Locals

The Robins have arrived.

Friday, April 6th, is Arbor Day.

Eggs reached 25 cents per dozen this week.

F. H. Brice, of Betterton, has purchased of C. A. Goodwin a new model four-door sedan and its a beauty.

The Chestertown Ice Plant, R. G. Nicholson, owner, is being enlarged to nearly double its present daily output capacity.

Governor Ritchie has issued a proclamation declaring Monday, March 26th, "Maryland Day," and a legal holiday.

Frank M. Jarman Post, local Chapter of American Legion, are holding rehearsals for a large minstrel show to be presented in the near future. From all reports this show will outclass any ever given by local talent.

It is known now that there will be no Piggly Wiggly store opened in Chestertown soon. The directors have asked for the resignation of Mr.Bartlett and are working on a sale or reorganization. Next.

Worton Grange will hold its meeting every Monday night hereafter instead of twice a month as heretofore. We are determined to make this Grange a success, so be sure to come out Monday night, March 19th, and see what we are going to do.

The work of demolishing the old frame building, on Park Row, recently purchased by Dr. C. P. Copeland, was begun this week, preliminary to the erection of a new building of modern design and equipped to suit Dr. Copeland's requirement.

Graham & Thomas' special fifteen-day cash sale ends Saturday next, March 17th. This firm is offering some remarkable bargains and those who have not already availed themselves of this special sale should do so at once.

Spring weather is making the horsemen take notice. George E. Sutton, the expert Worton trainer, will leave in a few days for the Sudlersville track to train a string of fast horses. He will have with him Princess D., 2.17¼, and Samuel C. Loller's fast horse, George L.

The Old Kent Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution have offered two prizes, one of $5.00 and one of $2.50, for the best and second best essays written by any white pupil in the fifth, sixth or seventh grades of the schools of Kent county, Md., on "How Boys and Girls Can Play the Part of a Good Citizen."

A new State Bank is to be organized in Centreville with $35,000 capital. If Chestertown can support five, certainly Centreville can use three.

The plans have been completed and work on a new hotel to replace the Filmore at Love Point, destroyed by fire during the winter, will be commenaced shortly. The new building will be erected on the site of the old one and will be about the same dimensions. The proprietors of the former Filmore hotel expect to have it completed ready for guests about June 1st.

Winter fishing at Love Point has proved a distinct failure this season. Less fish have been caught than in any previous winter for many years. Few fishermen, if any, have made expenses although fish have been selling for as high as forty-five cents a pound.

Walter H. Hague, our electrical contractor and Westinghouse dealer for Kent and Queen Anne's counties, has installed in the past week a 1½ K. W. plant for H. H. Hartman, of near town, and one of the same size for Col. Ivers Leonard, of Don Movan near Rock Hall.

The sale of Sites personalty near Fairlee Thursday was a great success. Sales amounted to nearly $4,000.

Mrs. Bibbs has rented a part of the Kent House and will open an up-to-date boarding house. She is well qualified for this business.

Women from all parts of the county are planning to attend the first quarterly meeting of the Kent County Council to be held at Still Pond on March 26th.

The Chestertown High School Senior Class have started rehearsals for their class play "Threads of Destiny" to be presented early in April. The play as usual is under direction of Prof. Creasy, which assures a good production.

B. L. Bonnett & Co., family-head-to-foot outfitters, Chestertown, on page 3 tell the public some great things. Their Easter sale starts on Wednesday. Big bargains.

A subscriber of the News hands us this item: "Invention of automobile, 1896. Five hundred thousand families go into bankruptcy, 1896-1923," How many miles of good roads have been built in this period and how have doctors' bills been decreased?

An exciting series of games in duck pins were played at W. H. Lambert's parlors Thursday evening between the "All Stars," W. H. Elliott, captain, and American Legion, Capt. H. B. Derrick. The Stars won 3 out of 5.

