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Three Barns Destroyed By Fire

Buildings Near Farmington Liberty Grove And Woodlawn Burned

Rising Sun firemen received two calls for aid on Saturday evening. The first one came about eight o'clock, from Porters Bridge, where a fire had been discovered at the sawmill of Samuel W. Fitzgerald. The timely discovery of the blaze enabled its being extinguished before the firemen arrived on the scene.

The second call came about nine o'clock, from Farmington, where the barn on the farm of Benjamin Densmore was on fire. The firemen made a quick run, with apparatus, but as there was no water supply little could be done except to prevent the fire spreading to the nearby dwelling.

The barn and shedding were totally destroyed, together with a quantity of straw and hay.

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The large barn on the farm of Robert Russell, near Liberty Grove, was totally destroyed by fire of undetermined origin on Tuesday morning.

Members of the family were in the barn milking about seven o'clock when smoke was noticed and an investigation revealed fire in the upper part of the barn, under the roof.

The Rising Sun firemen were called and were soon on the scene, but the flames spread with such rapidity that the structure was doomed and there was little the firemen could do, except prevent the spread of the fire to other farm buildings.

The barn, together with 40 tons of hay, some straw, machinery, etc., was destroyed. The loss is placed at $3,000, with partial insurance.

A third disastrous fire in this immediate section within a period of four days, was that of Tuesday night, when the barn on the farm of the Kelly brothers,—Frank, Dode, William, and Clarence, near Woodlawn, was struck by lightning during the electrical storm that prevailed, and totally destroyed, together with all this year's crops, and six head of registered Holstein cattle.

Frank Kelly's Holstein dairy herd of about thirty head is one of the finest in the State, and last year won highest honor for production of any Holstein herd in Maryland.

In the fire Tuesday night a bull valued at $3,000, and five heifers that he had been offered $150 apiece for, perished in the flames.

The barn was equipped with every sanitary requirement, that the rigid laws for the handling of milk specify.

Rising Sun firemen were called to the scene about nine o'clock, and responded immediately in the driving the rain. They succeeded in saving the dwelling and other nearby farm structures, but the barn was doomed.

The Port Deposit and Perryville firemen responded to calls for aid, but the road leading to the Kelly farm was jammed with parked and locked cars of sightseeing autoists, and these engines could not get near the fire.

Some of these automobile owners will have to appear before the Magistrate and show cause why it was necessary to block the road with their locked cars, as the State Police took the license numbers of all of the offenders.

The loss on the Kelly property is estimated at $10,000, with partial insurance.

Oxford Carnival To Open With Parade

The carnival of the Oxford Fire Company opens on Friday evening of this week with a parade of visiting fire companies, that gives promise of being a large one. Companies from Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania are expected to participate for prizes.

The carnival will be held from Friday, August 9, until Saturday, August 17, and will be replete with new features. A Mercury Deluxe 4-Door Sedan is to be given away.

Charles W. Ritchie and family moved on Friday from Mount street, to apartments in the Plummer dwelling, on West Main street. Mr. and Mrs. William Buck will occupy the dwelling vacated by the Ritchie family.

Briefly Noted News

Cameron Bros. began the pack of sweet corn at their plant here, on Thursday, of this week.

The annual Stubbs family reunion was held Saturday, Aug. 3rd, at Penn Hill Meeting House.

The nomination of George Hohn as postmaster at Port Deposit, was sent to the U. S. Senate for confirmation on Thursday last.

The cafeteria supper held on Friday evening last, by the Official Board of the Methodist church here, was well patronized, and over $40 realized.

Fire supposed to have originated from a spark in the mill boiler destroyed about 4,000 feet of lumber at the Botts farm, causing a loss of about $3,000.

The evening service of the Methodist church was held on the spacious lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Pogue on Sunday. The theme of the guest speaker was "Evangelism."

Mrs. H. B. Crowgey of Elkton Farms, located along the Elkton-Chesapeake City road, carried off 10 prizes in the Jersey cattle classes at the recent Harrington, Del., fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Neff of Ward Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Helen Neff, to Mr. Norman R. Taley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Talley of Elam, Pa. The wedding will take place in September.

