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Contract For New Court House

Baltimore Concern To Erect New Structure At Elkton

A building boom for Cecil county was inaugurated with the awarding of contracts for construction of high schools at Cecilton and Chesapeake City and a courthouse in Elkton. Bids for the three projects totaled $503,677.

Meeting in joint session with representatives of nineteen contracting firms present, the County Commissioners and School Board awarded contracts to:

Lang Brothers, Baltimore, which bid $136,190 for the Cecilton school and $134,800 for the Chesapeake City school.

Lacchi Construction Company, also of Baltimore, which bid $232,-687 for new courthouse.

John M. Beaver and George H. Gilmore, representatives of the Public Works Administration, which provided a forty-five per cent. grant were present for the bid opening. The successful bidders must start work by Wednesday this week.

The Courthouse will contain three floors and a basement. It is designed to accommodate all departments of the county administration.

Provisions also will be made for recreational quarters in the building.

Inaugural Plans

Annapolis, Dec. 22.—Plans for the largest parade in Annapolis history to mark the inauguration of Herbert R. O'Conor as governor Jan. 11, are announced by Robert Kucera, Jr., Annapolis representative on the parade committee.

Twenty-three bands, semi-military and civilian. already have been booked for the parade. Rear Admiral Wilson Brown, Naval Academy superintendent, has offered to detail the academy band for the parade.

More than 100 clubs and civic organizations have signified intention of taking part in the parade, Kucera said. The total number of persons expected in line is estimated at 10,000.

The committee will name a chairman for each county in the state and county delegations also will march. Several out-of state organizations, including the York (Pa.) Drum Corps, will participate.

O'Conor will review the parade from a stand to be set up in State Circle. The new governor will deliver his inaugural address from the reviewing stand just before the parade.

Aid Boy Killed By Exploding Gun

Francis O. Halliday, aged 14 years, a young colored boy from the Chester County Aid Society, was instantly killed Wednesday, when a gun which he was handling, exploded, the shot striking him in the mouth and blowing part of his face away.

At the Coroner's inquest, held at Worrall's Funeral Parlors, in Kennett Square, by Deputy Coroner, John C. Brock, Oxford, the following story was brought out from the testimony:

Halliday, and another Aid boy, William Anderson, aged 13 years, had been making their home on the farm of James Smith for several years. Some time ago they found an old gun in a vacant house and had repaired it and purchased shells for it in Newark, Del. They had shot it off upon several occasions. After they returned from school Wednesday, they went to their bedroom and Halliday was handling the gun. Anderson was on the other side of the bed with his back to Halliday when the weapon exploded and Halliday fell dead.—Oxford News

Wilson College Fund

Miss Mary L. Maxwell, of Rising Sun, has been named local alumnae chairman for the Wilson College seventieth anniversary fund, and will direct the work of organizing the graduates in this community for their part in the campaign which the alumnae plan to carry on during 1939. Objective of the alumnae is the raising of a fund to build and endow a student alumnae hall on the campus at Chambersburg.

A new record, exceeding the average of the Guernsey breed for her age and class, has just been completed by a two and one-half year old cow Cherub's Victory Rose 484283, of Port Deposit, Md., tested and owned by Donaldson Brown. Her official record supervised by the University of Maryland and announced by the American Guernsey Cattle Club, is 10138.0 pounds of milk and 499.0 pounds of butterfat class FF.

France Alimony Case Before Court

Judge J. Owen Knotts dismissed in the Cecil Circuit Court, a claim for non-payment of alimony against former Senator Joseph I. France and warned attorneys for France and his ex-wife that they should "get-together" and stop arguing.

Judge Knotts who has presided at hearings begun with France's divorce action against his wife, the former Russian princess, Tatiana Dechtereva, ordered the $300-a-month alimony payments kept up to date "or else."

Mrs. France's claim of non-payment, testimony indicated, developed from a mix-up. Counsel for France said she had failed to collect two payments left for her at the New Windsor Bank.

Judge Knotts asked France directly if he planned to continue the payments, and the former Senator replied he intended to do so as long as his income permitted.

