LOCAL NOTES.....

TUESDAY was the first day of winter and the shortest day in the year.

THE Spring-like weather is unusual. The report of the change in the location of the Gulf stream seems to have some foundation of truth.

THE Chestertown Bakery was offered at public sale Monday and purchased by the former owner, Mr. Milligan, for $550. It is hoped some one will reopen same.

MARION DOWNEY, of Rock Hall, was injured in an automobile accident near Howard Leaverton's gate Monday night.

HARRY JOHNSON is out on bail for a hearing on Monday evening before Judge Hicks, in Galena, on a charge of assault on Edward George last Sunday.

THE little son of Mr. and Mrs. Rolph Townshend burned his fingers Tuesday when he put his hand in a pan of hot candy. While not seriously hurt the finger tips are still quite sore.

THE Chestertown High School Athletic Association gave a fine banquet Tuesday night to the Soccer and Field Ball Teams.

THE KENT NEWS wishes all a Merry Christmas. We want, however, to extend a sincere wish for all these who may be ill or afflicted at this time. It's our wish that ALL may enjoy early surcease from their suffering and that the Yuletide may find them refreshed and strengthened, and that they will be continuously sustained by the love and inspiration of an abundant and abiding faith.

HERBERT E. TRUMAN, of Elsmere, Del., who was charged with robbing at least 50 cottages and boats along Elk and Sassafras rivers, in the late Summer, was found guilty in the Cecil county court, and Judge Keating, imposed a sentence of five years, in the State penitentiary.

LESS than 20,000 wild ducks were bagged by hunters during the shortened season recently closed. Last year the total was 55,000 and in 1929 it was 80,000. Cedar Point Club reports 1607 ducks killed between November 1, 1931, and end.

THE Volunteer Fire Company was called out Monday to a fire at Cooper's Garage on Calvert street. It proved to be a roof on fire from a spark from a chimney and was soon extinguished.

JOHN D. URIE, attorney for Kent County Savings Bank, offered the Smith Beck farm of 165 acres, near Still Pond, at public sale Saturday and it was sold to the Bank for $3,000. It was afterwards sold at an advance to Allen Joiner and wife. Mr. Joiner is now tenanting the Toulson farm near Lynch and making a reasonable success under these trying conditions.

THE following officers of Chester Lodge A. F. and A. M. were elected Thursday night:

Worshipful Master, Clarence M. Melvin, Jr.
Senior Warden, Dr. W. R. Howell.
Junior Warden, Rollison Baxter.
Secretary, Wm. A. Wheatley.
Treasurer, James H. Sides.
Chaplain, W. R. Huey.

THE Woman's Auxiliary of the Chestertown Fire Company will meet at the Fire House Thursday, December 31st, at 7.30 P. M. Election of officers.

CAPT. CHARLEY WICKES, of Piney Neck, brought to the NEWS office Wednesday an oyster shell covered with young oysters indicating that there is a good prospect for oysters. This shell came from Capt. Chas. Ashley's oyster house. The State spreads shells in Chester river and elsewhere in the Spring with the hope that the spat will catch on to them. Piney Neck Hollow is a good breeding place for these oysters.

THE Chestertown Rotary Club will have their Xmas party next Monday night at Maryland Inn at 6.15. Each member will bring a gentleman guest.

GIVE FINE PLAY

The Seventh Grade of Chestertown Elementary School under the direction of Mrs. Ella P. Robinson, the English teacher, gave a delightful entertainment last Friday afternoon in the Assembly Hall of the school. The play was adapted from the poem, "The Courtship of Miles Standish", by H. W. Longfellow.

We learn that different members of the class wrote the play, staged it, designed and got together the costumes and other properties. The programs distributed to the audience weer the work of one of the pupils who was highly complimented upon his artistic attainment.

The play was developed after the completion of a thorough study of the poem as a unit of work in literature Much commendation can be given to the skillful training by the teacher and the hearty cooperation of her pupils.

