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QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

Epitaph of Longevity

Here lies the body of Edgar Wyx
Who died at the age of 106;
The world's most optimistic man,
He waited for money from the Townsend Plan.

MEMORIAL DAY

Flowers and flags are the symbols of Memorial Day, flowers and flags to show that the nation's dead are not forgotten.

A generation ago the observance was woven into the fading echoes of the Civil War. Lincoln's immortal "Gettysburg Address" and Finch's noble poem, "The Blue and the Gray" were the keynotes.

America has moved fast in the last quarter of a century. With it Memorial Day has broadened.

Time has removed most of the generation to whom the Civil War was a vital personal experience. Two conflicts since have healed the breach and added to the fallen whom the Nation honors.

In the cities there are still parades to lend a martial tone. Veterans and mustering civilians join with uniformed troops in paying the country's tribute to the heroes of its armed forces, even as the troops are living reminders that America's strength marches on. There are still the customary orations and addresses by prominent citizens.

But America has added other tones to the earlier themes of the occasion. The people remember all their dead.

Throughout the land whether in the rolling expanses of city cemeteries thick with marble shafts or in the modest "God's Acres" of the rural communities individuals and groups brighten the graves of their departed with flowers from Spring's bountiful array.

The day has come to have a popular significance. It is an occasion definitely set aside for remembrance of the dead, for a little extra attention to graves, for a brief communion with the memory of the absent.

Coming at the height of the vernal season when vegetation is lush, gardens are gorgeous and life is on tiptoe with the lilt and assurance of the expanding year it is good for the soul of America that it should pause in its daily routine to honor the memories of those who have gone before.

And the flowers and flags do honor alike to the living and the dead.

THE P-TA CIRCUS

The Circus which the Parent-Teachers Association of the Centreville Elementary School presented on Friday was notable for the generous and hearty cooperation of so many individuals of Queen Anne's County.

It is doubtful if any affair of a similar type ever attracted such a lengthy list of the county's prominent men. Practically every adult performer had some sort of title or earmark of importance. Even the political field where individuals are most shy of appearing in awkward or embarrassing situations was heavily represented in the hilarious fun-making.

Important as was their mere appearance, the cooperation of these citizens in the cause of the Parent-Teachers was given only by a sacrifice of time and efforts both for rehearsals and performances.

We feel sure that the performers enjoyed their evenings; certainly the audiences did. The Parent-Teachers should feel proud in having been able to muster so outstanding a cast and to bring to the fore such a warm spirit of cooperation.

DR. STRAUGHN HONORED

Centreville shines in reflected glory in the election of the Rev. Dr. James H. Straughn to the presidency of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Dr. Straughn is a native of Centreville and received his public school education in the old Academy where he was a schoolmate of several of the town's prominent citizens of today.

His steady rise to the pinnacle of his denomination is a tribute to his leadership and administrative ability.

There is nothing spectacular or surprising in the choice of Dr. Straughn to the Conference presidency. He has behind it a record of steady ascent in the Baltimore and Maryland conferences and has been president of the latter.

Dr. Straughn has long since proved his ability and worth. We congratulate him in his elevation to high office and the Conference in its choice of a leader.

THE NEGRO CHORUS

A small but highly appreciative audience heard a program of genuine merit last Saturday evening when the Centreville Colored High School Chorus, under the direction of Stephen J. Wright, sang a wide selection of Negro Spirituals, semi-classical numbers and folk songs at the Little Theatre.

Perhaps the rollicking and more strenuous circus which held forth the nights before absorbed the enthusiasm of entertainment seekers. In any event a sparse gathering was on hand for the serving of a delectable and bountiful dish. It often happens that way.

Too much praise cannot be given the director and his group of seventy odd singers. Their work revealed tireless hours of study and practice.

The chorus had been heard last year at Queenstown and whlie good at that time their improvement over the previous appearance was nothing short of remarkable.

With the proper encouragement the appearance of this splendid group might well become a fixture on Queen Anne's calendar. Such encouragement is richly merited.

AN ENVIOUS GLANCE

Taxpayers in Queen Anne's County where a referendum is to be held in November on whether or not a Liquor Control Board is to be set up and dispensaries operated will be interested in the financial statement covering such operation in Worcester County.

