News From County Towns

MILLINGTON ITEMS

Mrs. Susie Thompson and son Will, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sparks, of Hillsboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Stevens and E. T. Stevens visited the former's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens, near town, last Sunday.

Mrs. Annie S. Price and Miss Helen V. Price, of Wilmington, were guests this week of the latter's brother, Paul C. Price, near town, and were accompanied home by Mrs. S. Alrick Price.

Mrs. Emma Cochran and little Phyllis Greenwood are quite sick at their homes on West Cypress street.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurlock Gale and little son, Walter, of near Black's, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Moore, last Sunday.

Miss Mary Wilson was the guest last week of her aunt, Mrs. Edward Pinder, of New Castle.

Albert M. Godwin and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond I. Eyler, of Philadelphia, spent the past week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Godwin, near town.

James E. Higman attended the Annual Session of Wilmington M. E. Conference which was held last week in Harrison Street M. E. Church, Wilmington.

Mrs. Maria Bamberger and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bamberger, of near Church Hill, visited the former's daughter, Mrs. George Barnes, near town, last Sunday.

John Hart, of Philadelphia, was the week-end guest of his cousin, Miss Mary Vansant.

Mrs. W. H. Loper spent a few days this week with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest H. Radnor, near Wilmington.

William Feddeman, of Western Maryland College, Westminster, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Feddeman.

Miss Mollie Higman returned last Monday after spending two weeks with relatives in Philadelphia.

Gilbert Burris and Carlton Wallen were guests last Sunday of the former's sister, Mrs. Harry Freeman, of Chester, Pa.

The friends of Herman Wallace gave him a surprise party at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace, near town, last Tuesday evening in honor of his 18th birthday. Games were indulged in until a late hour when ice cream, cake and lemonade were served, after which the guests left for their homes, wishing Mr. Wallace many happy returns.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Wallen and Mrs. W. T. Jones attended the Annual Session of Wilmington Conference in Wilmington last Sunday.

Joseph Moffett and Mrs. James Burris and daughter, Miss Grace, of near Fredericktown, visited the former's daughter, Mrs. Wm. Wallace, near town, last Friday.

KENNEDYVILLE ITEMS

Prof. Gibson, State Superintendent of Music visited the school on Friday and gave the children instruction in vocal music. He complimented Carrie Lipscomb, the pianist on her splendid time, also the children on their good voices.

Mrs. Crew was absent a few days on account of the sickness of her sister, Mrs. Merrick Clements substituted for Mrs. Crew.

The State athletic instructor visited the school Monday and taught the children some games preparatory for rally day.

Patrons Club met on Wednesday evening after the business meeting. Mrs. Crew's pupils entertained the Patrons with recitations, songs and dramatization. Refreshments were served.

William Dempsey has been on the sick list.

Wilmer Ford has been visiting his sister who has been very sick.

Mrs. Annie Price spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Cleaver.

William T. Hague is the delegate to Conference which is in session at Salisbury.

Mrs. E. T. Othoson has been spending some time with Mrs. Cain, near Elkton.

Mrs. D. C. Kelley returned home on Monday from a visit with relatives at Annapolis and Baltimore.

Service at Grace Church this Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. B. B. Staats, pastor.

Paul Price and family were visitors at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Cleaver on Sunday.

Charlie Smith and family spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. Maggie Webb.

Mrs. Nellie Jones has been sick for several days but is improving at this writing.

Miss Sara Staats, of Orange, N. J., has been the guest of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. B. B. Staats.

STILL POND ITEMS

Mrs. Jennie Bowers, of New York, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bowers.

W. K. Hackett has been visiting his daughters, in Baltimore.

Mrs. Ella Pennington and daughter, Miss Louise, are taking an automobile trip through Pennsylvania with friends.

Wm. Medders, Jr., spent this week at his home here.

Among those from here that attended conference in Wilmington were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dill, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geary, Miss Mabel Norris, A. J. Hackett, William Clark and Howard Toulson. We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Shockley back for another year.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid Society will meet at the home of Mrs. J. L. Price Wednesday afternoon, April 9th. As the contest which has been on for securing new members is about over, the president will entertain all members at this meeting. So both old and new members are urged to be present.

Miss Elizabeth Hague, of Philadelphia, spent last Sunday at her home here.

