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WatermenBusy; Kent Island In Cheerful Mood

Mussels Detract From Shoal Water Oysters. Prices Start At 30c

Kent Island watermen are enoying a fairly prosperous season despite the comparatively low prices, ordinary quality of oysters and the wide prevalence of mussels. Most of the watermen are at work, packing houses are all running, although not on the double shift that marked last fall, money is fairly plentiful, merchants are doing a good cash trade and the general atmosphere of the Island is cheerful.

Prices for oysters are running from 30c to 45c for Chester River oysters up to 60c for Wye River bivalves. Oysters are in fair quantity and watermen are catching from sixty to ninety bushels for a day's work, two men to a boat.

Practically all the shoal water oysters are overrun with mussels while the deep water oysters, though free from mussels, are in poor condition. The mussels are more of a problem to the packer than the tongers. While they cut the price per bushel to the tonger they also increase the apparent amount of bivalves in a catch. Some packers report losses on purchases of oysters when the mussels are more plentiful than they guessed. The oysters with the mussels average about four pints shucked to the bushel instead of five and a half or six pints.

All the packing houses are open and are employing about the same number of shuckers as last year. They are all operating on a single shift.

Packers say that the oysters being caught this year do not furnish much optimism for the future of oystering. Practically all of the catch is made up of young oysters which are just getting their growth and the supply is on a hand-to-mouth basis. Better stock has to be imported from New Jersey and other northern areas. The presence of mussels is something that happens every once in a while and is causing only temporary concern. Increased dominance of the Baltimore market upon Queen Anne's packers is partially blamed for the lower prices being paid.

Hallowe'en To Be Celebrated At Local Armory

October 29th, Set For Annual Bazaar Staged By The Parent-Teachers

Amid a riot of autumn leaves in multi-color, golden pumpkins, and rustling corn stalks, the witches on broom sticks, goblins, ghosts and black cats will hold a rendevous in the Centreville Armory at the annual Halowe'en bazaar on Friday, October 29th, staged under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers' Association of Centreville Grammar School.

Plans have gone forward rapidly for the affair and committees are striving to make this bazaar the biggest and best in the history of the annual event.

The entire evening from 5 p. m. to midnight will be devoted to entertainment. A public supper will be served, and booths for cake, candy, vegetables and fruit market will be open.

One entirely new feature will be the game room, where penny and nickel games suitable for both children and grown ups will be provided.

The chairmen of the committees are: General Chairman Mrs. Vachel Downes; Supper, Mrs. A. Sidney Gadd,Jr.; Dance, Mrs. Oliver C. Jones; Tickets, Mrs. Walter E. Woodford; Decorations, Mrs. Charles Barney; Games, Mrs. John Palmer Smith; Cake, Mrs. J. Elmer Anthony; Dishes, Mrs. Charles E. Anthony; Tables, Mrs. Frank Elzey; Candy, Franklin Wharton; Market, Mrs. Hampton E. Brown; Publicity, Mrs. Charles E. Anthony.

Following the supper the stage will be quickly cleared and the frivolities of the evening will follow in rapid succession, leading off with the Grand March by the Masqueraders.

Prizes will be awarded for the best child's costume under 12 years; best adults costume; the funniest, most comical, prettiest, most original, best child's solo dance, best adult solo dance, and best couple dance. The Judges will be named at a later date.

Kudner Agency To Advise On Duke's Tour

An announcement from New York says that the advertising agency of Arthur Kudner, Inc., has been retained to manage details of the American tour of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor as they study housing and working conditons in America. Employment of the advertising agency was specifically stated to have no commercial angles to the trip but was merely to be of an advisory nature.

Mr. Kudner maintains a home in Queen Anne's county and frequently commutes by plane between his home here and New York.

J. Millard Tawes Announces Candidacy For Comptroller

Crisfield Business Man Fires Opening Gun In Race As Comptroller William S. Gordy, Jr., Announces Retirement From Office. May Join Jackson

First in the field for the Democratic nomination for State Comptroller, J. Millard Tawes, clerk of circuit court for Somerset county and aggressive young business man of Crisfield, announced his candidacy this week shortly after the announcement by William S. Gordy, Jr., of Baltimore, present incumbent, that he will not again seek the office.

