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A cantata entitled "From Oliver to Calvary," will be given in the Sunday School house of the Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, by Mr. and Mrs. David Guy and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Huber of Washington. Miss Eleanor Graves will be the accompanist.

Mrs. Mabel D. Miller, of Washington, will be the guest speaker at the all-day meeting of the Church Aid and Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday. The hostesses will be Mrs. L. T. Boynton, Mrs. Arthur E. Hess, Mrs. M. B. Leming, Mrs. Q. J. Field, Mrs. Hugh Armstrong and Mrs. Charles H. Davidson.

The Red Cross Emergency Flood Relief Committee has received one hundred and eighty-four dollars in Kensington and a total of three thousand dollars in the county.

KENSINGTON CROSSING ELIMINATION DELAYED BY RIGHT OF WAY

Assurances that bids would be asked on the Kensington grade-crossing project within the next 30 days were given a delegation of local citizens by Dr. Homer Tabler, chairman of the State Roads Commission.

Dr. Tabler told the citizens some difficulties regarding rights of way still remain to be settled. He said he believed they could be handled within the next few days without resorting to condemnation proceedings. Their settlement would clear the way for advertising for bids, the chairman stated.

Dr. L. B. Ernest headed the delegation which called on the commission to push the project. Its members represented the Civic League of the Central Suburban Area of Montgomery County.

The P. W. A. has allotted $145,000 toward the construction of an overpass across the railroad tracks on the continuation of Lincoln Avenue here.

BOARD EXAMINES BEER LICENSES

In a drive to ferret out "straw men" who hold beer licenses, the Montgomery County Liquor Control Board summoned six licensees before it Tuesday received assurances from three of them that they would not apply for renewals, were convinced one had the main interest in the establishment concerned, and deferred action on two pending further consideration.

Ralph Fowler, chairman of the board, said only persons who have a main interest in the establishment involved are eligible for licenses. Nevertheless, several "straw men," eligible under the law except for the fact that they do not have a direct interest in the business, have obtained beer licenses.

Sworn statements were taken from those appearing before the board.

Millard E. Peake of Bethesda, Edward H. Quinter of Silver Sprnig and G. Lamar Kelly of Rockville assured the board they would not apply for renewal of their licenses.

The board was satisfied that John Hiser of Bethesda had a real interest in the concern for which he holds a beer license and advised him he could renew it if he desired.

The cases of John Faulconer of Silver Spring and the Sunset Hall Rest, an inn on Conduit Road, were carried over for later decision. Fowler said they would be further investigated.

All current licenses expire April 30. Applications for renewals, however, must be filed by April 10.

Fowler said those summoned before the board were the last of several licenses investigated. Previous probes have revealed several "straw men," he declared.

Founded Fur-Trading Site

It was at Fond du Lac, now a suburb of Duluth, that agents of the German-born Astor founded the fur-trading site which brought millions of furs from the woods of north central United States and laid the foundation for the vast Astor wealth.

Just in Montgomery

The annual meeting of the Montgomery County Tuberculosis Association will be held at the Manor Club April 9. An informal dinner at 7 p.m. will precede a business session at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Ernest R. Grant, executive secretary of the District of Columbia Tuberculosis Association, and William B. Matthews, managing director of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, will speak. The program also will include election of officers and reports by Dr. V. L. Ellicott, county health officer, and the Seal Sale, Receiving and Budget Committees. Dr. U. D. Nourse of Dawsonville is in charge of the program and Mrs. Frank F. Zundel, chairman, will preside at the business session.

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Paving of the center section of Wisconsin Avenue from Bethesda to the District of Columbia line is included in the 1936 construction program of the Maryland State Roads Commission, it was disclosed in the annual report of Williarm A. Codd, chief auditor of the commission.

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Approximately 40 masters, lecturers, secretaries and others of the various granges comprising the Montgomery-Howard County Pomona Grange attended a meeting in Rockville to consider an active program for the current year. T. Roy Brookes, master of the State Grange, presided. Formation of a new grange in the Pomona district, a net gain at least 10 per cent in membership of each unit, a definite plan for youth participation in grange activities, better ritualistic works, active support of the State Grange legislative program and co-operation in a State Grange field day were among plans disclssed.

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Montgomery County's first recreational training school got under way in Rockville Monday to continue for five days. It is being sponsored by the University of Maryland Extension Service and is in charge of Miss Madeline Stevens of the National Recreational Training School. A large number of young men and women have enrolled for the course, which is free. It is planned to have afternoon and evening classes throughout the five days. The afternoon classes will meet in the Fire Department Building, and the evening classes in the high school.

