CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ACTIVITIES

(continued from last week)

A government representative stops in. He has been investigating down the Shore and wants statistics on Kent County. Those the secretary cannot produce she gets over the telephone. He sits and talks a few minutes on how much better off the Eastern Shore folks are than their city brothers and sisters. "Here you all seem to have enough to eat and plenty of fuel to burn," he comments. The gentleman is then disturbed because he cannot cut across the Bay without waiting for a ferry. The bridge problem is discussed and he is strong in agreeing as to the need of it.

Somewhere, in between all these happenings the secretary has had the hour off for lunch, gotten the noon-day mail and ends the day trying to get the mail answered.

2. Housing The Capitol Of The 34th District Of Rotary International

For the first six months of 1932 the office of the Chamber of Commerce was the capitol of the 34th District of Rotary and Chestertown was the capital. During the year of my governorship, July 1, 1931—June 30, 1932, Kent County received some unusual and valuable publicity through the world-wide organization of this group of 153,000 men scattered over the globe.

As is shown by the treasurer's account Rotary contributed toward the up-keep of the Chamber office during these twelve months.

3. Promotion of the Bi-Centennial

The conveniences and machinery of the Chamber of Commerce, to say nothing of the time and energy of its officers and directors, made easy the functioning and splendid cooperation of the people of Kent County who achieved in the exercises of the George Washington Bi-Centennial one of the outstanding County events of a decade. Because much has already been said about this red letter day in the County's life, I do not need to repeat, but wish here merely to call to your attention how much can be done for the common welfare when people work side by side without friction as they did in staging the Bi-Centennial.

It is particularly and pleasantly noteworthy that country and town joined hands with equal enthusiasm and effectiveness to make this occasion possible.

I can not but think that this cooperation was made possible by previous work which the people of Kent County have done with and through the Chamber of Commerce.

4. Promotion of the Saturday Market

Late in the summer the Chamber of Commerce sponsored several small group conferences of outstanding citizens to discuss means of improving business conditions in Kent. It was the unanimous opinion that, if the farmer is the center of financial gravity in the nation, he certainly is in an agricultural area like Kent County. All of us who live in this area are standing on his shoulders and his success is ours and his hard times are communicated to all other citizens of the County. It was felt, therefore, that if business was to be improved at all here the farmers must be helped.

Following up this idea the discussions developed the suggestion of a community market where housewives particularly can learn to know and appreciate the products of their own County and secure at a fair price and under market conditions what they require for their table.

The discussions brought out the fact that some people were sending out of the County for such matters as home-made sausage, canned fruits of one sort or another, home-cured hams, and similar articles of food. It was felt that, by publishing a list of the products in which Kent County specialized, the Chamber could divert some of the out-of-county shopping to our own farmers and start a trickle of cash going through the pockets of county citizens which would thus quicken the financial life of all of us.

On November 5, 1932, the Chamber, therefore, set up a trial market in front of Mr. Thomas Eliason's office where farm women offered in an attractive way their wares to the public. This trial market was put on to advertise these wares: the proceeds of this first venture went to the Chamber to take care of advertising and other Chamber expenses; subsequently the proceeds have gone solely into the pockets of the participants. It is estimated that at these weekly Saturday markets the women have taken in in cash some $700 or $800.

In addition to the goods sold at the markets these same farm families, by reason of their having thus advertised their wares, have sold considerable produce to their regular customers at other times than on market days.

5. Promotion of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge

It has been the policy of the Chamber of Commerce from the very outset, and particularly so throughout this year, to keep in touch with the current status of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge in order to let the sponsors of the bridge and the general public appreciate the deep interest which Kent County holds in this project. When the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Company appealed last fall to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for a loan to enable it to build the bridge, the Chamber got into speedy and general action contacting in favor of their petition not only prominent citizens of Kent County but outstanding men up and down the Peninsula. Mr. W. R. Bonsal, President of the Bridge Company, has, on a number of occasions, expressed himself most enthusiastically about the help which the Kent County Chamber of Commerce has given his and our project.

As everybody knows, Governor Ritchie is now prepared to recommend to the legislature that the State meet all the requirements suggested by the R. F. C. except that of indemnifying the ferry companies for any damage which the construction of the bridge may do them. The governor, has, therefore, written the R. F. C. stating his reasons for asking to be relieved from the condition of indemnifying the ferry people and requesting the Corporation to tell him whether or not they will grant this loan if the other conditions which they suggested to Mr. Ritchie should be met by the State of Maryland.

While the road to the eventual construction of this long hoped for bridge seems beset with obstacles and traps of every legal and other sort, the fact that the Governor has now definitely entered the field in support of the project lends added reason for optimism that the near future will see the bridge constructed.

