SOLDIER BOYS

...g poems were sent us ...nty soldier boys:

...s something which is really

"Only A Volunteer"

I didn't want to be drafted,
...be led to the train with a band,
...put in a claim for exemption,
...why did I put up my hand?

Why didn't I wait for the banquet?
Why didn't I wait to be cheered?
For the Drafted man got the credit,
While I merely Volunteered.

And nobody gave me a banquet,
And nobody said a kind word,
The grind of the wheels of the engines
Was all the good-bye that I heard.

Then off to the camp I was hustled,
To be trained for the — year,
And then in the shuffle forgotten—
I was only a Volunteer.

And may be some day in the future,
When my little boy sets on my knee,
And asks what I did in the conflict,
And his little eyes look up to me,
I will have to look back, as I am blushing,
To the eyes that trustingly peer,
And tell him I missed being drafted,
For I was only a volunteer."

Thanksgiving vs. Disappointment

It ha... as we had thot,
For... as we had bot.
We... to have some time
Wit... we were to dine.

Four... fore this great event,
Somethi... ened which did prevent
This tim... and of jubilation,
Or, in oth... words, a celebration.

One member of our Battery C,
The use of water he could not see,
Caught an epidemic strong,
Which made the Batt'ry all go wrong.

His face was grimey, his feet were black,
Which put his system all out of whack.
Then one by one red blots did shine,
And doctor said: "A quarantine."

Then from the clear sky there appeared a cloud,
And all our plans were put in a shroud,
No place to go, no where to stay,
Is how we spent Thanksgiving Day.

The moral of this eradic verse,
Is to use water, and nothing worse
Will ever befall a man,
Who'se full of dirt and of sand.

CORP. W. L. S.
Camp Meade.

William Frazier Russell, Esq., one of the first to enlist when war broke out, and who is now stationed at Camp McClellan, Anniston, Ala., has been a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Russell did not know their son was coming home and his visit was a pleasant surprise for them.

Word from Mr. Allan Harris and Mr. Norman Crouch, with the Aviation Corps in Texas, is to the effect that they are doing well. Both have been up in several flights.

Second Lieut. Edwin Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Watkins, of Baltimore, visited his uncle, Mr. W. B. Strong, last week.

Mr. William Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, of near town, is now at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, serving Uncle Sam as an air motor machinist.

Mr. Frank Passwater, the efficient agent at the Chestertown railroad station, has enlisted in the hospital unit of the University of Virginia and is daily expecting a call to service.

Mr. W. C. Spielberger has offered his services to the government as a machinist.

Some one sent the Kent County soldiers at Anniston a barrel of apples in the center of which was two quarts of whiskey. The boys enjoyed the apples!

Corporal Robert Ayres and Corporal Colin Duyer, two of Kent's popular boys who enlisted in Capt. Carey Jarman's Machine Gun Company, have gained considerable weight. Corporal Duyer has gained about twenty pounds while Corporal Ayres is now "waddling" around under a burden of 162 pounds. Both are every inch soldiers.

No one can doubt the patriotism of Chestertown boys. From one block of the town six boys have enlisted.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Mrs. H. F. Jefferson entertained the "By Kota" Club yesterday evening at her home.

Mr. L. H. Crewe left this week for Ormond Beach, Florida, to take a position as assistant manager for the winter in one of the most fashionable hotels in the state.

Mrs. J. K. Gladden, who has been a guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Coleman, for several months, returned to her home in Annapolis last Wednesday.

Mr. Morris K. Barroll, who is taking a special course in Columbia College, New York, is spending the Christmas holidays a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hope H. Barroll.

Miss Annie Duyer, who teaches at Rolandsville, Cecil county, is a guest for the holidays of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence E. Duyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elburn will move into their new residence in Queen Annes next week.

Mrs. Chilcutt, tenanting the Duncan farm in Queen Annes, near town, will move to McGinniss Corner on Jan. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Reeves, of North Carolina, are guests of her parents, Capt. and Mrs. James Tucker in Chestertown.

Mr. Samuel B. Armstrong, of Philaphia, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Armstrong.

Miss Anna Jones, teacher of Janvier school, has been granted a three months leave of absence. Miss Margaret Harris will substitute for her.

Miss Helen Baxter has been appointed teacher at Chesterville in the place of Miss Maud Robinson.

Mrs. Frank Miller and son left Wednesday for Akron, Ohio, to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. L. Long.

Miss Jane Miller will spend Christmas week with her aunt, Mrs. N. B. Slack, of West Chester, Pa. Miss Miller will enter the normal school at Chester Jan. 1.

