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BUNDLE WEEK

Don't forget that this is Bundle Week. Get together any clothing you may have to spare and take them to Tyson's store before Tuesday evening of next week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The United Brethren Sunday School reports for Sunday, May 13th, an attendance of 124; offering $10.13.

The Mothers' Day service in the evening was presented to an audience which filled the church. The young people were the active participants, rendering a very beautiful and impressive service.

CAPT. F. N. STOKES DEAD.

Captain Frank N. Stokes, superintendent of the factory of the Monocacy Valley Canning Company, Frederick, Md., died at his home, 222 South Carroll street, that city, Tuesday evening, May 15, 1923, aged 70 years, after a long illness from Bright's disease.

He was born in Thurmont, the son of the late Joshua and Catherine Weller Stokes. He later lived in Ohio for a number of years. He was a member of Company A, Fourth Regiment, Ohio National Guard, and of the Fifth Battery, Ohio National Guard.

Later he moved to Ellicott City, Md., and assisted at the construction of the flouring mills at that place after which he moved to Frederick. For a number of years he was employed in the old McMurray canning factory and has been employed in the Monocacy Canning factory for the past 23 years.

He was master of every detail of the machinery in the plant and was a most popular and hard-working superintendent. He was affectionately known as "Cap" Stokes among his employes.

Upon the organization of Guardian Hose Company at Thurmont some thirty five years ago, Mr. Stokes was selected as Captain of the Company. As a drill master he was very efficient, and Guardian Hose Company became one of the leading organizations in Maryland, winning prizes in competitive drilling.

In later years he became commander of the old United Fire Company Drill Association of Frederick, and held the rank of captain.

He was a member of Grace Reformed Church and of the United Fire Company. He is survived by his widow, who before marriage was Miss Florence B. Topper and by five children: Mrs. John Englebrecht, Mrs. Harvey Fox, Mrs. George Mehrling, Mrs. Roger Shankle, and Mrs. M. Carter. One step-son, John Topper, Washington, D. C., one sister, Mrs. Catherine Perry, Rosewood, near Baltimore, and three brothers; James, Hartford, Connecticut; Harvey, Chicago, Ill., and Maurice Stokes, Baltimore.

The funeral will take place Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Services at the late home and interment in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Frederick. C. C. Carty funeral director.

CHARTER GRANTED POTOMAC JOINT STOCK LAND BANK

A group of Washington, Virginia, and Maryland bankers and business men, headed by George A. Harris, former Treasurer and Director of the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore, and A. Mitchell Palmer, former Attorney General of the United States, have received a charter for the Potomac Joint Stock Land Bank. The institution will have a capital of $250,000 and a paid in surplus of $25,000. The bank will loan money on farm land under the restrictions prescribed by the Federal Farm Loan Act and under the supervision of the Farm Loan Board, a branch of the Treasury Department. The loans will be made to farmers in amounts from $1,000 to $50,000. The mortgages will be deposited with the Treasury Department and Farm Loan Bonds will be issued in amounts equal to the face value of the mortgages. These bonds will be sold to investors and will carry the tax free features the same as Government and Federal Land Bank Bonds.

The mortgages will be based on the amortization plan, which enables the farmer to pay one per cent per annum on the principal which will pay off the loan in thirty-three years. He will have option to pay it off sooner if he so desires.

George A. Harris, who assisted in the organization of the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore and was a director and treasurer of that bank for several years, has ben elected president of the new bank. Vernor Gowin, of Vienna, Va., has who was formerly Chief Accountant of the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore, has been selected as the secretary-treasurer.

A number of bankers and business men throughout Virginia and Maryland will become associated with the new institution. It is said the bank will want a representative in each county.

MASONIC CHOIR

On Tuesday evening an exceptional musical program was given in Town Hall by the Masonic Choir of Frederick. The entertainment was held under the auspices of Acacia Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Thurmont, for the benefit of the Memorial Park fund.

The heavy rains during the evening did not prevent a large audience from being present, which, however, we have no doubt, would have been considerably larger had the weather been more favorable.

The entire program was composed of first-class selections which were rendered in like manner. It was certainly an enjoyable entertainment, and we hope this will not be the last opportunity we may have to hear them sing in Thurmont.

Miss Mary H. Filler, soprano, is a graduate of New England Conservatory of Music, and is teacher of vocal music in Hood College. Miss Virginia Carty, accompanist, also is teacher of instrumental music in Hood College. Toward the close of the program the ladies were each presented with a large bouquet of pink roses.

Mr. H. D. Beachley, in behalf of Acacia Lodge, welcomed and announced the Choir; at the close, in a short address, he extended them hearty thanks, in the name of the Masonic Lodge and the Memorial Park Committee.

Director Staley came in for a good share of the applause which he fully merited.

