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Christmas Bells

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

Board Of Eduaction

The Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, December 13. Those present were Mr. J. E. Crothers, President; Dr. T. B. Moore, Vice-president, and Mrs. Wallace Williams.

The minutes of the special meeting of November 7 and the regular meeting of November 9, were read and approved, and sundry bills ordered paid.

A delegation of patrons from the Frenchtown community came before the board regarding the transportation of children from that place to the Perryville schools. The board assured this delegation that they were working on the matter and would do everything possible to cooperate in the matter.

A letter was received from Dr. Albert S. Cook, State Supt. of Schools, stating that the following by-laws had been passed by the State Board of Education on Friday, Oct. 14, 1938.

"Only citizens of the United States shall be employed in the public school system in the counties or admitted to the State Teachers Colleges.

"No fraternities or sororities shall be allowed in the public high schools in the counties of Maryland."

The State Board also passed the following resoluton regarding the admission of freshmen to the State Teachers College, at Bowie:

"Until further notice the State Supt. of Schools is hereby authorized by the State Board of Education to admit to the State Teachers College at Bowie, from among the applicants who stand highest in the entrance tests, not more than sixty freshmen, of whom not more than one-third shall be boys."

This letter was received with interest by the Board.

The appointment of Mr. Clifton C. Hartman, as assistant teacher in the Elkton High school was approved by the Board.

The deed for the land purchased at Cecilton was reported to the Board as properly drawn and approved by Dr. Albert S. Cook, State Supt. of Schools.

The following names were added to the high school substitute list: Mrs. Marie White and Mrs. Theodore Ott.

The Board then examined and discussed the plans as drawn for the new buildings to be erected in Cecilton and Chesapeake City.

Schools of the county will close on December 23 for the Christmas vacation and will re-open on January 3rd, 1939.

Progress In The Christmas Seal Sale

Progress in the annual tuberculosis Christmas Seal sale is being reported from almost every county in the state, it is reported from Maryland Tuberculosis Association.

Some of the counties are slightly ahead of their previous records and a few are behind, but it is strongly felt by all the local chairmen that the results so far are encouraging. If those who still retain their seals without having paid for them will make their remittances, the goals of the various counties should be reached.

"A successfull sale of the Seals will insure each county of a continuation of the anti-tuberculosis program," William B. Mattheds, managing director of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, said.

"A continuation is very necessary due to the high tuberculosis death rate of Maryland. The death rate has been steadily reduced for many years but several more years of intensive effort is necessary before the disease will be brought under control," he said.

Christmas Seals make possible activities that are gradually helping to reduce tuberculosis mortality and incidence. Every person who purchases Seals takes an active and helping part in the campsign against this disease.

BOY SCOUT COUNCIL

Wallace Williams has been elected district chairman of the Del-Mar-Va. Council of Boy Scouts. Other officers elected were: District vice-chairman, Ralph L. Beachley of North East and district commissioner, C. Otis McCauley of Perry Point.

Briefly Noted News

According to the Almanac winter began on Thursday of this week, the 22nd, at 7:14 a. m.

We are indebted to W. K. Bird, proprietor of Meadow Rock Dairy, for one of his handsome 1939 calendars.

While playing on the school grounds at Calvert the young son of principal George Gifford fell and broke his collar bone.

The public schools of the county will close on Friday afternoon for the Christmas holidays, and re-open Tuesday, January 3rd.

Dr. Walter L. Wright, President of Lincoln University, will preach at West Nottingham Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning, December 25.

The farm of 144 acres, owned by A. T. Winters, of Rawlinsville, Lancaster county, Pa., was purchased for $2,900 by David Eschbach, of Holtwood, Pa., at public sale.

Mrs. A. M. Crawford, of Chesapeake City, is a successful turkey raiser. She set 204 eggs and got 200 turkeys, disposing of part of the flock during Thanksgiving and the balance for Christmas.