While wading in the Octoraro creek, at King's Bridge, Pa., Emma Jean Housekeeper, nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Housekeeper of Little Britian Township, was drowned before help could reach her when she stepped into a deep hole.

John Johnson, negro, of Cecilton, has been arrested and lodged in Elkton jail, charged with stealing chickens from Jesse Hevelow, a farmer of Cecilton section. Marie Clark a negress, was also taken into custody as being implicated by cooking the stolen fowls.

Dr. Ralph S. Andrews, of Elkton,, who graduated in June, was one of the successful examinees who took the examination given by the Board of Medical Examiners of Maryland between June 18 and 21. He received his license last week, and is now eligible to practise medicine and surgery.

The Rising Sun Lions Club and members of their families held their annual outing at Betterton on Wednesday afternoon and evening of last week. Swimming, boating, bowling, etc., were participated in, and a splendid supper at the Hotel Rigbie enjoyed. More than thirty comprised the party.

The annual reunion of the McKinsey and Tyson families, many members of which reside in Cecil county, will be held at Lenape Park, near West Chester, Pa., on Thursday, August 15. All members who have changed their address during the year, please notify Mrs. Stroups, 817 W. Ninth street, Wilmington, Delaware.

Wm. Snyder, Sr., had the misfortune to cut his arm severely on a piece of rusty tin, Tuesday, while working at Dinsmore & Bro's. garage. The wound required two stitches to close. He was given serum treatment as a precaution against lock jaw.

A few days previous Mr. Snyder fell from the roof of a building, near Port Deposit, fracturing a rib.

Bridge Opening Postponed

Several dates have been mentioned, from time to time, for the opening of the new bridge across the Susquehanna river between Perryville and Havre de Grace, only to be moved further along.

It is now authoritatively stated the new span will not be open for traffic until August 15 or later.

The delay in opening the bridge has been caused by the approaches not being completed.

The toll for automobiles will be 20 cents per car with commutation tickets being for sale at 15 cents per car.

Ends Life By Drowning

Mrs. S. Broughton Tall, of Stoneleigh, Baltimore, committed suicide by drowning in the Susquehanna river on July 26. The body was sighted by William Curson, of Havre de Grace, who notified State Police at the Conowingo sub-station.

The body on being brought to shore was identified by means of papers found in an automobile parked on the shore. A watch and ring were also found in the car, while the woman's shoes and purse were located on the shore.

Mrs. Tall was the wife of the program annotator of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

High School Principal Resigns

Accepts Similar Position In Town Of Crisfield

Edwin B. Fockler, of North East, principal of Chesapeake City High School, has resigned to accept the principalship of the high school at Crisfield, Somerset county.

Mr. Fockler fills the vacancy caused by the resignation of Carl Carlson, recently elevated to the county superintendency.

Mr. Fockler has been principal of the Chesapeake City school for four years, having served as attendance officer in Cecil county for eight years. He headed the Cecil County Teachers Association. Graduating from the University of Delaware with a bachelor's degree, he received his master's degree at the University of Maryland.

Mr. Fockler and his family will remove to Crisfield the latter part of August. Crisfield is a seafaring town and with the adjacent communities has a population of 10,000.

Nazarene Camp Meeting

The annual Nazarene Church campmeeting, near Leslie Station, opened on Saturday, to continue over two Sundays. More than 700 campers are on the grounds. The attendance each Sunday reaches between 5,000 and 10,000. Three services are held daily.

The Rev. Dr. H. V. Miller, general superintendent, and Dr. Raymond Browning, district superintendent of South Atlantic District, are in charge of the various services. Prof. John Moore of California, is the song director, and Mrs. B. H. Maybury has charge of the Bible school.

The Rev. D. E. Higgs, district superintendent, is in charge of the camp.

Want Wider Road

A delegation of citizens accompanied by the Board of Cecil County Commissioners went to the offices of the State Roads Commission in Baltimore to seek shoulders for the road between Perryville and Port Deposit.