The choir made no charge for their services.

The piano used was loaned through the courtesy of the M. P. Moller Co., of Frederick.

After the program was rendered the choir was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Waters.

The following is the personnel and the program:

THE CHOIR

Director—Grayson H. Staley.

First Tenors	Second Tenors
James Heinlein Harris	J. Edward Gibson
Carroll H. Hendrickson	R. Ames Hendrickson
Francis B. Sappington Jr.	Harry O. Schroeder
First Basses	**Second Basses**
Claude S. Hahn	Emory L. Coblentz
H. David Hagan	Irving M. Landauer
Guy K. Motter	Austin E. Rhoads
	O. Leonard Storm

Accompanist—Virginia Carty.

Miss Mary H. Filler, Soprano.

James Heinlein Harris, Tenor.

H. David Hagan, Saxophone Soloist.

PROGRAM

Men of Harlech ..... Old Welsh Air
The Lost Chord ..... Sullivan
(Tenor Solo, Mr. Harris)
Lead, Kindly Light ..... Godard-Parks
The "Berceuse" from "Jocelyn"
(Soprano Obligato, Miss Filler)

THE CHOIR

The Star ..... Rogers
Garden of Your Heart ..... Borel
Homing ..... Del Riego

MR. HARRIS

Winter Song ..... Bullard
Last Night ..... Parks
(Soprano Obligato, Miss Filler)
Slumber Song ..... Smith
(Soprano Obligato, Miss Filler)

THE CHOIR

Liebesfrend ..... Kreisler
Roses of Picardy ..... Wood

MR. HAGAN

A Little Close Harmony ..... O'Hara
Music, When Soft Voices Die ..... Dickinson
Pilgrim's Chorus (From Tanhauser) ..... Wagner

THE CHOIR

A Page's Road Song ..... Novello
A Memory ..... Ganz
Pirate Dreams ..... Huerter
Love's Coming ..... Mana-Zucca

MISS FILLER

Annie Laurie ..... Geibel
Hunting Song ..... Stewart

THE CHOIR

COLD UNTIL JUNE 15, TRAPPER PREDICTS

William O. Altman, a trapper in a forest in Pennsylvania, predicted the present cold weather two months ago when he made his annual Spring and Summer forecast.

His forecast for the Fall and Winter of 1921 was so accurate that officials of the Weather Bureau in Washington sought information as to his methods, and several scientists wrote to him seeking information along the same lines.

Two months ago Altman predicted that the Spring would be "cold and backward" with cold winds and little rain. "Cold weather will feature May and continue until about June 15, with an occasional cold rain," he said recently. "From June 15 to July 15, weather unusually hot even for that time of the year will be experienced. Afterward until late in August there is nothing in sight but unusually cold weather," marked with chilly winds and rains.

Altman makes his deduecions by observing conditions in the woods and noting the habits and movevents of animals and birds. Migratory birds, he says, furnish one of the best weather barometers.

WARN FARMERS AGAINST MOTH

Warnings to the farmers against the depradations of the Angumois grain moth are being mailed out by the state entomologist, Ernest N. Cory. It is said that unless protective measures are taken immediately the moths will do much damage to the wheat which has been held over.

In his bulletin Mr. Cory tells something of the habits of the moth and of the best methods of combating it. It is said that the moth lives over in wheat and corn and in waste grain in straw held in the barns. The moths emerge from this grain and go to standing wheat which they infest about the time that the wheat is in the milk. This generation completes its life cycle about the time that the grain is harvested and successive generations are produced until cold weather.

Mr. Cory warns all farmers that seed grain should be fumigated with carbon bisulphide. It is also said that considerable care is necessary in handling the carbon bisulphide as it is highly inflammable. All grain should be fed up or sold off the farm as soon as possible, it is advised. The moths begin to emerge about this time of the year so that a prompt clean-up is necessary. After the wheat is cut it should be threshed as promptly as possible and should not be stored in barns or mows.

LOOK! READ! COME!

Everybody welcome. Enjoyment for all. Bring your friends with you to the illustrated lecture and hear good music also. Young, middleaged, and older will find entertainment on Tuesday evening, May 22, 1923, at the Reformed Church. Silver offering is requested.

41,681 FORD TRUCKS DELIVERED IN FIRST QUARTER SET RECORD

Sales of 41,681 Ford Trucks during the first quarter, setting a new high record, bear out predictions made earlier that the use of the one-ton truck in hauling and delivery systems will be greater this year than ever before.

Not only is the Ford truck rapidly coming into more general use in the commercial field, where its dependability, ease of operation and adaptability to all requirements make it the most popular, but throughout the agricultural sections of the country it is fast being adopted by the farmer as the best means of solving his problem for quicker and cheaper transportation of his products from the farm to the city.

