Christmas Entertainment.

One of the most delightful entertainments of the season was given at Lynch's Thursday under the skillful superintendence of Miss Helen Link who took great care in drilling the children. It was a union affair between the Sunday school and public school. The program follows:

Opening chorus, Glory to God in the highest.
Welcome address.....Harry Rawley
Recitation, Lucy's Christmas Gift.....Anna Fogwell.
Dialogue, Johnny and the teacher....Maggie Clark and Willie Biddle.
Singing by school.
"Christmas I love best".....Thurman Rawley and Robbie Fogwell.
Recitation, "Jes 'fore Christmas" Elmer Jones
Dialogue, The big mistake....Wiley Hudson and Bertha Biddle.
Recitation, Dolly's Wedding, Annie Jones.
What girls love to do .....Mabray Rash, Clara Rawley, Ethel Rash, Sarah and Ruth Copper, Estelle Neall.
Song by school
Recitation, The Truly Church, David Biddle
Recitation, What the Stocking Said.....Ethel Rash.
Dialogue, The Sick Doll.....David Biddle and Mabray Rash.
Christmas gifts from different nations, American girl; Indian girl, Anna Fogwell; African, Estelle Neall; Chinese, Mary Neall; Esquimau, Sarah Copper; Arabian, Bertha Biddla.
Motion Song, Christmas Tree.
Dialogue, For Christmas Sake, Rachel Copper and Bertha Biddle.
Recitation, The Two Stockings....Mary Neall
Solo, God Pity the Poor, Clara Mann.
Dialogue, The Christmas Reunion, Carl Perkins, Father Christmas; Rachel Copper and 20 children, Mother Goose and her children.
Song, Santa Claus.
Santa Claus then appeared and distributed the candy.

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A MERRY XMAS TO ALL.

Wm. Medders—Full return for printers' ink investments.

James S. Harris—Worthy sons to perpetuate true Christian manhood.

Eugene M. Bonwill—Another big wheat crop next year.

James T. Ireland—An "official robe" soon in keeping with his political integrity.

Worton merchants—A business boom.

"Dad" Kiker—Profitable 'fair ground' ownership.

James Lewis—Never to lose his hold upon the good will of the people of Worton.

William E. Keyser—Re-election as a State Central Committeeman.

William T. Nicholson—Continued prosperity in farming and politics.

Richard W. Jones—To see Wm. Jennings Bryan elected President in 1900.

Mannie Miller—A wife soon and as pretty and good as his partner's.

Columbus A. Leary—Sweet reflections in retrospecting.

Judge Burgess—A larger Sunday school and continued leadership.

Dr. A. P. Sharp—A summer resort at Rock Hall that will vie with Atlantic City.

Elmer E. Leary—Continued success on the lines laid down by his father.

Mail Driver Scoone—Good weather and better pay.

Ex-Postmaster Durding—Re-appointment as postmaster next time or a better office.

Capt. Wm. Crouch—Captain of police boat two years hence.

R. Bennett Wilson—Many more years of activity and usefulness and the continued love and respect of all men.

C. C. Wood—May the new timber introduced into the family be brave as the oak and as beautiful as the apple blossoms.

Wm. Stevens—Good tenants and bigger crops.

Jack Ruth—A big catch of diamond back terrapins and wild game.

I. R. Leaverton—That others may follow his good example as a model citizen, husband and father.

J. W. Corey—The best stock of sheep and continued good health.

Capt. Jones—A canoe that shall outsail the Mayflower or Island Belle.

"Mayor" Stratton—A snug berth commensurate with his service to the "city" and people.

J. J. Goodman—Long life, good health and big prices for his oysters.

Capts. McConnor, Taylor, Cundiff, Vandyke and Clarke—Better pay and no squalls.

Supt. Stacey, Conductor Welch and employes—No wrecks and to be on time.

Col. W. J. Vannort—The National Commandership of the G. A. R.

Prof. R. K. Pippin—A big choir of good singers.

Capt. J. H. Thompson—A noble scion of an olden family, in whom modesty and true worth are combined and whose life shall become more fragrant year by year.

To hosts of others we hope to refer later, and to these we would wish that greatest of all blessings—good health.