According to figures released by General Superintendent John W. Mumford, Worcester County had a profit exceeding $2,000 per month on dispensaries at Ocean City, Berlin, Snow Hill and Pocomoke City.

Out of these funds, after Federal and State taxes had been paid, Worcester County had a nest egg of $20,000 to go toward relief of General Taxes. It is estimated that the County Commissioners will be able to cut the tax rate 10c as a result of these profits.

Of course Worcester County is in a slightly different position from Queen Anne's. To begin with it has a larger population—more and bigger towns, and a large summer tourist trade because of Ocean City, but there is no apparent reason why the profits from such operation in this county should not be attractive.

The biggest factor, however, in favor of a similar system here is the fact that trade now going to adjoining counties will be kept at home. The shopper who now goes to Easton, Chestertown or Dover for a bottle buys other merchandise as well and local merchants are penalized.

There is no way to estimate how much trade is lost in Queen Anne's on such trips.

In any event it would be a comforting feeling if Queen Anne's had a nest egg of $20,000 or even half that sum to go toward the relief of General Taxes at the forthcoming levy soon to be struck.

WRITE A LETTER

Those living on secondary roads and others who are compelled to travel these roads will be glad to know that the House has passed an amendment to the Hayden-Cartwright road measure which provides for a section of Rural Roads in the Bureau of Public Works.

The amendment was introduced and engineered through the House by Congressman Robert Secrest of Ohio, who has long been a champion of good roads.

Those who are interested in the measure are now writing their Senators to make sure that the Secrest amendment is left intact when the measure comes up for a vote in the Senate. The measure is known as S-4213.

The Hayden-Cartwright measure provides for $25,000,000 for rural roads in 1938, and $25,000,000 in 1939.

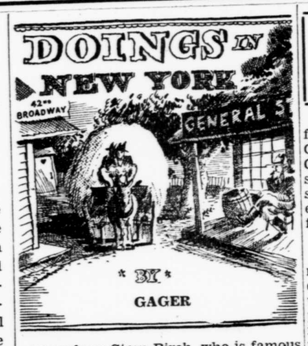
The Secrest amendment would permit the newly created Section of Rural Roads to concentrate all their time on the nation's pressing rural or secondary road problem, which should meet with the approval of farmers, rural carriers and others who in many sections, are forced to travel over impassable mud roads.

Quite needless to add, we have plenty of them in Queen Anne's.

Massachusetts Commissioner of Education is under fire for no less an offense than paying $10 for a wastebasket. His critics do not realize that this piece of furniture should be the busiest one in almost any office—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

There's nothing basically wrong in a country where the outs can raise a million dollars to prove there has been no recovery.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Howard Hughes' record flight from New York to Miami took 4 hours 21 minutes 32 seconds. If this record-breaking keeps up, the telegraph slogan, "Don't write, telegraph!" will soon be replaced by an air line slogan, "Don't telegraph; it's quicker to go yourself!"



Travelers: Steve Birch, who is famous as an oil authority, comes home to us again after a three weeks' trip to all parts of the U. S. A. Instead of taking the land route Squire Albert Miller, the medicine man, returned to this fair city last week from England by way of the Atlantic Ocean and the good ship Ile de France.

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Earlier in the week the Justin Weddell family, which included wife, Corrine, and his two daughters, Margaret and Carney, arrived from Wimbledom, England, for a month vacation and a change of scenery. They are staying at the Hotel Barclay.

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Radio and screen comedian Joe (Duck) Penner had a little fistic workout recently with no friend of his. In contrast novelist Fannie Hurst spent some time the other day at Cafe Royale sitting meditating in her inimitable way.

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As guest of Jim (Primrose House) Kennedy, Hugh Broadbridge, son of Sir Charles Broadbridge, important London publisher, spent one whole day last week aboard one of Freddie Dazzele's tugs. The purpose of the trip was a little bit hazy. But the boys went to it and really were useful to the shipping concern by pushing a couple of large ocean liners into port. Literally their assistance was mainly confined to arm waving and vocal suggestions which were probably very helpful to the tug captain.

