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DASH IN BLIZZARD LANDS LIFE SAVING SERUM IN NOME

DOG DRIVERS DO 666 MILES IN SIX DAYS AT 50 BELOW

Diphtheria Patients in Far North Outpost Get 300,000 Units of Anti-Toxin

Nome, Alaska, Feb. 2.—Relief has at last reached this plague-swept Arctic outpost!

Completing what will ever remain one of the greatest epics of the northland, Gunnar Kasson, famous musher, arrived with his dog team in diptheria stricken Nome shortly after daybreak today. He brought 300,000 units of life saving antitoxin serum for the one hundred and fifty victims of the disease that has held this ice-bound Alaskan outpost in its grip for over a week.

Gunnar Kasson was half dead from exhaustion and his panting dogs all but dropped in their tracks overcome by fatigue when the end of the trail was reached.

Kasson had left Nome a day or two ago to meet the mushing team of Leonard Sepalla, world's champion dog derby racer, who was carrying the serum in the relay from Unalakleet across ice-bound Norton Sound to Nome.

The city, which had been deserted a few minutes before Kasson's arrival, quickly took on new life as the heroic musher drove in

The feat of Kasson and Seppalla in crossing frozen Norton Sound from Unalakeet to Nome, an airplane distance of 150 miles is considered marvellous. The great dog drivers saved many hours by cutting straight across the ice instead of skirting the shore line.

Kasson was greeted by Dr. Carter Welch, the heroic United States Public Health officer who, singlehanded, put up the wonderful fight against the ravages of the diphtheria plague, and Miss Emily M. Morgan, of Wichita, Kan., only Red Cross woman nurse in Nome, who rushed from a nearby mission outpost to assist Dr. Welch.

Dr. Welch said: "The supply of serum brought by these famous drivers is a God-send. Up to now we have been forced to use serum four to six years old, with very doubtful results. From now on the fight will be easier. With this supply of fresh anti-toxin it will be a comparatively easy matter to battle the diphtheria epidemic."

A sigh of relief went up as Kasson's dashing team plunged out of the blizzard swept wastes into this diphtheria ravaged community.

Starting from Nenana, on the Aloskan Railway, just before midnight last Tuesday, the dog teams ploughed their way over snow and ice covered trails and hung up a wonderful record in their desperate race against time.

Kasson today finished the long relay trek of more than one thousand miles. The drivers made the distance in the unprecedented time of six days, cutting fully three days from the usual time, in spite of temperatures ranging from 20 to 50 degrees below zero encountered as they sped through the weird silences of the northland frontier.

Urged by Leonard Sepalla, one of the greatest mushers of all time and winner of the great Nome Dog Derby and other heroic "sourdoughs" of the North, the "Glasseye" Siberian dogs set a terrific pace and came safely to Nenana with a packet of the serum which may save hundreds of lives.

Today's epic is a splendid victory for the old order over the new. Dogs and men, sturdy denizens of the Arctic, grasped victory and glory where man-made machines—airplanes—failed.

Plunging into Nome today, the dogs with ice covered and bleeding feet triumphed in a race that will stand forth as a monument to the ever ready willingness of a famous race of dogs to give themselves without stint to the service of humanity.

There were no fresh cases of diphtheria today.

Driving his Siberian racers, Gunnar Kasson, raced fifty-four miles in seven hours and forty minutes. Thirty miles of this relay was through a blinding blizzard.

The antitoxin arrived here frozen, but apparently is in good condition. Not a single container was broken.

After thawing out the serum, Dr. Welch and Miss Morgan proceeded immediately to innoculate as many of the plague victims as they could. Up to a late hour tonight they were continuing with this work.

The entire distance from Nenana to Nome, six hundred and sixty-six miles, was covered by the supermen who drove the dog teams in five and one half days, a remarkable record in view of the terrible weather conditions.

