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The New Year

By George Cooper.

A Song for the Old
While its knell is tolled,
And its parting moments fly!
But a song and a cheer
For the glad New Year,
While we watch the Old Year die!
Oh, its grief and pain
Ne'er can come again,
And its care lies buried deep;
But what joy untold
Doth the New Year hold,
And what hopes within it sleep!

A song for the Old,
While its knell is tolled,
And the friends it gave so true!
But, with hearts of glee
Let us merrily
Welcome the bright, bright New!
For the heights we gained,
For the good we attained,
We will not the Old despise;
But a joy more sweet,
Making life complete,
In the golden New Year lies.

A song for the Old,
While its knell is tolled!
With a grander, broader zeal,
And a forward view,
Let us greet the New,
Heart and purpose ever leal!
Let the ills we met,
And the sad regret,
With the Old be buried deep;
For what joy untold
Doth the New Year hold,
And what hopes within it sleep!

Object To Removal Of War Memorial

Members of Cecil Post, American Legion, of Elkton, are much agitated over the proposal of Elkton Town Council to move the World War Memorial from the old Court House plaza to the Elkton Armory grounds, and have protested to the Council.

More than $10,000 was raised by public subscription shortly after the World War for the memorial located on its present location.

Council has decided to lower the plaza to the street level. It is understood that the monument will be allowed to remain on the plaza, but may be removed to another location of the premises.

November Auto Death Toll In State

Grim toll of traffic fatalities in Maryland mounted to 70 during November—19 more than in October and 22 more than in September, figures compiled by the Maryland Traffic Safety Committee show.

Baltimore city had 14 of the State's 70 auto deaths during November, the report revealed.

Runner-up for the doubtful honor of having the most traffic fatalities was Frederick county, where three men were killed over the past week-end. During November Frederick county had seven fatalities, with six in Baltimore county.

But five counties had no fatalities during the month. These are Montgomery, Talbot, Garrett, St. Mary's and Caroline.

There were 936 persons injured in traffic accidents in the State during November, 537 of them in Baltimore and 399 in the counties.

The week-end fatalities sent the State's record of traffic deaths thus far during the year to a total of 501. It is the first time that the fatality toll has gone beyond 500 since 1937.

To date in 1940 the death toll for the city is 118, for the counties 383. Last year the fatalities for the entire year numbered 397, or 104 fewer than 1940.

Christmas Cheer Is Distributed

Working together the Welfare Departments of West Nottingham Presbyterian church, Rising Sun Methodist church and the Lions Club of Rising Sun, distributed in this neighborhood on Monday and Tuesday forty baskets laden with substantial good cheer for Christmas and the holidays among families in our community whose Christmas might not have had a great deal of brightness and happiness otherwise.

The baskets were generously filled with provisions, fruits, nuts, candy and toys, so that every member of the family would share in the good cheer.

Statement Corrected

The statement published in the county papers that charges had been preferred against Jacob C. Ewing, of Port Deposit, who died in Elkton jail from alcoholism, is incorrect. He had been placed in Elkton jail pending his being taken to a Baltimore hospital for treatment.

Briefly Noted News

The annual convention of the Delaware Firemen's Association will be held September 10 and 11 in Middletown, Del.

Albert England, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert England of Calvert, suffered the fracture of a leg on Saturday.

The empoyees of the A & P store were gladdened by Christmas checks from the Company Santa Claus the past week.

The December term of Cecil Circuit Court recessed on December 16, until Tuesday, January 14, when it will reconvene.

Mrs. Joseph Hunter and daughter, of Oxford, Pa., have moved to the Robert Cameron apartment, recently vacated by Mrs. Maude Tosh.

Through the efforts of the Kiwanis Club more than 2000 toys were collected in Elkton for distribution on Christmas to less fortunate children.

Christmas parties were given for the Beginners, Primary Junior and Intermediate departments of the Methodist Sunday school, Saturday afternoon.

The P.T.A. of Calvert High school gave a very delightful party Wednesday evening last in honor of the field ball team who won the championship of the county.

