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Negro, 25, Dies From Gunshot In Wild Brawl

Sandy Bottom Fracas Causes Additional Injury. 3 Under Arrest

Shotgun wounds received in a wild brawl in Sandy Bottom Sunday evening caused the death of Marion Wilmer, 25-year-old Centreville negro, at the Easton Emergency Hospital Wednesday morning about 11 o'clock. Charles B. Pritchard, 16-year-old negro, badly stabbed in the embroglio, was transferred from the hospital to Centreville jail Wednesday evening.

Pritchard and Charles Whittico are under arrest originally charged with assault and battery on Wilmer. More serious charges are expected to be preferred because of the death. William H. Sewell is also being held on a minor charge. The men are negroes.

As officials pieced together the story of the affair, it was understood that Pritchard and Sewell, youths of the same age, started an argument that led to blows Sunday night at 10:30. Wilmer, who had visited the section with Sewell, jumped into the fray with a six-inch fish knife like an Italian stiletto, stabbed Pritchard clear through the upper left arm and in the side.

As Prichard ran to his home nearby for his father's shotgun Wilmer and Whittico had a mixup which ended when Whittico felled Wilmer with a brick. Pritchard returned during this fracas with the shotgun and fired a blast into Wilmer's legs, arms and body.

By the time Sheriff T. Herbert Everett, Deputy Louis Perkins and Constable Bordley Seward reached the scene, the injured negroes had been taken to Dr. H. F. McPherson for treatment and were ordered by him transferred to the hospital. Whittico fled but was picked up in Chestertown.

In another affray at Love Point the same night about 1 o'clock Albert Baker of Grasonville was cut in the back from shoulder to shoulder by Walter Paul, Piney Neck negro. Baker and a party of friends were disturbed by a group of negroes, when Baker reprimanded Paul, it was said the negro whipped out a knife and slashed the white man. Paul is under arrest.

Lloyd Risks Crown At Armory Fights

Boxing Card Loaded With Star Scrappers

A boxing card chock full of high class scrappers has been lined up for the Eastern Shore Sports Club card at the Armory Friday night, January 8, by Reds Smith, aggressive matchmaker of the club. Right back as headliner is Kid Lloyd of New Church, Va., crowned welterweight champion of the Shore by virtue of his dramatic knockout of Henry Gonzales at the last show.

Lloyd is to tackle Pete Galiano, outstanding Baltimore welter, a top notch drawing card at Carlin's Park in Baltimore and at Atlantic City. Both boys have notable records and are bracketed for an 8-round windup with the Shore championship in the balance.

Reds Sharp, Hillsboro boy, will meet Johnny Stilson of Baltimore. Both were winners the last time out at the Armory and a red hot battle is in prospect. They are carded for four rounds.

Joe Roche, Ridgely Adonis, is going after big game when he squares off with Harry Lombardi in a four rounder while Art Bessick of Betterton and Dave Cecil of Cordova meet for the fourth time to settle accounts.

The semi-windup of six rounds brings together Lou DeMario, Baltimore welter, and Pete Lasick of Washington. DeMario has a great record in Baltimore but he meets in Lasick a man who held him to a draw the last time out.

Surprise To Mark New Year At Armory Dance

A surprise feature marking the advent of the New Year is to be presented sharp on the stroke of twelve to night, Thursday, when Company K dances the year out at the National Guard Armory. Special decorations have also been hung in keeping with the gaiety of New Year's Eve.

No hitch has marked the advance plans according to Charles E. Anthony, manager of the event. Polk Howard, his orchestra and his petite soloist, Miss Maryhelen Knox, are to be on hand, reservations have closed up rapidly and the success of the dance has been assured for several days.

CLERK HAS SCARLET FEVER

Elmer Larrimore, clerk to the Board of County Commissioners will be absent from duties for a few weeks as the result of scarlet fever. He was taken ill Monday.

WOMAN BREAKS LEG

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Roe, of Grasonville, spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. William Emmart, in Catonsville. While enroute to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmart Mrs. Roe fell and broke her leg near the ankle.

WATCH NIGHT AT GRACE CHURCH

Watch Night services will be held at Grace Methodist Protestant Church, Centreville, this evening. The first service will take place at 9:30 o'clock and continue until 11:15, when special services continuing into the New Year will be held.

