THE new fire ladder truck for Chestertown has arrived and it is a beauty.

On last Monday evening, after an interesting Sunday School treat, the Sunday School board of Salem M. E. Church Fairlee, elected the following officers for 1909: Honorary Supt. Mrs. L. J. Legg; acting Supt. Mr. A. M. Kendall; asst. supt. Mr. Walter B. Barnes, Secy. Miss Annie Leaverton, asst. sec. Miss Addie Long. Librarian, Mr. James Foreman, Treasurer Miss Caroline L. Smyth, Organist Mrs. George Hatcherson.

Emmanuel M. E. Church South, Chesterville, Sunday School 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Meeting at parsonage on Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 7 p. m. of all who have recently come into the church. Trinity M. E. Church South, Millington, Sunday School at 2 p. m., preaching at 3 p. m., Epworth League at 7 p. m. Trinity celebrated its Xmas anniversary with an entertainment and treat to the children on Monday evening the 28th. and Emmanuel on Tuesday morning in a similar manner. Both churches were well filled and the entertainments were enjoyed.

A Fine Showing.—The directors of the Kent Building & Loan Association met in special session Thursday and ordered the present series of stock to be paid off at the rate of $103.07 per share. There was paid in $84.75 per share and the profits were $18.32 making the stock with $103.07 per share. This is certainly a fine showing for this local institution.

Prize Winners.—The managers of the moving picture benefit for Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co., last week at Amusea Hall offered prizes to the girl and boy selling the greatest number of tickets. The girl's prize was won by Miss Catherine Fowler and was a beautiful large doll; the boy's prize was won by Master Julian Coleman and was a fine pair of high top gum boots. The prizes were awarded on Tuesday evening last at Amusea Hall by Mr. W. B. Usilton, Jr., on behalf of the managers of the benefit performance. The Fire Co., cleared a little over $40.00 on the performances.

A special New Year's service will be held in Kennedyville M. P. Church Sunday, Rev. E. S. Fooks pastor. C. E. service at 7 p. m. Everybody invited.

A Happy New Year To You and Yours

I TAKE this method of wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year.

I thank you for your patronage, for the favors you have shown me and for the interest you have taken in my welfare.

I have tried to deserve it all and I shall try in 1909 to serve you even better.

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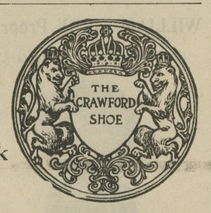

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NEWS BUILDING, - - - CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND

ROCK HALL NOTES.

Prof. Greenwood's Resignation Regretted—Removals—Personals.

Capt. J. E. Apsley has been on the sick list the past week.

Mr. J. Frank Wheatley spent Christmas with his son, C. F. Wheatley.

Our oystermen and fishermen are all busy this week, so also, are our haulers.

There is practically no change in the condition of Rev. Mr. Downey, who was paralized three weeks ago.

Some of our hackmen and haulers have advanced prices for their services, owing to the high rates for horse feed, etc.

A new leaf, fair and unspotted, has been turned and all have determined with a vim to keep it so (?) during 1909.

Christmas here passed quietly and joyously. The merchants, as a rule, are well pleased with the shopping results and customers have no complaint.

Landlords within the town limits have advanced rents one dollar per month for the current year. This has caused a number of tenants to squeal, and look for other locations.

Messrs. Editors we wish you and the thousands of readers of the KENT NEWS a happy, prosperous New Year. May the benificent influence of the NEWS continue and broaden as the days roll on.

Among those who spent Christmas with their home folks here were: Misses Edna Downey, Ruth Durding, Maud Miller and Ella Ryan; Mr. Trew Durding and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Porter.

Mrs. Capt. Sewell continues in feeble health. She is now under the care of Dr. Selby, who no doubt will bring about a restoration of good health, provided she makes up her mind to take a long cessation from hard work.

Our merchants are vieing with each other as to who can furnish their customers with the handsomest calendars for 1909. Messrs. Crew, Alexander, Miller, Kramer, Durding and Leary are distributing beauties that are hard to beat.

