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It is simple curiosity that makes most people want to know what the weather report has to say.

Of near 247,000,000 people who traveled on our railroads in the first six months of 1937, not one lost his life by accident.

DANGEROUS HOURS

What is the most dangerous hour for the automobile driver and those who ride in automobiles? An analysis of the 1936 accidents in the United States indicates that it is the hour between 7 and 8 in the evening.

There were 63,990 accidents during that hour in 1936, resulting in 3,170 persons killed and 71,620 injured. While more people were killed in that hour, a greater number of accidents, 66,590, with a greater number of persons injured, 75,490, took place between 5 and 6 P. M. The number killed in this hour was 2,250.

These figures mean that you should drive more carefully in the late afternoon and evening than you do in the morning.

CRUSHING

The crushing weight of Federal taxation is stagnating business. Things are not as good as they were six months ago and will not be until the President and his governmental economists see the light of day and make the tax load lighter.

Unemployment will end, industry will boom and agriculture prosper only when Federal taxes on earnings are loosened. White-collar workers, the skilled and unskilled are without work or a market now because the investor wil not risk his capital in a new or expanding business enterprise.

Under present conditions, capital remains idle and the constructive, creative and ingenius type of brains which made possible the rapid growth and development of this country, are to a large extent remaining idle, thus limiting the field of new investments to that of replacing the usual mortality among old businesses.

NOTHING BUT MOONSHINE

Many years have gone with the wind since our country, or rather its people, decided that it was a waste of time to try to make any part of the old world safe for democracy. Nevertheless, there are at present stern reminders of the days of 1916 in the present activities of the administration at Washington seeking to play peacemaker to nations that very apparently would thank us a great deal more if we would keep out of their embattled mud puddles.

Now, as in the past, our splashing around in an effort to establish peace amongst people who much prefer to fight, is most likely to be fraught with failure. The stronger nations of the old world, it is again evident, will continue to jockey with the weaker ones.

There is a growing demand in the United States for consistent neutrality, and as the Congress begins a special session this week there is every indication that a neutrality act with more teeth in it than the one enacted at last session will be a major subject for discussion. This thing of our republic fostering preparations for war by foreign powers in its international trade and then shouting to them that they "keep the peace" is nothing, to say the least, but moonshine. It is filling our people with disgust, as it should do. Strictly consistent action between nations the world over will promote safety for democracy quicker and more promising of lasting success than the deliberations of peace conferences held periodically.

THE OXYGEN WE BREATHE NEXT

A new kind of taxation is to be tried out in Washington. Every business is being licensed, the minimum fee being ten dollars. All gross sales above $2,000 pay a straight tax of four per cent. That is to say a professional man, such as a doctor or dentist, a business man, from the shoe repairer and taxicab driver to the large manufacturer, pays that tax. In case a man takes in $10,000 a year he is tax-exempt for $2,000 and pays four per cent, or $32.00 on $8,000, even though his business may not have netted a cent profit. Congress imposed that device. It is said that in most cases it doubles the business man's taxes, and its constitutionality is to be tested in the courts. Some scheme indeed.

The Origin of Thanksgiving

While Thanksgiving, in its present form, is a distinctively American holiday it did not spring Minerva-like from the brain of Governor Bradford in 1621, as some imagine. On the contrary, we may trace its origin back through the ages and the nations to the land of the Canaanites, from whom the children of Israel copied many of their customs. In the book of Judges we read of the Canaanites:

"And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trode the grapes and held festival, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink."

This vintage of harvest celebration appeared later among the Hebrews, as an act of worship to Jehova, and was called the Feast of Tabernacles because everyone lived in booths or tents during the festival in memory of the year when the nation had no settled homes.

In Deuteronomy, Moses transmitted these directions about the holiday:

"Thou shalt keep the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, after that thou has gathered in from thy threshing-floor and from thy wine press, and thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant and thy maidservant and the Levite and the stranger, and the fatherless and the widow, that are within thy gates. Seven days shalt thou keep a feast unto the Lord thy God, because the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the work of their hands, and thou shalt be altogether joyful."

