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CENTREVILLE MARYLAND

COMMUNITY DANCE A GREAT SUCCESS

NEARLY 4,000 PERSONS HERE

MONSTER "HOP" IN FRONT OF COURT HOUSE PLAZA ATTRACTS DANCERS FROM ALL PARTS OF EASTERN SHORE. TO BE REPEATED NEXT TUESDAY.

Between three and four thousand persons from all sections of Queen Annes and other Eastern Shore counties enjoyed the dancing on the smooth, brightly illuminated thoroughfare, or watched the worshipers at the shrine of Terpsichore from the side-lines, at Centreville's first Community Dance, held for the benefit of the Good Will Fire Company, and after all the expenses were paid about $80 was cleared.

The event was the most delightful manifestation of genuine community spirit ever shown, perhaps, in this or any other Eastern Shore town. Perfect order prevailed during the evening; everything possible had been arranged to insure the comfort and convenience of Centreville's guests; Spence's band, from Easton, furnished delightful music; the permanent road between the Centreville National Bank corner and the Arlington Hotel corner was like a waxed ball-room floor, and during the entire evening nothing but the best of good humor and a spirit of supreme pleasure prevailed.

For ten days previous to the dance numerous committees had been working indefatigably for Centreville's first Community manifestation.

Tuesday at noon the space in front of the Court House plaza was roped off and the thoroughfare thoroughly cleaned; later the surface was covered with two hundred pounds of meal. This made the road bed perfectly smooth, and dancers were enabled to glide over it with the same degree of pleasure experienced on a polished floor.

[illegible] myriads of electric lights [illegible] the occasion a festival air. [illegible] along the [illegible] crowd was packed eight and ten persons deep.

They Came From Everywhere.

As early as 7 o'clock the crowds commenced to arrive. In teams and automobiles they arrived from every direction, and by eight o'clock vehicles were turning every corner in a steady stream. Automobile parties from Crisfield, Easton, Cambridge, Salisbury, Wilmington, Elkton, Chestertown and other points began to arrive about 8.30 o'clock and at that hour the side-lines were thronged.

Inside the vast roped enclosure several hundred chairs were placed for the convenience of dancers and spectators who purchased tickets. Following an overture by Spence's Band shortly before 9 o'clock, the dance commenced in earnest and from that time until a little after 11 o'clock a gay throng of six or seven hundred dancers filled the space in front of the plaza.

The Shore's Record Breaker.

The dance was undeniably the biggest ever staged on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Persons from all sections admitted that Centreville's effort easily eclipsed any similar event ever attempted this side of the bay. Numerous towns have held community dances this summer, but everybody agreed that Centreville's crowd was larger; that the details were carried out with greater precision, and that the whole affair was more thoroughly enjoyable than any previous dance.

Before the hop was half over the visitors were clamoring for a repetition of the event at an early date. The members of the executive committee promptly went into executive session, with the result that at 10 o'clock it was announced that the Community Dance would be repeated next Tuesday evening, September 19th, for the benefit of the Good Will Fire Company.

Already plans have about been completed for the second dancing carnival next Tuesday evening. Spence's Band has again been engaged for the occasion; the space in front of the plaza will be even more brilliantly illuminated for the next dance, and it is more than likely that the next event will be even more pleasurable than the first.

Sunday School Convention.

The Seventh District Sunday School convention will meet in Crumpton on the afternoon of September 28th, at 1.30 o'clock. The churches and Sunday Schools of that district are requested to help make the convention a great success. Superintendents are asked to make out their report blanks at once.

PARK WORK FINISHED

COURT HOUSE PLAZA IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF MOTHER NATURE.

The Court House park is now in the hands of Old Mother Nature. The early part of the week all work was completed. The grading has been finished, the plants have been properly arranged, grass seed has been sown and now Mother Nature is expected to complete the beautification of the pretty little park by causing green grass to fill the places now bare.

Mr. Milton B. Siemmer, chairman of the committee in charge of the court house park beautification, issued the following statement Thursday, in which he asks for a continuation of the kind co-operation extended while the work has been in progress. It follows:

"To the business men of Centreville who so generously contributed towards buying the plants for the front of the Court House Park, we wish to thank you and to advise you that the plants have been ordered and we hope to have them in place at an early date. We sincerely trust they will please you in every respect. It is our earnest desire to make this the prettiest park on the Eastern Shore and we feel certain that if you all continue the interest which is now manifested that such will be the case.