6 a. The Chestertown Mercantile Section

The Chestertown Mercantile Section held twin dollar days in March to help offset the slow moving business of that period and staged a creditable community sales event.

An effort was made to protect local business from unlicensed peddlars.

The traffic light situation in Chestertown was taken up with the Town Council and a satisfactory adjustment made as a result.

The Christmas celebration took a new form this year in which the children of Kent and Queen Annes Counties were given a Christmas movie treat on December 10. By way of town decorations the merchants joined in purchasing strings of colored lights which were hung across High and Cross streets, in the main business section. These were afterwards stored away for use in subsequent years. Many merchants added to the attractiveness of their properties by placing lighted Christmas trees in front of their stores. More attention than in former years was given to window decoration, much of it under the supervision and the work of Mrs. Margaret Dana who has also given the merchants a new form of advertising through the local papers.

6 b. Maryland Turkey Growers Association

Because the Chamber first undertook a selling plan for Kent's turkey growers and called meetings for their organization, and because much of the work of the Association goes through this office, no report of the Chamber's work would be complete without a brief sketch of the Association's work for the year.

This season turkey prices sank lower than ever, but, after the experience of former years, the growers refused to become panicky. To be sure, raising the birds cost less because of the price of feeds, but not enough less for the growers to view the prices with contentment. No birds were sold through the organization until after Christmas when prices began to rise. Members found their own markets pretty well, however, and few active members unloaded their flocks at rock bottom prices.

When buyers at last began to come through the Association one grower, for instance, netted on her flock $20 more than she had expected.

Just now the second Maryland All Turkey Show has come to a close with a most creditable showing at the Chestertown Armory. It has been stated by those who know their shows that this has been the finest turkey show in the East. The Chamber congratulates the Association on its courage and energy in undertaking such an affair and bringing it through to such a sucessful conclusion.

6 c. Welfare Work

This year when need promised to be so great the Welfare Association, another child of the Chamber of Commerce, decided to omit Christmas baskets since churches and other organizations were continuing that activity.

Nevertheless, the Chamber, working with the Welfare Association, collected names of those needing baskets and gave detailed information to other organizations doing the work so that no cases were overlooked and also that efforts did not overlap.

The Red Cross last year spent $255 on relief work, while the Welfare spent around $150. This year the demand is greater and is being met by the Red Cross and Welfare agencies to the best of their ability. Social work is being done by Mrs. May Beck, attendance officer; Miss Fannie Beckham, county nurse; district leaders acting for the Red Cross and for the Welfare Association through school teachers and other individuals. The Welfare Association endeavors to follow through on all cases.

The Welfare is quick on emergency calls. Two fires this year have demanded immediate action which has been forthcoming even though one occurred on Sunday and the call came from Queen Anne's County to take care of our own. Household goods, clothing, etc., were collected for one large family who lost everything by fire and clothing was furnished in the second case.

Clothing is being collected at the Chamber office continually to meet the ever increasing demand.

Last spring, seeds were purchased for needy families so that they might provide for themselves during the present winter. It is gratifying to note that those families did not appeal for help after the gardens began to produce.

One family was sent back to its home in Ohio through the help of the community in which it lived and the County Commissioners.

With the small amount of money at hand, plans are worked out by which as much help as possible may be given to assist the families in aiding themselves. In some cases the one being helped is invited to work so that the actual business of begging and receiving alms is done away with. In cases of illness, of small children, and of aged people this system of course can not be used.

The secretary attended the regional meeting at Easton of the Red Cross and also the regional meeting for Welfare work at Denton during the past year.

7. Cooperation with the County Health Authorities

The Chamber cooperates with the County health authorities in promoting interest in health in all ways possible.

Its most important contact in this respect is that it is only through the local Chamber and its membership in the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S. A. that the Kent County health unit can enter Chestertown in the Inter-Chamber Health Conservation Contest by which Chestertown has twice won outstanding honors.

8. Kent County Ambulance

For a number of years Richard H. Collins, Jr., a director of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce, has been the Chamber's representative on the Kent County Ambulance Committee.

The County ambulance is housed and operated by the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company and financed by donations. For a long time the gas and oil were furnished free of cost by the Holt Oil Company; during the past year the Company was forced to withdraw its generous gift but sells to the ambulance at wholesale rates.

The ambulance is used for many charity cases where no payment for its use can be made. Public spirited citizens are reminded that it is a cause worthy of their cooperation.

9. House Renting Service

Frequently the Chamber receives inquiries as to apartments, houses and rooms for rent. The secretary, therefore, has listed available properties and invites registration of others so that such inquiries may be met.

During the past year a year's lease was taken by out of town people on a Chestertown house, apartments, furnished and unfurnished were rented, and during the Turkey Show the Chamber was instrumental in aiding a number visitors in securing comfortable rooms for the night.