The harvest festival of ancient Greece, called the Thesmophoria, was akin to the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, It was the feast of Demeter, the foundress of agriculture and goddess of harvest, and was celebrated in Athens, in November, by married women only.

The Roman worshipped this harvest deity under the name of Ceres. Her festival, which occured yearly on October 4th, was called the Cerelia.

In England the autumnal festival was called the Harvest Home, which may be traced back to the Saxons at the time of Egbert. "It was known in Scotland as the Kern" writes Walshe in his Curiosities of Popular Customs.

Thanksgiving Day, as instituted in New England, may have gained an impetus in the food that while Pilgrims lived in Leyden (they having quitted England for Holland, where they lived ten years) they were wont to observe the manner in which their Dutch friends celebrated, on October 3rd, their deliverance from the Spaniards. This was the most popular festival of the Dutch, except the Kirness, and was kept as both a religious and a social holiday, though it soon degenerated into merely a day of merriment.

After the Pilgrims left Holand they had a perilous voyage on the Mayflower. It was accompanied on the first voyage by the Speedwell, but the Speedwell was not a strong ship, and the Captain had to take her home again before she had gone very far.

The Pilgrims landed on December 21, 1620, on Plymouth Rock. They did not leave the ship however until March, as it was a very severe winter. There were one hundred people on board but when Spring came nearly half of them were dead.

In the Spring of 1621, their seed was sown, and throughout its growing was watched most anxiously. For well they realized that upon this first harvest depended the prosperity of the little colony, and even their lives. To their great joy, the harvest gathered in October was beautiful, and carrying out no doubt, the idea of the English harvest home, which lasted a week, Governor Bradford ordered a three-day feast and celebration, to which were bidde Chief Massasoit and their other Indian friends.

Wild turkeys, geese, duck and water fowl, fish, especially cod and shell fish; barley loaves, corn bread and vegetables, no doubt formed the chief viands at their feast, not to speak of the five deer brought in as an offering by the Indians.

By a great many persons, this celebration is believed to be the first Thanksgiving, from which we date our celebration of the day; but wellknown writers deny this, one saying: "There is no record of any special religious service held by the Pilgrims until July 30. The Pilgrims gave thanks for the rain that saved their crops from the drought, and the day after the feast began the "Anne" anchored and brought provisions and many friends who had been left behind at Leyden.

We may justly claim this feast as the origin of our Thanksgiving Day, not only because, as stated before, it was both a religious and a social celebration, but also because it was the first time in the history of America that the Governor appointed a day for thanksgiving. All former observations of special days have been appointed by the church.

The first law governing the exact day of celebrating Thanksgiving was framed November 15, 1636. It was not until 1668 that November 25th was the day appointed in the Plymouth Records and not until 1865 did Thanksgiving Day become an annual national holiday.

Today there is a note of sadness in the voices of the sons and daughters of old New England—the onrushing generations have forgotten the Thanksgiving of their forefathers.

The apple orchards, the pine groves and the grand old elms are sighing in the November wind, singing the grace of the day that is dead. Their leaves fall over crumbled chimney stacks and overgrown thresholds; they drift into wells whose moss-covered buckets have not been lowered for a quarter of a century; they blow aimlessly up and down the grass-grown lanes where once were cart-tracks and the footprints of many children; they fit into the meeting house steeples and stifle the bells that called the country folk togather to worship on Thanksgiving.

The old brass knockers are silent on the once hospitable doors. You lean over the ruined picket gates and spirit watchers are seen looking out from the blurred window panes, looking in vain for the friendly forms that used to tread the gravel paths and pass over the now untrodden thresholds.

We have had our era of true simplicity in America. The true Thanksgiving of our forefathers on the farm ranches and prairies has become an echo from the past of the Pilgrims who landed on Plymouth Rock in 1620.