"To the public in general we wish to thank you for the way in which you have been co-operating with us in this work and especially express our appreciation for the manner in which you have been respecting the plants as we have prepared them. We thought at first that some might found themselves—through force of habit—and accidentally walk on the grass plots. But not one person has done so since the concrete walks were finished and this has helped greatly.

"To the children, we ask that you especially use the walks now since the grass seed has been planted. If each child will do his little part and not throw trash in the park, by walking across the plats they will be assisting greatly."

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

School opened Monday, [illegible] new pupils from a distance are Edna Faulkner, Laura Brisbane, Leland Morris and Paul Embert, of Queenstown, who entered the Junior Class; Marion Callahan, of Wye Mills, Mary Richardson, of Hope, Mildred Price, of Carmichael, Nettie White, of Ruthsburg and Edith Leiby, of Brown's Corner, who entered the first year.

Some changes have been made in our faculty. Prof. Bowlus, of Frederick County, succeeding Prof. R. H. Adams, and Miss Marjorie Lofland, of Kenneth Square, Pennsylvania, taking the place of Miss Shaw in the Domestic Science Department.

The regular election of officers for the Edgar Allan Poe and Les Belles Lettres Literary Societies was held Wednesday afternoon. The following officers were elected: E. A. Poe Society, President, Edna Carter; Vice President, Gertrude Kenton; Secretary, Nancy Wilson; Treasurer, Edna Scott.

Les Belles Lettres Society—President, Elizabeth Pratt; Vice President, Robert Brown; Secretary, Mildred Massey; Treasurer, Beaton Connolly.

The greatest change in the schedule is the introduction of an athletic period from three until 3.30 P. M. All those desiring athletics are allowed to go out on the campus at that time under the supervision of the athletic teachers, while those not desiring to go out, may remain in the building for a study period under the teacher in charge.

ORPHANS COURT.

The court met pursuant to its last adjournment, all judges being present.

The Court passed an order prayed for by D. D. Taylor, petitioner, in the matter of distribution in the estate of Margaret A. Taylor, deceased, to bring into hatchpot the balance in hands of administrators and other funds.

The account of sales of personalty in the estate of Benjamin L. Coppage, deceased, properly probated, filed, examined, passed with order of confirmation.

The first and final account of administration of Noble L. Coppage, Administration of Benjamin L. Coppage, deceased, filed, examined and passed, together with Distribution account.

On application of Fred M. Seney and Casper T. Seney, and on the Court's approval of their bond, letters of administration of all and singular the goods, chattels and personal estate of Salsbury Seney, deceased, granted unto the aforesaid applicants and a warrant to appraise issued unto Harry Cecil and Oliver Newnam.

Court having no further matters before it, adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, September 19th, 1916.

ROADS ON SHORE BEST IN COUNTRY

ATTRACT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

UNCLE SAM SENDS HIS EXPERTS HERE TO LOOK OVER ROADS AND FIND OUT WHY THEY ARE BETTER THAN ELSEWHERE. FINE, SAY MOTORISTS

Maryland's roads and especially those on the the Eastern Shore are being accepted by nation-wide experts as models.

The last demonstration of this fact was given Tuesday when Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, in charge of the public road construction, and Austin Fletcher, consulting engineer of the department, and Chief highways engineer for California, called up Chairman Zouck, of the State Roads Commission, over the phone from Washington and asked that they be conveyed over the state's improved highways on the Eastern Shore. Mr. Zouck arranged to give them the opportunities Wednesday to inspect what are said to be the best public roads in the country, those on the Eastern Shore where the country is level and where no grades are encountered. The party left Baltimore at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning and was absent for two days.

Another demonstration that Maryland is on the map as a road builder is furnished by the forthcoming visit of inspection by the heads of the New Jersey Department of Roads. They will visit the Eastern Shore next week, accompanied by assistant engineer B. F. Harrison.

Loud in their praise of the Eastern Shore roads are members of the Board of Trade of Atlantic City who last week journeyed over those roads.

A Lancaster, Pa., automobilist, after a trip to Ocean City and back, made this comment in the Philadelphia Press:

What good roads have done for Maryland he who runs may read. That Maryland has the question of good roads solved is indisputable, and while it is beautiful to indulge in the thought of "this my own, my native land," it's a positive fact that the average citizen of this section after riding from Calvert to Lancaster on a return trip from touring Maryland must suffer a sense of humiliation.