GETS CAR BACK

While visiting with relatives in Wilmington Medford Price of Pondtown had his car stolen from the street. The car was recovered later in Philadelphia.

Everett Takes F. F. A. Contest

Average 102 Bushels. Green, Lucas Follow

Announcement has just been made of the result of the corn growing contest, carried on through the past year by the Future Farmers of America of the Sudlersville and Church Hill High Schools.

Sixteen boys planted certified red and yellow dent, and prizes of $5, $3 and $2 were offered for first, second and third places.

Stanley Everett, of Sudlersville with 102 bushels per acre won first place; Arthur M. Green, Church Hill, with 80 bushels to the acre won second, and Erdman Lucas, of Church Hill, with 75 bushels won third place.

Honorable mention was also given to Marion Benton of Sudlersville, who grew 72 bushels; Eldridge Chambers, Church Hill, and Albert Downes, of Church Hill, each of whom grew 60 bushels.

Alumni Dance Proves Brilliant Event at Armory

Guests Include Visitors From Outside County. March Features

The annual dance of the Centreville High School Alumni Association on Christmas night was declared the most outstanding in the history of these annual affairs, and was attended by more than five hundred guests.

Besides residents of the county, including the senior class of the school who were honor guests. Others who were seen, included many members of the Association who had returned from all sections to spend the holiday with friends and relatives.

Numerous attractive social events marked the dance, including dinner parties bfeore the affair; intermission parties and several breakfast parties. Among those who entertained were: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Green, Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer Smith, Miss Betty Bartlett, Miss Betty Armstrong, Misses Margaret and Shirley Dewing, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Thompson and Mrs. Anna Wright Faulkner.

The armory was beautifully decorated for the occasion with pine trees and Spanish Moss, and lighted with myriads of vari-colored electric lights. The dance began with the Grand March led by Mr. Edward Turner, of Washington College, and Miss Mary Ann Reed, of Penns Grove, New Jersey.

The chaperones were: Mrs. Sudler Tolson, Mrs. R. E. C. Lowe, Mrs. A. A. M. Dewing, Mrs. Frank Y. Whiteley, Mrs. S. E. W. Friel, Mrs. W. U. Cross and Miss Nannie Pauline Keating.

George W. Chesbro To Wed Syracuse Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke M. Sharpe, of Syracuse, New York, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Maxine Sharpe, to Mr. George W. Chesbro, of Centreville. Mr. Chesbro who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Chesbro, of Pennelsville, New York, is acting executive secretary of the Queen Anne's County Welfare Board.

Miss Sharpe was graduated from Syracuse University in the class of 1931 and was affiliated with Kappa Gamma Sorority.

Mr. Chesbro was also graduated from Syracuse class of 1931, and received his masters degree in sociology in 1933. He was elected to several honorary fraternities including Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Kappa Delta and Scabbard and Blade.

Mr. Chesbro came to Centreville a year ago, where he has held the position with the Welfare Board. He has made many friends during his stay here. The wedding will take place in the spring.

Mr. And Mrs. Shortall Celebrate Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bernard Shortall of Church Hill celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary Monday evening, when they gave a reception at the Blue Lantern Inn, in Centreville, from 8 to 10 o'clock.

In the receiving line with Mr. and Mrs. Shortall were their daughter Miss Eleanor Shortall, and her three sisters, Mrs. Norman P. Walters, of Centreville; Mrs. E. Lynn Stevens, of Wilmington, and Mrs. G. H. Shepherd, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Jerome Stack, of Centreville, a cousin of Mrs. Shortall, who was the flower girl at the wedding twenty-five years ago.

Mrs. Shortall was Miss Mary Walls, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John H. Walls, of Church Hill, and Mr. Shortall is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Shortall, of Centreville. They were married December 28th, 1911, at the home of Mrs. Shortall's grandfather, Mr. Thomas Walls, in Church Hill. The late Rev. C. P. McGoldrick performed the ceremony.

MISS TURNER ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Medford H. Turner of High Point, N. C. announce the engagement of their daughter, Agnes Virginia, of Swarthmore, Pa., to Mr. Charles E. Pugh of Rutledge, Pa. No date has been set for the wedding. Miss Turner is well known in Queen Anne's county where she spent her early childhood here.

