REPORT OF SECRETARY CHESTERTOWN FIRE COMPANY

Mr. President and members of the Company:

It now becomes my duty as secretary of the C. V. F. Co., for the past twelve months to make my annual report.

I deem it only necessary to give you a brief out-line of the happenings as recorded in the minutes.

During the year just passed by, there were held 45 meetings of the company, at which the attendance averaged about 28, an average that could be improved upon and yet is something that we can feel proud of. I feel satisfied that if the members knew what a pleasant time we have at these meetings our attendance record would take quite a jump.

The year of 1926, I can truthfully and gladly say, has been the best year the company has experienced, since it's organization.

Through the remodeling of the fire house, the members both active and inactive have grown closer to each other, and have spent many enjoyable evenings here together in the recreation room.

On the first floor are other improvements, which plainly shows the efficiency of the company in the fire fighting line. I will not say anything in regards to this, not wishing my report to conflict with that of our chief.

In February 1926 a committee was appointed to make arrangements for a yearly appropriation from the County Commissioners, which proved a great help to us, as it will in the future we hope.

On March 29th, our brother firemen of Denton, Md., gave a minstrel show which netted us a clear profit of $55.14.

During this same month the boys all became hungry and a banquet was held in the Armory and I can assure you that a very pleasant time was had by all. Chief Lutz, of Wilmington, Del., was present and gave us a very interesting talk on fire-fighting.

We also had several guests from local companies.

On May 17, 18, 19, our second annual show was given which was a greater success than the one held the previous year, although we were handicapped by the illness of Mrs. Wheeler, and an epidemic of measles which a number of children in the cast contracted. Total net profit from this show amounted to $530.03.

A few days later the Company experienced a great sorrow, when by death we lost one of our most valuable and active men Leslie H. Needles, who died May 22, 1926, being the first death that has occured on the active list for a number of years, due to this, resolutions were drawn-up and a copy of which is spread upon the minutes.

On June 9, 10, 11, The Md. State Firemen's Association held its convention in Westminister, Md. The C. V. F. Co., having present a delegation of men and truck No. 2, although we brought home no prizes. The C. V. F. Co., was recognized as an A-1 fire company.

Shortly before this time dress-uniforms were purchased for the active members, which improved the looks of our company considerable at the convention, and Firemen's Carnival parades, which 13, I believe is the number we attended the past year.

In the latter part of June and the early part of July the Company took another great step forward when Firemen's Band was organized. Although the members have created an unusual amount of noise around the town and county, they are I believe progressing very rapidly and in the future I think this band will prove a great credit to the fire company and Chestertown. It being, I am told the largest and best equiped band on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, composed of about 40 members, with the prospect of several more in the future.

From Sept. 10-18 inclusive, the C. V. F. Co., held it's second annual carnival which in every way except financially was a much larger success than the one held in 1925. By being a greater success I mean it was more elaborately arranged as well as more systematically carried on. The parade, I can truthfully say was the very best ever held on the streets of Chestertown. In attending other carnivals, I have seen none that could compare with it. The success of this parade was due largely to the efforts of Mr. W. H. Elliott, who we are very glad to have as a member of our company, and who was in complete charge of this part of our carnival.

The total gross receipts from this carnival amounted to $10.568.79, total expenses $5.191.84, leaving us a net profit of $5,376.95 which amount is just about $250 less than last years profits, but quite a nice little sum to be made in just eight nights. $4000 of this amount was used to purchase securities which makes the company have $5000 in securities having already a $-000 bond which was purchased earlier in the year, and which places the company in a better financial condition than it has ever been before, for these securities pay us quite a little interest.

At the close of the past year we find that our fire-fighting equipment is in excellent condition, and our fire-alarm as noisy as ever, with progress being shown for having it connected with the telephone office, which will be quite a saving of time on a fire call.

