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WILL WORK IN NATIVE STATE

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DEMONSTRATOR LEAVES BECAUSE OF PROF. SYMONS' APPOINTMENT—HAS WON HONOR IN POSITION HERE—COMMISSIONERS ACT.

In connection with the resignation of County Agent Everett F. White, announced this week, it became known that dissatisfaction exists here as to the appointment of Prof. Thomas B. Symons, of the Maryland State College, to be director of agricultural extension for Maryland. The naming of Prof. Symons to succeed Prof. G. H. Alford, who resigned the position to become field agent of four states, directly caused the departure of Mr. White from Queen Annes county, he said Thursday.

The county agricultural agent's resignation was sent this week to Prof. Symons, to take effect March 31. Mr. White has accepted the position of county agent for Amite county, Mississippi, a more attractive and lucrative position in his native state. He has had the offer under consideration for some time, but would not have accepted it, he said, had Prof. Alford remained in charge of the agricultural extension work and its pursuance along the lines he had laid down.

County Commissioners Act.

As soon as they had been notified of his resignation, the county commissioners, it was learned, at once took action to show their displeasure at the appointment of Prof. Symons and to forestall his influence, if possible, in the naming of Mr. White's successor. A letter couched in strong language was written to Dean E. F. Woods, of the University of Minnesota, who has been elected president of Maryland State College, and who will be Prof. Symons' superior.

In this letter, it was stated that Prof. Symons is not well thought of in Queen Annes county farm circles and [illegible] by him would come here under a handicap that would interfere with his usefulness. Dean Woods was asked to take personal cognizance of the situation and to select a man who would be free from the influence of Prof. Symons.

This letter "let the cat out of the bag" and, when asked about it, Mr. White stated emphatically that he did not consider Prof. Symons the proper man for him to work under, wherefore he had decided to leave the field. He intimated that the promotion of Prof. Alford at an increased salary had been directly due to the attempts of Prof. Symons to foster his own advancement. Further, Mr. White said, he had preferred to remain in Queen Annes county, but felt that he could not be of great help to the farmers under the new regime.

Has Made Fine Record.

Mr. White, whose home is in Corpus Christi, Tex., has made an enviable record since he succeeded Hugh S. Kochler as county agent March 1, 1916. He has a record of progressive work here to be proud of, including such features of active field accomplishments as the organization of the Queen Annes County Cow-Testing Association, the formation of the Queen Annes Tomato-Growers' Association and the organization of the Queen Annes Dairymen's Association.

All of these unions of farmers are expected to be of great future usefulness to the county. Mr. White also supervised the planting last year of 1,700 acres of alfalfa and introduced here the culture of soy beans. He also started the very important system of testing field seeds, a feature of agricultural work that Mr. White deemed was one of the county's most serious needs, as it tends to improve the selection and germination of seeds.

In association with County Agent E. F. Walls, of Talbot county, Mr. White assisted in the organization of the Wye Mills Farmers' Club. He has been active and energetic in all branches of agricultural advancement and it is known that he leaves a position that will be hard to fill, with a record of which he well may be proud.

Symons New State Agent.

Prof. G. H. Alford, in charge of county farm work in Maryland as state agricultural agent, has resigned to accept the post of field agent with the U. S. department of agriculture. He will have charge of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and North Carolina. Prof. T. B. Symons, of the Maryland Agricultural College, will take over the Mr. Alford's work, in addition to the duties he now performs. Profs. Alford and Symons are well known in Queen Annes county, both having frequently visited here.

BIG PROPERTY SALE

WRIGHT AND LOWE PURCHASE COMMERCE STREET REALTY OF C. Q. SNYDER.

One of the largest realty sales made in Centreville for some time was consummated this week, when the hardware firm of Wright & Lowe purchased the Commerce street holdings of Town Commissioner Charles Q. Snyder, adjoining their emporium. The cash purchase price was not made public, but Mr. Snyder, in return bought the Clash property at Centreville Landing, previously owned by Wright and Lowe.

