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TANEYTOWN LOCALS

Items of news from town, or vicinity are always wanted for this column. Especially important happenings, visits to or from the community social events, and all matters of general interest to those at home, and away from home.

This column is not for use in advertising any money-making program, fair, supper, party or sale; except for non-denominational churches or Fire Company or Public Library support.

Churches, Lodges, Societies, Schools, etc., are requested to use our Special Notice Department for money-making events.

Mrs. Florence Smouse is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Harry DeBerry, at Keysville.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hossle and daughter, Miss Daisy, of Mt. Joy, Pa. visited Mrs. Jesse Myers, Sunday.

Many householders in town were kept busy, Wednesday, looking after roof leaks, and drains that flooded cellars.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Sell and family and Charles E. Ridinger visited Mrs. J. C. Ridinger, near Pen-Mar, on Sunday.

At Mrs. Gertie Humbert's, on the Harney road, the storm blew a chimney top from the dwelling and slightly damaged the roof.

Miss Clara Reindollar, of Baltimore, is spending her vacation at Sauble's Inn and also visiting other relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Jasper Baker, of near Medford, spent several days with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Ohler and daughter, Elizabeth.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward P. Welker, of Pleasant Unity, Pa., are spending their vacation with Mrs. Welker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Sauble.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Devilbiss and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baumgardner, of Keysville, left on Wednesday to spend a week at the World's Fair, at Chicago.

Prof. and Mrs. James C. Biehl, daughter Catherine, and son Harold, of Frederick, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Wantz and daughter.

Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Waltersdorf and son, and Mrs. Crapster, of Washington, Pa., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. Walter Crapster and other relatives here.

Mrs. Mary Stover, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Krouse and Paul and Mary Kountz, spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Overholtzer, at New Midway, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Shank left Friday, in their new Essex Terraplane coupe, for the World's Fair. They expect to visit relatives in other parts of the west also.

No mails were received in Taneytown, on Thursday, due to wash-outs on both the Western Maryland and Penna. R. R., thereby depriving us of all daily papers and letters.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen C. Wiest, York, Pa.; Mrs. Louisa Kump and Miss Sa- villa Schue, of Hanover, and Mrs. Nettie Weaver, of town, visited Mrs. S. H. Mehring, on Wednesday.

We received, this week, a small service from a firm in York, Pa., at a former price of \$1.50. A notation on the bill said—"Owing to present conditions this kind of work will be \$2.00 in the future."

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Null and son, of New York, and Mrs. Emanuel Wolfe, of Harrisburg, Pa., are spending some time with their mother, Mrs. Laura Null, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Null, at Harney.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sheely, Gettysburg, were entertained at supper on Sunday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Benner. They were also callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Mehring and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Garner.

We had no invitation to attend the farmers' meeting, on Monday, in the public school building, and partly forgot about it, and have no report of what was done with reference to the wheat acreage proposition. We understand that another meeting is to be held, when final action will be taken.

The Taneytown High and Elementary Schools will open for the school year 1933-34, on Tuesday morning, September 5. School will open at 10 o'clock. Children from town will not be allowed in the building before 9:45. The school buses will run on the morning of the day, one hour later than the usual schedule.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Crouse received a letter on Wednesday, Aug. 23, from Rev. E. E. Overholtzer, Liaochow, Shansi, China, which was written on July 22. Rev. Overholtzer is a Missionary in China. He stated that he and his family are well and healthy and that they were having their rainy season at that time. Next month will be a year since his return to China.

The Editor of The Record, in company with Prof. Wm. J. Heaps, Rev. S. J. Miller and Wm. T. Childs, of Baltimore, attended Wednesday's session of Penna. State Camp P. O. S. of A., at Chambersburg, and were caught in the flood on returning to Gettysburg in the afternoon, being compelled to stay there over night due to flooded roads over every route to Taneytown. The storm and rainfall were both heavy between Gettysburg and Chambersburg. Rev. L. B. Hafer joined the party at Gettysburg.

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THE N. R. A. DISCUSSED

Local Chamber of Commerce Investigating the Subject.

The meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, on Monday night, at which the N. R. A. subject was discussed, was well attended by both members and visitors. As both speakers who had been invited to explain some of the problems of the Act, failed to appear, general comment was made by President Merwyn C. Fuss, Secretary Guy P. Bready and several others, and various explanations were read and particular points commented on.

The general sentiment was decidedly in favor of the intention of the Act—to give more employment and to help bring about National Recovery—but there was not a clear understanding on the part of all classes of business represented, as to what was expected of each class in order to fully comply.

The probability is that all will sign up, and take the chance that no harm may eventually result to any business; although "codes" applying to all in definite terms do not at present appear to be well understood, especially as they apply to average small dealers.

Prof. — Waltersdorf, Washington and Jefferson College, of Washington, Pa., who was visiting relatives in the community, addressed the meeting on the general subject of political economy, financial recovery, and the underlying causes of present conditions, his conclusions being in favor of giving the N. R. A. a fair trial, and that although it is a natural, complex in its application to all cases, it is likely to have beneficial results. Dr. Waltersdorf is head of the department of economics of Washington and Jefferson College, and is a native of Hanover, Pa.

Opening and closing hours represent an important feature of the general program, and these must be worked out in harmony with it, and in fairness to all concerned. The Record will publish this information, when received, for the benefit of the public.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

The annual convention of the Carroll County Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held in St. John's M. E. Church, Hampstead, on Thursday, September 7. The morning session will open promptly at nine o'clock and the afternoon session will begin at 2 o'clock.

Among the speakers will be Mrs. Mary R. Haslup, Baltimore, State W. C. T. U. president and Dr. George W. Crabbe, Baltimore, State Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League. Ministers of the local vicinity will also participate. Members of the Hampstead Ladies' Aid Society under the direction of its president, Mrs. Arthur Tracey, will serve lunch.

In the evening there will be a big mass meeting under the supervision of Carroll County. A speaker of prominence will make the address. Preceding the meeting will be a concert by an orchestra. Mrs. Philena T. Fenby, county president, will preside at all the sessions.

CARROLL COUNTIAN DROWNED.

Walter Parrish, aged 34 years, was drowned on Wednesday evening while attempting to cross the North Branch bridge over the Patapsco, in lower Carroll county. He was driving home from Baltimore, and when half-way over the bridge his machine flooded, cutting off his power.

He had left the car, and then returned to it for an umbrella, and on reaching the stiff current was swept off his feet and washed down the stream. The fatality was witnessed by several, but no aid could be extended.

His body was found on Wednesday morning over two miles down stream. Coroner Benson was notified but an inquest was unnecessary. Mr. Parrish was employed at Oakland Mills. He is survived by a wife and three children.

ANOTHER BARN BURNED.

Likely struck by lightning during the severe electrical storm late Saturday night, the barn and all its contents on the farm property of John Owings, located along the road leading from the Washington road to Warfieldsburg, were completely destroyed by fire. The blaze was discovered at approximately 10:20 o'clock and an alarm was sent to the Westminster Fire Department. All outbuildings and the house were saved, but the barn, a quantity of threshed and unthreshed wheat, hay, farming implements, adjoining hog pen, eight hogs and one calf were burned. The loss is estimated at over \$6,000, partly covered by insurance.

HOME-MAKERS' PIC-NIC.

The Home-makers' Picnic which was to have been held August 22nd, has been postponed until Friday, Sept. 1st, due to unfavorable weather. Friends of Home-makers are cordially invited to join their Home-makers in the annual picnic.

PROHIBITION RALLY.

The Carroll County Christian Endeavor Union is sponsoring Prohibition rallies in various parts of the county. The one for Taneytown district will be held in the U. B. Church, in Taneytown, on Sept. 7, at 7:45 o'clock. Fraternal organizations and churches are asked to attend. Everybody welcome. Watch paper for detailed program next week.

"What shall the harvest be" is no longer much of a question for this year—but, next year, is a problem.

N. R. A. ORGANIZES IN CARROLL COUNTY.

Will Aid in Working out Codes for various Industries.

