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## CO. P. T. A. HAD FINE MEETING

### Excellent Papers and Discussions Feature of Program at Court House Friday

### LAST MEETING OF YEAR

On Friday evening the County Parent-Teacher Association held its last meeting of the school year in the Court House. It was generally considered the best meeting the organization has held, due to the fact that the papers and discussions were concerned so intimately with the present school conditions in Caroline.

Mrs. H. E. Ramsdell read a well arranged paper on "In visiting the schols what should a patron observe?" The points brought out and developed were: Discipline, through love rather than fear; personality and methods of the teacher; atmosphere of room and interest of pupils; share in actual work given children; orderliness, cleanliness and ventilation; library; aesthetic development as shown by pictures, posters, plants, etc.; grounds and playground equipment.

The subject assigned Mr. T. S. Holt of Federalsburg was a serious and timely one, "What can parents and teachers do to stem the tide of immorality threatening our schools?" Mr. Holt said he believed the parents bore the greater responsibility since they had the first chance with the children. Heredity, of course, plays its part in character formation, but for the immediate situation we can't waste time in considering what is past—we must take the present generation as we find them. There is a growing tendency to immorality all over the nation. Right in Caroline there are grave conditions to be met. Mr. Holt said that in one particular case the punishment had been expulsion from school, and he feared that was not the Christian way to meet the issue. The way of the Master was not destructive but constructive. As for the causes of immorality, he named the following: Bad literature including magazines, novels and newspapers; moving pictures and theatres; dancing and gambling; the free use of automobiles He pleaded with the parents to insist on knowing where, and with whom, their children spent everyhour.

The topic of "Who has more influence over the habits of boys and girls, adults or older young people?" was ably discussed by Mrs. Melvin Wheatley, who said the answer varied with different children and different ages. She mentioned the various stages through which a child's affections pass. One reason why children don't confide in parents more is that often they are made fun of and not taken seriously. Because the grading of children places those of about the same age in groups, so that they do not often come in contact with older young people, probably parents have more influence than anyone.

"The world was built on the idea of obedience; it is an essential part of God's plan," said Rev. Mr. Hooker. In the early years of a child's life his only conception of God is his parents. They stand to him in place of God and therefore have a divine right to demand obedience. They in turn must live up to the standards demanded of the children. Parents should be leaders, not taskmasters.

Mr. W. S. Crouse and Mr. S. E. Douglas discussed the subject "Is corporal punishment ever advisable?" It was the former's opinion that since the success of teaching depended on the agreeable relations between the teacher and scholar, and since corporal punishment would destroy such a relation it should never be used to get better results in school work. Mr. Douglas said "Corporal punishment makes a child timid or stubborn. Fear makes him deceive. Once he gets by with a deception, he may try it again. If he must be punished, deprive him of privileges."

Miss May Thompson of Federalsburg discussed the inter-relationship of the home and school in the discipline of the child. She began by saying that discipline is training for conduct so that people may live together without strife or hatred. There are three big principles involved, recognition of law as such; regards for the rights of others; regard for one's own rights. A child should be taught these principles, and taught to apply them. Home and school must work together in this respect.

Mrs. N. L. Rairigh's topic concerned the attitude of a parent when a difference of opinion arose with child. At first there is no difference; the child accepts what his parents say. Later differences will arise as the child's mind develops. Then the parent should listen to the child's side. Often a hearing will satisfy, providing it is fair and sympathetic. The objection that it takes time was met by the assertion that all worth-while things do take time.

Four musical numbers pleased the audience, three quartettes by Mrs. J. Kemp Stevens, Mrs. P. Roland Fisher, Mr. I. R. Fleetwood and Mrs. H. W. Davis, with an oblgato solo by Miss Pauline Nichols in the last number. Mr. G. H. Rue concluded the program with a solo.

The schools represented at this meeting were: Marydel, 5; Greensboro, 16; Camp Grove, 2; Denton 61; Williamson,4; Preston, 1;Federalsburg,14; Hillsboro,1; Ridgely, 3.

