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AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT IN CHESTERTOWN

On Saturday morning of last week a car, owned by Mr. D. C. Hicks and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, skidded on the Mapel Ave., hill in Chestertown, crashing into a telephone pole.

Mrs. Hicks received a cut on the head and was taken to the office of Dr. H. P. Copeland, where it required several stitches to close the wound in her head. Mr. Hicks, who was driving the car, was not seriously injuried. Shortly after the accident, Mr. Bond Towner, who was driving down the avenue failed to see the wrecked car and dashed into it, damaging his car badly but he was not injuried. Mr. Hicks' car was completely wrecked.

TO BUILD APARTMENT HOUSE

Mr. Frank E. Duyer has purchased from Col. Wm. J. Vannort the lot in the rear of the Col's. home and fronting on Maple Ave. upon which he will build a two story apartment house. The building will contain four apartments two downstairs and two upstairs each apartment will have a sitting room, a dining room, two bed rooms, bath room, kitchen, and two porches one front and one back. An apartment house has been long needed in Chestertown as many families who wanted to locate here have been unable to do so, because they could not get homes in which to live.

MUSKRAT FARM STARTED

Fencing of 7,000 acres of swamp land at Swan Lake, Quesnel, in British Columbia, into the largest muskrat farm in the world, has been completed, according to J. E. McFarland, representative of a fur company in Vancouver.

The output from the muskrat ranch will eventually total 50,000 pelts, it is estimated. The farm consist of lowlying meadows and streams already heavily populated with muskrat and beaver. Weekly disbursements to neighboring trappers for restocking amount to $1,000.

The muskrat industry throughout the country has become one of a profitable standbye for our farmer who own marsh land.

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7 foot Locust Post 35c delivered.
Extra good cord wood $9 delivered.
Cut wood $4.00 load delivered.
WM. HUSSEY,
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MUSICAL AND DEBATE

Musical entertainment and Debate will be given in the lecture room of Christ M. P. Church on Thursday, evening, January 27th, 1927, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society. The subject of the Debate is, Resolved, "That Women have more Patience than Men." It will be discussed by two ladies and two gentlemen of the Washington College faculty. The musical entertainment will consist of orchestra instrumental and vocal selections and readings. Silver offering at the door.
J22-1t. Committee

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AT THE
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DUCKING LAW TO BE CHANGED

STATE GAME DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT NEW BILL TO LEGISLATURE FOR ENACTMENT. LICENSES TO BE RAISED

The State Game Department will ask the Maryland Legislature to pass a new ducking law for the Susquehanna flats. While the new bill has not yet been presented, it is understood to contain many changes, among them being the raising of the bushwhack license from $5.75 to $15.75, and the sink box license from $20.75 to $30.75.

Another important change will be the extending of the shooting grounds. At present shooting is allowed from sink boxes and bushwhack boats on the flats south of a line from Point Concord on the Harford county shore to Carpenter's Point on the Cecil county shore, and from Turkey Point to a point half a mile north of Spesutia Island and continuing westward until it reaches the shore at or near Oakington.

The proposed change will permit the shooting from sink boxes and sneak boats in the Susquehanna river beginning oposite Mt. Ararat, in Cecil county, and continuing to a point beginning south of Spesutia Island and crossing at or near Grove Point.

The duckng police of Harford and Cecil counties will be paid a salary each of $400 and will be subject to the supervision of the State Game Department, no active gunners to be appointed. At present the ducking police are appointed by the Governor and are permitted to come and go at will. Another provision, it is understood will be that all monies derived from licenses will be paid in equal shares to the Havre de Grace Hospital and the Union Hospital, of Elkton.

FIRE AT CHURCH HILL

A fire driven by a northwest gale threatened the entire southern section of the historic little town of Church Hill on Saturday morning, January 15.

The fire started about 6.30 a. m. in the general store of A. F. Golt, located in the heart of the town, supposed to have been due to a defective flue.

The firemen were handicapped by a blinding snowstorm and a thirty-mile gale.