Mr. Gordy is now completing his fifth term as Comptroller and will round out nineteen years of service, a record-breaking total for State elective officers, at the close of his present term. Beyond stating that he was stepping out of the Comptrollership, Mr. Gordy gave no hint of his future plans. He has intimated on several occasions that he would like to be Governor and on at least two occasions incipient booms for his candidacy have been started, one in Western Maryland, the other in Wicomico county. Throughout the period of the Ritchie regime he was a wheelhorse on the State ticket and repeatedly rolled up landslide pluralities.

With Mr. Gordy out of the picture as Comptroller the announcement of Mr. Tawes was fore-ordained. Hints of his candidacy were emitted at the Tolchester rally this summer and his supporters have since been taking soundings throughout the Shore and the State.

Since no State tickets have been announced Mr. Tawes' alignment in the coming campaign is still speculative. It is known that his supporters in Somerset county are also backers of Mayor Howard W. Jackson and it is rumored on fairly good authority that if Mr. Tawes can show signs of strength he will be accorded a place on the Jackson ticket. The Mayor needs an Eastern Shore candidate to round out his ticket and the Eastern Shore is entitled to a place not only on a State ticket but on whichever ticket is the winning one.

Mr. Tawes comes from a family long active in business and political circles in Somerset county. He organized the Tawes Baking Company, is identified with other businesses, and is serving his second term as clerk of court, a Democrat elected in a Republican county. As president of the State Firemen's Association he has a wide acquaintance throughout the State.

Two years ago Mr. Tawes considered entering the field for Congress against Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough but withdrew from the contest early. He is well and favorably known in Queen Anne's county. Thus far, however, county political leaders are maintaining a waiting attitude on all party places except the Governorship. Some of Mayor Jackson's supporters in Queen Anne's, however, have definitely announced their acceptance of the Tawes' candidacy.

Candidate

J. MILARD TAWES

Holden - Shawn Nuptials Held In Pretty Setting

Queenstown Couple Married Under Floral Arch At McClyment Home

An attractive October wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bishop McClyment of Queenstown when Miss Nettie May Shawn, daughter of Harry D. Shawn and the late Mrs. Shawn, and Thomas Franklin Holden, all of Queenstown, pledged thier troth under a floral arch Saturday afternoon, October 9, at 3 o'clock.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Ray W. Kirwan of Bishopville, former pastor of the Queenstown M. E. Church. The matron of honor was Mrs. Bishop McClyment and the best man Edward Gooden.

The home was prettily decorated with an arch of laurel, pine and cut flowers against a blackground of laurel and pine with cut flowers arranged in various nooks.

The bride was atiired in brown and carried yellow chrysanthemums while the matron of honor wore rust and carried orange chrysanthemums.

Following the ceremony a light collation was served. Those present at the wedding inclidued Harry D. Shawn, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holden, Rev. and Mrs. Ray W. Kirwan, Charles E. Bishop and Miss Emily Bishop of Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Merton Shawn, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon R. Shawn, Edward Gooden and Mr. and Mrs. Bishop McClyment.

The young couple left for a short wedding trip and are making their home on the "My Lord's Gift Farm" where Mr. Holden is employed.

Jury Awards $7,500 Damage In Quimby Suit

After eight hours of deliberation following a three-day trial a Caroline county jury at Denton brought in a verdict Friday awarding Mrs. Mary E. Quimby, widow of the late James W. Quimby of Queenstown, damages of $7,500 in her suit against Frank C. Turner and A. Sydney Turner, co-partners trading as A. S. Turner and Sons of Chestertown. Mrs. Quimby had filed suit for $30,000 damages.

The suit was the outgrowth of the death of Mr. Quimby, who was instantly killed in a collision between his automobile and an oil truck owned by the Turner company near Queenstown on the Matapeake-Wye Mills highway on July 22, 1935. The truck was driven by T. A. Stradley who was exonerated by the coroner's jury impanelled for the inquest.