Former State's Attorney H. Herbert Balch, his wife, and Mrs. Philip Goldsoboro, of Easton, were injured in an automobile accident near Salisbury early Monday as they were returning from a week-end trip to Chincoteague, Va.

Nearing Salisbury, Mr. Balch saw a car approaching, swerving first from one side of the road to the other. The two men in the other car were intoxicated, it was said.

Mr. Balch pulled to the side of the road and stopped his car. About 20 feet from Balch's car the driver of the other automobile pulled sharply to the same side, and crashed headon into Balch's machine, throwing the three occupants to the road. Mr. Balch is suffering two broken ribs.

The two men, whose names have not been learned, were arrested, and are being held in Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Brown and daughter, Mrs. Lambert Ayres, of Baltimore, were Sunday guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Amanda C. Newsome.

President Hoover proposes a resumption of the tax on nuisances. This should hit the radio cooners pretty hard.

FARM BEAUTY CONTEST SOON

Members of county farm bureaus throughout Maryland are tunning up for the annual song contest which will be a feature of the 16th annual convention of the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation, to be held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, January 6, and 8. Following the afternoon meeting the first day an elimination tilt will be staged and the three counties which sing the song, "The American Farm Bureau Spirit," the best will be declared eligible to compete in the finals for the banner which will be awarded at the banquet to be held the second night at the Southern Hotel.

Meanwhile the entertainment program arranged for sixteen beauty contestants, who will compete for the honor of being called "Miss Maryland" and of receiving a silver service as a trohy, includes a theatre party, a trip through a modern newspaper office, a luncheon and tour in a large department store, an inspection of the Baltimore Art Museum, a trip through a silverware factory and a tour of the Maryland Penitentiary and the Goodwill Industries under auspices of the Community Fund of Baltimore. In addition to the first beauty prize each contestant will receive a gold piece as a souvenir.

Here are the Eastern Shore of Maryland contestants in the first annual farm beauty contest to be staged the night of January 6 as a feature of the annual convention of the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation and affiliated bodies in Baltimore. Governor Ritchie will announce the following night at the annual banquet at the Southern Hotel and present "Miss Maryland" with a silver service. The convention will last three days, closing January 8 in the afternoon and meanwhile a round of festivities have been prepared for the entertainment of the sixteen Maryland beauties who have recently won local contests conducted by county farm bureaus. Eight tilts were held on the Eastern Shore. Eight Western Shore beauties will also enter the final contest.

Courtesy of Evening Journal.
Top is — MISS FLORENCE WIMBROW, Parsonsville, "Miss Wicomico."

Second — LAURA MAE CHESSER, Pocomoke City, "Miss Worcester."

Third — STELLA S. McGRADY, North East, "Miss Cecil."

Bottom — LOUISE MORRIS, Chestertown, "Miss Kent."

Wrist Watch Not New

Wrist watches date as far back as the middle of the Seventeenth century.

DEATHS

In the early hours of a quiet evening watched over and ministered to by loving hands, the gentle spirit of Mrs. Mary Vannort Simpers entered into eternal rest. It was Friday night when the death angel came and after 85 years of fruitful living Mrs. Simpers passed to her reward. She was a member of one of the oldest families on the Eastern Shore, the widow of J. Henry Simpers, a former judge of the Orphans' Court, and a high type of citizen.

For many years she was president of the Ladies' Aid Society of Christ M. P. Church and joined this denomination over sixty years ago. Three dutiful and loyal sons, Dr. Henry G. Simpers, Frank V. Simpers and J. Raymond Simpers, survive her.

She was a valuable member to this community and her going will be sadly missed. Her heart beat in waves of sympathetic feeling, her mind thought in clarified terms of altruistic purpose and her hand meted out kindness in a generous way. Even in her last declining days she remembered the misfortune of others, and many are the acts of kindness that she performed in her eagerness to bring comfort and cheer to their hearts.

Her home was the center of hospitality and cheer and friends always loved to gather about her fireside. She was a "mother," this sweetest word that language ever knew, and she was all that this word implies.