Queenstown In Sight Of Quota 149 Enrolled

Company Adds 35 Honoraries. J. R. Friel Thanks All Assisting

Needing only a single additional honorary member to reach the quota of 150 set for New Year's Day, the Queenstown Volunteer Fire Company had every prospect of reaching their goal as returns up to Wednesday shot the total on honoraries up to 149.

During the past ten days thirty-five additional enrollments were secured for the honorary list, Grasonville, Chester, the Narrows and Wye Mills as well as Queenstown being represented.

In connection with the drive J. Reynolds Friel, president of the company, stated, "We are indeed gratified and quite pleased with the whole hearted cooperation and support tendered our organization by the citizens of the different communities that may take advantage of the protection we offer. Through the continuance of this support we shall have an avenue whereby our Company will be able to liquidate in the next few years the indebtedness it incurred while obtaining its equipment and adequate housing facilities.

"We extend our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to every citizen of our community and the committee surrounding for the whole hearted manner in which they have accepted our petitions and on the strength of them so freely offered generous financial support."

The additional honorary members are:

Queenstown—John Whaley, Jr., L. Kennard Rhodes, Walter C. Lee, C. Marshall Pratt, Mary E. Griffin, H. C. Dusenbury, J. Edgar Bryan, William Gerlach, James Carter, Jr., R. B. Cook, Herbert Carter, J. E. Mandrell, Merton Shawn, Misses Bessie Hammond, J. K. Wrightson.

Grasonville—Joseph W. A. Evans, Alfonzy Thomas, Sherman O'Donnell, E. S. Thompson. Narrows—J. W. Baxter, Mrs. Hattie Tolson, Hilary Kelley, Charles Gardner.

Chester—J. B. Tolson, William Sewell, Stephen Goodhand, Thomas Price, Roy Golt, Smitty Crouch. Wye Mills—Harry E. Denney, B. C. Allen, Charles Dodd, J. B. T. Roe, W. H. Blakeslee, David B. T. Wolcott.

Death Takes Mrs. J. E. Cahill

Many Countians Pass Away During Week

Mrs. Bessie West Cahill, wife of Jerry E. Cahill, prominent business man of Centreville, died suddenly Sunday night about nine o'clock at her home on Commerce Street. She was fifty-four years old.

Mrs. Cahill had apparently been in her usual health on Sunday, and had attended services at Grace Church in the morning, and shortly before she was stricken had enjoyed a walk with her daughter, Mrs. Elmer H. Kessler, of New York, who was their holiday guest.

Mrs. Cahill was born December 6th, 1882, at Georgetown, Del., and was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles West. Thirty-five years ago she became the bride of Mr. Cahill, and for the past twenty-four years they have resided in Centreville, where Mr. Cahill has been in business.

Mrs. Cahill was a devout member of Grace Methodist Protestant Church, and was a member of the choir, and also active in Ladies' Aid work.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Elmer H. Kessler, of New York, and Miss Bessie Cahill, of Wilmington. She also leaves one granddaughter, Carolee Kessler, of New York.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at her late home by the Rev. L. Colvin Randall, pastor of Grace Church, assisted by the Rev. James G. Stain, of Wilmington, a relative of the family.

Interment was in Chesterfield Cemetery. The pall-bearers were: Roy H. Wilson, Roy Blunt, J. Hall Barton, W. Edward Barton, Howard E. Price and W. H. Carter.

RICHARD HIGMAN

Richard Higman, one of Queen Anne's county's oldest and most highly respected retired farmers, died Tuesday of last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. B. W. Duling, in Millington. He was in his eighty-ninth year.

Mr. Higman was born in Sussex county, Delaware, February 3, 1848, and was a son of the late John W. Higman and Marietta Carroll Higman.

At the age of twenty-one years he came to Queen Anne's county, and settled near Millington, where he farmed for many years. Later he moved near Sudlersville, where he continued in agricultural pursuits until his retirement, when he removed to Sudlersville. On December 30, 1867 he married Miss Caroline Hart, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Hart of this county. She died five weeks ago, while her husband was ill in the Emergency Hospital, at Easton. Had the aged couple lived until yesterday they would have passed their sixty-ninth wedding anniversary.