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Byron Sedgwick, secretary to County Commissioner Paul M. Coughlan, was elected president of the Suburban Young Republican Club of Montgomery County this week. Other officers chosen by the new organization are: Brunnick Mellen, first vice president; Miss Esther Whitacre, daughter of County Clerk Ira C. Whitacre, second vice president; Mrs. Beverly Wiltshire, recording secretary; Miss Doris Buddecke, corresponding secretary; Charles Turner, treasurer, and John R. Graff, parliamentarian. Turner was named chairman of a committee to arrange a dance next month. The club's territory now embraces the thirteenth election district, but is expected to be extended to include Chevy Chase and Bethesda.

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The annual track and field meet of Montgomery County public schools will be held at the fair grounds Saturday, May 23, under the joint auspices of the State P. A. L. and the Montgomery County Board of Education. H. S. Callowhill, director of the P. A. L., will be in charge and will be assisted by Edwin W. Broome, county superintendent of schools, and a corps of men and women experienced in conducting events of the kind. More than 6,000 boys and girls are expected to participate. The winners will compete in State-wide events to be staged at the Baltimore Stadium on Friday, June 12.

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Permits for three new commercial structures in the metropolitan area were approved along with one zoning change and two subdivision plats by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The building permits approved authorize new stores on the Washington Boulevard in Hyattsville; on the north side of Central Avenue between Sixty-first Street and Chewton Avenue, Capitol Heights, and a gasoline station on the old White House Tavern property at Beltsville.

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O. W. Anderson, county agent for Montgomery County, outlined the provisions of the soil conservation act as affecting the farmer in an informal talk before over 50 members and guests of the Montgomery Farmers' Club at the home of Josiah W. Jones, president of the county Farm Bureau.

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Business is booming in Montgomery County's liquor dispensaries, but prospective taxes and debt charges may cut the 1936 revenues, J. Oscar Foulk, manager of the County Liquor Control Board, announced. Profits are averaging about $1,000 a week more than in 1935, the manager said. Last year the board claims to have cleared $58,000, but the official audit of its accounts has not been completed. All of the 1935 profiits will go to the School Board, the liquor law making it beneficiary after debt charges are met.

KITE CONTEST TO BE HELD AT GARRETT PARK TOMORROW

Under the auspices of the sports committee of the Citizens' Association of Garrett Park a "kite contest" will be held tomorrow in Corby's field opposite the Garrett Park School. The time has been changed to 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. The committee arranging this affair is composed of Dr. L. F. Curtiss, chairman; Mrs. Walter N. Brown, Mr. Alton Wells and Mr. Revere Curley.

The judges will be Dr. Charles Moon, of the Bureau of Standards, construction; Dr. H. Y. Skiamstad, of the aerodynamic section of the Bureau of Standards, performance in the air, and Mrs. Howard S. Bean, of Kensington, artistic appearance.

The contest, of home-made kites is being carried on with the cooperation of Miss Sybil Baker, of the playground department of the District of Columbia. It will be one of the five contests held tomorrow under the play ground department of the District.

Awards will be given for all types of kites, and they will be based upon construction, performance in the air and appearance. The contest is open to everybody of all ages. All entrants must be registered. Entry blanks will be available at the field.

A blue ribbon will be given for satisfactory performance in the air; a red ribbon for an attractive design and a white ribbon for neatness. A large box kite will be given as a prize in the opinion of the judges as the most outstanding kite of the day.

Refreshments will be on sale. In case of unfavorable weather a later date will be arranged.

BRECKINRIDGE FILES IN MARYLAND FOR PRESIDENCY

Henry Breckinridge, New York attorney and outstanding opponent of the New Deal, Wednesday filed at Annapolis as candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination in the State primaries.

Arriving from New York by plane, Mr. Breckinridge was met at Logan Feld by a group of his Maryland sponsors and escorted to the Secretary of State's office at Annapolis, where he filed his certificate.

SANITARY BONDS ON SALE APRIL 8

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in a few days will offer a $350,000 issue of construction bonds, it was disclosed by T. Howard Duckett, president of the commission.

The bonds, to be dated April 1, and placed on the market April 8, will carry an interest rate of 3½ per cent, the lowest rate offered since the sanitary body was established, Duckett said.

Approved extensions under the $200,000 fund include: In Montgomery County, water main in Wessling lane, Manning drive, Fairfax road, Edgeworth, $5,235; sewer extension, same streets, $4,318; water main in Carolina Avenue, Becker Avenue, Wire Avenue, Houston Avenue, Branwill Park, $4,552; sewer extensions in Middleton Road, Bethesda, $4,929; water extension in same road, $1,361; water and sewer extension in Kenwood Avenue, Kenwood, $2,868; sewer extension in Radnor Road, Branvill Park, $2,848; water extension in Wilson Lane, English Village, $3,298.

