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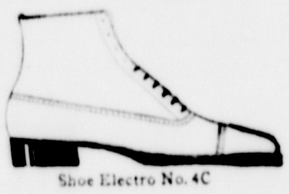
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Predictions that the Eastern Shore of Maryland will become one of the greatest oil fields are made by James E. Nevin, of Youngstown, O., a skilled engineer. Mr. Nevin has been retained by several interested parties to report on properties and locations and to advise as to drilling sites.

In his report, he states that it is his opinion that more oil will be discovered on the Eastern Shore of Maryland than has been found in Oklahoma or Kansas. He says that, for the last two years, he has had an opportunity of examining the territory in the lower counties of Maryland's Eastern Shore and that, as a result, he feels that he is justified in reaching the conclusion that the district undoubtedly will become a prolific producer of oil and gas.

Dr. Arthur B. Bibbins, a Baltimore geologist, advances a number of reasons why petroleum and natural gas should be found in commercial quantities on the Eastern Shore. He states that the territory forms the seaward border of the Atlantic Coastal Plain and that it is a continuation of the oil bearing formation of the Gulf Coast.

The escape of gas bubbles and the occurence of oil film and seepage have been observed on the Eastern Shore for some time and an inflammable wax having a parafin base has been obtained from several wells of this region.

It is not uncommon for other wells to produce a strong flavor of kerosene. The fact that natural gas has been observed at several points, which has proved to be petroleum gas, is another strong factor why oil will be found.

The occurrence of gas mounds or blow-outs have been identified in this territory and highly carbonaceous resinous and sulphurous clays have been encountered in drilling which has been going on. It is understood that great activity is being manifested by several oil companies in the lower section of Maryland. One firm is said to be now drilling at a depth of more than 1,100 feet at Parsonsburg, Wicomico county.

MANY PUPILS PASS

LIST OF GRAMMAR SCHOOL SCHOLARS SUCCESSUL IN FEBRUARY TESTS.

Names of pupils making the passing average in the February examination arranged in the order of their rank in the Grammar grades and arranged alphabetically in the primary grades.

Seventh Grade—Cleo Chrisof, Pattison Perry, Arthur Jarvis, Carmichael Tilghman, Elizabeth Binebrink, Anna Mae Green, Cartharine Pratt, Ida Price, Mary Katherine Tolson, Catharine Moore, David Taylor, Gilbert Thawley, Warfield Emory, Edith Hopkins, Annie Chance, Katherine Fowler, Juliet Price, Erdie Bramble, Kent Price.

Sixth Grade—Pauline Chambers, Laura Covington, Elizabeth Ringgold, Marie Gardner, Helen Thomas, Lida Hopkins, Milton Moore, Katherine Bright, Sarah Epstein, Genevieve Price, Estelle Bramble, Harvey Voshell, Aleene Robinson, Frank Jump, William Wood.

Fifth Grade—Carroll Tilghman, Virginia Rhodes, Margaret Eaton, Kathryn Shawn, Fergerson Jarvis, William Bruehl, John D. Gadd, Abe Epstein, Mary Melvin, Frances Mandrell, Burton Downes, John Goldsborough, Helen Bright, Mildred Adams, Paul Fowler, Margaret Jump, Webster Hamer, Sue Moore, Howard Hamer, Calvin Covington, Otis Jarrell, John Mason, Charles Anthony, Verna Mears, Adele Morris, Edmund Tolson, Hewitt Walls, Al Hollingsworth.

Fourth Grade — Earle Abrams, Willard Bicking, Layton Binebrink, Madeline Cahill, James Connolly, Margaret Durnev, Elizabeth Ellers, Ruth Emory, Howard Emory, William Emory, Addie Green, Henry Green, Elizabeth Grimes, Thomas Holland, Compton Jarvis, Mary Ker Keating, France Mason, William Mears, Warren McKnight, Ellsworth Price, Carlton Roe, Mabel Storey, Julia Thomas, Rachel Thomas, Anna Taylor, Bernice White, Wright Walls.

Third Grade — Turner Bramble, William Ellers, Dolby Emory, Herman Epstein, Robert Fowler, Emmitt Gardner, Byron Grimes, Marjorie Hollingsworth, Harper Jester, Julia Larrimore, Edward Mears, Lillian McKnight, Bertrand Moore, Catherine Perkins, Anna Price, Francis Price, Olin Price, Martha Relph, Ellen Shank, Margaret Sparks, William Taylor, Otis Walls, Charles West, Sarah Whitby.