DECEASED

Mrs. Edith H. Gottwalls

Funeral service for Mrs. Edith H. Gottwalls, 57, of Woodside, who died last Friday at her home after an illness of two months, was held yesterday afternoon at her late home. Burial was in Glenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Gottwalls was an active member of the Rosedale Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, David B. Gottwalls and three children.

William G. W. Turner

Died on Monday, at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Charles T. Pratt, Takoma Park, William G. W. Turner, beloved husband of Lula Turner; father of Harvey Turner and Elise Oliff; brother of Mrs. Elmer W. Keeney, Mrs. Charles Pratt, Robert B. and Frank S. Turner and William Colin Harry; also survived by five grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Chambers' funeral home, 1400 Chapin st. N. W. on Thursday at 2 P. M. Interment in St. John's Cemetery, at Olney.

Mary Virginia Spear

Died on Monday, at George Washington Hospital Mrs. Mary Virginia Spear, wife of the late James M. Spear, and mother of Mrs. Virginia Spear Houghton and sister of Miss Alice E. Broas. Funeral services at her late residence on Brookeville rd. Chevy Chase on Wednesday, afternoon, with interment in Glenwood Cemetery.

Captain Don E. Clarke

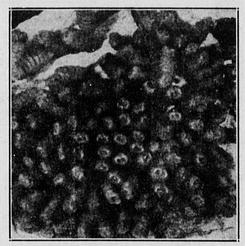
Departed this life on Monday, at Mount Alto Veterans' Hospital, Capt. Don Ernst Clarke, of Glenmont, husband of Beulah Hardy Clarke and son of Mrs. Sally P. Clarke. Surviving him also are two brothers, William Crichton Clarke, of New York, and Olivia H. Clarke, of Washington; two sisters, Miss Ada E. Clarke and Mrs. William Moore McKay, also of that city. Requiem mass was said at St. John's Church, Forest Glen, Wednesday. Full military services followed at Arlington Cemetery, where interment was made.

Mary Frances Gates

On Sunday November 14, 1937, at Montgomery County General Hospital, Mary Frances Gates, wife of Walter Lee Gates, of Silver Spring, Md. Services on Wednesday, November 17, at the Colesville Methodist Church, at 3 P. M. Interment church cemetery.

Gov. Harry W. Nice, at Annapolis Tuesday issued a proclamation calling upon the citizens of Maryland and the heads of municipalities and civic groups to lend what assistance they could to the postmasters in their efforts to compile a census of the unemployed on November 16. The Governor urged all citizens to request anyone who is either unemployed or partially unemployed to register with their postmaster.

The Livestock Forum



BOTS IN STOMACH OF THE HORSE

Question—Are stomach bots in the horse harmful? How can they be removed? What causes them and how do they get into the stomach?

Unquestionably bots in the stomach of the horse do harm. Just how much is open to argument. However to get some idea ask the person who has stomach ulcers whether he suffers any abdominal pain. Ask him how he would like some rough timothy hay thrown down to that ulcerated stomach for it to attempt to digest. And after that ask him how about hitching him along side of Maud and do a hard day's work. Then after working hard all day put him in an old drafty barn that hasn't been cleaned for a week to try to get some rest.

The seat of attachment of the bots always leaves its mark. Some times the bots will even penetrate thru the stomach wall and cause peritonitis and death. A stomach loaded with bots can not function as it should and many winter colics are due directly or indirectly to the damage done to the stomach by the bots.

The drug used to remove bots has been developed in only recent years and great care must be taken in using it. Carbon disulphide is the drug used and it is given either with a stomach tube or in capsules. If any of the drug escapes into the pharynx or larynx there is grave danger of the horse suffocating due to the gas given off by the drug.

