UP AND DOWN THE Eastern Shore

Winter Always Comes

St. Michaels—Frost finally halted a York Imperial apple tree owned by Mrs. William Sevier in its attempt to produce a second crop of fruit in one year. The apples had attained a fair size before the recent freeze killed them.

Flood Tide

Chisfield—An unusually heavy tide swept in over the waterfront left the lower business section of town coated with three inches of ice when cold and a snow storm trapped the water before the tide ebbed. Boats loaded with oyster shells were forced to stop unloading when the tide lifted boats to the top of the docks.

Green Gunning

Salisbury—Mistletoe gatherers are developing good aim and saving themselves a job of climbing. Instead of shinnying up after kiss-greens, certain gatherers shoot at the base of a bunch, bring the mistletoe down without real work.

Poultry Rustlers

Denton—Poultry thieves believed to operate with a truck stole thirty-two turkeys and sixty chickens from the farm of William A. Davis near Hobbs while the family was in Denton shopping. The robbers took all the turkeys roosting on a fence but missed a dozen in a tree. They also passed up a blind rooster and six old hens in the henhouse.

Don't Respect Wheels

Salisbury—Bicycle thefts bulk large on the police blotter. Recovery of two bikes recently brought the total recoveries by the police in the past two years up to 146. A bicycle licensing campaign worked out by N. H .Holland, police chief, has cut thefts 50% during 1937.

Filling The Meat House

Federalsburg—Farmers grow big hogs near here. J. A. Nichols butchered a hog that dressed 440 pounds. His next door neighbor, Ed Venable, killed two that dressed 430 and 402 pounds. The hogs were raised this year.

Fire Sweeps Office

Berlin—Fire believed to have started from hot ashes igniting paper destroyed the main office building of Harrison's Nurseries, caused damage of $20,000. When a frozen fire siren prevented the usual summons of firemen, Hale Harrison, president of the firm, went to the fire house and drove out one truck with Night Officer Taylor piloting the other. They used their voices and truck sirens to arouse company members. A high wind, driving snowstorm and frozen hydrant hampered the firemen.. Included in the loss were three new unused tractors and a mailing list gathered in a half century of business. The late Senator Orlando Harirson conducted the business for many years.

Shirt Factory Closes

Easton—About 125 employees of the shirt factory here were thrown out of work when the company transferred its machinery and business to a Kentucky town. The company which agreed to operate for five years in return for free use of a municipally owned building posted $5,000 to cover possible charges against it for pulling out three years too soon.

Home Bank Robbed

Newark—Cracksmen believed to have been amateurs burglarized the Home Bank here, took about $275 in small change, rifled a half dozen safe deposit boxes and wreaked damage at $1,500 in their efforts to penetrate the safes. The main vault door and outside doors on two safes inside the vault were burned off. The inside doors were not cracked either because the yeggs were scared off or ran out of acetylene.

Attorney's Body Found

Chestertown—Apparently dead for several days, the body of William H. Medders, 33-year-old attorney, was found slumped behind the steering wheel in a ravine near here with a bullett wound through the heart. A ten-year-old boy roaming the woods looking at his traps made the discovery. A few weeks ago Mr. Medders narrowly escaped asphyxiation by carbon monoxide in his garage at Still Pond.

Add Firemen's Jogs

Elkton—Three days up a tree and in danger of freezing to death a prize Persian cat owned by Mrs. Ethel Rowe was rescued by firemen who got out ladders and hauled pussy down. .

Referendum Legal

Snow Hill—Ruling that parts of two county liquor laws affecting distribution of profits of Worcester county dispensaries should be submitted to voters at the 1938 election Judge Linwood L. Clark of the Anne Arundel court said he would issue writs of mandamus directing Secretary of State E. Ray Jones to place the sections on the ballot. The sections would split profits between the county and the four towns. Referendum petitions filed against the petitions were ruled out by Attorney-General Herbert O'Connor.

Eight-Car Crash

North East—One man was seriously hurt and two others injured when eight automobiles figured in a single crack-up near here. The first of a string of six cars being driven to Philadelphia collided with an oncoming car, the five behind piled in while still another crashed in from the opposite side. The drivers of the first two cars involved were among those injured.

LOVERS IN A DAFFY FILM

John Trent and Shirley Ross carry the heart interest in "Blossoms on Broadway", a merry comedy of cheating cheaters. The film is stuffed with amusing insanities like the famous comedians Weber and Fields putting on an ancient Greek Opera and Rufe Davis doing his trick sounds. The musical comedy comes to the Queen Theatre on Thursday and Friday evenings of next week.

