Local Notes

Many farmers have lost sheep during the recent snow storm.

The oyster conference in Annapolis Wednesday proved a failure as many of its predecessors have done.

The muskrat reason closes March 15th. John Schauber has already sold $500 worth of hides from his marsh near town.

Local coal dealers expect to receive hard coal on or before March 1st now that the miners have returned to work.

A deputy collector of Internal Revenue will be at Millington March 3rd and at Chestertown, March 4 to 5 for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing income tax returns for 1925.

An automobile driven by Raynor Matthews caught fire on the road between Earleville and Cecilton, last week and in a short time was completely destroyed.

H. W. Vickers, Esq., was compelled to remain over night at Rock Hall Thursday night of last week because of the snow blockade. He came from Baltimore by Ferry. Friday morning he rode horseback as far as Fairlee. His experience is amusing.

Wm. Frazier Russell, Esq., has purchased at private sale from Jas. P. Norris and wife, of Lynch, the Culp residence on Washington avenue now occupied by Merrick Clements and family for $5,000. Mr. Russell will occupy this home next year.

Mrs. Angie Rasin, Still Pond, Md., sold her Bayside Farm known as the Clements Farm, to Dr. W. Warren Weaver, of Philadelphia, for $12,000. Dr. Weaver will erect a fine bungalow on the farm. This sale was negotiated by the Betterton Realty Company, of Betterton.

The Chesapeake Hotel property with several building lots, located at Chesapeake Haven, a pleasure resort near the mouth of Sassafras and Elk rivers, in Cecil county, have been bought by A. N. Worrall, of West Chester, Pa., for $21,000.

The Easton Title and Mortgage Guarantee Corporation is now doing business. The first policy was written last week for a Kent county client and there are numerous other policies now being issued, as fast as examinations are made.

Miff. Wilkins killed a large hen hawk on the Loud farm Monday.

Tomato Contracts Halted, 1926 Crop

The question of tomato contracts with canners is one of the most serious problems for farmers just now, the indifference of the canners providing much concern for the growers who depend very largely upon their tomato crop for their livelihood.

Last year a fair average of the prcie paid for contracted tomatoes was $18 a ton. This year so far, scarcely any of the canners have discussed prices with farmers. Down near Milford, one canner has offered eight dollars a ton which would mean tomatoes at ehirteen cents a basket. So there is no encouragement so far to farmers who grow large quantities of tomatoes.

The reason back of this apathetic attitude, it is said, is the fact that a large portion of the crop of tomatoes raised last year are still reposing in storage houses unsold to the trade. Last season's crop was twice as heavy as for the year 1924 and last fall when the 1925 crop went into storage houses, the brokers still had some tomatoes left over from the 1923 crop.

This winter the price of canned tomatoes has averaged around a dollar which is poor enough and consequently the brokers are in no hurry to talk about more tomatoes until they have sold what they have. Southern tomatoes are now coming into market which is another drawback to any speedy clearing out of the stock in storage.

Massey Notes

Miss Louise Maslin has returned home after spending some time with relatives of Wilmington.

Mrs. Dudley Everett was called to Wilmington by the serious illness of her sister-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker spent last Saturday in Wilmington with her sister, Mrs. George Hyatt.

Miss Anna Roe, of Massey, gave a birthday party in honor of her 11th birthday last Friday evening, Feb, 12th. Quite a number of her friends were present to help her celebrate this happy occasion.

The G. F. S. held a Valentine party Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Mary Lucas, at Massey. The rooms were decorated with hearts and arrows. The evening was spent in playing games, after which refreshments were served. Those present were Mary and Josephine Whelen, Elsie Passwater, Elizabeth and Carrie Benton, Virginia and Anna Roe, Louise and Elizabeth Maslin, Margaret Everett, Evelyn Peacock, Ella Cole, Muriel, and Beatrice Pinder, Frances and Helen Garner, Josephine Griffin, Hilda Bramble, Gertrude Newnam, Mrs. E. T. Massey.

Mrs. Clarence Maslin, Clifton Pinder, Norman, Cole, Franklin Maslin, Franklin Palmatory, Royden, Carl and Ralph Starkey, Carl and Alfred Paswater, Charles and Thomas Massey, Francis Mullen, Billie Maslin, Harry Garner, Julian Jones, Thomas Cochran, Gilbert Moffett, E. T. Massey and Rev. John Garner.

Mrs. Lydia Kelley, of near Galena, spent the day this week with Mrs. Wm. Palmatory.

Mr. and Mrs. and Wm. Anderson, of Worton, spent one day this week with Mrs. Wm. Palmatory.

