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THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Mother Is Severely Injured While Trying To Rescue Girls And Boy

DWELLING IS DESTROYED

One of the saddest happenings in many years occurred Monday afternoon when the home of Mr. Freeborn Ellwanger of Whiteleysburg, near Denton, burned to the ground and three little children were burned to death in the back room where they had been put to bed for a nap that afternoon.

It is not known how the fire originated, but it is thought that the children, instead of going to sleep, had gotten up, found some matches, and were playing with them, starting the fire.

Mrs. Ellwang mother of the children, was in as garden back of the house pulling up tomato plants for the men who were setting them out. When she happened to look toward the house, the upstairs was ablaze. Running quickly into the house she got to the door of the room where the children were but they were in the opopsite corner, with the fire between and there was apparently no way to get to them to save them and all three perished. Later the trunks of the three little bodies were recovered.

Smoke and flames drove her back as she attempted to climb the stairway. She screamed for help, but by the time her husband, who had been at work in a field, arrived, in company with a farm hand, the fire had spread throughout the house.

The children were: Brown, 6 years old; Eleanor, 4, and Aubrey, 18 months.

The funeral, which was private, was held at he home of his brother, Hartley Ellwanger, across the road from where the home was burned on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. M. G. Morris officiating. Interment was made in Greensboro cemetery.

Mrs. Ellwanger was burned severely while trying to rescue the children

Handicapped By Lack Of Water

The Denton Fire Company responded to the alarm sent in by a neighbor, but through lack of water was unable to do more than save the outbuildings.

It is thonght the fire might have been started by the children playing with matches.

NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED

The newly elected board of directors of the Maryland and Delaware Coast Railway has organized by electing J. R. Pratt chairman of the board and operating head of the company. Harry E. Karr, is president, succeeding Jesse Rosenfeld, who was elected vice president. A. S. Goldsborough was chosen treasurer. The board of directors is composed of the foregoing and Paul B. Leonard, T. Garland Tinsley and Robert J. Gill. The company will finance to the extent of $50,000 through the sale of 6 per cent., 20 year bonds, which will be taken by members of the directorate and their friends. The proceeds will be used for the purchase of electrical equipment. Mr. Pratt already has studied the problems of the railway and made recommendations to the board, which will instruct him to carry out his ideas.

Mrs. JAMES B. DRAPER

Mrs. James B. Draper died at her home in Greensboro, June 1st, aged 80 years. Mrs. Draper was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Carter and was born in Kent county, Delaware and came to this county at the age of 9 and lived most of her life in this community except a few years spent in New Jersey where she and her former husband lived. Mrs. Draper is survived by her children, Miss Mary Butterworth, by her former marriage; Mrs. T. M. Green, of Oxford; Mrs. J. H. Vansant, of Philadelphia, and William P. Draper of Baltimore.

Mrs. Draper was buried on June 3d in Greensboro cemetery, the services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Bennett, of the M. E. Church of which she had been a member since her girlhood.

THE OLD TIME CIRCUS BAND

By THE CRACKER

Somehow I'm not quite satisfied with the music now a days, in retrospection mem'ry glides to the the tunes they used to play; for victrola and radio don't make my pulses fly as in those days of long ago when the circus band went by. Of course I'm not an expert fit to pass on classic stuff, and tell the saxaphonic kit their effort is a bluff, but some how it don't settle in around my shoulder blades, like that old time staccato din of the circus street parade. It might have been the chariots with the horses, snowy white, the kangaroos or Hottentots, or elephants going by, which so pleased my youthful fancy that the picture ne'er will fade of that georgeously enchanting, noisy circus street parade. 'Tho' modern science ties my ears to artists of all lines, to soothe my fancy there appears no strains for which I pine; for could I choose the tunes consoling, you bet I would demand "The Smoky Mokes," or "Annie Rooney," by an old time circus band..

FAMILY REUNION AT ANDERSONTOWN

The 10 children and numerous grandchildren of Mr. an Mrs. William Chance were assembled in happy reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Chambers, at Andersontown, on Sunday, May 31, 1925.