Mrs. Wm. Mackey, of New York, Mrs. Wm. Macken, of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIntire, of Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McIntire, of town, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Deal, of Baltimore.

Mr. B. F. Davis, of Hanesville, has been sick the past week.

Mrs. H. H. Klinefelter has been suffering with neuralgia for the past two weeks.

Mrs. L. H. Wood has been appointed a member of the Counsel of Defense in place of Mrs. A. L. Harris, resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fowler, of Worton, will move to Wilmington in the near future.

Dr. T. H. Fowler, of Wells College, N. Y., is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Esta Wink, of Delaware, is the guest of Miss Helen Shinn.

Mr. Meginniss and wife have rented the house adjoining J. P. Parrott. Mr. Meginniss is employed at Noland's garage.

Mrs. James H. Baker is spending the winter with her son and family in Baltimore.

Mrs. Wm. T. Nicholson and Mrs. Sallie Hatcherson, who are at Dr. Sisco's Sanitorium in Baltimore, are looking forward to being home for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hecker, of Baltimore, are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son.

Miss Ruth Clark is convalescent after being quite sick for several days.

Mrs. Jennie Hines and children, of Baltimore, have been visiting Mrs. Lucy Dodd.

Mr. Frank Taylor is home from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brice are somewhat indisposed at this time and may forego their annual trip to Florida.

Miss Maude Kemp entertained the Woman's Home Missionary Society on Wednesday afternoon, while Mrs. Mark Creasy entertained the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society on Tuesday afternoon.

W. Miller Strong, son of the late J. Edgar Strong, and Miss Anna Marie Brice, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brice, were married at Elkton, Tuesday afternoon of last week, by the Rev. Alfred E. Jones. Her father gave her in holy wedlock, while Messrs. Albert Strong and Edwin Brice acted as best men. A wedding reception was given the couple at their home at Grey's Inn on Wednesday evening.

Miss Lillian Jester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jester, of Rock Hall, has enlisted with Uncle Sam as stenographer in the U. S. Navy.

Mr. Granberry, of near Millington, has moved into the house of Mr. T. D. France on High St.

Mrs. Anthony S. Murray and Mrs. J. R. Murray, of Baltimore, are guests of Mrs. Hope H. Barroll.

Mrs. Ryan, mother of Capt. Ryan, of New York, has rented part of Dr. Micou's home at the college and will move there.

Mr. W. W. Hubbard returned home for the Christmas holidays Thursday and will be home until Jan. 1st. Mr. Wilbur Ross Hubbard, who is at a training camp, will be home today for the holidays.

Mrs. George Hatcherson returned from Baltimore Thursday.

Mr. Samuel Beck, wife and daughter arrived in Chestertown Thursday evening to spend Xmas with Mr. Beck's mother, Mrs. Samuel Beck. This is Mr. Beck's first visit to Chestertown for seven years.

Mr. Owen C. Smith, in former years a high-class pharmacist who owned several drug stores in Baltimore, has been helping out in the Stam Drug Co. during the holiday rush.

Mr. Malcomb, of Harford County, who we mentioned a few weeks ago as having leased the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Anthony, moved into his new home last Tuesday. Mr. Malcomb was accompanied by his family and son-in-law, Mr. Barnes and family.

Mr. Neal A. Truslow, of Wilmington, spent Sunday at his home here.

Misses Helen and Esther Urie, of New York, are home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Margaret Smith, of Goucher College, Baltimore, is a guest of her mother on Queen street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Corwin celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a spledid reception at their home near Rolph on Friday evening.

Miss Eva States and Mr. Paul Harrison were quietly married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sheppard, Crumpton, Sunday evening by Rev. Morton. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison will reside in Crumpton.

Messrs. C. C. Hopper, a former editor of the Transcript, and George Perkins, a former compositor of this office, were welcome visitors here last week. The former resides in Baltimore and the latter near Rock Hall.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE

The County Commissioners hereby give notice that the next meeting of the board will be held on Thursday, Jan. 3, 1918. This action is taken because Christmas day and New Year's day fall on Tuesday's, the regular day for board meetings. By order,

SAMUEL HICKS,
Clerk to County Commissioners.

A RED CROSS membership is a good Xmas gift to our friends and it will help our soldiers boys when they reach France.

FOR the first time for centuries the birth place of our Lord will be in possession of a Christian nation at this blessed season. The sign of the Cross will supplant the Crescent. For this let all Christendom rejoice.

