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SCHEDULE FOR ADMINISTERING DIPTHERIA TOXIN TO CHILDREN IN KENT COUNTY

Dr. J. P. Franklin, State Deputy Health Officer offered several weeks ago to give the toxin antitoxin treatment to all children in the white schools of Kent County twelve (12) years of age and under and to all white children too young to enter school whose parents request him to treat them.

For the past two years many children in the Fairlee school district have been immunized in this way against diptheria and the treatment was given last year to the great majority of children twelve years and under in the Chestertown school. This work of safeguarding children against diptheria through the toxin antitoxin treatment has been carried on elsewhere for a number of years with great success. The people of Kent are fortunate indeed to be able to have this treatment given their children within the age limit mentioned above without cost to them or the country.

A survey has been made through the schools to learn what parents desire this treatment for their children Requests for it to be given to approximately four hundred (400) children have been received and others are still coming in. No child will be treated without a written request from its parents or guardian. All requests should, therefore, be in before the date of the first visit to each of the centers listed in the schedule below.

Dr. Franklin will be at the schools listed below on the days and at the hours given.

Monday morning, February 15th: Fairlee 9:00 o'clock; Rock Hall Elem. 9:45 o'clock; Piney Neck 11:00 o'clock Skinner's Neck 11:30 o'clock; St Paul 12:00 o'clock.

Monday afternoon, February 15th: Kennedyville 1:30 o'clock; Still Pond 2:00; Betterton 2:30.

Tuesday morning, February 16th: Locust Grove 9:00 o'clock; Galena 9:30 o'clock; Massey 10:15 o'clock; Millington 11.00 o'clock.

Tuesday afternoon, February 16th: Worton 1:00 o'clock; Flatland 2:00 o'clock.

Parents who desire their children of pre school age (six years and under) to be treated should have them at the nearest center of visits promptly at the hour stated in the schedule.

LOUIS C. ROBINSON,
County Supt. of Schools.

MAIL TRUCK OVERTURNS

The truck which brings the mail from Elkton to Chestertown and way stations, turned over near Galena on Thursday morning and landed in a snow drift several feet deep. The driver was not injured, but was given a hard fall. The mail was transferred to the afternoon train and landed in Chestertown ten hours late.

WOMAN DIES FROM BURNS

Mrs. Annie Connelly, of Centreville aged 86 years, died yesterday from burns received from coming in contact with a stove. She was one of Centreville's most well-loved women and was totally blind.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

All persons who are in arrears for "TOWN TAXES" are requested to pay same on or before April 1st, 1926. Those not paid by that date will be collected in accordance with the law governing collection of Taxes.

By Order of
Commissioners of Chestertown,
JAMES W. CROUCH, Clerk.

BAKE

THE OLD KENT CHAPTER D. A. R., will hold a bake in Gill Bros., Ice Cream Parlor.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, at 11 a. m.

Home made candy, cakes, pies chickens and eggs for sale.

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j30-3t* Chestertown, Md.

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KENT BURIED BY SNOW

TREMENDOUS DRIFTS FORMED AS HEAVY SNOW STORM SWEEPS OVER THIS SECTION

Kent people awoke Wednesday morning to find the whole section covered by snow which varied from eighteen inches to two feet in depth, blocking many roads leading into the state highways. It was the deepest snow storm in five years and came almost like a bolt from the blue.

On Tuesday a slight flurry covered the ground and it appeared like Kent people were in for a heavy snow storm and perhaps a blizzard. However, by eight o'clock the storm had subsided and a rain seemed probable. Twelve o'clock P. M. found little snow on the ground, but a raging blizzard of wind and snow burying the county and drifting to an extent unknown for years.

Upon arising Wednesday Kent people inmmediatley began to dig their way out of the mess the blizzard had left them. In the county considerable hardship prevailed, as the drifts had left many roads blocked, and farmers leave a considerable number of paths which must be cut in order to perform their daily and necessary tacks.

Rural route drivers had considerable difficulty in make their tours journeys.

The State Roads snow plow broke its way through Chestertown about eight a. m., and worked its way down the shore, doing good work in aiding the continuance of traffic.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MARYLAND

Question 1.—Have you a County Welfare Board?

Answer.—No. The Board of County Commissioners acts in capacity of a Welfare Board.

Question 2.—Do they make any provision for special work in Social Service?

Answer.—No. Special provision is made for social service, the county nurse does some social service in addition to her other duties.

Question 3.—Are the deaf, dumb, and blind cared for by the State or County? How are they committed?

Answer By the State, if committed by the County a charge of $50.00 a quarter is made.

