LOCAL NOTES.....

Lent begins February 18th.

Canners talking about tomatoes.

Several houses in town for rent.

Length of days nine hours and 30 minutes.

Splendid rain Monday helped to break the drought.

Eclipse during 1931—three of the sun and two of the moon.

Kent can have an automobile show when new Armory is erected.

Some real bargains in real estate may now be obtained in Kent.

Kent county can well feel proud of their Musical Society.

Turkey suppers for 50 cents are advertised in NEWS. Can you beat it.

F. E. Duyer is erecting a back stairway to his apartment house on Maple avenue.

Churches are putting on good programs. Why not attend and enjoy them.

Cambridge will entertain the Convention of the Diocese of Easton this year. They liked the Methodist Protestants so well they want more.

January Term of Court was held in Chestertown Monday, Judge Wickes presiding.

Muskrat hides sold for 60 cents and $1.10 last Saturday in Chestertown.

Joseph Judefind, at Rock Hall, has purchased a house from Hill Brothers. He will remove it to his own land and repair it for a dwelling.

The Auxiliary of the Chestertown Fire Company will meet Monday at 7.00 P. M.

The U. S. Civil Service examination for clerk-carrier for postoffice service will be held at Chestertown. Applications must be filed not later than February 6, 1931.

The P. T. A. of Chestertown Elementary School will give a play "Oh, Doctor," Friday, February 27. Watch for adv.

Will Rogers, in his appeals for Red Cross, says that if Congress would spend as much time feeding the poor as they do in trying to get liquor for the rich all would be fed.

The following item from Milton, Del., will be ofinterest to Mr. Randall's friends in Kent:

"A successful revival service is in progress at the M. P. Church. There have been more than twenty-five converts and at every service penitents are received at the altar by the pastor, the Rev. L. C. Randall."

Janvier School, taught by Miss Frances G. Orr, led the Kent schools in attendance for December with a percentage of 98.4, taking the lead away from its old rival, Turner's Creek, which dropped to fifth place, the lowest it has reached in a long time.

In second place was Hanesville, taught by Miss Helen Shirley, with a percentage of 97.4. Worton, taught by Mrs. Naomi D. Russell, was third, one-tenth of a point back of Hanesville and Locust Grove, taught by Miss Margaret F. Stoops, was fourth, two-tenths of a point back of Worton.

Galena stepped out in December to take the lead for the county high school group away from Chestertown and Rock Hall, which had divided the honors in the first months of the school year. The principal of the Galena High School is Miss Lelia N. Ware.

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COUNTY AGENT'S WORK IN 1930

In spite of drought and depression, Extension Work has been along sound economic lines. Definite progress is noted.

The "live at home" idea has been stressed. It suggests producting as much food and feeds at home as is possible. Drought conditions reveal that "the farmer starves least," especially if he raises most of his food and feed stuffs. Money shortage is not so depressing if food and feed supplies are on hand.

Interest in Alfalfa, Soybeans, and Sweet Clover for pasture, silos and silage is keen and active. Failure in seedings this year makes clearer the importance of these feeds for all sorts of livestock. Pasture improvement is becoming an important factor in the economical production of milk.

The Dairy Herd Improvement Association, as shown by its report, shows again the need for attention to proper feeding; to close culling of low producers; the importance of records of production as guides of feeding, to culling, to selection of heifer calves to raise for herd replacements, and to recognition for outstanding sires.

Several "safe and sane" bull pens were constructed.

Twenty one silos were erected.

Cooperative marketing, both buying and selling, reflected by the local cooperative corporation is making definite progress as shown in wheat marketing-wool marketing and turkey marketing-also in the purchase of feeds, fertilizer, etc.

In connection with meeting the feed situation, caused by the drought, seventy carloads of mixed grain feeds and twenty carloads of alfalfa were brought into Kent under the reduced freight rates.

Jesse Hurd, Jr., was the Kent Kent county winner in the 1500-pound 150-day litter contest and demonstrated the possibilities in swine production in this section. He received twenty five dollars in gold at the recent Stockmens Association from the "S-K" Co., donors of the prize money.

The Turkey Tour was successful in that sixty per cent of the attendance was from without the State. Kent is recognized as a source of fine breeding stock.

