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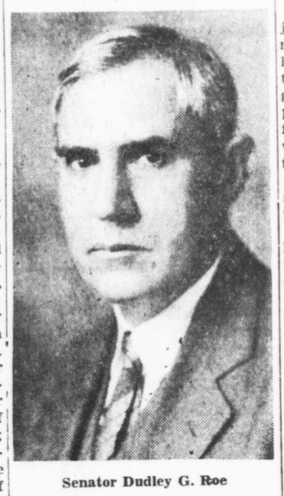
Prominent Men Speakers At Senator Roe Dinner

Committee Announces Names Of Distinguished Speakers For Dinner To Be Held Next Tuesday Night At The Armory

Supplementing the announcement of a dinner to be tendered Senator Dudley G. Roe next Tuesday night at the Centreville Armory—an announcement which appeared in last week's Record-Observer—the committee in charge of the affair for the Democratic party of Queen Anne's county have prepared a program which carries the names of the State's most distinguished men.

Mr. William R. Horney, prominent Centreville attorney, will act as Toastmaster, and will have the honor of introducing as speakers and honored guests the following: Senator Arthur H. Brice of Kent county, President of the Maryland Senate; Senator Earl Bennett of Dorchester county; Senator Thomas F. Johnson of Worcester county; Senator C. C. Squier of Cecil county; Senator Philip W. Dorsey of St. Mary's county and Assistant Demomcratic floor leader Hon.; J. Millard Tawes of Somerset county, State Comptroller; Hcnorable Clarence W. Miles of Wicomcio county and member of the Baltimore City bar, and the guest of honor, Senator Dudey G. Roe of Queen Anne's county, the Democratic floor leader of the Maryland Senate.

The dinner, which will be served by the Parent-Teachers' Association of Centreville, will be served at seven o'clock next Tuesday, December 12th at the Armory. It is reported that the ticket sale has been over-subscribed.



Senator Dudley G. Roe

Horticultural Society Holds 53rd Meeting

Three Days Meeting At Easton Dec. 13, 14, 15 Is Announced

Beginning next Wednesday afternoon with the invocation by the Rev. Carltn M. Harris of Easton, the 53rd annual convention of the Peninsula Horticultural Society will get under way at Easton. The balance of the afternoon will be devoted to talks of a technical nature by experts from the University of Maryland and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics at Washington. Committees will be appointed for the balance of the convention.

Thursday, all day, will be devoted to talks on various phases of horticulture by experts in their fields. In the evening the annual banquet will be held at which Mr. Otto Danger, President of the Society will preside. H. C. Byrd, president University of Maryland, G. L. Schuster, Dean University of Delaware, and Dr. R. E. Lothrop, of the Regional Research Laboratory of Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania are among the speakers at the banquet.

Friday will be devoted to further technical discussions during the forenoon. The close of the annual meeting will follow the election of officers and the business meeting.

The County Agent has asked that any members from this section who wish to attend the annual meeting do please notify him b yDecember 10th as he has a few tickets at his disposal for those who notify him before that date. The tickets are available at 75 cents each.

One of the features of the meeting is the Examination Contest for all rural boys and girls on fruit and vegetable growing and canning. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Mrs. Raskob Sells 2 Guernsey Bulls

Two registered bulls have been recently sold by Mrs. Helena S. Raskob, according to a release from the American Guernsey Cattle Club of Peterborough, New Hampshire.

The first, Taurus of Pioneer Point, 279380, was sold to W. P. Blocher of Chestertown.

The other bull, Pioneer Point Buccaneer, 277701, was sold to Norman L. Rhodes of Cordova, Md.

1938-39EGG RECORDS

Sixty-six cooperators' records for 1938-39 were completed in the Maryland Farm Egg Record project and indications from a preliminary survey of the data showed continued improved results from better management practices in culling, egg production and mortality.

A subscription to the RECORD-OBSERVER makes a welcome Christmas present to friends and relatives everywhere.