The County People are invited to list such properties as they may have for rent at the Chamber headquarters.

10. Employment

From time to time outside firms, as well as local concerns, inquire at the office of the Chamber as to men and women who may be available for certain kinds of work. On several occasions, during the past year, business contacts were made for our unemployed and positions filled.

The Chamber also extends an invitation to any one interested in finding work to register at the office.

These are some of the activities of the Chamber for 1932.

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It is certainly in place here to express the profound sympathy of the Chamber to Harry F. Jefferson and to his family, in their affliction. Mr. Jefferson, who from the outset has been connected with the organized business interests of Chestertown and the County, has for many months been suffering increasingly until some two months ago he went to the Church Home in Baltimore. Here he has undergone numerous operations. He is making a great fight for a return to health.

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It would be out of the question to close this Report without expressing my sincerest thanks to the members of the Chamber, to the Board of Directors and to the Executive Secretary who alone have made the substantial work of the Chamber possible. The cooperation of the people of Kent has been most generous in assisting this organization to serve the people of this County. The occasion deserves a THANK YOU in capital letters.

PAUL E. TITSWORTH, PRESIDENT
Chestertown, Md.,
January 31, 1933

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W. C. LOSES TO ST. JOHN'S

TO PLAY LOYOLA TONIGHT

After defeating St. John's 33 to 21 last week on the local floor in a game in which the comparative playing of the two teams might have doubled Washington's margin, the locals lost to the Johnnies Tuesday night by the margin of 1 point, 36 to 35. It was another example of the inconsistancy of the playing of the local five. Some of their performances this year have shown them to be a well trained and balanced team while the last two games showed lack of individual effort.

In Tuesday's game with St. Johns, that team lead at half time 17 to 9 and even at the end of the third quarter the Johnnies had a substantial lead. It was at this point that the locals showed what they could do, and although trailing 14 to 25, Gambr's field goal followed shortly by Huey's two fouls and two field goals started a rally that brought Washington within one point of tieing. The Johnnies got possession of the ball and stalled for the last one and a half minutes of play to win by the margin of one point.

The lineup and summary follows:

St. John's	G	F	T
MacCartee, f	6	2-2	14
Kilmore, f	0	1-3	1
Ziegler, c	0	0-0	0
Donohue, g	3	1-2	7
Cassassa, g	2	0-0	4
Totals	11	4-7	26

Washington	G	F	T
Giraitis, f	0	1-2	1
Hodgson, f	1	2-3	4
Proudfoot, c, f	3	1-1	7
Huey, g	2	1-2	3
Gamber, g	3	0-0	6
Ward, g	1	0-1	2
Totals	10	5-9	25

Score by halves:		
St. John's	17	9—26
Washington	9	16—25

EASY VICTIM OF MT. ST. MARY'S

Washington College suffered its worse defeat by a state team for many years Friday night of last week when Mt. St. Mary's was the victor by a score of 32 to 14.

The mountainers have a strong team and defeated Washington 34 to 29 at Emmittsburg earlier in the season but. The locals were unable to dent the visitors defense while Lynch, for Mt. St. Mary's was able to make shots at will well outside of Washington's defense. The visitors accounted for 12 field goals and allowed Washington only 3.

The first half ended 15 to 5 and increased this lead in the second half to 32 to 14.

The lineup and summary follows:

Washington	G	F	T
Giraitis, f	1	2-4	4
Proudfoot, f	0	1-3	1
Hodgson, f	0	1-1	1
Skipp, c	0	0-1	0
Huey, g	1	1-1	3
Ward, g	1	3-3	5
Totals	3	8-13	14

Mt. St. Mary's	G	F	T
Chanowski, f	1	3-3	5
Cardell, f	4	1-1	9
Hopkins, c	1	0-2	2
J. Lynch, g	5	1-2	11
F. Lynch, g	2	1-1	5
Totals	12	6-9	32

Score by halves:		
Mt. St. Mary's	15	17—32
Washington	5	9—14

LOYOLA HERE TONIGHT

One of the most interesting games of the season will be played here tonight, Saturday, when Loyola will be the visitors. The records of the two teams give Loyola the advantage but a victory by the locals will not be a surprise because when Washington is going good they are equal to any team in the State. Loyola will be primed for this game as its results will have an important bearing on the State League championship. This will be the last game of the season played on the local floor.

PLAYED DELAWARE LAST NIGHT

Washington played Delaware at Newark last night, Friday, and at the time of going to press a hard contest was predicted. Although Washington defeated Delaware 37 to 23 earlier in the season the record of the latter team shows improvement later in the season.

Washington will play two games away next week to end the season, St. Josephs on Tuesday and Swarthmore on Saturday.

Washington's record so far.