Special Train.—Superintendent Stacey ran an afternoon train Thursday for the accommodation of students at the college, and about thirty availed themselves of the convenience. The students will have two full weeks of holiday.

The public schools closed Thursday.

The Shortest Day.—Tuesday last, Dec. 21st, 1897, was the shortest day of the year. The sun rose on that day at 7.23 and set at 4.47, the day being, therefore, only nine hours and twenty-four minutes long. As a matter of fact there are several days about the same length, commencing with the 20th and running through to the 24th. Then the days gradually lengthen, but the process is so gradual that it can scarcely be perceived until about the middle of January.

STILL POND NOTES.

Christmas is now here, and the children are happy. So should our merchants feel unusually happy, judging from the immense crowd which continually thronged their stores.

Misses Joe and Sallie Jones, Nellie Krusen, Mable Rasin, are assisting Medders & Co., while Miss Florence Rasin and Miss McIntyre, of Galena, are at Harper & Son's. Lady clerks are quite an improvement, we think, to our stores.

Special services will be held early Christmas morning at 5 o'clock. All are invited.

Rev. E. H. Nelson will give us a good sermon to-morrow (Sunday), while extra music will be sung by the choir both morning and evening.

A treat for the children and Christmas tree will be on Monday evening. A good programme is being prepared by the Junior League with bright music.

Miss Pauline Nelson is spending the holidays with her grand parents at Snow Hill.

Miss Anna Roeder has returned after a ten days visit to her cousin, Mrs. G. W. Roeder, of Baltimore, who is quite sick at her home in Milton Place.

Mrs. Howard Woodall, of Baltimore, is now visiting her mother, Mrs. Jacob Schofield.

Miss Mae Parrott is on a visit to friends in Frederick county.

Mr. and Mrs. James Benson, of Baltimore, are spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Parrott.

Miss Burgess will spend her Christmas with her mother in Baltimore.

We are glad to see Dr. Maxwell out again. He has been suffering from a severe cold.

Dr. Barwick, of Kennedyville, attended some who were on the sick list in our town, several suffering from heavy colds and sore throat.

Mr. Charlie Watts left us this week for a position with Mr. P. T. McFeely, of Chestertown.

FAIRLEE NOTES.

Dear Editors: We extend to you and all your readers Christmas greeting this festive morning.

Mr. F. H. Ward cut his hand very badly with tin while tearing off an old tin roof for Mr. W. E. Keyser, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staats and Master Wilbert are in Middletown this Christmas day in a happy family reunion.

Miss Laura Greenwood, who visited our village last week, returned to her home, Rock Hall, on last Sunday. In the evening she attended church, and while there was taken ill and has been under a physician's care since, but we hear is now improving which her many friends here will be glad to hear.

The Christmas entertainment for our Sunday school is looked forward to with high anticipation by the children and older folks too. Supt. Staats is an earnest Sunday school worker, and due to his zeal and that of his corps of efficient officers and teachers, his and their labors are rewarded by one of the most interesting and flourishing schools in the county. The murical and literary program will be rendered, and the children will be remembered. The entertainment will be held in the town hall.

Driving horse "Fancy" ran away last week and created some excitement around town for awhile.

An oculist and optician has been around among us and is selling quite a number of glasses.

Mr. Charles Crew is selling a combination wrench. A number of tools in one, which every farmer needs.

Lets have a poll tax. Eighteen hundred voters, or perhaps more, not paying one cent of taxes. Just think of it!

Lets have a railroad from Chestertown to Rock Hall via Fairlee and Tolchester. It will pay.

Last Wednesday evening was for the nomination of officers in Fairlee Council No. 183, Jr. Order U. A. M.

More dwellings are needed in our town. Every house rented and more could be.

Mrs. A. M. Kendall has purchased four building lots, two acres, desirably located in the center of the town.

WEST END.

Broad Neck Items.

Rev. A D. Melvin, president of the M. P. Conference, preached an able sermon Kesley Chapel on Sunday afternoon from Jude 1-20.

Our Co. Commissioner, T. J. Fletcher, is suffering from a very severe cold.

We are to have quite a number of changes in our neighborhood. William Carter moved to near Rock Hall last week; Thomas Hadaway taking possession of his farm, vacated by Mr. C.

Webster Stoops has removed to Mrs. Albert Thomas' place, vacated by Mr. Hadaway.

