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ANNUAL MASONIC BANQUET HELD LAST THURSDAY EVE.

Temple Lodge No. 128, A. F. & A. M., held their annual banquet last Thursday evening in the Town Hall here. Masons from all over the county, with their wives and sweethearts, joined the Denton members of the lodge and their ladies in one of the most successful evenings ever held.

After assembling in the Blue Lodge room, the guests proceeded to the Town Hall, which is the floor below the lodge rooms, where the tables were laid. The hall was redolent with the spicy odor of pine, great boughs of which adorned the walls and covered the windows. The lights were covered with crepe paper, while electric floor lamps and table lamps gave an added soft glow to the room.

After a very brief but hearty welcome by the Woshipful Master of the lodge, Mr. Howard Pastorfield, and grace said by the Rev. Mr. Chamberlaine, the guests sat down to an especially appetizing dinner consisting of

Grape Fruit
Olives Pickles
Celery Hearts
Cold Roast Turkey Cranberries
Chicken Salad
Maryland Biscuit Finger Rolls
Harlequin Blocks Fancy Cakes
Salted Nuts Mints
Coffee

During the course of the dinner, the Denton Orchestra played some of the popular music of the day. Then followed the program of the evening, which included very brief remarks by the toastmaster, Hon. T. Alan Goldsborough, who first introduced the Rev. Mr. Alward Chamberlaine, rector of Christ Church. Mr. Chamberlaine's address was an inspiring one straight from the West, where he has spent 20 years, with the message of "Be a Booster." Then followed two readings by Mr. Robert Eddington, of Federalsburg, who pleased his hearers with Kipling's poems, "Gunga Din" and "If." These were given in the true Kipling style, with strong, sturdy, determined swing.

A splendid address by Mr. George Livingston, Deputy Grand Master, was prefaced by a number of jokes, all of them good and very apropos. Straight from these he dropped with dramatic abruptness into one of the finest interpretations of the meaning of Masonry ever given here. His almost low tones, his emphatic words, his almost too brief remarks, held the audience tense and absolutely attentive until the end.

"Mirth and Music" by the Delmonts followed another orchestral selection, and was certainly all that the name implied. Two rather unique uses of bells in playing tunes were the best parts of the performance, which was roundly applauded by the audience. "Auld Lang Syne" by the ensemble and the benediction, given by the Rev. Mr. Vinal E. Hills, completed the program.

The committee in charge of the evening, deserves a great deal of appreciation for the splendid entertainment. From the beginning of the evening until the last guest had departed, it was a most enjoyable occasion, and so pronounced by every one present.

LEON M. PEARSON TO ENTERTAIN FEB. 9TH

Leon M. Pearson will give an entertainment in the town hall on the evening of February 9th, under the auspices of the Denton Community Club.

His "Rhymes of Many Races" is a program of dialect readings and insures his audience of an evening full of worth while pleasure.

Mr. Pearson is a graduate of the Harvard "47 Workshop" of dramatics. He is the son of Paul Pearson, the founder of the Swarthmore Chautauquas, and has for five years been an entertainer on the circuits of the Swarthmore Chautauquas.

Please don't forget the date, February 9th, in the Town Hall and remember, Leon M. Pearson is an entertainer not a lecturer. Tickets now on sale. Have your seats reserved at Leslie Walls Hardware.

LITTLE COLORED GIRL, CLOTHES BURNED—DIES

Little Alice Madden, colored, of near Denton, aged 5 years, was badly burned Tuesday afternoon and died at 3 a. m. at the Easton Hospital Wednesday, as a result of the burns.

Her parents had gone from the kitchen for a few minutes, where the supper was in progress, when they heard her screams. The child was very badly burned all over her body, face and head.

EXTENSION WORKERS PLANNING BIG THINGS

The annual conference of county agents, home demonstration agents and specialists of the Maryland Extension service, was held at College Park last week.

The organization of county farm bureaus, marketing associations and the production of higher quality products were discussed to considerable length at the conference.