THE NEWS

By THE CRACKER

"I take this paper for the news," announced my Uncle Nate, "to learn about the folks who cruise around the old home plate. I want to hear about the car Tom Jones sold Henry Hart and if Hank's temper was at par when the starter wouldn't start. And here I read about the cow Joe Beach sold Stephen Gump; and how Tim Davis tractor plow behaves among green stumps. Who bought those steers of David Bonds, and sheep of Joseph Green, and how much mash the sheriff found in Simpkins' booze machine. It always makes me mad and blue to scan a local page, with no resemblance of news to meet my optic gaze, I pay the Ed. my cash for news, By Heck!" says Uncle Nate, "for sterioscopic local views, instead of boiler plate. I labor hard and use my time to earn my daily wheat, and therefore miss the crowd who spew the gossip on the street. And when I settle down at night, and park my weary thighs before the crackling embers bright, and grab the Weekly Guise, I know I'll see the good old map with home grown stuff arrayed, and not filled with imported scrap from Boston, tailor made."

MORE BOY ARTISTS APPEAR EACH WEEK

For several weeks an offer has been made by the artist who draws the comic strip entitled "Old Pop" which appears each week in this paper, that he will give baseball material to the boys drawing the best picture of "Old Pop" laughing. Two more boys have sent in their contributions which have been forwarded to the artist for consideration. They are, Linden Adams, aged 11, of Hobbs; and Maxwell Nusbaum, age 16, of Preston.

Get busy boys, try your hand at drawing "Old Pop" and see if you can win a prize.

CHRISTMAS BOX RECEIVED IN INDIA

During November last, the Ladies Aid Society of the Church of the Brethren sent a Christmas box to India, containing toys, dolls, pocket knives, pencils, cloth, red handkerchiefs, etc., to brighten the Christmas time of native Christians there. Word has been recently received that the box arrived in time for the festive occasion and did much towards making Christmas real to the poor Indian people. In response the Indian church sent a letter of thanks, written in Gujarati, the native Indian language. On next Sunday morning at the close of Sunday school, this letter will be read in the venacular and translated into English that all may hear it. You are cordially invited to worship with us next Sunday.

S. IRA ARNOLD, Pastor

MR. WILLIAM B. GOOTEE

Mr. William B. Gootee died at his home on Franklin street last Friday following a lingering illness of 15 months. He was about 74 years of age, and had lived the greater part of his life in Denton, engaging in the carpenter trade. Always quiet and reserved, he was a man of many friends and no enemies, respected by all his fellow townsmen. During his illness, the last three months of which have been most trying, he never complained, but bore it all with his characteristic fortitude. Mr. Gootee is survived by his widow, two sisters, Miss Mary Gootee of Baltimore and Mrs. Rebeca Richardson of Little Rivers, Fla., and a brother, Mr. John W. Gootee of Waverly, Va.,

Funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday at 2: 30, with Rev. Mr. Hooker, pastor of the M. P. church, and Rev. Mr. J. A. Dudley, the former pastor of the church, officiating. Rev. Dudley delivered the address. The pall bearers were the Messrs. J. H. Nichols, J. E. Wright, W. S. Crouse, S. G. Bye, F. R. Owens, F. W. Redden. The home was taxed to its capacity to accommodate the many friends who came to show their love and respect for the deceased. Interment was in Denton cemetery.

EYE TEST REQUIRED TO GET AUTO TAGS

Fatal Accidents Are Laid To Faulty Vision, Says Commissioner

STATE INAUGURATES STEP

A sight test is now included in the examination of applicants for automobile operators' licenses, it was announced yesterday by Commissioner of Motor Vehicles E. Austin Baughman.

Commissioner Baughman said that he had decided to include this test in the regular examination for operators' licenses after an investigation revealed that a number of motor-vehicle accidents were due to faulty eyesight of the drivers.

License For Daytime Only

The sight test will be held in Commissioner Baughman's office and will be under the supervision of Dr. Fred Andreae, secretary to the State Board of Optometry. Dr. Andreae or one of his assistants will be in constant attendance to give the test.

Those who wear glasses will be allowed to keep them on while taking the test. In cases where an applicant is found to be color-blind, Commissioner Baughman said, a license restricting his driving to day time will be issued.

