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Over 200 At Farm Bureau Dinner Dec. 13

Dr. Steinmyer Talks On War Situation—Boys Receive Awards

Over 200 enthusiastic members attended the annual Christmas party of the Farm Bureau at the Armory last Wednesday night.

The Grace Gleaners served the dinner to the throng, and, from all who were there great praise was given for the ladies of that organization for their fine work and delicious dinner.

After the delicious repast Toastmaster Ernest Grubb, always clever and facile in that capacity introduced the speakers. The leading speaker was Dr. R. C. Steinmyer, Professor of political science at the University of Maryland. Dr. Steinmyer spoke on the political phases of the war now raging in Europe. There were those who disagreed with his views, but the general consensus seemed to be, that the speaker talked of the war from an angle that is missed in many sources.

P. C. Turner, President of the Maryland Farm Bureau and C. E. Wise, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer of that organization also gave pithy and interesting talks.

Mrs. Algernon Carter of Queenstown, a delegate to the national convention was present to give her report, which, all agreed, was thorough and detailed.

Five junior memberships were awarded for fine work done by young men in F. F. A. and 4-H work.

It was announced that the State convention will be held on January 9, 10, 11, 12th at Baltimore. The delegates appointed were:

Noah Skinner, of Sudlersville: Casper Seney of Church Hill; A. T. Blackwood of Centreville, and A. B. Davidson of Queenstown.

Two ladies were appointed to represent the Women's Auxiliary in the Eastern Shore territory. Mrs. John R. Whaley was chosen for the lower portion, while Mrs. Theodore Walbert is to represent the upper section.

Old-Age And Survivors Insurance Provisions

In the State of Maryland, there are more than 6,33,000 persons who now have social security account numbers; and most of them want to know how the changes in the law apply to them. By way of supplying information to our readers this paper begins this week, a series of articles, each of which will explain one provision of the new social security program.

Three of the amendments to the concern almost every family in the United States, in one way or another:

1. The wage tax of one percent precent remains the until 1943. That is, the tax will not be increased in 1940, as provided under the old law.

2. In addition to monthly payments to insured wage earners who are eligible for benefits after reaching age 65, monthly benefits will be paid to the aged wives and minor children of these annuitants; and monthly benefits are provided for aged widows ,for orphans, and for widows with minor children of insured wage earners who die.

3. Monthly benefits will begin two years earlier than was provided in the original act, which means that the first monthly payments of old-age insurance will be made in 1940 instead of 1942.

(Next week—Who May Apply for Monthly Benefits Next Year?)

Sudlersville Seniors Give Successful Play

On December 15th, the Seniors of the Sudlersville high school ,gave their class play. The three-act comedy, "Whistling in the Dark" was this year's selection.

The play was well received and the young people showed a considerable amount of histrionic ability in their rendition of the modern comedy.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Miss Elizabeth Yates entertained at a birthday dance party in Baltimore last Wednesday evening in honor of her birthday.

Miss Yates accepted a seretarial position with the duPont Company in the early Fall.

Forty guests attended. Mr. Cantwell, Plant Manager of the Baltimore Plant, gave a fine speech welcoming Miss Yates as an employee of the duPont Company and concluded the speech with the presentation of a beautiful portable radio from the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Stowell are visiting at "Spring Cove" their Eastern Shore estate.

Centreville Alumni Dance To Be Highlight Of Christmas Holidays

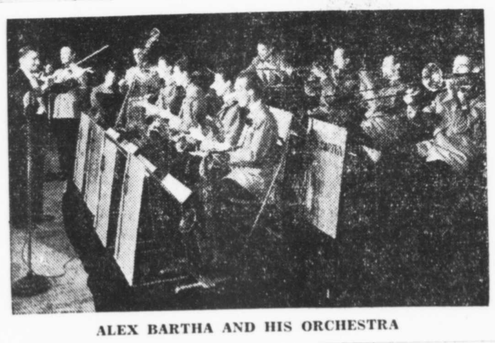
Christmas Night Party. High School Grads Gala Days Starts

