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KENSINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Graff have returned from Denver, Colorado, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graff, Jr.

The Woman's Club will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wilson L. Townsend, president of the club.

Mrs. Walter Scott Pratt, Jr., returned Sunday from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she has been for the last year.

The Civic League of the Central Suburban Area of Montgomery County held its Annual meeting for the election of officers and a Board of Directors on Wednesday, September 30, in the Armory building.

KENSINGTON WILL ASK LARGER POST OFFICE

A movement to secure better post office facilities for Kensington was launched by the Town Council at its monthly meeting.

Terming the present office space inadequate, Councilmen voted to ask postal authorities to investigate the possibility of securing, before the Christmas rush, additional room in the same building in which the post office is now housed.

A resolution was adopted revoking the Kensington right of way to the Sandy Spring Railway Co. The company operated a street car line to Chevy Chase Lake, but the line was abandoned when bus service was inaugurated a year ago. The tracks have never been removed, despite persistent efforts of both Council and Chamber of Commerce.

Because of a number of recent complaints an ordinance was passed making it unlawful "on or after January 1, 1937, to keep or harbor sheep or goats within the corporate limits of the town."

A complete report of the recent health survey was given by Dr. Katherine A. Chapman, town health officer.

SANITARY SURVEY OF KENSINGTON

A sanitary survey covering the town of Kensington and the immediate surrounding territory was conducted by the Health Officer who was assisted by the Mayor and town councilmen. The survey began August 1st and was completed by September 27th, 1936, during which time a total of 458 buildings were visited.

The sanitary arrangements of all 48 business places, including schools and churches, were inspected by the Health Officer. Of the 458 buildings, 9 were vacant and 9 new ones are in the process of building. Seventy per cent of the homes are owned by their occupants.

The total population was 1,710 with 1,012 within the town limits. Of the total, 554, or 32.2 per cent are under 18 years of age.

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission supplies water to all but 10 homes in the town limits, and to 55 per cent of those outside the limits. The Commission also takes care of sewage disposal in 90 per cent of the houses within town limits, and in 30 per cent of those outside. Other sanitary arrangements include 7 cesspools, 78 septic tanks, 8 sanitary privies and 36 non-sanitary privies. There are 4 open drains in town limits and 1 outside.

Garbage is disposed of by collection, burial or incineration in about equal proportions, with comparatively few cases of disposal to livestock. There are 3 places outside limits where the family puts the garbage out in the field to rot.

The animals kept within town limits include 124 dogs, 78 cats, chickens at 47 places, 2 cows, 5 rabbits, 2 ducks, 5 hogs, and 4 goats. Outside limits there are in addition to the above named animals, horses, pigeons, guinea pigs and squirrels. The total number of dogs in the area surveyed is 257.

110 homes registered complaints, the most prominent one being the request for a town collection of garbage.

KENSINGTON REZONING HEARING OCTOBER 30

A hearing on the rezoning of a two-acre tract at the southwest corner of Howard and Lincoln Avenues, recently changed from residential classification to commercial, has been set for October 30, at 7:30 p. m., in the county building at Silver Spring.

A petition for a new hearing was filed by the Town Council, following a meeting several weeks ago, when a large delegation of citizens appeared before the group protesting the present zoning.

Opponents charged at the meeting that adjacent property will depreciate if stores are built and that the present commercial development is more than sufficient.

Both the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Town Council opposed recent zoning of the property to commercial. The land, owned by William P. Dillon of Washington, is adjacent the B. & O. overpass now under construction.

OCTOBER MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A safety program sponsored by the American Automobile Association will feature the meeting of the Kensington Chamber of Commerce October 28.

The principal address is to be made by Russell E. Sanger, executive vice president of the A. A. A., while brief talks are to be delivered by Dr. Edwin W. Broome, superintendent of Montgomery County schools, and Police Chief J. William Garrett.

Students of the Kensington Elementary School will present a play entitled "The Trail of Carelessness" and a machine to test the driving ability of persons will be displayed by the A. A. A.

MARYLAND SPLIT ON REVALUATION

A bitter sectional fight over real and personal property reassessment is expected to develop when Maryland's two County Commissioner Associations meet at Cambridge on October 19 to discuss proprosed legislation for consideration by the State Assembly in 1937.

A firm stand against revaluation has been taken by the Eastern Shore group, while the Western Shore body has voted to wage an active campaign for a State-wide reassessment of all properties next year.

The question is one of five major problems to be taken up at the conference of the two organizations.

A representative of the University of Maryland, now making a study of Montgomery County in conjunction with the State-wide tax study being carried out by that institution, has estimated a reassessment locally will add $20,000,000 to Montgomery's assessible basis.

