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CENTREVILLE MARYLAND

PLAN EVENTS FOR ATHLETIC MEETING

CONTESTS TO BE HELD MAY 2

COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT ON TESTS FOR COUNTY SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS—MAY WIN GOLD BADGES—MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS THIS YEAR.

With medical examinations of contestants to precede the events, the annual county meet of the Public School Athletic League will be staged on the campus of the Centreville High School on Wednesday, May 2. This meet will be held in accordance with the report of a special committee appointed at Ocean City last July by Prof. M. Bates Stephens, state school superintendent, of which committee Prof. B. J. Grimes, county school superintendent, was a member.

Contestants in the county events will have an opportunity to enter the State-Wide Olympic Meet, which is to be held in Baltimore on June 8. The boys will be divided into seniors and juniors, the former consisting of all boys who were 16 years old by January 1, 1917. The juniors will be subdivided into classes of 80 pounds and under; 95 pounds and under; 115 pounds and under, and unlimited weight. The latter is to include boys under 16 who are too heavy for the other classes.

May Enter Two Events.

A boy may enter only two events, one track and one field. No entry of a boy over 21 years will be allowed and all contestants must have been bona fide scholars on February 1, 1917. Boys entered as members of relay teams, when not required for this event, may take part in other track events. The program will be as follows:

80-pound class: 50-yard dash; standing broad jump; distance baseball throw; 440-yard relay race (4 boys.)

95-pound class: 60-yard dash; standing hop, step and jump; distance baseball throw; 440-yard relay race (4 boys).

115-pound class: [illegible]-yard dash; running broad jump; distance baseball throw; 660-yard relay race (4 boys.)

Junior unlimited class: 80-yard dash; 220-yard dash; running high jump; putting 8-pound shot; 880-yard relay race (4 boys.)

Senior class: 100-yard dash; 440-yard run; 880-yard run; running broad jump; running high jump; putting 12-pound shot; one mile relay race (4 boys.)

Same Badge Tests.

The committee recommended the same badge tests for boys as last year for bronze and silver badges. In addition, for winners of silver badges in 1916, a third grade test will be given. Each boy who jumps over a stick four feet, four inches above the ground, pulls himself up to his chin nine times and, on the day of the meet, runs 220 yards in 28 seconds, will receive a gold badge. The tests must be passed in order—bronze, silver, gold—and only one medal may be won each year.

The same badge tests as last year also are recommended for girls. In addition, for only those who won a bronze pin in 1916, a second grade test will be given. Each girl, at her own school and under her teacher, will do the first two tests, which are balancing, in which she shall walk flexing thigh of advancing leg to a right angle and returning at center; she shall do a deep knee bend, and, in leg raising, she shall take a suspended position and, after raising legs to right angles, separate them to an angle of 60 degrees and repeat. The third test, on the day of the meet, will be throwing a "Dodge Ball" at least 35 feet.

In view of the success of "Dodge Ball" for boys, which resulted in all counties being represented at the state championships, the committee recommended county and state championships again this year, limiting the teams to boys under 16 years old and under 95 pounds in weight. In addition, the committee recommended that each school form a "Dodge Ball" team of 10 girls, unlimited this year as to age and weight. The girls' games are played according to the boys' rules, but in a circle 30 feet in diameter. No girls' team will be sent to Baltimore however.

Tests As Adopted.

The public School League of Baltimore has adopted the following athletic badge tests for boys:

First test for bronze badge: pull up (chinning), four times; standing broad jump, five feet, nine inches; 60-yard dash in nine seconds.

Second test for silver badge: pull up (chinning), six times; running high jump, four feet, four inches; 100-yard dash in thirteen and two-fifths seconds.

Third test for gold badge: pull up (chinning), nine times; running high jump, four feet, four inches; 220-yard dash in 28 seconds.

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No age or weight limit is fixed and any boy may enter the test at any time the teacher is willing to act as judge. Each boy must qualify in all three events and there will be one trial in chinning, one in dashes and three in the jumps.

The county athletic meet this year promises to be the most interesting ever held. A strict system of training and medical examination has been advised and every effort will be made to get the best results out of athletic training for boys and girls.

POSTOFFICE SOON MAY BE REMOVED

GOVERNMENT ASKS FOR BIDS ON NEW SITE—MORE ROOM IS NEEDED.

Because of the necessity for more room, better daylight facilities and better equipment, the Centreville postoffice is to be moved October 1 next, provided a suitable location can be obtained. Several prospective arrangements are being considered.

Bids for accommodating Uncle Sam's local postal force are to be opened here at noon on May 15 and the lease must. The bidder must furnish heat, light, water, closets, safe or vault, all necessary furniture and equipment and safeguard all entrances.

Posted specifications ask for a space of 2,200 square feet, the present postoffice containing only about 1,000 square feet. Good light by day, a location not too far from the business center of Centreville and within 56 rods of railroad stations will be points for general consideration.

Information At Office.

Blank proposals and specifications may be obtained from Postmaster William J. Woodford, also [illegible] of the [illegible] may be [illegible] business men who have prospective sites that may be suitable are invited to obtain this information.

