# Locals

The mercury reached 95 degrees Wednesday and 98 on Thursday.

Elkton had a $75,000 fire Thursday in the heart of the town. Six business houses on Main street were destroyed.

H. Theodore Jewell, agent, has sold to Josias Price for $9,000, the Legg farm, near Fairlee. Mr. Price will occupy his farm which is now tenanted by Harry Clark. The farm was owned by R. F. Parks.

The Eastern Shore Dental Society will hold an outing at Ocean City on Monday, July 2nd. Business meeting at 3.30 p. m. at Mt. Pleasant Hotel.

Distemper has been playing havoc among the dogs of the county during the past two weeks. Harvey Brice, Rock Hall, lost seven valuable fox hounds last week from the disease.

The annual spring supper given by the ladies of Wesley Chapel M. P. Church was held Saturday night on the church lawn. Obout $300 was realized for the benefit of the church.

The Betterton Annual Registered Shoot will take place July 10th and 11th, with practice day, July 9th. Elegant prizes will be offered. This shoot is given under the auspices of The Betterton Gun Club, Walter S. Brice, President; Starr Matthews, Secretary. The Betterton resident members are Messrs. Walter S.Brice, Howard F. Owens, Howard Turner, Charles H. Brice, Harvey B. Moore, John Brice, Bayard Crew, Archie Crew, Clarence Crew, Jas. T. Crew, John S. Owens, Jr., L. Harris Crewe, George E. Brice, G. W. Owens, S. W. Unruh, J. H. Ellis, Lester Crouch, James S. Wilmer, Harvey Brice, Harry T. Edel.

Al. Gordy, star pitcher of the Washington College baseball team, and a graduate at this year's commencement, has signed with the Taneytown team of the Western Shore League for the summer.

Uncle Sam will hold an examination for a new rural route carrier from Chestertown on July 14, 1923, at Chestertown.

George W. French, Wm. G. Smyth, Edmund Pennington and T. D. Bowers, member of the Ringgold's Point Fishing Club, report a record catch of 350 hardheads and white perch in eight hours, one day last week. There never were known to be so many hardheads in Chester river.

Through the efforts of Postmaster Bowers, the Postoffice Department will establish a sixth rural route at the Chestertown postoffice, beginning August 1st. This will take off a portion of two of the present routes, and will serve between Melitota, Fairlee, and Flatlands.

The warehouse of Massey & Kilbourne, Cross street, near the depot is under roof.

H. Sachs & Son, of Centreville, formerly of Chestertown, have filed a petition in bankruptcy.

The Willimgton (Del.) Motor Cycle Club of 23 members, passed through town on Sunday on their way to Tolchester Beach.

The office building of Dr. Copeland, on Park Row, is near completion and presents a most attractive appearance.

Effective July 1st, C. A. Goodwin will adopt the business policy of selling for cash only. See his large adv. on page 8.

The following promotions have been made at the local unit of the Maryland National Guards: Leonard C. Needles and Harvey Brown to Sargeant, and Charles P. Coleman to Corporal.

The officers and men of Medical Co. are looking forward with interest to the encampment of the First Infantry, Md. National Guard, to be held at Saunders Range beginning July 28th for 15 days. Major Frank B. Hines says there are some vacancies in the company and he will accept applications on Tuesday, June 26th.

Harvest is here. The prospects are good for a fair crop. The buyers are only offering 95 cents for wheat for future delivery.

Metcalfe Bros. will soon begin the erection of a grain elevator and storage warehouse on their lot on Princess street, extended.

Dr. J. S. Wm. Jones, dean of Washington College faculty, has been made acting president of the college pending the appointment of a successor to President Clarence P. Gould, who resigned. Dr. Jones will be given a private secretary and will plan an active campaign during the summer to secure new students for next year.

## Chestertown High School Has Interesting Exercises

Another delightful week of exercises was enjoyed by the friends and pupils of Chestertown High and Elementary Schools. Appropriate programs were presented in the schools throughout Kent. The Baccalaureate sermon was preached Sunday evening in Emmanuel Church by Rev. C. L. Atwater, his theme being "The Joys of Life." It was a most practical and impressive discourse. Special music was furnished by the choir, Mrs. Medders, organist.

The declamation contest Tuesday evening was specially enjoyable, an excellent class competing for the gold medals given by Messrs. L. B. Russell and Fred. G. Usilton. Those who took part were the following:

Piano Duet, Misses Catherine Beck and Henrietta Matthews.

Boys' Declamation Contest: Harry Graham, "The Wonderful One Hoss Shay." Stanley Sutton, "Thanatopsis." John Wooden, "A Terrific Scene at The National Bridge." Vernon Kirby, "Dead Man's Gulch." Waters Russell McMenamin, "Extracts from The Last Days of Herculean." Spencer Smith, "Spartacus to The Gladiators." William Loller, "The Tie That Binds."

