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CENTREVILLE MARYLAND

RIVAL TERPSICHORE IN POETIC MOTION

MISS CLOUGH'S PUPILS DANCE

EXHIBITION OF ESTHETIC AND FOLK TRIPPINGS WINS APPLAUSE AND COMMENDATION—FINE PROGRAM ENDS WINTER TERM FOR CLASSES.

Terpsichore herself, with all the fabled beauty of her dancing, might have blushed with envy Monday night when pupils of Miss Blanche Clough gave their quarterly exhibition in the assembly room of the Centreville Opera House. Though many were disappointed in being unable to attend, because of deaths in their families, the room, around which benches had been placed, was thronged with an admiring and applauding audience.

An alluring program of esthetic and folk dances had been arranged and Diana tripping lightly in the chase, Venus floating on her ocean foam, fairies dancing in elfin dells or moonbeams playing on placid water could have none exceeded the dainty display of exquisite poetic motion that Miss Clough and her pupils gave. And, to make the scene all the more enchanting, the dancers were arrayed in fascinating costumes that wove and spun in beauty beneath the lighting effects.

Gets A Fine Offer.

Miss Clough, who has been offered the position of teacher of dancing at the summer session of the University of Pennsylvania, where she herself took a course, showed remarkable taste in the arrangement of the evening's program and her own dancing was said by many to have excelled that of the renowned Mrs. Vernon Castle. The list of dances was as follows:

Sunbeam Polka.
Trio.
Shipping Dance
Faerie Queen.
Three Dances
Impromptu Schottische.
Gavotte.
Rhythmic Waltz.
Norwegian Polka.
Fairy Dance.
Pizzicota.
Barcarolle.

The exhibition marked the end of Miss Clough's winter term. Beginning today, she will open her Spring term, which will consist of only six lessons. Besides the esthetic and folk dances, however, Miss Clough also will instruct in social dances during this term. The sessions will be held at the usual hours, at the usual place and the usual prices will prevail for this term.

137 LABORERS WANTED

FORTY-SEVEN QUEEN ANNES FARMERS RESPOND TO OBSERVER'S CO-OPERATION PLAN.

That the farmers of Queen Annes county are badly in need of more farm labor is evidenced by the fact that on Thursday at noon The Centreville Observer had received forty-seven postals and letters from county farmers, stating that they could use men this summer along the line planned by the Maryland Farm Labor Commission, as announced last week. These forty-seven farmers, who responded to the Centreville Observer's offer to co-operate in bringing more labor here, state that they can use 137 men. Next Wednesday all the replies will be tabulated and the Maryland Commission will be advised of just how many men can be used in the county.

Many farmers have hesitated to ask for laborers because they were not sure that they accommodate them. The state's plan is to have tents in each community, where the laborers will be housed and fed, and the farmers will be entirely relieved of this responsibility. Other farmers have not written because they felt sure a great many of the laborers would be unskilled. This is doubtless true. But in cases of this sort the wages will be gauged by the worth of each individual laborer. No responsibility or liability whatever is incurred in making a request for more labor. There is such a demand for workmen all over the country that if Queen Annes asks for more men than can be used they can very easily be sent into some other section of the state.

Simply write a postal stating that you can use one, two, three or a dozen men this summer, and then sign your name, with the name of your farm and your postoffice address.

All notices must be received by the Centreville Observer not later than noon next Wednesday. Wednesday night the tabulated results will be forwarded to the Maryland Farm Labor Commission.

FALL ENDS LIFE OF MRS. HILLES WHO WAS VISITING IN CENTREVILLE

Young Matron Well Known In Centreville. Had Been Under Mental Care In Baltimore.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. W. S. Hilles, a sister of Mrs. [illegible] Middleton, of near Centreville, was printed in The Baltimore American last Monday. Mrs. Hilles was well known in Centreville, having frequently visited at the Middleton home before and since her marriage. The account said:

Word was received in this city last night that Mrs. William S. Hilles, of 1012 Cathedral street, before her marriage was Miss Estelle Robertson, daughter of Judge Robertson, master-in-chancery of the Baltimore City Courts, killed herself by either falling or jumping from a window of the residence of Richard Whitall, 1155 Park Avenue, New York City, earlier in the evening.

