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THE COUNTY-WIDE ATHLETIC MEET

HELD ON HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS

LIST OF WINNERS IN THE VARIOUS EVENTS, TOGETHER WITH THOSE ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE-WIDE OLYMPIC MEET IN BALTIMORE.

The Fourth Annual Track and Field Meet of Queen Anne county schools was held on the Centreville High School campus Wednesday. The championships showed the good effects of the district meets that have been held, in that there was a larger entry list and keener competition. Centreville won the meet with a total of 103 points; Sudlersville was second with 54, and Stevensville followed with 40; Queen Anne, 28; Church Hill, 27; Templeville, 3, and Carmichael, 2 points. Nine county records were broken and one equalled. The best performance of the day was the winning of the mile relay by the Queen Anne Senior quartette. They made the record of 4 minutes, 3 2-5 seconds, as against the old record of 4 minutes and 14 seconds. Charles Bright bettered the time of the 70 yards dash one-fifth of a second and leaped 2 feet 1 in. farther in the running broad jump. The Centreville 95-lb relay team lowered the record for the 440 relay by one minute and four-fifths seconds. The little 80-pounders of Centreville cut 6 4-5 seconds from their relay record. G. Benton, of Stevensville, in the Base Ball Throw, added 19 feet, 4 inches to the record, by throwing the ball 259 feet. E. Walbert, of Church Hill, put the 8-lb shot 14 inches over the old record, and K. Knotts, of Sudlersville, stopped the record breaking by reducing the half-mile record 4 seconds, Knotts having been forced by W. Holmes, of C. H. S.

One of the most interesting features of the day was the Dodge Ball games which were played in the morning. Church Hill High walked off with the championship. The final success was when Church Hill defeated Stevensville High; Centreville defeated Sudlersville High; Church Hill Grammar defeated Queen Anne; Stevensville beat Sudlersville; Church Hill Grammar beat Centreville Grammar; the Church Hill High defeated Centreville High; Stevensville High defeated Church Hill Grammar, and, in the final game, Church Hill High stayed in the circle 4 minutes and 44 seconds, while the Stevensville girls were put out in 2 minutes and 28 seconds. The girls composing the championship team were: Edna Coppage, Anna Horner, Evelyn Moore, Lucinda Merchant, Elsie Merchant, Louise Rolph, Margaret Smith, Hallie Thompson, Margaret Valliant, Mildred Valliant.

Three teams of boys were entered for Dodge Ball honors: Centreville Grammar defeated Stevensville 9 to 7 and then defeated Church Hill 16 to 11. The team was composed of Chas. Anthony, Medford Dill, J. B. Downes, J. Paul Fowler, Ferguson Jarvis, Frank Jump, William H. Mears, Edwin Walls, W. Hewitt Walls, G. Thawley.

The winners in the boys' contests will take part in the State-wide Olympic, to be held in Baltimore June 7th. They are as follows: M. Briscoe, F. Jump, C. Bright, A. J. Elliott, R. Brown, A. Ringgold, F. Everett, K. Knotts, G. Thawley, J. D. Gadd, D. Taylor, Edwin Walls, Hewitt Walls, E. Abrams, M. Dill, F. Jarvis, Walter Denney, H. Grollman, G. Benton, J. R. Tolson, G. Blades, R. Price, F. Graham, T. Knotts, H. S. Fisher, J. Hubbard, C. Walls, E. Eaton, J. Reese, F. Clough, Edward Jones, Edward Walbert, C. Anthony, J. B. Downes, J. P. Fowler, W. H. Mears, R. Norman, J. Embert.

The meeting was held under the direction of Dr. William Burdick, of the Public Athletic Association, and he was loud in his praise of the efforts that the participants have made to improve their records, and spoke enthusiastically of the support given him by the gentlemen who acted as Field and Track Judges and other officers of the Meet.

The scores of the different events were as follows:

80 yds dash—Won by M. Briscoe, Queen Anne High; R. Norman, Stevensville, second; T. Hackett, Queen Anne, third; H. Hardesty, Sudlersville fourth. Time 7 s.

Standing broad jump—Won by R. Norman, Stevensville; R. White, Stevensville, second; H. Hardesty, Sudlersville, third; G. Thawley, Centreville, fourth. Distance, 7 ft. 3 in.

Baseball Throw—Won by J. Embert, Stevensville; E. Walls, Centreville, second; D. Taylor, Centreville, third; J. Gadd, Centreville, fourth. Distance, 181 ft.