The test is conducted as follows:

The applicant is seated in a chair eight feet from a mirror. Four feet in the rear of the chair is a rotating chart of letters and colored lights. The chart is placed in position to reflect upon the mirror. By this arrangement, Dr. Andreae said, the test covers a distance of 20 feet.

Must Set Well for 140 Feet

If the applicant is not able to discern the letters and colors reflected in the mirror, he is to be refused a license, as to drive an automobile in safety, the operator must be able to see clearly at a distance of 140 feet, it was said.

The sight test was approved by Police Commissioner Charles D. Gaither.

Maryland is the first state in the country to require a sight test, it is said, in the issuance of motor vehicle operators' licenses.

Hickman School Attendance

The following pupils of Hickman school had perfect attendance for the month of December:

Ernest Smith
August Breeding
Russell Bowdle
Covey Brown
Clarence Porter
Carl Parker
Clifford Breeding
Floyd Breeding
Lawrence Breeding
Russell Breeding
Clarence Foxwell
Dorothy Towers
Bruce Bowdle
Pauline Breeding
Marguerite Hollis
Marie Fountain
Hester Wroten

CONCERNING MISS HURLOCK

The following paragraph, concerning Miss Madeline Hurlock, is clipped from a letter to the Easton Gazette. As Miss Hurlock comes from Federalsburg, we felt that the information would be of interest to our readers.

It may further interest Miss Hurlock's admirers to know that she is descended from a prominent English family. The first of the family to settle in this country was Capt. Jonathan Hurlock an English ship owner. His grant of land being in Dorchester county, in Williamsburg and Hurlosk sections. The last named town being named for the family. The family became large land and slave owners. Several of the family gave their slaves freedom before the Civil War.

Miss Hurlock is also descended from the Webb family. Another old and prominent family of Dorchester county. SIGN X

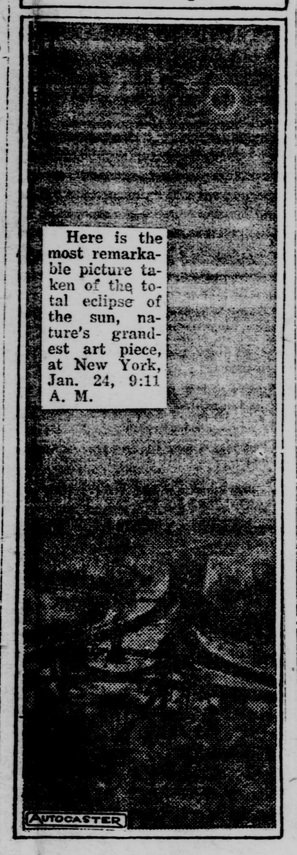
PRSENTATION OF STATE TROPHY NEXT WED.

Last June in Baltimore, Caroline county high school boys and girls tied with Alleghany county for possession of the State Trophy which has been given by the Baltimore Sun.

Next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Court Room at Denton, this trophy will be awarded to the winning high school teams of this county.

The editor of The Sun and Dr. William Burdick, director of athletics in Maryland, are expected to be present and make the proper awards. High school pupils and their friends are invited to attend.

Total Eclipse



Here is the most remarkable picture taken of the total eclipse of the sun, nature's grandest art piece, at New York, Jan. 24, 9:11 A. M.

APRIL JURY LIST

First District
Wm. E. Jones
John R. Jones
Wm. J. Murphy
Harry S. Daily
H. H. Dennison
T. Purdy Richards

Second District
J. F. Stevenson
Carroll H. Pippin
Asbury Hubbard
Alvin Smith
Ra Seldon Raughley
John C. Longfellow

Third District
Linwood Cohee
Wm. T. Beauchamp
Harry A. Roe
Wm. W. Noble
Wm. Chambers
Wm. C. Andrew

Fourth District
Wm. Bovers
J. Frank Collins of G
Wm. Cannon
Jas. R. Christopher
Harvey M. Parrott
Joseph L. Gallagher

Fifth District
Wm. R. Breeding
Geo. F. Smith
Wm. H. R. Merriken
John A. Hyland
Geo. A. Donovan
R. F. Noble