Help came from Chestertown, Millington, Centreville and Easton, and by 10 o'clock the blaze had been checked after wrecking practically a whole block in the business section of the town. In order to get water to the fire it was necessary to pump through long lines of hose from a pond just outside of the town.

The Chestertown Fire Co., pumped from the mill pond, through 2200 ft. of hose, and the other companies succeeded in throwing a stream of water on the burning buildings. The Church Hill pumper although frozen when the fire started, did good work toward the end.

The buildings destroyed were the general store of A. F. Golt, the combined house and dry goods store of Miss Essie Walls, the home of Henry Walls, the Tatman Garage and the brick dwelling and store of James E. Thompson.

The home of James L. Tatman was partly wrecked and it was here that the firemen managed to check the blaze and prevent its further spread.

A number of the firemen, particularly those coming from a distance, sufered from exposure, having their face and limbs frozen.

VELMA BROOKS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Fire in the engine room of the Velma Brooks, a thirty-three-ton power boat, in dry dock at the Chesapeake Marine Railways plant, Baltimore was extinguished yesterday afternoon before it reached a tank in which one hundred gallons of gasoline was stored.

The blaze was caused by a lighted candle falling into a can of grease, Charles W. Capel, of Chestertown, engineer of the boat, said. Capel and Vernon L. Adams, 437 North Linwood avenue, said they were making repairs to the engine when the grease flared up. Adams tried to put the fire out while Capel ran to Covington street and Key Highway to sound a fire alarm.

Loss Put At $500.

The fire boat Cataract and several pieces of land apparatus answered the call, but the land machines proved sufficient to extinguish the flames. Capel estimated the loss at about $500. The boat is owned by C. W. Townsend, of Chestertown and runs regularly up the Chester River during tomato season.

SCOPES INNOCENT; LAW UPHELD

Tennessee's Supreme Court on Saturday proclaimed the fundamental soundness of the State's famous law against teaching the theory of evolution in State supported schools. At the same time, it reversed the verdict of guilty against John T. Scopes, whose case was on appeal, and then barred recourse to the United States Supreme Court by recommending the case be nolle prossed instead of retried. This was done late today and the case dismissed.

Without a dissenting vote, the Court recommended to L.D. Smith, State Attorney General, that the "peace and dignity" of the State would best be served by a nolle prosse, thus ending what the Court termed "this bizarre case," once and for all. Mr. Smith at once announced he would follow the recommendation and not seek a retrial.

The opinion declaring the law constitutional was delivered by Chief Justice Green and concurred in by two other justices, but Justice McKinney dissented on the ground that the act's "uncertainty of meaning" rendered it invalid.

The conviction of Mr. Scopes, who was a science teacher in Dayton High School, was reversed because Judge John T. Ralston, presiding, fined him $100, when the jury failed to fix a fine. The high court held that only a jury may fix a fine of more than $50 under Tennessee law.

BUSINESS ON PENINSULA GOOD

FAILURES LOWEST SINCE THE YEAR OF 1889

Statistics of the Wilmington office of the P. G. Dunn & Co., mercantile agency, show that the business failures for 1926 on the Penninsula rank well with the lowest number for any year since 1889, when that office was opened.

In 1919 there were but 34 failures on the Peninsula as compared with 43 in 1926. It is unfortunate, however, that the liabilities in the 1926 failures are quite heavy. In 1925, 81 failures had a total of liabilities of $972,000, while in 1926, 43 failures had $850,000 liabilities.

The total number of failures on this Peninsula for 16 years, from 1910 to 1925 inclusive, is 1127 with liabilities of $15,603,480.67, assets of $8,387,030.17, or an average of 70 plus failures with liabilities of $975,217.54 and assets of $524,189,38, showing a clear loss of approximately $500,000 per year in business failures.

Business condtions on the Peninsula during the past year have been quite spotty. Many merchants have enjoyed a profitable year while others have been less fortunate. Labor ers have been less fortunate. Labor has been well employed and wages have been good. Investigation reveals nothing apparent for the immediate future to change the general trend of present conditions.

