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A Happy And Prosperous New Year To You All

Poultry Group To Meet Jan. 5 At Sudersville

First Of 1940 Meetings At Cox's Hall To Be Held Friday

In keeping with the plan to hold sectional meetings the first Friday in each month, Mr. Mark Miller, County Agent has issued the letter which follows to the poultry men of Queen Anne's count:

To the Farmers of
Queen Anne's County:

Recently a sincere effort has been made to organize a strong active Poultry Assoiation in Queen Anne's county. Regularly scheduled meetings will be held the first Friday of each month in various communities throughout the county. A further ruling was made that no meetings be held in the same community at which time, timely poultry topics will be discussed.

The first of these meetings will be held in Cox's Hall at Sudlersville on Friday, January 5th, starting promptly at 7:30 p. m., and will be dismissed no later than 9 a. m.

At this meeting you will hear a discussion on Feeds and Feeding of Poultry. Start your poultry year off right and put forth a special effort to attend this meeting.

Best regards to you:

Very truly yours,
MARK MILLER,
County Agent.

Jeanette Nash Xmas Bride At Stevensville

ed To Wm. E. Clevenger On Christmas Night At Christ Church

wedding of interest was per-med in Christ Episcopal Church, vensville when Miss Jeanette E. sh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rob-t E. Nash of Chester, became the bride of Mr. William F. Clevenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clevenger of Grasonville. The wedding took place on Christmas night, December 25, at 7:30 p. m., and the church was beautifully decorated with pine, cedar and holly. The altar was decorated with red poinsettas.

The bride was attired in a white lace gown with tulle veil and carried a bouquet of white rose buds and bbay's breath. Mrs. Marion Whittle of Baltimore, sister of the bride was matron of honor and was attired in a teal blue gown with wine accessories and carried and old-fashioned bouquet of Talisman roses. Miss Nash had as her tbridesmaids, Miss Elizabeth Seward of Grasonville, wearing a peach gown with wine accessories, and Miss Eloise Ewing of Stevensville, wearing a rose gown with wine accessories. Both carried old-fashioned bouquets of Talisman roses.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Robert E. Nash, Jr., of Baltimore. The best man was Mr. Winfred Clevenger of Grasonville, brother of the groom and the ushers were Mr. Marion Whittle, of Baltimore, brother-in-law of the bride, and Mr. Roland Miller of Grasonville. The wedding march was played by Mr. Arthur Southard of Stevensville and the selection "Because" was beautifully sung by Mrs. Alfred White of Stevensville.

The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. Matthew S. Higgins, rector of the church.

TO GIVE DANCE

A small holiday dance will be given for the younger set on New Year's night from nine p. m. till one a. m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Marion Green.

The patronnesses will be:

Mrs. Howard Ingels, Mrs. Aubrey Romine, Mrs. A. Temple Blackwood, Mrs. Albert Kenworthy, Mrs. A. C. Fox and Mrs. A. Marion Green.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Services Sunday at St. John's Church, Church Hill, Rev. A. M. B. Snapp, pastor: Church School, 10 a. m.; Sermon, 11 a. m.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Services Sunday at St. Paul's Church, Church Hill, Rev. R. W. Hastings, pastor: Church School, 10 a. m.; Sermon, 11 a. m.

Governor O'Conor Gives Greeting To Maryland

Extends State People New Year's Greeting. To Be "At Home"

His Excellency Herbert R. O'Conor, Governor of Maryland has extended New Year's greetings to the people of the State through a release sent to the various county and State newspapers. It reads:

To the People of Maryland:

As Governor of the State, I extend to each and every one of our people my best for a Happy, Prosperous and Safe New Year, with the hope that the end of 1940 may find us as a people far-advanced along the road to spiritual, social and economic betterment.

Particularly do I venture the hope that 1940 will be a year of greatly improved Safety for our people and that, through the application of those principles of Safety with which we have all become familiar during these past three months, and which will be stressed continuingly, we may be able to affect a sizeale reduction in the total of fatal and serious accidents upon our highways and streets.

In conclusion, I make the request, and sincerely trust, that we may all work together during this coming year, regardless of partisan or other consideration, to advance the interests of our State as a whole, and to assure for all of us the great benefits that are possible from concerted, forward-looking efforts on the part of everyone.

