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SALISBURY CHOSEN AS HEADQUARTERS

Del-Mar-Va Asso. Will Locate Office in this Central City for 2-Year Period

SLOGANS COMING IN FAST

At the meeting of the county chairmen of the Del-Mar-Va Eastern Shore Association held last Thursday afternoon, it was definitely decided that Salisbury will remain the headquarters of the Eastern Shore publicity movement, at least, until December 31, 1927.

Contrary to the expectation of many the Wicomico members of the Del-Mar-Va association neither proposed nor voted on this question when it was raised in the meeting. The motion to authorize a committee to select and lease regular business headquarters for the association in the city of Salisbury, with the understanding that the said headquarters shall be taken for the period dating from the 1st of March, 1926, to December 31, 1927" was offered by Dr. G. Layton Grier, chairman of the Sussex county, Del., committee and seconded by Mr. Charles C. Gelder, chairman of the Somerset county committee.

In the discussion of the motion, General Chairman Adkins stated that Wicomico countians would welcome the association but would not be willing to bring to bear any influences contrary to the general wishes of the majority of the members of the conference. Numerous members of the committee in explaining their reasons for supporting the motion as made by the Sussex and Somerset county chairmen stated that they regard Salisbury as the most convenient city from which to operate and in which to secure the various accommodations required by the association.

The vote on being called was unanimously in favor of "considering Salisbury as headquarters for the association during the operations of its initial two-year period."

Chairman Adkins was then in a separate resolution, requested to appoint a small committee to select rooms for the offices of the association in Salisbury, and the suggestion was made that possibly one of Salisbury's residence properties might be taken over and modestly equipped for use. The personnel of the committee will be selected and announced by Mr. Adkins.

Slogan Contest

The announcement of last week with reference to the slogan contest has brought forth a great number of responses indicating a wide-spread interest in the development program of the association. This contest will continue throughout the months of March and April; and the suggestions that have come in and will continue during the period specified will be placed before a committee of judges on or shortly after May 1st.

We would again remind our readers that any one desiring a prospectus of the association can secure one by mailing a request to the Del-Mar-Va Eastern Shore Association, Salisbury, Md.

FIRST HARD COAL ARRIVED TUESDAY

Two weeks ago we heard that the hard coal strike was over and on Tuesday of this week Caroline countians found it was true for Hughes Lumber & Coal Company received a carload of nut coal for the use of the chicken hatcheries and poultrymen. This is the first hard coal to be received in Denton since last August. It is selling for $16 a ton. Another carload is expected the last of this week.

Injured in Auto Accident

Last Thursday evening about 6:30 o'clock as Mr. and Mrs. Wilton T. Porter of Marshallton, Del., and their little daughter, Twila, about 18 months old, were on their way to the home of Mrs. Porter's brother, Mr. Philip Cheezum, of Denton, they met with an accident. On the state road near Dover, they were meeting two cars approaching them and blinded by the lights, ran into a Ford truck which was stopped, without lights. Mrs. Porter's right arm was broken and her leg fractured. Little Twila's head was hurt but Mr. Porter escaped without any serious injury. Their machine was completely wrecked. Mrs. Porter was taken to Dr. McDaniel's office and received treatment, later being taken to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cheezum, of Denton.

LENTEN THOUGHTS

The Lenten Thoughts for this week, written by Rev. George I. Fitz, or Ridgely, will be found on Page Four.

MEDITATIONS OF THE CRACKER

Where the blizzard calms 'ere it strikes her shore, where the Goddess of Plenty dwells, where the wild tempestuous ocean's roar is lulled to a gentle swell. Where the wine of fulfillment of dreams long dreamed, and the hopes of your life you find, where verdure in bright irridesence teems and nature invites you to dine. Where the throb of your heart speaks contentment at last, where your bundle of peace is unrolled; where sunshine and zephyr request you to bask, Del-Mar-Va, the home-seeker's goal.

MINSTREL COMING NEXT WEEK

Bugle and Drum Corps Will Give Show at Palace Next Wed. and Thurs. Nights

GET READY TO LAUGH!

The Denton Firemen Bugle and Drum Corps are surely planning for two big nights when they present their minstrel show at the Palace Theatre, Denton, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, March 10 and 11.

What a laugh these boys are planning for the big audiences that will be there to see these "coons" go through their "stuff." Law de! but you sure will split your sides laughing when you see those boys get up and do

their parts for they are surely full of the idea of making you laugh.

