Eastern Shore Happenings

Neighbors of Harley Meekins, of near Eldorado, whose barn, 17 cows and a mule, automobile and a quantity of feed were destroyed by fire about ten days ago, will help him to rebuild. About $400 has been raised. Lumber enough for the framing of the barn has been bought and a number of carpenters have agreed to assist in building a new barn for him.

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On April 11, 1924, the second annual jubilee of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Delaware will be held in Dover. The morning conferences will open at 10:30 p. m., in the Wesley M. E. Church. The luncheon will be served at the Hotel Richardson at 1:45 p. m. The evening meeting will be held at the Peoples Christian at 8 p. m.

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Georgetown, Del., March 30.—Commencing next Tuesday, according to Government regulations, only business men, firms and residents not having mail boxes at their homes will be able to obtain their mail from the local postoffice.

Business men have been granted the privilege also of having lock boxes at the postoffice so that they may be able to get the night mails and at the same time during the morning and afternoons have city delivery, provided they are equipped with letter boxes at their establishments.

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The State Register, a weekly newspaper published at Laurel has been sold to a group of Laurel business men. Formerly it has been owned by interests outside of the town. The stockholders at the present itme are as follows: Charles E. Wooten, Willard Deputy, E. E. Wooten, Lawrence W. Riggin, Harvey W. Hastings, Edward Fowler, Harry Emory, Albert Culver, Dr. Gayl Hitch, Dr. J. Roscoe Elliott, A. S. Williams, William E. Valliant, Minos E. Culver and Thomas J. Waller.

A meeting of the stockholders will be held a few days for the purpose of organization.

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According to reports from Baltimore this week, the Pennsylvania Railroad will make Love Point in place of Claiborne the base for traffic in and out of the lower Eastern Shore. This is taken to mean that the passenger traffic that now goes to Claiborne on the B. C. & A. steamer will be switched to Love Point and the connection made at Queen Anne with the Pennsylvania, then to Easton and then on the B. C. & A. tracks to Ocean City. No positive announcement of this has been made but the M. D. & V. officials gave this out in announcing their own plans.

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Georgetown, Del., March 30, 1924.—What is believed to be the beginning of a series of raids on moonshiners in Lower Delaware took place on Saturday, when Prohibition officers Edwards and Leroy, acompanied by State Policeman Voshell, made a search of the premises of Charles Lynn and Cleaver Parsons and discovered evidence of illicit manufacture of liquor.

Officer Voshell, acting under instructions from Corp. Raymond D. Ingram, of the State police force in Sussex county, entered the homes, along with the Federal officers, and at the Lynn farm found a still, 30 gallons of rye mash and some finished product.

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From all indications the annual convention of the Maryland- Delaware Retail Jewelers' Association, to be held at the Hotel duPont, Wilmington, on Thursday, May 1, promises to be the most important and interesting affair of its kind ever held by this organization. A special committee of Wilmington jewelers, headed by J. T. Montgomery, is arranging a program that will provide much social pleasure in connection with the convention.

The morning session will be devoted largely to the receiving of credentials and reception of out of town members. Mrs. Joseph Kern, in charge of the woman's committee, will welcome the visitors at the railroad stations. The noon luncheon will be a social affair with an elaborate entertainment. The afternoon will be devoted to business. Among the items that are likely to be discussed may be the enrolling of 150 Baltimore jewelers as members of the two-State organization. The chief spectacular event of the convention will be the exhibit of the silver service from the battleship Delaware, now being dismantled, and which service is in the hands of the Commandant of the Boston Navy Yard.

Governor William D. Denney, of Delaware, has expressed his willingness to have the silver service shown at the convention, and the jewelers are arranging to have it on display for a week at the Hotel duPont. The service, which originally cost $25,000 and which the citizens of Delaware bought and presented to the battleship, is now worth double that sum. Upon its return to Delaware it will be placed in the Hall of Records at Dover with other mementoes of the Revolutionary and subsequent periods.

The feature event of the convention will be the banquet in the evening at which the Rev. Warren Giles of East Orange, N. J., will be the chief speaker. The national publicity plan to rase a million dollars for national advertising is being received with great enthusiasm by members. It is believed that within a few days all of the contributions will have been pledged for the first three years.

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Georgetown, Del., March 30 (Special).—The demonstrations conducted by the extension department of Sussex county last year in cultivating, seeding and spraying white and sweet potatoes and tomatoes resulted in a greatly increased yield per acre.

On 15 farms alone the yield over other plots of land growing the same crops and under the same conditions, except not receiving special treatment, showed the following increase per acre: White potatoes, 10 bushels; sweet potatoes, 15 bushels; tomatoes, 2 tons.

Forty acres set in tomatoes were used for demonstration purposes. Twenty-four farmers planted improved or certified seed for their tomato crops, while 10 treated the seed for disease.

Thirty farmers sprayed and dusted their white potato crop for plant diseases, while 42 sprayed their tomato fields.

Two farmers have been devoting their attention to growing certified tomato seeds for sale.

Forty-two sweet potato growers, 10 tomato growers and 15 white potato growers treated their seeds for disease before planting.

Two sweet potato storage houses were erected during the year with a capacity of 8000 baskets, and it is understood that plans are being made for the erection of other storage houses which probably will have a capacity of 20,000 baskets.

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The farmers of Eastern Sussex county are very enthusiastic over the opening of the Nassau Milk Cooling Station April 1.

Co-operating with the Supplee-Wills-Jones Milk Co., who have built the plant, a special program has been arranged for Thursday, April 3. The program will begin promptly at 3 p. m., with Mr. Thomas R. Ingram chairman. The speakers will consist of H. D. Davis, in charge of scientific work for the Supplee-Wills-Jones Milk Co., C. I. Cohee, of the Interstate Milk Producers' Association; Dean C. A. McCue, of the University of Delaware; former Congressman Hiram R. Burton, and other prominent people of the county.

