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CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1930

## Crusade Kent Sheriff

efforts to clean up Kent bootleggers, crap shooters ers of disorderly houses, ohn T. Vickers, accompanied sse of seven deputy sheriffs, tate Olin B. Stagord, Mayor t Thompson, and State Auto- Officer Gates and Storm, raid- ee houses in Cherry Lane, a settlement near Crumpton, es from here, and arrested 19 men and two colored women rgesof bootlegging, crap shoot- d keeping disorderly houses. ere brought to the jail here s taxed to its capacity to ac- late the prisoners. Monday g, Benjamin Scott, one of the rested, was turned over to prohibition officers on the of having three barrels of his house. Lewis Dawkins en three months in the House ection for disorderly conduct ying concealed weapons; Wil- vens was fined $100 and costs strate Stafford on the charge g a car while intoxicated, and rris was fined $50 and costs ing a disorderly house and jail in default of payment. the gang were either fined osts or held for a hearing

ing this raid the sheriff and ties accompanied by Town amuel E. Cooper, raided a in Chestertown, where six were taken and lodged in ring on a charge of These are the most made by a Kent coun- ay years, and are the oy Sheriff Vickers since e on December 1.

in practically all sections nty are experiencing con- diffculty in securing suf- er from the farm wells for ock. Wells have gone dry ous farmers are compelled ter a distance of several any instances from fresh ms. It is as dry in fost the county as it was in , and unless here are or snows shortly, it will be a general water e county which will cause nong human beings as tock.

l Christmas dance of the er Yacht and Country d in the club house Fri- December 26. Club of- hat it was one of the le social functions of the The receiving party ore Edward W. Emory, Belle Emory; Mr. and Keene Barroll.

William Spranklin, of , recently returned ooting trip at the Rod and Gun Club bagging of five nd twelve canvas- blind is located on iver. Shooting good, he re- t as many

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Another Christmas Day has come with its joy, and cheer. Its charm has no equal. It is the message of peace and goodwill. It is that which inspires the doctor to go into the field and to sere the sick; the teacher to impart knowledge; the man of vision to stand on the street corner and in the pulpit and preach the love of God as revealed in and through Jesus Christ. It opens the purse strings af the hoarder of meals and heart of the indifferent. Preach the Christ mas story every day. Teach it. Live it until He shall come.

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Soon the chimes will be ringing out the old year of 1930 and wishing in the new 1931. May we not let the thorn of past experiences stick and fester in the mind. Tht past should reveal to us that we are still in the making and far from perfect and spur us to new endeavors. As the apprentice gains in efficiency, so do the years make us better and better unless we are stupidly refusing to heed experience. We stand on the borderland of the "Land of Beginning Again."

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Among the many leaves to turn over none would be more appropriate than that of the spirit of selfishness and destructive and malicious criticis m—that censorious spirit that seeks faults but never forgives them, and is ever unwilling to give the good its proper recognition. In this world there is nothing perfect and without knowing it, liable to assume a negative attitude toward life, to critize and to condemn on every hand, and to refuse to recognize any good for what it is. Let us criticise others—but not until we have first criticised ourselves.

The above paragraph deals with the negative. This must stress the positive — replace inactivity with service. This last word has been the theme of many a sermon in Kent and elsewhere. Time and service for Him who did more than any other person.

Even secular editorial writers are telling us to live lives worth while—lives dedicated to the interests of our fellow men. The church, school, and community demand our time and service. George Meredith said, "Life is a little holding in which to do a mighty deed." Theodore Roosevelt said, "Life is a game. Don't flinch, don't foul, and hit the line hard—play the game." The game is ministry, service, helpfulness, lifting. Every biography and autobiography has some word along these lines. lived for others are lived for Christ. Christians who try to live alone are staging the tragedy of separation. Zona Gale has put the thought in verse:—

"The way isn't so much to try to love
each other,
Which other folks' peculiarities is
awfully in the way of,
But for all of us to pitch in and love
something altogether,
Your town, or your young folks, or
your church,
Or keeping something clean
Or making something look nice—
And before you know it you're loving
the folks you work with
No matter how peculiar, or even more
so."

