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Santa Claus to be in Queenstown Sat. Dec. 19

DO YOU KNOW

OFF THE CUFF

That Rev. James R. Hughes returned home last week from a deer hunting trip with some friends in Garrett county. Neither he or his friends brought home a deer. The Rev. was quite disappointed. He said he missed one of the best shots he ever had. Don't feel bad Rev., you are not alone.

That the V.F.W. will hold a Turkey Shoot at their Post Home, Grasonville, Md., Saturday, Dec. 19 beginning at 2 p.m. 30 turkeys are to be awarded. $1.00 per shot. Come out and try your luck. Win a turkey for Christmas.

That our Town Fathers installed the Christmas lights last Friday afternoon and they are very pretty. Also our merchants have decorated their store windows and they are very attractive.

That this Saturday afternoon, Dec. 19, Santa Claus will be at the Queen Theatre at 2 p.m. with a free movie and a treat for the kiddies. The sponsors of this occasion are Dr. Norman R. Hitch and Kennard Morris.

That if you can spare a little extra ,the Queenstown Lions Club and the Church Hill and Centreville Lions Clubs will appreciate it. They want all the old toys and anything else you can spare for the needy children and families of the county.

That Pete Beecher, and his party, Glenn Messick and Slim Kimble went ducking early Tuesday morning and returned home with one duck. They arose 5 a.m. to go to their blind. Glenn said the one duck was not worth the loss of sleep. But he will try again.

That our watermen are not making much Christmas money due to the bad weather. The weather is either blowing or raining.

Barn Destroyed In $10,000 Blaze Last Friday Evening

Fire of undetermined origin last Friday evening destroyed the large frame barn on the farm owned by Queen Anne's County Commissioner, Harry Callahan, with the loss estimated at $10,000.

Thomas Dulin, the tenant farmer, and Amos Handy, a hired man, were milking a herd of 20 cows on the ground flour at 5:15 p.m. when the farmer noticed burning hay falling through the ceiling.

About the same time, Mrs. Dulin, who was in the house some distance from the bar, saw flames shooting fro mthe roof and telephoned the Centreville Fire Company.

When the volunteers arrived at the farm, located about three miles southeast of Centreville, near Carville, the entire roof was ablaze and a radio call was set to the Church Hill company.

The latter company responded with two tank trucks, joining the three pieces of Centreville equipment. With the main barn doomed, firemen concentrated on saving a milk house an dadjoining silo, in addition to smaller buildings.

Firemen bought the blaze under control after a two-hour battle. Tank trucks shuttled back and forth between the farm and stream a mile away. The firemen used the 35-foot silo as a water tower, a line being hooked to hose which was drawn to the top of the silo. A fireman climbed to the top and was able to keep a stream of water pouring down on the blazing hay.

Dulin and his helper succeeded in removing all livestock from the barn and also three heifers in an adjoining shed before the arrival of firemen. The barn loft was filled with 2,500 bales of hay, Dulin said.

Mr. Callahan,a former chief of the Centreville Fire Company, praised the work of firemen in saving the other farm buildings.

The Good Will Auxiliary served coffee to the fire fighters.

FOR LEASE—Modern Service station, located near Queenstown, on U.S. Route 50. Amoco Products. Well established and good opportunity for aggressive merchandiser. Operating capitol required. Call Easton 640 or write P.O. Box 177 for details.

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

The Annual Christmas party of the WSCS of Calvary Methodist Church was held at the home of Mrs. Avis Cole on Thursday evening Dec. 10. Everyone enjoyed a very pleasant time.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mann spent Tuesday in Baltimore.

Mrs. Jessie Rennie and Mrs. Gertrude Roser spent Monday in Dover, Del.

Mr. Julius Reynolds, who has been convalescing at the home of his sister-in-law Mrs. Sadie Comegys ,was rushed back to a Baltimore hospital by ambulance on Thursday morning. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Henry Melvin is still under the care of her physician, and unable to attend her postmistress duties at Grasonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Linden Brittingham attended a dinner in Cambridge on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Monkhouse of Baltimore were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds, Jr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Higgins and son of Preston, were Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Goodhand.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Bishop visited with Mr Joseph Bishop at Mt. Wilson Sanitarium on Sunday.

Mrs. William Kersey of Chester, is spending two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Elma Goodhand.

Mrs. Jessie Rennie visited her sister, Mrs. Robert Burton in Wilmington on Tuesday.

Mr .and Mrs. Loris Magnani and family of Baltimore, were Sunday visitors o. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schelberg and young son

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Friechler and daughter of Phoenixville, Pa., spent the weekend with Mrs. Nellie Poet.