Governor and Mrs. O'Conor will be "at home" to the people of Maryland on Monday, January 1, at Government House, Annapolis.

HERBERT R. O'CONOR,
Governor.

Greets

HERBERT R. O'CONOR

Alumni Dance Gala Event Of Christmas Day

Over 400 Attend Dance At Armory. Many Give Parties At Night

Till early Tuesday morning the strains of Alex Bartha's music filled the Centreville Armory as several hundred alumni of the high school and their guests made merry Christmas night. It was indeed a gala occasion—that annual alumni dance. Before the affair and during the intermission many private parties were held. The holiday season got off to a great start that night.

The decorating committee in charge of John Hall Price received great praise for the attractive and impressive decorations which bedecked the hall. The music of Alex Bartha's Steel Pier Orchestra made a great hit with the hundreds of dancers. In fact, all at the affair agreed that the entire program had been well planned for and left nothing to be desired.

Woman's Club To Hear Dr. Esther Dole, Jan. 2

The Woman's Club of Centreville will meet next Tuesday, January 2nd at two o'lock at the Rest Room. On that occasion, Dr. Esther Dole, Professor of History of Washington College, will be the guest speaker.

Dr. Dole has addressed the local women's organizations on several previous occasions and her talks are always popular with the club women. On this occasion her subject will be "International Relations".

Each member of the Club is requested to bring a guest.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"Christ Jesus will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 31.

The Golden Text will be from John 8:13—"I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Among the citations comprising the Lesson-Sermon will be the following from the Bible—Rev. 1:1—"The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel, unto his servant, John."

The Lesson-Sermon also will include passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, among which is the following, page 95—"Material sense does not unfold the facts of existence, but spiritual sense lifts human consciousness into eternal Truth."

Services: Sunday, 11 a. m., Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Wednesday evening testimonial meetings at 8 o'clock, 11 N. Harrison Street, Easton.

Planting In County Give Fine Yield

Captain Clinton Jones Gives Figures To Show Gains

Captain Clinton Jones of the Maryland Conservation department had some figures to reveal concerning the yields of recent plantings in the waters of Queen Anne's county.

Of the 104,000 bushels planted in 1937 on Bodkin's Bar, tests made on December 22nd of this year showed a yield of 320 spat to the bushel of the 1939 group with a yield of 280 cysters to the bushel. These plantings were made in areas of 600 yards by 100 yards, and there were six such areas.

The 1938 yield was 396 spat to the bushel.

In the Wye River Middle Ground section, the yield of the 1937 planting was 120 oysters to the bushel, while the 1939 planting at Parson's Island showed 268 spat to the bushel.

Mrs. Adair S. Calver; John A. Thayer Wed

Mrs. Adair S. Calver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Stoughton of New York City and John A. Thayer of Centreville were married last Friday in New York City. After a brief trip, the couple have settled in Queenstown where they are occupying the Onley house.

The former Mrs. Calver's son, Charles, will join Mr. and Mrs. Thayer at an early date.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH

Services at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Ingelside, Rev. H. Kirby Krams, pastor: Church School, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 a. m., topic "Looking Forward". Evening service at Marvin Memorial Church, Barclay, at 7:30 p. m.

A two weeks Revival Service will start on Sunday, January 7, 1940 at St. Paul's Church. The public is cordially invited to attend all of the services. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 p. m. Preaching every night by the pastor.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Services at St. Paul's Church, Centreville for Sunday, Rev. Thomas Donaldson, pastor: Holy Communion, 8 a. m.; Church School, 9:45 a. m.; Morning Prayer and Sermon, "Some Good Resolutions", 11 a. m.

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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

Services Sunday at St. Luke's Church, Church Hill, Rev. Walter C. Eastburn, pastor: Church School, 10 a. m.; Holy Communion and Sermon, 11 a. m.

M. E. Pupils To Have Annual Party Friday

Centreville M. E. Church To Hold Event Dec. 29 At Church House

The annual Christmas party for the pupils of the Centreville M. E. Church will be held n the church house on Friday, December 29, at 7 p. m. The parents are cordially invited to attend along with their children.

Santa Claus is expected to attend also and their will be a gay time for all.

