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THE WORLD WE LIVE IN

No Highball Quaffer

New York—Plenty of folks asked "how come?" when the Seagram's Distillery used an advertisement in 100 daily newspapers with a picture of a man which they mistook for President Roosevelt aboard a yacht in the tropics quaffing a highball. The ad was cancelled at once and the distiller not only apologized to the President but withdrew the offending picture from 400 other papers in which it was to appear.

Motorized Whirlwind

Manchester, Iowa—Driving through a heavy snow H. B. Christy noticed ahead a "little whirlwind like you see in summer." Christy kept going into it. When he crawled out of the wreckage he found behind the "whirlwind" a rotary snowplow doing its stuff.

Joyriding a Trolley

Chicago — David Quan, motorman, squared up with his feelings. Telling the world that he was tired of stopping just to let people get off, Quan opened up the controls of his high-speed trolley and clanged without stopping through several suburbs to the end of the line. Then he called the scared passengers "Sissies" when they crowded off. The charge against Quan—drunken driving.

Boobing a Rookie

Taunton,England—The magician performing at Somerset Light Infantry Barracks put the parts of a safety razor in his mouth, took several glasses of water and presto! the razor was assembled. So the rookie tried to do it and it took a medico to get the stuff out of his throat.

Woolworth's 5 and 40

New York—Although called "5 and dime" stores the Woolworth chain added 20c items in 1932. Now 40c is the topm. There is no limit as the management has power to lift the upper figure when merchandising conditions warrant.

No Cash, No Service

Warsaw, Poland—Germany got $14,000,000 behind in the bill for Polish engines pulling German trains 32 miles across the Polish Corridor to East Prussia. Germany offered goods instead of cash so Poland has cut train service in halves and lets travelers suffer until the Nazis come across.

The King's Bath Suit

Budapest, Hungary—Citizens crowd a showcase to see a bathrobe, trunks and shirt with the legend, "Property of His Majesty, King Edward VIII of England, left in the City of Budapest's safe custody." As Prince of Wales the King was persuaded last fall to try the city's surf pool. A hotel presented him with an outfit. Now it is in a case and the mayor has the key.

Unwanted Money

Newark—Pleading that he was getting old and no longer had business interests in Newark, Theodore R. Plume of Mount Tabor asked the court of Chancery to relieve him of his job as receiver for the defunct Bank of Newark which busted way back in 1884. The Bank paid in full but there is still $26,000 unclaimed deposits and $16,000 profit which Plume did not know what to do with.

Radio the Big R

New York—Radio is now the big R of the three R's. A questionnaire shows that children spend 21 times as much time listening to the radio than to reading.

Bonus at Sing Sing

Ossining, N. Y.—About $50,000 in bonus payments will go to 102 Sing Sing inmates, veterans of the World War. They may deposit the money with the warden or contribute to dependents outside.

No Flag for the V-P

Washington—Vice-President Garner thought he had an official flag when Secretary of the Navy Swanson sent him one a few months ago. Now Mr. Garner learns that is just so much cloth as President Roosevelt has never given it official approval.

A Camera Lie

Washington—Because of a snapshot of President Roosevelt taken as he sat with head bowed rubbing his eyes after the glare of numerous flashlight bulbs was circulated throughout the country intimating that it was a photo of a disheartened Executive the order went out that hereafter only posed pictures of the President may be taken. He wants to know when photographers are working on him.

Loans Hard to Give

New York—Annual reports of the nation's largest banks reveal a general shrinkage of earnings in 1935 with mounting reserves causing most concern to bankers. Excess bank reserves stand at 3 billion dollars. How to put this money to work without creating dangerous inflation is a problem besetting bankers.

Vanity of a Dictator

Santo Domingo, Haiti—To suit the whim of the present dictator, Santo Domingo, the oldest white settlement in the new world named in 1496 after the patron saint of Columbus' father, is now being officially called Trujillo City, Cuidad Trujillo, after Dictator Trujillo Molina.

Thin Skinned Nazis

Berlin—German hotheads were incensed when they mistook the "eyes right" response of American Olympic competitors as a complete refusal to acknowledge Hitler's Nazi salute. They got over it when they learned it was the Yanks' way of passing reviewing stands. The Nazis are sensitive about the world's lack of regard for Hitler.