The present road, delegates said, is too narrow to handle the increased traffic on the highway. The State Roads Commission offered to instruct the state engineer to investigate.

Auto Driver Held For Death Of Pedestrian

Frank K. Hickey, aged 72 years, was struck by an automobile while crossing the duPont highway in front of the Delaware State Hospital, Farnhurst, Delaware, on Wednesday night.

William T. Bouldin, 62 years old, of Perryville, driver of the automobile, is under $2,500 bail on charges of manslaughter and reckless driving. Bail was demanded for his appearance at a hearing before Magistrate Robert A. Barnes, Wilmington.

Southern States Declares Dividend

A dividend of 6 per cent on capital stock of Southern States Rising Sun Service, a farmer owned and controlled cooperative, has just been declared by the board of directors, according to Howard R. Brown, Rising Sun, a member of the board.

This dividend is in addition to a 3 per cent patronage dividend on purchases, paid half in cash and half in stock, and to a special cash patronage dividend on fertilizer amounting to $1,195.14.

The patronage dividend checks on fertilizer are now at the office of the service; persons who used the cooperative fertilizer program may secure their checks by calling at the cooperative. The volume of business for the year ended June 30 was $70,272.07.

Cafeteria Luncheon At Ebenezer

The Ladies of Ebenezer Church held a successful cafeteria luncheon in the Community House, on the church grounds, Tuesday; that was very well attended and greatly enjoyed.

The church is undergoing extensive improvement, including interior painting and redecorating. The work is in active charge of the pastor, Rev. C. H. Atkins, who is a skilled artisan with the brush.

State Poultry Council Meets

Sixth Annual Conference And Banquet Held At Elkton

Willard H. Allen, New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture, was the principal speaker Wednesday night at a banquet meeting closing the sixth annual summer conference of the Maryland Poultry Council held at Elkton. Dr. H. C. Byrd, University of Maryland president, was toastmaster, and other speakers included Dr. Morley A. Jull, head of the university poultry department; P. C. Turner, president of the Maryland Bureau Federation, and T. Roy Brooks, Maryland State Grange master.

Harry H. Rieck, of Preston, Poultry Council president, presided at the meeting, attended by many of the leading members of the State poultry industry.

Wm. H. Allen spoke on "Problems Facing the Poultry Industry."

H. Raymond Baker, of Dover, Delaware poultry pathologist, spoke on "What Maryland Poultrymen Can Learn From Delaware's Pollorum Disease Control Program"; Roy E. Jones, Connecticut extension poultry specialist, discussed "Factors That Affect Profits in Egg Production"; Leon Todd, of Trenton, N. J., talked on "The Stake of Maryland Poultrymen in the Northeast," and Charles H. Pearsall, of Connecticut, spoke on "Getting the Best Price for Your Market Eggs."

"Problems Facing Maryland Hatcherymen" was the subject of Claude E. Truslow, of Chestertown, president of the Maryland Hatchery Association, and the "Record of Merit Turkey Breeding" was given by Mrs. Alice W. Sattler, of Monkton.

Besides Rieck, State Poultry Council officers are Mrs. W. W. Hopkins, of Cordova, first vice-president; J. W. Snoddy, of Lanham, second vice-president; W. H. Rice, of College Park, secretary, and John Cowan, of Bowie, treasurer.

Company E Leaves For Camp

Seventy members of Company E. First Maryland Regiment, under command of Capt. Russell M. Geore, and Lieuts. Harold Perkins and G. Reynolds Ash, left Elkton, Sunday evening over the Pennsylvania Railroad, for two weeks camp near Canton, N. Y. At Wilmington, they were joined by national guardsmen from Easton, Centreville, Cambridge and Salisbury, Md., who are also members of the First Maryland Regiment.

And The Rain Came

A heavy electrical storm that swept this section Tuesday evening, slowed up the extreme hot weather that had made all humanity uncomfortable for days, and brought rain,—rain that had been badly needed for weeks by parched gardens, lawns and every growing crop.