Earle's Chapel Wants Gift Of Organ, Piano

An appeal for an organ or a piano for use in church services is being made by the congregation of Earle's Chapel the colored church at Brownsville. Earle's Chapel was destroyed by fire spreading from burning brush nearly two years ago.

Work on rebuilding the structure started recently and with a building in sight, the congregation and the pastor, the Rev. T. R. Fletcher, are on the lookout for a donor of a usable organ or piano. Services are being held in the schoolhouse pending the completion of the Chapel.

Harry Russell Named Head Of Shore League

Chestertown Newspaperman To Succeed Tom Kibler. Milford Accepted

Harry S. Russell, Chestertown newspaper man who frequently acted as contact man and pinch hitter for J. Thomas Kibler during the 1937 baseball season, was elected president of the Eastern Shore League at the annual meeting of the board of directors held at Easton Sunday. Mr. Kibler who was president of the league during the season just ended and who was a leading figure in its organization, declined reelection because of ill-health.

Mr. Russell at 32 is known as an able newspaperman and one of the best sports writers on the Eastern Shore. He has been a close observer of several forms of sports from baseball to yachting, is an editor of the Shoreman magazine, and conducts (irregularly) a column in the Chestertown Enterprise under the sobriquet of the "Lancer."

Centrevile was represented at the league meeting by J. Patsy O'Rourke, director for the Centreville club and was accompanied by John W. Perry, J. Elmer Anthony and Joe O'Rourke.

The directors by a six-to-two vote ratified the transfer of the Crisfield franchise to Milford, Delaware, over the protests of a delegation of Crisfield baseball fans. At the close of the league season the Crisfield franchise was sold by Robert Clark, holder to the New York Giants and subsequently sold by the Giants to the Milford club.

The league season was extended to 112 games with the additional dozen games expected to be pinned on at the opening of the season.

A decision on the question of splitting gate receipts was postponed until the next meeting of the directors to be held at Easton on November 5.

The directors also discussed raising the salary limit from $1,000 a month to $1,200 and altering the player rules to permit nine rookies, three year-men and two class men. Under the league rules players who started organized ball in the league are considered rookies for two years which will permit the return of players who cavorted on the Shore this season but who are not yet ready to make a higher classification.

Mrs. Wolcott And Quartette On Program At Greensboro

Mrs. Milton Wolcott with her quartette, composed of four young Centrevillians furnished music last Tuesday evening for the meeting of the Federated Women's Clubs held at Greensboro in Caroline county. Those in the group are Misses Elizabeth Powell, Bessie Ireland, Peggy Wolcott and Warren Slemmer. Mrs. Wolcott is the pianist.

This group of young folks have been singing for the past two years in the choir of Centreville Methodist Episcopal Church, and have developed considerable talent, and are now in considerable demand for many events.

CONGRESSMAN TO SPEAK

Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough will address the Rally Day meeting to be held at old Busic Church in the upper part of the county, on Sunday, October 31st. The service will be held at 2:30 o'clock. The public is invited.

Edmund Tolson Leads State In Corn Judging

Centreville High School Boy Takes F. F. A. Competition At Frederick

Edmund Tolson, Centreville high school student, placed first in a field of about a hundred contestants in the state wide F. F. A. corn judging contest at Frederick Fair on Friday. Young Tolson amassed a total of 1386 points—a nearly perfect score—and took down a cash prize of $5.

The F. F. A. chapters of Centreville, Church Hill and Sudlersville high schools accompanied by Ralph Graham, vocation agriculture instructor at Church Hill and Sudlersville, attended the F. F. A. banquet held Thursday evening and competed in the judging contests the next day. Centreville entered two-man teams in corn, potato and dairy cattle judging while the other schools were represented in corn and dairy cattle judging only.

The Sudlersville teams placed tenth in both corn and dairy cattle judging. Individually William Powell was tenth in dairy judging and Elwood Walls eleventh in corn. Church Hill placed fourteenth in corn judging and thirty-first in dairy cattle. Centreville placed twentieth in corn judging, thirty-ninth in dairy cattle and twelfth in potato judging. Approximately forty-five teams from various chapters in the state were entered. Individually Centreville placed Tolson at the top of the corn judging and Donald McClyment tenth in potato judging.