Despite the advanced age of the deceased, he was unusually active until the last few months. Early this fall he was taken to the hospital where he was under treatment until three weeks ago when he was removed to the home of his daughter.

Mr. Higman is survived by one son,

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Price Rises Saturday

Beginning Saturday, January 2, the subscription price for Queen Anne's Record-Observer will be advanced to $1.50 per year.

Today, Thursday, and tomorrow are therefore the last days during which renewals or new subscriptions may be made at the rate of $1 for copies sent within the state, $1.50 for those outside of Maryland.

Letters postmarked January 1 will be honored.

Betrothal Of Demonstration Agent Revealed

Miss Isabel Bewick To Marry Roy H. Wilson In May

Announcement was made on Christmas Day of the engagement of Miss Isabel Bewick of Centreville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bewick of Cumberland, and Mr. Roy H. Wilson of Centreville, son, of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Wilson, of Wilmington, Del.

Miss Bewick is the present Home Demonstration Agent for Queen Anne's county. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland in the class of 1930 and of Cumberland High School in 1926.

During her college career Miss Bewick was active in school life and was voted the most popular girl on the campus in her senior year. She participated in a wide range of student activities, including basketball, where she made her college letter, and was a member of Kappa Delta sorority, Alpha Psi Omgea and Theta Gamma.

As Home Demonstration Agent Miss Bewick has been popular and successful. She was appointed in June, 1935, following a period of fifteen years during which the post had been abandoned. In her relatively short term of service she has put Queen Anne's county again in the forefront of Rural Women's activities, especially in Homemakers and 4-H Girls' club work.

Mr. Wilson is advertising manager of Queen Anne's Record-Observer. He had previously held the same post in Queen Anne's Record from its inception in 1933 until its merger with the present organization. For seven years prior to this Mr. Wilson had been connected with the Wilmington News-Journal. He is a graduate of the Charles Morris Price School of Advertising and Journalism in Philadelphia.

The wedding will take place in May.

Centreville Man Injured In Automobile Accident

Harwood Holland, of Centreville, is in Emergency Hospital, Easton, as the result of an automobile accident early Christmas morning on the Wye Mills-Skipton road. Mr. Holland fell asleep at the wheel of his automobile and crashed into a telephone pole. He suffered a broken jaw bone and severe cuts on the arm and head.

The accident was discovered by Miss Catherine Andrews, a teacher in the Trappe school, who with her brother was returning to Talbot county after attending the midnight mass at Mother of Sorrows Church. They took the young man to the hospital, and then called his mother, Mrs. Harwood Holland, of Centreville. Mr. Holland is employed by the Seney Oil Company, and has many friends throughout the county.

County Skeet Club Gets Silver Trophy

The Sudlersville Skeet Club this week received their silver trophy, which was won several weeks ago when they shot at the Sky Line Skeet Club contest at Hyattsville, Md.

Those on the team which won the trophy were Dr. Merritt Brice, Joseph M. George, Clifton M. Green, Dr. C. H. Metcalfe and Mr. Stuart.

DELEGATES ELECTED

The election for delegates and alternates to the Annual Conference in March, 1937, held in the Hillsboro M. E. Church and the Ruthsburg charge of the same, resulted in Mr. Roy Skinner, of Ruthsburg being chosen as delegate and Mr. Charles H. Jarrell, of Hillsboro, as alternate. The elections were announced in the two churches on Sunday last.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Hillsboro M. E. Church will be held on Friday, January 15th, it is announced.

Mrs. Harris Legg, of Stevensville, arrived on Saturday to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. May Dean. Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Legg were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cahall, on Sunday evening.

GUESTS OF LIONS' CLUB

Wednesday evening at the regular meeting of the Queenstown Lions Club a number of especially invited guests were entertained. They were Henry T. Green, owner of the Queen Moving Picture Company, David G. Mitchell, manager of the Queenstown Theatre, John Short and Michael W. Aker.

