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## Citizens to Confer with School Board on Building Site

Meeting To Be Held Saturday

### Actually Satisfactory Co-operative Plan Arranged with College

Routine business, the purchase of supplies and equipment and other details of maintenance were discussed at a meeting of the School Board held on Saturday. The matter of a site for the proposed new building was discussed some length and it was finally decided that in a matter so important the wishes of the citizens should be consulted. It was decided therefore that Major E. B. Frazer be asked to appoint a citizens' committee to confer with the board on this matter on next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Council Chamber.

Mr. Frazer in response to this request yesterday appointed this committee which consists of the following citizens: Frank Collins, George W. Griffin, A. L. Beals, S. Wright, Norris Worrall, C. A. Cue, G. I. Durnall, Robert J. Albert, and D. C. Rose. At the request of the Board, Mr. Frazer also be a member of the committee.

An agreement was reached with the Education Department of Washington College, whereby the College will give \$2,000 in cash to be expended in teachers' salaries and \$4,000 to equipment necessary for demonstration and practice work in return for the privilege of observation and practice work in the first grade, in grades 4 to 8, in the Home Economics department.

### Army Seeks Recruits Here

Recruiting detail for the U. S. Army and established headquarters at the Armory. A tent was pitched on the Academy grounds and banners, posters and other recruiting propaganda was put on display.

Many young men visited the tent and heard the arguments set forth by the soldiers. A few were attracted by the accounts of army life but not to the extent of enlisting. As far as could be learned there were no enlistments here. They remained in town until Tuesday morning when they left for Wilmington.

The detail was in command of Lt. L. J. Meyers, Sergeants J. Moore, John M. House and J. Cartwright and Private W. Hicks were the other members. They belonged to the Artillery branch of the service.

### Bell Blessed On Sunday

The new bell for St. Thomas' Episcopal Church was blessed on Sunday. A large congregation assembled to witness the ceremony which included tolling three times the name of the Trinity during service. It was given its first tolling after the service when it tolled for nearly ten minutes. The tolling is especially pleasing and is heard to better advantage than some minor changes are to the belfry.

### Summer School Closes Friday

No ceremony and with little confusion, the Summer School came to a close on Friday and the 240 teachers departed for their homes.

It has been hoped to secure a train to Porter for the group but was found impracticable. The group left in the morning but the city went in the afternoon. The baggage was handled extensively, much of it going out Thursday.

Instructors left late Friday or on Saturday.

Mary E. Rich will remain a few days to close up all business. Miss Agnes Snyder, principal of the Demonstration School, will leave Monday for her home in New York.

## SALE OF FOOD BY PARCEL POST TO BEGIN MONDAY

Substantial Reductions From Market Price For Staple Goods

Beginning next Monday surplus army food will be sold directly through the parcel post system. The War Department issued recently a schedule of prices for the food stuffs. This shows material reductions compared with prevailing market prices. On some of the seventy-two commodities the prices are as follows:

Baked beans, five cents for can of one and a quarter pounds. Salted corn, ten cents a two and a quarter pound can. Dry beans, \$6.49 a 100 pound. Crackers, five and six cents a pound.

Army flour, \$6 a 100 pounds. Macaroni, seven cents for one and a half pounds.

Rolls of oats, twelve cents for two pounds. Seeded raisins, ten cents a pound.

Rice, \$6.74 a 100 pounds. Tomatoes, nine cents for two-pound can.

White cornmeal, \$3.50 for 100 pounds. Bacon, \$4.15 a can of seventeen pounds.

Corned beef, fifty-five cents for can of 1.36 pounds.

Costs of the commodities to the government, the department said, had been disregarded entirely in fixing the prices.

The prices quoted are free on board cars and from storage points in each of the thirteen districts into which the country is divided for War Department subsistence purposes. The department now is redistributing the food supplies in the thirteen areas so that each may have its proportion per population, of the articles offered for public sale.

The price tables include the price a can or individual units in each case and also the price a case or larger container. It also shows the gross weight a can and a case so that the public may arrive at the price it will have to pay by adding parcel post rates from the nearest distributing point to the home of the consumer to the prices quoted.