Twenty boys were elected to the Maryland Farmer degree at the meeting and were awarded gold keys which in previous years were purchased by those honored. Included in the group were William McFarland of the Church Hill chapter and Thomas Stevens of the Sudlersville chapter.

The teams included, Church Hill — corn, Jennings Harrington, Richard Elburn, Marion Leiby, alternate. Dairy cattle, Edwin Crouch, John Hersey Hall, Kenneth Leverage, alternate.

Sudlersville—Corn, John W. Skinner, Elwood Walls, Perry King, alternate. Dairy cattle, William Powell, Theodore J. Walbert, John Ware, alternate.

Centreville — Corn, Edmund Tolson, Charles Collier. Dairy cattle, Jack Hollingsworth, Donald McClyment, Thomas Rhodes. Potato, Donald McClyment, Paul Foster.

Rally Day Services At Hayden M. P. Church

Special Rally Day services will be held at Hayden Methodist Protestant Church Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock instead of the usual schedule. The program is being arranged by Mrs. Clark Morris and Mrs. William Cook, and will include the members of the Sunday School.

The program will open with the singing of the hymn, "Onward Faithful Members", and wil[illegible]e recitations and songs by the cl[illegible], with a special sermon by the pas[illegible], Rev. L. Colvin Randall.

The children who will take part are: Elizabeth Kimbles, Jimmy Skinner, Bobby Larrimore, Donald Skinner, Betty Morris, Eddie Cook, Charles Larrimore, Paul Bostic, Virginia Bostic, Howard Cook, Mary Ethel Cook, Edna Coleman, Frances Stubbs, Betty Larrimore, Bobby Kimble, Lulu Mae Morris, Ellen Larrimore, Helen Roe, Leon Stubbs, Billy Cook, and Marie Bostic.

Mrs. William H. Cook and Mrs. Thomas Cook will also sing a solo.

QUEENSTOWN PING PONG

Thomas Smith presented the Queenstown Fire Company with a table tennis outfit Saturday to add to the recreation room at the fire house. The outfit got a stiff workout the same evenig and two ping pong teams headed by J. Reynolds Friel and Harry C. Reynolds were organized for a series of games. It was reported that a cup might be put up for the competition but the kind of cup or its contents was not stated.

Breakdown In Power Plant Plunges Town In Darkness

Alterations At Electric Plant In Final Stages

New Engine To Arrive This Week. Changes Require Another Month

With the arrival of an eight-cylinder Deisel engine scheduled for this week the operation for improving and enlarging the Centreville Electric Plant has about reached its final stage. The engine has just completed successfully its final week's test at the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company at Franklin, Pa. Work of setting it up here and final touches will require at least a month more.

A concrete bed ten feet thick with a generator pit, all about twenty-five feet long, has been prepared for the engine. Under the concrete thirty piles arranged in triple row have been sunk giving an extra forty feet support below the concrete.

The new engine will generate 575 kilowatts and will practically double the capacity of the plant. The present equipment consists of two engines generating a total of 600 kilowatts.

Five additional panels have been set up to permit seven circuits. Church Hill and Spaniard's Neck will be on separate circuits. The others will handle street lighting, Centreville and Pioneer Point lines. Splitting the street lighting circuit in halves is expected to eliminate noise that crept into radio sets. A frequency regulator is also to be installed to check fluctuations in current such as those which hitherto have prevented the use of electric clocks in Centreville.

Much trouble has been caused at the plant by the presence of magnesium and other impurities in the water which caused scaling in pipes used to cool engines, hindered their functioning and caused overheating. To reduce scaling a Marley spray system has been installed by which water used to cool the engines will be kept in a closed circuit, cooled in a series of pipes under a spray and transmitted by two 15-horsepower pumps. Heretofore the water has been in an open well and caught impurities from the air.

The new equipment is being installed by the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company and is expected to be completely installed ready for use by Thanksgiving.