INGLESIDE WOMAN BURNED

Mrs. Delma Thompson, of near Ingleside, was painfully injured Chirstmas morning when she fell on a hot stove and sustained severe burns on the hands and arms. The accident occurred when Mrs. Thompson fainted, causing her to fall.

ENTERTAINS KIDDIES

Miss Elizabeth Dyott, a teacher in Sunday School of the Centreville Methodist Episcopal Church, entertained the pupils of the primary and baby classes at a Christmas treat Monday afternoon. The party was held at the Church House.

$46,550 Wheat Checks Allotted At Courthouse

Farmers Get Final AAA Payment. Farm Record Books Examined

Checks totalling $46,550 as the final payment for 1936 wheat contracts under the AAA were distributed to some 650 Queen Anne's county farmers and tenants at the Courthouse Wednesday in an all-day session lasting from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m. The payment was the last one under the AAA programs in this county.

Word of the approval of the payment came December 20. The checks arrived on Christmas Eve in time to be a Christmas present but necessary arrangements delayed matters for a few days.

The distribution was handled by County Agent Kenneth W. Baker assisted by Ernest B. Brown and Charles I. Boyle of the allotment committee; Fred Sylvester, treasurer of the soil conservation group; and John Cannon, Wendell Shawn, Earle R. Bishop and W. Purnell Brown.

A gruop of fifteen farmers and six 4-H Club boys who are each carrying out farm accounting records for the year presented their books for examination to H. A. Edge, Extension Service supervisor, at the Courthouse Tuesday.

The project is one sponsored by the Extension Service which furnishes books and supervises methods of keeping records. Following the examination of books for 1936 Mr. Edge and County Agent Baker offered suggestions to each farmer individually from study of the profit and loss accounts as to possible changes to improve profit balances.

The 4-H boys were competing for a county award of $10 in trade offered by the McCromick Harvester Company for the best set of records for 1936. The winning book will be entered in the state contest for which a similar prize of $100 in trade has been hung up.

The 4-H group included Ralph McGinnis of McGinnis Corner; Marley Brown, Ingleside; James Williams, Barclay; Bowen Jarrell, Price; Royden N. Powell, Jr., Centreville; and Marion Chance, Grasonville.

Miss Hess Weds On Christmas

West Thompson, Jr.'s Marriage Also Announced

A pretty weding took place Christmas morning at 11 o'clock at the rectory of Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, Centreville, when Miss Catherine Cecelia Hess, became the bride of Mr. Charles Milton Harrington, both of Centreville.

The bride and groom had as their attendants Miss Dorothy E. Connolly, and Mr. John Goldsborough, of Centreville. Rev. Francis J. Fisher, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate family and a few close friends.

The bride was attired in a black dress trimmed with white, with black accessories and wore a corsage of gardenias. Miss Connolly also wore a black dress with accessories to match and her corsage was of white roses.

The young couple left immediately after the marriage for a short trip and are now at their newly furnished apartment in the Sunset Building.

Mrs. Harrington is the daughter of Mr. James B. Hess, of Grasonville, and the late Mrs. Hess, and for some time has made her home with her sister, Mrs. Harold Kimball, near Centreville.

Mr. Harrintgon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrington, of Church Hill, and is one of the managers of the LeGrande stores, in Centreville. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harrington are among Centreville's most popular young people.

THOMPSON—JOHNSON

Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Johnson, of Federalsburg, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Josephine Johnson, and Mr. J. West Thompson, Jr., of Centreville. The marriage took place August 22nd, at Elkton, Maryland. Rev. J. T. Becker performed the ceremony.

The young couple were accompanied by Miss Anna May Seward, of Salisbury, a cousin of the groom, who was a guest in Centreville, and Mr. Gibson Meredith, close friend of Mr. Thompson.

Mrs. Thompson is a graduate of Federalsburg High School, class of 1935, and has since attended Beacom Business College, in Wilmington.

Mr. Thompson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. West Thompson, of Centreville, and was graduated from Centreville High School in 1934. He also has been a student at Beacom College. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will reside in Centreville.

Mr. Thompson is one of Centreville's most popular young men, and Mrs. Thompson has frequently visited here, where she has made many friends and is also very popular with the younger set.

