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QUOTATIONS OF THE WEEK

The free man who does not well know and thoroughly weigh all of his advantages is but little more free than the serf who bows himself to the daily toil and at night renders up to his taskmaster the wages of his labor.—Albert Pike, Arkansas Advocate, 1834.

WILLIAM E. ROE

No town is too small to have its outstanding citizen. And the stature of a man is best indicated by the manner in which he looms against his community background.

In the death of William E. Roe, Wye Mills has lost a citizen who did his share to bring approval and honor to the community.

Living to the venerable age of eighty-four despite the handicap of years of illness, Mr. Roe leaves behind a record of an active career, broadly encompassing the public affairs of his county, and the religious and civic affairs of his community.

He was a member of the Queen Anne's county Board of County Commissioners. He helped organize the Wye Mills Literary Society, which subsequently became the community parent-teachers' association. He was an active churchman, a member of the Official Board, and holder of various responsible offices.

Even a brief summary such as this indicates that Mr. Roe lived for more than himself, kept his thoughts on the wide range of community well-being.

History, it is said, is but the lengthened shadows of great men. And the history of a community is but the lengthened shadows of its leading citizens.

Mr. Roe in his life played his part well. And that, fundamentally, is what all men would wish said of them.

ADULT FARM SCHOOL

In all forward steps some one is always first. In the proposed farm school for adults, Queen Anne's county is establishing the first organization of its type in Maryland.

Apart from a certain satisfaction in mere leadership, Queen Anne's should compliment the entire setup of the school.

It will have as instructors several of the leading agricultural experts in Maryland, all of whom are going to extra personal inconvenience to assist in the enterprise and to permit the school, in itself of an experimental nature as all first things are, to get a fair trial.

It is so planned as to give a general view of the problems of farm work, without dipping too deeply into particular and technical details.

It is designed to be of value to groups as diverse, in certain aspects, as young men fresh from school, out in farm work, on the one hand, and men with estates who wish to acquire a certain groundwork in agricultural life to permit them to manage those estates wisely. Practically every farmer may find something of value for himself in it.

In general there are two ways of learning. One is by doing, by the hard, thorough course of experience, by finding out through actual success or failure. The other is in academic fashion, through book or lecture in school.

The best learning combines these two. And the adult farm school, tying up actual farm experience with expert guidance, is in accord with this combination.

1936 PROGRESS

Good things as well as evil marked 1936. In transportation developments the year was a red-letter one.

It saw the first conquest of the Pacific Ocean by huge passenger and mail-carrying airplanes, the establishment of regular passenger service by lighter-than-air ships across the Atlantic with the time cut to less than sixty-two hours, and a passenger trip completely around the world by commercial carriers in less than nineteen days.

The huge Queen Mary was put into transatlantic service during 1936 and in August established a new crossing record for steamships of four days, seven hours. A train ferry was instituted across the English Channel.

The most important non-military highway of the year was that extending from the Texas border to Mexico City, formally opened July 1. Roads and railroads in extensive mileage have cut through Asia to open up that continent.

Two huge bridges to facilitate traffic were opened in the United States. The Tri-Borough Bridge in New York City, spanning Hell Gate, Little Hell Gate, the Harlem River and Bronx Kill has a total length of seventeen and a half miles with its approaches. The Bay Bridge connecting San Francisco and Oakland covers eleven miles, and includes a 1.400 cantilever section, the largest ever built.

Other bridges throughout the world, a few tunnels and canals, all serve to expedite traffic.

So the world moves.

In any particular section like Queen Anne's county these advances of transportation seem other folks business. Except for a particular point affected the same feeling is generally held.

Yet they have their importance for all sections. Big advances through the world ultimately lead to smaller, but necessary advances here. they inspire better roads, a desire for better water passage.

And they make man realize through the triumphs of other men how far the race is advanced from that of the beast.

PLAY SAFE

Of all advice, the mind of the American public today seems most callous to that urging them to play safe in traffic. Every one, naturally, tries his level best to be personally free from danger, or thinks that he does.

Yet the grim record of automobile fatalities shows that thousands each year are not as safe as they think they are. The death toll mounts up. Here in Queen Anne's county we consider ourselves as reasonably careful. The death rate from automobiles is relatively low. Fatalities for each of the past two years may be counted on the fingers of one hand.