During 1925 the Peninsula experienced one of the largest packs of tomatoes in history, resulting in the acreage being materially reduced in 1926. Taken as a whole it is considered that about 50 per cent. of the average pack was put up this season. The tomatoes were of poor quality, the yield light and many canneries did not operate.

The crop of most of the fruit was abundant, markets were flooded, and many thousands of dollars worth of apples. in particular, some other fruits, were allowed to decay in orchards. Many cases were reported where the remuneration to the producer was not sufficient to pay for the cost of picking, packing and carrying charges.

There were abundant crops of most of the grains, particularly corn and wheat.

EMPRESS CHARLOTTE DIES

The death of Charlotte, sister, of Leopold II, and once empress of Mexico has brought to a close one of the most pathetic lives in history. She was the wife of Maximillian who for a short time was emperor of Mexico, and then was deposed and shot. Never since his death in 1867 has she mentioned his name her mind being clouded ever since the tragedy. In youth she was a very beautiful woman and is said to have possessed great wealth, but she has lived ever since Maximilians death in her Chateau never going outside of the grounds. She is the great aunt of the present king of Belgium.

—At a meeting of the Betterton Electric Co., this week the following officers were elected: Charles H. Duffield, Pres.; Charles H. Brice, Vice-Pres.; James A. Bowman, Secy. and Treas.; Simon P. Thomas, Supt.; George Brice [illegible] elected a director.

THE GROVE

From New York Times

Against the hemlock twilight, birches, dimmer
Than curven images of Winter moons
On frozen ponds, outshone the elfin glimmer
Of Indian-Pipes; the ferns formed close platoons
Around gray rocks, from which dripped pigeon-berry's
Rich drops of Dryad blood; the velveteen
Of drifting Indian pear and white chokecherries
Relieved the bright monotony of green.

There was an Echo, too, which caught and scattered
The dusken lullaby of chickadee,
As jolly chipmunk cynics rudely chattered
And scolded from high-crotched security
Such was my grove!.... Today a greedy city
Sprawls out grim tentacles that overthrow
Old oaks to plant new tenements.... what pity,
For man to slave, that lovely things must go!

A NEW STEP IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A new step has been taken in the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Conference program of Religious Education, in the enployment of Miss Margaret L. Isley, of Melrose Highlands, Mass., as full time Elementary Specialist. In the ten year program of the Conference Board of Church Schools submitted to the Annual Conference at its meeting last March by the Director of Religious Education, Rev. F. A. Lindhorst, a proposal was made to establish a local Director of Religious Education for group districts, within the next ten years each of these workers is to hold a conference wide relationship as a specialist in some particular field of work, such as Elementary, Young People's, or Adults.

By the aid of the Board of Home Misions through the Department of Rural Work, the first of these workers has been secured in Miss Isley. She will work intensively in a group of charges centering around Sudlersville, Md. This group includes Sudlersville, Millington, Galena, Crumpton, Henderson, Marydel, Hartley, and Barclay. There are fifteen churches in these charges in which Miss Isley will do her intensive work. A local board of Religious Education representing these charges has been organized. It is ocmposed of Rev. Otis P. Jefferson, Chairman, Miss Anna C. Harrison, and Mr. Carroll Leverage, Crumpton; Rev. R. D. Hodgson, Mrs. A. S. Walls, and Mr. Charles B. Chance, Sudlersville; Rev. F. A. Baker, Mrs. C. C. Church, and Mr. Harry Higman, Treas., Millington; Rev. W. L. McClintock, Mrs. L. A. Gooden, and Mr. R. H. Sylvester, Henderson; Rev. Ivanhoe Willis, Mr. Henry Caldwell and Mr. Chester Davis, Galena; Rev. Harry N. Bailey, Mrs. Roger Davis and Mr. Lee Harmon, Marydel.

