Eastern Shore Happenings

Sho' Man Digs Own Cellar When the Negroes Flee from 'Haunt'

Easton, Md., March 14—The colored laborer of the Eastern Sho' won't work in the company of ghosts. This is why County Commissioner, J. James Sewell and his son are digging their own ditches.

The story is an outgrowth of one of the traditions which give a peculiar delight to life on the Sho'. Many a counter part of Uncle Remus has told gruesome stories of the alleged fate of many patients in the private hospital conducted in a by-gone day by one Dr. Absalom Johnson on what is known as "Mary's Delight Farm," near Whittman, Bay Hundred district.

Picaninnies and little white boys have been warned that the ghosts of patients buried under the old farm house make the place unsafe, even by day, terrifying in the "dark ob de moon."

"Mary's Delight" is owned by Harold Walker and run by Mr. Sewell. A few days ago Mr. Sewell decided to dig a cellar under the old farm house.

He hired a crew of negroes. They swung pick and shovel right merrily for an hour or two.

The came a hollow thud, an upswung pick was seen to carry a grining death's head.

In the course of the next few minutes assorted bones and skulls came to light. The morale of the diggers was weakened.

At last one threw down his pick and mopped his brow. He moaned: 'Dis place am hoodooed. Ah'm gwine away."

He went, and the other negroes also left—on the run.

Now most of the negroes and some of the "whites" in the section refuse to pass the farm house alone. And Mr. Sewell and his son have set to work to dig the cellar themselves.

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Prohibition Agent Seizes Still on A Houseboat

Federal Prohibition agents in Maryland have seized almost every known contraption for the transportation of liquor and have found stills secreted in the most unlooked for places, but it remained for Jesse H. Bratten and Wilton L. Stevens, prohibition agents to 'cap the climax" by discovering a still in operation on a house boat.

Several Eastern Shoremen are credited with having evolved the plan has had enforcement officers in the tide water counties guessing for several months. Reports have been made frequently to the office of Edmund Budnitz, Maryland Prohibition Director, of a strange craft which was believed to be responsible for much of the alleged illicit traffic of moonshine whisky in sections on the Eastern Shore. Even custom officers have heard of the craft, and various efforts to locate it have been made, but without avail.

Last week Mr. Budnitz sent Bratten and Stevens to the vicinity of Cambridge to investigate reported violations of the dry laws. The house boat had been lost sight of for some time and it was said to not be in the minds of the agents when they departed.

Reaching Cambridge, however, they heard rumors of the activities of the craft and went after it, accompanied by Constable Bruce C. Kean, of Worchester county. They located the vessel last Thursay in Waddels creek, an arm of the northwest fork of Nanticoke river, near Ennals Spring wharf.

Boarding the boat, the agents are reported to have found a still in operation in charge of James Wright and William Wright, brothers. They broke up the still and had the boat towed to Sharpstown, where it will be held pending action of the United States District Court. The two brothers were given a hearing before a United States Commissioner at Salisbury, and later taken to Baltimore for Federal action.

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Elkton Looks For Firebugs

Elkton, Md., March 14.—The State Fire Marshal has had Detective Doughterty in Elkton for the past two days investigating two recent mysterious fires in the Cecil County High School building here.

The first fire about two weeks ago, it was reported, started from defective electric light wires, although several of the volunteer firemen who helped to fight the blaze doubted that orgin. The School Board at once had the electric current disconnected from the building.

The second fire last Monday night, started in the same place as the first one. It was so far away from the chimney that firemen declared it could not have been caused by a defective flue. If the fires were the work of firebugs it is believed they will be caught.

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Road Connecting Easton and Queen Anne

Easton, Md., March 14—A state road, connecting Easton with Queen Anne, will be built in the near future. This week surveyors were at work on the route from Cordova to Queen Anne, a distance of four miles. They were surveying a route which ran for most of the way parallel to the railroad, but a letter received this week by the county commissioners stated that this will be altered and the present highway will be followed for part of the distance.