Mrs. Richard Whiteoak, has sold her 400 acre farm at Cayots Corner, Second District, to Carl Pfitsch, of Dover Planes, New York. The sale of livestock and implements were included.

Beautiful weather prevailed on Christmas day, bright with sunshine and a springlike mildness.

The day was given over to family gatherings and dinners and was one of real enjoyment.

Fruitland Orchards at Barksdale, Cecil County, owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Milburn, won the highest number of premiums of any competitor at the Peninsula Horticulture Society held at Dover, Del.

We are glad to note that our popular ice man, Albert Huss, of Oxford, is again able to serve his customers here. Some weeks ago Mr. Huss was seriously injured when an automobile was in collision with his truck.

The glad holiday spirit is reflected in the beautiful garlands and colored electric lights that decorate numerous homes about town. It is well worth a stroll about our streets at night to enjoy the beauty of the scene.

Wilmer Hines, aged 25 years, was attacked by two men on Thursday night, about nine o'clock, while walking along St. John street, in Havre de Grace. Hines was struck on the head with a blackjack, and knocked down. His assailants are unknown.

A number of our residents report having felt and been startled by the earth-quake tremor a few minutes after two o'clock Friday morning last. The quake was felt along the Eastern seaboard, and was especially violent in the New England States.

The Youth organization presented a fine pageant entitled "A Last Christmas" in the auditorium of the church Friday evening. The presentation was witnessed by a large assemblage. The proceeds will go to Dan Lee, a missionary in China.

A large frame building, on Route 40, just west of Elkton owned, by C. J. Langenfield & Sons, of Baltimore, the contractors who are building the overhead railroad bridge near what formerly was known as the Red Mill crossing, was destroyed by fire, together with a large lot of tools and machinery.

W. E. Locke has been reelected president of the Cecil County Jersey Cattle Club for 1941. The other officers elected were Clayton McDowell, vice-president, and Mrs. Helen Bonin secretary and treasurer. The Directors elected were: Howard Henry, Mrs. Margaret England, Carl Feucht and Guy McGrady.

Eastern Star Elects

Chapter No. 84, Order of the Eastern Star of Elkton, has elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year:

Worthy matron, Mrs. Gertrude Brown; worthy patron, Mrs. H. J. McCauley; associate matron, Mrs. Mabel Booth; associate patron, Miller Hall; secretary, Miss Mary E. Kay; treasurer, Mrs. Ella S. Stewart; conductress, Mrs. Edith Wolever; associate conductress, Mrs. Nan Fears.

The installation will take place Thursday night, Jan. 2.

The American woman spends $40 a minute—in combined average totals—on facials . . . $35 a minute getting her hair tinted or dyed.

Men Serve Christmas Breakfast

The second annual Christmas Breakfast in charge of the Men's Bible Classes of the Methodist church of this town, was held on Sunday morning last, at eight o'clock and was attended by 121 men from throughout this locality. The breakfast of eggs, bacon, rolls and coffee was prepared and served by members of the two Men's Bible classes in the basement of the church, and was a success in every respect.

The invocation was asked by Dr. S. J. Venable, of West Nottingham Presbyterian church, and Ralph Reed, president of the Young Men's Bible Class welcomed those present and thanked the men for their splendid cooperation in making the breakfast possible.

Hans Olson, of Oxford, Pa., accompanied by Mrs. John S. Wilson on the organ, sang two solos. Rev. C. H. Atkins, of Zion Methodist Church offered prayer. A large chorus of men sang two selections.

Wm. M. Pogue, president of the Men's Class introduced Mr. Edwin Haines, 95 years young and the oldest member of the Methodist congregation, who gave a brief prayer and Rev. J. B. Dickerson, pastor of the church, gave an impressive talk on "Going to Bethlehem."

Before the serving of the breakfast Master Richard Gorrell, standing outside on the church steps, played a cornet solo, "Silent Night."