DEAN—EWING

Miss Elva Naomi Ewing, of Church Hill, and Mr. William H. Dean, of Ruthsburg, were quietly married Saturday afternoon at the rectory of Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church Centreville. Rev. Francis J. Fisher, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony.

The bride and groom were attended

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Little Theatre Dance Tonight

Numerous Dinner Parties Welcome New Year

With the auditorium of the Little Theatre lavishly decorated with evergreens, including several large Christmas trees, lighted with hundreds of blue shaded electric lights, and silver icicles, everything is in readiness for the Patron's Dance tonight, which will give the New Year a royal welcome.

Bob Iula's orchestra, of Baltimore, which is a favorite on the Eastern Shore will be placed on the stage, and promptly at the midnight hour, hundreds of colored balloons will be released and showered upon the guests.

A feature of the dance will be the numerous parties given as a preliminary to the affair. At "My Lord's Gift," the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marsalis, near Queenstown, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Andrus, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Romine, Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Marsalis will give a dinner party when fifty guests will be entertained. They will later attend the dance.

At the same time Miss Isobel Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Lee, will entertain at a dinner party for twelve at their home "Stagwell," on Wye River.

Other persons who have made reservations for parties include, J. Hall Barton, of Centreville; Senator Dudley G. Roe, of Sudlersville; Mr. and Mrs. Morton Merriam, of St. Michaels; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. C. Legg, J. Reynolds Friel, of Queenstown; Alfred M. Green; Vernon Grant; John A. Schuyler, of Bruff's Island; Mr. and Mrs. Dudley G. Roe, Jr., of Sudlersville.

Train Strikes Car At Barclay Three Injured

Three Balto. Men Injured In Crash. One In Dover Hospital

Three persons were injured Tuesday afternoon about 3:45 when the North bound passenger train of the Pennsylvania Railroad, from Centreville to Townsend, struck an automobile on the crossing at Barclay.

The injured are: William Heffner, sixty-five, of Baltimore, compound fracture of the right leg, and cuts about the head and face.

Stephen Valliant, aged 55, of Baltimore, broken rib, cuts about head and face.

Martin Valliant, 20 years old, son of Stephen Valliant, cut nose and lip.

Dr. Merritt M. Brice, of Millington, was called and had Mr. Heffner removed to the Dover, Delaware Hospital. He was taken in the American Legion ambulance of Smyrna, Del.

Mr. Valliant and his son went to Massey to the home of friends from where they expected to go to their home in Baltimore.

It was stated that the automobile was dragged down the track between fifty and one hundred feet.

The men it was stated, have been making trips to the county for several years selling fruit, and were on one of their regular trips when the accident occurred.

Christmas Party At Grasonville Home

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ireland had a Christmas party at their home in Grasonville Sunday evening. Many interesting games were played and Christmas poems recited. Refreshments of cake, candy, nuts and oranges were served.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wetsel, and daughter, Florence; Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dashiell and daughter, Barbara Lou; Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Horney, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. Zebulon Hunter; Misses Esther O'Donnell, Evelyn King, Annabel Coursey and Messrs. Howard Ireland, Conoway Pratt, Jackie Coursey and Jimmy Coursey.

LOCAL MAN ADDRESSES ROTARY

E. O. Willis, of Centreville, in charge of re-employment for the territory of which Queen Anne's County is a part was the guest speaker at the weekly dinner meeting of the Centreville Rotary Club. The meeting was held Tuesday evening, due to the fact that tonight the regular meeting date, is New Year's Eve.

DR. SCHEELE AT CONFERENCE

Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, acting health officer for Queen Anne's county, left Sunday for Washington, where he attended a three-day conference of United States Health Department Officials. Mrs. Scheele accompanied him to Washington.

MR. THOMAS IN HOSPITAL

Robert W. Thomas, of Centreville, was taken to Emergency Hospital, Easton Tuesday, where he is now under treatment. Mr. Thomas left last week to spend the winter with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Thomas, at Chestertown, and was stricken ill on Sunday.

MRS. KEATING GIVES PARTY

Mrs. James P. Keating entertained at a nine table bridge party at the Blue Lantern Inn Saturday afternoon followed by an informal buffet supper. Mrs. C. S. Thomas was the winner of the first prize and Mrs. William L. Holton, the second. Miss Mary Katherine Tolson won the consolation.