Question 4.—What cooperation is there between the State and County authorities in caring for dependents and delinquents.

Answer.—The County has a dependent fund which pays $15.00 per quarter amounting to $700.00 a year.

Question 5.—Has Kent County an Almshouse? By whom it it supervised? How many inmates? What is the expense to the County, both total and per capital?

Answer.—Yes, managed by a Board of Trustee. Number of inmates, 16 Expense of Almshouse last year $9,444.97. Per capita $590.31. There is a farm in connection with the Almshouse, receipts of which were $2,527.72.

Question 6.—Does the County give pensions or any type of relief to widowed mothers? Does it give any poor relief other than through the support of the Almshouse?

Answer.—No. Through fund in question 4.

MRS. ROOT ADDRESSES THE LIABRAY ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Root who is sent out by the State Library Commission addressed the Womans Literary Society who are sponsors for the Chestertown Library, at their meeting last Friday afternoon. She urged on them the importance of having a Public Library opened at all times suggesting ways and means to attain that result. One thing she thought was necessary that was publicity to show the books the library possesses to try and interest public spirited men in its upkeep and its permancy, to try and obtain County aid if necessary. The Library is maintained at present by subscription of the readers, fees from the Literary Society, the sale of Christmas cards and the surplus from the Current Events Lectures. The room, a bright sunny one, has been loaned rent free and there is a fine collection of books. Too much cannot be said for those who with real personal sacrifice have striven to keep this Library going and it is to be hoped that such a plan can be carried out and that Chestertown and Kent County may have a Public Library opened for readers every day with the Current Magazines added for the benefit of the readers. A copy of Miss Root's address will appear in our next issue.

"DO WHAT THE MOMENT DEMANDS," IS THE MESSAGE FROM LINCOLN'S LIFE, BY KATHLEEN NORRIS, NOTED WOMAN AUTHOR, IN SUNDAY'S BALTIMORE AMERICAN.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S CONNECTION WITH EASTERN SHORE.

Accumulation of Facts of Historical Interest Shows This Section as Important Factor in Early History of Country

These many interesting facts were compiled by Dr. Paul E. Titsworth, President of Washington College, in a three day search through the Diaries and letters of George Washington at the Congressional Library, Washing D. C.

Dr. Titsworth searched these records in an effort to determine George Washing ton's connections with Washington College as written in his own diaries and letters. This paper is indebted to Dr. Titsworth for this interesting article showing the importance of the Eastern Shore of Maryland especially the northern counties, in the Revolutionary War, and the early government of the United States, of which too little has been written in early histories

The articles follow with references from which they were taken.

East of the lordly Chesapeake are situated nine counties of Maryland, a storied land, one flowing with milk and honey—if the Biblical metaphor may be stretched to cover wheat, tomatoes, oysters, and crabs in abundance,—beloved of every native and dweller, the Eastern Shore. Settled early in the seventeenth century by sturdy middle-class and courtly cavalier stock of purest English growth this territory was in the middle of the stage during the colonial period and only just off stage, in the wnigs, during Revolutionary times.

Geographically speaking, the Eastern shore begins at the Susquehanna River and winds gently about the head of the Bay and stretches away down the Chesapeake for some two hundred miles to Cape Charles, Virginia.

In travelling to and from Mt. Vernon and Virginia and Philadelphia and New York, George Washington almost always passed over the soil of the Eastern Shore. Going north he frequently entered its territory near Perryville on the Susquehanna, going on thence through or staying in Elkton—frequently referred to as Head of Elk—and leaving the Shore near Iron Hill on the Delaware line. Going south, he reversed this itinerary.

His diaries and letters mention a second route he sometimes used when, headed northward, he crossed the Chesapeake from Annapolis to Rock Hall in Kent County. In this event he broke his journey at Chestertown, Kent's county seat, where he ate, or lodged the night, or both. Journeying southward over this route, he entered the Shore either at Warwick or Iron Hill and, passing through, or staying in, Chestertown, he shipped from Rock Hall to Annapolis.

His diaries afford no evidence that his foot ever touched any part of the Eastern Shore south of Chestertown, although vague local legends exists to the contrary. The records show that he paid at least six different visits to Kent County.

Washington honored Chestertown especially when, in April, 1785, he attended, as a member of the Board of Visitors and Governors, the third commencement of Washington College.

Head of Elk, mention of which recurs frequently in the Washington papers of the Revolutionary years, was a landing on Big Elk Creek, a main branch of Elk River which flows into the Chesapeake a few miles below Elkton, in Cecil County. Here, at this strategically convenient yet rather secluded spot, General Washington maintained practically throughout the war a supply depot. Remains of the old wharf can still be seen near the abutments of the present cement bridge just outside Elkton on the Glasgow Road to Wilmington, Del.

