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SPECIAL NOTICE

The Loyal Order of Moose, having been reorganized will hold a banquet on February 4th, at 7 p. m., at Miss Margaret C. Bell's Tea Room.

Old members can be re-instated for the sum of $6.00 with annual dues of $13.00. The cover charge for the banquet will be $1.00.

Members who intend to be present will please notify John G. Usilton, Chestertown, Md.

Signed,
Charles N. Saterfield, Dictator.
E. F. Perkins, Vice-Dictator,
j26-2t John G. Usilton, Secretary.

TURKEY SUPPER

The Betterton P. T. A. will hold a Turkey Supper, on Saturday evening, January 26, in the M. E. Church Basement. The supper will lbe from 5 p. m. on, and price will be 75 cents for adults and 40 cents for children.

Benefit of School. Fine supper promised to all who attend. j19-2t.

FOR SALE

SUGAR CORN SEED
STOWELL EVERGREEN
CORD WOOD
SAWED TO STOVE LENGTH
Prices on Request
Phone 71-F22 Still Pond — MRS. EVELYN HARRIS, Howell Point Farm, Betterton, Md.
j26-1m.

NOTICE

I will not be responsible for bills incurred or checks drawn by John Henry Dixon.

SIDNEY H. DIXON,
j19-2t. Elkton, Md.

FOR SALE

SINGLE COMB BARRED ROCK COCKERELS and SINGLE COMB WHITE LEGHORN PULLETS.

ERNEST WILLIS,
j19-tf. Kennedyville, Md.

DANCE

..The ROCK HALL VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.. will hold a benefit dance in Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall on

THURSDAY, JAN. 31st, 1929

Admission 50 cents—Music by Sudlervillians.

FOR SALE

1-2 Kilowatt 32 volt Westinghouse Electric Light Plant in excellent condition. Batteries recently overhauled.

Address P. O. Box "D"
j12-3t. Chestertown, Md.

NOTICE

Anyone wishing to hunt or fish on my place must get permission from me. No Trespassing.

ROBERT ALBERT,
Travilla Farm,
j5-4t.*

WANTED

A Washington College student wishes a place for the second term, February 1sst to June 10, to work for his board and room.
Call phone 123. Washington College.

PUREBRED STOCK TURKEYS

These turkeys are bred from the best flocks in the country. Why not select your stock before the best are all carried away from the county?

Bronze Toms	$15.00—$25.00
Bronze Hens	10.00— 20.00
White Holland Toms	15.00— 25.00
White Holland Heens	8.00— 15.00

JOHN W. BIGGERS,
Wood Chester Farm,
n17. Millington, Md.

TRESPASS NOTICE

All persons are warned against trespasing with dog, gun or otherwise upon the lands, marshes and shores of Kennard's Point Farm, the Noblette Farm, the Gemmell Farm and the Churn Creek farms managed by Mr. Roger B. Harris, and owned by the undersigned.

n10. HENRY W. CATLIN

ANNOUNCEMENT

DR. F. A. HOLDEN will be at the Health Center EVERY THURSDAY from 3 to 8 p. m.

Practice limited to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, Glasses prescribed. s29-tf

To Automobile Owner

Applications for 1929 automobile license tags will be mailed direct to owners on November 30, 1928, by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

Upon receipt of application, it will be necessary for you to present it to the County Treasurer. pay your taxes on same and have it perforated before you can secure your tags.

Unless these directions are followed, it will cause you unnecessary delay in securing your 1929 automobile tags.

CLARENCE NEWSOME,
n17-tf. Treasurer of Kent County.

MURDER NEAR MASSEY

Charles Mules, colored, of near Massey was murdered at Gibbstown, a small negro settlement near Massey, at 9.30 p. m. Wednesday evening and a coroner's jury, held Thursday morning rendered a verdict that Charles Mules died from a pistol shot fired by Cyrus West.

The evidence showed that there had been bad feeling between the two men for some time and that they were quarreling at the time that Mules was murdered. The first shot fired by West missed its mark and another shot was fired which struck Mules in the heart killing him almost instantly.

