"JEFF'S" COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE AN[illegible] GARDEN, READY THURSDAY

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PR[illegible]

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JURY CONDEMNS CROSSING

Santa To Distribute Gifts At Community Tree Xmas Eve

GRAND INQUEST REPORTS TO COURT IT MADE DEEP STUDY OF ACCIDENT AT LUTHERVILLE

Says County Authorities Should Consult Immediately With Railroad Officials And See That Overhead Bridge Or Tunnel Is Placed At Crossing.

Notwithstanding the appearance of the Superintendent of the Northern Central Railroad with his blue prints before the grand jury and the staging of the accident by having a train in charge of the Superintendent brought to the crossing at the time of the visit of the grand jury, in an attempt to show how the three young

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HELP! HELP! HELP!

Think of those unfortunates behind bars at the Towson Jail who must spend their Yuletide within the walls of that institution!

Think of the helpless creatures laying at the county poor house with little or no Yuletide celebration to cheer them!

Yea, you can help make Christmas a bit brighter for these children of God by giving a small cash donation to the group of women who are arranging a Yultide treat at both institutions.

Remember, Christmas is the season of good will on earth—send a dollar or more to Mrs. James E. Green, 208 W. Pennsylvania avenue, Towson, Md., and by so doing realize that you have helped to make some poor soul's heart happy at Yuletide.

PUBLIC WARNED

State Law Makes It Misdemeanor To Take Christmas Trees.

With Christmas a bit over a week off, householders and storekeepers are beginning to think of holiday decorations.

The owner of the property may want to keep the trees or shrubs for the beauty they afford, or he may wish to use them himself—at any rate they are his property and have a real value.

It is, of course, the easiest thing in the world to go out and collect greens, but in so doing the people must realize that they are going into some one's woods or fields and helping themselves to something that does not belong to them.

At this season of the year numerous complaints come to the police department of Baltimore county concerning motorists who rob properties of evergreens and the like,

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BRINGS IN $1,500,000

Most Of "Gas" Tax Money Expected By Legislature Has Been Paid.

(Special to The Jeffersonian.)

Returns from the 2 cents a gallon gasoline tax, which became effective this year, are expected by John N. Mackall, chairman of the State Roads Commission, to reach the original estimate of $1,500,000 a year.

In the first nine months of this year the State collected $1,218,967, and the remaining three months are expected to bring the total up to the $1,500,000 mark, which was the estimate set in 1922, when the tax was provided for by the General Assembly.

The tax is paid directly by the wholesaler when gasoline is brought into the State. Baltimore city receives 20 per cent. of the total.

The money is expended on State roads, resulting in a 32-cent reduction in the automobile license tax.

PIRATE SHIP JACK SOUGHT

Police On Lookout For Chap Who Has Secured $5000 In River Thefts.

County police are keeping a "weather eye" for the much wanted "pirate ship jack" that has been used in looting shore homes along the water front and private boats.

The owner of the ship jack has confiscated $5000 worth of radio sets, guns, boat equipment and other articles.

FARMERS HAULING HAY ARE WARNED BY MOTOR COMMISSIONER

Complaints That The Reisterstown And York Roads Are Often Blocked, Compel Authorities To Take Action.

Farmers who load their hay wagons to such a width that they monopolize the right of way and endanger other vehicular traffic had better "sit up and take notice," for Motor Vehicle Commissioner E. Austin Baughman has announced his intention to wage war on them.

Considerable complaint, especially from Baltimore county, has been made to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles that farmers and hay dealers, particularly those using the Reisterstown and York roads, have been loading so much hay on their wagons that they block the road.

Owing to the fact that there is no definite law covering this particular traffic, no action has been taken heretofore.

When appealed to, Attorney General Thomas A. Robinson advised Commissioner Baughman that under Section 149 of the motor vehicle laws, these could be regarded as driving "so as to endanger the lives of others," and could be prosecuted accordingly.

