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Duke To Take Over Wye Hall? Nothing To It, Says Owner

W. H. Stillwell Puzzled That Rumor Won't Die. Plans For Wye Hall Restoration Sketched, Started Six Months Before King Abdicated

Flat and final contradiction was given this week to the persistent rumor which has been bobbing up in metropolitan and other newspapers of the country that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor would lease or purchase Wye Hall, the Wye Island estate now being restored by W. H. Stillwell, owner, and that the famous couple would thus become residents of Queen Anne's county.

In an exclusive interview given to the Record-Observer this week. Mr. Stillwell who has just returned from a several months' sojourn in Europe summarily denied the reports.

"There is no truth in it," Mr. Stillwell declared. "I purchased Wye Hall in February, 1936, and had my plans drafted for the restoration of Wye Hall and the work started on it six months before the Duke of Windsor abdicated the British throne. It will not be completed and ready for occupancy for some time.

"I am at a loss to know how such a report started and then continued the rounds of news agencies long after I had denied it," continued Mr. Stillwell. "Every part of it was an exaggeration, especially the cost of the house. It has given a wrong impression of me and my purpose in coming to the Eastern Shore.

"I am not going to develop a millionaire's estate at Wye Hall. I am rebuilding with a few changes the home of Governor Paca as conceived by the Colonial architect James Hoban. The preservation of Wye Hall I believe to be due the Eastern Shore and Queen Anne's county. I hope it will be accepted as such.

"Equally important, I expect to develop a practical, self-supporting dirt farm where any farmer in the county will be free to come."

Regarding the furore about the forthcoming visit of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor Mr. Stillwell remarked that one of his biggest surprises came from the foreman in charge of construction who reported that a continuous stream of cars from all parts of the East had visited the property in the past month to see the "American home of the Duke and Duchess". The owner also received word that airplanes from as far as New York have been wheeling and diving above his property and that some planes had been landing in a field of ripe soy beans.

The Wye Island estate comprises three farms with a total of eight hundred acres. The farm nearest Wye Island bridge is tenanted by John Mansfield and the farm adjoining it on the south by Henry Dodd, Jr.

Poultry School To Train Inspectors

Truslow Farm To Stage Session November 9

A poultry school under the auspices of the Maryland State Poultry Improvement Board and the first school of its kind to be held in Maryland will be conducted at the Truslow Poultry Far in upper Queen Anne's county near Chestertown on Tuesday, November 9 from 9 o'clock in the morning until 4 p. m.

Dr. Morley A. Jull, head of the Maryland State Poultry Department and formerly head of the United States poultry department will be in charge of the school whose purpose is to provide an intensive course in the selection and culling of poultry. Following the course those passing an examination will be awarded certificates as official state flock inspecting agents.

As the course is free and the number attending is limited to 100, those wishing to participate should make immediate application to Claude E. Truslow, chairman of the committee in charge. At the noon recess of the meeting sandwiches and coffee will be served.

Christmas Toys

It may seem a little early to talk about Christmas, but—again this year the Good Will Fire Company will conduct the annual Christmas distribution of toys among county children.

Most of the toys distributed are used or broken playthings which the firemen repair, paint and make serviceable.

Time is needed for the repair work so the firemen ask those who can contribute toys to send them in as early as possible—this week is none too soon. Last year a quantity of toys were donated in the last few days before the distribution, too late to be put in shape.

Those with toys to contribute may leave them with any firemen or at the Bartlett Hardware Store. If the distance is not too great the firemen will call for toys if notifed.

Rehearsals In Full Swing At Little Theatre

Three One-Act Sketches To Be Presented On November 17-18

The lights of the Little Theatre are burning brightly these nights with rehearsals in full swing for three one-act plays to be presented on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. November 17 and 18. The plays which provide a varied evening's entertainment include Walter Pritchard Eaton's "The Purple Door"; Mary Parkington's "The House With The Twisty Windows"; and "The Vanishing Princess.'

The curtain raiser, "The Purple Door", is a triangle play binding three women. It includes a bedridden invalid with an undaunted spirit and a wealth of imagination, played by Miss Lillie Rochester; a famous actress, played by Lucille Lutz; and the housekeeper-companion played by Eleanor Dudley. The vehicle is a recent addition to the one-act field and was written by one of the greatest critics and contemporary teachers of the drama.

The serious note in the program is sounded in the second play, "The House With the Twisty Windows." It deals with a group of British subjects held in a Russian prison during the Red terror while a spy is hunted. An Irish poet trapped with the party diverts his mates with a Cetlic fairy tale. The role of the poet, Derry Moore, will be played by A. Temple Blackwood with a supporting cast including Mrs. Blackwood, Miss Mary Parks, Miss Christine Catlin, George Pratt and Dudley Benton.

