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SHALL WE PURCHASE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL GROUNDS?

DESCRIPTIVE OF TRIP TO THE SOUTH SEAS

L. E. Jordan Gives News Readers Interesting Account of His Trip

As I was anxious to see all the sights and things of interest, got up a little early this morning so had a good look at the coast of South America again as we land once more on the mainland. Of all the ports we have stopped this is the roughest, both land and sea, as the waves are rolling high against the rock bound shore. We anchored off shore about one half mile, behind the old back-water which was getting a good washing as the waves were rolling about 20 or 30 feet above it and looked like a small Niagara Falls. Our small motor boats rode the waves very nicely only slopping over a little once in a while, just enough to make some of the ladies take a long breath and sigh. Until modern engineering had made possible the construction of extensive moles and breakwaters, the harbor at La Guira was an open roadstead and ships were often lost or driven onto the rocks by the storms along the coast.

Here one sees another ancient Spanish city dating from 1599 and has with its suburbs 16,000 people, some as black as ebony and all are of Spanish and African descent. On the hills, I should say mountains, surrounding the city, may be seen some of the ancient forts constructed to protect the inhabitants from attacks of European pirates.

La Guira, red roofed and strikingly foreign, is the principal port of Venezuela. Here the lofty mountains, the northern outposts of the Andean range, come down to the sea from a height of more than 6,500 feet, affording a grand and interesting sight. Interesting as the port proves to be, it has added interest for the travellers as the gateway to Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, which is reached by a rail journey of twenty-three miles, over one of the most interesting lines in the world. The railroad is one of the greatest engineering works in South America, the route being exceedingly difficult, owing to its windings thru the mountain passes. We boarded the train which was made up of seven small coaches about the size of a Hornell trolley car, and were run in four sections in order to take all the passengers who wished to go. Twenty minutes after leaving La Guira we came to a point on the line which commands a magnificent view of the port and city, as well as of the suburban village of Maiquetia, embowered in groves of coconut palms. The highest point on the railway line is 3,200 feet above the city, and the time required for the journey to Caracas is two hours and ten minutes. Half way between the two cities the train stopped for five minutes at a zigzag station to take water and giving the passengers time to view some of the grandest tropical forests and plants on our cruise.

Ten minutes after leaving this station we reached the abyss of Boqueron which is two thousand

feet deep, after which we passed thru three tunnels, which were cut thru the higher mountains above us, some two thousand feet. After passing Boqueron the railroad goes thru the only pass in the mountains, by means of zig zags. This is one of the most interesting points on the line. As we came out of the last tunnel one could see we were going down an incline to lower levels. Soon we could see patches of cultivated land and fruit trees in abundance, and we soon saw the outskirts of Caracas. The city is one of the most ancient and most Spanish of the South American cities. It was founded in 1568 and has 100,000 inhabitants. It is built in a valley twelve miles long by three miles wide, bordered on the north by spurs of the Andes, and its elevation above sea level is 3,025 feet at the base of the cathedral tower. Altho in many ways primitive, Caracas has not a few modern improvements. It is electrically lighted, has street cars, and a telephone system. Before we reached the railroad station we saw on the hill at the left of the train the official residence of the president of the Republic, the hirafores palace. From Calvary Hill, approached by a winding carriage road we had a superb view of the city and the surrounding country.

The scenery is grand and impressive and one carries away an indelible impression of its beauty. There is an interesting garden at the top of the hill, in which are many specimens of native flowers and plants, as well as a zoological collection of native animal and bird life, which were most beautiful and interesting. The climate is described best by the word delicious, for the heat, such as one encounters in lower altitudes near the coast, here is tempered by the cool, exhilarating and invigorating air of the mountains. Caracas is unusually rich in odd and instructive sights for the tourist, and in monuments commemorative of the development of Venezuela. Bolivar square, one of the points of interest in the city, is the center of street life, which is lively and striking. It is the rendezvous of Caracas society, as well as the favorite promenade of all grades of citizens. On Sundays a fine native band plays here most of the day. There is a bronze statue of Bolivar in the square. On the east side is the Cathedral, built in the old Spanish style, in the 17th century. Caracas has numerous public buildings of interest, including the Yellow House, formerly the president's residence, the Archbishops Palace, the Palace of Justice, Bolivian Museum, with relics of national heroes, the post office adjoining the museum, the capitol, where the congress meets, the university, the San Francisco Temple, once part of a convent, and various interesting churches. At four o'clock we again boarded the train and were taken back to our floating hotel to sail on to the island of Trinidad Port of Spain, of which will tell you later for we are now nearing the harbor, and must go on deck for fear of missing something.

