Women's Page



BY A WOMAN

OLD CHESTERTOWN

CHESTERTOWN'S FIRST TELEPHONE

Chestertown's first telephone connected the office of the Beck and Walker Fertilizer Co., in town, with their plant located on Chester River. The plant is now owned by Massey & Wilmer.

Just how long ago it was that this telephone was installed we do not know, but Mr. DeCoursey Ruth was a young man in their employ at the time. Mr. Ruth, is a brother of Mrs. Thomas Wroth, of Chestertown, and now lives in Newark, N. J.

This telephone caused plenty of fun and it is needless to say, that it was used at first for fun more than business.

When a farmer would saunter into the Beck and Walker office, nothing would delight the gang there more than to get him to the telephone. Thinking some joke was up this was quite often hard to do. It is safe to say that all had an electric shock before and thought this would be another or something just as bad.

Finally they would induce him to grab the receiver and place it to his ear, and then put his mouth to the mouth-piece. Someone in the "Know" would hold down the receiver hook and ring the bell for him. At the other end of the line would come the familiar voice. (Just who it was at the plant answering the phone we are unable to find out, but it was someone which most everybody knew.) Quite often the man talking over the phone would say, "Is that really you? Are you down at the plant?

Reactions to this first phone call were different. Some of course had read or heard of them but even they had a little doubt. Others would go around the building to see if the "familiar voice was not just outside. Whether they were really convinced or still doubtful, most all made the trip to the plant, checked up on their man, and then called the office again.

Many a trip was made between the office and the pant, behind some fast trotter or paces as this was long before the day of an automobile. Many from the town and county made a call for the first time over this telephone.

Some were more interested than others and went to the trouble of seeing just how it all worked. The phone was run from storage batteries. Some of them could understand pretty well how the thing worked. There was one thing however that stumped all of them but one and that was recharging the batteries. That one, who could recharge the batteries was P. B. Hollis. Mr. Hollis was the chemist for the Beck and Walker Company. He was thought to be a wizard and real scientist because he could recharge the batteries. This was something which he would show no one. When asked for the information he would laugh, the same sort of dry cackle that he had in his old age.

It was through the Beck & Walker Co. that Mr. Hollis came to Chester town.

Mr. Ruth has made sevral inventions and has a plant at Newark, N. J. He quite often visits his sister here.

Hints for the Household

Silver

Silver can be a joy or a burden. When kept up it is certainly a dressy addition to any buffet, table service or living room. The only thing that detracts from silver is the job of keeping it clean.

Here is a simple cleaning method recommended by some of the best jewelers:

Use clean aluminum pan (free from grease.)

1 teaspoonful of baking soda.

1 teaspoonful of table salt to each quart of boiling water.

Immerse the silverware until tarnish is removed. Then rinse in clean, warm water and rub dry with a clean soft cloth. Be sure cloth is free from dust.

To Clean Windows

It is difficult to clean windows in the winter time as water freezes so quickly. A way out of this difficulty is to dip a cloth in kerosene and rub on windows.

Don't For Washing Blankets

New blankets are always a joy. There is nothing much softer, prettier or lovelier than new blankets. One always associates this loveliness with the newness and dread the time the blankets have to be washed. And dry cleaning is never as satisfactory for blankets as washing. To be sure in most cases they feel and look very nice, but there is nothing like soap and water to clean any article which comes as near to one as blankets. In order to preserve some of their freshness, here are a few "don'ts" for washing blankets:

1. Don't have suds too hot.
2. Don't put blankets through wringer.
3. Don't hang blankets out in cold or wind.
4. Don't rub blankets as this removes some of the nap.
5. Don't hang knitted blankets up. Spread on bath towels to dry.

To Clean Enameled Bath Tubs

Put kerosene on a cloth and rub on tub. This is the best way to clean enameled tubs. However, one can use ammonia. Never use any kind of scouring soap because if used often it will soon wear off the enamel.

COOKING HINTS

How To Cook Rice

Either put a piece of butter in with the rice while it is cooking or grease pan with butter before cooking rice. This will prevent rice from sticking to pan. To keep the grains separate and white add 1 teaspoon of lemon juice to each quart of water.