The five solicitors for money to buy additional fire equipment for Chestertown are meeting with great success. Wm. G. Smyth is nearly thru with his district and has over $400. J.Hydie Thompson has a $100 starter on his list and is encouraged. John C. Davis says he was disappointed in some of his citizens but will not give up on this account. W. P. Newnam and Fred. G. Usilton are encouraged by responses received. It is hoped to get the full $2,000 before April 1st. See your solicitor and tell him what you will give.

A play will be given in Kennedyville on Tuesday evening, March 20, and at Betterton on Wednesday, by Galena talent. It is entitled "Between Two Foes," for the benefit of the M. P. Church and Betterton School. This play was given to a crowded house in Galena a short while ago. It is a fine play.

19th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Sutton, on the Eliason home farm, celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary in a pleasant manner Thursday evening of last week. The Community Club, of Flatlands, numbering 30, visited Mr. and Mrs. Sutton and aided in the celebration. A program of music and literary feature was presented after which a supper of salads, biscuits, rolls, jellies, etc., was enjoyed by all. A beautiful present was given by the Club besides from others. It was a delightful occasion.

BOY SCOUT DRIVE

The drive to receive $1,000 in Kent county for her share of the $9,000 to be raised by the eight counties of the Eastern Shore, started this week and is expected to be completed within a few days.

The $9,000 is to be used in defraying the expenses of the Eastern Shore Council including the salary of two expert scout men, an automobile, which shall be the property of the Council; a summer camp which shall be open to any scout on the Shore, whose expenses will be only his food; it will pay the scout's dues to National Headquarters; and provide clerical help, stationery and a scout office on the Shore.

All pledges should be made payable to Chas. F. Wheatley, treasurer.

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MUSKRAT SEASON CLOSES

The muskrat season closed Thursday. The catch has not compared with previous years. Richard Haggerty, Robt. Moffett, H. Clay Lusby, S. Kent and H. Mackie have been the principal buyers. Warner and Ralph Geary, Turner's Creek, have caught 150 rats; Henan Hurd about 100; Henry Newhaus, on the Island, has caught over 300; Will Maslin, in Quaker Neck, has caught about 300; J. B. Dunn 100; Albert Groves, at Tolchester, 175 and his catch was all fine fur. The average paid was $1.60, the highest price being $1.75. S. Sklut paid out $60,000 to furriers in Kent and Delaware. R Haggerty purchased 1500 hides at one time from a dealer in Easton.

BOYS AT BOSTON CITY CLUB

An interesting letter was read at the last meeting of the Young Men's Club of Christ M. P. Church from a former member who is now a student at Boston Tech. College, H. Willard Culp. Excerpts are here given:

February 21, 1923.

The President and Members of the Young Men's Club:

"Dear Fellow Members—Though I am busier than I have ever been and though many things demand my attention, I still have time to remember my Club and its activities, both real and hoped for, and I watch the papers for your meeting announcements.

It has been my good fortune to have had several opportunities to look in on the Boston City Club. It is an extremely live organization and they have a wonderful club house. What most impressed me, however, was the manner in which the club, whose members are men of business and are directly concerned with present affairs, exert an influence for good citizenship and clean business and chirstian manhood in the future by its attitude for boys.

I was present one Saturday afternoon at the club's regular weekly entertainment for boys. Their hall holds 1500 and it was full of fathers and sons and men who had no sons but had brought someone else's boy—a wonderful sight.

There was a two-hour programme of motion pictures, etc. The pictures were wonderful—no, not Charlie Chaplin nor Hairbreadth Harry or any Dick Deadeye, but sound, educational pictures and one cartoon comedy.

At first there was a Pathe Review and then pictures such as: The Four Seasons, depicting the birth, development, maturity and decay or hibernation of the common animals and plants throughout a year. Another wonderful picture was a "Wonder Garden" showing how the different flowers and buds open, etc., and having running thru it the poem "My Garden" by Thomas Edward Brown whose closing lines are:

"Not God, in gardens, when the eve is cool,
Nay, I have a sign,
'Tis very sure God walks in mine."