Not so many deaths, in one sense; too many in the other.

For the nation as a whole, when the final figures for 1936 are made up it will very possibly be found that the automobile accident record for that year was the worst in motoring history. It may be record breaking from the standpoint of injuries and property damage as well as fatalities.

Will 1937 set up a new deadly record? The answer is up to those who drive cars and walk streets and highways.

We make our cars mechanically safer—and accidents increase. We apply the most advanced engineering knowledge to the problems of highway construction—and accidents increase. We stiffen our traffic laws—and accidents increase.

It is a telling commentary on our driving habits that the worst accidents involve cars in good condition operating on first-class highways under excellent weather conditions—not worn-out wrecks driving on icy pavement in a storm. There is a percentage of drivers who habitually exaggerate the "safety factor"—and the annual cost is 35,000 lives and hundreds of millions of dollars in property destruction.

The driver who steps on it—who weaves through congested traffic—who disdains traffic signals—who regards pedestrians as a nuisance to be run off the streets—this driver is responsible for mass manslaughter on an unprecedented scale. Will the American people continue to countenance his ravages?

PULLING PROFITS

Depression hits every one, says Rober Babson, noted economist and statistician, writing in the Rotarian magazine, while prosperity is always selective.

This summarizing sentence is worth bearing in mind by those businessmen who wish to pull profits from the present prosperous times and keep in the front rank of the successful.

In every group of businessmen, either in the nation at large or in Queen Anne's county, some will go ahead faster than others, get more out of better times.

For these Babson's ideas will have a certain weight. Advertising and selling, he believes, will play a tremendous part in the coming boom. "The minute the low point of a depression is reached and the turn toward better times comes, I become bullish on advertising."

Credits should be kept in order at all times. Doing business in the prosperous times ahead without sound accounting and finance methods would be like fighting fire with gasoline—any evil in the system will merely spread.

If you must borrow, says Babson, at least be free from debt one day each year. On the surface this is good advice. Actually, the larger the business, the less easily and wisely this may be done. Yet it is not a bad notion to keep the idea in mind.

As a goal it may be unattainable yet it is worth aiming at. It keeps the thoughts on the profits angle. In a period of business expansion it is just as important to work hard to secure profits as to work hard to avoid losses in a depression.

At the start of this impending boom, advices the economist, all have a new set of books to open. This is the time when every one starts from scratch, but some only scratch. The way to eliminate competition is not to meet it but to keep ahead of it.

As a rule, a man begins to bark at his fellow man when he realizes he is going to the dogs.—Atlanta Georgian.

THE Rambling Recorder

Thus far the winter is balancing up somewhat for the severity of the past three years. Temperatures remain mild, for January and the sky on several twilights has quite a suggestion of spring twilights. The absence of snow thus far has been remarkable. We have had rain in deluges, as Saturday showed, but rain goes away without leaving a blanket on the ground to sop up the heat of the sun.

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Pennsylvania this year is following the lead of Tennessee in putting the outline of its map on automobile license tags. But not quite. Tennessee uses the regular outline. Pennsylvania has to paint an orange border around its jagged perimeter.

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Clifton Green had a cylinder of unbreakable glass about a foot long Monday. A trio of girls dropped it gingerly on the sidewalk to see if it would shatter. It did not even chip. One girl slammed it against the sidewalk and against a brick wall without injuring it in the least. Whatever is in it besides the usual ingredients of glass, it was undoubtedly unbreakable against ordinary handling.

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It's possibly another sign of the better times on hand, but calendars are again widely distributed this year.

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Christmas was certainly a time for marriages in the county this year. In the entire month of December eighteen licenses were issued, a total which puts the month among the first three of the year. Of the eighteen, twelve were taken out during the four days from the 21st to the 24th. One couple, accidentally or otherwise, found 24 playing a prominent part in their license. The young people were each 24 years old and the date was December 24.

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As was anticipated, the county got its share of the wheat check money distributed by the government. On the day that the checks came out $13,000 was paid to county treasurer J. William Keith for taxes, of which perhaps $8,000 came from wheat checks.

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Tommy Pearson of Grasonville was a proud boy when he learned that he was the winner of a bicycle given away by the Carter & Yates company.