Our stores here, with their holiday attire and throngs of Christmas shoppers, have been busy places for days past, and there is but little time left for those belated ones in which to make their pucrhases. No need to go elsewhere, as you will find nice displays of goods here, from which to make selections, and courteous clerks to wait on you, and offer helpful suggestions, should you need them, before you do your buying.

Counties Use Gas Tax For Debt Service

Maryland counties used more than a third of their share of the proceeds of the gasoline tax for debt service in the last fiscal year, a State Roads Commission financial report revealed.

Out of a total of $1,667,000 the counties were allotted from the gasoline tax, they spent $584,387 for debt service and $934,000 for road maintenance, according to a statement prepared by William A. Codd, commission auditor.

In addition, the counties paid $72,597 to incorporated towns for highway construction and debt service.

In three counties—Allegany, Calvert and Kent—charges for debt service exceeded the amounts spent for the maintenance of roads.

The report shows Cecil county expended $52,274 for road maintenance, and $22,806 for debt service.

Anne Arundel, Baltimore and Harford counties maintain their own roads, it is pointed out, while road maintenance in the other twenty counties is carried on by the roads commission.

In four counties—Allegany, Kent, Harford and Calvert—special laws require that from seventy-five to one hundred per cent. of the anticipated revenues be dedicated to debt service, it is explained.

Baltimore city spent $736,276 for its debt service in the last fiscal year.

Goodyear Gets Eighteen Year Sentence

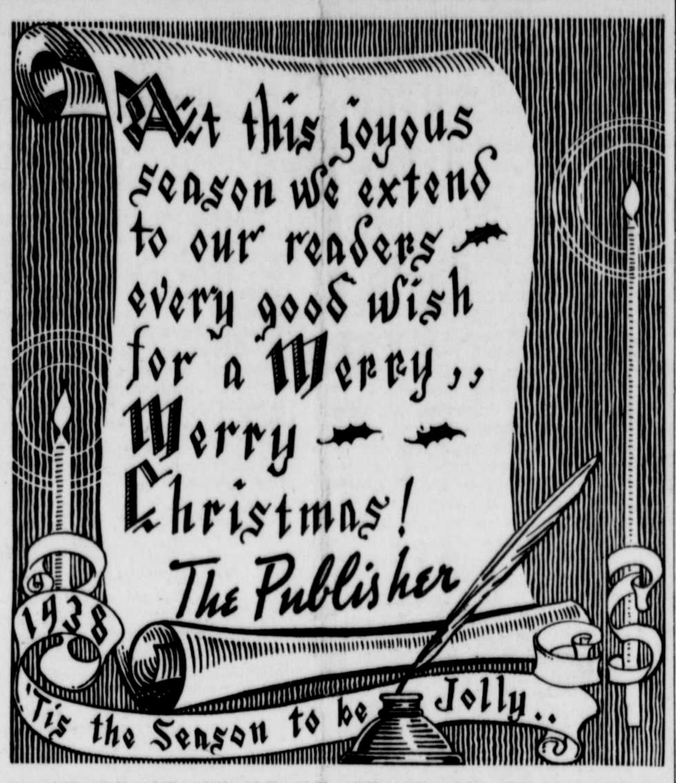
Circuit Court Judge Owen Knotts imposed an 18-year prison sentence last week on John Goodyear, 38, who on October 1, shot and killed his brother Howard, at their home near Elkton. Goodyear pleaded not guilty of first degree murder, but guilty in the second degree. The principal witness to the shooting was their aged mother, who died since the crime.

Oxford Real Estate Concern Expanding

Due to the fast growing business of this company in Cecil County, down the Eastern Shore and in Delaware, Wheeler & Grier, Realtors of Oxford, have opened a branch office at 115 Main St., Smyrna, Del., with Charles Hanratty in charge of their activities in that section. Mr. Hanratty is thoroughly experienced in real estate matters, having operated an office at Smyrna for several years, has an extensive acquaintance on the Eastern Shore and will prove a valuable acquisition to the Wheeler and Grier forces.