Other popular subjects were the improvement of livestock, lime and soil improvement and boys' and girls' club work.

ucts were discussed at considerable have to go clear to Wisconsin and other distant states for good dairy cattle. Why cannot Maryland be made a centre for good dairy stock, as well as other classes of live stock?

But our livestock is directly dependent on our vegetation. Our vegetation is dependent on our soil fertility. Are we Marylanders using enough lime, are we turning under enough green crops, are we doing our best to retain and improve our soil fertility?

A different idea of boys' clubs is being advanced. Instead of club members using this, that and the other, clubs are to be organized on a community basis. The boys of each community will work on a single project, as for instance, pure bred pigs. They will work together, meet together to discuss their problems and they will have a common goal, such as $1000 profit. It is planned to have the boys sell their surplus stock, poultry, tomato plants or whatever they have grown, as a club, rather than as individuals.

There was some discussion at the conference relative to the expression that "we are more interested in marketing than in production." It was pointed out that very few men producing a high quality product have much trouble marketing. In other words, quality sells itself.

Therefore, is not most of our trouble in marketing, really one of production? Not more apples, but better apples, not more tomatoes, but better tomatoes, not more potatoes and cantaloupes but better potatoes and cantaloupes. High quality fruits and vegetables seldom accompany low production. Therefore our aim should be—not necessarily more bushels per farm—even less if you please—but more bushels per acre. There are a ton of reasons why a farmer would find it more profitable to produce eight tons of tomatoes on one acre rather than nine tons on three acres.

High production per acre, high quality, good markets ordinarily go hand in hand.

Following the conference at College Park, the entire body of men and women agents, specialists, Dr. Woods, President of the University of Maryland, Drs. Symons and Bomberger, director and assistant director, respectively, of the extension service, proceeded to Annapolis.

These people and representative farmers and agricultural leaders of each county were invited by Governor Ritchie to attend a luncheon and a conference there Friday.

Governor Ritchie suggested and requested that the various farmers' organizations, agricultural workers and specialists formulate a definite, concrete agricultural program for Maryland. He used as an illustration the present state school program.

When this is done, he stated that he stands ready and willing to use his influence to help put this program into effect.

MRS. MARGARET B. COLE

Mrs. Marget B. Cole, wife of Mr. S. Frank Cole, president of the Town Commissioners, died at her home on 7th street Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Mrs. Cole had been an invalid for the past three years.

Surviving are her husband, Mr. S. Frank Cole, two daughters, Mrs. Ella C. Mode and Mrs. Alice C. York and one son, Mr. Lewis T. Cole, also one sister and one brother.

Funeral services will be private at her late residence Saturday afternoon at 1 p. m., the Rev. Mr. Levi K. Ziegler, officiating. Interment in Denton cemetery.

Closing Store

Mr. H. E. Ramsdell, who for over a year has run a grocery store at the southern end of 6th street, is closing out his stock at special prices and has accepted the position as foreman of The American Union plant, having begun his new duties Monday. Mr. Ramsdell formerly owned and managed this paper for a number of years.

Job Printing?—The American Union

COM. DOERR GAVE INTERESTING TALK TO WILLISTON COM. CLUB

Williston Community Club, at its meeting last Friday afternoon, enjoyed to the full a most interesting and instructive talk by Com. Henry Doerr. It showed that he had given thought to what he had brought to us.

Readers may remember that last fall at the Exhibit Mr. Doerr's exhibit at the Williston booth was one of the very most attractive features.

Mr. Doerr began saying, "The first thing necessary is to have pleasure in this work of growing vegetables. It is the first pre-requisite. Vegetable growing is most fascinating, although it does require a great deal of work. It is not just dropping the seeds in the ground and then coming along a little later and gathering the fruit of your labors. You can grow this list of vegetables I am going to give to you, if you will do as I say.

"Lettuce may be grown in cold frame. Now by a cold frame I mean a frame about 6 feet long, width and depth, usually 3 feet, and then bank on one side with earth to keep away frost. You may use muslin over the top instead of glass, (for some things). Plants don't grow much in these cold frames, but they do keep in condition so that when the time comes for planting out of doors they will then grow right off. Not only lettuce, but early cabbage and cauliflower are started this way.