Miss Isley comes with excellent training and experience in the field of Religious Education. She is a graduate of Boston University, School of Religious Education with Bachelor in Religious Educaton degree. She has been teaching for the last few months in the Dayton, Ohio, week day School of Religion. She has had a wide and varied experience in the Elementary Department, Camp Fire Program, Daily Vacation Church Schools, and other young peoples work. She comes very highly recommended. Miss Isley arrived in Delaware, January 5, and will begin her work immediately.

The Local Board of Religious Education for the Sudlersville Group met informally with Miss Isley for the first time on Saturday, 8, and tendered her a banquet and reception, with one hundred official workers from the various churches in the group, at Galena, Wednesday, January 12. She will meet with the Conference Board of Religious Education for the first time at its annual meeting the last of February or the first of March.

The Wilmington Conference is the second in the one hundred and eight conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to employ a full-time Elementary Specialist for this type of work. It is to be hoped that in a comparatively short time other special workers will be secured to work in the other three districts of the conference.

ROTARIANS TO WILMINGTON

Members of the Chestertown Rotary Club journeyed to Wilmington on Monday evening of this week and attended an intercity meeting in that city. The meeting was held on the occasion of a visit to Wilmington by President Harry Rogers, president of Rotary International. A very elaborate program was staged at the Dupont Hotel.

THE PULLING POWER OF PUBLICITY

(From the Manufacturers Record)

The Chamber of Commerce of Atlanta, having tested the pulling power of publicity, is now considering launching a campaign to raise an advertising fund of $1,000,000, to be expended in newspapers and magazines throughout the country. A year or more ago it looked like a daring enterprise for Atlanta to raise from its business men a fund of $250,000 for advertising. It was carried on, and the official report states that in the last ten months this publicity has been instrumental in bringing 136 new plants to Atlantic with annual payrolls aggregating over $7,000,000, and bringing to the city 10,000 new people.

The success of that movement has been so great that it is now proposed to raise this advertising fund to $1,000,000.

President Coolidge recently called attention to the fact that the prosperity of America has been largely created by advertising. More and more it is being realized that advertising is the lever which lifts business out of the Slough of Despond in times of depression, and is really a creative force which not only lifts business but sustains it on a higher plane of activity than would ever have been possible in any other way. It has been wisely said that chemistry is one of the great creative forces of the world. But chemistry is scarcely a greater science and is certainly not more powerful in the creation of business than is advertising, well directed and continuously and aggressively pushed. It is well that President Coolidge made his recent strong address in behalf of this tremendous force which has built up America and which has created the prosperity of towns and cities and States and individual interests.

The intelligent business man is everywhere coming more and more to recognize that advertising is not an expense but is an investment, and the kind of investment, that is just as essential to his business progress as is the utilization of modern machinery or the employment of skilled men.

Once some people thought that advertising was an experiment. Some thought it was a waste of money. Some advertised only because competitors did. But now every intelligent business man, be he banker, merchant or manufacturer, realizes that advertising is the foundation on which he must erect his business structure, and that without advertising he will simply be building on a foundation of sand, while with adequate advertising he is building on a rock foundation and his structure will not be shaken by the storms of financial adversity.

No business is so great that it can afford not to advertise. No business is so small that it cannot afford to advertise.

No community is so prosperous that it cannot increase its prosperity, just as Atlanta is doing, by intensive, well-directed advertising. The cost may be great, but the harvest is greater. Ephemeral or short-time advertising, expecting immediate results, is a false basis on which to operate. Advertising, whether of cities, or States or individual enterprises, must be commensurate with the soundness of the institution, the possibility of creating a demand for information and for building a market, whether that market be of new industries such as Atlantic has secured, or new population whch is drawn by well-directed publicity, or whether it be a market for machinery, for dry goods, or for the thousand and one other things which enter into the life of the country.

Atlanta's success in its advertising campaign should be a stimualtion to every other town in the country, and pre-eminently to the towns and cities of the South, and to the business men of the nation as a whole.

