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COURT HOUSE NEWS

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE, ORPHANS COURT, MARRIAGE LICENSES, ETC.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE.

Andrew Fresh to George E. Leister and wife, 10.692 square feet, for \$10.

Albert E. Fisher and wife to Murray R. Slagle and wife, 43 acres, for \$100.

Luther C. Davidson and wife to Elmer Richards and wife, 44 square rods, for \$75.

Barbara A. Hoover et al. to Frank T. Hoover, 7 acres wood lot, for \$209.25.

James D. Mitchell and wife to George C. Mengel and wife, 3 acres, for \$10.

Edward G. Gentz and wife to James A. Wantz, property in Lineboro, for \$2,500.

George Stanley Gilbert and wife to William R. Thompson and wife, property in Mt. Airy, for \$10.

Joseph B. Ledlich and wife to Robert McCulley and wife, 17 acres for \$10.

Clara S. Garber and husband to Marshall W. Senseny and wife, 19 acres, for \$6500.

Oliver L. Stone and wife to Elmer S. Shaffer and wife, 10 acres for \$300.

ORPHANS' COURT.

Monday, February 27th.—Harry A. and Charles P. Geiman, executors of William H. Geiman, deceased, settled their second account.

Letters of administration on the estate of Carroll I. Lambert, deceased, were granted to Lambert M. Smelser, who received warrant to appraise and order to notify creditors.

Letters of administration on the estate of Estu M. Rineman, deceased, were granted to Howard H. Rineman, who returned inventory of debts due and settled his first and final account.

Tuesday, February 28th.—Letters of administration on the estate of Narcissa J. Condon, deceased, were granted to Charles W. Condon, who returned inventory of debts due and received order to notify creditors.

George W. Brown, administrator of Rachel Ann Brown, deceased, returned inventory of personal property and current money, and received order to notify creditors.

Grace L. Straw, executrix of George R. Straw, deceased, settled her first and final account.

The last will and testament of Mary A. Taylor was probated and letters testamentary thereon were granted unto Florence I. Pickett, who returned inventory of money and order to notify creditors.

The last will and testament of Lizzie O. Steele, deceased, was probated and letters testamentary thereon were granted unto Francis Orndorff, who received warrant to appraise and order to notify creditors.

Letters of administration on the estate of Johnnie E. Beasman, deceased, were granted unto Frank B. Beasman, who received warrant to appraise and order to notify creditors.

Lambert M. Smelser, administrator of Carroll I. Lambert, deceased, returned inventory of personal property, debts due and current money.

John H. Hahn, administrator of John H. Hahn, deceased, reported sale of personal property, returned inventory of debts due and settled his first account.

FARMERS OF COUNTY MEET.

At the special meeting of the Farmers' Council which was called to take up the question of completing the county organization so as to meet the requirements of the Maryland Agricultural Society, and the American Farm Bureau Federation, no definite type of organization was completed.

Mr. T. E. McLaughlin, who is organizing the farmers of the county for the Maryland and Agricultural Corporation, explained the work and plan of the corporation which is buying and selling proposition which is made up of the farmers of the State and run and owned by farmers. The present prospect is that the corporation can save much money for its farmer stockholder.

The following resolutions were passed and adopted:

Recommending the support of Senate Bill No. 21 which legalizes the formation of farmers' cooperative organization.

Recommending a tax on oleomargarine similar to that in force in other dairy States.

Recommending a bill which will regulate the Commission Men.

Recommending the repeal of the Full Crew Law.

Recommending the providing of a State Constabulary.

Resolved that in view of the present farming conditions we recommend to the State Roads Commission that a maximum wage for unskilled labor be \$2.00 per day on construction work in this county.

FARMERS TO HOLD MEETING.

The Eldersburg Community Club will hold an important meeting on Wednesday, March 8, at 1:30 p. m.

sharp. Immediate following this meeting a local organization of the Maryland Agricultural Corporation will be formed. All members are urged to be present as it is of great importance.

M. P. PROUGH, Sec.

PROPOSED BOND ISSUE

\$700,000 IS THE AMOUNT DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND ROADS, EACH DISTRICT WILL RECEIVE QUOTA MENTIONED IN THE BILL BELOW—SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 15, 1922—THE OFFICIALS CAN BE SELECTED WITHOUT PARTY AFFILIATIONS FOR THE ELECTION.

After most careful consideration of the conditions and needs in the county, the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education, after a number of conferences, unanimously agreed upon the form of a bill to be presented for passage by the present Legislature, and the bill agreed upon was introduced in the Senate by Mr. Snader.