The Ram Sale at Centreville brought eight well bred rams into service in Kent county.

Army worm gave considerable concern in September and caused considerable loss in the northern portion of the county.

Kent's 4-H Club members won their share of recognition. Norman Sutton was a Maryland representative at Camp Vail. The 4-H Dairy Judging Team won the Nathan Cup at the Dochester County Fair for the third successive time—gaining permanent possession of the cup. The team was fourth in the State Contest, in the keenest competition ever known there. The Dairy Demonstration Team was first at Club Week and second at the State Fair. Three club calves and a pig shown at the State Fair were all in the money. A corn club boy was in the money at the State Corn Show, conducted by the Maryland Crop Improvement Association.

The 4-H Poultry Judging Team won the State-wide Contest and placed one member on the State Team to represent Maryland at the National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest at the Madison Square Garden Show in New York in January.

The bass drum makes the biggest noise on the bandwagon; but consider how little it contains besides air!

DEATHS

Cyrus G. Howard died at his home on Kent street Wednesday at 9 P. M. after a long illness, aged 71 years. The deceased for more than twenty years was a brakeman on the local railroad and was highly esteemed by everyone. He is survived by his widow who has given her unselfish love to him throughout all their married life. The funeral will take place from his home on South Kent street, Rev. J. Harry Wright, minister. The bearers will be H. N. Baldwin, Fred. Kinsey, Wm. Nickerson, James Allen, Rufus Collins, Dr. Frank B. Hines; R. Ellis Clark, undertaker, interment in Chester Cemetery. He was a local member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., of Chestertown.

Nicholas L. Dreer died at the home of his daughter on Kent Island last Thursday, January 15th, 1931, aged 87 years. The deceased was a veteran of the Civil War and lived at Rock Hall until advancing age caused him and his wife, a former Miss Margaret Vansant, who died several years ago, to make their home on Kent Island where all possible attention was given them. There are two daughters, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Smith, and four sons, George, Thomas, William and John Dreer, surviving, George, of Rock Hall, being the only one now living in the county.

The remains were accompanied on Sunday afternoon by a number of people of Kent Island to the Adventist Church at Rock Hall where they were met by many of the latter place and funeral services were conducted by Elder J. H. Washburn assisted by Elder Glenn Medairy after which interment was made in Wesley Chapel Cemetery, the bearers being relatives five of them grandsons.

Mrs. Michael Kramer, daughter of Mrs. Annie Alexander and sister of Max Alexander, of Rock Hall, died at her home in Baltimore last Friday. Mother, brother and Mrs. Max Alexander attended the funeral services there at eleven o'clock on Sunday morning. Mrs. Kramer as a girl was a student at Rock Hall public school.

Mrs. J. C. Hopkins, a former resident of Chestertown, died at her late home in Middletown, Del., last Sunday. Funeral services were held there at 12.30 P. M., on Tuesday.

She is survived by several children and was well known here where she resided for a number of years.

Owen James Connolly, until about two years ago a resident of Chestertown, died last Sunday at his home near Wilmington. He was 63 years old. He is survived by one sister, Miss Eva Connelly, of Chestertown.

The remains were brought to Chestertown and rested at the home of Mrs. Lulu Connelly, on Queen street. The funeral services, which were private, were held Tuesday morning and were conducted by the Rev. Charles L. Atwater.

The bearers were Frank Connelly, Lloyd Connelly, W. J. Stenger and Joseph Olp. Interment was made in St. Paul's Cemetery, W. T. Hicks, undertaker.

CLAIMS SECOND LARGEST OAK

Following an announcement by the State Department of Forestry that an investigation into the controversy among friends of the famous Wye oak in Queen Anne's county and the Saint Paul's Oak in Kent county disclosed the fact that the former is the larger of the two veteran trees, comes a claim from Kent and Queen Anne's county residents that the Noble oak, aged white oak tree standing on the Noble farm, about two miles east of Millington, measures more in circumference than either of the other well-known oaks.

The tree stands alone in a field on a large farm owned by John Biggs, prominent Wilmington lawyer, and tenanted by George Dixon. It was originally owned by the late Dr. William Noble, of Philadelphia, who acquired it ninety-five years ago and is one of the old estates of the Eastern Shore, not far from the Delaware line.