THE BISHOPS CRUSADE

The Bishops Crusade which is a call toColors and a reenlistment of the whole church under the banner of our great leader Christ, has nearly three hundred Bishops Priests, and laymen going out conducting two or more Crusades of six days each in all dioceses visited by them. This is a call to every man woman and child of the church to consecration and service. The Crusade will open in the Diocese of Easton February 6. The Rt. Rev. Robert E. L. Strider, of W. Va., and the Rev. N. B. Groton, of Whitemark, Pa., will visit Emmanuel Church, Chestertown on February 16, 17 and 18. There will be early service at 7 a. m., and daily conferences during the day and mass meetings at the evening service. All men, women and children are expected to take part. This includes all parishes in Kent Co.

—The turkey supper held in Emmanuel P. E. Church Hall Thursday evening was a [illegible]

INDIAN RAIN MAKER DEMANDS REWARD

Captain Pete, a hereditary medicine chief of the Washoe tribe, is the acclaimed maker of rain. Grizzled warrior and mighty n the magic of his people, Captain Pete declares that for three days he prayed to the rain spirits, won their recognition with many charms and incantatins and brought rains worth millions to farmers of Nevada and adjacent California counties. He presented a demand to the white farmers for compensation and his demand was supported by leaders of other tribes. Shoshone and Piute medicine men have asserted that the power of Captain Pete has been proved.

The old chief reminded white farmers that his ancestors, mighty makers of storms, were always compensated for bringing rains and that he, too, was entitled to a reward. The amused skepticism of the whites has aroused a certain amount of anger among the tribes and proved again that long years of education in the beliefs and culture of the white race has failed to dislodge the ancient superstitions of the desert Indians.

Almost from time immemorial medicine chiefs of the desert tribes have professed to have the power to bring rain, and some have won eminent places in the annals of their people. Water is the blood and sinew of the desert region; therefore power to bring rain places the successful medicine man on an eminence greater even than that of the greatest of war chiefs.

A remarkable feature of the present case is that educated leaders of the desert tribes declare they will take the question of compensation for Captain Pete before the State Legislature at its approaching session and will combat the ridicule and skepticism of the paleface farmers with the cool statement that storms failed to come before Captain Pete appealed to the rain spirts and have been missing since the old medicine chief became angry with his pale brothers.

WEDDING NOTES

A wedding of much interest in the upper section of Kent County took place on Saturday, January 15, at 6 p. m., in the Galena M. E. Church when Miss Eva Louise Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, of Galena, became the bride of Mr. T. Melvin Jarvis, of near Blacks.

The bride was dressed in Pink Georgette with hat to match and her Maid of Honor, Miss Stella Jarvis, of Galena, wore orchid with hat to match. Mr. Edward Caldwell, of Philadelphia, was best man, and Messrs. Raymond Mulford and William Anthony, of Kennedyville were ushers.

A reception was held at the home of the brides parents in Galena, a large number of friends being present. A number of guests from Wilmington and Middletown were unable to attend the wedding on account of the heavy snow storm of Saturday which blocked the roads.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Albans Church, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, January 12 at four o'clock p. m., when Miss Katherine M. Smith became the bride of Mr. John Day Welch, of Philadelphia. Mr. Welch is nephew, of Mr. John Welch of this town and is well known here.

Miss Hettie Cooper Hicks, of Chestertown, and Mr. Harry A. Schreyer, of Annapolis, were married in Baltimore January 8th, 1927. They will reside in Hamilton, Md.

FORMER KENT COUNTY MEN SUCCEED.

Some years ago two Kent County boys from two of the most prominent families in the county went to Buffalo to learn the machinest trade. After serving their time as apprentices they opened a machine shop in Newark, N. J., and by hard work the business began to grow, until at the present time they are proprietors of a flourishing machine shop business in that town.

Recently these two men made an invention of a part for a moving picture machine that does away with the flicker on the screne. After having the invention patented they received a large order from one of the most skeptical purchasers in the country, the United States Navy. This deal assured the value of the invention and they recently sold their patents for $100,000.