Amid splendor and joyous scenes, the Sunday School held its Christmas entertainment on Tuesday evening before a large and appreciated audience. The program was a musical and literary one followed by a treat to the scholars and exchange of presents.

Capt. Tom Sewell is the champion oyster runner from this place. He has made six trips while a number of runners have been lying in the city harbor with their oysters or waiting here to load, and he has made three trips more than any other runner from here.

From the text, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men," Rev. J. T. Richardson preached a splendid Christmas sermon on Sunday morning to a good and closely attentive audience in the M. E. Church. The choir service, too, was specially fine.

Mr. Upton Rainbow, of Gladdington, O., who is in this section in the interests of the Modern Workmen was a visitor at the Odd Fellows meeting on Tuesday night and delightfully entertained the membership with a charming and thrilling recitation. He will be present and entertain the lodge next Tuesday evening. Absentees will miss a splendid treat.

Among the removals are the following: Thomas Elburn, from the Ryan property in Allen's Lane to the R. A. Fogwell property near Grey's Inn; J. R. Ryan, Jr., from the Reiche property to his own place; Fred. Carter, goes to the Reiche property; George T. Whaland moves from the Copper place owned by Mr. A. Alexander to his father's property in Green Lane.

The M. E. Sunday School held their annual election of officers on Sunday afternoon with the following result: Superintendent, Rev. J. T. Richard; assistant superintendent, J. T. Taylor; primary department superintendent, Mrs. M. V. Apsley; secretary, Charles Davis; assistant secretary, Miss Middleton; treasurer, W. T. Downey; missionary treasurer, Joseph Downey; librarians, Clarence Coleman, Carl Crew and Geo. Burger; organist, Miss Anna M. Ayres.

Many expressions of regret are heard from the faculty, pupils and patrons of our High School, and the citizens generally, regarding the resignation of the principal, Prof. J. A. Greenwood. It is hoped that a season of rest will restore his health, when he will resume his duties in the school. In building Solomon's Temple the stone was prepared at the quary, so that every piece found its place in the structure without further shaping or measuring, so every man is fitted for his place. Unfortunately *every* man does not find his proper place? Prof. Greenwood, however, a born organizer and educator, found his proper place and faithfully filled the same. The wonderful improvement in the affairs of our school and the high plane of advancement to which it has reached is proof of his great efficiency. He will be greatly missed, "So say we all." But while our hearts are sad we are not cast down. Prof. Kendall will come to us, not altogether a stranger, he is one of Kent's noble sons, reared close by us, and well qualified to take up the work where the warrior left off. We extend to him cordial greetings. Prof. Greenwood is still improving.

An Elegant Summer Home.—The new "Hill Top."—The first of last August "Hill Top" was a mass of ruins and a heap of ashes, today a beautiful, massive structure, a dwelling and up-to-date boarding house combined adorns the site of the old building and almost drives away the remembrance of the great conflagation. The new building is unique in design, very commodious and in every way adapted for a first rate boarding house. There are eighteen sleeping rooms, large dining room, parlor and reception hall, kitchen, cellar, pantry and porch 10 feet wide and 110 feet long.

Death of Mrs. Toulson.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Toulson, widow of the late James A. Toulson, died at the home of her son, Mr. Robie Toulson, near Lynch, on Wednesday of paralysis. She was 78 years of age and leaves six sons and four daughters. The funeral will take place this morning at 10 o'clock from her son's residence; interment in Union Cemetery. Undertaker Krusen.

CHRISTMAS FLASHES.

Newsy Items Picked Up Here and There and Served Fresh to our Readers.

MR. ELWOOD BAKER made an ideal Kris at Christ Church Monday night. Mr. Joseph Lewis acted as Kris at the M. E. treat. Mrs. H. H. Klinefelter had charge of the beautiful decorations. Presents were distributed to scholars of Emmanuel Sunday school same evening.

THE cutest present brought by Santa Claus was a beautiful Shetland pony and run-a-bout to Miss Kathryne Fowler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Fowler. The rig was in the sitting room Xmas morning and was a complete surprise. The pony is six years old. He will eat anything and started in by chewing a button off Mr. A. M. Culp's coat.

