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## SHORE STRAWBERRY OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT

### Fine Crops Expected in Maryland and Virginia Producing Areas

### WILL USE TRUCKS AGAIN

Salisbury, April 5— Strawberries promise to be more plentiful this season than for years. Shipments will begin from Olney, Va., in about three weeks and will be followed in a week by the Marion (Md.) berries.

Then will come the fruit from this section and the country about Selbyville, so that by the middle of May the berries will be going up the peninsula in solid trains of refrigerator cars and almost endless lines of motor trucks.

**Estimate Is Impossible**

It is impossible to make even a guess of the expected output or to tell what went to market last year. More and more the motor trucks made inroads on the railroad traffic until at the end of the season nearly all the shipments were made by auto. It is estimated by John A. Price, a shipper of this city, that 3,000 carloads were shipped from the Shore in 1925 and probably 1,000 carloads were sent to market in trucks.

There will be more and better berries this year unless weather conditions grow much worse. In some sections the acreage will be less, but generally it will be the same as in 1925. This year it is expected the shipping season will continue through seven or eight weeks. Last year it began May 25 and ended by June 10.

To handle the immense crop anticipated, arrangements are now being made to use trucks in shipments to smaller cities of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, eliminating the New York and Philadelphia commissions of 50 cents a crate. Princeton is cited as an example. Berries picked one day will be on sale in that city at the opening of stores the next morning, New York prices will be charged, the growers will get the commissions, the consumers will get fresh fruit, less the middleman's profit.

**No Competition Seen**

Other trucks will carry berries to middle Pennsylvania towns and another line will take selected fruit as far north as Boston. In every way possible the growers intend handling the crop this year so that the earnings will not be distributed among non-producers.

Indications are that North Carolina berries will come on the market about the same time as the Eastern Shore crop. With the four days required to transport the fruit from the South, there is little fear that it will be a competitor with the Del-Mar-Va product.

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## BIG SNOW FLAKES

As though he couldn't resist the temptation to fling one more crack at the people who had been eagerly waiting his departure, old man Winter on Tuesday gave what we all hope was his farewell tour of the country. Shortly before noon, the air looked as tho a big feather bed had been let loose, for the sky was full of huge snowflakes, many of them the size of small snow balls. This gradually turned to sleet and for several hours the town looked as though it were in the clutch of real winter. A raw wind bore down to add to the dismalness of the day.

Wednesday, however, was a big improvement, and Spring seemed to have routed Winter, we hope, for good.

## FARMERS SUPPLY CO. HELD ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The Farmers Supply Co. held their annual stockholders meeting in the court house on Saturday, April 3, at which time the following directors were elected for the fiscal year; W. A. Cawley, E. T. Orme, L. N. Kibler, E. H. Ziegler. Mr. Cawley was retained as manager, under whose very efficient management the company was able to make a very cerditable showing in last year's business. They are at present contemplating making extensive improvements to their already large plant, to take care of the increased business, by erecting a two story frame building 32x40 for the accomodation of machinery, mixing feeds and storage.

## MRS. SARAH JOHNSON

Mrs. Sarah Johnson, wife of Mr. William Johnson, died early Tuesday morning at her home on North 6th street. Mrs. Johnson was 37 years old and is survived by her husband, and mother, Mrs. Ida Chambers, one step son, Mr. Charles Johnson, three sisters, Mrs. Roland Blades, Mrs.. Roland Chambers and Mrs. Alliston Frampton, two brothers, Mr. William Chambers and Mr. Dewey Chambers, all of Preston.

Mrs. Johnson has many friends and will be sadly missed by all.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at Concord Church at 2 o'clock in charge of Rev. Melvin E. Wheatly and interment made in the adjoining cemetery.

## *MEDITATIONS OF THE CRACKER*

### THE MODERN EDEN

"This country makes me tired," said the man from Santa Fe. "No wetter, nor no drier than a country orter be, with sustenance so plenty thae you never gee the thrill of a stomach deeply dented with the absence of its fill. No Copperheads nor cactus to 'rassle' round your feet; no mountain avalanche to bust and drown you in the street, no chance to view the landscape from a cyclone's giddy height, or be buried by an earthquake, or a blizzard in the night. I've allus been a sportin' man and love to take a chance, a fifty-fifty bet I'll stand on any seed I plant. I gamble on a 'killer' that will either make or bust, and I couldnt get familiar with a climate I could trust. I'd allowed there was no section that was bridle wise and tamed, to the measure of perfection that would rival Eden's fame, til I wallowed in the bounty of Del-Mar-Va's garden patch, where her chickens can be counted for she'll surely set and hatch. It don't hit my sportin' fancy, and I couldn't stand the breath of a game that gave no chances for a man to starve to death. And so I'll take my backward track and hit some other state, and get bit by a Diamond Back, and gamble on with fate, for I find I'd be a winner with no sportin' chance to take, and I'll anchor in no vineyard which hasn't got a snake."

