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CENTREVILLE HIGH WINS TOP HONORS

SCORES 100 IN ATHLETIC MEET

LOCAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL FINISHES SECOND WITH 64 POINTS. SUDLERSVILLE GETS THIRD AT 52—ALDRIDGE AND BROWN STAR IN EVENTS.

Though Sudlersville made a strong bid for high honors, the Centreville High School easily won the third annual athletic meet, held Wednesday on the high school campus here. Out of a total of 272 points, Centreville High got 100, while Centreville Grammar was second with 64 and Sudlersville third with 52.

The meet was marked by fine contests in most of the field and track events and was the most interesting ever held here. A large throng viewed the contests and the spectators were thrilled twice when William Aldridge, of Centreville High, won two heats of the 100-yard dash by diving ahead of his opponent running beside him and breaking the tape ere he slid headlong upon the ground.

All In Uniform.

The team of Sudlersville High School, however, attracted much attention, not only because the boys showed they had trained faithfully, but also because each wore an attractive uniform of white jerseys with red running pants striped with white. All the contests were cleanly fought out, and, though there were many disappointments, there was plenty of glory for all.

Feature of the day included the running broad jump of 20 feet, 1¼ inches, made by R. Brown, of Centreville High. This is said to give him a chance to break the State record at the meet to be held in Baltimore June 8. Brown also won the 440-yard run in the speedy time of 55 2-5 seconds, which is believed to give him a chance to capture this event at Baltimore. The results of the meet follow:

Junior 90 Lb Class.

50-yards dash won by Russell Morgan, Stevensville High; J. Eaton, Queen Anne, second; M. M. Price, Jr., Queenstown, third; L. Seymour, Centreville Grammar, fourth. Time, 7 1-5 s.

Standing Broad Jump—Won by Frank Jump, Centreville Grammar; E. Merchant, Church Hill, second; G. Everett, Church Hill, third; G. Thawley, Centreville Grammar, fourth. Distance, 6 ft. 10 ½ inches.

Base Ball Throw—Won by H. Walls, Centreville Grammar; D. Taylor, Centreville Grammar, second; E. Walls, Centreville Grammar, third; C. Griffin, Church Hill, fourth. Distance 197 ft. 8 in.

440 Yard Relay — Won by Centreville Grammar: E. Abrams, M. Dill, G. Thawley, D. Taylor; Church Hill, second; Centreville Grammar School, Third. Time 1m. 6 1-5 s.

Junior 95 Lb. Class.

60 Yard Dash—Won by C. Massey, Church Hill; T. Knotts, Sudlersville, second; G. Benton, Stevensville, third; N. Welch, Coppage School, fourth. Time, 8 s.

Standing, Hop, Step and Jump—Won by R. H. Orrell, Centreville Grammar; C. Massey, Church Hill, second; C. Thomas, Centreville Grammar, third; W. Appleford, Church Hill, fourth. Distance, 21 ft. 5 in.

Base Ball Throw—Won by A. Holmes, Centreville Grammar; A. Jarvis, Centreville Grammar, second; F. Jarvis, Centreville Grammar, third; H. Sparks, Church Hill, fourth. Distance, 205 ft. 2 in.

440 Yard Relay—Won by Centreville Grammar, D. Ferrick, A. Holmes, F. Mason, R. H. Orrell; Church Hill, second. Time, 1 min. 3-5 seconds.

Dodge Ball—Won by Centreville Grammar School—D. Ferrick, A. Holmes, F. Jarvis, A. Jarvis, F. Mason, W. Meggs, R. H. Orrell, G. Thawley, H. Walls.

Junior 115 Lb. Class.

70 Yard Dash—Won by C. Bright, Centreville Grammar; R. Price, Sudlersville High, second; J. R. Carter, Centreville High, third; G. Carter, Dodd's, fourth. Time 8 4-5 sec.

Running Broad Jump—Won by C. Bright, Centreville High; J. R. Graham, Centreville High, second; R. Price, Sudlersville, third; R. Jarrell, Centreville High, fourth. Distance, 16 ft. 2 in.

Base Ball Throw — Won by W. Holmes, Centreville High; R. C. Jones, Sudlersville, second; A. Boyce, Centreville High, third; C. McGinnes, Church Hill, fourth. Distance, 220 ft. 8 in.

440 Yard Relay—Won by Centreville High; A. Boyce, J. R. Graham, W. Holmes, R. Jarrell; Centreville Grammar School second. Time, 1 min. 59 sec.

Junior Unlimited Class.