### WHEN THE ROOSTER STARTS HIS CROWIN'

By THE CRACKER

When the whip-poor-will his lay has ceased and the robin hits the gong, a gray complexion to the east, and the moon's face pale and drawn just then's the time you're baskin' in your most delightful snooze unmindful of time passin' til the rooster breaks the news. Then back from happy dreamland you are summoned with a jerk, all wakin' nature now demands your presence in its work, an' with pep you're overflowin' when from the bed you bounce, when the rooster by his crowin' has another day announced. Tho' your muscles may be achin' when the sun goes into hock an' some mighty odds you're stakin' that you'll sleep around the clock; but there's a wholesome lure to the breakin' of the dawn, as you brush the dew drops pure as you blithely sprint along, and you thank the powers mighty as the shadows fade away that a rooster was provided to announce another day.

## HOSPITAL DAY WILL BE OBSERVED MAY 12

Tuesday, May 12th is "Hospital Day." On this day the government hospitals and the U. S. Veterans' hospitals are thrown open as far as possible for interested visitors, and the attendants try to do something extra for the patients.

The Red Cross Service workers at the U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 42, at Perry Point, Maryland, (Perryville) have asked our Chapter of the Red Cross to send cakes to the patients on this day. The men are very eager to get a taste of real home made cakes, and have very little opportunity of doing so. It will not be very much more trouble for us to furnish a cake for these men than to furnish one for a "bake" or a "Ladies' Aid," and I hope the county will respond to this call. We have never raised a memorial to our service men. Let us do these little things for the men whose life has been so greatley handicapped in their youth through the service rendered their country. It will do much more good than monuments of stone.

The Red Cross representative of your town will tell you what to do with your cake, which will have to go on the first train next Tuesday morning. These representatives are: Mrs. Harry Davis, Federalsburg; Mrs. F. R. Owens, Denton; Mrs. Walter Wright, Preston; Mrs. H. W. B. Rowe, Hillsboro; Mrs. F. R. Malone, Greensboro; Mrs. John Swing, Ridgely; Mrs. Harry Dailey, Marydel; Mrs. J. S. Lapham, Goldsboro.

Generally these cakes are packed by some one designated by the town representative, going in one package, by parcel post, and forwarded by the Chapter, not the individual. This is safer, surer and a cheaper method of transportation.

## EPISCOPALIANS TO CELEBRATE ORGANIZING

Services will be held Friday, May 8th in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Denton and Greensboro Episcopal churches.

The opening services will be held at the parish house in Denton when a supepr will be served to the members and guests of both parishes, at which time a history of the local churches for the past 50 years will be read.

Following the supper a service will be held in the newly redecorated church at which meeting Bishop and Mrs. Davenport will be present and many other ministers.

### Tuberculosis Clinic at Denton

There will be a tuberculosis clinic May 12th at Denton, beginning at 9 a. m. and lasting until 12:30 p. m., to be held in the Law Building. Dr. John M. Nicklas, medical director of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association will be the examining physician.

## SPLENDID ADDRESS BY MRS. J. H. MANN

### W. C. T. U. Presented National Lecturer in M. E. Church on Monday Evening

### SONGS BY CHILDREN

On Monday evening the Woman's Christian Temperance Union held an open meeting in the Methodist Episcopal church, presenting as their speaker Mrs. Jeannette H. Mann, vice president of the Massachusetts W. C. T. U., and national organizer and lecturer.

The meeting was opened by the singing of America, followed by prayer by the Rev. T. C. Smoot. Children from the primary gardes and members of the Loyal Temperance Legion sang two songs, and the choir of the church rendered an anthem.

Miss May Fisher, president of the local organization, then introduced the speaker, who proved even better than her recommendations. Both by her charming personality and her interesting address she won her audience, and they accorded her strict attention from beginning to end.