## DELAWARE PRODUCE OUTLOOK VERY GOOD

### Market Bureau Director Sees Fine Season For Farmers Throughout State

### LITTLE FEAR OF FROST

Dover, April 3—According to reports coming to W. T. Derickson, Director of the Bureau of Markets of the State Board of Agriculture, the outlook for fruit and vegetables in Delaware this year is the most promising in many years. Ordinarily April 20 is considered the danger limit from frost and low temperatures, but the winter has been so continuously cold as to hold in check germination and development of fruit and early vegetables.

**Weather Held Ideal**

"The weather this spring," said Mr. Derickson, "has been ideal. Fruit trees look excellent, the buds are heavy and the sap has been held back so much that no one expects any danger from frost." Mr. Derickson went on to explain that growers were much encouraged, particularly those who go in largely for raising sweet potatoes and apples.

The sweet potato crop the past month has brought $2.15 to $2.25 a bushel, which is a vast increase from four years ago, when the raisers were glad to obtain 50 cents a bushel. Scientific planting, cultivation, harvesting and storage, combined with Government inspection, are responsible for the present splendid conditions.

**Crop Not Generally Good**

Another detail in this year's marketing was due to the fact that the sweet potato crop throughout the country generally was not as successful as in South Jersey, Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

According to reports coming to Mr. Derickson, Delaware farmers will plant sweet potatoes quite heavily this year, although the farmers of other states will do likewise, and the outcome next fall is something that no one can forecast.

Both early and late apples raised in Delaware sold well and what were left in storage from last fall have been pretty well cleaned out in the past few weeks.

The 1926 season got off to a splendid start in the past month. The English pea crop, which last year was one of the most profitable, will be planted as heavily this year as in any other year and the growers hope the dreaded pea louse will be as few in number this spring as they were in 1925.

**Peas Doing Well**

The peas have been in the ground about three weeks and are doing fine. The acreage planted is about the same as last year and the weather has been favorable for their early germination.

"For fruit," said Mr. Derickson, "there was never any finer spring weather than we have been having in the past six weeks. The trees look good, are well covered with buds and are so late in developing that there is little if any possible danger of frost now."

## CHICKEN AND WAFFLES

There will be a chicken and waffle supper next Tuesday beginning at 5 o'clock at the Community House for the benefit of young ladies Good Cheer Bible class and the young men will wait on the tables. Everybody come and get a good supper.

## EASTER PROGRAMS AT THE CHURCHES

The Easter exercises rendered by the Sunday school of the M. E. church on Sunday evening last were enjoyed by all who heard them. The successful rendition of the different items on the program was due to the untiring efforts of the Tri-C class, of which Miss Edna Shipman is the teacher.

The school was very ably assisted by the choir.

The program was as follows:
Opening chorus, Hail Him.
Invocation.
Song, They Laid Our Lord Away.
Scripture reading, Victorious Words from God's Word, by six girls, Betty Walls, Sarah Baynard, Anna Bryant, Katherine Beauchamp, and Margaret Brown.
Anthem by the choir, Easter Dawn.
Recitation, The Grave Has Met Its Conqueror, by Stewart Hill.
Exercise, Awaken, by Gene Neal, Page Bradley, Walter Swiss, Billy Bradley and Jane Bryant.
Recitation, Billy Neal.
Duet, Mrs. Duffey and Mrs. Bradley.
Recitation, Henrietta Morris, Little Easter Minutes.
Recitation, The Rubber Ball, Ann Cooper.
Primary song, We'll Wave a Welcome.
Recitation, Keeping Jubilee, Ann Neal.
Anthem by choir, The Lord Is Risen Indeed.
Recitation, Songs of Victory, Caroline Greenlee.
Exercise, "Little Messengers of Spring, George Good, Joe Collins, Elsie Wright, Lennie Lord, Charlotte Pastorfield, Sarah Swiss.
Solo and chorus, 'Tis Midnight, Mr. Newman Rickards and choir.
Easter thoughts, Rev. Melvin E. Wheatley.
Joyful offering.
Song, King of Kings Forever, school
Benediction.

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Easter exercises by the Sunday school took the place of the regular evening service at the M. P. Church on Sunday evening. Sickness among the children had taken out many who were on the program, but those who were present did splendidly. The church was filled, as usual, for this service.

