Many Interesting Items Revealed in Record of 1899

Fox-Hunting In America Originates In Queen Anne's

The first fox-hunting in America, of which any record has come down to us, took place in Queen Anne's County about 1650. From that time on, no Maryland homestead was complete without its pack of hounds and its race course. There was always a slave whose sole duty was to "tend hound," and woe be unto him if any injury befell a favorite hound. Summary and severe punishment was always the penalty of his carelessness or neglect. Writers of the day tell us that dogs were allowed far more freedom than the slaves, and the planter's porch was always crowded with yelping hounds, awaiting the master's horn sound "Mount and away," or watching for an opportunity to see the quarter's door open that they might steal something.

The hounds of those days were very unlike the carefully bred and the carefully groomed and fed hunters of the mother country, or of the Maryland of today. At that time the fox-hound needed great toughness and endurance, and these requisites were obtained by crossing the English fox-hound with the Irish staghound. The result looked like a mongrel but it suited the country far better than a blooded animal.

The only fox hunted in those days was the gray one, an animal very different in many respects from his red brother of England. As the State was almost entirely settled by the English, it was more like a great English shire than a colony, it might have been mistaken for one. As the settlers arrived here they brought with them many local attachments, and not the least of these was their fondness for hunting the red fox. They could not become accustomed to his gray brother. It is to this fact that we owe fox-hunting as it is today, and has always been in England.

As tradition has it, one afternoon in the hot month of August, in the year of grace, seventeen hundred and thirty, eight sleek and prosperous tobacco planters in the county of Talbot, sat in the cool shade of a broad rambling verranda, which supported as it was by massive pillars and shaded by giant oaks of many generations in age, afforded a comfortable spot to discuss the sad difference of hunting the red fox in Merrie, England, where four of them was born and hunting the gray one in the land of their adoption.

The Englishmen, with many a round oath and between sips of such fragrant mint juleps as an "Eastern Sho' " darkey alone knows how to concoct, were declaring that there was as much difference in hunting the two species as there was between a canvas-back and a barnyard duck. The upshot of it was, according to an old tale printed not many years afterwards, that the captain of the good ship "Monocacy," a tobacco schooner owned by one of the party, was instructed to bring back with him on his next trip to Liverpool, eight pairs of red foxes.

In due course of time, the animals arrived and were liberated along the eastern shore of the Chesapeake. The occasion was one of much merriment, entertainment and sport. The daughter of the country gentry rode on a pillion behind her brother or cavalier to the great ball which was given at Chestertown in honor of the occasion. They fastened their scarlet cloth riding habits over their white silk ball dresses, and tied their hair, done in an amazing fashion, with a lace kerchief, while their skirts were arranged in such a manner that they would not come in contact with the horse's flanks.

Everyone witnessed the festivities, from the ignorant country bumpkins, in home spun jeans and white cotton shirt, to the landed proprieter, with his gouty foot done up in bandages. There were many races between the horses of Maryland and Virginia and it is stated that the horses from the latter colony came off victorious. The hour these eight pairs of red foxes were set loose in the barn yards of the Maryland farmers may safely be reckoned the birth of genuine fox-hunting in this country. The way the foxes multiplied was marvelous, but they did not emigrate into Virginia until the hard winter of 1879-80, when all the waters of the state was a sheet of ice. So intense was the cold that many native birds froze to death.

Telephones To Be Installed In County Seat Soon

The Diamond State Telpehone Co., with headquarters in Dover, Delaware, have made arrangements whereby all the principal towns on the peninsula will be connected by telephone. Two trunk lines will be built from Smyrna to Wilmington at once and as soon as that work is completed the service will be extended to Salisbury, Cambridge and Easton. From Easton, a line will be run to Centreville, thence to Chestertown. It is the intention of the company to have the section between Smyrna and Wilmington in working order by the first of July.

CORRESPONDENTS

Price

Mrs. D. V. Cecil

Massey

Miss Rita Poore

Fire Burns Homes, Eagles

Crisfield—A marsh fire of suspicious origin destroyed two homes on Smith's Island, both fully furnished but unoccupied at the time. A valuable library owned by Dr. Stout was a prey to the flames. While invesitgating the fire Charles Syron found a nest of young sea eagles in a tree which had burned down. One of these three nestlings was alive, a young eaglet with a three-foot wing spread, too young to fly. Syron has taken the bird aboard his yacht in an effort to tame it.