Sheriff Hadaway received a telephone call and went to Massey from where he traced West to Golts and arrested him there at 3 a. m. Thursday morning.

West at first denied any knowledge of the shooting but later confessed to States Attorney Stephen R. Collins and Sheriff Hadaway that he shot Mules. The state has a number of witnesses and West will be tried at the April term of Court. He is 23 years old.

CHESTERTOWN MERCHANTS MEET

W. P. NEWNAM TO HEAD MERCANTILE BODY

The Chestertown Mercantile Section of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce held their annual meeting and election of officers on Monday evening of this week at which time Mr. W. P. Newnam, proprietor of Newnam's Music Store, was elected president to succeed Mr. Conlyn Noland whose term has expired.

Other officers elected were: Messrs. M. E. Newsome, vice president; A. S. Turner, Jr., treasurer; Mrs. Nell C. Westcott, executive secretary and Mr. Samuel Dorf, ast. Secretary.

A special committee, composed of Messrs. Harry F. Fefferson, as chairman was appointed to study the housing condition in Chestertown.

This organization is composed of practically all the business men of Chestertown engaged in the mercantile business and during the past year accomplished much toward increasing interest in the "buy at home" movement.

ACTIVE FIREMEN ELECT OFFICIALS

The active firemen of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co. met at the fire house on Wednesday evening with Chief Arthur Bacon in the chair.

After an introductory speech by the chief, in which he suggested a number of constructive changes to be made in equipment and fire fighters activities, Mr. Herman Blackway was elected Captain and Mr. Barber Bartley Lieutenant.

The following were elected as guards:

Messrs. W. M. Elliott, Harry Fowler, W. D. Flowers, J. H. Clendaniel, Hylie Crew, Theodore Wood, and W. H. Fowler. These men will have the power of deputy sheriffs during a fire.

Among the suggestions of the chief which were accepted were a monthly meeting of the active firemen the first Wednesday in each month, at which time discussions of the proper methods of fighting fires will be held and also drills. A fire at the Voshel hotel will be the subject of discussion at the next meeting.

The widespread effects of the influenza epidemic which has hit Somerset County in common with all other sections of the United States, has had an effect upon all business in the county, there being hardly a family, or a business oryanization that has not had one or more cses in its ranks.

Fortunes to Writers

Thomas Hardy's fortune of over $450,000 does not seem so large after all, if we remember that George Eliot made $200,000 from "Adam Bede" alone, and that more than one best seller within recent years has eclipsed that figure.

Present-day novelists, however, usually have cinema payments to add to their book royalties, and their cinema totals sometimes exceed those from the sale of their books.—Passing Show, London.

Art of Misquotation

At a banquet at the Biltmore recently a prominent Broadwayite made a talk, part of it including a sentence by an immortal poet. After the speech the guest next to him whispered: "You had that line of Keats' a bit twisted."

"I did it that way purposely—I didn't want them to think I had only read it the day before."—New York Evening Journal.

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TRANSCRIPT'S MUISINGS

The winter being over,
In order comes the spring,
Which doth green herbs discover,
And cause the birds to sing.
The night also expired
Then comes the morning bright,
Which is so much desired
By all that love the light
This may learn
Them that mourn
To put their grief to flight:
The spring succeedeth winter
And day must follow night.

Ann Collins

There is one speeder who pays no attention to signals or traffic rules. He never heeds the "stop" sign but rushes on. That is Father Time. In vain we cry: "Oh Father Time, wait until we finish the task we should have done yesterday," but he hurries on.

To Father Time.

Unbending master whip in hand,
Old Father time.
For weal or woe he drives us on
To fall in line.
He will allow no turning round,
No matter what mistakes we've found,
We must go plodding, plodding down,
With father time:

Golf has lost out as a social distinction because every one is playing. Are the Doctors complaining? No, not while the flu invades each household, giving the M. D.'s plenty to do.

