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SCHOOL COSTS

Mr. Editor:-

Your publication last week of the detailed items alleged as allowed by the County Commissioners in the School Budget for 1928-29 is misleading in that one who may read it is lead to assume that the schools are amply provided for. The statement below will demonstrate the true state of affairs.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE AMOUNTS ALLOWED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE SCHOOL BUDGET OF 1928-1929. AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT CANNOT BE MET.

Tax Basis	$34,350,174	
Rate set for schools	.816	
Total Rate Set	1.65	
A rate of .816 ($34,350,174) equals		$ 270,297.42
RECEIPTS		
Total amounts allowed in the Budget for 1928-29		$ 272,028.03
Total Receipts from State (not in Budget)		85,000.00
		$ 357,028.03
DISBURSEMENTS		
Total Teachers' Salaries (Mandatory)	$273,400.00	
Total Staff and Control (Mandatory)	23,080.00	
Total Janitors' Salaries & Fees	8,375.00	$ 304,855.00
Amount available to meet items listed below		$ 52,173.03
Coal and fuel	$12,000.00	
New Windsor rent and tuition charges	2,500.00	
Other rent	1,227.00	
Water, light and power	1,000.00	
Office expense, printing, paper, freight, express, etc.	3,300.00	
Upkeep of cars and expense of supervisors	1,200.00	
Health service	700.00	
Transportation of children	18,800.00	
Text Books	10,000.00	
Transportation of part-time teachers	2,000.00	$ 52,727.00
Budget exhausted	Deficit	$ 553.07
No funds available for following items:		
Supplies (paper, M. T., H. E., music, Ag., Com.)		$ 8,000.00
W. M. College, high school supervisor		700.00
Summer School Tuition		2,000.00
Postage for transportation of Supplementary Readers, &c.		1,000.00
Diplomas, Commencement speaker, Eisteddfod judges, etc.		600.00
Sanitary supplied, disinfectants for chemical toilets, etc.		500.00
Repairs to all buildings		3,000.00
General upkeep		3,000.00
New equipment		4,000.00
New car for attendance officer		700.00
Amount to pay for roof on Hampstead building		1,300.00
Insurance		3,542.77
Double portable at Manchester		3,500.00
Alterations to buildings—old		800.00
Improvements to sites including W. H. S. & Mt. Airy pavements		4,300.00
Miscellaneous items		5,000.00
Amounts needed to meet the above		$ 41,942.77

From the above it may easily be seen that the schools can not operate efficiently. Many of our buildings have leaky roofs, many are unsafe and unfit. We do not have our children comfortably housed in many of our buildings. They are unsanitary, and can be kept fit only by constant care and expense.

The Board of Education will have to curtail many facilities heretofore offered to keep within the limitations of the budget and drastic action may therefore be expected. It will not be possible to renew our fire insurance, nor liability insurance protecting the children on the school buses. We will not be able to supply the children of the schools with any additional reading material, dictionaries, reference books, library books, records, commercial schools with typewriters and paper, manual training, agricultural, home economics, and musical departments with the supplies necessary to make these subjects function. The science departments of our eleven high schools must be deprived of their annual quota of replacements.

The sanitation plants in Westminster, Manchester, Sykesville, Union Bridge, New Windsor, Pleasant Gap, Finksburg, Mechanicsville will be deprived of the necessary chemical compounds to make them safe and fit to use, New plants were to be constructed at Patapsco, Uniontown and Pleasant Valley where the sanitary situations are extremely bad.

I, also, want to call your attention to certain misleading statements contained in the article, that must certainly have been made deliberately, for the action taken by the County Commissioners in cutting the school budget was certainly taken under legal advice. I refer, first, to the statement made with reference to the refusal to grant the amount for a portable building to relieve the congestion at Manchester, where it is suggested that the School Board might use a certain State Fund granted by the last Legislature "for the erection and equipment of school houses or for the purchase of school lots." The above statement can by no means be construed to include the purchase of temporary equipment of any character whatsoever, and the School Board proposes to use this fund to purchase land when needed as interpreted both by the Attorney-General and later by the Courts.