So long as the court order, handed down September 29, is in effect, requiring payments of the $300 monthly, failure on France's part to make the payments would constitute contempt of court, Judge Knotts warned, dismissing the complaint.

Took A Joy Ride In Barrowed Car

Charged with violating the motor vehicle laws of Maryland, Charles Butler, of Oxford, Pa., has been arrested and held under $500 bail. According to reports Butler, who acted as porter at one of Oxford's eating places, took charge of the car of Miss Rebecca Hood, West Grove, Saturday evening, but instead of parking it, sa was intender, is said to have driven the car to Rising Sun and there to have procured some moonshine. On his way back, it is alleged, in attempting to pass another car, Butler was forced to take to the bank to avoid an oncoming automobile, with the result that the car was badly damaged. Butler's arrest followed and was taken to Elkton jail, but released on bail.

Memorial Bridge

West Virginia historical societies have petitioned the State Roads Commission to name the new Hancock bridge after George Washington and James Rumsey, inventor of the steamboat. Rumsey was a native of Cecil County, Md.

A letter from the George Washington Commission, the West Virginia Rumseyan Society and the Town of Bath Rumseyan Society urged that the span be called the "Washington-Rumsey" Bridge.

Its dedication, the letter pointed out, would take place in 1939 and would serve as the center for exercises commemorating the sesquicentennial anniversary of Washington's inauguration as President. The commission took no immedate action on the petition.

Moonshine Plant Blasted

Sheriff David J. Randolph, his deputies and federal agents, with the aid of dynamite, put an end last week to the high powered pre-Christmas production of "white lightning" in a 650-gallon moonshine plant in a woods near Chesapeake City. One man was captured but several others escaped.

It was one of the largest stills the officers have found in the county since pre-prohibition days.

A 30 h. p. engine was running at full speed when the sheriff and his deputies surprised the monshiners.

The federal agents from Baltimore were called in later in the day and with charges of dynamite destroyed the engine, still, 40 gallons of liquor and about 600 gallons of mash.

Spread Christmas Cheer

Committees representing the Lions Club, the Rising Sun M. E. Church and West Nottingham Church helped spread Christmas cheer to a goodly number of families in this neighborhood, by packing baskets with provisions, goodies and toys, and distributing them to those less fortunate, thereby helping to bring Christmas to some who might not otherwise have had much good cheer in the home.

The office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles on Dec. 19, announced a fifteen-day extension, until January 4, of the time allowed for inspection of motor cars in the "Save-a-Life" campaign.

After January 4, motorists whose cars have not been inspected will be given summons, and 1939 licenses will not be issued to cars that have not passed inspection, the announcement stated.

HOLIDAY PERSONALS

Mr. Edwin Haines is a holiday visitor of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. H. Micheals, Media, Pa.

Wilson McVey, of Washington, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McVey.

Ray Shingler, of the High School faculty, is spending the holiday vacation at his home in Altoona, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Dixon, of Philadelphia, were Christmas visitors of the latter's mother, Mrs. B. H. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Pogue and daughter Isabell, were dinner guests of Claude C. Buck and family on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford H. Roberson, of Freehold, New Jersey, were holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs Taylor R. Biles.

Mrs. Ada K. Buffington has been spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Donald Dudley, Silver Springs, Md.

The marriage of David Eller Wrightsdale, Pa., and Mrs. Minnie Belle Hartranst, took place Saturday, Dec. 10, at Kennett Square.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Armour, of Farmington, entertained on Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Clifford G. Armour, Oxford; Mr. and Mrs. Arnett Armour, North East; Mrs Cecil Armour and Mrs. R. G. Terry Greenhurst.

