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HOW'S YOUR LANE

(Written Specially for the Transcript)

I won't say who asked me that, whether it was the man behind the grocery store counter, or the postman, or the boy who filled my gasoline tank or simply someone I passed on the street. But it will be a long time before I shall be able to forget him. He was the first person I met as I collapsed onto High Street after five days' isolation in the country and a Herculean struggle with my lane, which I swam out of in two hours at no fault of my automobile. I shall never forget this fact, I say, not, as you will probably have thought, because it was the first face-o-face encounter I had had with the township civilization in five days, but because I started at him so hard. I was certain that I had detected a touch of condescension in his voice that was absolutely unbearable to anyone in a sensitive state. And I am in a sensitive state about my lane. I focussed upon him a glare of suspicion that acquainted me with every feature of his face more thoroughly probably, than his best friends and poker chums have ever been acquainted with it. That is why I shall find it difficult to forget his face.

An that shows how I react to remarks about my lane. Perhaps I had better explain, in case someone who does not have a muddy lane in Kent County should read this, just how a mere roadway can make such a shambles of an ordinarily sound nervous system.

To begin with, there are times when a housewife finds it absolutely necessary to send into town for a general stock-up. Sugar, cereal, coffee, molasses, kleenex, and cow-feed are bound to run out if you keep using them steadily; and I felt justified in setting out for supplies after five days of self-sufficiency. Perhaps I was not quite so well justified in going over the heads of my family and appointing myself to the position of marketer, but I did. For we've all heard of claustrophobia; and I am allergic to the mere idea.

We have two standard means of conveyance on the farm; and these are perennial, summer and winter. They are the "car" and the "Jallopy". This last may be anything from a tractor to a model "T". Automatically, with the first suspicion of the first thaw in January, the "car" is hurried out to the end of the lane like a sea gull hastening before the east wind to protected waters, and there is left to cope with whatever elements th remainder of the winter might bring.

That leaves at home the "jallopy" to perform the duty of ferry between the house and the "car", which takes us into town if it can be made to function when it is finally reached. The "jallopy" is a legend in itself. Like the encyclopaedia, everyone has one.....everyone at least who lives in the country. It is just as important a part of the farm life as the milk buckets, the kitchen stove, and the corn-crop. Yet the "jallopy" has one esential diffeernce to these other exigencies.....it is variable. It comes in almost any size, or contour. A milk-bucket will always look like a milk-bucket the world over, and the same may be said of the corn-crop and the kitchen stove; but a "jallopy" never looks the same twice.

I know a man who has for his "jallopy" a model "A" Ford with its original wheels removed and huge wagon wheels put on the hubs to lift the body high above the muddy roadbed. And as it churns down his lane, it looks like a modern version of the gay-nineties bycicle. Another uses a tractor with the cleats removed, so that he can get in and out as often as he likes and avoid tearing up the road. This is very satisfactory for a single passenger or even two. But a tractor has no storage space and hardly the seating capacity for a

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Attending Meeting Of School Administrators

Mr. David McMenamin principal of the Alfred I. duPont School near Wilmington, Del., leaves today, February 24th for St. Louis, Mo., for a five day nation-wide meeting of the American Association of school administrators. He is being sent by the Delaware State Board of Education as a repreesntative principal.

Mr. McManamin attended High School here and is a graduate of Washington College. He later received his Masters degree at Columbia University.

MR. HANSON HORSEY NAMED HEAD UMPIRE

Mr. Hanson Horsey, of Millington, Md., was named head umpire of the Eastern Shore Legaue for the coming season, at a recent meeting of the league's officials.

Mr. Horsey is a former big league base ball player having pitched for Reading, Pa., and Cincinatti. He also managed the Jersey City Club.

Besides baseball he is actively engaged in business, civic, and political affairs of the county. His experience well qualifies him for an executive position in baseball.

Accepts Position

Mr. William S. Brinsfield who has been associated with the Stam Drug Co., for the past year has accepted the agency for the Equitable Life Assurance Co. Mr. Brinsfield will continue with the Stam Drug Co., as relief pharmacist on Tuesday, Friday and every other Sunday.