Mrs. Hilles' father is one of Baltimore city's best-known lawyers. Mr. Robertson was prostrated at the news of the death of his daughter. He was not apprised of the manner of her demise. Mrs. Hilles had been a patient at the Phipps' Clinic of the Johns Hopkins Hospital for mental disease and had been at the institution for several weeks. Ten days ago she left the hospital and went to New York with her sister, Mrs. [illegible] of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Henry B. Thomas, 1007 Cathedral street, was summoned to the home of Mr. Robertson late last night to attend him.

Detectives Investigate.

A special dispatch from New York stated:

Detectives are investigating the death of Mrs. Hilles, who fell from the back window of an apartment on the first floor of 1155 Park Avenue into a courtyard, a distance of 15 feet.

Mrs. Hilles was with her sister, Mrs. A. L. Middleton, who [illegible] with Mrs. [illegible] police. Coroner Feinberg and Dr. Lehane, of the Coroner's office, questioned the women at length, but would not tell what, if anything, they had learned.

JURY FAILS TO AGREE

DR. HARRY RICKARDS IS NOT CONVICTED FOR MISS SMITH'S DEATH.

After deliberating for more than nine hours, the jury which heard the evidence in the Baltimore Criminal Court against Dr. Harry N. Rickards, of Denton, charged with manslaughter in causing the death of Miss Lillian B. Smith, of Chestertown, by an illegal operation, was discharged at 12.45 o'clock Saturday morning. The jury could not agree. They stood 8 to 4 for conviction during the entire time they were locked up.

The case was on trial for four days, during which time no less than a dozen experts testified for the state as well as for the defense. The most damaging testimony against Dr. Rickards last Friday was that of Dr. Howard A. Kelly, of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, who testified that the death of the girl could have occurred in the time following the alleged operation. Mr. Owens tried to shake Dr. Kelly's testimony by reading passages from the physician's own text book. The efforts, however, seemed to be fruitless.

During his argument, Mr. Marchant told the jury that if they convicted Dr. Rickards he would prosecute James R. Meredith, of Church Hill, as an accessory before the fact. Meredith was the girl's sweetheart and took her to the city. Meredith, in his testimony, alleged that Dr. Rickards did perform the operation and that he had made all the arrangements for the operation in Chestertown.

Dr. Rickards now confronts the possibility of having to face another trial, which will be his third. Throughout the long vigil before the jury came in, Dr. Rickards, his brother, William J. Rickards, a lawyer of Caroline county, and former State's Attorney Albert S. J. Owens, the physican's counsel, waited in the courtroom. The fact that the jury did not agree upon a verdict of acquittal was a great disappointment to Dr. Rickards, who always has maintained his innocense, but he said he still hoped he would be vindicated.

Mr. Owens put up one of the best defensive fights that has been witnessed in the Criminal Court in years. With practically all immaterial matter taken out of the case through the first trial and the rulings of the Court of Appeals in granting the second trial, the case was narrowed to a battle of legal technicalities, in which he was opposed by Deputy State's Attorney Marchant and Assistant Attorney [illegible] Mise.

EXEMPTION CLAIMS ARE GROWING FAST

KENT ISLAND LEADS THE LIST

MANY PERSONS IN FOURTH DISTRICT SEEK TO AVOID MILITARY SERVICE—SOME AMUSING REASONS GIVEN BY NUMEROUS CLAIMANTS.

Despite the apparent futility of filing such claims for exemption, judging from the wording of the military census law, the pleas for freedom from martial service continue to pour into the office of William F. Watson, clerk of the circuit court.

Some of them are based on amusing reasons, while in others there is a touch of pathos. It is apparent, from the number of claims filed from Kent Island, that there is little disposition there to fight the Germans, also that Justices John O. Phillips and Theodore A. Tolson are doing a thriving business on affidavit fees.

The list of claim exemptions was considerably augmented this week, those who applied and the reasons they gave being as follows:

James S. Goodhand, rural route carrier at Stevensville and dependent relatives.