### Committee Plans Early Construction Of Sidewalk

Ex-Governor Charles R. Miller, chairman of the committee under whose jurisdiction comes the matter of planning for the new sidewalk on Depot Road, met on Saturday afternoon with County Engineer Grubb, Town Engineer Wilbur Wilson, A. G. Wilkinson, business administrator for Delaware College, Mayor Eben B. Frazer and representatives of Council to consider plans and specifications for the walk.

The heavy traffic on Saturday afternoon fully convinced the committee of the danger to pedestrians and of the necessity of hastening the work. A part of the plans have been completed and actual operations will be begun in a short time.

### Fine Wheat Crop At Red Men's Home

Threshers this morning turned out a fine lot of wheat for G. W. Russell, farmer at the Red Men's Home. The crop was one of the few in this neighborhood under cover during the recent disastrous wet spell. The yield averaged 28 bushels to the acre.

### Are Touring Canadian Frontier

Misses Edna Chalmers and Laura Colmery left on Friday morning for an extended tour through northern Pennsylvania, New York and various points of interest on the Canadian frontier. They expect to be gone for 10 days, a part of which will be spent with relatives at Tonawanda, New York. Messages received by friends indicate that they are enjoying the trip.

## EXPLAINS HIGH SCHOOL TAX RATE FOR THIS DISTRICT

ASSISTANT STATE COMMISSIONER CLARIFIES LOCAL SITUATION

### SHOWS THAT CODE COMPELS LEVY COURT TO COLLECT POLL TAX FROM EVERY MALE RESIDENT TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE AND OVER

In reply to numerous inquiries from property holders as to the reason for the high tax rate fixed for this school district the following statement was received last week from Mr. John Shilling, Assistant State Commissioner of Education, who assisted the local School Board in making up the budget for the year. This statement is embodied in the following letter received last week too late for publication:

Dover, Del., August 4, 1919.

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Gentlemen:

I have been asked to make a statement as to the tax rate in the Newark Special School District.

According to the Budget as it was made up by the Board of Education of the Newark Special School District there would be required by taxation \$24,790.05. The Board estimated that there would be at least 725 polls in the district and set the rate, as it is required to do by the new School Code. This rate it set at \$5.00 and expected by poll tax to raise at least \$3,625, leaving \$21,165 to be raised by a property tax. Its estimate of the assessed value of the property in the School District was \$3,000,000; this would make the rate 71c on the dollar, slightly above the rate of last year, but probably not more of an increase than would have been needed, without any change in the school laws, to meet the increased teachers' salaries. The Newark Board was very much surprised to find that the Levy Court had set the rate at 89c and investigation showed: First, that the Levy Court said that it had no record of more than 250 people from whom poll tax is collectible; and second, that the assessed value of the property, according to the Levy Court's first estimate, was about \$2,720,000; and third, that the Levy Court had allowed a rebate of 8 per cent. The first of these circumstances would take \$2,375 from the poll tax and add it to the property tax, making the amount necessary to be raised by property tax \$23,540, and the second would make the rate 95c. Upon investigation it was found that the Levy Court had few names of people liable to poll tax, because it has not been customary to collect poll tax, from any except property holders, in New Castle County. Under the new School Code, Section 131, the Levy Court is required to collect—

"a capitation tax, the amount of which shall be fixed annually by the Board of Education, and stated in its Annual School Budget, but which shall not be less than \$3.00 or more than \$6.00 annually, and shall be levied ON THE PERSON OF ALL MALE RESIDENTS OF THE RESPECTIVE SPECIAL DISTRICTS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OVER."

This gives the Levy Court no jurisdiction as to the levying or non-levying of poll tax upon all the persons mentioned and if Newark could produce one thousand such persons it would be incumbent upon the Levy Court to collect poll tax from each one of them.