MIDDLE KENT HUNT CLUB JOINS STATE ASSOCIATION

First On Eastern Shore To Apply

The Middle Kent Hunt Club has applied for membership in the Horse Show Association of Maryland and is the first club on the Eastern Shore to seek membership in the State Association. Mr. Paul Steel will represent the local club at the annual meeting of the asociation which will be held in Baltimore in March.

The purpose of the State association is to coordinate the activities of the various horse shows so as to work for the definite aim of increasing the breeding of fine horses in Maryland.

Horses competing in the member shows will win points and the highest scorer for the year will be awarded a purse of $250.

Another feature of the point system is a trophy for the children's class under 16 years of age in a class which includes 8 jumps not over 3 feet high.

The winner of each show will be barred from competition in other shows until the finals at the end of the season when the boy or girl winner in this final event will receive a prize model of his or her mount. This prize is donated by D. Strett Gittings.

DEATHS REPORTED DURING THIS WEEK

John T. Stevens

Capt. John T. Stevens, 85, well-known Fifth district waterman, died at his home in Rock Hall Tuesday morning. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. Clarence Hersch, Charles, Franklin and Roland Stevens and Miss Emma Stevens all of Rock Hall.

A brother, Harry Stevens, of Rock Hall and a sister, Mrs. George A. Scoone, of Batlimore, also survive.

Funeral services were held Thursday, at two o'clock in the afternoon from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clarence Hersch.

Calvin H. Taylor

The funeral of Calvin H. Taylor, 79, of Crumpton, formerly of Wilmington, was held from the home Wednesday at 1.30 o'clock. Interment was at Middletown.

Mr. Taylor died suddenly Sunday at his home. Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Effie Taylor; two grandchildren, Reece A. Taylor and Jane E. Taylor, both of Wilmington, and a sister, Mrs. Sarah Smith, of Smyrna.

A native of Middletown, Mr. Taylor moved to Wilmington about 12 years ago, and moved to Crumpton six years ago.

James Vincent Baxter

Mr. James Vincent Baxter passed away at his home near Millington, Sunday, February 18th after a short illness due to the infirmities of age. He was in his 94th year.

Mr. Baxter was the son of the late Samuel and Rachel Mason Baxter, and was born and reared at Barclay, Md. He spent his entire life in Queen Anne's County, where he was engaged in farming most of the time.

His survivors are his widow, who was Miss Julia Satterfield of Ingleside, two sons, Norman at home, Edward of near Millington, two grand children, one brother, Mr. Samuel Baxter, of Chestertown and a sister, Mrs. James Cannon, of Cambridge, Md.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at one o'clock from Trinity Methodist Church, Millington, of which he was a member, Rev. A. M. B. Snapp officiating. Interment was in Sudlersville Cemetery.

An older sister, Mrs. Mollie Lang, of Cambridge, aged ninety seven, followed Mr. Baxter in death a few hours later, early Monday morning.