PASTOR GIVEN PURSE

White Hall Congregation Presents Neat Sum To Rev. T. W. Bailey.

At the close of the services at the White Hall Presbyterian Church last Sunday afternoon the pastor, Rev. Dr. T. W. Bailey, was presented a Christmas gift of a sixty-dollar purse.

W. E. Anderson made the presentation on behalf of the church, which was responded to by the pastor.

Mrs. Clara Baumgartner, John F. Wiley and Charles H. Wise composed the committee which secured the money.

FIVE HIGHEST HERDS IN BUTTER FAT PRODUCTION.

The five highest herds in butter fat production in Baltimore county for the month are as follows: H. M. Carroll, first; Laban Sparks, second; Essex Farms, third; John Stokes, fourth, and Dr. Dickerson Girsuch, fifth.

INFANT'S BODY FOUND

IF SHE'S AS DETERMINED AS SHE APPEARS—WHAT WILL SHE DO NEXT?

MAN MAKES GRUESOME FIND NEAR BARTLETT-HAYWOOD PLANT AT TURNER'S STATION—PROBABLY THROWN FROM BOAT AND WASHED IN BY TIDE.

On the bank of the Patapsco River near the Bartlett-Haywood plant at Turner's Station, in the lower end of the county, the body of an infant was found by Norman Fendley.

Just as Fendley approached, the remains were about to be attacked by sea gulls, and is was necessary for him to drive off the birds with a

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TRIAL IN JANUARY

Jenifer Will Make Effort To Have Klecka Case Reviewed Then.

Efforts to have a date in January set for the trial of James F. Klecka, former chief magistrate of the People's Court, Baltimore city, will be made by H. Courtenay Jenifer, State's Attorney. Mr. Jenifer said it would be impossible to bring the cases to trial this month.

Mr. Klecka is charged with gaming, conducting a disorderly house at the Bellevue Club, Middle River, and with conspiracy to obstruct justice.

It was previously stated that when the disorderly house case was called for trial November 5 at Towson, efforts were made by Mr. Klecka's attorneys to have the trial go on despite the fact that the State had been unable to locate two persons who were said to be material State's witnesses. This was incorrect. It was Mr. Jenifer who suggested that the trial proceed if Mr. Klecka's attorneys would agree with him as to what the missing witnesses would testify. This they refused to do.

DATES FIXED

1925 Timonium Fair Will Be Held On September 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 And 7.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society of Baltimore County, held this week, the following were named to serve on the board of managers for 1925: John Mays Little, Granville H. Hibberd, Clinton L. Riggs, Miss K. E. Braithwaite, John M. Dennis, Sterling A. Mays, C. I. Reynolds, R. J. Walden, Charles E. McLane, Fred. J. Hoen, M. L. Daiger and Wm. P. Riggs.

Dates for Timonium Fair for 1925 were fixed as September 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7th.

A communication read from C. G. Cooper, Superintendent of Education, stated that the Board of Education had decided to have pupils exhibit on Children's Day, which will be Friday, September 4th, and it was unanimously agreed upon to erect a building to house this exhibit.

MAN HELD AS DESERTER

Hopewell, Va., Man Turned Over By Catonsville Police To Army Authorities.

Arrested on a charge of non-support, preferred by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Kilmon, of Alberton, Samuel I. Kilmon, formerly of Hopewell, Va., was found to be wanted at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., on a charge of deserting from the Army in 1919.

Several months ago Mrs. Kilmon swore out a warrant for her husband. He left home and went to Kentucky. He returned this week and Catonsville police arrested him.

Kilmon was turned over to authorities at Fort Howard. The non-support charge was dismissed, as his wife refused to prosecute.

ANOTHER SCANDAL LOOMS UPON THE HORIZON—REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION WORRIED AGAIN

Commissioner Charles H. Burke Charged With Maladministration Of Oil-Bearing Indian Estates—Large Amounts Involved.

(From the Washington Correspondent of The Jeffersonian.)

