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$500 AND BRONZE TABLET FROM HARMON FUND

Conditions Establish Field As Permanent Playground

NEARLY ALL CLEARED

The committee on the grounds for the new Denton high school is getting the grounds in good condition, in readiness for the turning over of the new building to the school authorities. The land on the northwest corner of the new school property has had the old barn removed, the graves removed from the old cemetery, the weeds cut down and the place is being made presentable in every way and it is expected to have the dwelling on the corner of 3d and Randolph streets removed within the next month, at which time the grounds will be plowed, leveled and scraped.

This corner of the school grounds will be closed off and used exclusively for the playground for smaller children. This will be known as the "Harmon Playground" because of a donation of $500 from the Harmon Foundation, which was received some time ago by Mr. Ernest Cooper, who had that in charge. In the past week Mr. Cooper has received from the Harmon Foundation a bronze tablet which is to be erected on the playground when it is opened.

On the bronze plate is to be found the following inscription:

HARMON FIELD
This Playground Was Made Ours
Through the Assistance of the
HARMON FOUNDATION
1925
Dedicated Forever to the Plays
Of Children, the Development of
Youth and the Recreation of All
"The Gift of Land Is the Gift Eternal"
WM. E. HARMON

This bronze tablet may be seen in the window of The American Union office where it is on display.

Denton is to be congratulated on receiving a portion of this playground funds, as each year it is becoming more difficult to secure an appropriation, due to the fact that there are so many applicants.

It is the intention of the grounds committee to plant trees and shrubs in this section and to place swings, slides, etc., for the amusement of the younger children.

Work is continuing on the new school building. Part of the steel girders for the roof have been placed and the roof joists are now being placed. Part of the concrete floors are laid. The wall masonry is nearing completion and the masons will soon finish, being to the top of the windows now on the second floor.

As the building has gradually risen, it has become a prominent spot as viewed from various points in town, as it can be seen from Fifth avenue, Market, Franklin, 6th and 3d streets.

CANNON—LANKFORD

Mr. Rufus Cannon, a nephew of Mrs. Martha Cannon, on Riverton avenue, and Miss Pearl Lankford, of Tuckahoe Neck, were married in Elkton on Thursday morning, July 23.

After a short trip the young couple went to Baltimore, where Mr. Cannon is employed, and which place will be their future home.

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

Abe Grimsley says that a feller hadn't ought to find any fault with the conditions of the roads until they get so bad that the road men can't make them any worse.

Hank Alderbush is runnin' for Sheriff, an' the editor of the Screwdriver, who favors Hank's candidacy, is havin' to throw most of his correspondence in the waste basket.

Judge Applewyne let Hootch Hooligan out on bail last week, an' now Hootch is labelin' all his stuff, "Bottled in bond."

HAY FEVER

By THE CRACKER

When August with its scorching sun, its copious dews and flowers sweet, brings forth its fragrance by the ton and bees with pleasure nectar seek, 'tis then the twitchings in my nose foretell to me of troubles brew, and moisture from my optics flow in rythm with ker-chick ker-choo. For sneezes come unbidden like the ticking of a standard clock; the only keynote I can strike is jazz time ker-ker-choo ker-chock. I cannot dream unless I sleep, and thus from dreams I am immune, for when to drowsiness I creep, I wake up to the same old tune. A scientific treatise I must observe to eat and drink, lest I emit my tea and pie; for swallows must be timed distinct between ker-chick, ker-choo, ker-chi. It takes a scientific guy, an ordinary task to do, when labor must be synchronized between ker-chick, ker-chi, ker-choo.

JACOB E. WEST

Mr. Jacob E. West, of Seaford, Del., died Saturday morning, August 1, 1925, at 1:15, at the University Hospital, Baltimore, where he had undergone two operations for gall stones. Mr. West was born in 1852, being 73 years old at the time of his death, having been born in Sussex county, Del., near Georgetown. He was the son of the late Jacob E. and Ann Walls West.