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To boost the Texas Centennial affair this summer, the Baltimore Hotel Saturday night presented a Blue Bonnet Ball where all the beautiful gals in town were judged in a contest. The winner was awarded a free trip to the Texas Fair and all that goes with it. Illustrator Mac Barclay, John La Gatta, whose work you see weekly in Saturday's Post, and James M. Flagg were a few of the well-known artists who acted as the judges. It must be swell work, if you can get it.

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Late flash: The social J. Homer Winters and G. Edward Wasey have declined any invitations this week-end as they are fixing up their home in Greenwich, Conn., where they will live permanently for the summer beginning next week. They expect to tour the country occasionally in their Imperial Chrysler Eight.

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Publicity man Innes Harris enjoyed a luncheon of the Royal Bengal Bicycle Club Friday afternoon conducted by younger members of the different advertising agencies in New York. According to Mr. Harris these Friday luncheons are to become a permanent affair.

The Wind Bag Club

BY JOHN EMBERT

Supposedly fire turns out to be just a lot of smoke. The victim was Sam Hamm,thirty-second cousin of Hallie Selassie. Just as the fire engine was about to come to his rescue he drinks a bucket of water, extinguishing it himself. He says there was nothing to be alarmed about for he had only eaten a dozen smoked eels.

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Herman Moore wants to be like the rest of the boys when he gets his bonus, so he's been practicing the goose step. After eating a quart of gooseberries and some turtle pie he's out of step and doing the Australian crawl.

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Mike Aker is to repreent the Old Line State at the Democratic Convention to be held at Philadelphia. He's to be toastmaster and master of ceremonies. His new rig from Sears-Roebuck has arrived consisting of silk gloves, Prince Albert coat, Tuxedo trousers, gold headed cane and stove pipe hat. His brother John has gummed up his toaster, toasting hot dogs and marshmallows but you can't keep a good Democrat down. So leave it to Mike. He will take care of the situation.

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Honk Thompson, weather prophet, reports a dry summer. He says all ponds and ditches will be bone dry after the arrival of the seventeen year locusts. Of course he says this could be easily remedied by teaching the locusts to drink beer instead of water, then they will sleep most of the time.

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Dr. Quack's inexpensive reducing method: No drugs or medicine, no dieting. Just wear the old fashioned clothes grandma and grandpa used to wear, not forgetting to wear your overcoat, woolen socks and sleeping under plenty of heavy blankets. Follow these instructions to July first and if you can't get a job as the human skeleton at Coney Island I've missed my guess.

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After hugging the fireside all winter I was extended an invitation to the first meeting of the Nitwit Club and a gala time was had even if I did suffer a minor injury. While playing postoffice most of my female partners came C. O. D. and being rather heavy should have been shipped via freight. But when they played the blindfolded game of pinning the tail on the donkey the pin must have tickled his ribs so he let one go which caught me on the ankle. That's the reason why I've been hobbling on one foot.

THE Rambling Recorder

The two flower shows which hold forth this week, those of the Garden Club and the Kent Island Woman's Club are likely to be short of the tall stemmed plants like tulips which lent such blazing beauty to the Homemakers' event. Iris is about done, except for the bulbous variety.

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There will probably be enough peonies on display although the best of the early blooms are past and the late varieties will not be ready. Oriental poppies will be the other long stem flower available. Smaller flowers like roses and pansies are due for their innings at the shows.

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Mrs. N. A. Johnson of Sudlersville who is noted for her lovely flowers has the most outstanding poppy plant thus far called to our notice. In her garden there is a single Oriental poppy which has 39 blooms, a decided spot of color.

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Queen Anne's Record printed a random guess in a more or less humorous vein about a year ago to the effect that the efficacy of the tin cans which folks were putting atop of their bean poles was due to the Mexican bean beetles laying their eggs on the shiny surfaces of the cans. Then the sun, we averred, baked the stuffing out of the eggs.

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The story was promptly picked up by the Shore papers and ran its course up and down the peninsula. It started its second annual tour this week under the banner of the Associated Press. Under scuh august sponsorship it is probably due for a trip around the United States. We still believe the item makes easy reading except for the entomology department at the University of Maryland.

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Spring painting is getting under steam in portions of Centreville. Practically every porch on the east side of Liberty Street from Mrs. Chilcutt's to Rigby Valliant's got a touching up and now Mrs. Lem Roberts is painting her home white.

