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NEW SCHOOL IS DEDICATED WITH APPROPRIATE SERVICE

On Monday evening, January 4, a long cherished dream of the people of this section of Caroline county became a reality, when the new Caroline High School was formally dedicated and presented by the Building Committee to the Board of Education. This beautiful building, which for months has been growing in the very heart of Denton, and which has been the chief center of interest and attention, was thrown open to the public for their inspection, and although the night was a stormy one, the halls were crowded with the patrons, eager to see this wonderful fulfillment of the town's desire and need.

Early in the evening the crowd began to gather, and by the time the program was begun not a seat was left vacant in the auditorium, and every available foot of standing space was taken. Those who were unable to get near enough to hear the proceedings, spent the time wandering through the building. An unusually good grogram had been prepared by the building committee, and from start to finish it went smoothly.

School Orchestra Heads Program

Selections by the school orchestra, Professor Irving Smith directing, won the applause of the audience, who were amazed at the splendid progress made by this organization in the past six months. Their playing made the half hour preceding the program speed swiftly past. As chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. John T. Carter presided at the exercises, introducing the Rev. Mr. G. J. Hooker, of the M. P. church, who made the invocation.

The next number on the program was a chorus, composed of the school glee club augmented by the men from the church choirs, which sang the National hymn, "God of Our Fathers." Following this came the presentation address made by Mr. J. Owen Knotts, secretary of the Building Committee.

Presentation Address

Mr. Knotts gave a splendid address in which he told briefly the history of the long struggle of the people of this section to obtain a school adequate for their needs. The previous attempts to secure the necessary legislation were recited, and the subsequent failures; the hardships which the children had to endure in the crowded unsanitary conditions which existed because of the increase in pupils, and finally the passage of the act, sponsored and carried through by Senator Lawrence R. Towers, which resulted in the present fine building. Tribute was paid to Senator Towers for his work in the state senate; to Mr. C. S. Kauffman, Mr. T. L. Day and Mr. Andrew for their work in the House of Delegates; to the architect, Mr. Peech, and to the contractor, Mr. J. Roland Dashiell. After a recital of the work of the committee, under the leadership of Mr. Carter, Mr. Knotts presented the keys of the school to Dr. H. W. B. Rowe, president of the county Board of Education, who responded in a few well chosen words of appreciation to the Building Committee.

Prominent Speakers

Mr. Carter next introduced Senator Towers, referring to him as "the next governor of Maryland." Mr. Towers laughingly denied that honor, but if the speech which he gave was any forerunner of a platform, as one of the later speakers said, Mr. Towers would have the backing of every man, woman and child who is interested in schools should he decide to enter the ring for the governorship. Beginning at the earliest history of education, the speaker gave very briefly the high points in its development in the old countries and then in America. He stressed the monetary value of education, as calculated in cold figures by those qualified to judge from statistics. In conclusion Senator Towers referred to the Book of Books, where lies the best teaching possible to obtain—the life and teachings of the Nazarene, whose gospel was Love. We regret that it is impossible to give this address in full, for it was splendid in thought and in delivery, and well worth the study of everyone interested in education.

Dr. Edward M. Noble was the next speaker, who, as Superintendent of Caroline county schools, gave a resume of the past 24 years, since the old high school building was erected. Dr. Noble's address was accompanied by his usual contagious humor, which is always most enjoyable. Reminding the audience that it seemed to be a right for paying tributes, he mentioned especially some of the teachers who have been longest in the county, and have given of their very lives for Denton schools, namely Mrs. Tippin, of the high school, Miss Melvin, of the primary school, and Mrs. Fairigh, of the grammar school. Applause by the audience greeted the mention of each name. Increase in the percentage of attendance, and the necessity thereof, were also stressed by Dr. Noble.

Dr. Noble gave part of his time to Mr. E. Clarke Fontaine, who made a very short address in which he especially stressed the importance of good teachers, even above the need for a good building. Complimenting the county on the rating of its teachers, he said that now that Denton had not only an unusually good corps of teachers and the best building of any to be found on the entire Eastern Shore, she was to be doubly congratulated.