AN interesting event took place Xmas day at the home of Judge J. P. Nicholson. After the family dinner the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skirven, was christened by Rev. G. A. Morris, pastor of St. James church.

XMAS turkeys were way up. Mr. Wesley Moffett, of Millington, paid 21 cents with feathers off. Mrs. Register sold nine turkeys for which she received about $30. Mr. A. J. Elliott, however, sold 73 turkeys and received $217.68. What Kent farmer can beat that?

P. V. HENDRICKSON and wife entertained the "family" at a big dinner at Tolchester last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morris entertained their folks Friday and Saturday there were *seventeen* present to partake of dinner who did not get there the day before!

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Nicholson entertained at a fine family dinner Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crouch served a splendid repast Sunday to 24 of their family.

MR. J. W. RUSSELL entertained his Sunday school class at his home on High street Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sparks kept "open" house Monday evening and a number called to pay their respects.

SHERIFF HADAWAY presented to the NEWS editors Saturday morning a box containing fresh strawberries, new potatoes, violets and roses! The box was sent to the sheriff by Mr. and Mrs. Nourse, formely of Pomona, but now living at St. Petersburg, Fla. Miss Ray also sent a doll's hat made of native grass for Hazel, the grand-daughter of Sheriff, who lives at Rock Hall.

AN interesting program was presented at Christ M. P. Church Sunday evening. Among the features were the following: Recitation, Laura Nicholson; recitation, Virginia Nicholson; exercise, "What Santa Brought," Dorothy Woodall, Pauline Hoyle, Margarite Jones, Harriet Reed, Laura Nicholson; exercise, The Music of the Bells, Frances Bacon, Helen Kendall, Evelyn Russell, Emily Lusby; singing by members of the Primary Department, "Ring on Sweet Bells"; exercise, "The Christmas Wreaths," Elizabeth Russell, Ida Smith, Josephine Wheatley, Reba Davis, Louise and Helen Russell, Anna Little. The above was interspersed by inspiring singing of Xmas carols from the "Star of Hope" by the school assisted by an excellent orchestra composed of Miss Clara Usilton, organist, Jack Cannan and Arthur Bacon, cornetists, Foster Cannan, trombone, Warren C. Hurlock, violin, and J. Hydie Thompson, flute.

THE M. E. Sunday School rendered the following program at their Christmas entertainment on Monday evening: singing, Angels are Singing, by school, recitation, "Two Little Stockings," by Emily Ford; singing, "Just a Song at Midnight," by school; recitation, "The Little Empty Stockings," by Esther Todd; recitation, "Little Boy Blue," by Grace Nickerson; singing, "The Christ of Bethlehem" by school; Duet, "Santa is Coming by Helen Rouse and Alice Kershaw; arrival of Santa Claus; distribution of candy; benediction by Rev. W. L. White.

THE Epworth League gave a most delightful entertainment in the Chestertown M. E. Church, Wednesday evening before a fair sized audience. The program was as follows:

Sextette "Lucia" ..... *Donizetta*
MISS LILLIAN MATTHEWS.
The Vesper Prayer ..... *Brackett*
MISS MARY AHERN.
(a) Coming Home ..... *Unknown*
(b) A Christmas Carol ..... *Mary Nevin*
MISS MARSHALL.
Aria ..... *Rehfeld*
MR. KEMP BORDLEY.
The Dream-Maker Man ..... *C. Williamson*
MISS AHERN.
(a) The Legend Beautiful ..... *Longfellow*
(b) Story of Urashima ..... *Japanese Legend*
(c) Papa and the Boy ..... *Unknown*
MISS MARSHALL.
Elegy from "The Erynnes" ..... *Massenet*
MR. BORDLEY.
(a) The Bird Banquet ..... *Unknown*
(b) The Fiddle Told ..... *Nora Franklin*
MISS MARSAALL.

MEETING AND BANQUET.