440 yards Relay—Won by Centreville; J. Gadd, G. Thawley, D. Taylor, S. Walls; Sudlersville; E. Blades, F. Pinder, J. Roe, C. Smith, second. Queen Anne: C. Bennett, W. Dickerson, J. Eaton, T. Mitchell, third. Carmichael: E. Carter, J. Dodd, H. Legg, W. Price, fourth. Time, 1 m.

Junior 95 lb. Class.

60 yards Dash—Won by Frank Jump, Centreville; F. Price, Sudlersville, second; C. Anthony, Centreville, third; G. Everett, Church Hill, fourth. Time, 8 3-5s.

Standing Hop, Step and Jump—Won by F. Jarvis, Centreville; F. Jump, Centreville, second; F. Fowler, Centreville, third; E. Jarvis, Church Hill, fourth. Distance, 10 ft. 3 in.

Base Ball Throw—Won by H. Walls, Centreville; D. Retter, Templeville, second; F. Price, Sudlersville, third; R. Bland, Church Hill, fourth. Distance 196 ft.

440 Yards Relay—Won by Centreville: E. Abrams, M. Dill, F. Jarvis, W. H. Walls; Church Hill, R. Bland, E. Jarvis, W. Robinson, W. Skinner, second. Time 58 4-5s.

Junior 115-Lb. Class.

70 Yards Dash—Won by C. Bright, Centreville; W. Denny, Jr., Stevensville, second; Hand Sparks, Church Hill, third; J. Walls, Centreville, fourth. Time, 8 3-5s. Winner made 8 2-5 in heat.

Running Broad Jump—Won by C. Bright, Centreville; W. Denny, Jr., Stevensville second; Amos Cray, Stevensville, third. Distance, 18 ft. 3 and 1-2 in.

Base Ball Throw—Won by G. Benton, Stevensville; H. White, Centreville, 2nd; H. White, Centreville, 3d; H. Morris, Centreville, 4th. Distance, 250 ft.

660 Yd Relay—Won by Stevensville, G. Benton; T. W. Denny, H. Grollman, J. H. Tolson; Centreville; E. Bramble, D. Ferrick, H. McClyment, second. Time 1m. 28 2-5s.

Junior Unlimited Class.

80 yds Dash—Won by A. J. Elliott, Centreville; W. Clark, Queen Anne, second; W. Wood, Centreville, third. Time 9 1-5s.

220 yds. dash—Won by G. Ringgold, Centreville; [illegible]

Running High Jump—Won by F. Clough, Church Hill; G. E. Blades, Sudlersville, Second. Height 4 ft. 1 in.

Eight Pound Shot Put—Won by E. Walbert, Church Hill; A. J. Elliott, Centreville, second; P. Perry, Centreville, third; W. Wood, Centreville; 4th. Distance 34 ft. 8 in.

880 yds Relay—Won by Sudlersville, G. Blades, F. Graham, T. Knotts, R. Price; Church Hill, F. Clough, F. Everett, F. Horner, E. Walbert, second. Time not taken.

Senior Unlimited Class.

100 yds Dash—Won by R. Brown, Centreville. Time 11s.

440 yards run—Won by F. R. Everett, Sudlersville. Time 57s.

880 yards run—Won by K. Knotts, Sudlersville; W. Holmes, Centreville, second. Time 2m. 14s.

Running Broad Jump—Won by R. Brown, Centreville; W. K. Knotts, Sudlersville, second; H. Fisher, Queen Anne, third. Distance, 19ft. 11 in.

Running High Jump—Won by E. Jones, Sudlersville; J. Hubbard, Queen Anne, second; E. Butts, Sudlersville, third. Height, 4 ft. 7 in.

Mile Relay—Won by Queen Anne, E. Eaton, H. Fisher, J. Reese, C. Walls; Centreville, H. Butts, B. Connolly, R. Jarrell, V. Troy, second. Time 4m. 3 2-5s.

SENIORS ENTERTAINED.

THE MEMBERS OF SENIOR CLASS ARE GIVEN RECEPTION BY THE JUNIORS.

The Senior Class of the Centreville High School was given a delightful entertainment at the High School last Friday evening by the Juniors. The lower hall was decorated with blue and gold, the class colors of the Seniors, and the upper halls with dark green and gold, the colors adopted by the class of 1919. During the evening games on the campus were enjoyed and dancing and music were indulged in. Cake, ice cream, candy and punch were served during the evening.

