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BAKE

The Ladies' Aid of Locust Grove M. E. Church will hold a Bake in Turner's Garage on Wednesday, Feb. 25th, at 11 A. M. Dressed poultry, eggs, pies, cakes, Maryland biscuits rolls, etc., for sale. f21

FISH and OYSTER PLATE SUPPER

A Plate Supper with Fish and Oysters, Ham, Deviled Eggs, Salads Jellies, Biscuits, Rolls and Coffee will be served in Rock Hall M. E. Church House by members at 5.30 P. M. Thursday, Feb. 26th. Tickets 50 cents. Cakes also for sale. f21

BAKE

The Little Helpers Sunday School Class of M. E. Church, Chestertown, will hold a Bake in Gill Bro.'s parlors on Cross street Saturday February 21, at 11 P. M. Come and buy your pies, bread, etc. f14

PLATE SUPPER

A Plate Supper in Fairlee School by Salem Ladies Aid on Friday, Feb 27th, starting at 5.30. Menu: Creamed chicken, hominy, peas, slaw, deviled eggs, rolls, biscuits and coffee. Price 35 cents. f14

POSITION WANTED

Wanted a home and place as housekeeper in a family, a middle aged woman in a town. No objections to farm. I will be at Mrs. Berl Burris or Newton Younger, on the Pondtown road, near McGinnis' Corner. Mrs. Sydney Younger. f7-3t*

REMOVAL NOTICE

Chestertown, Md.
To 221 Maple Avenue, Phone 359.
E. A. Strout Realty Agency, Inc.
Leonard C. Treherne Representative.
f7-3t

FOR SALE

One Six-room Dwelling, Barn Large Shed, Hen House, Work Shop, Garage, 7 Acres of land, good trucking land on Still Pond Creek. For particulars, apply to J. R. Kernan, Worton, Md. f7-3t

NOTICE

Slip covers made for all furniture. write or call at my home. Tolchester Estates, Mrs. L. V. Lynch, Tolchester Md. f7-3t*

FARM FOR RENT

White Hous Farm, on State Road, near Kennedyville, is for rent for the year 1932. Address Mary D. Cahall, 823 Van Buren St., Wilmington, Del. f14-3t

Farmers Free Veterinary Service

Feed your stock National Vitamized Medicated Salt once a week, which is so beneficial to your stock that disease is almost impossible while feeding it once each week.

Costs only 4 cents a week to feed it for horses and cows.

MORE MILK—LESS TROUBLE

Choose your own Veterinary Surgeon and should your stock get sick from any disease while using the National Vitemized Medicated Salt, employ him and we will pay the bill. You will be pleased.

For Sale by

Adam B. Schauber

f14 Chestertown, Md.

POSITION WANTED

By a white woman in a modern home, one or two adults. Capable of taking entire charge. Address by letter to C. Kent News. f7-3t*

FOR SALE OR RENT

Six-room dwelling, barn, stable and chicken houses; also three (3) acres of good land suitable for trucking or chicken raising at Black, Md. On hard surface road. Possession given at once. For particulars apply to Miss May Graves, 2801 Ave I (eye) Brooklyn, N. Y. j17-tf

Watch THE Over-head

In this issue you will see our advertisement stating why we can and do undersell.

The high expense is what keeps the prices up—we have overcome this and when you visit our place you get the benefit of these LOWER-PRICES

WM. MEDDERS & CO.
Still Pond, Md

See Adv. Last Page.

4H Hold Their Annual Banquet

Last night the 4-H Clover Calf Club held its 8th Annual Banquet. The Chestertown High School Auditorium was the scene and it was served by the mothers of the Calf Club members.

The following menu was served:

Fruit Cup
Rolls Biscuit
Turkey
Candied Sweet Potatoes Dressing
Gravy
Cold Slaw Hominy Pickle
Cranberries
Ice Cream Milk Butter
Coffee Cake Mints
Music by Washington Collegians.

