# FARM BUREAU MEETING DATES

TO CO-OPERATE WITH PARENT-TEACHER GROUPS

James D. Davis, Jr., secretary of the Kent County Farm Bureau has announced the March meeting dates for the Kent county locals as follows:

Rock Hall, at Edward's Hall, on Tuesday, March 10.

Massey, at Firemen's Hall, Millington, Wednesday, March 11.

Fairlee, at School House, Tuesday, March 17.

Chestertown, at Elementary School Wednesday, March 18.

Worton, at Worton Hall, Thursday, March 19.

One of the features of the March meetings has been the invitation extended to all Parent-Teachers groups and all parents of school age children to attend and discuss the Kent county school question in general and the consolidation plan, which would close sixteen county schools, in particular.

It is understood from Farm Bureau officials that that organization is not taking the lead in these school problems but that the invitation to the Parent-Teacher organizations is for the purpose of giving those bodies an opportunity to present their problems before a representative group of citizens in the various communities which will be present at these meetings.


# SPECIALS AT BEN HELLER'S

Chestertown, Maryland

## Saturday, MARCH 7, 1931

GROCERY SPECIALS

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| 3 Boxes Macaroni | 23c |
| 1 lb Cheese | 23c |
| 2 Cans Corn | 23c |
| 2 Cans String Beant | 23c |
| 2 Cans Apple Sauce | 23c |
| 8 Bottles Catsup | 23c |
| 5 lbs Sugar | 23c |
| 3 Boxes Corn Flakes | 23c |

MEAT SPECIALS

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| Standard Rib Roast | 25c |
| Veal Chops | 28c |
| Veal Roast | 25c |
| Breast of Veal | 15c |
| Veal Cutlets | 35c |
| Swift Premium Hams | 25c |




# LOCAL MATTER

—Herring made their appearance in Chester River this week.

—The bill to amend the Charter of Chestertown has been reported favorable by the Senate Committee.

—The bill incorporating the town of Crumpton has been reported favorable by the Senate Committee.

—Mr. George Bacon, of Chestertown, found the eye glasses that were advertised in The Transcript last week.

—The first shad of the season in this section was caught by Capt. Tilghman Hubbard off Tolchester on Thursday. It weighed 6 pounds and sold for $3.00.

—Mr. A. C. Seney, who has resided on Queen St. in Chestertown for a number of years has moved to Barclay, Md.

—Mr. Fred M. Hirons, formerly of Chestertown and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hirons, has been promoted to Superintendant of the Fourth Division of the Railway Mail Service with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

—Mr. Jesse D. Maxwell, State Vice Commander of the northern Eastern Shore District of the American Legion, was one of the speakers at the Washington birthday celebration at the Cambridge High School.

—Mr. Freddy Fetter who was a state inspector on the Chester River Bridge has been transferred by the State Roads Commission to this district and will work with the local State Roads Office here.

# SHOOTS SELF AT HOME

W. H. KING KILLS SELF WITH SHOT GUN THURSDAY

Mr. William H. King, of Kennedyville, committed suicide Thursday at the home of his son in Kennedyville with whom he has been living. Mr. King went to an outbuilding near the home and killed himself with a shot gun. No motive for the action can be found.

Mr.King was 61 years old and has lived in Philadelphia, where he has been an iron-worker, until about a year ago, when he moved to Kennedyville.

He is survived by his wife who was Miss Dora Pennington before her marriage. He is also survived by two sons, Homer who runs a garage in Kennedyville and Ray who is a carpenter.

The funeral will be held at the home of his son Homer in Kennedyville on Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m.

Rev. J. M. Brown of the M. P. Church will conduct the services. Mr. B. R .Fellows will be the undertaker.

# F. S. BARRETT TO RETIRE

It was announced this week that Rev. F. S. Barrett, pastor of Piney Neck M. P. Church will retire after the conference which will be held in Crisfield in April.

Rev. Barrett will shortly celebrate his 74th birthday, having been in the active ministry of the Wilmington Distrct for 38 years.

It is understood that the Piney Neck Church will join the Fairlee, Worton charge, of which Rev. E. N. Wright is pastor and that the congregation of the Piney Neck charge has offered the parsonage to Rev. Barrett as a home as long as he lives.

# PERSONALS

Mrs. Lawrence Strong, who went to the Union Memorial Hospital last Friday for treatment, returned home this Friday very much improved.

Mr. Victor Noyes, of Baltimore, flew to Chestertown Saturday in his aeroplane and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Barroll.

Mrs. Burns, of Baltimore, is making her home with Mrs. Thomas G. Wroth, of Chestertown.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mitchell, of Cambridge, and Mr. Mitchell's mother, of St. Louis, are week end guests of the Maxwells at Worton manor.

