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WE wish every woman, man and child in Kent county a prosperous and healthy New Year.

RESOLVE to begin the New Year right by extending your subscription to the KENT NEWS for another year.

THE price of sugar would now be 25 cents a pound says Mr. Hoover if Uncle Sam had not stepped in and regulated the same.

ALL honor to the noble women and men in Kent who put up such a winning fight for the Red Cross. It was a great victory and there is honor enough for all who helped in any way to win this battle for such a great cause.

VILHJALMUR STEFANSON, the Arctic explorer, last heard from in a letter received in March, 1916, has arrived with his party at Fort Yukon, according to word received by the Naval Department. Stefanson as head of the Canadian Arctic expedition has been in far North since 1913 and lately there has been some anxiety as to his safety.

KENT NEWS SUPPLEMENT

Our readers will receive a supplement today with this issue. It is a Maryland number and gives a good idea of many things we should all be more familiar with, especially our big city of Baltimore, of which we are all proud. It also takes up the city extension question and gives all the arguments for annexation that have been urged by those favoring the plan that the General Assembly should extend the limits of Baltimore city without referendum.

REGISTRANTS VERY BUSY

Kent county's registered young men of the draft age have been coming to Chestertown this week in great numbers to have their question papers fixed up. About 300 young men have answered the many qestions with the help of the patriotic citizens who have given their services free to assist the registrants to arrange their papers correctly. These men who are assisting the young men should have the most hearty commendation of all for their patriotic services.

RAILROADS TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT

Control of the nation's railroads to bring about uniform operation for the war was assumed by the Government at noon yesterday with Secretary McAdoo, still retaining his Cabinet post, in charge as director general of railroads.

This decision, the Government's solution for the difficulties of the present transportation situation, was announced in a proclamation by President Wilson effective at noon Friday, December 28, and taking over every railroad engaged in general transportation in Continental United States, with its appurtenances, including steamship lines. All lines will be operated as a single system under Director McAdoo.

THE FIRST STATE BUDGET

For the first time in our legislative history the General Assembly of 1918 will have a budget to guide it in making appropriations for public purposes. The adoption of this system by the State of Maryland is a great advance in administration, and unlike its predecessors, the incoming Legislature will have the incalculable advantage of a clear and well-digested statement of the needs and claims of agencies and institutions supported by the tax-payers.

The duty that has been devolved upon Governor Harrington in this connection is one that has presented many problems. It has been a task such as has confronted no other man ever in public life in Maryland and the performance of which has required moral courage and extraordinary firmness and an entire disregard of criticism.

That Governor Harrington, with his wide and intimate knowledge of affairs, and his devotion to the State, has performed that duty ably and conscientiously is certain to be manifested when the budget is handed in to the Legislature.

ALL Red Cross Seal returns must be in by Jan. 1st. All communications for county nurse may be phoned to Stam's Drug Store, No. 30.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

TAX COMMISSION'S NET IS SWEEPING

All Kinds of Personal Property Are Included—From a Needle To a Piano.

The blank forms for personal property have been issued by the State Tax Commission. These forms call for every article owned by the tax-payer in the counties, from a needle to a piano, from a runt pig to a Holstein bull. Nothing will get through the meshes of the net. The blanks go first to the commissioners of the several counties.

The tax-gatherer has been instructed to levy taxes on all household furniture, silverware, books, statuary and all other household effects. The farmer will have to make returns on the number of horses of both genders, driving horses as well as the lowly work horse, mules, colts under three years and ponies. The commission has drawn a distinction in the bovine race, so that ordinary cows are to yield one tax, while cows of fancy breeds, bulls, heifers, yearlings and calves are designated in a second column. Hogs, both of the old razor-back variety, as well as fancy bred, pigs and shoats, are also included in the schedule; even the little frisky lamb which Mary is alleged to have led to school, is to be made to bear its share of the taxes. Sheep and bucks are also included. Poultry of all varieties are to be assessed, farming implements of every kind and description, automobiles and all motor vehicles, wagons, carriages and buggies, harness and all stable effects, fixtures in stores, goods, merchandise, etc., tools, machinery, etc., vessels, from ships to rowboats, will be made to bear their proportionate part of the new assessment.

Returns will have to be made for all fishing apparatus, including nets, etc. The holders of bonds, evidences of debt, shares of stock of foreign corporations, mortgages, interest in trust estates, trustees, executors, guardians, etc., will all have to file their schedule with the the county commissioners in each of the counties. In fact, the new schedule will cover everything which was included in the famous cargo of the ark, and much more which was not aboard that ancient vessel.