Mr. West lived on a farm until his marriage in 1848 to Miss Mary E. Pepper, in Dover, where they lived for many years until they moved to his late home in Seaford in 1900. Mr. West leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, one daughter, Mrs. J. Virgil Moore, of Denton, and one son, Mr. Charles West of Seaford; two sisters, Mrs. Willard Johnson, of Greenwood, Del, and Mrs. Thomas Moore, of Philadelphia.

Mr. West had been suffering for a number of years though not confined to his home and it was only on July 6th that he could be induced to go to the hospital and have the operation performed.

He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and the A. F. & A. M. and also a member of the St. Johns M. E. church of Seaford.

Funeral services were held at his late home in Seaford, Rev.. Vaughn Moore, pastor of the St. Johns M. E. church officiating. At this service Mr. Moore spoke very highly of the splendid character and the high standing in the community of Mr. West. Interment was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Seaford, the Masonic ritual being used.

TWELVE YEAR OLD BOY HAS PRIZE WINNING COW

The youngest exhibitor in the live stock department at the Kent-Sussex Couny Fair was Lydon Caulk, Jr., 12-year-old son of L. D. Caulk, of Woodside, who is connected with the Eastern Shore Ayrshire Breeders' Association. In the midst of the group of Ayrshires owned and exhibited by Mr. Caulk in the cattle house, is Sahara's Fashion Plate, the 5-year-old owned by young Lydon. This cow has cost him $150, and it has won for him $750 in prizes. It has never been defeated in any contest, and until three years ago it was capturing blue ribbons at the Kent-Sussex County Fairs when shown in the same class with Holsteins, a practice that has been dropped for the past two years by the Fair Association.

ON CAMPING TRIP

The following boys are in camp at Claiborn and are members of the Boys' Club and Boy Scouts of the M. P. church of this place, under the direction of Mr. Cecil Blake and Mr. Paul Howard: Earle Wright, Ward Timmons, Douglas Fleetwood, William Fleetwood, Allen Moulton, Sherman Hooker, Lester Carroll, Alfred Morris, William Cheezum, Harrison Young, Harwood George, Frank Griffin, Emory Walston, Charles Baker, Charles Bradly, Mr. Cecil Blake, Mr. Paul Howard, Mrs. Cecil Blake, Miss Nellie Norris and Mrs. John Blake.

One virtue may cover a multitude of sins—which is more than can be said of bathing suits.

JURY FOR OCTOBER TERM, 1925

Thomas E. Heather
A. Clark Smith
Charles P. Cowgill
William T. Jarman
Lewis Walls
J. Spencer Lapham
John F. Jarman
Thomas H. Hobbs
George R. Horsey
Louis N. Kibler
James E. Curry
Andrew Baggs
Joseph Laramore
Martin P. Allen
John L. George
F. W. Redden
Samuel G. Bye
Fred B. Nuttle
A. D. Ivins
J. Lee Covey
Edward Lane
W. H. Harding
Harry M. Hollis
George H. Fluharty
Harry E. Kinder
J. Herman Noble
J. H. Meredith
Clinton S. Poole
Harvey Long
Thomas H. Chambers
John Eveland
Robert J. Magrogan
Isaac T. Fleetwood
Milford Kline
Harry M. Thompson
William M. Towers
Richard Blackburn, Jr.
August Koenmann
Thomas P. Gaitley
Willam T. Temple
James H. Pippin
Charles Stevenson
James H. Neal
Ernest Collins
Charles W. Smith
Joseph E. Clark
Joseph Sautter
Clayton Covey

DORCHESTER WHEAT CROPS GRADE HIGH

Crops Of Judge John R. Pattison And Hon. William A. Percy Grades as No. 1

Two wheat crops in Dorchester county this year were of such high quality that they met the most difficult tests in the Baltimore market, grading and selling as No. 1 wheat. Farmers in this as well as other sections of the peninsula know that wheat has to be extra fine in Baltimore to get by the "Steamer No. 2" grade, but for year after year wheat, apparently of the very highest quality as pretty as can be, is shipped form the county but when it is sold it always grades the same as the balance of the wheat from the peninsula.