He has informed members of the Board of County Commissioners informally assessments in the upper, or rural section of Montgomery show little need of change, but those in the suburban area have widespread differentiation and should be corrected.

BIDS ASKED ON ROAD PROJECTS

Bids for improvement of three thoroughfares in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties have been called for by the Maryland Roads Commission and will be opened at the Baltimore offices of that department on October 6.

Two miles of the Damascus-Ridgeville road will be macadam resurfaced between Claggettsville, in Montgomery County, and the Howard County line.

Approximately one-half mile along Branch Avenue extended is to be graded and filled preparatory to resurfacing.

The third proposal calls for furnishing and delivering bituminous surface course to State road forces that will resurface one mile along the Defense and Crain highways, where the two join at Priest Bridge over the Patuxent River.

Labor for the three projects will be supplied through the national reemployment officers in the various counties in which the work is to be carried out.

COUNTY JAIL RATES CLASS 'A'

Eight county jails in Maryland received class A rating in a report on jail conditions, made to the State Board of Public Welfare.

The jails given first ranking are in Baltimore, Allegany, Montgomery, Washington, Dorchester, Prince Georges, Garrett and Wicomico Counties.

Five others, including the Worcester County lock-up, where Inspector Howard C. Hill reported he found a number of "empty whisky and gin bottles" in a cell, received "D" ratings, indicating unsatisfactory conditions.

NEW CHURCH PLANNED

A campaign to raise funds to build a new church next Summer will be launched immediately by the Board of Trustees and Official Board of the Woodside Methodist Episcopal Church, it has been announced by Dr. Ralph D. Smith, pastor.

The church, which is expected to cost between $40,000 and $50,000, will be erected on the grounds of the present church on Georgia Avenue.

Just in - Montgomery

Judge Donald A. De Lashmutt, of Rockville, will again head the roll call of the Montgomery County Chapter, American Red Cross, opening October 15 and lasting through October 25.

Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, District national committeewoman, and State Senator Stedman Prescott of Maryland spoke at the luncheon of the Democratic League Saturday in the Burlington Hotel. John Mullen was in charge of community singing and Arthur Clarendon Smith presided.

The Montgomery County Commissioners acting as the county Board of Health, have decided that the records of the county Health Department relative to the grades of all milk and milk products sold in the county should be open to the public, as such records are in the District of Columbia Health Department.

Approximately 1,300 new voters were added to the Montgomery County election list Tuesday when the first of two pre-election registration days was held. About 60 per cent of the new voters registered as Democrats, and 40 per cent Republicans. The Republicans made the best showing in county registration since 1928.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. McKeever of Silver Spring, Md., will entertain at tea Sunday afternoon, October 4, at their home in honor of State Senator Harry W. Le Gore of Le Gore, Md. Senator Le Gore is Republican candidate for Representative from the sixth congressional district. About 1,000 invitations to the affair have been issued.

A resolution urging the Board of Education to "take such steps as are necessary to assure an adequate play space for the East Silver Spring Elementary School" has been adopted by its Parent-Teacher Association. Adoption of the measure followed a discussion on recent rezoning of adejacent property and proposed building near the school, which many of the members felt would interfere with future expansion of the institution.

With an opening enrollment of 752 pupils at the Takoma-Silver Spring Junior High School, built to accommodate 500 pupils virtually every available space in the building has been converted into class rooms. Prof. W. B. Marks, principal of the school, said that in order to accommodate the added enrollment, certain rooms are being remodeled to take care of two classes each period instead of one.

Proposals of the Maryland State Tax Commission to eliminate personal property tax assessments on automobiles valued at less than $100 was disapproved by the Montgomery County Commissioners at their weekly meeting in Rockville. Members of the board expressed the opinion that such a practice would encourage the driving of obsolete automobiles and would open the way to dodging payment of taxes on more valuable cars.

Plans for the sixth annual flower show of the Rockville Community Garden Club, to be held in the Rockville Fire Engine Building, October 9, were furthered at a meeting of the club Saturday. The schedule, prepared by a committee headed by Mrs. George F. Hane, was adopted after beng explained by Mrs. Benjamn T. Elmore. It includes nine classes—dahlias, roses, annuals, perennials, artistic arrangements, unusual flowers, artistic arrangements, unusual flowers, artistic arrangements by neighborhood clubs, a junior section and fruits and vegetables.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HORSE SHOW

Plans have been completed for the fourth annual Montgomery County Charity Horse Show to be held Saturday in the ring at the Meadowbrook Saddle Club, on the East-West Highway.

The show is the first event of its kind scheduled for the Autumn in nearby Maryland and Virginia.

