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THE TANG OF AUTUMN IS IN THE AIR

reminding us that new apparel are the needs of the moment. And right ready is this store to provide them for you. All over this establishment are the lovely new things which Fashion has decreed shall be worn this season.

Suits For Autumn

We are ready with some very smart models in Black, Navy Blue, Dark Brown, Green and Plum. A great variety in cloths and styles from which to make a selection.

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CENTREVILLE MARYLAND

REGISTRATION OF GERMANS ORDERED

COUNTY POSTMASTERS IN CHARGE

POSTMASTER W. J. WOODFORD, OF CENTREVILLE, WILL HEAD WORK OF GETTING DETAILS ABOUT FOREIGN BORN RESIDENTS IN COUNTY.

Queen Annes county postmasters, under the supervision of Postmaster William J. Woodford, of Centreville, will soon commence to prepare for the registration of all of Uncle Sam's alien enemies. The week of February 4th has been set aside by the Department of Justice for registration of the half-million un-naturalized Germans in the continental United States by police and postmasters, in pursuance of President Wilson's alien enemy proclamation directing this action as a means of minimizing the danger from enemy sympathizers in the United States.

A perusal of the 1910 census shows that there are 48 foreign born Germans in Queen Annes county. Of course, seven years have elapsed since this census was taken, and this number may have been greatly increased. Other foreign born residents, not affected by the registration ruling in Queen Annes county include:

Canadians	4
English	24
Hollanders	4
Hungarians	2
Irish	19
Italians	2
Russians	18
Swedes	2
Welch	1

What Registration Involves.

Registration will involve the gathering of detailed information concerning the business, relatives and habits of every German, together with his photograph and finger prints. In the various cities of the country the police departments are provided with special equipment for taking finger print measurements by the Bertillon system. In rural communities, like Queen Anne[illegible] [illegible] come even this obstacle. Postmasters have been instructed to borrow a small quantity of printer's ink from some newspaper office, together with a printing roller, and spread the ink upon a piece of glass. Impressions then can be made on the glass.

After registering, each alien must carry a certificate card and may not change his place of residence without approval of the postmaster.

The orders do not apply to German women, nor to any persons under 14 years of age, because these are not classed as alien enemies by law. Subjects of Austria-Hungary, while technically alien enemies, are not required to register.

In announcing the regulations this week, the Department of Justice took steps to avoid creating the impression that the government looks on each German with suspicion.

Not Treated As Enemies.

"Registrants are not to be treated as persons of evil disposition," said instructions to registrars, "and the registration officers are urged to deal with them in a friendly and courteous manner."

Police, federal marshals and agents, and postal authorities are expected to co-operate in the roundup during registration week, and to investigate and check up each fact reported by the registrants. Certificate cards will be issued only after a complete verification is made. The information obtained will be of distinct value to officials in running down enemy plots and propaganda, and in discovering what Germans bear close watching. The task will be great in cities where the German population is large, and newspapers and citizens will be asked to assist.

In cities of 5,000 or more population recorded by the 1910 census, a list of which is issued by the Department of Justice, the chief of police and his assistants will administer the registration. In smaller communities and rural districts, registration will be conducted by the postmasters, and the postmaster of the largest office in the local judicial district, in most states the equivalent of a county, will be the chief registration officer to gather the reports from the others and forward them to the United States Marshal and the Department of Justice. In most cities the work will be done by precincts.

Affidavits in Triplicate.

Every German is required to go to the registrar and make out triplicate affidavit information blanks and to furnish four photographs of himself—one for each affidavit and one for his registration card. The photograph

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MAY TAX BIG TRUCKS

ADDITIONAL CHARGE MAY BE REQUIRED IF NEW LAWS ARE PASSED.

Because of the great damage wrought within the past two years to the state roads by the big motor-trucks, legislation will be asked to either prohibit these from using the macadam and dirt roads or to compel them to pay a license that will in a measure compensate the state for the damage caused.

Two years ago a bill was considered which aimed to prevent threshing machines from going over these roads because they cut deep furrows in the yielding material with which they were covered, but the farmers feared that the manufacturers would refuse to ship any more if the law was passed and so they killed it. It is possible that this measure may come up again, but there has been no agitation in this direction.

There is, however, strong opposition developing to the big trucks, which pay very little more than the smaller ones and some action is expected to be taken which will minimize the damage. It is now realized that the state made a great mistake in failing to build all of the roads of concrete. While the first cost would have been much greater, the maintenance expense would have been very much less. Indeed, it has been calculated that the saving in repairs would have exceeded the interest charge on the total amount expended.

However, now that the roads have been built, it is proposed to protect them as much as possible and to compel those responsible for the destruction wrought to pay for the damage they caused.

State Senator Campbell strongly favors an increase in the license fees now paid by the big trucks.