At 5:30 p. m. a community basket supper has been arranged, and all the ladies are expected to bring their baskets, and the supper will be served on a community table. Ice cream, cake and coffee will supplement the supper. Community singing and orchestra music will be enjoyed by every one, which will insure a treat to every one who attends.

The opening of this plant marks the beginning of a new era in agriculture in Eastern Sussex.

The cooling station will be open to the public from 3 p. m. until 6:30 p. m., which will give every one an opportunity of looking over one of the most up-to-date cooling stations on the Peninsula.

This meeting is expected to be the largest ever held in lower Sussex, as a cordial invitation is extended to every one.

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Crisfield, Md., March 31—The fourth unsuccessful attempt to fire to railroad property at Marion, about six miles north of Crisfield, was made last night.

The fire was discovered about 9 o'clock before it had gained much headway and was extinguished after doing considerable damage in the office of the station. The fire was of incendiary origin.

Feathers taken from an office chair seat were saturated with kerosene oil and placed down a trapdoor under the desk of Claude Burton, the station manager.

Entrance was gained through a window, the glass first being removed and the steel window grating then being unlatched. The firebug evidently knew the lay of the station well, otherwise the trapdoor could not have been readily discovered.

During the past three months the passenger station has been fired three times, the freight depot once and each fire was discovered about the same hour of the night.

About six weeks ago the Marion High School was set on fire and destroyed at a loss of about $25,000.

The same week the mill property of P. O. Hudson & Bro., about a mile and a half from Marion was destroyed and it is the belief of Mr. Hudson that his property was also set on fire.

The people of Marion are greatly aroused because of the presence of an incendiary in their midst, and although detectives and bloodhounds have been on the trail no person as yet has been apprehended.

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Easton was the mecca last Thursday evening for Shriners from nearly all of the Eastern Shore counties as well as from Sussex county, Delaware, and by 7 o'clock in the evening the streets were filled with automobiles which had brought the visitors to that point.

The visiting Shriners and the Sir Knights of the Commanderies who were their guests were received in the reception room attached to the Easton Theatre and later were guests at an entertainment at the theatre, there being not only moving pictures but vocal selections, a sleight-of-hand performer, and selections on the violin and pipe organ. After the entertainment the guests were taken to the Hotel Norris, where a very delightful banquet was served.

Before leaving Easton, the Shriners made a substantial contribution for the benefit of the firemen who were injured last week.

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Last Friday morning James Smith aged 16 years, prevented what might have been a serious railroad accident. He lives between Robbins and Ellendale and discovered that a large red oak tree had fallen across the railroad track. It was raining hard and the wind was blowing as the mail train bound from Philadelphia to Franklin City was nearing. Smith had no red light, but he waved his handkerchief, which was seen by the enginees, who brought the train to a stop. Then the boy went to a house and obtained an axe with which he chopped the tree and the train was able to proceed. John Swenson, section supervisor, sent the youth a letter congratulating him upon his excellent work. Officials of the Delaware road in Wilmington were informed of the great service rendered and it is expected that the young man will be rewarded properly.

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Newark, Del., March 31—Terrorized by threats to kill her if she made an outcry, Mrs. Mary B. Donnell, aged 70, wealthy widow of Samuel Donnell, one-time Mayor of Newark, for nearly eight hours Friday night lay in practically a stupor from fear in her big home after a burglar had chocked and threatened her in an effort to make her tell where money was hidden in the house.

Today Jacob Lentz, aged 21, of Darby ,Pa., was arrested and held in $2,000 bail, charged with the crime. He is said to be wanted in Darby. Another arrest may be made, it was intimated.

Officers are said to have a clue, but no arrest has been made.

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Salisbury, Md, March 26.—The 1924 schedule of the Eastern Shore Baseball league will open on May 30 and close on Labor Day, September 1, for an 80-game season.

A tentative schedule prepared by the committee has been sent to officials of all six clubs and the adoption of the schedule will become effective automatically.

The season will open with Parksley at Salisbury, Crisfield at Cambridge and Easton at Dover. On the following day a reciprocal game will be played in the other three towns.

Each club draws seven Saturday games this year. Two games are scheduled for July 4 and Labor Day, one in the morning and another in the afternoon.

The circuit will have three "off days," occurring on July 14, August 18 and 25. No contests will be played on Sundays.

A league regulation put into force this year requires that a postponed game must be played on the first occasion the two clubs meet on the home field. Last year these dates were fixed by the league president.

By the revision of the schedule, the roster of each club must be cut down to 14 players by June 13. Prior to that date a maximum of 18 players is permitted.

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The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has appointed as one of its corps of railroad physicians, Dr. John Hammond, of Georgetown, to succeed the late Dr. O. D. Robinson, who died last summer. There were several who had hoped that this very much appreciated appointment would come to them, who reside in Georgetown. The appointment carries an annual pass over the main lines of the Pennsylvania system, as well as other courtesies. Dr. Hammond is a practicing physician and one of the most active men in public affairs now living at the county seat of Sussex. The railroad company maintains two physicians at Georgetown and they are now Dr. Roland G. Paynter and Dr. John Hammond—both leading citizens and influential men in the county and state.

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The honor of catching the first shad in Cambridge waters is an honor much coveted by local fishermen. Years ago the contest was very warm when fishermen were more numerous than now. The race for the past thirty years has been won by the same man, Mr. E. G. Townsend, and on Saturday last, March 22, he repeated his feat by landing the first shad of the season.

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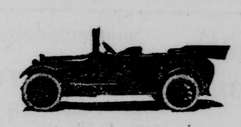

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