Hot Bed

"Now this is different. This should be started in January and by the middle of February you will be able to plant your seeds. Hot bed sash is 6 feet long 3 feet wide and needs glass sash for growing vegetables from seeds in winter. Dig out the ground the dimensions I have just mentioned i. e., 6x3x3 and "put in a pile conveniently by," stable manure, leaves which have been raked up or tan bark: cover this with boards and old sacks, for about three weeks. This will heat and then put into the place you have dug at least 2 feet; then tramp it down until you have it about one foot thick: then put in about 1 foot of good rich earth, good garden soil, and then this will leave you about 1 foot for plants to grow. That ground will all settle and then you plant your seeds for spring vegetables, cauliflower, egg-plants, and lettuce. When there comes a good warm day open the sash a little so there will be let in fresh air, and let out some of the gases which have accumulated. Keep these plants watered and use tepid water, not cold water. You have to watch this carefully, and about the first, middle or last of April, depending upon the season, you will be ready to plant out in the open your hot bed vegetable plants. You do this some cloudy day or after a nice rain. Egg plants and tomatoes are the earliest to put out, next to cabbage plants, or maybe cauliflower. Some people put them out in March but the man who is not too anxious to get ahead of his neighbor will generally have the finest early garden. April is the real planting month. What you do not plant sometime in April can hardly be made up for in the month of May.

"With Beans it is different. Beans come quickly, they will germinate in 3 or 4 days, and the chilly air will cut off the tender little roots, and some fine morning you will find you have not the plants you thought you had.

"Before setting out your plants, spade the garden about 18 inches deep. Remember that you must have put plenty of manure on your garden spot and that the ground must be fertile and rich. I can not stress this point enough. It takes rich soil to grow good garden vegetables. Chicken manure is fine, but remember to use plenty of water when the hot suns come or your vegetables will burn. Water every day.

"Celery? Get Winter King or Golden Yellow seed. I buy my seeds from Maule. They are a good seed house. They may charge a little more than some of the others, but their seeds are good. 'Winter King' does not grow very high, but it is very tender and delicious. Sow in your hot bed, for summer or early fall use. When the plants are 6 or 7 inches high you transplant. Take scissors or knife and cut 2 inches from the crown. Clip the leaves off, then you will find the roots are very fine and you want to cut off those hairlike little roots, leaving about 3 inches. You plow out a furrow, and put into into it a compost manure, and then some ground over that, and the plants

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OLD DEMOND AND HIS DOG

By the CRACKER

Six decades ago and some more, in the hills of old New York, old Demond lived in a log abode, roofed o'er with slabs and bark; No kith or kin had the lonely man none new from whence he came, but his faithful dog of black and tan—Ponto was his name. Together they lived in the lonely shack, together they roamed in the wood, whether their fare was a meal or a snack, both of them called it good, between them was a bond of love that stood in weal or woe, an ache or pain in one would prove to the other a mighty blow.—In the cold gray dawn of a winter morn came a scratch at a farmers' door, and a wail of anguish long, drawn, forlorn, swept over the snow clad moor. There Ponto stood with hanging head, and eyes that volumes told, of grief pent up for a loved one dead in a heart of pure gold. In the pauper's place on the snow capped hill, Demond was laid away, no man to weep and none to mourn—but Ponto at the grave would stay; He kept his vigil the whole day long, and through the twilight grim, to he thus parted to him seemed wrong, surely he must go to him. He attacked the clods with a mighty will and a heart that was breaking with sorrow, and though his labors the whole night fill, he'd be with his master tomorrow; he struggled on till his breath came fast, and his limbs were growing weak, but his troubles now would soon be past—Oh! now, he hears him speak. The darkness gone and the light has come, together in forest glade, and grassy fields again they roam, in sunshine and in shade; his sides are sleek, no hunger or cold, but bubbling o'er with joy, his master's face no longer old but ruddy like a boy; mid gurgling rills of water cool in hills above the fog, on green Elysian hill sides roam Old Demond and his dog.

