IMPORTANT SCHOOLS TO BE CONSOLIDATED

Episcopal and Chestnut Hill Academies Planning a Merger

It became known today that plans are nearly completed for the consolidation of the Episcopal Academy and the Chestnut Hill Academy, two of the most important preparatory schools in this section of the country.

According to present plans, Dr. F. H. Patterson, principal of Chestnut Hill Academy, will resign shortly and the consolidated schools will be under the direction of the Rev. Dr. J. Philip Steinmetz, headmaster of the Episcopal Academy. The latter school will abandon its school property at Locust and Juniper streets and remove to the buildings of the Chestnut Hill Academy, where there will be more opportunity for expansion. It is understood that additions and new buildings will be erected at Chestnut Hill to make room for the increased activities of the combined schools.

Doctor Steinmetz when asked today concerning the proposed consolidation, said:

"Negotiations are under way for the consolidation of the two schools, but they have not been completed. As soon as they are we will make an official announcement. If the consolidation becomes a fact, the Episcopal Academy will remove to Chestnut Hill."

DELAWARE LAWMAKERS BLOCK PARTY BILLS

Republican and Democratic Caucuses Decide to Stand by Campaign Pledges

DOVER, Del., March 2.—Republican and Democratic members of both the House and Senate met in caucuses today and each organization decided to "stand together" on party measures. The Democrats, in their caucus, went over the State party platform to see that all planks are covered by bills now pending in the Legislature. Should the Democrats and Republicans carry out the program agreed upon at the caucuses, it will mean that no party legislation will be passed at this session of the General Assembly, as the Democrats have a majority in the House and Republicans in the Senate.

At a meeting of the legislative committee appointed for the purpose of looking into the advisability of the purchase by the State of the Kent County building at Dover, held at noon today with members of the Kent County Levy Court, it was decided to accept the offer made by the county to sell the building to the State for $25,000 and a bill will be drawn immediately authorizing the purchase.

Representatives of the Eastern Eagle Club, the Delaware Anglers and Gunners' Association and the Diamond State Rod and Reel Association were heard this afternoon before the Senate Committee on Fish and Oysters in support of Senator Hickman's bill providing for a resident license of $1.10 to gun and fish in the State.

The Senate, in executive session early this afternoon, confirmed the appointment of James Taylor to be Justice of the Peace at New Castle.

Lancaster Cop Lassoes Wild Calf

LANCASTER, Pa., March 2.—A wild calf that threw shoppers into pandemonium in Centre Square this noon was lassoed by Policeman Bradycamp and taken to police headquarters. Its owner has not been found.

BRIDELESS, MONEYLESS HONEYMOON WAS THIS

Supposed Mann Act Case at Shore Only a Painful "Movie" Lark

ATLANTIC CITY, March 2.—Margaret O'Connor, of Washington, thirteen years old, and the youngest bride who ever came to the shore on an inglorious "honeymoon," isn't a bride at all.

Frank Cheseldine, seventeen years old, who was supposed to be the bridegroom, is not married to her at all.

Emma Marquette, the third member of the party, was not a bridesmaid because there were not any nuptials any more than there was a honeymoon.

The plain truth about a much-muddled state of affairs which sent Federal detectives rushing here looking for a Mann act violation, with two children involved, came out today when Robert Miller, chief of police, obtained a confession from the thirteen-year-old "bride." She said the trip to Atantic City was simply a lark. They left Washington on Wednesday morning and decided the lark was a tragedy when the two girls found Cheseldine had spent all his money for car fares.

Little Miss O'Connor admitted also, that she got the idea about a honeymoon out of a movie drama in which a maid, apparently of about her own age ran away and had a glorious time. Cheseldine, the "bridegroom" of the plot, laughed at this explanation. The child star, he asserted, really is married to a restaurant man in Alexandria, and deserted him three weeks after the ceremony.

"You go back to Washington and be a good girl," Jersey Justice, personified by Chief Miller, told the little woman. She is going this afternoon. There will be no prosecutions. A night of famished wandering in Chelsea is considered sufficient punishment.

MARY GARDEN SAILS WITH CANE AND MILK CARGO

NEW YORK, March 2.—In quest of new gowns for use in the movies, Mary Garden sailed for Spain today with three trunks, eighteen quarts of milk and a gold-headed cane.

