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ALL WE BREAK DOWN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM?

The following editorial was taken from the Baltimore Sun:

In our eagerness to teach our soldier boys to shoot, we are in danger of overlooking the importance of continuing to teach the young idea to shoot. If we are not to emerge from the war with a lowered standard of intelligence and education among the younger generation, we shall have to see to it that our mental training cantonnments in the public schools do not suffer in efficiency.

There is real danger in Maryland, at least, that this may happen. Comptroller McMullen does not exaggerate the situation in his earnest plea for an increase in the salaries of our public school teachers. Their compensation has stood still, while the cost of living has gone forward by leaps and bounds. They are practically left in the position of having had their salaries cut in half.

Apart from the injustice of dealing, with faithful servants after this fashion, it is shortsighted and dangerous public policy, unless we are ready to go backward and accept the saphod methods and low standards of a quarter of a century ago.

In the last few years we have been making organized efforts to correct the defects of Maryland's public school system and to bring it up to date. And the war makes it more, not less, important to carry out that program. But teachers, no matter how well fitted for and devoted to their vocation, cannot live on their professional zeal. Most of them can get far better pay from the Government, or from private employers, and they are not to be blamed if they accept better offers in preference to semi-starvation.

We want to be more efficient than ever when this struggle is over. One of the surest ways of becoming less so is to break down our public school system. While Carroll county as yet has not lost many teachers, it does not follow that they do not need an increase of salary. The average salary for all teachers including colored teachers and high school teachers and principals is now about \$450 the total amount of salary having been raised this year from \$36,000 to \$93,000. This means that many teachers receive a salary far below this average. The average \$450 is no living salary for a teacher in a county as rich as Carroll. The remedy for this situation is in the hands of the members of the legislature: who can and should and doubtless will provide the way and means for meeting the very serious condition of affairs that confronts the educational work of the State. The public school is the bulwark of our democracy. It is absurd for us to be willing to spend billions to destroy military autocracy abroad, and at the same time endanger our democracy at home by raising a generation of children to menace us with an autocracy of ignorance.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE WITH THE \$5,000,000 CONTRIBUTED TOWARD THE Y. M. C. A.

The following facts show what has been done with \$5,000,000 already contributed to the War Work Council of the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States by the people of America for its work among the soldiers and sailors of the Army and Navy.

First. When the fund was raised, it was estimated that one million men would be under colors by the end of the year 1917. It was announced that at least \$3,000,000 would finance the work of the Association for the work of the Association for the men of the Army and Navy at home and abroad during this period.

This estimate was based on experience and records procured by the Association's successful Army and Navy work during the Spanish-American war and the work maintained by the Association last year along the Mexican border and throughout the country in military camps; and called for an expenditure of \$3.00 for each enlisted man.

As a matter of fact 1,500,000 men are now serving under the colors and it is not unlikely that 2,000,000 will be enrolled in the American Army and Navy before the end of the year, thus very greatly increasing the cost of the work unexpectedly thrust upon the Association. The burden is further added to from the fact that there has been an unprecedented rise in the cost of supplies, labor and transportation, both at home and overseas. Instead of \$3.00 per capita for 1,000,000 men, actual experience calls for much a larger expenditure for 2,000,000 men by the end of 1917.

To start a movement of the magnitude and character of that planned by the Young Men's Christian Association for the men in both branches of the Government's service, entailing as it does an initial equipment for building, motor trucks, supplies, stationery, games, etc., of great comparative cost, extending over a period of several months, it was at the outset difficult properly to estimate the cost. Even now with our large experience it is possible only approximately to estimate the cost per man of such a stupendous undertaking.

Second. The abnormal, unlooked for increase in the cost of buildings

and maintenance makes the actual expense for 1917 probably three times in advance of the April estimate.

In this country 50 army buildings, costing from \$5,000 to \$8,000 each, will be erected as compared with the April estimate of 200 buildings at \$3,000 each. By the end of the year 2,500 army secretaries will be in the field instead of 1,000 as estimated in April. Buildings in France are costing \$15,000; to heat them \$3,000, coal costing from \$60.00 to \$90.00 a ton.

Third. The success and novelty of our work among our American soldiers in France won instant favor with the French, Russian and Italian army authorities, and resulted in an extension of the work to include these soldiers. A beginning simply has been made and the cost for this work alone thus far has been not less than \$1,250,000.