The tax hunter is expected to begin his work about the 1st of January and continue the same until every owner of property included in this schedule has filed his returns. The penalty for failing to or refusing to give in to the assessors the true holdings is subject to a fine of $1,000, with an addition of 50 per cent. per annum added thereto.

The farmer from one of the counties who read over this schedule recently made the remark that if anything was left to be covered by the new reassessment it could only be discovered with a spyglass.

Valuation of Automobiles

The Tax Commission has adopted the following general rule for the assessment of automobiles, motor vehicles, etc.:

First year in use, 69 2-3 per cent. of catalogue price; second year in use, 50 per cent of catalogue price; third year in use, 40 per cent of catalogue price; fourth year in use, 30 per cent of catalogue price, and after the fourth year according to the judgment of the county commissioners. This general rule is subject to modification under exceptional circumstances.

The market value at the time of assessment is the proper basis for assessing bonds, evidences of debt, shares of stock of foreign corporations, etc.

THIRTY YEARS' WAR PLAGUES

Sweeping Away of Lives Was Frightful, Combatants Themselves Being Mown Down.

In the famous Thirty Years' war, it is estimated, the population of central and western Europe was reduced from thirty millions to less than fifteen millions, and yet during the whole of that time there were only forty important battles fought, and their total death casualties did not reach half a million.

All the rest of the frightful sweeping away of life was from plague and famine, which not only followed in the wake of the armies, but mowed down the combatants themselves.

Nor was the deadly work of these fierce partners of war—the terrible triple alliance of the prayer book, plague, pestilence and famine—confined to the civil populations. They played equal havoc in the ranks of the armies themselves.

Even as recently as the days of Gustavus Adolphus that great captain is said to have broken up his winter quarters and begun his summer campaign nearly two months earlier than he had intended, because at the rate at which his soldiers were dying from disease in their huts and barracks he would soon have had no army left to campaign with.

Kicked Himself to Freedom.

Prisoners of war have had many thrilling adventures in their attempts to escape across the German frontier, but it would be hard to find a more remarkable story than the following, told in a Dutch paper: Four British escaped prisoners of war, one Frenchman and seven Russians arrived at Oldenzaal, besides two German deserters. An amusing incident took place in the case of one of the Russians. He was seized by the German sentry when in the act of crossing the frontier, and in the course of the ensuing struggle threw himself on the ground. He fell half way on Dutch and half way on German territory. The Dutch sentry came to his rescue and tried to pull him across by the shoulders. The German pulled at the other end. When the Russian found that the Dutchman was helping him he started kicking with all his might, with the happy result that he was safely pulled onto Dutch territory.

"KENT NEWS" $1 peryear.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

The date on the label of your KENT NEWS shows the time to which your paper is paid. Thus if the date is

Doe, John 1Jan17

You owe the KENT NEWS $1.00. We would like very much to change date to 1 Jan. 18, and will do so if you send us the $1.00.

Please look at your date and see how you stand.

LEGISLATURE CONVENES JANUARY 2

Important Problems To Be Solved By Maryland Legislature.

The Maryland General Assembly will convene in Annapolis Wednesday, January 2nd, and all signs now point to a session of unusual interest and activity.

In the session rapidly approaching three public questions stand out vividly and will, probably, create a long drawn out fight. They are:

Annexation for Baltimore city.
Abolition of race tracks.
State-wide Prohibition.

The annexation fight will devolve about three distinct factions: One favoring annexation without referendum, the other favoring annexation with a referendum, and the third opposed to annexation of any sort. Inasmuch as the Republicans have declared for annexation without a referendum, this will bring about a fight between the two parties. From a number of counties representatives will be sent to the Legislature who are not identified with either of the parties, but who were elected on fusion or independent tickets. This will insure just enough uncertainty to add zest to the fight.

That the business interests of Baltimore would wage war on the nation-wide prohibition amendment that Congress has voted to submit for the ratification of three-fourths of the States is the opinion generally expressed.

Prohibition forces, led by the Anti-Saloon League, are in high glee over the situation. They predict a sweeping victory.

The race tracks of the state are threatened with total extinction and consequently the race track people can be depended upon to put up a bitter fight, as the stake they are fighting for is of enormous proportions. It is reported that they have already offered the State a total of $2,000 a day to be permitted to continue indefinitely.

The State Conservation Commission has a number of cards to lay on the table, most of which will be provocative of much kicking. They have a statewide gunning license; a new crab law, which will either reduce the minimum size of crabs that may legally be taken or allow a percentage of undersized crab, as is allowed in the oyster catch.