Sudlersville Farm Banquet Enthusiastic

250 Gather In Cox Hall For New Farm Local Record

Urging the advantages of cooperative marketing and the need for working out the problem of transportation of milk A. H. Lauterbach, general manager of the Interstate Milk Producers' Association, told 250 members of the Sudlersville Farm Bureau Local and their guests at the annual Local banquet in Cox Hall Tuesday evening that farmers should take an active part in solving their problems and should stick together instead of working independently when difficulties arise.

The banquet attended by the largest gathering to sit in a Farm Bureau Local affair in Queen Anne's County was an enthusiastic event marked by an attractive list of speakers.

H. H. Nuttle of Denton, President of the State Farm Bureau, discussing organizations dwelt upon the opportunities in cooperative efforts. He stressed the need of grouping to protect farm interests and declared organization to be the salvation of the farmer.

C. E. Wise, secretary of the State Farm Bureau, praised the Sudlersville Local as the most active of such groups in Maryland and urged the necessity of cooperation in marketing and buying farm products.

The program was ably handled by H. Stockton Startt of Chestertown as Toastmaster. Mr. Startt was introduced by John W. Smith, president of the Sudlersville Local.

Others who spoke briefly at the banquet were County Agent Kenneth W. Baker; Miss Isabel Bewick, Home Demonstration Agent; Raymond Marvel, vice-president of the Interstate Milk Producers, who introduced Mr. Lauterbach; and Mrs. M. Grace Rambo.

The program was opened with group singing following which Rev. C. M. Griffeth, pastor of Calvary M. E. Church of Sudlersville, offered the invocation, and friends and visitors were introduced.

The Sudlersville Male Quartet composed of John Smith, Charles Chance, Olin Smith and Homer Benton, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Walter W. Morgan ,offered several musical selections.

The committee in charge of the banquet was composed of John W. Smith, Mrs. M. Grace Rambo, Mrs. Theodore Walbert and Mrs. George A. Hart. It was served by a group of ladies from Sudlersville assisted by the Girls 4-H Club of Ingleside.

Ducky Holmes Suffers Stroke Of Paralysis

W. W. "Ducky" Holmes, well known in Centreville and for two years a printer in the employ of the Queen Anne's Publishing Company, is critically ill in Federalsburg as a result of a paralytic stroke suffered Monday forenoon.

Mr. Holmes was stricken while he was at his work in the Stowell publishing plant. He is paralyzed on the right side and temporarily blinded. The latest report indicated that he is too ill to be transferred to a hospital.

Possessed of a warm, friendly disposition "Ducky" had made a legion of friends here who will be eagerly awaiting word of improvement.

Annual Poultry Session To Be Held March 10

The annual banquet of the Queen Anne's County Poultry Association will be held in St. Paul's Parish House Tuesday evening, March 10 at 7:30 o'clock. John H. Moffett, president of the Association, is to be toastmaster. The Poultry Dinner Club has been invited to attend.

The program is to include one outstanding speaker with the other numbers in the nature of entertainment. The committee in charge is composed of Miss Isabel Bewick, Kenneth W. Baker and John T. Bruehl.

Abandon Love Point Beacon During Ice Jam

5 Men Roped Together Cross Ice, Bring Keeper Ashore

Fearful of possible danger to the Love Point light from the heavy ice in the Chester River and the masses jamming against the steel supports of the structure the Federal lighthouse service sent five Kent Islanders to the light on Monday with word to Keeper Otto Bounds of Salisbury to come ashore and abandon the beacon.

Dorsey Spear, Norman Ozman, William Johnson, Arthur Johnson and F. G. Kemp made the trip to the lighthouse afoot although they were joined together with stretches of rope for safety.

Because of the risks of walking across the ice to land Keeper Bounds had not made his customary daily trip for mail for several days. He was not in distress in any way and was attending to his customary duties.

Nearly two weeks ago a similar trip was made by Kent Islanders from Love Point to the light to rescue Wallace Sturgis, the alternate keeper, who was taken ill.

The group who crossed the ice to the light on Monday had a more arduous journey than on the previous occasion because of the heavy blanket of snow which made walk ing over possible air holes treacherous and difficult going. William Johnson broke through at one spot but was quickly dragged out by his mates on the rope line.

Abandoning the Love Point light which stands at the mouth of the Chester River half way between the Point and Kent county was a phase of a decision by the lighthouse service to withdraw service from six Bay beacons while the dangers from pack and shifting ice exists.

The other lights abandoned were at Seven Foot Knoll, James Island, Tangier Island, Ragged Point and Point No Point. The decision was made in time as the James Island was wrecked by an ice jam shortly after its keeper was withdrawn.

