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'Round Kent County

With The Rover

Rock Hall Comes To Life

Sometime ago in this pillar we undertook to bring to the attention of readers the importance of water, the elixir of life. This week we have had it brought home to us forcefully that water still plays an important part in the lives of Kent Countians aside from its values as a beverage.

Down at Rock Rall on Monday, we found the citizenry in a happy mood, chatted with those who feel that this summer will be a profitable one, and we sat around and watched the crabbers and fishermen arriving with their first catches of the week. To them, all Rock Hallers and many other residents of this State of ours, water in the form of the Ceashpeake Bay and its tributaries is the greatest element in their scheme of life.

Last winter this field from which their livlihood is extracted was frozen solid for a month, cutting off all activity in the bayside town and throwing hundreds on the relief rolls. Now, with summer heat and the fish arunning, Rock Hall again is teeming with activity: its citizens are raising their heads again, and you'll find joy and the pleasure of living replacing dejection and despair along the shores of the Chesapeake.

Harry Price, Rock Hall's postmaster, was found to be busy when we dropped in for a chat. The regular Monday allotment of mail order catalogues had arrived, and everyone's packet of letters contained at least one of these glorious folders. Finished with his duties for a while, Harry told us of the lifting of the vail of gloom in Rock Hall, spoke encouragingly of the prospects for the summer.

Next, we visited the newly-opened emporium of Druggist Brinsfield, and found activity aplenty in that young man's establishment. We found, too, that Bill has been bitten by the fishing bug, knows all the spots in the bay where they bite the best, and goes out almost daily for the sport of the catch.

On the wharf of the Rock Hall Packing Company we watched several crabbers bait their trot-lines, while we listened to their prophesies for the season. The prevalence of so many small rock fish leads all the fishermen to believe that August will be a swell month in the fishing industry...for the salty veterans have a simple theory that to get big fish you must first have little ones. On the hook and line they are catching as many as eighty or ninety in a short session now, which augurs well for the commercial netters next month.

The crabbers, too, look to August to speed their business. Lots of small crabs are to be found now, but they are under the limit, so its just a question of waiting. At $4.50 a barrel, if the catch is good, Rock Hallers can make themselves some money.

They tell me, though, that the watermen's Protective Association isn't running along as smoothly now. It is said to be held together merely by promises at the moment, with few paying any real attention to it. Some say that an association of that sort will get the fisherman's interest in the winter when there's not much else to hold his attention, but when warm weather comes, when the fish are running and the crabs are crawling, they are more concerned with the business of getting the profits at hand.

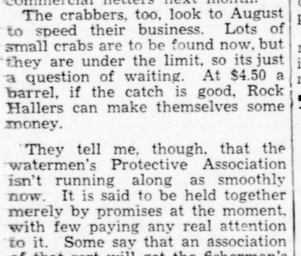
Rock Hall, today, has a freshly-painted, well-mowed look about it, and everyone seems to be busy. The stores were crowded with Monday-morning shoppers, the wharves teemed with tourists bent on fishing and crabbing. Of all the schools in Kent, the two at Rock Hall have the neatest grounds, the best shrubbery, and the lawns are kept close-clipped during the summer months.

In area, Rock Hall is Kent's largest town. It spreads and sprawls over a territory which is twice as large as Chestertown, and its citizens walk miles daily.

Station wagons from the several camps on the nearby bayside can be seen lining the streets, while the youngsters run from store to store spending their daily allowances. Beach pajamas are much in evidence, while boys and men sport leather-visored navy caps.

We saw Capt. Kerr going along the street with a goods-box under his arm...We peeped at Joe Downey while he chinned with natives in his store...We said hello to Tommy Tucker at his garage, visited Aiello's hot-spot along the bay ...We dropped into Hersch's for a "coke"...And then came home with the resolve to see more of Rock Hall during these balmy, busy summer days.

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FLOWER SHOW WILL BE HELD SEPT. 14-15

Mrs. Jesse D. Maxwell General Chairman

ARMORY WILL BE SCENE

Committee Chairman Have Been Named

With Mrs. Jesse D. Maxwell as general chairman plans for the fourth annual Kent County Flower Show, staged under the auspices of the Homemakers Club, are going rapidly forward. The show will be held in the Chestertown Armory on Friday and Saturday, September 14 and 15.

Other officials besides Mrs. Maxwell are: Mrs. Ben Robinson, exhibit chairman; Mrs. W. Tylden Brice, Jr., tea garden; Mrs. Gerald Myers, commercial exhibits and Mrs. Charles Pippin, treasurer.

