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A Prosperous New Year to All Our READERS

Do You Know

OFF THE CUFF

That the Bryantown folks says that Alvin Bailey is so tight he looks over the top of his glasses to keep from wearing them out.

That George Aker while relating his wild travels on a ship to Liverpool, said he was appointed ship's optician. John Volkman said he never hear of such a position and asked George "what were your duties?" "Scraping the eyes of potatoes."

That Howard Melvin has discovered why his corn crop didn't averaged eighty bushels per acre. He has been donating the fodder to a townman cow owner for husking the corn. The town man is sure his cow enjoyed the fodder he husked, and he is pleased with the increased milk and butter supply.

That Buck Kaufman think the town bailiff should check the dogs and cats from celebrating the Christmas holidays, as they keep him aad other neighbors awake with their barks and cats with their powerful yells.

That the holidays fully convinced Charles Wagner that churches were only built for sinners, as the many good people who were too tired to attend services Christmas day at our churches on account of the many social parties Christmas eve

That the Schelberg sisters had a flock of Philadelphia duck hunters who really enjoyed a day's shooting and bagged twenty-one which only cost them six dollars apiece. Cheap sport don't you think, Eddie Meredith?

That John Mears, Centreville's tonsorial artist, is the champion rabbit chaser of the nine counties. After spending a day—from sunrise to sunset—on the 600-acre Wye farm of Walter Schiffer, without his pack of thoroughbred beagle noising a scent, returned home tired and disgusted. After releasing his dog at home, for exercise they located a sleeping rabbit in their apartment which they caught for their owner.

Muskrat Trappers Expect Good Yield

Muskrat trappers throughout Queen Anne's County are anticipating a profitable season which will open January 1 and continue until March 15.

Surveys made recently of the marshlands of the county indicate that the supply of rats will be larger than for a number of years due to ideal weather conditions for the propagation, while conditions in the fur markets of the county indicate that prices for furs will be somewhat better than last year.

In recent years the revenue from the industry in this county has ranged from 35 to 40 thousand dollars.

Judge Collins Decrees Whipping

For the second time in less than a month a Maryland judge last week decreed the whipping post for a convicted wife beater.

Chief Judge Stephen R. Collins in Cecil County Circuit Court sentenced Glen Doyle, 42-year-old carpenter, to sixty days in jail and ten lashes for beating his wife Marie and his 8-year old daughter Pearl.

It was the first such sentence here in forty years.

Queen Anne's County comes under the jurisdiction of ChiefJudge Collins.

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mrs Mary C. Bishop and son, Mr. Charles E. Bishop, are spending the Christmas holidays with her daughterand hissister Mr.and Mrs. Allan Weiss of Washington, D. C.

Mr. John F. Jones left Tuesday to spend the holidays with hia brother, Edgar Jones and family of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sellers of Baltimore, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs William Lane onSteamboat avenue

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Warner of Baltimore, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Warner at St. Peter's Church, Rectory.

Mr. George L. Aker left Tuesday to spend the holidays with his brother and sister-in law, Mr.and Mrs. Daniel C. Aker and familv of Baltimore.

Mr. Kennard Rhodes, Jr., accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carey of Milford, Del., on a two-weeks motoring tour of Florida winter resorts. They left last Friday.

Mr.John C.Cole has been housed for several days with a severe case of the grippe. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery

Mrs. L. Kennard Rhodes and daughter, Miss Margaret Rhodes, of Bennett's Outlett, returned home on Tuesday, after a week's shopping trip in Baltimore. They enjoyed the evenings with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Irvin Golt of Bloomingdale, have entertained a flock of friends and relatives from Talbot county during the holidays. Their popular son with the young society, Mr.Joseph S. Golt, promised to give us the names of their guests, but, he has been too busy sending to—what he think—his fair queens

Mr. Kennard Buckle of Woodlawn, who bumped a school bus Friday evening, damaging his car and parking him in Easton Emergency Hospital with a damaged rib and other bruises, is now resting easy. His car was close to a wreck

Escapes Death in Climb From Burning House

Using the porch roof as a means of escape from her blazing home in Crumpton, Mrs. Mary Fennimore Sheppard, well-known Maryland poetess, rested comfortably last Friday after her close brush with death.

