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Just in - Montgomery

The annual chicken supper of St. John's Episcopal Church, Olney, will be held at Sherwood High School, Sandy Spring, Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Young Women's Democratic Club of Silver Spring, Md., has been accepted as a member of the United Democratic Women's Clubs of Maryland, Mrs. Charles Latimer, a member of the Advisory Board and president of the Montgomery County Women's Democratic Club has announced.

On an application of Earl Johnson for a license to sell beer at Oakdale, the Montgomery County Liquor Control Board will hold a public hearing at the Liquor Dispensary Building, Silver Spring, at 1:30 p.m. on August 17, Ira C. Whitacre, secretary to the board, has announced.

Ulysses Griffith, Laytonsville; Josiah J. Hutton, Brookville; Wilson Poole, Sellman, and Harvy J. White, Poolesville, will represent Montgomery County at the Co-operative Conference of Maryland Farm Bureau leaders and and Farm Bureau co-operative insurance agents at Betterton, August 5, 6 and 7.

Mrs. James D. King of Germantown will represent the Montgomery-Howard County Pomona Grange, of which she is lecturer, at the Grange Leaders' Conference to be held at the University of Maryland August 11-14. She was selected at the quarterly meeting of the bi-county organization held at Germantown, with the Germantown Grange as host.

Addresses by State Senator Stedman Prescott and Karl Young of Mount Rainier, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association featured the quarterly meeting of the Montgomery County Firemen's Association in the Chevy Chase fire house Wednesday night. President T. Marshal Duff presided. The session was followed by a buffet supper.

A new drive against pin ball machines was planned in Montgomery County following a warning by States Attorney James H. Pugh that such devices are illegal if they pay off in coins or slugs. The prosecutor first called the attention of Chief of Police J. William Garrett to the devices July 10, but is still receiving complaints about their operation. The chief said his men were conducting an investigation, but no arrests had been made as yet. Pin machines are lawful if played for pleasure and there is no prize for the highest score.

An audit of all county funds, including a check of the State Road Commission accounts, was proposed Tuesday by Montgomery County Commissioner Paul Coughlan at a meeting of the board. The last audit was called in July, 1935. It is now time for another to comply with the announced intention for a yearly check-up of county funds. The accumulative overdraft of Montgomery County with the State Road Commission was boosted $47,000 last week, after a recent check of expenditures, putting the total figure at $227,000.

Miss Ora Crystas Sounder of Redland and Leonard Howell Stottlemyer of Baltimore County will be the principals in a public wedding at the annual carnival of the Rockville Fire Department to be staged at the old fair grounds here August 14-22. The ceremony will be performed on the dancing pavilion Monday evening, August 17, and is expected to attract several thousand persons, as have similar functions at a number of former carnivals of the fire department. There will also be a public wedding in connection with the carnival the evening of Thursday, August 20, but the names of the couple are being withheld for the present.

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.

Earlyday Pickpockets in England

During the Eighteenth century the courts and levees held in the royal palaces of England welcomed almost anyone. Consequently pickpockets were numerous and active. However, writes Andrew W. Robertson, London, Eng., in Collier's Weekly, these "mixed" receptions were stopped in 1792 after one of these light-fingered lads, during a levee at St. James' palace, made the inexcusable mistake of picking all the pockets of the prince of Wales.

Rare Plant Has Two Leaves

The rare Tumboa plant of southwest Africa grows just two leaves, but these may become 10 feet long.

KENSINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Charles I. Greisbauer and Miss Ann Greisbauer have returned from Philadelphia, where they visited Mr. Greisbauer's sister.

Mrs. Welles Meriam and Miss Martha Meriam returned Wednesday from Bass Rocks, Mass., where they have been visiting for the past month.

A meeting of Democrats was held in the Log Cabin on the Kensington Playground Tuesday night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of forming a Roosevelt Club in this precinct.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE RATES AGAIN REDUCED

The seventh rate reduction in ten years affecting interstate long distance calls was filed July 31, by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company with the Federal Communications Commission to take effect September 1, 1936. This reduction, as was the previous one in January, is made possible by the present upward trend in long listance usage and by the operating results from the Bell System's policy of continuous development and research to assure the public the maximum service at the lowest cost consistent with the financial safety of the business. During the ten years the station-to-station rate from New York to San Francisco has come down from $16.50 to $7.50 and the New York-Chicago rate from $4.65 to $2.50.

Saving to long distance users from this latest rate reduction are estimated at $6,000,000 annually. In addition, similar rate reductions to be made by many of the Associate companies of the Bell System will bring the total savings to the public to more than $7,350,000 a year.