Christmas At Grace Lutheran Church. On Sunday evening the Sunday School of Grace Lutheran church held their entertainment and the large church was filled with an appreciative audience. The service entitled, "Hail To The King" was splendidly rendered throughout and the children showed the excellent training they had received. The church was beautifully decorated in greens and a service flag containing fourteen stars was displayed, there being fourteen members of the congregation who have answered the Call to their Country.

On Christmas night the Christmas Cantata, "The Christ Child" by H. W. Petrie was given by the choir of the church under the direction of Mr. Charles Peltz. A large congregation filled the church and enjoyed the following selections: Invocation, chorus, The Light of Promise; duet, Come, Savior, Come; duet and choir, The Hope of the World; Trio, A Child Shall Lead; Solo, The Wise Men Came; chorus, Peace on Earth; solo, The World is Thrilled With Joy; solo, duet and chorus, Salvation; solo, The Dealer of Sorrow; quartet, Christ is Our Righteousness; solo, The Wonderful Nazarene; chorus, The Gift of Earth and Heaven; America, choir and congregation followed by the benediction.

Last evening the choir went to Camp Meade and rendered the Cantata for the enjoyment of the soldier boys and tonight it will be given in the Lutheran church, at Ellicott City.

Opera Notes for Week of Dec. 31. It seems good to be able to write about the Columbia people again, seems like old friends come back for a visit. Next week they have another lot of dandy plays for us. On Monday night "Uncle Sam's Boys," a military comedy in 4 acts; New Year's matinee, "All Aboard," comedy in four acts, and New Year's night one of the daintiest plays ever written, "The Runaway Girl," as fragrant as a summer's morning, lots of comedy. Wednesday a repeat from last year, but a good one, "Madam Satan." Thursday a benefit for the Red Cross, "The Red X Nurse," the title play will be taken by Miss Stila May. This is a great play, with lots and lots of comedy; scenes laid on the border of Mexico. Friday the best feature play of this engagement "Thelma," from the well known novel of Marie Correlle. All the scenic effects for this play will be used Saturday afternoon "Charlie's Aunt," a farce comedy will be the offering and Saturday night, another exceedingly strong play, taken from the book of the Clansman, entitled "The Klux Klan." Remember when seeing this play, don't get excited, its only a farce. The lines were written by the author not the actor.

Its a pleasure that the Columbia Stock Company returned to Westminster, and the welcome that they received, assured them they had not been forgotten.

Railroads Under Government Control. Soon after American railroads go under Government operation today, Director General McAdoo will issue his first official order wiping out competitive conditions and providing for complete pooling of traffic, equipment, terminals and trackage facilities and for the retention of present officers and employes. The immediate result will be a re-routing of traffic over shortest lines, regardless of the company with which shipments originate, and the common use of terminals to effect maximum efficiency. Without anticipating wonders under the new plan, officials look forward to material improvement in the present traffic congestion within a few weeks.

WARFIELDSBURG. Christmas day passed off very quietly in this neighborhood. Mrs. Tabitha Summers, who was ill several weeks with fever, is able to be down stairs again. Mrs. Wash Robertson still continues ill. Mr. Thomas Jones is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. David Raynold. On Friday night of last week the Warfieldsburg and Spring Mills schools each gave a Christmas entertainment. Mr. Grier Robertson and Mr. Joel Roop have canvassed the neighborhood collecting money for the benefit of the Red Cross. While Randolph Barnes and sister were at the Warfieldsburg school house last Thursday night their horse in some way got loose and started for the snow with the sleigh and kept in the main road but got fast in a snow drift. Mr. Barnes had to get quite a number of men to help get the horse from the drift and it had been in the snow so long it had gotten stiff. Ten men shoveled snow and worked until near 5 o'clock before the horse was released from the drift. Friday Commissioner Roop had the roads opened. Mr. Wm. Breitweiser and wife and daughter, Margaret, and Mr. Wm. King spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Beritweiser's and Mrs. King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koonitz, of Stone Chapel. Mr. and Mrs. William Richter, of Westminster, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. John Myers. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nicholson, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Clayton Devendorf, of Spring Mills, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Myers.