Senator Brown is backing Herbert Urie for chairman of Chesapeake bay and tributaries.

LARGE PUBLIC SALE

I will sell at Public Auction at MY STABLE IN GALENA, MD., on

FRIDAY, January 4, 1918

At 10.00 A. M., rain or shine the following stock described below:

50 to 75 Head Cattle

One carload of fresh cows, springers, heifers and calves from the Proving Grounds in Harford county, consisting of mostly Holstein and Guernsey stock. Some of these cows are milkers without a doubt, and will be a chance for you farmers to get a good cow. 11 Good Holstein Heifers, bred to Holstein Bull.

Will also sell nine good cows for one farmer (all he has), part of these cows are good cows for any farmer to buy. Also some fat cows and cows no good for a farmer to keep. If you will come to me I will advise you right. Last sale cattle sold from $20 to $121, and will have some as good cattle as I can find for sale.

100 TO 150 SHOTES AND PIGS

I sold 168 head last sale from $2.25 to $15.00, each and sold every pig and shote I offered.

Will sell also a few Horses and Mules on commission. Horses, Carriages, Blankets and anything you want to turn into money.

Sale rain or shine. Terms Cash.

S. G. CALDWELL.

My next sale will be Friday, Jan. 18, 1918.

Sheriff's Sale

Of Personal Property

UNDER and by virtue of a warrant of distress, issued at the suit of William J. Vannort, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of J. Raymond Lusby, and to me directed, I have seized and taken in distress all of the estate, right, title, interest in the property, claim and demand, at law and in equity, of the said J. Raymond Lusby, in and to the following personal property:

6 Horses, 1 Colt

2 COWS, 3 HOGS

100 bushels of corn, more or less, 3 Geese, 11 Turkeys, 60 Chickens, more or less, 1 Farm Wagon, 1 Dearborn and Harness, 1 Carriage, 1 Riding Plow, 1 3-horse Plow, 1 2-horse Plow, 2 Hand Cultivators, 1 Sulky Cultivator, lot of Plow Harness and a lot of Furniture including Tables, Chairs, Cooking Utensils, Dishes, Bureaus, Wash Stand and Mattings.

And I hereby give notice that on

Thursday, January 10th, 1918

at the farm where the said J. Raymond Lusby now resides, on the public road leading from Brice's Mill to Lankford, and known as the Richard Groves Home Farm, I will offer for sale the said property so seized and taken in distress by public auction to the highest bidder for cash.

GEORGE W. CARTER, Jr., Sheriff.

Dec. 29, 1917—ts.

WARNING

All persons are hereby warned against hunting, trapping or trespassing upon the lands and marshes of the undersigned on the Green Point and Edwards farms.

MRS. I. H. DIXON,
d8 3t* W. T. DIXON.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Millington Bank of Maryland will be held at the banking house in Millington, on THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1918, between 2 and 3 p. m. for electing officers and other business.

By Order of Board.

d22-tm W. I. JARVIS, CASHIER.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Chestertown Bank of Maryland will be held at the banking house in Chestertown, Md., on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1918, between 12 and 1 o'clock, for the purpose of electing Directors and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

By order of Board of Directors.

d22-tm ALLAN A. HARRIS, CASHIER.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Kent County Savings Bank for the purpose of selecting directors to manage the affairs of said bank for the ensuing year and for any other business, will be held at their Banking House in Chestertown, on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon.

By order of the Board

d22-tm WM. F. RUSSELL, CASHIER.

SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Shareholders of the Kent Building & Loan Company will hold their annual meeting in the Court House, Chestertown, Md., on MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1918, at 8.00 p. m., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such business as may properly come before said meeting.

d22-tm J. WATERS RUSSELL, SEC'Y.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting for the election of officers of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co. will be held at Firemen's Hall, on MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1918.

d22-tm J. R. SIMPERS, SEC'Y.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The People's Bank of Chestertown will be held at the banking house in Chestertown, Md., on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 1918, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing directors and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

By order of Board of Directors.

dec22-tm HARRY C. COLEMAN, CASHIER.

CO. COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

The County Commissioners hereby give notice that the next meeting of the board will be held on THURSDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 1918. This action is taken because Christmas day and New Year's day fall on Tuesdays, the regular day for board meetings.

SAMUEL HICKS,
dec22-2t Clerk County Commissioners.

CONSERVATION

Don't let the old straw rick rot and blow away. Sell it and put the proceeds at work. Write or telephone and our buyer will call.