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Yesterday was "Little Christmas", usually called Christmas on the lower Shore and in Delaware. There was a time when many people had their holiday feast on that day. Some feast on both Christmas and Little Christmas. There are a number of explanations of Little Christmas, none of them entirely satisfactory. Some attributed them to the eleven "Lost Days" when the Gregorian calendar was instituted. But in Shakespeare's time before the Gregorian calendar the occasion was called Twelfth Night, and was celebrated. However, in farming communities an extra holiday in January will compensate somewhat for the many Saturday afternoons worked in summer.

RADIANT LIVING

THE MATTERHORN OF LOVE

By Rev. C. M. Griffeth
Pastor Calvary M. E. Church
Sudlersville, Md.

I often wonder if we ever realive as we should the supreme importance of love? Is not love God's highest will for man? If any man should ask: "What does God want me to do?" he is correctly answered when one replies: "God wants me to love."

When we speak of love we are, indeed, in the mountain country of God.

Many tourists often wait for several days in the Alpine villages, hoping that the clouds and mists that hovered about the stupenduous heights might break away sufficiently to afford them a glimpse of the glory of the sunkissed peaks.

But no less sublime are those peaks that are among the heights of God, especially the twin peaks of faith and hope which reach higher toward heaven than all other altitudes of goodness and of virtue; with the exception, however, of another whose studenduous height pierces heaven itself, the lofty Matterhorn of Love.

As a certain writer beautifully says: "To love Jesus and be conscious that He loves us is to experience the holiest and happiest emotion of the human heart. And naturally, the highest ideal of heavenly bliss is an eternal union with Him—to be where He is and to be like Him."

Who can read the Scriptures and not read of love?

When we turn to Romans we read: "Love one another with brotherly love." We turn to Galatians and read: "By love serve one another." We open Ephesians and read: "Walk in love, as Christ," We leaf over to Colossians and read: "Abound in love one to another." And to the Thessalonians and read: "Abound in love one to another." We turn to the beloved Apostle John and read: "God is love, and he that abideth in love abideth in God and God in him."

May we climb the heights of love!

THE POET'S CORNER

Our Hours

By Mary Fennimore Sheppard

Though night may shroud the verdant lane
The dawn enlivens it again;
And though our hopes and joy may fade
They do not die, and vows—when made—
Are sown, like seed, and so remain
To flower and fade and grow again.

And hours we thought would always be
An everlasting ecstasy;
The hours of hope—but unfulfilled—
Have faded, gone, and yet—unstilled—
As living memories remain
For—us—"We Two"—to live again.

Supplication

By Jocie Turbitt Sparks

How long, O Lord, how long?
Down through long ages—must it be,
O loving Jesus, that the nations
Take so long, so long to turn to Thee?

The generations pass, the ages roll,
And still sin takes its dreadful toll
Of brave young lives, of human wreckage, and of souls.

When comes Thy day? When will men realize
The saving virtue of Thy sacrifice,
The cure for human ills that therein lies?

Annual Report Cites Activities Of Queen Anne's Rural Women

Refreshing in the originality and attractiveness of its makeup the annual report of Miss Isabel Bewick as Home Demonstration Agent for Queen Anne's county is a record of achievement in the distaff side of the county farm life extremely comforting as a sign post of progress.

The report, meticulously compiled during the year and prepared almost entirely by hand, is not available for general distribution. One copy, however, was filed Monday in the office of the County Commissioners and, like other public records, may be viewed there. Other copies to the Extension Service at College Park and to the Department of Agriculture.

Included in the volume are statistics and summaries of the year's activities, copies of programs of events sponsored, plans for 1937, newspaper clippings, samples of circular letters, and a carefully chosen group of photographs of leaders in homemakers and 4-H activities.

The summary shows that twelve homemakers and three 4-H girl's clubs were organized during the year with a total membership of 360 in all clubs. Special activities sponsored included a county-wide meeting of homemakers, a canning exhibit, food show at Stevensville, a county-wide flower show at Centreville and a community flower show at Stevensville; a recreation school; a camp for girls in conjunction with Kent county; as well as regular meetings and club weeks at the University of Maryland.

Following the general policy of the Extension Service the Home Demonstration department cooperated widely with public and private organizations of the county.