The following is an outline of the provisions of the bill. Both boards invite friendly criticism in the interest of the county and the taxpayers, in order that, if there are any changes that can be suggested for the improvement of the bill, such changes may be made at any reading thereof in Senate or House of Delegates.

The preamble to the bill, clearly sets forth the need.

WHEREAS, in order to meet the conditions arising out of the increased attendance in and rapidly growing needs of the public schools of Carroll County, there is imperative and immediate necessity for the erection and equipment of a number of new public school buildings, to enable the Board of Education of said county to properly provide for the education of all the children of the county; and whereas the increased traffic and passing of heavy trucks over the county roads in said county have rendered many of such roads most defective and at times practically impassable, a condition which can be remedied only by the replacing of "dirt roads" by more perfectly constructed stone-surfaced roads;

AND WHEREAS, to raise the money for the erection and equipment of said new public school buildings and for the replacement of "dirt roads" with hard-surfaced stone roads, it will be necessary for the County Commissioners of said county to levy a tax upon the assessable property in the county within the next few years as would be an intolerable burden upon the tax-payers of the county, or to borrow money, upon the faith and credit of the county, and to issue bonds to secure the payment thereof through a long series of years;

AND WHEREAS, it is believed that for such purposes it is believed that a more equitable and just for the tax-payers of the future, who will enjoy the benefit thereof, to participate in the payment thereof, than to require the present assessable property of the county to bear the whole burden of the cost of such permanent improvements, now, therefore:

Section 1.—BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County, in order to provide the funds necessary for the erection and equipment of the following public buildings, to-wit: for the erection of coupon bonds to the amount of not exceeding \$700,000.00, in the denomination of \$1000.00, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 5 per centum; interest payable semi-annually; the loan and interest to be exempt from all taxes.

Section 2.—Names the maximum sums of money to be expended for the erection and equipping of new public school buildings, as follows:—not exceeding \$250,000.00 for the respective buildings named, for Taneytown, \$100,000.00; for Woolery's district, \$20,000.00; for Freedom district, \$40,000.00; Pleasant Gap, \$10,000.00; Manchester, \$20,000.00; Lineboro, \$7,500.00; Roller, \$7,500.00; Westminster, \$150,000.00; Middleburg district, \$15,000.00; New Windsor, \$15,000.00; Union Bridge, \$10,000.00; Mt. Airy, \$15,000.00; the whole amount not to exceed \$550,000.00, and for the purpose of constructing and permanently improving public county roads in the following districts, not exceeding, for Taneytown district, \$25,000.00; for Uniontown district, \$25,000.00; for Myers' district, \$15,000.00; for Woolery's, \$25,000.00; for Freedom, \$25,000.00; Manchester, \$15,000.00; Westminster, \$20,000.00; Hampstead, \$15,000.00; Frankfort, \$15,000.00; Middleburg, \$25,000.00; New Windsor, \$20,000.00; Union Bridge, \$20,000.00; Mt. Airy, \$20,000.00; Berrett, \$35,000.00, the whole amount not to exceed \$350,000.00.

Section 3 provides that the bonds shall be issued in series, and all that may be issued shall be issued and sold within five years after July 1st, 1922; and that all bonds remaining unsold on July 1st, 1927 shall be cancelled and not offered for sale.

Section 5 provides that a series of said bonds to the amount of \$35,000.00 shall mature and become payable on the 1st day of July, 1927; and a series of said bonds to the amount of \$35,000.00 shall mature and become payable on the 1st day of July in each and every year after said first day of July, 1927, until all said bonds have been redeemed, so that the last of said bonds shall fall due and become payable on the 1st day of July, 1947.

Section 6 provides that the Board of Education shall from time to time within five years determine the order and succession in which the buildings designated in section 2 shall be erected.

Section 7 provides that when the

Board of Education shall have notified the County Commissioners of the building or buildings it proposes to erect and equip, as designated in section 2; and when the contract or contracts have been awarded, as herein after provided, the County Commissioners shall advertise and sell securities of said bonds as may be necessary to produce the amount of money designated, not to exceed, the several amounts specified in section 2 for the respective buildings provided for in said section 2.

Section 8 provides that the Board of Education shall award the contracts for erecting and equipping said public school buildings with heating plant and water fixtures, to the lowest bidder, provided that said lowest bid shall be within the amount specified in section 2 for each of said buildings designated in said section; and the Board of Education shall require the successful bidder or bidders to enter a contract in writing and give bond in the penalty of fifteen per cent of the contract price, for faithful performance of the contract.

