WINTER GRAY

BY MARY ROBERTINE STOKES

Winter gray—Sometimes nature shows her rarest beauties in the gray days of winter; throws her more elusive harmonies on the screen of space. The beauty of trees in winter is something to marvel at when they are massed into woodland riffles of soft, filmy dove gray under the arc lamp glow of the winter sun; indescribable gray—a whisper of the wind; the breath of surprise. A well known English essayest says the woods of winter are more beautiful as you approach them or pass them by, but that depends on the kind of trees making up the woodland.

To leave warm rooms on a snappy morning when the ground has been frozen and the woods are dry, the mold resilient, and follow an old cart road to the depths of a deep wood should take the dull out of the dreariest day.

When a light snow storm is threatening or light hail tapping one's cheeks the time for exploring the diversified wood is ideal. The towering hickory, beeches, oaks, with slender sapling growth of dogwood, pawpaw, all standing silent in the leafless beauty of fascinating forms, where one can pick out and observe the individuality and the eccentricities, too, of the different speci[illegible] here is to sense a graphic and u[illegible]al pleasure. You stop under a clump of pungently green young pines and snap a few branches. Beneath the pines is a soft everlasting green carpet of crowfoot, a member of the buttercup family, the loviest of all winter greens to twist into wreaths and ropes for festival.

The silence of the winter woods is impressive; "The black woods of the gray time throw no shadows." When one goes thru that thick wall by the door of an old cart road one is sure to find something beautiful within. The summer wood seems like a low canopy of flickering sun and shade but the winter wood rises far above you. As you follow the road you gather laurel and pine; skirting the ravine, polopody fern; and farther along the side of the hill azalea is gathering force for the gorgeous bouquets that it piles on nature's booths in May. Along the old cart road thru the misty gray you can quaff the hydromel of sunlight and silence. Everywhere are glints of sappy green where the sun touches the more advanced buds.

The table of a hewn oak is spread with cracked nuts; a tiny gray owl looks down from a crotch in a cedar. A mirthful squirrel leaps along from tree to tree. You stop at the foot of a giant beech with wonder at the power of those roots to hold such a weight aloft one hundred and fifty feet.

Silence and gray everywhere but think of the color locked in those ashen buds, the purple of the judas tree; the creamy white of dogwood; the orange cups of poplar. In winter days everything is noted in the wild things that draw near; the flock of quail feeding under the windows as they make their sunset way to the hedge; the rabbit playing about the tree shadows when the moon is bright on the snow; a large owl thumping the door at midnight and rousing the household as it surprised a perch of sparrows and badly frightened the colored folk; the man declaring next morning "Dat sure was a solid sound."

One misses fragrance in wintertime, but the variety of exquisite gray greenes, lavender grays, faint lemon yellows, faded rose that one finds everywhere when bare trees interlace or shrubbery masses is never to be seen at any other season, but one has to oberve keenly to note and enjoy it all; it is there, as realistic as summer green.

A flake of tropic red hangs in the dullish gray japonica where a cardinal perches. One day stumped by the sameness of a really gray day and going to the window searching for entertainment you suddenly became aware of wings a flock of juncos passed the pane, a large brown hawk was sweeping the stubble, a goshawk, high in the air, was watching one spot on quivering wings; crows were flapping around a huge stack, a dense flock of blackbirds from the wheatfield; the gray space was full of wings.

The winter is the ideal time to study the beauty of wild, free motion. Lovely wings sail or curve or flash; black wings, brown wings, gray wings, and white and muffled wings; one feels motion take the place of song. A flock of san on crescent wings pass histling up the white sky—and man still longs to fly like a bird.

And for homely incident to hear the telephone ring on a wild, shrill night and a neighbor's voice asking if their man had been seen who must have broken down in the snow, and your own man with a weird tale of being bewildered and wandering round and round the steel cold fields until he was set right by a neighbor near his starting point. A stocky young German slips in when you answer a knock and asks if you think he would make a good doctor; you are non-plussed, and answer, "How can I say when I have never seen you before;" wants you to vote for him, but you are so dumb or dumbfounded that he turns and leaves. Another day a man appears holding a large dishpan in one hand and a small can of yeast powder in the other and asks you to pay fifty cents for the yeast powder and he will give you the dishpan, which seems so ridiculous that you laugh outright.