## FISH DIE IN THE SALTY STREAMS

Effects of the drought are still being keenly felt in this section, particularly in the inlets of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries which e lined with fish, alive and dead, o their being forced into the narams because of the unusually dition of the rivers and the

Kent county fishermen late picked dead pike from the of the small inlets near nd hundreds of catfish found their way up- h of fresher water are finding the goi of the salty cond lable streams

## SOCCER CHAMPS ARE HONORED

The Chestertown High School Soccer team were dinner guests of the Chestertown Rotary Club on Monday evening last.

This Soccer team was thus honored because of its victory in securing the championship of the whole State of Maryland. This was a wonderful achievement for the Chestertown High School. Such a thing had never happened for Chestertown before and all friends of Chestertown High School are rejoicing in their victory.

The program of the Rotary Club on Monday was in charge of Harry S. Russell, who gave a short talk and was followed by Prof. Clarke Fontaine and Prof. Owen C. Blades.

The guests of honor were Principal Owen C. Blades, Coach Joseph Russell, Captain Billy Nicholson, Edgar A. Harris, Albert Williams, Jas. W. Johns, Jr., Garrett Chaires, Ernest K. Briscoe, J. Phillips Brooks. G. Elmer Brice, H. Dale Reese, Jr., Ralph W. Hopkins, William A. Reinhart, Robert Wright, Robert B. Hopkins and W. Maxyell Wallis.

### CARRIES OFF FIRST HONORS IN TOMATO RAISING

Cecil County has carried off first honors in the Maryland Ten-Ton Tomato Club contest during the year, at the annual convention and banquet of the Tri-State Packers' Association held Thursday evening in Philadelphia. Harry M. Morris, of Zion, Cecil County, was awarded the first prize, a $100 gold watch.

Mr. Morris secured a yield of 11.85 tons per acre on 2.3 acres. This was the highest yield secured by a tomato grower in the 1930 contest.

The second prize, a watch, volued at $75, was won by F. C. Jones, of Harford county, while the third prize, $50, was captured by Carl Singer, of Dorchester county.

The object of the Maryland Ten-Ton Tomato Club is to promote the production of more tomatoes from fewer acres. Increasing yields per acre will necessarily result in increasing quality, and better quality is necessary to the continuation and future prosperity of the canning industry in Maryland.

Mr. Morris is the second Cecil countian to win first honors as E. B. Smith, of Rising Sun, captured the first prize last ytar.

## REPORTER GETS $1,000 A YEAR

When I. H. Sefton, editor of the Colfax Record, Calif., opened a telegram early Christmas Eve which told him that he would receive $1,000 a year for the rest of his natural life, his belief in Santa Claus went up a hundred per cent.

As a result of his sagacity in writing the best essay on "Why I'd Buy a Plymouth" in the world-wide contest conducted recently by the Plymouth Motor Corporation, Sefton will receive this annuity.

Sefton will journey to New York to receive from Walter P. Chrysler, chairman of the board, Chrysler Corporation, of which Plymouth is a Division.

Sefton's was one of 1,011 prizes awarded to people in all parts of the world. These winning essays were selected from nearly half a million essays sent in from forty-seven countries. The judges were Floyd Gibbons, famous newspaper correspondent and radio star; Edgar A. Guest, nationally known poet, and Thomas P. Henry, president of the American Automobile Association.