AMERICAN STRAWBOARD CO.,
n24-6m [Phone 86] Chestertown, Md.

Auto Service

ON account of uncertain weather conditions and bad roads, we will discontinue our regular Automobile service between Chestertown and Tolchester for the winter, after Dec. 24th. The boats only make a few trips to Tolchester each month during the winter and early spring.

Will be pleased to make other State road runs and will make some dirt road trips, when the roads are fit.

We have several 5-passenger Ford cars for sale. All in good condition.

The Lusby Automobile Co.

PHONE 140. [m5-tf] W. U. LUSBY, Mgr.

The Holiday Season

Good cheer, good fellowship and good clothes all help. Good clothes are all here for Men and Boys, Young Men and Little Boys

Business Suits, $10 to $15
Dress up, $15 to $40
Full Dress, $20 to $50
Business Overcoats, $10 to $25
Silk Lined, $25 to $50
Fur Lined, $30 to $125
Mackinaws, $5 to $12
Corduroy Suits, $10 to $15
Heavy Reefers, $5 to $10
Sheep Lined, $8 to $15
Fur Caps, $3.50 to $15
Fur Gloves, $3.50 to $15

Everything else in Heavy Caps, Trousers, Clothes, Underwear, all Furnishings and Shoes and Rubber Boots.

MULLIN'S HOME STORE
WILMINGTON

TRUSTEE'S SALE

—OF—

Stock of Merchandise

UNDER and by virtue of an order passed by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, in the case of Arlington W. Carmine, Bankrupt, the undersigned, as trustee of the estate of said bankrupt, will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms hereinafter set forth, on the premises recently occupied said Arlington W. Carmine on High street, in Chestertown, Kent county, Md., adjoing the properties of Arlington L. Sparks and Lofland & Culp, on

Saturday, Jan. 12th, 1918

Beginning at 12 o'clock noon, the following Personal Property, to-wit:

A Lot of Lace, Embroidery, Dress Goods, Dry Goods, Notions, China and Toys, Spices, Scales, Coffee Grinder, Refrigerator, etc.

TERMS--CASH.

S. S. BECK, TRUSTEE.
JOHN T. JESTER, Auctioneer. dec15-ts

TO THE CREDITORS OF ARLINGTON W. CARMINE, BANKRUPT.

Take notice, that the property mentioned in the aforegoing advertisement, this day inserted in the KENT NEWS, will be offered for sale at the time, place and upon the terms therein stated.

SIDNEY P. TOWNSHEND, REFEREE.
Dated Chestertow Md., Dec. 15, 1917.

Registrants! Take Notice!

You are hereby advised that upon the receipt of the "Questionaire" with notice attached, if you will appear between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. in the Court Room within seven days from the date designated in said notice, ample provision will be made by the Legal Advisory Board to render you such assistance in completing the answers contained in the "Questionaire" as you may desire, and that it will be necessary for you to preserve and to bring with you the "Questionaire" and all information possible that will aid in the proper answers to be made.

J. THOMAS HADAWAY,
Chairman.
C. W. WHALAND, M. D.
SIDNEY P. TOWNSHEND.
HERBERT E. PERKINS, Chief Clerk. d15

Gifts Like These Will Certainly Please The Fall Bride : : : :

Hot Cake Service, sterling, $3.50.
Game Carving Set, two-piece sterling handles, $4.00; blade & prongs guaranteed steel.
6 Tea Spoons, sterling, $6.00.
Pie Knife, sterling, $3.50.
6 Orange Spoons, sterling, $6.00.
Dundee Baking Dish, Sheffield plate, $8.50.
Sandwich Plates, Sheffield plate, $4 to $7.
Vegetable Dish, double Sheffield Plate, $8.50.

All mail orders receive prompt attention.

Rote, the Jeweler
Chestertown, Md.

An Extraordinary Offer

We will allow you 50c for your old Hot Water Bottle.

Bring us your old Hot Watter Bottle—no matter what make or whether it leaks or not—we will allow you 50c for the old one in exchange for a "Monogram" Hot Water Bottle that sells regularly for $2.50.

This offer is made for the purpose of convincing you of the superiority of our guaranteed "Monogram" Rubber Goods.

All guaranteed because made from real rubber.

Sterling's Pharmacy
THE REXALL STORE.
CHESTERTOWN, - - MARYLAND

BONES AND BAGS

On account of the War many of our supplies of bones have been cut off and in order to get all the nice dry country bones possible we have determined to pay about twice as much for dry bones as we used to pay, if they are delivered at our factory. The country boys should pick up all they can and bring them to us instead of selling them to junk dealers.