Knee-Hi Gives Traffic Demonstration

Knee-Hi, the wonderful little dog owned by Dr. George E. Brunson, gave a demonstration here on Friday afternoon last, of the proper time and manner of crossing a street, in the perilous times of auto traffic, when so many accidents occur thru failure to observe traffic regulations.

Knee-Hi could not be coaxed or induced to cross the street except when the traffic signal was given. Then the little dog proceeded straight across to the other side.

Knee-Hi also objected strenuously to boys playing football in the street, walking or riding bicycles on the wrong side, and chased the boys off when they attempted it.

The safety demonstration was witnessed by a large crowd. The schools were dismissed in order that the pupils might attend.

Sergeant Minnick, of the State Highway Police, the originator of the schools for drivers, gave a safety talk and with Officer Trumpower and Quandt, of the State Police force and Town Officer Phleet Cooper, directed traffic during the demonstration.

White Gift Service

At the Sunday morning service at Janes Methodist Church, in this town, White Gifts were received and these packages were distributed on Christmas to help gladden the hearts of the less fortunate in our community.

The minister's Christmas sermon was on "Hospitality to the Highest." Special musical numbers were rendered.

At the evening service the choir of sixteen voices rendered the beatiful Christmas cantata "While Shepherds Watched", under direction of Mrs. J. B. Fassitt, with Miss Dorothy Keilholtz at the pipe organ. The cantata was especially well rendered, showing careful preparation and reflecting much credit on the talented director. The church was filled to capacity by an audience that appreciated to the fullest the sacred rendetion by the choir.

Three Women In Maryland Electors' Group

Three Maryland Women were among the State's eight Presidential electors who gathered Dec. 16, at Annapolis in the State House to certify formally the State's vote in the Electoral College for President Roosevelt.

Records indicate that this is the first time in the history of the State that women have participated in this important function.

The three women electors were: Mrs. Lena H. Riggin, Snow Hill; Mrs. M. Alice Canoles, 3403 Claremont St., Baltimore; Sue L. Deck, Brunswick.

They were welcomed to Annapolis by Governor O'Conor, who presided at the swearing in ceremony, and later entertained them at Government House at luncheon.

Our factories here in the U. S. are now turning out men's scarfs and mufflers at a speed of a dozen every minute of every hour.

Community Christmas Tree Erected

Made possible through the hearty cooperation and generous contributions of the citizens of our town and vicinity Rising Sun has a beautiful community Christmas tree, that is a blaze of light at night, adding greatly to the Yuletide spirit with its cheerful radiance.

The tree, which is a symmetrical 35-foot cedar, was purchased from Louis Rutkowiski, of near town.

It was spotted on Mr. Rutkowiski's farm by J. Earl Tyson, and selected because of its beauty. Mr. Tyson, assisted by Max Dinsmore, Walter Cameron, and Dudley Rawlings, cut the tree, loaded it on a truck and hauled it to Rising Sun where it was erected on the southwest corner of Center Square. These gentlemen, assisted by Town Officer Phleet Cooper, and C. E. Marker, strung it with 190 various colored light bulbs Friday afternoon, and that evening the lights were turned on.

The tree is a thing of beauty greatly admired by everyone who has seen it.

Much praise is due those who contributed a lot of hard work in cutting, loading, erecting and decorating the tree, and thanks are also due to the large number in this entire commuunity who contributed such a generous sum, in the aggregate as to make possible this thing of beauty, which adds so much to the real joy and spirit of this happy holiday season.

Sun Theatre Opens

Under the management of Mr J. M. Smith, of North East, the Sun Theatre opened its doors here to a capacity house on Christmas night, for the first showing of motion pictures that Rising Sun has had for many a month.

The public hall has been transformed so that it is hardly recognizable to those who knew it in days gone. It has been completely rejuvenated, painted, fitted with comfortable seats; up-to-date projecting machines, screen and other motion picture equipment installed, enabling the showing of attractions under the most favorable conditions.

The entertainments offered are of a high grade, and the management is receiving enthusiatic praise by our residents for the efforts he is putting forth to please the public.

Legislature Will Convene At Night

It is announced that for the first time in the history of the State of Maryland, the General Assembly will convene at 8 p. m. instead of 1 p. m. on the first Wednesday in January.