No danger to shipping from the dousing of the lights is anticipated as the beacons are scattered and experienced pilots can navigate the present narrow channel open in the Bay without them.

"Cradle Song" Is Next Little Theatre Play

Cast Completed For Classic To Be Seen Feb. 20, 21

The Queen Anne's Players are deep in rehearsals of the "Cradle Song", an internationally known classic markedly different from the usual type of play, which is to be presented at the Little Theatre Thursday and Friday evenings, February 20 and 21, at 8:30 o'clock.

The cast includes Sara Spencer Roe as the Mother Prioress; Eleanor Dudley, the Vicaress; Margaret Wiggins, the Mistress of Novices; Lorraine Doehler, Teresa; Mrs. Edna M. Harris, Sister Joanna of the Cross; Lucille Lutz, Sister Marcella; Dolly Price, Sister Sagrario; Helen Phillips, Sister Maria Jesus; Marion Brown, Sister Inez; Lilly B. Rochester, Sister Tornera; F. Dudley Benton as Antonia; and a Doctor.

The Cradle Song is a two-act, two hour play presenting the story of world-aloof nuns in convent cloisters bound with the theme of mother love. Since introduced into this country by Eva Le Gallienne it has long been a favorite both with Little Theatre players and audiences.

Rehearsals are completed for "Fame and the Poet" to be presented by a Little Theatre trio consisting of Miss Mary Valliant, Richard Pitkin and Frank Willis on the program of one-act plays at Washington College tomorrow night, Friday, at 8:15.

Merchants On Shore Gird For Sales Tax War

400 Turn Out For Salisbury Meeting. Dewing Heads County Group

Inspired by mutual opposition to the 1% present gross receipts tax scheduled to expire on March 31, nearly 400 retail merchants from Eastern Shore counties assembled in Salisbury last Thursday afternoon, formed themselves into the Eastern Shore Anti-Sales Tax Association and unanimously resolved to fight further continuance of the gross receipts tax or the imposition of any sales tax whatsoever.

In addition the Association voted to inform Governor Nice and branches of the legislature of its militant stand on the sales tax together with the firm advice that instead of placing added taxes upon the already overburdened citizens, steps should be taken to effect economics in government which would obviate the necessity for increased revenue.

The meeting was a vigorous and enthusiastic one and was attended by a majority of the Shore members of the legislature including Representative P. E. Thomas of Queen Anne's. The Centreville delegation at the session was composed of A. A. M. Dewing, Samuel Epstein, Abe Epstein and Roy H. Wilson.

Following the selection of officers for the new body a Board of Governors was appointed consisting of one representative from each of the counties with delegates present.

Mayor J. O. Byrd of Snow Hill, representing Worcester, was named Chairman of the Board. The other members are A. A. M. Dewing for Queen Anne's; J. Frank Short, Caroline; William Paul, Dorchester; Samuel Darf, Kent; Philip J. Hopkins, Talbot; Ralph Powell, Somerset; and Israel J. Benjamin, Wicomico.

The officers of the Association include Mr. Byrd, president; Mr. Hopkins, vice-president; and Mr. Short, treasurer.

Walter Bachrach of Bethesda, secretary of the Anti-Sales Tax Association, told of opposition on the Western Shore to continuance of the Gross Receipts Tax and asserted that the levy was laid because the merchants looked like "easy pickings".

L. D. Odhner, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Camden, N. J., pointed out that with the imposition of the New Jersey sales tax, now repealed, sales in Philadelphia and New York across the state borders went up while New Jersey sales dropped.

Continuance of the sales tax in Maryland, it was pointed out, would affect every county which adjoins a neighboring state as none of these except West Virginia has such a levy.

Measles Near Epidemic Stage Officer Acts

Dr. McCallum Asks Parents To Aid In Halting Spread

The epidemic of red measles around Eastern Shore counties and Delaware has hit Queen Anne's with sporadic outbreaks occuring in Centreville, Crumpton and I. B.

At least a dozen pupils of the Centreville Elementary School are excluded from school because of measles and the number of cases among smaller children is problematical due to the failure of parents in all cases to notify physicians. Crumpton and I. B. have reached the stage where every susceptible child has been exposed to the disease.

The chief danger of measles occurs with very small children with whom bronchial pneumonia often brings complications.

Dr. James A. McCallum, Health Officer, is bending every effort to keep the present outbreak within bounds and as a precaution has requested that all children who have not yet had measles but who are members of families where measles is found be excluded from school, church, motion pictures and gatherings of all sorts for 14 days.

