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One-room school honored

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Rodney Reynolds and brothers Jack and James C. Dukes are looking for some of their old classmates.

"But we're not going to say just how old," Reynolds said.

The two are among residents in the Taylors Bridge area who attended a tiny one-room school through 1949. They're trying to round up anyone else who studied spelling and mathematics there in southern New Castle County.

Today, they'll unveil a state marker recognizing the building's historic significance — the school's second honor this month.

The Historic Review Board of New Castle County has already honored the neighbors' association that bought the old school southeast of Odessa in 1950 and turned it into a community center, maintaining it for years.

In honoring Taylors Bridge Community Center earlier this month, review board Vice Chairman Frank J. McKelvey said, "That group is being honored for its decades of diligence."

Only a handful of markers are erected each year, said Lynn Riley, with the state Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.

"They have interest and concern, and its historical significance is understood," she said.

The rural school was one of many donated to the state in the 1920s by the du Pont family.

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WHOLE NO. 3603

OYS HURT WHAN AUTO S ROAD NEAR SEAFORD

IS GORDY, WM. LAW-
RAY LECATES, INJURED

The Driver, Was Pinned Un-
Car in Such a Position to
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he automobile in which they
ng skidded off the Seaford-
e State highway at Herring
ch about one mile north of
t 2 o'clock Monday morning
y were returning from Wil-
three young men residing at
vere seriously hurt and it was
re injuries of two of them
ve fatal. They are: Jennings
ged 23 years, son of Robert
, chief of the Seaford Fire
ent, in the Emergency Hos-
ilford suffering from a brok-
ossible fracture of the skull
y cuts and bruises about the
William Lawrence, aged 17
on of Mrs. Sallie Lawrence,
ngaged at the Babies' Hos-
Wilmington but whose home
ford, in the Emergency Hos-
Milford, suffering from a pos-
ecture of the skull, cuts and
and internal injuries as indi-
hemorrhages at the mouth.
ates, aged 21 years, son of
Mrs. Luther Lecates, cut
e face and body, possible in-
juries and a crushed chest.
his home in Seaford. Le-
is the driver and owner of the
ile involved in the accident.

NEW TAYLOR'S BRIDGE SCHOOL

State Auxiliary Gives \$3327 Toward
\$8327 Cost of Building—New Site
Bought by Taylors Bridge Folks

Bids for the erection of a one-story
brick school at Taylor's Bridge to re-
place the building which was blown
down by a storm last spring, were
opened Monday at the offices of the
Delaware School Auxiliary, in the du-
Pont Building, Wilmington. There
were four bidders. The lowest offer
was made by H. C. Clark and Co., Del-
aware City, of \$8,327 and will be ac-
cepted. Shortly after the school was
wrecked by the storm, the General
Assembly, which was in session, ap-
propriated \$5,000 for the erection of
a new school. This sum proved in-
sufficient and the Delaware School
Auxiliary, which administers the
funds given by P. S. duPont for the
advancement of education in Delaware
offered to subscribe the balance neces-
sary. The auxiliary also offered to pay
the architects fee for plans and in-
cidental expenses. The residents of
Taylor's Bridge have bought a site
for the new school, comprising a plot
of three acres, about 500 feet distant
from the old building. Pupils of the
Taylor's Bridge school, about 30 in
number, have been meeting in the
parlor of a private home since their
building was destroyed. It is expect-
ed that work on the new school will
be started at once and that the build-
ing, which is to be built of brick, will
be completed within three months.

KLANSMEN AT DEAKYNEVILLE

Present School With Flag and Bible—
Dr. J. H. Hawkins Makes Address
Klansmen from all parts of Dela-

The Smyrna Times.

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DEATH RECORD OF THE WEEK

Widow of J. M. Arthurs, Dies In Wilmington After Linger- ing Illness

Mrs. Nancy M. Arthurs, aged 76, widow of Joshua M. Arthurs, a prominent business man of Kenton, died today at the home of her son, E. M. Arthurs, the noted illustrator and painter, after a lingering illness. The announcement of her death was received with sorrow by her friends of the Kenton community. She spent so many years of her life and where she was held in the highest esteem. She was active while living in Church and philanthropic work, but her life centered in her home where she was devoted to the interests of her family.

Since the death of Mr. Arthurs several years ago she has been living in her home in Wilmington. Mrs. Arthurs was formerly Miss Nancy Arthurs of Middletown, and sister of Martin B. Burris. She is survived by three daughters and two sons: Mrs. Margaret N. Virdin of Kenton, N. J.; Miss Sylvia Arthurs of Philadelphia; Miss Susan Arthurs of Wilmington; Stanley M. Arthurs, the well-known artist, of Wilmington, and W. Arthurs, the grain broker of Kenton and treasurer of Kent county. Funeral services took place yesterday afternoon at one o'clock from the residence 2 Crawford Circle, Forest Park, Wilmington, and interment was in Forest cemetery, Middletown.

Ratlidge Dies Near Townsend
Nathaniel W. Ratlidge, a life-long resident of near Townsend and one of the most prominent truckers in the State, died at his home near this town at 2 o'clock today afternoon. He suffered a stroke of paralysis about a week ago, and never regained consciousness from the time he was stricken. He was 72 years of age and besides the wife is survived by four daughters and one son: Mrs. Louise Ratlidge, who for some time taught school in Townsend and at Middletown; Miss Edna Ratlidge, Miss Susan Ratlidge, Miss Leola Ratlidge and Edith Ratlidge all of Townsend.

E. Davis, a New Comer, Dead
E. Davis, aged 23, who last week moved to Smyrna with his parents and Mrs. E. C. Davis, of Wilmington, into the residence of Mollie Pecky on West Commercial Street, died Saturday of tuberculosis.