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Captain Roald Amundsen, veteran Norwegian explorer, thrilled the world May 21, when he "hopped off" in an airplane from Kings Bay, Spitzbergen, for the North Pole—a distance of 700 miles or 8 hours' flying time. Two planes were in the expedition.

DEAN J. HORAN IS PROMOTED

Is Made District Manager of Endicott Johnson Co., in Northeastern, N. Y.

Dean J. Horan, who, for the past five years, has been manager of the Endicott Johnson Shoe Store at Schenectady, N. Y., has been promoted to district manager for that company. He will have charge of all the stores in the northeastern section of New York State.

Mr. Horan's territory includes the stores in all cities from Schenectady as far as Syracuse on the New York Central lines and north to the border. There are about 15 stores in the section. He will make his headquarters in Schenectady, continuing the management of the store on Broadway in conjunction with his new duties.

Mr. Horan is the son of Henry Horan of this village, and all of his many friends join with the News in extending congratulations upon his deserved promotion. It is a pleasure for the News to chronicle the advancement of successful men coming from Andover, as they ascend the ladder of success, step by step.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MAKES STATEMENT

Tells the Reasons Why We Should Purchase Davis Property

From what we learn there are a few people in Andover who do not quite understand what the special election of School District No. 1 on Tuesday the 16th of this month will determine, so we wish to make the following statement so all may know just what it is and what it will cost them.

The proposition to be voted upon is whether or not the school district will purchase the property of the late C. F. Davis, adjoining the present school property or not. This means the entire property, residence shop, formerly occupied by W. S. Clark and land.

It seems to us that it would be a great mistake not to purchase this property at this time, for many reasons, among which are the following:

It will not be long before we will need more room than we now have, as the day is soon coming when an addition will have to be built on our present school building to handle the work in accordance with the requirements of the State. Then we will be obliged to install a new heating system outside of the school building. When that time arrives we will have to make use of a part of the lot now used for playgrounds by the school children.

We need not go further than our neighboring village of Wellsville to see the trouble they are having in finding a school site that will be acceptable to the State and the patrons of their school alike. Should we meet with a fire and be compelled to rebuild it would surely need more land than we now have in order to satisfy the State requirements. The State would insist on our building a much larger building than we now have. If we allow this opportunity to pass we would not be able to purchase this property for any money.

About the cost of this property we have carefully gone over this matter and find that it will cost the district \$3.03 for each \$1,000 valuation. Should we spread the tax over a period of seven years as the proposition calls for, the cost per \$1,000 valuation, including the interest on the money for seven years, would amount to but 44 cents a year. BOARD OF EDUCATION Andover High School

Healthographs

The human mind should be like a good humor—open the year 'round. —W. H. P.

As we realize, very warm weather is upon us. As some of us do not realize, warm weather causes an increase in intestinal diseases. All bacteria multiply very rapidly in the presence of heat. All bacteria like good food. Spoiled food is to a "bug" good food. Therefore, do not eat food that is good for germs. Keep milk and meat in the refrigerator, and not too long. Don't buy more of any raw food than you will immediately consume. The baby is America's biggest summer care. H. G. STORNER, H. O.

Memorial Day Services Were Very Impressive

Comrades of the Civil War and Veterans of the World War, Sons of Veterans, Ladies of the Relief Corps and citizens all did their part towards making memorial day in Andover a success Saturday afternoon, and one to be remembered. The line of march, as published in the Andover News, started at G. A. R. hall at 1:30 and proceeded to Hillside cemetery where the usual G. A. R. ritualistic ceremonies were performed by Comrade John Deming, President and T. N. Boyd, as Chaplain. The graves were decorated by the Ladies of the Relief Corps. The volley was fired by a firing squad of American Legion members, under the command of Rev. C. C. Conrad and taps sounded by Claire C. Backus.

The band played two very appropriate selections, "Organ Echoes" and "The Red, White, and Blue" at the cemetery. There were but three Civil War Veterans in line, John Deming, T. N. Boyd and William McDonough. Two others, John Angood and Chauncey Witter, the only other Civil War Veterans in Andover, were unable to be in attendance on account of illness.

The arrangements for Memorial Day this year was left entirely to the local American Legion, and they are deserving of praise for the way they handled the details. As usual Andover school children responded to the request of the women of the Relief Corps for flowers

in a very generous manner even though late frosts had ruined nearly all the flowers in this section. There were bouquets for each of the deceased comrade's graves.

The Auditorium was beautifully decorated with flags the work of the management of the theatre, Mr. John Karacanes.

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. C. Conrad. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was read by Miss Mary McFetridge.

A quartet consisting of Rev. A. W. MacDougald, Rev. C. C. Conrad, Dr. H. G. Storer and Carl Hann sang two numbers.

