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Children's Aid To Open Drive NextWednesday

Goal Of $600 Sought. Mrs. Paul Brown Heads Committee. Aides Chosen

The Queen Anne's County Branch of the Maryland Children's Aid Society will open a drive for members next Wednesday to continue until the end of March. A fund of between $600 and $700 is desired and all who contribute from one dollar upwards will be included in the membership in order to increase interest in the society.

Mrs. J. Paul Brown is chairman of the drive committee, assisted by Mrs. E. Hall Covell, secretary; Mrs. Gurdon Buck, treasurer; and Mrs. A. Temple Blackwood, publicity. Sub-chairmen for each Election District include First, Mrs. Clifford Harbidge; Second, Mrs. Walter C. Eastburn; Third, Mrs. E. Hall Covell; Fourth, Mrs. Lee Bell; Fifth, Mrs. Richard Davidson; Sixth, Mrs. Horace Morgan; Seventh, Mrs. Spencer Merrick.

The county branch is sponsoring the play, "The Torch Bearers" which is to be presented on Thursday and Friday evenings of the coming week at the Little Theatre to start the drive. Mrs. Gurdon Buck is chairman of the committee on tickets and reserved seats.

The goal of about $600 this year was set by the amount spent during the past twelve months, thereby keeping intact a small reserve fund to meet emergencies such as prolonged illness of a child or board for a short time in an exigency. Board and lodging of dependent children under care is paid for by the County.

All funds raised in the drive are to remain in Queen Anne's to be used for county children.

The Society cares only for children who have to be removed from their own homes because of neglect, cruelty or evil influences. No other agency does this work in the county. Children who can remain at their own homes or with close relatives are provided for by the Welfare office.

Phillips Packing Buys Cannery At Willoughby

Acquires Property Of Bankrupt Talbot Company. Plants Open This Year

Adding to its list of canneries in Maryland and Delaware The Phillips Packing Company of Cambridge purchased the Cordova and Willoughby packing plants of the Talbot Packing and Preserving Company which were auctioned at a mortgage sale at Easton Saturday. The property was knocked down for $38,700.

Acquisition of the Cordova plant, third largest on the Eastern Shore, and the plant at Willoughby in Queen Anne's County, increases to 19 the number of packing and canning factories operated by the Phillips Company on the Delmarva peninsula.

Included in the sale were dwelling houses, a fertilizer factory, quarters for laborers, warehouses and a new office building at Cordova, and dwelling houses at Willoughby. A pea-viner, located at the Cordova plant also went with the property.

Fourteen additional pea-viners located in Maryland and Delaware were bid in.

Captain Albanus Phillips, president of the Company, now the third largest packing company in the world, announced immediately after the sale that steps would be taken to place both factories in full operation this summer.

Attorneys for the mortgagees stated

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Junior Women To Aid In Blind Foundation

The Centreville Junior Women's Club meeting at the home of Miss Grace Brown Monday evening voted to join with other Junior Clubs in a drive to establish a foundation for the blind in tribute to Helen Keller and to assist in the Maryland Children's Aid campaign in Queen Anne's.

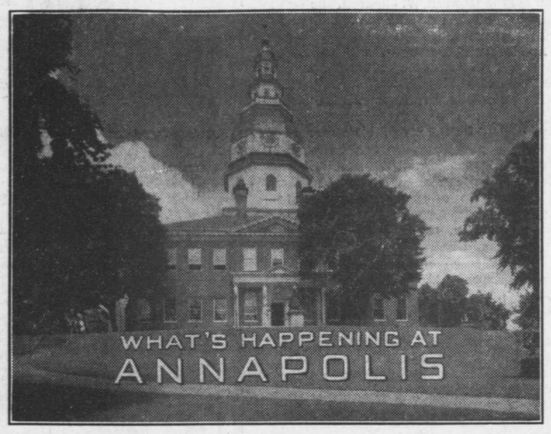
A quiz on historical figures and happenings together with charades formed the entertainment program. Mrs. Ida Walker took first prize in the quiz and Miss Eleanor Dudley second. Miss Henrietta Collier was joint hostess with Miss Brown for the meeting.

College Classmates Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Hall, of Church Hill, announce the engagement fo their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Hall, to Mr. Frank Jarrell, jr., son of Mrs. Frank Jarrell and the late Mr. Frank Jarrell, of Chestertown.