S. Earle Long, mariner and physical disability.

William T. Moore, deafness and dependent relatives.

Henry M. Moore, physical disability and dependent relatives.

John H. Banks, farm hand and dependent relatives.

Has Three Reasons.

Oscar H. Legg, constable, farmer and dependent wife.

Louis M. Kelley, assistant postmaster at Stevensville and physical disability.

Clarence O. Ringgold, defect in both legs that causes severe pains and support of aged, widowed mother.

[illegible], physical disability.

John W. Taylor, physical disability and dependent relatives.

Alfred C. Harris, defective breathing because nose was broken by kick from a horse.

Gilbert Hoxter, physical disability and dependent relatives.

Owens M. Pinder, defective eyesight and dependent relatives.

Thomas Ray Clark, weak back and not able to stand walking.

James Edward Clark, physically disabled from handling timber.

John F. Collier, physical disability and dependent relatives.

Calvin Clark, physical disability.

Charles J. Willoughby, heart trouble and support of widowed mother.

S. J. Stallings, dependent relatives.

Supports His Parents.

Roy Edward Radcliffe, support of aged parents.

Hugh T. Harris, dependent relatives.

Frank S. Taylor, dependent relatives.

Henry H. Hoxter, physical disability and dependent relatives.

Robert W. Taylor, physical disability and dependent relatives.

Warfield Seward, dependent relatives.

W. C. Legg, Jr., farmer and kidney trouble.

Paul Harrison, rural carrier at Millington.

Earle Harrison, substitute rural carrier for above.

Burton D. Lodge, Sudlersville, honorably discharged in 1908 from United States Marine Corps after serving four years.

Percy Tucker, physical disability and dependent relatives.

Wellford W. Carter, rural carrier of mail.

William B. Roe, rheumatism and support of widowed mother.

Daniel Sewell, rheumatism and support of wife, six children and mother-in-law.

TAR SAID SOX WERE A FIT

But Sailor Used One For A Hammock And One For A Mitt.

Centreville women who are knitting woolens for an American submarine crew must beware making errors in the count of their stitches or one of them may be the recipient of a jingle somewhat like the following, as told of in a Washington dispatch on Monday, which said:

Knitting sox for sailors is Washington society's wartime fad. Today one of the knitters who had slipped her card in the toe of her first production received this comment from a sailor:

"Some sox—some fit;
I use one for a hammock and one for a mitt.
I hope I shall meet you
When I've done my bit,
But who in the mischief
Taught you to knit?"

FORMER CRUMPTON WOMAN REQUESTS INCREASE OF TAXES

Mrs. Roland Says Improvement To Cottage Should Make It Subject To Greater Assessment.

If there is a modern Diogenes anywhere in the world, he is cordially invited to put out his lantern and call at 1215 West Eighth street, Wilmington, Del. He will need no light to find an honest person there, for the Queen Annes county commissioners have received assurance that old Diogenes will have all his requirements in this line fully met.

There now hangs in the commissioners' room, in the courthouse, a framed testimonial of what is considered the most unusual of all human traits and that is a desire to have taxes increased. In the course of the reassessment work now about completed in the county, the commissioners sent a printed notice to Mrs. Edward F. Roland, formerly Miss Carolyn M. Ryland, of Crumpton. In reply, they received the following astounding note, the only one of its kind they have received. It read:

Gentlemen:

Your notice received. As we have done considerable repairing on the little cottage we have concluded to ask you to have it assessed at about $400. Thanking you for past favors, I remain,

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Edward F. Roland.

When Edward A. Perkins, clerk to the board of control and review, read the above note he was so shocked that he hastened to bring it to the attention of the commissioners, who last Tuesday decided to have the notice and letter framed and hung in their room.

The remarkable part about it is that Mrs. Roland's property was assessed at but $392 in all, $317 for the building and $75 for the land, which is located in Crumpton, her former home and where she is now a frequent visitor.

PROF. E. M. ETTINGER.

Died Suddenly At Home Of Son In Baltimore. Was Well Known Here.