Sixth District
John J. Hammer
Joseph M. Short
Anderson Redden
Wm. L. DeFord
Wm. E. Sylvester
Edward Pinkine

Seventh District
James W. Simons
A. W. Marvel
Allen Cherry
Harper Lang
A. G. Saulsbury
Adam Holsinger

Eighth District
G. W. Kelly, Jr.
Emmett Hignutt
Chas. R. Neal
Linwood Todd
Lee Hignutt
Geo. W. Thawley

Camp Grove Attendance

The following pupils of Camp Grove school had perfect attendance for the month of January:

Clyde Ellwanger
Paul Singer
John Ireland
Roland Harris
Grace Harris
Mildred Harris
Charlotte Gordon
Genevieve Gordan
Helen Ireland.

Tuberculosis Clinic

There will be a tuberculosis clinic for known tuberculosis cases, contacts and suspects in the Law building at Denton, February 10th, at 9 a. m. and at Dr. Rowe's office in Hillsboro, at 2:30 p. m. the same day.

CHAUTAUQUA TIME IS DRAWING NEAR

Chautauqua time, that glorious season of fun and enjoyment for both old and young is coming around for those towns on the Eastern Shore who have signed for the winter three-day circuit and from one who has seen the entertainments put on this fall by this circuit every one is insured of enjoying himself when attending any of the following chautauqua town's programs.

Betterton, Feb. 6-9
Millington, Feb. 7-10
Church Hill, Feb. 9-11
Greensboro, Feb. 10-12
Federalsburg, Feb. 11-13
East New Market, Feb. 12-14

The program for this season is a mighty good one, embracing for the first day Marchetti's Swiss Yodelers, and Dr. E. F. Miller; second day, the Swarthmore Ladies' Quintette, and Chancellor G. H. Bradford; third, the Johns-Ringgold Duo, the former member coming from Australia; and the children's performance in the afternoon with the three-act comedy drama "The Bubble" as the feature of the closing evening.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY GIVES CLEVER ENTERTAINMENT

Members of the Womans' Foreign Missionary Society of the M. P. church Tuesday night gave two clever little plays in the Sunday school room. The first, entitled "The Clinic of a Missionary Specialist," gave in a very forceful, yet comical, way the various excuses which the members of such a society can manufacture for not attending the meetings. Mr. Clarence Roe, as the doctor, and Mrs. Hooker, as the nurse, treated each patient and gave excellent prescriptions which were well calculated to cure their various ills. The seven sufferers, most marvelously attired, certainly took their part to perfection.

The second play was "Going to Mauro," with Mr. Boone Beauchamp as the very bored ticket agent, Miss Emma Clark as the garrulous but genial Mrs. Buttermilk, and Frank Griffin as her impertinent son, Johnnie. The little skit was full of laughs, especially when Mrs. Buttermilk searched her carpet bag in search of gingerbread for her starving offspring.

Before the first play the quartette, consisting of Rev. J. A. Dudley, Mr. I. R. Fleetwood, Mr. Elias Hinderer and Mr. T. M. Baxter sang "Old Uncle Ned." Miss Adeline Fisher sang "Keep on Hopin" and Mr. Fleetwood "Mother Macree," between the plays.

As a closing number the quartette sang "Dat Watermillion Hangin' on de Vine," which was encored by the audience, and then "Way Down Yondah in de Cornfield." The encore was never finished, for the laughter of the singers and the audience broke it up.

GREENSBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

The revival meetings at the Greensboro Baptist church were brought to a close last Sunday night. There were record-breaking crowds in attendance with more than 60 professions, 21 baptisms and a number to be baptised Sunday night. The Greensboro Baptists will celebrate their first anniversary in the new church building by holding special services every night next week at 7.30. Special programs and special speakers will make the week a successful anniversary. Rev. Melvin G. Morris will preach morning and night Sunday. His 10:30 topic is "Our First Year in Our New Building." At 7.30 he will preach on; "The Thief of the Soul."

FRANK H. CHRISTOPHER

On Thursday afternoon, January 30, at 3 o'clock, Mr. Frank H. Christopher, a highly respected citizen of Vienna, was called to the eternal beyond, after a lingering illness due to neuritis.