Another item that proves the efficiency of our company, is that Firemen's Accident Insurance has been purchased for each and every member on the active list, and which would be a great benefit to anyone of these men who might be injured while fighting fire, and this I hope will not happen.

This Mr. President, and fellow firemen, about concludes my report, and in my last paragraph, I would like to say, that I have considered it an honor to be secretary for the company, and hope that I have proven efficient. If I have not, I am sorry, for I have served as secretary to the best of my knowledge and ability. And I wish my successor a better year, and better luck for himself and The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company.

Respectfully submitted for your approval and acceptance.

WM. M. BLAKENEY, Secty.

DEATHS

Mrs. Belle M. Crane, wife of the late Curtis E. Crane died at Dr. Beck's hospital in Baltimore of heart trouble on Thursday afternoon. She was born in Caroline County but lived for many years in Chestertown where she leaves many warm friends. She had a generous loving heart and her home was always the centre of welcome hospitality. Funeral services will be held at her late home in Chestertown at 10.30 a. m. Saturday. Burial will be at Louden Park Cemetery. The Rev. Charles L. Atwater will conduct the services. She was 69 years at the time of her death. One daughter Mrs. Earle Withgott, of Easton, survives her.

George W. Harper, of Still Pond, Maryland, died suddenly at his home in Still Pond on the 17th instant. He was born in Leipsic, Delaware, son of Charles Harper and Martha L. Hardcastle. In 1863 he came to Still Pond to become associated in business with his elder brother, Franklin Harper. He was prominently connected with the mercantile business of Kent County, Maryland, until 1894 when he sold his business to William Medders to go to New York where he became first Treasurer and later Vice President of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company of which his brother. Edward B. Harper was the founder and president. In 1908 he retired from the Insurance Co., and came to Still Pond where he spent the remaining years of his life.

He left surviving him a grandson Edward B. Harper, of California, son of Charles F. Harper, now deceased Olivia, wife of William Medders, merchant, of Still Pond, Maryland and their children Dorothy, William and Clara and Grandchild, Phebe Robinson, George W. Harper, Jr., lawyer of New York, and his children Gale, Jack and Miriam. Mary Harris, wife of Walter B. Harris, of Worton, Maryland and their child Walter Jr., Helen, the wife of Thomas J. Davis, of New York and their child, Betty. He is survived also by his sister, Martha Annie Davis, wife of Harry Davis, of Still Pond. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 1 p. m., at the house built by Mr. Harper in Still Pond in 1879 by Rev. C. W. Clark assisted by Rev. Ransom P. Nichols, of Easton, and Rev. Orris G. Robinson, of Baltimore, Maryland.

Among other relatives and friends present were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis, of Wilmington, Del., Mrs. Burt Anspon, of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Boyce, of Cheswold, Del., and Mrs. German, of Leipsic, Del., Mr. J. A. Hyland, of Federalsburg, Md., and Mr. John J. King, of New York City were also present. Interments in Still Pond cemetery. The pallbearers were his relations. B. R. Fellows, undertaker.

Mrs. Laura Stanley, of Baltimore, passed away on January 15, at her late residence on Fulton Ave. She was brought to Chestertown and the furnal service was held in Emmanuel Church by Rev. Charles Atwater and she was buried in Chester Cemetery beside her husband. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Edward T. Leonard, and Miss Belle Stanley and one son, Ralph Duer Stanley and five grandchildren. Her bearers were: Mr. Charles Smith, Mr. Frank Simpers, Mr. Raymond Simpers, Mr. Richard Collins, Mr. Edward T. Leonard and Mr. C. Ashton Leonard.

Mrs. Stanley was a Miss Duer, of Cockeyville. She married Mr. Charles Stanley, of Chestertown, and lived here many years she had an attractive personality joined to a kind loving nature, and made while here many warm and close friends. C. L. Dodd, undertaker.