Breaking out in the early hours the flames had gained considerable headway before the poetess was awakened by smoke in her sleeping-room, about 6.30 a. m.

With her means of egress down the stairs cut off by the blaze, Mrs. Sheppard called to her neighbor, Dr. J. W Stack and then made her way to the street by the porch roof, carrying her pet dog securely wrapped in a blanket.

Dr. Stack, and G. Roland Harrison, who lives on the opposite side of the street, responded to Mrs. Sheppard's call, and by breaking into the back of the house held the fire in check until the Millington Fire Company arrived.

The interior of the back part of the house was badly damaged.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Catlin, of West Hartford, Connecticut, announce the engagement of their niece, Miss Avis Christine Catlin of Church Hill, to Mr. Albert B. Friel, of Queenstown and Wilmington, Del', son of Mr. and Mrs. S E. W. Friel, Queenstown. Miss Catlin, is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Catlin, Church Hill. No date has been set for the wedding.

To Rid Highways Of Lighted Signs

A bill empowering the State Roads Commission to rid the highways of illuminated billboards when these are found to constitute a menace to safe driving was approved yesterday by the Legislative Council.

The council, holding its last conference before the convening of the 1941 General Assembly, also adopted in final form bills regulating installment sales and finance companies.

A measure whhich would eliminate $75,000 a year from Governor O'Conor's next biennial budget was approved when the council members voted to make the present $3 fee for chauffeurs' licenses payable only once every two years. It is required annually under the present law.

Another measure which would blanket the employes of the State Loan Commissioner under the Merit System with non-competitive qualifying examinations was approved. These employes have been outside the classified services since the department was set up in 1937.

The restrictions on illuminated billboards, which were intended to regulate the flashing and rotating lights used on some roadside displays, were contained in a bill which would increase the Roads Commission's powers over all kind of billboards.

There was some objection to the bill, but the majority of members of the Council, led by Senator Arthur Brice (Dem., Kent) insisted that the billboard evil had mounted to the point where stricter regulation was imperative in the interest of public safety.

"It just doesn't make sense that we should spend millions of dollars on high-speed highways, and then have to slow down to thirty miles an hour because the roadside signs block our view or blind us with flashing lights," Senator Brice said.

New Dual Highway From Elkton to Cambridge

New dual-lane highways from Baltimore to Washington and also from Annapolis to Washington are recommended in the five-year plan of the Maryland Highway Planning Survey, it was disclosed yesterday as additional details of the survey's work were made public.

On the Eastern Shore virtually an entire new road is planned from Elkton to Cambridge and thence via Salisbury to Ocean City Sections from Elkton to Galena and from Berlin to Ocean City would be dual lane. All cities and towns along the route would be by passed, with the exception of Cambridge.

Reconstruction of Route 13 from Delmar to the Virginia line also is proposed. Sections nearest Salisbury would be dual lane, and provision would be made for a dual lane highway to extend eventually from Delmar to Westover.

All the construction proposed on the Eastern Shore would cost approximately $13,000,000. In addition to the improvements on Routes 213 and 13, this total includes an item of $775,000 for a relocation of 17.3 miles of Routes 313 in Caroline county, to by-pass Goldsboro, Greensboro and Denton and another for $565,000 for the relocation of 11.2 miles of Route 413 from Westover to Hopewell in Somerset county.

Boys and Gals on Parade

If little Johnny, or Sister Sue stays out a little late next Tuesday, you will know that they are out to Forest Lodge. I'm taking in Ed. Nicholas party. Yet, mother and dad you come out—watch your children shake a leg. Remember you have to have a ticket. Yours for the asking, call or write Ed. Nichols. This means the youths too.

