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FALL SUPPER

The Ladies' Aid of Piney Neck M. E. Church will hold their Fall Supper on the church lawn Friday evening October 12th. If inclement weather the next evening. Our menu will consist of all the good things we usually serve, and it will be a pleasure to see our old friends at our supper table. Also cake table, country store fancy table and sale of ice cream.

SUPPER

The P. T. A. of Hanesville School will hold a Supper in Hanesville School Wednesday, October 10th. Pig, chicken salad and all things in season will be served for 50 cents. Come see what the P. T. A. has done in improving the school room.

PLATE SUPPER

The Ladies' Aid of Locust Grove M. E. Church will serve a Plate Supper in the School House, Saturday, October 6th. Supper beginning at 5.30 p. m. Menu—Roast pig, poultry, chicken salad, potato salad, slaw, biscuit and rolls. Adults, 50c, children, under 12 years, 35 cents. s29

SUPPER

The ladies of Worton M. E. Church will hold their Fall Supper in the Hall on Wednesday evening October 3rd, 1928. Menu will consist of roast pig, chicken, slaw, potato salad, sweet potatoes and gravy, macaroni, biscuit, rolls, pickles and jelly. Supper at 5.00 o'clock. Tickets 50c.

SUPPER

The Annual Fall Supper of Lynch M. P. Church will be held at Lynch on Thursday, October 4th, beginning at 5 p. m. Oysters, salads, pig, etc. will be served. Tickets 75 cents.

SUPPER

The P. T. A., of Swan Creek School will hold a Supper at the school on Thursday evening, October 4, beginning at 5.30. Tickets 50 cents. s22

Ninth Annual Supper

I. O. O. F

Held under the auspices of Betterton Lodge No. 164 and Friendship Rebekah Lodge No. 57.

Oysters, Roast Pig, Chicken, Maryland Biscuits and Salads. Also Cake and Ice Cream for Sale.

Supper will be served at 5 p. m. Price 75 cents; children 35 cents.

Saturday, October 27th, 1928, I. O O. F. Hall, Still Pond. s22

FOR RENT OR FOR SALE — House 305 Queen Street, Chestertown, Md. Apply Kent News or Mrs. C. J. Todd, 318 S. Union Street, Wilmington, Del. s15-tf

FOR SALE — YELLOW CORN. W E. Dodson, Worton, Phone 830F13

MUSIC—PIANO

Miss Louise B. Russell, holder of Teacher's Certificate from the Peabody Conservatory of Music, will start her Fall Schedule on Monday September 17th, 1928, and offers her services to those desiring to study the piano. Studio on Spring Avenue Telephone 68. s8

FOR SALE — ONE PURE BRED "Duroc" Boar Hog 16 months old. Inquire by John Huber, Rock Hall. s8

BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE--FOUR homes already built and occupied by owners. These lots are located within a short distance of Chester river bridge. Several on the boulevard. Address Harry P. Skipper Chestertown, Phone 285. *s8-tf

FOR SALE—A LIMITED NUMBER of high grade Guernsey Cattle tested and clean. No T. B. ever been on this farm. Chas. H. Skirven, Chestertown No. 2, Phone 811F11. s22-3t

FOR RENT — MY HOME AT Cliff's Wharf, Kent county, consisting 50 acres of land for rent for 1929. 10 acres of marsh and shore; apple orchard; meadow for pasture; woodland; 2½ acres of hay field; 1½ acre asparagus; balance tillable land. Mrs. Lula Startt, Cliffs, Md. Phone 824F5 s22-3t*

LEARN BARBER TRADE, QUICK

Easy to learn. Big opportunities. A shop of your own later. Write Tri-City Barber Schools, 817 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md. s22

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STILL POND, MD.

Read our advt. last page.