He came to Smyrna hoping the dry air would benefit him. He was a wife and child in the West, but recently left them to come to Smyrna.

STORM HITS TAYLORS BRIDGE DOING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE

ATTAINS CYCLONIC FORCE AS IT DEMOLISHES HOUSES AND AUTO

School House Blown From Its Foundation.—Porch Torn From Elmer David's Residence.—Crops Hurt

A terrific storm swept the State Thursday afternoon, tearing up trees and telephone poles, damaging crops, flooding roads and in some parts of the State demolishing whole houses. Smyrna escaped any material damage although the rain came in a veritable deluge with some high wind, but over in Thoroughfare Neck it was another story. A veritable cyclone struck Taylor's Bridge. Two automobiles passing through the town had their tops blown off before they could reach shelter. The high wind was accompanied by a driving rain, making it almost impossible to see. The car of Nathaniel Van Horn, which was parked along the road, was almost wrecked. Miss Gladys McBooker, teacher of the Taylor's Bridge school, who was about to leave the school house with three little children, stopped in the vestibule, not daring to venture out in the storm. Feeling the building tremble, she became frightened and ran with the children out into the field. Looking back a moment later she saw the schoolhouse torn from its foundations and carried aloft by the wind. Part of the building was jammed against a tree and the other part was blown over into a field. It is said the tree is what saved the teacher and pupils being carried with it. The garage of James McClain was shattered by the cyclone. The house of Elmer David, nearby, also fell a victim to the storm and was almost demolished, the porch being torn off. Apple trees were torn up by the roots in some places. The storm lasted about 20 minutes. Some of the wreckage was blown as far as Cedar Swamp, behind the town. Although Taylor's Bridge was the place hardest hit, other towns in the district experienced high winds and heavy rainfall. In the vicinity of Middletown limbs of many trees were torn off by the wind. The district northwest of Wilmington as far as Kennett Square was also hard hit by the storm. Five telephone poles and wire for the distance of a half mile were torn down between Kennett Square and Mendenhall. The Diamond State Telephone Company was at work through-

CORNER STONE OF NEW SCHOOL

Will Be Laid Next Monday, the 16th With Full Masonic Ceremonies—Dr. Sonne to Give Address

The corner stone of Smyrna's new \$165,000 new school building will be laid next Monday afternoon at two o'clock and a red letter event made of the occasion. The corner stone will be laid in the South West corner facing Frazier Street and will contain interesting papers and reports of the school and other current data of interest. A grand stand will be erected and at the appointed hour the Worshipful Grand Master Banberger of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of Delaware, with his staff will take charge of the ceremonies. Dr. Sonne of Wilmington, who is grand chaplain, will give the address of the occasion. Special music is being arranged with singing by the school children. On the platform will be the local board of education, Supervising Principal Schantz and his assistants J. O. Betelle, the architect; A. J. Taylor, the consulting engineer; E. M. Henderer, the inspector and State Supt. Holloway and the State Board of Education who have been invited. The entire school, parents, teachers and friends will turn out to witness the ceremony. The new School Building being erected by Contractor A. L. Hudson, Jr., is being pushed with all possible speed to be ready for the occasion. The foundation is now all laid; the brick structure is rising and is now or will be by the corner stone laying, up to the window of the first story all around the building. The plumbers have the boilers in and considerable pipe work done and with plenty of material on hand, better progress is being made than most people are aware of. The building is 180 x 80 with an auditorium 80 x 42.

SUSPEND METHODIST MINISTER

Rev. Howard R. McDade Who Refused To Accept Church Suspended 1 Year

Rev. Howard R. McDade, having been found guilty of refusal to do work assigned him, has been suspended from the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for one year. This decision was arrived at by a jury of 15 fellow ministers at a hearing in Wesley College Institute Friday night. Their action was confirmed by the Conference Saturday morning. Immediately after the trial, Mr. McDade asked to be excused from further attendance and left Dover, saying he had an important engagement. With the state-

LEGISLATURE MEETS AFTER RECESS TO FIND A "MUDDLE"

GOVERNOR DENNEY MUM ON BILLS BEFORE HIM FOR ACTION

Tells Legislators That 10-Day Period Had Elapsed When They Were Not In Session To Receive It

After a recess of about twelve days the Delaware Legislature re-assembled again yesterday only to find that serious complications relative to the Legislative program have developed as the result of the stand Governor William D. Denney has taken on the bills passed by the Senate and House on March 28, the day before the twelve-day recess, and referred to him for his consideration. As a result, the majority party leaders are confused as to what procedure is the best to follow. When the General Assembly adjourned late yesterday afternoon until 10:30 this morning, it was apparently in as much a muddle as when it was first learned the Governor had failed to be caught in the trap laid by the Democratic majority. By their action the Democrats have evidently placed the whip in the hand of Governor Denney. In recessing the Democratic leaders had figured they would force the Governor either to sign or veto all bills passed by the Legislature and place them in a position where they might pass them over his veto. Inadvertently the Democratic leaders had ignored the fact that although the Legislature has been meeting only five days a week, Saturday is legally a legislative day. Representative Collins and Little were appointed to wait upon the Governor to learn of his message to deliver to the Legislature, reported "nothing doing." Governor Denney takes the position that the ten days in which he could have notified the Legislature of any action he took on bills expired Monday, but the Legislature was not there to receive any messages. The Governor contends that his stand is upheld by the constitution, which is perfectly clear on the point involved. Further than this he refused to make any statement. Business transacted yesterday was the restoring to the calendar of Representative Lednum's bill appropriating \$120,000 to the State Highway Department, which bill was defeated in the Senate just before the recess. This bill, owing to the howl raised all thru the state, will be passed, it is said, without opposition.