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CENTREVILLE MARYLAND

WILL WELCOME THE CORN CLUB BOYS

CENTREVILLE GETTING READY

LADS FROM WESTERN SHORE TO RECEIVE HEARTY GREETING IN QUEEN ANNES COUNTY. RECEPTION COMMITTEE TO MEET NEXT TUESDAY.

Boys of the Western Shore who will make the journey from Baltimore to the lower-most point of the Eastern Shore on the Home State Tour to be conducted for the benefit of the prize winners in the Boys' Corn Club, will have good cause to remember Centreville and Queen Annes county, judging from the extensive preparations now being made to entertain them while here.

On Saturday, November 6th, at 5 o'clock, a band of happy, hale and hearty farmer lads will arrive in Centreville after a trip from Baltimore over a portion of the Shore. They will be entertained in Centreville until Sunday at 3 P. M. During the 22 hours that the boys will be in the county they will not have a quiet moment except during that period when they will be tucked away in bed.

At this time all plans are tentative but the committee in charge of affairs is determined to make the visit of the boys as pleasant, enjoyable and profitable as possible.

A meeting was held in the Court House Tuesday evening, at which time Mr. Edwin H. Brown, Jr., was made chairman of the Entertainment Committee. Other committees will see that the boys are taken in automobiles to points of interest in the county.

Queen Annes county is particularly interested in the tour because in both 1914 and 1915 Queen Annes county boys won the State championship in corn raising. Last year William Troy, of Centreville, was the corn champion with [illegible] bushels to the acre to his credit. The prospects are bright [illegible] for a very creditable showing this year.

Many Interesting Points.

While the committees have not decided just what form of entertainment will be given the boys, a review of Queen Annes county's many points of interest might be the basis for a very enjoyable automobile trip.

On Paca's Island the boys could see the farm where William Paca, Provincial Governor of Maryland, resided. He was also one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Kent Island, the scene of the Claiborne rebellion, is rich in historical lore and is also one of the big shellfish centres of the Chesapeake Bay. Many of the Western Shore boys, especially those from the inland counties, have never seen oysters taken from the beds.

The First District, with its several fine dairy farms, offers unusual opportunities for the boys to see fine herds of cattle and to see how up-to-date dairymen provide homes for their prize bovines.

The Seventh District beckons with her splendid truck fields; the fertile farm lands of the Sixth District would be a delight to the boys from the rolling country west of the Chesapeake.

And, so at every point there would be something of interest for the boys to remember.

To Meet Next Tuesday.

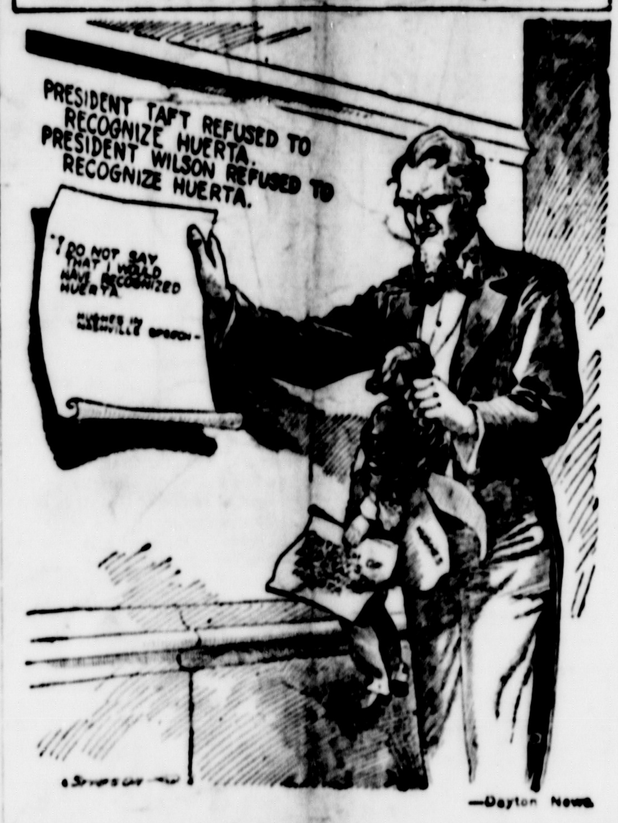
Next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the executive committee, composed of Messrs. J. F. Rolph, William F. Watson, A. Howard Johnson, William McKenney and Edwin H. Brown, Jr., will meet at the office of County Demonstrator E. F. White, in the Court House. At that time it is more than likely that the actual plan of entertainment will be worked out.