The Centreville Alumni annually hold a ball at the Armory. This year that annual event promises to be the most brilliant in many years. From 9:30 till 2:30 Tuesday morning it is expected that the Armory will re-echo with the music of a top-notch orchestra and the laughter and conversation of a happy crowd of people having a good time. And a good time they will have. For they will have the occasion, the setting, the music of Alex Bartha and his Steel Pier Orchestra. And they will have themselves. The alumni will have their memories. The rest of the throng wil have the enjoyment of the party with its music, lights, and pretty women; and be sorry that they were not alumni.

It will be a great party. It is always. The Centreville Alumni Dance is always a signal that the Christmas social season is on. And the dance itself is usually the highlight of the holidays.

It takes organization to make a great party run smoothly. The 1939 dance committee has the organization.

The music is in charge of John Connolly as chairman. Assisting him are Paul Bruehl, Bessie Ireland, Henry Lewis, and S. E. W. Friel, Jr.,



ALEX BARTHA AND HIS ORCHESTRA

The committee in charge of the programs, tickets and invitations is equally well fortified in the leadership of Miss Lucille Lutz with able assistance from Dudley Benton and Kennard Rhodes.

The decorating committee is in charge of John Hall Price—who will make the place a joy to the eye.

There will be attractive favors, of course, and Miss Sara Catherine Roe as chairman, helped by Mrs. Dudley Benton and Miss Myrtle May Lewis will take care of that important feature.

The Chaperones' Committee, an all important functional thing at a large affair is in charge of Mrs. Percy Tucker, with Miss Edith Keating and Mr. George T. Pratt assisting her.

The Chaperones are: Mrs. W. Layton Holton, Miss Nannie P. Keating, Mrs. F. Bennett Carter, Miss Ida M. Todd, Mrs. Milton Wolcott, Mrs. Harry Reynolds, Mrs. Francis I. Jaques, Mrs. Paul Brown, Mrs. Archie Roe, and Mrs. Nicholas Nides.

It is going to be a great party. It will begin at 9:30 p. m. on Christmas night and last until we all know that the next day means work.

Firemen Visit Fifty Homes To Give Toys

160 Children Benefit By Fire Department Santa

Last Sunday the Centreville Fire Department finished their long annual task of gathering, repairing, and distributing toys to the underprivileged of the county. For a long time they have worked, fixing over toys, painting them, and making them look like new so that the children of the county, who might have been missed in Santa Claus' journey, would not be neglected.

Over 200 miles the firemen jaunted, calling at 50 homes and distributing toys to over one hundred and sixty children! All over Queen Anne's county they travelled in their cars and truck to spread Christmas joy.

It was a great piece of work, and we are sure that it will long be appreciated.

ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Powell were hosts at a family dinner on Sunday in honor of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson B. Cecil and children of Baltimore. Among the other guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Theodore H. Wood, Miss Elizabeth Wood and Mr. Mark Wood, of Chestertown; Miss Doris Logan, Mr. James Logan, of Wimington, Del.; Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Murphy of Price, and Miss Emma Jean Powell of Church Hill. The hostess also gave a Christmas party in the afternoon which was very enjoyable.

Soloist

William Swayze

William Swayze, baritone soloist with the Savoy Opera Company, Atlantic City and Radio Station WCAU, Philadelphia, will sing with other members of the Savoy Opera Company, at the special Christmas Eve service at Mother of Sorrows Church, planned by Father Fisher, under the able direction of Mr. John A. Thoms, organist and director of the Savoy Opera Company of Philadelphia.

SUDLERSVILLE H. S. DANCE

The Sudlersville High School Alumni will hold their annual Christmas dance in Cox Hall, Wednesday evening, December 27, from 9 a. m. to 1:30 p. m., with music by Lee Paige's orchestra.