Bots are the larval form of a peculiar kind of horse fly. There are four kinds commonly found in this country: gastrophilus equi, g. hemorrhoidalis and g. inermis. These flies lay their eggs in July, August and September on the fetlocks, legs and under the chin of horses while they are at pasture. The eggs begin to hatch from 4 days to as long as 4 weeks depending on the weather and climatic conditions. After they hatch they gain entrance to the lips and gums by the horse biting and licking his legs. From the chin they migrate directly into the mouth and burrow down into the mucous membranes back to the pharynx where they are swallowed. In May and June they pass out in the manure and fall to the ground. They then burrow into the soil or into manure and pupate from about 4 to 5 days and in 30 more days they are again adult flies ready to lay more eggs on some unlucky horse. You can kill the fly by killing the bot. You can use sprays and fly harnesses to keep the flies off the horses while they are at work.

Does the horse know what the bot fly will do to him if she lays her eggs on him? Just watch a herd of horses at pasture stampede getting away when she comes buzzing around.

Submit any question regarding your livestock problems to the "Livestock Forum", care of the Montgomery Independent, and Dr. Jan Micuda will answer either by letter or it will be printed in the paper.

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WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN GALA COMMUNITY FAIR AT POOLESVILLE HELD BY F.F.A. AND HOMEMAKERS

The eighth annual Poolesville Fair, given under auspices of the high school and promoted by the Future Farmers of America, was a most successful event.

Carrie Allnutt of Dawsonville, a member of the senior class, exhibited the canned balanced meal that won her a first prize. For the sixth consecutive year Lloyd and Edgar Grubb have won first prize for their yellow dent corn.

Winner of the Poolesville Homemakers Club prize for the person awarded the greatest number of ribbons was Pearl Bodmer, who won places in ten events. Second was Rosemary Guthrie, with nine ribbons; third, Mrs. Carroll Chiswell, seven.

The summary:

Poultry division (125 exhibits)—Grand champion, Bobby Gray; reserve champion, Rodney Wood; Rhode Island Red, hen, Mansfield Daniel, first and third; pullet, Bobby Gray, first and third; Rodney Wood second; cockerel, H. C. Rhodes, first and second; pen, H. C. Rhodes, first. White Rocks—Cockerel, Mrs. Isaac Cubit, first and second; pullet, Bill Luhn, first; Charles R. Bodmer, second; Mrs. Isaac Cubit, third; pen, Bill Luhn, first; Charles R. Bodmer, second. New Hampshire Reds—Pullet, Rodney Wood, first and third; Arthur Jones, second; pen, Arthur Jones, first; cockerel, Arthur Jones, first. Barred Rocks—He., Ray Bodmer, first and second; pullet, Rodney Wood, first and third; Arthur Jones, second; pen, Arthur Jones, first; cockerel, Arthur Jones, first. Barred Rocks—Hen, Ray Bodmer, first and second; pullet, Ray Bodmer, first; Grubb Bros., second; Harold Roberson, third; cockerel, Ray Bodmer, first; Charles Clark, second; Grubb Bros., third; pen, Mansfield Daniel, first; Ray Bodmer, second. White Leghorns—Pullet, Charles Staub, first and second; hen, Mansfield Daniel, first and second; Bob Jacques, third; cockerel, Charles Staub, first; pen, Charles Staub, first; Charles Davis, second; Mansfield Daniel, third.

Egg division—Brown, C. M. Wilson and H. C. Rhodes, first; Mansfield Daniel, second; Rodney Wood, third; white, Mansfield Daniel, first and third; Mrs. Fulton, second.

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Brookeville Native Dies At Baltimore Residence

Mrs. Frances M. Peddicord, 59, a native of Brookeville, and for more than thirty years an employe of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, died at her home in Baltimore last Saturday.

She had made her home in Washington until eight years ago, when she moved to Baltimore.

She leaves her husband, Walter A. Peddicord, of Baltimore, and two sisters, Mrs. Charles Good and Miss Gertrude Conner, both of Washington.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Conner, 625 C Street northeast, in Washington. Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Glen Echo Firemen Are Soliciting Christmas Toys

In keeping with an annual custom, members of the Glen Echo Volunteer Fire Department are collecting discarded toys for distribution at Christmas among children of the neighborhood who otherwise would not receive such gifts.