The program as follows:

Toastmaster, Norman D. Sutton.
President's Address, Wilbur H. Morris, Jr.
My Club Projects, Rich. Newnam.
The 1930 Demonstration Team, Walter Rees.
Me and My Calf, John Dixon.
Judging Activities 1930, William O. Carroll.
The officers are:
President—Wilbur H. Morris
Vice-President—Frank O. Sutton
Secretary—Walter Rees
Treasurer—Wm. O. J. Carroll
Local Leader—Stanley B. Sutton
Ass't. County Agent — Stanley B. Sutton
County Agent—J. D. McVean
Camp Vail 1930, Norman D. Sutton
4-H Club Work, William Chilcoat.
Kent County Judging Tour Results, Stanley B. Sutton, Assistant County Agent.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends who were so kind and considerate during the long illness and recent death of our mother, Mrs. Henrietta Faulkner. Milton Faulkner, Pearle Blackiston. 1t

A BARGAIN

Outboard Motor and 16-foot Sound Bottom Row Boat, $30 to first buyer. D. W. Ingersoll, Chestertown. Phone 815F3. f21-3t

FOR SALE

A Dead-rise Motor Boat, Palmer engine. Apply to T. H. White, Chestertown. f21-3t

NOTICE

This is to notify our customers and friends and the general public, that I have bought out all of H. A. Wright's interest in the People's Bakery, of Rock Hall, and hereafter it will be under my personal management. I take this opportunity to thank our customers for their past patronage, and sincerely hope for a continuance of same. L. A. Godwin, People's Bakery, Rock Hall, Md. f21-2t*

FOR SALE

Fine Leghorn Laying Hens 75c each. Phone 23F11. Wm. Mercer Rock Hall, Md. f14-3t*

FOR RENT

An apartment at "Riverside," 105 Water street, Chestertown. Also an apartment at 100 Queen street. Geo. W. Baldwin. f14-3t

DANCE

Benefit Rock Hall Fire Company
Junior Hall, 9.00 P. M.
THURSDAY, FEB. 26, 1931
Sudlersville Orchestra
Admission $1.00 Per Couple

WARNING

All persons are warned against trespassing or trapping upon the lands , shores or marshes of the undersigned with dog, gun or otherwise. The law will be enforced against violators. Traps found on these lands may be reclaimed at the Club House.

CEDAR POINT CLUB,
f14-4t* Amos Waterfield, Supt.

FOR SALE

1 Rebuilt Fordson.
1 Two-Bottom 12 inch Tractor Plow.
This outfit is in good condition and can be bought very reasonable. Will give terms if wanted.
H. D. OREM & SON
Phone 217. Chestertown, Md.
f14-2t

FOR RENT

Immediate Possession
Good Business Location
Opposite New Atlantic R[illegible] Station.
Maple Avenue
Building 20x45.
Can be altered to suit tenant.
Apply
A. L. SPARKS.
T. W. PERKINS
d13-tf Chestertown, Md.

FARMERS HOLD SPIRITED MEETING

The meeting of the farmers of Kent county at the Court House on Wednesday afternoon was inspiring Nearly 200 farmers were actively participating in the discussion of their problems. Prominent guests in the person of M. S. Winder, Executive Secretary of the National Farm Bureau Federation and James W. Davis, of Harford county, President of the State Farm Bureau, in addition to the scheduled speakers added to the meeting.

The meeting, under the auspices of the Farm Bureau and the Extension Service had J. D. McVean, County Agent as Chairman. E. Thos. Massey led the discussion relating to the farm labor situation. Harry Willis, B. F. Rash, L. A. Sutton and others discussed the problem and offered their ideas. The exchange should unify and clarify the ideas of farmers with a labor problem.

James D. Davis, Jr., discussed the seed situation. Mr. Winder mentioned the taxation problem as a national problem. The general property tax —the basis of taxation is outlined and must be modified and taxes levied according to the ability of the individual to pay.