The final sketch relieving the tenseness and dramatic climax presents a magician's shop on Christmas Eve with the landlord a villian and the heroine another Cinderella. Fantasy rules the play and a stage setting in keeping with this mood will be designed and executed by Charles West. The cast is to consist of Miss Sara Catherine Roe, Ponder Norgen, Frank Willis and Bill Riggs.

Miss Lily Rochester will be in charge of the ticket sale; Mrs. A. A. M. Dewing, properties; Mrs. David Pitkin, costumes; and Robert Harrison, lighting and sound effects.

Sudlersville Girls To Mark Scout Week

Arrange Parties, Church Service, Annapolis Trip

A well rounded schedule for the observance of National Girl Scout Week has been prepared by the Sudlersville Girl Scouts, the events planned starting with a Halloween party and ending with a trip to Annapolis.

The Hallowe'en party will be held at the home of the Troop captain Friday evening. On Saturday the junior girls will enjoy a party at their Pioneer Unit at Higman's Pond.

The entire Troop in uniform is to attend services at Emanuel Episcopal Church in Chestertown on Sunday morning.

On Tuesday afternoon the Troop will give a tea in Cox Memorial Hall from 4 o'clock until 5. Mothers of the girls, members of the Community Club and other friends are to be invited. A silver offering will be accepted. The Town Commissioners permit the scouts to use Cox Hall rent free and the Community Club furnishes fuel. This fall the Commissioners have put in a new oil burner which adds much to the comfort of meetings and the girls wish to help in this extra expense.

The final event of the observance will be a trip to Annapolis on Saturday, Noveber 6, and will include attendance at the Navy-Columbia football game.

Miss Sarah Coppage Injured In Baltimore

Miss Sarah Coppage, formerly of this county, where she conducted a music class for many years, but more recently an employe at Rosewood Training School, at Owings Mills, was seriously Saturday, when she was struck by an automobile as she was leaving a bus in Baltimore.

She was taken to the South Baltimore General Hospital, where it was found she had suffered a fractured skull and other injuries. She is still in a critical condition.

Miss Coppage is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coppage, for many years residents of the Hayden and Price neighborhood. She is a sister of Mrs. Fred Seney, formerly of near Price, but more recently of Kent county.

WYE HALL SEEN FROM THE AIR

Public Health Nurses To Speak

Mrs. Green And Miss Moore On Regional Program

Mrs. Anne S. Green and Miss Madeline Moore, Public Health nurses for Queen Anne's county, will be among the speakers at the regional conference of public health physicians and nurses, held under the State Public Health Department in Denton, Wednesday of next week.

Health units of Dorchester, Talbot, Caroline, Queen Anne's, Kent and Cecil counties will attend the conferences which will begin at 9:30 o'clock.

The program has been arranged by Miss Catherine Corley, state nurse instructor, and Dr. J. H. Mason, Chief of the Bureau of Child Hygiene. Mrs. Jean Lossli, of Baltimore, state nutritionist of the Bureau of Child Hygiene, will speak on "Nutrition of the Young Child," and Miss Mary J. Graney, of Dorchester, will give a demonstration of the care of premature infants.

Mrs. Gren's subject will be "Mental Health of Young Children," while Miss Moore will analyze the infant situation in Queen Anne's county. Dr. George Waters, Caroline County Health Physician will be host to the group.

Theatre Man Wrecks Car Avoiding Walker

Harry T. Green, Manager of the Queen Theatre at Queenstown, narrowly escaped serious injuries when he wrecked a Terraplane in an attempt to avoid striking James Thomas, a pedestrian, on the Chester-Sudlersville highway Saturday evening.

As Mr. Green was driving to Love Point he met a string of cars coming from Stevensville. The bright lights of the last car blinded him and he was within eight feet of Thomas before he saw the latter. When Mr. Green swung the wheel the car turned over several times and struck a telephone pole. Thomas was hit by the fender and knocked in to a ditch but except for a cut forehead was not seriously injured.

The theatre manager was badly shaken up and bruised and suffered a nervous shock but was otherwise unharmed.

P-TA Ready For Annual Bazaar

Hallowe'en Frolic And Supper At Local Armory

The stage is set at the Centreville Armory for the Hallowe'en Bazaar to be held tomorrow night in Centreville Armory, under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers Association of Centreville Grammar School.

The activities will take place among the orange and brown and gold of autumn leaves, corn stalks, and golden pumpkins.