Charles H. Burke, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, was charged with maladministration of the oil-bearing estates of the Indians of the Creek Tribe, in a sworn statement inserted in the Congressional Record by Representative Howard, Democrat, Oklahoma.

The statement was made by Hugh L. Murphy, former county judge in Okmulgee, Okla. The Indians whose estates were involved were Saber Jackson, Martha Jackson and Jackson Barnett.

Murphy's statement said that Burke had permitted the settlement of a case of Saber Jackson for $50,000, though this was $250,000 less than had been offered in another settlement which the commissioner had refused to approve.

Furthermore, Murphy charged, "the $50,000 was $700,000 less than the commissioner, by his own admission, was convinced Saber Jackson was entitled to."

Settlement of the other cases was similarly criticized. Murphy also asserted the commissioner had approved the statement of $70,000 fees to the attorneys who had appeared against Martha Jackson, and that Burke's "administrative acts had resulted in a scheme whereby it is

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KLECKA INDICTED AGAIN

Grand Jury Returns Presentment For Alleged Obstruction Of Justice.

The Baltimore County Grand Jury returned an indictment against James F. Klecka, former Chief Magistrate Businsky and Louise Phillips, charging them with conspiring to obstruct and impede the due administration of justice in Baltimore County.

The gist of the alleged offense is that Klecka, who was indicted by the September grand jury on charges of gambling and maintaining a disorderly house in Baltimore county, caused Businsky and Phillips, who were wanted as witnesse for the prosecution, to leave the State at the time his case was called for trial.

FINED ON TRAFFIC CHARGE

Owings Mills Man "Taxed" $10 And Costs At Pikesville.

Jas. Hofmeister, of Owings Mills, was fined $10 and costs by Magistrate John F. McGraw, of Pikesville, on the charge of failing to give right of way when his automobile and that of Charles P. Jones, 1000 block Belvedere avenue, clashed on the Reisterstown road, near Craddock avenue. Mr. Jones' wife was cut on the face and head.

STATE PNEUMONIA DEATHS SECOND HIGHEST IN U. S.

The pneumonia death rate in Maryland was higher last year than in any other State except Pennsylvania, according to a bulletin issued by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The figures are based on mortality records of 15,000,000 industrial policyholders.

The report says Maryland is in a well defined pneumonia region consisting of the New England and Middle Atlantic States, together with two other Atlantic Seaboard States—Delaware and West Virginia.

HEAD OF BALTIMORE TRUST CO. ADDRESSES CHURCH CLUB.

At a meeting of the Men's Club of St. Timothy's Protestant Episcopal Church, Catonsville, held in the parish house on Ingleside avenue, William Ingle, president of the Baltimore Trust Company, delivered an address on financial matttrs.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR HIM TO COME FROM NORTH POLE HOME TO MEET LITTLE ONES

Towson Street Carol Singers To Gather Around Display At Nine O'clock—Yuletide Spirit To Reign Supreme At County-Seat.

Santa Claus, the genial old fellow himself, will leave his North Pole home early Christmas Eve, arriving in Towson by 7 o'clock, to give the kiddies who visit The Jeffersonian's Community Christmas Tree and Realistic Garden a real treat in the way of distributing presents.

Santa was in Towson this week, but there were few folks who knew it, but somehow or other he managed to get into The Towson National Bank, attending the meeting of the directors, where arrangements were made by the bank officials with him to "pull the stunt" that will bring gladness to the hearts of many youngsters.

The Jeffersonian's Community Christmas Tree and Realistic Garden is a product of Old Santa and he has assured those responsible for its creation that he will be more than glad to spend a few hours in Towson before making his rounds delivering little boys and little girls of other communities their Christmas presents. So here's a chance for every youngster in Baltimore county

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IF CHAUTAUQUA WANTS TO COME TO TOWSON LET IT TAKE ITS CHANCES.

Letters have been received by a great many Towson folks from The Chautauqua Association, urging them to support a movement to bring Chautauqua back to the county seat.