After leaving Cordova, the route parallels the railroad track on the west side until a bridge on the railroad is reached. Here the road strikes a grade of two degrees, goes under the bridge and follows a route to Moore's Mill, where it enters the present right-of-way. The road will be of concrete, and work will begin at once. About two miles will be built this year.

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Elkton Wants Firemen's Meet

Elkton, Md., March 14—Elkton is planning to make a serious effort at the annual State Firemen's Convention, which is to meet at Ocean City in June, to have the 1926 convention held here. The Elkton Fire Department will instruct its delegates to the June convention to extend a formal invitation to the Association and to assure the convention that Elkton will do its part in offering prizes and in making the visit of the delegates a pleasant one.

The Association has alternated between the Eastern and the Western Shores in selecting a place for its conventions. It has never however, met in Elkton, and, owing to the favorable location of this town, with the best of railroad facilities and good highways leading in all directions, it is believed probable that the invitation will be given favorable consideration.

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CAROLINE COUNTY FOLK STRIVE FOR SECOND SHORE HIGHWAY

Greensboro, Md., March 13.—Caroline county people are preparing a campaign for the completion of the remaining seven miles of unimproved roads, to complete the second Eastern Shore Highway, from Elkton to Salisbury.

These two gaps are between Millington and Sudlersville, Federalsburg and Eldorado. When these are closed this road through Maryland will be as direct as the Delmarvia Highway, thru Delaware, and one of the most beautiful roads in America, it is claimed. Leaders in the movement are Congressman T. Allen Goldsborough, commissioner of Insurance Cooper, and E. M. Noble, Superintendent of Education, Caroline county.

When this road is completed tourists will have an option of two routes down the Shore. The present Maryland State highway separates from the uncompleted one at Galena, Kent county, and passes through Chestertown, Church Hill, Centerville, Easton and on to Salisbury. This is really the tidewater trail of the Shore, and every town on the Eastern Shore is connected to it.

The new route, separating Galena, passes through Millington, Sudlersville, Ingleside, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Denton, Preston or Federalsburg to Hurlock, and thence on down the Shore.

Caroline county is the only one in the upper Eastern Shore that has awakened to the importance of holding the tourist trade. In this county people are enthusiastic and have gone so far so to suggest names for the road. They want a name for their road that will mean something, and it was proposed last night that, as Maryland has done nothing to honor the inventor of the steamboat, Rumsey Road would be a fitting memorial.

The road passes within a few yards of the birthlpace and home of James Rumsey, at Cecilton, and it is thought that an appropriate marking, if the Rumsey name should be chosen, would be a model of what is said to have been the first boat propelled by steam in 1873.

Another idea suggested at the informal meeting that a name to attract visitors would be "The Road through Bohemia," in honor of Augustus Herman, its owner. when he became the first naturalized citizen of America.

Bohemia Manor is the section of Cecil county bordering on the Bohemia and Sassafras rivers, both of which are crossed by the State road. Through that section and down the Shore, through Kent and Caroline counties, the traveler is never far removed from some reminder of colonial days.

At Greensboro the autoists would pass over Tuckahoe creek, a branch of the Choptank river. Early in Colonial days the courts of Talbot and Dorchester counties ordered the building of a bridge across the Tuckahoe, and provided for laying out streets and building lots of a town upon each side of the bridge, and these twin towns were to be known under the one name of Bridgetown. The work was done under the direction of the surveyor of Queen Anne's county.

" Lost City" Found

For more than one hundred years all records of Bridgetown were lost, but recently, largely through the efforts of Mr. Noble, it has been definitely established that the "lost city" was none other than Greensboro of today. The approach to the bridge, the King's highway on one side of the bridge, the Queen's highway on the other, and traces of the lateral street are discernible.

Greensboro followed the lines of Bridgeville in its building, and there is no town on the entire Eastern Shore that has more beauty or symmetry in its layout. It is six miles from Denton, hrough which the highway passes, and while the move to push the completion of the road originated in Greensboro the people of Denton are energetically seconding the action.—W. McC., in Baltimore Sun.

