The Curbstone Diplomat

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Let's hope, that it will be brought to Mr. H. L. Mencken's attention, that the Eastern Shore pulled off the play, "Romeo and Juliet." And what is more they got away with it, as far as an appreciative audience was concerned. As to the financial success, or visa versa, I am unable to state, as I understand the costumes, etc., were expensive, but they did have a large audience.

The play was produced by some organization, class, department or some division or other of Washington College. Anyhow whatever group it was there was not enough men to take all the male parts.

This was the one weakness. Although the young ladies taking the males parts did very well, they had a physical handicap, which they could not overcome. Juliet did very well and she certainly had nothing to inspire her in Romeo, which was acted by a young lady. Relations between Romeo and Juliet seemed to lack the real warmth. Romeo did not even seem to thaw.

The first two acts of the play seemed dull, but after that the whole cast seemed to take on life and the remaining four acts were a howling success. The ladies taking the female parts and the men taking the male parts were very good without exception. The ladies taking male parts did very well considering their handicap.

Dr. Ingalls, who coached the play is to congratulated on her success and it is to be hoped that she will produce another Shakesperian play in the near future.

Let us hope Mr. Mencken will be over the next time to inspect our "Kulture."

Lving on the Eastern Shore is getting to be like ilving on a target. The latest shot fired at us was from Prof. Broadus Mitchell, of the department of poliitcal economy of Johns Hopkins University, acting in behalf of the Federated Councils of Churches. In his attack Mr. Mitchell claims the Eastern Shore to have "backward conditions," caused he says by "geographical isolation.'

Mr. Mitchell's great knowledge of the Eastern Shore conditions at present comes from a Friday to Sunday stay in Salisbury. During this time Mr. Mitchell interviewed twelve people consisting of some negroes (from whom he must have obtained a great deal of knowledge,) the Sheriff, of Wicomico county, the ministers and others. A total of twelve people in Salisbury in a stay of two days. From this he makes a report of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Maybe the Eastern Shore of Maryland is backward but it all depends on what you compare it with. The Eastern Shore is certainly far ahead of Southern Maryland in modern conveniences and holds its own with Western Maryland. When it is compared with Baltimore it compares favorably with about ninety-nine per cent of that city. Of course the Eastern Shore does not have Baltimore's, "toonerville trolleys, minus the Jim Crow law," and in going from one business place to another on the Eastern Shore you generally have the inconvenience of bling able to park an automobile within a few yards of your destination. In Baltimore you have the convenience of walking four or five bocks. Of course each have their advantages. In comparing Baltimore with the Eastern Shore columns could be written.

You know Prof. Mitchell has proved a big dissappointment to me. I gave him credit for being a bigger man than he really is, even going to the trouble of looking him up in "Who's Who," where you look in vain.

Mr. Mitchell has of late years dispised the Eastern Shore. He ran on the progressive ticket for the electorial college in the election of 1924. The Eastern Shore snowed him under. For example, Kent gave him a total of 71 votes. Since that time Mr. Mitchell has never had a good word for us. When in Baltimore, boys knowing I was from the Eastern Shore, were quiet often running to me with the latest cracks that Broadus had made about the shore. In fact the very things that the Eastern Shore cherishes most is what Mitchell hates; respect of parents, home life, traditions, etc.

Whether Mr. Mitchell really believes all he says or not I do not know. He has a very good mind like most of the Hopkins professors and like them, is skilled in the art learning from books and laboratories, but like the rest of them he has not common sense enough to come in out of the rain.

Publicity is something he craves and he is the idol of the young men at college, who have just learned "there ain't no Santa Claus," and who are fruitful field for communism, Atheism and other radical subjects. For Mr. Mitchell to suggest that Maryland became a nudess colony or that we go back to the stone age, would not surprise those who know him. I am told he made a remark in 1924 that it took a thousand dollars worth of fertilizer to grow five hundred dollars worth or crops on the Eastern Shore.

In substaniating what I have written about Mr. Mitchell being radical, etc., just read the clipping which is reprinted below.

"Last Summer Dr. Mitchell conducted a party of economics investigators on a tour of Russia to make a study of the Soviet five-year plan, which he hailed as the greatest challenge to the captialist world today, adding that he hoped for its success."

All in all I think from this we can just consider that Mr. Mitchell made a poor shot at our target and did not hit as near the bull's eye as Mencken did. The wonder is why did the Federated Council of churches pick a man to investigate for them, that hails communism. They should know the communist attitude toward churches.