Following is the program:
Song by school, Hail the Easter King.
Prayer by superintendent.
Responsive reading.
Song by school, Springtime Notes Are Ringing.
Recitation, Easter Welcome, by Lillian Towers.
Recitation, Wilson Irwin.
Drill, Seed Planting.
Song by school, Tell the Blessed Story.
Recitation, Sherman Tribbitt, Jr.
Drill by Primary department.
Recitation, Jack Rue.
Song by school, Sing His Glorious Praise.
Exercise by Primary department, He Is Risen.
Recitation, by Margaret Griffin.
Exercise, Easter Bells.
Solo by Esther Dunham.
Recitation, Paul Finn.
Exercise, Keep the Love Lights Burning.
Drill, Violets and Daffodils.
Song by school, Be a Blessing.
Recitation, Elizabeth Wheatley.
Drill by Intermediates.
Song by school, Millions True and Loyal.
Address by pastor.
Offering.
Song by school, Following the Saviour.
Benediction.

## *COURT NEWS*

The April term of the Circuit Court for Caroline County opened Monday morning with Judges Keating and Wicks on the bench. The following cases have been tried. The State vs. Smith Beck has been on trial since Tuesday.

William Kent vs. Carrie McMahan—Jury trial; verdict for appellee for $44.

Charlie Adams vs. State of Maryland—Criminal appeal; verdict guilty, fined $500.00 and costs.

William Thomas vs. State of Maryland—Criminal appeal; verdict guilty.

State of Maryland vs. Andrew Edge—Criminal continuance; verdict guilty.

State of Maryland vs. Josephine Brogley—Trial before court; verdict guilty.

State of Maryland vs. Carroll Roy—Trial before court; verdict guilty.

## WILLIAM H. DEEN

Mr. William H. Deen, passed away at his home in Denton last Friday morning after an illness of several weeks, aged 76 years.

Mr. Deen was a native of this county, have lived until recently at Fowling Creek until moving to Denton ten years ago when he retired from active work having been engaged in farming and canning. He was the owner of about 15 farms at the time of his death besides other property. He was a director of the Denton National Bank, served in the Maryland Legislature in 1892, judge of the Orphans' Court.

He is survived by his widow, nee Miss Carris Willis, of Fowling Creek and seven children: C. C. Deen, Fowling Creek; Mrs. D. W. Davis, W. B. Deen, R. Raymond Deen, Elbert Deen, of Denton; Carl R. Deen, near Friendship, and Mrs. J. Hudson Taylor, near Preston and nineteen grand children.

Funeral services were held in Denton M. E. church Sunday at 2 p. m., with interment in the family lot at Concord.

## SCHOOLS TO CLOSE WEDNESDAY, IUNE 16

White schools were ordered closed for the summer vacation Wednesday, June 16, with commencements to be held the same week. Colored schools will close Friday, May 28. The schools white and colored, are required to run two or three days longer in order to allow some schools which have been closed any length of time to make the State minimum requirement, 180 days for the white schools and 160 days for the colored school exclusive of all meetings, holidays, etc.

Representatives from the Denton School Building Committee closed out their account as concerns the school building. The total cost of same including the equipping being $103,559.

Denton was selected as the town for holding both white and colored athletic meets, the former May 14, and the latter April 23. The Denton school ground is being put in shape for the white athletic meet.

In checking up absence from school on account of personal illness it was found that about one-third of the county teachers had lost time amounting in the aggregate to the equivalent of one teacher for the entire year. It was noted that two-thirds of the teachers reported no lost time on account of illness. This ration seems to exist in states and is leading to a discussion of what means should be taken to eliminate much of the necessary closing of schools.

Salisbury Normal School, W. J. Holloway, principal, in co-operation with the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers announces an Institute or Short Course in Parent-Teacher work to be held at the Normal School for 3 days beginning Monday afternoon, April 12. Several interesting speakers are on the program to discuss vital topics. It is likely that several persons from the Parent-Teacher Associations in your county will take advantage of this course.

## FIG TREES MAY REPLACE SALT LAND

### Crisfield Man To Try Fruit Growing in Place of 'Dead' Oyster Industry

### TURKS TO SUPERVISE

Crisfield, April 3—To transform the salt lands of this part of Somerset county into productive plantations is the dream of Wallace Quinn, Crisfield business man. He is now engaged in transplanting 6000 fig trees from Florida and Texas in a section near town, with the guarantee of the grower that they will bear marketable fruit within ninety days.