NOTICE—Having sold my Restaurant business to Mrs. James G. Crew of Betterton, I bespeak for her the patronage of the public. She will take charge October 1, 1928. Thanking all for the generous support given me, I ask the same for Mrs. Crew. Bedford Titter. s29-3t

FOR RENT—2 DUCKING POINTS on my farm in Queen Anne's just below Chestertown. H. P. Skipper, Chestertown, Md., Phone 285. s29-3t*

WANTED—A WORK HORSE 6 TO 7 years old, safe and true, must weigh from 1150 to 1250. Any color but grey preferred. Apply to Kent News. s29

FOR SALE—ONE DOUBLE HEATER. In perfect condition. T. H. Whaley, 416 High street, Chestertown, Md. 1t

LOST — A SMALL POCKETBOOK containing a key and 16 cents. I am anxious to get the key. You may keep the 16 cents and book if you will bring the key to this office. s22

USED PIANOS

One Chickering Upright Piano...$75
One Walters Upright Piano.....$95
One Needham Upright Piano....$100
One Dunham Player, Like New $295

W. P. NEWNAM,
Phone 224 Chestertown, Md
s22-3t

NATIONALLY KNOWN SALES Organization has exceptional opportunity for man with car to take over established route in Kent County, now paying $35 weekly. Reference and bond required. Reply at once, stating age, experience and when you could start work. George Peters, 803 Clayton St., Wilmington, Delaware. s29-1t

FOR SALE — ONE SCHWALGE-Smith 800-Egg Incubator, been used two seasons, in perfect condition. Cost $135.00, can be bought for $75.00. H. K. Money. s29-2t

FOR SALE — 300 BROWN YEARling Leghorns, 75 cents per hundred or $1.00 your pick. C. K. Dulin, 817F23, Chestertown, Md. s29-2t*

FOR RENT--SEVEN-ROOM HOUSE with bath at 212 N. Mill Street Possession given October 15th. Apply Mrs. Kate I. Howard, 349 High Street, Phone 88M. s22-tf

FOR RENT—A GARAGE AND OIL Station with work room, office, etc. located on State road near Cecilton. A good chance for somebody. Inquire at this Office or Robert Ferguson. Cecilton. s21-3t*

DUCKS! DUCKS! FOR SALE — Great callers; English callers $1.50 a pair. Going out of business. Too old to shoot. A bargain. John Creswell, Wharf below the Cannery Crumpton, Md. s22-3t*

FOR SALE — 30 ACRES SIXTH District, Kent county, 7 room dwelling, stable, corn crib, poultry house, etc. 8 acres woodland. $3200. $500 cash, balance 6 per cent. J. W. Russell, Chestertown, Md. s22-3t

The Bee Hive Store at Coleman's Corner is selling out the entire stock of Shoes, Dry Goods, Summer and Winter Underwear, Sweaters, School Shoes for Boys and Girls as low as $1.19 a pair. Men's Four-Buckle Army Artics at 98c a pair, and other goods at less than cost. Come and see for yourself. M. E. Greenwood.

FOR SALE

At Bargain Prices

Window Frames, Sash, Shutters, Doors, Lot Store Front Frames, 4 Long Counters and Drawers, 1 lot of Tin Roofing, Iron Pipe, 1 Kalamazoo Royal Range, 2 10-foot Iron Columns 2 22-foot I. Beams, 1 lot Fire Wood. Broken bricks and plaster given away at Parks Building. Apply to

CHESTERTOWN BANK OF MARYLAND

FOR PRICES

FOR SALE — FROM 1 TO 100 acres, high, level and perfectly drained land adjoining the largest hatchery in Maryland. 100 acres with 1¼ miles of water front. Will sell 5 acres up to any number of acres you want. Terms easy. H. P. Skipper Chestertown, Md. s15-tf

FOR SALE — IN THE TOWN OF Still Pond, Md., one Eight-Room Dwelling in good repair and newly painted. Apply to Howard Turner Agent, Betterton, Md. s8-3t

NOTICE—AM PREPARED TO All Radio Work at short notice. E P. Vansant, Rock Hall, Md. s8-3t

DEMOCRATIC MASS MEETING At CHESTERTOWN

Thursday, Oct. 11, 1928

AT 7.30 P. M.

THE SPEAKERS WILL BE—

MRS. R. PINCHOT GASTON,
Daughter of Gov. Pinchot of Penna.

And CONGRESSMAN GOLDSBOROUGH.