Dr. Albert S. Cooke, State Superintendent of Education of Maryland, followed with a short, snappy address interspersing his serious remarks with his clever humor. Dr. Cooke also referred to Mrs. Pippin as being the leading teacher in the state of the subject recently introduced into high school courses, "Problems of American Democracy." Regreting that all the sections of the state could not have as fine a building as has Denton now, Dr. Cooke congratulated all those on whom has rested the responsibility of its erection, and the people of the town who through their selection of officials made it possible to secure the legislation.

The final events of the evening were the presentation of the Bible, by Mr. Ferdinand Baynard on behalf of Temple Lodge, No. 128, A. F. & A. M., and acceptance on behalf of the school by the principal, Mr. J. W. Johns, and the presentation of the flag by Rev. J. Hooker, of the Jr. O. U. A. M. No. 175. Then occurred one of the most thrilling moments of the evening, when, as Rev. Hooker and Mr. Carter unfurled the flag the entire audience arose and burst into the inspiring strains of "Star Spangled Banner." The building rang with the voices of nearly a thousand people, and when, at the end, every head was bowed to receive the benediction as pronounced by Rev. Mr. M. E. Wheatley, it was the genuine and widespread feeling that the new Caroline High School had been most fittingly dedicated to God, to the nation, to the state, and to the future generations of the young people of this town and community.

Glee Club Numbers Fine

Throughout the program of the evening the glee club of the school, under the direction of Mrs. J. Kemp Stevns, who is musical director of the county, were heard in several fine selections. Each number was well sung, showing very plainly the splendid training the girls had received, but the number which made the greatest impression, by its perfect beauty and splendid rendition was "Annie Laurie." It would be hard to find even a more highly trained, and older glee club, which could sing that old familiar song as our own girls sang it Monday night.

Tribute Paid Building Committee

Fitting tribute was paid the members of the Building Committee by each speaker of the evening, following the presentation. These men, representing the various lines of business of the town, have for a year and a half worked unceasingly, that they might get the most out of the appropriation of $100,000 which was made for the purpose of erecting a modern school building. In more than a hundred meetings they have labored over various points, until the result is the most beautiful and modern school on the Eastern Shore, amply equipped and ready for business, and all within the appropriation.

The members of this committee were Messrs. John T. Carter, chairman; J. Owen Knotts, secretary; J. Roland Chaffinch, Frederick B. Nuttle, Benjamin H. Johnson, Dr. Frederick N. Nichols, and Mr. William I Norris.

H. L. COOPER RESIGNS FROM DEM. COMMITTEE

On January 2d the Democratic State Central Committee elected T. Clayton Horsey chairman of the committee in the place of Harvey L. Cooper, who had resigned. The Committee acted on Mr. Cooper's resignation with deep regret, and only upon the assurance that his decision to resign was irrevocable.

HILLSBORO

Death again visited our town and removed Mrs. Harry Fleming, who died about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, no arrangements for the funeral have been made, Mrs. Fleming was Miss Laura Moore of Greensboro.

Mrs. W. L. Thompson and son, William, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Tyson Heather, Marydel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sparks spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Tyson Heather.

Revival services began in the Mr. E. church on Sunday evening.

Misses Frances Fisher and Roberta Rowe have returned to Western Maryland College. Miss Bertha Rice returned to her school near Frederick.

Messrs. Cornelius Taylor and Herbert Rice and Miss Dorothy Knotts have returned to Washington College.

Rev. W. P. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor spent part of last week as the guests of friends in Baltimore, on account of navigation closing, Mr. Taylor was compelled to return home via. Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Taylor returned on Sunday with Mr. G. L. Wilson, who took his daughter, Miss Christine to Baltimore on her return to sanatorium.

Mrs. T. R. Seward and little sons, Edwin and Thomas spent last week with Mrs. Charles Merchant at Templeville.

The M. E. Sunday school has presented the beginners with kindergarten chairs thus making the little ones happy.

Mrs. H. W. B. Rowe is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Kline entertained Mr. Kline's and Mrs. Kline's families to dinner on Sunday.

Mrs. Asbury Greaves and daughters, Ruth and Mary Elaine were in town on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Peacock of Mount Airey, are guests of Mrs. Peacock's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Knott.

QUEEN ANNE

Mrs. Wooters and daughter are with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Flowers for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Culver were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Morgan Sunday. Mr. J. E. Morgan and wife, Mr. H. M. Morgan and Mrs. Morgan and Miss Eugenia, were also dinner guests.