The wedding is to take place the last of April.

The engaged couple were graduates of the Class of 1935 of Washington College. Miss Hall is employed in Baltimore. Mr. Jarrell is engaged in farming near Galena, Md.



Orphans Court

Changes in the compensation of judges of the Orphans' Court in Queen Anne's county are provided by a bill introduced by Senator Roe which passed the Senate this week. The bill provided a straight salary of $8 per day for each judge with a maximum of $500 per year and no mileage. The bill bill was designed to eliminate differences caused by payment of mileage and according to Senator Roe will cause but a trifling increase in payments to judges.

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Cannery Bill

A bill to license canners only on condition that they have paid their obligations has been introduced by Senator Roe. The bill woud forever bar a canner from operating until he had squared accounts with farmers. Canners whose record showed they met obligations each year would continue to be licensed. Under the provisions newcomers who have not been in the canning field could operate for one year but before their license would be renewed their books would have to be clear of obligations.

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Tax Bill Passes Senate

Governor O'Conor's tax program to raise $17,000,000 additional revenue in the next two fiscal years to keep the State budget balanced was passed by the Senate Tuesday practically in its original form. The chief changes were the elimination of the bitterly opposed re-registration of motorists, for which an increase in the beer tax from 75c to $1 a barrel was substituted, and a revision in the method of taxing race tracks, whereby the State would abandon the $6,000 a day license fee plus 1 percent of pari-mutuel betting money and accept instead a tax entirely out of the betting money. Under the new provision 10 percent of the money bet would be taken out of the pari-mutuel pool to be divided 6% to the tracks and 4 per cent to the State.

This last feature of the tax bill, eliminating the daily license fee and stiffening the cut into betting money, is facing sharp criticism in the House. However the absence of real fault-finding with the bill as a whole indicates fairly smooth sailing for it after minor difficulties, if any, are ironed out between the Senate and the House.

Passage of the tax bill through the Senate about thirty days before adjournment indicaates that much of the usual end-of-the-session legislative jam may be eliminated this year.

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Teachers Seek Increase

Increases of from $50 to $650 annually in the statutory minimum salary rates for white school teachers was proposed in a bill presented in the House by Majority Leader John S. White. Under its provisions teachers holding first grade certificates but no degree would start at $1,000 per year, instead of the present $950, and would reach a minimum maximum of $1,600 after years of service instead of $1,150. Teachers holding first grade certificates and a degree would rate from $1,200 to $1,800 according to length of service. Elementary principals would receive from $200 to $600 more than the ordinary teacher determined by length of service and number of teachers in the school. High school principals would be paid from $1,650 to $2,450 according to experience with additions up to $400 for size of enrollments.

Queenstown, Church Hill Tie In Owl League

Hot Match Ends 6-6. Mike Aker Snares Pie, Pitch Championship

Featured by three smashing drives in which each team showed powerful attack and no defense the Queenstown Hoot Owls and the Church Hill Booby Owls battled to a gripping but unproductive 6-6 tie in their eight-hand match in the Owls League Monday night. The result was a moral victory for both clubs.

Ripping into their rivals at the opening gun the Hooters rolled up four in a row to flabbergast the Booby Owls. Every Queenstownian from Captain Bill King down was beaming in anticipation of tearing Church Hill apart when Dr. Norman Dudley, captain of the Booby Owls, and Hot Long, his right bower, tossed off the millstones and stripped for action.

Church Hill uncovered the siege guns and poured it into the Hooters. Six times hand-running they beat Queenstown to the game and leading 6-4 prepared for the kill. Two games to go, Jim Smith jumped into the breach and collared enough aces and points to bring the Hoot Owls into a tie.

The match was played at Vern Robinson's. Accustomed as he is to holding his peace at home Vern was quiet and subdued all evening, shorn of the rampaging verve which sparked the Booby Owls elsewhere. Judge Bowen was likewise suppsessed as if one of the millstones bowed him down.

The Hooters blew a couple of chances by careless play. Jim Smith, a demon player all evening, once played a three of trumps too fast under a Booby nine,

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Firemen Add 14 Names To Honorary List

The honorary list of the Good Will Fire Company is slowly mounting as fourteen names were added to the list this week. The total up to Wednesday was 158. Honorary memberships will be accepted throughout March in an endeavor to reach the figures of other years.