FOR SALE—BARRED ROCK PULLETS, April hatched, $1.25 each. Baynard Harper, Kennedyille, Md. s29-tf

BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE

Four homes already built and occupied by owners. These lots are located within a short distance of Chester bridge. Several on the Boulevard.

From 5 to 40 acres, high, level and perfectly drained land adjoining the largest chicken hatchery in Maryland. 5 acre lots and up all river front.

This property is located about a mile from Chestertown. Will assist in financing. Full description will be furnished on request.

H. P. SKIPPER,
1209 Linden Avenue, Baltimore
Phone Madison 0771.
s29-tf

FOR SALE — A FEW BARRED Rock Cockerels, fine size, and well bred, at $2.00 each. Wm : B: Willis Worton, Md. s29-3t

65 ACRES OF LAND FOR SALE! House newly repaired and painted inside and out. Will sell House and outbuildings, five acres of which two acres are in asparagus.

Two 30 Acre Lots. Will sell from 1 to 65 acres to suit purchaser.

Located in Third District, half mile from Still Pond on State Road to Betterton.

For information will be at the farm October 1 to 6th. Later apply

C. W. CREW,
1521 Rodney St., Wilmington, Del
Phone 217W.
s29-tf

ANNOUNCEMENT—DR. F. A. HOLDEN will be at the Health Center every Thursday from 3 to 8 p. m. Practice limited to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Glasses prescribed. s29-tf

NEITHER POVERTY NOR RICHES: — Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me.—Proverbs 30:8.

PRAYER:—O Lord, keep us from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over us.

BOWLERS LOOK

At Chestertown, Cannon St., Alleys
Begin October 1st

Five High Scores of 200 or better during the week to contest for the following prizes:

1st Prize $3.00
2nd Prize $2.00
3rd Prize $1.00
4th to get games free.
5th to pay for his games

HARRY W. WHITE, Bowling.
s29-3t Chestertown, Md.

FOR RENT — I HAVE SEVERAL nice rooms for rent, furnished and heated. Also all kinds of hauling. H. A. Smith, 211 Queen St., Chestertown, Md. s29-3t

FOR SALE—FORDSON TRACTOR and plows, Delco lighting system, office safe, one grinder. All these articles are in perfect shape and will be sold cheap. Will take a good note or exchange part on live stock. John T. Lockwood, Millington No. 2. s29-3t

FOR SALE—A DESIRABLE HOME furnished or unfurnished, on the west side of Washington Avenue Chestertown, near College Campus. Eight rooms, bath, attic which small outlay can be converted into three bedrooms, basement, electricity gas and hot air heat. Easy terms. J. S. William Jones, Chestertown. s8-tf.

TESTED COWS—I HAVE TESTED Fresh Cows and Springers for sale at my place at Pomona. Also 1 Pair Mules and several horses. P. V. Hendrickson, Phone 812F12 s8

NOTICE—MISS GRAY, MANAGER of Gray's Beauty Salon in Jefferson's Store, Chestertown, states that she has secured the services of Miss Mina Roberts, graduate of Marinello School of Beauty Culture and the shop will be open daily from 8.30 a m. to 6 p. m, Saturdays [illegible] s22-tf

ROAD PROBLEM INCREASES EACH YEAR IN KENT

The greatest problem before the Commissioners of Kent county is that of dirt roads, and this problem becomes more acute as time goes on. In the past three years there has been grave concern about how to meet this condition. It is one that is more or less dependent upon the weather.

The winter season, with its freezes and thaws, makes many of these roads almost impassable, and as a result nearly each meeting of the Commissioners is taken up with hearing this delegation or that delegation requesting that roads in their section be improved, and every delegation desires some type of hard surfaced highway, even though at the time they are asking but for immediate relief.

Most of the requests have merit, and if funds were available the Commissioners would make no mistake in making permanent improvements, especially those which may be termed as respective communities.

Unfortunately for all concerned it is impossible to even improve a portion of these unimproved roads, due to the fact that funds are not available without raising the tax rate beyond the point of being reasonable or bearable.

While no one blames any community for wanting good roads and all will agree that they should have them, yet the various delegations that wait on the County Commissioners must bear in mind the conditions which the Commissioners are compelled to face.

