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ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEK BY THE NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION

"The Federal Land Bank of Baltimore is this week observing the twentieth anniversary of the signing of its charter on March 24, 1917, and is gratified that it has been able to render farmers a valuable service," says Talmadge L. Watkins, Secretary-treasurer of the Montgomery County National Farm Loan Association.

"The local N. F. L. A. was organized April 24, 1919, with Charles R. Rowdybush as the first secretary-treasurer, and now has 204 members. A total of \$1,600,700, representing 300 loans, have been made to farmer members through this local cooperative county association. In the 20 years, the Land Bank has made 3,082 land bank and 2,163 commissioner loans to farmers in Maryland, amounting to \$16,631,750, to assist farmers in purchasing land or to refinance their operations.

The first loan in this state was to a Charles County farmer in July, 1917. The first Marylander to repay her loan in full was a member of the Prince George N. F. L. A.

"Transactions with the land bank have increased in the state," says Mr. Watkins. "In 1917, 36 loans were made to Maryland farmers amounting to \$114,700, while in 1936 there were 424 loans for \$1,205,700."

"For the entire second district including Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia, the bank made 62,125 loans in the twenty years, amounting to \$155,220,286. The volume increased from 648 loans for \$1,676,000 in 1917, to 2,436 loans for \$5,895,100 in 1936."

"The Federal Land Bank is a unit of the Farm Credit Administration, a cooperative agency established to stabilize agricultural credit by placing farmers, through their own local cooperative associations, in contact with the money lending market of the nation."

Negro Health Week To Be Observed April 4-11

Preparations are under way in colored communities throughout Maryland for special clinics, clean-up campaigns, and other health activities in connection with the 23rd annual observance of National Negro Health Week, April 4-11.

Arrangements in this county are under the direction of the county health officer, assisted by public health nurses, the county superintendent and teachers, church organizations and other local groups. A program for each day of the week is to be devoted to some special phase of individual or community health, beginning Sunday, April 4, with services in the churches, health sermons and addresses. Certificates of merit will be awarded by the National Negro Health Week committee, to communities showing special improvement as a result of participation in Negro Health Week activities.

Trout Season Opened In Maryland Yesterday

Opening of the trout season in Maryland Thursday found streams well stocked with fish, the normal supply having been augmented by approximately 60,000 trout planted by the State Conservation Commission last fall and this spring.

The planting was done, it was said, in strict accordance with a survey made several years ago by Frederick Tresselt. His report dealt with the food value of the various streams, their plant life, temperatures and other features bearing on conservation of fresh-water fish life.

Conservation officials explained that resident licenses cost \$5.50 and nonresident licenses \$1.25. Non-residents are warned, however, that they may fish in Maryland streams only on days when it is permissible in their own states.

County Has Fine Health Record

Montgomery County made a distinguished service record in fighting typhoid and diphtheria during the year 1936, according to a report of the State Department of Health. The county was one of the eleven that had no death from the latter disease. Decreases in cases and deaths from typhoid in 1936 brought the record for that disease down to the lowest level ever recorded in the state.

"As to diphtheria: There were 435 cases of diphtheria and 27 deaths from that disease reported in the State, in 1936, in comparison with 1,356 cases and 95 deaths in 1926."

The report further said: "These decreases are encouraging but we have a long way to go before we can let up in our fight against these strongly entrenched enemies. Both diseases are so treacherous that the least weakening of our defenses could bring disaster. The past year's record is a challenge to harder work and more of it."

MANY FRIENDS ATTEND BODMER HOUSE WARMING

At Poolesville recently Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bodmer were given a complete surprise house warming by neighbors and friends throughout the county. The event was the thought of Mrs. Charles Willard. Refreshments donated by Mrs. Willard and Wm. M. Burrows, were bountifully served.

Among those participating were: Mr. Paul Waters, Mr. Pete King, Mr. Mutt Price, Mr. Ira K. Hoyer, Mr. Eddie Clements, Mr. Warner Allnut, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cubitt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cubitt, Miss Doris Bodmer, Mr. and Mrs. William Burrows, Mr. and Mrs. Durward Wiseman, Mr. William Scharf, Mrs. Edna Benson Howes, Mr. James Burdette, Mr. Floyd F. Moxley, Mr. Marion Dayhoff, Mr. Claggett Jones, Mrs. James Lambert, Mrs. Howard Frye, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willard, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Gassaway Linthicum, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Volten, Mr. and Mrs. William Rhodes, Judge Stang and wife, Mrs. Robert Dutrow, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Payne, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fisher, Miss Mary Elizabeth Farmer and Mr. Stump Benson.

Rev. E. P. Hayes To Give Address At Damascus

The Montgomery County Epworth League has the pleasure of announcing an address by Rev. E. Pearce Hayes, a missionary to China, to be delivered in Damascus M. E. Church at 8 P. M., on Sunday, April 4.