Poultry Men Meet At County Agents

Dr. Cunningham To Speak To Elect Officers

Mr. M. K. Miller, County Agent, is calling a meeting at his office on Friday evening, December 8th, for all who are interested in poultry raising. The general purpose of the meeting is to re-organize the Queen Anne's County Fish and Game Association, to elect officers for next year, and to hear Dr Charles H. Cunningham, who is in charge of the Regional Live Stock Sanitary Service here give a talk on "Poultry Sanitation." After his talk, Dr. Cunningham will be on hand to discuss various poultry diseases and methods of control.

It is also planned to draw up a plan for 1940 activities. No one interested in the various phases of raising poultry should miss this meeting or fail to take advantage of the opprtunity to profit by Dr. Cunningham's talk.

The meeting is called for 8 p. m., this Friday, the 8th.

1940 Car Tags In New Colors Elgin States

Plates To Be Blue And Lettering White States Elgin

The 1940 automobile license tags are going to be gayer, and easier on the eye, according to an announcement made by W. Lee Elgin, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

"We've streamlined the numbers on the tag, but we haven't changed the size of the tag The numerals wil be much more attractive, too", the Commissioner stated.

Instead of the white and green colored tags of the past two years, the 1940 plates will have white letters on a blue background, when the proper time comes next April.

Walter R. Rudy, Mr. Elgin's predecessor, selected the new color scheme.

MRS. W. J. BINEBRINK DEAD

Mrs. W. J. Binebrink, 72, passed away Wednsday afternoon at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Willis, Jr., at Church Hill.

Funeral services will be held at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon from the Ruthsburg M. P. Church. The Rev. L. Colvin Randall will officiate.

WILLIAM McDERMOTT DEAD

Word was received at the Record-Observer office that William McDermott, former linotype operator at this newspaper, died suddenly on November 30th at his home n Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. McDermott had made many friends in Centreville while employed here who will sorrow at the news of his passing.

ANNOUNCEMENT

From now on till Christmas the Women's Club rest room will be available to shoppers in Centreville from 9 a. m. till 10 p. m.

Locals Blank Vienna Here Sunday By 3-0

Talbot County Booters Receive Stiff Defeat By Centreville

Vienna, holders of second place, journeyed to Centreville Sunday to meet one of the severest defeats it has encountered all season. Centreville, vastly improved since its game with Denton the week before proved to aggressive and smooth for their Dorchester opponents and won 3-0, scoring in every period but the first.

One of the largest crowds of the season witnessed the fray despite the chilly and windy weather.

Vienna's excellent defense was hard to crack as the first quarter was scoreless. Both teams had several opportunities to score but neither could quite put it over. In the second period, Centreville found the range of the Vienna goal and Henry Lewis booted a fast one past goalie Richardson to take the lead.

In the third quarter D. Skinner took a rebound off H. Richardson and booted it through. Early n the fourth quarter, Holden took a long outside shot to clinch the game.

Wheatley and Loomis of Vienna were outstanding in their fine defensive work, but met stiff opposition in Mallalieu and G. Skinner who both played heads-up soccer. D. kinner and H. Lewis, outstanding forwards for Centreville, each scored twice.

Centreville's next game will be on December 17th when they take on the St. Michaels aggregation here.

The line-up:

Centreville		Vienna A. C.
C. Cecil	G	H Richardsoa
G. Skinner ...	RFB	R Hurley
F. Greene	LFB. .	C. Richardson
I. Drummer ..	RHB	J. Spear
W. Mallelieu .	CHB	E. Hurley
C. Roe	LHB	D. Hurley
W. Anthony ..	REF	R. Payne
H. Lewis	RIF ...	M. Wheatley
D. Skinner	CF	H. Loomis
W. Rampmyer .	LIF ..	E. LeCompte
R. Yates	LEF ..	J. LeCompte

Substitutes. Centreville—A Holden, A. Pierson, F Cobb.

500 Aided In Nov. By Welfare Board

November Fine Month. Many Get Help

During the month of November, the Queen Anne's County Welfare Board of Centrevlile gave aid to over 500 persons.

In the old age assistance group, three hundred and fifteen individuals received aid, the total amount expended totaling $3,678.81.

Aid for dependent children was given to sixty-nine families in which there were a total of one hundred and fifty-eight chldren The expenditure for this group was $1316.02.