The other misleading statement is with reference to the sale of school properties made during the past two years. The first sale made in February, 1927, amounted to $4957.20 and was applied to the cost of the erection of the Taneytown school building for which the County Commissioners failed to supply adequate funds. The second sale made February, 1928, amounted to $2346 and has not as yet been applied. With reference to the above sales, the Attorney-General has ruled "that the sale of abandoned school properties is in reality a mere conversion and does not add to the assets held by the County Board. We think that it, therefore, follows that they should be reinvested in permanent improvements." He further says, "Furthermore, we do not think that the money thus derived can be taken into consideration by the County Commissioners in determining the amounts required to be levied and collected in accordance with this section." (Section 56, Article 77.)

However, the most flagrant attempt to deceive the public is made in the first and second paragraphs of this article under the topic "The School Budget." Here you will note that in the first paragraph the amount derived from the State is deducted from the whole amount asked for, and then in the second paragraph some of these items are detailed and again deducted, thus deducting the State Funds twice, and again at the end of the detailed distribution under Debt Service you will find that a deficiency item granted by a warrant on May 14, 1928, is charged against the school levy. Now, as the money has been spent to meet deficiencies of the past year, it can not be available for next year, yet one is lead to believe that the School Board is to have .816 cents on the $100 as its available funds in addition to the $115,009.47 from the State.

Why this effort at deception and misrepresentation of the facts? Why such a detailed analysis of the amounts alleged to go to the school? Why not a similar detailed statement to account for the exact amounts that the county owes, and the amounts of $35,000 for dirt roads and of $59,528 for hard roads. We are told on authority that the county indebtedness is to be wiped out. The statement shows that $13,560 has been set aside for this purpose. Why were the schools reduced in legitimate expenditures for the next year to the amount of $41,942.00 if the indebtedness is only $13,560? I hope it can be said that at last the county is again out of debt, even if it is at the expense of the children of the county.

I want the public to understand that in presenting the situation as I have outlined it above, I have no personal ax to grind, but I can not sit by in virtue of my official position and leave the public in the dark as to the Board's side of the case. Any one can see from an examination of the facts that the schools can not be operated legally, and dare not be operated illegally. We must operate 180 days; we must pay the minimum salary schedule; we must pay for the number on the staff that we have and each salary is fixed by law; we must have fuel, janitor service, text books; pay teachers who must attend summer school; must keep up repairs on more than a hundred buildings; must comply with the State High School requirements by offering sufficient room, and furnishing the necessary equipment, commercial, scientific, vocational and musical. We must comply with the Mt. Airy and Westminster authorities when we are ordered to lay down about $2,000 worth of paving. We must protect the children from infection and dangerous unsanitary conditions, and from the possibility of loss of life or limb by injury while being transported. We must insure our buildings against fire. We must comply with these requirements and it takes money to do it. School costs can not be reduced. They are much more likely to increase. Consolidation only will effect a reduction and this can be accomplished with good roads and new buildings and additions to old in a number of places.

M. S. H. Unger,
Superintendent.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Lee Thomas Arrington and Thelma L. Amoss, Baltimore.

Ralph E. Amos and Re'Etta E. Buppertt, Baltimore.

Lester Waller and Jessie V. Marine, Westminster.

Jesse M. Singer and Mary Margaret King, Union Bridge.

Charles E. Utz and Gladys Otto, Union Bridge.

Charles N. Armacost and Anna P. Baseman, Baltimore.

Reginold C. Stoner and Lola Allender, Westminster.

John Dubbs and Grace Eisenhooth, York, Pa.

William G. Canby and Martha Smith, West Virginia.

Carl Shultz and Minerva Myers, Lancaster, Pa.

George Switzer and Ethel Utz, Hampstead.

Jack C. Staublitz and Violet E. Becraft, Sykesville.

Wilbur F. Yingling and Margaret V. Graybill, Finksburg.

Robert Hamme and Anna Wilt, York, Pa.

Melvin Danner and Fern Leister, Westminster.

Leslie G. Heagy and Louise L. Warehime, Westminster.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

Emma Feeser to Edward O. Weant, 11,556 sq. ft., $10.

