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BLACKISTON PROPERTY SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Four Main Street Lots Sold to Dr. P. R. Fisher—Dr. J. M. Haymaker, of Ridgely, Buys 14-Room House—Other Properties Sold.

When the Blackiston property, at the corner of Main and 2nd streets, was sold under the auctioneer's hammer on Tuesday afternoon to various purchasers, it was the largest sale of town real estate in the history of Denton and the first time in 75 years that this property was in the market.

Auctioneer Frank P. Covey called the sale at 2 p. m., offering first the four lots fronting on Main street individually. After lively bidding the four lots were sold to Dr. P. R. Fisher in bulk for $10,060. The corner lot (A) is vacant but has a cellar partially dug thereon. The next lot (B) is unimproved. The other two lots(C and D) contain a frame building, 18½x45 feet.

The two-story frame store building on parcels C and D were bought by Dr. Fisher and later sold to Kemp Newnam for the same price paid by Dr. Fisher, namely, $500 and must be removed by February 1, 1922.

Bullock's Garage was purchased by L. B. Towers. The price paid was $3,500. Later Mr. Towers sold the garage to T. Pliny Fisher.

Dr. J. M. Haymaker, of Ridgely, purchased the 14-room dwelling at the corner of 2nd and Franklin streets, known as the Bullock home, for $4,000. Dr. Haymaker is a dentist and has been in the county 20 years. He will move here January 1, 1922.

The dwelling next to Bullock's, containing 9 rooms was puchased by P. H. McShane, of Baltimore, formerly of Denton. For some time he has been traveling for Lucas paints. He will retire and move here the first of the year.

All the above property was known as the Blackiston property, which has been in the Blackiston family for over 75 years.

For years one or more members of this family conducted a large mercantile business at the corner of 2nd and Main streets. The building used contained a large store room on the corner and a dwelling to the side and above the store.

During 1918 the entire block was sold by William, Charles and Florence Blackiston to John L. Everngam and William Wooters. The new owners did not keep it very long, selling it to Wm. Bullock in 1918. Mr. Bullock. upon purchasing, removed the corner building, leaving the land unimproved.

The sale of the land and buildings by Mr. Bullock was handled by J. Owen Knotts and Henry R. Lewis, Attorneys-in-Fact, Frank P. Covey being the auctioneer.

The sale of the property attracted wide attention and when the sound of the auctioneer's hammer was heard at 2 o'clock on Tuesday on the Court House lawn a crowd of over 300 persons was present, most of whom were so deeply interested in the sale that they remained until the end, which was about 4 p. m. when the auctioneer's phrase "Going, going, gone, sold to * * * " was heard for the last time.

DESIGNED TO UPHOLD WEIGHT

Elephant's Foot Is Enormous, Even When Compared With the Size of the Beast.

That twice around an elephant's foot equals its height seems almost incredible, yet such is the fact, and a little reflection will show you that it is not so wonderful as it appears to be. Things are large or small, comparatively, and if we could see the foot of an elephant by itself, it would present a far different appearance as to size from what it gives when overshadowed by the mountain of flesh it supports. The elephants in the Indian commissariat being diet ed according to height require to be measured annually to determine the amount of food to which they are entitled. At present this is done by means of the ordinary standard with crossbar on top, but formerly it was done by placing a rope around the animal's forefoot close to the ground, and multiplying the length so obtained by two. This measurement generally gives a quarter of an inch or so more, but never less than the exact height.

OLD BOREAS HERE AGAIN

Winter Returns With Severe Wind, Rain, Sleet and Ice

We have heard the saying that "Winter lingers in the lap of Spring" Several times within our memory the gentle maiden has been compelled to lap the frosty old geezer, but seldom after such a long spell of glorious spring weather has he dared to be so offensive as during this week.

It was not a lingering at all. He sat down hard in all his hoary ugliness and it seems that his sudden rudeness might well have crushed the fair and gentle Spring; but providence willed it otherwise for the very fury of his return made his visit less destructive.

The howling gale which accompanied the low temperature, rain, sleet and snow Monday night did much to keep the water out of the fruit blooms and prevented the more serious damage that would have resulted without the counteracting influence of the wind. Tuesday morning dawned fair and Old Sol soon loosened the grip of the icy fingers of the unwelcome visitor; hut he returned again Tuesday night with a quiet and subtle presistance that added much to the damage of Monday night's visit.