Names added to the honorary list this week included: Centreville, Graham Watson, Mrs. Graham Watson, Dr. Norman P. Chanaud, Henry C. Lewis, Miss Tempe H. Dameron, Dr. Franklin S. Wharton, Mrs. Frances F. Wharton, L. Tilghman Hayden, A. Sydney Gadd, jr., Connolly Gannon, William T. Harris, Miss Nataline E. Walters, W. O. Draper. Miss Mary E. Gibson.

Tigers Outlast Aces To Win 7-6 In Pitch League

Wildcats Beat Pointers 8-5. Final Matches Of League Due Monday

Outlasting the champion 4-Aces for the third straight time the streamlined 1939 version of the pitching Tigers eased out a narrow but decisive 7-6 victory over the erstwhile top kicks Monday night to further cement their hold on first place in the Centreville Pitch League while the Wildcats rather definitely cleared the last place by whipping the Pioneer Pointers 8-5 the same evening.

The triumph gives the Tigers a four-game lead with the final match of the season due this coming Monday. Barring a stunning upset such as occurred two years ago when the Pointers were dropped from the top to the bottom in the final match, the Tigers should cop the 1939 championship.

So far this year they have been undefeated. The 4-Aces have won every match except those played with the Tigers; the Wildcats have won only three matches ,all with the Pointers, while the Pointers, one of the most sporting clubs in the League have been unable to bag a single victory .

However Monday's matches may spill the soup. Charlie Cannon, sparkplug and fireplug of the Pointers, vows that his stalwarts will have revenge for 1937 when the Tigers dumped the Pointers from top to bottom in the finale, by knocking the Tigers out of the pennant this year. The Tigers don't scare easily.

The Wildcats face the 4-Aces with the forlornest type of hope of getting up from third place. Unless they snare all thirteen games they will join the Point-

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Bishop-Elect To Conduct Service At St. Paul's

Rev. William McClleland, of East New Market, Bishop-elect of the Easton Diocese, will make his first visit to St. Paul's Church in Centreville since his election when he will hold a short service of Evening Prayer and Sermon on Wednesday afternoon, March 22, at 4:30 p. m.

Since his election Rev. Mr. McClelland has been swamped with invitations to conduct service at various churches in his future diocese, which with his duties at St. Stephens Church in East New Market and four other churches in his present charge keep him busy. His consecration as Bishop is not expected sooner than June.

State President Gives Address At Womans Club

Mrs. Harcum Discusses Federation, Democracy. Garden Trip Planned

Mrs. Harry L. Harcum of Salisbury, State President of the Maryland Federation of Woman's Club discussed the rise of the Federation of Women's Clubs and the part democracy plays against the isms of the world in an address before the Centreville Woman's Club at the home of Mrs .Oliver Jones Monday afternoon.

Stressing the events, personalities and inventions that provided the setting for the birth of the Women's Clubs federation, Mrs. Harcum pointed out that 2,000,000 club women nationally are now looking forward to the semi-centennial or fiftieth anniversary of the Federation in 1941.

At the business session annual reports were read by officers and chairmen. Mrs. Guy E. Harmon presented the revised by-laws for the local club. These were adopted.

Mrs. Howard W. Ryland, Queen Anne's county chairman of the Red Cross, submitted her resignation to the Woman's Club sponsors of the county chapter. No successor was named.

A tour to Longwoods, the DuPont estate near Wilmington, is being planned for the Easter season.

Mention was made of the State Convention of the Maryland Federation to be held at the Emerson Hotel in Baltimore April 12, 13, and of a District meeting of the Eastern Shore Federation to be held at Hurlock April 20. Club women are invited to both assemblages. Mrs. John L. Whitehurst will be the leading speaker at the State meeting.

Musical numbers, "In the Garden" and "By the Bend of the River" were presented by a sextette consisting of Mrs. Elmer C. Kessler, Mrs. Oliver Jones, Mrs. Oliver Jones, Mrs. Charles Anthony, Mrs. Frank Elzey, Mrs. J. Elmer Anthony and Mrs. Howard W. Ryland with Mrs. Milton B. Wolcott accompanist.