50 Yard Dash—Won by A. J. Elliott, Centreville High; [illegible], Stevensville, second; J. [illegible], Sudlersville, third; E. Walbert, Church Hill, fourth. Time, 9 2-5 s.

220-Yard Dash—Won by E. A. Jones, Sudlersville; A. Ringgold, Centreville High, second. Time [illegible] s.

Running High Jump—Won by E. A. Jones, Sudlersville; A. Ringgold, Centreville High, second. Height 4 ft.

Eight-Pound Shot Put—Won by A. J. Elliott, Centreville High; E. Walbert, Church Hill, second; K. Knotts, Sudlersville, third; [illegible] Perry, Centreville Grammar, fourth. Distance, 29 ft. 10¼ in.

880-Yard Relay—Won by Sudlersville: H. Butts, E. [illegible]man, R. Jones, K. Knotts. Time 1m. [illegible] 1-5 s.

Senior Unlimited Class

100-Yard Dash—Won by W. K. Aldridge, Centreville High; S. Messick, Tri-County, second; W. Everett, Centreville High, third; C. Henry, Stevensville, fourth. Time 11 1-5 s.

440-Yard Run—Won by H. Brown, Centreville High; [illegible] Everett, Sudlersville, second. Time 55 2-5 s.

880-Yard Run—Won by A. Jones, Sudlersville; V. Troy, Centreville High, second; J. M. Price, Jr., Centreville High, third; A. Bartlett, Centreville High, fourth. Time 2 15s.

Running Broad Jump—Won by R. Brown, Centreville High; R. Eaton, Centreville High, second; A. Jones, Sudlersville, third; A. Bartlett, Centreville High, fourth. Distance, 20 ft. 1¼ inch.

Running High Jump—Won by R. Brown, Centreville High; R. Eaton, Centreville High, second; A. Jones, Sudlersville, third; A. Bartlett, Centreville High, fourth. Distance, 20 ft.

Running High Jump—W. Everett, Centreville High, and H. M. Simpson, Centreville High, tie for first; J. Smith, Centreville High, third; K. Starkey, Sudlersville, fourth. Height, 4 ft. 10 in.

Twelve-Pound Shot Put—W. D. Bartlett, Centreville High; [illegible] A. Covington, Centreville High; [illegible] for first; W. [illegible] R. Cole, Church Hill, fourth. Distance, 30 ft. 7¾ in.

One Mile Relay—Won by Centreville High: B. Connolly, R. W. Eaton, P. Embert, J. R. Smith. Time, 4 m. 15s.

Dodge Ball for Girls—Won by Church Hill: Ida Ramberger, Mary Cole, Anna Horner, Anna Minch, Elsie Moreland, Louise Rolph, Margaret Smith, Hallie Thompson, Margaret Valliant, Mildred Valliant.

Church Hill Academy finished fourth with 35 points and Stevensville High School was fifth with 11. The remaining points were divided between Tri-County, Queen Anne, Dodd's, and Coppage. The list of entrants was as follows:

Those Who Entered.

Tri-County High—Hugh Brown and Samuel Messick.

Queen Anne School—Joseph Eaton, Charles Covey, Thomas Mitchell, Lee Seymour, Clinton Blockston, Wilbur Fleming, Neavitt Rice, Edwin Eaton, Wilbur Clark.

Dodd's School—Emory Carter, Godwin Carter.

Coppage School—Norman Welch.

Stevensville High School—Russell Norman, Gordon Benton, Spencer Dashiell, Walter Denney, Blount Frampton, Amos Cray, Harry Grollman, Baker Cockey, Claude Lowery, Cullen Henry, Fill Kemp.

Sudlersville High School—James Roe, Temple Knotts, Raymond Price, Ralph Jones, Price Johnson, Edward Jones, George Blades, Kenneth Knotts, Edward Hickman, Herbert Butts, Edgar Starkey, Aldred Jones, Franklin Everett.

Church Hill Academy—C. Massey, G. Everett, E. Merchant, B. Appleford, C. Griffin, M. Sharpe, W. Kimble, G. Minch, W. Appleford, H. Sparks, E. Revelle, C. McGinnes, F. Everett, F. Clough, F. Temple, E. Walbert, R. Cole, W. Griffin.

Centreville High School—Myron Price, Ralph Carter, Charles Bright, Charles Jump, Ralph Graham, Ralph Jarrell, Alfred Boyce, William Holmes, A. J. Elliott, C. A. Ringgold, W. Aldridge, W. Everett, R. Brown, Leland Morris, Virgil Troy, A. Bartlett, Medford Price, Weaver Eaton, Paul Embert, H. Simpson, B. Connolly, J. Smith, W. Bartlett, A. Covington.