In Westminster, on Tuesday night, a meeting was held, presided over by Edwin S. Gehr, to aid in carrying out the work of the Recovery Act. The general committee is as follows:

Mrs. Charles O. Clemson, chairman of the Women's Division for Carroll County; Mrs. Martha Shaw, Mrs. Walter Bower, Mayor George E. Matthews, W. Frank Thomas, Guy S. LaForge, Walter R. Rudy, John B. Baker, D. Eugene Walsh and John Delashmutt, Mrs. Paul M. Wimert, H. Peyton Gorsuch and E. O. Diffendall were named as the public committee, and J. Pearre Wantz the Rev. Harry Bassler and Carl C. Twigg as the educational committee.

The chairmen appointed for the fourteen districts of Carroll County are as follows: Taneytown—Mrs. Walter Wilt and Merwyn C. Fuss; Uniontown—Mrs. Alfred Zollickoff, Jr., J. Myers Englar; Myers—Mrs. Myrtle M. Kreh, Calvin E. Bankert; Woolerys—Mrs. Howard B. Necker, Henry Klee; Freedom—Mrs. George W. Banks, Millard Weer; Manchester—Mrs. William R. S. Danner, Horatio F. Leese; Westminster—Mrs. J. Albert Mitten, George K. Mather; Hampstead—Mrs. Walter Kriel, Homer L. Twigg; Franklin—Miss Mary Farver, Harry Somers; Middleburg—Mrs. Frances Erb Tressler, David B. Reifsnider; New Windsor—Mrs. R. G. Spoerline, Walter Getty; Union Bridge—Mrs. Thomas H. Gaither, William H. B. Anders; Mt. Airy—Mrs. Grace H. Routson, Robert Myers; Berrett—Mrs. Edna M. Hewitt, Ernest W. Pickett.

The district chairmen are requested to meet at 8 o'clock Friday evening in the City Council room of the Firemen's Building, Westminster.

EMMITSBURG'S MAIN STREET.

The curb-to-curb paving of East and West Main streets was started Tuesday morning with two shifts of twenty men each doing the work which, the superintendent for the State Roads Commission expects, will be finished within a month or six weeks. Sixteen additional men were added later. Nearly all the men are from Emmitsburg district.

Because of the varying distances between the present pavements lining the north and south sides of the present twenty foot thoroughfare the street when completed will necessarily be of ranging widths.

At no place, however, will the street have a surface of less than 28 feet from curb to curb. The average width, the superintendent declared, will be between thirty-six and forty feet.

The fact that no care was taken when homes were built here years ago provide for a level roadway is going to cause considerable inconvenience in leveling the road. At some parts of the street the pavements are as much as two and a half feet below the present road level, with, in some cases, less than five feet separating them.

In such events the gutters will have to be eliminated or constructed to a very low height. Curbs will not be built, it was said, but provision will be made for the personal erection of new curbs wherever the property owner desires for it.

The surface to be used between the present shoulders and the curbs will be the same amacetic material used to cover the old concrete on which the present improved road was built. It will be laid to a depth of six inches.

SOME CANTALOUPE!

College Park, Md., August 12, 1933—The 1933 crop of Maryland cantaloupes will be nearly eight percent smaller than last year's crop, if present prospects materialize, according to Richard C. Ross, agricultural statistician for the Maryland Crop Reporting Service. Production is now indicated to be about 770,000 crates, as compared with the 1932 crop of 834,000 crates.

Hot weather in June followed by cool weather in early July retarded growth of vines in many localities. However, growers expect nearly a normal yield per acre this year.

The crop for the whole country is indicated to be about 14,450,000 crates, or about 15 percent smaller than last year. The intermediate States, including Maryland and Delaware, will produce a crop about 13 percent smaller than last year.

FARMERS TOUR TO WORLD'S FAIR.

The farmers of Maryland are being given a bargain opportunity to attend the World's Fair, via B. & O. R. R., by special train on Sept. 15 leaving Baltimore at 3:00 P. M., and arrive in Chicago at 9:30 A. M., on Sept. 16. The fare for the round trip is \$28.00 and includes carfare; meals enroute; transfer between station in Chicago to Morrison Hotel; lodging and breakfast at hotel Sept. 16, 17 and 18, and 3 general admissions to Fair.