The buildings included in the sale number the old brick home of Lloyd Tilghman, built decades ago, where he lived until his death with his daughters, Mrs. Edward B. Emory and Mrs. Summerfield Tilghman. This old residence is now used in part as store room for The Globe. Mr. Snyder bought this propery some years ago and long used it for residential and mercantile purposes.

Other buildings purchased are the vacant store-room and residence lately occupied by W. T. Taylor and the store room and residence occupied by Elbert E. Kennard. The office and lumber-yard of M. Worthington Bordley, including outbuildings, also were sold.

This purchase gives Wright & Lowe ownership of the entire half block extending from the property of the Harman estate, occupied by E. Frank Eaton, to West's alley, with the exception of the buildings occupied by the C. & P. Telephone exchange, which is owned by the McKenney estate.

It is believed that Wright & Lowe have extensive plans for improving the properties purchased, but just what those are could not be learned this week.

SOCIETY

Mr. E. Sterling Price, of Baltimore, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Price, of Chesterfield avenue.

Former Senator and Mrs. J. Frank Harper returned this [illegible] City.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Corwin, of near Chestertown, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Fletcher Rolph.

Miss Bessie P. Williamson left Monday morning for Baltimore, where she will spend some time with friends.

Mrs. Annie E. Bryan and Mr. Thomas E. Bryan, of Baltimore, were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. L. Price.

Messrs. G. Calvin Whiteley, of Philadelphia, and J. Harman Whiteley, of Eddystone, Pa., spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Whiteley.

Miss Marcella Thomas has returned from a visit in Washington to her brother, Mr. Francis Thomas.

Mr. Thomas H. Boyce, of Staten Island, New York, who has been spending several weeks with his sisters, Misses Elma and Bessie Boyce, near Centreville, returned home last Tuesday.

Mr. John E. Wesley, of Ridgely, was the week-end guest of Centreville friends.

Mr. Raymond Horney, of Wilmington, spent several days this week as the guest of Centreville friends.

Miss Marie A. Marvel, of Stevensville, left Saturday for a long visit to friends in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Rev. J. Dirickson Cummins, rector of St. Paul's, preached last Tuesday evening in Trinity P. E. Church, Elkton.

Mrs. M. A. Keith has returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cunningham, in Elkins, W. Va.

Former Sheriff George W. Legg was a visitor in Easton last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Poore and daughter, Barbara Helen, of near Smyrna, Del., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poore, of near Millington.

Mrs. Charles Sipple and daughter, Annie Elizabeth, have returned to their home in Greensboro, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poore, of near Millington.

William Clough, of near Sudlersville, has been appointed telegraph operator at the Smyrna, Del., station.

Prof. Byron J. Grimes has returned from a trip to Kansas City.

Miss Helen West, of Chesterfield avenue, is away on a visit to friends in Wilmington, Del., Chester, Pa., and Philadelphia.

Mr. Seipp To Visit.

A visit from Warren S. Seipp is expected Monday night by the members of Centreville Lodge No. 180, A. F. & A. M. Mr. Seipp is grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and his visit will be in his usual tour of duty. The regular communication of the local lodge will be held that night.

DECISION ON BRIDGE IS YET TO BE MADE

CHAIRMAN WRITES SEN. LEGG

QUEEN ANNES DELEGATION TO BE HEARD BEFORE STATE ROADS COMMISSION ACTS—AGITATION CONTINUES ON RELOCATION OF STRUCTURE.

Agitation over the possible relocation of the Chester river bridge is continuing in both Queen Annes and Kent counties, with sentiment in the former apparently unanimous against moving the structure, while citizens of the latter appear to be hopelessly divided, even the Chestertown papers "straddling the fence" and refusing to take a definite stand in the matter.

In the meantime, it has been ascertained definitely that the State Roads Commission, of which John E. George, of Sudlersville, is vice chairman, has taken no action in regard to the possible relocation, which is being fought for by the merchants of Chestertown, who fear their trade will be injured by work on the new concrete bridge.