Sewer extension in Maple Avenue, Kensington, $3,400; water and sewer extensions in Holly Avenue, Takoma Park, $4,357; water and sewer extensions in Kilmarock subdivision, $12,479; sewer extension in Indian Spring Park, $$7,383; water and sewer extensions in Powhatan Hills, 7,418; water and sewer in Vale Street, Rollingwood, $2,571, and other small extensions for a grand total in Montgomery of $97,165.

Cuckoo Selects Nest of Other Bird to Lay Eggs

In appearance the cuckoo is much like the sparrow hawk or kestrel, and just as most of the smaller birds will attack a hawk when they see it in the air, so will they attack the cuckoo when it shows itself.

The cuckoo has kept a secret for thousands of years. From earliest records, notes a writer in Tit-Bits Magazine, going back to the ancient Greeks, it was thought that she laid her egg upon the ground, picked it up in her beak, carried it to the selected nest and dropped it in, but investigation proves that the cuckoo lays her egg directly into the nest.

When the female cuckoo is ready to lay, she will sit on a perch almost motionless from half an hour to six hours, and this corresponds to the time that any other bird would sit on the nest before laying. Then she glides down to the selected nest, for during the previous days she has carefully watched the owners. She wastes no time, but goes quickly to it, stealing one of the eggs. Holding this in her beak, she moves her body on to the nest, lays her own egg in the place of the one removed, and flies off with the stolen egg. This is devoured, sometimes while she is flying away, but more often when she reaches a convenient perch.

Longest Overland Telegraph

The telegraph line connecting Port Augusta, south Australia, with Darwin, Northwest Territory, Australia, is said to be the longest individual telegraph line in the world. It crosses overland 1,950 miles and 36,000 poles, mostly wood, but some of iron, were used in its construction. The copper wire used measured 60,000 miles and weighed 1,000 tons.

FENCE POSTS SHOW PROSPERITY RETURN

Demand Unfailing Barometer to Woodsmen.

Escanaba, Mich.—Woodsmen in the upper peninsula of Michigan do not have to read the agricultural journals in order to get an idea how the farmers in the corn belt and other sections of the country are faring.' There is an unfailing barometer of the changing weight of the farmer's pocketbook, and that is the insignificant-looking fence post.

When the farmer is hard pressed, as he has been during the last few depression years, he allows his fences to fall into a state of disrepair. But when money starts to jingle in his jeans again he takes the usual pride in them and becomes a heavy buyer of posts.

The peninsula division of the Chicago & North Western railway is reporting unusually heavy shipments of posts this summer. A large percentage will be used for replacements, but the trend toward diversification of agriculture is also a factor. Western grazing lands, for instance, are being converted into small farms, necessitating the construction of enclosures.

There is a noticeable increase in the summer volume of pulpwood traffic. Railroad officials attribute this upswing to the manufacture of many new paper products, such as table covers, curtains, bakery supplies and wrapping paper.

With the increasing demand for paper products, the lowly jackpine has taken place beside the spruce and balsam pulpwood. This heretofore useless wood is now the important element in producing paper of fine texture such as that used for waxed papers. The United States forest service has worked out plans for considerable reforestation of jackpine and other pulpwood to meet the demands of the paper industries in Michigan and Wisconsin in the future years.

Texas Boy, 15, Harvests Crop "Raised by Moon"

Mykwa, Texas.—Elmer Alford Fowler, fifteen years old, who farms 15 acres "by the moon" and his weather almanac, is the envy of Texas 4-H club boys.

Elmer, barefoot and in the fifth grade at school, waits for the "full of the moon" to plant and harvest because a "full moon yields a full harvest."

He expects to make 65 bushels of corn per acre. He has harvested 75 bushels of peas from an acre and a half and expects to pick as many more.

Elmer farms while his fifty-year-old father, J. A. Fowler, "works out."

"Corn husks are thick, so you can look for a hard winter with lots of rain and cold," he says. He knows all the signs of the zodiac and plans according to "indications."

Elmer's father said he foresaw the depression and traded his $2,000 city home for his farm. Since 1926 value of the property has mounted to $15,000.

Elmer likes to farm because of the freedom. "You can work when you want to and quit when you want to," he said.

Police Ammunition Blast Caused by Fire in Rio

Rio de Janeiro.—Fire in police ammunition stores at General police headquarters caused explosions of artillery shells, hand grenades, rifle cartridges and tear gas bombs.