Section 9 provides that if the Board of Education shall find it possible to erect and equip either of said buildings designated in section 2, at a cost of less than the sum specified in said section, the Board of Education is authorized to expend the difference between said actual cost and the sum specified in section 2 as the estimated extreme cost, toward the cost of furnishing with desks, apparatus and other school paraphernalia for said building.

Section 10 provides that the provisions of this Act shall be construed as additional to and not in substitution for or in conflict with any provisions of the General Laws of the State relating to public schools.

Section 12 provides that the provisions of this Act shall be construed as additional to and not in substitution for or in conflict with any of the provisions of General Laws of the State of Maryland relating to public roads, and additional to and not in substitution for or in conflict with local laws relating to public roads in Carroll County.

Section 13 provides that the County Treasurer shall deposit the money arising from sale of bonds to the joint order of County Commissioners and Treasurer, in some bank, trust company or savings institution, guaranteeing to pay interest on said bonds, at the highest rate obtainable.

Section 15 provides for the levying of taxes to redeem bonds at maturity of first levy to redeem bonds to be made in 1926.

Section 16 provides that no portion of the taxes levied under the authority of this Act shall be diverted or used for any other purpose than the payment of said interest coupons and the liquidation and payment of said bonds.

Section 17 provides for manner of advertising for bids and sale of bonds. Section 18 provides for a referendum at a special election to be held Monday, May 15th, 1922, under the direction of the Supervisors of Election and that said election shall be held and conducted in conformity with the General Election laws of the State, except that for said special election the Supervisors of Election shall select and appoint two judges and two clerks of election for each precinct, and that said judges and clerks shall be selected without reference to party affiliation. (Note—this provision as to judges and clerks is made because both the members of the Board of Education and of the Board of County Commissioners believe that in each precinct there are those qualified to act as judges and clerks, who will be willing to serve without remuneration, and that this a special election can be held at a very small cost. They further believe that the question at issue should be determined on its merits, and that this can only be accomplished by a vote at a time when the voters' minds are not confused by a multitude of issues, as will probably be the case in the general election of November, 1922, if the numerous Constitutional amendments proposed must be voted on at that election.)

WESTERN MARYLAND TO SEEK \$650,000 FUND

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KATZ TO EXHIBIT CLOTHING.

In order that Katz clothing may become better known throughout Westminster and its vicinity, representatives of K. Katz and Sons, Baltimore, will hold an exhibit of their new spring models in men's clothing at the Westminster Hotel, on Monday and Tuesday, March 20 and 21st.

This will be merely an exhibit—there will be no attempt made to sell any of the clothing. Everyone is invited to attend and examine and try on the new garments.

ANOTHER BUSINESS CHANGE.

Mr. James D. Mitchell, senior member of Mitchell & Crawford, proprietors of the Westminster Realty & Insurance Company, of this city, under mutual consent, has sold his interest in the business to Mr. Carroll Crawford, who will conduct same from March 1st. Mr. Mitchell will devote his time as stock salesman for the Gilpin Company Incorporated, who have under operations extensive oil wells in Kentucky.

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

OFFICERS AND VARIOUS COMMITTEES SELECTED—\$184.05 RECEIVED FROM "ALL ABOARD."

The Women's Civic League of Westminster held its February meeting on the 23rd of the month in the County Agent's office, which was kindly lent for the occasion.

After the reading of the minutes and the reports of committees, the treasurer gave her report, showing a balance on hand of \$341.73 of which \$184.05 represents the net proceeds from the performance of "All Aboard."

The principal business of the evening was the choosing of officers and chairmen of the various committees, for the year 1922. This will be as follows: President, Mr. Jesse S. Myers; according to custom one vice-president was chosen from each of the churches of the town—Mrs. J. Pearre Wantz, Mrs. Martha Shaw, Mrs. Lewis K. Woodward, Miss Lottie Moore, Mrs. Michael E. Walsh, Mrs. H. H. Harbaugh, Miss Nora Gerstuch and Mrs. Harry Ditmar; treasurer, Mr. Morris Mitten; secretary, Francis McGirr.

Chairmen of the Flower Committee, Mrs. Edward Diffendal; Entertainment Committee, Miss Anna Shriver; Forestry, Mrs. John L. Reifsnider, Jr.; Sanitary, Mrs. John D. Bowers; New Membership, Mrs. Arthur P. Rainey; Fly, Mrs. Grace Bish; Press, Mrs. D. F. Shiple; Playground, Mrs. Leeds Billingsley. It was decided not to appoint a Motion Picture Committee, as at present there is no special need for such a body.