The Democratic caucas for the election of President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, usually called for th night before the opening of the session, will not take place until the afternoon, so that the members may be at home on New Year's Eve. Governor O'Conor will have open house in the afternoon and the session will be formally opened at 8 P. M. for the ninety-day term.

Job Opening For Factory Workers

Oren B. Harrison, Interviewer-in-Charge of the Maryland State Employment Service, has announced that he expects to have job openings for factory workers, especially for women, in the near future. The Employment Service has depleted their files of people actively seeking work and are at present having difficulty in securing female factory workers.

All Cecil Countians, unemployed and wanting work are urged to register at the office of the Employment Service in the basement of the Court House, Elkton, in order to be considered for these job openings.

U. S. Naval Academy Appointment

and Mrs. Clarence Samples, of Ox- and Mrs. Clarence Somples, of Oxford, Pa., has been appointed by Congressman Roland E. Kinzer to the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. Young Samples graduated with honor at Oxford High School last June, and has been attending the Bryan Cochran Preparatory School, Annapolis, Md. In the civil service examination, Warren rated 99.25 out of a possible 100 per cent.

The Seventh District Branch of the Cecil County Chapter of the American Red Cross, which was organized at Port Deposit, only a few weeks ago, reports having collected $228.12 in funds and disbursed $156.35, leaving a balance of $71.77 in the treasury.

Personal And Social

Miss Lizzie Kirk enjoyed a recent visit to Ocean City.

Mr. Ralph Gifford, of Farmington, has returned from a trip to Florida.

Miss Anne Roberson, of Washington, enjoyed Christmas at her home in Rising Sun.

Miss Mary Brumfield and J. E. Brumfield were Philada. visitors on Christmas day.

Mrs. Walter E. Patten entertained her son Evans Patten, of Baltimore, on Sunday.

Miss Dorothy Kyle is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Joseph Hoffman, in Philada.

Miss Helen Dickey, of Wilmington, is spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Mark E. Flounders.

Miss Peggy Tyson, of Akron, Ohio, is a holiday visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Tyson

Mr. Con L. Dunn, of Welch, W. Va., was a visitor at the home of Dr. R. C. Dodson and family during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Dixon, of Philada., were Christmas visitors of Miss Margaret Haines and Edgar Brown.

Sunday guests of Miss Florence Yocum were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leslie and Mrs. Parker Mahan, of West Chester.

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

Miss Gertrude S. Dare, of Philada., was the week-end visitor of her brother, C. T. Dare, at Green Hill Farm, near Colora.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wallace, of Oxford, Pa., celebrated the 64th anniversary of their wedding on Saturday, December 14.

Miss Dorothy Graybeal, of Baltimore, was with home folks, Mr. G. H. Graybeal and family, near town, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fassitt and Miss Lorraine Fassitt spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fassitt, of Springfield, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McVey spent the week-end with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson McVey, at Hyattsville, Md.

Miss Anna Haines, of Jefferson Hospital, Philada., was a Christmas visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Haines.

Holiday visitors of Mrs. Wiley M. Cecil and family, West Nottingham, are Miss Ruth Cecil, Roanoke, Va., and Lawrence Cecil, Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Cameron, of Sylmar, entertained at Christmas dinner Mrs. Helen Lyle and sons, Robert and Donald, of Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. MacLellan, of Pittsburg, Pa., were Christmas visitors at the home of Mrs. MacLellan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing.

Little KirK Brown, Jr., is a whooping cough sufferer.

Master Warren Mix is numbered among those who are sick.

Mr. David Cullen is again confined to the house by illness.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Pogue on Christmas day, at a family dinner, were Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Brown, Mr. and Thomas B. Roberson and daughter Anne, Miss Esabelle Pogue, Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Buck and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Elmer Ingram, of Farmington, entertained at a turkey dinner on Sunday, December 15, in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. Among the gifts they received were twenty-five beautiful American Beauty roses.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brown, of our town, were tendered a surprise dinner on Sunday, in honor of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The affair was quietly arranged by their daughter, Mrs. Sylvia Bryson. A party of twelve enjoyed the happy occassion.