Xmas dinner guests of Mr Haines Job and Mr. and Mrs. Evan L. Job were Mr. Albert Ewing and Miss Reba Lewis, Wilmington, Del. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Glackin and Charles, Elkton; Miss Pearl Ewing and Mr. and Mrs. George L. Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lawrenson and daughter, Lucretia, of Bay View, left last week by auto for an extended vacation. They expect to spend some time in Texas, then travel through the Southern States returning to their home in Cecil county in about two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis J. Brown, of Sylmar, entertained on Christmas, Mr. Calvin Brown, Mr. Edwin Haines, Miss Mary E. Haines, Miss Elizabeth R. Stephens, Mr. John L. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Micheals, daughter Betty and Margaret, of Media, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs Edwin L. Haines, son Lincoln, Mr and Mrs. Harry Fox, Mr. and Mrs C. M. Reisler, Mr. and Mrs. John Reisler and four children, of Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Tyson were Christmas guests of Perryville and Van Bibber relatives.

Mrs. Robert Cameron spent Christmas with her partents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Blake, Childs.

Joseph Cooney left this week for Indiana, Pa., where he has secured a position with an electrical concern.

Mr. and Mrs. James Flounders of Wilmington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Flounders during the week.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing, at the Bungalow, were Mr. and Mrs. H. D. MacLellan, Pittsburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cameron, of Freehold, New Jersey, spent Christmas with the former's father Mr. Jesse T. Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. M. U. Zimmerman and son, Marlin, Jr., of Easton, Md., were holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Job W. Kirk.

Miss Elizabeth Yocum, of Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Yocum, West Nottingham.

Miss Marian E. Fehr, and Herman Slaybaugh were Holiday visitors at the home of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Slaybaugh, Fayettsville, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. W. R. Cameron entertained at family dinner on Christmas. Those present were Mrs. Carroll Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. John Kimble, Walter M. Cameron, Robert Cameron, Walter Cameron, George Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Etter had as Christmas visitors, Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, Elkton, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Etter, Blackstone, Va.; Miss Nell Cox, Independence, Va.; Catherine Etter, Harrisonville, Va.

Miss Kathryn Karl, physio-therapist technician of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, and Miss Mirian Karl of Elkton daughters of of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Karl of Elkton sailed on the steamship Roma, Monday for Nassau and Cuba.

Mrs. H. B. Patten entertained at dinner on Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson K. Patten and children, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Lyons, of Coatesville, Pa.; Miss Mary Patten, of Port Deposit; Mrs. Lillian Roberson, Mr. and Mrs. Asher Roberson and children, Dr. T. B. Moore, John L. Stephens.

The Newcastle Presbytery will meet in the Chesapeake City Presbyterian Church on January 9.

Mauldin Lum, of North East, former County Commissioner, has been appointed an assistant assessor of taxes for Cecil county.

Bobby Keen, son of Mr. and Mrs Paul Keen, of Perryville, fell while ploying games at the Church House in that town, and suffered a factured arm.

Mrs. I. D. Davis, chairman of the Christmas Seal sale committee for Cecil County suffered cuts and bruises Thursday when she fell down the cellar steps at her home in Elkton. No bones were broken.

A Christmas pegant, "What Child is This", depicting the Christmas story was presented by the Cecil county Homemakers' Clubs at Calvert high school, on December 27, at 8 p. m., under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Fassitt.

Charles and Clarence Roop, young sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Roop, of Perryville, were bitten several days ago by their pet dog, which when killed was found to have rabies.

Several dogs in the neighborhood are reported to have been bitten by the mad canine.

The floating theatre once owned by James Adams of Chesapeake City and lately under the management of Captain Milford Seymour, manager and reported one of the oldest in the business, sank in the Roanoke River recently. She was familiar to many citizens of Maryland in towns along the bay.

Among the local representatives of Southern States Cooperative who will attend the organization's University to be held in Baltimore, December 29, are Gilbert Halsey, Manager, Southern States Rising Sun Service, and R. V. Rice, District Manager, of Bel Air.

An attendance of about 200 is expected at the Baltimore meeting to hear the Cooperative's agricultural program discussed as it affects farmers and the agricultural situation in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and West Virginia.

A group of young people traversed the town singing Christmas carols on Christmas eve.

A light snow covered the ground on Friday afternoon and made auto traffic very precarious, several minor accidents being reported.

Dr. Walter L. Wright, President of Lincoln University, will preach at West Nottingham Presbyterian Church next Sunday, Jan. 1st.