1. Fitzpatrick, **George Washington Diaries;** September and October, 1774 and March, 1791.

From this point stores could be hastened to the north when the British were harrying New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania and south when they threatened Baltimore and northern Virginia.

As the visitor looks at Elk River and its confluent, Big Elk Creek, today it seems incredible that these two insignificant streams could ever have been of military importance. Yet twice particularly Head of Elk must have seen some feverish activity.

In 1777 Lord Howe embarked troops at New York, sailed with them down the Atlantic Coast, ran in between the Virginia Capes, and came full speed up the Chesapeake to catch and destroy Washington's army and to take Philadelphia. He disembarked his men at Head of Elk, but found Washington informed of his movements. Skillfully the Continental Commander-in-Chief withdrew out of Howe's reach, keeping, however, almost always in sight of the British. At last, after considerable jockeying for position, the American forces withdrew from Maryland soil and took their stand at the Brandywine.

Again in 1781, at the time of the battle of Yorktown, while Count de Grasse the French fleet commander, held off the British at the mouth of the Chesapeake, Washington swooped down the Bay to aid Rochambeau who was worrying Cornwallis.

The American General moved from the Head of the Elk whence he had previously sent orders down the Eastern Shore for boats to convey men and supplies from Baltimore to Yorktown. The union of the Continental troups with their French allies being more quickly effected by Washington's transporting his men by water. the two armies were able to close in on Lord Cornwallis, administer a decisive defeat, and thus bring the British king to sue for peace.

1. Smith, **Life of Rev. William Smith, D. D.**

2. Conrad, "Manoeuvering for a Battle Ground," **Motor Travel,** May and June, 1925.

Evidently Washington looked upon Head of Elk as a military position of considerable importance. When, in 1777, Lord Howe had sailed from New York for nobody at first knew where, the Americans were rather inclined to suppose that the British were going to throw a line of forces across the twelve-mile wide neck of land separating Delaware from Chesapeake Bay waters.

On September 7, 1777, Washington wrote Major General Health from Wilmington:

"Since General Howe's debarkation in Elk River he has moved on about seven miles; his main body now lies at Iron Hill, and ours near a village called Newport. In this position the armies are from eight to ten miles apart. It is yet very uncertain what General Howe's plan of operations will be. Some imagine that he will extend himself from the head waters of the Chesapeake to the Delaware, and by these means not only cut off the counties on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and two of those belonging to Delaware State but will secure the horses, cattle, and forage of which there are considerable quantities in that country.

1. Washington Letters for September and October, 1781, M. S. Division Library of Congress.

Losing the Delmarva Peninsula which provided goodly supplies, not only of grain, cattle, and horses, but also of men and boats, would have been a serious loss to Washington.

More vital than his relations to the terrain of the Eastern Shore of Maryland were, of course, his relations to Eastern Shoremen. A number of the outstanding figures of Washington's life time, particularly from about the opening of the Revolution on,—men of war, men of peace, counselors and cooperators in the great adventure for the independence of the Colonies—sprang from, or were connected with, this trans-Chesapeake country.

One of the glories of the American Revolution was the bravery displayed by the Maryland troops in the ill-starred battle of Long Island when the British drove the Americans out of New York and vicinity, forcing them to retreat down through New Jersey. The Maryland men received Washington's warmest commendation for their costly loyalty on this occasion. Eastern Shoremen played a distinguished part in this fight with the British, the independent companies from Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties making up a considerable part of Colonel (later General) William Smallwood's command. Indeed, Smallwood himself was a son of Kent County.

1. Washington Letters, M. S. Division, Library of Congress.

2. Buchholz, **Governors of Maryland.**

In thinking of Washington and Eastern Shormen, one needs to include in the roster of those in whom the General and President was interested and upon whom he relied, the names of James Rumsey, the inventor of the steamboat, the trial trip of which upon the Potomac engaged Washington's keen attention and enlisted his approval; William Carmichael, a friend of Washington and Lafayette, who was secretary of the American Commissioners in Paris; John Dickinson, whose wisdom and patriotism elicited the remark from the Earl of Chatam "that all attempts to impose servitude on such men must be vain;" Commodore James Nicholson, one-time ranking officier of the Continental navy; Samuel Chase, signer of the Declaration of Independence. whom Washington appointed associate judge of the Supreme Court of the United States; and William Paca, also a signer, whom the first president chose as district judge for Maryland because he had been

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PRISONERS ARE RECAPTURED

Howard Lewis and Willie Wilkinson, two prisoners who made their escape from jail here early Friday morning by digging a hole in the wall under their cell window, have been recaptured and landed in jail here. Lewis was captured by Deputy Sheriff Harry Redding as he was passing through Galena presumably en route to Wilmington. On Monday morning Sheriff Goodman was notified by Wilmington authorities that Wilkinson had been captured. Goodman went to Wilmington Monday afternoon and returned with Wilkinson. Both prisoners are being held in close confinement until their trials at the April term of court.