T. D. Bolder, Canning Crops Specialist, explained the tomato situation. He pointed out the need for reducing the cost of production and of improving the quality of the pack. In connection with the early planting the need for and the value of the muslin covered plant bed was mentioned. Plants from the covered beds are at least 10 days earlier than those grown commonly in the open beds. The need for increased yield per acre but the growing of fewer acres was cited as the profitable method in tomato growing.

County Agent McVean, under the topic, Crop and Tillage Considera-topic, C"rop and Tillage Considerations and Recommendations," led a lively discussion which was well received and which will be presented in next issue.

L. A. Sutton, Chairman of the County Drought Committee, led the discussion of the Federal Relief Conditions. Loans are being applied for by those who want them.

A strong delegation from Lynch before the County Commissioners on Tuesday. They were asking for a State road from Lynch to Hossinger's Corner. Their request was held under advisement.

A PLAY

A 4-ACT COMEDY PLAY
called
'Cranberry Corners'
will be held in Worton Hall
MONDAY EVE, FEB. 23rd, 1931
At 8.00 O'clock
Given by the Sunday School Class of Locust Grove M. E. Church
Admission 35 and 25 Cents

WEDNESDAY EVE, FEB. 25, 1931
AT POMONA
In the Bond Chapel Sunday School Room at 8.00 O'clock.
Admission 35 and 25c

FRIDAY EVE, FEB. 27, 1931
At Wesley Chapel Church at 8 O'clock
Admission 35c and 25c
Everybody come and have a good laugh.

Fun and Laughter

"Oh, Doctor"

Latest Three-Act Musical Comedy
By the Triangle Producing Co.,
Greensboro, N. C.

Snappy Music, Lively Choruses, Attractive Costumes

OLD LYCEUM THEATRE
Chestertown
Friday, Feb. 27th
8.00 P. M.

Benefit P.-T. A. Elementary School, Chestertown, Md.

Tickets on sale at Mrs. O. W. Wright's.

Reserved seats at Stam's.

LAUGHTER and FUN

ADMISSION 50 CENTS

NEW CHARTER NOW ON WAY

Acommission appointed some weeks ago at a public meeting here for the purpose of revising the present charter of Chestertown, has completed its work and has submitted to Senator S. Scott Beck a practically new charter, which, if enacted into law will substitute for the present commission form of government a municipal charter providing for a mayor and town council composed of four members, each representing one of four wards into which the town will be divided. Senator Beck will take immediate steps to pass the bill, which will provide for holding the first annual election for the naming of a mayor and town council the third Monday in July.

There is some who favor a referendum, but it seems to be too late now to add this feature. This charter was the work of a committee named at a public meeting regularly called of citizens and the tax-payers. It was submitted to another public meeting and furthermore was published in all the papers in town. At the town meeting the various items in the charter were discussed and voted upon. The vote on a referendum was unanimous against submitting same. The only item on which there seemed to be a diversion was the "water works section." This has been detacked from the Bill and will be voted on by the citizens.

The charter makes no radical changes nor does it increase the tax rate. It simply brings up-to-date the ordinances and laws pertaining to Chestertown and makes a few changes in governments as noted above.

The new charter does legislate out of office two of the Commissioners but they have the privilege of being candidates in the wards in which they live.

The present Board of Commissioners have paid off $2,500 on the town indebtedness, making $4,000 during the past year. The NEWS joins in congratulating these officials for their wisdom and good judgment in these times of depression.

Washington Deteats Hopkins University

Washington College dribblers took sweet revenge on an old rival here Friday night when they smothered the Hopkins quintet under a speedy attack and packed away a 45-to-28 decision. The visitors were the team which earlier this season eked out a single-point verdict over our team a Baltimore.

In one of the most remarkable exhibitions of teamwork, the College bewildered the Hopkins cagers and amassed a 20-to-1 lead in the first nine minutes of play. Every shot which rattled off the backboard was the result of a speedy, intricate attack which carried the ball under the basket and resulted in a field goal. Gainor led the sharpshooting with a string of 13 points in this period.