The show will open with a morning program limited to the three children's classes and continue through the afternoon and evening.

Two novel classes have been introduced by the Show Committee. A "horse and buggy class," with prizes and trophies awarded the most original, will be held and in the evening events of hacks and hunters, will be a class for "donkeys and mules," with "length of ears and loudness of brays" of the entries to be especially considered by the judges.

Mr. Harry Semmes of Chevy Chase is president and chairman of the Show Committee. Other officers are: Mrs. Alice C. Berry, Rockville, vice president; Mr. Fred Lutz, Silver Spring, treasurer, and Mrs. Charles Y. Latimer, Takoma Park, secretary.

All Sorts of Muskets in Use During Revolution

In the American Revolutionary war the battling patriots of the new world carried all sorts of muskets, and a few were armed with the long rifle, later known as the Kentucky rifle. At Bunker Hill the British troops carried smoothbore muskets, and the farmers and militiamen who faced them likewise were armed with smoothbores, with the likelihood that a few of the last named carried the rifle that had been introduced into this country by German immigrants.

The smoothbore musket of the revolution, and the weapon with which a majority of Washington's troops were armed, was the French Charleville musket, says a writer in the Chicago Tribune. It had a maximum range of about 880 yards, or a half mile, and an accurate range of about 100 yards. If a soldier could hit a man or a horse at 100 yards with his musket he was considered a good shot, the order of the officers to the men then invariably being to "wait until you see the whites of the enemies' eyes." The long rifle, on the other hand, a weapon in existence at that time, had a maximum range, with a full charge of powder, of about 1,320 yards, or three-quarters of a mile, and was accurate up to 150 to 200 yards, depending entirely upon who was doing the shooting. Some of the most skillful of the marksmen of that time could shoot the old long rifle accurately at a distance of even more than 200 yards.

Close Weaving Is an Art Common With Araucanians

Araucanian textiles are beautiful examples of the craft. They are closely woven and have a deep, rich nap. They are prized also for their characteristic designs, the blending of colors and the quality of their dyes. It is well to know quality, however, for aniline dyes have in recent years gained some favor with the natives and replaced to some extent the vegetable coloring used for centuries.

Close weaving is an art which nature forced upon the Araucanians, states a writer in the Washington Star. Persistent rains at certain seasons of the year have led them to fashion cloth and robes as waterproof as possible. A variety of colors and striking patterns, make the garments gay and lovely.

Ponchos usually are woven with stripes or rectilinear designs. Sometimes a Greek cross forms the center of the pattern, and others have small squares with zig-zag sides. The background is usually blue or black and in bringing out the pattern, the Indians use a method which has been followed for generations. Upon the wool that is to remain white, the craftsman ties strips of leather or resistant vegetable fiber. After the dyeing is completed, the coating is removed.

Mistletoe First State Flower

The mistletoe was the first state flower to be chosen, Oklahoma making the choice in 1893. Since that time many states have chosen flowers and have changed from one flower to another. Selections have been made by vote of the school children, by vote of the state legislatures and some stand by general adoption. A national flower still remains to be chosen, the dogwood, rose, mountain laurel, daisy, columbine and golden rod having been suggested. The wild rose was chosen for the United States by vote of the readers of Nature Magazine, but no flower has been officially selected. The rose is very popular in state-naming lists, the District of Columbia selecting the American Beauty rose, Iowa and North Dakota, the wild rose, New York, the rose, and Georgia, the Cherokee rose.—Detroit News.

The Brown Thrasher

Graceful and alert, his reddish brown back, head, tail and wings make him blend into his surroundings so well that the sly Brown Thrasher is often overlooked. There are some black markings across the upper part of the wings. This black is bordered with white, so that two white bars seem to extend across each wing. The side of his head is light yellow-gray. The eye is pale yellow. The throat, breast and other underparts are pale gray, tinted with light brown. The undermarkings are black. His feet are brownish gray, and the beak is dull blackish brown. The Brown Thrasher ranks with the mockingbird as a songster.—Indianapolis News.

Violin Has Not Changed

While every other musical instrument of the modern orchestra, with the organ and piano, have undergone such changes in construction as almost to make them different instruments, the violin has not changed for the better in the last 300 years. Amati, Stradivarius, Guarnerius, and the others, found the perfect model, and although many attempts have been made to improve on it, they have resulted in failure. The Cremona type became the class model for the violin and it is accepted as such, universally.

May Be Cause of 'Quakes

Scientists believe that earthquakes are very rarely due to volcanic explosions below ground. We live on the solid crust of the earth, which is some forty miles thick and continually subject to slow earth movements. These put the earth's crust into a state of strain, which increases until it becomes too great at one point for the strength of the rock to resist. Then there is a sudden slip or rupture, which appears on the surface as an earthquake.