Frank H. Zouck, chairman of the commission, in a letter this week to State Senator J. H. C. Legg, chairman of the committee named to protest against the move, said in part:

Mr. Zouck's Statement.

"In reply to your letter of the 1st inst., I beg to advise you that this commission has not taken any action as to the location of the Chester river bridge and will not do so for some little time. However, I assure you that, if we decide to relocate this bridge, we shall give your delegation a hearing."

This last sentence, including the word "decide," attracted Sen. Legg's interest and he at once wrote Mr. Zouck that the Queen Annes delegation desires a hearing before any move is made, as it is the belief in this county that the protests will be of sufficient weight, strength and logic to convince the commission that there should be no relocation.

It is Sen. Legg's belief, however, that Chairman Zouck meant to write "consider" instead of "decide" in the latter sentence of his letter, which would indicate that the commission has not considered, so far, any possibility of removing the bridge to the foot of High street, as some of the Chestertown residents are advocating.

The argument that a slow ferry would have to be used during the construction of the new concrete bridge, which is estimated will require about two years, is answered forcibly by the opinion of F. E. Schaeffe, roads engineer of Queen Annes county, who has stated it will be a very cheap and simple engineering operation to remove the present structure to new piling driven on one side, thus enabling it to be used while the new bridge is under construction.

Further Action Pending.

Sen. Legg has communicated the information given him to Mrs. Claude F. Parks, who has taken a leading part in the agitation on behalf of the Queen Annes citizens whose properties along the state road leading to the bridge are endangered. What further action is to be taken, pending the decision of the commission, which appears to be far in the future, has not been decided on.

A prominent citizen of Chestertown, who visited Centreville Wednesday stated that he was strongly opposed to the relocation, as were many of his fellow residents. He blamed the entire agitation on the desire of the Chestertown merchants to safeguard their business interests, regardless of the detriment it might cause property owners in Queen Annes and Chestertown, many of the latter desiring to see Maple Avenue retained and improved as the direct connecting link for the state road.

In the light of the letter from Mr. Zouck, it would seem that the matter will be pending for some time. Meanwhile, the action on both sides is expected to increase in force and influence.

Recruiting Agent Here.

There was some excitement Thursday among the young men of military age when Corporal Fred Holf, of the United States Army dressed in regulation olive drab uniform, arrived in Centreville to post handsome litographs calling attention to the glories of military life. It was rumored that he was a drafting officer and one young swain, at least, got a shock when the soldier grabbed him, only in fun however. After a flutter among some of the young misses, he was released. Incidentally, the corporal left a poster in the post-office that announces Postmaster Woodford is now ready to receive "rookies" for Uncle Sam's land soldiers.

TO HONOR THE FLAG

M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE GIFT AT EXERCISES TOMORROW.

In consonance with the patriotic movement in the state to make tomorrow a "Flag Sunday," special patriotic exercises will be held in the afternoon by the Sunday School of Centreville M. E. Church. The building and rooms will be decorated with "Old Glory" and an interesting program has been arranged, including a patriotic address by some Centrevillian yet to be selected. The program is as follows:

Song—"America," by school.
Prayer, Rev. J. R. Bicking.
Presentation of "Old Glory" to Sunday School, A. Howard Johnson.
Hymn, "There's No Land Like Ours," by School.
Lesson Reading, lead by Prof. H. T. Griffith.
Address, "The Church and the Flag," by Prof. E. S. Bowlus.
Singing.
Patriotic Song, Margaret Eaton.
Recitation, Helen Brasley.
Recitation, J. W. Walls.
Song, Anna Clough.
Duet, Charles West and Mary Barn.
"Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," by the school.
Closing Prayer and Benediction.

HEAVY MILK YIELDS

Countess Heeringa Olga Mercedes Gives 104.5 Pounds of Butter Fat. Guernsey Is Second.