The return trip will leave Chicago, Sept. 18, at 8:30 P. M., and arrive in Baltimore, Sept. 19, at 4:30 P. M. The tour is sponsored by University of Md. Extension Service, and Md. Farm Bureau Federation. Consult County Agent for information.

That Illinois law which provides alimony for men suggests that we may get sex equality yet.

WHY COTTON GOODS ARE UP

Due to Greatly Decreased Acreage in All States.

Why cotton goods are higher in price, is not something unexplainable, nor the result of some speculative or curious turn in the market price of cotton. Prices are higher for the best of reasons. The 1933 cotton crop, or average, has been greatly reduced.

Farmers in all of the cotton growing states from the Carolinas around to Texas, have purposely destroyed many thousands of acres of this important staple by plowing it down, some of it already well along toward maturity, in an effort to make the supply more nearly fit the demand, in line with a plan backed by the Department of Agriculture—a plan very much like that now before the wheat farmers of the north and west.

The plan has for its object the reduction of this year's crop by some 3,000,000 bales, or about 5,500,000 crop acres of cotton, amounting in value to something like \$100,000,000, which is to be paid to the farmers for their co-operation through placing a tax of 4 cents per pound on all cotton stock; which will of course in turn be paid by purchasers of all manufactured articles.

In addition to the direct benefit to cotton farmers through government payment for their destroyed crops, they are supposed also to receive the benefit of the use of cotton straw as food for cattle, and the plowing down will also act as a soil fertilizer. The farmer will realize from \$8.00 to \$20.00 per acre for adopting the plan.

AVERAGE COST OF RAISING A BUSHEL OF WHEAT.

The average cost to raise a bushel of wheat in the United States last year was 55 cents, according to the Service Division of the American Agricultural Chemical Company. However, great variation in production costs is seen; in New England it cost a net 93 cents to grow a bushel of wheat, but in Western States the average cost of production was less than half that amount, or 46 cents. With some farmers the cost of producing wheat was three or four times what it was with other farmers.

Pointing out that the net profit which a farmer makes at the end of a year depends less upon how much wheat he markets than how cheaply he raises his crop, the Service Division of The American Agricultural Chemical Company sees the proposed limitation of wheat acreage by the Government as a step in the right direction, but advocates a program of intensive cultivation of the land planted. "If by better methods a farmer can get 20 bushels of wheat instead of 10 per acre, it stands to reason that he can cut his acreage in half and still make as much money. With the money he saves in labor by the elimination of half his acreage, he can give more intensive cultivation to the land he has planted and can buy fertilizer to promote the growth of the crop.

The question is not how many acres of wheat can be planted by a farmer, but how much wheat can he get off of one acre. The cost of producing one bushel of wheat determines how profitable the crop is to a farmer. The situation is similar to a manufacturer of shoes, for example. This manufacturer can put up dozens of factories and can turn out unlimited amounts of shoes. But his limiting factor is the unit cost per pair. His problem is not how many shoes he can produce, but what profit he can make per pair under current market conditions."—Mandeville News Bureau.

THE ORPHANS' COURT.

Monday, Aug. 21, 1933.—Howard F. Shipley, administrator of Margaret R. Shipley, deceased, returned inventory of debts due.

Matilda A. Hymiller, executrix of Paul T. Hymiller, deceased, returned inventory of personal property.

Charles R. Shaffer, acting executor of Amelia E. Shaffer, deceased, reported on real estate on which the Court issued an order nisi.

The last will and testament of Jane E. Shreeve, deceased, was admitted to probate, and letters of administration w. a. were granted to Joseph E. Shreeve, who received order to notify creditors and warrant to appraise personal property.

Clifford T. Wright received order to withdraw money.

M. Marie Koller and J. Andrew Brandenburg, administrators of Philip H. Lauderbach, deceased, settled their first and final account.

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1933.—Joseph E. Shreeve, administrator w. a. of Jane E. Shreeve, deceased, returned inventories of personal property, debts, due and current money, and received order to sell personal property.

Hilda M. Fleischman, administratrix of Margaret L. J. Erb, deceased, settled her first and final account.

Winifred Stephens Sudborough, guardian for Frances Winifred Sudborough infants, received order to use funds.