**20 Acres For Start**

Mr. Quinn has secured twenty acres for this year's planting and will plant the trees 330 to the acre. His program calls for the same amount for the next three years. He will dig irrigation canals and bring two Turks to supervise the plantation. He expects to harvest at least a bushel a year from each tree. The market price has been $5 a bushel, and for preserving each bushel should yield twenty quarts.

Figs have always grown on the Eastern Shore, especially south of the Choptank river. Fresh figs are one of the delicacies given to visitors, and a few women in Dorchester county preserve them for market.

Tangier Island produces vast quantities of figs wherever the land rises out of the tide. Thousands of acres of land that will not grow ordinary crops apparently are ideal for the production of figs and other men are watching the result of the experiment with the idea that many of the idle oyster packing houses might be converted into huge kitchens for preserving the fruit.

**To Replace Oyster Trade**

Mr. Quinn says frankly that he is casting about for something to replace the dead oyster industry in Crisfield. During the past year he said he has visited Turkey and was impressed by the food value of the fig, and on his return to America decided to experiment with the aid of experienced men from that country.

## MRS. MARY E. W. LORD

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary E. Willoughby Lord, who died Monday, will be held at 2 P. M. tomorrow at her home in Preston, Md. Burial will be at Federalsburg.

Her husband, Robert F. Lord, a retired farmer of Caroline county, died March 7. Mr. and Mrs. Lord celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage February 27 with a family reunion.

Mrs. Lord is survived by eight children, A. E. Lord, Mrs. Lona M. Hubbard, Mrs. W. H. Davis, Mrs. F. E. Hastings, Mrs. T. H. Woollen, Mrs. William C. Allen, J. E. Lord and C. C. Lord.

## FARMERS SUPPLY ELECT

The annual meeting of the Farmers Supply Co. was held on Wednesday evening, April 7., when the following officers were elected: Pres., E. H. Zeigler; v-pres, J. W. Altfather; sec-treas., W. D. Pickering.

## DRY LEAGUERS URGED TO QUIT WARD POLITICS

### Dr. Humphersy Calls For A "Modern Crusade" To Enforce Law

Wilmington, Del., April 7—The Anti Saloon League today was urged to abandon its policy of "ward politics and invective" for a program of "information and education" by the Rev. Dr. Gideon I. Humphreys, of Baltimore, in his annual report as retiring president of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Such a course, Drfl Humphreys asserted, would give the league "an undisputed place of leadership as an agency of moral upbuilding."

Dr. Humphreys read his report before the 300 delegates who are attending the ninety-eighth annual Maryland Conference of the denomination in Penascola Church.

**Dr. Makosky Elected**

The Rev. Dr. Edward C. Makosky, of Newark, N. J., a former Baltimorean, was elected president of the conference to succeed Dr. Humphreys.

Dr. Humphreys, in his report, after pledging the allegiance of the Methodist Protestant Church to the Lord's Day Alliance, the Bible and Tract Society and the Anti-Saloon League, expressed the hope that the league would see fit to break away from "its old place of negations, of ward politics, and invective" and enter "a new sphere of positives that would beget a fresh atmosphere for itself and engender a moral tonic that would be a stimulus for a modern crusade for law enforcement."

**Urges Support of Law**

Dr. Humphreys asserted that heretofore the league has been regarded as the church in action against the saloon, whereas now the saloon has become an outlaw by constitutional amendment. The church, he said, no longer is in action against the saloon, and the business of the church has become the upholding of the dignity of the law.

Dr. Makosky, who was elected president of the conference, received 127 votes. The Rev. Dr. R. L. Shipley, of Salisbury, received eighty-seven votes, the next highest. Scattered votes were cast for the Rev. J. Franklin Bryan, the Rev. J. H. Straughn, the Rev. W. H. Litsinger, the Rev. L. B. Smith and the Rev. N. O. Gibson.

**Born In Bohemia**

Dr. Makosky, who is about 50 years old, is a native of Bohemia and came to this country with his parents when an infant. His mother died when he was 7 years old and he was placed in a home for boys in Baltimore. At 13 he was apprenticed to a printer, left the home and went to live with the parents of the Rev. B. F. Ruley, of Baltimore. He became interested in church work in his youth and at 20 decided to study for the ministry.

He was graduated from Westminster Seminary a few years later and about ten years ago was given the degree of doctor of divinity by Adrian College. Dr. Makosky is married and has three children. One son is in the navy and another is a student at Columbia University.

**Reelects Officers**

The conference reelected Dr. Shipley as secretary; the Rev. C. P. Nowlin, of Belair, as treasurer, and the Rev. R. P. White, of Trinity Church, Baltimore, as conference steward.