Children who have had measles are being admitted to school when there are cases in the family only upon the certification by the mother that they are no longer susceptible.

Because the period when sick children may spread the disease starts four days before a rash appears the need for precaution is great. Children with colds and running eyes should be watched.

Most of the present spread of measles is attributed to children who are sick but still not at the stage of rash mingling with their schoolmates.

Seal Sales In County Exceed Total In 1934

Queen Anne's is one of seven counties in the State that exceeded 1934 totals in the sale of Christmas Seals, according to final report of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association released this week. Sales in this county totaled $233.88.

Other counties that exceeded 1934 sales were Cecil, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Garrett and Washington.

Mrs. John F. Stokes, of Sudlersville, has for several years served as Chairman of the drive in Queen Anne's.

MRS. CHAMBERS HOSTESS

Mrs. John H. Chambers, of "Bloomfield", was hostess for her club last week at the Blue Lantern Inn. The guests were Mrs. James P. Keating, Mrs. Spencer G. Newnam and Mrs. Hampton E. Brown. Mrs. R. E. C. Lowe won the prize.

Court May Ask For Testimony In Ex-Treasurer-Board Controversy

JUDGE KEATING'S RULING

The answer of the defendant requested by it to be taken as a demurrer to the petition in this cause and so treated by the court with consent of the petitioner after issue joined thereon having come on for hearing, and the court after hearing counsel for the respective parties being of the opinion that as a demurrer to the petition it should be overruled.

It is thereupon by the Circuit Court of Queen Anne's County ordered this 11th day of February in the year 1936 that said answer is overruled insofar as it is asked to be taken as a demurrer to the petition with leave granted to the defendant to file on or before ten days from the date of this order such amended answer if any as it may decide to file in the cause, and with right reserved to the petitioner to reply further to the original or any amended answer upon the filing thereof or upon the expiration from the date of this order; and the Court reserves the right to have evidence produced before it as to any facts alleged in the petition, answer, or amended answer.

JUDGE THOMAS J. KEATING

Board Counsel Given 10 Days To File Reply

Demurrer To Petition For Mandamus Overruled By Judge Keating

Possibility that evidence may be ordered by the Circuit Court in the controversy between former Treasurer Anna Q. Skinner and the Board of County Commissioners was indicated Tuesday when Judge Thomas J. Keating overruled the demurrer entered by the Board's counsel but granted leave to the defendant to file an amended answer within ten days.

Counsel for the former Treasurer was also granted the right to make additional or amended reply in the cause based either on original contentions or angles adduced by defendant's answer within the ten-day period.

The hearing was the outgrowth of a petition for a writ of mandamus sought by the Attorney for Mrs. Skinner to compel publication of the county auditing committee's report, on the strength of which the County Commissioners alleged a discrepancy of $15,919.22 and called on bondsmen for payment.

Frequently halting counsel in the course of arguments, Judge Keating pointed out that the Court is interested in a proper report without any fear as to where the trouble may be or as to whom it may concern. What this court wants, he said, is a full disclosure as to what has gone on in the County Commissioner's and the County Treasurer's office.

Judge Keating, from his remarks, was disinclined to uphold the contention of the Board's counsel that the law makes no provision for a levy with which to publish the auditing committee's report. He held that the statute governing publication implies the duty on the part of the Commissioners to arrange for funds to do so.

Equally evident from the Court's comments on the chapter relating to publication was the opinion that the law does not grant discretionary powers to the Commissioners in publishing the report, but is mandatory in ordering that it be published immediately and in two newspapers. Interpretation of the word "immediately" involves discretion to a certain extent, it was held, but there was a mild rebuke for the defense when the Court pointed out that the two and one half months elapsing since November 19, at which time the report was filed, does not fall within the common meaning and usage of the word.

The Court also failed to see eye to eye with the Board's counsel on another contention in the demurrer that to publish the report would cause great confusion in municipal administration. Judge Keating at this point said the public had some right to know what is going on.

Late in the argument of the defense it was asserted that the plaintiffs subsequent to filing the petition for a writ of mandamus had taken exception to auditing committee's report in a letter to the Board of County Commissioners. This letter said the report should be rejected and uterly disregarded.

The letter of exceptions did not come officially to the attention of the Commissioners until their regular weekly session on Tuesday, having been delivered to the Clerk to the Board last Thursday morning. A copy appeared in a local newspaper last week.