Mrs. Mann began her address wtih the definition of the W. C. T. U. given by its founder, Frances E. Willard—"organized mother love." This endeavor to make America dry is not selfishness on the part of a few, nor a desire to meddle into other peoples' business, but an honest endeavor to make the country and the world safe for the children. It was by the votes of those children who forty years ago were taught the slogan "Tremble, King Alcohol, we shall grow up," that prohibition was won. The fight to teach children the truth about the matter, through scientific temperance instruction in the schools must go on.

Mrs. Mann called the fight a woman's fight, because it needs plenty of talk. It needs ballots, not bullets; arguments, not armaments. America asks every intelligent citizen to do his or her part in the modern whiskey rebellion, to tell the world that America can make good on this measure of righteousness, as well as win over foreign foes.

The responsibility in those sections where liquor has been found in the high schools rests solely upon the parents and officials. If the parents enforce the law themselves, and if the officials are sincere in upholding the law, there will be no fear of the children breaking the law. But where the law is ridiculed and opelny flouted by parents and officials, there can be found these conditions in the schools.

"One by one," said Mrs. Mann, "the nations of the earth have been taken up into the mountains and shown the vision of world leadership. Each has failed—Babylon, Greece, Rome and im perial Germany—because she could not control herself. The United States has come out of the World War a leader. The eyes of the world are on her. She has taken a step. If she makes good, every nation will know that America is not dollar-mad, but is willing to sacrifice to save the little children. America stands on the pedestal of the highest moral standard ever attained by any nation. What will be the result of the fight?"

As for personal liberty, there has never been any such thing since Eve entered the world. Our every act is the result of a law. What we can have and should have is liberty under law, or to quote the late Henry Cabot Lodge, "Obedience to law is liberty." There are thirty organizations in the country fighting prohibition, not to repeal the amendment, but to nullify it by breaking it. The issue can be met in two ways, by voting intelligently for candidates who represent you, and by broadcasting the truth about prohibition and liquor. Mrs. Mann gave many facts and definite figures regarding the good effects of prohibition.

In closing she referred to the World War, when at the battle of Verdun, knowing that defeat meant the fall of Paris and of France, the gallant soliers of the fleur-de-lis said "They shall not pass." "It is our business," Mrs. Mann said, "to defend our constitution against those who are trying to destroy it; to vote and pray and bear witness; to stand firm and true in the defense of the citadel of righteousness. 'They shall not pass.' "

Miss Martin sang very beautifully "How Beautiful to be With God," which were Miss Willard's last words. After a cordial invitation to all to join the local union, Rev. Mr. G. J. Hooker pronounced the benediction. Many lingered to tell Mrs. Mann how thoroughly they had enjoyed her address.

## THREE COUNTIES FORM C. E. UNION

### Enthusiastic Meeting Held at Denton M. P. Church Thursday Night

### REV. SEXSMITH SPOKE

It would be hard to find a more enthusiastic meeting of young people in the interest of Christian work than the one which greeted the eld secretary, Mr. Carroll Wright and his "flying squadron" last Thursday night April 30th, in the M. P. church.

The occasion was the institute of Christian Endeavor and Sunday school workers. Large delegations from Hurlock, Secretary, Cambridge, St. Michaels and Federalsburg swelled the Denton representatives till the church was almost lled. The program included singing under the leadership of Rev. R. W. White, pictures of the Christian Endeavor around the world, shown by Mr. Wright and a most earnest and inspiring address on the subject of "Leadership," by the Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, general secretary of the Board of Young People's Work of the M. P. Church.

Five things are essential to leadership, said the speaker, using Daniel as his subject. A real appreciation of values, a willingness for self sacrifice, nobility, faith and prayer.

A feature not on the regular program was the organization of a Christian Endeavor Union of Dorchester, Talbot and Caroline counties. Officers named by nominating committee were elected as follows: President, Mrs. R. P. Smith, of Cambridge; vice president, Mr. Charles Dyott, of St. Michaels; secretary-treasurer, Miss Lucille Bailey, of Denton.

The audience was credited with the best singing and the largest collection of any institute this week. Following the benediction, the young folks gathered in the Sunday school room for a half hour of games and fun.

