THE SQUADRON'S LOG



BY THE STOWAWAY

Cold weather is good for ducks, but it is a bit rough on duckers. The high wind on Monday was disastrous to many hunters. Decoys were blown away and lost, boats toppled over and duckers had an icy ducking.

Tales of disaster are glibly told about town, so glib as to cast discredit over them. So names will not be mentioned, although where there is so much smoke there must be some fire.

Captain Ned Emory went out to his blind on the Queen Anne shore Monday. He wore a waist length hunter's coat. His chest was nice and warm, but a large part of him was awfully cold.

What is all this talk about time? At noon today, it is tonight in London, and yesterday in Hong Kong. Professor Einstein says time is the interval between events, but he adds, "it's all relative."

Chestertown, London, Hong Kong; noon, tonight, yesterday. The same time and no interval. It is about as complicated as family relationships in Kent County.

At first thought, it would appear that Asia never quite catches up. But it is a bad habit to jump at conclusions, especially when reckoning time.

In Asia, the years are given names. They do not pay much attention to our numerical designations. That is the old timers, the genuine Orientals, not those hybrid Oriental, Occidental products of Western Universities and Commerce, believe in naming the years.

The old timers, the stay at homes Pearl Buck writes about, call 1933 the year of the Water Bird.

That is not so far behind the times, is it? Naming 1933, the year of the Water Bird was sort of casting shadows before coming events.

Gunners and housewives who boast of "duck beares" will assuredly agree that this year, of all years, is the year of the Water Bird.

Next, year, it is already determined, will be the year of the Wood Dog. And that does not sound so good. Anybody ever hear of a wood dog?

Maybe they mean a ground hog, and we will have an early spring.

The Country Club Lake has been frozen over for several days, and the blue herons, ducks and other water lovers wander aimlessly about hunting an open spot. The ice is not doing much good. Covered with snow and rough from the wind-made ripples into which it froze, it is worthless for skating and a barrier for the birds.

For all the cold, the ice looks pretty rotten in some places.

The Chester is deserted. Oystermen are gathered around the stoves in the stores in Rock Hall playing pitch. Few customers venture out in the wind, so the proporietor, too, sits in the game.

One lonely freighter loaded to the water edge steamed up the Chester early in the week, in undisputed possession of the whole bleak expanse of gray river.

One might reasonably suppose the Chester River Yacht and Country Club would be deserted these days. But not entirely. One cold night an automobile parked for a time. Love must be strong, indeed, to endure a test of that severity. One unromantic soul suggested that it might be a heated discussion.

Thursday night, the Club emerged from obscurity and buzzed with activity. A card party was held for the benfit of the newly formed Del-Mar-Va Chapter of Washington College Alumni.

Wind and ice and a heavy sea Monday stopped the Tolchester ferry and played havoc generally with the Sassafras River neighborhood.

Seas washed into the Metcalf blinds on Eastern Bay. Some fishermen coming along in a motor boat, helped to rescue the decoys and then went to the assstance of the Porter, Pennington, H. S. Brown and Smith outfit gunning from the Price farm.

Nine men in a boat of that outfit capsized and had to make ashore in water up to their waist. Most of the decoys were lost, but except for the discomfort of the experience, no further bad effects have been reported.

Mr. Ed Hurtt, of Locust Grove had good goose shooting last week. Swans are numerous along the Sassafras, he reports and are a beautiful sight. Swan are not permitted to be shot.

A little stirring of dry leaves in a sheltered corner attracted the attention of a passer by. Nothing but leaves, it looked, until a covey of quail meandered forth and began scratching the snow like a flock of hens. Soon what had been snow was a dirty, muddy patch. A final peck or two, and the quail again settled down in the sheltered corner, mingling, and hidden by their coloring, with the patch of dead leaves.

KENNEDYVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hopkins moved in their new home last Friday.

Dr. Robins, of Chesapeake City had charge of the service in Grace Presbyterion church on Sunday evening. It was impossible for Dr. Kegran to be here as planned, twenty-one united with the church and Dr. Robins preached a very fitting sermon at 7.30. Service next Sunday evening at 7.30.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lusby entertained relatives from Wilmington on Monday.

Mrs. Ray King, Mr. James Groves, Sr., and Mr. Raymond Hill have been on the sick list.

Mrs. George Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnston visited relatives in Baltimore las tThursday.

The Ladies Aid met at the Parsonage on Friday evening.

The Teachers and officers of the M. P. Sunday school met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn on Tuesday evening.

The young folks of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Miss Nola Hill on Thursday evening and organized a young peoples social. Miss Nola Hill president. Mrs. George Kennedy Sec. and Treas. refreshment were served. They will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Auther Groves, in Jan.

The Christian Endeavor Social met at Miss Catherine Nickerson on Friday evening with a good attendance. The following officers were elected: Miss Alice Kennedy, president; Mr. Norman Hopkins, vice president; Mrs. Harvey Hopkins, treasurer; Miss Mildred Copper, assistant Secretary. A literary programme consisting of music and reading refreshments were served.

Mrs. May Spry visited relatives in Church Hill last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill entertained relatives from Wilmington on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Haddaway are entertaining their son and dadughter at the parsonage.

Mr. nd Mrs. Earl Nickerson and David spent Thursday in Philadelphia.

Mr. Clifton Nickerson, of Philadelphia, visited his brother, Mr. Earl Nickerson and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald M[illegible]s spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker, of Chestertown, visited her mother, Mrs. Hessner on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ringgold and Rodger and Mrs. Joseph Garey spent the week end in Baltimore.

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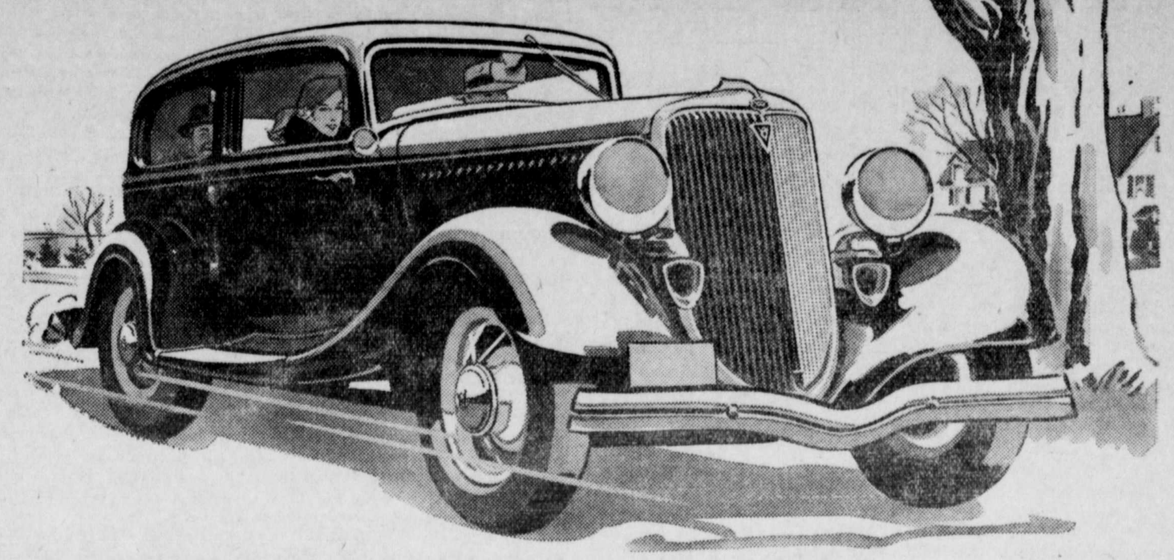
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