In the course of his remarks Judge Keating said that there certainly has been great laxity in the collecting of taxes. The court must take notice of its own records, he said, and the court knows full well that it was necessary that a receiver be appointed to take charge of tax collections. A situation has come on in this county in regard to the collection of taxes and handling of public funds by county officials.

The Court is certainly of the opinion, he said, that it would be very derelict in its duty if it sat here and saw the conditions and permitted the conditions to continue as they are at the present time with reference to the collection of funds which rightfully belong to the taxpayers of this county and in which they are entitled to the fullest information.

Regardless of whom it may hurt or benefit, Judge Keating said, the situation must be corrected and it can be corrected in a very inexpensive and expeditious manner by cooperation on the part of the County Comimssioners and the other parties to these proceedings.

Madison Brown and Thomas J. Keating, Jr., represented the former Treasurer, with John Palmer Smith responding for the Board. None of the County Commissioners appeared nor did Mrs. Anna Q. Skinner.

Firemen Get 44 More In Member Drive

Brings List Of Honoraries To 84 With 300 As Goal

Slowly gathering headway the annual drive to enroll 300 honorary members by the Good Will Fire Company was given impetus this week by the addition of forty-four names bringing the total thus far on the rolls to eighty-four. The drive is to continue through February.

The Good Will Company which does not sponsor a carnival or a similar device for fund raising depends upon its honorary membership to enable necessary purchases. Right now new hose and rubber coats are badly needed by the volunteer fire fighters.

According to Chief F. Asbury Bartlett enrollments have come in thus far without any especial personal solicitation. Sponsors of the company may place their names on the list with Mr. Bartlett, R. Carroll Wilson, treasurer of the company, or any officer.

The additions to the honorary membership up to late Wednesday afternoon include:

Centreville — Mrs. Rachel Ritchie, Senator J. Frank Harper, I. E. Dolby, Mrs. J. Frank Harper, Charles Quimby, Miss Georiga Boyer Mrs. Franklin D. Day, Miss Gertrude Morgan, Miss Nataline E. Walters, Hill Anthony, S. Reece Hatchitt, Henrietta Emory, Frank Emory, T. Curtis Seward.

Royden N. Powell, Grant Emory, Carter & Yates, J. Grant Yates, W. Hopper Gibson, S. Holton Sparks, Mrs. Sterling G. Harris, Sterling G. Harris, Mrs. Maude Hardesty, Edwin H. Brown, Jr., Mrs. Winfield Roe, Mrs. Alfred Green, Miss Lizzie Jones.

Mrs. Helen Bordley, William H. Carter, Miss Nannie T. Wright, Miss Anita Butler, Mrs. Pharis Morris, Mrs. Philemon H. Thompson, Mrs. A. Temple Blackwood, Mrs. S. Chester Coursey, Mrs. William H. Gilmour, H. F. Callahan, J. H. Chambers.

Philadelphia—Mrs. Alice M. Emory; New York—Mrs. Allan B. Lane; Allan B. Lane; Queenstown—James H. Carter; Mrs. M. M. Price.

Mrs. Rambo Takes Over Sudlersville Postoffice

Mrs. M. Grace Rambo has been appointed acting Postmistress at Sudlersville and took over the office last Tuesday. She succeeds G. Walter Stevens who had served since the administration of President Harding.

A Civil Service examination for the full-time commission was announced three weeks ago with the period for applications to close on February 7. Ordinarily examinations are held within 15 days from the date the application period ends.

T. Edmund Dewing, of Centreville, examiner for this district, had not been advised up to yesterday as to date set for the examination.

School Girl Loses Finger Tip In Sledding Mishap

When a sled on which she was riding overturned on Cemetery Hill Saturday afternoon Myrtle Lewis, daughter of Henry Lewis of Centreville, lost the tip of the third finger on her right hand. The finger was caught between the sled and its guiding bar and about half of the nail was amputated.

Miss Lewis, who is a senior at Centreville High School, was coasting with a schoolmate, Carlisle Blevins, when the sled was swerved toward a snowdrift to avoid small boys.

BOARD GUESTS OF LIONS

The Board of County Commissioners were guests of the Queenstown Lion's Club at their weekly dinner last Wednesday evening. Mr. Joseph M. George was a speaker on the topic of Community Spirit.

Road Officials On County Tour Of Inspection

Double S Curve And Corsica River Bridge Are Discussed

Frank F. Luthardt and C. Nice Wilkinson, members of the State Roads Commission, were visitors to Queen Anne's County last Thusrday on a tour of inspection.