For some time, it has been apparent that new quarters for the Centreville office would be necessary, the general plan of the Opera House forbidding any further enlargement. The growing needs of the office, which now serves four rural routes, have cramped the force for room. A part of the front space recently was taken inside, but this was not adequate and no more can be spared from the front area, which already is too small.

The mail-boxes are too few and too small, it is said, while other needed equipment has not been supplied by the lessees. Postal Inspectors have complained of the insecurity of the boxes, many of which need repairs to their locks and combination, and the failure to remedy this, it is said, has caused the postoffice department to decide on removal, it being believed that more ample and suitable quarters can be obtained.

START BALL PRACTICE

Seventeen Candidates Report For 1917 High School Team.

Baseball practice at the Centreville High School started last Monday under supervision of Manager John T. Bruehl, teacher of manual training. Seventeen candidates for diamond honors reported in the first squad, but it is expected some of these later will be eliminated.

As a necessary requirement, all who take part this year in athletics will be compelled to produce a physician's certificate as to their proper physical condition. All who enter athletic training must forego the use of tobacco in any form and, further, all must pass muster in their studies.

POLICE COURT.

Herbert Lane, a negro, is held in jail to await the outcome of injuries to Linwood Moore, also colored. The two men got into a fight last Sunday night at a negro church in Winchester and Lane is said to have beaten Moore in the face with a bottle.

The latter's injuries were dressed by Dr. S. E. Price, of Queenstown. Lane was arrested by Sheriff J. W. Yeates, and his hearing was set for today before Magistrate Robert Coursey, but Dr. Price stated Wednesday that he feared Moore would have to go to a hospital for treatment, in which event the hearing likely would be postponed.

Benny Maddux, a well-known negro about town, was arrested last week for beating his wife. Following a hearing before Magistrate Robert Coursey, he was fined $10 and costs, which he paid.

SUDLERSVILLE HAS HOME GUARD CORPS

FORMS FIRST TOWN COMMAND

DUDLEY G. ROE STARTS PLAN—DR. GILFILLAN IS CHOSEN CAPTAIN—DRILLS WILL BE HELD NIGHTLY—MANY JOIN NEW CITIZENS' COMPANY.

First honors for Queen Annes county in preparing for the war emergency now facing the country fall to Sudlersville, which already has organized a company of Home Guards to protect that vicinity in the case of necessity, either from an external or internal menace. The nucleus of the company was formed at a meeting held last Monday night and the formation of the command was decided on.

Its captain is Dr. J. Earle Gilfillan, a graduate of Delaware College, later a member of the Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, and more recently a soldier in the organized militia of Delaware. William T. Roe, the first lieutenant, was a student at St. John's College; R. V. Truitt, the second lieutenant, attended Maryland Agricultural College and Charles M. Grubb, first sergeant, was trained in drill work at Polytechnic Institute, a crack military school of the South.

D. G. Roe Led Move.

The inception of the Home Guard organization idea was due to the foresight and public-spiritedness of Dudley G. Roe, who presided at the organization meeting and made all arrangements for the success of the plan. Mr Roe also wrote Governor Emerson C. Harrington in regard to the matter and received the following reply:

"My dear Sir: Yours of the 22nd instant received. We are already considering the formation of home guards. There are some difficulties in the way, especially in regard to arms and equipment, but we hope to be able to work that out. I greatly appreciate your letter and your kindness and patriotism."

Drill for the newly organized Home Guard will be held every night in Cox Memorial Hall. Private John R. Blades, who served on the Mexican Border with Co. K, Second District of Columbia Infantry, will assist the officers in their drill work as long as he remains at his home in Sudlersville. Mr. Blades only recently returned from San Antonio, Tex.

Those In The Ranks.

Those who have joined the company are as follows:

Dudley G. Roe, Charles B. Chance, Louis Graff, Price Johnson, Aldred Jones, William Jones, Edward Jones, Wallace Ross, Medford Roe, John F. Stokes, Harvey Lafferty, Joseph M. George, Kenneth Knotts, S. A. Atkinson, John Booker, H. R. Potts, G. H. Higman, John Smith, John Sparks and J. W. Stafford.

At a drill to be held Monday night, all who are patriotically inclined are invited to attend and enroll with the company.

GIVES BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Holton Entertains Juvenile Set In Honor Of Grand-Daughter.

In honor of the second anniversary of her little grand-daughter, Margaret Goshorn Shearer, of "La Vale," Cumberland, Mrs. William L. Holton gave a birthday party Wednesday at her home on South Commerce street. The guests were:

Hannah Willison, Mary Ker Keating, Martha Rolph, Dolly Emory, Frances Brown, Margaret Feddeman, Juliet Price, Carrie [illegible] Burroughs, Evelyn Roettger, Julia Feddeman, Helen Thomas, John W. Perry, Jr., Dorsey Wright, Clayton Wright, Jr., J. Frank Harper, Jr., and Manson B. Bordley, Jr.

Misses Madge Corkran, Mary Forman, Dorothy and Delha Brown and Mmes. Worthington Bordley, John W. Perry and John G. Shearer served the refreshments to the little folks.