Maple Cocoanut Creams

1 can of cocoanut Southern style.)

1 pound of powdered sugar.

1 cup of cream.

1 cup of maple syrup.

Method: Boil together sugar, syrup and cream until it forms a soft ball in cold water. Let stand until cool. Then beat and gradually add cocoanut and cut up marshmallows (if desired). Beat until candy becomes creamy and too thick t stir. Either pour on buttered pan or with a teaspoon drop pieces on oiled paper or buttered

Tomato Hint

Tomatoes are an excellent article of diet for old and young. When cooking canned tomatoes add a little sugar. This removes some of the acid and helps the flavor.

BAKING HINTS

Mother's Bran Muffins

1 egg.

4 tablespoons f sugar either brown or white.

2 cups of milk.

2 teaspons of baking powder.

1-3 teaspoon of salt.

1 cup of flour.

2 cups of bran.

1 tablespon of butter.

Method: Place butter in muffin tins and let melt while muffin tins are heating in oven. Beat the egg well. Add sugar, salt, flour, baking powder, bran and milk. Mix well and the last thing add the melted butter. Pour in greased muffin tins and bake.

Food For The Gods

1-2 cup of flour.

1-2 cup of sugar.

3 eggs.

1 teaspoon of baking powder.

1-2 teaspoon of salt.

1 pound of seeded dates (cut up).

1-2 pound of nut meats (cut up.)

Method: Beat sugar, flour, salt and egg yolks together. Add baking powder, then beaten egg white, dates and nuts dredged in a little flour. Bake in a shallow buttered tin.

Caramel Icing

6 tablespoons of cream.

2 cups of light brown sugar.

4 tablespons of melted butter.

Method: Cook very slwly until it forms a soft ball in water. Let cook a bit before spreading on cake.

A Good Luncheon Dish

A pretty platter laden with spaghetti cooked with tomato, cheese, and mushrooms and surrounded with juicy round steak meat balls is most attractive and appetizing.

Method: Cook spaghetti in boiling salt water, and a little onion. When done drain off water. Mix tomato soup well with spaghetti, also pieces of green peper. Use double boiler and keep warm until ready to serve. Either mix mushrooms with spaghetti or use as garnish. After spaghetti is on platter sprinkle liberally with grated American cheese. Surround with meat balls which have been quickly cooked in butter.

Cinnamon Rolls

Handful of sugar.

Level teaspoon of salt.

2 cups of flour.

1-4 teaspoon of soda.

1 heaping teaspoon of baking powder

1 large tablespoon of lard.

Scant cup of sour milk.

Method: Mix dry ingredients as for biscuits. Moisten with sour milk. Roll out about one-fourth of an inch thick. Spread with melted butter. Sprinkle well with sugar and cinnamon. Roll and cut in slices 3-4 of an inch thick. Lay down on flat side and sprinkle with some more melted butter, sugar and cinnamon. Bake in a hot oven for 20 to 30 minutes. Makes about 15 rolls. Put on top of bottom of roasting pan to bake.

Bread Pudding

Bread, 6 slices

Apples, 4.

Custard.

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3 eggs.

1 scant cup of sugar.

2 cups of milk.

Method: Butter baking dish. Put layer bread broken up, in baking dish then layer of apples. Alternate bread and apples until dish is nearly full. Then pour custard over all. Bake 30 minutes.

The Road To Better Health

A chill is often the first symptom of a disease. It is a common experience to have a chill at the beginning of a cold. Sometimes this symptom indicates the beginning of some more serious disease, such as influenza or pneumonia. Doctors generally regard the occurence of a chill as an indication that infection is present somewhere in the body.

Chills not only occur at the beginning of disease, but sometimes occur while the disease is running its course. When one is infected with malaria, they occur with the onset of each paroxysm. When they occur during the course of most other disease, they usually mean that some complication is developing. For instance, a chill during the course of a common cold may mean the onset of pneumonia, or inflammation of the middle ear, or some other complication. Then there is always the chance that the occurrence of a chill may mean that pus is forming somewhere in the body.

The thermometer will ofter show that the temperature of the body has begun to rise even during the chill. Inflammation has already commenced to develop because germs have infected some tissue.