She was in high spirits as she tripped up the gangplank of the steamship Alfonso XII, and when a cabin boy offered her a bouquet of jonquils she promptly threw away a bunch of orchids she was wearing, grasped the boy in her arms and kissed him.

Nijinsky and fifty-two other members of the Russian ballet, whose latest American venture failed, were also passengers on the Alfonso. The ship carried a total of 111 first-class and sixty-seven second-class passengers, including many Americans.

"I will wager that when I return in August I will sail on an American boat," Mary said as she boarded the Spanish ship. "Our boats will be running then. If I return before August it will be to aid my country as a Red Cross nurse."

Other Americans taking passage on the Alfonso were Mrs. Harry Morgan, wife of the former American consul at Hamburg, and her two daughters; fifteen members of the American Ambulance Corps, and Maxwell Blake, in the Government diplomatic service. He is en route to Morocco.

Morgan was to have left Germany with Ambassador Gerard, but was held up. Mrs. Morgan will meet him at Madrid.

David A. Jones, of Minersville, Dead

POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 2.—David A. Jones, one of the oldest members of the Schuylkill County bar, the father of the wife of John Price Jackson, Commissioner of Labor and Industry, and a charter member of the St. David's Society, Philadelphia, died today at his home at Minersville in his seventy-sixth year.

'PHONE COMPANY'S DIPLOMACY ELIMINATES CURSING PATRONS

May's Letter to Em Tells How Choleric Men Are Tricked Into Ordering Instruments Out, and Bell Official Says It's True

PHILADELPHIA, March 2.

Dear Em—I take pen in hand; am well and hope you are the same. Say, dear, I read in the paper this morning where they took a telephone out of a man's house over in New York because he called the operator a "bum." Is that rich? Yea, girlie. Why, I've worked for this company five years, and if every time I was called a "bum" they had taken the fresh guy's telephone out, the combined telephone bell noise in this town today would sound like the tinkle of an invalid alarm clock.

Men get so turrible that I wondered one time just what they would do to a person who was very extra awful. As for us, Em dear, what did we do when you used to work at the boerd? Well, you know. We just buzzed back in his ear, didn't we? That was the way to treat him. (Don't show this letter to none of the girls, please.)

No, the company in this town says, "No matter what a subscriber says don't answer back."

One day last summer though I was clean plum tired out and a fellow got on the line with the most turrible line of gas I have ever listened to. It's a wonder the wire didn't turn blue on him. "Blink-blanketybang that line ain't busy and your a bing fibber and I'll have your job and I know your kind a-running around at nights and asleep in the day and bang—" then I hung up and walked over to old Miss Hinkle.

What did she say? She put this record on and smiled at me soft and far away like. Says this she-graphophone, "Be calm at all times when in service of company. Subscribers are apt to be——". But she didn't get any further, for I run in to Mr. Panky and screams, being nervous like. Well, Em, I just screams what that man says to me.

And he says that I should be calm; but there are some things which cannot be endured by even the calm, and that he would do something, maybe, and to get the man on the wire with him when he started again. So I does this, and Mr. Panky as strong as he is, nearly fainted. So this is what was done—it is the first time in the history of the company.

I was going to tell my Eddie about this man's insults, but I says to myself, Eddie's a tempered guy and some night he might get aled up and go down to see that mut. But to return to Mr. Panky. He sent a man down to see that horrible chap and he said to him very polite like "Mr. So-and-so, your language to our girls has been rather bad and I am instructed to tell you that if it doesn't mend itself we will be forced to give you a blank which you will be asked to fill out requesting that we take your telephone out."

Pretty foxy on the part of the company, Em, because if they rushed in with pliers and so forth they might have had a legal question on their hands. But they sent this smooth guy down to talk calm to the fiery insulter and thereby make him all the more fiery and get him to exclaim, "Take my telephone out, I wouldn't have it in the house." Fiery people like not to have water thrown on them because of the sizzle and they begin to steam. Then the telephone company person takes the telephone out with a calm and far-away smile on his face just like old Miss Hinkle, whose graphophone conversations are all right in their place, but I could never find a place for them. They say white taffeta is to be worn this summer. Did you see Eddie lately? See you tonight. Ma is cross at me. So long.

MAY.

It was admitted by an official of the Bell Telephone Company today that this is how they do the work of getting rid of an especially foul-mouthed subscriber.