"UPEER DORCHESTER NEWS" WILL APPEAR TOMORROW

On Friday, February 2d, the first issue of the Upper Dorchester News will make its appearance as a six page six column weekly newspaper, similar in appearance and size of The American Union, and will be purblished at Hurlock, Md.

In 1919 the Hurlock Advance which had been in existence for 24 years, suspended publication and since that time that section has been without a newspaper. The paper will not be strictly a Hurlock paper, but rather the official publication for the entire upper section of Dorchester county, as the name implies.

G. H. Rue is editor and publisher of the new paper and will print it in the plant of The American Union, here, but will have a representative to take charge at Hurlock.

Celebrated 25th Anniversary

Last Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. H. Clinton Wright entertained at their home on 2d street, about 80 guests in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. Many gifts of silver, linen, and china, with all the good wishes of their many friends, were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Wright. During the evening delicious refreshments were served.

The Rev. Mr. C. E. Dryden, now of Milford, married Mr. and Mrs. Wright here on January 26, 1898, he being then pastor of the local Methodist Protestant Church. Mr. Dryden had expected to be present, but was detained by illness.

MRS. MARY ELIZABETH NOWELL

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nowell, nee Booth, wife of the late Mr. Samuel Nowell, aged 77 years, died Wednesday, January 31st, shortly after noon.

Mrs. Noweil was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Booth and was born in Delaware near Harrington.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons: Mrs. Alice Bradley, Houston, Del.; Mrs. Thomas Porter, Camden, N. J.; Mrs. Carsine Carroll, of near Hobbs; Mrs. Boone Beauchamp, of Denton; Messrs. Willoughby and Samuel Nowell, of Denton. Two sisters and two brothers: Mrs. Walter Sapp, Goldsboro; Mrs. Alice Frazier, Harrington; Mr. Will Booth, Goldsboro, and Mr. Thomas Booth, Wilmington.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30, the Rev. Mr. J. A. Dudley and the Rev. Mr. G. L. Helsby, officiating. Interment in Concord cemetery.

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CATHOLICS IN CONTROL, TRY TO CONVICT KLAN AT MER ROUGE

Bastrop, La., Jan. 17.—That some powerful influence, generally believed to be the Roman Catholic heirarchy, is shielding one of the rottenest situations and most lawless gangs that ever existed in an American Community in its attempt here to stamp out the Ku Klux Klan through distortion of facts, is so well known that the people of Morehouse Parish are completely disgusted at the refusal of the American press to print the true facts of the case.

Your correspondent has found that bootlegging, moonshining, gambling, concubinage with negro women and other forms of vice and violence have for years have been the watchword of the Mer Rouge gang and that the leaders there who now are being held up to the world as martyrs at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan are nothing more than moral lepers and festers on the fair name of decency.

Whites Keep Negro Women

A great many of the married men, perhaps as much as fifty per cent. of them, not only have a family of white children but also are responsible for a family of half-negroes and half-whites, maintaining what is commonly termed here-abouts as a "negro harem," in addition to their own legal families.

Practically all of the young, single men, although there are a few shining exceptions, maintain young negro women in homes. In some instances where a youth has plenty of money he is known to be supporting two and three negro women. Others who are not so well off financially keep only one.

This practice is so general there that it is all an open secret that a deacon in the Baptist church of Mer Rouge keeps a negro woman in addition to his white family. Furthermore, this same deacon has taken a widow under his care in order that he may pay attention to her 17-year-old daughter. He recently bought a Ford for the girl.

The town marshall is known for miles about to be the champion poker player of the parish.

Daniel Ran Gambling House

J. L. Daniel, operates a gambling house where both whites and negroes congregate and gamble together.

Watt Daniel and Thomas Richard who are said to have "disappeared," were "touts" for the gambling house. Both were bootleggers and each kept a negro woman.

The gambling house of J. R. Daniel is maintained at his own home in Mer Rouge and the state's attorneys who are here conducting this probe know it, for one of them was there Tuesday night gambling.

The people of Morehouse parish do not believe Watt Daniel and Thomas Richard are dead. They believe they left for parts unknown, probably New Orleans, at the instance of the Catholic hierarchy and are being kept there now in order to foster their nefarious scheme of laying crime that does not exist on the heads of innocent men.