There will be other important legislation sought by the Automobile Commissioner. He will ask a larger appropriation so he may be enabled to enlarge his force and prevent violations of the laws.

MRS. PRUE [illegible] THOMAS.

After a brief [illegible] from heart failure, Mrs. Prue [illegible] Thomas, wife of [illegible] early morning.

All her life Mrs. Thomas had been an ardent church worker, and for years was a prominent official of the W. C. T. U.

She was a daughter of the late William and Henrietta Ford, and about 18 years ago was married to Mr. Thomas. Besides her husband, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Maggie Coursey, of Chester, and five brothers, W. Lloyd Ford, of Winchester, Harry Frank and Samuel Ford, of Philadelphia, and Charles Ford, of New York.

The deceased was 60 years old.

Funeral services were held at her late home Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. H. S. Hanks, of Stevensville M. E. Church, officiating. Interment was in Chesterfield Cemetery, Centreville.

ADMITTED DRAFT SLACKER IN JAIL

YOUNG BALTIMOREAN IN TOILS

JOSEPH BEY, SON OF GERMANS, CONFESSES THAT HE TRIED TO EVADE DRAFT LAW—IS NOW BEING HELD PENDING ACTION BY FEDERAL AUTHORITIES.

Admitting that he is a draft slacker and that long ago he reached the conclusion that if draft officials wanted him they would have to find him, Joseph Bey, of Baltimore, is in Centreville Jail, awaiting the action of Federal authorities. In statements made to local officials he is also said to have incriminated his father, Michael Bey, a tailor, of Baltimore, who, he says, is an ardent German sympathizer. The latter case has also been reported.

Though only 25 years old the young Baltimorean has no hesitancy in confessing that he has been in jail so many times that he has lost count. When arrested Monday he evinced no dislike to a return behind the bars of justice which have grown so familiar to him during the last ten years.

When seen by an Observer reporter Wednesday he told of coming to Queen Annes county last November and accepting a position on the farm of Richard T. Earle, near Centreville. Previous to that time he worked in a dairy in Baltimore. Monday he was arrested on the charge of assaulting William A. Bradley, and while questioning him the local authorities discovered that he was endeavoring to escape the draft.

Further questions showed that Bey was born in New York, but that his father and mother came from Germany. He says that his father has no patience with the present war, and has repeatedly remarked that if he had his way he would return and help the Fatherland. Bey says, however, that these remarks were made previous to the United States' entrance into the war.

Bey does not attempt to express ignorance of the draft law. He admits that he knew it was wrong to try to evade the law, but trusted in his ability to [illegible] from the officers.

[illegible] on the part of government officials.

CAHALL—COURSEY.

A pretty wedding was solemnized Wednesday of last week at Hillsboro Methodist Episcopal Parsonage, when Miss Ida A. Coursey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Coursey, of near Ruthsburg, became the bride of Mr. Otto Merritt Cahall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Cahall, of near Bridgetown. Rev. E. W. McDowell, pastor of Ebenezer M. E. Church, Ruthsburg, performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a dress of brown crepe meteor, with hat to match.

A few friends of the young couple witnessed the ceremony.

They will reside near Ruthsburg, where the groom is engaged in farming.

MAY ENROLL AS RESERVE

ENSIGN SWEPSON EARLE ISSUES NOTICE TO QUEEN ANNES COUNTY DRAFTEES.

Ensign Swepson Earle, Maryland Enrolling Officer for the Naval Reserves, issues the following notice which should be of interest to Queen Annes county draftees:

"For the information of the men in the Selective Draft in your county, who have not been called for examination, the following information will be of interest and the Government will thank you to bring same to their attention through the columns of your paper.

"Men in the Selective Draft, who have not been called by their local board to report for examination, and who are not needed to fill the current quota of their Local Board, may enroll in the Naval Reserve Force if they call at the office of their Local Board and secure a letter from them as follows:

"This is to certify that our registrant, William Doe, Serial No. 515, Order No. 60, is so low in our order that he is not within the current quota of this Local Board, and may enlist voluntarily in the Navy or Marine Corps, in accordance with Section 151, of the Rules and Regulations.

"After securing this letter, you may come to 512 Munsey Building, Baltimore, or to 125 E. Baltimore street, and take the physical examination, and if qualified you will be enrolled in the Naval Reserve Force.

"Watermen who cannot arrange to come to Baltimore may come aboard the U. S. S. Gov. McLane when this vessel is in their vicinity. A surgeon is stationed on board to make the physical examination."

PIPPIN-REED.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season took place Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock at Ebenezer M. E. Church, Ruthsburg, when Miss Hessie Augusta Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Reed, of near Hope, became the bride of Mr. Palmer Crossley Pippin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Pippin, of Starr.