The committees are as follows:

General chairman, Mrs. F. W. Benton; senior room chairman, Miss Bessie Ireland; junior room chairman, Miss Anita Butler; beginners chairman, Miss Elizabeth Dyott; time, Pastor, Mrs. L. H. Meredith, P. C. Baynard; music, Miss Peggy Walcott, chairman; decorations, E. R. Leaverton, chairman; cakes, Miss Bertha Williams, chairman; sewing, Miss Helen Fowler, Miss Nellie Meredith, Mrs. Joseph Holden.

Purchasing — Joseph Haymaker, chairman; Norman Walters, Elmer Anthony, Jr.

Publicity—Warren Slemmer.

A play will be presented entitled "The Truth About Chrstmas". The cast includes: Collison Lane, Josephine Branford, Shirley Mae Leaverton, Margaret Lane, Elmer Anthony, Jr., Danny Tabler, Jane Downes, Frances Harris, Frances Bartlett, Warren Slemmer.

This Week Is Worst One For Auto Accident

Last December Week Is Most Dangerous Of All Auto Weeks

Christmas week is the most dangerous period of the entire year for both motorists and pedestrians, the American Automobile Association warned today in urging all who walk or drive to exercise unusual caution during the holiday season.

"The accident curve always tends upwards in the winter," A. A. A. pointed out, "and spurts suddenly upward during the period from Christmas to New Years. Last year, for example, fatalties during Christmas week in major cities, for which weekly reports are available, jumped 36 per cent over the preceding week; in 1937, the increase was more than 47 per cent.

"A special study by the A. A. A. of traffic deaths during the holiday season over a period of four years showed the following average number of deaths per week:

First week in December	222
Second week in Decemer	224
Third week in December	225
Christmas week	267
Frst week in January	211

"The spurt in traffic accidents during Christmas week is even greater than is indicated in the above table because in only two of the four years did Christmas and New Year's both fall within one reportable week. While many factors, including the important one of fewer hours of daylight, cause the upward trend of accidents during the winter months, it would seem that the spurt during Christmas week is due in large measure to a relaxation of usual caution during the festive season.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. L. Hodge Coleman of near Church Hill announces the engagement of their daughter, Anna Rebecca, to Lemuel H. Benton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Homer Benton of Sudlersville. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Coleman is a graduate of Church Hill high school. Mr. Benton is a graduate of Sudlersville high school and Hemphill-Deisel Engineering School at Long Island, N. Y., and is now employed in Baltimore.

METHODIST SERVICES

The Reverend L. Colvin Randall wishes to announce that all regular services will be held at the Ruthsburg, Hayden, and Grace Church, Centreville this Sunday, December 31st.

First Winter Snow Descends On Shore Towns In Cold Wave

Temperature Drops To 20 Degrees As Storm Hits County

Winter, unheralded and late, hit Queen Anne's county early Wednesday morning when a heavy snow and a great drop in temperature descended upon the town of the Eastern Shore—as they did all over the State. By six o'clock Wednesday morning the whole countryside was blanketed with a white mantle of snow. Winter had arrived late but had arrived with a definite bang.

Fortunately the deluge of snow appeared without any high wind, and as this written, there is little likelihood of great drifting hampering the motorist or the people on the farms. The snow fell gently but uninterrupted from five o'clock in the morning till early afternoon.

Soon after the snow began to give indications of continuous precipitation county and state snow-plows were on the job keeping the main highways open. Garages did a big business in selling tire chains, and, in a few cases, hauled out of difficulty a few cars who had slipped off the roads.

The young people of the towns seemed to be glad of Winter's visit for the hills in various towns were alive with youngsters trying out their new sleds and other Winter sports equipment.

At one o'clock the temperature had dropped to 20 degrees, which together with a light wind arising, made travel on foot, uncomfortable.

Winter has arrived. May it's stay be brief and pleasant.

Easton NYA Beneficiary

Senator George L. Radcliffe announced today (Thursday, December 28), that an NYA project for the building of an annex to Easton's Town Hall, has been approved by the president; $17,324 has been allocated for this purpose to Talbot county in addition to Maryland's regular NYA allotment.

The project is sponsored by the County Commssioners and all construction work will be done by 100 to 150 boys employed by the National Youth Administration. The building which is to be a brick and steel structure, will take at least 10 months to complete, and when finished will house the Board of Health, The Talbot Public Library, and other county offices.

"This type of work-projects," said Senator Radcliffe, "provides an unusual opportunity to young men in Easton and vicinity for practical training in brick laying, stone work, carpentry, plastering and other trades, which will qualify them for private employment."