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Dr. E. A. Sexsmith, pastor of the Christ Methodist Protestant Church, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Sewell S. Hepburn. Buried in Chester Cemetery.

The bearers were James W. Chapman, Jr., of Baltimore; W. Maurice Hoffman, of Washington; Elias Nuttle, of Denton; Dr. R. G. Beachley, J. Hydie Thompson, J. Thomas Dixon and Wm. B. Usilton; R. Ellis Clark, undertaker.

James Ernest Willson, Jr., son of J. Ernest Willson and Mary R. Willson, died at St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore, December 21st, 1931, aged 14 years. Besides father and mother he leaves the following brothers and sisters: James Ringgold Willson, Julia R. Willson, Millard Neal Willson, Marian C. Wilson and grandmother, Mrs. Julia Ringgold.

The funeral was held at St. John's Catholic Church, Rock Hall, Thursday, 10.30 A. M., interment Rock Hall Cemetery. The bearers were Elmer Willson, Carroll Willson, Allen Willton, John C. Willson, Bernard Willson, Edgar Strong; Rev. Father Earner officiated; C. L. Dodd, undertaker.

Lewis H. P. VanSant, one of Kent's best citizens, died at his home on Kent Circle, Chestertown, Sunday night aged 73. He was a retired farmer and contractor, a faithful and industrious workman and of the highest character. He was born in the upper section of Kent county and for a number of years was esgaged in farming. He moved with his family to Chestertown in 1907 and until his health failed was a contractor and builder.

He is survived by his widow and the following children: Mrs. James D. Hess, Harford county; Mrs. Walker B. Lamb, Kent county, and Miss Lena VanSant, at home.

Funeral services were held from the home on Kent Circle at 2 P. M. Wednesday by the Rev. J. H. Wright, pastor of the M. E. Church, assisted by the Rev. T. J. Sard, of Crisfield, a former pastor of the Chestertown Church. Burial was in Chester Cemetery, R. Ellis Clark, undertaker.

The bearers were Sparks, Harry and Burton VanSant, John, Harry and Cornelius Jarvis.

John Cochran Green, 63, a member of the well-known Cochran family, of Middletown, and a brother of Mrs. Richard S. Rodney, wife of Judge Rodney, New Castle, died Sunday at the old Green homestead farm which adjoins Middletown. He had been in poor health for several months, suffering Bright's disease.

Mr. Green was a son of the late William and Eliza Cochran Green, and was born and spent his entire life on the farm where he died.

He is survived by his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Julia Lockwood; one son, John Green; a daughter, Miss Adelaide Green, both living at home; three brothers, Victor Green and William Green, of Middletown, and Harold Green, of Yonkers, N. Y., in addition to Mrs. Rodney.

Mrs. Hazel Nowland Stoopes, 42, died Thursday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Lacinski, 602 Madison St., Wilmington, after a brief illness.

She is survived by her daughter, two sons, Wilson and Clyde, and a sister, Mrs. Mary A. Wood, all of Wilmington. A brother, Thomas R. Nowland, Brooklyn, N. Y., also survives her.

Mrs. Stoopes was born in Maryland, but had lived in the city for some time. Funeral services were held from the home of a nephew, Horace N. Stoopes, 724 East Seventh street, Wilmington. Further services and interment was at Chestertown, Md.

Live Personal And Kent Society Notes

Col. Hiram S. Brown, of New York, spent the week-end at his country estate near Chestertown. He will leave shortly for Hollywood.

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Miss Barbee Humphreys, of William and Mary College, is with her mother in lower Kent for Xmas.

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Miss Virginia Parks, of Lake Placid, N. Y., is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. R. F. Parks, here.

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Master P. Medford "Sonny" Brooks of McDonough School, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Brooks, here.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Collins and daughter, of West Virginia, are guests at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Collins.

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Mrs. Ernest H. Strong and daughter, Helen, left Chestertown last Saturday for Harrisonburg, Va., where they will spend the Christmas season with Mrs. Strong's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dwyer.