Mrs. Wilson Smith, of Philadelphia, spent last week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Carl Norris.

A large crowd enjoyed the Rebekah Lodge anniversary on last Thursday evening. They will give an entertainment Next Thursday evening and hope to see just as many present.

GALENA ITEMS

Lewis Cruickshank, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days in town with his mother.

Miss Annie Hayes is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Wm. Petticord, of Locust Grove, and Mrs. Elizabeth Money, of Worton.

A large number of people from town attended the Wilmington Conference at Harrison Street M. E. Church, Wilmington last Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie Whitaker spent the week-end in town.

Chester Davis and family visited at Cambridge on Sunday.

Julian Hurtt, of Swarthmore, spent the week-end at home.

Mrs. Edward Cannan, of Camden, N. J., spent the week-end with Mrs. Josephine Cannan.

Miss Gladys Culley spent the week end with friends in Wilmington.

Miss Nellie Dempsey visited her cousin, Miss Marion Dempsey, of Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thornley, of Smyrna, visited in town Sunday.

The Maryland Day Soical given by the school was much enjoyed by all who attended and certainly showed good work of pupils and teachers. A splendid program of recitations. songs, etc., was given. This was followed by games and contests in which all joined merrily. A number of prizes were distributed, one to Captain Hadley, the best racer; Another to Mrs. Welch, who proved to be the best carpenter, and others to Misses Burris and Sterling. Cocoa and cake was served. The admission was 10 and 15 cents and more than fifteen dollars was cleared.

ROCK HALL ITEMS

Capt. C. R. Kerr is home from Annapolis. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Mr. and Mrs. Lewin Blackiston have had as guests the latter's sister Mrs. David Lear, and daughters, Louise and Ida, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Happersett are parents of a dear little girl and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scoone of a fine boy, both recent arrivals.

Mrs. Mary Linder returned to Baltimore after spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Abram Casey.

The M. E. congregation is well pleased that the Rev. W. H. Revelle has been returned here for another year. The Sunday school superintendent, the Rev. J. R. Diehl, has been appointed to Little Creek, Del., and the school is going to miss him.

Thomas E. Joiner had a letter from Capt. George Van Wagaman saying that he will have a passenger steamer running between here and Baltimore as soon as possible. There have been unexpected delays in getting started.

William Urie has been in a Baltimore hospital the past three weeks. His wife and children visited him Sunday, also Mrs. Urie's mother, Mrs. Georgia Ayres.

BETTERTON ITEMS

With the closing reports of the recent M. E. Conference, we are glad to be able to welcome back Rev. E. M. Shockley. The charges of Still Pond and Betterton have had an active and efficient minister and are highly inspired to learn of the possibilities of a furtherance of the splendid work which Mr. and Mrs. Shockley have heretofore been doing.

Mrs. Reese Young has been confined to her home on account of sickness. We sincerely wish for a speedy recovery.

The "April fool" weather of last Tuesday was the cause of much disappointment on the part of our local Boy Scouts. The boys had arranged to attend the Scout Rally at Washington College, but the weather necessitated them to cancel their plans.

The community was shocked to learn of the sudden death of William Clark. The family has the sympathy of the entire community.

The local high school is preparing to take part in the Eastern Shore Declamation and Athletic Contests at Washington College this spring. The time for the elimination contest has been set for May 8. On this evening the speaker will go to Chestertown for the county elimination will be selected.

The regular monthly Patron's Club meeting will be held next Tuesday evening, April 8th. Will all interested, please remember the date and encourage a large attendance as possible.

LIGHTNING IN SNOW STORM

Thunder Also Adds To Freak April Weather Flareback — Proverbial "Lion" Supplants "Lamb."

Well, did you ever! No. Not ever our oldest inhabitant can recall such an occurrence. Blanketing Kent county with the heaviest snowfall in the history of the Weather Bureau and bringing distress to flood-stricken points in Western Maryland, the winter's severest storm Tuesday swept into the State from the South. The mercury reached 20 degrees.

A freak of the storm was at 1.05 o'clock in the afternoon, when with the snow falling heavily, a flash of lightning shot across the sky and was followed by a roll of thunder—an April electrical display during a snow storm. Usually lightning comes with April showers, but during a snow storm it is very rare in these parts. A tree near town was struck and splintered.

