The Curbstone Diplomat

BY

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Crisfield like Chestertown is to have a new post-office. Citizens there are much concerned about the local employment problem. The contract for the building did not go to any of the local contractors, but was given to some large firm up in Pennsylvania. That means, of course, that the bulk of the workmen will be from Pennsylvania. Furthermore, we understand, as to its truth of course we can not ascertain, that the handling of the contract was placed on the "Washington Merry Go Round."

When the contract for the new post-office here is awarded, just how much chance do you think the local contractors will have, or what chance local capenters will have?

Of course, if a lot of workmen do come here from away, it will be "glory" for the boarding-house keepers and some property holders with now vacant houses or apartments.

Community spirit was certainly lacking in Kent, both in the celebration of Christmas and New Year's. Of course the different churches had their special services but there was no community get-to-gether. Some children did sing carols in the park on Christmas Eve but scarcely anybody noticed them Anyhow, that kind of tame stuff is hardly thought of when you talk about celebrating Christmas.

Christmas was celebrated around here all right and so was New Year's but it was done in a private way. The little brown jug was not forgotten and a good time was had by all. No one seemed too rich for it and no one seemed to be too poor for it. Everything seemed to go off pretty smooth except where some of the big boys thought they were men and the bigger they came the heavier they fell. Christmas or New Year's spirits were not lacking, it was community spirit.

Over in Queen Annes they can really get to-gether and throw a dance. The public is cordially invited for a small consideration. In this one respect it makes us jealous of Queen Annes.

The attempt here at a public dance was a complete flop. The great big armory did not have more than a dozen couples. When the new armory had its official opening this year it was opened wide enough and was a tremendous success. It is too bad another good community affair like that could not be held each Christmas week.

The Fire Company played "old Kris," Christmas to a number of children that would have had no Christmas without outside help. A very charitable thing to do. There are some people however that you can not help, the kind that never appreciate anything. One of those helped turned in a false fire alarm Tuesday for the fun of it. He was old enough to know better.

Mr. Webb Hadaway, who is taking Mrs. Isaac Dixson's yacht to Florida is finding that be ing a member of the U. S. Power Squadion is mighty big help. According to reports Webb has received mighty good service when he flashed his Power Squadron card. Thirteen people from Chestertown are members of this organization having passed an examination held at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club.

Next week in this space a tip will be given the Fire Company about chimney fires. Nothing new, in fact it is very old, but it should come in handy even today.

One prominent resident of Kennedyville says they need a new post office worse than Chestertown.

From almost ever automobile owner comes a complaint about the amount of his taxes. They are high but yet a lot of money is spent on rads. The automobiles owners should get together and complain about is teams going down the road without lights. Every now and then some motorist is arrested for hitting a team. In most of these cases the automobile owner is freed but he has his repair bill to pay and the inconvenience of a trial. Every team should carry an adequate light but very few of them can be called good enough and many use none at all. When an automobile in meeting another automobile hits a team without adequate light the blame should go on the driver of the team and he should be subject to arrest.

This Week's Cartoon

Odd - But True

FURROWS

BY JOSIAH ALLEN WEATHERBY

The papers is reportin Senator Carter Glass and Former Governor Harry Flood Byrd as refusin to accept a Cabinet post in Mr. Roosevelt's official family. Well, we might as well make it three, fer I ain't goin to accept no Cabinet post either. In the first place, I ain't got the time to give to the job if it wuz to be offered to me; and in the second place, there is a lot of men in the Country that is better qualified fer the job than I am, and I think Mr. Roosevelt is goin to offer the jobs to some of them. And I might as well say here that I am declinin all the rest of the political jobs that might be offered to me. Fillin a political job don't exactly suit my nature. It is too much like riding a rough trottin hoss. You have to trot up and down with him all the time or you git a lot of bumps and jolts. And it makes you mighty sore. I'd ruther walk any time than ride a rough trottin hoss, and I'd ruther be a free citizen any time than to be bound and gagged by a political appointment. Bein unhampered by any political strings, I don't have to be so particular about expressin my mind when I don't like the way things is goin. And then, when I tell somebody he ought to do things thus and so, if he don't do what I say, I ain't got no responsibility fer his not doin it.

Well, I reckon it would be a right good thing if a lot of other people in this coountry wuld join Senator Glass, Ex-Governor Byrd and me in declinin Cabinet posts, and other politcal appointments too. There is too many people lookin fer jobs that carry pay from the Government. These here people would be a heap better off if they spent their time workin fer a livin, and so would the rest of the Country too. We could git along pretty well if about two hundred thousand of them that is now holdin Government sinecures would decline and git out and go to work fer a livin, and relieve the tax-payers of the Country of the responsibility of supportin them.

Of course, some of these office holders and the friends of the Government feed through will say that it would be throwin that many more people out of work and increasin the already too large army of unemployed. But, land sakes! These here people belong to that army now! The only difference will be that they won't have no steady and secure income (from the taxpayers' pockets). Well, all I got to say is that there is lots of land in this Country, and it ain't no disgrace to dig in it to make things grow that folks can eat. Of course, they wouldn't have no Government automobiles to ride around in, and no warm offices to set in while they sleep, but that would really be better for their health. It ain't good fer people to sleep day and night both, they git too fat. Exercise is what they need, and they can git plenty of that in the garden or on the farm.

So, all in all, lookin ver the situation, I recommend that a lot of people in the Country decline Cabinet posts and other political appointments. They will, in this way, serve the Country much better, and display a much higher type of patriotism.

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