Rev. Edward DeShields, district superintendent of the Salisbury District, preached an execlient sermon in St. Paul's M. E. church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Blades and children returned from their Christmas vacation last week.

Mr. Hacket Sewell has taken up his residence in Wye Mills where he will engage in the mercantile business.

Mrs. Barnett returned from a visit to her mother in Virginia and is now spending some time in Ridgely.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Eaton have returned from their wedding trip and are at the home of his father and mother.

Mr. and Mrs. John Towers and daughter of Hobbs spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Turner.

Prof. Broadner has returned from a Christmas trip to the home of his parents in Pennsylvania.

The L. T. L. boys and girls gave a very pleasing entertainment in St. Paul's Friday night. This society is under the direction of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Providence Richardson was assisted by Mrs. B. B. Barton and Mrs. Harry Gibson presided at the organ. recitations by the boys and girls were good. The platform was nicely decorated. Just before the close Mr. Ruby Boyles of Star appeared as Santa and distributed gifts. It is said the 40,000 boys and girls joined this society during the last year in the United States. The idea is to place in the mind of each member the principles of temperance. Success to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. May the wearers of the white ribbon increase.

Taylor Messick's parents gave him a birthday party Saturday afternoon.

The Rev. Melvin G. Morris will fill his Greensboro pulpit Sunday, January 10. His morning topic will be, "The Awakening Memories of Christ." The evening topic will be, "The Revival under Hezekiah." Rev. Mr. Morris will preach at the Jumptown Mission Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Contractor Receives Credit

All those with whom the responsibility for the new building has rested were of one opinion regarding the contractor, Mr. J. Roland Dashiell, of Princess Anne. While his bid was several thousand dollars lower than his several competitors, yet Mr. Dashiell put only the finest and strongest materials, and the best workmanship into the work, following the contract not only in letter but in spirit. His helpful advice and suggestions and his faithful work have enabled the committee to save along many lines. Mr. Knotts congratulated him not only as a contractor but as a craftsman, and thanked him on behalf of the committee and the people.

IT IS COMING

Bargain Carnival Week is coming to Denton January 12th to 16th.

Nearly every merchant in Denton is cooperating in this sale of sales and you will find their bargains listed in their advertisements on each page of The American Union. Be sure to read each ad carefully and next week save money by visiting these stores and buying these very special bargains.

PRESTON

Mr. Louis Brightman of Washington ,D. C., who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. J. R. Cox, returned to his home on Sunday.

Mrs. David Silvery of Salisbury, is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright spent the week end in Newark, Del., with Dr. and Mrs. John R. Downes.

Mr. R. P. Agnew, as guest for the past week at the home of Mr. Walter Wright, has returned to Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wright and Mr. and Mrs. George Whitely were the dinner guests on Sunday at the home of Mr. Levine Taylor, Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Lednum spent the past week end in Mardela Springs, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Waller.

Miss Katharine Cox returned to New York on Sunday to resume her studies at Columbia University.

Miss Rachel Payne, who is teaching in New Jersey, left on Sunday after having spent the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Clara Payne.

Miss Louise Wright returned to Hood College, Frederick, on Sunday.

Miss Esther Lednum, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Lednum has left to resume her duties at John Marshall, Richmond, Va.

Dr. William Noble and family of Baltimore spent a part of the Christmas holidays with relatives here.

Miss Catharine Hirs of Denton spent the week end with Miss Henrietta Blades.

Mr. John Noble spent the past week end in Washington.

Miss Lilnian Cox, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Jerome Cox, returned to Washington on Sunday.

Miss Inez Noble, who has been visiting relatives here left Sunday for New Jersey.

Miss Fatherly, Miss Flounders, and Miss Bafford, members of the high school faculty, hav returned after having spent the holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Chambers and little daughter, Margery Ann returned from North Carolina on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Sisk, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Lednum were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Bounds of Hebron, Md., on December 31. Later the party attended the New Year's dance at the Wicomico hotel, Salisbury.

Mrs. Clyde Elzey entertained the Card Club last Tuesday. Besides the members of the club, the additional guests were Mrs. William Wrightson, Mrs. Merrit Parker, Miss Esther Lednum of Preston, Mrs. James Carmine, Pittsburgh, Mrs. J. R. Downes and Miss Hazel Wright, Newark.