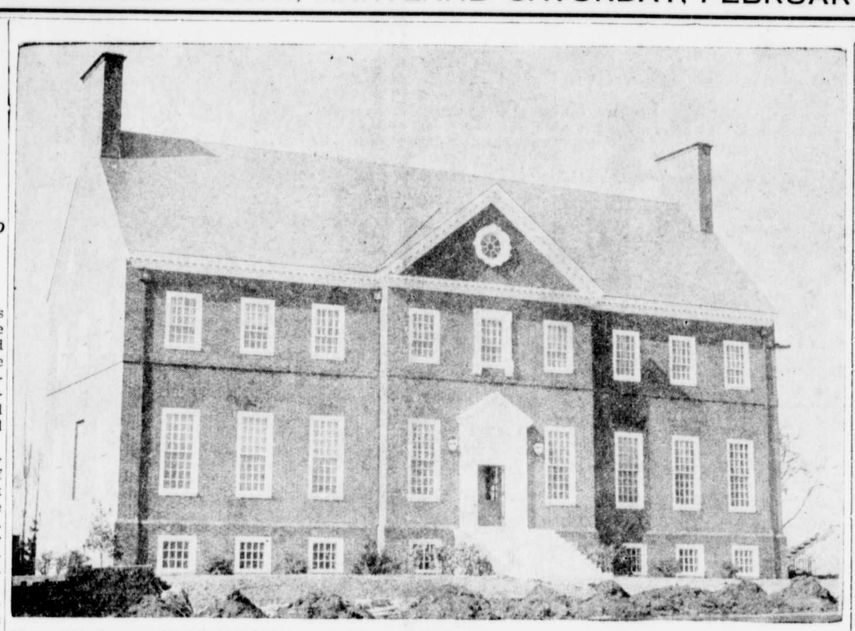
Jean E. Voshell

Jean E. Voshell, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Voshell, died at the home of her parents in Millington on February 14th. Funeral services were held Saturday at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, of Sassafras, Rev McFarland officiating. Interment was in Middletown cemetery. Fellows Funeral Service was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Please Cash Banquet Coupons

People who attended the recent banquet of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company are being urged to "cash in" the prize coupons distributed at every place. Henry Gill and B. Fox, chairmen of this branch of the entertainment at the recent affair, announced today that the coupons would not be honored after March 1.

Slips calling for gifts of various articles of merchandise, ranging from ice to cans of beans, were placed at each plate at the banquet. The recipient merely has to call at the place designated, present the slip and receive the gift.



Pictured is the new $80,000 Bunting-Foxwell library building at Washington College which will be officially dedicated today, Saturday. Picture taken on Wednesday of this week.

WHEAT PARITY PAYMENT SET AT 10 CENTS BUSHEL

Acreage Increase Offsets Reduced Parity Payment

A parity payment of 10 cents a bushel on wheat will be made to producers who plant within their 1940 acreage allotments, according to an announcement received from the Agricultural Adjustment Administration by Dr. T. B. Symons, Director of the University of Maryland extension service. This payment will be made on the normal yield of each producer's acreage allotment.

The price adjustment or parity payments, which supplement the regular agricultural conservation payments are provided from a fund appropriated for such payments to producers of five major corps. In addition to wheat, they include cotton, corn, rice and tobacco. Since the estimated 1939 season average price for tobacco was above 75 percent of parity, no price adjustment payments on that crop will be made in 1940.

Besides the parity payments, farmers who cooperate in the 1940 AAA farm program, and plant within their acreage allotments, will receive agricultural conservation payments at rates previously announced. The total conservation and parity payments which will be made to cooperators on the normal yield of their acreage allotments for wheat in 1940 amount to 19 cents a bushel.

The increased acreage for the 1940 crop offsets the decrease in the parity and conservation payments. The reduction in acreage is changed from 25 percent of the average to 18 percent.

SPECIAL COURT SESSION TO BE HELD AT SNOW HILL

The Worcester County Grand Jury will re-convene in extraordinary session in the Court House at Snow Hill next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock to investigate the murder of Harvey W. Pilchard, Stockton farmer and the shooting of his wife.

Mrs. Annie S. Pilchard, 55, wife of the slain Stockton farmer, now recovering in a Salisbury hospital from a bullet wound in her back, is expected to come to Snow Hill and testify before the Grand Jury in person.

Twenty or more witneses, in addition to Mrs. Pilchard, are expected also to testify at the special Grand Jury session.

Arraignment Likely

Should the Grand Jury next Tuesday return indictment against one or more of the five negroes, now held in the Bel Air, Md., jail, the negroes so indicted will be rushed to Snow Hill under heavy State Police escort and arraigned before the Worcester County Circuit Court.

Arthur Collick, 27, Negro fugitive wanted in the slaying of Harvey Pilchard and the wounding of Pilchard's wife a Stockton was captured Friday.

The arrest ended the greatest manhunt on the Eastern Shore in years.

Attacker Gets Five Years

Deputy Attorney-General William J. Storey in the Court of Common Pleas on Tuesday afternoon during the case of Courtesty Little, 19 year old colored youth who resides near Kenton, who plead guilty to a charge of assault and battery arising from an attack on Mrs. Audrey Walls white woman in Dover last October 20th.