Sport Dope

By Ed Nichols

The only Sports this week is egg-nog and a lot of bottled cheer Yes, Christmas does something to yuh,' a feeling un-surpassed at any time of the year.

It was a great sports year for the county folks with an ingredient of baseball, softball, soccer, bowling, skeet-shooting, fishing, ducking, etc.

Queen Anne's County came within a hair of boasting of a Championship ball club, and at the present time we have our County Soccer eleven in the play-offs for the Shore title. Yes, sir. BobYates and all his lads travel to Denton this Sunday to start proceedings.

Soft Ball created quite a bit of interest during the past summer months with closely played competition. Bill Roe and Herman Epstein are to be congratulated on their good teams at Centreville with the "Tiger" and "Patriots." The same holds true of Howard Ireland at Grasonville, George Higdon, Bryantown, Alvin Grollman, Stevensville and Frankie Tarbutton up at Sudlersville.

We need not mention a word about the County Bowling teams as are the talk of the County at present. Royden Powells Independents are proving to the class of the loop thus far winning seventeen games of twenty one played. "Boney" Dadds, "Cakey" Wright Dick Tarr, W. Coleman and Skipper Powell comprise quite an array of ten pin artists.

Billy Keith's Clerks are in second place at this time, but are some nine games behind the pace setting Powellmen, Billy also has quite an array of elbowers in his line-up.

Bob Brown and the Triangles are in third position with nine wins and ten losses while Hall Barton's American Legion team and Great Hopes are deadlocked for fourth place.

Wilson Dukes Farmer boys have lost their early season stride, being on the winning side of the ledger only six times of the eighteen games performed. Wilson tells me that the boys had better wise up and take good advice as his boys are going to town next month turning over a new leaf as a New Years resolution.

We also would like very much to toss a praise-worthy compliment in the way of the Centreville Girls Bowling team after defeating the Chestertown lassies last Thursday two out of three setto's. The County seat gals took the opening engagement by 59 pins and lost the second engagement by 42 points. In the third and final game of the evening, the rubber tussle, the local feminine elbowers won the game by a single marker.

While looking back over baseball games of the past summer, we must not overlook the work of the Eastern Shore big leaguers, Billy Nicholson, Chestertown boy and right fielder of the Chicago Cubs and the one and only Jimmy Foxx pride and joy of Sudlersville, now team captain and first basemen of the Boston Red Sox.

Daniel M. Daniel in his baseball Magazine selection of the All-American Baseball team this year says he would not trade Enos Slaghter, Cardinal fly-chaser or Charley Keller, Yankees power-house for Billy Nicholson. It is true that Billy Nick batted .297 in 135 games and Lew Finney, Taft Wright, Buddy Lewis and Slaughter all sported a better swat average, however, the Washington College grad punched across 98 runs across the pay station and that is more than any right fielder in the big show can boast of. Bill Nick blasted out twenty five homers and 146 base knocks which isn't so bad for a fellow who said to have a bad curve ball weakness.

Jimmy Foxx batting mark was the same as Nicholson's at .297, clubbing out 36 four masters and accounting for 119 runs.

Oh well, both Foxx and Nicholson had great seasons, and every Eastern Shoreman should feel proud.

A lot of people tell me that we should hush up the talk of baseball with the sad condition of the world. Yes, I grant this old universe is in a sickly plight. But, buddie, there isn't a more democratic game in the world than base ball. The professional player who captured high honors in college will room with a rugged mountaineer who has trouble with his [illegible] like it. The Italian immigrant's son on the diamond is on equal footing with the boy whose ancestors came over on the Mayflower. In the stands the big utilities magnate will willingly discuss the finer points of play with a rugged coal miner who occupies the adjoining seat. An office boy will yell at his boss to sit down, he's blocking the view. And there is no thought of firing or being fired by the remark.

Base ball is a common leveler and will do its full shere to preserve the democratic way of living—war or no war.