Edward O. Weant and wife to Emma Feeser, et al, 11,556 sq. ft, $10.

Mary Ellen Cross et al to David Lynch and wife, 1 a, $10.

Maurice W. Roche et al to Mary Lennon, et al, 222 a, $5.

Emma A. Ritter and husband to Henrietta A. Ohler and husband, two tracts, $10.

Samuel E. Englar and wife to Nellie Irene Hull, 83 a, $5.

Frank Boblitz and wife to Beulah F. Boblitz, 7 a, $10.

Charles H. Weer and wife to James R. Weer, 4 a, $10.

Manchester Bank to Henry C. Stocksdale, 59 a, $3,200.

Cora B. Amprazes and husband to D. Eugene Walsh, 3 lots, $10.

Oscar D. Gilbert and wife to Arthur G. Albert, 2800 sq. ft., $10.

A. Russell Fleagle and wife to Obadiah Fleagle, 60 sq. prs., $1300.

Irene A. Wilhelm to William W. Coleman and wife, lot, $5.

Claude A. Hann and wife to Harry T. Kuhns and wife, lot, $5.

ORPHANS' COURT

Monday, July 2nd—Guy A. Dice, executor of Cornelius F. Dice, deceased, returned inventories of personal property, debts due and money.

Letters of administration on the estate of Charles R. Rill, deceased, were granted unto Emma K. Rill, who received warrant to appraise personal property and order to notify creditors.

Tuesday, July3.—The sale of real estate of Henry F. Devilbiss, deceased, was finally ratified by the court.

Harry E. Utermahlen, administrator of Charles C. Utermahlen, deceased, returned inventory personal property and received order to sell the same.

Edward Niner, executor of Frank A. Niner, deceased, settled his first and final account.

David A. Zeller, executor of William H. Zoller, deceased, settled his first and final account.

HOLSTEIN MEETING A SUCCESS

Friday evening, June 29th was the scene of a most successful Holstein Breeders' meeting in Carroll county. The breeders numbered to more than sixty and unusual interest was displayed by all present. The speakers were Mr. Clark of the Holstein Fresian Association; Mr. H. C. Barker, Extension Service; Mr. Homer Remsberg, secretary of Frederick County Holstein Club; Mr. G. H. Hibberd and County Agent, L. C. Burns. Mr. Clark presented to the breeders an interesting history of the Holstein Fresian Association of America. After the other speakers had given interesting information regarding the Holstein Breed the Carroll County Club was reorganized. The officers elected for the year 1928-29 were as follows: Mr. Walter Garrett, president; Mr. John Bushey, vice-president; Mr. F. P. Alexander, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Charles Bowers and Mr. H. E. Roser, assistant directors to the three above officers.

Many of the Holstein Breeders declared on Friday night that it is necessary for each Holstein Breeder in the county to get behind the breed and push it. The next ten years as indicated by the leading breeders will be profitable years in the dairy game. This as pointed out by County Agent Burns, will not be true alone with the Holstein Breed but with the other dairy breeds. In time the Jersey, Guernsey, and Ayrshire clubs of the county must also organize and begin a constructive program to push their breed along.

After the organization of the breeders on Friday night, Mr. Clark outlined a program of work whereby the Holstein Breeder can get to work and really accomplish something for the breed. One of the main things decided upon was to assist 4-H club work.

THE FIREMEN'S BAZAAR

Baltimore Evening Sun Band To Give Concert.

To-night and to-morrow night a dance will be held in the Firemen's Building.

To-night the Baltimore Evening Sun Band will give a concert from a large stand now erected at Main and Liberty streets, and also at the Firemen's Building during the hours of dancing.

The Firemen's bazaar, and chicken and waffle supper will continue to-night and Saturday night. An excellent supper will be served and many other things of interest are there to entertain the public.

SILVER RUN WOMAN HURT IN FALL FROM PORCH

Mrs. Washington Myers who has been spending some time with her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Frounfelter who reside on the A. W. Feeser Co., farm near Silver Run had the misfortune to fall off a porch a distance of about four feet on Thursday evening last and fractured her right arm above the wrist and a bone in her right hand besides sustaining contusions and a number of lacerated wounds about her face and body.

