

LOCAL NOTES.....

The Chamber of Commerce U. S. A. held its 17th annual meeting in Washington, D. C., between April 29 and May 3.

Of the 20 outbreaks of hog cholera reported to have existed in the counties of the State during the month of April, one case was reported from Kent. Washington county on the Western Shore led the counties with a total number of five, while in most of the counties only two cases were reported.

Tuesday night a three-act comedy, "And Mary Did," was staged in the Lyceum here by the By-Kota Club, of the M. E. Church, for the benefit of that organization and the Town Relief Society.

Members of the past were Misses Ermy Jewell, Mary Pennington, Ruth Emerson, Helen Rogers, Elizabeth Willis, Elizabeth Starkey and Agnes Fowler and Oliver Robinson, J. D. Guthrie, J. Z. Miller and Howard Pennington. Specialty numbers were put on by Misses Marie Bryan and Edythe Hartman, Al Herman and H. H. Hartman, Jr., and the By-Kota quartette.

The Board of County Commissioners will shortly appoint a dog constable for each of the election districts in the county, whose duty it will be to collect taxes on the 2,300 or more dogs in the county at the rate of \$1 for male and \$2 for female dogs. This tax is used by the Board of Commissioners to pay the claims of farmers made for the loss of their poultry and livestock killed by roaming dogs.

MERCHANTS' CONTEST

A popularity contest for young ladies, with the major prize of Chevrolet Sport Cabriolet, will be conducted, beginning on Saturday, by the Chestertown Mercantile Section of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce. Announcement of the contest is made by advertisement in today's issue of the News.

The plan of the contest is to give votes with each purchase at any of the stores participating. These votes may be placed to the credit of any of the young ladies entering the contest and the one with the largest number of votes when the contest ends will be returned the winner. Additional secondary prizes will be awarded.

The contest is scheduled to start on Saturday and will end on July 3. It is understood that any young lady, married or single, between the ages of 14 and 35, residing in Kent or Queen Annes's counties, may participate for the prize.

A COUNTY EVENT

Thursday, June 6th, has been set for the Annual Convention of the Kent County Sunday School Convention of the Kent County Sunday School Association (Interdenominational). The three sessions are to be held in Christ Methodist Protestant Church. Reserve the date and look for later announcements as to the program.

The 84th annual meeting of the policy holders of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county was held at the company's office, in Chestertown Monday and the following officers re-elected:

President—Fred G. Usilton, Sec. and Treas.—Eben F. Perkins. Directors—Robert G. Nicholson, Edw. W. Emory, J. D. Bacchus, Allan A. Harris, Thos. W. Ellison, Jr., E. Medford Brooks, of Chestertown; Wm. A. Hyland, of Galena; Howard Turner, Better-Dudley G. Rice, Sidersville.

The condition of the company showed \$3,750,340.00 in force. The net fire losses has been \$8,760.63. There was distributed \$10,308.28 to the credit of the policy holders and \$7,450.17 added to reserve. The reserve account now amounts to \$85,100.82, while the amount to the credit of policy holders exclusive of the reserve account is \$91,031.25.

The recommendation by the President to credit dividends to premiums each year will come up as a special order at the July meeting.

INSTITUTE IS WELL ATTENDED

Practically every county on the Shore was represented by large delegations at the second annual Eastern Shore Institute of Public Affairs held in William Smith Hall, Washington College, Saturday.

The institute was held under the auspices of the Maryland League of Women Voters and the Washington College branch of the league. Dr. Esther M. Dole, head of the department of history at the college and chairman of the committee on arrangements, presided at the morning session, which was devoted exclusively to the discussion of modern international problems.

The present-day situation in Mexico was the subject of an address by Senor Alfredo Banos Contreras, Mexican Consul at Baltimore; "China Looks to the Future," was discussed by Miss Feng Djen Djang, of Shanghai, while Dr. Clinton L. Winslow, of the department of political science of Goucher College, Baltimore, addressed the gathering on "Making the Kellogg-Briand Pact Effective."

Following the addresses there was a round-table discussion of the substitution of peaceful machinery for an instrument of national policy for the settlement of international disputes.

Luncheon was served in the college cafeteria at 1 o'clock under the direction of Miss Laura Kean, of Washington College.

Miss Lavinia Engle, district superintendent of the Maryland League, presided at the afternoon session, which attracted a large attendance of citizens interested in farm problems, due to the fact that farm relief was the chief topic of both addresses and discussions.