A covered dish luncheon was held in connection with the session.

Legion Marks 20th Birthday

Senator Roe To Adress Jeff Davis Post

Senator Dudley G. Roe will make the principal address at the meeting of Jeff Davis Post at the Armory tomorrow, Friday night when the Legionnaires celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the American Legion. The meeting will start at 8 o'clock. Post Commander Ray Tabler will preside.

The Legion was founded in Paris on March 15, 1919 when 1,000 soldiers, including officers, gathered to form an exclusive organization of the World War veterans which was subsequently to adopt the name of the American Legion.

The session Friday night is the regular March meeting of Jeff Davis Post. Only a short business meeting will be held. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Post have promised a birthday cake with candles and trimmin's and the Legionnaires will be their guests. Pitch games and other entertainment will be provided following the program.

Joe Holden, 1938 Catcher, Loses Appendix

A misbehaving appendix has crippled the chances of Joe Holden, catcher on last year's Centreville baseball team, of entering the pilot house as playing manager of this year's Phillies' farm at Moultrie, Georgia. A brainy and hard working receiver on the Centreville lot last season, Joe was promoted by the Phillies to take charge of the 1939 team made up for the most part of the club which saw action in Centreville.

Joe was scheduled to leave for Moultrie on March 2, ten days in advance of the squad. On March 1, however, he was stricken with appendicitis at his home in Pottstown, Pa., and was rushed to the hospital to have the vermiform nuisance snipped out. His chance of donning the mask and pad at the opening gun have gone a-glimmering.

$10,000 More Arrives For 1938 Soil Payments

Approximately $10,000 in additional payment check under the 1938 soil program have been received this week by County Agent Kenneth W. Baker. Farmers to be paid are being notified individually to report at Mr. Baker's office for their share.

There is still from $20,000 to $30,000 to be received for remaining payments so that the entire disbursement in Queen Anne's will total approximately $120,000.

GLEANERS' SUPPER

The Grace Gleaners will hold a covered dish supper for members and their families in the Sunday School room Monday evening at 7 o'clock. Games and entertainment in keeping with St. Patrick's Day will be enjoyed.

Gay "Mrs. Ritter"

Mrs. Dudley G. Roe, jr.

Children's Aid To Profit From 'Torch Bearers'

Merry Comedy Rehearsals Progressing. Play Rated Sure-Fire Hit Show

Driving hard this week to put a professional polish on their performance, the cast of "The Torch Bearers", merry comedy to be presented by the Little Theatre Players, is deep in final rehearsals this week. The play is designed to open the drive of the Queen Anne's County Chapter of the Children's Aid Society for funds to carry on their year's activities in aiding unfortunate children and is being sponsored by the chapter. It will be presented on Thursday and Friday evenings of next week at the Little Theatre under the guidance of Mrs. Edna M. Harris, director of the Little Theatre, with a cast seasoned in performances on the local stage.

The Children's Aid Chapter has already received encouraging support from businessmen in the creation of an attractive program. Mrs. Gurdon Buck and Mrs. J. Paul Brown have this matter in charge.

The play itself is being offered strictly on its merits. A Broadway success and a hit wherever shown in amateur circles, "The Torch Bearers" is certain to give audiences their money's worth. It abounds in wit and humorous situations and has the extra appeal of actors in the flesh instead of the shadow.

The theme of "The Torch Bearers" is the tribulations of amateurs bitten by the stage-bug trying to present a play, a theme with which numbers of people are familiar from personal experience. A ticklish domestic situation also weaves through in engaging fashion as Mr. and Mrs. Ritter, played by J. Hall Barton and Mrs. Dudley G. Roe, jr., present a scene of domestic bliss sweet on the surface but frayed with mutual understanding of the other's weaknesses. The play marks Mrs. Roe's first appearance in a lead role with the players, although not her first on the amateur stage.

Mrs. A. Temple Blackwood as director of the play within the play, has a difficult leading part which she carries off with the best Oxford accent. Others who will appear in "The Torch Bearers" are Miss Dolly Price, Miss Christine Catlin, Miss Lilly Rochester, Miss Rebecca Meredith, Roy H. Wilson, Frank Willis, George Pratt, Warren Slemmer and Dudley G. Roe, jr.