In the third classification which is identified as " general public assistance", and which benefits those people who are ill or disabled, twenty-three families were assisted by an expenditure of $272.50.

In addition to the various assistance mentioned above, $111.66 was given to eight who are blind.

Sometime ago the County Commissioners made an appropriation for old age assistance for the year 1940. This was done to benefit a large lst of people who have had to wait their turn for assistance.

Change Announced In Badminton Schedule

Beginning this week and for the next two weeks it is necessary to make a change in our Badminton schedule.

Because it is necessary for the National Guard to drill three nights a week our Friday night Badminton wil not be held. We will however, have the courts open to the high school and army adults who wish to play on Friday from 3 to 6 p. m.

The schedule will be as follows:

Friday, December 8—3 to 6 p. m.

Friday, December 15—3 to 6 p. m.

3 to 10:30

Wednesday, December 20—3 to 6 p. m.

Friday, December 22—3 to 6 p. m.

Wednesday, December 27—3 to 10:30 p. m.

Friday, December 29—3 to 6 p. m.

Notice that there will be no playing Wednesday, December 13th dut to the engagement of the Armory.

Attention is called to the fact that Mrs. Purnell Brown, Treasurer, will accept donations from donors at any time.

Attendance is still running high and we invite all those who have not participaed to come to the Armory and get aquainted with the fascinating game.

Attention Please

The Reverend J. E. Cummings District Superintendent of the New Easton office of the Methodist Church will be at Grace Church, Centreville for the eleven o'clock service this Sunday morning.

For this reason the Reverend L. Colvin Randall has decided to dispense with the usual services at Hayden and Ruthsburg churches, and asking the congregation of those churches to attend the 11 o'clock service at Grace Church.

Stevens Corner Leads Schools In Attendance

County Averages 92.7%. Conference Held On Problems

The Stevens Corner School led all in attendance during the month of November with a 100% attendance record Templeville was second with an average tf 97.1. Each of these scheols were served by one teacher.

Mrs. Lola P. Brown, Attendance Officer reported on the other schools as follows: Chester, 95.5; Barclay, 95.2; Queen Anne, 94.7; Church Hill, 94.6.

Among the high schools, Church Hill led with an attendance figure of 95.7%, while Tri-County was second with a record of 95.5.

This made a county average of 92.7.

In the colored group, Burrisville led with 97.4, and Corsica was second with a figure of 97, in the schools having one teacher. In the graded group, Grasonville led with 96.6, Centreville taking second position with 95.6.

Kennard High maintained an attendance of 92.9. The county average in the colored schools was 94.1.

The Board of Education also reports that a regional of Attendance Workers was held at the Board of Education office Friday, December 1st to discuss the following topics:

Who is a behavior problem child?

What type of grade sheet can we give to the teacher to help her understand factors that have a hearing on each child's behavior.

The group consists of:Mrs. E. H. Barnes, Mrs. M.M. Beck, Mrs. L. P. Brown, Mrs. M. W. Meckner, Mrs. E. A. Stone, Mrs. Louis Robinson, and Mrs. Franklin D. Day.

Kent Island Women Hold Card Party

Meet Friday The 8th At The Clubrooms

The Woman's Club of Kent Island will hold a card party on Friday, December 8th at the community rooms in Stevensville at eight o'clock.

Mrs. Barnes Legg and Mrs. Marion Bryan are co-chairmen of the project. A large attendance is expected from the Club's substantial membership of one hundred and twenty members.

The Kent Island organization serves 3000 free lunches to school children during the year at Chester and Stevensville. It is for this fund, primarily that the party is being held. A great list of prizes follows which will be awarded at the party. Ice cream and cake will be served at the function. The list of prizes and their donors follow:

1 quart mayonnaise, Kraft; 1 gallon Zerone, Pure Oil Co.; 1 Gardenia Luxury Gift Box, Beauty Counselors, Inc.; 1 case American Beer, James L. Chance; 4 compacts, Richard Hudnut; 1 cake, Mrs. Baylis; 2 gal-

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F. D. Santa

The Centreville Fire Department is still hopeful that more toys, fruit, clothing—and cash will roll into their coffers to help to make this Christmas a happy and cheerful day for the ittle ones who might be passed by in Santa's mad rush.