Irving Whitehead, council of the Federal Farm Loan Bank in Virginia, discussed "Credit as a Factor in Farm Relief," while M. L. Corey, former member of the Federal Intermediate Credit act, discussed the phases of "The Pending Bill in Congress on Farm Relief."

Charles C. Gelder, member of the board of regents of the University of Maryland, led a discussion on the two subjects "What Would the Farm Relief Now Before Congress Do in Maryland?" and "Can the Problem of the Farmers of the West and of the East Be Solved by the Same Act."

The interesting features of the discussion on the subjects was the wide diversity of opinion as to the most satisfactory method of securing farm relief, and whether pending legislation now before Congress will really relieve an embarrassing financial situation among the farmers.

The session which closed at 4:30 o'clock was the most interesting yet held by the league. The committee, which had charge of the arrangements which included representatives from each of the Shore counties, was Dr. Paul E. Titworth, Dr. Esther M. Dole, Dean Genevieve Boland, Mrs. P. A. M. Brooks, Mrs. Fred G. Usilton, Misses Ida Crow, Nellie Saunders, Laura Kean, Margaret McAllister, Mary Brooks, Bessie Bradshaw, Mrs. Barclay H. Trippe, Mrs. J. Page Gale, Miss Nettie Mace, Jas. B. Noble, Edward T. Ruhl, Charles N. Suence, Mrs. John Stowell and Mrs. James B. Noble.

The following delegates, in addition to many visitors, were present: Mrs. Alvin Mace, Mrs. William Shriver, Miss Bessie Bradshaw, Mrs. J. B. Noble, Miss Nettie Mace, Miss Grace Leonard, Miss Nancy Wadell, Mrs. S. L. Burn, Miss Blanche Vincent, Miss Margaret McAllister, Miss Olive Vincent, Miss Hazel Fisher, J. B. Noble and W. S. Valentine, all of Cambridge, Md.; William Medders, Mrs. John Boulden, Mrs. Clara Matthews, all of Still Pond; Miss Elizabeth Mundy, Snow Hill; Miss Elizabeth Stevens, of Stevensville, Mrs. R. Walker, Mrs. Skillian Harper, Mrs. E. K. Wright, Mrs. Barclay H. Trippe, and Mrs. M. T. Johnston, all of Easton, Md.

Mrs. Albert Ashton, Miss Mary Hopkins, Mrs. Goldie Smith and Miss Anna J. Hopkins, of Darlington, Md.; Mrs. Fred G. Usilton, Dean Genevieve Boland, Mrs. H. G. Dana, Mrs. Charles L. A. Water, Miss Janet Atwater, Miss Helen Peacock, Mrs. H. H. Hartman, Miss Susie Roberts, Mrs. R. H. Collins, Mrs. E. C. Fontaine, Miss Ida Crow, Miss Jennie Wilkins, Miss Mary C. Brooks, Miss H. C. Brooks, Mrs. W. W. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Brown, Miss Lillian E. Brown, Mrs. William G. Smyth, Miss Eva Kilbourne, Mrs. Thomas Massey, Mrs. Robert E. Hopper, Miss Mary Nicholson, Miss Anne Smith and Miss Bessie N. Nicholson, all of Chestertown.

Miss Helen Wise, Miss Beatrice Pryor, Miss Beulah Dixon, Miss Eva Funk, Miss Flora Hankins, Miss Billy Holloway, Miss Marian Thompson, of Royal Oak; Mrs. W. H. Jaffe, of St. Michaels; Mrs. Irving Jones, Mrs. T. C. Tuthill, Mrs. Samuel Reid, Greensboro; Miss Madoreh Donahue, Baltimore; Miss Carolyn Coursey, Reisterstown; J. W. Stowell, Mrs. W. H. Carson, both of Federalsburg; Miss Mary Mills, Miss Helen Shackelford and Howard Huhl, all of Elkton, and Mrs. E. M. Noble, of Denton.

INTERESTING TO KENT DAIRYMEN

A Dairy Herd Improvement Association is being organized in Kent County. This is an organization made up of twenty-five to twenty-eight dairy farmers who cooperatively employ a trained man to test their cows for economical production of milk and butterfat. The tester visits the farm of each member once a month, weighs the milk from each cow and tests the milk for butterfat. Records are kept of quantity of milk produced, value of milk, and costs of feed consumed by each cow in the herd, thereby showing which cows are paying a profit above feed cost.

Some of the advantages of cow testing are: 1. It will increase our interest in the herd. We'll take better care of the cows. 2. We'll find out which cows are paying a profit. 3. Our good cows will be worth more money when we know how good they are. 4. The calves will be worth more if raised from the best cows. 5. We can improve our herds thru systematic breeding.