Mrs. Myers had only recently returned from a hospital in Baltimore where she had undergone an operation for the removal of a cataract from her right eye and her vision has been impaired, which was responsible for her misjudging the distance from the end of the porch.

CANNING CLUB ORGANIZED

A 4-H canning club has recently been organized in Berrett district. Ten girls met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKinney to organize a canning club and elected the following officers for the club year: Anna Myers, president; Virginia Grimm, vice-president; Madeline Beck, secretary and treasurer; and Naomi Shoemaker, reporter.

In order to complete the year's requirement, each club girl must can 25 quarts of fruits and vegetables. At least two varieties of fruits and vegetables are to be canned during the summer.

The first method demonstration was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Shoemaker on Tuesday, June 26. The selection and preparation of fruits for canning was discussed, after which each of the members prepared and canned fruit brought from home for that purpose.

OBITUARY

J. HOWARD PATTERSON

J. Howard Patterson, proprietor of Hotel Hampstead, died at his home Wednesday, July 4, 1928, aged 64 years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jennie Patterson; one son, William Patterson, Baltimore, and two daughters. Mrs. Harry Mussleman, York, and Miss Mabel Patterson, at home. The funeral will be held tomorrow with services at the house at 1:00 P. M. and further services in Trenton Lutheran church, Baltimore county. The Rev. Frederick Schrader will officiate.

MRS. DAVID HESSON

Mrs. Savanna Elizabeth Hesson, wife of David Hesson, near Littlestown, died Saturday, June 30, 1928, from a complication of diseases. She had been ill about four months. She was aged 76 years and 26 days. Surviving Mrs. Hesson are her husband, David Hesson, and one brother, Hezekiah Study, East Main street, this city. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the late residence with the Rev. F. B. Peck, pastor of St. Mary's Reformed church, Silver Run, officiating. Interment was made in the Mt. Carmel cemetery, Littlestown, Pa.

MRS. JOHN W. T. EYLER

Mrs. Hannah D. A. Eyler, widow of John W. T. Eyler, died at her home on the New Windsor road, near this city, Friday, June 29, 1928, at the age of 77 years, nine months and eight days. She was a daughter of the late John and Mary Derr and is survived by the following children: Mrs. Charles Pittinger, this city; Edith G. Eyler, at home; Ira J. Eyler, Frederick; Charles E. Eyler, New Windsor, and William H. Eyler, at home. One brother, M. L. Derr, McKeysport, seven grandchildren and one-great-grandchild also survive. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, meeting at the house with concluding services in the Westminster Church of God. The Rev. F. B. Brose officiated. Interment was made in the Westminster cemetery. Harvey Bankard funeral director.

PHILIP B. SNADER

Philip Boyle Snader a venerable citizen of New Windsor, this county, died Thursday, July 5, 1928 at his late residence, aged 82 years, 2 months, and 18 days. He is survived by two children, former state Senator R. Smith Snader, this county, and Mrs. Edna Chaney, of Baltimore.

The deceased was a retired farmer and spent his life in this county. On December 28, 1869 he married Miss Julia Smith, daughter of the late Richard Smith. She died March 4, 1927. For many years he was a member of St. Paul's M. E. church, New Windsor, and took an active part in its affairs.

Sunday, at 2:00 P. M., funeral services will be held at his late residence, and the interment will be in [illegible] cemetery. The services will be in charge of Rev. Carlos Dunagan, pastor of St. Paul's church, assisted by Rev. J. Tolly Marsh, a former pastor.

The pallbearers, all nephews, will be Frank, Scott, Reverdy, John G., John B., and Edward Snader.