All connected with the work, however, are encouraged by the progress made this past week. Those in charge report that quite a number of old toys have come in.

You may leave what ever you can spare, be it clothes, eats, toys,—or cash with any of the following:

Bartlett Hardware Store, Seward's Barber Shop, O. K. Nelson's Shop or Mrs. Archie Dewing's home.

Safety Meeting In Centreville Well Attended

Rally At Centreville Draws Over 100 Last Thursday

December Safety Week of Governor Herbert R. O'Conor's Traffic Safety program was inaugurated in Queen Anne's county at a meeting held in the Court House, Centreville Thursday evening of last week, with Dr. W. H. Fisher, County Chairman, presiding.

Among the speakers was Herman Epstein, of Centreville, member of the Queen Anne's County and Baltimore City bars. Mr Epstein s just recovering from serious injuries, in whch he narrowly escaped death in an automobile accident and gave a vivid description of the inconvenience resulting from accidents, even when a fatality does not actually occur.

Splendid cooperation of the county was assured the Traffic Safety Committee, in short talks by Dr. J. W. Crowl, President of the Board of County Commissioners; Norman P. Walters, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Centreville; Harry C. Reynolds, representing Queenstown Town Commissioners and the Queenstown Lions Club; George W. Aldridge and W. Ray Tabler, representing the Jeff Davis Post, American Legion; Dr. N. P. Chanaud, the Rotary Club; E. Clyde Walls, Principal of Centreville High School and J. Bernard Merrick, Principal of Church Hill High School, representing the schools; Mrs. Guy E. Harmon, Woman's Club of Centreville; R. Carroll Wilson and Jewell H. Fesmyer, school bus operators; Senator Dudley G. Roe and Rev. Thomas Donaldson also spoke.

Throughout the day heads of organizations phoned Dr. Fisher, assuring the Committee of their support, athough several were unable to attend.

In cooperation with the Traffic Safety Committee the County Commissioners, Town Commissioners of Centreville, Church Hill Town Commissioners, Queenstown Town Commissioners and Sudlersville Town Commissioners, issued a proclamation declaring December 1st to 7th Traffic Safety Week.

Dr. Fisher announced that the Centreville Parent-Teachers' Association had notifiled him that their entire January program would be devoted to Safety. He also expressed a vote of thanks to the pastors of all county churches for announcements made at their services on Sunday, November 26th of Traffic Safety Week.

Mr. Reynolds advised the meeting that the Queenstown Lions Club had taken steps to have the school buses unload their passengers on school grounds instead of on the highway.

Any organization desiring to adopt resolutions backing the Governor's program for Safety may secure a copy of resolution from Dr. Fisher.

Among those who attended the meeting were the entire County Council f 4-H Cubs, lead by Chester Cissel, County Agent, and Miss Helen Harner, County Home Demonstration Agent.

Women's Club Holds Christmas Party

The Christmas party held by the Woman's Club of Centreville last Monday afternoon, and with the Junior Club as special guests was a very enjoyable affair.

A beautiful lighted tree, mistletoe, holly and pine gave the proper setting. Gift prizes for the games played were in festive wrappings and piled beneath the tree.

Bridge, five hundred and Lexacon were the games.

Refreshments of fruit punch, Christmas cookies and candy were served.

The party comaittee were: Mrs. Ray Tabler, chairman; Mrs. A. A. M. Dewing, Mrs. Harry Draper, Mrs. Charles Barney, Mrs. Elmer Kessler, Miss Heen West and Mrs. Vachel Downes.

A short business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Guy Harmon, president of the club.

A donation of five dollars will be sent to the Clara Benson Bolling scholarship fund. Mrs. Bolling was an Eastern Shore woman who served as a former State President of the Federated Women's Club. The scholarship fund is in her honor.

Mrs. A. A. M. Dewing was named chairman of a committee to plan for a lighted tree to be placed in the Rest Room during the holiday season.