George Rollison goes to the Cruikshank farm, Quaker Neck.

Freeman Gale takes the property now occupied by Mr. Rollison.

Samuel Vickers goes on the Boone form, and Samuel Startt takes the Vickers house.

John H. R. Boone moved to his newly acquired Baumgartner property near Chestertown.

Frank Maslin has built a new house on a part of the Maslin farm, and Mr. Sam. Vickers is about to build wheelwright and blacksmith shops at his gate, on his farm, where he will be pleased to accommodate the public.

Mr. Adolphus Willis has returned from a pleasant visit to his daughters in Queen Anne's and Prince George's.

Miss Maude and Mr. Lemonte Thompson are visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. Freeman Gale visited relatives and friends in the city last week.

Our farmers are having a time of it to get their corn in and to market it—those who have any to sell. The bad weather will prevent many from being "ready for Christmas." LITTLE ROCK.

A Great Xmas.—It seems that Medders & Co., of Still Pond, had a tremen- Christmas trade. Their large new store has been crowded with trade all the week, and they could scarcely wait on the people with their entire force of fifteen clerks. This is what we call hustling. *

"THANK YOU, OLD KRIS."

ROCK HALL NEWS.

"R" Tells of a Disturbance at a Colored Festival—Removals—Accidents, Etc.

"Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people!" This, the greatest proclamation ever promulgated, was for ages in the heart of God. For ages He had been planning thus to show His great love for us. How great this love must have been when He, foreseeing the rejection, the agony in the garden, the cruel death on the cross, yet could say this is "glad tidings of great joy!" This event we celebrate today, Messrs. Editors. May the best and brightest joys of Christmas be yours.

At a colored people's festival and supper, a few nights ago, it looked as if another frightful tragedy would take place. A white man who is mate of the steam tug Willard, engaged in towing for the dredging company at work here. went to the festival for the purpose of getting his supper. A disturbance among the colored people occurred, in which the white man became involved. A break was made for the mate of the steamer by one of the colored men, but the former grabbed the fellow by the throat and choked him to the ground, when almost a dozen other colored men came to the rescue of their fallen comrade; but the mate proved more than a match for the whole band and fought his way clear, and then went in search for the fellow who first attacked him, with a determination to put an end to his existence. The man, however, could not be located. No one was seriously hurt. F. Hawkins, the colored man that was choked, had a very much swollen neck for several days after the occurrence.

Two of our citizens met with painful accidents during the week. Mr. John Diehl, while making more secure a stake to which his oystering boat is fastened when in harbor, was struck and severely cut above the eye by the stake rebounding. Mr. Mack Coleman, while engaged in breaking a passage through the ice for his boat on Monday, was struck in one of his eyes by the pole used in the work, causing a most serious wound. Both men are laid up.

Moving among our people has been in order of late. Mr. D. W. Smith, our village shoemaker, has moved to Baltimore. Mr. —— Sanders, residing during the past two years in the south section, has discontinued oystering and moved to the farm of R. W. Jones, Esq., where he will work in the future. Mr. William Hickey has moved into the house vacated by Mr. Sanders. Mr. William T. Harrison has moved from one of Mr. A. Alexander's houses into another which was recently occupied by Capt. Benjamin Sewell of T. E., who has moved to the central part of the village. Mr. Benj. Larrimore, a former resident of this place but for several years past residing at or near Steelton, Baltimore county, where he has a lucrative position, has moved his household goods to the house recently vacated by Mr. Wm. Hindes, in Allen's lane; his family will soon follow, but Mr. L. will continue his occupation at Steelton.

Winter was a reality on Sunday and Monday. Many oystermen on Monday morning had to break through ice to get to their work, and the snow and rain, which froze as it fell all day, made it extremely unpleasant and cold for the oystermen. They found much difficulty in keeping their equilibrium, owing to their boats and tackling being coated with ice.

Interesting exercises were held at public school No. 2 by the teacher, Mrs. Nora Blount, her pupils and the parents and friends of the scholars, on Wednesday afternoon, a goodly number being present, who thoroughly enjoyed the feast of good things prepared. Some, though absent, were not forgotten. Mrs. Blount is greatly admired by her pupils and has the best wishes of the patrons generally. R.