The selection of pictures included an insight into plant and animal life, geology and many other phases of natural history and through it all was a harking back to God.

Now, I asked myself this question, "Why should the Boston boys be favored any more than those of Chestertown?" If the spirit of the gathering was right Chestertown boys ought to react the same as these do—boy is the same as always—the modern boy's dreams are the same as those of Columbus, Stevenson and all the rest.

I realize that our club may be financially restricted from doing this single-handed but there are other clubs for similar purposes and also the Business Men's Association. Think over such a father and son gathering in the Lyceum on one Saturday in a month or something like that.

I might add that the scientific education I am receiving is daily increasing my conviction that there is a God and that the Bible is the Great Program of Life. Science is coming to say Christ's words after him in the language of science. The meaning is the same."

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Wednesday, Mar. 28, 1923

Personals

Thos. F. Healey, Esq., has moved his law offices to the T. G. Wroth building on Court street.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Beaston, of Locust Grove, entertained a host of friends on Tuesday, March 13th, the occasion being their daughter Elizabeth's sixteenth birthday. Although the evening was very inclement, it did not keep many of her friends from coming. The home decorations were beautiful, the color scheme being pink and white with pink candles. About forty guests were present and a very social evening enjoyed by all. Refreshments consisting of cake, candies and ices were served. She received many beautiful gifts, among them was a lovely gold-wrist watch bracelet from her mother and father. At the close of the evening all left for their home wishing Elizabeth many happy returns of the day.

George Brice, of Peapack, N. J., has been visiting in town.

Norman E. Peterson and family moved to the L. Bates Russell house, vacated by Mr. Mullin and family, moved to Chester.

Thomas Kennard, who has had pneumonia for the last five weeks, is able to be up and about the house.

R. S. G. Clift's family, in Centreville, has been having their share of sickness. For five weeks they have been having sickness, measles and grip being the prevailing ailments.

Miss Ethelie Prettyman, who has been with Lippincott & Co., Wilmington, for over two years, has secured a fine position with The Public Ledger, Philadelphia.

Wade G. Bounds who graduated from Washington College last year, visited friends in town over the week end.

Allan Rouse, of Baltimore, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Rouse, for the week-end.

Mrs. Frank Lambert, Jr., has taken a relapse and is quite ill at her home in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fowler and family have been quite sick for the past two weeks with the grippe and mumps.

Claude Truslow, W. R. Strong, H. C. Brown and Edward Pennington journeyed to Honga over the Hongo river near Cambridge, last Friday to see Mr. Truslow's boat which is being built at that place.

William Shockley, who for a year has resided in the property of Thos. Rogers, at Selbyville, has moved to Golt, where he is to be station agent for the roalroad company.

Mrs. E. J. Clark returned Thursday last from an extended trip to Norfolk, Va. While thert she visited also Raleigh and Williamston, N. C.. and Richmond, Va. She will remain for some weeks at her uncle's E. W. McMaster, after which it is her purpose to open her Chesttrtown house for, perhaps, the spring and summer months. — Worcester Democrat.

Mrs. P. A. M. Brooks is visiting her daughter and family in Philadelphia.

Newell Graham, Esq., of Baltimore was a visitor in town over the week-end.

Mrs. Lillian Taylor was summoned home from Miami, Fla., by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Andy Legg, who is in Elkton Hospital.

Samuel Taylor and wife, of Chattanooga, Tenn., was the guest of Mrs. C. L. Parks and Mrs. L. M. Taylor last Sunday. Mr. Taylor has been spending the winter in Miami, Fla.

Mrs. John Mallalieu was called to the bedside of her husband in Wilmington last Tuesday. He was improving at last reports.

Mrs. S. E. Ford has been suffering from an injured hip the past ten days.

William Price, of Western Maryland College, was home over the week-end.

Mrs. Walter Taylor has returned home after spending a week with her daughter in New York.