Christmas was observed with a family dinner at the home of Mr. Edwin Haines. Those to enjoy the occassion with Mr. Haines were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Haines, son Lincoln, Miss Elizabeth R. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Michaels and daughters, of Media, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Reisler, of Calvert; Mr. John L. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fox.

Young Democratic Clubs

The annual convention of Young Democratic Clubs of Maryland was held at the Emerson Hotel in Baltimore. Senator J. Wilmer Cronin of Harford County was elected president of the State Clubs. John K. Burkley, of Elkton, was elected vice president of Cecil County.

New Year Resolution

Here's a New Year's resolution
Anyone can make and keep;
It will help one's constitution,
And enable one to sleep.

"I will try to keep from fretting
When I cannot see the sun;
I will try to keep from getting
Into quarrels I may shun.

"I will try to keep from grieving
Over troubles that are past;
I will try to keep believing
Things will all some right at last.

"I will try to keep from sighing
When I ought to smile, instead;
I will try to keep on trying
To deserve to get ahead."

—Montreal Herald.

Third New Bridge Is Dedicated

The new Potomac River Bridge at Morgantown, Md., the third modern bridge structure to be dedicated formally by Governor O'Conor within the past fourteen months, was thrown optn to traffic on December 14 amid colorful ceremonies.

Governor O'Conor made the dedicatory address, following which Mrs. O'Conor snipped the ribbon that opened the structure to traffic. Thus, a new link between Maryland and Virginia was brought into being.

Recalling the fact that it was at Ludlow's Ferry, near Morgantown, that the earliest known ferry in colonial times was operated, Governor O'Conor stressed the importance of this new link in North-South highway system, and predicted that it would bring new prosperity to both Southern Maryland and the Virginia section it serves.

Costing more than $5,000,000, and more than two miles in length, the bridge constitutes still another phase of the highways improvement plan now being pushed with all speed by Governor O'Conor's Administration.

Coupled with the announced five-year and twenty-year road building programs, drawn up by the State Highway Planning Commission, these new bridges are further assurances to the people of Maryland that the present administration will go down in history as the greatest road building administration in the history of Maryland.

Good roads cost money, and plenty of it, but with gasoline diversions stopped, and with efficiency and economy in other State Departments, resulting in the largest surplus the State Treasury has ever known, good roads for Maryland are not only a possibility now, but a surety.

Whittington--Carter

Miss Mary Edythe Whittington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Whittington of near Bunker Hill, and Mr. Cleaver Bryan Carter of Chesapeake City were married at the home of the bride's parents Saturday afternoon Dec. 14, by the Rev. Paul E. McCoy.

Mrs. Erroll Johnson, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Mr. Franklin Benton of Elkton was best man. The bride was given in marmiage by her father. She wore soldier blue with accessories to match, and a corsage of gardenias. Her going-away dress was gold and brown, with brown accessories.

The matron of honor wore a gown of gold material and a bouquet of pink roses and sweet peas. A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents. After a wedding trip the couple will live in Chesapeake City.

Daniels--Willis

Miss Rosa R. Daniels of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Mr. Victor C. Willis, Jr., superintendent of the Triumph Explosive Company at Elkton, were married at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Dec. 21, at "Hill Top Farm", Elkton, the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Decker. Mrs. Decker is a sister of Mr. Willis.

Miss Marian Decker and Mr. J. B. Decker, Jr., niece and nephew of the bridegroom, were the attendants. The Rev. George A. Creswell, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Elkton, officiated.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Daniel, Tuscaloosa. She graduated from the University of Alabama, and is a member of the Pi Inted Soroity. Mr. Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor C. Willis, Newark, is a graduate of the University of Maryland and a member of the Sigma Mu Fraternity.

The wedding was attended by guests from New York, Philada., Wilmington, Newark, Baltimore, Washington and Elkton.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Willis left for Tuscaloosa.