This year, however, there have been two notable exceptions, the first reported being that of Hon. William A. Percy, of "The Woodlands," near Vienna, whose wheat was graded and sold by the commission merchants as No. 1, and the second that of Judge John R. Pattison, raised on his Thompson Station farm, which was graded and sold as No. 1.

It is needless to say that both of the gentlemen to whose good fortune it fell to grow this kind of wheat, are very proud of their achievements and it is not unlikely that the news will even reach the members of the Court of Appeals.

VETS OF SHORE PLAN REUNION

The thirty-fifth annual reunion of the survivors of the First Regiment, Eastern Shore of Maryland Volunteers, will meet in Easton Thursday, September 24. Col. James C. Mullikin, of Easton, is president of the association and Joseph T. Kennedy, of North East, Cecil county, secretary.

The regiment was under the command of the late Col. James Wallace, of Cambridge, and had 1000 men in it, but at this time, out of the 1000 men there are only between forty and fifty living. Of this number five live in Easton—Col. James C. Mullikin, Charles S. Seymore, R. Frank Walker, William E. Butler and Joseph Peter Webb Richardson Ross.

In addition there are six other veterans of the Civil War, and one Confederate veteran, Col. Oswald Tilghman, in Easton. The combined ages of these twelve men is 1005 years.

Pete Ralston got Mamie Dunkin so mad the other night she cried—on his shoulder.

Decker—Being on the Ark was no picnic.

Sampson—What do you know about it?

Decker—With just two ants there?

FARMERS' DAY PICNIC AT CONCORD AUG. 14

The Caroline County Farmers' Day Picnic will be held at Concord Camp ground on August 14th. The women's clubs of the county are cooperating in the effort to make the demonstrations more extensive than last year. Every effort is being made to have a program sufficiently varied to be of interest to all.

There will be a horse shoe pitching tournament, a silver cup being offered as the prize to the winning team. The contest will be between teams from the various local farm organizations of the county. The cup was won last year by the Concord Local.

The afternoon program consists of music by Orme's orchestra, community singing and addresses by Mrs. Sipple, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs; Hon. T. Alan Goldsborough, Dr. F. B. Bomberger, acting director of the State Extension Service.

There will be a full program for the day beginning at 9 a. m. Refrshments will be sold on the grounds.

You are all urged to attend.

DORCHESTER'S POOL SHIPS CANTALOUPES

To Compete In New York With California-Grown Fruit

OFFICIALLY GRADE FRUIT

Shipments of cantaloupes in competition with the California product began Monday morning from Dorchester county, with Hurlock as the main packing point.

The market will be handled by a concern with experience on both coasts and the Eastern Shore cantaloupe, it is said, will be sent to New York with all the frills of the lauded western fruit. About 400 carloads of "lopes" will be sent to the market, each car carrying 400 crates, worth now about $2.25 a crate.

A Federal inspection will see to it that every piece of fruit is cleaned and graded as to size. Nothing but ripe fruit will be accepted, and the whole output will be crated as to size. Cleaning will go so far that the sheen of the silvery network will be brought out.

Maryland cantaloupes have never had the value of the California. This year it is going to be sent to market in absolutely perfect condition and will be packed in crates and flats that will attract the buyer. Objection has been made in the past to the carriers made from local wood.

This year the entire product of this county will be carried to the Eastern markets in crates made from the western pine, grown in Arizona, shipped to Maryland in shooks.

The pool of growers who have entered into this compact has ripening for shipment more than 800 acres of cantaloupes and this pool embraces but 20 per cent. of the Dorchester crop

Dorchester grows about 20 per cent. of the Shore crop, so that there will go into the markets from Maryland within the next three weeks about 1,300 carloads, meaning to this section about $200,000 and to the Eastern Shore about $1,000,000 return.

CAMP ROYAL GRADUATES 4 CAROLINE DELEGATES

Caroline county was fortunate in having 9 delegates attending Camp Royal this summer, the State camp of the Maryland-Delaware Sunday school Association. The purpose of the camp is to discover and train leaders for the Sunday schools of these two states. Nearly 90 girls attended this year. It was held on South river, near Annapolis, July 9-30.