George Hoffman died at his late home in Piney Neck on Saturday, January 15, aged 63 years. Mr. Hoffman came to Kent county from Baltimore and bought a small place in Piney Neck where he has lived by himself for the past two years. Neighbors had missed him for some time and on investigating they found him dead in his home. Mr. Hoffman was an ex-soldier, having enlisted in the United States army in 1885 and retired as a ranking Sargeant. Funeral will be held in Baltimore. His only relatives live in Germany.

—A marriage license was issued in Baltimore on Tuesday of this week for Dorothy S. Edwards, of Melitota, and Edward L. Plummer, of Worton.

BURGLARY AT MILLINGTON

Samuel Tiller, colored, is in the Kent County jail, charged with stealing an overcoat and a pair of shoes from the store of I. Hollins & Co., in Millington. Tiller is charged with breaking the glass of the show window and reaching his arm into the window and taking the overcoat and shoes.

TWO FIRES THURSDAY MORNING

Due to the over-flow of a large gasoline tank filling the gutters with gasoline for an entire block from Turner's Garage to Bordley's corner, the main business section was menaced when a match was thrown into the inflamable liquid. Like a flash 75 yards of gutters was a mass of fire flames leaping five feet in the air. Serious damage was averted by the fire company washing the burning fluid into the sewers. Fortunately for the property owners it was a calm day.

A fire in a closet on the Hague farm near Hybernia called out the local fire company Thursday morning and although they were unable to take the fire truck to the scene on account of the condition of the roads, a number of firemen made the trip in automobiles and assisted in extinguishing the fire. Only slight damage was reported.

CRUMPTON

Mrs. John W. Bowers has returned to her home in Chester, Pa., after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jarman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Tracy, of near Millington, were visitors one night last week of the former's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Harrison.

Mr. Poe Hartley is at home for a few days, but expects to return to Florida for the balance of the winter.

Quite a few folks attended the banquet given for the Sunday Schools of Kent and Queen Anne's counties at Galena on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. T. Rowlenson, of Virginia, was guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. William Godwin.

Mr. Alday Walls has returned home from Emergency Hospital, Easton, and is very much improved.

Mr. Jessie Ryland was a guest Sunday of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Ryland.

Mrs. Mollie Tarbutton has returned home from a visit to her son, Mr. Eddie Tarbutton, in Washington, D. C.

Miss Marie Biddle is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. William Cook, near Haydens.

ELECTED A DIRECTOR

William N. Cann, president of Cann Brothers and Kindig, of Wilmington, one of the largest printing plants in Delaware, member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Advertising Club, American Legion, Kiwanis Club and the Wilmington Board of Health, and active in a number of other interests was elected to the board of directors of the Summons Finance Corporation, at a meeting of the board in the Summons Building 923 Orange Street, Wilmington, Del., last week.

The board of directors of the Summons Finance Corporation at a special meeting held December 31, declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. on the preferred stock, payable February 5 to stockholders of record as of December 31.

The annual meeting of the stockholders will be held next month. The exact date will be determined at a meeting of the executive committee this week.

D. H. Summons is president of the Summons Finance Corporation. Although this company is only a few years old, it has had remarkable success. The indications are that this year wil be a banner one. An announcement of special interest to stockholders will be made in a short time. The main office is in Wilmington, Del., and branch officers are located at Baltimore, Md., and Reading Pa., W. H. Inners is secretary.

MILLINGTON

Services at Asbury M. E. Church, to-morrow, January 23, will be as follows: 10 a. m., Sunday School, Mr. H. L. Higman, Supt.; 11 a. m. preaching; 7.30 p. m. Epworth League; 8 p. m., Evangelistic services, which will be continued throughout the coming week. Let everyone try to attend these services as regularly as possible and do all they can to help make them a success.

Mr. Sidney Dixon, of near town, and Mr. J. E. Higman, were guests last week of friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Ella White left on Thursday of last week for Pitman,N. J., where she will spend sometime with her brother, Mr. Sidney Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace, of near town, spent the past two weeks with relatives in Wilmington, Del., and West Grove, Pa.