Mr. Christopher was born October 23, 1857. He was the son of the late William and Julia Christopher.

For several years he lived on his farm near Vienna, moving to town about four or five years ago and occupied the Le Compte property, a brick dwelling on Water street, which he purchased from Mr. Fred Gore.

He is survived by several sons and daughters: Mrs. Herbert Harper of Linkwood, Mrs. Nora McNamara of Cambridge, Mrs. Oma Tilghman who resides with her father, Messrs. Fred Christopher of Easton, William Christopher of Rhodesdale, Elmer and Edmond of Baltimore, Bryan of Cambridge and Watson who resided at home.

Interment was at East New Market cemetery.

Truth in Advertising

Bull dog for sale. Eats everything. Very fond of children.

TEMPLE LODGE ENJOYS 7TH ANNUAL BANQUET

Bad Weather No Deterrent to Success of Gathering on Last Thursday Evening

PROGRAM VERY GOOD

MASONIC BANQUET

The seventh annual banquet of Temple Lodge, No. 128, A. F. and A. M., was held last Thursday night in the Masonic Hall. In spite of the inclement weather, the long tables were filled to capacity. Guests were present from all over the country and the half hour preceding the banquet, while the guests were arriving, was spent in the exchange of greetings.

Shortly after eight the banquet hall was opened and the guests took their places at the table. Pine and crepe paper decorations had been used to beautify the room, while lovely table lamps threw an extra mellow glow over the well-filled tables. The supper, which was served by the ladies of the missionary society of the M. E. church, was excellent in quality and well served, and everyone was cordial in praise.

Mr. Benjamin T. Johnson, master of the lodge, made a few introductory remarks, followed by the invocation by Rev. C. N. Jones, and then the guests seated themselves. Music by the Bob Athur's orchestra, of Seaford, was thoroughly enjoyed, and they were liberal with encores.

Hon. T. Alan GoGldsborough acted as toastmaster, introducing the Seaford quartette, which proved as popular as on their first appearance, last year. Miss Warren, also of Seaford, sang "A Sailor's Wife," by Burleigh, and "Will-o-the-Whisp" by Spross, and when her delightful voice was encored, responded with "What'll I Do?" Local hits and exceedingly clever songs made the entertainment of Mr. and Mrs. Parlett particularly interesting, and kept the audience in a gale of laughter. Miss Warren sang again, giving "For You Alone," by Geehl, "The Lilac Tree," by Gartlan, and "Dreamn' Time" by Strickland, and then the quartette made their second appearance. Mr. Van Lear of Seaford was enjoyed for his very fine accompaniments for both Miss Warren and the quartette.

The audience then sobered down and sang very heartily the old familiar pledge of friendship, "Auld Lang Syne." The benediction, pronounced by Rev. G. J. Hooker, ended one of the most delightful evenings in the history of Temple Lodge.

The menu follows:

Grape Fruit
Olives Pickles
Celery Hearts
Cold Roast Turkey Cranberry Sauce
Chicken Salad
Maryland Biscuts Finger Rolls
Harlequin Blacks Fancy Cakes
Salted Nuts Mints
Coffee

ARE YOU FEEDING THE QUAIL NOW?

This is bad weather on the Bob White and unless some provision is made for him while the food supply is covered up in snow the result is likely to be reflected in the number of birds that are left for next fall's hunting. How about the quail on your farm? A little wheat or fine grain of any sort scattered in protected places during the snow will go a long ways with them this sort of weather.

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

There wasn't any preachin' at the church Sunday. Parson Savemall went to the sorgum mill Saturday to draw a jug of syrup, it runs kinda slow on account of the weather an' the parson wouldn't leave 'til he got his jug full.

Judge Applewyne says if they don't build a stone road thru the Hollow this year he'll have to resign, because the road has got so bad that folk can't exceed the speed limit any more, only up an' down.

Hank Alderbush thought he saw a muskrat in the road the other day, but when he investigated he found it was Dave Gooslum, wearin' a fur cap an' walkin' in a rut.

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