Boys' chorus.

Girls' Declamation Contest: Louise Harris, "Death Bed of Benedict Arnold." Gladys Startt, "The Legend Beautiful." Edith Crew, "The Legend of Bregenz." Gereta Stauffer, "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death." Lillian Brown, "The Prisoner's Plea."

Girls' Chorus.

The judges were Prof. W. R. Howell, Dr. A. S. Hall and Rev. T. J. Sard.

The boys' medal was won by Vernon Kirby, of Chestertown, and the girls' medal by Edith Crew, of Betterton.

Wednesday, the class night exercises, to many of the pupils the most enjoyable of all was held. The program follows:

Class picture by William Urie; Class Calendar by Solomon Chaires; Humorous Poem by Sewell Hopkins; Vocal Trio, Misses Loller, Willis and Watson; Shorthand Dictation by Ella Davis; Dialogue by Sallie Waller and Arthur Cooper; Prophecy by Mary Power and Mary Brown; Class Will, Calvin Copper; Vocal Solo, Gertrude Seward; Presentation Speech by Isabelle Atkinson, Lee Startt, Frank Hopkins.

Thursday, the ninth reunion of the Alumni Association was held at the High School. Samuel M. Hann, vice president of the Fidelity Trust Company, of Baltimore, was the principal speaker.

On Friday evening the week exercises closed with the address to the graduates and distribution of diplomas at Washington College. Dr. H. J. Whalen, of Greensburg, Pa., delivered the address to the graduates.

Miss Alberta Jewell read the class history while the Valedictory, "Self Reliance," was delivered by Miss Cora McWhorter; Violin Solo by Walter Chapman; Presentation of Diplomas, Prof. L. C. Robinson, County Superintendent, and a piano solo by Miss Elizabeth Covey, comprised the program.

The winner of H. M. Thomas scholarship medal was Cora McWhorter. Winner of J. S. W. Jones Mathematics medal was Harry Graham.

## Elementary Commencement

The fifth annual closing exercises of the Seventh Grades of Kent county took place in William Smith Hall, Thursday night. The singing by the scholars under Miss Stuart was a pleasing feature. Thomas L. Gibson, State Supervisor of Music, was the speaker. The graduates were as follows:

Millington — Eva Bernice Adkinson, Gilbert Whittington Burris, Pauline Spear Comegys, Helen Gertrude Higman, Harry Walton Johnson, Emma Marie Jones, Mary Elizabeth Kulley, Sherman Stevens Newton, Thomas Franklin Stevens, Frances Lyle Turner, Carlton Andrew Wallen.

Betterton—F. Elizabeth Crew, Carson W. Harris, Florence A. Owens, Howard B. Owens, Etta R. Skeggs, Granvel G. Warren.

Kennedyville — Carrie May Lipscomb, George Thomas Robinson, Anna Cooper Wiltbank.

Chestertown — Daniel Walter Allcutt, Anna Cooke Coleman, Helen Lusby Coleman, Ethel Sahronia Crew, Marion Crew, Elizabeth Culp, Helen Louise Duyer, Florence Alberta Gertrude Edmonds, Margaret Eugenia Hendrickson, Eileen Jester, Paul Curtis Massey, Jr., Wilbur Morris, Jr., Frederick Watson Parsons, Frances Louise Price, Joseph Kendall Russell, Margaret Amanda Russell, Lillian Luella Sheats, Susie Mae Smith, William Raymond Startt, Jr., Joseph Simmons Trew, Jr., Earl Thomas Wills, Pauline Carrie Willis.

Fairlee — Eva Frances Moore, Edith Stevens Rees, Emily Nicholson Skirven, Elizabeth Cooper Smith, George Finley Sparks, Melville Amelia Wilkins.

Rock Hall—Anna Louise Sewell Akers, Melva Evelyn Carter, Blanche Matilda Coleman, Elsie Mae Downey, Thelma Irene Downey, Martha Jeanette Harrison, Mary Hazel Joiner, Elizabeth Leary, George Frederick Myers, Elizabeth Parsons, Sarah Anna Revelle, George Walter Thomas, Alice Warner Thompson, Harold Thompson, George Thomas Williams, Isabel Tilden Willson.

Sassafras — Evelyn Rebecca Bailey, John Landis Johnston, Sara Esther Tillinggame.

Galt—Bessie Anna Garton, Alton Jennings Wharton.

Cherry Lane—Hilda Donahoe.

Worton — Andrew Maxwell Kernan, Henrietta Kernan, Mary Elizabeth Moffett, James Horace Solloway, George Thomas Williams, Ralph Porter Williams.

Lynch—Lawrence Lee, John Moffett.