The hot sun had baked the ground hard and dry, and Tuesday evening's generous rain was the first real soaking one in this section for weeks.

Repairing Dam At Conowingo

A large number of men are at work on the big Conowingo Dam across the Susquehanna River, owned by the Philadelphia Electric Company, making routine maintenance concrete repairs to spillways.

Approximately 50 men are employed in the work, which is in charge of two Philadelphia contractors—J. S. Norris Cement Gun Co., and Sauter and Schwartner Construction Company.

War Relief Drive Ends

Announcement has been made that the national quota in the War Relief Drive of the American Red Cross, which came to a close Aug. 1, had been reached.

The Cecil county chapter reports of the quota of $2040 which was set, approximately $1500 had been donated. The original quota set for the county had been $1200 but that sum was later increased.

Given a hearing before Trial Magistrate G. Reynolds Ash of Elkton on a charge of reckless driving, Harry Webber of Arizona, was fined $100 and costs. In the accident that occurred, Webber was seriously injured and one person was the fatality that resulted.

Personal And Social

Mrs. Edward Smith, of Bristol, Tennessee, has been visiting Mrs. R. C. Dodson.

Mrs. Wm. A. Reeder enjoyed an extended vacation with friends at Ocean City, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Ferguson, of Norfolk, Virginia, visited Rising Sun relatives the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldie Warren, of Baltimore, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cooney.

Mr. James Gamble, Sr., and Mr. Samuel Gamble and child, of Sylmar, visited relatives in Virginia over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sadler, of Farmington, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brickley, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Miss Verna Grason was a Sunday visitor of her brother and family, Melvin Grason, near town.

Miss Marguerite Orr, of New York, has been spending her vacation with home folks here.

Miss Helen Gifford, of Farmington, has just had as her guest Miss Katherine Mullinix, of Dayton, Md.

Miss Cora Wiley, of Venton, N. J., and Miss Mary Fryer, of East Orange, N. J., are visiting West Nottingham friends.

Mrs. Ella Reese, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gramling, of Philada.. were visitors of Miss Lidie Stewart on Sunday.

Recent visitors of Mrs. Annie Marshall and the Misses Reynolds were Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson, of York, Pa.

Mrs. Edwin L. Haines and son Lincoln, left Rising Sun on Friday for Cape Cod, Mass., where they will enjoy an extended vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Brumfield and Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Brumfield, of Ivyland, Pa., were Saturday visitors of Miss Mary Brumfield and J. E. Brumfield.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Dickerson and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Roberson spent Tuesday and Wednesday at Chincoteague Island, Virginia, Mrs. Dickerson's former home.

Miss Arlene Brown, of Ardmore, Pa., and Marshall Brown, of Indianapolis, Ind., were visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Brown, during the week.

Mrs. H. D. MacLellan, who has been spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing, at the Bungalow, left on Tuesday for her home in Pittsburg, Pa. She was accompanied by Miss Virginia Barnes, of Woodlawn, who will spend some time in Pittsburg.

Leasure--Eklund

Miss Virginia J. Leasure, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leasure of Glasgow, Del., and Mr. Leslie G. Eklund, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Eklund of Newark, were married on Monday afternoon, July 29, in St. Mark's Church, Aiken, Md., by the Rev. Charles Fraill.

The wedding music was played by Mrs. Russell Foley, sister of the bridegroom. Mrs. James F. Henning of Philada., was matron of honor. Mr. Micheal Vong of Newark was best man.

The bride wore a poudre blue crepe with white accessories. Her corsage was of bride roses and lilies of the valley.

The matron of honor wore dusty pink with dark blue accessories, and a corsage of Johanna Hill roses.

A reception followed the ceremony at the home of Mrs. Russell Foley at Aiken, Md. Mr. and Mrs. Eklund will live in Newark.

Jones--Sexsmith

Mrs. Ella Jones, of Washington, D. C., and Rev. Dr. Edgar A. Sexsmith, a former pastor of Leeds and Bay View Methodist churches, were married at Chestertown, Md., on July 24. Dr. Sexsmith, a former president of tht Maryland Conference of the former Methodist Protestant Church, is now pastor of Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Church in Washington. The bride is a sister of the late Mrs. Sexsmith.

