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"PENNSY" OFF HIGH-HORSE

CROWDS VIEW COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

SUPT. OF BALTIMORE DIVISION SAYS RAILROAD IS WILLING TO ELIMINATE LUTHERVILLE CROSSING

If He Is In Dead Earnest About Protecting Motorists And Pedestrians Let Him Show It By At Once Placing Guard Upon Scene.

In an interview with a representative of The Jeffersonian, Mr. George M. Smith, Superintendent of the Baltimore Division of the Northern Central Railroad said:

"It always has been the custom of the railroad to cooperate with the local authorities in eliminating grade crossings, I do not know whether Seminary avenue is under the control of the County Commissioners or the State Roads Commission, but we are ready to act at once with which-

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COOLIDGE CEREMONY WILL BE MODELED ON THAT FOR HARDING.

(From the Washington Correspondent of The Jeffersonian.

President Coolidge's inauguration will be modeled closely after the ceremony when the late President Harding took office four years ago, it was announced at the White House after a conference of the Joint Congressional Inaugural Committee with the President.

Senator Curtis, chairman, said an appropriation of $35,000 would be adequate to cover the expense. . According to the tentative plans agreed upon, Vice-President-Elect Charles G. Dawes will be sworn in in the Senate Chamber, while President Coolidge will take oath of office on a platform erected on the Capitol plaza.

Arrangements will be made to broadcast the President's inaugural address upon an unprecedented scale.

The military and naval parade which the President has intimated he wished to take place will be arranged by the city's Citizens' Inaugural Committee.

FALLS FROM BARGE

Deckhand Drowns In Waters Off Baltimore County's Shore.

The chill waters of the Patapsco River off the county water front claimed the life of Louis Peterson, a deckhand employed by A. J. Harper, tugboat and lighter operator with offices in the Marine Bank Building, Baltimore city. Peterson, whose home is in Baltimore, fell from one of three barges being towed from Baltimore to Spocott's Point, for which place the tug was bound when the accident occurred.

Upon a signal from the tug which the barge docked.

TWO MEN DISAPPEAR

But Anxiety Is Relieved When They Turn Up After Holly Hunt.

County police, aided by citizens, began a search two days ago in the swamps and woods near Essex for trace of Drew Murphy, 40, and John W. Baxter, 35, who it was feared met with an accident and died of exposure in the night.

Report of the mens' disappearance came from Mrs. Lillian Johnson, of German Hill road, who told the police the men left her house to go to a woods near Essex to gather holly, promising to return for dinner.

No one remembered seeing the men or their automobile, and murder was feared by the police when the two turned up safe and sound.

GRANITE PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSN. HOLDS MEETING

The Parent-Teachers' Association of Granite School held its monthly meeting at which a special Xmas entertainment was produced by the pupils.

"AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY"

In the upper end of Baltimore County stands a little whitewashed cabin, the home of a man 35, who is unable to move any part of his body except his mouth and eyes. His constant companions are his devoted wife and his 7-year-old son. This family is in need—an appeal was made through the last issue of this paper which was responded to nobly. If you cannot send a cash donation, send flour, canned goods and the like to The Jeffersonian, and we'll see that they are delivered and an acknowledgement mailed to you.

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT FOR SERVICE, NOT PROFIT, IS IDEA OF MANY STATESMEN

Washington, Andrew Jackson, Sumner And Woodrow Wilson Attacked Profit-Making Principles Now Being Pushed By Republican Postmaster General.

(From our Washington Correspondent of The Jeffersonian.)

There is ample historical support for the proposition that the United States Postoffice is not and never was established as a profit-making institution.

This and much, when an increase of 25 per cent in postal rates was under discussion, as it is now by the Republican Postmaster General, or the principal attached, brilliant minds have risen in opposition.

To better the present shortcomings service it is not necessary to increase the rates, but rather increase the efficiency of the Department generally.

From the many quotations in history on the subject, the following few are cited as typical.

George Washington—In his fourth annual message to Congress, in 1792, George Washington said: "It is represented that some provisions in the law which established the post office operate to experiment against the transmission of newspapers to distant parts of the country. Should this upon due inquiry be found to be in fact a full conviction at the importance of facilitating the circulation of political intelligence and information will, I doubt not, lead to the application of a remedy."

And with his 6th annual message, 1796, with this subject still in his mind, he again, emphasis upon the social function of

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GETS 30 DAYS IN JAIL

Halethorpe Man With Rum On Hip And In Him Fares Badly.