INJURED BY FALL DOWN CELLAR STEPS

Rev. S. J. Venable, D. D., pastor of West Nottingham Presbyterian Church, met with a painful accident on Monday evening, when he fell part of the way down the cellar steps, at the Manse. He suffered a fracture of his left arm, in addition to cuts and bruises about the face and body.



Dr. France Cited For Contempt

Dr. Joseph I. France, of Port Deposit, former U. S. Senator, was ordered to appear at a hearing before Cecil Circuit Court, on Thursday, to show cause "why he should not be punished for contempt" in allegedly not obeying a court order directing payment of alimony to his divorced wife.

Tatiana Dechterev, Russian emigre, obtained the order for payments of $300 monthly on September 29. A petition asking that the order be enforced was filed November 16 by her attorneys.

The divorce, obtained by Dr. France last July 5, has been appealed to the Court of Appeals.

Dr. France, candidate for the Republican Presidental nomination in 1932, sought the divorce on grounds he and his wife had been separated five years. She contended she was too ill in France to journey to the United States, and that her illness forced the separation.

When the divorce was granted, Circuit Court Judge J. Owen Knotts, of Cecil County, left the question of alimony for "future consideration."

Dr. France paid his wife $300 a month while the case was being argued, and continuance of those payments was ordered later.

The order for Dr. France to appear in court was delivered at his Port Deposit home by Deputy Sheriff Robert A. Boyd.

Mrs. France was reported to be living in Baltimore.

To Discuss New Hospital Plans

The board of directors of Union Hospital is expected to discuss the proposal to build a new fireproof hospital at its meeting in January.

The need of a new and modern hospital in Elkton has been stressed upon several occasions at various meetings in the community. Because of the location the hospital serves a large area of the upper section of the Eastern Shore, one in which numerous automobile and industrial accidents occur.

Richard B. Merritt of Warwck has been elected a member of the board to fill the vacancy left by Carroll C. Short who resigned.

Contract For Elkton Postoffice Building

The United States Treasury Department announced that Algernon Blair, of Montgomery, Ala., was the low bidder for the erection of a new postoffice at Elkton.

The contractor, who is already engaged in building 12 other postoffices, submitted his bid of $65,240, with alterations of $1,050 for exterior trimmings.

Elementary School Plays

The Christmas entertainment of Rising Sun Elementary School will be given in the High School auditorium on Thursday evening of this week, when two plays will be given week, when two plays will be the feature.

"A Mischievous Mouse In Toyland," and a cantata, "A Christmas Secret" will be given by the upper grades.

An admission charge of 25 cents will be made, and the entertainment will begin at 7:45 o'clock. Homemade candy will be on sale.

Cases Before Cecil Circuit Court

The December term of Circuit Court for Cecil County, which convened at Ekhton on the 12th inst., adjourned on Wednesday, the 14th, for the holidays, and will reconvene on Tuesday, January 3rd.

The Grand Jury found nine presentments, nine true bills, and ignored four cases.

The following cases were before the Court duing the three day session:

Alonzo Cannon, negro, of the Bethel section was found guilty on a charge of assault and battery; sentenced to the House of Correction for 9 months.

Charles Howard, negro, convicted on a charge of assault; sentenced to the House of Correction for 6 months.

John Nanni, who conducted a pool room in Havre de Garce, was found guilty by a jury on a charge of larceny of 5 cases of liquor from a tap room at Perryville, and sentenced to the Penitentiary for 3 years.

Charles Reynolds, a Port Deposit youth, was found guilty of misappropriating funds belonging to Frank Poist. An automobile dealer who had made restitution, was given a suspended sentence.

Thomas W. Parker pled guilty to operating a car while under the influence of lipuor; a fine of $100 and cost was imposed.

James M. Russell was convicted on a charge of reckless driving and fined $5 and cost.

Russell Biggs, charged with entering the Chesapeake City branch of the Elkton Supply Co., pled guilty; sentence suspended until the March term of Court.