Mrs. Joseph Harris entertained the Woman's Club on Thursday afternoon, December 31. Mrs. N. H. Fooks will entertain the club this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright entertained at dinner on December 28 in honor of Mrs. Wright's birthday. Covers were laid for 22.

Mrs. J. A. Cox entertained at dinner on New Year's eve, the following guests Miss Ann Wright, Miss Catharine Cox, Miss Lillian Cox, Mr. R. P. Agnew of Youngstown, Ohio and Mr. Louis Brightman of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. J. Frank Lednum entertained the Ladies' Aid Society on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Trice entertained the following guests at dinner on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nichols, Miss Pauline Nichols and Mr. Henry Muessen of Denton.

Mrs. Ralph Lednum will entertain the Epiphany Mission Guild on Friday afternoon, January 8.

Col and Mrs. C. R. Disharoon, Mr. and Mrs. Upshur Polk and Mr. and Mrs. King White were delightfully entertained at dinner and bridge by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sick on Saturday evening, January 2.

The Patron's meeting held on Tuesday night was largely attended. An old fashioned spelling bee was the chief feature of the program.

Revival services at the M. E. church began on Monday evening. Mr. Louis Carrol of Easton, is conducting the singing. An added feature to the Sunday morning service will be a selection by the Junior choir.

Miss Elizabeth Douglas was hostess at a delightful bridge party Wednesday afternoon. The guests were Mrs. P. E. Douglas, Miss Lillian Dean, Miss Virginia Fooks, Miss Rachal Payne, Miss Louise Harris, Mrs. William Wrightson and Miss Isabel Douglas.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Mildred Storey Collins, daughter of Mrs. Caroline Storey Collins of Harmony, and Mr. Russell E. Marker, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Marker of Hagerstown, on Friday, July 31, 1925 at the Wauch M. E. church, Washington, D. C., by the Rev. W. M. Hoffman. Previous to her marriage, Miss Collins was a teacher in the public schools of this county. Mr. Marker was a graduate of University of Maryland in 1923 and for the past two years took a post-graduate course at this school. Recently he accepted a position as chemist with a New York company.. Mr. and Mrs. Marker will make their home in New York.

MEDITATIONS OF THE CRACKER

Old Father Time still holds his job, despite the cranks who prophecy, and raise their voices to the mob, that dissolution's drawing night. Each passing year they will relate, that to the mystic realm they're keyed; and place a finger on the date the world assumes her widow weeds. Or turns Earth's scowling, pimpled face into a smile of perfect charm, where granddad leaves his resting place and resumes duties on the farm. For each nut has a different way, interpretation to apply, to straighten out each mystic phrase which baffle folks like you and I. And yet despite this mighty wave of mathematistic synthic lore; the mighty reaper swings his blade and harvests seasons as of yore. 'Tis time I ween that folks desist to grasp such questions by the horns; but take a hoe within their fists and cultivate the beans and corn. For mysteries of the the universe are penned in language yet unknown, to small insects who're immersed in cares a plenty close by home.

HARMONY

Mr. and Mrs. German Wright of Easton visited Mrs. Wright's mother, Mrs. Bell Dean on Sunday.

Mr. Grayden Hurst of Wilmington spent several days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Conley of Laurel spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Roland Trice.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dean and daughter were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Dean of Denton on Thursday evening.

The Ladies Aid of Harmony M. P. M. P. church met at Mrs. S. P. Hurst's on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster Todd entertained on Monday evening at a 5 o'clock dinner Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ivans, Mr. and Mrs. Towers Todd and children, Mr. Hanson Todd and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wright and children, Evelyn and Cannen.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hickey and daughter, Louise of Philadelphia are the guests of Mrs. Hickey's mother, Mrs. Mollie Stoery.

Mr. Alonza Ferrens and family of Queen Anne were the guests of Mr. Ferren's mother, Mrs. Mollie Stoery last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wright and children, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ivans motored to Perryville on Thursday where they wre the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip McConnell of Willow Grove, Pa., and Miss Eva Laughlin and Miss Elizabeth Trice of Federalsburg spent Friday evening with Mr. McConnell's sister, Mrs. H. C. Todd.