L. H. Coleman Elected Trustee For Almshouse

L. Hodge Coleman was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Queen Anne's County Almshouse to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Clay Hendrix, according to an announcement by the County Commissioners Tuesday.

At their session that day the Commissioners appointed Irving Atkinson of Sudlersville a constable for the First Election District.

Dates Arranged For Explaining Soil Program

Farmers To Learn If Wheat Acreage Complies. Applications Ready

Educational meetings to explain the Soil Conservation program for 1939 will be held in a half dozen centers of Queen Anne's county during the coming eight days. At the meetings, arranged by County Agent Kenneth W. Baker, every farmer will be given his allotment for the year and definite information as to how his wheat acreage stands for compliance.

Originally it was announced that farmers who seeded in excess of their allotments would not be allowed to plow under the surplus or otherwise get rid of it to enable compliance. A recent ruling, however, will enable farmers whose overage is less than five acres to comply by destroying surplus. According to Mr. Baker, between 85 and 90 perecent of the farmers in Queen Anne's are already meeting the requirements.

At the meeting blanks will be available for farmers to sign, stating their intention of joining the 1939 program. Applications are necessary as a part of the program.

County Agent Baker will be the peaker at the meeting. Besides explaining the soil program he will give a twenty-minute talk on the REA project for the county and will accept applications for it.

The schedule of meetings is as follows: Fifth District, tomorrow, Friday, Queenstown elementary school. First and Seventh Districts, Monday, Cox Hall at Sudlersville. Second and Seventh Districts, Tuesday, Basement of Church Hill Community Hall. Sixth, Wednesday, Ruthsburg Community Hall. Third, Thursday, March 16, County Office Building, Centreville. Fourth, Friday, March 17, Stevensville high school. All meetings will be at 7:30 p. m.

A conference of all community committeemen and field supervisors will be held in the County Agent's office Friday to become acquainted with the program. C. Z. Keller, State Executive Officer for the AAA, will conduct the discussion.

Two-Day Feed School Opens In Centreville

A two-day feed school for Queen Anne's dairy and livestock men will open in the auditorium of the County Office Building this morning, Thursday, at 10 o'clock under the direction of a committee headed by Guy E. Harmon. A wide variety of topics concerned with feeding of dairy cattle and livestock will be discussed.

The speakers will be J. A. Conover and Joseph M. Vial of the Animal Husbandry department and John W. Magruder of the Agronomy department of the University of Maryland. As much time as is necessary will be devoted to answering questions about individual farmer's problems.

The session to be held today and Friday will run from 10 a. m. to 12 a. m., all times to be hit right on the button. Discussion at each session will be different from at all others. Those attending may be present at one or all sessions, everything being voluntary.

Sudlersville Skeet Club Plans Shoot March 19

Dr. C. H. Metcalfe, president of the Sudlersville Skeet Club, has announced that a National Wildlife Restoration Week Shoot will be held by the Sudlersville Club on Sunday, March 19, in connection with the observance of National Wildlife Restoration Week.

Chevrons will be awarded to the winners by the National Wildlife Federation. Second and third place winners will be presented with a sheet of the 1939 Wildlife Poster Stamps. Eighty different species of animals, fish, birds, wildflowers and trees painted by outstanding artists are included in the sheet.

Sam Johnson, 'Human Pump', Circus Actor, Dies; Was About 90

Sam Johnosn, extraordinary old negro who was held in awe by members of his own race and known everywhere as the Human Pump, died Friday at approximately ninety years of age. His death was caused by pneumonia but he had never been quite "right" since he was a victim of an autombile upset early in the winter. He was buried Saturday.

Sam was apparently hale and hearty last year, vigorous as a man of twenty or more years below his age. The injury was incurred more or less in line with the chief activity of his life, entertaining. He was on his way to the Big Woods to take part in a show when the car in which he was riding upset and Sam suffered head injuries.