Max Chambers, NYA Supervisor for the Eastern Shore, stated that work would begin shortly after the first of the year. He explained that applications for employment on NYA projects were being received at his office in Denton, and that youths from Talbot county would be assigned to this project.

Other types of work on the Eastern Shore include clerical assistance for public offices, aid for community libraries, shool lunch rooms, and recreation programs, and road repair. Mr. Chambers estimates that about 400 boys and girls are employed in the eight Eastern Shore counties.

One hundred and forty work-projects are now operating in Maryland, employing 4,000 youths part-time. Construction work comprises only about 15% of the total amount of work done.

Receiving Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Kent S. Price of Chestertown announce the birth of a fine boy, weighing 8½ lbs., at the Kent and Queen Anne Hospital, Chestertown on Christmas Day. Mother and son are both doing finely.

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Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cecil are receiving congratulations on the birth of a nine-pound son, born Thursday, December 21.

Rotary Club Thanks Santa For Big Help

President

Dr. N. P. Chanaud

Over 1000 Packages Given On Saturday. Many Donate

The Santa Claus Day, sponsored by the Centreville Rotary Club was a big success, judging from the patronage given by the hundreds of children who came to shake Santa's hand and to receive one of the little packages containing goodies which Santa so graciously and so cheerily distributed.

The Rotary Club is most grateful for the help it received in making the occasion the success that it was. First, it wants to express the appreciation of the membership to Mr. Joe Holden who did the honors in the honor role of the day.

Dr. N. P. Chanaud, Rotary President, had this to say regarding the support given by various organizations and individuals:

"Without the support of the following, the Day would not have been a success:

The Centreville merchants from whom the material was purchased, namely Draper's Food, $13.65; Centreville Food Market, $14.93; American Stores—$12.25; Barcus Store, $3.35.

Also the Centreville high school boys who helped Santa to fill the bags, Mr. Joe Holden, who did the honors, and the Centreville Fire Department and Boy Scouts."

Over 1200 bags were distributed, of which approximately 1000 were given out by Santa to the children, while the remaining 200 were turned over to the P. T. A. and the colored churches.

The Reverend L. Colvin Randall will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Rotary. His subject: Modern Ideals of Christmas.

ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Bryan announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Jane to Mr. Robert Retzer, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Retzer of Roland Park at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Luthersville, Md., Saturday, December 23rd. A reception for the immediate families followed at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hardy Tattersall at Lutherville.

They left for a motor trip to Virginia.

TO LEAVE US

Mr. A. E. Strickland, who has been operating a store on Commerce Street, Centreville for the past five years is returning to Fruitland, in Wicomico county where he has another store.

Mr. Strickland has asked this newspaper to express his appreciation for the kindness received from the people of this community. We hope that he will be happy "back home".

JOB COMPLETE

The Office of the County Commissioners states that the field work for the assessments in the various districts is now complete.

Security Act Name Changes Age Benefits

Tells Who May Apply For Old Age Insurance In 1940

Changes in the Social Security Act which apply to workers who are nearly 65 and those who have already reached the age of 65 are of especial interest to citizens of this community. Under the amendments, these are the men and women who may receive annuities in the form of old-age insurance benefits, payable in January, 1940 and thereafter.

A man or woman who has held a job in a factory, shop mill, mine, store, hotel, theater, or in other employment, covered by the Social Security Act, and who has reached 65, is entitled to file claim for payment of monthly old-age insurance benefits provided he has met a few simple requirements.

In order to receive monthly benefits in 1940, the claimant must show that he worked in covered employment, after 1936, in six different calendar quarters, for wages that amounted to $50 or more during each of such quarters.

A calendar quarter means a three-month period. The first quarter includes January, February, March; the second quarter—April, May, June; the third quarter—July, August, September; the fourth quarter—October, November, December.

If a 65-year-old worker has some, but does not have enough wage credits to qualify for monthly benefits, he may continue working in covered employment and build up sufficient credits. It must be remembered that wages earned during 1937 and 1938 count toward old-age insurance benefits, only if they were earned before the worker's 65th birthday. Since the law has been changed, wages earned after 1938 count toward benefits, regardless of the worker's age.