Chautauqua may be all right to some—but to The Jeffersonian it is all wrong.

Chautauqua gives nothing—everything it does has to be well paid for. It makes a group guarantee every "red cent" for bringing the aggregation of foreign and domestic lecturers here and its menagerie of freak musicians, acrobats and the like, and if there is a deficit, the guarantors are compelled to "dig down in their jeans" and make it good.

When Towson had Chautauqua for five or six years consecutively, the guarantors had the sad experience of paying for some one else's amusement, and our advice is to let Chautauqua alone.

Chautauqua gathers in $1500 or $2000 and departs—not a penny is left in our midst; the guarantors guarantee every cent before they will budge an inch.

If Chautauqua is so eager to spend a week in Towson let it take its chances as do the circuses that play the big cities and theatrical productions.

"PENNSY" SUED

Md. Casualty Co. And Elmer King Docket Proceedings At Towson.

The Maryland Casualty Company to the use of itself and Elmer King, filed a suit in the Circuit Court at Towson against the Pennsylvania Railroad. It is alleged that while King was driving a truck in the vicinity of Dundalk on April 13, it was struck by a train of the defendant and he was seriously injured, and he claims $10,000 damages.

Richard C. Wells & Company, owner of the truck, sues for $10,000 damages for damage alleged to have been done to the same. McIntosh & Thrift appear as attorneys for the plaintiff.

PLATFORM MEETING AT TOWSON TOMORROW.

Tomorrow (Sunday) a Lord's Day platform meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Maryland State Normal School at 2.30 P. M.

TUGBOAT MAN DROWNS

Adolph O'Lindenburg, Of Philadelphia, Falls From Craft Off County Water Front.

Falling overboard from the tug "John A. Hughes," while it was plowing through the waters off the county water front, Adolph O'Lindenburg, 23, of Hamburg, Germany, was drowned.

County police recovered the man's body.

BURNED CRAFT AND BODIES FOUND ON BEACH AT TURKEY POINT

Hull Of Vessel Gives Mute Testimony To The Devastating Intensity Of The Flames—Four Identified.

Off Turkey Point, in the lower end of Baltimore county, the bodies of seven men, comprising the crew of the 98-foot power boat "A. Woodall," were found, and it is believed they perished by fire and drowning when the vessel burned to the water's edge.

The smoking hull of the craft was found driven upon the beach by Captain Harm and the crew of the revenue cutter "Winnosett."

The burned vessel left Baltimore city for Philadelphia with a cargo of frieght. It was propelled by an internal combustion engine using fuel oil, and it is believed to have had both gasoline and alcohol in its cargo.

The hull, when found, gave mute testimony to the devastating intensity of the flames, for little except the engine remained inside.

The identified dead are: Elwood Murray, assistant engineer, Pocomoke City; Samuel Charles, captain, Baltimore city; Frederick Nelson, mate, Baltimore city, and John Kleinsmith, chief engineer, Baltimore city.

"UPPER END" MAN FALLS FROM PORCH.

Mr. William M. King fell from the high porch of his home, a distance of seven feet, striking his head against a wooden plout, inflicting cuts and bruises. His hip was also injured and one hand badly cut.

BILL FILED FOR DIVORCE

Robert Lee Martin Seeks Court's Aid To Free Him From "Spouse."

Robert Lee Martin filed a bill in the Circuit Court at Towson against Mrs. Anna M. Martin, his wife, from whom he seeks an absolute divorce on the alleged ground of abandonment. The bill states that the parties married October 3, 1898, and resided together in the county for nearly 18 years. They have six children living and the plaintiff asks that he be awarded the legal custody of the youngest child. The address of Mrs. Martin is given as 1403 Patterson Park Avenue, Baltimore city. Attorney Lawrence E. Ensor appears for the plaintiff.

Well, We Seem To Have Gotten Through The Business Safely Without Having To Build Any New Prisons To House The Gentlemen Who Were To Be Tried And Convicted Of Graft.

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