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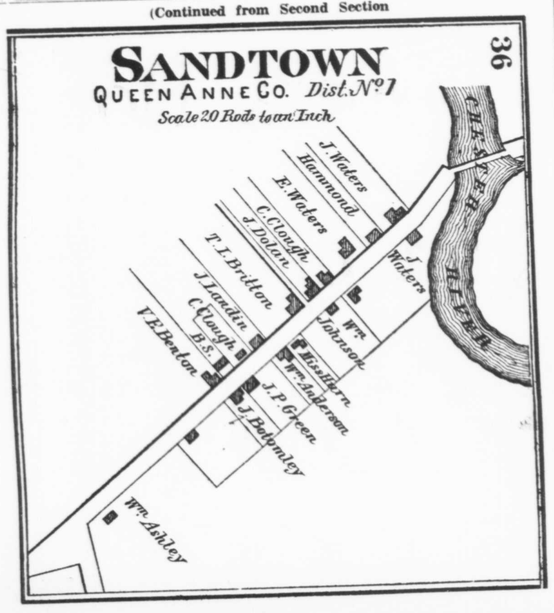

Mammoth Fair Organized At Conference

A number of representative gentlemen from Queen Anne's, Caroline, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, and Kent and Sussex, Delaware, this county being largely represented, held a meeting in the Casino, Rehoboth, last Saturday evening, for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of organizing an agricultural fair to be located at Queenstown, the western terminus of the Queen Anne's Railroad and the eastern terminus of the ferry route from Baltimore. After preliminary discussions, it was decided to make a start by incorporating a fair association. The following were selected incorporators: Thomas A. Smith, W. A. Pennington, W. A. Morgan, J. A. Morgan, and M. Bates Stevens, of Caroline County; Thomas Currey, Simeon Pennewill, Charles Atkins, Dr. H. R. Burton and Charles W. Cullen, of Delaware; J. Louis Rhodes, E. B. Emory, C. L. Goodhand, John E. George, S. C. Dudley, W. J. Burton, and H. G. Tarbutton, of Queen Anne's County; Wesley M. Oler, DeCourcy W. Thom, General Felix Agnus, and Thomas J. Ewell, of Baltimore. The following committee was appointed on organization: W. Scott Roberts, William J. Price, Jr., and P. T. Potts. Articles of incorporation will be prepared at once and submitted to a meeting for adoption some time this month. It was decided to place the stock at $20 a share in order to give every farmer and merchant a chance to become stock holders. It was argued that at least one hundred farmers and business men of Queen Anne's County could be induced to take a share each, making a starting capitol of $2000. Caroline and Talbot, it is believed will do as much as Queen Anne's, thus giving three Maryland Counties $4000 interest in the capital stock of the fair. Mr. William H. Bosley, President of the Queen Anne's Railroad, at once tendered a lease of the grounds for a term of years, renewable at a nominal sum, say $1 a year. The tract embraces about 265 acres, and is beautifully located on a high plateau which overlooks Queenstown creek and Chester River. The association intends to lay a half-mile track, build a grandstand, exhibition hall and stabling for exhibits. The objective is to meet a want of the people of two counties of Delaware and the agriculturists of Queen Anne's and Caroline Counties. In addition to drawing visitors from this part of the Eastern Shore, it is expected that Baltimore will attend the fair, as they will have direct communication with the place by the steamers of the railroad company. The survey and the laying off of the track will begin at once and everything will be ready by next fall.

Centreville Gets Modern Ice Plant

It is with pleasure we announce that Mr. W. M. Armstrong, of Wye Neck, will operate an ice plant here the coming summer and supply the citizens with pure ice. Mr. Armstrong has purchased the plant operated last season in Chestertown, it proving too small for the ice demands of so large a town. The capacity of the plant purchased by Mr. Armstrong is five tons in twenty-four hours. It requires a plant of double that capacity to supply Chestertown. Mr. Armstrong will remove the plant here about May 1 and begin the manufacture of ice about the middle of June. Manufactured ice is as cheap again as the ice we house in this latitude even if the original cost is the same, for the reason it is not so porous, hence it will last as long again. Mr. Armstrong should be encouraged in his enterprise.

