

**Bitter Winter**

**Weather Due Soon**

Farmers, watermen, and nearly all who live outdoors most of the time are looking ahead to a hard winter from now on. Officially winter begins on Monday, December 22.

All of the old time-signs, they say are pointing in this direction and give them all the necessary assurance that this section of the country will soon experience a long seige of cold weather.

Nor are the men in these walks of life the only sons who share this belief in the signs and omens—quite a few business men whose interests are in the outdoors are guided by them, and already some have begun preparations which will find them fortified when the heralded bad weather does make its appearance.

"All the old signs were apparent this year," said an old citizen this week, "and I have never known them to fail. You know there was an unusual crop of hickory nuts, and in fact, all kinds of nuts, this year, and to the open-air man this is one of the best signs. Such an abundance of food for the squirrels and animals that live in the woods and the quick manner in which they filled their nests this season, is proof abundant."

"Then again, all the ground worms were white in color last fall instead of their usual brown. This also is a good sign to be guided by."

"All the oystermen are looking for bitter weather and are working hard to get in their usual season's catch before the rivers freeze over. These men seldom make a mistake in the weather. Then, again, the farmers are buying their turnips and potatoes deeper than usual, to keep them from being frozen. They are also spending a lot of time cutting fire wood and hauling it in piles near their houses."

"By the same signs, however, it will be a healthful winter. You know if we have a white Christmas this is a sign there will not be much sickness, such as pneumonia. According to the old saying, a green Christmas makes full graveyards. So when you see snow on Christmas Eve it can be accepted as one of the most fortunate signs."

**Letters to Santa Claus**

**QUEENSTOWN**

Dear Santa Claus—I would like for you to bring me a snow suit and a pair of gloves, some under clothes and a pair of shoes and a bicycle. Don't forget to bring my brothers some trucks and a tractor, a wagon and a pair of boots. Don't forget my big sister and big brother. Your little girls and boys.

BETTY LOU POET

Dear Santa Claus—As I have been a good little girl and have taken care of my little brother, Jerry, would you please bring me a two-wheel bicycle, cow girl suit, bath robe and slippers. And please bring my little baby brother a big wagon also a little horse he can ride, and a cowboy suit as near mine as you have. Don't forget my big cousin, Jack, if you can, will you bring him a bicycle and something nice. P. S. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Your little boy and girl and cousin, Jack, loving,

JUNE KAUFMAN

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl 8 years old. Please bring me a 25-piece layette doll set, trim our tree, bring me Miss Sunshine. Don't forget mother and dad. Bring me a book bag with my name on it. Your little girl,

DORIS JEAN BEECHER

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy 3 years old. Please bring me a train, a tractor and plows and some little cars. Trim our tree. Don't forget mother and dad, Your little boy,

DOLE M. BEECHER

Dear Santa—Please don't forget when stopping at The News delinquents homes to ask them for a handout for back subscription for Mike and Steiny. Try to make them happy and merry. We thank you.

MRS. DELMA JONES

Dear Santa Claus—It's so close to Christmas, please don't forget my brothers and me. We want a lot of things. Choose for me what you think is right. I hope Bob Sneed and my Uncle Arthur will be home from camp on Christmas Day. From your little girl.

ELSIE ROSER

To advertisers and Correspondents: Please try to get your copy for ads. and news items for Christmas in early as Tuesday, December 22, is the deadline. We want our readers to enjoy The News Wednesday morning or Christmas eve.

QUEEN ANNE

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl eight years old. I want a bicycle, a doll with clothes and real hair. Your little girl,

BARBARA ELEANOR SHAFFER

**O'Conor Moves Quickly For State's Protection**

With Maryland's three strategic bridges at Havre de Grace, Morgantown and Conowingo under guard by Maryland State Troopers, and the "sensitive" points in Maryland, as determined by Third Army Corps officials, under guard by forces of the Maryland State guard, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor and the State Administration have taken swift steps to protect Maryland's vital spots against enemy action since Japan's unprovoked attack on Sunday.

First steps were decided upon following a meeting of Governor O'Conor with State Military and Defense officials early Monday morning, after the Governor had been in conference with military officials throughout Sunday evening. Conferences extending far into the night were held Tuesday by Brigadier General Dwight H. Mohr, Commander of the State Guard, and other State Guard officials called to active duty by the Governor following Tuesday's meeting.

Military officials of the Third Corps area expressed high praise of the promptness with which steps were taken in Maryland to cope with the emergency, stating, among other things, that Maryland was the first State in the Union to call the State Guard to active duty for the protection of essential points.

Throughout Sunday and the succeeding days, the Executive Officers were in touch with the Executive Officers of the other States of the Eastern Seaboard, to be sure that nothing was left undone to insure the safety of Maryland's residents her industries, utilities, etc.

**GRASONVILLE WOMEN ORGANIZE CIVIC CLUB**

The Grasonville women have at last decided to join together and reorganize the Grasonville Community Club. They met at the Knights of Pythias Hall to elect officers for the Club. Those elected were:

President, Mrs. Mabel Paswater; Vice-President, Mrs. Alice Pierson; Secretary, Mrs. Ruby Jewell; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Ireland; Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Evelyn Andrew.