There were 51 present, comprising the entire family, only broken by the passing of the mother some 15 years ago, to enjoy the sumptuous repast, for which the home of host and hostess is famous, which, with ideal weather, makes the happy event one never to be forgotten.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. William Chance, of Church Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Tilghman Chance and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Chance and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chance and family, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Chance, of Nickle Mines, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Enos Cleaves and family, of Burrsville; Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeFord and family, of Denton; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chance and family, of Church Hill; Mr. Emmet Chance, of Baltimore, and Mr. Roland Chance, of Trainer, and Mr. and Mrs. William Chambers and family, of Andersontown. Besides those of the immediate family there were also present Mr. Frank Anthony and son, Roy, and Miss Gertrude Gordon, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richards and son, of Newark, Del., and Mr. Robinson, of Church Hill, friends of the family.

The family is to be congratulated for the effort required to make possible this happy event, and we hope for many happy returns of the day.

CAROLINE CO. JAIL IS RATED "C" CLASS

In compliance with the Acts of 1924 the Maryland Board of Welfare make a tour of all county jails and in a printed report they list the jails under four classes, A, B, C and D, the latter being the poorer class of jail in conditions, and upkeep.

Caroline county's jail is rated in the third or C class. Considering the last report of the grand jury it is rather strange that this jail should not be rated higher. The report for Caroline county follows:

Caroline County—Grade "C"

A two-story brick building erected in 1906. Outside in good condition; ceilings and walls in bad condition. Several holes dug by escaping prisoners, have not been repaired. Three large cell rooms and a bathroom on the second floor. Walls, plaster over wire mesh. First floor not connected with second except through warden's hoose; has cell block of two sets of two steel cells each. Each cell has toilet. Windows barred outside and inside. Good natural lighting, electric lights in corridors and steam heat.

Population on day of inspection; 9 prisoners—1 white man and 8 colored men.

Two meals a day are served, at 9:00 a. m., and 3:30 p. m. Menu: Breakfast, scrapple, bread, molasses, water; supper, beef soup with potatoes, cabbage and onions. Prisoners complained of condition of food. Sheriff allowed 50 cents per day per prisoner for food.

Bedding and blankets dirty. No provision for bathing.

TRI-COUNTY C. E. MEETING AT HURLOCK FRIDAY EVE.

The first meeting of the Talbot-Dorchester-Caroline Christian Endeavor Association will beheld in the M. P. Church at Hurlock Friday evening, June5. This association was organized at the recent meeting in Denton.

SPLENDID MEMORIAL SERVICES AT GRAVES SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Sunshine—a soft breeze—a flag waving gently at half mast—and the heads of men reverently bared over the graves of our soldier dead. Truly Sunday was a beautiful day on which to celebrate Memorial Day.

Denton Cemetery was the Mecca of everyone for miles around, Sunday. Long before the members of the Jr. O. U. A. M. arrived, the autos had been gathering, while the people laid their bouquets on the graves of loved ones.

Shortly after 2 o'clock the Junior Order laid their flowers and flags over the deceased soldiers and members of the order, and then the crowd gathered around the stand which had been erected for the occasion. Rev. G. J. Hooker, as chairman of the comittee, presided The invocation was made by Mr. S. P. Shipman, who before beginning his prayer, said a few very worthy words in praise of the Juniors. He wondered whether Denton really appreciated this Order; whether, by themselves, the people could, and would, arrange such a gathering.

Two very short and equally appropriate addresses were made, the first by Rev. Mr. I. A. McGrew, whose theme was "Service, Not Sacrifice," and the second by Rev. Melvin E. Wheatley, who gave a brief account of the origin of the day, and urged that the nation "hold high the torch" till war was outlawed. A quartette by the M. P. choir and one by the M. E., with the community singing of "America," and "Star Spangled Banner," were more than lovely out in the open air. Rev. Mr. Smoot pronounced the benediction.

ARTHUR L. RAIRIGH WINS SHORE HISTORICAL PRIZE

Caroline high school has won fresh honors this year. Mr. Arthur Lee Rairigh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Rairigh, and a member of the graduating class, has won not only the county prize offered by the Eastern Shore Society but the Shore prize as well.