Baseball Team Unorganized

Not for several weeks, or perhaps months, has the Centreville Baseball Team showed any signs of life. Quite a number of the lovers of the sport have been led to ask, what has become of the team? There is good material in this town and all it needs is life. We trust that our local ball players will organize soon and start the ball rolling.

Knights Vie For Honors

The annual tournament for the benefit of St. Peter's Church, Rev. Fr. W. J. Scott, Pastor, will be held on the beautiful and spacious grounds of "My Lord's Gift" farm near Queenstown, Wednesday, August 9. The annual tilts have become extremely popular with those fond of this exciting but innocent amusement, and the attendance grows larger each recurring year. The managers, Messrs. James F. Boyles, Charles S. Embert, M. W. Aker, and Griffin Embert, have arranged a splendid program for the day's pleasure and will spare no pains to render the affair a success. Dinner and refreshments will be served and a brass band will render popular music. Tilting will commence at 11 A. M., and a game of baseball at 3 P. M. The prizes will be a set of harness, bridle and saddle and laprobe. Col. W. Scott Roberts will be the speaker of the day. The entrance fee for the Knights will be $1. Admission at the gate will be 25 cents; children under twelve years, free.

BUSIC

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Parsons and children, of Kenton, and Miss Eugenia Connell, of Staten Island, N. Y., spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. William Ware.

Mr. Samuel Thompson and son Roland, visited Mr. and Mrs. William Ware on Wednesday.

Mr. William Chase, of Templeville, spent two days with Mr. John Ware.

Busic Sunday School picnic will be held on Saturday, August 5, at the cnurch green.

Busic Ladies' Aid will meet with Rev. and Mrs. Ennis at Marydel on Monday, August 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson and children, visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Teat on Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rush and sons of Lewistown, Pa., spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. A. Huggins.

Messr. Jack Conner, Harry Stevens, Edward Reddy and George Rawley, of Wilmington, spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. William Ware .

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Bowers and Mrs. Blanche Thompson, visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Everett, Sunday night.

Mrs. G. Parsons and children, Miss Eugenia Connell, of New York, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson, Thursday.

We are sorry to hear of Mrs. Delmar Thompson being on the sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Homer Phillips of Upland, Pa., and Mrs. Ella Parsons of Kenton, Del., visited Mrs. William Ware last week.

Mr. Elmer Ware and Mr. Leroy Hobbs spent the week-end in Rocksdale and Media, Pa. Miss Nettie Ware returned with them to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ware.

Miss Betty King who has been visiting Miss Nettie Ware in Media, Pa., has returned to her home.

KENNERSLY

OLD BLAKEFORD

Bolingly, Popular Hostelry Attracts Excursionists From Far And Near

The Bolingly, at Queenstown, under the management of the Queen Anne's Railroad, is decidedly one of the most popular hostelries in this or any of the adjoining counties. It is daily patronized by parties of ladies and gentlemen of Centreville and other sections of the county, who drive to Queenstown, witness the railroad steamer from Baltimore land its several hundred excursionists, meet their acquaintances and repair to Bolingly for supper, which consists of the delacacies of the Chesapeake, served in the best Eastern style and by corps of polite waiters. As an instance of the desire of the waiters to please, a party from Centreville, mostly ladies, took supper at the Bolingly and called for soft crabs. The waiter apologized for not having soft crabs on the menu because of their scarcity just at that time of the moon, but stated that devil crabs could be served instead. They were ordered and when being served, the waiter continuing his excuse for not having soft crabs, went on to state to the lady who gave the order, that deviled crabs were plentiful and those he was serving were caught in the Chester River that very day. This caused the lady to laugh heartily, very much to the confusion of the waiter, who at once discovered that it was not an excursionist from the city that he was serving, but a genuine Eastern Shore woman who knew something about preparing deviled crabs herself. The incident passed off with much merriment and the menu disappeared with evident enjoyment.

Female School Posts Results

Mr. M. J. Cahoon, Principal. Seventh Grade, Nellie Meredith 82.

Sixth Grade—Lola Meredith, 87; Susie Watson, 81; Mary McFeely, 75; Maude Humer, 86; Grace Keith, 83; Edith Keating, 68; Nina Vane, 75.

Fifth Grade—Reba Allen, 81; Genevieve Bohland, 90; Bessie Brown, 79; Lida Carter, 79; Mary Cullen, 58; Edna Hobby, 78; Helen Monroe, 76; Nanie Mitchell, 76; Lulu Morris, 60; Mabel Thompson, 69; Ethel Smith, 59; Nellie Werner, 58; Bessie Wood, 75.