Two Wives—Two Years In Penitentiary

William Coburn, 26, a photo engraver of Philadelphia, who on November 15 last, eloped to Elkton and married Beverly Fisher, a night club singer without the formailty of obtaining a divorce from Ann Tait, whom he married in Bristol, Pa., in 1936, was haled into Court at Elkton last week, and sentenced to two years in the State Penitentiary by Judge Knotts.

Parent-Teachers Christmas Program

The meeting of the Parent-teachers Association, at the High School Auditorium on Tuesday evening, took the form of a Christmas entertainment, the business meeting being dispensed with. Harry Barnes, of Elkton, favored the large crowd assembled in the auditorium with beautifully rendered Christmas carols on the Xylophone bells.

The Dramatic Club, under direction of Miss Nutter of the English Department, presented two sketches in a creditable manner, "Ma Makes Merry" and "Neighbors," Christmas carols were sung by the Senior Class, with Miss Dorothy Keilholtz at the piano.

SANTA CLAUS COMES TO TOWN

SantaClaus came to town on Tuesday, with bells jinggling and white beard flowing, and stopped at the Pogue & Roberson store, afternoon and evening, where he gladdened the heart of every little kiddie who visited him by giving each one a toy and candy. Jolly Old Saint Nick brought happiness to a host of little folks who swarmed about him during his stay at the store.

Personal And Social

The Komrade Klub was entertained on Friday evennig by Mrs. H. W. Ewing.

Miss M. Lidie Stewart is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Helen Shephard of this town, will leave next week for Evamston, Ill., where she will pursue a course of study at the Seminary, on Alcohol Education, under Bertha R. Palmer, preparatory to taking up temperance work in the schools of this State.

Miss Mary Donovan of Norwood, Pa., and W. Norman Clark, of Elkton, were married on Thursday, December 8, at York, Pa. Mr. Clark, who resides at Elkton Heighst, was a candidate for Register of Wills on the last election. He is engaged in wholesaling hay and grain. The couple will reside at Elkton Heights. On their wedding trip they toured the Southern States.

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Watkins celebrated their Golden Wedding at their home "Golden Key," near Hopewell Church, Saturday evening. Over twenty years ago, they moved from Montgomery Co., Md., to their present home.

The program consisted of singing "When You and I Were Young Maggie", by all; Solo and Chorus by Rev. S. T. Hamblin and the Choir, "Old Grey Bonnet; Original reading, Mrs. Carroll Tyson; Song, Mr. and Mrs. John Astle, that he composed several years ago; Solo, "Golden Wedding ", Mr. Carroll Tyson; Short speech by the Pastor; Christmas reading, Mrs. R. G. Terry; Solo, Mrs. Gilbert Simmers.

The gifts including a gold colored blanket and basket of flowers from the Ladies Aid Society, were especially selected for their bed room. Refreshments, including a 3 tier wedding cake, were served. There were over fifty guests.

Home From School

Rising Sun young people who are home from school for the Christmas holidays are: Miss Gertrude Buck, from Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va.; Miss Hope Reynolds, University of Md., College Park; Miss Ruth Biles, Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pa.; Miss Miriam Williams, Teachers College, Towson, Md.; Miss Catherine Keilholtz, State Teachers College, Salisbury, Md.; Miss Helen Gifford, Teachers College, Towson; Misses Ruth and Adeline Wilson, Hoods College, Frederick, Md.; Paul Graybeal, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.; Miss Leila Todd State Teachers College, Salisbury, Md.; Bruce Graybeal, St. Johns College, Annapolis, Md.; Robert Fehr, Johns Hopkins, University, Baltimore; Auvau Smith, Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland.

Slump In Marriage Business

With the 48-hour marriage license law becoming effective on December 8, there was a decided llump in the once rushing business in marriages at Elkton. During the first week of the new law thirty-one licenses were issued by the Clerk of Court at Elkton. Last month, under the old law, which required no waiting period to intervene following the issuance of the license, the average number of weddings was forty-three each day.