Tongers Fight Bay Leases To Corporations

Mass Meeting Spurns Planning Commission Idea, Plans Delegation

Unrelenting opposition to the leasing of any bars or bottoms in Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries to private corporations, as proposed by the Maryland Planning Commission, was voiced at an enthusiastic meeting of Kent Island watermen at the Chester School Monday evening. The watermen who crowded the room also expressed their opposition to any further leasing of private ground to individuals in Queen Anne's county.

The session, hurriedly called by Representative Joseph W. A. Evans to obtain the tongers' views in regard to proposals of the Planning Commission, attracted watermen from Stevensville Dominion, Chester, Crab Alley Neck, Grasonville, Buzzardville and Ticktown. Representative Percy E. Thomas also took a leading part in the discussion.

Mr. Evans, opening the meeting, remarked, "We want no corporation leasing of Chesapeake Bay. Our tributaries also must not be disturbed so as to take away the livelihood of our local watermen. At the same time the Conservation Department of Maryland must have more power to enforce the cull law so that eventually only oysters may be shucked which will maitain the traditional high quality of Queen Anne's county production."

Without going on record the watermen generally expressed themselves in agreemeent with the program of the Conservation Commission and with the provisions of the cull law.

However, they demanded more protection against dredgers and scrapers in Eastern Bay. While the Bay is closed to dredgers there have been repeated reports of dredgers and scrapers illegally operating under the cover of night. The bars show the effects the next day. These activities were said to be especially heavy during the period between the end of the oyster season and the beginning of the crab season each year.

The watermen demand a larger boat with cabins to permit night patrolling. At present the county inspectors are on duty in the day time. Their boats are open deadrise types with no sleeping quarters and do not permit a man staying out at night.

Regarding the leasing to corporations, the watermen plan to send a delegation to Annapolis in the event that the proposition ever reaches the stage of a hearing. They feel that leasing any part of the Bay to private corporations will be the entering wedge to the ultimate loss of tributaries as well.

Representatives Evans and Thomas expressed their intentions of providing the spearhead of opposition to corporation leasing in the event that the Planning Commission continues to espouse the idea.

Pageant Given At Sudlersville Church

Candle Usage Shown For Church, Home

A pageant, "The Message of the Christmas Candles" was given at the M. E. Church, South, Sudlersville on Sunday evening.

In a stage setting of Bible days the significance of the use of candles in church services was brought out, while a scene in a modern home gave the story of the burning of candles in the windows on Christmas Evee.

Appropriate music was furnished by the choir accompanied by Miss Eva Merrick.

Those taking part were Edward Walraven, Marion Benton and Kenneth Walraven, Marion Benton and Kenneth Walraven; Misses Mildred Wallace, Betty Wright, Annabelle Holden, Lillian Merrick, May Esther Wallace, Dorothy Holden, Rebecca Walraven Betty Holden, Fannie Merrick and Lester Smallwood and Eddie Walraven.

Following the pageant the Rev. Lester Smallwood, pastor, gave a short Christmas talk.

Prizes Awarded At Sunday Skeet Shoot

At the Skeet shoot held at Sudlersville on Sunday, fifteen persons competed for the prizes which were offered, and Ray Ott of Elkton and Jake Palmatary, of Smyrna, tied for first place in the trap shooting event. In the shoot off event, Mr. Ott won the prize turkey.

In the Skeet event, Joseph M. George won first place and T. A. Geiser of Queen Anne, the second, each being awarded a turkey.

Besides the fifteen shooters for prizes ten others shot for targets.

SERVICE OFFICER HERE

Thomas B. Edwards Veterans Service Officer will be in the Courthouse at Centreville Tuesday, January 5. Any veteran or the family of a veteran will be given any assistance needed in handling claims, relief hospitalization, compensation or insurance. There are no charges for these services.

STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Queen Anne-Hillsboro Bank will be held in the M. E. Churchhouse on Thursday afternoon, January 15th, at two-thirty o'clock.

TEMPLEVILLE CHURCH

Services for Antioch M. E. Church, Sunday, January 3d: Sunday School, 10 A. M. Epworth League, 7:30 P. M. Sermon by pastor, 8 P. M.