Each year this society offers prizes for the best historical essay from each county. The winners are then invitted to a reception in Baltimore, where the winner of the Shore prize is announced. This reception was held on May 26th, when Mr. Rairigh was informed his was the best essay submitted. His subject was "The Raising of Troops and Supplies in Caroline County for the Revolutionary War

MARYLAND LUTHERANS MET AT FREDERICK

Maryland Lutherans spent last week in Frederick at the annual convention of the Maryland Lutheran synod at which time regular reports and business of the synod were heard.

The Rev. Frank Heilman, Baltimore, in an address said the United Lutheran Church gave $1,000,000 last year for home institutions. The Rev. J. D. Curdor, fourteen years in the missionary field, spoke on work in Africa.

Dr. John Huddle, Washington, delivered the ordination address on last Wednesday night.

Other speakers included the Rev. Charles A. Shilke, Walkersville; the Rev. W. L. Remsberg, Funkstown; Dr. C. B. Wiles, Philadelphia, and the Rev. Corbee, New York.

Rev. H. Drews was returned to the Denton and Cordova charge.

The convention adjourned Thursday.

Mrs. IDA NORRIS

Mrs. Ira Norris, aged 68 years died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Annie Roe in Tuckahoe Neck after a lingering illness. Mrs. Norris was an active member of the Pilgrim Holiness church and has resided in and near Denton most all of her life. She was the wife of Mr. Samuel Norris, who departed this life nearly a year ago.

The following children survive, Mrs. Mamie Cannon, Mrs. Annie Roe, Mrs. Minnie Eaton and Mr. John Carroll, all of near Denton.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at the Pilgrim Holiness church at 10 a. m., the Rev. Louis Adams officiating. Interment will be in Denton cemetery.

Masons to Attend Church Sunday

Temple Lodge of Masons, No. 128, will attend divine worship in the M. P. church at 11 o'clock Sunday, June 7, when they will be addressed by the pastor, Rev. Mr. G. J. Hooker.

The oCmmunion service usually held the first Sunday of the month will be held at the evening hour, 7:30.

W. F. M. S. AND W. H. M. S. BRANCH MEET AT DENTON

The Maryland Branch meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant church convened in Denton on Wednesday for a two-day session. The meetings of Wednesday afternoon and Thursday included the regular routine business of the society.

Wednesday evening an open meeitng was held, following a supper prepared by the ladies of the church. Very interesting short talks were given by the presidents of the two societies. Addresses were made in behalf of the Working Girls' Home in Baltimore, the work in the Kentucky mountains, the foreign field in India and Christian citizenship. Two appropriate numbers were rendered by the choir. Due to the intense heat of the day the attendance at the meetings was smaller than had been anticipated, but the spirit of the meetings was fine all the way through.

COOLIDGE JOINS IN TRIBUTES TO THOMAS R. MARSHALL

Body of Former Vice president Taken to Indiana Home Monday

In the death on Monday of Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana, for 8 years Vice President of the United States, the country has lost one of its most picturesque public figures and the Democratic party a stalwart character.

His death has created more profound distress in the captial among men of both high and low degree than has that of any distinguished citizen since that of Woodrow Wilson. It came as a great surprise to his friends, who had been told only an hour before that he was on the way to recovery. Mr. Marshall was 71 years old.

After a brief funeral service here Tuesday the body was taken by Mrs. Marshall to the Marshall home in Indianapolis, where his State will pay a last tribute of respect to his services to his country and of affection to his memory Wednesday. Then the body will be placed in a receiving vault at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, for an indefinite period.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT

The week opened decidedly cool, with frost on the mornings of May 26 and 27 in the northern-border counties and in the interior of the southern Eastern Shore; some slight damage to tender crops resulted locally. Rising temperature in the middle of the week developed into a warm wave on June 1 and 2. Light to moderate thundershowers occurred on May 29, attended by hail locally in the northern-border counties of north-central Maryland.

Outdoor operations made fair progress, but the dry ground prevented the completion of corn planting in western Maryland and the southern counties and interfered with setting out of tomato, tobacco and sweet potato plants.

Crops continue in good condition generally, while pastures are only fair both are in need of rain.

Strawberries are fruiting in Garrett and Allegany counties; in the other northern-border counties they are ripening, and picking has begun in some localities. Picking continues in the central and southern counties, but is coming to an end on the extreme southern Eastern Shore.

