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## PATRONS INDIGNANT AT CHANGES IN HIGH SCHOOL BLDG.

Not much business was transacted at the first meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association on Monday evening. The patrons were so indignant at the changes that had been made in the Assembly Hall during the summer that not much else was discussed

It seems deplorable that school interests should be in the hands of politicians who seemingly are more interested in defeating the promises of the opposite party than they are in the needs of our community. In two rooms the pupils are sitting two in a seat, and in the two rooms made from the assembly hall by putting in a partition, no desks are provided, the pupils being obliged to hold their work on their laps. Putting in this partition, which was probably considered necessary to provide classrooms, has robbed the school of an assembly hall. It will be impossible to have an assembly of the whole school for any purpose, and even the patrons were obliged to sit part in one room and partin another.

Mr. Leary talked on athletics and also told of the increased number of boys who had learned to smoke during the summer. Unless they stop, the effect will be greatly shown not only in athletics but also in the number who fail, as they are robbed of the necessary vitality to do good work The crowded condition and present arrangement will also tell in the number of failures at the end of the year. The only light in one of the rooms made from the assembly hall is directly in front of the pupils, and no room in the building is properly lighted, which is hard on the pupils' eyes.

A delightful program was given, consisting of a piano solo by Miss Addie Nuttle, a vocal duet by the Misses Edith Straughn and Esther Kauffman, two solos by Mrs. Duffy, and a reading by Miss Ida Simmons, all of which were greatly enjoyed. Refreshments of coffee and gingerbread were provided by the hostesses and were much enjoyed.

## REV. GOULD TO PREACH AT CHRIST CHURCH SUNDAY

The Rev. Mr. W. D. Gould of Cambridge will preach at Christ Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the absence of the rector, the Rev. Mr. Alward Chamberlaine. Mr. Gould who is one of the best speakers in Easton Diocese, will present the cause of the Home for Friendless Children at Easton, following the Communion service. It is hoped that a full congregation will attend and hear Mr. Gould's message.

He will have charge of the service at Hillsboro at 3 p. m. and again at Greensboro in the evening at 7:30.,

Dean Bohanan of Easton will take charge of the monthly service at Preston Sunday evening.

Rev. Chamberlaine will spend the day at Salisbury, Marion and Crisfield, presenting the same worthy cause of the home to these parishes prior to the opening of the campaign, about the middle of the month.

**Rally Day at Brethren Church**

Rally Day will be observed in the Church of the Brethren Sunday School on Sunday next at 10 o'clock. Rev. W. M. Wine will preach at 11 o'clock. Everybody in invited and welcome at these services.

On Sunday aftrnoon at 2 o'clock the quarterly members' meeting will be held.

Evening services change from 7:30 to 7 o'clock.

## POLITICKIN'

By the CRACKER

Each year we grow a crop of grain and sundry vegetation, potatoes, beans and sorghum cane, and also politicians. This latter crop is always right, regardless of the weather, and stands immune to drought and blight and hessian flies don't bother. Its value has been much discussed (sometimes with "dis" subtracted). Some say it is the worst fungus the country e'er contracted. When autumn zephyrs round us wail and the frost is on the fields, the "politicker" hits the trail and warms us with his spiel. We bask within his fond embrace. ylst to his tale historic, and see him kiss the baby's face which reeks with paregoric. He flatters "ma" about her youth; she's pleased to hear him quote that he would gladly make his oath that she's too young to vote. Thus he proceeds o'er weary miles with chewing gum and speeches and spreads the sunbeam of his smile and seldom overreaches. Tho some may view with vile disgust this pest'ring politician and long to shower him with dust and stale eggs from the kitchen, methinks the pathway to his goal is not with roses strewn; it calls for nerve and gall to hold the meter to his tune. With sympathy my heart now swells for all these politicians, who in the market place and dells are now on exhibition. To meet rebuffs and rapid words methinks I'd scarcely mind; or leave some door step like a bird with the dog hitched on behind. But to make love to some ancient dame, whose teeth are far from plenty, and tell her it's a blooming shame that she is only twenty—Tho' some things may have got my goat, I'm bashful as the dickens—I'm glad the women didn't vote when I was "politickin'."