Dec. 16—West Chester 19 — W. C. 33
Jan. 10— St. Josephs 29 — W. C. 33
Jan. 13—Hopkins 23 — W. C. 20
Jan. 14—Mt. St. Mary's 34—W. C. 29
Jan. 17—Western Md. 24 — W. C. 37
Jan. 18—Delaware 23 — W. C. 37
Jan. 21—Western Md. 31—W. C. 34
Jan. 28—Loyola 36——W. C. 35
Feb. 4—St. John's 21 — W. C. 33
Feb. 8 — Maryland 35 — W. C. 27
Feb. 11 Hopkins 18——W. C. 23
Feb. 17—Mt. St. Mary's 32 —W. C. 14
Feb. 21— St. John's 26—— W. C. 25

FUTURE GAMES

Feb. 24—Delaware ..... Away
Feb. 25—Loyola ..... Home
Feb. 28—St. Joseph's ..... Away
Mar. 4—Swarthmore ..... Away

BETTERTON

This community was grieved and shocked when the news was flashed that Mr. Clarence Crew had passed away suddenly. His death is a great loss; not only to those who stand in the shadow. He was just in all of his dealings with others, kind, considerate and generous and leaves only friends.

In respect to Mr. Crew, the play, "Beads of a String" which was to have been given at Kennedyville on Tuesday evening was called off, until a later date. It will be given at the Odd Fellows Hall at Still Pond next Tuesday evening for the benfit of the Still Pond Epworth League.

The Parent Teachers Association held their business meeting at the school house this week. An interesting program in charge of Mrs. Arthur Newsome was given.

Mr. William Brice visited Mrs. Brice at The Maryland General Hospital this week and found her greatly improved altho it will be some time before she can come home.

The recreation hall of the Methodist church was opened last Saturday evening for the young folks of the town. After an hour's rehearsal of the Junior choir, various games were enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. George Brice and Mrs. Arthur Brice were in charge last week. The room will be opened each Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Roe and Mr. Norman Duckloe, of Philadelphia, were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Crew.

Mr. and Mrs. Weader, of Philadelphia, will move from Philadelphia to their house on Bayside this week.

WORTON

Thelma Fogwell spent Saturday with her cousins, Hilda and Hazel Mason.

Mrs. George Ashley has returned to her home in Rock Hall after spending the past two weeks with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Matthews and little son, Samuel Sheridan, of Washington, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Urie, of Rock Hall, were the guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mr. Henry Williams part of last week.

Mrs. Henrietta Rasin entertained Mr. and Mrs. Millard Sewell and daughter, Betty, of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Rouse and daughter, Ann, of Aberdeen, and Mr. B. F. Sewell over the week end the latter expects to spend several weeks here.

An old time box social was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carter, Friday evening which was quite a success, everyone had a very pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Rash entertained a few friends at cards Saturday evening.

Mr. W. O. B. Knight and sons, of near Blacks, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Duyer.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Needles visiter relatives at Rock Hall Sunday.

Mr. John S. Owens and family moved to Chestertown last week.

Miss Evelyn Williams has accepted a position with the Truslow Hatcheries.

The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. George Cooper, Chestertown, Thursday afternoon, March 2nd, Mrs. Cooper has been a member of Worton Ladies Aid many years and entertains them once a year.

Mr. Ralph Williams will lead the Epworth League next Sunday evening.

Mrs. Margaret Duyer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ford, of Chestertown.

Mr. S. J. Lee and Mr. Joseph Duyer are on the sick list.

Mrs. Blanche Loler has returned home after nursing Mrs. Robert Hill, of Kennedyville, for the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Knight, Jr., are visiting relatives in Baltimore this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brice and children, of Rock Hall, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mowbray Hadaway.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

REAL ESTATE ONLY

This is to Give Notice, That the subscriber has obtained from the Orhans' Courto pf Kent County letters of administration d. b. n., c. t. a. on the estate of

CHARLES BUSH

late of Philadelphia county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to file in said Court their claim against said decedent with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, on or before the 4th day of August, 1933; they may otherwise, by law, be excluded from all benefit of said estate. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

Given under my hand this 31st day of January, 1933.

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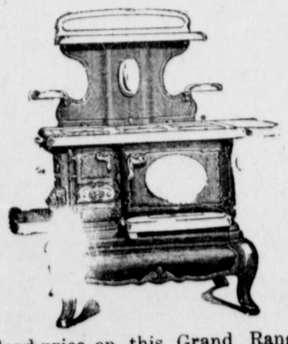

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Sugar Corn can.....5c	Fancy Beans lb.... .....3c	Ivory Soap.....5c
Chipso 10c Soap Flakes 6c	Hershey's Cocoa ½ lb can.....10c	Lenox Soap..... 3c
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