Two pint whisky bottles—one of them more than half empty—found in the pocket of Philip Johnson, Halethorpe, carried more weight with Magistrate Blaxton in the Baltimore City Traffic Court than Johnson's statement that he had got had a drink in six hours when he was arrested on a charge of drunken driving.

"It must have been a powerful drink you had, since the odor of it remains on your breath for six hours," declared the magistrate in sentencing him to 30 days in jail on his charge of operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor and fining him $25 and costs for reckless driving.

DEATH CLAIMS J. L. RIDER

Brother Of County Commissioner Succumbs At Rexton Home.

John L. Rider, brother of Harrison Rider, president of the Board of County Commissioners of Baltimore county, died at his home at Rixton. He was 65 years old and was a son of the late John G. and Elizabeth Rider, of Riderwood. Surviving are another brother, Howard L. Rider, and two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Wagner and Mrs. Newton Derrick, of Carroll county. Funeral services were held on Wednesday at the home of Harrison Rider, Hilton road, near Towson. Services were conducted at the house by the Rev. Dr. Frank H. Inge, pastor of the First Methodist Methodist Episcopal Church. Interment was in Dredh Rider Cemetery. Pallbearers were John H. Rider, William T. Cole, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, Jackson Lee, W. Gill Smith, Frank McCeran and Elmer J. Cook.

ICE SHEETING FORMS IN PATAPSCO RIVER.

Ice is forming in the Patapsco river.

This information came from the North Point station of the Maryland Exchange, with entrance to North Point and other sections of the bay shore. The ice is only a thin film as yet, the report says. There is no ice in the harbor proper.

LINEMAN NEAR DEATH

Man Hurled From Telephone Pole After Touching Live Wire.

Hurled from a telephone pole on

MANY UNIQUE CHRISTMAS WINDOW DISPLAYS.

Merchants throughout Baltimore county and Baltimore city seemed to give more attention this year than ever before to their window displays and some noteworthy and unique windows were the result. Probably one of the most interesting and unusual displays was that of W. H. Williams, 715 N. Gay street, whose window represented the various stages of heating, from the old open fire place right down to the modern furnace. Incidentally, one of the stoves is an old charcoal burner which formerly graced the paternal home of George Washington at Mt. Vernon, and is a priceless antique.

DRY AGENTS DINED

After "Feed" Catonsville Men Is Summoned On Run Charge.

When a squad of prohibition agents raided the home of William Shragge, 37 Caton avenue, Catonsville, Shragge invited Guam into the house and entertained them with sandwiches, coffee and cigars, the agents said.

Before they left they summoned Shragge to appear before United States Commissioner Supplee on a charge of illegally possessing white lightning.

Shragge met the agents at the door and escorted them into the house, said the agents said. Shortly after they had entered, they alleged, they found a home-brew plant.

"Yes, I'm running it," Shragge admitted to the agents.

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RAIN AND SLEET DOES NOT STOP KIDDIES FROM CROWDING AROUND COMMUNITY TREE

Santa Claus Was On Hand Xmas Eve Distributing Presents—But Few Of The Band Of Carol Singers Ventured Out.

Christmas Eve, 1924, was not marred but a little by the rain and sleet.

The centers of activity were the Wayside Cross, in front of the Hotel Towson, where at 9 o'clock the little band of street singers who braved the elements, sang carols.

From 8 to 10, by special arrangement with Old Santa Claus, who was on the job at the Community Tree, The Towson National Bank gave a toy to each youngster, and long be-

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CALLS HIKE EASY

Chap 74 Years Old Says His 100,000 Mile Walk Is A Cinch.

Henry Stewart, seventy-four, coyly admits he is one of the most proficient exponents of that old Army exercise known as "taking 'em up and putting 'em down," for he declares he already had completed a little stroll of 100,000 miles and plans to do about 4000 miles more.

Stewart, light on his feet as a boy and probably the most active graybeard in the United States, dropped in on The Jeffersonian, with hair and beard flowing in the stiff winter breeze, the flush of health on his cheeks and the spirits of a youngster.

"Anybody want to take a little stroll with me?" he asked. "I'm going to

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A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO DO GOOD.

In the last issue of The Jeffersonian an account was given of a married man with wife and one child, a little boy—who has been a helpless invalid for years.

He is a constant care to his faithful wife, who strives to support the family and secure proper nourishment and medical aid for him.

He is a man of good character, and before his illness was industrious, taking the best of care of his family.

The worst part of his case is that he suffers intensely and incessantly.

If the good people who are in health and have their loved ones around them in comfort would just give a bit of their abundance to help [illegible] wife and child, it would [illegible] him and them so much.