## WHAT THE REPUBLICANS PROMISE

Prohibition, racetrack gambling and the Ku Klux Klan are ignored in the draft of the Republican platform as it went to the committee of the state convention which met last Thursday at the Lyceum theatre.

The platform, summarized, reads:

We promise—

"To make a careful survey of the state government and eliminate any jobholder who is not indispensable to the preservation of efficiency."

". . .an immediate additional lowering of the state tax rate to the end that the taxes, and not simply the rate, shall be actually and substantially reduced."

". . to aid in the proper development of agriculture."

To call the attention of railroads and the proper state regulatory bodies to the need for a reclassification of freight rates on agricultural products

The "enactment of appropriate legislation" to place the office of State's Attorney, especially in Baltimore city on a basis "commensurate with the amount and importance of its work,"

"The enactment of a Blue Sky law which will throw proper safeguards around investors of our state without imposing undue restrictions on legitimate business."

To amend the 2-cents-a-gallon tax on gasoline, which becomes effective Jan. 1, 1924 "for the purpose of placing Maryland manufacturers and refiners on fair competetive basis with those of other states." The platform declares it believes this tax should be continued.

"We . . . believe that the receipts from the department of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, after the deduction of the expenses of his office and of the traffic court, should be dedicated exclusively" to the extension and improvement of the state roads system.

"We pledge ourselves unreservedly and unconditionally to accomplish" improvements in the National Guard and the building of armories where they are needed.

". . . a systematic and comprehensive code of game and fish laws which will be readily intelligible to the public."

To oppose the removal of seed oysters from the state and to favor the purchase of oyster shells to replace oyster beds.

"We propose a thorough study of the transportation needs of the state by a committee of experts and legislation based on their recommendations which shall fairly allot to each medium of transportation its proper function and justly proportion the tax burden between all."

To study institutions for the sick, indigent and insane and "assist in every possible way in improving their facilities."

"We pledge our support" to the University of Maryland. "We believe its facilities should be improved and its activities extended."

In discussing labor, the platform says: "Workmen's compensation insurance has not reached its maximum of usefulness. We propose so to amend the law and its administration that relief will be without delay and will be wider in its application."

The platform says: "We advocate the passage of law conferring on registered citizens who on election day are bona fide preventd from attending their polling places in person the right to vote by mail, subject to reasonable limitations and safeguards."

"The repeal of the Declaration of Intentions law and also Affidavit of Removal act."

The amendment of the election law in such manner as to permit women to register by merely stating they are over 21 years of age.

The present police magistrate system is attacked and reforms involving fewer maristrates, paid salaries commensurate with their position. The statement is made that these magistrates should be elected only from lawyers, and that they should b forbidden to practise law while serving.

## WEATHER AND CROPS

The week was sunshiny and rainless. At Baltimore 89 per cent of the possible sunshine was recorded. The prolonged mild spell that overspread the section on the 19th was terminated on Saturday, the 29th. Cool weather followed and continues at the close of the week.

The weather of the week was exceptionally favorable for outdoor operations, but some farmers are backward in their work owing to shortage of labor.

Pastures remain fair to good.

Cutting of early-planted corn has been nearly finished. Cutting of late corn is in progress where the crop has sufficiently matured; much late corn, however, is still green.

Late potatoes have mostly matured in western Maryland where digging has begun. They are maturing generally in north-central Maryland, but digging is not yet general. In souther Maryland and on the Eastern Shore late potatoes continue in bloom

Harvesting of tomatoes is greatly on the decline. Tomatoes have been very plentiful and the quality has been good to excellent.

Harvesting of truck crops, sweet potatoes, apples, kieffer pears, etc., continues.

Cutting of tobacco is drawing to a close. Some damage to housed tobacco resulted from the damp weather of the previous week.