Bodies Are "Found"

The bodies that were identified as those of the missing men are believed to have been brought to Lake Lafourche by the enemies of the K. K. K. and "found" by the Catholic officers of the law in dragging the lake. It is the general belief that the bodies have been used as specimens by some medical college and were so disfigured before being brought here so as to make identification positive. It is pointed out that articles belonging to Watt Daniel that were found on one of the bodies could easily have been given to the plotters by Daniel and placed on the bodies in that way.

The "search" for the torture machine is being laughed at openly here. The report has gone out that the officers are "dragging" the lake to find the torture machine. Klansmen are keeping close watch on the officers to see when they throw it in the lake so it can be "found." The existence of a torture machine is not given one moment's credence by people on the ground.

These facts have never been presented to the public for the reason that the Catholics control the machine that is conducting the hearing at present. Officers of Morehouse parish have nothing to do with this hearing. It is being conducted by officers from Baton Rouge and Washington under the direction of Governor Parker, every one of whom is a Roman Catholic.

To show that the Catholics are in

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PLAN TO BETTER EASTERN SHORE FERRY SERVICE

Conflicting Interests Decide To Withdraw Applications And File New Ones

PENINSULA'S COURSE IN DOUBT

Ferry service between Baltimore, Love Point and Queenstown is expected to increase as a result of a tenative agreement reached yesterday.

The application of the Baltimore and Chesapeake Ferry Company for the franchise to operate over the route used formerly by the Peninsula Ferry company had been set for a hearing yesterday before the Public Service Commission. This was postponed so as to enable the conflicting interests to agree.

In the meantime, Clarence K. Bowie, representing the Baltimore and Eastern Shore Ferry Company, which acquired all the claims of the Peninsula Company, and which bought for $15,000 the assets and franchises of the company, went before Judge Stein and asked that the sale of the company's property be set aside and the receivers dismissed. This was done so that the old company could resume operations and in its own name make application for a change of route, which previously had been made in the name of the purchaser.

To Run Boat In Meantime

By taking this course, it is understood, it would be in an advantageous position with reference to its competitor for the company's franchise. It was contemplated, it is said, to operate a boat between Baltimore, Love Point and Queenstown until the matter could be settled.

As a result of the conference all the applications in connection with the case now before the commission will be withdrawn and new applications filed. The Peninsula Company may or may not continue in existence, but the Baltimore and Eastern Shore Company will be given the privilege of operation between Bay Shore and Queenstown. In the original applications of interests which brought up the obligations of the Peninsula Company, and later bought the company itself, permission was asked to abandon Baltimore and Love Point and to operate between Bay Shore and Queenstown.

Will Withdraw Application

Representatives of the Baltinmore and Chesapeake Ferry Company, which applied for the franchise between Baltimore, Love Point and Queenstown, and which was backed by Pennsylvania Railroad interests, announced they would withdraw their application which was contioned upon permission being given by the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway to withdraw its boats from the Baltimore-Love Point route.

It was proposed to change the regular steamboat service to a ferry service and to carry automobiles. In place of this the Pennsylvania Railroad representatives said they would continue their service and extend it to Queenstown, improve it by getting a faster boat and by making more frequent trips and also fitting up the boat so that it could carry automobiles.

Would Remove Competition

In addition to these arrangements it also is possible that the Baltimore and Eastern Shore Company and the Pennsylvania Railroad will come to an agreement and that the Pennsylvania will be left without competition at Queenstown.

It is understood that if arrangements can be made for the dredging of a channel across for the dredging of a channel across Swan Point bar and the maintenance of that channel so that a direct run can be made from Bay Shore to Rock Hall, avoiding a long detour around the bar, the Baltimore and Eastern Shore Company will be willing to confine its operations between Bay Shore and Rock Hall, leaving the Baltimore-Love Point-Queenstown route to the Pennsylvania.

Entertainment Postponed

The entertainment which was to have been held tomorrow evening at the Williston pavilion under the auspices of the Williston Community Club has been postponed two weeks, until Friday, February 16th, due to so much illness in the neighborhood and among those to take part.

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