Germany Wants No Annexation. Petrograd, Wednesday, Dec. 26.—The Central Powers are ready to make an immediate general peace without compulsory annexations and without contributions.

This is their answer through Count Czernin to the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, made on Christmas Day at Brest Litovsk, to the Russian proposals, which they are ready to accept

in most particulars as the basis of negotiations. They insist, however, that the Central Powers cannot bind themselves one-sidedly to such conditions without a guarantee that the allies of Russia will recognize and fulfill these conditions. The Russian delegates asked for a 10-day recess in the negotiations in order to put the proposal before Russia's allies.

Opera House

Week Commencing Monday, Dec. 31

COLUMBIA STOCK CO

WILL PRESENT MONDAY

"Uncle Sam's Boys" MILITARY COMEDY IN 4 ACTS.

Tuesday MATINEE

"All Aboard" NIGHT.

The Daintiest Play Ever Written "The Runaway Girl"

WEDNESDAY.

"Madam Satan" SAME AS LAST YEAR.

THURSDAY

Red X Benefit

The Red X Nurse COMEDY DRAMA IN 4 ACTS

FRIDAY.

"THELMA" FROM THE NOVEL.

SATURDAY MATINEE.

"Charlie's Aunt" NIGHT.

KLU KLUX KLAN

TAKEN FROM THE CLANSMAN. REMEMBER IT'S ONLY A PLAY—DON'T GET EXCITED.

NO. 5039 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity.

M. Estelle Shamer, Mortgagee, plaintiff, vs. George L. Shamer and Emily Shamer, his wife, mortgagors, defendants.

Ordered this 24th day of December, 1917, by the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting in Equity, that the sale made and reported by M. Estelle Shamer, assignee of mortgages in the above entitled case be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 28th day of January, A. D. 1918; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Carroll county, once in three successive weeks before the 21st day of January, 1918.

The report states the amount of sale to be \$1,000.

EDWARD O. CASH, Clerk.

True Copy.—Test: dec. 28-31 EDWARD O. CASH, Clerk.

THINK!

What it means to the driver of a COAL TEAM to be called on to deliver YOUR order after 4 o'clock when YOU should have placed the order with Smith & Reifsnider before 12 o'clock. Coal conditions and weather conditions combined make slow delivery, co-operate with our service by ordering EARLY IN THE DAY, order before noon if possible, do not wait until the last shovel full is on the fire but anticipate your wants.

We thank you one and all for your co-operation in the past year and extend our best wishes for a most prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

SMITH & REIFSNIDER.

ORDER NOW TO SAVE MONEY!

Your monument for Spring will cost less if ordered now, and it will be finished with even more than usual care, since I have more time to finish my work during the winter months. Therefore, in the interests of economy and extra value, I urge you to select now, from my large and new stock, your monument for Spring.



250 Monuments and Headstones to select from. Work delivered anywhere by Auto Truck.

Joseph L. Mathias, WESTMINSTER, MD. Phone 127 East Main Street, Opposite Court street.

To Our Customers & Friends

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the liberal patronage of our friends and customers during the past months and hope that all may have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Don't forget we still have lots of GOOD SHOES AND NEW UP-TO-DATE FURNISHINGS. We have some of our Art CALENDARS left, come in and get one.

J. THOMAS ANDERS

SUCCESSOR TO WM. C. DEVILBISS.

22 W. MAIN STREET, WESTMINSTER, MD.

Babylon & Lippy Co.

Some January Specials!

On Sale Now Odd Lots of Merchandise At Prices That Will Make Purchasing Interesting.

Our Millinery Department

About 50 Hats, ready to wear, values from \$2.00 to \$4.00 on sale now at the small price of 98c.

Underwear Specials

Unbleached Underwear, in small sizes, fleeced, nice heavy weight worth 50c, now on sale while they last 29c.

Specials in Coats

We place on sale about 50 Black Coats, Chevots, Broadcloths, and serges. These Coats are out of style. The cloth is exceptionally good. Many are long coats. To the thrifty persons who can remodel Coats these will be welcome bargains. They are placed on sale at the extremely low price of 98c. On sale on Center Counter.

Other Coat Values

Our regular stock of this season's Coats are priced at values that will make bargains to those who have waited for their Coat wants. Ladies' and Children's Coats are priced at interesting figures.