Women are truly coming to their own. We actually have ten congresswomen, and now they are going to put Mollie Pitcher's face on a postage stamp. Mollie was truly a daughter of the Revolution, and she has gone down in history as seizing her husband's cannot when he was wounded, and firing away at the Red Coats there by winning a victory over them. She certainly had plenty of face those days and it is meet that her memory should be honored by the country that she helped to save and that her face should adorn the stamps.

George Washington's old farm, near Fredericksburg Virginia, is now electrified. Fresh water for the cows is pumped by electricity; dwellings, barns and other houses are illuminated by electricity; electric ranges and refrigerators have been installed; current is used to assist in irrigating the crops; the fields can be lighted at night when overtime labor is necessary; electric energy furnishes the power for sawing wood and lumber; and electricity is the mother of many orphan baby chicks produced in incubators. New and old buildings are all wired and equipped up to the minute, just as the progressive "Father of his Country" doubtless would have them if he were here today.

The Denver Post is authority for the statement that an Airedale dog belonging to the Staples family of Minden, Nebraska, returned home recently after straying from their car while the family was vacationing in Minnesota, 500 miles from home. The dog was nine months in finding his way back.

"Sitting here by my desk all day,
Hearing the constant click
As the messages speed on their way,
And the call comes sharp and quick—
Oh, what a varied tale they tell
Of joy and hope and fear!
The funeral knell and the marriage bell
In their steady tick I hear."

So the bob is going out and the Curl is coming in! Paris has ordained it. No more shaving the neck.

"There was a little girl and she had a little curl,
Right in the middle of her forehead
And when she was good she was very very good,
But when she showed her neck she was horrid."

In the Distant Past

He was a very painstaking golfer, and it took him three hours to reach the fifteenth hole, where he drove into the rough. After a long search the caddie located a ball which the player examined.

"No," he said. "this isn't mine. This is a very old ball."

"Yes," said the boy in exhausted tones, "but don't forget it's a long time since we started out, sir."

Lady Astor verified the belief that it is embarrassing to shake a red skirt at a (John) Bull, when she appeared in the House of Commons a day or two ago outfitted entirely in crimson. The nation's business was suspended while the members gasped in amazement at the woman commoner who usually affects drabs for political service. It is even recorded that she blushed quite the color of her gorgeous red hat, and had to be assured that everything was all right with her fellows by their cheers before the House returned to normalcy.

TURKEY MEETING NEXT TUESDAY

On Tuesday, January 29 at 1.30 p. m. the Kent County Chamber of Commerce has arranged for a meeting of all turkey growers in this vicinity at the Chestertown Court House. This meeting will be an open forum where the best method of handling Kent's problem of turkey selling may be thrashed out by the growers and others who are interested. No individual invitations are being sent out but all who are concerned with the turkey industry of Kent are urged to attend and to be ready to express themselves on the subject. Turkeys were sold in many ways this past season at a wide range of prices, some of which were discouraging low while others were from fair to good prices. Kent has proved to be a good raising-ground for fine birds, growers have mastered the art of turkey-raising with minimum loss but in order for it to be a profitable industry, better and more uniform prices must be had. The Chamber considers the best way to obtain such prices will be through an organized effort by which large buyers will be attracted through the quantity and quality offered.

Growers from down the Shore are also expected to be present. Cooperation from the whole section will be needed as Kent can not set a price on birds if its near neighbors on all sides are content to sell at a great reduction. Maryland birds have a splendid reputation among the retail trade and command up to ten cents a pound more than turkeys from other sections. This meeting is called to try out methods of obtaining that premium for growers whereby the whole community will benefit.

WHO STOLE THE COAL?

A merchant of Chestertown, upon entering his coal house on last Saturday morning, discovered that some one had broken into the house and relieved him of part of his coal pile.

Upon investigating, he found two gunning license tags in the house, one issued in 1927 and the other in 1928. Armed with this valuable clue, the merchant went to the office of the Clerk of the Court to find the name of the owner of the license tags.

After a few minutes search the name was found and much to the surprise of the searchers it proved to be a man living in Chestertown who stands high in the social, political, religious and business life of the community, a man who has held the highest political office in the county and is a high official in one of the town's leading business organizations.