The songs they have chosen to sing at their meetings are: "My Country 'Tis of Thee", "Star Spangled Banner", "Maryland My Maryland," and "God Bless America."

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**BERRY—BUTLER**

A very pretty wedding took place Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Bethany Church, Price, when Miss Evelyn Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Butler of Centreville became the bride of Mr. Oliver Allen Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Berry of Queenstown. The church was beautifully trimmed with ferns and flowers while Rev. Ralph W. Hastings performed the ceremony. After a wedding dinner at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Sarah F. Scott, the happy couple repaired to their future home opposite the home of Dr. Samuel J. Price in Queenstown. The bride is on the editorial staff of the Record-Observer, while the groom is employed at Friel Lumber Co. He was formerly employed at the Queenstown Bank. The happy couple's many young friends wish them a merry Christmas.

**Legislature May be Called In War Crisis**

Maryland State Guard finance and all other matters "concerning the financing of defense operations will be discussed at a special meeting of the Board of Public Works at 11 A. M. Friday, it was announced last night by Governor O'Conor. Told that some Legislative Council members doubted whether enough funds had been appropriated to maintain the State Guard on active duty for any length of time, the Governor said he would issue a statement after the conference Friday.

Several Council members said a special session of the Maryland General Assembly may have to be held to appropriate more funds for the guard force and to solve other State financial problems.

**Santa Claus**

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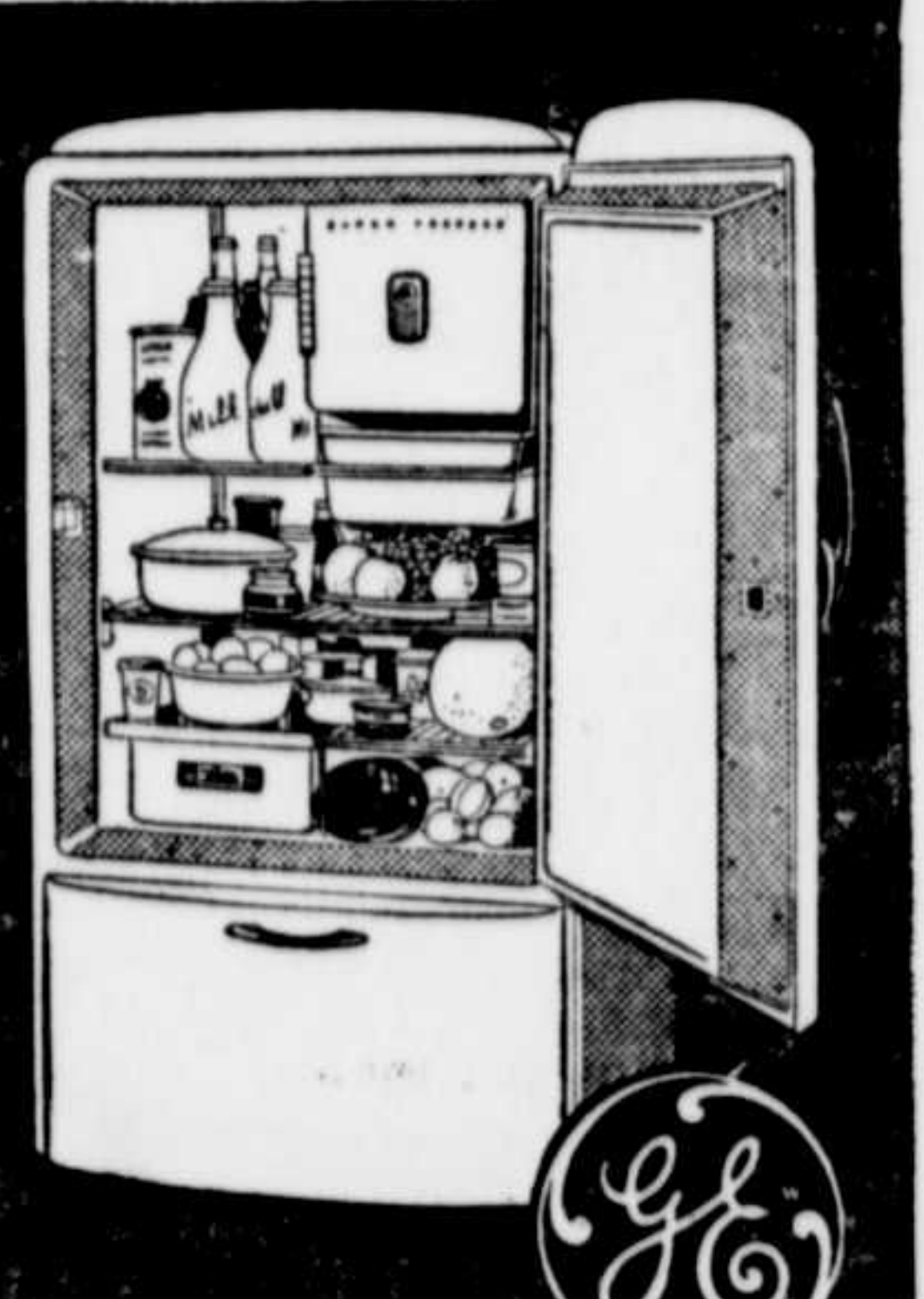
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