The young people of the various churches in this community are sponsoring the address. They extend a cordial greeting to everyone to attend.

Rev. Hayes, of Baltimore, has spent sixteen years in China as a missionary. He is in this country on furlow and will return to the Fochow District of China in August.

Kensington Junior High School Work Is Delayed

The protracted delay in the construction of the new junior high school at Kensington has occasioned the town council to take action to investigate the matter.

A letter from Dr. E. W. Broome, superintendent of county schools, in answer to the council's request last month for information regarding the present status of the school project was termed unsatisfactory.

The council voted to seek further information regarding "the present disposition of money realized from an authorized bond sale for the project; why plans are not available for inspection, and why the property selected has not been finally purchased."

SOCIAL SECURITY ACT NOW BENEFITS ABOUT 390,000 MARYLANDERS

With all ten of the Social Security Act's programs in operation in this State, Maryland now has approximately 390,000 men, women and children receiving direct benefits, according to a report issued this week at the Baltimore field office of the Social Security Board.

Of the beneficiaries, 362,000 are wage-earners who have applied for accounts under the old-age benefits program and are accumulating credits which will come to them in the form of monthly pensions on retirement at 65.

Another 28,800 are receiving cash payments under the various public assistance programs. This figure includes 13,200 old-age pensioners, 580 blind persons and 14,900 dependent children in 5,250 families.

There also are 304,000 wage-earners receiving coverage under the State unemployment compensation law, although no benefits can be paid until 1938. Virtually all this group also are included in the number with old-age benefit accounts.

Other social security programs in which Maryland is participating are the maternal and child-health service, the service for crippled children and the child welfare service.

All these are administered by the Board of State Aid and Charities, with the aid and supervision of the Children's Bureau. The Federal-State vocational rehabilitation program and the Federal-State public health program also are included.

Judge Sentences 2 To Road Work

Road gang work on the county roads as provided for by the Board of County Commissioners, at a recent session became operative, this week when Judge Charles W. Woodward in the Circuit Court passed sentence upon two found guilty of minor offenses.

William Warren, colored, for guilt on a charge of larceny was fined fifty dollars or serve the time out on the county roads at seventy-five cents per day.

Charles Pinkney, also colored, who was adjudged guilty of possession of gambling paraphernalia, was fined one hundred fifty dollars or one hundred thirty days in jail.

Both sentences stipulated that upon a refusal to perform the required manual labor the sentence would carry two days extra service for each day the offender failed to toil on the roads.

Bethesda Young Man Is An Honor Student

Among 720 students at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, of Cambridge, Mass., Mr. John Henry Klaber, of Bethesda, won a place of honor for high scholastic standing during last school term. For the past six years this school thus recognized students whose scholarship is of distinctly high grade.

Before entering the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Mr. Klaber was a student at Western High School, Washington, D. C., and Deerfield-Shields High School, Highland Park, Ill.

Linden Youth Is Killed When Car Overturns

Mr. Parr Hooper McQueen, a youth of nineteen years of Linden, was instantly killed when the automobile in which he was riding with three fellow students of the University of the South, overturned at Rural Retreat, near Wytheville, Va., last Thursday. He was a son of Mr. J. Russell and Mrs. Margaret Hooper McQueen of Linden.

Funeral rites were held at Grace Episcopal Church of Woodside on Saturday afternoon and interment was private.

Bethesda C. of C. To Elect Officers

Monday evening next the annual meeting and election of officers of the Bethesda Chapter of Commerce will be held. Following nominations for the offices have been made:

For president, Harry L. Colladay, G. Wady Imirie and Leslie B. Bell; for first vice-president, G. Wady Imirie, for second vice-president, Burrell H. March, Jr., for secretary, Ralph Sadler and John A. Overholt; for treasurer, S. Walter Bogley; for six places on the Board of Directors, A. S. Magee (who is ineligible to succeed himself as president), Harry L. Colladay, A. W. Eldridge, Thomas W. Fyle, Leslie B. Bell, John L. Imirie, Dr. Washington Waters, J. Harry Welch, John Imirie Sr., Burrell H. March, Jr., John S. Fulks, Edward Morris and G. Wady Imirie.

The chamber is organizing for another "Boost Bethesda" week and Mr. A. S. Magee, president, has named a committee to arrange the program and plans for the big event. The chamber is growing rapidly with an enrollment of 186, the greatest in its history.

WARNER E. PUMPHREY DONATES AMBULANCE TO AMERICAN LEGION

Warner E. Pumphrey, Rockville professional man, this week presented to the Montgomery County Council of the American Legion an ambulance for use in transporting for the orthopedic clinic sponsored annually by the council.