The situation had become rather complicated and the amateur detectives at loss how to proceed, but after consulting the book and realizing that coal is coal, and justice is justice, went to the owner of the license tags and very diplomatically explained the situation.

The situation was tense, the evidence was damaging, the accused did not have the coal and was anxious to tell the world about it, so he went post haste to his home, looked on the back porch for his gunning coat and found it was missing. The situation, as it stands today, is that the one who stole the coal is also enriched with a gunning coat.

COMMUNITY HOUSE AT CHURCH HILL

With the same characterisic spirit of progressiveness and civic unity that resulted in the prompt rebuilding of the business section of Church Hill following two disastrous conflagrations, citizens of this enterprising town last week sponsored bills in the Maryland Legislature which will insure the erection of a handsome $10,000 community building in the near future.

Senator Dudley G. Roe, by request, this week introduced three bills in the Maryland Senate for the Church Hill Town Commissioners.

One authorizes the borrowing of $10,000 to build a new community structure; another will give the town officials the right to own real estate in Church Hill, and the other will authorize the Commissioners to use funds from the sale of the town electric light and power lines in the event they are sold.

Following the last big fire in Church Hill, Miss M. Esther Brown, Nelson J. Brown and Mrs. H. Van Riper presented to the town of Church Hill a valuable building lot to be used at the site of the proposed community house. One of the bills introduced Wednesday authorizes the commissioner to accept and own this property.

Begging, which to American tourist visitors usually appears to be the most flourishing industry in Jerusalem, is soon to be forbidden in the streets, houses, and public places of that ancient and historical city.

P. O. S. A. ELECT OFFICIALS

Washington Camp No. 34, P. O. S. of A. elected the following officers last night to serve the ensuing term: Past President, Rufus E. Collins; President, G. Thomas Dewberry; Vice President, Ernest Leverage; Master of Forms, R. Clarke Davis; Recdy. Secretary, Charles F. Wheatley; Financial Secretary, Virgil W. Kendall; Treasurer, John C. Davis; Conductor, J. B. McIntire; Inspector, Joseph Duyer; Guard, J. T. Kennard; Chaplin, John W. Barnes; Trustees, John W. Barnes, J. B. McIntire, Rufus E. Collins.

BUST OF MD. FIRST GOVERNOR

At a meeting of the Thomas Johnson Memorial Association, of Frederick, this week a bronze bust of Johnson, the first Governor of Maryland, costing about $1,500, was accepted. Permission was requested from the County Commissioners, of Frederick county, to erect it in Court Square in the town of Frederick.

It was decided to unveil the memorial July 4, with ceremonies to which President Hoover, Governor Ritchie and other State officials will be invited. Joseph Urner, son of Chief Judge Hammond Urner, modeled the bust. Funds for its payment were secured through public subscription.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

President Joseph H. Apple, of Hood College, Frederick, Maryland, is to address the students of Washington College at the Washington's Birthday Assembly to be held Thursday morning, February 21, at eleven o'clock. President Apple is a most eloquent and pleasing speaker and always has something to say.

Preident Apple is one of the outstanding educators of the Atlantic seaboard, having achieved especial distinction in the education of women and in bringing Hood College to a first place i the ranks of Women's colleges of the East.

The friends and patrons of Washington College are most cordially invited to be persent on this occasion.

TO FORM READING CLUB

Prof. R. L. Lasley, head of the English Department, Washington College has undertaken to form a reading club which will be open to any who are interested. Since the College is somewhat out of the way for townspeople, the Board of Directors of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce has invited Mr. Lasley to use the office of the Chamber as a meeting place for the new organization.

The first meeting will be held at 8.00 p. m. Friday, January 25, when it will be decided to just what line will be first taken up. It is expected that Mr. Lasley will take advantage of the books offered to various groups of persons by the State Library Commission. Many Chestertown people have felt the need of just such an organization and now with so central a meeting place, its success seems assured.

DR. W. F. CORKRAN RESIGNS

At a meeting of the Official Board of the Chestertown Methodist Episcopal Church on Monday evening of this week, Dr. W. F. Corkran tendered his resignation as minister of that church.