GRACE GLEANERS TO MEET

The Grace Gleaners of Grace Methodist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Harry Towers on Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Centreville Business Men Preparing For Christmas

County Clergy Plan Service In Community

Christmas Service To Be Held Dec. 22, On The Green

Members of the clergy of Queen Anne's county met Tuesday at the Rectory of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Centreville to discuss plans for a community Christmas service to be held on the Court House green on Friday evening, December 22nd at 6:45 p. m.

The Rev. Thomas Donaldson was chairman of the meeting, while The Rev. Charles Jarvis of Queen Anne served as Secretary.

While this was but the first meeting of the group and all details of the program had not been worked out, various committees were appointed to arrange the service. The next meeting of the group will be held on December 12th at 10:30 a. m., at the Grace Parsonage, Centreville.

The Rev L. C. Randall was appointed genreal chairman of the program Assisting him are The Reverends W. C. Eastburn, and C. S. Jarvis in charge of publicity and music respectively, while the Reverends Thomas Donaldson and H. V. Branford will act as co-chairmen of the committee on speakers. The speeches will all be short, lasting but three to five minutes.

The Reverends Hastings and Thornton were appointed to contact the upper and lower counties respectively, while the Reverend A. B. Snapp and the Reverend H. B. Flater will assist.

The Reverend Charles Jarvis hopes to organize a large choir, mustered from all over Queen Anne's county.

Further details of the program will be announced in the next issue of this newspaper.

NameSpeakers Farm Bureau Dinner Dec. 13

Ernest W. Grubb To Be Toastmaster — 200 Are Expected

When Queen Anne's County Farm Bureau meets next Wednesday, December 13th at the Centreville Armory for its annual Christmas banquet over 200 guests are expected, according to information received from Robert T Newell, Secretary of of the association.

Mr. Ernest W. Grubb will serve as toastmaster. The guest speaker will be Dr. R. C. Steinmyer, professor of Political Science at the University of Maryland. Either P. C. Turner, President or C. E. Wise, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer will represent the Maryland Farm Bureau on the program.

The dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m.

State Prepares Roads For Winter Weather

Eight crews, made up of forty or fifty men are busily engaged throughout Queen Anne's county making both County and State roads prepared for the Winter season. The crews are repairing shoulders of roads, sanding muddy spots and filling in holes with sand and gravel.

TWO YOUTHS JOIN NAVY

Two young men of this community signed up for service with Uncle Sam this week. They were: Thomas Rhodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rhodes of Centreville, and David Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson of Queenstown.

The youths were sworn in at Baltimore on Monday and were immediately ordered to Norfolk, Va., where they will receive instruction at the United States Naval Training School.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be entertained at the home of Miss Matilda Keating on Friday, December 15, at 2 p. m. Miss Anna Taylor will review Barry Benefield's 'April Was When It Began".

CHRISTMAS CLUB CHECKS

Three hundred and fifty checks, totaling $11,000 are being mailed on Friday, December 8th, to members of the Christmas Club of the Centreville National Bank.

Town To Be Decorated In Festive Colors

Lights Being Rapidly Erected By The Town. Merchants And General Public Give Funds For Project Here

Christmas is almost upon us and all Centreville is rapidly preparing for its advent. The business men of Centreville started their plans on Monday night when they met at a dinner tendered them by the Record-Observer at the Centreville Hotel, followed by a meeting there of the Chamber of Commerce at which Roy H. Wilson, Vice-President took charge in the absence of the group's President, Norman P. Walters Thirty-four attended the dinner, given by this newspaper.

After a protracted discussion as to the best method to employ in properly financing the project of appropriate lighting and donation of prizes, it was decided that each merchant be asked to donate a stipulated sum, and that the general public be asked to give what they could towards the Christmas plan, no contribution to exceed five dollars.

Mr. Wilson appointed the following committes to engineer the arrangements. The general committee consists of the following: W. Ray Tabler, F Asbury Bartlett and Herbert Goldstein. The committee on decorations includes: Tony Kontos, John McKenney, assisted by two other members to be appointed, while the committee on publicity and advertising is composed of Roy H. Wilson, C. S. Thomas, and John A Thayer.

In adjoining columns of this newspaper the plans are outlined for the activities of the Clergy and the Rotary Club during the days just preceding Christmas. On the 22nd, the County Clergy will co-operate in holding a community service on the green, while on the following day the Rotary Club will bring Santa Claus to the same locale where boys and girls may shake hands with him and receive a present.