SHAD SEASON FEBRUARY 1

TO START MONTH EARLIER THIS YEAR

For the information of the fishermen the Conservation Department gives below the season on shad and herring and the legal size of mesh in nets.

The only change in the fishing season over last year is that shad and herring may be caught a month earler in Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries below Poole's Island, except in Potomac River. The season this year is starting February 1st instead of March 1st, as formerly.

Shad and Herring Season

(a) In Chesapeake Bay and tributaries, below Poole's Island, except in Potomac River, February 1st to May 31st, both dates inclusive.

(b) In Chesapeake Bay and tributaries, above Poole's Island, March 15th to June 10th, both dates inclusive.

(c) In Chinciteage and Sinepuxent Bays and their tributaries, March 1st to May 31st, both dates inclusive.

(d) In Potomac River, March 1st to May 31st, both dates inclusive.

Size Of Mesh

The legal sizes of mesh in nets are as follows:

Pound nets 2 1-4 inches.
Haul seines 2 1-2 nches.
Gill nets 2 1-2 inches.
Fyke and hook nets 2 1-4 inches.

The law became effective January 1st, 1932.

Nets of smaller mesh than the above are unlawful.

DEATHS

Thomas A. Wilmer passed away at the University Hospital, Baltimore, on Sunday, January 24th. Death was due to a complication of diseases, pneumonia developed following a serious operation. The deceased had been in failing health for several months.

He was the son of the late James L. and Sarah Wilmer, born and grew to manhood near Chestertown. As a young man he settled in Betterton and married Benanna Wheeler. He was a home loving man ,highly respected in his comunity, of a modest and generbus personality. Besides his widow the following children are left to mourn his loss: T. Oscar and Arthur E., of Philadelphia; Mrs. Harry Meeks, Claude L., S. Anna, of Betterton. A brother Ewell L., also survives.

Funeral services were conducted from his late residence in Betterton, on Tuesday, January 26th at 2 p. m. Rev. John White officiated, assisted by Dr. S. S. Hepbron. The bearers were: Messrs. William Crew, James Sutton, Cornelius Crew, Harry Willis, Caldwell Crew and Lotan Rasin. Interment in Still Pond Cemetery. B. R. Fellows, undertaker.

Howard Cox, 50, of near Massey, Kent county, died last Friday as the result of injuries sustained when he was struck by an automobile driven by Linden Boyer in the Smyrna-Clayton highway in Delaware. For a time followng the accident the dead man could not be identified.

Mr. Cox was walking along the road when struck. Boyer stopped and took the injured man t a physician in Smyrna, from where he was later removed to the Kent General Hospital. He died in the hospital.

An inquest was held into the accident on Monday. Boyer was held in 500 bail but was allowed to go by signing his own bond.

Mrs. Ellen L. McGinnis, 69, wife of Thomas McGinnis, died at her late home on Gratitude avenue, Rock Hall, last Friday.

Funeral services were held from the home on Monday at noon. The Rev. W. S. Grant, of Rock Hall, and the Rev. Mr. Work, of Philadelphia, officiated. Interment was made at Sudlersville, Charles L. Dodd was the undertaker.

The bearers were: Messrs. Elwood, Medford, Ralph and Oscar McGinnis and Walter Kulley, Jr., and David Nickerson, Jr.

Her husband, children and 22 grandchildren survive. The surviving children are: Elwood P., William Medford, James Oscar and Lewin S. McGinnis, Mrs. Mary Kulley, Mrs. Maywood Nickerson, Mrs. Anna Bell Coleman, Mrs. Peal Gibson and Mrs. Mabel Elburn.

William A. Maxwell, part time resident of Kent and owner of "Cacaway" in Quaker Neck, died last Thursday in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Death was due to heart and liver trouble and interment was made on Friday at Corpus Christi.

His widow, who was with him at the time of his death, survives.

Mr. Maxwell came to Kent some years ago and purchased a farm on Comegy's Bight. He later bought the "Cacaway" property.

Dashiell (Nee Harrison), on January 22, 1932, at Betterton, Md., Sarah E., aged 79 years, beloved wife of the late Richard H. Dashiell. Funeral from her late residence 918 S. East Ave., 2 p. m. Monday, Rev. Wright, of Presbyterian Church to officiate, interment at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

She leaves four daughters and three sons. Mrs. W. Frank Young, Kennedyville; Mrs. Clarence Leigh, Albion, N. Y.; Mrs. J. R. Gaar, of Baltimore; Mrs. Martin Vaith, Baltimore; Mr. R. Dashiell,, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. Paul Dashiell, Baltimore; Mr. Richard Dashiell, Baltimore.