Dr. Corkran has finished his fifty second year as a Methodist Episcopal preacher on the Eastern Shore, having served as district superintendant of this district from 1897 to 1903, at which time he was a frequent visitor at the Chestertown church.

During his three years as minister here, the Chestertown church has been completely remodeled at a cost of $67,000 and made one of the handsomest churches on the shore.

Dr. Corkran will continue in active church work after leaving Chestertown, his time here expiring in April when the annual conference will be held in Wilmington.

DELAWARE POULTRY SHOW

The Delaware State Poultry Association held their annual Poultry Show at Milford Tennessee, Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

The show as a whole was very good with some excellent birds from the stand point of exhibition and production qualities. There were exhibits of Baby chicks and eggs which attracted a lot of attention. Among those locally who attended the show were Messrs. P. M. Brooks, Walter Kenley, E. K. Chisolm, and Martin L. Sutton.

Among th e exhibitors were the foremost Poultrymen in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia.

Mr. Martin L. Sutton, a local S. C. Phode Island Red Breeder won 1st prize on a pullet and second prize on a pen in [illegible] competition.

The Dela[illegible] Poultry Asso., is making rapid [illegible] toward success.

PLAN FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT

TO CONCRETE KENT'S SECONDARY ROADS

Within the memory of the oldest inhabitants of Kent county, the question of the condition of the county roads has been a subject that has been continually discussed from the goods box in the country store to the halls of the Maryland Legislature. Even when horse drawn vehicles were the only means of transportation about the county, the condition of the roads was one of the important topics of discussion.

Now when practically every one travels by automobiles and a large proportion of the hauling in the county is done by truck, it has passed being merely a topic of discussion and has become a real business issue. Every citizen of Kent County not only wants a hard surface road at his door but finds it necessary if he is going to prosper and compete with other sections. The time has come when something must be done and done quickly to relieve those citizens whose homes are segregated from the centers by mud.

If someone could formulate a plan to pull Kent county out of the mud without imposing too heavily on the strongest comepetitor of hard surface roads—taxes—they will have rendered the county a real service.

Suppost that the tax rate of Kent county be increased 10 cents on the hundred with the understanding that this fund be used solely for hard surface roads. With an assessment in Kent county of $16,000,000 a ten cent increase would mean an additional revenue of $16,000 annually which would build one mile of nine foot concrete road or approximately seven miles of slag road in addition to the $80,000 for concrete roads which is the annual proportion for Kent county from the state gas tax. If this $16,000 were used for additional concrete roads it would be a long time before parts of the county could hope for any relief. Suppose it were used for slag roads at the rate of seven miles per year, it would practically finish the secondary roads of Kent county in a period of ten years. Yet this plan has its serious drawback, because while slag has great advantages over dirt and makes a road that is passable the year around, it must be maintained by county funds, and within three or four years must practically be rebuilt if it is to stand the heavy truck traffic. Then again we are still facing a period of years before this improvement will have been completed, which does not insure immediate relief.

Keeping in mind the $16,000 additional road fund from a ten cent increase in taxes, which increase would mean ten dollars of a $10,000 property, another plan is offered for the consideration of the people of Kent county which is

A $750,000 Road Bond Issue

When we think of a plan to bond Kent county for $750,000 for roads it sounds absurd, yet the following approximate figures will show that Kent county can bond its self for $750,000 this year, build approximately fifty miles of nine foot concrete slab on the secondary roads of the county and without touching the present county allotment for maintenance of dirt roads, pay off these bonds in ten years with an average road tax increase of ten cents as mentioned above.

Aside from the convenience of concrete roads on all of Kent's secondary roads and the time saved in transportation, the following figures will also show a saving of $75,000 annually to Kent automobile and truck owners. Another important item to be considered is that immediately after construction starts the burden of the maintenance of these roads is taken from the county and born by the state.