### M. P.S GIVE RECEPTION TO PASTOR AND FAMILY

Last evening, following the regular prayer meeting, members of the Methodist Protestant church gathered at the parsonage to welcome back their minister and his wife, Rev. Mr. G. J. Hooker and Mrs. Hooker. The house was filled with the many friends the pastor and his family have made in their year's work, and besides their greetings there was a generous donation of good things to eat.

Appropriate speeches weremade by Mr. T. P. Fisher and Mr. Cecil Blake, president of Mr. Hooker's class of men. The pastor and his wife responded in pleasing manner. Mr. Lewis Davis, who on Tuesday night graduated from Westminster Theological Seminary, was present and was warmly greeted by Mr. Hooker into the ministerial profession. He also responded, thanking the people for their kindness in the past, and asking their support for his future work.

A short program of music was enjoyed, and then ice cream and cake were served. Everyone appreciated the evening of good fellowship, and the pastor and his wife were assured of the loyal support and kindly feeling of their people.

## DENTONIANS AT DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The 57th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Easton was held in Centreville three days this week.

Mr. Z. Potter Steele attended as delegate from Christ Church, Denton, Mr. H. Lay Beaven from St. Paul's, Hillsboro, and Judge Goldsborough from Holy Trinity, Greensboro.

There were at the opening dinner on Monday night Messrs. Cooper, Anderson, Scotten, Steele and Wright. Thirteen from the parishes in Caroline.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Anderson, Mrs. McGrew, Mrs. Chaffinch and others drove a number of friends over to attend some of the sessions.

Delegates were elected to the general convention in New Orleans in October.

Four parishes were granted the privilege of having women on the vestries.

The next convention will be held in Cambridge.

### Tuberculosis Clinic at Federalsburg

There will be a tuberculosis clinic May 12th, starting at 1 p. m. to be held in the directors' room of the First National Bank, Federalsburg. Dr. John M. Nicklas, medical director of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, will be the examining physician.

### GREAT MEN'S MOTHERS

All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.—Lincoln.

The happiest part of my happy life has been my mother.—Washington Irving.

Mother love is always the most beautful of the joys of life.

The love of a mother is never exhausted, never changes, endures through all.—Maeterlinck.

If I were hanged on the highest hill, I know whose love would follow me still, mother o' mine. —Kipling.

No state is greater than its mothers.—Theodore Roosevelt.

All honor to our mothers, for the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.

## PLANS PROGRESSING WELL FOR BETTER HOMES WEEK, MAY 18

In order to include in their program the meeting of the Eastern Shore Federation, Better Homes Week has been set for the week of May 18 in Caroline instead of the preceding week.

The program for Denton includes an entertainment on Monday afternoon, the 18th, furnished by Miss Bertha Eckhardt from the Victor Talking Machine Company. On Wednesday, the 20th, the Federation meets in the Court House. Plans for the day include a morning business session, a luncheon at the Parish House, and a most delightful entertainment of music by the Euterpean Chorus of Easton in the afternoon, to which all music lovers are invited.

On Friday there will be a lecture by Professor Richardson, from Maryland University.

Posters for the contest have been coming in well from the elementary grades. The time for those from the high school has been extended, and as yet few have been entered. The judges of these posters have been appointed as follows: Mrs. P. Roland Fisher, Mrs. Harvey L. Cooper and Mrs. Calvert C. Merriken. The prize winners will be announced, and prizes given at the club meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 13 instead of the regular meeting day, Friday the 15th. The change in date has been made because of the athletic meet on Friday. The Board of Trade is donating the two prizes to be given the elementary winners while the club is giving the prizes to the high school winners.

## C. H. S. SENIORS PRESENT BROADWAY JONES THIS WEEK

On Friday and Saturday nights this week, the Senior class of C. H. S. will present their play, Broadway Jones, in the Palace theatre. This play by George M. Cohan is a comedy in four acts, full of fun and sure to please. The Seniors are busy selling tickets and making the final arrangements for the play. Don't fail to attend either evening.