The Caroline county delegates were to the boys' camp, Mervin Pentz, Denton; and to the girls' camp, Misses Anne Wright, Dorothy Wright and Cornelia Cannon, Preston; Miss Esther Statum, Denton; Miss Frankie Wheatley, Hobbs; and Mrs. Hemmons, Misses Marian Hemmons and Edna Detwiler, Ridgely.

Mr. Pentz, Miss Detwiler, Mrs. Hemmons and Miss Hemmons were graduated from a three-year course, and the others from a two-year course, with the exception of Miss Statum, who attended the camp for the first time.

BABY HEALTH CONFERENCE

There will be a baby health conference at Concord camp on Farmers Day Thursday, August 14th. A representative from the Bureau of Child Hygiene will be present. All mothers are urged to bring their babies up to 7 years for a physical examination.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS

Work with the girls clubs has been going on during the summer, the various clubs sewing, canning or making baskets. About thirty girls have carried on the canning project, several of whom are nearly ready for their certificates. Twenty-five jars of which should be two varieties of fruits and vegetables canned by the cold pack methods are the requirements. The girls have been handicapped, especially in some sections, by lack of canning material, but by the end of the canning season it is expected that most of the girls will have filled the requirements.

The majority of the canning club girls are in the Choptank, American Corner, Harmony, Williston and Hillsboro clubs. The American Corner Club has also canned chicken in the pressure cooker.

Boys and girls from several hundred Maryland homes left this morning, Thursday, for College Park, where they will attend the annual boys' and girls' Club Week. This event has been kept well in the foreground throughout the year and has served as an incentive to the young people to do their best.

The details of the program were worked out by Miss Dorothy Emerson, State Girls' Club Agent, and E. G. Jenkins, State Boys' Club Agent.

Many of the boys and girls who attend will be sent as delegates, representing their respective clubs, part or all of the expenses being paid from money earned for that purpose. The girls' clubs in this county who are paying at least part of the expenses are Choptank, American Corner, Harmony, Chestnut Grove and Ridgely. A few others are being sent by individuals.

Those attending are: Hattie Lewis, American Corner; Margaret Collins, Lavina Trice, Chestnut Grove; Dorothy Andrews, Margaret Stewart, Choptaink; Jennie Todd, Mary McNeal, Nettie Lord, Harmony; Margaret Beck, Jane Wine, F. Lee Cooper, Kathleen Moore, Ann Green, Ruth Greaves, Denton; Anna Wood, Tuckahoe Neck; Marie Schlegel, Ridgely.

They were accompanied by the Denton Girl's Club leader, Mrs. Edna Green, and Miss Bessie M. Spafford, Home Demonstration Agent.

To encourage the girls several dozen Atlas glass topped jars have been distributed in response to the girls' effort through the generosity of the Hazel Atlas Glass Company. Several dozen good jar rubbers were also given away by the same method.

The Ball Jar Company are also contributing jars.

R. R.S CHECK UP ON CARELESS DRIVERS

Investigation of Several Road Crossings on the Eastern Shore Reveals How Many Serious Accidents Could Result

In an effort to determine to what extent autoists are using "ordinary" precautions at railroad grade crossings on the Eastern Shore, the Pennsylvania has taken a check of motor car traffic at certain points for a period of eight hours. The results show that of 1996 cars passing those points 60 failed to exercise ordinary safety precautions. In each of these cases, the report says, there may have been a fatal or serious accident.

At the North Division street crossing beyond the corporate limits of Salisbury, where the 35 mile maximum speed limit obtains, 30 of 503 automobiles passing were placed in the reckless driving class. The other crossings were in the towns of Pocomoke, Md., Olney and Eastville, Va., were warning signals are installed. At those crossings 30 of the 1493 autoists passings were considered reckless drivers.