A detailed list of statistics accounts for Miss Bewick's time throughout the year, down to each half day. The major project for the homemakers in 1936 was nutrition, with flower gardening and reading the chief minor ones. For the 4-H girls a group of objectives were set each aiming to make the clubs active and worthwhile. Brief summaries of each 4-H club are appended.

An unusual number of photographs are included, not only of leaders and of groups of girls in actual club work, but of exhibits at the flower and other shows. The Grasonville girls were given special mention for their collection of toys to be distributed at Christmas.

Miss Bewick has already received a letter of commendation on her report from Miss Venia M. Kellar, State Home Demonstration Agent and leader of the work in Maryland.

The Queen Anne's County Social Register

STEVENSVILLE

Mr. Byron Benton, of Philadelphia. spent the week-end with friends in town.

Mr. John Carr Norris, of Baltimore, was the guest over the week-end of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Norris.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cook were the guests several days during Christmas of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook.

Mr. Harry Breeding spent several days in Baltimore last week.

Mr. Billy Lowe spent several days in Baltimore last week as the guest of relatives.

Miss Elizabeth Stallings was the guest several days of Miss Ruth Kolata.

Mrs. Mary Stevens was the guest of Miss Annie Goodhand last Wednesday.

Miss Ella Shipley has returned to her home in Baltimore after spending several days as the guest of Mrs. William Lowe.

Misses Genevieve and Ruth Spry, of Hillsboro, spent several days last week with Miss Janet Breeding.

Mrs. Vernice Epperly and little son Billy, of Baltimore, were the week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James White.

Miss Lucille Legg returned to Nanticoke on Sunday to resume her work in teaching.

Mrs. Harry Tolson entertained at Pitch on Wednesday evening.

Miss Julia Norman, of Baltimore, was the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Norman

Mr. E. C. Tolson is visiting friends in Manteo, N. C.

Rev. James Langrall and mother, Mrs. M. L. Langrall, have returned home after a visit to Darien, Conn.

Misses Elizabeth and Anna Mae Price, Mrs. Frank Marlowe, Mrs. Katie Cook and Mr. Clinton White motored to Hagerstown last week.

The Ladies' Aid of Stevensville M. E. Church met at the home of Mrs. William Lowe on Thursday at 2:30 P. M.

Mrs. Archibald Legg entertained at "500" on Saturday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Barnes Legg, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Carville, Miss Mary Anne Carville, Mr. Wesley George, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Carter, Mr. and Mrs. John Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Clark, Miss Nancy Clark, and Miss Mary Legg.

Mr. and Mrs. Rip Rhor, of New York spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James White.

Mrs. Mary Harper and Master Bobby Hardesty have returned home after spending Christmas with Mrs. Eugene Hardesty in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Protzman, of Aurora Hills, Va., spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Herbert.

Mr. Edward Hopkins, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with his father, Mr. Daniel Hopkins.

Miss Lucille Legg spent several days last week as the guest of Miss Isabel North in Cambridge.

GRASONVILLE

Mrs. Nora Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Ruth, Miss Winifred Connelly and Mr. Carroll Connelly, of Baltimore, were holiday guests of Mrs. Josie Jones.

Miss Evelyn Smith spent a few days in Baltimore last week with relatives and friends.

Mr. Calvin Thomas of U. S. Army, Fort Howard, Md., spent the New Year's holiday with his father, Mr. Andrew Thomas.

Miss Rose Connelly spent last week in Baltimore with her father, Mr. Carroll Connelly.

Mrs. Hersey Hyland and daughter, Doris, of Washington, D. C. were the guests last week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parks.

Mr. Benjamin Jewell, of the University of Maryland, Colege Park, spent the New Year's holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jewell.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ireland were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Ireland and family in Baltimore.

Miss Esther Mitchison, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Harry O.Donnell.

Mr. Kenenth Porter visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Porter in Baltimore, over the week-end.

Mrs. Earl Coursey and sons Jackie and Jimmie, spent the week-end in Baltimore, where they visited Mr. Coursey in the Marine Hospital.

Mrs. Edward Eckstorm and son Webster, of Baltimore, spent one day last week with Mrs. Hilda E. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Horney and Mrs. Letty Phillips, of Tacoma Park, D. C., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Horney.

Mrs. Alice Moore and little daughter, Catherine Virginia, of Fairlee, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr .and Mrs. Charles R. Stafford.