Magistrate Spencer, of Havre de Grace, placed Blaine Hall, of Perryville, under $2,500 bail for Harford County Court, on the charge of stealing turkeys from the Penington Farm, near Darlington.

The mercury was sent tumbling down in the tube Tuesday night, when a cold wave sweft in on a high northwest wind. Thermometers registered ten degrees on Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Keir moved this week from Binghamton, New York, to the Ryan dwelling, on Mount street. Mr. Keir is the newly appointed manager of the Sheffield milk plant in Rising Sun.

The creamery at Providence, Cecil county, operated by Abbott Alderney Dairies, will be closed on January 1st. The milk from the dairy farms in that section will be collected by truck and hauled to Philadelphia daily.

It was a "White Christmas" for awhile, on Sunday, as the ground was covered with a light snow, between five and six o'clock in the morning. However, the sun broke through later in the morning and by noon there was scarely a sign of the snow left, and the greater portion of Christmas was bright with sunshine and the temperature mild.

Miss Marian Rau, for the past few years field director of the Cecil county branch of the Maryland Children's Aid Society, has been transferred to Chestertown, to supervise the activities in Kent and Queen Anne's counties.

The change becomes effective on January 1st. Miss Coffin, of Pittsburgh, will succeed Miss Rau at Elkton, and will have charge of Cecil and Harford counties.

Walker---White Nuptials

Miss Elizabeth Frances White, daughter of the Rev. and the late Mrs. Frank White of Rising Sun, and Mr. Mark Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walker of Richardson Park, Del., were married on Monday, Dec. 26th, in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Rising Sun. The father of the bride officiated.

The bride was dressed in wine velvet with accessories to match, and carried cream roses. Her only attendant was her youngest sister, Miss Margaret White, dressed in blue velvet and carrying pink roses.

Another sister, Mrs. John Shook, was at the organ.

Mr. George Walker, brother of the groom, served as best man. The ushers were Mr. Willian Walker, Jr., youngest brother of the groom, and Mr. Gordon Little, Jr., his cousin.

An informal reception followed at the bride's home, with Miss Miriam White as hostess.

The church was beautifully decorated by Miss Helen Sheppard and Miss Wilhelmina Ward.

Those who have entertained for the bride are, her sisters, at Rising Sun; Miss Margaret Cecil, of 2709 Tatnall St., Wilmington; Mrs. Frank Wright, of 101 West 17th St., Wilmington; Mrs. Arnett Benton, of 1401 Jackson St., and the Brandywine Chapter of Eastern Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker will make their home at 502 West 50th St., Wilmington, Delaware.

Shiplet--Van Dyke

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Shiplet, Oxford, announce the marriage of their son, Bizeel Shiplet, to Miss Pinkie Van Dyke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Dyke, Calvert, Md. The marriage was solemnized in Alexandria, Viginia, Saturday, December 17, in the presence of the bridegroom's mother and her aunt, Mrs. Josephine Comer, Washington, D. C.

Boulden--Walker

Mr. Kenneth W. Boulden, of Perryville, and Miss Olive Walker, of Aberdeen, were united in marriage Saturday evening, Dec. 17, at eight o'clock, at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Tollenger. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. Allen Brown, pastor of the Havre de Grace Presbyterian church.

The bride is a graduate of the Aberdeen High School and also of Eaton and Burnett Business College.

The groom is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad company with headquarters at Wilmington, Del. They will reside in Havre de Grace.

Celebrated Three Wedding Anniversaries

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Hindman, Jr., in Oxford, Pa., on Tuesday, December 20, three wedding annversaries were celebrated.

It was the 55th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Janney, of Oxford; the 8th nniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hiney, of Germantown and the 54th of Mr. and Mrs. Hawley McFadien, Coatesville, Pa. A turkey dinner with all the fixin's was served.

Fifty-Fifth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Hevlow of Chesapeake City, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary quietly at their home on Sunday, Dec. 18. Mrs. Hevlow was Miss Annie Metz. Mr. and Mrs. Hevlow have three children, Harry Hevlow, of Elkton; Jacob, at home and Anna, wife of Mr. Homer Campbell. Another son, Eugene, was killed in the World War.