Opinions differ, but in view of past experience many fruit growers and truckers feel confident that a large percentage of the fruit blossoms escaped damage and this optomistic view seens to be quite general.

Wednesday the temperature returned to normal and the shivers of apprehension ceased to annoy. So old Nature yet blooms and vegetation smiles; the birds warble and play in the sunshine and—well this is surely a grand old world after all.

THE NEW CENSUS FIGURES

Give Maryland a Density of 145.8 Persons Per Square Mile.

The density of population in the United States in 1920 was 35.5 persons per square mile, the census bureau announced on Monday.

This is an increase from 30.9 in 1910, 25 in 1900 and 21.2 in 1890.

Rhode Island has the greatest number of people per square mile, while Nevada has the fewest. The density of Rhode Island is 566 while in Nevada it is only .7. In five States Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York and Connecticut, the number of people per square mile exceeded 200.

The density of population of the various states follows:

Alabama, 45.8; Arizon, 2.9; Arkansas 38.4; California 22; Colorado 9 1; Connecticut 286 4; Delaware 113 5; Flordia 17.7; Georgia 39 3; Idaho 5.2; Illinois, 115 7; Indiana 81.3; Iowa 43.2; Kansas 21 6; Kentucky 60.1; Louisiana 39.6; Maine 25-.7; Maryland 145 8; Mass. 479 2; Michigan 63.8; Minn. 29.5; Miss. 38-.6 Montana 3 8; Missouri, 49.5; Nebraska 16.9; Nevada .7 New Jersey 420; New Mexico 2.9; New York 217 9; North Carolina 52.5; North Dakota 9.2; New Hampshire 49.1; Ohio 141.4; Oklahoma 29 2; Oregon 8.2 Pennsylvania 194.5; Rhode Island 566.4; South Carolina 55 2; South Dakota 8.3; Tennessee 56.1; Texas 17 8; Utah 5.5; Vermont 38 6; Virginia 20.3; West Virginia 60 9; Wisconsin 47.6; Wyoming 2; State of Washington 20.3

Those Who Dare Not Smile.

The ludicrous has its place in the universe. It is not a human invention, but one of the divine ideas illustrated in the practical jokes of kittens and monkeys. Curious it is that we always consider solemnity and encounter of wits as essential to the idea of the future life of those whom we thus deprive of half their faculties, and then call them blessed.

There are not a few, who, even in this life, seem to be preparing themselves for that smileless eternity to which they look forward, by banishing all gayety from their hearts and all joyousness from their countenances. I met one such in the streets not infrequently, a person of intelligence and education, but who gives me (and all that he passes) such a rayless, chilling look of recognition—something as if he were one of heaven's assessors, come down to doom. I don't doubt he would cut his kitten's tail off if he caught her playing with it.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

TIMELY MENTION OF CHURCH NEWS

The ministers of the several churches of Denton, irrespective of denomination are requested to furnish the news and announcements of the services for their respective churches, for publication under the above heading.

Denton Methodist Episcopal Church.

VINAL E. HILLS, Pastor.

Sunday School 9.45. a. m,
Preaching 11.00 o'clock.
Epworth League 6.45. p. m.
Preaching 7.30 o'clock.
Jr. League Wednesday 4.00. p. m.
Mid-week service Wednesday 7.30

The pastor being absent at Conference there will be no preaching service either morning or evening. Sunday School will be at the usual hour and Epworth League devotional meeting as usual led by Mr. F. Baynard.

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Denton Methodist Protestant Church

J. A. DUDLEY, Pastor.

Sunday School 9.45 a. m.
Preaching 11.00
Christian Endeavor 6.30 p.m.
Preaching 7·30
Jr. Endeavor Wednesday 4.00 p.m
Prayer Meettng Wednesday 7.30

The sacred cantata "King Triumphant" rendered last Sunday morning was received with enthusiastic appreciation. By request it will be repeated at the evening service on Sunday next.

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Christian Science Lecture.

A member of the Board ot Lecturers of the Christian Science cult will lecture at the New Century Buildimg, Dover, Delaware, at 7.30 o'clock Wednesday, April 6th. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested.

SUSSEX BALL LEAGUE.

Plans are under way for the formation of a baseball league in Southern Delaware this season, to be composed of Georgetown, Milford, Lewes, Milton, Millsboro Dagsboro, Frankford and Selbyville in the eastern and middle sections.