The church was beautifully decorated with evergreen and roses and the ceremony was performed beneath an arch of evergreen [illegible] suspended a wedding bell of white ribbon. Rev. E. W. McDowell, pastor of the church performed the ceremony.

The bride was attired in a gown of white satin, trimmed with lace and crystal beads and wore a full veil fastened with white rose buds. She carried bride's roses.

Miss Mary Margarite Reed, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor and wore pink satin, trimmed with turquoise beads and wore a white lace hat. She carried pink roses.

The ushers were Messrs. Walter Pippin, brother of the groom, Edward Covington, John Hollingsworth and Elmer Neighbors.

Private J. Olin Pippin, of Fort Howard, acted as his brother's best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

The young couple will reside near Starr, where the groom is engaged in farming.

READY TO BEGIN NEW ASSESSMENT

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FINISHED

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMPLETE PLANS FOR NEW VALUATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY. BOARD WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO MOVE.

Final arrangements for making the new personal property assessment, ordered by the State Tax Commission, were completed last Tuesday by the Board of County Commissioners for Queen Annes county. Next Monday morning the specially appointed assessment clerks will commence work on the huge task of preparing a record for each and every personal property owner in Queen Annes county. It is estimated that in the neighborhood of 6,000 individuals will go on the personal property basis book.

No Board of Commissioners in Maryland tried harder to escape the new assessment than the Queen Annes Board. Following directly on the heels of a general re-assessment of real estate which considerably increased the taxable basis of the county, they were opposed to a re-assessment of personalty. The last Legislature, however, gave the State Tax Commission authority to order an assessment and compel the enforcement of the order. There was nothing left, consequently, for the conuty board to do but arrange for the reassessment.

The Tax Commission has issued rules for the guidance of the assessors. Here are some of the extracts that tell of what is to come:

If the County Commissioners consider that the valuations returned by the property owners are too low, they must notify the owners of the valuations suggested to the board and give the owner an opportunity to be heard before making an assessment. Notices in [illegible] cases are to be mailed to the property owners and must give five clear days notice to the owners of the property to be assessed.

If there is no response, make a valuation of his personal property estimated upon the best information obtainable and sufficiently adequate to embrace all of his personal property, and in this event send a notice as directed and enter the assessment as therein directed or have a personal investigation made by the Supervisor of Assessments or a Special Assessor, and make a valuation upon the report of the Supervisor or Special Assessor. Send notice as directed, or summon the owner of personal property to appear before you on a certain day, administer the oath to him and interrogate him in regard to his ownership of personal property. From this testimony and all other available information make a valuation. No notice is required if the County Commissioners determine upon an assessment while the owner is present.

Farming implements of farmers are exempt from taxation to the extent of $300 and that amount must be deducted from the assessed value thereof.

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COMPTROLLER MCMULLEN GLADDENS HEARTS OF COUNTY TEACHERS BY HIS ENDORSEMENT

Believes That Teaching Staff of State Is Underpaid And That Remedial Legislation Should Be Immediately Effected.

Queen Annes county public schools teachers feel very grateful to Comptroller Hugh A. McMullen, who is interesting himself in their efforts to obtain better pay for the arduous work of teaching. For the last year the Maryland State Teachers Association has been working to have the people of the state realize the justice of their claims for more reasonable compensation, and they have found a worthy champion in the person of the State Comptroller. Reviewing the requests of the state teachers, Comptroller McMullen says:

"The public schools of Maryland are rightly considered one of the very fundamental necessities of government. The future good government of any political unit depends entirely upon the training of the children who are to become its citizens.

"The child who has a good moral training and who has received an education to fit it for the highest duties of life, is a great acquisition to society.

"The public schools of Maryland are doing a great work and the quality of that work should be constantly improved as the years go by. In order to do this it is essential that the teachers in the schools should be men and women of the highest character, of strong mentality, equipped with knowledge and trained for their profession.

"If we are to have this desirable condition it is necessary that those who devote themselves to the profession of teaching should receive a just and fair salary for the service they render. At present the salaries paid school teachers are very low when compared with those paid in other lines of work demanding the same intelligence and training.

"For this reason many teachers are leaving the schools of Maryland to take up commercial work or to accept appointments as teachers in other States where the salaries paid are larger than in Maryland.

"As I see the question, the greatest necessity is to maintain the highest standard of education in the State of Maryland and if to do this a greater expenditure of money is required, I am in favor of it, because, first, it is a necessity, and secondly, it is no more than simple justice to those who devote their lives to teaching the children that they be properly recompensed for their services.

"I am informed that seventy-five teachers have resigned in one of the larger counties, sixty in another, fifty in another and in the smaller counties a number corresponding with the population of each.

"Unless better salaries are paid the schools will not only lose the experienced and efficient teachers they now have, but ambitious young people will not be attracted to the profession."

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