PINE PLANTINGS SUCCESSFUL ON THE EASTERN SHORE

Interest among farmers in forest planting throughout the Eastern Shore this spring is creating a greater demand for planting stock than ever has been made upon the State Forestry Department, according to information coming from the office of the Forestry Specialist, Mr. F. B. Trenk, at College Park. Many farmers who were visited by the County Agent, Mr. L. M. Goodwin, and the Forestry Specialist during the Forestry Week held in this county last fall are making definite plans to start some pine plantings within the next five or six weeks. While this work is going forward at a more rapid pace than ever before, reports the Forestry Specialist, Caroline county farmers who are taking up the work have the successful results of earlier plantings to assure them that the practice is a sound one.

Perhaps one of the finest illustations of a successful forest planting is to be found on the Reimer farm, near Eldorado, Dorchester county. A total of over twenty acres of abandoned land was planted from time to time between the spring of 1914 and March 1919. A total of 39,700 trees was planted, all but 10,000 of which were wild seedlings. In July 1924 that part of the plantation which was started in 1914 was examined and revealed an average growth of 18 cords per acre. The ten-year old trces are now in need of a thinning to permit more When one considers that this sandy rapid growth of the larger trees. land was worn out for agricultural use, and that at a market price of $5 per cord the ten-year-old pine on an acre is worth $90, the sound economy of such an investment is clearly seen. In fact, Mr. Reimer has been so pleased with the results here shown that on the advice of the State Forestry Department, he has bought an adjacent worn-out farm and intends to plant it to pine in the same way.

What might be expected in the way of survival of the young trees when proper care is taken at the time of planting may be shown from the results of two plantings made during the spring of 1924. Mr. E. M. Jones of Snow Hill, Worcester county, planted about 3,000 nursery grown seedlings on an abandoned sandy field not far from the "Furnace," about four miles northwest of Snow Hill. An examination of the planting was made in November by the County Agent, Mr. E. I. Oswald, and the Forestry Specialist, Mr. F. B. Trenk; and it was found that 84 per cent. of the seedlings were living, and had made a healthy growth during the summer months.

Even more successful results were observed in Talbot county, on the planting of Mr. R. R. Spring, near Easton. Two acres of a field that was no longer profitable to till were planted with two-year-old wild pine stock, spaced six feet by six feet. When the County Agent, Mr. E. P. Walls, and the Forestry Specialist made an examination late in October, they found 89 per cent. of the seedlings had made a vigorous growth following the planting.

While adverse weather conditions; such as, dry spells after the seedlings have been planted, or very heavy frosts, may occasionally be responsible for heavy losses in a pine plantation, in general, losses during the first season may be attributed to one or two causes—injured roots, due to drying out or abrasions at the time of planting, or careless procedure at the time of planting. This does not mean that as great care need be exercised in planting pines as would be required in planting apple or peach trees; in fact, with a little practice, a laborer can plant approximately 1,000 two-year-old pine seedlings per day; but by giving these phases of the work some careful attention at the time of planting, the percentage of survival can be kept well up.

The time of planting is always an item to be considered. Fall plantings are sometimes resorted to, but the State Department of Forestry recommends spring planting for loblolly pine. Shortly after the frost is out of the ground, and before much expansion or elongation of the terminal bud occurs, is the ideal time for planting. Disturbing the seedling after the new growth processes of the season have advanced very far renders the plant very susceptible to drought injury, or completely stunts the growth for the balance of the season.

The seedlings need not be planted in accuratly laid out rows, but an approximate spacing of six feet by six feet is recommended. This is equivalent to two single spaces; and in the planting on the property of Mr. Spring, in Talbot county, a spade was jabbed into the ground and a pine seedling planted by the "slit" method every two spaces. How successfuly this planting turned out has already been told. The County Agent, Mr. L. M. Goodwin, or the Forestry Specialist will be glad to give any further advice desired by men who are interested in planting up their abandoned fields or cut-over lands during the next few weeks.

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