Locals Trim St. Michaels Sunday 7-2

Anthony Stars With 3. Improved Team To Face Greensboro

After a rest of two weeks Centreville came back strongly last Sunday and routed the highly favored St. Michaels team 7-2, scoring in each period and piling up four goals in the past period. It was by far the best exhibition of soccer the local boys had put on this year. Individual scoring honors went to Bill Anthony who scored three of the 7 goals.

In the beginning of the second half, Kirby, St. Michael goalie was hurt. He had been playing a grand game. Coll took his place, but received a terrific pounding from the Centreville forwards.

The defense was good on both sides.

The line-up:

Centreville		St. Michaels
Drummer	G	Kirby
G. Skinner	RFB	Jefferson
Greene	LFB	Martin
Mallelieu	RHB	Stewart
Walbert	CHB	Willey
Roe	LHB	Dyott
Yates	REF	Frampton
Rampmyer	RIF	Swahans
D. Skinner	CF	Murray
Lewis	LIF	Wala
Anthony	LEF	Oxenhaum

Substitutes. Centreville—Cobb, Pierson, Holden. St. Michaels—Choll.

Santa Claus To Be Here Saturday At 2:30

Just in case you youngsters should forget, Santa Claus is coming to town Saturday afternoon on the Fire Truck. He should arrive at about 2:30 p. m. There will be candy and other sweets for the kids who are present, and who come up to him, shake his hand,—and smile. So don't forget to be there, boys and girls—with the smile.

Allan B. Lane Buys Three Fine Guernseys

Three registered Guernsey cows have recently been sold by Homestead Dairy Farms, Inc., Salisbury, to Allan B. Lane of Centreville, Md. These animals are Homestead Royal Music 362235, Homestead Foremost Noreen 461613 and Homestead Darlin 461614 according to The American Guernsey Cattle Club, Peterborough, N. H.

APPRECIATION

We wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank those who helped make possible the community tree in the Rest Room.

We are indebted to Mrs. Ned Emory for donating the tree, to Mrs. Guy Harmon for procuring it, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weldie for donating the lights and to Mr. Brown and Mr. Clough for wiring the tree and to Mr. Blunt for placing the tree.

Yours very truly,
Christmas Tree Committtee,
Centreville Woman's Club.

Miss Betty Moore Named Eastern Shore N.Y.A. Aid

Miss Betty Moore Of Queen Anne Named For Staff

Betty Moore of Queen Anne has been appointed to the staff of the Maryland National Youth Administration. She wll interview applicants for NYA jobs in Eastern Shore Counties. Miss Moore is a graduate of the University of Maryland and of Tri-County high school in Queen Anne. She coached athletics at her high school, and has been a counsellor at Camp Powtatinika under the Baltimore YWCA. Last year she served on the interviewing staff of the WPA Needs Survey.

In announcing the appointment of Miss Moore, Ryland N. Dempster, State Administrator, pointed out that jobs for an additional 1000 Eastern Shore youths would be provided by the National Youth Administration within the next three months. NYA work-projects part-time employment for boys and girls between 18 and 25 who are out of school and otherwise out of work.

Every attempt will be made to assign boys and girls to work along lines of their choice and abilities. All NYA work is done on public property, and every work-project is sponsored by a public agency. NYA work includes roadside improvements, construction and repair of public buildings, clerical assistance to health, welfare, school and employment offices, and aid to libraries, hospitals, and school cafeterias.

Max Chambers, District Supervisor explained that Miss Moore will spend some time in each county interviewing youths who wish to apply for NYA work. Appointments for interviews can be made in advance through local school officials, or by writing to Mr. Chambers, NYA headquarters, Denton, Md. Miss Moore has been in Baltimore for a few days at the NYA state office familiarizing herself with her new duties, and will probably begin work in Easton this week. While looking over NYA reports, she discovered that last month over 300 Maryland boys and girls left NYA for private emloyment, indicating the practical value of the program in providing useful work-experience for young people.