Those present were: Misses Katherine Brown, Mildred Comegys, Anna Covington, Gertrude McClyment, Dorothy Onley, Gertrude Kenton, Virginia Meredith, Adrienne Roe, Mildred Woodford, Cora Pippin, Kathryn Emory, Anna Mae Dodd, Celia Robinson, Mildred Massey, Katherine Downes, Clara Anthony, Katharine Rhodes, Sallie Foster; Messrs. Robert Brown, Beaton Connolly, George J. Hill, Alfred Boyce, A. J. Elliott, William Holmes, John Spencer Wright, Virgil Troy and Wirt Bartlett, of the classes, and Messrs. Stevens and Bruehl and Misses Keating, Brown, Mantz and Keaton, of the faculty.

Misses Pearl Mason, Helen Clark and Elizabeth Eaton motored to Crisfield Saturday and spent the week-end with Miss Helen Lankford.

COUNTY'S QUOTA IS MORE THAN DOUBLED

IN SECOND RED CROSS DRIVE

A WEEK OF INTENSIVE WORK BRINGS SATISFACTORY RESULTS—SUBSCRIPTION FIGURES BY DISTRICTS—DRIVE ENDS ON MONDAY.

The drive for the $100,000,000 Red Cross fund will close Monday night next at midnight, and, when all figures are in, it will be found that Queen Annes county has subscribed in the neighborhood of ten thousand dollars to this fund, our minimum quota being $4,000. The local committee in charge of the drive has been untiring in zeal and in enthusiasm and has left no stone unturned to roll up this magnificent sum.

Meetings have been held in practically every section of the county and people have given generously and patriotically. At a meeting Thursday night on Kent Island the Stevensville Bank donated $230 and those in charge of this district claim they will raise $1,000, $600 of which has already been reported.

Below we give the amounts reported from the various districts up until yesterday (Friday) morning, which totals $7,817.00. But before this article is read by the public this total will have gone far beyond the $8,000 mark, or double the county's quota. The local committee, however, are making a special drive to reach the $10,000 mark and everything at this time seems favorable to that end.

Reports from the various districts to date are as follows: First District, $1,100; Second, $874; Third, $3,132; Fourth, $600; Fifth, $800; Sixth, $611; Seventh, $700.

The drive throughout the country was scheduled to begin on Monday, May 20th, but owing to local conditions, it was thought advisable by the local committee to have the initial meeting Friday night, which was held in St. Paul's Parish House, Centreville. A splendid supper consisting of ham, biscuit, potato salad, jelly, pickle, coffee and ice cream was served by the ladies of the Red Cross.

The meeting was under the supervision of S. Chester Coursey, Chairman of the drive, and the Executive committee which was composed of Edwin H. Brown, Rev. C. P. McGoldrick, Howard E. Price, Senator J. Frank Harper, Charles A. Busteed and Clayton Wright.

Following the supper Mr. Coursey introduced Mr. Marsh, of the State of Washington, who spoke on the war and the good done by the Red Cross. The next speaker was Col. Gale Spangler, of Bellefonte, Pa., who told of the character of the people from his neighborhood and their loyalty to the President, whom he believed was Providentially elected to serve at this time. Hon. Albert G. Towers, of Denton, was the third and last speaker and held his audience spell-bound with the wonderful description of the work of the Red Cross and the many things that it has accomplished since the outbreak of the war and the many sacrifices that we should be willing to make that it might be supported.

Immediately after Mr. Towers' address, the audience was asked to make liberal donations that their boys and other people's boys might be given the best of care and attention in the fight for freedom, and the first response was a contribution of $500 from Dudley G. Roe, of Sudlersville, and Mr. William McKenney, of Centreville, followed with a subscription of $150, which he later increased to $200. Many other subscriptions were quickly taken in all denominations, from $5 to $100, and at 11.30 o'clock the magnificent sum of $2930 had been secured.

Saturday afternoon a patriotic meeting was held in the Centreville Opera House, under the supervision of the Woman's Section, Maryland Council of Defense. Dr. Penrose, who was sent abroad by the United States Government to investigate sanitary conditions of our Army, was the principal speaker, and at this meeting $200 was raised.

Saturday night Mr. Marsh made another appeal at the moving picture show, when $107 was raised.

The M. P. Church, at Ruthsburg, raised $107. Ebenezer Church raised $200 and $500 was raised in the churches at Crumpton.