Second Grade — Mary Barnes, Paul Bicking, Thomas Connolly, Granville Eaton, Laura Emory, Julia Feldeman, Mildred Frampton, Elizabeth Green, Frank Harper, Olsen Jarvis, Louise MacFarlane, Doris McKnight, Katherine Mitchell, Louis Perkins, Hacket Turner, William Turpin, Catherine West.

NEW FARMERS' BULLETINS.

Canaries, Their Care and Management, No. 770.

The Use of a Diary for Farm Accounts, No. 782.

Contagious Abortion of Cattle, No. 790.

How the Federal Farm Loan Benefits the Farmer, No. 792.

CONFERENCE WILL ELECT 3 TRUSTEES

SELECTION OF OTHER OFFICIALS TO BE MADE AT SEAFORD MEETING.

The Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its annual session this month, will elect three conference trustees, to succeed Dr. Vaughn S. Collins and Rev. J. M. Kelso, terms expired, and Dr. S. M. Morgan, deceased.

Three members of the Conference Deaconess Board will be elected to succeed Dr. E. L. Hoffecker, Henry R. Isaacs and Mrs. C. Wesley Weldin, term expired.

The conference will elect three members of the Bureau of Sessions, to succeed Dr. Louis E. Barrett and Hon. Walter O. Hoffecker, terms expired, and Dr. Thomas E. Martindale, deceased.

Six members of the board of managers of the Wilmington Conference Education Society will be elected, to succeed Rev. F. J. Cochran, Rev. W. O. Hurst, Dr. F. C. MacSorley, Joseph Smithers, Harry Mayer and Harry J. Guthrie, terms expired.

The conference will elect five trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy, to succeed Drs. George T. Alderson, Vaughn S. Collins and Alfred Smith, terms expired, and Dr. Thomas E. Martindale and Dr. T. A. H. O'Brien, deceased.

ATTEND EASTON MEET

Misses Keiffer and Thomas Take Part In Scholastic Discussions.

Miss Hannah A. Kieffer, county school supervisor, and Miss Lelia Thomas, county truant officer, attended a meeting in Easton last Friday of school authorities from the Eastern Shore counties. Miss Kieffer was named as one of a committee to arrange a program for a meeting to be held in Cambridge on March 26.

At the Easton gathering, the problems that confront supervisors in their scholastic duties were discussed and the method of filing reports was gone over. After luncheon, tendered by the Talbot county board of education, the session was resumed and the duties, problems, etc., of the attendance officers were discussed.

It is planned to form a permanent organization of school officials in all the Eastern Shore counties and details for this association will be considered fully at the Cambridge meeting.

AGRICULTURAL NEWS

Compiled by County Demonstrator Everett F. White

Farmers' Institutes held at Sudlersville, Price, Church Hill and Centreville last week were very successful. The total attendance at all of the institutes was 1,026, which is a material increase over last year. But it was not nearly so large as it should have been. With an array of speakers such as Prof. G. H. Alford, state agent; Dr. R. S. Hill, director of institutes, and former State Senator Oscar Collier, of Talbot, the farmers of this county should have availed themselves much more fully of the opportunity of hearing their practical and pointed talks.

Along with the institutes were organized local branches of the Queen Annes County Dairymen's Association at Sudlersville, Price and Centreville.

The patrons of the Centreville creamery station are invited to meet at the courthouse at 2 o'clock this (Saturday) afternoon, for the purpose of completing the organization of the Centreville local. It is necessary that 15 members of the Queen Annes locals enroll before the county will be entitled to membership in the Inter States Milk Producers' Association.

A FEW PLURALS

If the plural of sheaf is sheaves,
And the plural of leaf is leaves,
And the plural of chief is chiefs,
And the plural of brief is briefs,
And the plural of beef is beeves,
And the plural of thief is thieves,
And the plural of gaff is gaffs,
And the plural of staff is staves,
But the plural of half is halves.
And the plural of hoof is hoofs,
And the plural of roof is roofs,
And the plural of shelf is shelves,
And the plural of self is selves,
And the plural of wharf is wharves,
And the plural of dwarf is dwarfs,
And the plural of fife is fifes,
And the plural of life is lives,
And the plural of strife is strifes,
And the plural of wife is wives.
What sort of language have we anyhow?—Philadelphia Inquirer.

WHY GRAIN IS DELAYED

Railroads Refuse To Pay Cost Dictated By The I. C. C.

Railroad officials say that one reason why grain shipments to Baltimore have been held back is the fact that the roads are forced by the Interstate Commerce Commission to pay 75 cents a day for use of cars borrowed from other lines, as compared with 25 to 45 cents during previous years.

As a result of that ruling the Western Maryland Railway now keeps only from 300 to 400 cars loaded with grain on its tracks, whereas last year at this time there were from 2,000 to 2,500 loaded cars on the line.

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