Mosiman--Moyer

Saturday, July 27, at 4:30 P. M., in Nottingham Greenstone Presbyterian church, Miss Mary Elizabeth Mosiman of Oxford, Pa., became the bride of Clifford A. Moyer of Washington, D. C. Rev. J. M. Croup, pastor of the church, officiated. The beautiful ring ceremony was used. The immediate families and a few close friends witnessed the ceremony. The young people were attended by Miss Janice Mosiman of Newark, N. J., sister of the bride and by a young man of Washington, D. C., a close friend of the groom.

Proves Beetle Poison Harmless To Man

Expert Claims Milky White Could Not Have Caused Death Of Chickens

In order to prove that the "seed of death" for Japanese beetles is harmless to man, and was not responsible for the death of some chickens, Dr. George S. Langford University of Maryland entomologist, ate some of the bacterial spore.

Mrs. Joseph Carlisle, of near Aberdeen, recently filed a claim with the County Commissioners of Harford county for the loss of some thirty chickens, which she asserted were killed by eating beetle larva, diseased by the spread ofbeetle spore in a corn field near the chicken house.

The beetle spore was spread last October by representatives of the University of Maryland, in an acre lot on the farm which Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle occupy, along with the innoculation of some three hundred other acres of farm land in Harford county. The spore, which is made from grinding up diseased beetles with talc, gives the beetle larva the disease when they come in contact with the poison and is proving to be one of the most effective means of extermination of this destructive pest.

The Commissioners referred the claim to County Agent H. M. Carroll, who in turn had one of the chickens examined at the University of Maryland.

Dr. Langford and Dr. Davis, of the University of Maryland experimented with several chickens, feeding them a guantity of the beetle spore and also the larva which had been killed by the spore, and in all experiments the chickens were not harmed in any manner. He stated the chickens he examined at Mr. Carroll's request apparently died from eating decayed meat of some kind.

As further proof that the beetle poison was harmless and not responsible for the death of the chickens, Dr. Langfield swallowed a handful of the spore, with no ill effect resulting.

Entertain At Barn Dance

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Fisher entertained a number of friends in honor of their daughter Dorothy and son Robert, on Saturday evening, in the large barn on the premises. The barn had been transformed, being artistically decorated in patriotic colors,-red, white and blue, and presented a beautiful appearance.

The evening was spent in dancing, music and games, and was an enjoyable one. Refreshments consisting of punch, cookies, and candies, were served.

The music was furnished by Sandy Jacks Orchestra. Among the guests were Misses Joann Emrey, of Colora; Pauline Keesey, Dorothy Kyle, Rising Sun; Josephine Chalk, Perryville; Messrs. Hale and Dean Harrington, Wallace and Norman Biggs, Arthur Leiske, Farmington; Russell Johnson, Robert Fisher, Miss Dorothy Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Miss Celia Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith.

Brady--Crothers

Miss Mary Margaret Brady of Baltimore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frank Brady was married to Emerson Lane Crothers of Elkton on Wednesday, July 31, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Baltimore.

The groom is the son of Deputy Clerk of the Court Emerson R. Crothers.

Grant--Johnson Reunion

The second annual reunion of the Grant-Johnson families will be held on Sunday, August 25, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grant and Mr. and Mrs. John Grant, near Leeds. Mr. and Mrs. Howell Johnson, Elkton, will be entertaining host and hostess. Lunch will be served at 12 o'clock noon.

Todd--Blevins

Charles Blevins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blevins, and Miss Anna Todd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Todd, Wrightsdale, Pa., were married in Rising Sun Wednesday afternoon, July 24.

Wheeler & Grier, Realtors, have sold for Mrs. J. F. Foster, the attractive dwelling with about 5 acres of land at Colora, Cecil County, to Mr. Stanley Barrett of Darlington, Maryland, who after making several improvements on the property will take possession about August 15.