Rev. Richard W. Wickes, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Towson, has investigated the case and says it is a most pitiable and a most deserving one.

The appeal made through The Jeffersonian for contributions to make this little family's Christmas Brighter than they have had for years was responded to heartily, and a neat sum realized. But after Christmas supplies will be

CANDLE-LIGHT SERVICE AT CATONSVILLE.

A candle-light service was held Xmas morning at Catonsville M. E. Church. There was carol singing and a Christmas story.

The choir was under the direction of Mrs. Gilbert D. Landis and was accompanied by the boys' orchestra of the church. The pastor, the Rev. Edgar C. Towers, preached.

On Sunday evening [illegible] a candle light service was held at Trinity church, Towson, and it will be repeated tomorrow (Sunday) evening.

NEW YEAR'S DAY FIFTY YEARS AGO QUITE DIFFERENT FROM NOW

Every Young Fellow Had A Sleigh And Sleighing Parties Going By With Bells Of Every Tone Made Mighty Fine Music.

(By Old Timer)

New Years fifty years and more ago.

At that period there was a vast difference between the way the day was celebrated in the county and the city.

In the county it was not regarded so much as a holiday as it is today. It was a great day however, for the gathering of the young folks in the evenings. It was a favorite night for dances and other entertainments. As I look back on that period it seems to me that we had more snows then than we have now, and they lasted longer, and from Christmas on until March there was an abundance of snow, every young fellow had a sleigh and plenty of bells and a good horse, and delightful parties were the order of the day.

The first of the winter dances usually being either on New Year's Eve or New Year's night, and at this first gathering others were arranged.

On a cold frosty night a sleighing party going by with bells of every tone made mighty fine music. The dances of those days could well be called the poetry of motion. They were the old time waltzes, quadrilles and square dances that were modest

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MAN KILLED BY GAS

Three Overcome — Accident Reported At Sparrows Point Plant.

One man was killed and three were overcome by gas in the gas-house of the Bethlehem Steel Company at Sparrows Point.

Details of the accident and the names of the three men who recovered were withheld by the officials at the plant, and the Sparrows Point police had only scant information.

The dead man was Mallie L. Carpenter, 607 South Twelfth street.

Police said the accident occurred at 5:15 A. M. and that Carpenter was taken to the private hospital at the plant, where he died about an hour later.

CONTEMPLATES ATTENDING ROAD BUILDERS' SHOW.

Regis Sughrue, Samuel A. Green will, if possible, attend the American Road Builders' Show and Convention in Chicago, January 5 to 9.

HOLIDAY ARDOR RIFE IN COUNTY—WREATHS LEND COLOR TO YULETIDE

Soft Lights Streamed Out Of Stained Glass Church Windows Xmas Eve And Deep Tones Of Organs Pealed Forth Ancient Carols.

(By Nancy Hanks)

Baltimore county was permeated with the cheery spirit of Christmas—charity, warm and glowing, gave traced merry song and cheer and Yuletide remembrance brought happiness to thousands of Christmas.

Not satisfied to distribute the cheer of the season to thousands imbued with the holiday spirit.

Doctors, lawyers, merchants, rich men and poor men on land and sea, on the big ships anchored off the county water front and with each other in manifesting "peace on earth and good will to men."

The rain and sleet did not mar the capable display for terms here, there and everywhere. Throughout the county resembled old English village of the Dickens, for every home had candles burning in their windows, and wreaths of holly and mistletoe with a bow of red ribbon added just an other touch of Yuletide atmosphere. Moreover, Christmas Eve was ideal. Maternally there was little to be desired—good times made good business. The stores, all towns and cities, closed warm hearted Christmas Eve to allow their employees to spend the day with their families.

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AUTO SKIDS AND UPSETS ON DY ROAD

While driving over the icy road of Gittings avenue, the automobile of Mr. Murrel Perry, of the York Road Garage, skidded and upset.

ROUTED BY FLAMES

Home Of Reuben Geist At Reisterstown Damaged By Blaze.

Fire damaged two rooms of a frame cottage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Geist, at Reisterstown.

Mrs. Geist was awakened by smoke and aroused her husband. They found one section of the house in flames.

They were the only occupants of the house. They called the Cryogas and Reisterstown fire companies and kept pouring water on the flames until the arrival of the firemen.

The fire is believed to have been caused by sparks from the chimney.

Many A Candidate Who Made The B[illegible] This Fall Because He Heard "A Call Of The People" Is Now Under [illegible] Been A Ventriloquist.

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