WEDDING NOTES

Miss Ella Virginia Nicholson, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Nicholson, of Chestertown, and Raymond Leland Cushing, of Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, were married Tuesday at noon at the home of the bride's parents by Rev. N. O. Gibson. The bride wore old rose crepe back satin. The wedding was very quiet owing to sickness in the family only the immediate family being present. The happy couple left by train for a wedding trip; upon their return they will reside at Towson, Md., where the groom has a nice position i na drug store. Mr. Cushing came here two years ago with the tent crew of Chautauqua, met Miss Nicholson, and the friendship ripened into marriage.

The announcement of the marriage of Margaret Taylor Gadd, the daughter of Sidney Gadd, to John Ashley, of Rock Hall, was a great surprise to their many Centreville friends. They were quietly married in Baltimore last November. John Ashley is connected with the State Roads inspectors. Mr. and Mrs. Ashley expect to make their home in Easton, Md.

The friends of Miss Ethel Ward have received announcement of her wedding to George A. Brownlee, of Daytona Beach, Florida, January 30 1926. Miss Ward and brother, Floyd, left about eighteen months ago for a visit to their sister, Mrs. Edgar Rice, in Kansas, but last fall moved to Florida.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NOTES

Mrs. Lewin W. Wickes is home and improving nicely.

Charles N. Satterfield and wife have been attending the hardware Convention is Philadelphia this week.

Miss Blanche Smyth is home from Florida. She says "there's no place like Kent."

E. E. Hudson is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Loller, Worton, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Wabert and Miss Katherine Elliott at dinner on Sunday.

Miss Katherine Elliott, of Charlotte, N. C,. who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Weldon Wabert, Chestertown, left Tuesday for a few days in New York, before returning South.

Mrs. Samuel E. Cooper, who has been sick a month, is somewhat improved.

Wm. J. Hudson is confined to his home suffering with a cold.

Mrs. Ella Robinson was confined to her home by sickness last week. Miss Linda Leaverton substituted at the elementary school during her absence.

Walter Barnes, of Wilmington, was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earle A. Barnes.

Alvin Brown, of Rehoboth, spent Sunday with his family.

James H. Lecates has recovered from a week's illness at his home on the Avenue which gave his friends much concern.

Mrs. A. L. Sparks expects to leave the shopital in Baltimore next week.

Clark Davis is confined to his home suffering from a gathered throat.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Burgess entertained their children and grandchildren Sunday in honor of the father's eighty-fifth anniversary.

Emerson R. Russell, an assistant chemist at the American Sugar Refinery in Baltimore, visited his parents at home over Sunday.

Mrs. D. W. Ingersoll returned from Westchester couunty, New York, this week, where she had been to complete two minatures.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McGinnis are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a fine son.

The following are quite sick at their homes at Fairlee: Mrs. Florence N. Christopher, Wilbur Kendall and John L. Deputy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Levering, of Bridgeville, Del., have been guests of Dr. and Mrs. H. Benge Simmons.

Miss Agnes Townsend, of Washington, D. C., is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. G. Simpers. Miss Townsend is here recuperating from a long illness.

W. J. Stenger, of Chestertown, Md., sailed from Baltimore Tuesday, Feb 16th, on the steamship "Persian" of the Merchants and Miners Line enroute to Jacksonville, Fla. Others from Chestertown on this steamer are W. B. and R. Taylor.

Mrs. Bryden, the primary teacher, of Fairlee, slipped on ice at her home Monday and has been unable to attend to her school. Mrs. Pardee is substituting for her.

Randolph Waddell, local representative of the Supplee-Biddle Hardware Company, is attending the Hardware Dealers Convention in Philadelphia, this week.

The Washington Evening Star of Tuesday says, "Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur W. Hubbard were among those who went over to Baltimore to attend the dinner given by Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs last night in honor of Sir Esme and Lady Isabelle Howard. The Duchess of Norfolk and her daughter Lady Rachel Howard, and the Princess de Polignac were also among the honored guests."

Miss Margaret Anthony, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Townsend Anthony entertained a number of her school mates and friends, last Saturday afternoon, at the home of her parents, near Chester bridge, which proved a delightful occasion for the little folk. Those present were Alice Marian Sterling, Phoebe Pyle, Virginia Barnes, Mary M. Eliason, Betty Thidodeau, Miriam Newcomb, Ann Kreeger, Clara Ellen Robinson, Margaret, Betty and Katherine Anthony.