Centreville Grammar School—[illegible] Thawley, Frank Jump, Medford Dill, Earl [illegible]brams, William Moore, Hewitt Walls, David Taylor, Edwin Walls, J. B. Downes, Abe Epstein, J. D. Gadd, Otin Jarrell, Paul Fowler, Otin Price, Robert Orrell, Clayton Thomas, Arthur Jarvis, Alan Holmes, Ferguson Jarvis, Daniel Ferrick, France Mason, Calvin Mason, Mont Price, Pattison Perry, Harvey White, Otho Forman, Edmund Tolson.

Winners of Badges

Bronze Badges were won by the following boys: W. T. Appleford, G. B. Hinkins, O. Hopkins, [illegible] F. Clough, T. W. [illegible]

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ARMAGEDDON MAY END GIGANTIC WAR

BIBLICAL STUDENTS PROPHESY

RISING OF NATIONS IN ARMS, WITH NEARLY WHOLE WORLD INVOLVED, IS THOUGHT TO MEAN CHRIST'S WORDS WILL BE FULFILLED.

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places."—St. Matthew, 23-7.

Students of biblical prophecy are beginning to wonder if the world wide struggle that shall precipitate Armageddon is not proceeding to its climax. As nation after nation plunges into the bloody whirlpool of the war growing out of the Austrian assassinations, it begins to look more and more like the end of all war is approaching.

Theories innumberable have been advanced and statements dealing with Biblical phophecies have been made in various parts of the country, one of the latest being that Germany and its allies would triumph over the European nations and that a Teutonic led host would invade the United States, overrunning the country until it met defeat and extermination in a great battle to be fought in the Mississippi valley.

Wrong On Date.

In connection with this, it is interesting ot recall that a Protestant minister, addressing the Congress of the United States, about 1856, predicted then that Armageddon would be fought in the Mississippi valley, giving his Biblical reasons for the forecast. However, he placed the probable date of this battle about 1882 and it never took place then, of course.

Though both grew out of the same scriptural passages, it is impossible to reconcile the theories of the pre- and post-millenialists, the former holding that Armageddon will be fought before Satan is bound for a thousand years and the latter declaring that the mammoth battle will take place after his release from this bondage.

Whichever may be the case, an enumeration of the countries now involved in the great war shows that nearly the entire population of the world is engaged in strife or trembling on the precipice of the bloddy vortex. The nations now at war on both sides are:

Nations At War.

Germany, Austria-Hungary, Serbia, Montenegro, San Marino, Turkey, Bulgaria, Rumania, Italy, France, the British Empire (including Canada, India, Egypt, Australia, New Zealand, Bengal and African possessions), Belgium, Portugal, Russia (including Siberia, Trans-Caucasia, Finland and Turkestan,) Japan (including Korea), the United States, Guatemala, Cuba and Brazil, a total of 19 great and little powers.

The governments trembling on the verge and likely to be involved before many days pass are:

Argentina, Panama, China, Persia, Spain and Greece, a total of six.

The neutral nations are:

Mexico, Colombia, Honduras, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, Chili, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland, Baluchistan, Afghanistan, Siam, Thibet, Andorra, Zanzibar and Abyssinia 21 in number but few in population.

Every continent now is aflame with martial ardor and the call to battle is ringing in countries in all sections of the world. Thus, it would seem, the Biblical students who are predicting the quick approach of Armageddon have some substantial basis for their assertions.

THROWN BY RUNAWAY

Threading its way between vehicles of all kinds, a horse owned by William J. Kemp, of Starr, half circled the court house green Tuesday without striking an obstacle. Mr. Kemp, however, was thrown heavily to the ground when the animal started and the left side of his face was lacerated and his eye blackened by the fall.

Hitched to a fish wagon, the horse was standing at the corner of Commerce street and Lawyer's Row. For some unknown reason, it became frightened and dashed off up the Row. Running as straight as an arrow, the horse passed between an automobile and a paper bread wagon that had lost a wheel. The animal then turned northward along Liberty street and had started down Broadway when it was caught by Register of Wills W. T. Bishop.

Not a fish was spilled from the vehicle and the only damage was a broken wheel, which occurred when the horse slide to his stop.

320 FROM COUNTY TO GO

QUEEN ANNES WILL FURNISH QUOTA UNDER NEW SELECTIVE DRAFT.