Requests pile in on them from every nook and corner of the country—they have but a limited amount of money to fill the needs for roads and it is absolutely impossible to grant requests of all, hence it becomes necessary for them to do the best they can, endeavoring to make the funds available cover as much territory as possible.

With demands aggregating in the hundreds of thousands, and with but a limited amount for all road purposes, including maintenance of present roads, it is easy to see that delegations from some communities must be sent home disappointed.

MACKALL ANSWERS CRITICS

John N. Mackall says that the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Company was entierly satisfied with the progress being made by the State Roads Commission engineers in their examination of the plans for the bay span project.

The bridge company have had engineers at work on the Tolchester end for three weeks and there may be a small change in the Kent approach.

Bedford Titter has sold to Mrs. James G. Crew, of Betterton, his restaurant business for $3,000. She will take charge October 1st and serve the public at the same place.

Prying open the chicken house door on the premises of John G. Shauber near Washington College, thieves entered and bagged a dozen birds. When threatened by a shot-gun in the owner's hands the thieves dropped the game and ran.

DOG LOST — A YOUNG FEMALE Black and White Fox Hound last seen in vicinity of Tolchester, about two weeks ago. Any information leading to its recovery will be rewarded. Edward Townsend, Phone 28F11, Rock Hall, Md. 1t

OPERATIONS AT KENT HOSPITAL

The Kent Hospital in Chestertown has been quite busy since its opening on September 8. A number of operations for the removel of tonsils and adenoids have taken place both for children and adults. The local physicians Drs. Smith, H. P. Copeland, G. T. Copeland, H. G. Simpers and Frank B. Hines have been active in the operating room assisting the two surgeons who have operated, Dr. F. A. Holden and Dr. H. P. Copeland.

More work can be accomplished as soon as a larger equipment is available. Sheets, cotton blankets, wool blankets and pillow cases are needed in abundance in order to permit the set-up for new cases without having to wait for a return from the laundry. The public is asked to help supply these minor needs which are of such importance. One public spirited citizen has furnished the crib and outfitted it generously. More contributions of the sort are hoped for.

Patients having the removal of tonsils are kept in the hospital for twenty-four hours under the constant care of the Kent County nurse and the State nurse. Mrs. Catherine Stewart, the County nurse, leaves her post on October 1st, after more than a year of service in Kent where she has made many friends. Mrs. Stewart's place will be filled by a temporary nurse until the coming of Miss White, the new County Nurse, in November.

The Kent County Hospital is the beginning of the fulfillment of a dream of many of Kent's citizens who have been aware of the fact that the high cost of hospital service has handicapped many children whose parents have been unable to afford to send them away for the removal of diseased tonsils. Patients are being taken care of at the Kent County Hospital at a minimum charge.

The regularly monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of Old St. Paul's P. E. Church will be held at the rectory, at Fairlee, Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, at 3 o'clock. Ann I. Robinson, secretary.

DEATHS

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Miller passed away Saturday, September 22nd, in her 95th year. Just as the shades of evening were lengthening her soul slipped from its earthly home and entered eternal rest. Mrs. Miller was the daughter of John Aldridge and Elizabeth Gottier, born in Elkton, on April 6th, 1834. Mrs. Miller's grandparents were Elizabeth Booth and John Gottier, both born in France. Having fled from there during the persecution of the Hugenots in 1776 and settled at Elkton where he followed his trade of cabinet maker. She is survived by three children, Dr. Irving Miller, of Baltimore, Miss Sophie Miller, of Still Pond, Mrs. Wm. H. Bonwill, of near Still Pond. She has five grandchildren, Bessie Miller, Ph. D., Baltimore, Bertha Cooper, Still Pond, Mrs. Hartley B. Weir, Baltimore, Emory Miller Bonwill, Chestertown, and Allen H. Bonwill, Still Pond. Four great grandchildren survive this wonderful life. Bonwill Weir, Emory Bonwill, Jr., Florence May Bonwill and Ellen Elizabeth Bonwill.