Rain then hail, then snow was the order of the day. The one cheery ray of the day came in the announcement that the price of coal had been reduced fifty cents in Chestertown.

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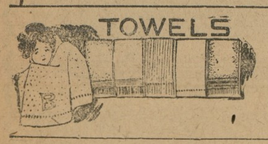

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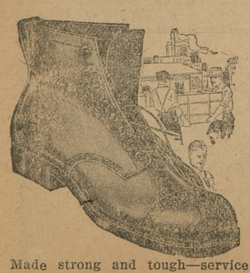

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"True worth is in being, not seeming,
In doing each day that goes by, some little good."

Penmanship

The schools of Kent County, Md., have added one more objective to their schedule for 1923–24. While we have hoped that every teacher in the county was making an effort, and in a large number of cases we know the teachers have been making honest effort to get good results in writing no concerted effort had been made with writing as a specific objective of the pupils, until March 24.

Two months previous to this date, each teacher in the county was given the privilege of a thirty dollar Penmanship course, free of charge, offered by the A. N. Palmer Co.

Thus, each teacher had the opportunity of starting this course two months previous to the date when they would be expected to present it to the children.

We have tried to give the teachers every possible advantage in this **special work. In each group meeting**, a special A. N. Palmer expert was present and gave a demonstration of methods of presentation. Every child from the first grade to seventh inclusive has been given a book—not an old fashioned copy book—but a book of instructions, etc., which the teachers will be able to present in an interesting manner.

The A. N. Palmer Co. offers buttons, certificates, and diplomas as incentives to good work and we are hoping the children will be eager to work for these degrees of efficiency.

This year we hope to get started well on the right road to good penmanship and by the end of another year we shall expect to see good penmanship on the part of all the pupils of Kent County.

WHICH WILL BE THE FIRST SCHOOL TO REGISTER 100% IN GOOD PENMANSHIP.

Quaker Neck School

The patrons of Quaker Neck school met with the teacher Mrs. Edna Faulkner last Thursday and organized a fine P. T. A. A large number of the parents were present and the following officers were elected:

President, H. M. Baker; Vice-president, Mrs. Edna Faulkner; Sec., Wm. Knight; Treas. Elston Brown.

Broad Neck School

Parent-Teacher Association, reported by Mrs. Nannie K. Strong, Prin.

The P. T. A. of Broad Neck School met at the school house on Friday evening, March 28th and enjoyed the following program:

Opening Song, "America"; Lord's Prayer; Recitation, "Welcome to all" Erdman Walls; "Little Midget," Helen Strong; Song, "Row, Row, Your Boat," by ten girls and boys; Reading, Mrs. George Dickerson; Report of the Secretary; Solo, Helen Lusby; Recitation Vernon Dowling; Recitation, "Grandma's Glasses," Leona Craig; Selection on Victrola; Recitation, "When I am a man," Claude Taylor; Song, "Old Folks at Home; Reading, "Boys in the Garrett," John Vickers; Recitation, "The Dollie," Frances Vickers; Song, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny"; Dialogue, "Sue's Beau to Dinner," characters, Mrs. John Vickers, as Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. John Vickers as Mr. Jenkins; Bertha Craig as Sue; Mr. Ruthwin Strong as Tom (Sue's beau); Chas. Dickerson as Charlie, Sue's little brother and Leona Craig as Louise, (the maid); Reading, Mrs. H. Fletcher; Recitation, "The Bumblebee," Erdman Walls; Selection on the accordian, Herbert Fletcher, 4th grade scholar; Song, "Golden Crimson Tulips," by five girls and illustrated by two boys; Recitation Murial Dowling; Solo, Bertha Craig; Recitation, George Vickers; Selection on Victrola; Solo by Mrs. B. F. Dickerson.

Nearly every patron of the school was present and many friends...The refreshments were pie and cocoa. The P. T. A. decided to have a pie social April 24th.

A committee was appointed to have the school white washed and painted both inside and out.

MARYLAND DAY
Chestertown Elementary School

Reported by Miss Fannie E. Stuart, art, Prin.

The Maryland Day program given by the Chestertown elementary school was one of the best that has been given for some time.