Douglas E. Ernest, of Sassafras, left on Thursday last to spend several weeks in the Southwest. He will visit a number of cities in Tennessee and Arkansas and stop in Washington on return trip.

Mrs. Hackett Emerson, of Crumpton, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bacon on Mill street.

Charles N. Satterfield was one of the speakers at the Jr. Order celebration in Denton Monday evening.

Galen Vansant, Esq., of Chatham, Va., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Vansant.

George H. Cannan has been in North Carolina investigating the prospects for road contracts. North Carolina will spend million of dollars in roads, same to be about 18 feet wide.

Mr. and Mrs. William Truitt and family, of Wilmington, were Sunday guests of relatives here.

Mrs. J. Webster McIntire is visiting relatives at East Orange, N. J., and Asbury Park.

Mrs. William Dadds, of Wilmington, and Miss Lillie Truitt, of Washington, were called home last week by the extreme illness of their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Spry and daughter, of Sassafras, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Craddack and little son, of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Olan Davis and little son, of Sassafras and Mr. James Davis and family of town attended a family reunion at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Davis, Sr., in honor of their mother's birthday on Saturday.

Mrs. Thomas Holdson returned to Centreville with her son on Monday morning for a few days visit.

Mrs. Frank Gurley, of High Point, N. C., is visiting at the home of T. G. Wroth, on Water street.

F. H. Brice, of Betterton, Mr. and Mrs. Webster Hadaway and children spent Sunday at Centreville.

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CHURCH NOTES

The Young Men's Club of Christ M. P. Church was entertained Thursday evening at the home of Harry W. Fallowfielld and wife.

Prof. Roy Schmidt, of Sudlersville, delighted the evening congregation in Christ M. P. Church by rendering two selections, "Plains of Peace" and "Cast Thy Burden." He has a grand voice and rendered willing service.

Missionary day was observed in Christ M. P. Sunday school Sunday afternoon, the collection for the month amounting to over $36. J. F. Wheatley's class of young men won the banner with a contribution of $6, the banner being presented by R. F. Elburn. The anniversary missionary program will be presented Sunday, April 1st.

Owing to continued ill health, Rev. G. A. Morris will retire at the end of this conference year as pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church at Harrington. Rev. Mr. Morris, who has been there only a year, made this announcement from the pulpit last Sunday, and since then members of the congregation have been unable to change his decision.

St. James Meth. Prot. Church
E. W. Simms, Pastor

Sunday school at 10 a. m., R. G. Nicholson, supt., preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m.

Kennedyville Meth. Prot. Church
Rev. J. F. Wooden, Pastor

Sunday school at 10 o'clock, L. W. Ford,supt., preaching 11 o'clock, subject "The Humility of Christ;" the Christian Endeavor meeting at 7.30, will be led by Mrs. George Johnston. The adjourned quarterly conference will be held on Monday night, the 19th, at the home of G. R. Rasin. All officials are requested to be present.

Christ M. P. Church, Chestertown
N. O. Gibson, Pastor

Divine worship 10.30 a. m., sermon by pastor, sunday school 2.30 p. m., Intermediate C. E. 5.45 p. m., C. E. 6.45 p. m., evangelistic service 7.30 p. m. Wednesday Jr. C. E. 3 p. m., prayer and Bible Study 7.30 p. m.

Asbury M. E. Church, Millington
O. H. Connelly, Pastor

The sunday school will meet at 10 a. m. tomorrow with Supt. Harry L. Higman in charge. The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. from the subject "Sacrificial Giving." The E. L. service at 7 p. m. will be in charge of Miss Alice Higman. The J. E. L. will meet on Friday afternoon at 3. Prayer meeting will be held Friday at 7, after which the Teacher Training Class will meet at 7.45. The pastor will preach at Massey Sunday (tomorrow) afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Chestertown M. E. Church
Omar E. Jones, Pastor

Sunday school 10 a. m., preaching 11, Epworth League 6.45, evening preaching 7.30. Subject of morning sermon "On Joining Church." Evening subject "The Challenge of Stewardship." Topic for Epworth League "What Jesus Thought About Service," leader, Miss Susan Hill.