These two men are Mr. Robert R. Emory, brother of Mr. Edward Emory, Miss Julia and Bell Emory, Mrs. Adkinson; and Mr. DeCoursey Ruth, brother of Mrs. Thomas G. Wroth and Mr. John Ruth, of Chestertown.

—Everything is in readiness for the annual banquet of the Kent County Farm Bureau which will be held next week.

SILO EVOLVED IN KENT

FARMER'S HOLE-IN-GROUND PLAN MAY REVOLUTIONIZE INDUSTRY

Farm Bureau officials throughout Kent county are greatly interested in an experiment being tried out by J. Weldon Walbert, a young farmer near town, which may revolutionize the dairy industry in the county, so far as the tenant farmers are concerned, and greatly increase the annual dairy revenue of the county.

Silo Is Hole In Ground

Walbert conceived the idea of building what he terms a home made silo, horizontal in shape, in order to learn for himself as a tenant farmer whether ensilage which forms the bulk of the dairy cow's rations can be successfully preserved and fed to the cows without danger.

The silo is simply a hole in the ground eight feet deep, twelve feet wide and twenty feet long, dug by the regular farm force in two Saturday afternoons' work.

The silo is covered with a gable fodder roof, and the ensilage is covered with a thick covering of wet straw which prevents it from becoming unfit for use.

Walbert, in explaining his "invention" to Secretary William G. Smythe, of the Kent County Farm Bureau, stated that during the short time the silo has been in use it has demonstrated its great value in a decided increase in milk production, and, contrary to the prediction of some of the more skeptical of his neighbors, the ensilage is as sweet and in as good condition as it is when kept in the much more expensive silos now in use.

Sees Increased Profits

Secretary Smythe was greatly interested, for its seems certain that if Walbert's experiment proves permanently successful, and there seems to be no doubt that it will, it will be possible for practically every tenant farmer in the county to own his own silo, which will cause a great increase in the number of dairy cows and will result in creased profits.

PROMINENT RESIDENT OF MIDDLETOWN DEAD

William Alexander Comegys, prominent in Democratic politics in Delaware for many years and former Representative in the Legislature, died in his eighty-second year at his home on South Broad street, in Middletown Thursday of last week.

Mr. Comegys suffered a slight stroke while walking across Cochran Square in Middletown. He fell against the monument in the square and cut and bruised his face. He was taken to his home where he developed pneumonia, which caused his death.

For about 50 years Mr. Comegys had taken an active interest in the affairs of the Democratic party. In 1882 he was elected to the House of Representatves and was re-elected in 1884 and was chosen speaker of the House. He also had served as deputy collector of port in Wilmington under Dr. William H. Cooper, of Kenton, Del., Mr. Comegys was also a deputy in the United States Revenue office in Wilmington for some years.

Mr. Comegys for many years was in the grain business in Middletown, and has served as treasurer of the town and also as a water and light commissioner.

He was widely known throughout the State of Delaware and Maryland. His family has long been one of the most prominent and hospitable in Kent County and well liked by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Fannie A. Comegys, and two sons, Robert A. and Joseph P. Comegys, the latter of Philadelphia. Edwin R. Cockran, Jr., attorney is a nephew of Mr. Comegys.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock, Sunday afternoon. Burial in Forrest cemetery, Delaware.

BAG LIMIT FOR DUCKS LIKELY TO BE CHANGED

The Biological Survey will hold hearings in Washington, D. C., on Thursday, January 20, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the new National Museum to get views of those interested in the matter of shooting wild fowl.

The meeting has been called as a result of the discussion and opposition to the recent recommendation of a bag limit of 15 per day, and the hearing will be presided over by the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for the purpose of determining upon these new regulations. The Havre de Grace gunners should be represented at the meeting that their views may be presented.

The bag limit at present is 25 per day, per man, or 100 for an outfit. Under the proposed change the limit will be 15 per man per day or 60 per outfit.

Truth is always mighty enough to hurt somebody a little.

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