The funeral services was held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. H. Bonwill, Tuesday afternoon at 2 p. m., Rev. A. P. Prettyman, a nephew, Rev. C. W. Clark and Dr. S. S. Hepburn officated. B. R. Fellows, undertaker. Interment in Olivet M. E. Church yard, besides her husband, Wm. T. Miller, Galena. The floral tributes were expressions of love and esteem from those who knew Mrs. Miller. The bearers were Emory M. Bonwill, Hartley Weir, Harry Alexander, Wilmer Ford, Tilden Cooper, Wm. Medders.

Wm. J. Frazier died at his home in Piney Neck Thursday morning aged 74. He leaves three sons, William T. Oliver E., and Riley E., also 5 grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Lillian Russell, a brother, John. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock with interment in Wesley Chapel Cemetery, Rev. Mr. Barrett officiating; C. L. Dodd, undertaker.

The bearers will be Samuel Elburn, Wm. Hyland, Chas. W. Crouch, Romie Crouch, John Grant and Alpheus Wilson.

Beef has taken a jump in price but Kent dealers sell way below city butchers. A Chestertown dealer gave us these prices Wednesday: Sirloin 45 cents, porter house 50, round 40. Wilmington prices are 70, 80 and 65 cents per pound respectively.

FRESHMEN WEEK CLOSED SUNDAY

The reception to the 80 or more Freshmen at Washington College closed Sunday afternoon with an interesting and enjoyable program.

Dr. Livingood as director of the orchestra presented a splendid program of music, vocal and instrumental.

Prof. Yoshimine Abe of Takyo, Japan, made the address in place of the Rev. Dr. Omar E. Jones, of Middletown, who was present but said the audience could hear him anytime. Prof. Abe is the principal of a college with 3300 students.

QUOTA INCREASED

Since the meeting of the County Red Cross Chapter at the home of Mrs. James G. Beck last week, the original County Quota of $260 has been raised to $750, because of the urgent need for as large funds as can be secured for the relief of sufferers in the West Indias and Florida hurricanes. Chairman Howard Turner states that the ministers of the town and county, including the colored ministers are requested to stress the need for contributions in their pulpits on Sunday. All contributions may be given to District Chairman, who will forward it to County Treasurer Allan A. Harris, Chestertown. The suffering and distress in the hurricane zone is appalling. The need for funds is urgent, and every one is asked to be as generous as possible. Do not wait. Do it now.

FOOTBALL TODAY

Twenty-seven men left Chestertown yesterday for College Park to play the fast University of Maryland foot ball team. Forty men in uniform, one of the largest squads ever seen on the Washington College gridiron, prepared for the set-to with University of Maryland and it is believed the Shoremen will make a better showing against the Terrapins than has hitherto been the case. In spite of the fact that Washington will be handicapped by lack of weight and experience on the part of at least half the squad Coach Beatty is developing a scrappy and low hitting line that may cause the 'Old Liners' trouble. Behind the line Tom Kibler, head coach, is developing a fast running, forward passing backfield with Purcell, a verteran calling the signals Though the backs are light they can all run, kick and pass. Purcell is the heaviest, carrying about 165 pounds with the others hovering around the 150 mark.

Though none of the varsity posts have been definitely awarded Chief Beatty has selected the lines and Coach Kibler the backfields. Burke and Mandrell, both veterans, are on the wings in the first quad while Phillips and Veach are holding down tackle. Captain Pete Marth and Wilson are at guards and Stewart, center. Purcell is at quarter. Dopson and Dickerson at halfback and Lloyd at fullback.

FINE GIFT OF BOOKS

Washington College this week received from Judge Henry C. Conrad, State Archivist of the Public Archives Commission of Delaware, two valuables pamphlets concerning Senator James Alfred Pearce and his equally illustrious son, Judge James Alfred Pearce, respectively.

The first of these pamphlets comprises a series of addresses delivered in the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States Congress on Tuesday, January 13, 1863, in a memorial service to Senator Pearce.

The second brochure is a series of tributes delivered in the Court of Appeals of Maryland on December 5th, 1912, when Judge Pearce retired as Chief Judge from the Second Judicial Circuit and from the Court of Appeals.

This material is very gratefully received and added to the growing amount of interesting historical material now being placed in Washington College library.