Some of the toys will be painted and repaired, for which purpose the department will hold meetings every other week until Christmas. Persons having toys they are willing to donate have been asked to bring or send them to the firehouse or notify members of the department.

Mrs. Eva W. Chiswell Dies At Dickerson

Mrs. Eva W. Chiswell, one of the oldest residents of Dickerson, died at her home there on Monday. She was the widow of the late Lieutenant Edward J. Chiswell. Funeral services were held at her late home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and were largely attended. Interment was made in Monocacy Cemetery at Beallsville.

Mrs. Chiswell was aged ninety-seven years, and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Joseph N. Darby, Dawsonville, and Mrs. Norman Wootton, Silver Spring, and three sons, Commander Maurice Chiswell, U. S. N. (retired), and Thomas Chiswell, both of Silver Spring, and Edward L. Chiswell, of Dickerson, with whom she lived.

LABORATORY SERVICE OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES

An emergency call was received at the Central Bacteriological Laboratory of the State Department of Health, at midnight, one night last week, from a physician in Southern Maryland, for laboratory aid in the diagnosis of a suspected case of pneumonia. A specimen of sputum was sent for examination.

In speaking of the experience, Dr. R. H. Riley, director of the State Department of Health, said that some of the laboratory staff are always on call after the day's work is over for emergency service. Accordingly, in less than thirty minutes, the tests were under way. The verdict was positive for a certain type of pneumonia, and a few hours later the serum used in combatting that particular type of the disease was being administered.

Service of this sort is available throughout the State to physicians practicing in the counties at any hour of the night. Branch laboratories are located at Cumberland, Hagerstown, Frederick, and Rockville. All are in operation every day in the year, including Sundays and holidays.

During the last four months over 30,000 tests for the presence of disease-producing germs have been made in the six laboratories on specimens submitted, to aid in the diagnosis of diphtheria, scarlet fever, typhoid, dysentery, undulant fever, spotted fever, meningitis, pneumonia, and other communicable diseases.

There are about 800 physicians practicing in the counties, and the number who make use of the laboratories has increased steadily, year by year. No charge is made for the examinations.

Unemployment Increases By 80,000 In October

Secretary Perkins reported yesterday employment last month decreased 80,000 as compared with September.

The decrease was the first in October since 1933 and was the second successive monthly decline following ten straight months of increases. The number employed in October, despite the drop from September, was 600,000 greater than in October, 1936.

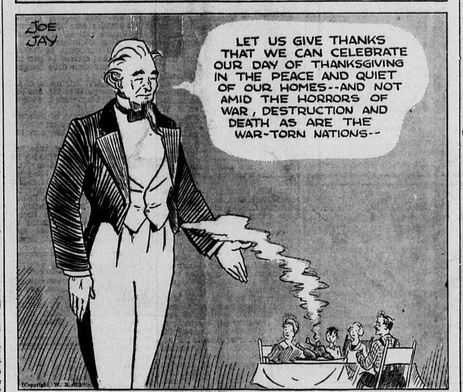
Miss Julia Belt Died At Her Home Last Week

Miss Julia Belt died at her home near Dickerson last week. A short service was held at the home after which the body was taken to St. Paul's Church near Point of Rocks where services were held by the Rev. Mr. Cook, rector of Christ Episcopal Church at Barnesville, assisted by the Rev. Leon P. F. Vauthier, rector of the Episcopal Church at New Market.

Interment was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Point of Rocks.

Miss Belt was a daughter of the late John Lloyd and Sarah McGill Belt. She was a member of a large family and is survived only by a sister, Mrs. Lawrence A. White, of Dickerson, and sixteen nieces and nephews.

Something To Be Thankful For



CHRISTMAS SEAL DRIVE OPENED IN TAKOMA PARK

At a meeting of the Montgomery County Branch of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association held at the residence of Mrs. Frank F. Zundel in Takoma Park last Thursday Dr. V. L. Ellicott, county health officer, announced that provisions for pneumo-therax treatments in this county have been made by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association.