Once again Countess Heeringa Olga Mercedes has demonstrated her value as a milk producer and continues her reign as queen of the dairy herds of Queen Annes county. Official figures compiled from records kept by John S. Reifsneider, official tester, who has retired and been succeeded by M. M. Morrison, show that this prize milker gave 2,751 pounds of milk and 104.5 pounds of butter-fat during the short month of February.

This pure-bred Holstein of the fine herd of Mrs. E. A. George, of Sudlersville, was far in the lead of all other milkers, her nearest competitor for blue-ribbon honors being May Rose, a Guernsey owned by John E. George, of Sudlersville, which gave 1,410 pounds of milk and 84.6 pounds of butter-fat. Third place was taken by Duchess, a Holstein also owned by Mr. George, with a production of 2,220 pounds of milk and 83.8 pounds of butter-fat.

Minnie, a Holstein of Mrs. George's herd, finished fourth with 2,445 pounds of milk and 80.7 pounds of butter-fat. The pure-bred Jersey herd of Miss Sue Williams, of "The Hermitage," was led by Eminent's 21st Tess, which gave 1,209 pounds of milk and 55.6 pounds of butter-fat. Her second cow, was Ethel's Little Hope, with 981 pounds of milk and 50 pounds of butter-fat.

Besides the cows of Mrs. George, Mr. George and Miss Williams, the only milker to get on the roll was Betsey of Oak Hill, a pure-bred Guernsey owned by Lucien Massey, which gave 880 pounds of milk and 40.4 pounds of butter-fat. In all, 25 cows were listed, of which eight were owned by Mr. George, seven by Mrs. George and seven by Miss Williams.

SUGGESTS AIRPLANE LINE TO BALTIMORE

TO SAVE CITY SHORE'S TRADE

RALPH ROBINSON TELLS CLUB OF FACTS AND CONDITIONS THAT HAMPER STATE'S METROPOLIS—SAYS FARMERS NOW SELL IN NORTH.

With a hydroplane line suggested as a remedy for existing conditions, an inkling of the desperation to which Baltimore is being reduced to regain her dwindling trade with the Eastern Shore is given in the report of a speech made last Saturday before the City Club by Ralph Robinson, son of the late Chief Judge John M. Robinson.

In saying Baltimore's status as a receiving centre for Eastern Shore products is gone forever, unless that city becomes rich enough to pay farmers the same prices that other cities offer, Mr. Robinson, who is a special solicitor for the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway, discussed Baltimore's trade relations with the Eastern Shore from the standpoint of an expert on trade and transportation conditions. In reporting the address, The Sun said:

Mr. Robinson, declared, however, that Baltimore's opportunities for distributing its own products on the Eastern Shore had not only not decreased, but were constantly growing. And he predicted the coming of the time when the Eastern Shore's "social isolation" might be cured by a line of hydroplanes, because that isolation was due now to the slowness of boat and railroad transportation.

Baltimore Has Advantage.

The fact that Eastern Shore farmers sold their products for high prices to other cities than Baltimore redounded to Baltimore's advantage, Mr. Robinson declared. The benefits were apparent in the increased prosperity of the Eastern Shore, and the fact that the Shore was enabled to buy more Baltimore made goods and to buy them on credit terms more advantageous to Baltimore merchants.

The prosperity of the Eastern Shore farmer had increased by leaps and bounds, Mr. Robinson said. Farm land there that formerly was worth no more than $15 or $25 an acre cannot now be purchased for less than $125 or $150 an acre.

On a big map placed in the City Club room, Mr. Robinson indicated with a pointer the fact that Baltimore has the advantage in location over Philadelphia and Wilmington on the north and Norfolk on the south in trade with the Eastern Shore. That fact and the fact that Baltimore had a freight differential, that the products of its manufacturers were of high quality and that it could offer good terms as to prices and credits, made Baltimore's status as a source of distribution well-nigh impregnable, provided Baltimore manufacturers were wide-awake enough to seize new opportunities. But as a receiving centre for Eastern Shore products it had the whole United States and Canada in competition with it, and it could not in the nature of things, overcome that competition.

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