The detonations threw the thickly populated district into a panic for an hour. The blasts cracked walls and broke window panes several blocks away, menacing another police warehouse containing a large quantity of explosives and tear gas bombs.

While masked firemen fought the blaze, sheltered from flying missiles, confining it to a small area, policemen emptied an adjoining building of ammunition. The police said several thousand shells exploded.

There was no casualties. A shell explosion is believed to have started the fire.

School Teacher Learns She's Recorded as a Boy

St. Clairsville, Ohio.—Bertha Offerdinger, a school teacher, learned that she had been officially recorded as a male for the 36 years of her life. The discovery was made when she applied for a passport and was surprised to find that she had been listed as a boy when her birth record was submitted in 1899 without a first name. An order of Probate Judge Harry Albright was necessary to correct the error.

Pilgrims Take New Highway to Mecca

Jerusalem.—The opening of a new direct route between Irak and the Hijaz is causing considerable worry in Syria.

The protest is from the merchants of Damascus and outposts on the old Syrian route. On the new route, agreements have been reached with the governments of Irak and Hijaz for establishment of a sanitary post and a passport office at Idha.

To date 2,000 foreign pilgrims have journeyed over the new highway. Pilgrims from Mecca will not be allowed to carry cameras. The reason for the ban is to prevent photographing of the rites and scenes sacred to the Moslem religion.

Degrees for Presidents

Forty-nine American universities and colleges have conferred degrees on Presidents. Collegiate honoring of Presidents began with George Washington and has continued almost uninterruptedly.

Step on Your Troubles

Jud Tunkins says troubles are like colds. It's unfair to scatter 'em around among innocent bystanders.

OLD PORT OF ROME REVEALS ITS PAST

Excavators at Ostia Bare Many Tombs and Houses.

Rome.—The excavations being conducted at Ostia, the ancient port of Rome, are beginning to rival, at least in popular fancy, those at Herculaneum and Pompeii. While the two Graeco-Roman cities of the Neapolitan Campania were almost entirely dedicated to leisure and elegant life, Ostia thrived with commerical life and its people were principally manufacturers, merchants, small capitalists, clerks and sailors.

"It was a population always on the move and alert," says the Agenzia d'Italia of Rome, "and having dealings with merchants and brokers and travelers coming from every part of the ancient world. This explains Ostia's appearance, very different from Pompeii, with its large number of 'insulae,' which in ancient Rome were the type of houses used by the lower and middle classes.

Ancient Tombs Unearthed.

"The discovery made a few days ago in the excavations along the southern side of Ostia, near the new 'motor road' going to the Roman Lido, will attract especially the attention of archeologists. It consists of a mass of tombs, some of which seem to go as far back as the epoch of Augustus and appear to be very singular in their type and structure. These excavations were made on an area of about 100 meters on one side and 150 on the other.

"A road, Roman paved, shows the beginning of the newly explored area, passing along two rows of buildings recently excavated. A little further on are some stairs at the end of which is a square showing on the left side the molding of a stone monument, on a quadrangular basis, almost five meters high. It is one of the most characteristic Roman tombs of the imperial epoch, of a style reserved for wealthy families.

"In the central part of the area excavated, both on the right and on the left, are cubicles, nearly all built with curved vaults, with niches of various sizes cut into the walls.

Many Fine Pictures.

"On the walls are remarkable paintings and stuccos. One picture is three meters wide and two meters high and represents a lion devouring the head of an ox.

"Painted under the central screen is another representing a crocodile, a boat with two pigmies rowing, also two ducks, one with a pigmy riding upon its back.

"Another picture, in a niche, represents a woman sitting in front of a small table and a human figure with wings. On the right are a peacock and some other birds and on the small vault a bird looking very much like a crane.

"These pictures are astonishingly like those of the Empress Lina's 'ninfeum' at Saxa Rubra. In a cubicle, enclosed in an urn, are many animal bones, most probably sheep bones, belonging presumably to animals sacrified according to pagan rites. Every tomb is covered with inscriptions containing the names of the dead."

Globe-Circling Trip in Two Weeks Soon a Fact

Chicago.—A globe-circling journey in 15 days will soon be a reality as a projected trans-Pacific air service nears establishment, says a bulletin issued by United Air Lines.

It will be possible to leave the Pacific coast, for example, by air and be back home in 15 days, including a steamer crossing of the Atlantic, the only section of the trip not made by air. This remarkably fast time for a world tour will be speeded up even more when trans-Atlantic service is developed.