L. H. Weimer funeral director.

MRS. MARY E. HUMBERT

Mrs. Mary Ellen Humbert, widow of the late George D. Humbert, died at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. William Copenhaver, Govans, Saturday, June 30, 1928, aged 75 years, 2 months and 21 days, after a serious illness of about six weeks, suffering from cancer of the stomach. Mrs. Humbert was formerly of Union Mills, but for the past year has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Copenhaver due to ill health. Mrs. Humbert was twice married. Her first husband was John Bachman, from which union a son survives, Franklin Bachman. She also leaves one stepson, Harry Humbert, Baltimore; and one brother, Nelson Bankert, Hanover. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Bankert, this county. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon with short services at the Copenhaver home at 2:30, the Rev. James Riley Bergey, pastor of Third Reformed church, Baltimore, officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. Felix B. Peck, pastor of St. Mary's Reformed church at Silver Run of which Mrs. Humbert was a member. Interment was made in the Union cemetery at Silver Run.

M. P. CHURCH GIVES MISSION PAGEANT

"Wings of the Morning," a dream play of far countries written by Miss Dorothy Elderdice, with native music arranged by Miss Caroline Wantz, both of this city, was thoroughly appreciated by a large congregation on Sunday morning in the Methodist Protestant church, this city. The program was the annual Children's Day exercises given by the Sunday school under the direction of Mrs. Ober Herr and committee.

George K. Mather, superintendent of the Sunday school read the story of the play. The author wrote to the missionaries in Japan, China and India, last July asking them if they would ask the boys and girls in their mission schools what they would do and say if an American boy and girl would visit them for 20 minutes. From Japan Miss Olive Hodges sent native songs and account of customs and included a speech of welcome written especially by a little girl in the school. The Friendship Doll song was supplied by Ethel Hempstead. It is transcribed and translated from a song actually sung, in Japan, when the American Friendship Dolls were presented there last year. The story of Momotaro was written by the Rev. Yoshio Ito of Harmamatsu, Japan, a student the past year at the Westminster Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Soderborn from China, sent a speech of welcome written by a Chinese girl and tunes for American use from a Chinese hymnal. Additional help with Chinese names and customs was supplied by the Rev. Wau Yu Chang, another Oriental student at the seminary.

In the answer from India, Miss Mildred Miskimen wrote that she and Miss Frank had worked out two different marathi tunes on the piano. Indian music is never written as there are so many notes in between our notes that it is impossible to reproduce them. Touching stories were given of children stricken by famine and abandoned by parents. The hymn, "Jesus Loves the little Children" is now used by the children in the mission schools in India to welcome visitors from the United States.

VISITED INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

About 22 ladies of the Belle Grove Square church of the Brethren, this city, left Sunday morning at 6.30 o'clock for Green county, Virginia, where they visited the Industrial School for Girls and Boys of the Brethren church. They spent the night at the school and arrived home on Monday evening. The trip was made by bus.

EDGEWOOD CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Sunday school July 8 at 10 o'clock, preaching at 11 o'clock by Elder J. H. Wimmer. The Sheets' evangelistic singers, of Baltimore, will be present and render music.

MRS. VIRGINIA SEAKS

Mrs. Virginia Seaks, wife of William H. Seaks, died Sunday, July 1, 1928 aged 58 years.

Wednesday at 1:00 P. M. funeral services were held at her late residence in Hampstead and interment was made in Greenmount cemetery.

WILLIAM H. RIGLER

William H. Rigler, a prominent farmer of near Mt. Airy, this county, died at his home, Thursday, June 28, 1928. He was aged 47 years, 6 months and 10 days. Mr. Rigler is survived by his wife who was Miss Winnie Donaldson. Funeral services were held Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the late residence and interment was made in Pine Grove cemetery, Mt. Airy.

MRS. SUSANNA TAYLOR

Mrs. Susanna Taylor, widow of Elijah Taylor, died Monday, July 2, 1928, at her home, near Tannery, aged 86 years, 10 months, and 8 days. She was the daughter of the late Samuel and Mary Taylor and is survived by the following children: Mrs. Marvin Slorp, Sandyville; Theodore Taylor, this city; Mrs. Lilly E. Smith, Illinois; Mrs. Fannie B. Chew, Patapsco; Howard R. Taylor, Tannery. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 1 P. M. from the late residence with further services conducted in the Bethel Church of God by the pastor, the Rev. C. O. Sullivan. Interment was made in the adjoining cemetery.

Harvey Bankard fuperal director.

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