The roll of deceased comrades of Edward Seaman Post G. A. R., was read. Lieutenant Ward Hopkins of Cuba gave a wonderfully patriotic address dealing with the paramount issues of the day in a masterly manner. He dwelt upon law enforcement and respect for all laws. Mr. Hopkins is himself a World War Veteran, and his reference to that war was highly interesting.

While a fair audience was present to listen to the memorial services, it was very noticeable that there were counter attractions that had drawn many from the town.

Following the services at the Auditorium, dinner was served by the Women's Relief Corps, at G. A. R. Hall at which the Civil and World War Veterans, Sons of Veterans, the pastors and wives, speaker of the day and others were guests.

I. O. O. F. Memorial Activities

Memorial Services for Andover I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges will be held next Tuesday evening, June 9. The following program has been arranged.

- Orchestra selection
- Prayer Rev. A. W. MacDougald
- Song Male Quartet
- Messrs. Conrad MacDougald, Mills, paugh and Storer.
- Remarks, concerning the day Presiding Officer
- Reading—Proclamation of the Sovereign Grand Master.
- Violin solo Miss Alice Rogers
- Honor Roll, I. O. O. F.
- A. L. Rogers, Secretary
- Orchestra selection
- Honor Roll, Rebekah
- Song Mrs. Jennie Smith, Secretary
- Reading Male Quartet
- Address Mrs. W. N. Rice
- Final Words by Presiding Officer
- Benediction Rev. MacDougald
- I. O. O. F. Hall will be open Tuesday morning after 9 o'clock to receive flowers which members of both orders are requested to contribute.
- At 7 o'clock P. M. Hillside and Valley Brook cemeteries will be visited and the graves of departed members decorated. The autos returning to I. O. O. F. Hall for the program, at which every member of the orders should be present.

W. C. T. U.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet with Mrs. Anson Brewster this (Friday) afternoon.

County Y. M. C. A. Activities

The following schedule of summer activities is announced by the Y. M. C. A. of Allegany County.

- Camp Shenawana For Boys.—July 10-31. Open to any boy between 12 and 16 years of age who lives in Allegany County.
- Blue Triangle Camp For Girls.—August 6-20. Open to any girl between 12 and 16 years of age who lives in Allegany County.
- Special Camp For Older Girls.—August 22-29. Open to girls 16 to 24 years of age.
- Grid, Iron Camp.—August 31-September 7. Open to High School boys of the county who are in training for the football season.

Special Events

Annual Out of Door Meeting of The Ministerial Association of Allegany County. Every pastor serving within the limits of the county is invited to be present accompanied by his family, Monday June 22.

Annual Field and Track Meet for Church School Boys. Held under the auspices of the Order of the Red Triangle and Hi "Y" Clubs of the county. Open to any church school boy who has an attendance record equal to 50 per cent of the sessions of his school for the months of April, May and June. To be held on the fourth of July.

Second Annual Basket Picnic for the Church Schools of the County. Conducted under the auspices of the Allegany County Bible School Association. Date to be announced. For further particulars, write S. F. Lester, Secy. County Y. M. C. A. Wellsville, N. Y.

Children's Health Camp To Open Soon

On or about the 29th of June the Children's Health Camp at Cuba Lake will open for the usual two months. Thirty children will be accommodated each month. Applications for the camp are now being received. Frank W. LeClere, Belmont, executive secretary of the Allegany County Committee on Tuberculosis requests that names of the children who need the benefits of the camp be sent to him. The camp, he announces, is for children living in Allegany County, 6 to 14 years of age, who are under weight or are convalescing from some serious illness or have frequent colds and other illnesses or who are exposed to tuberculosis. Children who have any contagious diseases or who need hospital care can not be accepted. Thorough medical examination is required before admission. The camp is free.

The camp management also announces that they will welcome donations of fruit and vegetables, jellies, etc. Some easy chairs and a phonograph and records are also needed.

School Entertainment

The Prize Speaking Contest and Physical Training Exhibition entertainment put on at the Auditorium Monday evening, under the direction of Miss Fish, physical training instructor, of the Andover High School, was very pleasing to the audience and highly commendable to those taking part on the program and those in charge.

The entire program as published in last week's News was carried out and all did finely.

The greater interest perhaps was centered on the speaking contest with six of Andover's popular high school students contesting.

The judges, who were scattered thru the audience were given the following schedule of points upon which to base their decision; memory 20 points, stage presence 20, presentation and voice delivery 20, interpretation 20 and effect on audience 20.

The prizes were awarded as follows:

- For the Boys: Robert Lynch First, Arthur Downer Second
- For the Girls: Fern Green First, Rose Dawson Second

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