The stage had been decorated with Maryland "colors" in a very creditable manner by Emily Jewell and Catherine Ford. The Maryland flags were drawn and colored by Janet Atwater and Norman Sutton. The exercises were opened by Singing, "America, the Beautiful" followed by the school reciting "The American's Creed." A composition subject, "The Founding of the Maryland colony was prepared and read by D. B. Ford. "America" was sung. "The Wind" by Christine Rossetti and "Windy Night" by R. L. Stevenson were given by second grade. Also short selections by George Henry Jarrell, Helen Cole, Ferr Blackway, Howard Knox Lillian Evans, Kathryn Anthony and Deborah Brown. The story of "Aeolus' Father of the Winds" was told by Irma Patrick.

The "Old Blue Army Coat" was read by Wm. Atwater, 4th grade. Anna Gardner and Rose Gordon gave a short description of the picture "Listening to the Voices," a copy of which hangs in the Assembly Hall. The story "Singing to the King" was read by Charles Wheatley, first grade, and was dramatized by Chas. Chester Atwater as King; Paul McGinnes, Robin; Rumsey Anthony, Dick; Henrietta Duyer, Goosie; Annie Gland, Hen.

Louise Simpers of the 7th grade read a composition on "The Leading Sons of Maryland." Both compositions from the seventh grade showed much thoughtful preparation and were well read.

Mary Joe Wheatley of 3rd grade recited "The Robin's Advice" in fine style.

The girls of the 5th grade gave an interesting story in costume of the "Maryland Tea Party."

Earl Capel and Paul Pippin showed the picture they had drawn of the landing of the colonists in St. Mary's County.

The Story and Dramatization of Margaret Brent was given by the 6th grade. The story was given by Emily Jewell in costume, and was dramatized as follows: Margaret Brent, first woman lawyer in America, Kathryn Ford; Governor, Norman Sutton; Chairman Dan Ingersoll; Secretary, Morgan Hadaway; Assemblymen, Alber Sutton, Frank Sutton, Leonard Zeisel, Thomas Jones, John Bennett, Frederick Usilton, Julian Crew.

A delightful surprise was given to us, when Mrs. Howell presented her orchestra.

Elizabeth Crew of Betterton and Betty Thibodeau were at the piano. Elizabeth Crew, tambourine, Phebe Pyle, bells, Robert Huey bones, Catherine Titsworth, castinet, Betty Thibodeau, triangle, Robert Huey, triangle.

The orchestra made a fine showing and we should be delighted to see a permanent class in our school.

Mrs. Howell presided at the piano for all the music. The exercises closed with "Wind Mills" by the first grade.

Prof. Howell will give another of his most interesting talks to the 5th grade on sugar, Thursday morning at ten o'clock.

Per Cent of Attendance

	High.	Elementary.	Colored
Highest in State	94.8	89.0	87.4
Lowest in State	86.8	74.5	62.9
State Average	91.7	84.2	76.2
Kent County	90.2	86.7	73.4
Kent's Rank in State	17	2	
Kent's Rank on Shore	9	1	

IV. A good school is supported by Community Sentiment.

(a) A community should assume its share of responsibility for the conduct of its local school.

(b) A community should inform itself of the kind of work that is being done in its local school and the reasons therefor.

(c) The community should participate in all activities that make for a better school.

At this point, the Senator gave some "Educational Facts for Kent County."

Index Numbers for Kent County: Year 1921, 1922 1923: All Schools, 52.5, 50.5, 55.1; White Schools, 66.7, 59.2, 63.7; Colored, 25.2, 28.3, 32.1; Rank Among Counties: All Schools, 9, 16, 16; White Schools 2, 10, 9; Colored Schools, 16, 13, 14.

There were in 1923 in school attendance in Kent County, 2,348 pupils, 241 in white high schools, 807 in graded elementary schools, 567 in one and two teacher schools, 733 in colored schools. Increase in high school attendance over 1920 was 76. Decrease in colored attendance was 63.

Kent County has five high schools for white pupils, three of the first group at Chestertown Rock Hall and Galena. One of the second group at Millington and one of the third group at Betterton. All of the high schools except the one at Chestertown had an average attendance of less than 50 pupils, which makes it difficult, except at excessive cost, to have a curriculm meeting the needs of all the pupils.