Winter Plans For Badminton Announced

Centreville Committee On Recreation To Sponsor Games

Beginning soon after the start of the new year, the Centreville Recreation Committee will sponsor badminton tournaments for players in both high school and adult groups. The qualifications for entrance in these tournaments and the rules governing them follow:

Mixed doubles Round-Robin Tournament starting after the first of the year for high school boys and girls, sponsored by the Centreville Recreation Committee.

This tournament will be divided into A and B groups, the winners in each group will play in the finals.

Each match will consist of one 15 point game. All points earned by each team, whether winner or loser, will be credited to that team. Team winning the greatest numer of points will represent that group in the finals.

The finals will consist of three, 11-point games, the team winning 2 out of 3 games will be determined as the High School Badminton Champion team.

Entries will close Wednesday, January 3rd at 4:30 p. m.

Details and rules governing this tournament will be in the hands of the Badminton committee which consists of the high school students.

Beginning after the first of the new year and continuing through January, two preliminary tournaments, men's doubles and ladie's doubles, will be run in the form of an elimination tournament, under the auspices of the Centreville Recreation Committee.

Each match will consist of the best two out of three, 11-point games.

Matches will be scheduled one week in advance and competitors will be required to be ready to commence play at the scheduled time under penalty of forfeiture of the match.

The committee will do it uttermost to schedule matches at the convenience of all contestants.

Following these tournaments it is proposed to run a finals mixed doubles tournament for the Robert's trophy and Queen Anne's County Championship.

Entries will close Wednesday, January 3, at 8 p. m.

Details and rules governing these tournaments will be in the hands of the badminton Committee and instructors in charge.

David J. Ward Candidate For Re-election

Salisbury Candidate Hopes To Repeat In Congress

Congressman David J. Ward, Salisbury, last week announced his candidacy for renomination as Representative in Congress in the First Congressional District.

Congressman Ward had been unanimously nominated by the Democratic State Convention in Baltimore last spring to fill the unexpired term of Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough and won the special election of June 6th by a 3 to 2 vote over A Stengle Marine, his Republican opponent.

In that election he carried every county except Dorchester, where his opponent resided.

In his announcement last week, Congressman Ward said:

"I feel that my experience filling the unexpired term of Judge Goldsborough qualifies me to better serve the interests of all the people in the First Congressional District.

"Duing the past session of Congress many matters affecting the well being of the people of the Eastern Shore were brought to my attention and I believe that have received satisfactory action.

"I intend for my tenure of this office to be marked by the same careful consideration to the problems of the Eastern Shore that I have given in my few months in Congress and my many years in the Maryland Senate.

"It has been demonstrated by Judge Goldsborough and other famous Congressmen that the value of a representative of the people in the Halls of Congress is increased by continued service and accrued experience.

"With this experience, should I be returned to the office I now hold, I hope to make myself more valuable to the First Congressional District.

"Much thought has been given to

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Poultrymen Make Plans For The Coming Year

Elect 1940 Officers. Market And Disease Experts Talk

County poultry men met last Friday evening at the County Agent's office, Centreville, to discuss plans for 1940, to elect officers, and to hear two experts give talks on the diseases of poultry and the grading of turkeys, respectively.

Dr. Charles Cunningham, of the Regional Live Stock Sanitary Service gave a most interesting and informative talk on poultry sanitation, while Mr. Lawrence Downey of the State Department of Markets discusssed methods of grading turkeys in accordance with the specifications required by the State.

Elections were held for the officers for 1940. Mrs. J. Edgar Bryan of Queenstown was elected President; William Ratcliffe of Millington, vcie-president; Miss Eleanor Whiteley of Centreville, secretary; and W. Ray Tabler of Centreville, treasurer.

The meeting decided that future gatherings should be held in the various community centers, rather than to have them all at Centreville, as was the former custom. Meetings will definitely be held the first Friday of each month. The initial gathering will be at Sudlersville on January 5th.