Mrs. L. I. Ruth, Galena, was chosen as the winner of Limerick No. 4 in the now famous Last Line Contest being conducted by The Delaware Ledger, $5.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Greenwood, of Townsend, Del., who are spending the week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Jacobs in Aberdeen were given a delightful party Monday evening, the occasion being Mr. Greenwood's birthday anniversary. Mr. Greenwood conducts an extensive general store business in Townsend and during the day was the recipient of many congratulatory telegrams from his business associates in Delaware and Pennsylvania.

"SHOULD OLD LOVES BE CHERISHED," A DISCUSSION BY ALBERT EDWARD WIGGAM IN SUNDAY'S BALTIMORE AMERICAN.

"HINCHINGHAM" IN KENT COUNTY

Having heard of the old colonial building at Hinchingham I boarded the Tolchester boat to visit it. As we approached the resort an officer on board pointed it out to me, just to the South of Tolchester, about 20 minuets walk on the beach. I strolled along the sandy shore and ascended the hill. There it stood; the entry or porch had decayed and fallen down. The door wide open swinging in the breeze, the shutters, some of them closed, others had fallen to the ground. The old roof covered with moss, the massive trees overhanging the dormer windows and an air of desolation hanging over all. No one was in sight, only the singing of birds and the sighing of the wind in the trees broke the silence. Its effect upon one's mind was as if some pestilence or enemy invasion had driven the inmates away, never to return.

The building seems to have been erected in two parts and at different dates. I entered the older section. The sill had rotted away. The door on quaint old hinges closed and opened readily. The floor of wide boards showed the use of ages. The old fireplace, 5 to 6 feet in width with the massive oak log sustaining the chimney; the ceiling low. I climbed the stairway, of which there were two, not over two feet in width and winding up to the second floor where two dormer windows gave light and air. This ceiling also was low and sloping to the eaves. The plaster was intact. The floor, as below, was of wide boards. These upper rooms were in good condition, a little paint and white wash and they would be as good as when erected.

I descended the stairs (there being no entry to the newer section) and entered the later addition. This was much different, the rooms large and ceilings high. (The planter at this time evidently was on solid ground and felt that he could open his purse.) Massive moulding, at least 8 to 10 inches across circled the upper portion of the rooms. The lower portion below the windows was pannelled or with large moulding passing completely around. The walls above the fireplaces panelled to teh ceiling with cupboards on each side, the main room in particular being a thing of beauty with gothic like cupboards reeching to the ceiling. The building is of brick, no doubt brought from England. The walls being four brick in width, resting on a foundation of stone and brick arches of enormous size.

The building as a whole is in a splendid condition considering its age and should be taken care of. I passed out under the massive trees which shaded the rear and as I stood there an automobile drove up, an elderly gentleman stepping out and asked me if I was the proprietor. I said "No, if I was would be ashamed to admit it as it is a crime to let so noble a building go to decay." "Don't you know," said he, "I visit this old shrine every year." He showed me the figures 1774 worked in the wall of the later section and said the older section was erected in 1714, 18 years before Washington was born. "This property' said he, "is written into the history of Kent County," and showed me where a cannon ball fired by the British fleet in 1814 passed the basement wall. Upon my return to Baltimore I visited the Historical Society rooms and verified the dates and facts.

It seems the British under Sir Peter Parker landed there in 1814 and marched to the rear of the property to Caulk's Field where they were met by the Kent County Militia under Col. Philip Reed. The British defeated and Sir. Peter Parker slain. A monument now stands to commemorate the battle.

I returned a second time to Hinchingham and as I stood in the entry I thought of the many generations that had tread its floors. What a story the old building could tell, of Happiness, of Sorrow, of Hope, and of Despair. I visioned an old planter and his wife standing, he in his buckled shoes, she in her long skirts, as upon some gala occasion they ushered in their guests. I visioned, too, as they stood as some loved one was carried to the last resting place. The old gentleman was right. The history of Hinchingham is the history of Kent county. The whistle of the approaching Tolchester boat warned me I must g o,but I will visit the old shrine again.

CALDER LITTLE,
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Spring has come. The coal strike is over. The robins are here. Geese are flying northward. Snakes have appeared and the roads have no bottom. Are not these good signs!

WASHINGTON WINS AGAIN

Washington College defeated the Chester Military School at Chester last Wednesday by score of 22 to 19. This military school has a very strong team this year having defeated the Dickinson Collere earlier in the season.

Dr. J. P. Franklin, State Deputy Health Officer gave 326 school children, under 12 years old, the first of three treatments against diphtheria on February 15 to 16. This makes 692 children who have been treated. Next Monday and Tuesday other treatments will be given.

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