The evening's entertainment will be made up of solos, choruses monologues, instrumental music by the orchestra and bugle corps, buck dances, tight rope walking, well you will just have to go if you want to know what all is going to happen, for it is surely going to be a big show.

Don't forget the date, March 10, 11. The place, Palace Theatse, Denton.

MANY COUNTIANS ATTEND E. S. BANQUET

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Leland Stanford University, of California, and a brother of Curtis D. Wilbur, secretary of the Navy, was the speaker last Friday night at the annual banquet of the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore at the Hotel Rennert.

Several hundred members of the association attended. Swepson Earle, state conservation commission and the president of the association, acted as toastmaster. Mr. Earle is a native of Queen Anne's county.

Among the guests of honor were Governor Ritchie, Dr. Frank J. Goodnow, president of the Johns Hopkins University, and John N. Mackall, president of the Southern Maryland Society and chairman of the State Roads Commission.

Among those attending from Caroline county were Messrs. Howard Bryant, John T. Carter, Dr. J. Clement Clark, Cornelius DeWeese, N. H. Cooks, John J. Gingher, T. Alan Goldsborough, R. Earle Greenlee, Alexander Hardcastle, Wilbur W. Hubbard, J. Frank Lednum, J. Maynard Lednum, J. W. Noble, W. D. Noble, Fred R. Owens, Harry O. Perry, Douglas Phillips, Charles Sylvester, Edward M. Thomas Albert G. Towers, Albert G. Towers, Jr., Lawrence B. Towers, Harry F. Wilson, Charles W. Wright.

Teachers Entertain at P. T. Asso.

At the meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association Monday evening the parents were well entertained by the teachers. Each teacher gave an account of the methods used in teaching the diferent subjects, and also spoke of their aims and aspirations in the school room. This was most interesting to the parents, giving them a much clearer insight into the work of the school. The hostesses served an abundance of delicious home made candy.

Loving Cup Given by Rue Pub. Co.

In December the Rue Publishing Co. put on a contest in the twenty-three schools for which it publishes school papers, on the subject, "America—and I." The contest at its close found an exceptionally good lot of essays. After careful survey, the judges, including Mrs. G. H. Rue of Denton, Mrs. Mary B. Wilson of Meriden, Conn., and Prof. E. M. Noble, Caroline county Superintendent of Schools, decided unanimously on the first choice. The essay was written by Miss Frances Ward, of Huntingtown (Md.) High School. Honorable mention was given the essay of Miss Merle Stemple, of Masontown (W. Va.) High School and also to that of Miss Marguerite Blake, of Oak Hill (W. Va.) High School.

While all the essays were fine, yet Miss Ward's carried out best the full thought of the subject. It is a plainly outlined list of things every high school pupil can and should do to prepare himself for his future responsibilities as a true American citizen. While the rules mentioned are in no way unusual, or hard of accomplishment, yet, if every school child were to live by them, America's future would be assured.

The contestants were striving for a silver loving cup, a cut of which is here shown. It is nine inches high, of a beautiful design, and engraved with the name of the winner, school, etc. It is to remain in the school that all future students may realize the honor Miss Ward has brought to Huntingtown High School, and may be reminded of the valuable suggestions found in her essay.

It is interesting to note that Miss Ward is a Senior, the editor-in-chief of the school paper, The Lamp, and vice president of her class.

Miss Ward's essay follows:

"When I first considered this subject, I was perplexed. I wondered if there was a connection between America and me. I am merely a school child, and have no part in the government of my country, at present. Then the aswer came; yes, there is a connection between America and me.

"I am a young citizen of America. Her future depends partly upon me. But, as a young citizen of America, what are my duties? This was another question which confronted me.

"America has bestowed upon me the blessings of liberty, equality, justice, and opportunity. She has given me a home. To be a good citizen in America, I must be a good citizen in my home. To be a good citizen in my home, I must not think of it as merely a place to eat and sleep; but as a small republic in itself. I must play an active part in the home. I must strive to make it beautiful, attractive, and pleasant to all who enter its doors. I must accept the tasks, which fall upon my shoulders, pleasantly, and do them willingly. To those in authority I must show respect and abide by their rules.

"America has given me the opportunity to gain an education in her public schools. Therefore, I must be a good citizen in school. I must not idle away my time, and my classmates' time by wasting the minutes in useless talk and laughter. I must make each moment be worth while. I must be always ready and willing to take part in the school activities; and try to improve the school in every way. My teachers are my instructors. I must accept their instructions, but I am free to form opinions and ideas of my own. I must teach myself to think individually in school; or I will not be able to do so when I am older. I must not show indifference toward my school work; but always be interested and take an active part in class. I should train my mind to think quickly and accurately.