Sowing of wheat has become general in western Maryland, and is beginning in the northern portion of the section between the Blue Ridge Mountains and Chesapeake Bay. Soil, which is being prepared generally for wheat, is in good condition.

## *WAS YOUR PAPER STAMPED?*

Last week we stamped every paper, the subscrption for which was then due. If your paper had the words "Your Subscription Is Due" stamped on it in red ink, we will be pleased to receive your check for the amount due and to credit you on our lists. A glance at the blue name slip will show you just when your subscription expired.

Attend to this TODAY and please the editor.

## FLYING SQUADRON IN DENTON OCT. 9, 10, 11

The Flying Squadron, which is now engaged in a nation wide campaign in the interests of law enforcement, civic righteousness and social and industrial justice, will be in Denton for six big meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 9, 10, and 11.

The meetings will be held at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m., daily as follows:

Tuesday, October 9, Church of the Brethren.

Wednesday, October 10, Methodist Protestant Church.

Thursday, October 11, Methodist Episcopal Church.

The squadron consists of three divisions. The first will have charge of the meetings Tuesday afternoon and evening; the second, those of Wednesday afternoon and evening; and the third, the meetings of Thursday afternoon and evening.

With the third division will be the Honorable Oliver Wayne Stewart, president of the Flying Squadron Foundation and editor of the National Enquirer.

It will be remembered that Mr. Stewart was associated with ex-Governor Hanley in the old Flying Squadron of America.

The speakers are making only the larger cities, educational centers and strategic points. Denton is indeed fortunate to be numbered among those cities to be visited by this body of speakers of such known ability and worth.

You will be missing a rare treat if you do not avail yourself of the opportunity of hearing them. Make no other arrangements for these days. Do not forget the dates nor the places

Mr. Frank S. Regan, of Rockford, Ill., former member of the Illinois legislature, a member of the first division of the Flying Squadron, is a unique orator.

Mr. Regan is a tax expert, a cartoonist, a rapid crayon worker, who, with lightning speed draws pictures to illustrate his points. Though the subject of taxes is supposed to be as dry as dust, it is said he keeps his audiences keyed up every minute of the time and has them applauding throughout his addresses.

No admission is charged for his lectures or for the addresses of any of the speakers who make up the combination. Everybody is invited.

Dr. D. Leigh Colvin, who is to speak on the second day of the Flying Squadron meetings, is a man of wide experience, it is said, in dealing with problems connected with enforcement of the prohibition laws. Dr. Colvin's personal touch with congressmen in the discharge of his duties as legislative superintendent of the Flying Squadron Foundation has given him an unusual opportunity to study the subject as viewed by the nation's lawmakers at first hand.

Those who have heard him, say that he is simply loaded to the guards with up-to-date information, with which every law abiding citizen should be familiar. He will speak in the Methodist Protestant Church at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m., on Wednesday, October 10.

Oliver W. Stewart, of Chicago, the president of the Flying Squadron, directs the work of that organization from the last division of speakers. This arrangement brings him into each city on the last day of a series of meetings and permits him to close up the campaign in each place.

Mr. Stewart, who was a former member of the Illinois legislature, was associated with former Governor J. Frank Hanley in founding the Flying Squadron Foundation and succeeded to the head of the organization on the death of the former on August 1, 1920.

Mr. Stewart will be heard on the afternoon and evening of October 11 at the Methodist Episcopal church.

## EXTENSION NEWS

The Caroline County Girls' Clubs deserve honorable mention this time. The sample of their work in canning and sewing, twelve entries in all, sent to the State Fair at Timonium, brot back $7.50 prize money. Four flated the blue ribbon, first prize; three the red, second prize; and two the yellow, third prize. Burrsville, Concord, Hillsboro Girls' Clubs and Goldsboro Sunshine Club, each rallying to the call, selected its best work for this exhibit.

A jar of mincemeat was selected out of our Timonium exhibit to represent Caroline in the Hazel-Atlas Company's National Canning Contest This contest is open to any canning club member in the United States. Other girls have time to enter yet, but all goods must be in by October 12th.

## ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AT BARRETTS CHAPEL SUNDAY

The 143rd anniversary of Barretts Chapel, near Dover, will be celebrated Sunday, October 7th, at 2:30 p. m. Dr. Clarence True Wilson, general secretary, Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, will be the speaker.

This is one of the greatest reilgious events in the state of Delaware, due largely to the fact that Barretts Chapel is one of the oldest churches in the country. From eight to ten thousand people are expected to attend.

Dr. Wilson is a native of Delaware, having been born at Milton. He is well known throughout the state and along the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where he formerly held important pastorates. He is one of the best-known speakers in the country and everywhere is recognized as the outstanding leader of temperance and reform work. For twelve years he has represented the Methodist Episcopal church in an official capacity at the head of one of its benevolent boards. He has been termed a "moral strategist." He has just been elected a delegate from the annual Oregon conference to the 1924 session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

His father, John A. B. Wilson, was long presiding elder in Delaware, and of Methodism in that state.

It is by special invitation that Dr. was one of the outstanding characters Wilson returns to preach the anniversary sermon at Barretts Chapel, an historic landmark in Methodist history. It was here that Francis Asbury, one of the founders of Methodism in America, had numerous conferences with other leaders of the church. As an outgrowth of one of these conferences, Cokesbury College at Abingdon, Md., was established.

: The anniversary service this year will be a notable event, and it is expected that many visitors from distant points, in addition to large numbers from nearby, will be present.

## FARM BUREAU NOTES

Many farmers are buying fertilizer independent of the organization as cheap or cheaper than those buying through the pool. To the minds of many this is a black eye to the organization. But this is a boost rather than a knock for the Farm Burau. All clear thinking fair-minded buyers give the Farm Bureau credit for this cut in price but there are a few who credit the low price to their own individual shrewdness in buying. The early price quoted for fall goods was about five dollars per ton higher than the price asked at present. Why this drop in price? Are labor and materials cheaper than they were at that time? Have transportation rates been reduced? No, the cut in price is directly due to the competition set up by the pool plan of buying. There seems to be a strong desire on the part of certain selling interests to undermine the Farm Bureau. The question is, are the farmers short-sighted enough to fall for this bait? It should be also considered that cooperative buying is but one phase of the purpose of the organization. There remains a great work to be done along cooperative marketing and educational lines. Some are inclined to expect too much in the way of immediate accomplishment. But the great work is but in its infancy and it will take time and many mistakes will be made before it reaches anything like a state of perfection. This fact must be realized and instead of knocking, help the work along for agriculture, the very backbone of our nation, stands today in greater need than ever before.

The Ridgely Local met on Tuesday night for their regular September meeting. A good attendance was had and there were many expressions of satisfaction over the work accomplished by the bureau during the brief time it has been in operation. The annual election of officers will be held at the next meeting, October 30th.

American Corner held their regular meeting on Wednesday night, at which time they adopted their program of work and expect to get it into action immediately.

**Fishing Trip at Lewes**

Upon invitation Rev. Levi K. Ziegler accompanied Mr. G. A. McDaniel on a fishing trip to Lewes, Del., a few days this week. The original plan was to go to sea on one of the steamers which goes after the Manmaden fish, out of which oil and byproducts are made. But the weather being unfavorable the trip had to be abandoned They report several large catches by hook and line of trout, hard heads and eels.

**Birthday Cards The American Union.**

## CHAMBER WINS AGAINST CLASS RATE INCREASE

A ruling handed down Friday by the Interstate Commerce Commission in which the Pennsylvania Railroad Company was the respondent and W. T. Gardner, traffic manager of the Salisbury-Wicomico Chamber of Commerce, was the protestant, is looked upon as a most important decision involving freight rates to all rail points on the Maryland, Delaware and Virgina peninsula awarded in recent years.