Current Fails In Rush Hours Saturday Night

Broken Water Gasket, Frozen Cylinder Put Engines Out Of Commission

Centreville and territory supplied by the Centreville electric plant ripped a century off the calendar Saturday night and went back to candlelight days when a breakdown in both engines at the power plant cut off current for three hours and blanketed stores, motion picture houses and dwellings alike from 8 o'clock until 11. Coming at the rush hour of Saturday evening the interruption in current cut heavily into the business of merchants, a rapid survey showing only two merchants who found trade up to the usual.

The breakdown at the plant, the first serious one to occur in some fourteen years according to observers, was primarily due to the blowing out of a water gasket in the No. 1 engine Friday night when water was admitted to the base of the engine and caused its shut-off. With only one engine to take care of the Saturday and Saturday evening load the electric plant crew worked at top speed to get the No. 1 engine in shape. The load built up on the No. 2 engine eventually proved too much and a cylinder froze, throwing Centreville, Church Hill, Spaniard's Neck and adjacent territory into darkness.

Fortunately a bright moon permitted travel afoot for pedestrians. Business establishments however, had to meet the emergency as best they could. Stores selling candles, lamps, lanterns did an unexpected business.

At the jail it happened that the worst prisoners had been locked up for the night. A messenger was sent out to buy a lantern and the rest were tucked away with its beams.

At Epstein's store doors were promptly locked and business discontinued when the lights went out. After an hour's delay when indications were for a long period of darkness the establishment resumed business by candlelight. The County Dispensary used lights from a car parked outside and did some $25 worth of business by matchlight before the clerks tired of scratching matches and bought a pair of candles from a customer who had bought them to

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Little Theatre Season To Open

First Productions To Be Staged Nov. 4th And 5th

The Queen Anne's County Little Theatre Group will present their first entertainment of the season on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, November 4th and 5th, when three one-act plays wil be staged.

The productions will be "The Purple Door-Knob," by Walter Pritchard Eaton, a light heart warming comedy with three women as its only actors; the second play will be "The Twisty Windows," by Mary Parkington, a drama of the Russian Revolution, and the third "Pottery," by Holland Hudson. This is a fantastic satire on Grecian art. Both beauty and burlesque enter this delightful bit of comedy.

The cast which will be announced next week, includes some new members of the Little Theatre Group. The bill due to the good work of the actors and the selection of plays promises to furnish an evening's delightful entertainment.

Homemakers Adorn Memorial With Shrubs

The semi-circular plot around the Soldier's Memorial on the Courthouse Green was further landscaped and adorned Monday by the planitng of a number of specimens of horizontal juniper and Japanese yew set out under the auspices of the Queen Anne's County Homemakers Clubs.

The shrubbery was secured from funds derived at the Flower Mart last May from sale of plants donated to the Homemakers by Mrs. Helena S. Raskob. The chairman of the Homemakers' committee in charge of the planting was Mrs. E. O. Willis and the landscaping was done by the Eastern Shore Nurseries.

FARMER BREAKS LEG

Mr. Hiram Dudley, of Queen Anne fell and broke his leg Monday afternoon. The team is said tohave started as Mr. Dudley was descending from the drill after seeding wheat. The leg was set at Emergency Hospital, after which Mr. Dudley was taken to his home near Queen Anne.

Leaders Named For Convention

Ruthsburg To Entertain County Sunday Schools

With details of the program almost ready for announcement plans for the annual Queen Anne's County Sunday School Convention to be held at Ebenezer M. E. Church at Ruthsburg on Wednesday, November 3, are rapidly being completed.

Three leaders have been named in the preliminary announcement of the program. Rev. C. L. Robson, pastor of the Central M. E. Church, South, of Baltimore, will be in charge of the Young People's section. Rev. M. S. Reifsnyder, president of the Carroll County Council of Religious Education, will conduct a conference for pastors and superintendents. Miss Lillian E. McCormick, an executive of the State department of the Council of Churches and Religious Education, is to attend the sessions and assist in their conduct.

The convention which is interdenominational in character will consist of a session beginning at 2 p. m. to be followed by a twilight recess and a supper and short evening meeting. The afternoon session will include registration and a number of meetings of groups assembled according to their phases of Sunday School work.

Sudlersville Club Holds Fall Meeting

The Community Betterment Club of Sudlersville, held their October business meeting in the club room Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Aldred G. Walls, president was in the chair.