Mrs. Frances M.Whittington aged 80 years died suddenly last Friday at her home in Philadelphia. Her remains were brought to Millington on Monday morning by train and the funeral took place at noon from Asbury M. E. Church, of which the deceased had been a member for a number of years. Rev. F. A. Baker officiated and Mr. J. A. Tobin was the undertaker. Interment in Millington cemetery. The pall bearers were: Messrs. Jesse and Millard Slaughter, of Elkton, Md., Mr. William Garton and Mr. Joseph Peacock, of Golt's, Mr. Liston Garton, of near Cecilton, and Mr. William Peacock, of near Massey. Mrs. Whittington is survived by three sisters, Mrs. James Garton, of Baltimore, Mrs. Helen Smith, of New York, and Mrs. Kate Garton, of Millington and three brothers, Dr. S. C. Pennington, of Baltimore, Dr. Lee Pennington, of Havre de Grace Md., and Mr. Liston Pennington, of Millington.

Mr. Clarence Clough is quite sick at his home with measles. Little Dorothy Fay and May Reiter are confined to their home with whooping cough.

Among others on the sick list are: Mrs. Lizzie Anderson, Mrs. Kate Garton, Mrs. L. E. Massey, Mr. H. M. Hynson, Mr. J. W. Higman and Rev. C. L. Reiter.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Asbury M. E. Church, was held last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. L. A. Hurtt.

Mr. James Stack, who for the past three years has represented the Home Friendly Insurance Co., of Baltimore, has resigned to take up a contract with the Equitable Life Insurance Co., of New York.

Mrs. Anna Taylor left last week for Washington, D. C., where she attended the Ladies' Aid of the Pennsylvania railroad at the Hotel Willard. After spending a short time in Washington, Mrs. Taylor will leave for Gainesville, Fla., where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. Sidney Nelson returned on Thursday of last week to her home in Pitman, N. J., after spending ten days with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ella White.

Mrs. W. L. Starr, of Galena, visited Mrs. Leo Gale last Friday.

ROCK HALL

Rock Hall Council No. 25, Daughters of America, recently elected the following officers: Councilor, Mrs. Katie Harris; associate councilor, Mrs. Maggie Hartman; vice councilor Mrs. Susie Stevens; associate vice councilor, Mrs. Mary Donnelly; recording secretary, Mrs. Mabel Scoone; assistant recording secretary, Mrs. Della Hubbard; financial secretary, Mrs. Eva Taylor; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Sewell; conductor, Mrs. Ruth Lewis; warden, Mrs. Lillie Downey; inside sentinel, Mrs. Ella Satterfield; outside sentinel, Mrs. Tena Jones; junior past councilor Mrs. Florence Kendall; associate junior past councilor, Mrs. Emma Downey; trustees, Mrs. Ella Satterffeld, Mrs. Annie Davis and Mrs. Ruth Lewis.

Two new cases of scarlet fever have developed. David, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Joiner, and Ada Grace, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thompson.

Word has been received from Baltimore that Mr. James McClosky, brother of Frank and Hugh McClosky, all former residents of Rock Hall, is critically ill at his home in Baltimore.

Miss Ruth Lewis is spending the winter since Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis.

Mrs. John Joyner is quite ill of asthma.

Mr. William Camp, of Wilmington has been a guest of relatives here.

Mr. Roy Elburn, of Piney Neck, accidently cut a foot very badly this week.

Miss Elizabeth Leary and sister, Jean, entertained a number of school friends last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Catherine Steinmiller and son, of Sparraws Point, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stevens.

Mr. Francis Judefind, of Takoma Park, D. C., spent from Friday to Wednesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Judefind.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell have a fine little son about a week old.

Mrs. Russell Sewell is suffering with a severe cold.

Mrs. John Wood spent from Thurs- to Sunday in Baltimore.

Mrs. Ruth Agnes Lewis has returned from Baltimore where she spent ten days nursing her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Hutchins.