The ruling covers supplements to class rate tariffs filed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to become effective on January 1, 1923, which proposed to increase the rates to and from the Delaware Division and all branch stations, i. e., Easton, Oxford, Cambridge, Hurlock, Chestertown, Centerville, Berlin and Snow Hill, Md., and Franklin City, Va., and intermediate points and the Pittsburg-Buffalo territory and adjacent points taking the same rate. Also an increase in class rates from Baltimore, Md., to the same points.

A suspension of the tariff was secured by the Chamber from the Commission until a formal hearing could be granted. The order states that the carrier shall withdraw the supplement before October 28th.

Increases in the class rates proposed by the Pennsylvania Company ranged from six cents for first class commodities to one cent for shipments taking the sixth class. As these classes cover all commodities including fruit and produce, with the exception of steel and iron articles and canned goods shipped to and from the peninsula rail points and the Pittsburg-Buffalo territory the Commission's decision will result in an inestimable finanical saving for the peninsula.

The adjustment which will cause the issuance of new tariffs means that Wilmington will be used as a basis for determining freight charges involving peninsula points, instead of Norfolk as used in the original tariff The rates to all stations on the main line—Delaware and Norfolk divisions—from Wilmington to Cape Charles, Va., and all branch lines south of Wilmington will be that established for Wilmington plus the additional proportionate charge to the point of destination or origination on the peninsula.

It was shown by Mr. Gardener that the Pennsylvania Railroad in the tariff now in effect, based the rate from Columbus, O., two hundred miles west of Pittsburg, thereby penalizing the peninsula with the additional distance. The charges affixed in this manner were the same rate charged from Columbus to Norfolk over the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Norfolk and Western rail lines— a more circuitous route.

The Commission, in giving out the order to the Pennsylvania stated: "It is always customary in making rates to have the long haul meet the short line competition rates and not require the short line to hold its rates up to the long haul circuitous route."

The victory for the peninsula is made even more significant because of the fact that the exhibits and all data gathered by Mr. Gardener was presented and argued before the Commission by himself against the skill of James E. Gowen, attorney for the Pennsylvania railroad.

## 24 VETERANS LEFT; VOTE FOR REUNIONS

The thirty-third annual reunion of the first Eastern Shore Regiment, Maryland Volunteers, was held in Federalsburg last Thursday. Col. Jas. C. Mulliken, president of the association, presided. There were but 24 veterans present, whose average age was 81 years and 7 months, the oldest being Samuel Gladding, of Easton, 91 the youngest the Rev. Mr. H. L. Willis, of Cambridge, 78.

It was unanimously decided to hold annual meetings as long as two veterans remained. The meeting next year will be held in Cambridge.

The following officers were elected: President, Colonel Mullikin, Easton; vice-presidents, Charles Davis, Federalsburg, and Levin Dale, Cambridge secretary, Joseph Kenny, North East; treasurer, Charles Jones, Cambridge; chaplain, the Rev. Mr. H. L. Willis, Cambridge.

## 4TH SEMI-ANNUAL CONVENTION OF E. S. DIST CLUBS

The Fourth Semi-annual Convention of the Eastern Shore District Federation of Women's Clubs will meet on October 10th, 1923, at Federalsburg. At this session the election of officers will take place. The convention will be held in the Masonic Temple and be called to order by the president, Mrs. A. A. Hathaway, at 11 a. m. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 at $1.00 per plate. The afternoon session will open at 1:30. Among the prominent speakers are expected Dr. Lonn of Goucher College and Hon J. Harry Covington, and a musical program will be rendered. A large representation is desired.

**E. F. Daniel, Jr., Made Vice Pres.**

New York, Sept. 27.—At a meeting of the directors of the American Agriculture Chemical Company today, Edward F. Daniel, Jr., was elected a vice president of the company in charge of the Baltimore and Western division of the company.

Mr. Daniel has been connected with the company for the past ten years and has taken an active part in the management of the business tributary to Baltimore where he made his headquarters.

## GRAND JURY REPORT

To the Honorable Judges of the Circuit Court for Caroline County, State of Maryland:

The Grand Inquest of the State of Maryland for Caroline County has concluded its labors, most respectfully begs leave to submit its report. We have been in session 4 days examined 39 witnesses, made 12 presentments and found 12 bills.