Cloth Remnants

We have placed on sale on center counter all of our remnants of cloth which have accumulated during the Fall season. You will find here many bargains in these short pieces of cloth. It will pay to inspect these.

Sweaters! Sweaters!

An assortment of Ladies' and Children's Sweaters will be placed on sale. These are priced for quick sale. Most anything will be found in this lot.

Our Distribution Continues

Many customers have availed themselves of our profit sharing plan to obtain household necessities FREE and below actual cost to produce. We have several plans by which you can obtain silverware, Aluminum Kitchen Sets, Dinnerware Sets and large Rocking Chairs. These are not cheap and worthless. They are substantial. Guaranteed, and made by reliable manufacturers. We are pleased to co-operate with our customers in securing for them valued necessities with little outlay.

Where Your Dollars Go Farthest.

BEFORE I return to the colors I wish to thank all my friends and the public generally, for their patronage to my business during my absence and regret very much that owing to my short furlough did not get to see each one personally.

PETER N. SAMOIS, First Sergeant, Company C, 112th M. G. B. N. Camp McClellan, Anniston, Ala.

T. W. Mather & Sons WESTMINSTER'S LEADING STORE

Closing-Out Sale Of Millinery, Coats & Dresses

Trimmed Hats 98c

Lot of Ladies' and Misses' Trimmed Hats formerly selling at \$2.50 to \$4.00, to close out your choice for 98c.

Trimmed Hats \$1.98

All of our finest trimmed Hats placed in this lot, among them some of the celebrated Gage Hats worth from \$10 to \$12.50, all in one lot, your choice for \$1.98.

Children's Hats 50c

Lot of trimmed Hats for children from 2 to 8 years. Made of corduroy, silk and other materials, values \$1.00 to \$3.00 to close out only 50c.

COATS REDUCED

All Ladies' and Children's Coats offered at reduced prices. \$20.00 Coats reduced to \$15.00. \$12.50 Coats reduced to \$9.85. \$10.00 Coats reduced to \$7.75. \$8.50 Coats reduced to \$5.75. \$5.00 Coats reduced to \$3.95.

Ladies' Serge Dresses Reduced

Lot of very attractive one piece serge dresses, just the style the girls are wearing today. Values \$12.50 to \$15.00, now on sale at \$10.75.

Furs Reduced One-Third.

A few very stylish Furs left, among them handsome red fox, neck piece and muff. All on sale at one-third off the regular price.

Granite Roasters \$1.25

Royal Granite ware made in the oval shape that makes them easy to clean and economizes space. Sell regularly at \$1.75 each. One of the best and most satisfactory roasters made at a medium price.

Silverware

We have a number of small lots of silverware, spoons, ladies knives and forks, etc., that have been marked down to a price that means a real saving to you. Most of these are patterns that we are discontinuing and have only a few pieces of a kind left.

Bread Trays \$2.15

Silver bread trays, quadrupled plated and guaranteed to give satisfaction. Worth \$2.50 each.

Dinner Sets

We have a few dinner sets left that we can still sell at \$12.50 and \$13.50. These cannot be duplicated today at these prices and dinner ware is scarce at any price.

Knives and Forks \$1.25 set.

Good quality steel knives and forks. Bolster and cap handle.

Smoking Stands 85c

Pedestal style, mahogany finish smoking stands with glass tray. Don't drop your ashes on the floor when these attractive receptacles can be bought for so low a price. Make yourself a new years present.

Men's Mufflers One-Fourth Off.

Any of our men's Mufflers, and we still have some very desirable ones left, offered to you now at the beginning of the winter at 1/4 off the regular price.

Men's Neckties

Any of our regular \$1.00 men's Ties at 79c. These are made of high grade silks and are the latest and most stylish patterns of the year.

Hats \$2.00

Any man's Hat in the store that sold at \$2.50 is offered to you for a limited time for only \$2.00. These are all new goods this season and could not be bought today to sell at the former price.

Turkish Towels 19c

Good size and good quality of white Turkish Towels at a low price. These were bought when cotton was 30c a pound and today it is over 30c. They are actually worth a quarter.

Store Closed New Year's Day.

T. W. MATHER & SONS Westminister, Md.