An Educational Committee was appointed for the year to prepare a program of timely topical subjects for each meeitng. County Agent Mark Miller was made chairman of this committee. He will be assisted in the work by Messrs. Ratcliffe and Carter.

Speaker

Dr. Charles Cunningham

"Old Wye" To Hold Service At Twilight

Christmas Eve Service For Children At 4:30 P. M.

The Reverend Matthew S. Higgins, rector of "Old Wye" church, Wye Mills extends a cordial invitation to attend the Twilight Service on Christmas Eve at 4:30 o'clock.

The beautiful Creiche which has been presented to the church will be used for the first time at this service.

Gifts, both useful gifts and joyous gifts or gifts of money may be brought to the manger, which will be distributed among under-privileged children of our own community and shared with homeless refugee children.

CECIL—STANT

The marriage of Miss Mary Cecelia Stant and Mr. James Orem Cecil, Jr., took place Tuesday, Decemer 5, at 8 p. m. The Rev. H. K. Krams, pastor of Ingleside M. E. Church, performed the ceremony. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Roger Jester, Jr., Sister and brother-in-law of the bride.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Stant of Centreville and a graduate of Church Hill high school, class of '36. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Orem Cecil of Centreville, and has been employed by the State Roads Commission since the first of the year.

They will make their home at the Woodring property near Starkey's Corner.

CLOSING SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Ruthsburg and Hayden Church Sunday Schools will be closed at 9 a. m., to enable those who so wish to attend the pageant cantata at Grace Church, which will be held at 10:30 a. m.

Youths Hear Babe Ruth At Izaak Waltons

Famed Baseball Star Urges Youth To Help Conserve

George Herman Ruth, Sultan of Swat, baseball's contribution to the Hall of Fame, spent Sunday and Monday nights in Centreville, Sunday evening he genially autographed baseballs for youngsters. Monday he hunted with Mr. John P. Corcoran. And, on Monday evening he addressed the upper Eastern Shore chapter of the Izaak Walton League at their meeting in the County Agent's office.

There were some 150 adults and about 200 youngsters there to hear the man who has done much for sport and even more, perhaps, for boys. The Babe told his young audience: "Start young in conservation work and keep trying so there will be something to shoot and catch when you get older."

The Izaak Waltons elected their new officers the same evening. T. Rigby Valliant of Centreville was elected president. Dr. Norman P. Chanaud is vice-president; Clarence E. Woodward, secretary and W. Ray Tabler, treasurer.

TIME OUT, PLEASE

If your Editor has seemed a bit on the vague side the past few days, perhaps he may be forgiven. For as this is printed he is terraplaning to New York City, there to be married, on Friday, to Mrs. Adair Stoughton of New York City.

The bride-to-be has one son, Charles, eleven. Your editor has a son, John, 18, and a daughter, Carol, 20.

After the wedding, the couple will return to the Eastern Shore where they have rented a house at Queenstown.

Xmas Pageant At Grace Church Sunday Morning

The observance of the Christmastide at Grace Methodist Church of Centreville, will begin this Friday evening when the annual party and treat of the Sabbath School will be held at 8 o'clock. A program of games and entertainment will be brought to a happy conclusion by the arrival of the friend of all boys and girls, Santa Claus.

On Sunday morning at 10:30 a. m., the pageant-cantata: "The Christmas Song of the Ages," by Verna Whinery and Roy E. Nolte, will be presented by the Senior and Junior Choirs, and various character parts. The two who will read the narration are the Misses Emilie Green and and Della Seward. Other characters are Mary played by Miss Frances Benny; Joseph, by Layton Chance; Isaiah, by John Clough; Simeon, by Alfred Green; Anna, by Anna Roe; the Angel, by Miss Lillie Mae Sparks; the Wise Men, by Mahlon Towers, Bobby Towers, and Grayson Chance. The Shepherds, by "Jimmy" Barton, "Junior" Mallonee, "Ted" Randall, and Lawrence Morris. The six Candle Lighters will be Hazel Hammett, Ruth Anna Radcliffe, Ruth Anna Foster, Ruth Roe, Betty Ann Morris, Doris McLaughlin. The pageant-cantata is divided into four parts as follows—The Introduction; Songs of the First Christmas; Christmas Songs of the Ages; and A Heritage of Christmas Song.