It seems to be the general belief that some form of public reception should be held Saturday evening. This will probably take the form of a public meeting in the Opera House assembly room or some other public building.

Full details will not be available until next week.

"The Fight" Coming.

Manager J. E. Cahill, of the Centreville Opera House, this week made arrangements to show the big photoplay "The Fight," on Friday evening, October 6th. This pictue is one of the most sensational dramas produced this year and features Margaret Wycherley and John E. Kellerd. The story deals with a woman politician who wants to be Mayor of her city. The play is as unusual as it is strong and interesting and should appeal to that class of movie fans who enjoy an especially good production. The picture is rich in scenic appointments and some of the best known actors in the world of the silent drama will participate. See it.



STRUCK BY AN AUTO

CHESTERTOWN MAN RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS FOUND BY CENTREVILLIAN.

Struck by an automobile, driven by an unknown person, while descending Brown's Hill, near Church Hill, on the state road between Centreville and Chestertown, last Saturday afternoon, Charles F. Wheatley, of Chestertown, was thrown from the motorcycle he was riding and rendered unconscious. He was found lying in the road by J. E. Cahill, of Centreville, who happened to be passing. Mr. Cahill took the injured man to Church Hill, where Dr. N. S. Dudley rendered medical aid.

Mr. Wheatley, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Wheatley, of Chestertown, was returning from Federalsburg, where he had been visiting his brother, Mr. W. A. Wheatley. In descending Brown's Hill he heard a machine approaching from behind but paid little attention to it. Suddenly the car struck him and he remembered nothing more until revived in the office of the Church Hill physician.

The driver of the car that struck the motorcycle did not stop to learn the extent of the young man's injuries, but continued on his way. The identity of the driver has not been learned. State Roads Officer Hurley, accompanied by Sheriff J. W. Yeates, of Centreville, were in Chestertown this week and have reasons to believe that they have located the guilty party.

Mr. Wheatley, besides being badly cut and bruised about the body, had several teeth knocked out. How long he had been unconscious when found by Mr. Cahill is not known.

WEDNESDAY NEW YEAR'S DAY

Members of Jewish Race Celebrate Arrival of the Year 5677.

Though it is now early fall of the year 1916, Wednesday evening at sunset members of the Jewish race celebrated the arrival of the year 5677 and all business establishments conducted by Hebrews were closed.

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, arrived with a blast from a ram's horn, marking the opening of the year. It signalled a day of repentance, prayer and charity. It sounded the awakening of the faithful from the lethargy of sin. The shofar, or ram's horn, gives the call to a new life to all who hear it, and many Queen Annes county members of this race were present at the synagogues when the year opened.

This ceremonial originated in the time of Abraham and is connected with Abraham's sacrifice of a ram instead of his son, Isaac, as had been ordered.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following licenses to wed were issued from the Clerk's Office, Centreville, this week:

Gustavus Startt, aged 38, and Ida Eva Crouch, aged 29, both of this county. Both white.

John Charles Coleman, aged 28, of Wye Mills, and Clara Malinda Bland, aged 27, of Starr. Both colored.

William Henry Little, aged 25, of Winchester, and Helen Wright, aged 25, of Kent Island. Both colored.

SUPERVISOR APPOINTED

MISS HARRIET A. KIEFFER NAMED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION THIS WEEK.

Upon the recommendation of State Superintendent M. Bates Stephens, the Queen Annes County Board of Education on Tuesday last appointed Miss Harriet A. Kieffer Primary and Grammar School Supervisor and Miss [illegible] She already entered upon the duties of her office. She holds a B. S. and M. A. degree from Columbia University, New York, has had teaching experience in rural schools, primary grades and High Schools, and two years' experience in supervision.

Miss Kieffer was appointed in accordance with the provisions of the new school law passed at the last session of the Maryland Legislature, and her position carries a salary of $1200, one half of which is paid by the state and the other half by Queen Annes county. She will have supervision over 115 teachers in Queen Annes county, 95 of whom are white and 20 colored.