A dairyman should no more think of keeping cows without keeping records than a banker should think of loaning money and trusting to his memory and luck to collect the interest.

Dairymen interested in joining the Herd Improvement Association should get in touch with the County Agent immediately. It is planned for the association to begin testing June 1st.

A Boys' 4-H Club was formed in the Cliff City community on last Wednesday evening with 11 members. Charles E. Jester and George Townsend were chosen by the boys for their local leaders. The Assistant County Agent met with the group and told of some of the advantages that 4-H Club members have, and discussed the plan of work to be followed by the boys in the new club. The following boys are members of the Cliff City 4-H Club: Frank Hadaway, Gus Startt, Thomas Legg, Oliver Townsend, Chas. Kirby, Ernest Beck, Nelson Watson, James Kirby, George Townsend, Stanley Goodman and William Dickerson. The club plans to hold regular monthly meetings.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NOTES

Prof. E. Clarke Fontaine, State Supervisor of High Schools for the Eastern Shore, has been appointed a member of the faculty of the Johns Hopkins University Summer School, and will conduct a course on teaching the problems of Democracy.

While at work on his farm in Broad Neck this week Wm. Mench, prominent farmer suffered a fracture of one of his legs which will incapacitate him from work for some time. A year ago Mr. Mench lost a part of a finger when a dynamite cartridge exploded in his hand.

Mrs. Elma Coleman and daughter, Mildred, has returned to their home in Baltimore after a week's visit to her sister, Mrs. Raymond Ziesel, on Queen street extended.

Mrs. Thomas E. Willson is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Julia Skirven. She will be at "Cherry Hill" with Mrs. Skirven until November. She is past 80 years old.

Mrs. Harry Miller and Miss Matilda Hann, of Baltimore, were the guests of Mrs. Julia Skirven the past week.

Wm. A. Bell, of the Farm Bureau Auto Insurance Company reports that Mr. Albert Doctor, formerly State Agent of Maryland, but now Assistant Sales Manager, located at Columbus, Ohio, was in this section during last week. His visit was primarily to attend county meetings and a district sales manager's conference in the State Farm Bureau office in Baltimore.

Wilmer M. Dill, of Chestertown, and Miss Ella M. Carter, of Rock Hall, were quietly married at Grace M. E. parsonage, Piney Neck, Md., by the Rev. T. S. Barrett, at 7 o'clock on Thursday evening, May 2d, 1929.

Among delegates elected to the Bankers' Convention at Atlantic City May 22 and 23 are Fred G. Usilton and Wm. F. Russell from Kent County Savings Bank; W. B. Copper and T. D. Bowers from the Third National Bank.

Miss Edith Hartman, of this town, has been awarded fifth place in the entire United States in a contest to decide the neatest female member of a girls' club in this country. She is a member of the Chestertown Girls' Club and was judged solely on the appearance of her room in the Queen Anne's county.

Mrs. John R. Dowling, Jr., and son Albert, of Rock Hall, attended the meeting in the War Memorial building, Baltimore, when a dozen essayists recited their ideas of "Old Glory's Greatest Glory," the subject selected by the United States Flag Association in their First Annual Flag Contest. Albert was a contestant in the division conducted by the Flag Board at Large of the Maryland Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and captured honors for the boy's division.

Rev. E. A. Sexsmith has been attending a church meeting in Pittsburgh this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin F. Shure, and sons, of Baltimore, were the weekend guests of Eben F. Perkins and wife in Chestertown.

Miss Lillie Geary, of Harrisonburg, Va., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Pennington here.

Mrs. Frank Satterfield continues quite ill at her home on High street. Mrs. John Makosky has been visiting home folks in Frederick.

Miss Lizzie Trew, of Rock Hall, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Browne at their home here.

Arthur Dwyer, of Harrisonburg, Va., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Strong here.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldie Jones are receiving congratulations on the arrival of an infant daughter at their home in Chestertown.

Professor Roland Atkins, of Powellsville, an instructor in Pittsville High School, is in the Peninsula General Hospital, Salisbury, as a result of having been struck back of the head by a pitched ball in a game between Ocean City and Pittsville. His skull was not fractured, doctors say, and his injury is not regarded as serious. Atkins a few years ago played short for Washington College, Chestertown, of which school he is a graduate.

We are glad to report Alex. Hair improving at Easton Hospital.