Mrs. Charles Barney, chairman of decorations is being assisted by Prof. Letha E. Taylor, Agricultural teacher at Centreville high school and his class of F. F. A. boys.

Much interest is being shown by the young people of the community who are planning to spend the evenings and enjoy the masquerading. The business houses of Centreville are cooperating by donating valuable prizes which will be awarded for the following:Best child's costume under 3 years; best adult costume, funniest costume, most original costume, best solo dance and best couple dance.

Mrs. Oliver C. Jones chairman of the Dance committee has announced the judges. They will be Mrs. W. Urie Cross, of Queenstown; Allan B. Lane, and Robert T. Newell, of Centreville.

The members of the Good Will Fire Company will act as marshals and will also attend the supper in a body.

Joe Evans, K. W. Baker Attend Safety Meeting

Representative Joseph W. A. Evans and Kenneth W. Baker, representing the Rotary Club, attended the dinner meeting of the Maryland Highway Safety Planning Council held at the Southern Hotel in Baltimore Wednesday noon.

Governor Harry W. Nice spoke at the meeting, urged that no trace of politics be allowed to mar the safety planning and advised improved Maryland roads as one possible aid. Dr. S. S. Steinberg, who also spoke, gave three recommendations—creating foolproof highways, eliminating fools from highways, development of good driving and walking.

New Home Of Barton Brothers To Be Formally Opened Saturday

Steady Success Marked Career Of Enterprise Since Modest Start 25 Years Ago. Both Partners Expert Craftsmen, Able Energetic Business Men

Over and over again the success of business enterprises in America, whether they be on mammoth or modest scales, is summed up in the old maxim that great oaks from little acorns grow.

So it has been with the establishment of the Barton Brothers, now opening a new home for their furniture and funeral directing businesses.

It is twenty-five years since the partners, W. Marvin Barton and W. Edward Barton, embarked in business. During that time they have occupied two locations, outgrowing each as the steady business virtues of energy, thought, care and integrity brought in its harvest of increasing trade and widening clientele.

A beautiful new home on Water street, planned and designed by the members of the firm, is to have its grand opening on Saturday. On that day from 10 a. m. until 10 p. m., the Barton Brothers will have open house when the public is invited to visit and inspect the building. Both the furniture departments and the funeral service departments including the attractive chapel will be available for inspection. Tea will be served from 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon by the Centreville Food Market.

The present establishment of the Barton Brothers grew from an unpretentious beginning, fired by the confidence of two brothers in their craftsmanship and ability. The history of the firm is that of two men now partners in its successful enterprise.

William Marvin Barton and William Edward Barton, sons of the late William J. Barton, were born on the home farm near Queen Anne. On their father's side they are descended from an old Queen Anne's family; on their mother's an old Talbot county family.

While they were yet boys the family

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November Term Opens Monday; Docket Light

Judge Knotts May Deliver Charge To Jury. One Homicide Listed

The opening of the November term of Circuit Court will find the customary light dockets awaiting action in both the criminal and civil sides, the criminal docket including 5 trials, 23 appeals and 11 recognizances and the civil docket 17 trials, 15 appearances, 4 appeals and 4 petitions.

The ury list is to be completed by the drawing of three names to fill vacancies, the drawing to be made by Judge J. Owen Knotts, who is also expected to deliver the charge to the jury.

Among the criminal trials listed is that of Charles Pritchett accused of killing Marion Wilmer with a shotgun. Included in the criminal appeals is that of Ella B. Cohey, charged with assault and battery upon Internal Revenue Agent William T. Roe; George V. Clough, violation of the county liquor laws; Charles Cohey, improper tags and lack of insurance registration; Lonza Puckett, reckless driving; and Ashway Tilghman, assault and battery upon Thomas Seward.

The jury list with an additional name to be drawn in each of the First, Second and Seventh districts is as follows:

First District—Charles W. Anderson, Paul W. Phillips, W. Herbert Knotts, Spencer Walls, Grover C. Milbourne, Louis Anderson, Dudley G. Roe, Jr.

Second District—James F. Hall, Carroll F. Leverage, G. Vickers Holingsworth, Oden L. Coppage, Walter L. Elburne.

Third District—Charles M. West, R. Bascom Eaton, J. Grant Yates, John Goldsborough, F. Bennett Carter, Mordecai Price, J. Hall Barton, Dulin O. Clark, Charles C. Mickle, Jr.

Fourth District—Medford E. Golt, Walter Denny, John M. Norman, Harry T. Norman, Whitefield Coleman.