Held For Board Bill

A stranger in our midst, giving the name of J. C. Garrison, and purporting to hail from Churchland, Va., who arrived at the Rising Sun Hotel on Saturday, is now lodging in the town lockup. Mr. Garrison was arrested on a warrant charging him with failure to pay his board, and is being held while the Maryland State Police at the Conowingo Sub-Station are checking up on him. He offered a check in payment of his board, but the piece of paper was refused. Mr. Garrison also purchased a large bill of clothing, etc., at the store of F. M. Johnson, here, and offered a check in payment. The check was refused and the goods placed back in stock until more convincing wherewithall could be produced.

When it comes to making a swift touch the glad hand is very much in evidence.

Dwelling Damaged By Fire

Defective Flue Causes Blaze That Threatens Home

The residence of Morton McCardell and family, on West Main street was damaged by fire on Friday evening, Mr. McCardell had kindled a fire in the fireplace, and some time later smelled smoke, but could find no indication that anything was wrong. An hour or more later, as the smell of smoke appeared to be getting stronger, he went to the fire house and secured an extinguisher, two or three of the firemen returning with him to his home to help investigate.

Fire was finally discovered between the walls next to the chimney and under the roof.

The fire apparatus was brought to the scene, and after tearing away a portion of the weather boarding and cutting a hole in the roof the blaze was located and extinguished. It had crept along under the roof and between the walls for some distance, and had evidently been smouldering for two or three hours before finally being discovered about seven o'clock.

Christmas Entertainment

The Christmas entertainment of the Elementary School was held in the High School auditorium on Thursday evening, the 22nd, and the various groups in the different numbers all acquitted themselves in a splendid manner.

Grades one, two and three presented the ketch "A Mischievous Mouse In Toyland," and grades four five, six and seven gave "A Christmas Secret," both sketches being much enjoyed by the large audience that filled the auditorium.

The staging and costuming of the numerous characters in the different groups of dances, choruses, etc., showed much ingenuity and was no small task for those in charge of the training and directing. The gross receipts were $46.75.

Jersey Cattle Club Elects

At the dinner meeting of the Cecil county Jersey Cattel Club held Thursday night at the Howard Hotel, Elkton, William Ellwood Locke, of the Chesapeake City section, for the last two years secretary and treasurer of the club, was elected president of the organization for the ensuing year.

Clayton McDowell, of Rising Sun, was chosen its vice-president; Mrs. Helen Bonin, also Rising Sun, secretary and treasurer.

Miss Margaret England, of Earleville; David Wherry, of Andora; Dr. C. E. Mackie, Lewisville, and Guy McGrady, of Rising Sun, directors.

Negro Held In Fatal Shooting

Coroner R. C. Dodson impaneled a coroner's jury Monday for an inquest into the Christmas Day fatal shooting of Abraham Randolph, 27-year-old Negro farm hand, in a fight near Chesapeake City.

Sheriff David J. Randolph and Deputy Sheriff Ralph Robinson, of Elkton, said they arrested William Turner, 39, Negro, near the scene of the shooting and placed him in jail.

The Negroes had gone visiting in a colored settlement four miles from Chesapeake City Sunday afternoon. An argument started between the two, and Turner shot his friend.

Toys Repaired And Distributed

Many a little tot in our neighborhood received a toy or two for Christmas through the efforts of interested parties. Toys that had been discarded, or outgrown by children in families, were gathered up and taken to the High School here, where they were repaired, repainted and recondition in the manual training department, and later distributed among needy families to help bring happiness to the little folks.

Holiday Illuminations

The holiday illuminations about town are beautiful and lend much to the Christmas spirit with their cheerful glow at night. Several of our residents have outdoor trees trimmed with myrids of different colored lights, others have the front door way out-lined with garlands and lights. It is well worth a trip about town at night to view the pretty outdoor and in-door illuminations.

Hack's Point Get-Together Club presented Union Hospital, Elkton with a Christmas gift of $100.