He said patients returning from the State sanitorium will not have to go to Washington for follow up treatments, but will be treated in Rockville by Dr. William Welsh.

William B. Matthews, of Baltimore, managing director of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, addressed the meeting, which marked the opening of the thirty-first annual Christmas seal drive.

The drive will begin officially Thanksgiving Day and continue until Christmas. Mrs. Zundel has announced the following committee:

Mrs. Edward M. Haas, Takoma Park, chairman of receiving committee; Mrs. William Dahl, Sligo Park Hills, assistant chairman; Mrs. John B. Mertie, Sligo Park Hills; Mrs. George P. Graham, Chevy Chase; Mrs. J. Forest Walker Gaithersburg; Mrs. Morgan H. Watkins, Damascus; Mrs. Edith Lamar, Rockville; Mrs. Paul Ledig, Bethesda; Mrs. J. M. Linthicum, Takoma Park; Mrs. Wilson L. Townsend, Kensington; Mrs. F. Paul Clark, Silver Spring; Mrs. C. S. Duvall, Jr., Colesville; Mrs. Harry Elkins, Woodside; Mrs. A. D. Farquhar, Sandy Spring, and Mrs. Charles Kohlhoss, Poolesville.

Mrs. Mary Virginia Shaw Passes Away At Redland

Mrs. Mary Virginia Shaw, widow of the late Edward Shaw, died at the home of her son, Ollie M. Shaw, in Redland, on Tuesday afternoon and was in the eightieth year of her age.

Last rites were announced to take place at the Colesville Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

Kensington Young Man Confesses Guilt Of Arson

In the Circuit Court at Rockville last week Reuben R. Palmer, Jr., pleaded guilty of a charge of arson. He admitted he set fire to a house of W. P. Dillon in Kensington in order that he might be gratified in a desire he had to drive fire apparatus of the Kensington Fire Department, of which he was a member. Judge Charles W. Woodward imposed a sentence on him of five years in the Maryland penitentiary.

Harry E. Burdette, 16, Hunting Victim Of Pal

Harry E. Burdette, jr. 16, of Snow Hill, near Clarksburg, was killed Saturday by a shotgun blast in the county's first fatality of the game hunting season which opened November 15.

The youth was returning from a rabbit hunt with a companion, Oscar Leon Coyle, 16, when the accident occurred. Police said that Coyle tripped and fell while walking behind Burdette with an old hair-trigger double barreled shotgun. The charge struck the Burdette youth in the back under the left shoulder blade, several slugs entering his heart.

Coyle rushed to Burdette's home, a quarter mile distant, for assistance and the wounded youth's father took him to a Frederick Hospital, where he died three hours later.

The Burdette youth was a sophomore at the Richard Montgomery High School here. Surviving are his mother and father and one sister. Funeral services were held Monday at 2:30, from the home and burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery at Frederick.

Maryland Auto Deaths Swell Past 1936 Total

With three fatalities recorded over last week-end five hundred persons have lost their lives in traffic mishaps in Maryland this year.

The traffic death toll reached that figure Sunday. Only four hundred ninety-eight were killed in the whole twelve months of 1936.

Chevy Chase Man Is Charged With Hold-Up

Eddie L. Kay, of Chevy Chase, has been arrested by Montgomery County detectives, on charges that he held up John L. Gibson, who lives on the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal near Brookmont, and to have forced the elderly man to give him a revolver.

New Church Building At Four Corners Is Planned

Communicants of the Four Corners Methodist Episcopal Church have planned the erection of a new Sunday School building. A building committee composed of John Cowell, chairman; Philip Buscher, Philip Brown, John Hamilton and Miss Marie Buscher, has been chosen.