Miss Grace Wilkins will have charge of receiving the exhibits and the Rotary Club will assist in the staging.

More than eighty divisions are offered in which to exhibit under the following rules:

1. All entries must be in by 11:30 A. M. and in position not later than 12:00 o'clock noon, Friday, September 14th.
2. No admission or entry fee will be charged.
3. All exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor.
4. To be eligible for competition, exhibits must contain the exact number of blooms specified.
5. The Armory will be open for visitors: Friday, 4:00 P. M. to 10:00 P. M.; Saturday, 11:00 A. M. to 10:00 P. M.
6. No one except members of committee will be in exhibit room during judging.
7. Exhibits must be called for at the close of show. Those not taken will at that time be disposed of as the Committee may determine, except bulbs and potted plants, which will be returned.
8. First, Second, and Third prize stickers will be awarded in all classes in which the exhibits are sufficiently meritorious to warrant awards.
9. Single specimens will be shown in containers furnished by the clubs. Baskets, Vases, and Bowls must be furnished by the exhibitor.
10. No exhibitor may make more than one entry in any one class, but all may enter as many classes as they desire.

GOOD FOOD FOR SOUND THINKERS

The aim of argument, or of discussion, should not be victory, but progress.—Joubert.

Happinpess lies in the consciousness we have of it, and by no means in the way the future keeps its promises.—George Sand.

Kent County Church League

Results Last Week

R. H. M. E. 14; Ch. M. P. 5
Wesley 18; Ch. M. E. 5
Lynch 31; Pomona 3 (4 innings)

Games This Week

Pomona at Ch. M. P.
Ch. M. E. at Lynch
Wesley at R. H. M. E.

Standing of Teams Second Half

Team	W	L	Pc.
R. H. M. E.	1	0	1.000
Wesley	1	0	1.000
Lynch	1	0	1.000
Pomona	0	1	.000
Ch. M. E.	0	1	.000
Ch. M. P.	0	1	.000

BETTERTON BTACH CLUB HOLDS FIRST MEET

Last Saturday the Betterton Beach Club, of which "Reds" Smith and Miss Frances Helms are the guiding lights, held the first of a series of swimming meets off Turner's Pier at the upper bay resort. With a list of some twenty events and about fifty contestants, the meetproved highly competitive, with all races closely contested.

Scott Beck, Jr,, was the only Chestertown youth to place in the money, winning handily the 25-yard backstroke for men. Skeesix, O'Brien, with seven points, was high point winner in the class of boys under twelve; Budd O'Hara, for boys twelve to sixteen, E. Leimkuhler for men over sixteen, Dolores O'Hara for girls under fifteen and Anna Crew Duckloe placed high in the Women's class.

It is planned to hold these meets at Betterton every two weeks, on Saturday, and the next affair is scheduled for Saturday, July 28th. Point totals will be kept until the final meet, when prizes will be awarded to those leading for the full series.

IN MEMORIAM

In sad and loving memory of our dear niece, Katherine Mench, who passed away July 24, 1932.

Dear is the grave where Katherine is laid,
Sweet is the memory which never shall fade,
Roses may wither, leaves fade and die,
Others may forget you darling, but never will I.

By Uncle and Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Porter. 1t

In sad and loving memory of our darling granddaughter, Katherine Mench, who passed away, July 24, 1932.

Friends may think I will soon forget you darling,
And my wounded heart be healed,
But they little know the sorrow
That's within my heart's concealed.
We sadly miss you, Grandmother and Grand Father Mench. 1t

As alert sentinels we should ever be on guard lest aught that it unlike God, hence untrue, find entrance into our consciousness. —Christian Science Monitor.

NOTES ON SPORTS

Among the winners of various events at the first swimming meet of the Betterton Beach Club, held last Saturday, was S. Scott Beck, Jr., who again demonstrated that he's no mean performer in the backstroke. It's to be regretted that Scott never had an opportunity to develop his talent for swimming. It is one sport which he thoroughly enjoys, and he still has splendid possibilities.

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Tomorrow, Sunday, the Chester River Country Club golfers play their last match of the season; and it looks definitely certain that they will come out of it with the championship of the upper bracket of the Eastern Shore Golf Association. Only one defeat mars their two-year string of victories.

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Under the head of sports we enter praise for Phil Wilmer's handling of the Beach Party and Dance at the club last Saturday. This affair was the second successful party arranged by Phil, and it drew crowds of the younger set. The interest of youth is what is needed to keep the club alive, and Phil is making great progress in keeping them interested.

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Tennis seems to be on the up and up. The college courts are finding use this summer, and the Reese girls, from out Fairlee way, are to be seen among the enthusiasts.