Misses Beulah and Virginia King returned to their studies at Western Maryland College, Westminster, and Maryland State Normal School, Towson, after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard King.

Mrs. Marshall Smith spent a few days last week in Baltimore with her mother, Mrs. T. J. Haddaway, who is very ill.

Messrs. Francis Ireland, Arnold South, and Carl Smith, spent Sunday in Baltimore with relatives and friends.

Miss Edith Collier spent the week-end in Baltimore with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John H. White.

The Homemakers club of Grasonville will hold their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Horney on January 14, at 2 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Waltre Rowe and son, Junior, of Lansdowne, were week-end guests of relatives and friends in town.

Old Timers In Queen Anne's

Our "Old Timer" this week is youthful in age, but has had many years of active service and valuable service to Queen Anne's county, and is one of Centreville's most prominent and successful business men.

He is Norman P. Walters. who for twenty-two years has been engaged in the contracting and building business. First with his father, the late C. P. Walters, under the firm name of C. P. Walters & Son, and since the death of his father, eight years ago, as the head of the business under the firm name of Norman P. Walters.

"Old Timer" Walters was born February 28th, 1890, and is a son of Mrs. Nataline B. (Green) Walters, of Centreville, and the late C. P. Walters. As a boy he attended the Centreville public schools, and in 1906 was graduated from the Centreville High School.

After leaving school he was associated with his father for three years. and then went to Baltimore where he studied architecture for three years at the Maryland Institute. At the same time that he pursued his studies in Baltimore he was in the employ of the Thomson Chemical Company. In 1914 he returned to Centreville, and on March 1st of the same year became the partner of his father.

"Old Timer" Walters on June 20th, 1917, married Miss Dorothy Mae Walls, attractive daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John H. Walls, of Church Hill. They have two charming daughters, Mrs. Dorothy May Willis, who last spring became the bride of Thomas Bronson Willis, of Queenstown, and Miss Kathryn Elizabeth Walters, a student at Centreville High School.

Mr. Walters has twice been president of the Centreville High School Alumni Association and has served as secretary three times. As one of the early graduates of the institution, he has constantly retained a genuine interest and sincere affection for the school.

Since early manhood he has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity and in 1919 and 1923 was Master of the Centreville Lodge. He has been Secretary of the Lodge for the past nine years. and is now District Grand Inspector. At the recent annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Maryland he was elected Worshipful Grand Standard Bearer of that body.

When Centreville Rotary Club was organized in 1927, "Old Timer" Walters was one of the Charter members. He is a Past President and Past Secretary of this wide-awake service Club and holds the distinction of having a 100 per cent. attendance since the Club received its charter.

Since early boyhood he has been a consistent member of Centreville Methodist Episcopal Church, where he is a member of the Official Board, a member of the Choir, and Secretary of the Sunday School.

During the twenty-two years that he has engaged in the contracting and building business he has designed and constructed some of the finest homes in Queen Anne's county and adjoining counties, and is regarded as one of the most skilled artisans on the Eastern Shore.

"Old Timer" Walters has a most pleasing personality. Of sterling integrity, upright in his dealings, and painstaking in his business he has surrounded himself with a constantly widening circle of very warm and sincere friends.

More than 6000 different sizes and shapes of tin cans are manufactured in the United States.

The city man's idea of the wide open spaces is where there is about 10 feet between his car and the one ahead.

CHURCH HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Groome Eareckson, of Washington, D. C., were week-end guests of Mrs. Mary Grace and Mr. William Eareckson.

Miss Catherine Potts was in Balitmore part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Smith were host and hostess to a dinner at their home one day last week.

Mrs. Mattie Richards is visiting her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jane Richards, of Baltimore. She has been Mrs. Richard's guest for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Charles Smith returned to New Castle, Del., after spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith.

Miss Rose Clough went to Wilmington on Sunday where she will spend several weeks with her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pusey.

Mr. Bowen Tatman, of Lancaster, Pa., and Mr. Medford Kimble, of Wilmington, Del., were guests of Mrs. James Tatman and Miss Helen Tatman on Sunday.