The schedule, based on the proposed Pan-American trans-Pacific air passenger trip, calls for the following itinerary: California to Manila by air, three days; Manila to Singapore by air, one day; Singapore to Amsterdam by air, five days; Amsterdam to Paris by air, two hours; Paris to La Havre by train, three hours; La Havre to New York by steamer, four and one-half days; New York to California by United Air Lines' overnight plane.

Thus Jules Verne's famed fiction plan of "Around the World in 80 Days," which was a sensation in 1872, becomes merely a leisurely sojourn around the globe.

Indian Songs Contribute to the Music of America

Omaha.—The folk songs of the American Indian represent an almost untapped reservoir for modern American music, according to Thurlow Lieurance, composer.

Lieurance, who wrote many Indian lyrics, including the popular "Waters of Minnetonka," believes that the traditional music of the Indian one day will provide an important background for developments in modern compositions.

"Indian music still has much to offer," he said. "It is of a type that can be worked over and adapted for use of almost any musical group."

Boy Reproduces Battlefield

Galion, Ohio.—A reproduction of the Argonne battlefield of the World war won for Victor Smith, Galion high school student, too young to remember the war, first prize in the local Rotary club's hobby fair.

Largest Herd of Moose

The largest herd of moose on this continent is probably the one on Isle Royal in Lake Superior. The National park service estimates that there are more than 2,000 moose in this herd. The number is constantly increasing.

Alcohol on the Brain

Up to a drop of alcohol may be found in the brain of a person who has never touched liquor, says a New York university professor.

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Ax of Prehistoric Giant

There were giants on the earth in the old days. This conclusion seems to be justified by the finding of a stone ax wielded by prehistoric man. The ax weighs 14.5 pounds. It was found in Norfolk, England, in strata that underlies glacial deposits indicating that it was produced and used by a race that antedated the Ice age. The deposit belongs to the early Pleistocene epoch and the man who used it may have lived 1,000 milleuniums ago. No skeletons of giant human beings have been found to give support to the theory that a race of giants at one time inhabited the earth but no other theory has been offered to account for the gigantic size of this flint ax.

Gold in California

The first discovery of gold in California was in 1842 near the San Fernando mission near Los Angeles. No real importance was attached to the discovery until February 9, 1848, when the daughter of James W. Marshall, the overseer of a mill owned by John A. Sutter, found a piece of nugget in a mill race on a branch of the Sacramento river near Coloma. This discovery started the gold rush to California. James W. Marshall died old, alone and almost penniless in a mountain saloon.

Symptoms of Hysteria

Hysteria, a morbid state of the nervous system, produces a variety of symptoms, including high fever, which closely resemble those of organic diseases and are difficult to diagnose, writes No. 10,375, State penitentiary, Deer Lodge, Montana, in Collier's Weekly. Some time ago a man, afflicted with recurring spells, was operated on—over a period of years—by five different surgeons who were convinced by his condition that he had appendicitis.

The Redbud

The redbud grows from 25 to 50 feet high with heart-shaped, dark green leaves. The wood has little commercial value and is particularly hard and heavy.

Beginning of Volley Ball

Volley ball was invented in 1895 by William G. Morgan, then physical director of Holyoke (Mass.) Y. M. C. A. He created the game to supply the need for a gymnasium sport that was competitive, yet not combative. A tennis net and a rubber bladder, taken from a basketball, were the crude implements originally used. The game was intended for middle-aged men who could not indulge in a strenuous sport like basketball. It is now an "all-ages" sport, the boys having speeded it up so much that the action is little short of cyclonic. Women also play the game.

Giant Plants in New Zealand

New Zealand is the home of many remarkable plants, some of which are distinguished mainly because of their size, says Pathfinder Magazine. There is a buttercup measuring 3 inches in diameter. Notwithstanding, it appears as a dwarf beside the great rafflesia—the largest single flower in the plant kingdom. Some of them measure several feet across, may weigh up to 15 pounds and have no leaves. Naturalists have reported finding great orchids in the Florida Everglades with stems 15 feet in height and bearing several hundred blossoms of proportional size.

"Devil Chasing Day"

March 17 is St. Patrick's birthday in this part of the world, but in Bali it's "Hari Njepi," or devil chasing day. On the 16th the native islanders dance their ritual dances, chant their ancient incantations, and bear offerings to the gods. Then on the 17th there is no sign of life on all the island. The devils, frightened away by the ceremonies of the day before, sneak back into the villages, but, seeing no activity—not even a curl of smoke—decide that the island is deserted and an unprofitable scene for their activities.

Mary Washington's Home

Fredericksburg (Va.) contains the home of Mary Washington, mother of George, and a large number of relics of Washington. This city was also the scene of furious fighting in the war between the states.

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