The chairman of each committee selects the other members of her special committee, and to avoid confusion in this matter, the president held a short executive session after the League adjourned, for the purpose of considering the names of those to be put on the various committees.

The president appointed Mrs. Morris Mitten and Mrs. John L. Reifsnider, Jr. to represent the League at the meeting to be held in the County Agent's office on March 3rd, at which meeting all churches and societies in town are requested to have delegates present to consider the advisability of obtaining a community house, or something of that nature. The president invited any other members of the League who could do so to come to the meeting on the 3rd of March, as this matter of a community house is one which appeals to the public.

Miss Rachel Everett was present and very kindly offered the League the use of the County Agent's office for its future meetings, and as this office is decidedly the best place for such meetings the members of the League gladly accepted this offer; so from this time the League will meet regularly at the County Agent's office. Miss Everett also bespoke the interest of the League in the Home Making Club to be held in Westminster in April. Mr. Fuller, the County Agent, requests to meet the members of the Flower Committee informally, in order to consider the matter of specializing on some flower or flowers during the coming year.

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RESCIND DEPOSIT RULE

SCHOOL BOARD ACTS AFTER COUNSEL ADVISES THAT MONEY CANNOT BE COLLECTED FROM STUDENTS—PUPILS RETURN AND RESUME WORK.

In a resolution passed at a special meeting of the Board of Education of Carroll County Saturday night, the board rescinded its resolution of February 1 requiring a deposit from pupils in the commercial departments of county high schools of \$2.50 each for safeguard and care of typewriters during the remainder of the present school year.

While the board bows as gracefully as possible to the legal opinion of its counsel, it defends the reasonableness of its action.

The original action of the board was not communicated to parents of the pupils, but to the pupils themselves. The class at Westminster, 45 in number, unanimously agreed upon a strike and refused to pay. Parents of many of them took a different view from that of their children. Some accepted the requirement as reasonable and at once made payment. Others without questioning its reasonableness or unreasonableness, paid up as recognizing their obligation to constituted authority. Seventeen of the 45 refused to pay.

County Superintendent Unger, February 12, announced the board's ultimatum that any pupils who did not pay by February 17 would be deprived of the privileges of the commercial course. Fifteen of the strikers stood by their refusal and were dismissed.

Among them was Edgar Weigle, son of Capt. John N. Weigle. In Captain Weigle's name, Theodore F. Brown and Francis Neal Parke, attorneys, filed a petition asking the Circuit Court here for a writ of mandamus ordering the reinstatement of his son. Judge Forsythe signed an order giving the board until February 27 to show cause why the mandamus should not be granted.

The board and its counsel took the matter up with the Attorney-General's office. Friday the president of the board, its counsel and the county superintendent, with the attorneys for the petitioner, had a conference with Attorney-General Armstrong and his assistants.

The proceedings of the board were as follows:

At a special meeting of the Board of Education called at 6 p. m. the following members were present, Wantz, Koons, and Peeser, whereupon the Board after a thorough review and discussion of the Resolution authorizing a guarantee fee to be charged for the protection of typewriters in the commercial schools, unanimously passed the following Resolution with the attached explanation.

Whereas, at a meeting of the Board of Education of Carroll County held the 1st day of February, 1922, the following Resolution was passed, namely:

"The Board decided that it is necessary to demand a guarantee fee from each student in the commercial department in order to safeguard the care and use of the typewriters in the department. After the machines are inspected at the end of the school year a pro rata charge is to be made and the balance refunded to the students. The fee for the remainder of this school year is two dollars and fifty (\$2.50) cents."

and, Whereas, the Board has been advised by its own attorney and also by the Attorney General of Maryland, that the Board has no legal right to demand from each student in the Commercial Department, a deposit of two dollars and fifty (\$2.50) cents as provided in the foregoing Resolution.

Therefore, be it Resolved that the Board of Education does now rescind the foregoing Resolution.

In view of the fact that a number of the patrons of the Westminster High School have taken exception to the resolution passed by the Board of Education of Carroll County, in requiring that the pupils of said school who are in the Commercial Department should be required to make a deposit of \$2.50 as a guarantee against any willful breakage of the typewriter used in that Department, the Board has today rescinded that resolution.

When this resolution was discussed by them on February 1st, every plan was thought of by the members of the Board, to put in force a rule that would prevent further breakage of these machines, and would save the tax payers of Carroll County a large sum of money in repairing machines that had been reported to them as having been willfully broken and destroyed.