In closing I want to thank every one for their Christmas card I received. A Merry Christmas and most Joyous New Year to all! Remember, if you can,t play a Sport, be one!

Hard Winter Means Fire Hazard

This is a hard winter. The South recently suffered one of the coldest periods in its history. Snow storms in the central area destroyed scores of lives and millions of dollars worth of property. Many regions have experienced cold of abnormal intensity. And the forecasts say that conditions such as this will probably extend well into the spring.

This kind of a winter inevitably gravely increases fire hazards. Old Man Statistics, turning to past precedents, can show you how many more of us will die, how much more property will be laid waste. But Old Man Statistics with his grisly figures can be beaten. We can show him that he is not right this time.

To take a simple illustration, a severe winter puts great strains on heating plants, stoves, etc. We pile wood and coal in the furnace, and keep the fireplace roaring. That is safe enough if our heating equipment is in good order. But that is very big "if" indeed. Most of us tend to put off until tomorrow what should be done today. If the furnace isn't quite right, we figure that it may get by—or that there will be plenty of time to have it fixed in the future. Maybe the chimney is throw off a brilliant display of sparks—but we guess that there is no immediate danger.

That's the attitude fire likes. That's what makes Old Man Statistics' forecasts of destruction come true. That's why fire costs us hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

Know that your heating equipment is right—don't guess. And that's a job for an expert. Know too that all other fire hazards in your home are under control, and reduced to the minimum. If you do that, this winter won't see the end of your home—and, perhaps, the end of lives in your family

Forest Lodge

FOR RENT

For all Occasions

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa—I'm a good little boy, and love all the girls, but I'm partial to blondes. I wich you would bring me one of those corn-topped gals without letting Mamie know. Your little man,
"pop-up" Cross

Dear Santa—I am a very hard worker, especially on Sundays, when I go fishing. Please bring me a twenty-pound job, so I will have something to tell the boys on Thursday morn. Joe Ginsberg

Dear Santa—May we ask you to extend to our loyal friends for their kind remembrances of the Christmas holidays. Your two little unsophisticated angelic boys Mike and Steiney

Dear Santa—Ed. Nichols extends the season's greetings to all friends and readers.

How About Your Local Merchant's Christmas

When you made out your shopping list this year, you will find many names there that appear perennially, and a search into the pages of all the passing years the gifts purchased for them have varied only slightly—possiblly between the limits of the price of a box of handkerchiefs at the lower cost level to a box of cigars or pair of gloves at the upper price figure. There are certain people who just must be remembered, for old time's sake, or for sentiment, or because they never forget you at Christmas.

But there is one list of names that in small towns, is too often forgotten. The holiday season sends everyone off to the "big city" on a shopping rampage, and the amount of money spent away from home would astonish all but the closest student of the problem The question at once arises—What about the Local Merchant'sChristmas?

But the Local Merchant—how he is forgotten in the rush! All he does is pay the larger share of your taxes, do the bulk of the work leading to civic betterment to make your community a better place to live, stand ready to extend you credit when there's sickness in the home and cash runs low—maybe wait five years for his financial returns, make large donations to Red Cross, clubs, etc.

Do you think he's Santa Claus? Don't you think he is worthy of remembrance, and that he might need Your help? This writer wants to say emphatically that you never miss the water until the well runs dry!" The way small town merchants have been pumped in recent years, their supply is certain to run dry unless you help. No one will lose anything by ascertaining first whether he has what you want on his shelves. Shop first at home and give the merchants here one Merry Christmas to remember. You will save a lot of hurrying, rushing and stampeding in the larger stores, and there will be just enough items you can't get at home to make your Metropolitan shopping fun instead of a chore. Thus, everyone has a Merry Christmas. Try it this year!

Greetings.

1940 has been a great year in sports, but we wish all team players and followers in every line of sport a more successful year in 1941. Let's put Queen Anne's county at the top of Eastern Shore sportdom.

Again A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!