Sgt. and Mrs. Albert Stant of Wilmington, and Mr .and Mrs. William Crouch and daughters were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stant.

Mrs. Elwood Collier and sons spent the weekend in HavredeGrace with Mr .and Mrs. Gilbert.

Mrs .Lester Hogue left on Saturday to attend the Farm Bureau Convention in Chicago.

Mrs. Otto Capel gave a surprise "stork" shower on Monday evening for Mrs. Earle Stubbs.

Mr. Timmy Shortall spent the weekend in Denton with his aunt, Mrs. Lelia Bailey.

Mrs. Stella Harris of Cordova,Mrs. Jeanette Hessey and Mrs. Blanche Schmitt of Denton, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buckel.

Little Caroline Lynch is spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walls at My Lord's Gift Farm.

Grasonville

Mr. Joseph Jones of Rock Hall spent a few days last week with Mr. William H. Jones and other relatives and friends.

The Busy Bee Society was entertained at the home of Mrs. Jessie Ireland last Thursday evening, Dec. 10. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Janie Saddler and son Jimmy were Baltimore shoppers on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Winifred E. Clevenger and son Frankie, spent Wednesday in Cambridge.

Mrs. Grace Collier has returned home after spending sometime in Washington, D.C., and Baltimore with relatives.

Mrs. Grace White and son Jack of Baltimore, returned with Mrs. Collier for a visit.

Mrs. Annie Trezise spent a few days last week with relatives and friends in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Benton and daughter Marlene and Miss Marilyn Golt of Chester, accompanied Pvt. William E. Benton, Jr., as far as Baltimore on his return to Camp Atterbury.

Mrs. Edna Hoofnagel of Baltimore spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Gardner.

Chester

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Burns entertained on Sunday Mr .and Mrs. James Seabeck, Mrs. Estella Con-

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Top Midleweight Fight Pits Young vs. Graham on TV an dRadio Friday Night

Topflight fighters Paddy Young and Billy Graham, both TV favorites will finally get together in a match the boxing world has long been waiting for when they meet Friday night (Dec. 18) in a 10-round middleweight match in Madison Square Garden. The bout will be nationally telecast and broadcast on the Cavalcade of Sports by the Gillette Safety Razor Company.

Air time for this eagerly awaited fight will be 10 P.M. over the NBC television network and the ABC radio network.

Paddy Young, a 25 year older from Greenwich Village, will be well remembered for his five thrilling slug fests with Ernie Durando. He won three of them, lost one and drew in one. This will be the left hook specialists fourth fight this year on the Cavalvade of Sports. Young's record shows 45 wins, nine losses, three draws and 22 KO's. He had beaten Charlie Fusari and Tuzo Portuguez and knocked out Fitzie Pruden anl Harold Green.

Graham, at 331, is the more experienced fighter and cleverer boxer. He has had 120 fights, winning 100, losing 11, drawing in nine, with 23 KO's. He beat Kid Gavilan in the first of their four meetings, and lost to the Keed in Havana in a 15-rounder for the world's wetlerweight title. Among his victims are Tony Pellone, Joe Giardello, Jimmy Herring and Fitzie Pruden.

This year Graham lost a decision to Carmen Basilio in a fight to decide who would meet Gavilan for the title .Since then he has fought a draw with Basilio.

Young, it will be remembered, lost to Bobo Olson in a fight to decide who would meet Randy Turpin for the world's middleweight title. Olson went on to beat Turpin. Young has been ranked fifth until recently when he was dropped out of the rankings for lack of sufficient ring activity.

Graham is ranked fourth in the welter class.

Meeting Called on Oyster Ban

In an effort to "clear up" the situation concerning the so-called pollution of Kent Narrows and the ban on shellfishing, State Senator Edward Turner called a meeting Wednesday of watermen, state and county health officials in Centreville.

Senator Turner said that the meeting would be held in the court house if sufficient number of watermen showed up, otherwie it would be held in his office.

He said that he had written Dr. Robert H. Riley, state health department head, requesting that someone from the office attend the meeting. Dr. Caroline H. Callison, Queen Anne's County health officer, also was there.

The rich oyter beds of the Narrows have been closed for three years and packers and tongers are urging that the ban be lifted. State health officials closed the area in 1949 because of alleged sewage violations and overboard dumping of sewage.

X-Ray Survey Due In Queen Anne's County

A chest X-ray survey will be conducted in Queen Anne's county between January 4 and January 21 under the sponsorship of the State Department of Health and the State and county tuberculosis associations.

Dr. Caroline H. Callison, county health officer, said that a schedule of places in the county where the X-rays will be taken will be announced later. The survey is for persons 15 and over, she said.