The indicated production of corn in Kent county is a little better than one half a crop, according to the agricultural statistican. The winds of Aug. 11 and 12 laid many fields flat to the ground, but by the end of the month the stalks had recovered to some extent, but not sufficiently to offset the damage which had been done. It is quite evident that Kent farmers will have a good portion of short and molded corn in their cribs this fall.

A heavy frost visited this section Monday night.

CAN A MASON VOTE FOR AL. SMITH

We have heard of some persons who question the right of any good Mason to vote for Gov. Al. Smith, the Democratic candidate for President.

In order to set all these persons straight and and once for all show how a real Mason should act we publish the following letter from the Baltimore Sun of Sept. 16, 1928.

To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: I was greatly pleased to read in The Sun an account of a letter written by Townsend Scudder, justice of the Supreme Court of New York and past grand master of Masons, in which he points out that not only may a Mason consistently and properly vote for Gov. Al Smith, but that to discriminate against him because of his religion is an absolute violation of the duty of a Mason, because a Mason is required by the precepts of the order to be a loyal citizen, obedient to the laws of his country, and the Constitution of the United States forbids a religious test as a qualification for public office.

Judge Scudder's words are very timely because, unfortunately, there are Masons so badly informed about the principles and the history of the order as to believe that Masonry is in opposition to the Roman Catholic Church. This is not true. Allow me space to set out briefly some facts that every Mason ought to know.

Freemasonry, which of immense antiquity, and of which antiquarians have found traces all over the world had by the sixteenth century all but disappeared everywhere except in England and Scotland. In the year 1717 occurred in England its modern recrudescence, the so-called "Revival of Masonry." Since then from England it has spread over the globe. It was early carried to France, where it prospered greatly.

Unfortunately, it was appropriated at the time of the French Revolution by the revolutionists, who immediately converted the venerable order into a secret political society, anti-monarchial and anti-clerical. From that day to this it has been employed in France, Spain and Italy as a weapon against the Roman Catholic Church. Anticlericalism has actually developed into atheism in the Masonic societites of those countries; consequently, many years ago, the grand lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, the United States and all the British possessions withdrew all recognition and brotherhood from the grand orients of France, Italy and Spain, on the ground that in cesing to assert a belief in Deity they had "removed the ancient landmarks of the craft."

Consequently it follows that English-speaking Freemasons have nothing whatever in common with those continental "Masons" who are at war with the Roman Catholic Church. We, the craft of America, are the inheritors and the responsible custodians of the ancient landmarks, usages and customs of the fraternity.

In order to be Masons we must believe in God; beyond that, we may profess any religion. A Mason may be a Protestant, a Roman Catholic, a Jew or a Mohammedan. We must be loyal and obedient citizens of whatever country we may inhabit. We have no quarrel with any creed.

Al Smith need fear no religious boycott from Masons who understand the principles of the order.

A. F. VAN BIBBER,
Past Master of Mt. Ararat, No. 44.
Belair, Md., Sept. 16, 1928.

CLARKE FONTAINE ADDRESSES ROTARY

An earnest and able address was given before the Chestertown Rotary Club last Monday evening by Clarke Fontaine, Superintendent of Eastern Shore High Schools and a member of the Chestertown Rotary. His subject was the 6th Object of Rotary, which has to do with the fostering of international good will, peace and brotherly love. He handled his subject not only in an able and interesting manner, but gave the members some serious facts to ponder over.

After explaining the 6th object he stressed the point that before this 6th object could really and truly function the individual members must practice, live and act with charity and tolerance toward each other and their fellow citizens. He said that any person who would utter and spread intollerant rumors about their fellow citizens was a traitor to his country, and never would international peace and good feeling be brought about until the individual himself realized this fact.

President Austin Shure presided over the meeting and several visitors were present from Elkton and Centreville.

Preparations are being made for a big Rotary meeting here next Monday night at the Washington College Gymnasium when Wade Mar, one of the noted men in Rotary will be the speaker.

Capt. Herbert Fletcher, of Broad Neck, sold an average of seven tons of tomatoes off eleven acres. He thinks he would have raised at least ten tons per acre but for the storm in early August. Buyers have been paying 50 cents per basket this week.

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