## B. OF T. WILL AID THE BETTER HOMES WEEK

Denton Board of Trade will assist the Denton Community Club and the Caroline County Federation of Women's Clubs to put over the Better Homes Week Campaign to be held the week of May 18 to 23.

Mrs. D. W. Davis, chairman of the committee from the Community Club, was present at the meeting of the Board of Trade last Thursday night and presented the idea of better homes week to the men. The members of the Board of Trade agreed to have several signs and posters made and placed for this event and also agreed to assist the ladies by having the merchants trim the windows for better homes week. The three banks agreed to give a prize for the best decorated window, the judges to be composed of members of the Community Club.

Repainting of the signs at the entrances of the town was also ordered.

Numerous ways and means were discussed by which some form of manufacturing concern could be brought to Denton, and a committee was named to visit one or more firms.

Rev. Krabill is expected to have charge of the services in the Church of the Brethren next Sunday morning. Rev. Arnold is to go to Farmington to give one of his children's talks at that time.

## *PRESTON WINS IN DECLAMATION TEST*

### Miss Mary Fluharty Awarded First Place by Talbot County Judges

### GREENSBORO GETS SECOND

Preston high school was accorded first place in the annual declamation contest Tuesday night, with Greensboro winning second place. The Palace theatre, where the contest was held, was full to overflowing, many people having to stand throughout the affair.

Dogwood had been effectively used to beautify the stage, and when the six contestants took their places, the setting was complete.

After a very short speech from Superintendent E. M. Noble which because of its brevity and humor was thoroughly enjoyed, the program began. Each high school was represented musically as well as oratorically and the selections were well applauded.

Considerable excitement arose in the audience as the first contestant began. Each was greeted by special applause from her schoolmates and patrons. It seemed as though each contestant were worthy of special consideration, for each displayed great ability. After the last one had taken his seat, there were three musical num bers while the judges conferred to gether.

When Superintendent Fogle, of Talbot county came forward the excitement grew intense. The various musical numbers were complimented very highly and then Mr. Fogle announced the awards. Miss Bessie Stevenson, of Greensboro, was given second place while first place was awarded Miss Mary Fluharty of Preston. The representatives of these schools broke into vociferous applause which was taken up by the whole audience, while on the stage the other four contestants congratulated the winners.

The judges included, beside Superintentent Fogle, Mr. Doyce, principal of the Easton high sihool, and Mr. Elbert G. Marsh, an attorney of Easton.

Following is the program:

Instrumental duet, "Quie Vive," by Ganz, Dorothy and Marguerite Holsinger, Ridgely high.

Vocal duet, "In the Gloaming" by Harrison, John Alderson and Rudolph Schmick, Preston high.

Glee Club, "Kentucky Babe" by Adam Geibel, Caroline high.

Reading, "The Old Actor's Story" by George R. Sims, Edna Slacum, Federalsburg.

Reading, "Lasca" by Desprez, Geo. Arthur McDaniel, Caroline high.

Reading, "Zingarella, The Gypsy Flower Girl" by E. L. McDowell, Mary Fluharty, Preston.

Reading, "The Second Trial" by Sarah Winter Kellogg, Juanita Cole, Henderson.

Reading, "The Highwayman" by Alfred Noyes, Bessie Stevenson, Greensboro.

Reading, "Toussaint L'Ouverture" by Wendell Phillips, Swing Pearsaul, Ridgely.

Glee Club, "Sing Along" by Penn, Henderson high.

Orchestra selection, "Peachfarm Orchestra", Federalsburg high.

Glee Club, "Old Time Favorites" (medley) by H. H. Pike, "At the Tea House" by F. F. Harker, Greensboro high.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Church of the Brethren is to meet at the home of Mrs. George A. McDaniel next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 A good program is prepared and the ladies are all invited to bep resent.

## TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

Judge Applewyne's court room was full yesterday, an' so was the Judge.

Tobe Dufunny moved his store sign across the road the other day so the customers sittin' on the porch could see it.

Hank Alderbush says when you see a stove pipe stickin' out the window it's a pretty fair sign that the chimney don't draw good.

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