Reports are current that fans in the western part of the county will try to effect an organization with a circuit consisting of Seaford, Laurel, Bridgeville, Greenwood and Delmar, and possibly some of the Eastern Shore towns. While no definite action has been taken for the formation of the circuit at this time, a meeting is expected to be called in the near future and representatives of the different towns will be asked to attend and try to organize.

Orphans' Court For Caroline County.

Court met according to adjournment. Present their Honors, Judges West, Shawn and Harper.

Mary B. Simmons, executrix of George W. Simmons, deceased, filed her first and final account of administration and distribution, which were approved by the Court.

T. Clayton Horsey, administrator of W. Temple Smith, deceased, fiied an account of sales of the personal property, which was approved by the Court.

The last Will and Testament of Corinne E. Mowbray, deceased, filed in this Court by Samuel G. Nuttle, the executor named in the will, after having been duly proven was admitted to probate, and the said Samuel G. Nuttle qualified as executor by filing an approved bond. Notice to creditors ordered and Edward E. Nuttle and Allison H. Covey, were named as appraisers.

Samuel G. Nuttle, executor of Corinne E. Mowbray, deceased, filed an Inventory and appraisement of the personal property and an order to sell was granted.

PREDICTS LARGE CROP

The Delaware Apple Co., with orchards between Georgetown and Bridgeville containing about 76,000 trees will, according to the apple expert, Snyder H. Carr, who has been been brought here from the west to take charge of the orchards, obtain in at least 40,000 baskets this year. This will be the first year that the trees have yielded and from June until October the crop will be gathered. The orchards contain five varieties, the first crop coming ripe in June and continuing throughout the summer until October, when the winter crop will be harvested.

Opening ceremonies at the new Hospital recently built in Milford, Del. will be held on April 22.

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

Social Happenings of Caroline As Reported to The Union.

Mrs. Roland Goslin has been visiting relatives in Cambridge.

Mrs. George Robinson of Summit N. J. spent the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shields.

Mrs. Roland Gordy of Cambridge is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Skirvin.

Miss Margaret Ball of Easton is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. B. Page,

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Emerson and Miss Lelia Lucas spent several days in Baltimore this week.

Miss Esther Helsby has been visiting Miss Evelyn Ornett of Trapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carroll spent Easter with their daughter, Mrs. Oscar Flynn in Philadelphia.

Miss Anne Hudson of Wilmington has been visiting Mrs. Earl White.

Miss Myrtle Colbourn of Philadelphia, is spending some time at the home of her grand-mother ,Mrs. Elizabeth Dukes.

Mr. Frank Cole and grand daughter Margaret, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cole of Baltimore, Md,

Mrs. Louis Cole and son of Baltimore are guests at the home of Mrs. Emily DeFord.

Miss Mary Straughn who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at Easton Hospital, has returned home.

Miss Elizabeth Merricken of Wilmington, has been the guest of Miss Hilda Harwood.

Miss Hilda Harwood has returned to Wilmington after spending the week-end with her parents.

Miss Mary Melvin of Swarthmore College is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Melvin.

Miss Virginia Davis of Delaware College spent the Easter holidays with ner parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Davis.

Misses Wilifred and Mary Deweese of Goucher College spent the Easter holidays at home.

Miss Virginia Cooper of George School spent the Easter vacation with Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Cooper.

Miss Annabell Dulin of Felton and Virginia Counsel of Easton, spent several days with Mrs. H. T. Langmaid this week.

Miss Minnie Dukes of Philadelphia is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Dukes.

Miss Mary McDonald is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mr. Lester Everngam spent the week-end with his sister Mrs. Sargent Wells, Baltimore.

Dentonians who attended Easter Dance at Preston were: Mr. and Mrs. Alda Whitby, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Breeding Mr. and Mrs. Salisbury Garey, Miss Ann Anthony; Wilifred Deweese, Ella Carter and Elizabeth Pastorfield, and Messers Eugene Anderson, Winfield Nichols and Collins Thomas.

Mr. Lynn Stevens of Wilmington is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Stevens.

Mr. Leland Short has been visiting friends in Easton.

Normal School Girls home for Easter Holiday, Miss Louise and Ruth Noble, Louise Flemming, Catherine Cohee, Reba Hurst, Dorthy Jump, Navilla Callahan, Nellie Perry, Hulda Swan, Louise White and Virginia Thomas.