Mrs. Walls was formerly Miss Audrey Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lee, of Chestertown.

The Bunting-Foxwell Library, for which ground was broken at Commencement, June, 1939, will be dedicated on Saturday morning, February 24, 1940, the exercise beginning at eleven o'clock. This date signalizes the usual Washington's Birthday Convocation of the College, held annually in commemoration of the first great patron of the college, George Washington.

The principal speaker at the exercises will be Dr. Robert M. Lester, of New York, Secretary of the Carnegie Corporation.

Dr. Joseph H. Apple of Hood College, Chairman of the State Library Advisory Commission will bring greetings from the Library interests both public and academic, of Maryland.

Dr. Robert L. Swain, of New York, President of the General Alumni Association, and Dr. Andrew G. DuMez, of Baltimore, will also speak.

The exercises will be opened by a Convocation of the College in the William Smith Hall auditorium, and will be concluded at the Bunting-Foxwell Library.

The Library will be open throughout the day for inspection by all who desire to visit it.

The Bunting-Foxwell Library, erected at a cost of $100,000 is the result of several years of planning, the successful completion being made possible by a gift of $50,000 made for the purpose, in 1938, by Dr. George A. Bunting, alumnus and member of the Board of Visitors and Governors, and a sum of approximately $20,000 from the estate of the late Senator Garrett A. Foxwell, of Chestertown, who desired such a building to be erected and bear his name. To these gifts were added also $10,000 provided in the supplemental budget of Governor Herbert R. O'Conor at the last session of the General Assembly.

The main portion of the building is 93x48 ft., and is two and a half stories in height. A wing 33x33 ft., at the rear, houses the book stacks.

In preparing for the decoration of the Library, the artist, Mr. M. Paul Roche, of Baltimore, was furnished by President Mead with descriptions, brief or detailed, of events of early college history. After many conferences the two subjects seen were decided upon. Mr. Roche made small sketches of the proposed pictures, and after many criticisms and corrections settled on the scenes as they appear now in full size. Both are taken from events mentioned in the first published history of the college, "An Account of Washington College in the State of Maryland", written by Dr. William Smith and published in Philadelphia in 1784. Three copies of the original are known to exist, one of which came into possession of the College in 1935.

EASTERN STAR TO HOLD BANQUET NEXT WEDNESDAY

John Hessy To Be Guest Speaker

The eighth annual banquet of the Chestertown Chapter 86, Order Eastern Star, will be held at the firehouse in Chestertown on Wednesday evening of next week. The banquet will be served by the Auxiliary of the fire company.

Mrs. Wilhemina Newcomb, Worthy Matron of the local chapter will deliver the address of welcome and Mr. Paul Adams, Worthy Patron will introduce Mr. W. G. Smyth as Toastmaster.

The speakers of the evening will be Mr. John Hessy, Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge of Maryland and Mr. Frederick W. Dumschott, of Washington College.

Mrs. Bertha Toulson and Mrs. Alta Geary will sing two duets during the program. Dancing will follow.

COMMITTEES FOR COUNTRY CLUB NAMED THIS WEEK

Few Changes Made In Committee Personel

Mr. Claude E. Truslow, President of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club has named the following committees to serve for the coming year:

Executive Committee—Claude E. Truslow, Chairman, H. C. Hughes, Ernest Strong, I. Price Ewing, Raymond Wilkins, R. H. Rogers.

House Committee—H. C. Hughes, Chairman, Charles Eshman, S. W. Westcott, E. F. Perkins.

Entertainment Committee—Gilpin Brown, Chairman.

Gasoline Committee—I. Price Ewing.

Pier Committee—C. N. Bordley, Chairman, E B. Dukes, Dr. Sterling.

Dam Committee—Rolph Townshend.

Shrubbery Committee—Harry B. Cannon.

Greens Committee—W. J. Smith, Chairman, H. S. Brown, Claude E. Truslow, J. B. Metcalfe, E C. Fontaine.

Golf Committee—J. S. Kreeger, Jr., Chairman, F. H. Beck, D. F. Falls, Jr., W. J. Stenger, Dr. A. C. Dick.