St. Paul — Dorothy Josephine Hague, Howard Clifton McCann.

Skinner's Neck — Mary Matilda Higgins, Helen Susanna Watson.

Piney Neck — Allen Wright Ashley, Martha Baldwin Ashley, Hazel Lauretta Bryden.

Swan Creek—Irene Gage Bigelow.

Quaker Neck—Carl Brown, John Goodman, Mary Meigs Ingersoll, William O. Knight.

The winners of the D. A. R. prizes for best essay on "Wood Citizenship" were Katharine Ford and Grace Wright, of Chestertown. Those who got honorable mention were Bessie Downey, Mary Mercer, Skinner's Neck; Carlton A. Wallen, Pauline Comegys, Millington; Mildred Corey, Chestertown; Elizabeth Leary, Rock Hall; Charles Messey, Massey; Evalyn Brice, Betterton.

It is known to be a fact that many landlords of Kent County are much concerned about tenants for their farms for 1924. Notice to move is always served in June, and those who intend to move usually notify their landlords of the fact at the same time. The labor shortage throughout the county has so much discouraged tenant farmers that many have determined to stop farming with the end of the year.

Owners of farms who live on them and are likewise thinking of leaving their farms and moving to the city or towns are likewise looking for tenants. A prominent farmer of Worton district remarked last week that "landlords were riding the county looking for tenants." The remark was rather startling and upon investigation it was found to be true to a really alarming extent.

# Personals

Prof. Mark Creasy and wife and Miss Nellie Walters will leave Chestertown Monday for a trip to California. They will make Los Angeles their headquarters and spend most of their vacation there.

W. Maurice Hoffman, wife and son, and mother, of Washington, D. C., have been guests of Mr. J. H. Simpers and sons the past week. Mr. Hoffman is president of the Fireman's Insurance Company, of Washington, D. C., and one of the progressive business men of the national capitol.

W. Frank Jarrell is spending two weeks at Atlantic City.

Mrs. Kent Lambert returned from Mercy Hospital Tuesday and is now convalescing at her home near town.

Howard Turner visited his daughter in New York over Sunday.

Miss Adele France, who was formerly in charge of educational work in Memphis, Tenn., is spending a part of her vacation with friends here. She has been elected principal of St. Mary's School, Leonardtown, for the next year.

John H. Collins, who has been teaching in Cornell University during the past year, has resigned to accept a position with an engineering firm in Kentucky, for which State he left this week.

Harold H. Rash, a graduate of the college has been appointed principal of the Betterton High School.

Galen Vansant and his bride arrived in Chestertown last Friday night and are visiting the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vansant. They will reside in Chatham, Va. Several social events were arranged in their honor.

Mrs. L. C. McGinnis is quite ill at her home near town.

A. L. Sparks was warmly greeted home from the hospital Saturday. He has been able to be about the store and is improving finely.

Prof. and Mrs. Victor K. Doushkess, of Easton, Pa., are guests of H. R. Graham and family on Kent Circle.

W. A. Wheatley and wife are spending 10 days on Kent Circle with G. H. Cannan and wife.

James B. Newnam will retire from farming and his son will take the farm near town.

Miss Elsie Blyman and friend, of Philadelphia, were Saturday and Sunday guests of her mother, Mrs. Ida M. Blyman.

Little Miss Ella Archer, of Smyrna, Del., has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. William Warren, at Fairlee.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Walls and daughter, Virginia, have been visiting Mrs. Walls' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Strong.

Mrs. Jessie Patrick returned from Easton on Sunday and reports her brother doing fine.

Mrs. Price Vansant, of Wilmington, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Carter last week.

Miss Wilkinson, of Philadelphia, and Miss Dora McIntire, of East Orange, N. J., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Webster McIntire.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Davis and family were week-end guests of their son in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Alvin Coleman was called to Annapolis on Sunday by the critical illness of her father.

Mrs. Edward Shuman, of Washington, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Cooper.

Fred Robinson is doing as well as can be expected in Easton Hospital. His wife is with him.

Mrs. W. W. Beck, two daughters and sister have returned to Chestertown for the summer occupying their apartment on Water street.

Mrs. H. Benge Simmons was one of the prize winners in the Right Advertising contest being conducted by the Wilmington Every Evening.

Mrs. Newton Brown, of Chester, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Newsome,

Misses Eva and Agnes Jarman and Linwood James, of Baltimore, Godfrey Pyle, of Wilmington, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jarman.

Percy Strong and B. M. Hasskall, of Wilmington, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Strong at their home on the Chester river.

Mrs. George Bacon was given a surprise party at her home on High street last Friday evening in honor of her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lindsay and children, of Media, Pa., have been the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bacon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Fearn, of Los Angeles, Cal., are guests of Mrs. C. L. Jarrell.

