STILL POND

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hickman have had as their house guests, Mrs. John Hadaway, Mrs. George Hadaway and son Robert and George IV, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson and daughter, Barbara, and guest, Daniel Thompson of the Armed Forces enjoyed the Ocean breezes at Atlantic City last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Cornelius, and son, Billy, have been spending sometime at Ocean City, Md.

Mr. John T. Nicholson has been quite sick the past week others on our sick list, Rev. H. H. Conner and Mr. Thomas Silcox.

Mrs. Emerson Moore and son, Allan, arrived Monday from New Castle, Delaware to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace H. Ford.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Medders the past week-end were their daughter, Rev. Orris G. and Mrs. Robinson and daughter, Joan Robinson of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. King and little daughter, Carole, of Betterton, visited with their aunt, Mrs. Boulden, Friday.

Mrs. Fisher of Baltimore is spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Silcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Jacobson have been entertaining their mother, and sister, Mrs. Robinson and Miss Joan Robinson of Washington, D. C.

Nancy Sharon Hepburn of Delaware, has been enpoying a stay with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Hepbrun.

In the absence of our pastor, Rev. H. H. Conner, Sunday, Rev. Walter H. Stone of Hyde, Md., was our guest preacher at the 11 o'clock worship service. Rev. Stone's message was from John 14; Selection of our guest soloist, Mr. George Wetherall, was "Not understood," with Mrs. Norman Hopkins at the organ.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Toulson of Lititz, Pa., have been guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Leonard Price.

Mrs. Charles Schewartz and daughter, Caroline of Wilmington are spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schofield.

Thursday, August 23rd, the Annual Church Supper and entertainment will be held at Still Pond Church, do not miss this affair, everyone welcome. See add later.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Turner of Heytsville, Md., near Washington, D. C., were the week-end guests of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hopkins.

Mrs. Ralph Copper enjoyed Thursday with Mr and Mr.s Hope Copper in Cecilton.

Sunday was St. Swithins and it rained here.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith and son with guests of Pennsylvania have been spending sometime at their home here.

Miss Mary Alice Hepburn of Delaware enjoyed the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Hepburn.

Miss Ruth Conner and Miss Virginia Smith were guests of Rev. and Mrs. Conner at the parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Gossman, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Corneliius and Billy, spent Thursday evening as guests with him at their parents also.

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PRODUCE MORE FOOD FOR FREEDOM

the CONSERVATION WAY

In the conservation of our soil, there is one practice that should be used universally by every farmer. This is sod waterways. By sod waterways we mean the leaving of sod strips wide enough to contain the run-off from a given drainage area in the depression through which this run-off must pass.

The width of this sod strip is important. If it is too narrow, the water will run along its edges and start two new gullies and if the run-off is heavy enough, the whole sod waterway wil be washed out.

These sod waterways should be seeded to fine stem grass of a perennial nature that will bend down when the water passes over it forming a vegetative mat protecting the waterway. They should contain a legume, possibly white dutch clover or wild white clover which is often a volunteer crop in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, and should be wide enough to make hay from. This land should not be considered as wasted, as its benefits from erosion control standpoint and as a source of useable hay more than make up for the corn or small grain that it displaces.

Where drainge is a problem, grassed waterways should be used since in many cases, it is the soil washed into low places that causes them to be poorly drained. In most cases, erosion precedes drainage problems and even after an area is drained, unchecked erosion will again create the same condition.

There is not a farm in these two Eastern Shore counties that can not be benefited by the use of one or more of the soil conservation practices recommended by the Supervisors of the local Soil Conservation Districts.

The most simple of these practices is sod waterways and every farmer should make use of them.

It is little things that lead to big ones. The use of sod waterways is the first step in solid conservation and in many cases these same sod waterways will prevent the formation of drainage problems.

Be wise—use sod waterways.

The Kent Soil Conservation District has just completed a very successful fiscal year in spite of the many shortages and handicaps of labor and repair parts.

The District Supervisors received requests for assistance with erosion control and drainage problems from thirty-one Kent County farmers. The Supervisors report that twenty-two farm plans were prepared by technicians covering 6,558 acres. To date, 373 farm plans have been prepared by the district for farmers in the county. These plans cover 80,812 acres of Kent's farm lands.

Soil Conservation practices were applied on 5,308 acres of land. During the six years of district operations, conservation practices have been applied on 32,989 acres of Kent's productive farm lands.

This is an excellent accomplishment record; however, the Supervisors feel that the rate of applying Soil Conservation practices will have to be stepped up if the farm lands in the county are to be protected from the ravages of erosion and poor drainage.

The heavy rains of recent weeks have caused serious damage to many acres of Kent's productive land. The damaging effects of erosion and poor dranage can be seen in the corn, tomato and soybean fields. Large gullies have been washed in many of these unprotected fields. Tons of slit have been washed from the hillsides. During the last week in June, The Chester River ran mudder than it has for years. This mud and slit was washed from adjacent farm lands. Many acres of corn, tomatoes and soybeans have been drowned out as a result of poor drainage.

This loss of crops and topsoil can be prevented by proper erosion control and drainage practices. The District Supervisors urge all farmers to correct and control these hazards before it is too late.

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