NEW SCHOOLS DUE TO OPEN IN FALL

Completion of Montgomery County's $850,000 school building program by opening of the September term is predicted by Dr. Edwin W. Broome, superintendent.

Only six main projects remain on the county's unfinished list, and these now are under actual construction. The erection program was begun two years ago.

A $200,000 project is under way at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Senior High School, which includes a combination gymnasium and assembly hall and additional class rooms.

Construction of a gymnasium-assembly hall at the Montgomery Blair Senior High School at Silver Spring also is being pushed forward. The cost is estimated at $100,700.

Dr. Broome pointed out the "cottage" type of school, providing a large main building and additional "cottages" to house various individual departments of education, is nearing completion at Montgomery Hill. Cost of the main structure was estimated at approximately $100,000. A gymnasium and auditorium also are being constructed. Likewise, an auditorium is being built at the East Silver Spring Elementary School and additional class rooms are being added to the Rockville and Damascus High Schools.

SEVEN IN MONTGOMERY TAKE CITIZENSHIP OATH

Seven residents of Montgomery County were admitted to United States citizenship by Judge Charles W. Woodward in Circuit Court Monday.

They were Florence Watson Burdick of Silver Spring and Edward Archibald Miller of Rockville, natives of Scotland; Gretchen Boegner of Takoma Park and Anna Babette Rogge of Rockville, natives of Germany; Guiseppe Antonio Scopinich of Bethesda, native of Austria; Ria Krabbe of Glen Echo, native of Rumania, and Mary Clerkin of Chevy Chase, native of Ireland.

Following their admission Judge Woodward addressed the group briefly, stressing the importance and solemnity of their oaths to uphold the Constitution of their adopted country.

FERRY'S BUSINESS BOOMS AFTER FLOOD WASHES OUT SPANS

The Potomac River's March flood played havoc with bridges, but it proved a boon to an old ferry that crosses the stream south of Dickerson.

All the bridges that spanned the Potomac had just about put White's ferry out of use. Since the Potomac swept away all the bridges, however, the ferry is the only river crossing between Washington and Brunswick.

Coming back into use as a matter of necessity, the ferry has been operating profitably since the flood. Many of those who have to use it often return just for the fun.

The ferry consists of a narrow scow that will carry two or three automobiles in line. A motor boat lashed to the side furnishes the power for the ferry, which is attached to a cable to keep it from floating down-stream.

Local tradition has it that the ferry has been in use since the days of the Civil War. There are some who say George Washington once crossed the river at that spot.

Jack Williams is the ferryman. The ferry has been in the Williams family for 18 years. Before that, Williams said, the ferry had to be poled across the river. The going was slow. Now a crossing takes about five minutes.

So many people have had to use the ferry since the flood that a new motor has been installed in the motor boat.

The flood damaged the ferry also. The cable snapped and had to be restrung. The ferry house was washed 10 feet downstream.

OLD COVERED SPAN TO BE PRESERVED IN SALISBURY PARK

A 75-year-old covered bridge, one of the last remaining in Maryland, soon may span a stream in the municipal park at Salisbury and be preserved as a relic of the "horse and buggy" days.

The bridge now stands over Northeast Creek near Bay View, Cecil County. The recently let contract for improving the Bay View road called for replacing the covered bridge with a concrete span.

R. Fulton Waller and Lee Webster Self, members of the municipal park commission, then called the attention of Mayor Alfred T. Truitt to the value of the bridge as a historic relic.

Mayor Truitt communicated with the State Roads Commission and that body agreed to the acquisition of the bridge by the city at a minimum cost, including dismantling the structure, transporting it here and setting it up in the park.

The bridge has side walls and a high-pitched roof. It is of the type of toll bridge that existed on the principal highways in the days of stage coaches. It is about 100 feet long and 12 feet wide.

The walls are covered with names, initials and dates carved by persons who loitered in the shelter of the bridge.

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 millenniums 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.

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.

May Be Few of Them

"De smartest man," said Uncle Eben, "is de one who remembers dat maybe he kin be fooled some time or other, same as other folks."

The Basset Hound

The Basset hound has never been overly popular in America and perhaps never will be so long as the little beagle and the domestic hound continue to serve their masters of the hunt. In appearance and form the Basset occupies a place of first importance in the lives of those who must hunt. In appearance in form the Basset resembles a cross between the daschund and bloodhound. Somewhat larger than the beagle it is more underslung with a face and head resembling the bloodhound. It comes in two types; long and short-haired, the former being the most popular field dog abroad. Its greatest popularity as a sporting animal is confined to France, England, Russia and Germany. Its color is that that fits any "hound."