COLD IN THE HEAD.

Colds in the head and stopped-up nostrils may be cleared by sniffing a solution of warm salt water. Sniff several handfuls carefully so as not to get it too far back in the nose. Even better, a bulb syringe might be used to inject the salt water gently into each nostril, while the head is bent forward, says the Worcester Salt Institute. This washes away the mucous and other irritating secretions clears the sinuses and allows them to drain, and shrinks the swollen and inflamed nasal membranes.

TERRIFIC RAINSTORM GENERAL IN EAST.

Immense Damage in all Eastern Maryland Sections.

The rain storm that commenced on Monday, likely an off-shoot from the Bermuda hurricane, continued in strength until on Wednesday it burst in full force all along the Atlantic Coast and extended for many miles inland, causing a vast amount of damage to property, crops, roads, buildings and line systems, and caused delay in all mails and telephone communications.

The damage was so general and so much alike that a recital of special cases seems almost unnecessary. In the far western section of the state—Allegheny and Garrett counties, there was practically no damage, while the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey appears to have been the hardest hit.

Immense damage was done to the growing corn, whole fields in many cases having been blown down or tangled up, much of which will fail to mature and all of it difficult to harvest. All other field crops yet standing were damaged in the like manner.

Trees were blown down throughout the area, and a number of lighter frame buildings—small barns and sheds—are plentiful as wrecks. Even small branches of no great ordinary importance, acted as channels to feed the larger streams, not one of which were without stories of record-breaking flood proportions. Many of the new concrete bridges, supposed to be soundly built and well above the high water mark, suffered considerable damage, especially to their approaches.

Farmers along Pipe Creek were kept busy saving their stock and other movable property, and considerable damage was done. Just across the bridge on the state road toward Westminster, about 150 feet of the concrete road shoulders were undermined and caved in carrying away the guard rails and part of the roadbed. At Harold Mehring's along the same stream, Mr. Mehring scoured safety for all of his stock except one sheep.

Piney Creek was out of banks from its source at Littlestown to the Monocacy. At the bridge over the Harney road, near Taneytown, the road was badly washed out, and the buildings and the lower floor of D. B. Shaum's dwelling was flooded.

The Monocacy was also out of banks, for miles. At Bridgeport a big hole was washed out on the Emmitsburg side and at the brick house just beyond occupied by Miss Sallie Crabb the water was up to the second step of the house. A salesman, while attempting to cross the bridge, abandoned his auto and waded out to safety. The water was about 5 feet higher than the top of the bridge. The small house at the gas pump was washed away. The road was not safe for use until about 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

In Westminster, the metal roof of the store of Babylon & Lippy was partly blown off by the wind, and an amount of damage was done to both building and stock amounting to several thousand dollars. A number of trees were blown down in the city.

The loss to orchards in Adams County is estimated at near \$100,000 mainly to peaches, said to represent one-third of the peach crop and one-fourth of the apple crop.

The stone bridge over Pipe Creek, near Shriver's canning factory, at Union Mills, caved in due to the strain placed upon it.

Mrs. Martin Aurandt, aged 70 years, of Altoona, Pa., was drowned about 6 o'clock Wednesday evening below the bridge over White Run about 3 miles east of Gettysburg on the road to Littlestown. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harbaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Aurandt were driving toward Gettysburg when their auto flooded in about a foot of water on the bridge. While attempting to escape, the guard rail of the bridge gave way throwing Mr. Harbaugh and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Aurandt, into the stream. Mr. Harbaugh made strenuous efforts to save her, but failed. The rest of the party, by the use of ropes were saved. Mrs. Aurandt's body was found the next morning.

At Detour the town was flooded as far as Dr. Diller's dwelling. Dorsey's and Warner's stores were flooded as high as the tops of the counters, while the Bentzel garage was completely submerged. All of the dwellings had flooded cellars and first-floor furniture damaged. Double Pipe Creek was higher than at the time of the Johnstown flood.

Most corn fields in this section are a wreck, as the stalks lie in all directions, some flat on the ground. Much of the very late planting, that might have come through with favorable conditions, is now worthless. The farmer who is able to save a fair crop of mature corn, will be very lucky.