Suppose the county should bond itself immediately for $750,000 and start construction of fifty miles of nine foot concrete road, which would practically finish all the secondary roads in the county. With an estimate of five per cent. which is high for municipal bonds, the yearly interest would be $37,500. Retiring these bonds in ten years would make an average yearly interest of one half of $375,000 or $18,750 against the above mentioned $16,000 which could be raised with a ten cent tax increase.

Retirement Of Bonds

Kent county will receive approximately $80,000 this year as its annual allotment from the state gas tax, this sum being $5000 more than last year and is increasing each year.

By taking this state appropriation each year and applying it to the retirement of the bonds in ten years the bond issue will more than have been retired.

Pay As You Go

By applying the state appropriation to nine foot roads, five miles could be built each year and in the course of ten years the fifty miles will have been completed but it will mean that parts of Kent county will have to wait ten years for these improvements against immediate improvement by the other method. It is also understood that by letting contracts for fifty miles at a stretch the bids per mile will be much smaller than by letting short tracts each year.

The Saving To Motorists

Aside from the convenience of hard surface road, just what will it mean in dollars and cents to the motorist?

There are 3000 automobiles and trucks in Kent county and an estimate places half of these on dirt roads or 1500. Assuming that each car and truck travels 8000 miles per year the 1500 automobiles and trucks owned on dirt roads will travel 12,000,000 miles per year. Estimating that one fourth of this travel is made on dirt roads this will make these same automobiles travel 3,000,000 miles on dirt roads. This is not allowing any dirt road travel for cars and trucks owned on hard surface roads.

Estimating that it cost 2 1-2 cents per mile more to operate an automobile or truck on dirt road than concrete road, which estimate is below the figure assumed by garage men of this county and far below that adopted in other states, this 3,000,000 miles of dirt road travel at 2 1-3 cents additional cost per male is costing Kent motorists $75,000 annually.

Compare this $75,000 waste each year against the $80,000 being spent annually for concrete roads, which sum is paid by motorists in gas tax one will see that the road building program is practically costing nothing.

Twenty cents of the present county tax goes to the county road fund. If the ten cent increase tax in the above plan is objectionable, a plan may be devised where part of this ten cents could be taken from the present road fund.

FIRE CO. BAND GIVES CONCERT

As announced in this paper last week the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company band gave a concert last evening in Betterton for the benefit of the Parent Teachers Association of that town. The band was directed by Professor C. A. Bacon, the leader.

This is one of a series of concerts being given by the Fire Company band for the benefit of P. T. A. groups throughout the county.

NEW POSTMASTER TO TAKE CHARGE THURSDAY 31

Mr. Wm. G. Smyth's commission as postmaster for Chestertown arrived Thursday and Mr. Smyth will qualify and take charge of the office on Thursday next. The appointment of Mr. Smyth as postmaster for Chestertown was quite a surprise as it was generally though Mr. Bennett would be reappointed, however changes overnight is quite frequently made in political affairs.

EASTERN SHORE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING

The Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City will hold its annual dinner at Hotel Rennert on February 7th, it was announced today.

Frederick A. Wallis, former United States Commission of Immigration at New York, will be one of the speakers.

James U. Dennis has been named chairman of the arrangements committee. This society has a number of members from this county who usually attend the annual dinner.

AIRPORT BUILDINGS TO BE ERECTED

Arrangements have been made for the erection of hangers and other buildings at the Chestertown airport station for the accommodation of passengers and freight was announced by Albert Ober this week.

A daily round-trip passenger service between Eastern Shore points and Baltimore will soon be made the officials state. Arrangements have been made with the Red Star Motor Bus Company to convey passengers to and from all Eastern Shore towns to the port.

BOAT SERVICE NEXT WEEK

The Kent-Queen Anne- Del Transportation Co. will start operating a boat freight service from Baltimore to Chestertown via Chester River on Monday of next week.

This will be the first regular freight service on the Chester River for some years. The boat, which is powered with a Diesel engine will stop at Queenstown and Chestertown until arragements are made for other points.

Trips will be made three days a week leaving Baltimore on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, returning to Baltimore the following days.

Mr. McCleary is local agent for the company.

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