The inspection trip Wednesday is noteworthy because Assistant Secretary Wilson and Mr. Fletcher are in quest of data to guide them in directing the expenditure of $85,000,000 to be distributed during the next six years for public road construction.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Monday was public day in Centreville. In view of the fact that Tuesday, Defender's Day, was a legal holiday, all the county business was conducted on the day previous.

The County Commissioners met at the usual hour, all three of the members of the Levy Court being present.

The Board agreed to allow to the Board of Town Commissioners of Centreville, on account of putting in concrete shoulders on Water Street, East of Liberty street, the proportion of the automobile fund that the mileage of this section of road bears to the total mileage in the county. The balance is to be paid by the Town Commissioners of Centreville and they are to be reimbursed by the County Commissioners out of the automobile fund for 1917, when it becomes available.

A delegation, headed by County Demonstrator E. F. White, appeared before the Board and asked a donation of $100 to help finance the Annual School Fair, which it is proposed to hold if the proper financial backing can be secured. The matter was held over until next Tuesday.

Messrs. S. S. Goodhand, Charles M. West and T. Roland Carville, who last Tuesday received their commission to examine into the advisability of constructing a new public road across the property of Vivian Phillips, at Love Point, visited the scene of the proposed road for the first time.

DAN CUPID ON VACATION.

Dan Cupid appears to have forsaken the Court House in Centreville altogether. Or, perhaps, he is only taking his vacation. At any and all events the fact remains that not a single marriage license has been issued by the County Clerk during the month of September. This time last year no less than a dozen couples had applied for passage on the good ship Connubial Bliss.

The high cost of living may have had something to do with Dan's prolonged absence from the establishment where licenses to marry are issued.

MUCH DISORDER SUNDAY

FREE-FOR-ALL FIGHT AT PRICE'S CHAPEL. ANOTHER DISTURBANCE AT WILLOUGHBY.

Price's Chapel, near Sudlersville, a negro rendezvous, was the scene of wildest disorder last Sunday, according to reports received by officials in Centreville this week. As a result several negroes are in the toils and were to have been given hearings before Justice Robert Coursey last night. It is stated that an automobile bar-room was the stellar attraction at the "bush-meeting" held at the Chapel. It is alleged that an auto bar-room from Wilmington was present and that a complete assortment of "hard drinks" was on tap.

Spencer Brown was arrested for cutting and stabbing Ernest Teat. Teat was badly slashed about the head and breast. His cheek was cut so deeply that his teeth could be seen through the gaping wound. Dr. H. F. McPherson, of Centreville, closed the various gashes with about forty stitches. Brown is being held awaiting the outcome of Teat's injuries.

Albert Winchester, another negro, is charged with hitting Teat with a pair of steel knuckles. He is also being held.

Harrison Winchester, colored, is charged with carrying a razor, and German and Ernest Teat are both charged with being drunk and disorderly. Hester Watkins, a negro woman, is also accused of having partaken too freely of the refreshments alleged to have been sold by the Wilmington auto bar.

Disorder At Willoughby.

The tomato cannery at Willoughby was also the scene of disorder last Sunday night. Reports reached Centreville that a big fight was on between the laborers and a band of negroes. Sheriff Yeates and a posse of deputies hurried to the scene in automobiles but found that it was simply a case of a little too much booze. Five men and one woman were arrested. All were evidently Polish or German from their names. They were arraigned before Robert Coursey Tuesday night and all plead guilty. They were each fined $1 and costs.

Centreville failed to escape [illegible] razor-toting, booze-fighting, disorderly conduct germs that seemed to be floating about the county Sunday and as a result several negroes were arrested. William Close was fined $10 and costs and sent to the county jail for thirty days for assault and battery on Richard Downes. Close used a pump handle on Downes' head and after the melee Dr. H. F. McPherson took nine stitches in Downes' cranium. Downes was also arrested for assault on Viola Griffin and was fined $10 and costs.

Isaac Simon, who for several months has been a junk buyer in Centreville, will be brought from Baltimore this morning on the charge of stealing forty dollars from Messrs. Robert M. Hopkins and Robert Coursey. He will be given a hearing some time next week.

THOMAS E. EDENFIELD.

Thomas E. Edenfield, aged 67 years, died at his home, near Stevensville, Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock after an illness of about ten days. For many years he had been a farmer on Kent Island, and until a few years ago resided near Chester.