We do not think it amiss for this body to call attention to the presence of stills and bootlegging in this county and should be brought to attention of the proper federal prohibition officers.

In looking over list of traders license we find quite a number of traders who have not taken out the proper license to do business.

Committee of three appointed to inspect the jail report as follows: Eleven prisoners, 2 white, 9 colored; 4 shutters in front of jail in bad condition, 3 shutters on east side of hinges and quite a number of window panes are out. One of the iron bars in back of jail is nearly sawed in two. All other conditions good.

Three named to visit almshouse report as follows: Number of inmates 16; 2 white men, 1 white woman, 6 colored men, 7 colored women. Condition of inmates and house good, with exception of painting and plaster. Overseers house needs painting. Stock on farm: 4 mules, 2 horses, 7 cows, 16 killing hogs, 2 brood sows, 14 pigs, 4 shoats, 10 tons hay, 250 bushels wheat, crops on farm, 30 acres corn, 300 chickens, 30 turkeys. Stock on farm in fair condition, farming implements for use of farm.

The three named to examine Denton bridge report as follows: Bridge in good repair.

Three named to examine our court house report as follows: That ever since our present court house has been built that there has never been a toilet for ladies and we think it proper for our county commissioners to provide one at once. Also one of the benches in the court room is in bad condition.

We desire to extend to the court and state's attorney our thanks and appreciation for their courtesy and help.

CHAS. W. JACKSON, Foreman

Thos. H. Wyatt,
William Chambers, secretaries.

## LOCAL MASONS WILL ATTEND BIG EVENT

A number of Masons from this vicinity are planning on attending the ceremonies accompanying the laying of the cornerstone of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Va., on Thursday, November 1. The event will draw together the largest number of Masons ever attending any ceremony.

This memorial is an expression of the esteem in which the Masons of the United States hold Washington, the Mason. It will be the grandest memorial ever erected to any individual. The dimensions of the edifice over all will be 230 feet in depth by 160 feet in width, exclusive of steps, terraces and approaches. One of its big features will be an imposing atrium, 70 feet wide and 100 feet deep, which will form the Memorial Hall, in which a statue of George Washington will be set up. This hall will be 64 feet high. The monument will be 200 feet high. It will be located on Shooters Hill, along the Potomac, just outside of Washington, of which it will command a view, and from its height also Mount Vernon will be visible.

Alexandria was chosen for the site of this memorial because President Washington was the first Worshipful Master of the Masonic Blue lodge in that city. This lodge has numerous priceless relics of the first president, including the Williams portrait, declared by experts to be the truest likeness in existence of the "father of his country."

The cost of the memorial and the endowment will reach $4.000,000, all of which the Masons of the United States are contributing. When the cornerstone is laid November 1st, the trowel used by General Washington will be utilized, when he laid the cornerstone of the national capitol building. All railroads will give reduced fares to those who journey to Washington and Alexandria for the event.

## ORPHANS COURT

In the matter of the estate of Helen Johns, minor, on petition and order of court and the testimony of Alyce Johns Hazel, the Denton National Bank was authorized and empowered to pay over to the said Helen Johns certain moneys now on deposit to her credit she being now of full legal age

Lida J. Cooper and Marion B. Cooper, administrators of George F. Cooper, deceased( filed a release from Harry M. Cooper, distributee.

Nellie R. Stephens and T. Pliny Fisher, executors of M. Bates Stephens, deceased, filed inventory and appraisement of the personal property and an order to sell was granted.

Renunciation having been filed, on application, letter of administration on the personal estate of William E. Callahan, deceased, were granted unto Charles H. Dean. Bond filed and approved, notice to creditors ordered and H. M. Thompson and Samuel Briscoe were named as appraisers.

**Collision at Hickman**

Two automobiles were in collision in Hickman last Saturday night, and both were damaged so they were unable to run. One machine from Harrington carried five passengers and the other had four. Not a person was injured, although both machines were badly wrecked.

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