A recent measurement shows the oak to be twenty-seven feet in circumference, neighbors of the Noble farm declare, as against a little over twenty feet for the Saint Paul's oak and twenty feet eleven inches for the Wye oak. The Noble oak is also declared to be about seventy feet high and has a 120-foot spread, falling short of the other two trees in these respects.

It is said to be an almost perfect example of white oak and stands in lonely splendor with a commanding view, from its base, of the surrounding countryside.

Telephones in the Chestertown district were increased 63 last year, making 1,370 in service January 1. The number of telephones and the net gain by central offices, according to a statement made by R. C. Harris, manager, include 758 telephones in service in Chestertown, an increase of 35; 53 in Galena, an increase of 2; 163 in Millington, an increase of 8; 184 in service in Rock Hall; an increase of 6; and 212 in Still Pond, an increase of 12.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NOTES

Mrs. Richard L. Kramer and mother, Mrs. Rogers Wilson, of Wilmington, Del., were visitors to Chestertown last week. Mrs. Kramer before marriage was Miss Helen Hynson, daughter of the late Richard D. Hynson, of Chestertown, and Mrs. Wilson, of Wilmington. Mrs. Kramer is now living in London, England and will leave in a few days for that city. Mrs. Kramer's husband is Dr. Richard L.Kramer who holds a high, responsible position with the DuPont interests abroad.

Miss Mary Slay, sister of the late Ex-Senator Wm. M. Slay, of Chestertown, quietly celebrated her 90th birthday on Monday last at her home on Maple avenue, Chestertown.

Major Robert E. Jones has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Harry Williams, at Worton. Major Jones has just returned from Nicauraugua and supervised the elections there. He will likely be stationed at San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Culp attended the meeting of lumbermen in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens have removed into the Lambert house on Queen St. Mr. Lambert and wife have taken charge of the Bonwill farm near town.

Eben F. and Thomas W. Perkins, of Chestertown, attended the big boat show in New York this week.

Mrs. E. D. Jones is spending the winter in Baltimore with her sister.

Chief Engineer R. Clark Davis, of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company, announced that the Chestertown engine being remodeled in Wilmington would be ready for delivery here on February 15. Mr. Davis, who was reelected to the post of chief engineer last Thursday, recently visited the shop at Wilmington where the truck is being rebuilt.

None of us objects to flattery provided we are the object of it.

The Massey Parent-Teachers' Association for 1930 began the year with sixteen members; several new members were admitted during the year. Suppers and other benefits were held to raise money; these were very successful and enabled the association to purchase library books and Victrola and other incidentials that are necessary during the school year; also left a fair balance in the treasury for the coming year.

The year 1931 was started with seven members present and the election of new officers as follows:

President, Mrs. L. C. Clark.
V. President, Mrs. F. L. Newnam.
Treas., Miss L. Gertrude Newnam.
Sec., Miss Kathryn H. Donahoe.

The members of the Chestertown Rotary Club turned out 100 per cent strong Monday night to hear Robert W. Thompson, of the Vocational Rehabilitation Department of Maryland speak. It was the second perfect attendance meeting of the month for Chestertown.

Superintendent of Kent Schools L. C. Robinson was present at the meeting as were Thomas Wright, a Rotarian from Burlington, N. J., and Milton Slemmer and Norman Walters, of Centreville. The latter two, members of the Centreville Club, reported that that organization would resume its charter this week.

Neighbors and friends of J. C.Loud, of Chestertown, enjoyed a taste of watermelon on January 15, when Mr. Loud cut a melon he had placed in his pantry last summer. The melon was fine, according to those who had a taste. It had not been kept on ice but merely rested in the pantry from the time it was picked until opened a few days ago.

St. James Christian Endeavor on Sunday, January 18, 1931, held its usual meeting. The topic was "My Idea of What a Young Woman Ought to Be," with Walter Morris acting as leader. Appropriate hymns were sung and other things of interest were discussed. Before closing, a 15-minute boys song service was held. There were eighty-seven persons present. The meeting was enjoyed by all.

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