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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

REPORT OF THOMAS W. PERKINS THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

At the annual meeting of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce, the president, Mr. Thomas W. Perkins, read the following report:

On January 3, 1927, the Kent County Chamber of Commerce opened headquarters with Mrs. Nell C. Westcott in charge as executive secretary, with fifteen members enrolled. There are now sixty-two members in good standing on the books.

The Chamber passed a resolution favoring the Bay Bridge and sent copies to the proper authorities as well as urging other Peninsula organizations to do the same. A petition signed by a large number of Kent County people was forwarded to the General Assembly of Maryland which was then in session.

An open meeting was held in the Court House when the Hon. John N. Mackall placed the proposed gas tax before a large audience. Resolutions were later passed by the Chamber favoring the increased tax for the benefit of lateral roads.

Resolutions endorsing the standardization of fire fighting equipment were also sent to proper authorities.

The Chamber aided in all publicity programs for the county and was instrumental in featuring the county in full page articles, well illustrated, in the Sunday Baltimore American, the Sunday Sun and Modern City, a bimonthly magazine.

The first semi-annual dinner was held April 8th at the Voshell House. The Hon. Josiah Marvel, of Wilmington, and Hon. Clarence Perkins, of Baltimore, were the speakers.

Asparagus growers appealed to the Chamber for the names of reliable commission men in different cities. These lists were obtained through the local Chamber and the similar organizations of those cities.

Conferences were held with the manager of the Red Star Motor Coaches, Inc., in hopes of reaching the demand for through bus service to Salisbury. At the same time work was begun with the Tolchester Company for improved service for the Eastern Shore. Later in the year, when the winter schedule went into effect, the Chamber collected a large number of letters from firms and individuals who expressed themselves dissatisfied with the present schedule. The Baltimore Association of Commerce offered their cooperation and are also at work on the problem.

The Town Commissioners were requested by the Chamber to remove certain useless poles which were in Monument Sq. and have done so.

The County Commissioners were asked for hearing concerning the lighting of the Court House grounds. No response was received.

The local Chamber is now a member of the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S. A. with the president, Mr. T. W. Perkins as National Councilor.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors in October it was decided to reduce the membership fee from $25.00 per annum to $12.00 and to endeavor to double the membership. The reduction went into effect July 1, 1927.

The second semi-annual dinner was held at Washington College on November 17th, Mr. Chester Leasure, associate editor of The Nation's Busines of the Chamber of the U. S. A. was the speaker and one of the guests of honor. Mr. George Clautice, executive secretary of the Baltimore Association of Commerce was the second guest of honor and also addressed the audience assuring them of the willingness of the Baltimore organization to cooperate with the local Chamber.

The referendum on Government Flood Control was voted upon and sent in to the National Chamber. Affirmative.

The Chestertown Mercantile Section of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce organized. The Section planned and executed an elaborate Christmas Treat in Chestertown for the County on December 15th. A parade of floats was held and prizes in cash awarded for the three finest by the merchants. On Christmas Eve community singing of Christmas carols took place around the illuminated tree on the town square. Fireworks were displayed both nights.

Numerous inquiries for business opportunities and for country and town properties have come to the Chamber.

The president has had two conferences on the locating of a central sectional distributing plant for Coco Cola in Chestertown.

A Bakery which is considering settling in Chestertown has been in touch with the president.

The Shirt Factory of Rock Hall is interested in securing headquarters in Chestertown if the proper amount of labor can be obtained.

Suggestion For Future Program

Continued cooperation with the three concerns which have considered locating in Chestertown or other sections of the County.

Renew efforts to obtain better service from Tolchester Company.

Build up a Farmer's Section of the Chamber that would unite all community interests in the organization so that all phases of county problems may be dealt with more satisfactorily.

Since the efficient service of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company has reduced the fire loss in Chestertown to such an extent that it amount to about $500.00 during the last year, to investigate and try to bring about a reduction of rates of insurance on Chestertown real estate.

To work for civic improvement.

Have signs placed about the county announcing the Chamber of Commerce as a Bureau of Information to tourists.

THOMAS W. PERKINS, President.

Kennedyville

Miss Mary Robinson, of Philadelphia, is spending the week with her parents.

Miss Ella Scotten has returned home after visiting her sister, Mrs. Meeks for some time.

Mr. George Lane, of Warwick, was a visitor in town on Sunday.

Mrs. E. T. Athoson is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray King and children reurned home on Sunday after visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Atwell for some weeks.

Mr. Wilbur Webbs horse threw him on the state road last Thursday hurting him right badly but glad to see he is much better at this time.

Miss Anna Harris, of Chestertown, visited her friend, Miss Nola Hill over the week end.

A bag fox was turned loose in Mr. Bobby Kennedys field last Thursday. They never came up with it after they let it go.

Mr. Rodger Kennedy's many friends are glad to see him out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boggs and daughter spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boggs.

Mrs. Dorney and daughter, of Rock Hall, visited at the home of Mrs. May Spry over the week.

Mrs. Newton and daughter, Ruth visited Baltimore last week.

Misses Florence Jewell and Lon Jewel and Miss Louise Pennington spent the week end with Mrs. Wm. Jewell.

Mr. and Mrs. Dilbert Robinson, of Baltimore, visited Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston and Mrs. Crawford visited their son, Thomas , at Dr. Jones Hospital in Wilmington on Sunday glad to say Thomas is doing nicely and is expected home next week.

Mrs. James Nickerson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Crouch and Mrs. Bedwell on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Kate Ford, of Still Pond, spent Thursday with Mrs. John Rollison.

Quite a number from here attended the Farm Bureau Banquet in Chestertown last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hill entertained the Mite Society of Grace Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Dr. Urie entertained the Ladies Aid Society on Friday evening.

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