So much has been written of the beauty of winter sunsets. Neighbor lights shine thru the thin, dark woods. Across wide fields village candles, electrified, glow from the dimming horizon's shelf—and the gray of the day surrenders to the gray of night.

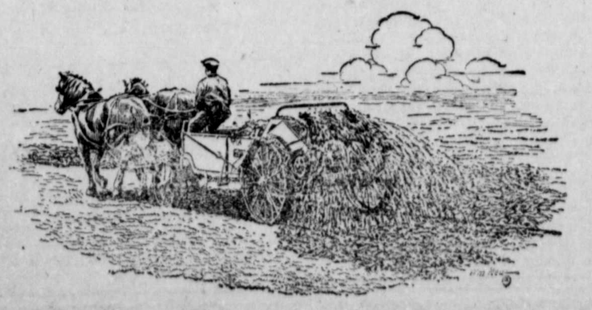
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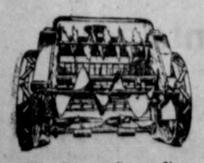
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SCHOOL OFFICIALS ADDRESS ROTARIANS

URGE ENLARGEMENT OF CHESTERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. E. Clarke Fontaine, Superintendant of High Schools on the Eastern Shore and Mr. Louis C. Robinson, Superintendant of schools for Kent county, were the principal speakers.

Mr. Fontaine was the first speaker and he pointed out the advantages of High School consolidation using the records of the Kent County High Schools as an example.

The records of the Kent County High Schools including Betterton, Kennedyville and Fairlee which are now closed, are as follows:

Fairlee High School during the three years that it was opened had an attendance of 15, 12 and 11 pupils, the cost per pupil being $126, $143 and $142.

Kennedyville High School during its two years had 10 and 13 pupils, the cost per pupil being $143 and $152.

Betterton High School during its three years had 20, 19 and 9 pupils, the cost per pupil being $258, $235 and $195.

The Millington High Schoo l during the period from 1923 to 1930, the number of pupils ranged 23 to 27, the cost per pupil ranging from $128 to $164.

The Galena High School during the period from 1923 to 1930, the number of pupils ranged from 47 to 69, the cost per pupil ranging from $133 to $129.

The Rock Hall High School during the period from 1923 to 1930, the number of pupils ranged from 54 to 97, the cost per pupil ranging from $173 to $100.

The Chestertown High School during the period from 1923 to 1930 ranged from 123 to 286, the cost per pupil ranging from $94 to $97. The Chestertown High School has 315 pupils this year.

Mr. Fontaine stated that the cost of high school housing in Kent county is far below the average in the state.

Mr. Louis C. Robinson told of the financial end of the enlargement program giving details of the bonded indebtedness of the county, the addition to the tax rate and the proper handling of the Lond issue so as to avoid a burdensome tax rate.

The citizens of Kent county will decide at the November election wether or not there shall be a bond issue of $100,000 to enlarge the Chestertown High School.

It has been pointed out that the present enrollment being 315 pupils.

CHIMNEY FIRE AT LYNCH

The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co. was called out Thursday afternoon to extinguish a chimney fire, at the farm owned by Mr. John Moffett, at Lynch.

People living at the house noticed the chimney getting hot and found that it was on fire. Fearing that it would set fire to the house, they sent in the fire alarm. The fire company, which is alert by this time in handling chimney fires made quick work of putting the fire out and cleaning the chimney.

HEALTH NOTES

NEGRO HEALTH WEEK TO START SUNDAY

Young and old in the colored population are expected to take part in the celebration of Negro Health Week, during the week beginning April 3. Plans are under way in all sections of Maryland, for special exercises during the week, under the direction of the county health officers.

Provisions is made in this year's program for the annual clean-up, paint-up activities; for health conferences for children and young people and for mothers and fathers; for meetings and movies; for community action in getting rid of unsightly heaps of rubbish and garbage, in planting trees and shrubbery, as well as individual action in cleaning up and beautifying homes and in getting gardens in shape for spring planting.