All in all, within a short time Centreville will be bright with Christmas lights and decorations and the whole town permeated with the atmosphere that comes but once a year.

Santa Claus Will Appear December 12

December 23rd Is Date At Court House For Santa

On Saturday afternoon, December 23rd at about three o'clock Santa Claus will visit Centreville and distribute candy, fruits, and nuts to the little children who come up and shake hands with him and give him a smile.

Yes. Santa will be in town. He'll roll up to the Green or to some point in Lawyers' Row on Centreville's fire truck Members of the Centreville Rotary Club, which is bringing Santa here, will escort the merry old gentleman to a suitable place for receiving those who so dearly love him and whom he, in turn so dearly loves.

Of course, Santa Claus is terribly busy these days, but he has assured the members of the Rotary Club committee that he will be on hand. At least, that is what he told Clarence Woodward, Robert Newell, Mark Miller, and Dr. Cunningham, who are all on that committee.

If it should rain—well, he'll be somewhere else in town. Probably the Armory So, if you children want to meet Santa and get something good to eat—for a smile—you had better be around the town at a little after three on December 23rd,—Saturday.

Two Must Hang For Crimes On Aged Couple

Sanchez And Kenton Go To Baltimore Jail From Here

On Monday, Circuit Court Judge Owen Knotts at Easton sentenced Alvin Kenton and Thomas L. Sanchez to be hanged and directed the Sheriff of Queen Anne's county to deliver the prisoners to the penitentiary at Baltimore, there to await execution. Sheriff Coursey brought the condemned to Centreville where they spent Monday night, taking them on to Baltimore the next day.

Last week Sanchez and Kenton were convicted of entering the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Aiken of Templeville. There they robbed and beat the husband and attacked Mrs. Akien, who is 83 years of age.

In summng up one of the most sordid crimes in the history of the State, the Judge declared to the defendants: "I know of nothing worse than your depravity on this occasion."

BIRTHDAY DINNER

There was a dinner held at the home of Mr. and Mrs Leonard Hoxter at Chester in honor of his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Hoxter on her eightieth birthday. Those who attended were, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hoxter, Mr. and Mrs. Hill Hoxter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sellars, Mrs. Vicla Hoxter, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Meekins, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. James Chance, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Nelson, Misses Eunice, Isabel, Bobbie and Beatrice Hoxter; Messrs. John Curtis, Billy Kellar, Stuart Hoxter, Mr. and Mrs. Arncld Southern, Mr. Bruce Grimes, Mr. Curtis Benton, Mr. Herbert Bedford, Mr. Buckie Sellars.

TO HEAR G-MAN FRIDAY

The Junior Woman's Club of Centreville wish to remind our readers of the talk to be given by T. W. Dorsey, Special Agent of the F. B. I., at the Court House on Friday at 8 p. m.. The Government man will talk on fingerprinting.

Last Day For Auto Test Is December 15

Inspection Is Part Of Annual Campaign For Safety

December 15th is the deadline for motor vehicle inspection, Commissioner Elgin warned motorists.

All police ffcers will be instructed to halt automobiles lacking inspecton tags after the deadline and drivers will be ordered to show cause for their failure to comply with the regulation Operators failing to appear will lose their licenses.

To date, approximately 100,000 of Maryland's 430,000 registered automobiles have been tested.

Has Yours?

Post Office Figures Gain Over Last Year

The Centreville Post Office has just reported a remarkable gain in mail handled in the four months just passed over the corresponding months of the year 1938.

August showed a gain of 14%, September 12%, October 11%, and November 32%.

Air Mail showed the impressive gain of 72% for the fiscal year from January 30th 1938 to January 30th 1939.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mrs. Elsie M. Benton of Wilmington, announces the engagement of her sister, Miss Lela A. Thomas, of Dover to Mr. P. H. Brackman, also of Dover.

Miss Thomas, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Thomas, of Stevensville, is in the employ of the State Board of Education in the capacity of Visiting Teacher and has resided in Dover for several years.

Mr. Brackman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brackman, of Brooklyn.