Mrs. Hester Walls, of Price is visiting her aunts, Mrs. Fannie Walls and Miss Estelle Walls.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. T. Merrick were host and hostess at a dinner on New Year's Day. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Merrick, of Ingleside, and Miss Emily Straughn, of Sudlersville, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Merrick, Miss Lelia Dudley and Mr. Charles Merrick, of near Barclay and Misses Frances and Gertrude Merrick.

Mrs. Clay Stevens, of near Barclay, spent several days of last week with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Walls and Mr. Clyde Walls who were quite sick. Mrs. Stevens returned home on Sunday.

Misses Frances and Gertrude Merrick spent several days last week at Hershey, Pa., where they attended a convention on Journalism. They saw many places of interest while there.

Miss Marion Wallis, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wallis.

The Home Missionary Society of the Southern Methodist Church was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Everett last Thursday evening.

Miss Mary Coppage entertained Miss Olivia Woodring last Wednesday.

Mrs. Laura V. Robinson, of Centreville, spent the Christmas holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard White were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Maule, of Sudlersville, on Monday evening.

Mr. Charles Dudley has returned to Baltimore, after spending theholidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. S. Dudley.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Roe, of Denton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William T. Elliott.

Little Jean Valliant, of Centreville, spent part of last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Fannie Walls.

Misses Mary and Ruth Stant entertained a number of friends on New Year's Eve. They were Mr. and Mrs. John T. Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Royden Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walbert, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Jarvis, Mrs. Vernon Robinson, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Myrtle Cooke, Mr. Raymond Eareckson, Little Charlotte Stant and Anne Jarvis.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Long entertained Mrs. Long's brother and sister-in-law, and two sons, of Paoli, Pa., for the New Year's holidays.

Mrs. Lemuel McGinnis, of Barclay, and Mrs. William McGinnis, of near Chestertown, visited Mrs. Edward Phillips Thursday afternoon.

Miss Frances Merrick returned to Newtown, Pa., after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. T. Merrick.

Miss Helen Tatman spent one day last week in Wilmington.

Mr. E. W. Sterling, Mrs. Walton Childs and Mrs. Mary Grace spent Monday afternoon in Easton.

There were no services in the Methodist Church o nSunday due to the repair work which is being done on the church. They will have their regular services next Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Beauchamp and children Charles, Jr. and Catherine, of Delmar, were week-end guests of Misses Mary and Ruth Stant.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith and small daughter, Shirley Virginia, were guests of Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith on Sunday.

There have been quite a few moving in and around town in the past week.

Mrs. Florence Bolt, who makes her home with Mrs. E. S. Valliant is quite sick at this writing.

Mrs. Franklin Green, of Sudlersville, visited Miss Mabel Hall on Saturday evenings.

Misses Polly and Blanche Bowen returned Friday from a week's visit in Baltimore with their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Matthews, Jr.

Miss Eleanor Sterling spent Monday and Tuesday of Christmas week in Chestertown as the guest of her grandparents, Sheriff and Mrs. John Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Everett were guests last Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Roe, of Wilmington.

Misses Eleanor Dudley and Margaret Wiggins were Baltimore visitors last Thursday.

Miss Gladys Rebecca Aldridge, of Baltimore, spent part of last week as the guest of Miss Christine Catlin.

Mr. Edward Potter who is a student at a college in Georgia, spent the holidays with his wife.

Little Miss Jean Rigby Valliant was an overnight guest Thursday of her grandmother, Mrs. E. G. Walls.

Miss Harriett Price, of Baltimore, spent a few days with Mrs. Claude Mullikin last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Everett attended the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Everett, of Sudlersville, last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Katharine Johnson was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Massey over New Year's.

Miss Myrtle Price, of Chestertown, spent the week-end at her home here in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Smith and childrn, spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Carter, of Carmichael.

Miss Isabel Bewick, Home Demonstration Agent, held a meeting in Community Building Monday afternoon with the Project Demonstrators from each Homemakers Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Massey entertained at an annual turkey dinner on Sunday with the following present: Mr. and Mrs. George Redman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilpin, Mr. and Mrs. Will French and Mr. French, of Chestertown, Mr. James Hatcherson, of Philadelphia, Mr and Mrs. Albert Taney, of Glasgow, Del., Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Long and children, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Smith and son, Mr and Mrs. Chester Massey, Mrs. H. D. Massey, Sr., Mr. Medford Porter, Mr. Leon Massey, Mrs. Ella Scrivener and Miss Florence Foracker, of Church Hill.