Lions Benefit Card Party

The benefit card party held on Thursday evening last in the High School auditorium, by the Lions Club proved very enjoyable, and the sum of $35.00 was realized for the Christmas welfare fund. Our merchants responded very generously in donating various articles of merchandise that were given as prizes for high scores. Bridge, five hundred and pinochle were played.

WHITE GIFT SERVICE

The Christmas program of the M. E. Sunday school was featured by a White Gift Service, on Sunday evenining at the church here, with appropiate music, and Christmas recitations and sketches by the different departments of the schools. Generous donations, each wrapped in white, were received from the various classes and will be distributed tothe less fortunate in the neighborhood to help bring a little Christmas cheer to these families.

During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lawrence from their home in Elkton Heights, one evening last week, robbers forced an entrance into the home and stole a box of jewels. The empty box was found in the grass a short distance from the house.

The Christmas Wreath

With holly and ivy
So green and so gay
We deck up our houses
As fresh as the day.

With bays and rosemary
And laurel complete.
And everyone now
Is a king in conceit.

—Old Carol, 1695

Program By Home Demonstration Agent

The 1939 Homemaker's program will complete three years with Home Furnishings as a major, according to Helen Irene Smith, Home Demonstration Agent of Cecil County. The minor subject will continue to be along cultural lines. The major theme will be "Better Family Living" as emphasized by Design in Small Furnishings.

The major projects to be demonstrated are: February—Block Printing, Home Demonstration Agent. March—Qualities of China, Home Demonstration Agent. April—Design and Decoration of China, Project Demonstrators. September—Combination of Styles of China and Linens, Home Demonstration Agent. October—Art in Pottery from 5 & 10 cent stores, Project Demonstrators. November—Art in Pictures from 5 & 10 cent store, Home Demonstration Agent.

The minor or cultural projects will be: January—Songs the Whole Family Like to Sing. May—Personal and Social Development,, Home Demonstration Agent. June—Guests in Your Home, Project Demonstrators.

According to Mrs. J. B. Fassitt, County Music Chairman, the county will make a study of the following songs: In the Glooming, Flag of the Free Brahms, God of the Nations, Il Trovatore, Sweet and Low, Star of the Summer Night, I Love You Truly, Kentucky Babe, by Adam Geibel, Where Heaven Is, by Geoffrey O'Hnro, Cradle Song, Brahms—and Cradle Song, by Shubert-Largo by Xeres. The group will continue to use the phamphlets issued by Mrs. Fassitt, also the Golden Book of Song, and Harlan Randoll's second year bulletin. Mr. Randoll is music specialist for the University of Maryland.

Maryland Authors will replace the book reviews according to Mrs. Walter Simmons, county reading chairman. The clubs will make study of the lives and writings of Maryland State.

The program also calls for reports from the delegates who attended the College week for Rural Women and also a program of Christmas activities during December.

The cultural committee also reports the continuation of the recreational teams which have proven so popular.

In addition to the regular meetings there will be fifteen county wide meetings. They will be: "Be Your Own Electrician," Landscape Design, Block Printing, two County Council meetings, Eduactional and Historical Tour, and seven recreational meetings, and two Executive Board Meetings.

Three extra demonstrations have been requested: The Romance of Bookmaking, Parlimentary Law, and Cecil County Government. Additional meetings will be held according to number of requests.

Make Your Returns Before Christmas

Make returns on your Christmas Seals before Christmas Day, was the request made this week by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, the organization that is conducting the Seal sale and the offiical anti-tuberculosis agency for the state of Maryland.

"There are only a few more days left until Christmas when the sale of Christmas Seals officially ends," said William B. Matthews, managing director of the association. "It is the hope of the county Seal sale chairmen that those people who have not yet made returns on the Seals sent to them earlier in the sale will make their returns before Christmas.

"If all returns were made before Christmas the anti-tuberculosis programs of the local associations could be planned and put into operation immediately.

The money raised in the counties by the sale of the Seals is spent in the county in which it was raised. Only a small percentage is taken by the state association for state-wide work.

Opportunity makes the man after the man has made the opportunity.