Mr. John Bartley, who has been in poor health for some time, was taken to his new home on East Campus Ave., on Saturday in the local ambulance.

Mrs. May Mills Beck attended the annual meeting of the State Attendance Officers in Baltimore this week. Mrs. Beck is the school attendance office in Kent county.

Professor E. Clarke Fontaine, who has been attending a meeting of the National Educational Association in Detroit returned home last Saturday.

Mrs. Charles E. Perkins who has ben the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Perkins, is viiting Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Collins.

Mr. Ambrone Carroll, of Newark, N. J., was the guest last week of his sistr and father, Mr. Wm. Carroll and Miss Mamie Carroll.

Mr. Jesse Maxwell and son, George, who have been visiting Mrs. Maxwell's parents, in White Plains, N. Y., have returned home.

Misses Edna Kirby, Miriam Kirby and little Peggy Benton, were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kirby last week end.

Mr. Walter Pippin, Jr., visited in Baltimore last week.

Mrs. Amy McMenamin spent a few days in Batlimore last week and returned home Saturday.

Mr. Norman Graves, of Wilmington, Del., was the guest of friends in town over the week end.

Mr. Jack Nickerson, of Baltimore, was the week end guest of his mother on Front street.

Prof. Robert Pippin, of Severn School, near Annapolis, visited his parents here.

Messrs. Staunton and Duke Brown, of New York, were in town last week. Mr. Staunton Brown is building what will be one of the most estates in Kent County on the farm on Chester River formerly owned by Mr. H. Clay Brown.

Mr. Albert Newton, of Cowington, Md., spent part of this week in Chestertown on business and was the guest of Mr. Romie Morris.

# ACRES OF GOLD

BY J. B. ABBOTT

AN OVERLOOKED SOURCE OF WEALTH

Editors note:—This is the first of a series of six article by J. B. Abbott, on grass as a crop. These articles are timely and should be of conider-able interest to Kent county farmers. The writer of these articles is considered a country-wide authority on grass and pasture.

Russell H. Conwell used to begin his famous lecture "Acres of Diamonds" by relating a story with a moral which was told to him by an old Arab whom he had hired in Bagdad. The story, much abbreviated, is that there once lived, not far from the river Indus, an ancient Persian by the name of Ali Hafed. Ali Hafed it seems owned a large farm with orchards, vineyards, grain fields and gardens, had money at interest and was, in short, a wealthy and contented man until one day a traveling Buddhist priest put the notion into his head that if he had just one diamond the size of his thumb he could purchase the county or if he had a mine of diamonds he could place his children upon thrones.

Ali Hafed became discontented, sold his farm, and traveled over the world in search of diamonds. Finally, when all was spent, he cast himself in rags, wretchedness, and poverty into the sea and was drowned.

Later, the man who purchased Ali Hafed's farm noticed a curious flash of light from the sands on the bottom of the stream and upon examination discovered a diamond, in fact, many diamonds.

Doctor Conwell terminated his story with the statement: "Thus, said the guide to me, and friends it is historically true, "was discovered the diamond mine of Golconda, the most magnificent diamond mine in all the history of mankind, excelling the Kimberly." The moral, of course, is obvious; but the diamond mines, that is, opportunities for wealth, right at home in one's own back yard, so to speak, are not always so obvious.

The grass crop of the northeatern State unquectionably constitutes an opportunity of that sort, literally Acres of Gold, and I suppose to point out in a few drief essays just how that gold may be mined, refined, and transmuted into coin of the realm.

The enormous potential value of the grass crop lies in the facts that it is by far the cheapest source of the animal nutrients which are required in such tremendous quantities to feed our dairy herds and that it supplies nutrients in a form which is quite as suitable for dairy cows as are nutrients from far more expensive sources. Many a productive dairy herd which now is maintained through the summer months only at a total feed cost of twenty to twenty-five cents per cow-day might be equally well maintained at a feed cost below fifteen—perhaps below ten— cents per cow day by taking full advantage of the possibilities of the grass crop, with a corresponding increase in net profit.

Acute shortage of pasturage is a comparatively recent development. Little research work has been done. Few men have been in possession of the requisite facts from which to think the problem through to a logical conclusion. Hence the thus-far overlooked opportunity.

Professor J. W. White of the Pennsylvania Station has taken the trouble to determine the total amount of animal nurients produced on four acres of land in a standard corn, oats, wheat, hay rotation, as compared with the amount of nutrients produced on four acres of well fertilized bluegrass pasture, and the labor cost of production of each. Perhaps I cannot do better than to quote a couple of his paragraphs from Pennsylvania Bulletin No. 195.