Charles Weems, of Baltimore, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Holdson. He was accompanied home by his wife who has been their guest for the past week.

Mrs. John Masten, of Harrington, Del., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Deborah Anthony.

Mr. and Mrs. Arminger and daughter, Miss Francis, of Philadelphia, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Graves, near Fairlee.

Mrs. William Brown and daughters, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Klein.

Mrs. Edgar McGinnis, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Ralph Barnett.

Jesse Ireland Taylor, of Lynch, received the degree of Bachelor of Science at the 91st Annual Commencement Exercises of Wesleyan University held at Middletown, Ct., Monday morning. Mr. Taylor, who prepared at Wesley Collegiate Institution, has for the past two years been varsity baseball man. Playing left field this past year he has received very favorable comment from sports enthusiasts. In his freshman year he was a member of the varsity track squad. He has frequently been a member of class athletic teams. In his junior year he was placed on the honor roll for exceedingly high scholarship. Mr. Taylor is a member of Bact Theta Pi fraternity.

Prof. Wm. R. Howell, of Washington College, delivered the address to the graduating class at the Commencement of the Betterton High School on Thursday night.

Howard Mason and John Townshend, of Charlotte Hall Academy, are home for the summer vacation.

Robert Atkinson, of Cornell University, is home for the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Hall, of Baltimore, are guests of the former's parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Hall.

Mrs. Milton Melvin and Mrs. R. S. Dority spent the week-end with Mrs. Anna Donovan, of Clayton, Del., this week.

Mrs. Notley O. Willson will occupy her house in the town next year and Joseph Downey, Jr., will build a home next to his father's.

Ernest Willson will tenant Mrs. Julia Willson's farm next year.

Roger Kennedy, of near Kennedyville, was accidentally knocked unconscious Thursday by a hammer in the hands of a colored helper repairing a fence. He was carried to Easton Hospital.

J. Frank Wheatley, after a service of 19 years with the Marvil Package Co., Chestertown, will leave their employ July 1st. His future plans are uncertain, but his numerous friends will be sorry to see him leave Kent county.

### SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

A meeting in the interest of the proper observance of Sunday was held Sunday afternoon in Chestertown. John A. MacSparran, master of the State Grange of Pennsylvania, was the principal speaker. He cited the experiences of France, which years ago set aside the Sabbath and observed but 1 day in 10 as a day of rest. This, the speaker stated, was soon found to be inadequate for man and beast, and the original plan of God, one day in seven, was adopted again. He spoke of the three great needs of man—soul, body and mind. The needs of the body and mind are looked after while that of the soul, the most important of all, is allowed to starve for want of attention. Sunday the day set apart for nourishment of the soul is used as a holiday and God's plan set at naught.

In order to arouse the churcches to the point of real activity in this direction, a program has been made for each Sunday school to put on. Education is the only means of enlightening the people, he said:

In addition to this, two cash prizes were offered of $10 and $5 for the best essay written by a boy or girl in Kent county between the ages of 14 and 18 on "The Lord's Day and Why It Is Kept." Also a prize of $50 and a second prize of $25 is offered to any junior in any college in the State for the best essay on the same subject. The children's contest is to close November 15 and the Junior collegiate contest on December 5.

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The New York Times, in commenting upon general farm conditions in the country, mentioned two interesting particulars, among several, and drew a lesson therefrom.

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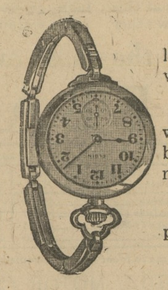
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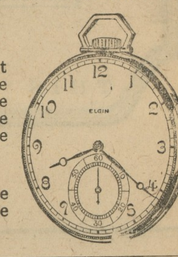
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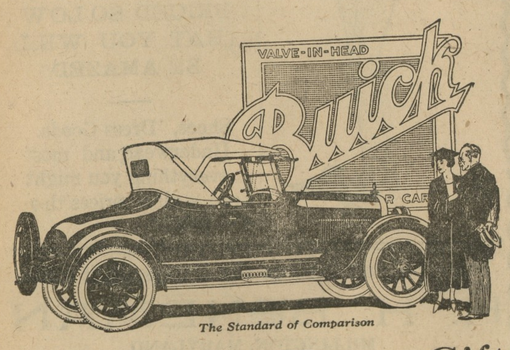
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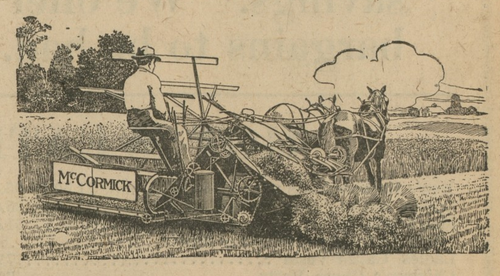
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