The bearers will be her sons and sons-in-law. B. R. Fellows in charge of funeral arrangements.

KENT BOYS' 4-H ACTIVITIES

The Kent 4-H Clover Calf Club held its regular meeting Wednesday evening, January 20th, at the home of Frank Sutton, President. A very interesting meeting was held with fifteen members present. The club decided to hold a "pie social' at the home of Billie Morris, in Baker's Lane, Friday evening of this week for the purpose of raising money for club expenses.

A cast from the Kent 4-H Boys' Club Council is rehearsng for a very fine play which will be given in the near future. The boys are not only enjoying working up this play but are getting some spelndid training in dramatics. You will hear more about it later. The Council is also carrying out plans for the County-wide Banquet to be held February 26th.

The Swan Creek P. T. A. is meeting Tuesday evening, February 2nd, at the school for their regular meeting. They are interested in sponsoring a 4-H Club in their community; and plans are being made to organize. Everyone is invited to attend and enter in the discussion. Mr. M. P. Edwards has agreed to act as Local Leader of this new club, which we feel sure will be very successful.

The Kent 4-H Daisy Calf Club is meeting this Saturday afternoon at the home of its Secretary, Davidson Coleman, near Worton, for practice in Judging Dairy Cows. The boys will judge Jerseys and are working to make a place for themselves on our County Judging Team this Fall. Walter T. Morris, local leader, will be assisted by Assistant County Agent in instructing the boys in this work.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur W. Hubbard were guests of former Ambassador and Mrs. Boaz Long at a dinner on Thursday night, after which the party were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Long in their box at the Opera in Philadelphia.

Mr. Willard Kinsey and Mr. Charles Taylor, of Chestertown, spent the week end in Harrisburg, Pa.

Mr. Lee Cohee, of Chester, Pa., and sister, Miss Cohee, of Baltimore, spent the week end at Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. O. Stokes, of Betteron, Md., are spending the winter at Harvard Hall, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. William Frazier Russell, Jr., left for Baltimore yesterday. She will undergo an operation for sinus trouble.

Miss Helen Tyler, of Silver Springs, was the week end guest of friends in town.

Mr. Joseph Wheatley left on Thursday last for New York where he will visit his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wheatley.

Mr. Horace Beck and his son, Frank visited Mr. and Mrs. Allan Harris last week end.

Miss Louise Russell is at the Easton hospital where she has undergone an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. M. A. Toulson who has been ill is much better at ths writing.

Dr. Edward J. Clark and wife were week end guests of Dr. and Mrs. Clark Fountain last week.

Mr. Arthur J. Leonard, Supt. Peerless Fertilizer Co., has returned home from Easton hospital, but it still confined to his room.

Mrs. Katherine Jones, of Baltimore, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Metcalf this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carville, of Swarthmore, Pa., spent the week end with Mrs. Kratzer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kratzer.

WEDDING NOTES

HILL—PORTER

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Hill, of West Chester, Pa., announce the marriage of their daughter, Frances Elizabeth, to Mr. Kennard G. Porter on January 3rd, 1932.

Mrs. Porter was a member of the 1930 graduating class of Chestertown High School and a student at The Training School at the Chester County Hospital, West Chester, Pa.

Mr. Porter is a prominent young business man of Centreville, Md., and is connected with the Shell Oil Company.

"DELICIOUS" AT NEW LYCEUM

Janet Gaynor And Charles Farrell Starred

"Delicious," a sparkling Fox comedy drama reuniting the tsars, comedian and director of "Sunny Side Up," comes to the New Lyceum Theatre on Friday and Saturday, February 5th and 6th, with a matinee on Saturday, February 6th at 2:30 P. M.

Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell, the co-stars, reaped more than their usual share of honors in the fascinating romance around which the tuneful plot revolves. Six George Gershwin melodies are featured in the production, one of which, "Somebody From Somewhere," is sung by Janet, and bids fair to repeat the enormous success of her "I'm A Dreamer" number in "Sunny Side Up."

El Brendel, as Janet's staunchest friend and Farrell's comical valet, heads the brilliant supporting cast which includes Raul Roulien, Manya Roberti, Virginia Cherril, Olive Tell and many others. David Butler, who guided Farrel and Miss Gaynor in both their former musical successes, directed "Delicious," which is an original from the gifted pen of Guy Bolton.

BETTERTON

The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved families of Mr. Thomas Wilmer and of Mrs. Dashields. Mr. Wilmer passed away at the University Hospital in Baltimore last Sunday afternoon and Mrs. Dashields at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Young on Friday morning.