Amendment to the Social Security Act provide that the lump-sum payment heretofore made to a worker reaching 65 must stop. Instead, the older worker will have an opportunity to get monthly benefit payments for life. The amount of the check will depend upon his wage earnings, since 1936, but if he qualifies it will never be less than $10 per month.

(Next Week—Many Workers Past 65 Are Now Covered by the Social Security Act).

Miss Anna Taylor To Address Book Club

Miss Anna Taylor will discuss Barrie Benefield's new book, "April Was When It Began" when the organization meets next Friday, December 29th at the home of Miss Matilda Keating.

Friday's meeting will take the place of the one which was postponed from December 15th.

THANK YOU SIR!

The Record-Observer:

As this year 1939 draws to a close, I wish to express my personal thanks and those of St. Paul's Parish for the splendid way in which your paper has contributed to the promotion of all things connected with this church by the space you have given us and the interest you have shown in what has been going on in this old Parish.

Wishing your paper great success and prosperity duirng the coming year, believe me,

Very sincerely,
THOMAS DONALDSON,
Rector, St. Paul's Parish,
Centreville, Maryland.

REVIVAL AT HILLSBORO

Revival services at Hillsboro Methodist Church will begin on next Sunday evening, December 31st. The evening service will begin at 7:30 p. m. It is planned to have the services continue for two weeks. There will be visiting ministers almost every evening. Here's a good chance to hear the best of the neighboring ministers, as well as your own. You are cordially invited to attend the services every evening during the two weeks except on Saturdays.

1940 Census By U. S. Soon On Many Facts

16th Decennial Census To Get Under Way At Early Date

The Sixteenth Decennial Census of the United States, consisting of Business, Manufacturing, Mines and Quarries, Population, Agriculture and Housing will shortly be under way. This census will show the expansion of the country in population, territory and resources, as well as additional light on internal, social and economic problems.

Some facts regarding the census:

The information the Census Bureau seeks is positively and entirely confidential.

The Census Bureau is the record keeper and accountant of the Nation's population, resources and economic activities.

It is purely a service bureau, with no regulating functions, and with no desire for such functions. This means that the facts gathered are unbiased and uncolored by fear on the part of respondents or by any regulatory objectives of Census Bureau officials.

All reports submitted to the Census Bureau are confidential, and are seen only by sworn census employees. Therefore, they cannot be used for purposes of taxation, regulation or investigation.

Census officals respect the convenience and interests of those who give the data, as well as the needs of those who use the facts collected. The Bureau insists upon gathering at public expense, only those facts for which there is ample justification and real need.

Constructive criticism and suggestion are always welcome. The Bureau constantly consult representative individuals and groups to determine their needs and secure their cooperation in best filling those needs.

Census Bureau services must keep in step with the changing needs and conditions, and there is a joint responsibility between the Census Bureau and the users of statistical data for improving the Census Bureau services.

In the First Maryland District, efforts of the local census officials are at present centered on the business census. This census will begin promptly on January 2nd, 1940. The enumerators are now being instructed in their work. The Census Bureau, after consulting with outstanding men in every branch of industry, Chambers of Commerce and other organizations, has revised the business schedules to include: cost value of inventories at both the beginning and end of the year.

Consumer debt (accounts receivable) outstanding at the beginning and end of the year, both installment and open accounts.

Information on the extent of self-employment, and withdrawals of proprietor-owners.

Facts on the length of ownership by present owners and date of original establishments of the business, and a detailed breakdown of sales by commodities.

Entirely new this year is a schedule on sales finance companies, to complete the picture on consumer debt.

The business census includes contractors and buidlers engaged in the business of construction. In fact, every individual, firm or corporation, large or small, selling either commodities or service are included in this census.

Mr. Lednum, supervisor for the First Maryland District would like to meet with business groups, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, Farm Bureau, civic organizations and school groups in each county in an effort to secure their cooperation and interest to help make this 1940 census the most complete ever enumerated.

Mrs. Robert Humphrey Dies At Wilmington

Mrs. Robert Humphrey, eighty-four, grandmother of Roy H. Wilson Business Manager of the Record-Observer, died early Wednesday morning at her late home in Wilmigton, Delaware.

Mrs. Humphrey had been ill for a long time. Besides Mr. Wilson, she is survived by six other grandchildren, a son, Mr. George Humphrey who is in Scotland and a daughter, Mrs. William K. Wilson.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 p. m., from Haine's Funeral Parlors, Wilmington.