Fifth District—Thomas Marsalis, Max C. Sherman, Algernon Carter, Marmaduke G. White, Carroll C. Pierson, W. Howard Greaves, Frank S. Delahay, Oscar Smith, W. Hazel Dudley.

Sixth District — James Cronshaw, Howard A. Emory, Charles E. Cannon, Otto M. Cahall, S. Lee Quimby.

Sevent District — Charles W. Nickerson, Charles Stevens, C. Ernest Sparks, Jesse C. Ryland, F. Clayton Stevens.

Annual Exhibit Of Homemakers Held On Friday

University Of Maryland Officials Among The Speakers

With Miss Venia M. Kellar, State Demonstration Agent; Miss Margaret McPheeters Food Specialist and Mrs. Hester Bell Provenson, professor of Public Speaking all of the University of Maryland, on the program; and Miss Matilda B. Keating, Librarian at the Centreville Public Library also one of the speakers, the third annual meeting and canning exhibit of the Queen Anne's County Homemakers Clubs was held last Friday at the Little Theatre, Centreville.

Mrs. Claude B. Anthony, Chairman of the decorating committee composed of Mrs. I. Hill Anthony, Mrs. Carlton Sheubrooks, Mrs. F. Bennett Carter and Mrs. Benamin F. Hayden, with the assistance of Prof. Letha E. Taylor, and his Future Farmers of America, had attractively decorated the theatre for the event. Shocks of corn, autumn leaves, autumn flowers and pumpkins were used in the decorations and made a perfect setting for the exhibit.

Mrs. Franklin Everett, of Church Hill, presided at the meeting and introduced the speakers. Mrs. Provensen gave an interesting talk in which she praised the club members for their fine cooperation in making the exhibit such a splendid success, with ribbons being the only reward offered.

Miss McPheeters judged the exhibits, and stated that although the exhibit was not any larger than in previous years, there was a marked improvement in the quality of exhibits.

Miss Keating's talk included a review of a number of books now to be found in the Centreville Library, many of which would be interesting to club members on gardening and house furnishings. She also gave a review of Anne Lindbergh's book, "North to the Orient."

The program also included group singing led by Mrs. Elmer H. Kessler and a quartette by Mrs. Benamin F. Hayden, Mrs. F. Bennett Carter, Mrs. Wendell E. Shawn and Mrs. Milton Wolcott.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Jerry Cahill of Centreville was the winner of the radio raffleo off in connection with the Knights of Pythias dinner on Wednesday evening of last week while Bennie Lane of Queenstown won the lovey-dovey cake also raffled.

Commissioners Map Road Program In Conference

State Road Officials Visit Centreville For Conference With County Board. $37,300 Set For Dirt Road Maintenance; New Stretches Planned

The Queen Anne's county dirt road maintenance and new construction program for the ensuing twelve months was licked into shape at a conference between officials of the State Roads Comission and the Board of County Commissioners at the latter's office in the Courthouse early Wednesday afternoon.

The visiting group included Dr. Homer E. Tabler, chairman of the State Roads Commission; Frank F. Luthardt and C. Nice Wilkinson, members of the Commission; Nathan L. Smith, chief engineer of the Commission; Robert M. Reindollar, assistant chief engineer; William A. Codd, auditor; Rolph Townshend, district engineer; and Russell Summers, county road engineer for Talbot and Queen Anne's.

County Commissioners Joseph M. George, Charles I. Boyle and J. Sudler Cockey were each in attendance.

The State Roads Commission set aside and dedicated $37,300 for dirt roads maintenance in Queen Anne's during the ensuing year. The Commission was inclined to prefer higher allocation for this purpose but the County Commissioners agreed to augment the above figure by funds from the county treasury in order that a larger portion of the State funds might be available for new construction.

A program of new construction items was drawn up including the tar surfacing of 1½ miles of slag road already put in on the Ruthsburg road from Centreville following which that portion will be taken over for maintenance by the State; an additional 1½ miles of new construction on the same Ruthsburg road of a type which the State will take over and maintain; 1½ miles of mixed-in-place asphalt on the road from Barclay toward Templeville; and approximately one mile of mixed-in-place asphalt on the road from Crumpton toward McGinnis Corner.

The County Commissioners plan under the maintenance program to gravel surface aproximately fifty miles of county roads within the coming twelve months.

The State Roads Commission highly commended the County Commissioners for their cooperation and auxiliary road program which they said was an exception among Maryland counties.