Mr. William Brooks is suffering from a heavy cold.

Mrs. Mary Ashley was week-end hostess to her son, Mr. Frank Ashley and wife, of Philadelphia.

Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tilghman Hubbard, as on the sick list.

Mr. Charles Kendall visited his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Gibson, at Rick Neck from Wednesday to Friday.

Rev Gardner, guest of Mr. Chas. Schriley, retired member of the Pennsylvania Methodist Episcopal Conference, preached at Wesley Chapel Sunday morning. The 3rd quarterly conference was held at M. T. Miller's store Monday night.

Miss Bessie Wilson is making a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bernan at Annapolis. Her mother, Mrs. Nannie Willson, is entertaining Mrs. J. Walter Sutton at her home on Eastern Neck during her daughter's absence.

Mrs. Frank Jester is in attendance on Mr. Jacob Shriley who is ill of a complication of diseases at his home near St. Paul's Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blackiston's little boy is quite sick of fever.

Mrs. George N. Coleman is under the weather from grippe.

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WORTON

Mrs. F. M. Russell, of New York, spent the week end with Mr. M. H. Byrd and Mrs. J. N. Byrd.

Miss Margaret Thomas who has been visiting relatives in Baltimore has returned home.

Miss Dollie Crew spent last week with Mrs. C. B. Rasin.

Mrs. Walter Moffett and Mr. C. R. Rasin are on the sick list.

Mrs. Leonard Plummer visited her son, Earle, of Baltimore, last week.

Mr. B. F. Sewell, of Rock Hall, is spending some time with his sister, Mrs. P. B. Rasin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Joiner entertained a few friends at a turkey dinner on Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Hackett and Mrs. Caroline Elliit, of Chestertown, visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Jacob Crowding and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hadaway, of Chestertown.

Mrs. Joseph Duyer has returned home after visiting friends at Forest Park.

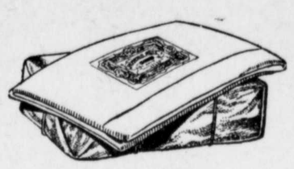
Mr. J. D. Maxwell visited New York this week.

Mrs. J. A. Money, of Kennedyville, spent Tuesday with relatives here.

