MILLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. James Stack entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lynch, of Oxford, Pa., his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Stack, of Crumpton, and a number of other relatives at dinner on New Year's Day in honor of Mr. Lunch's and Mr. Stack's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Church, spent last Monday in Wilmington.

Mr. George Rasin and family, of Kennedyville, and Mr. James Kirby, of Chestertown, visited the former's son, Mr. Harry Rasin, last Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Dale and son, Carroll, of Wilmngton, were guests last week of her sister, Mr. Edward Freeman, near town.

Misses Emma Jones, Pauline Comegys, Frances Turner and Mildred Neal returned on Wednesday of last week to Salisbury Normal School after spending the Christmas holidays with their parents in and near town.

Mrs. R. J. Taylor spent last Tuesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Walter King, Miss Josephine King and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Everett, of Dover, Del., visited the former's sister in law, Mrs. James Moore, last Saturday.

Mr. Walter Woodall, of Philadelphia, was the guest last Sunday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Woodall.

Mr. Richard Comegys returned on Thursday of last week to St. John's College, Annapolis, after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Comegys.

Little Miss Dorothy Jones, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Jones who has been quite sick the past ten days with pneumonia and measles is somewhat improved. Among others on the sick list at this writing are: Mrs. S. S. Comegys, Mrs. L. A. Hurtt, Mrs. Kate Garton, Mrs. Eva Sykes, Mrs. Annie Barnhart, Mrs. Jonathan Jones, Mrs. James Stack and Margaret Jones.

Mrs. Frank Wooleyhand and son, Clinton, of Clayton, Del., spent the week end wit hher parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freeman, near town.

Miss Helen Vansant who went to Emergency Hospital, Easton three weeks ago last Thursday for special treatment returned on Thursday of last week much improved.

Mrs. Paul Comegys and daughter, Miss Mabel visited relatives in Baltimore last week.

Miss Mary Numbers left last Sunday for Northampton, Mass., after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Tobin entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tobin, of Middletown, Del., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rasin, Miss Frances Fisher and Dr. G. L. Copeland at dinner last Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. John H. Tobin's birthday.

Mr. William Vansant and family, of Elkton, were guests on Thursday of last week of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jones.

Miss Frances Fisher returned last Sunday, after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fisher, of Hillsboro, Md.

A joint meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Ladies' Aid of Asbury M. E. Church, was held last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. R. J. Taylor.

Mr. Joseph Story, of near Chestertown, has secured employment in the Garage with his brother in law, Mr. Ben C. Hart.

John Laudman, a colored farmer living on the Millington, Crumpton road at Red Lion branch in Queen Anne's was found dead at his home on Wednesday. He had been unwell for some days and lived alone. It is not known just what was the cause of his death. A jury of inquest was empanelled on Thursday to inquire into the cause of death and the result is not known at this writing.

STILL POND

Mrs. Harry Jones and several members of the family are still quite sick, others sick this week with colds are Mrs. S. W. Matthews and Mrs. George Sutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson spent several days this week in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. L. B. Harper has gone to Harrisburg, Va., where she will spend the winter.

Miss Elizabeth Drum who teaches at Harrington, Del., spent last week end with her friend, Miss Clara Medders.

Mrs. Norman Baker, of Philadelpiha, Pa., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Anthony.

Mr. and Mrs. Neile Caner visited her aunts, Mrs. L. B. Harper and Mrs. Harry Bidwell last week. Mrs. Caner was Miss Margaret Miller, of Harrisonburg, Va., and they were on their honeymoon.

Mrs. Alice Rasin and Mrs. Howard Rasin spent last week end in Baltimore, Md.

The Philadelphia Club held their monthly meeting on Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Jones. Meeting at 7 o'clock the members all went to Church where Evanglistic services are in progress at the close of the services all returned to the home of the Hostess and spent an enjoyable evening.

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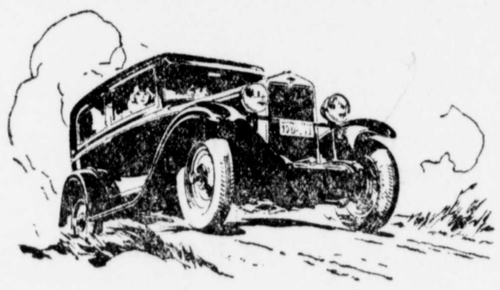

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HEAD, DR. PAUL TITSWORTH, REPORTS

To the Members of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce:

At the close of another year, the second, of the Chamber's operation, it is appropriate that the President, for the officers and directors, render an accounting of their stewardship.