SEE PICTURES OF 1953'S AMERICAN BEAUTIES

Who were selected as America's most glamorous girls of 1953? Enjoy full color photographs of outstanding beauties in the December 27th issue of The American Weekly, Magazine in colorgravure with the Baltimore Sunday American. Order from your local Newsdealer.

Woman In Coma After 2 Car Crash

A 69-year-old woman accident victim was rushed to the University Hospital in Baltimore last Tuesday afternoon still unconscious from a two-car collision Saturday morning on Kent Island. Her condition was said to be 'critical."

The victim, Mrs. Ethelyn Haskell, wife of Ralph Haskell, of St. Petersburg, Fla., suffered a brain injury and a fractured collarbone when the car in which her husband was driving was struck by another vehicle on U.S. Route 50 at the entrance to the Kent Island Shopping Center about 11:30 a.m.

She was taken to the Memorial Hospital in Easton in the Kent Island Fire Company ambulance with Mary Swaine, 29, a passenger in the other car. Miss Swaine was treated for lacerations and contusions.

She was a passenger in the car driven by her brother, John Swaine, Jr., both of Royal Oak, Talbot county.

State Police reported that Swaine was driving west on Route 50 when the Haskell car, coming east, apparently pulled in front of him at the intersection to the Shopping Center. Charges are pending on the accident.

Women Say Officials Fail To Enact Zoning

Members of the Queen Anne's County Gardens Club, appearing last week before the county commissioners to seek some kind of zoning regulations over county highways, were told that "nothing had been done."

The committe, headed by Mrs. Oliver C. Jones, Centreville, the president, first appeared late in October to request that the board set up a zoning law to protect property owners and keep "our highways beautiful."

The commissioners told the women to return with 16 names of county citizens from various organizations. From this list, they would select a committee to draw up a zoning plan for the county. The club returned the following week with names and since that time has heard nothing from the commissioners.

Mrs. Jones said, "Five weeks have passed since we submitted thename and we had received no word, so we went before them again. They told us they had done nothing, but that it had not been forgotten."

Comet Racers Aim to Hold '54 Internationals on Shore River

The 1954 Comet Class International race championships will be held on the waters of the Chester River for the second time in three years, it has been announced here by Corsica River Yacht Club Commodore, J. Hall Barton of Centreville.

The local yacht club was awarded the Internationals by virtue ofthe victory in the 1953 series of Bill and Nina Lyon, members of the local club, at Geneva, N.Y. They won in 1951, which brought the Internationals to the county waters for the first time.

The 1954 series will be held on the open waters of the Chester River off Pioneer Point Farms, the home of millionaire industralist, R.J. Funkhouser. The events will begin Sept. 10 and run through Sept. 12, but unlike the 1952 series the Internationals next year will have five races instead of three.

Under Comet Class rules the entries are restricted to skippers who have won their right in fleet eliminations to go to the Territorial Championships and have qualified in the Territorials to go on the Internationals.

From more than 100 Comets on the Chesapeake Bay some 25 will be eligible for the Territorials to be held July 24-25, 1954, at the Miles River Yacht Club. The top four boats in that series, plus the defending champion, will be the Chesapeake's entries in the Internationals.

County Towns to Organize Chamber of Commerce

Lee G. Bell, Chester businessman, was named temporary chairman of the Kent Island Chamber of Commerce, Monday evening in the Stevensville office.

Mr. Bell, an active civic leader, is a past District Governor of Lions International for District 22B.

Other members of the committee include: William Denny, Dudley Sparks, and George Elmer Jones for Kent Island; Herman Thompson for Grasonville; James Friel and Linden Brittingham for Queenstown, and A. J. Bennett and E.H. Jewell for Centreville. Harry W. Rolker was named temporary secretary.

The purpose of the Chamber of Commerce as stated in the by-laws and the incorporation papers is to generally promote business and industry. The area to be covered by the organization will include Kent Island, Grasonville, Queenstown and Centreville.

The organization meeting named the committee to contact businessmen in the area and acquaint them with the purposes of the organization. The committee will also recommend and outline the functions of the organization at the next general meeting at which time permanent officers, directors and committees will be appointed.

The group present at Monday's meeting expressed the desire to secure several small industries employing in the neighborhood of 35 to 50 people each. Large industry was frowned on as being not too desirable.

Within a few weeks, the group expects to hold a meeting which will include most of the businessmen in the area to permanently get the organization underway.

Alumni Dance on December 25 at Armory

The annual Christmas formal dance of the Centreville High School Alunmni Association will be held this year on Christmas Night and will be at the Centreville Armory, it was announced following a meeting of the group.