Coach Tom Kibler inserted second stringers and the Homewood quint, led by the Kelly brothers, reduced the gap to 25-10 at the half. But the over-zealous guarding of the Hopkins men proved costly and Seigen was sent to the bench via the personal foul route in the first half.

The regular quint took the floor for Washington in the second half and again the Flying Pentagon spurted. But this time they faced a changed Hopkins five which fought every inch of the way but could not cut much of the early margin gained by the local dribblers.

C. Kelly and Gunner next went out on personals and Hopkins' team suffered. Reserves again went into the fray for Washington and they held their own against the last desperate efforts of the Homewood cagers.

Last night Washington met Mt. St. Mary's on the local floor and should have won.

NOTICE

Landing at the Cliffs.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned examiners appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to determine if the public convenience requires a Landing at the Cliff and if so to lay down the same, will meet on the public landing at the Cliffs on Monday morning, March 16 at 10 o'clock. All persons having interest in said Landing may appear as above and be heard in reference thereto.

MARION deK. SMITH,
FRANK CRANOR.
ROBERT L. KIRBY,
Marian E. Caldwell, Clerk. f21

ADVERTISE IN THE KENT NEWS

FIRST LAMBS BRING $7 EACH

The season for shipping young lambs began the latter part of last week, and will continue until well into the Summer. The crop is one of the largest for years and notwithstanding the scarcity of feed on the farms the quality of stock now going to markets is of the best. R. Stockton Startt, Chestertown representative of northern city dealers, purchased 20 fine lambs during the latter part of the week, weighing from 26 to 32 pounds and shiped a truckload he paid $7 apiece. This price is lower than initial prices paid last year, but is 50 cents a head better than others buyers are paying. This price is considered very good and was for a special order. The lambs were shipped in crates and made a fine apearance.

WANT MONEY TO ADVERTISE OUR STATE

The Chestertown Rotary Club on next Monday night will hear Frederick Stieff, from the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce. He comes to urge action by the Maryland Legislature of the proposition to appropriate $50,000 to advertise the State of Maryland.

A prediction that Del-Mar-Va tourist traffic income this year will show an increase of more than $2,500,000 was made by Vernon Wrenn, managing director of Registered Service International specialist in routing tourist travel.

Should this prophecy be realized, the Eastern Shore will realize this year in excess of $10,000,000 from this comparatively new "industry." This estimate is based upon the average expenditure of $15.00 for every automobile entering the Peninsula from States other than Maryland, Delaware and Virginia. The calculation is considered conservative by those having knowledge of the conditions.

Frank E. Turin, chairman of the Norfolk Area of the Atlantic Coasta' Highway Association, expressed a similarly optomistic view.

"Working together, nothing can stop the Eastern Shore and Norfolk from becoming America's greates' tourist center," he asserted. Progress in this direction has already been made, but to obtain results in a much bigger way, a lot of additional work must be done by the cities and towns on both sides of th' water.

"The Del-Mar-Va Eastern Shore Association and the Eastern Shore of of Virginia Chamber of Commerce should be supported to the limit. These organizations have performed excellent work and already have demonstrated that tourists can be induced to visit the Peninsula."

2,711 DUCKS KILLED

Turkey Point Ducking Club and guests killed 2,711 ducks and 8 wild geese the past season. These totals compare with 2,846 ducks and 21 geese killed during the 1929-30 season. Shooting was done only two days each week, which members of the club believe in very large measure for their unusual success.

The members of the club are Senator Dudley G. Roe and Dr. C. H. Metcalfe, Sudlersville; Dr. Merritt Brice and Paul Comegys, Millington; James G. and J. Browne Metcalfe, of Chestertown.