Ladies' Golf Committee—Mrs. Eben F. Perkins, Chairman, Miss Fredericka Metcalfe, Miss Betty Whitworth, Miss Marscher.

Fireworks for July 4th celebration —Chas. Eshman, Chairman, J. T. Kibler, Jesse Maxwell, Ernest Armstrong.

Triangle Club Banquets

The Annual Banquet of the Triangle Club of Christ Methodist Church was held at Firemen's Hall, Thursday evening. The feature of the evening was an address by William S. Brinsfield. His subject was "If You Want To Gather Honey, Don't Kick Over The Bee Hive." Toastmistress for the occasion was Miss Frances Hodgson. President of the club is Mrs. Irving Leverage.

ROCK HALL

Wesley Chapel Sunday School had 168 present on Sunday, followed by sermon by Dr. J. C. Byrd. The Men's Bible Class are planning a Father and son banquet to be held in the Church Hall on March 15th.

The mid-week prayer meeting as usual on Wednesday evening from 7 to 8.

The Primary Department held a Washington Birthday social in the hall on Friday evening.

Rock Hall Sunday School had 142 present on Sunday. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. F. C. Louhoff. Miss Isabel Moffett lead the Epworth League at night.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a bake in the old post office building on Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis and son have returned to their home here after spending some time in Baltimore.

Mrs. William Francis spent the week in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hickman are the parents of a son born in the Kent and Queen Anne Hospital, Chestertown this week.

Mrs. Grace Davis Soper, of Baltimore has been nursing her sister, Mrs. Bradley Kerr, here. Mrs. Kerr was carried to a Wilmington hospital this week for special treatment.

Mrs. Frank Sutton and Mrs. Randolph Williams spent Wednesday here with their respective relatives.

Capt. John T. Stevens died at his home in Green Lane on Tuesday after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held on Thursday, afternoon with interment in Wesley Chapel cemetery.

SEE YOURSELF IN THE MOVIES NEXT MON. AND TUES.

Kent County In Review To Be Staged By Hospital Auxiliary

A Movie Camera man has been touring Kent County this week shooting pictures of practically all phrases of activity that occurs in the daily routine of life here.

Aside from the business routine in the various communities the camera man has snapped people going to church, children in school, farmers at work the fire company in action, a fox hunt, and other sporting activities, parties, Saturday's pet show and activities of various organizations.

The movies will be of standard feature length and a commentator will describe the pictures as they appear on the scene through a public address system.

The taking of the pictures has been under the direction of Miss Augusta M. Kells and the proceeds is for the benefit of the Auxiliary of the Kent and Queen Annes Hospital.

Showing of the pictures will be on Monday and Tuesday with the following program: Monday, February 26th, matinee at 4 p. m. and evening showings at 7 p. m. and at 9 p. m.

Tuesday evening, February 27th, showings at 7 p. m. and 9 p. m.

Richard Schauber

Richard Schauber's goat, Peggy, took one of the prizes at the pet show held last Saturday afternoon in the park in Chestertown. The other winner was Betty Walls' coon Diana.

STILL POND

The Epworth League will have echoes from the Youths Conference. Sunday evening which was in session several days last week in Salisbury. The group of girls in attendance at some. Misses Audrey M. Harper, Elsie Mae Ireland, Lena Geary and Hope M. Jones.

The road conditions prevented the Standard Training Class of the Methodist Church from meeting with us last week. They were with us this Thursday a bus from Rock Hall and Wesley Chapel had quite a crowd from the lower district.

Mrs. Alfred Tarreyson has returned home after spending a week with friends in Washington, D. C., and Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ford visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Oliphant in Baltimore, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray King and daughter, Jean, of Betterton, were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Boulden.

Mrs. Wm. Medders recently entertained in honor of Mr. Medders birthday Anniversary a few friends and relatives at a buffett dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford, Mrs. F. B. Harper, Mrs. John B. Harris were Batlimore visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Lillie Hasinger of Lynch spent Sunday guest of Miss Edna Wroth.