The prizes announced trips around the $1,00 in cash

### SEWERAGE DISPOSAL

For some years the citizens of this community have been confronted with the problem of sewerage disposal. It is a knotty question not only in small towns but in the large cities and on the farm. Chestertown is among the fortunate places situated on a river where the sewer empties therein. But as the population of our town increased and the investigation of health authorities become frequent with their unsavory findings there is an awakening for new methods of disposing of sewerage. Expensive, you say. Yes, but is there anything more important than the health of our community? We think not, and it is our duty to avail ourselves of all the means to bring about a better condition in our midst. When we want a house built we send for a carpenter. When we want it painted we send for a painter. When we want plumbing we send for a plumber. Chestertown has need for better sewerage disposal and in order to relieve the situation we consult the Board of Health, composed of doctors. They state that the emptying of sewerage in Chester river as practiced, is a menace to the health of the community and should be improved at an early date. Then let's do it. The cost will be obout $20,000. This can be done by a bond issue and in such a way that the tax will not be burdensome. The people of Chestertown should be more interested in this matter than curbs and gutters, and if the finances are handled wisely in the future there should be no worry by anyone as to paying for same.

## FARM VALUES GAIN ON SHORE

A preliminary announcement issued by the Director of the Census shows a substantial increase in values of farm land and buildings in three Maryland counties since 1925.

Values in Queen Anne's county increased from $11,842,923 to $14,037,771. The figures indicate that the residents of the county have been improving their buildings during the last five years, since there was little change in land values. Values of buildings alone in this county increased from $3,850,361 in 1925 to $6,859,036 on April 1 of this year.

The value of farm land and buildings in Talbot county increased from $12,320,690 to $13,897,315 in the last five years. Both land and building values in Talbot county increased since 1925. Total values of farm land in the county was placed at $4,421,700 in 1925, while in April 1 this year it was $5,437,294.

An increase of almost a milion dollars is reported in the value of land and buildings in Cecil county. The total five years ago was $12,312,691,as compared with $13,270,228 this year.

While there was a slight decrease in value of land alone in Cecil county during the past five years census statistics show more than a million-dollar increase in building values. The total value of buildings in the county in 1925 was $5,947,925, as compared with $7,224,018 on April 1. The average value per farm in this county increased from $7,512 to $9,313.

In Kent county farm landand buildings are noted as follows: 1925, $9,354,370; 1930, $9,547,065. Land alone 1930 is $5,989,155, buildings, $3,557,910. Value of implements and machinery $826,075. Per farm, $9,832; per acre $59.87. Number of farms operated by owners 471; tenants 455, managers 45. Acreage operated by owners 52,343; by tenants 96,636; managers 10,481. Horses 4,889; mules 725; cattle 9,889; milk cows 6,527; hogs 5,324; chickens 82,759.

### GOOD BYE, OLD YEAR

The year 1930 is almost a thing of past. We can find many things his year for which we can be ful, even though we have had hardships to endure.

ok forward to 1931 with cour- cheer, having faith county

## BANK ROBBERS FAIL AT GALEN

Robbers were frustrated in their attempt to break open the vault of the Galena Bank, some time between midnight and dawn Tuesday.

The attempted robbery was discovered early by Roland Pennington, cashier of the bank. The vault showed that the robbers had tried to force open the doors after they had burned away part of the hinges with an acetylene torch.

Several clues were discovered by State's Attorney Stephen R. Collins and Sheriff John T. Vickers, both of Chestertown, who are investigating the case. They found a milk can filled with water and a large stick in the vault room.

According to Senator S. Scott Beck, president of the Chestertown Bank of which the bank is a branch, the vault is equipped with a safety device that automatically locks whenever the vault is tampered with.

Baltimore detectives have been detailed to the case as have operatives from the York Safe and Lock Company.

Locksmiths arrived Tuesday opened the vault and found everything intact. They state that it would have required nearly another hour to get in the safe.

They also state that the work is evidently that of professionals. They even wrapped the handles of the cans with bags to prevent finger prints being obtained.

The cans were obtained from near Mr. Morgan's oil station in Cecil.

## NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY FARMS

Emphasizing the fact that farm values are at the lowest ebb in many years, Thomas B. Symons, director of the Maryland Extension Service and regarded as one of the best informed authorities in the country, points to the present as the ideal time to "Buy a Farm."

"Buy a farm now and it will pay you for itself in ten years" is the prediction of Director Symons.

## CHILD KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Two persons in Wilmington, a man and a boy, both pedestrians, were killed Saturday by being struck by automobiles. A brother of the man killed from Cincinnati, Ohio, made arrangements for his funeral. State highway police, assisted by newspapers and radio stations, are making an effort to determine the identity of the boy killed.

The boy, between 10 and 11 years of age, was struck at about 5.40 Saturday afternoon on the du Pont Boulevard, near Basin Road. He died at 10.35 Saturday night in the Delaware Hospital. The only marking found on his clothing was in a cap, which bore the label of Lit Brothers, Philadelphia. State police say the cap was evidently not purchased for the boy as it was much too big for him.

Philip M. Riggin, of Georgetown, Md., was placed under $5,000 bail on a charge of manslaughter, pending the inquest by the coroner's jury. Riggin's automobile, while traveling north on the du Pont Boulevard, struck the boy, who is said to have been well out in the traffic of the State road.

The child's body will be held at the morgue until Saturday. If it is not claimed by that time, the Lions Club has arranged that it be given proper burial. The Rev. Ralph L. Minker, of Silverbrook M. E. Church, a member of the Lions Club, conducter services for the rtunate little

## The Red Cross In Kent County

The following is the result of the Red Cross campaign in Kent:

Millington ..... $26.00
Mrs. Merritt Brice, Chairman.
Massey ..... 9.00
Mrs. E. Thomas Messey, Chairman.
Galena ..... 7.00
Mrs. George R. Jones, Chairman.
Kennedyville ..... 50.00
Mrs. J. W. Urie, Chairman.
Still Pond ..... 33.00
Mrs. Wm. Medders, Chairman.
Betterton ..... 38.00
Mrs. Howard F. Owens, Chairman.
Lynch ..... 23.00
Mrs. A. N. Stavely, Chairman.
Chestertown ..... 301.25
Mrs. Barclay Kilbourne, Chairman.
Fairlee ..... 30.00
Mrs. Frank W. Smith, Chairman.
Rock Hall ..... 60.00
Mrs. W. O. Selby, Chairman.

$577.25

Considering the financial depression at this time, the campaign was very successful and the local chairmen are to be congratulated.

The Chapter of Kent County will have a meeting the early part of January at which time best methods will be devised to use the Chapter's part of the money for the relief of distress among those people who are most deserving of assistance.

From the sale of all one dollar memberships, one-half goes to the National Chapter in Washington and one-half is retained by the local Chapter. Where large amounts are subscribed, for instance $5.00, $1.00 is divided between the local Chapter and the National Chapter and the balance is allowed the local Chapter for its use.

The officers of the Kent Chapter are: Howard Turner, chairman; Mrs. James G. Beck, vice chairman; Allan A. Harris, treasurer; Mrs. Frank W. Smith, secretary.

## A GREAT XMAS IN KENT COUNTY

Merchants report a normal business during the rush period and are pleased at the result of the holiday trade. Beautiful decorations in homes were features of the week. Among the pretty electric displays were lighted trees in the court house, in C. N. Satterfield's yard, A. L. Sterling's yard, W. P. Newnam's, T. S. Bordley's Rev. J. H. Wright, Thomas W. Eliason, Howard Knox, J. T. Di on, Jr., Dr. F. B. Hines, Dr. Hughes, J. G. Beck, H. A. Kratzer and others.

The sale of thousands of pounds of turkeys by growers who had held their stocks over for the Christmas trade at prices much better than were quoted at Thanksgiving put a large amount of Christmas money in circulation. The price started at 26 cents alive and reached 45 cents. Mrs. H. M. Baker made a big sale alive.

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