Mr. Harris Thomas of Trinity College, Hartford Conn. is the guest of his parents Rev. and Mrs. Thomas.

Miss Florence Funk spent the week-end in Baltimore.

Miss Pauline Roe, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Clarence Roe, was taken to Easton Hospital Sunday suffering with appendicitis. An operation on Monday was quite successful and the patient is rapidly recovering.

Theophilus W. Smith, 75, a jeweler here for many years, died at his home. He leaves his widow, formerly Miss Vernon; one son, Dr. Howard S. Smith, of Wilmington, Del., and one daughter, Miss Grace Smith, of Denton. He also leaves fonr brothers, former Congressman Thomas A. Smith, Postmaster Robert E. Smith, of Ridgely; James H. Smith, of Tuckahoe, and Charles F. Smith, of Centreville.

GROUND SOUGHT FOR A NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Patrons Met Wednesday Evening to Discuss Plans for Acquiring Property for Meets

On Wednesday evening the patrons of the local schools met at the High School building to further discuss the subject of acquiring 6 to 10 acres of land, suitable for playgrounds, track meets and later, on which to erect a new High School building.

This was the second meeting and over fifty patrons were present. John T. Carter presided at the meeting at which there were spirited discussions concerning plats suggested,

The urgency of the matter lies in the fact that due to lack of proper grounds it has been suggested to have the annual county track meets in another town.

Several locations were suggested and a committee comprising Messrs. H. L. Cooper, G. T. Redding and S. Frank Cole was appointed to look up suitable plats and to secure options thereon.

It was suggested that the town commissioners buy the land, paying for it by assesment which would amount to 5 or 10 cents per $100. The land not used for school purposes to be made into a public park.

The committee is to report on proposed plats next Monday evening at 7.30 to another meeting of the patrons. All are requested to be present.

The subject of housing the commercial and home economics classes, which are without rooms this year, was also taken up and the above committee is to report suggestions to be offered to the School Board at their meeting next Tuesday as to where these classes can be housed next term.

The Sussex County Levy Court has made an appropiation of $500 to the Georgetown Fire Company, to be applied to the fund for the purchase of an auto fire trnck, with the understanding that said sum does not exceed one-tenth of the cost of the truck.

First American Airway.

The "cornerstone" of America's first airway from Washington to Dayton, Ohio., was laid at Bolling field, Washington, with appropriate ceremonies, designed as a part of the celebration of the anniversary of Lincoln's birth. High officials of the army, members of congress and aviators of note attended.

Army aviation officials described the event as a "milestone in the progress of American aeronautics."

A feature of the dedication was the first public appearance of the American messenger airplane, one of the smallest in the wordl, which is planned to take the place of motorcycles for certain messenger work. The plane has a wing spread of only 20 feet and stands 7 feet high. It will carry a load of 240 pounds and with its 60-horse power motor makes 95 miles an hour.

Remarkable Belgian Gun.

One of the most curious products of the Belgian gunmakers' art, says Popular Mechanics Magazine, is now in the possession of a Colorado sportsman. This gun is remarkable for its arrangement of seven barrels in one, the composite tube with its cluster of parallel bores being about the size of a heavy-gauge shotgun barrel. Seven .22-caliber rifle cartridges are inserted in the breech openings, and fired simultaneously by a single firing pin and hammer. The shell ejector is a removable disk with seven holes, which swings back when the lock is opened.

Oak in Hall of Fame.

Before Basking Ridge, N. J., took its place in the world an oak stood there. The people of this New Jersey town can trace the tree's history for 400 years, but the church is only 200 years old. It has just celebrated that event. Miss Margaret Hitchcock of Morristown, and Mrs. William D. Baneker of Basking Ridge nominate the tree for a place in the Hall of Fame which the American Forestry association is compiling of trees with a history. The tree has a circumference of 15½ feet 6 feet above the ground.

Indian Chief Drives Auto.

An Indian Chief, Tony Tommy, of the Florida Seminoles, who still wear the garb of their forefathers, is the first of his tribe to buy and operate his own automobile. After a course of instruction at a garage in Miami, the chief now rolls into town each week from his village, near Fort Lauderdale, at the wheel of his machine, but with a pair of horn-rim glasses as his only other concession to the ways of the palefaces.

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