**Labor Costs Money—Grass Requires Little Labor**

According to some recent cost-of-production records in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, "to produce a four-year rotation yielding 61 bushels of corn, 3166 pounds stover, 33.3 bushels of oats, 38.3 bushels of wheat, and 3,200 pounds of hay on four acres, requires 226 hours of man labor and horse labor at a cost of $59.61. To maintain an established pasture would require annually on four acres not more than eight hours of man labor and horse labor for top-dressing mineral fertilizers and repairing fences at an annual cost of $2.80. If we add $2.40 per ton, the cost of grinding the grain necessary for cattle feed, the labor cost of the four acres of grain rotation would be approximately $67.09. On the basis of the above yields, 765 pounds of digestible crude protein and 8,407 pounds of total digestible nutrients would be produced, excluding the oats and wheat straw. On an average of the three soils, where complete fertilizers were used, the bluegrass pasture produced on four acres 1,986 pounds of crude digestible protein and 8,535 pounds of total digestible nurtrients.

On the basis of the above figures, the labor cost necessary to produce one ton of digetible crude protein would be $178.22 for the rotation and $2.82 on the pasture. In like manner one ton of total digestible nutrients would involve a labor cost of $15.94 and $0.66, respectively."

There is the whole story in a nutshell. A ton of nutrients from pasture grass involves a labor cost of only $0.66 as compared with $15.94 for a ton of nutrient from typical vultivated crops. Other production costs aside from labor, land rental, fencing, and fertilization, may be assumed to be about the same for arable land and pasture, certainly no higher for pasture, so the economic advantage of pasturage over manger feeding becomes at once apparent. That being so, why continue to try to solve the problem of shortage of grazing by manger feeding during the normal grasing by manger feeding during the normal grazing season?

In challenging the practice of manger feeding during the normal grazing season I am not advocating starving the dairy cow. She must have plenty of feed, of course, but why give it to her by substituting expensive manger feeding for cheap pasture feeding except for these brief periods when it must be done on accoutn of drought.

It is a much wiser policy to improve the pastuer or even to make a pasture on arable land if one must gotte that length. That costs something, of course, but it costs far less than the manger feeding which i necessitated by shortage of grazing.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of my husband and father, Herman Hill, Sr., who departed this life four years ago today, March 2, 1927.

Gone but not forgotten.

His wife and children.


# FARM EQUIPMENT WEEK

—AND—

# McCormick-Deering Reaper Centenial Celebration

## MARCH 9 to 14, 1931

This is the centenial of the invention of the McCormick Reaper by Cyrus Hall McCormick. We are celebrating this event with a full week devoted to the display and demonstration of the latest and most improved farm equipment that is suited for use in this community. We think that this exhibit will be the most interesting we have ever held, but just to make it a little more interesting we are giving a SPECIAL DISCOUNT on all orders placed during the week for farm equipment.

POWER FARMING DAY

## MARCH 14th, 1931

Beginning at 10 O'clock a. m.

A full day's program has been planned, with a Free Lunch at noon, for the entertainment and enjoyment of every farmer and his family in this community. A full size working reproduction of the original 1831 reaper will be on display, special factory representatives will be present, and there will be thousands of feet of interesting motion pictures. A special feature of this program, a five-reel motion picture, "Romance of the Reaper," will be shown. In this picture you will see farm machinery used 100 years ago. It will be educational, romantic and thrilling. Another feature will be a

DRAWING FOR 50 FREE ARTICLES

AT 4 O'CLOCK

These articles will be given free to the holders of the coupons with numbers corresponding to the numbers drawn. Get your coupons. A coupon will be given for each $1.00 worth of merchandise of any kind purchased, or ordered for future delivery during Farm Equipment week. Persons present at this drawing have first choice of free articles.

Remember the date, mark your calendar, and come spend the day with us.

## Jones & Satterfield

CHESTERTOWN MARYLAND

# MARCH Clearance Sale



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| $25 and $30 Suits, special | | $14.75 |
| $22.50 | Suits | 16.88 |
| $25.00 | " | 18.75 |
| $30.00 | " | 22.50 |
| 35.00 | " | 26.25 |
| $35.00 | Smithson " | 27.50 |

With one and two pants Alterations at cost

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| $20.00 | Top Coats | $15.00 |
| $22.50 | " " | 16.88 |
| $25.00 | " " | 18.75 |
| $30.00 | " " | 22.50 |
| $10.00 | Boys Suits | 7.50 |
| 12.00 | " " | 9.00 |
| 14.00 | " " | 10.50 |
| 15.00 | " " | 11.25 |

All winter wear, such as heavy Underwear, Night Shirts, Pajamas, H. T. Shoes, Sweaters, sheep lined Coats, etc., reduced 25% and more.

## Newsome & Wheat

The Young Men's Shop

Chestertown Md.


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