Wheat and rye are now heading in Garrett county; elsewhere in western Maryland wheat continues to head and rye to bloom. Wheat is headed and is coming into bloom and rye has bloomed and is begining to fill out in north-central Maryland. In southern Maryland and on the Eastern Shore wheat is in bloom and rye isfilling out. On the extreme southern Eastern wheat is in bloom and rye is filling out rye is ripening, and oats are heading.

Corn is a good stand generally; though it has made slow growth, owing to the dry, cool weather. Cultivation continues.

Peas are not yet blooming in Garrett county; in the other northern-border counties they are podding. Picking has become general in the southern and central counties.

Early potatoes are a good stand, and cultivation continues. They are beginning to bloom in southern Maryland and on the Eastern Shore.

Garden and truck crops are fair to good, but backward.

Clover and alfalfa are being cut in some localities.

Good soaking rains would be of much benefit over the entire section. Rainfall during the last three months has been only about 60 per cent. of normal.

CHILDREN PRESENT LOVELY OPERETTA

Cinderella in Flower Land Enthusiastically Received Monday Night

BEAUTIFUL SCENERY

In a beautiful setting of laurel and pine the play "Cinderella in Flower Land" was presented Monday night at the Palace by members of Miss Anthony's music class and kindergarten. All who saw it were most enthusiastic, for not only was it a beautiful operetta, but it was most artistically and cleverly presented. The costumes were charming, and the young actresses were charming in them, carrying out their parts to perfection.

The role of Cinderella, the modest daisy, was well taken by Margaret Beck, while Prince Sunshine was perfectly played by Kathleen Moore. The whole affair showed wonderful training from Miss Anthony.

Perhaps the climax of the operetta was the appearance of the diminutive sunbeams and raindrops, wee members of the kindergarten. The girls were clad in yellow crepe paper dresses, with gold tinsel, while the boys wore white suits trimmed with silver tinsel, and carried watering pots. They were certainly adorable as they sang their little songs, and added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

Following the operetta the children were treated to icecream, while Miss Anthony was beseiged with congratulations for her skill in putting across such an entertainment. It is to be regretted that the house was not full, for it was one of the best attractions that Denton has had this year.

The cast follows:

Cinderella, daisy, Margaret Beck; proud sisters, Hollyhock and Tiger Lily, Frances L. Cooper and Jane Wine; butterflies, Anna Bryant, Margaret Jane Knotts, Mary Emily Breeding, Charlotte Temple, Mary Cohee; fairy, Anne Green; Godmother, Esther Statum; Robin Red (Prince's herald) Catherine Hirs; Prince Sunshine, Kathleen Moore; Sweet Briar, Kathleen Bowdle; mignonette, Mable Wright; lily bell, Marjorie Beauchamp; sweet pea, Betty Walls; narcissus, Margaret Brown; violet, Katharine Yeoman; daffodil, Ruth Greaves pansy, Elizabeth Wine; buttercup, Lillian Dean; poppy sisters, Anna Stevens and Sarah Baynard; sunbeams, Mary and Ethel McGrew, Marjorie Rue, Mary Ellen Wright, Madeline Cooper, Jean Temple; raindrops, Jimmie Chaffinch, Lloyd Baxter, Jack Rue Billy Neal and Joe Meussen.

ORPHANS' COURT

In the absence of the court, letters of administration on the personal estate of William F. Liden, deceased, were granted unto W. Elbert Liden. Bond filed and approved. Notice to creditors ordered and Leonard F. Covey and Charles E. Wright named as appraisers and approved.

On petition of Mary E. Noble and Linden C. Noble, executors of Solomon M. Noble, deceased, the court passed an order authorizing and empowering said executors to assign certain Liberty bonds.

The last will and testament of Anna E. Ricketts, deceased, having been filed and duly proven in this court was admitted to probate. Leonard F. Covey, the executor named in said will qualified by filing an approved bond. Notice to creditors was ordered and Chas W. Hackett and O. W. Handy were named as appraisers and approved by the court.

Sallie Priscilla Steele and Isaac L. Dukes, administrators c. t. a. of Z. Potter Steele, deceased, filed inventory and appraisement of the personal estate and a sperate debt list, which were examined by the court, approved and ordered recorded.