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Miss Virginia Jones, of Baltimore, was the Sunday guest of her father, Dr. J. S. William Jones, on Washington Avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bielharz, the former s superintendent of the Chestertown Electric Light and Power Company are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Keyser, W. Va.

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Miss Mary Simpers, who recently underwent an operation in a Baltimore hospital, continues to improve there.

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Jack Nickerson, of Baltimore, was the week-end guest of his mother in Chestertown.

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Miss Elizabeth Brown, of Philadelphia, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay Brown for the holidays.

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Miss Minnie Hicks, of Baltimore is spending the holidays the guest of her father, William T. Hicks.

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Miss Lois Baxter, of University of Alabama, is spending Christmas the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rollison Baxter.

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Miss Elizabeth Covey, of Andover, Mass., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Covey for the holidays.

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Miss Maud Miller is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. N. Satterfield.

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Miss Elizabeth Morris, of Sam'l Ready School, and John Loud Morris, of McDonogh School are spending Christmas with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Loud, Worton.

Rev. and Mrs. John White will hold their usual reception on New Year's Day from 3 until 6 P. M.

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Mr. and Mrs. James J. Hadaway and son, Jimmy, of Flint, Michigan, arrived in Kent last Sunday night for a short visit with relatives in Chestertown and Rock Hall.

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Miss Dorothy Vickers and brother, attending schools near Philadelphia, are spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Vickers, Jr., in Chestertown.

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Miss Nancy Jean Usilton, of Washington School of Physical Education, is at her Chestertown home for the holidays.

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Sterling Townshend, of Charlotte Hall, is spending Christmas with his mother in Chestertown.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Grise and Miss Helen Marie Davis, all of Germantown, Pa., were the week-end guests of Mr. Lulie Robertson, on Queen street.

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Announcement has been made of the wedding of Miss Zora Deree Porter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Porter, of Woodward, Ill., to E. Rudolph Hurlock, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hurlock, of Hurlock. The ceremony was performed December 5th, 1931.

The bride is a graduate of Drake University and also Grinnell College. She has been teaching in the Marshallton school for the past several years. Mr. Hurlock is a graduate of Washington College, Chestertown. They will reside in Davenport, Iowa.

Arthur Mason, of Worton, was carried to Easton Hospital Tuesday for treatment having been bitten by a dog last Saturday.

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The marriage of Miss Frances Jeannette Schumacker, of Baltimore, and John Alexander White, of Brooklyn, New York, took place on Thursday, December 24th, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Ruxton, Md., in the presence of the immediate families. Joseph Wright White was his brother's best man and Miss Dorothea Lucille Haven, of Baltimore, was Miss Schumacke's only attendant. A wedding breakfast followed the ceremony at Duncairn, the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Purdon Wright, at Lake Station.

Miss Schumacker is the daughter of Frederick Schumacker and the late Mr. Schumacker, of Baltimore, and Mr. White is the eldest son of the Rev. John White, Rector of Old St. Poul's and I. U. Parishes, and Mrs. White.

The young people will make their home in Brooklyn, New York.

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Miss Olivia Woodring, of Lynchburg, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Owen B. Crow, on High street.

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Mrs. John McIntire, of Wilmington, Del. is the guest of her sisters here.

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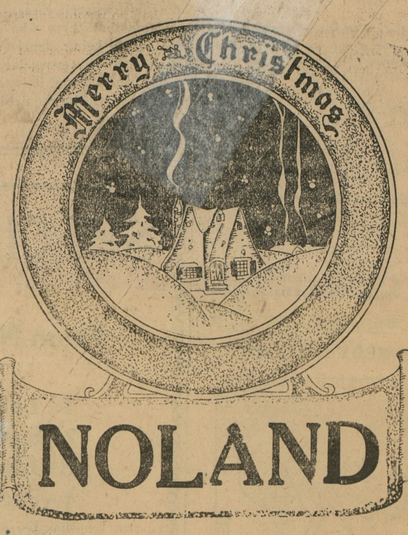

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