A good deal of excitement was caused ast Tuesday afternoon when it was learned that a party of gypsies had entered the stores of Owens & Co., and C. H. Brice and robbed the banks in each store, getting away with about two hundred and fifty dollars.

An entertainment will be given next Wednesday evening in the school auditorium by the local talent. The proceeds will be given to the Ladies Aid Society for the new carpet fund.

Mr. W. Reese Young, who has been ill is improving. He and Mrs. Young passed their fifty fifth anniversary on Monday.

Capt. James Curry is spending the week at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Biggard and family, of Philadephia, were the week end guests of Dr. and Mrs. Walter Stone.

Mr. Charles Duffield has returned to his home here after spending some time in Philadelphia.

Mr. Harry Clark has returned from Easton Hospital where he was taken about ten days ago, having fractured his knee cap when he fell from a ladder.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith are spending the week in Baltimore, where Mr. Smith is taking a course at the Chevrolet school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robnson and family of Still Pond have moved to "Westminster Inn."

KENNEDYVILLE

The P. T. A. will hold their monthly meeting in the school building next Wednesday afternoon at 3.30 p. m. a good attendance is desired.

Service in the M. P. Church as usual next Sunday.

Service in Grace Presbyterian church next Sunday evening at 7.30 p. m.

Mr. Howard Johnston, of Baltimore, spent the week end wth his parents.

Miss Nellie Walters, of Chestertown, spent the week end with Mrs. Wm. Jewell.

Miss Sue Johnston and Mrs. Cleve Tucker, of Washington, D. C., spent the week end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill and Margueret Ann, of Phoenixvile, Pa., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hurlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Carl Price, of near Middletown, Del., spent the week end with the Misses Scottens.

Dr. William Urie and wife, of Richardson Park, were visitors here on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston and sons, Miss Sue Johnston and Mrs. Cleve Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. James Weer and children, Mr. John Cullin, of Baltimore, and Mr. Hessey were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnston on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Copper, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with Mrs. Pearl Walls and family.

Mrs.W. S. Hurlock, Mrs. Rachiel Hill and Mr. Walter Hill and family visited Mrs. Norman Hitch at Queenstown on Sunday.

Mrs. May Spry is visiting relatives in Church Hill.

The Prayer meeting of the M. P. Church was held at the home of Mr. Melvin Ford on Wednesday evening.

MILLINGTON

Mr. Roand Porter was the guest last Sunday of friends at Harrington, Del.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society will be hed in Asbury M. E. Church, netx Friday, February 6, at 7.30 p. m. The public is invited to attend.

Miss Leona Phillips, of Delaware Hospital is quite sick in the hospital in Wilmington.

Mr. E. T. Stevens spent Sunday with friends in Marydel.

Lemuel Davis has opened a Barber Shop in the Ahern Building in Millington.

Paul Bowman is filling the clerkship at the American Stores vacated by the Blackiston.

Mrs. Evao Marvel and son, Warner Porter were guest last week of friends in Wilmington for two days.

Mrs. John Walker, of near Massey, visited her aunt, Mrs. S. Edna Jones on Monday last.

Mr. J. H. Blackiston has moved to the Thomas Edwards filing station at Massey where he will be in full charge.

Mrs. Harvey Brice and children were week end visitors of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Spencer Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rolph, of Wilmington, were wee kend guests of his mother, Mrs. Clara Rolph.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stoffer, of Rock Hall visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Lee last Sunday.

Miss Helen Vansant spent last week with her brother, Albert Vansant, near Clayton.

Miss Elva Reese, of Washngton, D. C., was a week end visitor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Reese.

Mrs. Watler Strawn and Mrs. Hynson Beck, of Chestertown ,and Mrs. Amy Brice, of Baltimore, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Merritt Brice on Tuesday last.

Misses Helen Semans and Lillian Moore were guests of friends in Harrington, Del., last week.

Miss Louise Jones spent the past week wth friends in Reisterstown, Md.

Miss Elizabeth Semans visited Miss Eunice Starkey, of Sudlersville, a few days last week.

Mr .and Mrs. Fred T. Lee and two daughters, Misses Margaret and Catherine, attended the funeral of Mrs. Thomas McGinnes at her late home in Rock Hall on Monday, she was buried in Sudlersville Cemetery. Rev. Grant, of Rock Hall, and Rev. Worth, of Philadelphia, officiated. C. L. Dodd, was the undertaker.



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