## CO. NURSE WILL TAKE SUMMER COURSE

At the meeting of the public health committee on Tuesday, Miss Jackson was given permission to attend a six week's course at Columbia this summer. There she will gain much in theory and methods used in public health work. Caroline county will thereby be the gainer in progressive methods. Miss Jackson is willing to use her vacation in this way, and will only lose two weeks of working time. In her work this month, several cases have been placed in sanatoriums and institutions, one of them being a febble minded mother with two children. Homes were found for the children. The class in home hygiene and care of the sick at the high school is progressing nicely. The usual clinics have been held and seven schools visited where 174 children were examined, weighed and measured.

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

The evening services during passion week were well attended. Each evening we followed through and as much as possible thought through the events that happened on the corresponding day nearly two thousand years ago. The living Christ means more to us now.

A good audience listened to a well rendered Easter program last Sunday evening. We are greatly indebted to the committee whose faithful work made this program possible.

The Sunday School at Whitelysburg was also resurrected on Easter Day. About thirty-five present started the school off to run through the summer and fall months.

Members should not forget that the quarterly business meeting is to be held next Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

Saturday afternoon, April 9, the ladies Missionary Society meets with Mrs. Eli Harrison, three miles south of Denton.


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## SHORE BANK TELLER WOUNDED BY NEGRO

### Easton Man Shot Twice During Reported Jail Rescue Attempt—Suspects Held

Easton, April—Sheriff W. W. Hopkins and his deputies today were searching for several negroes, who last night shot Samuel Hamilton, assistant teller of the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Officers went to the negro section last night after several shots were heard and after reports became current that a drinking bout was being staged.

Two negroes were arrested on suspicion that they had participated in the disorder. They were lodged in jail here.

Then, according to reports reaching the Sheriff, several negroes started downtown, planning to storm the jail and rescue the prisoners.

While nearing the jail, police declared, several of them saw Hamilton placing his automobile in his garage.

"Where's the jail," one asked Hamilton.

When he did not answer immediately, it was said, the leader shot Hamilton in the arm. Another shot struck him in the side.

The wounded man was taken to a hospital, where his wounds were dressed. He later went home.

Six suspects were rounded up after the shooting.

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Easton, Md., April 6—State's Attorney John C. North and Sheriff W. W. Hopkins were running down clues and examining witnesses all day in an effort to ascertain who shot Samuel Hamilton, bank teller, last Sunday night.

The County Commissioners today authorized the Sheriff and State's Attorney to hire a detective. Sheriff Hopkins says everything has been done by the local authorities and thinks a detective should be put on the case.

## POULTRY EXPERT ADDRESSED MEETING

### Nuttle Mill Co. Holding Series of Meetings to Aid Poultrymen

The poultry meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening in the Carter block, was a pronounced success. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 by Mr. Frank Nuttle, who after a few introductory remarks, introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Victor J. Aubray, formerly extension poultry expert at New Brunswick, N. J. He touched on many subjects of interest to poultrymen, but the chief topic was the feeding and care of laying stock. After 45 minutes of instructive talk, a round table discussion of diseases and the relative value of the different feeds brought out many points, that were of distinct advantage to all.

In answer to a question, relative to certain diseases, Mr. Aubray said, "Watch the dropping boards, as it is there that you will find the first indications of any trouble, in the consistency of the droppings; it is the first place he looks when making an inspection."

This meeting was under the auspices of the Nuttle Milling Co., and is only one of many they are giving for the benefit of poultrymen; giving them the benefit of the latest scientific research.

A rising vote of thanks was given to both Mr. Aubray and the Nuttle Milling Co., for the very timely instruction.

## ST. JOHN'S PARISH—HILLSBORO

Those elected at the annual meeting of the parish were: H. Lay Beaver, E. H. Gale, G. L. Wilson and F. E. Fleming, all re-elected to the vestry.

Mr. G. L. Wilson, register, and Mr. F. E. Fleming, treasurer, were also re-elected for the ensuing year.

Mr. H. Lay Beaver was made the delegate and Mr. E. H. Gale alternate to the diocesian convention.

## TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES



The fire department got out in a hurry the other night when they heard the siren and expected to find the whole town on fire, but found out that it was Dave Gooslum wakin' up Hank Alderbush to find out what time of night it was.

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Parson Savemall heard it and kinda thought it might be Gabriel, til he looked out in tne cemetery and didn't see nobody.

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Hank got up to see what was wanted but Dave was makin' so much noise he couldn't find out.


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