PASSENGERS SPEND A NIGHT ON FERRY BOAT

News reached Easton Tuesday that the passengers from Annapolis, Baltimore, Washington and other places aboard the Annapolis and Claiborne ferry steamer, John M. Dennis, bound for Easton and other places on the Eastern Shore, were compelled to spend Saturday night and part of Sunday aboard the steamer, when the Dennis, due to a low tide and a hard wind, ran aground off the beacon at the entrance to the Claiborne harbor.

Every effort was made to float the steamer, but it was impossible until the tide arose. The officers aboard the boat made all the passengers aboard as comfortable as they could and gave them their supper and Sunday morning breakfast.

The wind having abated, the passengers were taken ashore in the life boat of the steamer to Claiborne.

About three o'clock Sunday afternoon the tide rose and the steamer was floated and ran in to Claiborne where she unloaded a large number of autimobiles which she had aboard and then started on her return trip to Annapolis.

There would be no such worry nor inconveience if the Chesapeake Bay Bridge existed.

Nine Deaths In Town From Wood Alcohol

Chestertown has been stirred, especially among the 1000 colored residents, as never before, by the deaths thru poison alcohol of eight men and one woman. These parties were all well-known laborers about town and whose ages range from 30 to 50 years It is the custom of these people to meet at a room on Kent street, near Calvert, and there indulge in drinking fests. Such a party started Saturday night, but the liquor is said to have been exhausted and none was to be had until Sam Sheppard and Ed. Floyd found some alcohol at a local oil station. It was put in a galvanized tub and mixed, as they thought with water. It turns out now that it did not mix and even ate the zinc off the tub.

Samuel Sheppard was the first to succumb at 10 A. M. Monday. He fell on the way to his home on Prospect street and died before help could reach him. A few hours afterward Jake Smith, living on Kent street, where one of the parties was held, was seized with cramps and was attended by a doctor, but died shortly after noon. George Bowen, son of the well-known blind man, was the third to die having been taken sick at the home of a relative on Princess street.

Monday night Herbert Wells and wife, Lena, living on Kent street, and where a party was held Sunday night, pasesd away. These two were followed by John Lomax and Arbutus Fletcher.

Harry Gardner died at 2 P. M. on Tuesday, and Wallace Sheppard Wednesday at 3 A. M.

Dr. Harry L. Dodd, coroner for Kent county, empaneled a jury and held an inquest. He ordered undertakers not to prepare the bodies for burial until he had made post-mortems and other investigation.

An investigation also was made by Stephen R. Collins, State's Attorney for the county, who reported the affair to Simon E. Sobelox, United States Attorney in Baltimore and to Attorney General Lane, in Baltimore.

The proprietor of the garage, according to investigators, said he warned the purchasers of the alcohol that it was poisonous and told them not to drink it. A sample of the anti-freeze compound is in the possession of Dr. Dodd, who will have it analyzed, he said.

The officers were at first handicapped by the characteristic silence of the Negroes about the party. Finally they learned that Floyd and Sheppard had purchased the alcohol for at least one of the parties. Sheppard was dead by this time, so Floyd was placed in jail. He was able to tell where he bought the alcohol.

The compound is said to have caused the death of eight white men in Pittsfield, Mass., where nine partook of the liquid. The ninth escaped only after ridding his stomach of the fluid shortly after it had been drunk.

The first symptoms in the victims was blindness. Many of them walked around until a short time before death occurred.

Funerals for the first of the victims were held Wednesday and others Thursday and Friday.

Uundertaker Hicks had six of the funerals while Undertaker Clark had the three World-War veterans, Lomax, W. Sheppard and Gardner. The funerals were largely attended at the various homes and churches where the two colored pastors preached strong sermons of warning and advice.

The following persons are recuperating: Goldey Seney, Hydie Smith, Edw. Floyd and Asbury Fletcher.

Coroner Dr. H. L. Dodd, Sheriff John T. Vickers, Officer Cooper and State's Attorney Stephen R. Collins have conducted an investigation with the aid of Federal and State authirities.