Rev. James Duhadaway and daughter of Bridgeville and Mr. Louis Duhadaway of Philadelphia were New Year visitors of Dr. and Mrs. Duhadaway.

AMERICAN CORNER

Mr. Scott has remodled the store at American corner and has a very neat store. He has a very hearty welcome and we wish him success.

Miss Margaret Howard has returned to her studies in Strayer's Business College after a very pleasant vacation.

Miss Hazel Buker and brother, Harvey have returned home from a visit to their sisters in Wilmington.

George E. Howard has just found a better position in Wilmington.

O. H. Howard, Sr., has returned to Marcus Hook to work on pipe fitting gang.

Mrs. O. H. Howard had as her guests Thursday Mrs. Olive Howard, son, Paul and Mrs. Roop of Denton.

Mrs. Fannie Griffith is very ill at this writing.

Mrs. O. H. Howard had her guests Sunday evening Mrs. Elva Smith, son, Edward, Mr. Charles Culver and Master William Kelly.

Mrs. Fannie Griffith had Mrs. O. H. Howard to spend Monday afternoon with her.

SCHOOL GROUND COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following persons and business concerns have given the amounts set opposite their name toward the improvement of the new school grounds and same has been expended as itemized below. There is still a small amount of work to be done in regard to grading and later on it is hoped to improve the grounds with shrubbery.

Receipts

C. A. Pentz	$ 5.00
Houstan Towers	5.00
Dr. F. J. Wright	5.00
J. A. Beck	5.00
Samuel Nowell	5.00
Dr. C. A. Whistler	5.00
Chas. Howard	5.00
T. P. Fisher	5.00
Roland Chaffinch	5.00
F. B. Nuttle	5.00
Harvey Fleetwood	5.00
Jas. W. Thawley	5.00
Marriott S. Redden	5.00
J. Virgil Moore	5.00
J. Frank Wright	5.00
E. D. Kimmey	5.00
W. I. Norris	5.00
C. Leslie Walls	5.00
Geo. W. Beck	5.00
Kirwan Short	5.00
T. A. Goldsbrough	5.00
Wm. H. Neal	5.00
Ernest G. Cooper	5.00
Lewis T. McNeal	2.00
Denton Candy Kitchen	2.50
Melvin James	2.50
Leland Short	2.50
Sherman Tribbett	2.00
Lacey Murphy	2.50
Asbury Greaves	2.50
Monroe G. Crouse	2.50
Dr. E. P. Knotts	2.00
Dr. R. Horsey	1.00
W. A. Cawley	2.50
Ormond Andrew	3.00
J. Walter Beauchamp	2.50
Edward M. Noble	5.00
W. W. Noble	2.50
Harry Richardson	5.00
O. W. Rogers	2.50
F. A. DeFord	5.00
F. A. Baynard	2.50
Rue Pub. Co.	2.50
Total	$169.50

Expenses

F. A. DeFord, plowing scooping etc.	$130.40
Elmer Eubert, dynamiting	13.25
Public Athletic Accountant	22.60
Thomas Taylor	3.25
Total	$169.50

J. ROLAND CHAFFINCH
ERNEST G. COOPER

HOBBS

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Billings of Greensboro were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Smith.

Mr. J. R. Starkey has returned home to Salisbury after spending the Christmas holidays with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hill were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Houstan Carrolls near Hickmantown.

Mrs. Sarah Davis of near Church Hill has been visiting her son, Mr. Frank Davis and family.

Mr. L. H. Thomas and C. D. Collison were Salisbury visitors on Sunday last.

Mr. Edward Towers left Sunday afternoon for Philadelphia where he expects to stay for some time.

Mr. Edward Davis of Morrisville, Pa., spent a few days of the holidays with his brother, Frank.

Misses Helen and Catherine Towers were guests of Miss Virginia Adams on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Hubbard left on Monday for Swarthmore, Pa., where she has accepted a position.

Miss Ruby Lister of Greensboro spent several days of last week with Miss Marietta Butler.

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

Pete Doolittle was took sick the other day, but doc had to send him to the barber shop before he could take his temperteure.

The barber who attended Pete allowed that it was a good thing that there was an upholsterin' establishment that needed hair next door.

Then Pete went back to the doc, an he gave him a prescription. Pete took it to the drug store an the druggist give him a cake of Ivory soap.

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