Accompanied by County Commissioners Joseph M. George, the roads officials among a number of road needs inspected the Double S curve north of Centreville and the short bridge over the Corsica River.

They informed Mr. George that a favorable report would be turned in immediately upon their return to Baltimore on the curve looking toward early straightening.

When and if the project gets under way it is understood that funds will come out of State maintenance. The County Commissioners have been pressing for action on the improvement for several months, and recent discussions have been along the line that the Roads Commission should revise their rather elaborate specifications and build the new section of road so that it will be in keeping with the present route yet adequate for all traffic requirements.

It is believed that the officials will scale down their plans.

The Commissioners are using a new and re-located bridge over the Corsica. A survey has already been made for the new bridge. The next step will be to obtain rights of way, and the Commissioners asked that the necessary forms for this purpose be forwarded so that these details may be started. One section of the bridge collapsed last fall and has since been repaired.

Building of a new span would come out of the county's allotment of roads fund.

Delegates Are Named by DAR

Meeting Held At Home Of Mrs. Metcalfe

Delegates to the annual State conference as well as the 45th Continental Congress were named last Thursday when the Major Samuel Turbutt Wright Chapter of the D. A. R. met at the home of Mrs. C. Hayden Metcalfe in Sudlersville.

The State conference will be held in Baltimore March 25-27 and the following were named as delegates: Regent, Mrs. Metcalfe; Miss Ella Roberts, and Mrs. Austin Roberts. Alternates: Vice-Regent, Mrs. Charles Jarrell; Mrs. Joseph Gibbs, and Mrs. Horace Morgan.

Mrs. Metcalfe and Mrs. Jarrell also serve as delegates and alternate, respectively, to the Continental Congress, to which Miss Adelaide Clough, Mrs. Lemuel Roberts, Mrs. Austin Roberts, Mrs. Horace Morgan, Mrs. E. T. B. Day, Mrs. William Rolph, Mrs. J. H. C. Legg, Miss Hilda Roberts and Mrs. Joseph Gibbs were selected as additional alternatives.

The local Chapter endorsed the Society's program for the conservation of wild life, and a poem entitled "Feed the Birds" which was composed by Alice Paret Dorsey, Maryland D. A. R. Chairman of Conservation, was read at the meeting.

FAN BLADES CUT HAND

William Blunt of Centreville had the fingers of his right hand severely lacerated on Sunday morning when a shock from a generator caused him to jerk his hand backwards into the path of the fan. At the time of the accident Mr. Blunt was trying to get the generator running.

Wye Island Estate Of William Paca, Declaration Signer, Sold

Historic Property Bought By W. H. Stillwell. New Owner Seeks Architectural Details Toward Restoration. Only Massive Walls Of Mansion Remain

Wye Hall Farms, once the estate of William Paca, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the site of Wye Hall, considered by authorities as oneof the most interesting properties historically on the Eastern Shore, was sold this week to W. H. Stillwell of Chicago and New York through the Eastern Shores Estates Company of Centreville.

The tract of land includes three farms now tenanted by Bishop Lister, John B. Mansfield and John Holden located at the eastern end of Wye Island. These farms were owned by Edwin D. Morgan, Jr. ,of New York who had purchased them in November, 1933 from Clifton M. Rasin and other heirs of the Paca estate.

Included in the transaction was a small lot at the southern end of Wye Island bridge, the property of Dr. William H. Fisher and James Thompson.

Mr. Stillwell visited Wye Hall Farms with his architects on Tuesday afternoon and expressed the intention of undertaking the immediate restoration of Wye Hall mansion. This structure, erected in 1793 by William Paca for his son John, on a design prepared by John Hoban, the architect of the White House was practically destroyed by fire in 1890. It was here that William Paca entertained the important figures of colonial days, including George Washington, General the Marquis de Lafayette and Thomas Jefferson.

Only the massive walls of the central section withstood the blaze of a half century ago. The two wings were razed. The central portion was rebuilt but many changes were made.

As most of the papers of William Paca were destroyed by the fire no authentic plans of the old house can be found although its outline may still be traced by the foundations.

Mr. Stillwell is desirous of hearing from any one who can remember the details of the mansion, either interior or exterior, or who may have data helpful in restoring the house and grounds. It is believed that there are many living who visited the mansion before the fire.

Those who have information on which may aid in the restoration of the historic landmark of Queen Anne's county are asked to communicate by mail with Mr. Stillwell at Centreville.

Abner *says*—

Any fellow who wants to spend a quiet day, let him hang around a store of a merchant who won't advertise.