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The bus which Fred Jump operates between Centreville and Queenstown also appeared this week in a glistening coat of aluminum paint.

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Just to show things are picking up the town clock is running and striking again after a long vacation. The new town building, formerly the Queen Anne's National Bank, also had its premises cleaned up and as soon as final papers are passed the town fathers will move in.

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Lews Crouch is doing a bit of building in Queenstown. He is pulling down his present garage with the intention of erecting a new one and will have to slow down on the garage business somewhat for a month until his new premises are ready.

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Te new garage will adjoin the Queenstown Fire Company's building and will be of similar construction, cinder brick with a red brick front and set back as far as the fire building. The two structures will add to the appearance of Queenstown, as they would any town in the county.

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With Memorial Day falling on Saturday much of the country will have a double holiday. Every once in a while calendar changers urge that all of our holidays be put on Saturday just to give a double holiday and avoid a split-up in the week's activities. School children would say nay.

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J. O. Pippin got hooked in for $5 at the Circus. As Jack Turpin and Chew Mickle told in on the stage, Pip bet a fivespot that Jack would not appear in the hula hula. Jack was there, svelte figure, grass skirt and snaky hips and the show was halted to allow Pip to come forward with the cash. But Pip was fishing that night, and catching them.

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A young lady bet a fiver that J. O. would not pay up and Temple Blackwood promptly covered the bet. So when Pip came across, the lady had to swell the winnings to a sawbuck or tenspot.

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What Pip actually bet, however, was that Jack couldn't do the hula hula, not that he would not appear.

THE POET'S CORNER

MY PEN

My Pen,
They jeer at us
They laugh
Because our ways to them,
Seem queer.

They jeer:
They jibe and sneer;
And yet my pen;
Just those who sneer
Have one deep and hidden fear
That we might some time, suddenly
Rend clear
Their vestments, with
A burning hot rapier,
While they, with fawning mien,
Would seek to cover
All that which they hide;
Abjectedly then cower,
And at last,
Plead, cry for mercy,
That they might be spared.

My pen;
May we not laugh?
—Mary Fennimore Sheppard.

Uneasy Editor's Chair

HASTINGS ON THE HUSTINGS

Wherein the Democratic Messenger at Snow Hill expresses its opinion of Hastings, who incidentally, is a native of the Eastern Shore:

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U. S. Senator Dan Hastings, of Delaware, is chairman of the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, and is therefore expected to make just the kind of political speeches he is making. No one blames him for voicing the desires of the du Ponts, because they made him what he is politically, and he would be guilty of base ingratitude if he did not do their bidding.

Senator Hastings is bitter in his denunciations of President Roosevelt and the policies of the President, and his speech at the recent Republican State Convention held in Baltimore was a sample of what he will do from now till the November election. He may have some potency in Delaware, but his oratory smacks too much of the soap box kind to have any influence on Marylanders.

—Drawn especially for Queen Anne's Record by Hal Stephen

JUNE WEEK WHIRLIGIG

Queen Anne's County Social Register

QUEEN ANNE

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Knotts and daughter, of Chestertown, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Flowers and family on Sunday.

Mrs. Oscar Briscoe entertained the ladies of the community at a Silver Tea on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Gibson with Mr. and Mrs. T. Olin Ford, of Marydel, motored to New Windsor where they attended the commencement exercises of the Blue Ridge College on Monday morning. Mrs. Gibson's daughter Violet was one of this year's graduates.

Mrs. Fannie Legg, who has passed the winter with her sister, Mrs. May Dean, has returned to her home at Stevensville.

Mr. Alvin Neavitt is confined to his home suffering from an attack of lumbago.

Mrs. J. Willard Sullivan and daughter, Frances, spent Saturday in Baltimore.

Mrs. Ernest Emory visited with her husband who is a patient at Johns Hopkins Hospital, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Pippin and their guest, Mrs. Rachel Pippin visited with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Callahan at Easton Sunday evening.

Mrs. Clinton Lane, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Pippin, returned to her home at Hyattsville on Friday.

Taylor Messix, of Baltimore, spent the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Messix.