The ways and means committee is composed of Mrs. Sara Moulden, Miss Dorothy Johnson, Mrs. Hiram Johnson, Robert Brown, Miss Duane Magruder and Mrs. John Cowell. Tentative plans call for construction to start about March 15.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION HELD HERE FOR JUSTICES

A school of instruction for county justices of the peace was held on Friday night of last week in the Rockville Courthouse to receive instructions in their new duties as trial justices in motor vehicle cases, State's Attorney James H. Pugh sponsored the school.

The fifteen justices will try all cases involving violation of the motor vehicle laws as soon as they can be instructed and receive dockets from Walter R. Rudy, commissioner of motor vehicles. Use of the dockets and other information was given by Owen R. E. McGeeney, auditor of the motor vehicle commissioner's office.

Mr. Pugh said that the new setup will not otherwise interfere with the conduct of the county Police Court, as Rockville, in view of the decision of the State Court of Appeals, which held that the Prince Georges County Police Court law was unconstitutional in that it gave exclusive jurisdiction in trial of motor vehicle cases to the Court Justice, it was deemed advisable to remedy the Montgomery County situation, which was similar.

The new system, a reversion to the old fee system abolished when the county police court was organized, which held that the Maryland law requires motor vehicle law violators to be tried before the nearest available justice of the peace.

The magistrates will earn slightly more under the new system. Formerly they received $1 for issuing warrants and 50 cents for each summons. The new plan will net them

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Bethesda-Chevy Chase Post Holds Banquet

At the annual banquet and business meeting of the post this week at the Kenwood Country Club newly elected officers of Bethesda-Chevy Chase Post, American Legion, were installed.

Officers include: Harry Hendricks, commander; N. F. Rabner, senior vice commander; Ralph W. Berry, junior vice commander; Jack T. Irwin, adjutant, and Lowry N. Coe, finance officer.

The installation officer was Bruce Bair, commander of the Maryland Department of the Legion, who was assisted by Thomas Mason, jr., commander of the District of Columbia Department, James B. Pitzgerald, vice commander of the southern Maryland district, and Watson B. Miller, national rehabilitation chairman of the American Legion.

The principal speaker was James J. McEntee, assistant to the director of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Mrs. Rose G. Green Dies In Washington

Mrs. Rose Green Baker died Sunday in George Washington University Hospital, Washington, following a long illness. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Roger M. Cecil, and a brother, Llewelyn Green, both of Washington.

Mrs. Baker was the widow of James W. Baker and a daughter of the late John F. and Jane Green. She was a native and former longtime resident of the Rockville neighborhood.

Funeral services were held at her late home in Washington Tuesday afternoon, Rev. J. Lloyd Black of the Rockville Chistian Church officiating. Interment was in Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

CHRISTMAS CLUB FUNDS OF ABOUT $320,000,000 TO BE DISTRIBUTED SOON

Three hundred and twenty million dollars will be distributed to about six million six hundred thousand Christmas Club members by approximately forty-five hundred banking institutions and organizations within the next two weeks, according to an estimate given out by Herbert P. Rawll, founder and president of Christmas Club, a corporation. The annual distribution for 1937 and the number of members participating has not kept step with increased pay rolls and increased employment.

There was a decrease in the number of participating banks this year resulting in a decline of the total number of people participating in the Christmas Club accumulation. The number of Christmas Club members for each participating bank, however, increased on the average, 6% and the total per-bank accumulation increased about 11%. These increases were substantial in all Mutual Saving Banks. There was a similar increase in the estimated average amount for each member from $46.50 in 1936 to $48.-55 in 1937.

These estimates are based upon a substantial number of reports from institutions operating the Christmas Club plan in different sections of the country.

In the distribution of Christmas Club funds this year, New York State leads the other states with about $84,000,000, while the estimates for Pennsylvania are $33,000,-000; for Massachusetts $28,000,000; for New Jersey $22,000,000.

The Bank of America N. T. and S. A., in California will distribute $9,400,000 to 160,000 members.

Of the vast amount to be distributed it is estimated that Maryland members will get $7,100,000, and District of Columbia members to get $6,500,000.