In the conference the county board laid great stress upon the necessity of widening the highway from Matapeake to Queenstown and especially from Stevensville to Queenstown. Dr. Tabler assured the commissioners that this road would be included in the State Roads body's recommendations but that the whole road program was so involved at the present time that he could not possibly tell where allocations would be made. He stated that improvement of

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Slightly Improved

EDWIN H. BROWN, JR.

Confined to his bed with illness for the past two weeks, State's Attorney Edwin H. Brown, Jr., was reported slightly improved Wednesday, able to sit up for a brief period.

County Pastors To Lead Prayer At Convention

County Church Group To Hold Annual Meeting At Ruthsburg

The annual convention of the Queen Anne's County Council of Religious Education will be held at Ebenezer M. E. Church at Ruthsburg, Wednesday, Nov. 3, with the Rev. S. M. Iglehart of the council presiding.

The afternoon session will open at 2 o'clock with worship conducted by the Rev. L. Colvin Randall, pastor of the Grace Centreville M. P. Circuit and the Rev. Charles W. Spry, pastor of the Hillsboro and Ebenezer M. E. churches.

Following an address on "Parental Education" by Miss Lillian E. McCormick of the staff of the Council of Churches and Christian Education of Maryland and Delaware, a series of group conferences will be held. Rev. M. S. Reifsnyder, president of the Carroll County Council of Religious Education will conduct a conference for pastors and superintendents. Miss McCormick will head the session devoted to the children's department while the Rev. C. L. Robson, pastor of Sudbrook M. E. Church, South, of Baltimore, will have charge of the Young People's section. Rev. M. P. Schauer, pastor of the Kent Island-Wye M. P. circuit, will lead the adult conference.

With the entire convention reassembling for singing and a business session, Rev. Mr. Robson will speak at 4:30 p. m. on "The Heart and the Hope of the Teacher's Task". Special music will follow after which the Rev. C. M. Griffeth, pastor of Calvary M. E. Church of Sudlersville, will offer the closing prayer of the afternoon session.

The evening session will commence at 7:15 with a song service and worship led by the Rev. J. M. York, pastor of Queen Anne M. E. Church, South. Miss McCormick is to discuss the formation of a state-wide Council of Churches following which newly elected officers will be installed.

The chief address of the evening will be given by the Rev. Mr. Reifsnyder who will speak on "The New Economy for Today." The closing prayer will be offered by the Rev. James Langrall, pastor of the Kent Island M. E. Circuit.

Between the sessions supper will be served by the Ladies' Aid of Ebenezer Church in the Ruthsburg Community Hall.

During the afternoon session the Rev. G. H. Murphy of Wye Mills M. E. Church will sing two solos, "Are Ye Able", and "My Task". Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Iglehart of Ingleside will be heard in a duet at the evening session.

Grasonville 4-H Club Holds Monthy Meeting

The Grasonville 4-H Club met Thursday at the Grasonville school. Two future parties were discussed. They will be a Hallowe'en party for the club members, and the County 4-H banquet to be held soon. Each member also drew her 4-H sister for the coming year.

Miss Ruby Kirk, Home Demonstration Agent gave a talk on the 4-H Clothing Demonstration at College Park. The meeting closed with the singing of "The Upward Trail" and "Follow The Gleam."

Classes, Awards Announced For Poultry Show

Trophies Posted For Best Turkey, Chicken Exhibited In Show

Generally conceded to be the finest and most attractive show of its kind in Maryland, the Queen Anne's County Poultry and Game Show to be held at the Armory on November 10, 11, and 12 will present a combination of exhibits of poultry, game and fish, a showing of one of the newest set of films of American game bird life, a group of dinners and a galaxy of speakers and judges to top rank in their particular fileds.

This week marks the final date for entries into the Show. From the standpoint of competition most of the activity will center on the Poultry section comprising turkeys and chickens.

Two best of the show trophies are to be awarded. The best chicken will take down a trophy presented by the Queen Anne's County Poultry and Game Association, to be permanently held only when won three times by an exhibitor. The Latshaw trophy will be awarded to the best turkey exhibited.

Below is given a list of the classes, prizes and donors of the prizes:

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Chicken in Show—County Association Trophy, (to be won three years o become the property of the exhibitor.) County Poultry and Game Association.

Best Turkey in Show — Latshaw Trophy—G. Myron Latshaw.

TO EXCHANGE PULPITS

Rev. C. M. Griffeth, pastor of Calvary M. E. Church at Sudlersville and the Rev. Harry V. Branford, pastor of Centreville M. E. Church, will exchange pulpits Sunday evening, with Rev. Mr. Griffeths speaking at Centreville and Rev. Mr. Branford at Calvary Church.