Miss Emma Saulsbury, of Ridgely was the Wednesday guest of her cousin, Miss Fannie Saulsbury.

Messrs. J. G. Nelson and William Stevens made a fishing trip on the Choptank on the Stevens' boat the "Mac and Martha" on Sunday catching many hardheads, as well as trout and rock fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Messick and children Douglas and Constance, and Dolly Chaires spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Longfellow at Harrington, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hopkins spent Sunday with Mrs. Hopkins parents, Mr. Mrs. Gurney Tarbutton at Denton.

Mr. Harold Jump, of Harrisburg, was a week-end visitor of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eley. Miss Mazie Dashiell, of New York, is at the Eley home for a longer visit.

Mrs. William F. Dickinson, Mrs. Robley Hackett and Miss Clara Price spent Sunday at Rehoboth, making the trip in Mrs. Dickinson's new Oldsmobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Blades and children, of Easton, were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. George Moore and family.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Anderson were Mr. and Mrs. James Collier, Mrs. Ruth Sparks and sons, and Mr. Walter Reed, all of Easton; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Dukes and small daughter Jean, of Centreville; Mr. Will Rickards, of Bridgeville, Mr. Dave Lofland, of Harrington, Del.; Mrs. Jennie Dill and son, of Denton, and Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Anderson, of Hurlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rhodes and daughter, and Mrs. Lorretto Clark motored to Cheyney, Pa., on Sunday and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Brown.

Mrs. Lottie Morgan, of Verona, N. J., came Saturday to spend several weeks with Mr. J. E. Morgan and family.

Mrs. Eloise Trice McQuay and son Paul are visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George Sharp. On Sunday, Mrs. McQuay and son were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pinder.

Mrs. Charles Merrick, of Cordova, spent Wednesday with Mrs. Charles Schall.

Mrs. Freeland Clopper, of near Thawleys Chapel, had as her guests on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week Mrs. Eloise McQuay and son, Paul.

Mrs. Skelly, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with Mrs. Dallas See.

Dr. J. D. Blackwell, president of the State Teachers College at Salisbury, spoke to the students of Tri-County High School on last Friday. Dr. Blackwell was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Blackwell and Miss Ruth Powell. Miss Jessie Snow, of Baltimore also talked on the "World Court" at the school on Wednesday afternoon.

Betty Eley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eley, is a patient at Emergency Hospital, Easton, where she submitted to a tonsil operation.

MILLINGTON

Mrs. Mary Spear has returned home after spending some time with her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Vaughn, of Middletown.

Mrs. John C. Hopkins, Jr., has returned home after spending several days with her father, Mr. Eaton at Felton, Del.

Mrs. Kate Garton spent Wednesday in Chestertown with her granddaughter, Kathryn Garton.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Vaughn, of Middletown, were Wednesday guests of her mother, Mrs. Sue Comegys.

Mrs. Harry Freeman, of Chester, Pa., was the guest several days last week of her mother, Mrs. Anna Burris.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gatron and daughter, Kathryn, of Townsend, were Sunday visitors of his mother, Mrs. Kate Garton.

Mr. and Mrs. David B. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. David B. Ford, Jr., were visitors of Mrs. John P. Ahern on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian E. Massey and daughter Carolyn were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Irving B. Roberts at St. Georges.

Mr. and Mrs. Medford James, of Kennedyville, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hilyard on Sunday.

Mrs. John Buffington, of Baltimore is the guest of Mrs. Clarence L. Turner.

Mrs. Merritt Brice and Miss Edna Strong are spending several days this week with their brother, Mr. William R. Strong at Rock Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Stevens and daughter, Ethel spent Sunday at Cambridge.

Mrs. Leo Gale will be the week-end guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John McLain at Towson.

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Robb will leave on Sunday for Cincinnatti, Ohio, where they will spend two weeks.

QUEENSTOWN

Miss Bessie Hammond and Mrs. B. E. Cockey were visitors in Stevensville on Monday.

Mr. W. I. Tuttle and son, Dr. Theodore Sattelmaier and son, and Mr. Harry Barton, Jr., motored to Wilmington on Friday to the big tent circus when there was one far more interesting just six miles from home.