Eleven deaths occurred in Maryland from various causes due to the rain storm. This is the second highest record in six states.

The breast of the dam at Snydersburg Cascade Lake, after being pounded by the rushing water for two days gave way Wednesday and the large body of water went rolling down the bottom past Brillhart's Mill, Shiloh, Leister's farm and finally reaching the Patapsco leaving wrecked bridges, gullied fields and other property damage in its wake.

The lower Eastern Shore of Maryland sustained damages approximating \$1,000,000. Ocean City alone estimates its loss at near \$500,000.

THE WHEAT ACREAGE PLAN

Final Meetings and Work of Organization, to be held Next Week.

So far as the wheat acreage plan has been explained throughout the state, about seventy-five percent of farmers appear to have signed up, according to Dr. T. B. Symons, director of the University of Maryland Extension Service. This report applies mostly to the Eastern Shore counties, there being as yet no estimates from Carroll, Frederick or Washington counties. This information is expected within another week.

Community meetings in these counties have been held and final like meetings will be held next week, following a study of the plan.

The farmers subscribing to the plan will elect a community committee and a member of a board of directors of county wheat control associations, which are to be set up in each county.

These community committees and the board of directors for each county will review the applications for benefits under the plan by which a bonus of 28 cents a bushel on fifty-four percent of each farmer's average production for the last three years will be paid.

A county allotment committee will then work out the individual allotments under this plan and these allotments will be published in county newspapers. Contracts then will be paid next month, Dr. Symons explained.

SUICIDE NEAR NEW OXFORD.

The body of Joseph L. Bevenour, 65-year-old farmer of Mt. Pleasant township, near New Oxford, was found suspended by a rope in the wagon shed by a member of the family Sunday morning while doing the feeding.

Death, according to Dr. Edgar A. Miller, Adams county coroner, was due to suicide by hanging. According to the certificate signed by the coroner, Mr. Bevenour had been suffering from a nervous collapse for the past six months and this is believed to have induced the act.

The man was last seen Saturday evening at 10 o'clock. A son, James, slept in the same room with his father but did not notice his absence Saturday night when he retired because no light was used, and the two occupied different beds.

When members of the family went to the barn to feed the live stock Sunday morning the body was seen through the open end of the wagon shed, suspended on a rope.—New Oxford Item.

UNEMPLOYED TEACHERS.

Washington, Aug. 23—Unemployed school-teachers will be put back to work and schools reopened in many rural communities through the use of federal relief funds, just authorized by President Roosevelt.

The point has been reached where the Federal Government must either aid state school systems financially or must give direct relief to thousands of unemployed teachers. It has been decided to permit teachers to give their services on the basis of their relief needs, thereby restoring educational facilities to the school children in many communities at the same time.

This program of work relief for the teachers of the nation was announced by Mr. Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Emergency Relief Administrator. The plan applies chiefly to rural elementary schools. Some funds will be available for wages to needy unemployed persons competent to teach adults to read and write English in the cities as well as the country. Communications went out yesterday to all state governors and state relief administrators authorizing them to use federal funds to re-employ jobless teachers.

After a survey of the states, it was estimated that 80,000 public school teachers are unemployed. Fifteen or more states reported curtailed school terms, in some instances "to the vanishing point." Rural schools in the south Atlantic states have been hit the hardest.

In the long run those in authority in a democracy are best off when their acts are subjected to constant and impartial analysis and criticism.—Alfred E. Smith.

Random Thoughts

CENTURY PLANTS.

It is not true, as many suppose, that the century plant blooms when it is 100 years old, or once in a 100 years. Botanists now say that the plant blooms only once in its lifetime, and that this time may be before, or after, the century period.

If so, this habit may be reflected in humanity, as well as in the plant, for there are certainly many "only once" or not at all, human bloomers, so far as outstanding beauty of character is concerned. What the whole world most needs is "hardy perennials" shedding not only beauty but fragrance along the paths of life.

And this surely points the moral, that, whether plant or man, the century is valuable only as a curiosity and hardly worth the space occupied. Surely the humble daisy, and the more or less despised dandelion, as represented in living character, at least adds to the cheerfulness of the landscape. Don't be a century plant!