Autopsies have been performed on two of the bodies by Coroner Dodd. He and the jury assembled to investigate the deaths and are withholding a verdict until reports are received on the analysis of the viscera of the deceased.

A coroner's jury was assembled by Sheriff John T. Vickers on Monday and the bodies of eight of the victims who had died up to that time, were viewed. C. C. Jones was the foreman of the jury which was composed of Conlyn Noland, Jesse Maxwell, Ernest Strong, Robert Moffett, Jr., Chas. F. Wheatley, L. Bates Russell, Jr., Carl N. Bordley, Raymond Wilkins, Earle Cooper, Millard Maslin and Albert Wheat.

Robert D. Ford, Assistant Prohibition Administrator for this district and an agent of the Department of Justice, were in town on Tuesday and Wednesday conducting an investigation. Lieut. James A. Manning and Sergeant Matthew Dunn, of the Baltimore police department, were here working on the case as was William C. Baxter, one of the assistant district attorneys for Maryland.

Representatives of the duPont firm which manufacture the product were also here helping with the investigation. They took glood tests and stated that an ounce would render blind the patent while two ounces would surely kill in short time.

The keeper of the gasoline station where the Negroes purchased the alchohol, frankly admitted selling the alcohol to the two Negroes, but decleared that he warned them that it was poison. He said the Negroes told him they wanted it for their automobile radiators. The witness showed the officers where the alcohol was kept, and pointed not only to the label showing it was deadly poison, but to the antedote that was prescribed for treatment.

The officers learned that there are only two filling stations in the vicinity that carries this particular type of alcohol, or "anti-freeze," which they say is made from wood alcohol. They learned, however, that Negroes for some time have been drinking denatured alcohol of the non-poisonous but tinctured variety. They are in the habit, it is said, of mixing it with fruit juices into a punch. Very often, it was learned, all-day drinking parties are carried on in sort of a progressive fashion Sundays among the Negroes.

It is the general supposition that the Negroes who purchased the anti-freeze compound thought they were getting denatured alcohol, widely used in automobile radiators to prevent freezing, and which they had been drinking for years with no apparent ill effects.

The victims become blind bef dying and death was accompanied by violent paroxysms.

The anti-freeze compound which served as the base of the drink on the fatal party is a new product recently put on the market only last fall. The filling station which sold the two quarts which resulted in the deaths purchased four drums of the compound last November. The fatal liquid came from the last of the four drums.

State's Attorney Stephen R. Collins, who has been energetic in prosecuting the investigation, after consultation with Attorney General Lane and his assistants, says there are no grounds to warrant any criminal prosecution.

TWIN DOLLAR DAY NEXT WEEK

Chestertown will stage twin dollar days next Tuesday and Wednesday. Even with only a little money some real bargains can be obtained. Call and see for yourself.

COUNTY HEADS TO MEET IN EASTON

The Presidents of the Board of County Commisisoners of the nine counties on the Eastern Shore of Maryland will meet in Easton. Thursday February 26 to consider what legislation is needed for the Eastern Shore and to have bills prepared and presented for same in the Maryland Legislature which is now in session at Annapolis. It is probable the almshouse question for an almshouse on the Eastern Shore will be taken up, discussed and decided upon.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BENEFIT

The P-T-A, of Chestertown, advertised in this issue, "Oh! Doctor," a three-act musical comedy with a plot The leading characters will be taker by, Emily Jewell, James Nicklin, Vernon Kirby and Walter Barnes. This comedy will be presented in Old Lyceum next Friday evening Tickets 50 cents all over the house.

The Woman's Literary Club will give a benefit moving picture matinee in the Chestertown New Lyceum Thursday afternoon at 3.30, February 26th. The proceeds are for the Public Library. The title of the picture is George Arliss in "Disraeli," a wonderful Warner picture. The admission is 35 cents.

The New Lyceum is showing fine pictures.

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