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.

EXPECT PLANE FOR $700 ON SALE SOON

Experiments Give Promise, Director Vidal Says.

Detroit.—Eugene Vidal, federal director of air commerce, reviewed the progress made here to date in the nine most promising projects concerned with the development of a light and inexpensive airplane sufficiently safe for any automobile driver to fly.

Despite the apparent inability of the aircraft industry to believe in the possibility of turning out a $700 airplane as indicated by the machines on exhibit at this 1935 all-American aircraft show, Vidal asserted there is every hope that such a machine will be on the market within a short time. He said several builders whose experimental designs were ordered built by the bureau have turned out machines which seemingly meet all these demands.

"At least three of our projects are very promising indeed," he said. "The ships can be flown absolutely safely by novice pilots. They do not spin, they land themselves hands off or with the stick all the way back from 200 feet. They are, what we think, safe airplanes."

Ships Are Safe.

"Don't mistake me to say that these ships are unsafe," and he waved out the window where several transport air liners were drawn up before the Detroit City Terminal building, dozens of smaller planes were "hopping passengers" and Vidal's own cabin monoplane he had flown down from Washington with Frederick R. Neely, chief of the information section of the bureau.

"Properly flown they are safe, but the planes we are building can be flown with only a couple hours' instruction almost by anyone at all."

The plane nearest completion is the tailless Waterman high wing monoplane. The enclosed cabin seats two and has a 95 horse power motor turning a pusher propeller at the rear. The rudders are at the wing tips with ailerons and elevators in the trailing edge of the wing.

"We are ready to give this machine an approved type certificate (the ultimate stamp of Department of Commerce approval) and it is to be flown east this week by a novice pilot. It passed all its tests with flying colors, having a top speed slightly over 110 miles an hour, and can be landed with wheel brakes locked. We tried for two weeks to spin it, but couldn't."

Another machine is the Welck high wing monoplane with pusher motor. Its tail is at the rear, on the end of an outrigger boom. Fred Welck of the Langley field, Va., N. A. C. A. laboratories was the original designer, but it now is being completed by Fairchild. It has "flown beautifully," Vidal said.

Speed Over 110 Miles.

The "roadable autogiro" is entirely different sort of machine, Neely stated. When finally delivered to the bureau in October it is expected to be a sensation. Direct lift, meaning that no forward run will be necessary for it to get into the air perpendicular descent, cruising speed over 110 miles an hour on a 90 horse power motor, and gearing to allow it to be driven at 20 miles an hour over highways, the pilot's "garage" and a clear field, are the unusual characteristics.

There are three attempts under way to convert inexpensive production type automobile engines for airplane use. One is a Hudson Terraplane engine with a belt and pulley reduction gear, another is a Ford V8 engine, and the third is a Plymouth motor.

Dean Hamond, youthful designer of the Hammond Y safety plane which in its original version has failed to meet the speed requirements of the Department of Commerce contract under which it was built, appeared at the show and he said he is building a new machine which will incorporate all the safety features of the first one, but with top speeds considerably above the 110 minimum demand.

Take Movies of Interior of Body to Help Science

Paris.—Motion pictures of the interior of the human anatomy are being shown here as the result of a device developed by the noted radiologist, Dr. George Djian.

It consists of an extremely strong series of lenses transmitting light onto an extremely sensitive film.

No claims are made for it by the thirty-five-year-old inventor beyond the fact that it does take motion pictures of the interior of the human body. Enthusiasts feel that it has opened an unlimited field of study. Heretofore examination of the human interior has been limited to radioscopic and radiographique examinations. The first permits casting a shadow of the interior on a fluorescent screen. The second—familiarly known as X-raying—permits a photograph. Both have their faults.

Ukranian Youth Builds Smallest Working Motor

Kiev, Ukraine.—A miniature electric motor, said to be the smallest working model in the world, has been made here by Victor Nikitashenko, sixteen years old. It weighs just under one-sixteenth of an ounce.

The Institute of Physics of the All-Ukrainian Academy of Sciences has examined Victor's motor and passed it as being a genuine working model. It is brought into action by a two-volt battery. The armature is only five millimeters in diameter, although upon it rests 405 twists of thin wire.

First Railroad in Ohio

The first railroad in Ohio, which ran from Adrian, Mich., to Toledo, was fostered by our northern neighbor, the Wolverine state. At the outset there was little confidence in the success of the enterprise. It was described in the Michigan legislature, which granted the charter, as merely "a fanciful scheme that could do no harm and would greatly please certain citizens of Toledo."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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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.

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