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In the sports parade of other days William G. Smyth received an injury while playing football at Washington College which leaves him with a limp. He was carrying the ball and was tackled fiercely by two men...Those gentlemen being none other than Postmaster W. B. Usilton and George Brice.

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And speaking of athletics of other days, William Walter Chapman stills lays claim to being the cycle champ. It was nothing for him to hop on his bike and pedal his way to Baltimore.

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Another sport in the days of other years was walking, and the boys who are now our leading citizens built walking tracks in the woods and fields near town. One of the more popular ones was in "Clay Lusby's Woods."

Of the younger sailors about Kent "Bucky" Wilson and Jack Kibler stand high in the ranks. Down on Lankford's Bay they are preparing their craft for the regatta races in August, and the kids handle the sheet and tiller like veterans.

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To Steve Collins, who is invincible in many fields, we add a laurel as champion floater. Steve simply lies down on the water, puts his arms back of his head and snoozes. "Bob" Wilson was almost fearful that a light would have to be erected on his stomach in case Steve decided to spend an evening afloat.

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Between catches, fishermen at Rock Hall amuse themselves with checkers. Sitting on the edge of the wharf overlooking the bay these salts play for blood and side bets and a goodly crowd gather about to make suggestions.

No falsehood, did it rise heaven high and cover the world; but bankruptcy, one day, will sweep it down and make us free of it.—Carlyle.

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KENT COUNTY TO WIT:

I hereby certify that on this 9th day of November, 1931, before the subscriber a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, in and for Kent County aforesaid, personally appeared C. Lee Gill and Henry Gill, Co-partners trading as Gill Brothers and made oath in due form of law that the following is the distinguishing name, mark or device impressed or imprinted upon their milk bottles used in the business conducted by the said partnership of Gill Brothers.

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As witness my hand and Notarial Seal this 9th day of November, 1931.

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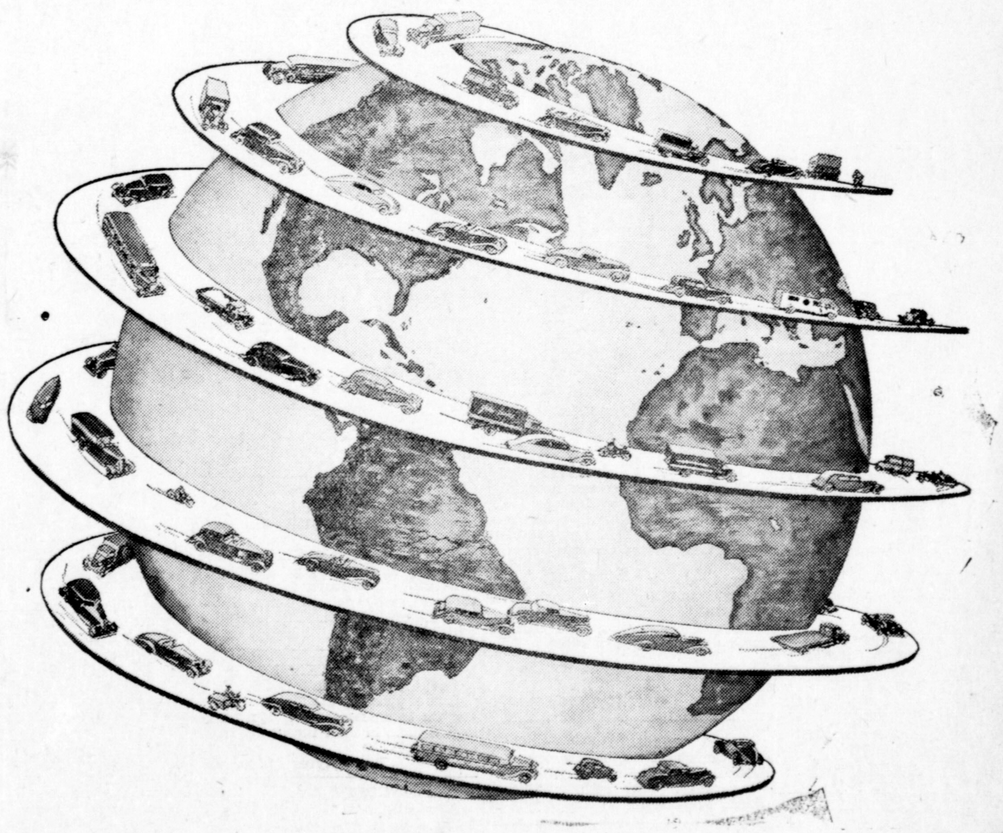
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