[Other news from Rock Hall will be found on page 11.]

STEAMED OYSTER SHELLS.—We would call the especial attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Martin Wagner Company, oyster and fruit packers, Baltimore, Md., who are offering the very best and perfectly dry and odorless oyster shells for the making of roads, lawn paths, etc. Write them for quotations and full information.

MORGNEC NOTES.

Our community is up and on the "go" getting ready for the holidays. Farmers pushing with might and main to make both ends meet. Children trying to be good in order to get the goodies Old Kris usually has to distribute on his annual visit.

Game is getting scarce and if something is not done we will soon have to lay aside our guns. Some of our local sportsmen report a good season.

We have several "crack shots" (not crap shooters) around here. Among them we might mention Messrs. Jas. McKee, W. H. Lambert, Chas. McClary, Howard and John Clendaniel and others.

Our neighborhood has several old people in it. Some old men over eighty are seen out in the field driving wagons. And there are more than one over 80 too. Then we have several past sixty that are very active. There are no old (?) ladies around, and as for widows we have some fine ones. Why don't some of the widowers take some of the widows as a Christmas present?

We noticed in a Kennedyville letter of recent date that there is a certain young farmer residing near here that will mend the road from his gate to a certain other gate free. Now we heard one of our young men say that would not work very well. For, said he, I would have at least four miles of road from our gate to a certain other gate.

Our community was shocked when it was reported that Mrs. Clendaniel was dead. But it is stern reality. Scarcely had we been informed that she was no more, when another shock was sprung upon us. The demise of Bevins Morris, Esq., of St. Ingoes, St. Mary's, Md. He was formerly of this place. We have known both of the above for a number of years and can say they were kind hearted and noble Christians. The bereaved families have our heartfelt sympathy.

Our school, taught by Mr. Melvin, issued invitations to the friends of the school to the Christmas entertainment. It is needless to say that everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves. Mr. Melvin has been a faithful and earnest worker in our midst. For two terms he was county surveyor and for a number of years has taught school here. Many are the useful men and women that have been educated under him.

Mr. Jeff. H. LeCates, after spending the fall with his father, has returned to his home in Wilmington, Del. His wife we are glad to say is much improved in health.

Misses Sadie Nickerson and Clara Bryan, both efficient teachers, will spend part of the holidays at their homes. Welcome to our midst, girls.

Mr. Jas. M. Simonds has moved to our sister county across the river. Success to you, Jimmie!

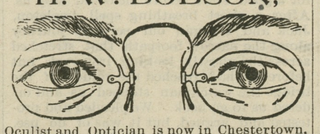
Mr. Wm. B. Emory has the largest pen of hogs and pigs that we have seen lately. His entire pen will reach over a hundred head. Will is surely no one-hog farmer.

Our farmers are nearly up with their work. Mr. W. W. Webb has discharged his men. Billy is always up to date.

Our community is blessed with good health this glorious Christmas time.

We extend our best wishes to you, Messrs. Editors, for a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and continued prosperity to your good old NEWS. HILDA.

H. W. DOBSON,



Oculist and Optician is now in Chestertown, and no charge is made to determine if your eyesight can be improved or headache relieved by wearing properly adjusted glasses. Glasses adjusted for reading and all defects of vision. Every pair guaranteed for four years, and competition defied in prices and adjustment. Special attention given to Children, and removal of Perigium and Cataract. Will be at Mrs. Kimble's, 427 High St, from the 21st to the 23d. 1t.*

MONEY TO LOAN:

MONEY TO LOAN ON MORTGAGES.
Any sum from $500 to $5,000.
WILLIAM W. BECK,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
m27-tf. Chtesertown, Maryland.

TO THE WISE.

PERSONAL.—*Look at Your DATE!*—Every subscriber can tell date to which he has paid by looking at the figures following his name on the paper direction. If the figures are Jan. 1, '97 it means that you owe for the present year; if the figures are April '96, it means you owe nearly two years, and if you will send $2 we will credit you with two years up to April '98. This is the plain arithmetic of this subscription account—dates beginning with every month of the year.

Some of these dates are several years back, simply from neglect. We feel sure that none of these subscribers, who are in arrears, wish it thus to remain and therefore call their attention to it.