Sandy Spring Volunteer Firemen Elect Officers

Volunteer Firemen of Sandy Spring at a recent meeting elected Spencer J. H. Brown chief, and Henry L. Brown acting secretary.

Henry P. Clark, jr., and William John Thomas, 3rd, were voted members.

New officers of the fire department auxiliary are Mrs. A. Douglas Farquhar, president; Mrs. Mortimer O. Stabler, vice-president; Mrs. Roy Davis, secretary (re-elected); Mrs. Willard Harvey, corresponding secretary, and Miss Sallie P. Brooke, treasurer (re-elected).

The monthly luncheon of the department will be held December 4.

Farm Group To Meet At Rockville Dec. 11

It was announced at the office of the Farm Bureau that the annual meeting of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau, the membership of which comprises several hundred of which comprises several hundred of the leading farmers and dairymen of the county, will be held at Richard Montgomery High School, in Rockville, on Saturday, December 11.

MANY EXHIBITS MADE AT COMMUNITY FAIR HELD BY FUTURE FARMERS AND HOMEMAKERS AT G. H. S.

The Young Farmers and Homemakers of Gaithersburg held their third annual community fair in the Gaithersburg High School Auditorium, November 23, 1937.

There were approximately 200 entries in Corn, Grain, Seeds, Poultry of all varieties, Eggs, Pets, Hobbies, and young livestock. The present and future homemakers made beautiful exhibits of housecraft articles such as handiwork, canned goods, vegetables and fruits. The judges for the Agricultural exhibits were as follows:

P. W. Oldenberg, Extension Agronomist; W. B. Posey, Specialist, University of Maryland; O. W. Anderson, County Agricultural Agent, and R. D. King, Assistant County Agent.

The judges for the Home Arts were as follows:

Miss M. E. Lutes, Silver Spring; Mrs. Yates Barber, Gaithersburg, and Mrs. Essie Ely, Gaithersburg.

The Poolesville Chapter of the Future Farmers of America had a very interesting display of their trip west in pictures and trophies won at the Frederick Fair. They had pictures of each boy's project.

Following are the exhibits and winners of ribbons:

Corn

Ried's Yellow Dent Single Ear—Grubb Bros., first and second; David Allnutt, third.

Ten Ear Tray Ried's Yellow Dent—Grubb Bros., first, second and third.

Shelled Ried's Yellow Dent—William King, first; Douglas Boyer, second.

Other Yellow Corn—Frank Heller, first; William King, second; John Smith, third.

Wheat

Wheat—Jack Mussetter, first; Russell Roberts, second; Bob Jacques, third.

Oats

Oats—Russell Roberts, first; Douglas Boyer, second.

Barley

Barley—Douglas Boyer, first.

Soy Beans

Soy Beans—M. Walker, first.

Clover Seed

Clover seed—J. Mussetter, first,; Russell Roberts, second; David Walter, third.

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Appointment Of State Welfare Units Completed

The Board of State Aid and Charities completed organization this week of the twenty-three county welfare boards charged with local administration of the State's public assistance program for 1937 and 1938.

Personnel of the board for Montgomery county is: Fred Lutes, chairman; Frank H. Karn; Robert H. Miller, reappointed; Mrs. B. Peyton Whalen, reappointed; Dr. Dexter Bullard, A. R. Selby and Miss Lavinia Engle.

Law Breakers Sentenced By Judge Woodward

The following cases tried in the Circuit Court were disposed of last week when Judge Woodward passed sentence upon quilty offenders.

Carl Connelly and his wife, Margaret, both colored, were sentenced to eighteen months each in the House of Correction on charges of larceny of property valued at $138 from their employer, Rabbi Norman Grestenfeld, of Chevy Chase.

Charles Ricketts, convicted on a charge of false pretense involving cashing an alleged bad check for $2, was sentenced to three months.

Leonard Parker sentenced to two years and six months on charge of false pretense.

Mark Pratt received sentence of three months on a false pretense charge.