"My attitude toward my friends is another way to test my citizenship. To have friends, I must be a friend. I must be considerate of their rights, and broad minded enough to see their ideas as well as mine, on the different discussions that may arise. A true American citizen is not selfish, therefore, I must practice unselfishness always in my home, school, and social life.

"Therefore, I pledge that I will do my part, as a young citizen of America, to bring about peace and contentment in my country, by helping to bring it about in my home and school where I am associated with others who are builders of America."

ARRESTS 18 IN RAIDS ON EASTERN SHORE

Dry Agent Visits 12 Places in Dorchester, Caroline and Queen Anne's

ONE ESCAPES FROM JAIL

Seventeen men and one woman were arrested in twelve raids made on the Eastern Shore of Maryland last week by Jesse H. Bratten, Federal prohibition agent, aided by an under-coverman, it was reported by Bratten on his return to his office in the Customs House, Baltimore, last week.

Five of the arrests were in Dorchester county, five in Caroline and eight in Queen Anne's county. Several small stills were seized, Bratten said, and a large amount of alleged whiskey and mash was destroyed.

Zebulon Skinner, one of those arrested at Queenstown, when his automobile was seized, escaped in the jail delivery at Centreville Sunday night or early Monday morning, Bratten asserted.

Isadore Abrams, of Baltimore, was also arrested by federal agents and his new truck seized when 20 cases of alleged home brew beer were found in the vehicle.

DEN-MAR GARAGE PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS

Messrs. T. Pliny Fisher and Clarence H. Roe have sold their property on South Second street to Messrs. D. W. Davis and Austin R. Murphy. The Den-Mar Mobile Company will transfer their business from Second Street to their property on Third street, adjoining the property of M. L. Beck & Brother, as soon as they have remodeled the property and made it ready for occupancy.

The property on Second street purchased by Messrs. Davis and Murphy will be occupied by Mr. Davis, who will conduct an up-to-date storage garage. Mr. Murphy will continue with Den-Mar Mobile Company as the salesman for the celebrated "Improved Chevrolet."

Luck never comes to people who spend all their lives looking for four-leaf clovers.

A VIGOROUS MARYLANDER

Under the above heading, the following article appeared in "The Marylander" of February 27, 1926:

It is reported from the Eastern Shore that a movement has been started to secure the nomination of State Senator Lawrence Barton Towers as the Republican candidate for governor. Should the plans of these people succeed, the Republicans would go into the contest next fall with a candidate who would probably wake the state up from one end to the other, and there would be no lack of interest, there would be no dullness or inertia from the day the fight started until the close of the polls on Tuesday, November the second, when the election takes place.

A strong, vigorous, rather boistrous and at times even boyish sort of a man, with a Rooseveltian manner, Lawrence Towers, of Caroline county, was easily one of the leading and most interesting figures in the state senate, the last two sessions and no man in that body was more highly esteemed than he, not only by his colleagues of both parties, by the members of the House of Delegates, but also by the governor and all the state and other officials who came in contact with him, either officially or otherwise. And he was especially held in high favor by that most critical of all bodies represented at the State House, the newspaper correspondents, not only for his hearty genial manners, but, above all other things, because of the fact that he was one of the most reliable men there, and what he said could be depended upon in the most absolute manner. An experience of more than forty years in attendance at legislative sessions, warrants the writer in saying that in all that long period of time, no member of either House or Senate ever impressed him more favorably as an honest, conscientious representative of any constituency, than the Senator from Caroline county during the sessions of 1922-4. And during the memorable session of 1924, when the General Assembly disagreed with the governor on several measures of general and local importance wherein Governor Ritchie was obliged to use his veto in order to gain his points and prevent the enactment into law the bills to which he was oposed. Mr. Towers was easily one of the leaders of the forces hostile to the plans of the executive, and it was due in no little degree to his skill and ability as a manager, that both the Senate and House of Delegates passed the objectionable measures, and thus compelled His Excellency to meet his defeat with a drastic veto which is the last resort in a contest between the executive and legislative powers in either state or national affairs.