The Grace Youth Society will meet in the Sabbath School room of Grace Church at 9:30 p. m., Sunday evening. They will be met at this point by the Epworth League of the Centreville Methodist Church, and proceed together on a tour of carol singing about the town and vicinity.

The Grace Youth Society will be hosts, on Thursday evening, December 28, to the Epworth League of the Centreville Methodist Church at a Christmas party, in Grace Church Sunday School room at 8 p. m.

Farmer Kills Himself After Shooting Son

Youth Had Rented Farm From Father, Who Had Nervous Disorder

Calvin Anderson, a 59 year old farmer of Queen Anne's rose from the breakfast table Sunday, walked to a closet where he removed a shotgun, and then, without any warning shot his son Chester in the back and arm.

Police Officer Randall quoted Mrs. Anderson as saying that her husband had suffered from a nervous disorder. The farmer's wife succeeded in getting the gun away from her husband while friends were taking the son to the hospital. She thought that Anderson had used all the shells. However, while Mrs. Anderson was outside the house the farmer produced two more shells which he fired into his head, dying instantly.

Chester ,the injured son, who left a position on the Raskob estate in order to run the family farm on a rental, is reported as doing fairly at the Easton Emergency Hospital.

Anderson is survived by seven other children.

The President Greets Nation December 24

To Say Merry Christmas On Nation-Wide Radio Program At 4:30

The President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt, will extend Christmas greetings to the country on Sunday, December 24, at 4:30 p. m., when the colorful ceremonies of the Lighting of the National Community Christmas Tree are broadcast over a nation-wide hock-up.

The ceremony, which will take place on the Ellipse, directly behind the White House, is sponsored annually by the Washington Community Center, and is the most impressive Christmas activity in the Nation's Capital.

The program, lasting for an hour, will open with a concert by the U. S. Marine Band. The arrival of the President and his party is scheduled for 5:00 p. m. The invocation will be asked by the Rev. Patrick J. McCormick, D. D., and introductory remarks will be made by Representative Jennings Randolph, of West Virginia. Boy and Girl Scouts will be on hand to extend special greetings to the President and Mrs. Roosevlet, just before the Chief Executive lights the huge community Christmas tree. Following the President's greeting to the Nation, carols will be sung by the Federal Playhouse Chorus. A cornet solo, "Cantique de Noel", and the benediction by the Rev. John W. Rustin, D. D., will conclude the ceremony.

Cabinet officers, Supreme Court Justices and others high in Government circles will be on hand to witness the ceremonies. There will be ample facilities for the crowds expected to attend, the committee in charge of arrangements announces.

Church News

ST. PAUL'S, CHURCH

Rev. Thomas Donaldson, Rector

Services for Sunday and Christmas Eve—Holy Communion, 8 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, "How Far To Bethlehem?", 11 a. m.; Christmas play, "The Nativity", 4 p. m.; Church School and Christmas Party, 5 p. m.; Candle-Light Service, 11:15 p. m.

Christmas Day—Holy Communion and Sermon, "Good Tidings of Great Joy!"

Miss Nannie Deaver, Organist and Choir Director of St. Paul's Parish has arranged the following musical program for the Candle-Light Service on Christmas Eve at 11:15 p. m., and on Christmas Day at 11:00 a. m.

Processional Hymn—
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"— J. Reading
Gloria Tibi ..... Haynes
Gratias Tibi ..... Haynes
Hymn—
"O Little Town of Bethlehem— J. Barnby
Offertory—
"Silent Night, Holy Night"— F. Gruber
Anthem—
"Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings" Goss
Sanctus ..... Haynes

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