CATCHES A LAMPREY-EEL.

W. H. Lambert caught a lamprey in his nets opposite Chestertown. It was three feet long and weighed about five pounds. It had seven apertures on each side of the neck and an aperture on the top of the head. The mouth is in the form of a sucker, lined with strong teeth and cutting plates.

It was of dusky brown color with yellowish patches. It is a common fish around the British coasts and also in the Mediterranean. It is said that lampreys attach themselves to other fishes, such as sharks, and suck their blood.—Baltimore News.

Some years ago, Horace Vasey, then engineer of the water plant, caught a lamprey-eel in the stream near the water-works. It was exhibited in a bucket placed in the court-house green, Centreville.

DROPS DEAD IN BOAT

CAPT. DADDS, OYSTER INSPECTOR, DIES WHILE ON DUTY THURSDAY.

His body afloat in water that had filled his boat, Captain Richard Dadds, an oyster inspector for Queen Annes county, was found dead Thursday afternoon near the old ferry at the Narrows. His boat had drifted ashore and the waves had washed over the gun wales, filling it.

The discovery was made by Elmer Jones and his son, Luther, as they were returning from the tonging beds. Noticing the boat aground, they rowed over to it and found that sudden death had claimed Capt. Dadds, who was widely known in the Kent Island section.

To perform his duties as inspector of oysters at the Narrows and Jackson's Creek, Capt. Dadds left his home near Chester Thursday morning and spent most of the day near Jackson's Creek. It is supposed he fell dead while on his return trip to the Narrows.

The body was found about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Drs. Charles E. Snyder and William T. Henry were called and decided that Capt. Dadds had died of heart disease. No inquest was deemed necessary, there being no marks of violence on the body.

Capt. Dadds is survived by a widow and two sons, Richard, of Baltimore and Oscar, of Kent Island. Funeral services will be held in Kingsley M. E. Church at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SAMUEL R. BURROWS.

Caught between a descending elevator and flooring in the cellar of the oil-house of the D. B. Martin Co., Union Stockyards, Baltimore, Samuel R. Burrows, father of Mrs. Guy Coursey, of this county, was fatally injured early last Friday morning. He died later at Mercy Hospital.

Mr. Burrows was 63 years old and resided at 2629 Wilkins avenue. Besides Mrs. Coursey, he is survived by a widow, two brothers and six daughters.

In some unascertained manner, Mr. Burrows was trapped by the descending cage of the elevator and, when found by fellow workmen, who were attracted by his cries, he was on the verge of collapse, with his head and and shoulders lodged between the step and elevator.

Considerable difficulty was experienced before Mr. Burrows was released, and he was removed to the hospital in the Southwestern ambulance and attended by Drs. Peterson and Chambers. The right side of the man's face was practically cut off, several of his ribs splintered and both legs broken. Mr. Burrows had been an employe of the company for two weeks.

Funeral services were held from his late residence at 2.30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Interment was in Loudon Park Cemetery.

GOVERNOR APPOINTS WAR CENSUS BOARD

TO ENUMERATE COUNTY'S MEN

JOHN E. GEORGE IS MADE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE TO PREPARE DRAFT LISTS FOR MILITIA—THREE DEMOCRATS AND TWO REPUBLICANS.

Governor Emerson C. Harrington named Wednesday the committee of five members who are to take the census of Queen Annes county for the purpose of listing all males eligible for military service who are between the ages of 16 and 45 years. John E. George, of Sudlersville, was made chairman and the other members are former State Senator James E. Kirwan, of Kent Island, and William McKenney, W. Cookman Orrell, Sr., and Charles F. Rich, of Centreville, the latter two being Republicans and the former three democrats.

Blanks for the enumeration will reach the committee some time this week and the active work of taking the census throughout the county is expected to begin next Monday. All males between the ages listed, white and black, will be enrolled on the militia lists and will thenceforth be liable to draft should the volunteers be insufficient to fill the ranks of the state's military commands.

As To Exemptions.

There are many men who will be exempt from this service, but they will be enrolled regardless of this exemption or of physical disability. All who are exempt under the federal and state laws must file a sworn statement of such exemption with Clerk William F. Watson, of the circuit court, within fifteen days after their names are taken. If they are physically disabled, such condition will be judged by medical officers if they are called for draft.

The law provides that a penalty of $10 fine shall be imposed for any false answers given or for refusal to answer the questions of the census enumerators, who are backed by the full power of the state government.

Mr. George will call a meeting of the committee and plans then will be made for taking the census. It is possible that plans for the work will involve a larger scope than has been outlined in the notice of appointment given out by the governor.

FOR CLARK AS SPEAKER.

Reports from Washington indicate that Speaker Champ Clark is likely to retain his seat as presiding officer of the House of Representatives. Representative Randall, prohibition member from California, stated this week that enough of the five independents would vote with the democrats to assure them the re-election of Speaker Clark and, possibly, the democratic organization of the House.

These Prices On Avery Tractors Now In Effect

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12-25 H. P.	" " "	1000		40-80 H. P.	" " "	2700	

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