Mr. Towers was honest in all his acts while at Annapolis. No one ever doubted his sincerity during all the exciting times of those two memorable sessions, wherein the entire system of the state government was remodeled according to the plans of Governor Ritchie, who, in his usual forceful way drove his measures of reform through both houses of the General Assembly, and perhaps the most notable features of the two sessions of which Mr. Towers was one of the leading members, was the fact that party lines were rarely drawn in the votes on any subject of importance during the entire time. All the members of both houses to a very great extent seem to have been animated by a desire to do what was for the best interest of the whole state, and Mr. Towers was especially active in behalf of certain measures beneficial to the Eastern Shore counties and it was evident that whenever such measures were under consideration his activity was not confined to the senate, but in his usual bold and aggressive Rooseveltian way, he invaded the floor of the House of Delegates, and worked vigorously among the members of that body to secure favorable action on his favorite bills. In all the writer's experience at Annapolis during the sessions of the General Assembly, he never saw a more active and efficient worker in either house, no man who paid more attention to what was going on, and devoted more time and energy to his work both on the floor and in committee, as well as on the outside, than the senator from Caroline.

Should Mr. Towers determine to enter the list for the nomination of his party, it is believed that Marion Humphreys, of Salisbury, who is already in the field, would withdraw, which would of course, give the honor to the Caroline county senator by default. And in that case, State Senator David A. Robb, of Allegany county, would probably accept the nomination eithe-

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JR. O. U. A. M. HAS ANNUAL BANQUET

Sen. Towers, State Councilor Truitt and Rev. Kirwan Made Addresses

On Thursday evening, February 25th, Caroline Council No. 175, Jo. O. U. A. M., celebrated its 29th anniversary with a splendid banquet. The banquet was held in the Parish House of Christ P. E. church.

The evening opened with an overture by Caroline High School orchestra, followed by the invocation given by Rev. G. J. Hooker. Then the members of the order with their wives and sweethearts sat down to the sumptuous dinner prepared by the good ladies of Christ Church. The tables were tastefully arranged and then came the good things, such as grapefruit, potato salad, roast turkey, cranberry sauce, ham, sweet potatoes, Maryland biscuit, hot rolls, ice cream, cake and coffee. A dinner "fit for a king."

But all the good things were not in the eating for after that was over there was a feast of good things for the mind. Rev. Mr. Hooker, who acted as toastmaster, introduced the first speaker, Senator L. B. Towers, of Denton. Mr. Towers is well known in this section of the peninsula and all present were glad to hear him speak. It was a fine address. Mr. Towers gave a very interesting account of the organization of the Jr. O. U. A. M., telling also of its remarkable growth, and emphasizing the purpose of the order to keep untrammeled the virtue of American life and to write in the heart of childhood the true principles of liberty and patriotism.

Mr. Robert Fleetwood then delighted the guests with a beautiful solo, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart". It is always a pleasure to hear Mr. Fleetwood and his rich voice was unusually fine on this occasion.

The next speaker was State Councilor Leland T. Truitt of Pittsville, Md. Mr. Truitt told us of much the order was doing and emphasized particularly the work done at the Jr. Order Orphan's Home in Tiffin, Ohio. There are over 1000 children now in that home, all children of members of this order. There is also a plan being worked out for the establishment of another home in North Carolina. It was fine to have the State Councilor present on this occasion.

The closing address was made by Rev. Francis W. Kirwan, Rector of Christ P. E. Church. His address, while interspersed with many humorous incidents, was in the main forceful and direct so that the audience could not fail to carry away some very definite lessons which will enable them to be more loyal not only to the organization but to the sublime privileges as American citizens.

Too much cannot be said of Prof. Smith and the high school orchestra. The music was well selected, finely directed, and much appreciated by all present.

Just before singing "America" the toastmaster introduced each member of the banquet committee and each officer of the lodge. The Jr. O. U. A. M. is one of the finest patriotic organizations in America, embodying the best principles of fraternalism and offering at the same time the best insurance features that can be found anywhere. Thus came to a close the 29th year of Caroline Council No. 175, Jr. O. U. A.M. The thanks of the order are extended to the ladies who so bountifully served the dinner and to all who made possible the success of this splendid banquet.

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

They was discussin' Del-Mar-Va at the corner grocery last night. Hank Anderbush allowed that he thought she was a new state that had just been discovered that was bounded on one side by the sunset and on 'tother by the three mile limit.

Dave Goosium said that he wasn't sure whether Del was a state or a flapper making her debut in a new fangled bathin' suit.

An' Pete Doolittle said as he wasn't a lady's man he didn't care a durn,

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