Certificates of merit with gild, blue or red seals, will be awarded to communities for special accomplishments, the winners of gold seal certificates for three successive seasons being eligible for a permanent trophy of some sort. Last year over 3,500 communities throughout the country observed Negro Health Week, and Maryland was among the states receiving certificates of special merit. Calvert and Kent Counties were awarded gold seal certificates for county-wide activities, all of which were part of the year-round health program of these counties. Kent, Montgomery and Anne Arundel Counties and Baltimore City also won honors in former celebrations. Cleanliness and neatness contests were held throughout the spring last year, in the colored schools in St. Mary's and Dorchester Counties, following the observance of Negro Health Week.

Sunday, April 3, Mobilization Day.

Monday, April 4, Home Health Day.

Tuesday, April 5, Community Sanitation Day.

Wednesday, April 6, School Health Day.

Thursday, April 7, Adults' Health Day.

Friday, April 8, Special Campaign Day.

Saturday, April 9, General Clean-Up Day.

Sunday, April 10, Report and Follow-Up Day.

CHURCH NOTES

Emmanuel P. E. Church

Rev. C. L. Atwater, Rector. Sunday services, April 3, 8 a. m. Holy Communion; 10 a. m. Church School and Bible classes; 11 a. m. Holy Communion and sermon by the Rector; 7.30 p. m. evening Prayer with short address by the Rector; 8 p. m. Vestry meeting. (The usual meeting of the Sunday School Teachers will be held, not after the evening service, but for a few minutes after the morning service.)

Shrewsbury Parish, Kennedyville

Sunday service, April 3, will be at 2.30 p. m. At this service the new members of the Vestry will be sworn in, as will be the Wardens, according to the Maryland State Law, as provided in the "Vestry Act."

Christ Methodist Protestant Church
Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, D. D., Minister

"Oh come, let us sing unto the Lord; Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms." You are cordially invited to join in the services of next Sunday.

The Sunday School session will be held at 10.00 o'clock Sunday morning under the direction of Mr. W. R. Huey, Superintendent. The lesson subject is "God in Creation."

Morning Worship at 11:00 A. M. Holy Communion service with short address by the pastor.

The Christian Endeavor service will be held at 6:45 P. M. and will be under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Sexsmith. The tpoic for discussion is "Why Do We Have a Church?"

Evening Worship at 7:30 P. M. By request the Easter music will be repeated at this service. Sermon by the pastor.

The Third Quarterly Conference will be held on Tuesday evening at the parsonage.

Prayer and praise service on Wed-

Kenendyville M. P. Church

J. McLain Brown, pastor. Men's Bible Class at ten o'clock. Sunday School same hour in church, R. C. Young, Supt.

Morning worship and sermon by the pastor at eleven o'clock with the administration of the Lord's Supper.

At 7.30 p. m. the Easter exercises postponed on account of the inclement weather will take place. The public cordially invited.

The By-Kota Club will meet on Monday, April 4 at 8 p. m. in the social rooms of the church. The Hostesses will be Miss Ella Hicks, Mrs. Helen Groves and Mrs. Esabell Newnam.

St. James M. P. Church

Rev. J. Lee Marker, Minister. 10 a. m. Sunday School, George Carroll superintenednt. The lesson will be "God in Creation."

11 a. m. regular morning worship. Sermon by the pastor. Special music. 7.30 attenion is called to the postponement, on account of the weather, of the pagent that was to have been presented. The beautiful pagent "Easter Vision" will be presented at this time. Come and enjoy this service with us.

Lynch M. P. Church

2 p. m. Sunday School. The lesson "God in Creation." 3 p. m. regular afternoon service. Sermon by pastor. 7 p. m. Christian Endeavor. The subject will be "Why Do We Have a Church?" A most cordial invitation is extended to all.

MILK PRODUCERS HOLD MEETING

MANY FARMERS ATTEND THAT SHIP FROM MASSEY, KENNEDYVILLE AND CHESTERTOWN

On Wednesday afternoon the Washington College Auditorium was comfortably filled with farmers who produce milk for the Philadelphia market. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the shippers regarding the many factors that enter into the marketing o fmilk. The present situation keting of milk. The present situation bach, a Montgomery, Pa., farmer, who is President of the Inter-State Milk Producers' Association. This cooperative organization is the bargaining agency representing the producers in the disposal of the milk to the distributors. Mr. Aliebach calmed the fears of many who anticipated that the purpose of the meeting was to announce a further reduction in price. He paid the producers a high compliment regarding their cooperation in controlling their production. If this good work continues no price cuts should result in the immediate future. Many questions were asked and were clearly answered. All who attended must have been convinced that the marketing of their milk is in able hands. Continued cooperation is the important thing for the producer to remember.