We will also pay the highest market price for good second-hand Fertilizer bags. Please communicate with us. Very truly yours,

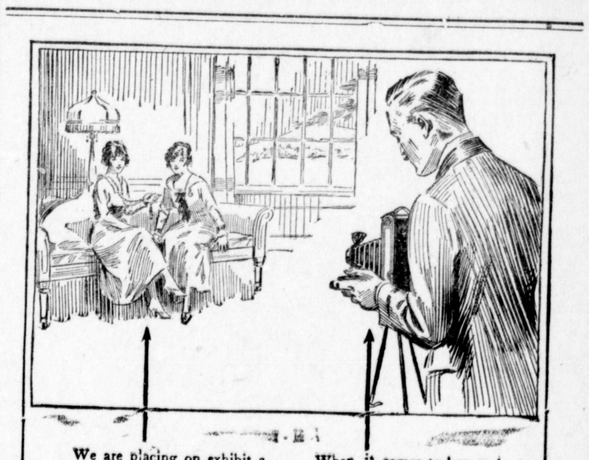
The Peerless Fertilizer Co.
n17 Chestertown, Maryland.

Vansant & Newsome
Head-To-Foot Outfitters

We Wish All Our Patrons A Prosperous and Happy New Year

May the year 1918 bring you one and all many glad surprises and be the very best in your history.

Vansant & Newsome
Head-To-Foot Outfitters



We are placing on exhibit a display of distinctive watch and necklace designs such as we have never had the fortune to present here before. Your inspection is invited.

When it comes to beauty in design and finish—efficiency and simplicity of operation in hand cameras, the last word is a *Special* Kodak. The Nos. 1A and 3A *Specials* have the Range Finder and are Autographic.

THE friendships of school days, the very atmosphere of the home, every phase of life that makes for companionship—in all of these is an intimate picture story—a story that glows with human interest, grows in value with every passing year.

Let Kodak keep the date and picture story for you.

J. S. KREEGER
Jeweler and Optometrist,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.

ATTENTION

Mayor Council and Business Associations of all Municipalities.

THE SERTO PACKING CO., 32 N. Moore St., New York, N. Y., is interested to build immediately a Canning Plant, for Tomato Products, Corn, Peas, String Beans, Spinach, etc., where at least one thousand acreage of tomatoes can be obtained with railroad or water front facilities. Plenty of fresh water required, and sufficient labor necessary. The plant should be exempt from taxes for ten years, and at least two acres of land free. A fine opportunity for a small town that wants to grow. Do not wish to create competition with any local establishment. Write full particulars. d8-4t

FOR SALE.

FOUR BRICK HOUSES, on High and College Avenue, Chestertown, all with good tenants. Apply to

MRS. H. S. RAYNER,
n17-3t 1824 Bolton St., Baltimore, Md.

FOR RENT

ROOMS—single or communicating—with bath, in a desirable section of Chestertown. Possession at once.

Apply at
o13-tf KENT NEWS.

R. THOMPSON, BUTCHER.
PHONE 87.

We are in the market for Country Salt Meat Hams, Shoulders, Middlings and Lard. Highest cash prices paid for Butter and Eggs and other produce. Also Fat Cattle, Hogs and Calves wanted. We are now butchering country meat and hogs. We are selling our best loin of beef at 30c lb; round 25c, some as low as 18c. We are buying Horse Hides, Beef Hides and other kinds of hides. We are now carrying a good line of Fruits of all kinds. Fresh Fish and Oysters on hand all the time.

We are buying Wild Ducks, Partridges, Rabbits and Fresh Fish of any kind. oct13-1m*

TOYS

And Games for the Xmas Time

We have an abundance of Toys and Games of various kinds, useful and interesting for children and grown-ups. We invite your inspection and get prices.

CONFECTIONERY Department

This department of our Christmas line has had special attention, and we are offering the best merchandise obtainable, especially in Nuts, Oranges, Cakes,

Our "Sunshine Fruit Cakes" are the best; pound..... 55c
Sizes 1 lb., 2 lb., 3 lb.

Orange, the best I ever had; doz... 25c, 35c, 40c

Pure Ground Sage, lb..... 48c
Pure Ground Blk Pepper, lb 40c
Fine G. A. Salt, 140 lb bag $1.45
Fine G. A. Salt, 56 lb bag... 70c
Salt Petre, lb..... 50c

F. A. Hurlock
Phone 239 R