The club has recently bought a new Oil burner for their club room, and the Sudlersvile Town Commissioners have also bought one for the Community center. The floors of the club room have been done over during the summer, and everything is in readiness for the fall me[illegible]s.

LIONS' LISTEN

Joseph M. George gave a highly interesting talk on his trip to Mexico City at the dinner meeting of the Queenstown Lions last week. Last n[illegible]ght the Lions sat in on the Knights [illegible]ythias supper at Grasonville as a vari[illegible] from the regular routine.

Peacocks Will Strut At Game, Poultry Show

Federal, State, County Game Exhibits To Flank Poultry Displays

Details of the coming Queen Anne's County Poultry and Game Show to be held at Centreville Armory on November 10-11 and 12, are gradually making clearer the picture to be presented when the doors open on the spectacle that always draws throngs of county spectators.

The poultry section consisting of turkeys and chickens only will again hold the center of the drill floor. Around it on the sides and on the stage will be the game section, with each limited to practically the same size as last year.

In place of the wild turkey exhibit on the stage in 1936, a display of peacocks and peahens will be featured in a natural setting. A game exhibit from the county will be shown and in addition a state exhibit and one from Federal sources showing seafood as well as fish are expected.

Much of the color to the Show will be lent by the various game displays yet the poultry are to be given the main play. Ducks and geese will not be included because the waterfowl classes from Queen Anne's county have been too small to justify the competition.

With no commercial exhibits the main drillshed will be turned over to poultry and game. The baby chick and egg exhibit, an innovation this year, is to be held in the basement. In the expectation that this section will grow in importance it is tentatively planned to show it on the main floor in another year.

Talking motion pictures will again be shown this year at the Centreville Opera House. A new set of films will be used and will be shown by one of the nation's leading ornithologists. One performance will be held for children exclusively and another for adults.

A night when fishermen may have their innings has been added to the banquet program which will include the Poultry dinner on the first evening, the Game dinner the next evening and the Fishermen's dinner on the concluding night of the show.

One final innovation planned will set aside an afternoon when colored people wil be admitted to the Show.

HomemakersTo Meet At Little Theatre Friday

Miss Matilda Keating To Speak About Books. Canning Exhibit Planned

The Queen Anne's County Homemakers Clubs will hold their third annual county-wide meeting and canning exhibit at the Little Theatre Friday afternoon with the canning exhibit to open at 1 o'clock and the meeting scheduled to commence at 2.

The canning exhibit will feature single jar entries as different from the pair of jars required heretofore and all entries are desired by noon today, Thursday. Presidents of the various clubs have been collecting jars for exhibition and a fair number came in early this week. The jars which run through a wide list of foods will be judged by Miss Margaret McPheeters, food specialist of the Extension Service and Mrs. Roy H. Wilson, former home demonstration agent. Ribbons are to be awarded to winners.

Among the additonal features on the speaking program will be a short talk on libraries and library books by Miss Matilda B. Keating, librarian at the Centreville Free Public Library. An exhibit of library books will also be shown

Mrs. Franklin Everett is to preside at the meeting. Other speakers will be Miss Venia M. Kellar, State Demonstration Agent, and Mrs. Hester Bell Provenson, professor of public speaking at the University of Maryland and known to members of the Queen Anne's county Homemakers who have attended the Short Course. Club presidents will also make reports of the year's work of their clubs.

Demonstrations by 4-H girls, music by a quartette and group singing led by Mrs. Elmer Kessler will also mark the session.

Decorations being prepared by a committee consisting of Mrs. Claude Anthony, Mrs. I. Hill Anthony, Mrs. Carlton Sheubrooks, Mrs. F. Bennett Carter and Mrs. Benamin Hayden will employ corn stalks, pumpkins, autumn flowers and autumn leaves.

QUEENSTOWN NEGRO DIES

John Sheppard, elderly Queenstown negro, was found suffering from exposure Sunday morning and died the next day. He was about 70 years old. A well known character in and about Queenstown he had worked for a number of families in that vicinity and was employed by Griffin Embert in late years.