He is survived by a widow, who before her marriage was a Miss Palmer. He also leaves two sons, Thomas A. Edenfield and Howard Edenfield, of Kent Island, and five daughters—Mrs. Porter, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. John Collier, of Chester; Mrs. Allie King, of Winchester; Mrs. Howard Tarbutton, of Baltimore, and Miss Edna Edenfield, of Kent Island.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Thomas, of Stevensville M. E. Church, officiating. Interment was in Stevensville Cemetery.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

Christmas is almost upon us. It is none too early to prepare for this most important occasion. As an incentive for you to do your Christmas shopping right by doing it early, and also as an especial opportunity for you to be able this year to give many more and nicer gifts than you have heretofore felt yourself able to give, Sunset Pharmacy has decided to give Double Coupons with all purchases from now until Christmas Day.

These coupons are redeemable in choice articles of merchandise, every one of which makes a delightful and appropriate Christmas present. Consult their ad on this page; there isn't an item which won't be in demand as a gift.

Their Premium Plan lends itself wonderfully to a plentiful and yet economical Yuletide.

DEMOCRATIC YEAR BOOK OUT AGAIN

TELLS OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS

HANDBOOK ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. TELLS OF GOOD WORK DONE BY THE PARTY DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

Complete review of the achievements and public service rendered by the Democratic administration at Washington under President Woodrow Wilson is contained in the Democratic National Text-Book, which has just been issued.

No such large story of legislative and executive deeds, affecting both domestic and international affairs of the highest moment, has ever in the history of the country been treated within the restricted limits of a political hand-book.

Upon "The Record of Achievement" the Text Book chiefly bases Woodrow Wilson's claim to re-election. But vigorous attack upon the candidacy of Charles E. Hughes is made. A multitude of reasons why Wilson should be elected and why Hughes should not be elected are set forth. As to the former the gist is in the introduction to the Record of Achievement, which says:

Summary of Results.

"This is the summary of results wrought by masterly leadership of the Democratic Party.

"It is the plain review of fact which demonstrates that not since the first years of the Republic, when everything was to be done, has so much of real public moment been done during a single administration.

"It is the condensed story of domestic regeneration, material and moral; of peace and clean prosperity; of high honor for his country won by Woodrow Wilson.

"It bulletins victory won again and again for popular, progressive measures and policies in the face of the forces of organized selfishness and reaction, now aligned solidly with the Republican Party and behind the candidacy of Charles Evans Hughes.

"The Record of Achievement proves the Democratic party the greatest agency of political reform and progress entrusted with National power in generations.

"It also proves the Republican party incompetent and criminally negligent because, during sixteen consecutive years, the Republican party had full opportunity to enact the long bill of popular rights made operative under Woodrow Wilson in little more than three years—and not only failed but refused to do so.

The attack upon Hughes chiefly is found in the chapter head "Charles E. Hughes—A Collossal Evasion." The history of the division in the Republican Party which culminated in the breach of 1912 is sketched. It is then shown that Hughes was taken from the Supreme Bench because he had no record upon the issues which caused the split in 1912, and that since becoming his party's candidate he has continued to be a "Colossal Evasion."

The chapter then takes up the vital question of what Hughes could do if elected and concludes:

"Whatever Hughes might attempt to do as President, whether with relation to foreign or domestic affairs, he would confront the same hopeless situation. If he should go with the genuine progressives would the Smoot-Penrose-Gallinger-Cannon-Mann-Fordney aggregation meekly follow? If he should join the reactionary and, in Republican affairs, more powerful group, then what would the Progressives do about it?

"As the President, Hughes could not go forward or backward."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following deeds were recorded in the Clerk's Office, Centreville, this week, for property sold or otherwise transferred:

J. Louis Rhodes to J. Frederick Holden, dwelling and lot of land in the town of Queenstown. Consideration $1,900.

J. Frederick Holden to J. Louis Rhodes, dwelling and lot in the town of Queenstown. Consideration $2,500.

Gladys Lawrence to Harry O'Donnell lot of land near Winchester. Consideration $200.

Talbot J. Gardiner to George H. Love, property in the town of Centreville. Consideration $400.

James W. Marvel and wife to James Sudler Cockey, dwelling and lot of land adjoining Stevensville. Consideration $2,200.

J. E. A. Johns to Robert Thomas, 2 lots of land in Crab Alley Neck. Consideration $200.

William H. Mason to Ralph Mason, land in the Fifth District. Consideration love and affection.