Fourth Grade—Eva Brown, 75; Evelyn Bryan, 72; Fannie Bryan, 86; Nina Bryan, 72; Mamie Eshleman, 75; Hattie Golt, 82; Lulu Jester, 62; Mary Johnson, 79; Mamie Smith, 76; Berty Thawley, 76; Isabel Turpin, 87; Virginia Wood, 87; Blanche Kendell, 80.

Poultry . . .

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been included. These game exhibits are from Pioneer Point Farms.

The Association also sponsors in conjunction with the Maryland Turkey Producers' Association a Turkey Field Day and last year such an event was successfully held in Centreville where the people in Queen Anne's and adjoining counties had the opportunity of seeing demonstrations of various kinds, particularly with regards to the marketing of turkeys. Officers of the County Poultry Association are: A. T. Blackwood, Secretary; W. Ray Tabler, Treasurer; David Pitkin, Vice-President.

County Peaches Reach Peak

The steamer Gratitude of the Chester River Steamboat Company, will, about April 1, take the place of the steamer Endeavor in making the connection for the Queen Anne's Railroad between Baltimore and Queenstown. Before June 1, it is expected that the B. S. Ford which is to undergo extensive repairs, will displace the Graditude. Work is being hastened by the Queen Anne's Railroad Company on the fine new steamer being built for the line at the shipyards of Chas. Reeder and Sons. The firm is under contract to deliver the boat by June 30, and the new steamer will be put on between Baltimore and Queenstown, running in addition to the B. S. Ford. Owing to the heavy tonnage movement in sight the railroad company has decided to run two steamers, and may put on a third. Reports indicate an unusually large tomato crop, and the indications from the peach crop, it is said, are not so discouraging as has been reported. It is estimated that the railroad will be called upon to move from 500,000 to 750,000 packages of tomatoes. About 170,000 packages were handled last year and the year before about 600,000. Owing to the demand by Baltimore packers and the rapid development of this industry, the acreage this season has been increased by most of the growers, with the result that a record-breaking crop is said to be in sight.

Corrections on the story of the destruction of 103 Russians planes are now coming in. By one account, it was 3 planes, by another, 103 locusts.
—Detroit News.

Q. A. Town Founded By Syndicate

Mr. Edward H. Roe, former register of wills of Talbot County, has formed a syndicate which has purchased a large track of land at the junction of the P. W. & B. and Queen Anne's Railroads, at the crossing of the Tuckahoe River, and proposes to lay out a town at that place. At this point, three counties, Talbot, Caroline and Queen Anne's join each other, and the Tuckahoe River is navigable for steamers and light-draught sailing vessels, it being at the head of tide water. Two large cannerys have already been erected and other manufacturing plants are contemplated. The village, which is named Queen Anne, has already considerable population and the town of Hillsboro is only a half mile away. The situation is considered one of the best on the Eastern Shore.

Briefs from the Centreville Record Thursday, July 27, just forty years ago.

Two freight trains of the Delaware railroad collided head on Tuesday morning causing our local south bound train to be several hours late.

Mr. Frank A. Bartlett, Jr., this season in seven days, threshed ten thousand bushels of wheat on seven farms. This is an average of 1428 bushels per day, the largest day's work being 1510 bushels in eleven hours.

Charles King's Dramatic Company has been in town all of this week giving entertainments in the town hall. The plays presented by this company are clean, worthy the patronage of our citizens. Tonight, they will play the celebrated drama entitled, "Ten Nights in a Barroom."

PRICE

Bethany Church services will be for next Sunday as follows: Sabbath School at 1:30 p. m., followed by preaching at 2:30 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. R. W. Hastings.

Mrs. J. M. Price and son, Mr.. Francis Price, spent the week-end in Baltimore as guests of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Price of Gwynne Oak.

Miss Jennie Seney of Wilmington, Mrs. Risdon Dulin and Mrs. Margaret Seney, of Centreville, were supper guests Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coppage.

Mr. L .Marvin Cecil and friend, Mr. Robert Smith of Baltimore, were Sunday guests of Mr. Cecil's mother, Mrs. Dolly V. Cecil.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Swan and family were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Swan to Hartly, Del.

Mr. Wallace Jarman of Centreville was a guest Sunday of the Price family.

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