After careful thought this plan of a \$2.50 deposit seemed to them fair, equitable and just and authorized the County Superintendent to so notify the different Commercial Departments in the schools of the County of this action, and that any pupil who did not comply would be considered as one who had not complied with the rules and be refused the privileges of that Department.

Since some of those patrons have taken exception to this and have employed Counsel to prevent the enforcement of the rule, the Board of Education has consulted its attorney and the Attorney General of the State, and are advised by them, that although this same rule is now and has been in force in nearly every County of this

CHARGED WITH DEMORALIZING GIRLS

SENTENCED TO JESSUPS FOR ONE YEAR—GIRLS SENT TO TRAINING SCHOOL—FRANKLIN GIVEN SIX MONTHS.

About 1000 persons packed the Court House Wednesday evening to hear the case of the State against Arthur Mitten, Frances Winters, Rosie Zeigler and Charles Franklin, colored.

The four people were arrested late Friday night in a raid in Charles Franklin's house, on Charles street, by State's Attorney Brown, Sheriff Martin, Officers Weigle, Bowers and Oursler. Complaint was made to State's Attorney Brown by the colored population about Mr. Mitten and the two women, all white, about frequenting the home of Franklin. On the above night the officers had planned to raid the place and arrest all found on the premises, which resulted in the arrest of the above persons. An automobile was standing in front of the house but escaped before it could be stopped.

Justice Walsh moved his tribunal to the Court room knowing that the case had created a great deal of interest to the citizens. Twenty witnesses were heard and on their testimony a verdict of guilty was pronounced. None of the accused testified in their case. The sentenced pronounced by Justice Walsh was as follows: Arthur Mitten, one year in the House of Correction, charged with contributing to the delinquency of minor children. Rosie Zeigler, 16 years of age, and Frances Winters, 15 years of age, sent to the Maryland State Training School for Girls until each is 21 years of age. They were charged with night walking.

Charles Franklin, 6 months in the House of Correction, the full limit of the law, for conducting a disorderly house.

Attorney Weant counsel for the accused immediately filed an appeal in each case, which was put on record yesterday at the clerk's office. The case will be tried before the Court next Wednesday.

Bail was fixed at \$1000 in the case of Mr. Mitten, and \$500 each for Winters, Zeigler and Franklin. As bail was not secured all remained in jail for trial.

States Attorney Brown and Attorney Steele represented the State; Attorney Weant the accused.

"The Texas Ranger," a southwest play will be given in the Opera House tomorrow evening.

Levi Shaffer, near Stiltz's Church, Pa., died Monday from paralysis, aged 68 years. The deceased was a brother of Ephraim Shaffer, of Lineboro.

Mrs. Pius Krebs, Lineboro, received a message of the death of her brother, John L. Fisel, Glenville. He died February 24.

An amendment to the election law of the State is being passed by the Legislature to make the hours of opening and closing the polls in the counties from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Our streets are beginning to show the first signs of the severe winter. A several inches the macadam has broken through which will mean that the streets will have to be torn up and resurfaced.

Dr. Franklin H. Erb, of Baltimore, died Tuesday at his residence, 2121 North Charles street. Dr. Erb was a native of this city. His body was brought to Krider's church this morning where services were held. Interment in adjoining cemetery.

The annual meeting of the Frederick County Sheep Growers' Association was held in Frederick yesterday. These officers were elected: Charles Wertheimer, president; Frank M. Stevens, Creagerstown, vice-president, and Emory C. Remsburg, Buckeystown, secretary and treasurer.

Mrs. Anzenora King, wife of Chas. W. King, died at the Warner Hospital, Gettysburg, February 24th, after a six weeks' illness from a complication of diseases. She was aged 72 years 4 months and 12 days. William Little, of Taneytown, is a brother of the deceased.

For information as to how to land a 5 pound, 2 ounce carp, see William H. Snyder. Mr. Snyder presented Mr. S. C. Stoner, West Main street, with a carp of the above size this week. The members of the Forest and Stream Club should see Mr. Snyder for dope on "how to catch the big ones."

On Wednesday evening, March 8th, Miss Annie Therese Devault will give the fourth number of the Lyceum Course in the Armory. Miss Devault is one of the foremost interpreters of Literature. Among her selections are "The Melting Pot," "Polly of the Circus," "A Christmas Carol," and "The Music Master."

Marshall Brooks, of Carrollton, with his fiery steed "Jack," decided to take a swim, on Tuesday. Jack became over balanced took a header to the bottom of the stream. After a hard struggle, with several of the Carrollton folks, and the aid of a small lumber yard, rescued the unfortunate pair. After all, Brooks reports a pleasant time and the mosquitoes caused him very little trouble.

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