LOCAL FIRES CONTINUE

February promises to be a record month in the number of responses to alarms made by the Volunteer Fire Company, which since the purchase of the large county-wide truck, is obliged to answer alarms turned in for fires occurring in outlying sections. During the past week the company has responded to at least a half-dozen calls, as many as two alarms having been sounded within a few hours of each other. On Friday one call was made for a chimney fire on the farm, occupied by William French, two miles from town, and that evening an alarm was sounded for a fire at the home of R. Lee Robinson, on the outskirts of town. Neither blaze did any appreciable damage, but caused considerable work and effort on the part of members of the company. At the French fire the company was compelled to send to Chestertown for an extra supply of chemical.

RUMORS OF TOMATO CONTRACTS

Tomato growers in Kent are hearing rumors of contemplated offers for contract growing the coming season, a not a little interest is being taken only from the fact that the crop come to be one of the staple products of the farm, but also because last season was such a disatrous one, especially for those who grew for the open market. That phase of the situation has caused considerable speculation as to its probable effect upon prices to be offered this year.

The condition of the canned goods market during the winter has been such as to compel many of the packers to hold almost their entire output hoping for a rise. This is especially true of Kent's two cooperative canneries at Rock Hall and Fairlee, where a large quantity of the pack is still in warehouses.

CHESTERTOWN GUN CLUB OPENS SEASON

The Chestertown Gun Club held their first shoot of the year on Friday last with a prize shoot, Lewis System. Due to the cold weather the scores were much below the records made last fall. This shoot was for club members only and the results were as follows.

J. Mulford won by a good score of 20 out of 25. Second class was a tie between Derringer and Mitchell. On the shoot off Mitchell won.

Following is the complete score.

	SHOOT	BROKE
J. MULFORD	25	20
S. Evans	25	17
J. Gary	25	17
Redding	25	15
Bacon	25	15
Mitchell	25	14
Derringer	25	14
Kratzer	25	11
Townshend	25	8
Moore	25	5

These shoots will be held from time to time by the club and will afford excellent practice as well as great sport for the members.

DELAWARE NEGRO TO HANG

Harry Butler, negro, was sentenced to be hanged on February 26 following his conviction at Georgetown, Del., Monday afternoon of criminally attacking Eleanor Steinmetz on January 21. near Bridgeville, Del. Under cover of machine guns manned by three battalions of Delaware National Guardsmen, the Negro was escorted by State policemen through 7,000 persons, who surged against a barbed-wire barrier erected around the courthouse, placed in an automobile and speeded to the New Castle County Workhouse, where he will be held until the day of the execution.

Promptness of the jury in reaching a verdict, the court imposing sentence and the policemen in hurrying the prisoner from the courtroom and grounds left the crowd outside temporarily dazed. The Negro was well on his way to New Castle before a majority of the crowd grasped the significance of what had happened.

DAIRYMEN TO DISCUSS DAIRY RATIONS

Discussions to Be Led By Extension Specialists in All Sections of County---First Meeting at Fairlee.

County agent H. B. Derrick has completed arrangements for a series of meetings for all Kent County Dairymen beginning Monday, February 15th at Fairlee.

Farm Bureau Locals, Granges and Feed Dealers are co-operating to make these meetings a big success from the standpoint of attendance and more profitable dairying in Kent County.

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss dairy rations, balancing the dairy ration, what to buy to balance the ration with the roughages and concentrates on your farm, how much to feed per cow per day, and what to grow to make a more economical dairy ration. This discussion will be led by Mr. J. A. Conover, Dairy Specialist.

Soybeans, Alfalfa, Cowpeas, Vetch and other legume crops will be discussed by all, with Mr. F. W. Oldenburg Agronomy Specialist, reading the discussion.

Everyone interested in Dairying in Kent County is cordially invited to attend the following meetings:

Fairlee, Monday, February 15th, 1:30 p. m., Fairlee High School.

Kennedyville, Tuesday, February 16 10:00 a. m., Kennedyville High School.