Born a slave on the farm of William (Old Billy) Watson near Centreville, Sam was just an ordinary darkey in the years before the Civil War. After the emancipation of the negroes Sam developed two natural talents, the ability to throw his voice and that of swallow-

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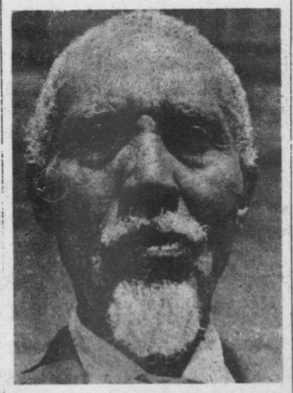

Sam Johnson

Sports Group Get Franchise; 1st Game May 5

14 Trees Donated For Bleachers. 80 Pledges Received Toward Funds

The Centreville franchise in the Eastern Shore League was definitely awarded to the Queen Anne's County Cports Activities group at a meeting of the league directors at Easton Sunday, following the surrender of the franchise by the Phillies' National League Club. The transfer was in line with the promise of Gerry Nugent, president of the Phillies, that he would turn the franchise over to the county group in the event that his club pulled out of Centreville.

At the meeting the directors drew up a schedule for the season. This has not yet been issued, but it is understood that the Queen Anne's club will play the opening game at Salisbury on Thursday, May 4, with Salisbury coming to Centreville to open the league season here Friday, May 5. Plans are already being shaped by heads of the Queen Anne's club for the curtain raiser.

The new owners of the Easton group headed by Daniel Henry were assessed a sum equal to one-eighth of the $1,700 surplus now in the league treasury and a similar sum will be paid over to Doc Jacobs, former owner of the franchise. Jacobs was ruled out of the league for three years by Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis for secretly transferring his franchise to Brooklyn and lost the franchise in the bargain. He is being compensated for his share of the surplus.

Daniel Henry, Saston spokesman, argued that Jacobs lost his right to a share in the surplus when he was barred but the directors saw otherwise. However, Henry plans to appeal to Landis to void the assessment placed on his club.

The situation regarding the Queen Anne's club is still being kept in confidence until all the necessary ducks are in a nice, straight row. Progress is being made and confidence in the ultimate arrangements is expressed both by F. Asbury Bartlett, chairman of the baseball committee, and John W. Perry, head of the Sports Activities group.

At a meeting of enthusiasts in the County Office Building auditorium Friday night it was revealed that 80 of the original quota of 100 pledges had been obtained. In addition fourteen trees have been donated toward erecting bleachers. Four of these are already at the sawmill of Ernest Rothwell being sawed into lumber and a number of the others have been cut down and prepared for hauling.

As the opening of the season approaches and baseball fever begins to mount it is expected that the remaining twenty pledges, or donations equalling that amount will be found. Club leaders expect to talk with officials of upper league teams regarding playing agreements some time in the next week or ten days.

Name Hostesses For Pilgrimage In Queen Anne's

County To Join Federated Garden Tour. Luncheon At Little Theatre

Hostesses were announced on Monday for the Queen Anne's county homes which will be opened during the Annual Spring Pilgrimage of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland to be held on April 28, 29 and 0. Twelve county resdences will be included in the tour.

The hostesses announced by Mrs. Thomas Marsalis of "My Lord's Gift", county chairman for the event, are as follows: Cloverfields, Mrs. Urie Cross; Stagwell, Mrs. Walter C. Lee; Bloomingdale, Mrs. W. P. Turpin; Wheatlands, Mrs. Clyde Embert; My Lord's Gift, Mrs. Marsalis; Bolingly, Mrs. Griffin Embert; Blakeford, Mrs. Charles Chew Mickle; the Hermitage, Mrs. Oliver C. Jones; Reed's Creek, Mrs. J. R. E. Turpin; Poplar Grove, Mrs. A. Temple Blackwood; Readbourne, Mrs. Luther L. Gadd; Kennersley, Miss Maria McKenney. The hostesses are to select their own assistants.

Luncheon will be provided at the Little Theatre under the supervision of Mrs. Edna M. Harris on each of the three days of the Pilgrimage. A special display of antiques will also be arranged by Rae Roberts of Grasonville

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Eastern Star Matrons To Meet At Salisbury

The regular March meeting of the Past and Present Matrons and Patrons association of the Eastern Shore Order of the Eastern Star will be held in the Masonic Temple in Salisbury Friday, March 17. Dinner will be served in Fellowship Hall of Asbury M. E. Church at 6:15 o'clock. The entertainment program together with the business session to follow will be held at the Masonic Temple.