Based on its population of about 16,000, Queen Annes county will furnish 300 men to the federal army to be raised under the selective draft system, which was adopted by Congress by a vote of 379 to 24 in the House and 81 to 8 in the Senate. Maryland's eight congressmen voted solidly for the measure recommended by the Army staff and urged by President Wilson.

The army draft bill was passed last Saturday amid scenes of immense enthusiasm in both houses of Congress. As was to have been expected, Miss Rankin, of Montana, disregarding the advices of her constituents, voted her sentiment and not the judgment of her electors and cast her ballot as one of the "blindfolded" 24.

After conference this week, following the re-passage of the bill by the Senate, the measure goes to President Wilson for signature and then becomes a law. The sheriffs of the counties will have charge of the drafting, which will be done after the fair and impartial jury system. The names of all men between the ages designated will be placed on the wheel.

The first 500,000 of the new conscriptive army is expected to be in camp by August 1. This will take 80 men from Queen Annes county, of whom one-tenth are expected to be negroes. Each 500,000 that is called to the colors will take 80 men more and if the army strength is to be 2,000,000, this county will be required to furnish about 320 men, or one to every 50 of its population.

WILL BE TRIED HERE

SOME CAROLINE COUNTY LITIGATION HAS BEEN REMOVED TO CENTREVILLE.

For trial in the coming session of the May term of the Queen Annes circuit court, three cases were removed from the Caroline county circuit court and will be decided in Centreville, it is expected, during the session beginning next Monday.

One is the case of George L. Jopp against the Caroline county commissioners in which he is suing for $1,500 damages alleged to have been done his traction engine when it fell through a bridge a few miles east of Denton. T. Alan Goldsborough represents the plaintiff and J. Owens Knotts will appear for the commissioners.

Another is the case of Edward S. Evans against the Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic Railway, an action for damages for injuries alleged to have been received on the railroad at Pittsville. The plaintiff claims $21,000 damages.

A third case is that of John Rathell against Greenbury Williamson, in which the plaintiff asks $10,000 damages for alleged criminal prosecution, imprisonment, etc. Rickards & Deen represent Rathell and Lewis, Knotts and Owens will appear for Williamson.

ROLL OF HONOR IS GROWING LONGER

MORE NAMES GO ON THE LIST

"JACK" WATSON JOINS BATTERY A, M. N. G.—JOHN MITCHELL ENLISTS IN CONNECTICUT CAVALRY—VEST NOW WITH AMBULANCE CORPS ON HE FRONT.

Slowly, but surely, Queen Annes county's roll of honor is growing. More names were added during the last week and, ere the drafting begins, it is believed the county will have many of its sons under arms.

John G. Watson, better known as "Jack during his athletic days at the Centreville High School, has enlisted with Battery A, Maryland National Guard. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Watson and has been a student at Princeton University.

George Vest, a senior at Princeton, who has made his home near Centreville with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Middleton, is now serving with the American Ambulance Corps on the French front. He is a grandson of the late Senator Vest, of New Hampshire.

Enlists in Cavalry.

John McKenney Mitchell, son of the late Rev. and Mrs. James A. Mitchell, has enlisted in Troop B, Connecticut Cavalry, stationed at Hartford, Conn., where young Mitchell is a student at Trinity College. R. Wright Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Thomas, is a corporal in this troop.

FEW EXEMPTION CLAIMS

Only Four Citizens File Papers With Court Clerk.

There was a big drop this week in the number of claims for exemption from military service filed in the office of W. F. Watson, clerk of the Court. Religious belief figured in two of these. The four claims were as follows:

James F. Stack, United States mail clerk at Crumpton.

William E. Kersey, broken leg and dependent family.

Arthur E. Summers, physical disability, religious belief and support of father.

M. W. Secrist, who opposes war as a member of the Church of the Brethren.

SHOT IN SUNDAY FIGHT.

A 16-year-old negro boy named Ruley is in Chestertown jail on a charge of shooting a negro man named Green. The shooting occurred during a fight that grew out of an argument Sunday morning and it was said, Green rushed at Ruley, whereupon he pulled a revolver of large caliber and pointing it at the man, pulled the trigger three times before the weapon went off, the bullet lodging in Green's hip. Ruley was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Perkins, but Green was unable to be removed from Millington.

These Prices On Avery Tractors Now In Effect

The wonderful success of Avery Tractors has brought the Avery Company a flood of orders. Last year they were unable to keep up with the demand.

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12-25 H. P.	" " "	1060	40-80 H. P.	" " "	2700

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