Still Pond, Tuesday February 16th. 1:30 p. m., Grange Hall.

Massey, Wednesday, February 17th. 10.00 a. m., Massey Hall.

Millington, Wednesday, February 17, 1.30 p. m., Millington High School.

Worton, Thursday, February 18th, 9.30 a. m., Worton Hall.

Rock Hall, Thursday, February 18th, 1.30 p. m., High School.

Chestertown, Friday, February, Feb., 19th, 1.30 p. m., Court House.

These meetings will be both interesting and instruction to the Dairymen of the county and will likely mean the saving of dollars on feed bills and add to milk checks. Dairying has become one of the chief assets to the farmers with the gradual elimination of scrub tock and the practice of better feeding will increase these assts.

DELMARVIA, THE LAND OF CONTENTMENT

Doubtless all our readers, have viewed it before,
This portion of the United States, known as the Eastern Shore,
Where its people have found such solid pleasure,
That with it, no other location can measure.

First go in Cecil County, where this shore makes its start,
And look upon its surroundings, as shown upon the chart,
And then your eyes will see, as around about you gaze,
The scenes which are so wonderful, that you will simply be amazed.

Then journey down the State Road, until Kent County you reach,
This County as we all know, excels even Miami Beach,
As theirs is only a few months, whereas ours last forever,
As the climate is so ideal, that we spend the whole year together.

Then cross the dear old Chester River into Quee Anne's as it is known,
You will strike another ideal place, just find to build a home,
With a soil that produces practically all that is good to eat,
And the scenery on the Corsica River, is simply hard to beat.

As you pass on down the Shore, Caroline County you will touch,
That shows such vast improvement and liked by all so much,
The land produces such fine truck and will touch your very heart,
And sad you will feel when leaving, if from them you have to part.

But the next is Talbot County, which with wonders does abound,
And a royal welcome they will give you, if they know you are coming down,
For they live for happiness to others, as anyone will say,
Who has paid them a visit, while passing by their way.

Dorchester County is the next, that will take you by surprise,
And you will think you have had a dream, as you look with raptured eyes
And wonder why you went to other places, seeking joy or wealth,
With this great haven near by to enjoy the best of health.

Then comes Wicomico County, known as the land of gold,
That growth nearly all things, which in markets are easily sold,
With a climate that is ideal and if you like a Southern trip,
For you will get a hearty welcome, when they see you with your grip.

Worcester County the next in line, with the Ocean for miles about,
And when you reach this County, I am sure you will want to shout,
And your heart will fill with sunshine and perhaps your eye a tear,
As you think of time you have wasted, instead of coming here.

Somerset County known to all, is the last one on our list,
And if you haven't seen it, a great deal, you have certainly missed,
As they live for each other and when they grasp your hand,
One decision you will make, to stay on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

But we cannot close this poem and pass our neighboring States,
As Delaware and Virginia to us, seen just like school-mates.
And as stated in a meeting, when this great plan was started,
We should all be joined together and no more from each be parted.

Because to us, they just like neighbors, working hand in hand,
Thinking only of each other and to help their fellow-man,
As Delmarvia is the name, which our leaders have selected,
So please join this vast improvement, which so long has been neglected.

JESSE MEDDERS.

COUNTY-WIDE CONFERENCE HELD.

KENT COUNTY ORGANIZATION OF DEL-MAR-VA EASTERN SHORE ASSOCIATION FORMED

A county-wide conference was held in the Court House Friday Afternoon of last week with the court room filled with men representing all the various business and agricultural pursuits in the county.

It was decided by those present that Kent County should be a part of the Del-Mar-Va Eastern Shore Association, and a permanent organization for the county was formed, of which Mr. J. D. Jaxwell was elected Chairman and Mr. R. Hynson Rogers, secretary.

his means that Kent County has accepted its share of this work to be done, and will reap at least its share of the benefits. The work to be done will necessitate the forming and proper unctioning of a Kent County Chamber f Commerce, or a similar organization, omposed of members from all sections f the County whose duty will be to see hat Kent County gets its share of the harvest that will be reaped by the aint organization, the Del-mar-va Eastern Shore Association.

Among the speakers at the meeting n Friday were Dr. Grear, of the Caulk Dental Co., Milford, Delaware. Dr. Grear, a former resident of this county is one of the out standing progressive f lower Delaware, and his interest in this organization is purely an unselfish elief that it will mean a great development of the peninsula. Mr. Fred P. Adkins, one of the fathers of the organization was also one of the speakers; he is giving a large part of his aluable time in the belief that his usiness will benefit alike all other usiness and agricultural interests on he peninsula.

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