The first meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Peerless Fertilizer Co., took place Tuesday morning in Chestertown. The directors elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, Wilbur W. Hubbard.
Secretary, David B. Ford.
Treasurer, Jesse Medders.
The directors are:—John E. George, of Queen Anne's; Thos. W. Jones, of Caroline; James T. Wilson, of Delmar, Del; Elbert G. Packard, of Dover, Del.; W. B. Copper, J. D. Bacchus, W. B. Usilton, Jr., and H. H. Klinefelter.

The capital stock of the new company is $50,000. All the stock has been subscribed and the Peerless starts out under most flattering conditions.

After the business meeting a banquet was served at Hotel Imperial to the directors and officers, consisting of roast turkey stuffed with oysters, oysters, &c. The Peerless Fertilizer Co., has taken over all the fertilizer business of the Wilbur W. Hubbard Co., of Chestertown, and the business will be energetically pushed.

THE Bertie E. Tull Freighting Co., at their meeting Wednesday elected the following officers: President and general manager, A. Parks Rasin; vice-president and treasurer E. M. Sills. The company has had a good year and wish everyone a happy new year.

THE Flexible Flyer coasting sled given by Wm. Medders & Co., was won by Master Harry Rasin, Kennedyville, the winning number being 20. Harry will no doubt enjoy the winter coasting.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

Ex-Judge Thomas J. Shallcross Dies Suddenly Tuesday Morning at Home of Daughter, Locust Grove.

JOHN K. ALDRIDGE.

Just as the sun's rays were peeping from the Eastern sky yesterday morning heralding the opening of another New Year the spirit of our beloved fellow-citizen, JOHN KENNARD ALDRIDGE, took its flight. Mr. Aldridge recovered from a severe spell of sickness about a year ago and daily visited his elegant estate near Chestertown. This daily ride in the open air seemed to give him new life and until last week he attended to his affairs at home and at the farm. Christmas day he went to the country as usual and took cold which resulted finally in his death at 6 A. M. Friday.

The deceasd removed to Chestertown about 1858 from Cecil county and started clerking for the late Wm. A. Vickers who kept store in what is now the NEWS BUILDING. Soon afterwards he opened a tin shop in the Hatcherson room, next door to McWhorter's livery, and did well. All tin articles at that time were made by hand and Mr. Wm. J. Elliott was his faithful workman. His business outgrew his old quarters and he removed to his present building. By close attention to business, industry and careful buying his trade increased so that he soon had one of the best stores on the peninsula, and today it is considered a lucrative investment with a stock of goods unsurpassed in this section. It is true that his success has been very much helped by such faithful employes as Messrs. Clinton W. Wroth, Wm. A. Wheatley, W. B. Copper, W. J. Elliott and others, but his was the directing hand that guided his affairs to success.

Raised under circumstances of adversity and hardship he emerged into a man of wide influence, high character and comfortable circumstances. In 1893 he assisted in the organization and founding of the Kent County Savings Bank of which he was made President and in which position he has guided this bank to a high place among the financial institutions of the county and State.

He was a Mason of good standing and had occupied all the chairs of the local order. He was a valued member of Christ M. P. Church and liberally supported all its interests. For many years he was assistant superintendent of the Sunday school and loved by his large class of boys with the devotion of a parent.

He leaves two sons, William R. and John H., by his first wife, and Mrs. George Brice, Belle, by his second wife. Both his wives were sisters being daughters of the late Josiah Ringgold. He leaves an estate valued at $60,000.

The funeral will take place Monday afternoon at 3 P. M., interment at Chester cemetery, Drs. D. L. Greenfield and F. T. Little officiating. The bearers will be Messrs. Clinton W. Wroth, W. A. Wheatley, John F. Howard, J. W. Lambert, W. B. Usilton, Walter B. Strong, Harry Nichols, W. F. Russell. Charles L. Dodd, undertaker.

Thomas J. Shallcross.

Thomas J. Shallcross, one of the brightest men in Kent county and one of the best known citizens, is dead. He sent the NEWS, last Thursday, the following item penned by himself:

"Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Shallcross and their sons, Thomas and Sereck, with their niece, Miss Jeannette Goodding, will spend their Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Bonwill, near Locust Grove."