The regular monthly meeting of the Samuel Turbit Wright Chapter D. A. R. was held at the home of Mrs. Raymond Ziesel, Saturday, May 4th, 1929. The election of affairs was held. The following being elected:

Regent—Mrs. W. Irving Walker. Vice Regent—Miss Hilda Roberts. Sec. Secretary—Mrs. Austin Roberts. Cor. Secretary—Mrs. C. B. Metcalfe. Registrar—Mrs. Charles Jarrell. Historian—Mrs. Jennie Clough. Chaplain—Miss Mary Neame. Public Editor—Mrs. Raymond Ziesel. Librarian—Mrs. J. Lemuel Roberts. Refreshments were served.

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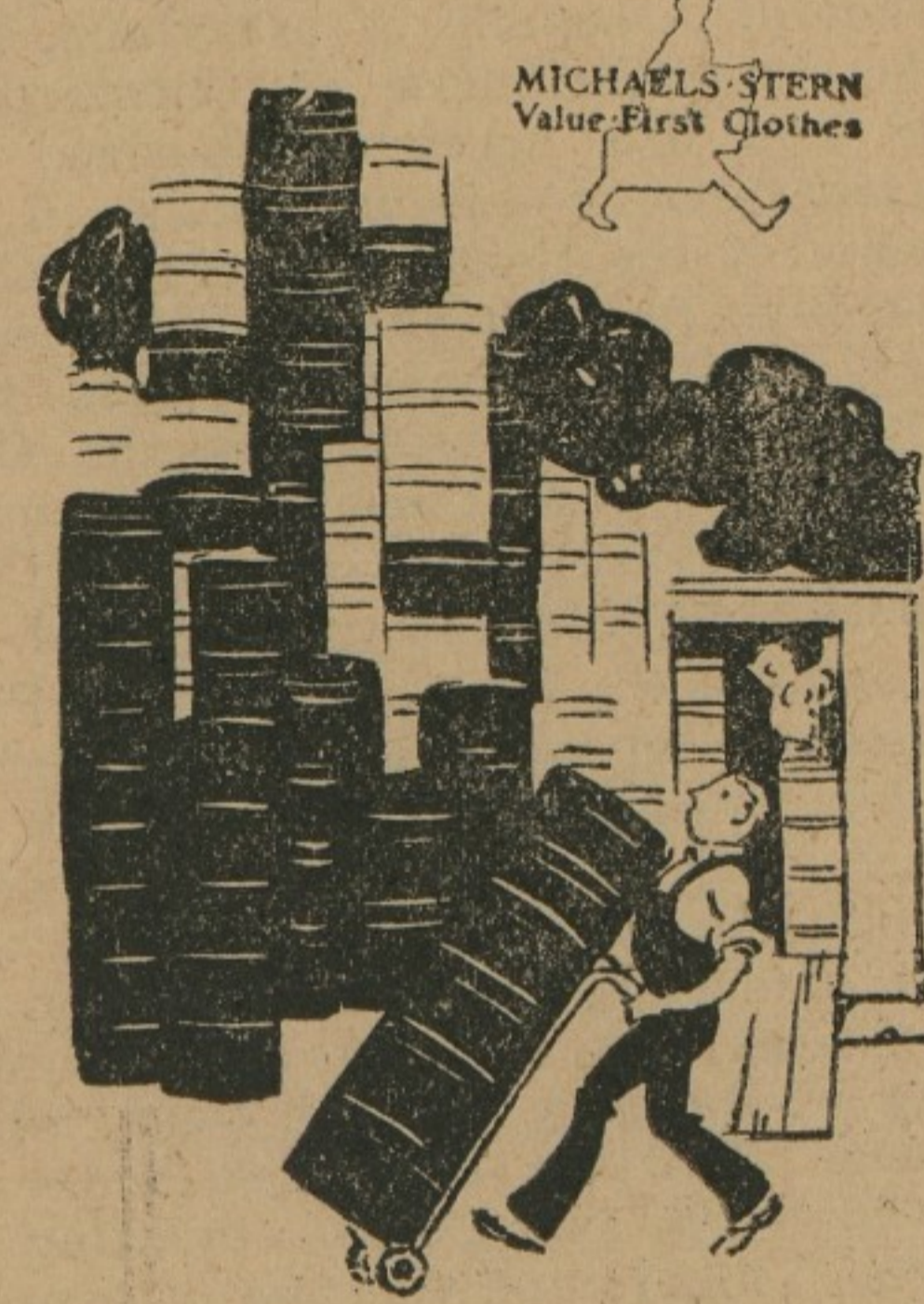
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