William E. Seeders, administrator of Cannon C. Wright, deceased, filed inventory and appraisement of the personal estate of said deceased, and an order to sell the same was granted.

William K. Dever, administrator of George A. Dever, deceased, filed his first and final account of administration and distribution, which were duly examined by the court, approved and ordered to be recorded.

John W. Ferrick, administrator of Henry J. Dawkins, deceased, filed an interest account, and his first and partial acocunt of administration, which were examined, passed and ordered to be recorded.

Fred R. Owens, administrator of Rebecca Gibson, deceased, filed an account of the sale of the personal property of said deceased, which was examined by the court, approved and ordered recorded.

W. C. T. U. Meeting Postponed

The June meeting of the W. C. T. U., arranged for Monday night, June 8, has been postponed till Monday night, June 15, on account of the P. T. A meeting scheduled for June 8.

NINE PLANES VISITED DENTON

Seven Land in Race Put on by Baltimore American Sat.

THREE HERE AT ONE TIME

An unusual demonstration was held at Chestertown, Centreville, Denton, Easton, Cambridge and Salisbury on Decoration Day, Saturday, May 30 when eight army aeroplanes left Baltimore with sealed orders for the various towns named, at which points they were to land and receive further orders for flight. The planes left Baltimore beginning at 9 a. m., at 15 minute intervals.

The first plane to arrive in Denton was No. 2 which arrived at 10:15 and just after it was sighted No. 5 appeared and landed at 10:20. While these two planes were at Denton, a third plane appeared and circled over Denton several times and then went to Ridgely, it being the plane of Mr. Mervyn Seward, of Aberdeen, whose home is in Ridgely and who happened to appear on his way home at that time, giving Dentonians the picture of one landed aeroplane and two others in flight at one time.

Plane No. 3 should have been the second plane to appear, but was unable to leave Easton field on account of a broken propeller.

Other planes arriving were No. 7 at 10:55; No. 4 at 11:05; No. 9 at 11:23; No. 6 at 11:37 and No. 8 at 11:53.

One of the planes which left Denton for Salisbury was forced to land at Mardella Springs with engine trouble and did not succeed in repairing the damage until late afternoon at which time they proceeded to return to the home base at Baltimore.

The flight was sponsored by the Baltimore American in the interests of forming a freight route with the Shore from Baltimore.

Large crowds gathered along the road adjacent to the farm of Mr. Alex McWilliams whose field was used for the landing. The landing of aeroplanes was an entirely new feature to the majority of the large crowd which witnessed the program as but few had ever seen planes land and take off.

Shortly after noon another plane flew over Denton on its return trip to Baltimore, making nine planes over this section in less than three hours' time.

WILIAM F. LIDEN

William F. Liden, of Idlewylde, a well-known retired farmer of lower Caroline county, died at his home Saturday May 23 at the age of 50 years, after an illness of several weeks. He engaged in farming near Smithville until the past few years, when he came to Federalsburg to make his home. Besides a widow, he leaves the following children: Walter and Charles, of Smithville; Elbert, of Federalsburg; Mrs. Norman Thawley, Mrs. Elmer Robinson, and Mrs. Orland Closson, all of Smithville; also the following brothers and sisters: Edward W. Liden, of Denton; Gootee S. and Ernest A. Liden, of Federalsburg; Shade M. Liden, of Greenwood; Mrs. Joseph Brown and Mrs. Lewis Todd, of Smithsville. The funeral, which was largely attended by relatives and a host of friends, was held in the Bloomery M. E. church Tuesday, May 26th, at 2 p. m., Rev. F. C. MacSorley, of Union M. E. church, Federalsburg, officiating, and interment in the adjacent cemetery.

We print everything but money

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

Hank Alderbush says that if folks didn't talk about anything only what they was certain of, they wouldn't be so doggone conversational.

Dave Gooslum and Abe Grimsley collided on the Hardscrabble road last night. Everybody was wonderin' why Dave turned to the left, 'til they found that he'd just come from Hooch Hooligan's fillin' station.

Abe Cashemin is talkin' of movin' his farm down closer to the river so he won't have so fur to go when he wants to fish.

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