Prof. Eugene M. Ettinger, well known in this county, died suddenly at the home of his son, Dr. Harry Ettinger, 1306 Eutaw place, Baltimore, last Friday morning. He was 86 years old and had been in good health until a few days before his death, when he became ill from a cold. Funeral services were held at the home of his son Monday afternoon, Rev. Dr. Jacob Mendelson officiating. Interment was made in Baltimore Friday afternoon.

Professor Ettinger was well known in this county, having been principal of the Centreville Academy, now the Centreville High School, about 50 years ago, and later principal of St. Paul's Parochial School, conducted under the auspices of St. Paul's P. E. Church, died last Saturday at the Aged Men's Home, Baltimore. He was 86 years old and is survived by two daughters, one living in Baltimore and the other in Florida, both of whom resided with him in Centreville. Prof. Ettinger had been ill from paralysis since last October.

Born in York, Pa., at the age of 17, Professor Ettinger commenced teaching mathematics in that city. After a few years he moved to Baltimore, where he remained most of his life. He was an expert mathematician and taught that study until about eight years ago. Besides teaching at the public schools he taught at the Eaton-Burnett Business College for a number of years and later coached a number of young men for entrance to the Naval Academy and West Point.

TWO FROM COUNTY WILL DON UNIFORMS

CLOUGH AND ROLPH VOLUNTEER

FORMER JOINS UNITED STATES CAVALRY AND LATTER EXPECTS SERVICE IN NAVY AVIATION CORPS—NAMES HEAD THE HONOR ROLL.

Queen Annes county leaped to the fore this week and gave two of her sons to Uncle Sam's fighting forces, thus placing their names at the head of the county's roll of honor. These two young men were James Arthur Clough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Clough, of Church Hill, who enlisted in the United States Army, and John Fletcher Rolph, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fletcher Rolph, of Centreville, who filed application for a post in the Aviation service of the United States Navy.

Mr. Clough was the first from this county to enter his country's service since the declaration of a state of war existing was made on April 6. He is 19 years old and, for more than two years, has been employed on The Observer as an apprentice printer.

After considering the matter for some days, he decided finally last Monday that he would enlist in the cavalry branch of the United States Army. Accordingly he left for Baltimore the next day and passed his examination without trouble.

Bids Relatives Farewell.

Private Clough returned to Centreville Wednesday night to bid his family farewell. He is to be sent to the barracks at Columbus, O., to be outfitted and start his active work as a soldier in the army, in which he will remain at least three years.

Mr. Rolph also has been considering entering the Navy for some time and he expects to be assigned to the Aviation Corps, probably going to Fernandina, Fla., to learn how to handle a hydroplane. He formerly was a steamfitter with the Sparrows Point Steel Co., and has been residing at 509 E. street, Sparrows Point. Mr. Rolph took steps Tuesday also, having been examined at the Baltimore recruiting office. He is 23 years old and hopes to become an air pilot. He is not, however, enlisted in the naval service as a sailor.

FOR RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Jere Cahill, manager of the Centreville Opera House, announced this week that on Wednesday night, May 2, he will have a big benefit show for the American Red Cross Society. Twelve reels will be shown in "The Fall of a Nation" and "Oliver Twist." The former film is by Thomas Dixon, author of the "Birth of a Nation," and is said to be a bugle call to arms for national defense. Of the proceeds of this show, Mr. Cahill will donate 25 per cent. to the Red Cross for relief work.

These Prices On Avery Tractors Now In Effect

The wonderful success of Avery Tractors has brought the Avery Company a flood of orders. Last year they were unable to keep up with the demand.

For 1917, however, they have arranged to increase their output several times over, which makes it possible for us to sell Avery Tractors at these prices, f. o. b. Peoria, Illinois:

5-10 H. P.	Size, Cash Price	$ 365		18-36 H. P.	Size, Cash Price	$1085	
8-16 H. P.	" " "	700		25-50 H. P.	" " "	2250	
12-25 H. P.	" " "	1000		40-80 H. P.	" " "	2700	

Because of the uncertainty regarding material cost, however, they have informed us that these prices are subject to change and cannot be guaranteed for any certain length of time.

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