The matter of supervision of school teachers is looked upon by leading educators of this country as one of the most important educational movements of the day. Ten of the best school systems in America have a Supervising officer for every twenty teachers.

Doctor Baughman, who conducted the state school survey said, upon the completion of his survey in Queen Annes, that "this is the 20th county I have visited to date, and Queen Annes has the best equipped plant I have inspected." He further said "the one big need in your county now is closer supervision," which the appointment of Miss Kieffer will naturally bring about.

CHEMICAL EQUIPMENT TESTED

Fire Quickly Extinguished With New Apparatus of Fire Company.

That the Good Will Fire Company, Centreville, is equipping the department with highly efficient fire-fighting apparatus was conclusively demonstrated to those who witnessed a test of the chemical engine last Saturday. A large pile of boxes and barrels were stacked in the rear of Connolly's blacksmith shop, and the mass of wood was then freely sprinkled with gasoline. A match was applied and in an instant the wood was a mass of flames.

The chemical engine was placed in position for action and in less than thirty seconds the fire was extinguished. Attempts to rebuild the fire proved futile. The oil-soaked wood failed to burn after the chemical had touched it.

The fire company's motor apparatus is now at Easton being painted. It will be ready for delivery probably within the next three weeks. The company still must raise between $500 and $600. All those, therefore, who have not contributed are requested to help make up the deficit. There is also a small quantity of money that was pledged last Spring that has not been paid. The firemen are very anxious to get all contributions in so that arrangements for the payment of the equipment may be completed as rapidly as possible.

COMPULSORY LAW IS NOW IN FORCE

ALL CHILDREN MUST ATTEND

THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT, M. B. STEPHENS, THIS WEEK SENT OUT LETTERS TO TEACHERS EXPLAINING THE LAW. ATTENDANCE RULES.

Letters from M. Bates Stephens, State Superintendent of Schools, were sent to all the public school teachers in Queen Annes county this week, dealing with the compulsory attendance feature of the new school law passed at the last session of the Maryland Legislature. Embodied in the letter is a list of rules, passed by the State Board of Education on August 30th defining when children may legally absent themselves from school.

The list states that absence shall be considered lawful only under the following conditions:

1. Death in the immediate family.

2. Illness of child. The principal shall require a physician's certificate from the parent or guardian of a child reported continuously absent for illness.

3. Quarantine. Quarantine shall be understood to mean isolation by order of the local or of the State Board of Health, and a physician's certificate certifying the time of absence required by the quarantine shall be secured by the principal.

4. Court Summons.

5. Incapacity. (Physical.) "Physical Incapacity" shall be interpreted as meaning such a state of ill health or physical defect as shall render the instruction of the child impracticable in any other than a special class or school; and the attendance officer may require of the parent a certificate to this effect, signed by a reputable physician.

6. Incapacity (Mental.) "Mental Incapacity" shall be interpreted to mean feeble-mindedness or such nervous disorders as make it either impossible for such a child to profit by the instruction given in the school or impractical for the teacher properly to instruct the normal pupils of the school; and the attendance officer may require of the parent a certificate to this effect, signed by a reputable physician.

7. Violent Storms. "Violent Storms" shall be interpreted to mean only such conditions of the weather as would endanger the health or safety of the child when in transit to and from school.

There has been some misunderstanding concerning the range of ages mentioned in the law, and to make this perfectly plain the list contains the following explanation of this clause:

"Being thirteen years of age, or fourteen years of age," shall be construed to mean from the thirteenth to fifteenth birthdays.

"Being fifteen years of age, or sixteen years of age," shall be construed to mean from the fifteenth to seventeenth birthdays.

"Elementary School" shall be construed to mean the elementary school course of seven grades, as set forth in the State Course of Study.

WANTED FOR ABDUCTION

FATHER TOOK DAUGHTER FROM CHILDREN'S HOME IN BALTIMORE, IT IS ALLEGED.

Baltimore detectives are scouring Queen Annes, Caroline and Talbot counties in the effort to locate Robinson Parrott, a former Centreville fish dealer, who is charged with abducting his daughter, Beulah Parrott, from the home of the Children's Aid Society, 1111 East North Avenue, Baltimore, where she had been placed by Miss Emma L. Davies, of Easton, Secretary of the Children's Aid Society of Maryland. The child was taken from her father because of alleged improper surroundings.