The twelve months closing December 31, 1928, saw an unusual amount of constructive work and of progress in Kent County, in some of which the Chamber had a part and in all of which it rejoices.

Some of the achievements in which the Chamber played no role but which it considered worthy of high praise as contributory to the welfare of the entire County are the organization of three country clubs, the starting of a small hospital which offers interesting possibilities of growth in the near future, the purchase of a county ambulance, the opening of the New Lyceum theatre, and the bond issue in Betterton which made possible the improvement of its streets.

To its affiliated organization, the Chestertown Mercantile Section, under the able leadership of Mr. Conlyn Noland, the Chamber extends its felicitations for a year of significant performance.

To these and similar achievements of the year and for those to be shortly accomplished, every Kent Countian has a right to renewed pride in his county and an invigorated belief in the possibility of progress for the community and for himself in his business or profession. Progress does not drop in men's laps like an overripe plum; it is something the causes of which men can control only by hard thought and cooperative effort.

It is in place here to remind you of the part, modest though it may be, but nevertheless significant and substantial, the County Chamber has played in the community life during the year just closed.

One of its intangible but outstanding achievements is the growing spirit of cooperation. There is noticeably less of the philosophy whose watchword is "Every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost," and more of the sentiment "Each for all and all for each." Today the men and women of Kent are working together for common ends as they were not doing in like measure a year ago. They have discovered that more and more is possible to a group of earnest folks striving with good will and intelligence for like objectives.

Specifically the things which the Chamber has done during 1928, often with the cooperation of outside agencies and persons. are:

Keeping expenditures within income;

Holding two country-wide get-together dinners;

Publication of a business and professional directory of Chamber members;

Publication of PROGRESSIVE KENT and its wide distribution among citizens of the County;

Keeping constant contact with officials of Chesapeake Bridge Company;

Extension of membership from 51 to 121;

Cooperation with town commissioners to secure reduction of electric power rates in Chestertown;

Operation of a much-used information bureau for the County;

Cooperation with Baltimore Association of Commerce in having a representative on its Committee on Improved Trade Relations;

Cooperation with the National Chamber of Commerce in its Get-Out-The-Vote Campaign;

Cooperation with the National Chamber in its nation-wide referendum on agriculture;

Cooperation with the Fire Company in a program of education and inspection for fire prevention;

Cooperation with Ericsson line in securing a first-class waiting room in Betterton;

Operation of a turkey clearing-house, and the sale of 7,000 pounds of turkeys at an average price of forty-five cents per pound, live weight;

Establishment of an airport;

Securing of the approval of the County Commissioners of a nine-foot road program.

Some of these matters require amplification.

Cooperation With Baltimore Association of Commerce

It would appear that Baltimore, through its Association of Commerce has now become thoroughly awake to the trade possibilities of and with sections like Southern Maryland and the Eastern Shore. Accordingly, the Association has appointed a Committee on the Improvement of Trade Relations and has done this Chamber the honor of asking it to appoint a representative to sit with the Committee. This representative is William R. Howell of the Washington College faculty at whose suggestion the Association's Committee is to be further enlarged by the addition of one member from each of the nine Eastern Shore counties.

The Committee, largely through the efforts of Professor Howell, has been instant in season and out of season in supporting the Cheapeake Bay Bridge project.

The Turkey Pool

As for the turkey pool, the Chamber this year made a small but significant beginning in helping the Kent farmers to market their birds.

The special committee on the turkey pool, Marion deKalb Smith, Jr., Conlyn E. Noland and Harold M. Baker, together with the Chamber's executive secretary, Mrs. Westcott, worked long and hard to bring buyers and sellers together for their mutual benefit. They sold around 7,000 pounds of turkey at forty-five cents per pound live weight.

The Chamber made a charge of one-half cent a pound for acting as a clearing house. The chairman of the committee reports their receipts to have been $35.14 and their expenditures $35.64.