The By-Kota Club will meet Monday evening with Mrs. Furbush. Mrs. Furbush and Mrs. Rasin will entertain.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock with Mrs. J. C. Davis.

Junior League on Friday evening at 6.45.

Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Grace Pres. Church, Kennedyville
Bergen B. Staats, Pastor.

The service at 2.30 o'clock next Sabbath will be a special service, consisting of music, recitations, responsive readings, etc. Mrs. Staats will give a "Map Talk." The purpose of the meeting is to stimulate a deeper interest in the world-wide extension of Christ's Kingdom. Every one interested in the progress of the Gospel in the world, irrespective of denomination, will find this service interesting. We extend a cordial welcome to all.

SHORTAGE OF LABOR

Kent county farmers are confronted by the most acute shortage of dependable and reliable labor than has been in evidence since the war.

So serious has the situation become that many farmers are frankly confessing grave fears that they may experience considerable difficulty in obtaining sufficient help to guarantee the planting of their early crops, and with such a pronounced scarcity of labor now it is believed that conditions will be particularly alarming when the season arrives for cultivating and harvesting the crops.

Although offers are being made of from $25 to $30 per month, with the usual layin of provisions, house-rent, fire-wood and other incidentals that usually accompany a farm contract between the agriculturist and farm labor, men are reported almost unprecedentedly scarce. These terms are said to compare very favorably with the offerings of farmers in other parts of the country, and agriculturists are at a loss to understand the sudden apparent shrinkage in the volume of farm labor.

For the last eighteen months a hue and cry has gone up from the cities of the country that families were destitute and starving, because of the inability of able-bodied men to find employment. Notwithstanding this condition, however, Kent farmers are face to face with a labor shortage. Scores of colored families have removed to Chester, Wilmington and elsewhere.

Immigration records show that many experienced and able bodied farmers from the devastated lands of Europe are arriving in this country, and because of their unfamiliarity with farming problems here, are seeking work in the cities instead of locating in the rural sections. It is pointed out that Kent county farmers might be able to communicate with these individuals and obtain labor that would prove highly satisfactory. It seems probable that unless the labor situation shows marked improvement it may be necessary to resort to this or some similar action.

PUBLIC DEBATES

The Public Discussion League of Maryland, conducted by the University of Maryland, approved by the State Department of Public Education, will hold the annual debate for Kent county, as follows: March 22, Millington vs. Betterton, at Betterton; Chestertown vs. Galena, at Galena; Marrch 23, Galena vs. Millington, at Millington; Rock Hall vs. Chestertown, at Chestertown; March 26, Betterton vs. Rock Hall, at Rock Hall. The subject for debate this year is: "Resolved, That the results of the Maryland Primary Law have thus far justified its passage." The public is urged to attend these High School debates. The program opens at 8.00 p. m. in the various High Schools.

The Business Men's Association of Chestertown will have their second annual banquet next Thursday evening at Reid Hall,Washington College. Senator Orlando Harrison, of Berlin, Ralph Clayberger, of Philadelphia, and a representative of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, will speak. H. S. Startt will act as toastmastor. Music and humorous recitations will entertain the company.

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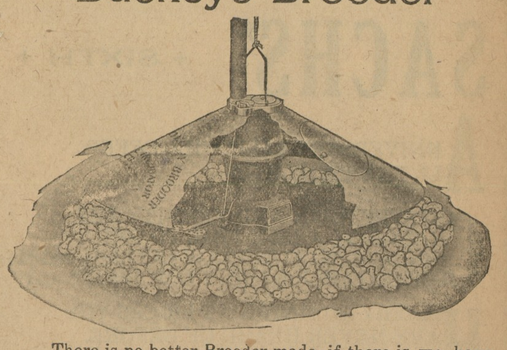
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