scientific feeding of cows there need be no fear of Wisconsin and Idaho milk coming into Baltimore market. The Maryland milk producer is the best paid anywhere, he said.

Need Not Fear Outside Milk

He also told the meeting that if the agents would help in obtaining better quality the producers would have nothing to fear from outsiders and that the Health Department has said it will stand behind the producers and no outside milk will be permitted to come into the State.

At the joint session Tuesday, greetings from the United States Agriculture Department were presented by Miss Florence Ward, of the department. Professor Bode, who is head of the department of education of his university, told the session he saw in the education of farmers' sons the salvation of agriculture. He thought that what was needed more than anything else was a better understanding of marketing conditions and that could only be obtained through business training.

Wednesday aid by county agents to the dairy marketing program was again the theme of discussion.

John McGill, secretary, Maryland-Virginia Dairymen's Association, asked the agents to urge their farmers to look to quality rather than quantity production and to smooth out the difficulties among the association, dealers and producers.

Better Understanding

The Interstate Dairymen's Association, which finds a market for the Eastern Shore milk in Philadelphia, was said by H. B. Derrick, of Kent county, to encourage a better understanding with the shippers by refunding to them money to pay costs of meetings to discuss the milk situation.

E. G. Jenkins, in charge of boys' and girls' work in Maryland, told the conference that 1,400 members of calf clubs within the past five years had owned from one to thirteen pure-bred calves each and that many of the animals were now grandams. These cows are being sold to farmers improving their herds.

The conference discussed the marketing of fruits and vegetables. F. E. Bomberger, executive director of the Del-Mar-Va Association, was the speaker. He said, in opening, that any program that does not treat farming as an industry must fail and told of the woes of the Eastern Shore of Virginia growers of potatoes in trying to dispose of their crops by underbidding their neighbors and the wonderful success of getting together this year and selling as a unit.

During 1927, Dr. Bomberger said, 22,000 bushels of potatoes were disposed of at prices made by their own quotation committee at better prices than were gotten in competition with one another with a crop of only 14,000 bushels in 1926.

The consumer was not to be considered, he said, because he is not benefited by price fluctuations. The remainder of the session was spent in technical discussions.

Hold Joint Conference

In the joint conference with the home-demonstration agents Miss Venia M. Keller, State home-demonstration agent, presided. The address was made by Prof. Boyd H. Bode, department of education, Ohio State University. His theme was, "What Extension Work Should Try to Accomplish."

This afternoon the conference will adjourn.

MAN KILLED BY BULL

Theodore E. Feeser, a retired farmer residing at Taneytown, suffered injuries Monday noon when he was attacked by an angry bull which resulted in his death at the Frederick City Hospital, Tuesday evening.

Mr. Feeser had gone to visit his son Russell, who occupies a farm a mile or two from Taneytown. He had put his horse in the stable and was getting straw from a stack in the barnyard when the bull suddenly charged upon him. Although Mr. Feeser was a heavy-built man, the infuriated animal tossed him in the air. Both of his lungs were punctured and he was otherwise hurt. He would have doubtless been killed on the spot had not his daughter-in-law who heard the commotion in the barnyard hastened to his aid and drove the bull away with the aid of a pitchfork.

Physicians who were summoned rushed the injured man to the Frederick City hospital where everything possible was done to save his life but in vain. He was aged 61 years, 10 months and 7 days.

Mr. Feeser was the son of Nathaniel and Sarah Feeser, Taneytown, who survive. He also leaves his wife who before marriage was Miss Emma Harman and two children: Russell S. Feeser, near Taneytown, and Miss Hilda A. Feeser, at home; a grandson, Ellsworth Feeser; two brothers, Harry Feeser, Taneytown; Edward Feeser, near Taneytown; and two sisters, Mrs. William Angell, near Taneytown; and Mrs. Elmer Crebs, Taneytown.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 1:30 with services in Grace Reformed church, Rev. Guy P. Bready officiating. Interment was made in the adjoining cemetery. The pallbearers were John Stouffer, George A. Arnold, Walter Wilt, J. C. Hemler, Norman A. Reindollar and Frank Wantz.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Westminster Chamber of Commerce was held Thursday evening, January 12, in the Wantz Building. The following managers were present: Messrs. Nusbaum, Albaugh, Keefer, Fisher, Mathias, Klee, Denton S. Gehr, Denton Gehr, Allgire, Wantz and Walsh. Mr. Nusbaum, the president, presided.

Mr. William N. Keefer, chairman of the membership committee submitted a plan for the securing of new members. He reported that his committee had prepared a list of the business men of town who are not members and that his committee had decided to write to each one of these prespective members with the request to join the organization. His committee then expects to follow up these letters with personal visits.

Denton Gehr, chairman of the Christmas tree committee, reported that the affair had been a decided success.

In the absence of Mr. Howard E. Koontz, chairman of the play ground committee, Mr. Denton S. Gehr reported that a meeting had been had, but that nothing had been done at the meeting more than general discussion of the subject.

CAR RUNS OVER YOUTH WHO LOSES HIS BALANCE

Putting his foot out in front of a passing automobile nearly cost the life of Murray Lippy, 18-year-old son of Mr and Mrs. George C. Lippy, at Union Mills. The youth was standing in front of the I. O. M. Hall at that place Saturday evening when he tried the experiment while a machine driven by John S. Maus was passing and lost his balance and fell in front of the moving car. Mr. Maus was unable to stop the car quickly enough to avoid striking young Lippy, although he was driving at a moderate rate of speed. The youth was picked up unconscious and taken to the office of a physician where he was restored to consciousness. Besides a number of severe contusions and minor cuts about the body, he suffered a laceration above the right eye that required a number of stitches to close. He was then removed to his home where he is resting as well as can be expected.

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