It transpires that Maryland turkeys are superior, that buyers do want Kent County turkeys in quantity, if the birds can be suitably killed, cooled, packed and graded, and further that for such birds, the middlemen are willing to pay higher prices than for job lots containing fowls of every grade or of no grade.

Here seems to be a field or legitimate service of the Chamber to the turkey raisers of the county and to an industry which may eventually prove a major one for the farmers if this Chamber can help provide certain and ample markets for Kent's birds, than which there are no better.

The Airport

Through its airport committee consisting of Marion deK. Smith, Jr., Harry F. Jefferson and the President, the Chamber has provided Chestertown and Kent County, at no expense to the community, with the first municipal airport in Maryland. This achievement has been made possible through the cooperation of the Chesapeake Aircraft Company, Inc., of Baltimore, and of Charles L. Dodd. The Aircraft people have leased their field for a year from Mr. Dodd with the provision that the airport shall be managed and run by the Chamber's Committee.

Beginning with January first, the Chesapeake Aircraft Co., made the Kent Airport its Eastern Shore terminal. Already they are making one scheduled return trip a day for passengers and packages. They offer to any point on short notice, aerial taxi service which may be obtained by calling the Company's office in Baltimore, Vernon 4792, or Logan Field, Dundalk 261. Very shortly the Company expects to start a campaign of extensive advertising. They hope fairly soon to be able to schedule two round-trips a day between Baltimore and Chestertown, and, as promptly as service warrants it, to establish trip schedules for up and down the Shore. Already negotiations are under weigh to establish either a regular 2c first class mail route, or an air mail service between Baltimore and this part of the world.

Kent is fortunate is securing the Eastern Shore terminal of this airways company which is financially competent and inclined to push air transportation across the Bay. Imagination fails to conceive what stupendous developments in transportation may come and what significance such developments may have for the life of the people of Kent County.

The Nine-Foot Road Program

Early this past year the Board of Directors came to feel that the primary and most fundamental service the Chamber could render the largest number of Kent Countians was to do its bit toward getting the country folks out of the mud. Accordingly, the Directors went on record as favoring a nine-foot road building program for the remaining secondary highways of the County.

After considerable public discussion, the matter was brought to the official attention of the County Commissioners who went on record as approving this procedure for the building of future hard-surfaced roads.

By constructing a nine-foot concreat slab, the road builders, with the State money allocated to Kent, can complete the County's secondary roads within a period of ten years whereas the previous program of constructing the sixteen-foot road would have required twenty years.

Projects Under Weigh or to be Undertaken

In enumerating the things done, this brief report has not told half its story. Certain other projects having been started should be pushed to completion, or nearer to completion, this coming year and certain additional matters should be begun.

The Chamber has been cooperating with the Delmarva Eastern Shore Association, through Congressman Goldsborough, to reach three objectives; a weather bureau for the Peninsula, continued publication of market reports grown in Delmarva, and a tariff on tomatoes. Momentarily the weather bureau is out of reach, but the market reports and the tomato tariff appear obtainable. Congressman Goldsborough and a Delmarva Association committee are to appear at a congressional hearing to be held late this month.

Cooperation With Local Unit of National Guard

The officials of the Chamber have gone to considerable trouble at times to assist the officers of the local unit of the Maryland National Guard in their appeal to the State for an armory. This addition to Kent County community life has been approved by Governor Ritchie and within a few months should be a reality. It is hoped that this new structure may be so located as to be of greatest public convenience and so constructed and situated as to add architectual dignity to the community.

A Possible Air Mail Service

Already the airport committee, working with Mr. Goldsborough, the mail officials of Baltimore City and the Baltimore Association of Commerce, has started negotiations for a trans-Chesapeake air postal service. Such mail delivery should cut down to minutes this service which now requires a day at least.

A County Calendar

A minor but important work just now being undertaken by the Chamber is that of keeping at headquarters a perpetual calendar of county social and other events. Often it happens that important entertainments and meetings each of which appeals widely and equally to Kent Countians, are unwittingly scheduled for the same day and hour, with the result that tempers are damaged and worthy causes poorly patronized. In your arranging for events of county-wide appeal, it is urged that you call Mrs. Westcott at the Chamber office, Chestertown, 115, and have her record your selected day and hour. In case other events, likely to interfere with the success of yours, are down for the same or nearly the same time, she will advise you of the fact and thus possibly spare you disappointment.