PUT YOUR LIGHT BACK OF RED CROSS SERVICE FLAG

Kent Countians Urged To Make This Real Red Cross Eve

A Red Cross Christmas Eve is being planned by that orgnization for use by millions of its members throughout the United States. In every home and place of business there is wanted a Red Cross Service Flag during Christmas week. Each member is being urged to put an electric light or the ordinary house illumination, and not a candle, behind the flag promptly at 7.30 o'clock on Christmas Eve, and to keep it lighted until 9 o'clock. The National Board of Fire Underwriters has urged that candles be not used in order to avoid fires. Churches are asked to chime bells at half-hour intervals between the same hours. Red Cross workers will be organized into groups and go singing Christmas carols through their neighborhoods.

Each Red Cross Service Flag distributed will have instructions printed on the back encouraging the members to take part in the ceremony on Christmas Eve by having a light in his window. Pastors will be asked to mention it in their sermons, and educational institutions will be asked for the privilege of explaining to the children the significance of the custom. It is expected that the desire of the community to participate in the Christmas Eve ceremony will be an interesting inducement for the securing of new memberships.

CHURCH NOTES

Instead of giving candy, presents, etc., to the children as in past years, this Christmas the money from Emmanuel P. E. Church will go to aid the Armenian children. This is truly a worthy cause, for as great, or even greater, is the affliction that has fallen upon the Armenians that which befel the Belgians, who were almost completely wiped out by the ruthless German invasion.

Christ M. P. Church, Rev. J. L. Ward pastor. Sunday services: Preaching by Rev. J. M. Sheridan, D. D., 10.30 a. m.; Sunday School, F. G. Usilton, Supt. 2.30 p. m.; Christmas services, "Jesus is King," 6.45 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 7.30 p. m. Christmas entertainment, Friday 7.30 p. m.

Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Nichols and Mr. F. B. Harper, of Still Pond, attended the jubilee celebration of the securing of the endowment for Wesley Collegiate Institute held Thursday night at Dover, Del.

Christmas sermon and music at the Still Pond M. E. Church Sunday morning.

Chestertown M. E. Church, Rev. T. F. Beauchamp, pastor. Sunday services: 10.30 a. m., Christmas service, sermon, "Jesus the Bright, the Morning Star." Special music by the choir. 2.15, S. S.; 7.00 p. m., Epworth League service; singing Christmas carols and short sermon.

A special meeting of the S. S. Board of the M. E. Church was held on Sunday afternoon and the following committee appointed to nominate officers for next year as follows: Prof. Mark Creasy, chairman; Mr. H. E. Perkins, Mr. M. E. Newsome.

Rev. T. F. Beauchamp and Messrs. H. F. Jefferson and T. K. Bordley were made a committee to designate the distribution of the White Gifts to the King of the same church.

—While in business only three months the Noland Motor Company have done and are doing a fine business. They have sold 18 touring cars, 3 roadsters, 1 coupelet and 1 sedan. They have built and equipped an up-to-date repair shop, and have installed a free-air aparatus. They are now in a position to fix your Ford cars with genuine Ford parts by expert machinists. They extend Xmas greetings and happy New Year wishes to all patrons extensive advertisers, thus the above result.

Christmas Goods

—AT—

THE CHESTERTOWN CANDY KITCHEN

We bought our Christmas Goods early this year and at a figure much lower than the present market price, consequently, we are able to offer our Christmas Goods at a very reasonable figure.

TOYS

Our line of Toys this year is up to our usual standard. We have a large variety of different kinds for the young folks.

Candies, Nuts, Fruits, Raisins, Figs, Etc.—Our store is complete in this line, and we can fill your wants, no matter what they may be.

PACKAGES FOR SOLDIERS—Many will want to send the soldier boys a package of Candy, etc. Come and see our fine assortment before purchasing elsewhere.

Chestertown Candy Kitchen

Chestertown, Maryland

Public Sale

The undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at public sale on the farm known as the McWhorter farm, on the road leading from Millington to No. 10 school house on

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1917,
beginning at 11 o'clock a. m.

MORGAN, 1 BAY HORSE, 8 years old, good worker and driver.
JOE, BLACK HORSE, 8 years old, good worker.
1 PAIR MULES, one 13 and one 16 years old, good workers.
6 GOOD COWS AND HEIFERS.
ONE BULL.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS

One Wagon, good as new, 1 Dearborn, 1 buggy, 1 carriage, 1 self binder, in good shape, 1 hoe drill, 1 no. 11 Oliver Sulky Plow, good as new, 1 Iron Age Sulky Cultivator, 1 Drag Harrow, 50 tooth, good as new, 3 Walking Cultivators, 2 sets Carriage Harness, 2 sets Wagon Harness, 6 Sets Plow Harness, Bridles and Collars, 1 Leather Riding Saddle, new, and Bridle, 3-Horse and Double Trees, Forks, Shovels and Hoes and lot of things too numerous to mention. Also 100 Tomato Baskets, new; 2 Milk Cans, good as new; 1 Tomato Rigging & springs; 1 Dearborn Pole.