David McWilliams and his orchestra have been booked for this one formal event of the season in Centreville.

Committees for the event are: Orchestra—Olin Hunter, Jr., Mrs. J. O. Pippin, Jr., Harry C. Rhodes; publicity and tickets—Dan M. Tabler and Miss Barbara Binebrink; chaperones—Mrs. Milton Sheubrooks and Mrs. Charles Cecil; program—Miss Edith Keating and Miss Dorothy Connolly; decorating—J. O. Fippin, Jr., chairman, Wilson Dukes, Roydone Powell, Jr., Thomas Callahan, Charles Cecil, William Anthony.

Wednesday, Dec. 23, was selected as the date for all members to report to the Armory and help with the decorating job.

It was also reported that the Association cleared $156.63 on a bake held in October .

Wood Family Fund Grows to $2,796

With a check for $71 as profits from the recent benefit play, "Belle of the West", put on by the Kent Island Little Theatre Group, the Jeff Davis Post No. 18 Rehabilitation fund last week stands at $2,769.12, it was announced by William Roe, III, chairman.

The play was presented by the organization in the Stevensville High School for the benefit of the fund and appreciation of the LegionPost was expressed to all members of the cast.

ChairmanRoe said that "although the fund now stands at close to $3,000, contributions are almost at a standstill. We urge small individual checks as well as help from the clubs and other organizations in the county .This fund aids the injured Wanda Wood, who remains under 24-hour nurse care."

The Post had originally planned a campaign to raise $5,000 to help the family out of financial straits.

Radio Test in Fire Companies Apparatus a "Success"

The first full-scale test of radio equipment in five Queen Anne's County volunteer fire companies' apparatus was acclaimed a "success" Sunday afternoon by officials of the Queen Anne's County Civil Defense Office.

As part of the stepped-up Civil Defense Program in this county, radios have been installed in 16 fire-fighting apparatus and two ambulances in the five companies. Queen Anne-Hillsboro, also equipped, is tied in with the radio network of Talbot County.

Taking part in the test Sunday was Kent Island with two trucks and their ambulances; Queenstown with four trucks and an ambulance; Goodwill in Centreville with four trucks; Church Hill with three trucks; and Sudlersville with three trucks. The Goodwill Fire Company ambulance with be equipped with radio in the near future.

Allen B. Lane, alternate Civil Defense Director for the county, went on the air at 2 p.m. to all companies. Each piece of equipment respon ded fro mtheir towns and surrounding area ,and all were received at the base station in Centreville. Some of the apparatus in Sudlersville was picked up from close to the Delaware line, a Church Hill truck called in from near the Kent county line. Kent Island talked to the station from south of Stevensville and the Queenstown ambulance radioed in clearly from Wye Mills.

This was the first real test of all county equipment and CivilDefense officials reported 100 per cent reception at the base station.

Also on the air to the companies was Perry Whiteman, installer of the radios. He said some adjustment would be made to certain sets that were having difficulty getting reception.

On hand for the test were Civil Defense Director Leonard Renshaw and William Tolson, civil defense fire deputy.

It was only through the close cooperation and work with Civil Defense officials in this county that the fire companies were able to obtain this equipment which will make for more efficient fire-fighting and quicker response for help in this county.

The Civil Defense program in Queen Anne's County is further along than many other counties because of the work of the volunteer officials. Kent and Cecil counties are in the process of attempting to get funds to purchase the radios.

Through the Civil Defense set-up the Federal Government puts up half the money for the equipment, the county pays one-fourth and the state puts up the final one-fourth.

It was also announced by the local CD officials that three high-pressure ditch pumps have been delivered to the county and will be put in use by the fire companies. Queenstown has received two, as they did not have one in their company, and Church Hill will get the other. They may be used by any fire company in the county at any time necessary.

Two Lions Clubs Seek Toys For Needy Kids

Two Queen Anne's County Lions Clubs are working a little [illegible] to make Christmas happier for some unfortunate children.

Both the Centreville and Church Hill Clubs are collecting toys which will be distributed around the two communities at Christmas time.

they ask that people with toys that can be mended or those that children have outgrown to bring them in. In Centreville, Frank Draper, Joe Quimby and Herbert Kaufman are on the committee. In Church Hill, toys may be left at Harry Walls' hardware store. On Dec. 16, members will be in the Community Room, next door to receive toys.

FOR SALE—New house in Queenstown, oak floors, finest kitchen and bathroom fixtures, etc. $8950 including large corner lot. Frank Dudley, Jr., Phone Queenstown 3352.