Flax

During the past year, the Chamber has followed with keen interest the growing and harvesting of flax as Mrs. John J. Raskob has been experimenting with this crop in Queen Anne's County. She has demonstrated that flax can be grown in this section. The next step is to interest capital to purchase and set up machinery for the processing and give the farmer a market for what he raises. The Chamber plans in the near future a conference with Mr. John Chambers, superintendent of Mrs. Raskob's farm, to discuss with him his experience of this year and the possibility of finding a way to finance flax processing.

New Projects Suggested

Other projects which the Chamber should undertake during the coming year are:

1. Securing an even more representative membership in the County;
2. Holding get-to-gether luncheons in the towns of the County in order to interest their citizens in and inform them about the purposes and work of the Chamber and to learn how the Chamber can serve these communities acceptably;
3. Making a careful industrial and agricultural survey of Kent as a basis for intelligent pride in the County and for persuasive publicity;
4. Publishing an attractive descriptive folder of the unique opportunities here for the business and professional man and the equally unique opportunities for pleasurable living;
5. Supporting the county hospital which has been courageously established by public-spirited men and women with a vision of a more adequate county health service;
6. Organizing a turkey section and a chicken section which shall take up vigorously and methodically the marketing of the poultry products of Kent;
7. For this help given the farmer by the Chamber there is a growing and enthusiastic request on the part of the farmers themselves. In all probability a meeting for the organization of such poultry sections will be held around February 1st next.
8. Cooperating with the Delmarva Eastern Shore Association in its marketing program for 1929 which consists of allowing producers of high grade products to use the Delmarva Insignia as a brand mark of quality. To insure uniformity the Association is employing a number of inspectors to grade the crops and packs of those growers and packers who ask for this service. Delmarva hopes to secure the interest of a few of the growers of fine asparagus in Kent County for 1929.

In fine, the Kent County Chamber of Commerce has been endeavoring and will continue striving to perfect an organization competent to deal intelligently and successfully with the outstanding community needs of Kent County.

Recognition of Unusual Cooperation

It is appropriate here to express gratitude to those who have supported the administration with especial enthusiasm and persistence. Congressman Goldsborough has been especially helpful and efficient in bringing the Chamber's requests and the people's business promptly to the attention of appropriate Government agencies.

The work of the Chamber's President of last year, Mr. Thomas W. Perkins, in laying firm foundations for the successes of this year is gratefully remembered.

The thanks of the officials is especially due to the ladies and gentlemen of St. James M. P. Church who provided an unforgettable occasion of gastronomic joy and of good fellowship at the time of the second semi-annual dinner early in December.

The President is under particular personal obligation to the alert, resourceful and competent executive secretary, Mrs. Westcott, and to such fine, outstanding, public-spirited men as Messrs. H. M. Baker, Richard Collins, Harry F. Jefferson, Conlyn E. Noland, Howard Owens, Marion Smith and Sidney Turner, to mention a few of his co-laborers; of such citizens are progressive, worth while communities built.

In closing this report, the President makes a recommendation and an exhortation.

The recommendation is that the Chamber authorize a revision of the by-laws so as to secure to the President of the Chestertown Mercantile Section and to those of any other sections which may be formed, Membership on the Board of Directors of the Chamber.

The exhortation is that the members of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce look forward with anticipation to yet greater successes in the new year which it may secure to the County by an ever larger measure of cooperation and by still more intelligent and persistent effort.

NEW BOOKS FOR LIBRARY

The following new books have been added to the Chestertown Public Library:

"Harness," by Hamilton Gibbs.

"The Masked Rider," by Hoffman Birney.

"Dona Isabella's Adventure," by Gladys Blake.

"Gate Marked Private," by Ethel M. Dell.

Silas Bradford's Boy," by Joseph Lincoln.

"Destiny Bay," by Donn Byrne.

"Wild Horse Mesa," by Zane Grey.

"Redwood and Gold," by Jackson Gregory.

"Hounds of God," by Sabatini.

"The Children," by Edith Wharton.

"Mystery of the Blue Train," by Agatha Christie.

"Napoleon," by Emil Ludwig.

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