TERMS OF SALE

All sums of $20.00 and under, cash. All over that amount a credit of 9 months will be given on bankable notes with approved security; interest from date of sale.

NORMAN DARRELL.
Sale Rain or Shine.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

—OF—

Stock of Merchandise.

Under and by virtue of an order passed by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, in the case of Arlington W. Carmine, Bankrupt, the undersigned, as Trustee of the estate of said bankrupt, will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms hereinafter set forth, on the premises recently occupied by said Arlington W. Carmine on High St., in Chestertown, Kent Co., Md., adjoining the properties of Arlington L. Sparks and Lofland & Culp, on

Thursday, Dec. 27, 1917,

Beginning at 12 o'clock noon

THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL PROPERTY, TO WIT:

A lot of lace, embroidery, dress goods, dry goods, notions, china, toys, spices, scales, coffee grinder, electric light fixtures, refrigerator, etc.

Terms—Cash.

S. S. BECK, Trustee.
John T. Jester, Auct.

TO THE CREDITORS OF ARLINGTON W. CARMINE, Bankrupt:

Take notice that the property mentioned in the aforegoing advertisement this day inserted in the Chestertown Transcript will be offered for sale at the time, place and upon the terms therein stated.

SIDNEY P. TOWNSHEND, Referee.
Dated Chestertown, Md., Dec. 15, 1917.

PUBLIC SALE

OF VALUABLE

PERSONAL PROPERTY

The undersigned, having purchased a small farm, will sell all of the following stock without reserve, on the farm where he now resides, known as the "BRICE FARM," near the "White House Farm," near the State Road from Chestertown to Kennedyville, on

Wednesday, December 26, 1917,

Commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., the following Personal Property:

9 Head of Work Horses

4 YEARLING COLTS

One bay mare, Alice, 13 years old, with foal; 1 black horse, Dexter, 9 years old; 1 black horse, Stoney, 8 years old; 1 gray mare, Polly, 8 years old, with foal; 1 brown horse, Smuggler, 4 years old; 1 yellow horse, Friday, 6 years old; 1 bay Mare, Bessie, 8 years old, with foal; 1 bay mare, Lady, 6 years old; 1 bay horse, Dan, 13 years old; 4 yearling colts.

SIX COWS

some with calves by side, balance with calves in early spring.

12 HEIFERS

FARMING IMPLEMENTS

One McCormick Binder, in good repair; 1 Farmer's Favorite Drill, in good repair; 1 Schauber Corn Cutter, 1 Double Cut-a-Way, 1 No. 98 Oliver Plow, One No. 10 Oliver Plow, One Potato Plow, One Grub Plow, Five Walking Cultivators, 1 Acme Harrow, 1 Dearborn, 1 York Carriage, 1 Sleigh and Bells; 1 Cyphers Incubator, 400 egg size and brooder; Collars and Bridles, Hoes and Shovels and many other useful articles.

All things advertised will positively be sold to the highest bidder.

TERMS OF SALE—All sums of $10 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of 12 months will be given on bankable note. No property to be removed until terms of sale are complied with.

J. LEWIS FORD, Owner.
Harrison W. Vickers, Atty.
J. T. Jester, Auct. d15-2t

BONES AND BAGS.

On account of the war many of our supplies of Bones have been cut off, and in order to get all the nice dry country bones possible, we have determined to pay about twice as much for dry bones as we used to pay, if they are delivered at our factory.

The country boys should pick up all they can and bring them to us instead of selling them to the junk dealers.

We will also pay the highest market price for good second hand Fertilizer Bags. Please communicate with us.

Very truly yours,

The Peerless Fertilizer Co.,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.

CONSERVATION.

Don't let the old straw rick rot and blow away. Sell it and put the proceeds at work. Write or telephone and our buyer will call.

AMERICAN STRAWBOARD CO.,
Phone 86 Chestertown, Md.
Nov. 24, 6m.

Christmas Suggestions

FOR SOLDIERS

WHEN looking around for a present to send your brother or son or friend, who is in the training camp or at the front, come to

Stam's Drug Store

Here are some articles from which you may make a selection: Pound Packages of Tobacco, Cigarettes, Cigars, Pipes, Safety Razors, Boxes of Candy, Comfort Kits, smaller articles for comfort kits and many other things too numerous to mention.

STAM DRUG CO.

CHESTERTOWN, MD.

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