It is understood that the ambulance will be used exclusively for the orthopedic clinic work, transporting crippled children from all sections of the county to the Montgomery General Hospital at Sandy Spring. Mr. Pumphrey is a former president of the council and has been active in charitable and civic work for some years.

The annual horse show of the council for benefit of the clinic will be held May 2 at the Meadowbrook grounds on East-West Highway. P. Larmour Oyster, of North Chevy Chase, is general chairman.

A check for \$387.21, proceeds of the President's Birthday Ball, was turned over to the council for the orthopedic work.

A resolution presented by Thomas Metcalf, of Cissel-Saxon Post, Silver Spring, protesting use of the American flag on the graves of animals was referred to the executive committee.

Christian Science Services

"Unreality" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, April 4.

The Golden Text will be from Job 35:13—"Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it."

Among the citations comprising the Lesson-Sermon will be the following from the Bible—I John 3:10—"In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, and neither is he that loveth not his brother."

The Lesson-Sermon also will include the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, page 454—"Human hate hath no legitimate mandate and no kingdom. Love is enthroned."

Large Increase Is Likely In The Potato Acreage

The acreage of early Irish potatoes in Maryland for 1937 will likely be increased about 12 per cent over that of 1936, according to reports sent by growers to the Maryland Crop Reporting Service.

CEMETERY MANDAMUS SUIT, STANDING SINCE 1931, IS DISMISSED

On Saturday last Judge Woodward in the Circuit Court dismissed the mandamus suit, standing since 1931, of the New Mount Olivet Cemetery Association against the Montgomery County Commissioners. The suit sought to compel the issuance of a permit for the establishment and maintenance of a modern cemetery of approximately one hundred acres on what was formerly the Rabbit farm, near Aspen.

The proceedings were instituted shortly after the Board of County Commissioners, which at that time consisted of seven members, had unanimously refused to grant the desired permit. Previously they had adopted an ordinance providing that before such a permit be issued a public hearing be held to determine whether or not there was danger of the proposed cemetery contaminating the water, consumed by human beings, of wells, springs, streams or reservoirs on adjacent property.

In the case of the new Mount Olivet Cemetery Association, a hearing was held and although there was conflicting testimony the commissioners decided against the association and the present Fusion Board of Commissioners of five members had since declined to reopen the case.

Judge Woodward dismissed the mandamus petition on the ground that the right to grant or refuse the permit was in the discretion of the commissioners.

Tuberculosis Assn. To Meet April 7th

The annual meeting of the Montgomery Branch of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association will be held on Wednesday, April 7, at the Hungerford Tavern in Rockville. A luncheon at 12:30 will precede the meeting.

Dr. Victor F. Cullen, Superintendent of the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Wm. B. Matthews of Baltimore will be present and will give a report from the State Tuberculosis Association. Mrs. Frank Zundel of Takoma Park, President of the County Association, will preside and will give her report as Chairman of the 1936 seal sale. Dr. Elliott, County Health Officer, will report on the situation in regard to tuberculosis in Montgomery County and will make a proposal for the future program. The meeting is open to all members of the County Association, that is to all persons who purchase Christmas seals.

Christian Church To Give Chicken and Ham Supper

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian Church of Rockville will give a chicken and ham supper in the church on Thursday evening, April 15. Mrs. Thomas M. Garrett is chairman of the committee of arrangements.

Rev. R. H. Brown Enters Hospital For Operation

As we go to press information reaches the Independent that Rev. Raymond Hunter Brown, the popular pastor of Damascus and Salem Methodist Episcopal Churches and President of the Montgomery County Ministerial Association, entered Sibley Hospital of Washington, where he will undergo an operation for appendicitis. It is reported that the clergyman has not enjoyed his usual good health recently, his tonsils also being affected.

The wide circle of parishioners and friends wish for him a successful operation and speedy restoration to health, enabling him to resume his Christian activities.

Saved From Death By Furnace Fumes

Two Bethesda, boys narrowly escaped death a few days ago when gas fumes from a furnace trapped them as they were building boats in the home of H. Franklin Lehr, 409 Sonoma road.

The boys, Billie Lehr, 6, and Mark Haller, jr., 8, were found unconscious on the basement floor by Mr. and Mrs. Lehr, who thought they were playing in the back yard.

Mark is the son of Dr. Mark Haller, of the Department of Agriculture, and Billie's father is a teacher in the Leland Junior High School, Chevy Chase, Md. Lehr had left the basement only a short time before the near-tragedy occurred, having given the furnace a cleaning and started a fire.

When Mrs. Lehr heard moans coming from the cellar and detected gas fumes, she called her husband, who turned on the ventilator installed for that purpose. Dr. Benjamin C. Terry said the boys were not in a serious condition.