R - U TELLING ME

By KING ANNE

The question of the day. How many New Year's resolutions have you made and how many of these do you intend to really keep?

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How well we remember the days of the silent movies . . . and the thrilling serials . . . the hero tied to a log and the villain pulling the control that would send the log and the human being through the big saw. Now as we look back we often think just how silly it all was . . . things like that could not have happened in real life. But . . . listen to this. Out in Sioux Falls, S. D., a bandit gang robbed a jewelry store. When it came time to split the loot, the gangsters quarrelled. A man and a girl in the mob were accused of "squawking". They were seized, taken to a powder shed and tied on a pile of explosives . . . five tons of dynamite and three tons of black powder. They lit a long fuse . . . the girl managed to escape but the man . . . well you can imagine what happened to him when the burning fuse reached eight tons of explosives. This is a real story . . . not a movie serial.

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We receive a fan letter. "Will you please explain your mention of the figure "30" in your paragraph about Arthur Brisbane in last weeks Record-Observer"? Our answer. Around a newspaper plant "30" indicates "the end". Thus when the paper is ready to go to press and all work for the day or week has finished, there is a general call of "30". It is therefore not unusual when referring to the death of a newspaperman to mention "30". In our column we said, "God speed him on his journey to eternal happiness where "30" is an unknown factor". Meaning . . . that we believe in the Great Hereafter there is no ending . . . that happiness and contentment goes on forever.

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Still another letter. "Can you tell me how to remove iodine stains"- The best advice that we can find on this subject is to use warm water and soap, alcohol or ammonia. If any of our readers has any better suggestion please advise.

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This column does not pretend to be a question and answer column, but it is open at all times to Record-Observer readers who might have some question to ask. The answers will of course be given after accurate information on the subject is first secured.

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About movies. The trend is toward color . . . natural color. But the studios are far off as to the securing of perfectly natural color in films. Recently several features have been released. We note a great improvement in coloring over past efforts. Recently we had the pleasure, in Baltimore, of witnessing a prevue of "God's Country And The Woman", soon to be shown here at the Opera House. We believe this picture has the most beautiful and natural coloring to date. We therefore urge you to see this picture, because in addition to it's coloring, it is very entertaining.

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Indians use to torture their victims unmercifully. That was many, many years ago. Now we are supposed to be civilized, but are we? We are of course, at the moment thinking about kidnappers. We wonder if the tortures of the men and women who braved the bad lands of the west. and were captured by the red men, were any worse than the mental tortures of a mother and father whose child has been snatched in the dead of night and carried away. Kidnapping is a death penalty, but even at that this form of crime still goes on. Possibly death in the chair is too easy for those guilty. Oh yes, we could think up lots of ways to dispose of those fiends. But yet, we are a civilized nation, or are we?

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Through the "Old Timers" column of the Record-Observer you are going to read more about two lovely Queen Anne's county people. Miss Nannie Pauline Keating and Miss Ida Mae Dodd, who now have retired from active school work, after years of service to the men and women of this county. We offer them a bouquet through this column this week, because they taught us much. They have taught many and are readily deserving of the fine tribut that was there's i ntheir write up in the "Old Timers" column.

WINTER SONG

Winter is best on a hill
At night, when the brittle air is still,
When taut and glassy branches mark
Luminous patterns on the dark,
And the stars are sharp and chill.

No, winter is best in town.—
When towers pierce the dusk with a crown
Of light, and shop-windows glow again
Like jewels on a frosty chain
Strung up the street and down.

Or is it best by the white
And frozen lake, when on the sight
There breaks at sunrise all the clear
Glitter of fire and ice? Or here
At the hearth, in candlelight?

—Anita Laurie Cushing

The Soviet Union leads all countries in the production and exportation of platinum.

The Red Sea is so colored because of the presence of multitudinous minute sea animals.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan McFarland entertained during the holidays their daughters, Miss Addie, of Baltimore, and Miss Peggy, of Wilmington, and their niece, Miss Helen White, who is a student at Western Maryland College.

Miss Dorothy Smallwood spnt part of her Christmas vacation in Milington as the guest of Miss Jones.

Abner *says*—

Once in a while we hear of a man who has been driven to drink, but the majority of 'em walk right up to the trough voluntarily.