And so it was at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bonwill, surrounded by his loved ones, that he passed away. He was taken sick Saturday but was sufficiently recovered to partake of a hearty meal of duck, etc., Sunday. The next day he was ailing and at 2 A. M. Tuesday Dr. J. Horton Kelley was sent for again, the judge being extremely ill. The doctor, realizing that the end was near, summoned the family. He lived but a few hours and soon entered into that "Haven of Rest," prepared for the weary ones of earth.

"Thomas J. Shallcross, an old-time agriculturist of large experience and a successful business man, is now numbered among the deceased residents of the second district, by whose people he is held in that reverence and respect tacitly accorded to those whose lives have been distinguished by integrity and usefulness.

A native of the old reliable State of Pennsylvania, Mr. Shallcross, was born on the 9th day of September, 1828, in Philadelphia County, and was a son of Jacob Shallcross, who was born in the same state in 1791. The family was established in this country by three brothers, who in 1704 crossed the broad Atlantic from England and all located in Pennsylvania, William in Bucks County; James in Chester County, and John in Philadelphia County. From the last named our subject was descended. His son Leonard was the father of Thomas Shallcross, our subject's grandfather, who spent his entire life in Philadelphia County, following the occupation of farming, as did also his son Jacob. On reaching manhood the last named married Margaret Fox, also a native of Philadelphia County, and of the eight children born to them four are still living: Sereck, a resident of Delaware; Catherine F., wife of R. W. Cochran; Thomas J., of this review; and Frances, wife of J. K. Williams, of Delaware. The father was a consistent member of the Society of Friends, was a Whig in politics, and for sometime was overseer of the almshouse in Philadelphia. He departed this life in 1875, at the age of eighty-four years, and his faithful wife passed away in 1879, aged eighty-seven.

On the home farm where his birth occured Thomas J. Shallcross was reared, and was educated in the public schools of Philadelphia. Until twenty-five years of age he remained under the parental roof, assisting in the labors of the farm, and in 1854 came to Kent County, where he purchased a part of the Marshy Point land. He made that place his home until recently and is the owner of one hundred and sixty-four acres of valuable land, which he has converted into one of the most desirable farms of the locality, its well-tilled fields and neat and thrifty appearance indicatting the progressive spirit and industry of the owner.

In 1863 Mr. Shallcross was joined in wedlock to Miss Jennett Gooding, of Kent County, and to them have been born six children, who are still living: Thomas, who was born in 1864, and now resides in Wilmington, Del., William G., a practicing physician of Philadelphia; Jennett; Sereck; Emma and Lambert T.

Since casting his first presidential vote in 1852, Mr. Shallcross has been identified with the Democracy, and has taken quite an active and prominent part in political matters. From 1875 until 1883 he served as judge of the orphans' court, and was president of the board of county commissioners from 1889 until 1895. Fraternally he affiliates with the Odd Fellows' lodge of Galena, while religiously he and his family are all consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has served as steward for many years. Surrounded by loving kindred and friends he has reached the last milestone that marks the end of life's journey. His record has been an honorable one, his years have been fruitful with deeds of usefulness and kindness, with malice toward none and friendliness toward all who have come under his influence, and he has gained the respect and honor of the whole community."

Last year he gave up the farm and removed to Betterton, where he entered into the spirit of improvement there and made himself a useful member of the community. He was appointed a justice of the peace by Gov. Crothers and filled the office with credit.

The funeral took place yesterday morning at 11.30; interment at Galena. The bearers were his six nephews.

News has been received in Chestertown of the sudden death of Mr. Albert McCormick, of Baltimore, a gentleman well-known to many of our citizens, who dropped dead at Martinsburg, Va., on Monday night from apoplexy. Mr. McCormick was assistant superintendent of the International Harvesting Company and his business frequently brought him to our town and this Peninsula. He was aged 54 years.

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$15 for Women's Tailored Suits Regular $17 Values

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