On the Norfolk division of the Pennsylvania railroad, between Delmar, Del., and Cape Charles, Va., running parallel to the Chesapeake and the Atlantic shores, there are 144 grade crossings over a distance of approximately 110 miles.

The M. & D. C. Railway Co., has also been taking census of traffic at their various railroad crossings and find a number of careless drivers going over their tracks.

Mr. J. W. Muessen general manager of the M. & D. C. Ry. Co. stated to a reporter of this paper that he was surprised to find that some of the most representative business men of Denton were rushing carelessly across the railroad tracks on 6th street and stated that the license number of all cars driven carelessly across the railroad crossing are being reported to the state automobile commisisoner and he urges all drivers of automobiles to take care in crossing all railroad tracks.

STORM BREAKS DAM ON EASTERN SHORE

Railroad Tracks and Bridges Washed Away When Cloud Bursts

RAIN IS HELP TO FARMERS

A storm that washed out two railroad bridges, ripped up tracks for several hundred feet, burst the Wye Mills dam, damaged roads, and at the same time helped late crops, broke over the Eastern Shore Thursday night and continued until late Friday.

The downpour appeared at its height at Wye Mills, reaching the proportions of a cloudburst. The weight of the water broke the dam at the lake and tons upon tons of the water rushed down the State road carrying almost everything with it.

The break occurred at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, and hogs along the highways were carried to destruction.

The mills are without sufficient power, and the management is unable to say at this time what damage has been done and when the machinery will be in operation again.

The lake is a noted trout preserve of the State Conservation Commission. The loss of fish is not yet known.

An overhead bridge on the Pennsylvania, south of Millington, was washed from its abutments and the rush of water tore up tracks for a distance of 300 feet.

A train had stopped at Millington a few minutes before the washout was discovered, escaping probable wreck.

A force of workmen was rushed to the scene to restore traffic.

On the Baltimore and Eastern, between Wye Mills and Willoughby, a railroad bridge was washed out and all traffic was at a standstill.

The Cambridge section welcomed a downpour that extinguished three forest fires that had caused an estimated damage of $25,000 the last two days.

Large forces of men had been unable to cope with the spreading blazes and valuable farm properties were endangered.

In this area the downpour, besides its aid in saving woodland and other property, will prove of vast benefit to late crops.

A move is now on foot to have a fire warden named for this section. Owners of property express themselves as favorable to drafting labor to fight fires.

State Forester Besley has been asked to name Miller Robbins, an experiened timber man. Mr. Robbins fought with success to save his own timber during the fires the past few days. Mayor Orem, of Cambridge, has written to Mr. Besley stating the urgent need of an experienced man to take charge.

When the washout occurred Friday afternoon it practically demoralized traffic on the B. & E. Railroad. Part of the patrons on the evening trains were taken to their destinations by automobiles while part were sent to Claiborne and then to their destination, while the M. & D. C. sent buses to Preston to meet the connection from Baltimore to bring the Denton passengers and those for other points on their line, arriving at Denton from Preston about 10 o'clock Friday night.

All traffis was closed on the B. & E. from Queen Anne to Love Point until Tuesdty morning when the first train was run over the temporarily laid rails and bridges. Traffic from Denton to Baltimore was transferred to the Shore Transit bus running to the Tolchester ferry.

LARGE ENROLMENT AT BIBLE SCHOOL

The Vacation Bible school opened on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. About sixty-five children have enrolled and the four teachers and one assistant are kept busy. Bible and mission study, outlining, map drawing, dramatizing, cutting, pasting and coloring pictures, plasticine work, stick laying, story telling and games songs and other exercises take up the day. Visitors are welcomed at any time. Come and visit the school.

Sunday evening, August 9th, Rev. Arnold, pastor of the Church of the Brethren, plans to supplement the Bible school work by showing pictures of Bible and mission settings. The public is cordially invited to attend this service at 8:15.

Opens Office at Greensboro

Last Tuesday Dr. Theo. A. Tobin, chiropractor, opened an office in Greensboro for the accommodation of the large number of his patients in that section. The office will be open one day each week.

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