March sales of Ford trucks, which reached the new high mark of 18,717, exceeded by more than 1,000 the sales of the first three months of 1922, totalling 17,586, and were 50 per cent higher than the sales in February of this year.

MORTALITY OF MARYLAND FARM ANIMALS

Of the total number of horses and mules estimated to be on the farms and ranges of Maryland on January 1, 1923, as many as 2,704, about 1.6 per cent, are reported as having died from disease. Horses and mules are reported generally as dying mostly from old age.

Of cattle, a mortality aggregating 5,605 is reported; and of this number about 1.4 per cent of disease, and 0.5 per cent from winter exposure.

Swine losses from disease are estimated at about 11,362 head, say 3.8 per cent. Mostly from sporadic cases of hog cholera.

Sheep losses from disease and exposure totaled 3,162 head; that is, about 2.1 per cent from disease and 1.3 per cent from winter exposure.

Lamb losses during the year were at the rate of 44 per 1,000 against 52, the average loss of the last ten years.

During the year under review the healthfulness of farm animals was good. And the mortality of each type was encouragingly less than the 10-year average of loss.

The Woman's Bible Class of the Methodist Church started a contest last Sunray for regular attendance. The "Hustlers" had 18 present and the "Rustlers" 14. Come and help your side to win.

BRADDOCK OPENING

Plans have been completed and preparations are under way for the opening of Braddock Heights, Frederick county's widely known Summer resort, on Wednesday, May 30.

On the opening day, which is also Decoration Day, there will be dancing both afternoon and night. Music will be furnished this Summer by Stephen's Novelty Orchestra, which has been at the Heights for the past several seasons. The park has been thoroughly renovated and indications point to the coming season being one of the most successful.

ACTION IS TAKEN ON FOREST FIRES

Efforts of the State Forestry Association to prevent the incendiary firing of forests in Maryland in the future and if possible to arrese those responsible for several recent fires on South and Catoctin mountains in Western Maryland resulted Monday in two moves. They are:

1. The State police were called upon to aid in running down the firebugs and uniformed men were assigned to the case.

2. Plans were mada to organize timber land owners of Western Maryland into an organization to afford better forest protection.

The intentional firing of woods on the mountains in Frederick and Allegany counties, which is attributed to berry pickers, has resulted in the loss of thousands of acres of fine trees and the expenditure of many thousands of dollars by the state.

ANOTHER HOG SLAUGHTER RECORD

Another monthly hog-slaughter record was made during the month of March, 1923, when 4,837,791 hogs were slaughtered in establishments operating under Federal meat inspection, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. This number breaks the best previous record for a month of March, which was made in the year 1918, by 911,805; and it exceeds the number killed in March 1922, by 1,487,577, or 44 per cent.

The heaviest slaughter of hogs usually occurs in the winter months, and more hogs were slaughtered in Federally inspected establishments during each of the months of December, 1922 and January 1923, than in March, 1923. However, the months of December, 1922, and January and February 1923, show an increase in number of hogs slaughtered of approximately 30 per cent over the same months of the previous winter. These figures show that an unusually large number of hogs were fed and marketed during last fall and winter.

"YELLOWING" CUTS DEEPLY INTO ALFALFA PRODUCTION

"Yellowing" is one of the most serious troubles of the alfalfa grower. In the East, says the United States Department of Agriculture, it is responsible for a greater reduction in yield every year than any of the diseases or insects. In the past few years it has been observed in the West but in the rest of the country it has been known almost as long as the crop has been grown on a commercial scale.

Although the cause of "yellowing" has never been definitely determined, it has been attributed to a humber of unavoidable conditions. In some cases it has been thought that soil conditions were responsible, as the same symptoms occur in the absence of sufficient lime, plant food, or drainage. But it also occurs where all these conditions are favorable, as is shown by the quick recovery of the plants after the old growth has been cut. When the cause is lack of lime, food, or drainage the plants die soon after cutting.

The treatment recommended for "yellowing" is cutting of the fields regardless of the stage of development of the plants. The new growth generally comes along normally.

Danger of Plague in This Country!

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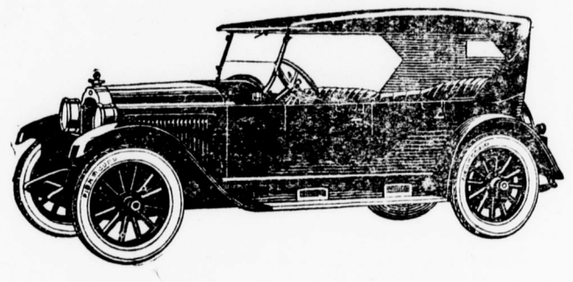

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C. E. Cassell
Business Manager

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of April, 1923.

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