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD MAKES NEW REGULATION

According to a new regulation adopted Monday at its meeting the County Liquor Control Board will require that all persons planning to open beer gardens in conjunction with their regular beer places must have the approval of the board. A petition asking the board's approval must be filed with that body at least ten days before the opening, even though the licensee has formerly operated an outside place.

Public hearings have been announced to be held on the afternoon of April 5 at the Dispensary Building, Silver Spring, on applications of Esther Lena Broadhurst and John Lee Crouch for licenses to sell beer at Midway Cabin Camp, Middlebrook, and Station A, Bon Air Heights, respectively.

Hearings have been set for April 12 on application for the transfer of a license from Bannockburn Club to Capital Golf Club, application for a Class D beer license from Sweet William's, for a place of business at Scotland, and application of Harry B. Anderson for a license for a place on the Frederick-Gaithersburg pike.

Silver Spring Red Cross Formulates Its Budget

The Silver Spring Branch of the Montgomery County Chapter of the American Red Cross, at its annual meeting this week elected the following officers: Mrs. Vernon H. Brewster, president; Mrs. David N. Pettit, of South Woodside Park, vice president; Mrs. J. R. Wiggins, of North Hills of Silgo Park, recording secretary; Mrs. Shirley Workman, of Blair, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Charles Randall, of Woodside, treasurer.

Announcement was made of the completion of the formulation of the annual budget and its approval. The budget totals \$796.52 and includes appropriations for milk and hot lunches for needy school children, an audiometer operator production supplies, Christmas bags, emergency relief and its share toward an assistant to the county chapter's nurse and executive secretary.

L. C. Frizzell Buried In County Tuesday

Louis C. Frizzell, well known in the Germantown-Gaithersburg vicinities where he formerly resided before locating in Washington, died Sunday. He is survived by three children, Miss Katie Frizzell, Mrs. Laura Chamberlain and Mrs. Russell K. Walker all of Washington. His body was brought to Neelville Cemetery on Wednesday morning where interment was made in the family lot.

COMMISSIONERS' PLAN SPECIAL DEPUTIES WILL DIRECT SCHOOL TRAFFIC BEGINNING NEXT MONDAY

The Board of County Commissioners announced at Tuesday's meeting that the inauguration of the new system of having traffic at county schools directed by special deputies will take place on next Monday morning. It is anticipated by the board to effect a saving of \$17,500 annually as a result.

Frank H. Karn, president of the board, said following a conference with Sheriff G. Edington Bell, that 12 deputies will be sworn in this week and additional deputies added if they are found necessary. The deputies will work during rush hours for five days a week and will be paid \$150 per day each. Their employment will relieve county police from this task which Mr. Karn said would provide better police service for the county.

Employment of county prisoners on road projects as approved by the board recently must wait until a sufficient number of prisoners are properly committed, the board was told by Commissioner Charles E. King.

Mr. King said he had been advised at a conference with Judge Charles W. Woodward, of the county circuit court; Judge Harold C. Smith, of the county police court, and Sheriff Bell, that prisoners merely committed to jail cannot be worked on the roads. It is necessary, he said, that the judge in passing sentence commit the prisoners to jail and specify they are subject to the road work. Only two prisoners, both sentenced following the conference, are now eligible for this work. Mr. King added that the program is ready to start as soon as eight or ten prisoners are available.

The board was in receipt of an application from George Elmer Wims, colored, now a prisoner in the Maryland Penitentiary, seeking the \$1,000 reward offered by the county board in 1932 for information leading to the apprehension of the murderer of Horace D. Waters, Germantown storekeeper. Wims said that information given by him to Chief of Police J. William Garrett resulted in the conviction of Donald Parker, also colored, of this crime last fall. The matter was referred to Albert M. Bouic, counsel to the board.

Dr. V. L. Elliott, county health officer, presented a report on the work of the county health department during February and March. He laid special emphasis on the favorable diphtheria conditions in the county, with no deaths from diphtheria in more than a year and only two deaths in five years.

What's Going On In Local Divorce Mill

Monday in the Circuit Court Mrs. Ruth Virginia Watkins, 20, of Derwood, was awarded a final decree of absolute divorce from William Dorsey Watkins, of Cedar Grove. Mrs. Watkins charged desertion and misconduct. She was awarded the custody of her daughter, Shirley Ann, 2 years old.

A final decree of absolute divorce from Nettie S. Watkins has been awarded to Calvin S. Watkins, of Claggettville.

According to the testimony the couple were married at Frederick, July 27, 1929, and have no children. Mr. Watkins charged desertion. He was represented by Attorney Albert M. Bouic.

Arthur E. Shoemaker, a resident of the county, fled suit for absolute divorce from Olive May Shoemaker, of Washington. According to the petition, the couple were married February 10, 1915, at Washington and have one child, Millard Shoemaker. The plaintiff charges he was deserted on March 10, 1929.