Further investigation showed that the number of polls, as tabulated by Mr. Ferguson, is 1034. It is altogether probable that the first estimate of the Board of Education of \$3,000,000 assessed value is nearly correct, but the assessment has been made up and the Board of Assessors feels that no change can be made in that. This is entirely within the jurisdiction of the Board of Assessors and not that of the Newark Board of Education. Using this assessment of \$2,720,000 and a poll tax of \$5.00, a property tax rate of 72c, not allowing for rebates, would produce the amount of money asked for by the Board of Education.

The Budget of the Newark Board of Education shows an item of \$6,000, which the Board has included, anticipating the issuing of bonds to pay for a new building, feeling that the offer of Mr. duPont to pay a part of the cost of a new building was too good to leave unaccepted. If this had not been included the rate would have been considerably less; in other words, if the building had not been provided for in the Budget and the number of polls had been estimated at 1034 and the assessment had been \$3,000,000, which the Board thinks is approximately correct, the tax rate would have been, not allowing for rebates, 46c, and with an assessment of \$2,720,000 it would have been 50c.

To sum up: The reason the rate is higher than was at first anticipated is that the assessment in the matter of property valuation and number of taxable polls seems to have been defective and that the Newark Board of Education has anticipated a building program which has been too long delayed, and that except for these conditions, the prediction of the friends of the Code that the rate would not be raised, was well founded.

Hoping this explanation will cover the points of your questions, I am,

Yours very truly,  
JOHN SHILLING,  
Assistant Commissioner.

### Harvest Home Festival A Great Success

The annual Harvest Home festival held at Whiteman's Grove last Thursday drew a considerable crowd and netted \$431 to the treasury. The ladies of Ebenezer M. E. Church under whose auspices it was given were very well pleased with the result.

Mr. C. T. Williamson of Baltimore, a representative of the Anti-Saloon League and Mr. Frank Baldwin of Washington, who represents the War Risk Insurance interests were the speakers. Mrs. Benton Mackaye was expected but was unable to be present.

The children's playground proved an interesting feature and was in charge of Mrs. Sadie Wirt. The

fancy table and novelties were in charge of Mrs. Maria Whiteman; Mrs. Elva Burns presided over the lemonade stand; and a committee in charge of Mrs. James H. Willis served dinner and supper.

### Fishing Good Sport

#### At Highland Lake

Messages received from Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sanborn who are camping for several weeks at Highland Lake, Bridgeton, Maine, indicate that they are having a very enjoyable time.

Mr. Sanborn is an enthusiastic angler and is enjoying the sport there.

## PROMINENT SPEAKERS SECURED FOR PICNIC TOMORROW

Judging Demonstration to be Given for Boys' and Girls' Club Members

Grange members throughout the county are looking forward with a great deal of interest to the picnic to be held tomorrow at the Experimental Farm. They will bring lunch and after enjoying a social time will witness a unique feature in the judging demonstration arranged by R. O. Bausman, County Agent. Dr. F. A. Hays, head of the Animal Husbandry Department will conduct this demonstration for the benefit of the Boys and Girls Dairy Calf Club and Pig Club members. The points that go to make up a good dairy cow and the points that make a fine breeding or fattening pig will be explained and pointed out on good types of animals which will be selected for the purpose.

This will not only help prepare the club members for the judging contest at the State Fair but will also prepare them for the contest which will decide who will constitute the team of members to obtain a free trip to Springfield as a result of good work at the Fair.

The meeting which will convene at 2 o'clock will be presided over by Worthy Master Jacob Rosa of Milford. Prominent speakers will be present including Worthy National Master W. C. Wilson of Illinois, who will discuss the responsibilities of the granges in the present national crisis. Dean Harry Hayward who will tell something of French agriculture which he had an opportunity to study during his recent service overseas; Dr. L. Heisler Ball, United States Senator from Delaware; and Mr. Baldwin who was recently assigned to this district by the government in the interest of War Risk Insurance. About 70 per cent of soldiers holding this type of insurance are dropping it. Mr. Baldwin's mission is to encourage these young men to convert it into other forms of insurance. He will present this subject at the meeting tomorrow.