Take No Chances!

It is not always apparent just what disease one is developing at the time the chill occurs. So it is best to take no chances. One should go home as soon as possible and take a hot bath. Then the body should be quickly and thoroughly dried with a coarse towel, and no time lost in getting into bed. Drinking hot water or hot lemonade may help to relieve the chill and favor sweating.

If it is not obvious that the chill was caused by some very trivial ailment, or one does not soon feel better, it is best to call the doctor and have him fnd out what the trouble is. The chill may mean the onset of some disturbance that will require much more treatment than has been here outlined.

The effort to get the blood to the surface and to produce sweating will be helpful, even though further treatment is necessary. The idea of the hot bath and hot drinks is to get the blood to the surface, and to relieve any congestion that is taking place in any of the internal organs. By going to bed the vitality is conserved and the body is better able to resist whatever infection has occurred. If the cause of the chill proves to be trivial, no harm has been done. If the chill marks the onset of some serious disease, the body has been favored in its fight against that disease.

Facing Difficulties

The difficulties one sees ahead in the New Year should only encourage one to put his head a little higher in the air and walk more firmly and courageously.—Collier's Weekly.

KENT'S HEALTH REPORT

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thorough physical examination. During December all of the children in the 1st and 7th grades in the Chestertown elementary school were given a physical examination. All children in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades who had major defects when the examination was made last year were re-examined. It was a pleasure to find that a number of these children had their defects corrected since the time of the examination last year.

Births—White 12, Colored 15.

Deaths—White 6, Colored 12.

CAUSES OF DEATHS—Still births 2, Inanition 3, Marasmus 1, Heart disease 3, Bronchitis 1, Chronic Nephritis 1, Internal Hemorrhage 1, Cerebral Hemorrhage 2, Pulmonary edema 1, Myocarditis 1, Cardio renal 1, Cerebral apoplexy 1.

WESTERN SHORE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPS

DEFEAT EASTERN SHORE TEAMS FOR STATE TITLE

The Rock Hall High School girls field ball team and the Ceciton High School boys soccer team took the short end of the count in the state championship games played in Baltimore and Centreville last Saturday.

The Rock Hall girls team, champions of the Eastern Shore were defeated by Lonaconing High School, Allegany County at Patterson Park, Baltimore by a score of 14 to 4.

The West Shore champs lead all through the game and the outcome was never in doubt. The winners were larger and better trained than the local girls. In spite of this handicap the Rock Hall girls showed plenty of action and for periods in the game held their opponents scoreless. Virginia Wilson, playing R. W. scored the four points for her team and the entire team fought to the end against their stronger opponents.

The lineup of the Rock Hall team and summary of the game follows:

Virginia Wilson	R. W.
Clara Rich	R. I.
Hilda Rich	C. F.
Dorothy Stevens	L. I.
Beatrice Walbert	L. W.
Evelyn Harmon	R. H.
Madeline Rich	C. H.
Evelyn Cosner	L. H.
Anna Lee Hadaway	R. F.
Rosella Leaverton	L. F.
Myrtle DeFord	G

Score by quarters:

Lonaconing	4 4 2 4—14
Rock Hall	0 0 2 2—4

Goals—Lonaconing. Neat (2 field goals). McKenzie (2 field goals), McDonogh (1 field goal), Shearer (1 field goal) and Highbaugh (2 penalties); Rock Hall, Wilson (1 field goal and 2 penalties). Referee—Blanche Drennan. Time of quarters 8 minutes.

The Chesapeake City High School soccer team, champions of the Eastern Shore, failed to score against their Western Shore rivals, Bruice High School, of Alegany county, at Centreville last Saturday to lose the State championship 4 to 0. An accident occured in the first period when Morris Kane, Jr., of Chesapeake City broke his leg in a scrimmage. The winners scored tow points in each of the first and second period and held the edge throughout the game.

UP IN HARFORD

Harford County collected practically all of her taxes according to reports from Bel Air. Total unpaid taxes on real and personal properties on January 1st amounted to about $3500 and the most of this was due on properties now in court. Corporation taxes outstanding totaled about $875, certifications from the State Tax Commission in some cases not having been received until December.

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