$50,000 TO FIND PTOMAINES

Canners Provide Money, and Harvard Will Make Research

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 2.—An extensive research into the subject of ptomaine poisoning, with especial reference to canned goods, is to be made at Harvard.

The National Canners' Association has offered $20,000 annually for three years to investigate food poisoning. This has been accepted by the university, and the investigations are to be carried out by the Harvard Medical School under the direction of Dr. Milton J. Rosenau, professor of preventive medicine.

Presiding Elders Appointed

YORK, Pa., March 2.—At last night's session of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical Church the following appointments of presiding elders were made for the ensuing year: York, the Rev. J. F. Dunlap; Carlisle, the Rev. J. A. Hollenabaugh; Center, the Rev. C. L. Sones; Lewisburg, the Rev. M. F. Fosselman, and Williamsport, the Rev. M. G. Jamison.

Texas House Defeats "Dry" Resolution

AUSTIN, Tex., March 2.—The House of the Texas Legislature defeated finally a resolution calling for submission of the prohibition question to the people of the State. The House has been in session since Tuesday trying to obtain attendance of a full membership.

LIGHTING CONTRACT PROTESTED

Lititz Business League Asks Different Arrangement

LANCASTER, March 2.—At a meeting of the Lititz Borough Council, a petition was presented from the Young Business Men's League, protesting against a contract being made with the Edison Electric Company for street lighting until the citizens had been heard from in a town meeting or election.

Council was asked to consider the question of municipal ownership for a light plant or to ask competitive bids. The ordinance was passed in spite of this opposition.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Joseph W. Mewes, 1629 Vine st., and Jeannette R. Matthews, 306 S. 10th st.
Frederick Sheisky, 735 N. 7th st., and Flora Raddowitch, 735 N. 7th st.
Louis Radinsky, 834N. 6th st., and Bessie Rosenberg, 956 N. Franklin st.
Isadore Alstein, 1432 N. 6th st., and Reba Silverstein, 617 Oxford st.
Max Pesky, 2406 S. 8th st., and Jenny Leshinsky, 331 Dickinson st.
George W. Clements, 132 E. Huntingdon st., and Sallie F. Ulrich, 132 E. Huntingdon st.
Charles D. Cliff, 3341 N. 18th st., and Anna M. Rankin, Audubon, Pa.
Harry Seltzer, 956 N. 7th st., and Ella Sataloff, 2513 S. Marshall st.
Oscar F. Williams, 5846 Market st., and Reba [illegible]
Soren Nilsen, Pier 13, Delaware River, and Ottilie Johnson, Hotel Adelphia, Philadelphia.
Louis Lamonaca, 1251 Christian st., and Lena Armante, 1251 Christian st.
Richard Jodrell, 1358 Dickinson st., and Rosa Grassi, 100 E. Haines st.
Arthur Greenlee, 2450 N. Alder st., and Margaret Cumberbatch, 2452 N. Alder st.

CANNERS FINANCE PROBE TO DRIVE PERILS OF PTOMAINE FROM FOODS

$20,000 Fund Contributed by National Association to Be Spent by Scientific Commission, Headed by Harvard Authority, in Three-Year Study of Question

Philadelphia canners today said that the money being furnished the Harvard University Medical School to investigate food poisoning will be returned one hundredfold in knowledge acquired.

Dr. Milton J. Rosenau, professor of preventive medicine there, will direct the expenditure of $20,000 annually for three years. The National Canners' Association is putting up the money with the idea of finding out all there is to be found out about food poisoning, especially as it concerns canned products.

The way the investigation came to be is not flattering to lawyers. As the story goes, the lawsuits were coming so think and fast over alleged cases of poisoning from canned goods that the canners decided to find out if they were really to blame. They thought the lawyers were just picking on them because railway accident cases had become rather unprofitable and a new field of income was needed. So they got in touch with Government experts, who recommended that they pick an investigating commission to study the whole problem and make a report.

Professor Rosenau was named the chairman and thus the location of the work was put at Harvard.

The canners say the commission is instructed only to get at the facts. "We don't want a whitewash or anything like that," said one canner. "We want to know just where we stand. If we are really making any scientific mistakes we want to know it. We'll correct them."

It is figured that the commission will take three years to do its work. If it can't finish in that time the National Canners' Association is perfectly willing to put up more money so that the work can be finished.

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