For every 100 white pupils in school, Kent had 12.1 in high school in 1921, 13.7 in 1922, 14.9 in 1923. Its rank in 1923 is ninth in the state and seventh on the Eastern Shore in proportion of pupils in high school.

In 1923 there were 72 boys in high school for every 100 girls, an improvement over 1922, when there were 69 and 1921 when there were 54.

Per Cent of Attendance

Per Cent of Attendance: White High 90.2; White Elementary 86.7; Graded 88.9; Two Teacher 84.1; One Teacher 83.7.

Rank in State: White High 17; White Elementary 2; Graded 5; Two Teacher 7; One Teacher 3.

Rank on Shore: White High 9; White Elementary 1; Graded 3. Two Teacher 4; One Teacher 3.

Kent County held its pupils thru high school better than any other county in Maryland.

Kent County sent six of its high school pupils to the Towson State Normal School this year.

Kent County gives seven eighths of its high school girls Home Economics and nearly all the high school boys Manual Training. Nearly half of them are given Art and a fifth of them are given courses in Education.

Kent County stands twelth in the State and fifth on the Shore in training of white elementary teachers in rural schools. In graded schools it ranks seventh in the State and fourth on the Shore.

Number of Pupils for Each Teacher

For each high school teacher in Kent in 1923, there were only twelve pupils belonging to the school. The State average was twenty and no county had fewer than Kent. In white elementary schools, Kent's average number of pupils for each teacher was 25.5 with only two counties in the state having a smaller number. Kent County had fifteen one-teacher schools in 1923 nine of which had an average attendance of less than sixteen. The small number of pupils for each high school is the reason Kent County's cost per pupil for high schools is so high.

Costs of Schools

The State contributed 31.6 percent of the amount spent for running Kent's schools in 1923. The cost per inhabitant of Kent for running expenses of schools was $9.56, **the third highest in the state**, Garrett and Baltimore also being higher. It is the small number of pupils per teacher that makes this high cost.

Kent spent $2500 in 1923 in transporting 70 elementary pupils to six schools and $1350 in carrying 34 pupils to four high schools. Wouldn't further expenditures on transportation solve the difficulty of providing the right kind of education for pupils and eliminate the need for such a large number of small classes?

Cost Per Pupil

In cost per pupil belonging in all schools including colored, Kent ranks fourth in the state, Baltimore, Alleghany, and Cecil being the only ones with higher costs for current expenses. In white high schools Kent, with $132.16 per pupil spends more than any other county in the state the nearest being Worcester with $111.23 per pupil. This excessive cost is caused by the Small Classes. The average county spends $91.12 per pupil.

In white elementary schools, whereas the average county spends $39.84 per pupil, Kent spends $48.94 and ranked third in the state, Montgomery and Baltimore counties being the only ones above.

The Remedy For High Costs

If the Kent County people can be brought to realize that Consolidation of schools and larger classes will bring lower costs and just as efficient results, it will make the school problem less of a problem.

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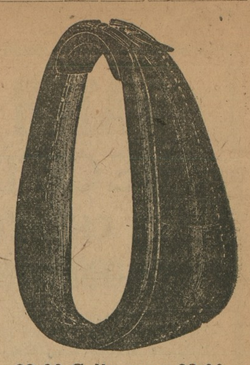

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CONDENSED STATEMENT

Showing the condition of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent County, Md., Chestertown, Md., Dec. 31st, 1923:

Total income during the year	$28,329.31
Total disbursements during the year	23,648.76
Total admitted assets	129,935.71
Total liabilities except capital	$85,120.34
Surplus as to policy holders	45,015.57
Total Liabilities	$129,935.71

Amount at risk in United States December 31, 1923, $2,864,670.

Risks written in Maryland during 1923, 113,607.

Premiums on Maryland business in 1923, 11,997.59.

Losses paid in Maryland in 1923, 8,219.88.

Losses incurred in Maryland in 1923, 8,396.78.

State of Maryland, Office of the State Insurance Department
Baltimore, Md., March 22, 1924.

I Hereby Certify, That the above is a true abstract, taken from the Annual Statement of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent County, Md., Chestertown, Md., for the year ending December 31, 1923, now on file in this Department.

HARVEY L. COOPER,
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