The Epworth League held their annual Washington Tea, Wednesday in the Church School Room. A large crowd enjoyed the program of outside talk.

The monthly meeting of the Homemakers Club was held at the home of Miss Louisa Travers, Friday. The subject for discussion was "Home making a Profession" three new members joined with us. Mrs. Daggett, Mrs. Schofield and Mrs. Hartman. Luncheon was served at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Keever have been spending sometime with their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Briscoe.

Mrs. Leonard Price, has been housed with a cold the past two weeks.

Mr. Ned Hepburn, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hepburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mann spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Crossley, near Sudlersville, Md.

Coon. Hunters. Association To Release Coons

The Eastern Shore Coon Hunters Association are planning to release 50 wild coons as breeding stock in Cecil, Kent and Queen Annes County about the middle of March.

These coons have been purchased and accumulated by the association with the cooperation of the State Conservation Department.

KENT COUNTY HAS 2ND LOWEST TAX RATE IN STATE

Is Eleventh From Bottom In Bonded Indebtedness

A tabulation received this week from the office of Comptroller J. Millard Tawes shows that Kent County has the second lowest tax rate in the State and is equaled by only one other county, Carroll. Cecil County has the lowest rate, 93 cents and Kent and Carroll are the same at $100.

As to bonded indebetness, Kent County is eleventh from the lowest with an indebtedness of $380,000, $150,000 of which is the balance due on the million dolar road bond issue passed by popular vote in 1928. Of this $150,000 road debt, $80,000 will be paid in July. The remainder consists of a $20,000 bond payment on the concrete road bonds and $50,000 payments on the slag road bonds.

The new tax rates of the various counties in State are: Alleghany $1.60; Anne Arundel $2.31; Baltimore $1.30; Calvert $1.90; Caroline $1.24; Carroll $1.00; Cecil 93c; Charles $1.15.

Dorchester $1.40; Frederick $1.12; Garrett $1.30; Harford $1.15; Howard $1.365.

Kent $1.00; Montgomery $1.4965; Prince George's $1.38; Queen Annes $1.07; St. Mary's $1.07; Somerset $1.60; Talbot $1.12; Washington $1.20; Wicomico $1.29; Worcester $1.25.

In addition to the above the State tax on real and personal property is 23.35 cents on the $100 assessment.

The assesment in Kent County is $17,999,995.00 which is the fifth from the lowest assessment in the State. Counties that have a lower assessment are Calvert $6,660,030.00; Queen Anne's $15,998,962.00; St. Mary's $9,284,414.00; Somerset $11,884,795.00.

WATERMEN AND CONSERVATION GROUP TO MEET

Will Discuss Shad Problem In Bay

Pound-net fishermen of Maryland were issued an invitation Wednesday to meet with the Maryland Conservation Commission in Annapolis, on Thursday, February 29. The meeting, to be held at 10 a. m., at the State House, will be for the purpose of discussing the shad problem, and to provide an oportunity for the Conservation Commission to discuss with the waterman a program which might be developed to restore the shad and to insure a steady and increased supply of this famed Chesapeake Bay fish.

A similar meeting to the one planned for February 29 was held recently in Norfolk, Virginia, between fishery officials and the people engaged in the industry of Virginia. The same objective—that of restoration of the Chesapeake Bay shad—was the purpose behind the gathering, which brought out more than 400 watermen.

Results obtained in New York State in connection with shad fishing and the restoration of the supply through certain control measures leads the Maryland officials to believe that equally satisfactory results, without hindrance to the industry, can be obtained in this State.

Notices of the meeting have been sent to commercial fishermen, but it is hoped that all those with direct interest in the industry will attend whether they receive the official notice or not.

LOCAL HOSPITAL HAS BUSY WEEK

Six Births This Week

The Kent and Queen Annes Hospital is nearly crowded to capacity. Special arrangements have been made to accommodate any serious cases that might have to be entered.

Six children have been born at the hospital since Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Spray, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Cornelius, a boy; Mr. and Mrs. Thad Kirk, of Galena, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. John Littel, of Betterton, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hickman, of Rock Hall, a boy; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross, a girl.