Tuesday afternoon Rev. Father L. Jacquier addressed quite a large gathering on the Court House green. Father Jacquier at the outbreak of the present European War was stationed at Salisbury, Md., and he immediately enlisted in the service of his native country. He was at the front for a number of months as a stretcher bearer and later did duty in a hospital corps. When the American Army was sent to France under Gen. Pershing, Rev. Jacquier was transferred by the French Government as interpreter for the American contingent. He returned from the war theatre only a few weeks ago on a four months furlough. His address was deeply interesting, telling as he did of actual experiences and coming as it did as first hand news. At this gathering $400 was raised.

Tuesday night Revs. Leonard White and C. P. McGoldrick addressed a meeting at Church Hill, at which $300 was raised, and the Red Cross committee received a subscription of $125 collected at a colored picnic near Price one day this week.

The committee in charge of the Queen Annes county drive feel that there have been many liberal contributors among those who are financially able to give, but at the same time they know of several who have failed to contribute according to their ability. The same is true of the less favored ones of the county, numerous instances being cited where people have made extraordinary sacrifices in order to contribute their mite to this worthy organization.

The committee also desires to express its appreciation to Mrs. M. M. Larrimore and her helpers in preparing the splendid menu for the initial meeting at the Parish House, and also the Centreville Band for the music rendered upon this occasion.

Several other meetings will be held throughout the county today and tomorrow, afternoon two excellent pictures will be shown at the Opera House at 4.30 o'clock to which the public is cordially invited. Adults only, however, are entitled to admission.

DWELLING HOUSE BURNED.

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall B. Downes.

A disastrous fire occurred Saturday morning about 9 o'clock, when the dwelling on the Sam Coursey farm, on the road leading from Bridgetown to Roesville, was totally destroyed.

The farm is tenanted by Mr. Marshall B. Downes and owned by his mother, Mrs. R. B. Downes. The fire was caused by a defective flue in the kitchen loft and while Mr. Downes was able to save all the contents of the building the entire home was consumed by the blaze.

The loss entailed is about $2,400, with an insurance in the Kent Mutual Fire Insurance Company of $900.

Mr. Downes and his family are now occupying the garage on the farm as a dwelling.

CANADIAN SOLDIER TO SPEAK.

A Canadian soldier will speak at the Red Cross festival at Ruthsburg this (Saturday) evening. He will be in the county all day tomorrow and make several addresses, one of which will be at the Opera House tomorrow afternoon at the moving picture show. The addresses will be in the interest of the Red Cross.

STABLES BURNED.

PROPERTY OWNED BY MRS. JOHN M. PERRY AND OCCUPIED BY THE COUNTY.

A fire which threatened to destroy all the colored settlement adjoining Centreville, known as Johnstown, broke out last Friday evening about 7 o'clock, in the stables belonging to Mrs. John M. Perry and rented by the County Commissioners for the horses and mules used in road work. The fire was well under way before it was noticed, and by the time the alarm was given and the Good Will Fire Company could reach the scene, the building was almost totally destroyed. Two mules and a horse were in the stable at the time and all except one mule were gotten out early in the fire, but this one was rescued just in the nick of time by J. M. Mason. Mr. Mason cleared the doorway just when the roof fell. The fire is believed to have started in the hay loft by some one smoking or dropping a match.

The blaze caught to an adjoining house occupied by James Blake, colored, and belonging to Constable John P. Williamson, but the Fire Company was able to extinguish this before much damage was done.

Before the fire company was in a position to throw a stream of water on the burning building, a corn house at the southern end of the stables had ignited, and it looked as though it might become a total loss, together with the contents of ten or fifteen barrels of corn. But the company did effective work on this building and saved practically all the corn, with the upper portion of the building being the only part damaged.

Mrs. Perry's loss is about $800 with $500 insurance, and the county's loss is about $150 in hay and corn, which is coverd by insurance.

About 10.30 o'clock another alarm was sounded from the same place, but the company found it to be only smouldering remains of the first fire and it was soon extinguished.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

Will Be Held Next Wednesday at Carmichael M. E. Church.

The thirtieth annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Queen Anne's county will be held at Carmichael Methodist Protestant Church, Carmichael, next Wednesday, May 29. There will be three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening, and a splendid program has been arranged for each session.

Mrs. Mary R. Haslup, State President of the Union, will preside and every effort has been made to make the program the best that has ever been rendered in the county.

The officers of the Queen Annes Union are: President, Mrs. Mary C. Bishop; Vice-President, Mrs. Annie M. Ford; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary Ford Butler; Treasurer, Mrs. Annie W. Eddins.

A full attendance is requested and a box lunch will be served and every one is assured a most pleasant and helpful day.

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