When Rudyard Kipling Was A Cub Reporter In India

When Rudyard Kipling was nearly seventeen years old, but looked five years older and actually wore whiskers, he returned from England to India and got a job as reporter on the one daily paper of the Punjab. For three years he hated the man who was his chief, but later in life he wrote: "The little I ever acquired of accuracy, the habit of trying at least to verify references, and some knack of sticking to desk work, I owe wholly to Stephen Wheeler."

Chapter III of his book, Something of Myself (Doubleday-Doran), is one likely to prove most interesting to newspapermen. Kipling says he never worked less than ten hours a day and seldom less than fifteen. He discovered that a man can work with a temperature of 104, even though the next day he has to ask the office who wrote the article.

Apparently he learned more at the Punjab Club, where bachelors for the most part gathered to eat meals, than he had learned at his school in England. At that club he met none except picked men at their definite work—civilian, army, education, canals forestry, engineering, irrigation, railway, medicine and law. Naturaly each of them talked his own shop. . If Kipling in any of his reports made a mistake, these men pounced upon him and filled him up with accurate information. That club was better than most colleges.

The native compositors "followed copy" without knowing one word of English. Hence, as Kipling says, "glorious and sometimes unseen misprints." The proofreaders drank, and even went so far as to have D. T.'s.

Kipling's first bribe was offered to him at the age of nineteen. He was visiting a Native State, where the concern of the adminstration was to get more guns of honor added to the ruler's official salute when he visited British Indies. Feeling that even a roving correspondent's good-will might be useful, an official sent Kipling a 500 rupee note and a cashmere shawl hidden in a basket of fruit. As the sender was of high caste, Kipling returned the gift at the hands of a camp-sweeper who was not.

When Kipling returned to the home office, he found that his chief had fever. Among the editorial correspondence from this Native State was a letter setting forth the record of the young reporter, who, it seemed, had broken all the rules in the decalogue in every detail from rape to theft. Kipling must have chuckled when he wrote back that, as acting editor, he had received the complaint and would investigate, but they must expect him to be biased because he was the person complained of.

Kipling was still a young man when he learned that his editor was not wholly a free agent. Once when Kipling entered the long shabby dining room at the Punjab Club, every one hissed. He did'nt know why he was hissed, but was told that it was because of a dishonest editorial which had appeared in his paper. Some one said, kindly: "You damned young ass! Don't you know that your paper has the government printing contract?" Kipling says he did know it, but he had never before put two and two together. A few months later one of his two chief proprietors received the decoration that made him a Knight. The reporter was learning things.

On hot nights when he couldn't sleep, Kipling used to wander till dawn in all manner of odd places: liquor shops, gambling and opium dens, wayside entertainments such as puppet shows, native dances, and the like. Then he would return home "just as the light broke, in some night-hawk of a hired carriage which stank of hookah-fumes, jasmine flowers and sandalwood. And, if the driver were moved to talk he told one a good deal."—Shining Lines.

HILLSBORO

Miss Nancy Jane Kline and Miss Anne Jones, of Salisbury, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Kline.

Mr. Henry Fisher, of Red Bank, N. J., spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Fisher.

Mrs. Olin Hunter, son and daughter, of Centreville, were supper guests of Mrs. H. R. Covell, Monday evening.

Mr. William Short, of Chester, Pa., was the week-end guest of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Short.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Russell, are spending a few days with their son-in-law and daugther, Mr.. and Mrs. James Price, of near Cordova.

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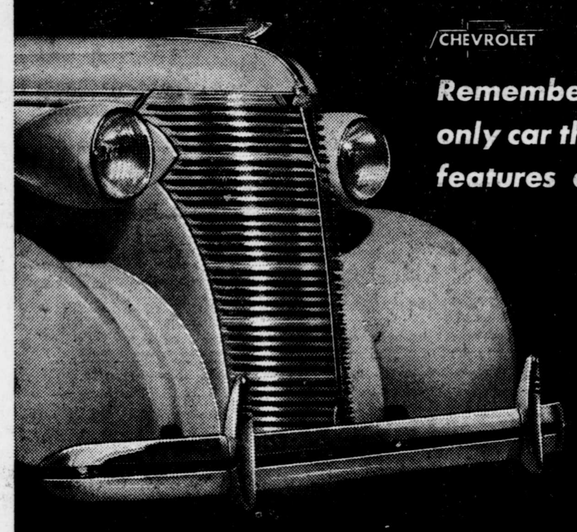

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