Mr. C. I. Cohee, who is at the head of the Philadelphia Inter-State Dairy Council, explained the method by which the regulations governing the production of milk for the Philadelphia market are determined. Both the producer and the dealer are represented so that the regulations in force are agreed to by both sides. He pointed out clearly the value of the Dairy Council, which does much work in advertising and promoting the use of milk. It also does the work, which in most cases is done by a Board of Health, as it applies to the standards or requirement which must be met if the milk is accepted on the Philadelphia market. The inspectors of Inter-State Dairy Council represent both the dealer and the producer and are the only persons with authority to order shippers to change or improve the conditions under which milk is produced, cooled, and houesd.

Mr. J. A. Conover, University of Maryland Dairy Extension Specialist, pointed out ways and means of reducing the cost of production of milk which is necessary if dairying is to continue to be profitable with the reduced prices. The provision of addequate pastures, the production of adequate legume roughages, the use of silage, the production of most of the grains for feeding, the raising of soybeans to be fed with cereal grains as a source of protein, the keeping of records of production so that the herds may be culled of the nonprofitable or boarder cows.

The meeting was held in cooperation between the Inter-State Milk Producers' Association and the Maryland Extension Service. County Agent J. D. McVean served as chairman. Everybody went away feeling a worthwhile meeting had been held. It is hoped that all will take to heart the suggestions and information offered and do all that is possible to control production to the point that no further price reduction may be necessary. Every speaker had a very vital message.

WOMAN'S PARTY MEETS

Hold meeting at Washintgon College. National representatives were present. Advocate jury service for women. Ladies from Kent meet with them and Mrs. Fred G. Usilton is elected chairman.

Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, widow of Dr. Wiley, author of the pure food law, who is the chairman of the Council of the National Woman's Party and who recently served on a jury in Washington, D. C., said, "In states where women serve as jurors, every arrangement has been made for their comfort and dignity. For instance, in one case of which I know, where there was a single woman on a jury in a murder trial, which lasted several days; the woman juror was taken each night by a matron to a comfortable hotel, while the men as in "the good old days," were locked up together. My months experience was one of the most interesting and developing of my life. I learned about law, humanity and physchology.

Other members of the party who stayed at Reid Hall for two nights, were; Mrs. Abby Scott Baker, Press Chairman and Miss Margaret Luers, chairman of the student council.

A lunch was arranged at the Mad Hatter Tea Room, by Mrs. Fred G. Usilon, attended by Mrs. Fred G. Usilton, Miss Margaret Brewer, Mrs. Nell C. Westcot, Mrs. J. H. Clendaniel, Mrs. Evelyn Harris, Miss Addie Glascock, Dr. Esther Dole, Mrs. Herbert Perkins, Mrs. P. A. M. Brooks, Mrs. E. A. Sexsmith, Miss Florence Snodgrass, Mrs. Charles W. Saterfield, Miss Nellie E. Walters, Miss Anne Smith, Mrs. David B. Ford, Mrs. Abby Scott Baker, Mrs. Hanney W. Wiley, Miss Margaret F. Luers.

After the lunch a temporary organization was effected of which Mrs. Usilton was made the chairman.

The Visitors are now on their way to the home of Mrs. Edward Allen, at Darlington, Md., where a meeting is bieng aranged by Mrs. Theodore Forbes.

RESOLUTIONS FOR RESPECT

WHEREAS, our Heavenly Father, who is wise an dgood, has called to the higher life our friend and brother, John P. Nicholson, and

Whereas, In the light of the noble character he was, loved by all who knew him: a life beautiful in its simplicity and sincerity, be it

Resolved, That believing his passing is our loss and his gain, that we submit our wills to the will of our Heavenly Father, and be it further

Resolved, That we, the members of St. James M. P. Church extend to all his loved ones our deepest sympathy in this hour of their sorrow, and that a copy of these resolution be sent to the family, and to each county paper.

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