Largest Anteaters

The ant bear is the largest of the anteaters. He grows to a height of about 2 feet and a length of 4. His tail is long and shaggy, and when he sleeps the ant bear spreads it over his body like an umbrella against sun and rain. He lives on the ground, but does not burrow, and his kind is comparatively scarce because he produces only one young ant bear at a time. Other creatures, unrelated to the anteaters of South America, have somewhat similar habits. The aardvark of Africa and the spiny anteater of Australia eat ants, but they are not true anteaters. Members of the pangolin family are also addicted to an appetite for ants, but they are unrelated to the anteaters.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Use of Word "Minnow"

Although the name "minnow" is popularly applied to almost any small fish, more technically it applies to members of the family Cyprinidae, which includes the dace, carp, etc. In the United States the name usually belongs to various small cyprinodonts, mainly of the large genus "Notropis" living in the lesser streams and frequently called shiners. The largest and best known of these is the golden shiner, which has a very small head, but is sometimes a foot in length.

Missouri Led Pioneers

Forty years before California cried "Gold!" the glowing reports of Lewis and Clark led settlers into the great Northwest. Pioneers in pirogues, bullboats and cottonwood log canoes traveled up the Missouri river at the rate of about nine miles a day. Until the coming of the trans-continental railroad, "Big Muddy," as the Missouri is called, and its branches were the principal highways into the West. Even wagon trains followed its course.

Cod Liver Oil Long Used

Cod liver oil has been used for rickets for over a century, though its specific value was not recognized until recent years.

Flowers Feminine, Trees Masculine

All flowers and grasses are considered by the Japanese to be feminine, while trees are masculine. Buds represent the female, and perfect flowers are used to denote the male. It's a man's world, after all, for overblown and withered blossoms revert to the feminine gender. The front of a leaf is masculine, but a leaf turning its back is not; and a large leaf gallantly enfolding a smaller one is considered to convey the idea of a man.

The Wood Thrush

The Wood Thrush, like the other thrushes, feeds on the ground among the forest litter. Thus, with his cinnamon-brown back, wings and tail, he is not easily seen. On his white underparts are the telltale black spots and lines which mark the thrushes. His trim feet and legs are a delicate creamy gray in color. The upper part of his beak is black, the lower part yellow.

Science Before War

During the war, Australian soldiers trench-digging near Beersheba on the road to Egypt turned up ancient pavements with Christian signs and inscriptions. For a week the Australians, continually under airplane bombing by the enemy, dug away, carefully raised it and dispatched it safely to Cairo.

Circuit Riders

The term circuit riders, applied to itinerant Methodist preachers, was mentioned by Wesley as early as 1766.

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.

Air Pressure Winds Clock

The medieval town of Orebo in central Sweden has a great clock phenomena, which has been going on keeping correct time since November, 1916, without being rewound. The clock is actuated by changes in air pressure. The movement consists of seven metal boxes which are affected by changes in atmospheric pressure. The movement which they receive from such variation of pressure is employed to draw up a weight which actuates the clock's hands.

Chinese Have Kitchen Gods

Most Chinese homes still have their kitchen god, in a picture, who watches over the household for twelve months and then, upon being burned up on New Year's day, goes to heaven to give his annual report on the behavior of the family. If they believe his report is going to be unfavorable, R. E. Gray, Shanghai, China, writes in Collier's Weekly, his picture is soaked in wine before the burning so he will become drunk and he refused admittance at the Golden Gate.

Some Believe This:

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Earliest Sponge Rubber

Probably the earliest mention of sponge rubber is in British patent No. 13103, issued to William Edward Newton, Middlesex, England, in 1850. The sponge rubber was made by mixing raw sugar, resins, or other materials, with the rubber prior to vulcanization, and was used for shoe soles and for other purposes in connection with footwear.

Palestine's Boom City

Tel Aviv is Palestine's boom city, and it owes its origin to a small group of Jewish residents who moved out from the Arabian city of Jaffa in 1909 and began a garden suburb in the sand dunes to the north. Since the World war Tel Aviv has had a spectacular growth. It is an all-Jewish community, the most modern of the eastern Mediterranean region.

"The Island of Good Luck"

Bonaventure Island, which means "the island of good luck," was so named by the French-Canadian fishermen of Perce because of the good luck they had around it in the early days when salmon was plentiful. Today the island is noted for its cod fisheries—as well for being the scene of the largest sea fowl sanctuary on the north Atlantic coast.

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