There is every indication that the attendance will be unusually

### Noted Evangelist To Address Open Air Meeting

Dr. A. L. Latham, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church of Chester, Pa., will preach in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning, and address the open air meeting on the college steps in the evening. Dr. Latham needs no introduction to the people of Newark. Last winter he conducted a series of evangelistic services in the Presbyterian Church and night after night preached to crowded houses. He is a veritable Elijah in his presentation of the truth, fearless, pointed, striking at evil wherever it exists, and yet in all tenderness telling the gospel story. He is a remarkably fine student of the Bible. For the past twenty-five years he has made it his daily task to commit Scripture to memory with the result that he is able to repeat verbatim over a hundred chapters of the old book. His personal preaching carries because he falls back on the Bible for his authority. He has proved the truth of the saying that the most interesting sermons are those that are strictly biblical.

### Aged Woman Seriously Ill

Mrs. Hester A. Widdoes is seriously ill at the home of her son, O. W. Widdoes.

Mrs. Widdoes is 81 years old and was until the time of her recent illness unusually active for a woman of her age, both mentally and physically.

### Y. M. C. A. Worker Returns

Miss Alice Evans who has been in the Y. M. C. A. service in the "leave areas" overseas arrived home on the Mongolia Saturday and reached Newark Monday evening.

She has many interesting experiences to relate and is happy to be at home again.

## Carnival Proceeds Well Over \$10,000

Firemen Well Pleased With the Result

### Largest Crowd Ever Seen in Newark Here Closing Night

According to conservative estimates made by the committee in charge of the carnival fully 30,000 persons visited the grounds during the week and from all appearances and all accounts everybody had a good time.

On Saturday night which marked the close of this successful affair fully ten thousand were in attendance. The unusual quality of the weather and the aid lent by a kindly moon, brought visitors from all of the towns and from all the countryside within a radius of forty miles.

One feature which drew a number of young people from the surrounding country was the series of dances held in the Armory, for which Draine's orchestra furnished music. About 75 couples attended on Wednesday night and over 100 couples on Saturday night.

All of the booths and amusements did a big business and thousands stayed until 11.30 Saturday night when the automobile, sewing table, kitchen cabinet and other articles were awarded.

The automobile went to Vaughn Coale of Washington, D. C., a grandson of James Smith who lives on the Booker farm near Cooch's Bridge.

The kitchen cabinet was awarded to George Potts of this town.

The sewing table went to Clark M. Knotts of Smyrna.

The sweater to Howard Brown of Providence, Md.

The white table cover to Mrs. Norman Collins of Newark.

The colored centerpiece, to Miss Elizabeth Heath of Elkton.

The ice tea glasses, to Miss Margaret Anderson of Newark.

The rug, to Mrs. H. J. Laws of Newark.

The chocolate set, to Anna P. Miller, Newark.

The firemen's cake to William Hilton, Newark.

The half-barrel of flour to Maxwell Davis of Deandale.

While the receipts are not all in yet, they have already passed the \$10,000 mark. Previous carnivals have never netted more than \$7000. Several contributions in cash have been received, a full account of which will be given together with the names of the donors in a detailed report soon to be published.

Faithful, earnest work on the part of Fire Chief E. C. Wilson and his committees is largely responsible for the success of the carnival. Enthusiastic support was given by the community every night of the week, regardless of the weather and loyal support was also given by brother firemen from Elkton, Smyrna, Middletown, Oxford, Dover, West Grove, Avondale, Wilmington and other nearby communities.

### Jr. O. U. A. M. To Have Special Meeting Monday

A special get-together meeting will be held by American Flag Council, Jr. O. U. A. M. on next Monday evening, August 18th. All members are requested to be present. A special program has been arranged for that evening and several very important matters are to be discussed. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend this meeting at 8 o'clock on the above date.

### OBITUARY

#### Ralph T. Little

Ralph T. Little, aged 6 months, son of Harold and Emily Little, died at their home on Sunday, August 10, of bowel obstruction. Funeral services were held at the home of his grandfather, William Little, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment was made at Ebenezer cemetery.

#### Thomas Johnson

Thomas, infant son of Thomas and Elizabeth Johnson, died on Friday, August 8, and was buried in the Newark cemetery on Saturday, August 9.

The child lived only a few hours.