Mrs. Will Lane, Mrs. Elsie Wheeler and Mrs. J. Clyde Embert were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Griffin Embert on Friday.

The hostess to the contract club this week was Mrs. Norman R. Hitch. Top score was won by Mrs. J. G. Embert and Mrs. H. C. Onley carried off the floating prize.

Those attending both afternoon and evening at the Piggly Wiggly party at the home of Mrs. W. Ray Tabler in Centreville were Mrs. J. T. Bishop, Mrs. H. C. Reynolds, Mrs. J. C. Embert, Mrs. W. I. Tuttle and Mrs. Margaret Cross.

Comma Caution

Be gentle to the comma with its curly little tale:
Though dainty and diminutive, its power turns one pale!
It causes much confusion when neglected or misplaced,
So slur it not through ignorance, nor hobble it through haste!
Expressions parenthetical (however or said he),
All nominatives of address, appositives, aussi,
Inverted-order clauses, which come before the main,
The members of a series (Lizzie, Annabel, and Jane),
Long phrases introductory containing verbal parts,
All nonrestrictive elements ("His hobby, which is arts—"),
Dates, addresses in detail (10 Broadway, Hartford, Conn.,
Or (Saturday, June, '36) and, last to ponder on,
The parts of compound sentences ("Ike hops, but Willie flees")—
All these require commas tucked in their interstices.
One may not move a mountain, but one may preserve a state
By cultivating commas . . . . And tomorrow is too late!
—Harold Willard Gleason.

Dame Rumor Says

A Bridgetown lassie of tender years is inclined to shed tears when her experienced playmate takes others for a spin in the new car. Buck up, young lady, you will learn as time goes on that it doesn't pay to show too much concern over such incidents.

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Suggestion to a distinguished visitor in Centreville who becomes worried when he can't think of a word or a name in his conversation: Could pasta fazule, by any chance, be the name of that Italian delicacy that stumped him?

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If that county seat gent, who is notorious for always being late, wishes to stand in with his cook, he'd better form the habit of calling up an hour ahead when he won't be there to eat rather than phoning her an hour after she has put the grub on the table. Nothing exasperates the housewife so.

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And while on the subject of being late, no less than a half dozen Hotspurs heard chanticleer's daybreak calls several mornings last week and were promptly accused of keeping company with some new talent that hit town.

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We hear that a romance budding between Millington and Middletown will link the two towns in further bonds of mutual interest.

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A hitherto attentive and polite husband reports to this column that he is going to stop being so all-fired considerate. It seems he passed a fidgety half hour or more outside the lounge in a city theatre waiting for the wife to emerge. Somehow or other she slipped past him and took a seat while he missed the best part of the picture.

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A farmer near Wye Mills who has been bragging about his fine stand of wheat had the wind taken out of his sails the other day. He called in a neighbor to look it over and was mortified no end when the neighbor pronounced his "fine stand" darnel week with 32 spikes.

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Out Ruthsburg way there's a Romeo so crazy about the women that he doesn't care whether she be young or old. Looks like someone should come to his rescue seeing as how he's not so particular.

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That Sudlersville femme who entertains in her sun suit from one p. m. to three thirty should be mighty careful to keep her clock set right. The No. 1 man, you know, arrives at 4 o'clock sharp.

The Good Old Days

The Rev. Stephen Bordley who in 1697, assumed charge of St. Paul's Church, Kent County and held the rectorship until his death August 25, 1709, was the son of Rev. Stephen Bordley sometime Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, England and sometimes Rector of St. Mary's Newington, London. Stephen, the Kent County rector married Ann, daughter of Col. John Hynson, and Ann his wife of Kent County. As a marriage gift Col. Hynson gave his son-in-law, 100 acres of land on the road from Eastern Neck Island to St. Paul's Church, called 'Bounty.'

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The 'Association of Freedmen' was formed July 26, 1775 with a goodly representation in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties. Maryland declared her Independence July 3, 1776.

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Maryland's first constitution was adopted November 10, 1776, and Thomas Johnson, the first State Governor, was inaugurated, March 21, 1777.

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The Continental Congress met in Annapolis, November 26, 1783, and that Washington resigned his military commission to Congress in the old Senate Chamber of the Capitol, December 23, 1783.