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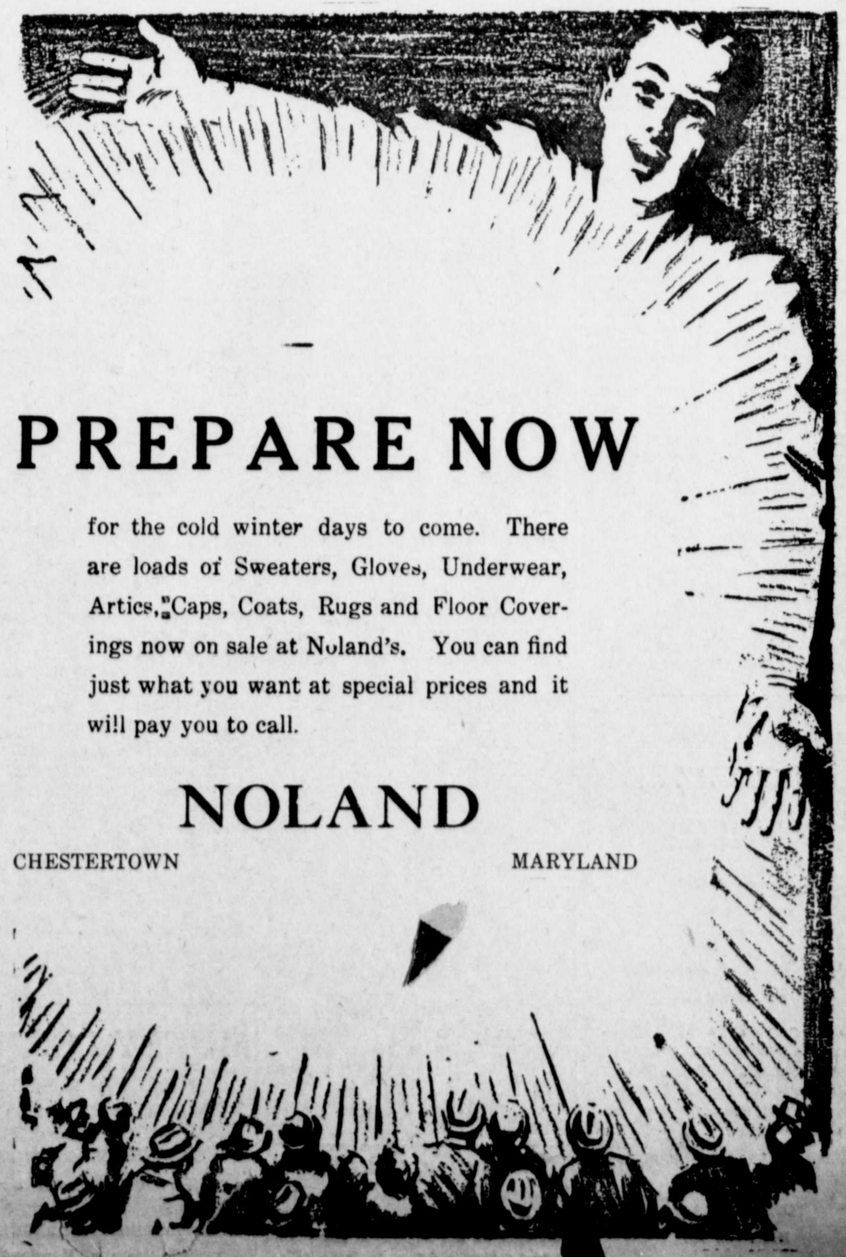
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Apron Gingham... Amoskeg best checks	10c	Shoe Polish... 2 in 1, all colors	9c	Enamel Dish Pans... 14-quart size	35c
Bed Ticking... Blue stripes	15c	Men's Dress Shirts... $2 English broadcloth	$1.48	Large Tea Kettles... $1.50 Enamel, now	98c
Table Oil Cloth... White or Fancy	25c	Extra Blankets... $7.50 quality wool mixed	$4.75	Enamel Sauce Pans... Best 25c quality	15c
Hemmed Sheets... $1.65 Seamless, 81x90	$1.25	Cotton Bed Blankets... Extra value	$1.98	Enamel Cook Pots... 5-quart size	39c
Pillow Cases... Nicely hemmed	25c	Congoleum Rugs... "Gold seal" 9x12	$10.00	Large Drip Pans... Black Iron Pans	19c
urkish Towels... Extra value	15c	Brussell Rugs... Size 9x12, sale	$17.50	Lisks Wash Boilers... Large $2.50 boilers	$1.65
Outing Flannel... Good quality sale	15c	Grass Rugs... New patterns, 9x12	$5.00	Lisks Galv. Tubs... $1.50 heavy tubs	98c
Long Cloth... Soft finish	19c	Hot Air Wood Stoves... Good sheet iron lined	$3.50	Enamel Dish Pans... Extra 17-quart size	45c
Fine Nainsook... French finish, only	25c	The Best Ranges... Home Ideal Ranges	$32.50	Big Pie Pans... 10c tin pie pans	5c
India Linen... Nice sheen cloth	25c	Good Couches... $25 value, sale	$19.00	Good Clothes Baskets... Extra heavy reed	$1.50
Ladies Silk Hose... Best $1.50 value	98c	Oak Dining Chairs... Best $2.50 chairs, sale	$1.85	Cocoa Door Mats... Good foot mats	75c
Cotton Toweling... Unbleached Crash	7c	Oak Rockers... Made extra strong	$4.50	Felt-base mats... Good pattern, 18x36	10c



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