The abduction is said to have occurred on the night of June 29th last. The father of the little girl is said to have entered the home of the Society, and while the matron was absent, carried her away in an automobile.

Previous to the alleged abduction Parrot attempted to obtain the custody of the girl, who is 12 years old, through a decree of the Circuit Court of Queen Annes county. In this he failed.

Parrott and the child were located several weeks ago at Penn's Grove, Pa., where they were residing under the name of Crit. Before an arrest could be made, however, they disappeared and are supposed to have gone to Marcus Hook. They have not since been seen.

The man formerly resided in Easton but lived in Centreville for something over a year.

DO YOU KNOW THE OLDEST RESIDENT?

INTEREST BEING MANIFESTED

SUDLERSVILLE THIS WEEK HAS OLDEST WOMAN AND STEVENSVILLE HAS OLDEST MAN. WYE MILLS LOSES THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Interest is growing rapidly in the Centreville Observer's campaign to discove the oldest man and the oldest woman in Queen Anne's county. This week the names of the oldest man and the oldest woman so far received were sent in. The first week Centreville captured the championship with Mr. William Thomas Chambers at 85. Last week Wye Mills held the lead with Mr. L. D. Everngam at 87. This week Kent Island comes into the foreground with Mr. Samuel W. Jones who was 88 years old on the 26th day of last January. Mr. Jones was born in 1828 and has resided near Stevensville the entire time.

A letter was received this week from one of the Observer's youthful readers, Mrs. Martha L. George, of Sudlersville, who is 81 years and 6 months. While she may not be youthful in years, she has retained the youthfulness of light heartedness and delightful companionship, and writes as follows:

"You spoke in your paper about wanting information concerning the oldest people of Queen Annes county. I wish to tell you of Mrs. Sara C. Pierce, of Sudlersville, who was born August 10th, 1829, now being 87 years old. She is a most marvelous old lady in every respect and has lived all her life in the county, with the exception of three years spent at a boarding school. She resides with her brother-in-law, Dr. A. E. Sudler, Sudlersville. I am not a right young girl myself, being 81 years and 6 months old."

Consequently, this week, the two extremes of the county hold the championship. Stevensville has produced the oldest man at 88, and Sudlersville the oldest woman at 87.

What section of the county will take the championship next week?

DELAYED FOR 12 YEARS

LETTER MAILED ON APRIL 18TH, 1904, DELIVERED MONDAY AFTER LONG JOURNEY.

That Uncle Sams' Post Office Department may, occasionally, be tardy, but that eventually it "delivers the goods," was demonstrated in Centreville last Monday morning when a letter mailed here 12 years ago put in its appearance and was redirected to the person addressed.

On April 18th, 1904, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Wright, of Centreville, issued invitations to a reception held at their home. An invitation was sent to Miss Alice G. Mallalieu, then a teacher in the Centreville High School. Monday morning this same letter, plainly postmarked, and with the envelope in tact and only slightly discolored arrived in a pouch of letters from Philadelphia. Where it came from or how it ever left the local office is a mystery.

One of the post office clerks recognized the hand-writing and discovered the writer, and Monday afternoon the letter was started on the last lap of its mysterious journey. Miss Mallalieu is now a teacher in the Eastern High School, Baltimore, and she probably received the long delayed letter Tuesday morning.

HENRY FORD OUT FOR WILSON

Famous Auto Manufacturer A Democrat For First Time.

Announcement was made at Democratic national headquarters recently that Henry Ford had come out with a strong indorsement of President Wilson. An interview with Mr. Ford, published in the San Francisco Bulletin, was as follows:

"Because of the many good things President Wilson has done, I think he should be commended and heartily appreciated. I don't want to draw a parallel between the professions and the aims of the Republican and Democratic parties. In fact, the present trip of mine is purely a private one, and mostly for recreation. I had hoped to avoid any newspaper publicity. I do not desire to talk politics.

Every neighbor you meet will tell you the good things in the administration of President Wilson. I feel just as these people do about what he has done, and realize keenly that his great neutrality policy during the European war has had the patent successful result of keeping this country at peace. The efforts of his opponents to try and make political capital because of President Wilson's determination not to measue swords with poor deluded Mexico have already ended in distinct failure."