We seldom do this through the columns of our paper, and only now because of the great necessity of squaring up.

Our terms are so low—only $1 per annum—that we cannot be expected to wait a year or two for it. "A hint to the wise is sufficient."

ISAAC ROBINSON,
Still Pond, Md.

Mid-Winter Bargains.....

In dull seasons extra inducements must be offered, and that is just what I am doing now. In CARRIAGES I can give you some Great Bargains to clean out stock and make winter business. Look at these prices:

Splendid 3-Spring Dayton,	$57.50
Nice Top Spindle,	40.00
Elegant Phaeton,	80.00
Extension Top Surrey,	90.00
Canopy Top Surrey,	77.50
Full Leather Top Buggy, (A Fine Job.)	70.00
Dearborn, duplex springs,	30.00

I have cut prices on all my HARNESS AND WHIPS to cost, as I intend to discontinue these lines. It will pay you to purchase while they last. I have only a few.

Full Line of Plow Castings

The Genuine Oliver; also, Complete Plows. WHEEL HARROWS $2.40 to $3.50, and good strong ones, too; it will pay you to see them. I will have, in season, CORN PLANTERS, CORN WORKERS, DISC HARROWS, CULTIVATORS, HORSE RAKES and the CELEBRATED DEERING BINDER AND MOWER.

I am abandoning BICYCLES, and as I have only a few second-hand machines, I will cut the price so low that they must go quick; from $10 to $30, mostly at $20 and $22.50.

I will be in position to furnish you with reliable

FERTILIZER

OF HIGH GRADE and of strictly my own manufacture, at as low prices as is possible to make good goods.

ISAAC ROBINSON,
Dec. 25, 1897. STILL POND, MD.

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HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE CO.
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Call on or address
E. W. SCARBOROUGH, AGT.,
STILL POND, MD.
I solicit a share of the public patronage.
Dec. 25, 1897—tf.

WAGNER GREEN HOUSE.
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J. & B. L. WAGNER, PROPRIETORS.
This Restaurant is the oldest and most extensive in its accommodations of any in the city. The crowds which lunch and dine daily at his restaurant attest the public approbation of its management. a25-tf.

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BARGAINS!
AT THE DOWN TOWN STORE.
Hosiery & Underwear
For MEN, WOMEN and CHILDREN.
LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

All-wool scarlet shirts	were $2.50 pr.	now	$1.89
" white	" 3.00	"	2.00
Camels hair	" 1.50	"	98c
Merino white	" 1.00	"	75c
Overalls			39c

WINTER GLOVES and MITTENS
Children's Gloves..... 5c
BOOTS AND SHOES must go to make room for other goods. Reduction in
CANTON and RED FLANNEL,
TICKING AND TOWELING.

Examine our Salt Sack Toweling, yd at	12½c
Ginghams per yard	4c, 5c and 6c
Fancy Dress Patterns at	60c
Children's Underwear from	15c up

Wrappers, Ready Made Dresses,
For Ladies and Children always on hand. Also
SKIRTS and SUITS Made to Order. . .
Special Bargains in Dress Goods and General Merchandise.
Thanking you for past favors, we will strive to meet the demand in our Line of Goods for the ensuing year.
Yours for future patronage,
MRS. S. A. HURLOCK.
Dec. 25, 1897.

Closing Season, '97!

J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.
are offering to the general public the largest and most complete line of
STOVES
House Furnishing Goods
in Kent County, at PRICES that CANNOT BE EXCELLED.

OUR LINE OF Excelsiors, Parlor and New Lea Cook Stoves is unrivalled for beauty of finish and superior construction, as well as for celebrity in practical work. Our "Exelsior" Cook, in particular, has no superior on this or any other market.

OUR RANGES, the New Royal, New Washington, New Magic, Splendid and Victor are well known in this community for their excellent worth as home "comforts."

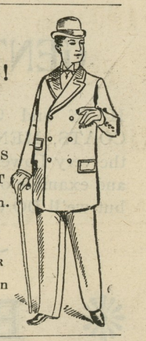
WOOD STOVES are more popular this season than for years past, and we are selling the best makes. The "Excelsior Air Tight" with Three Bodies, Cast Top and Bottom, neatly ornamented with Spun Brass Urn and Nickle foot rail is *the best on the market*, and cheap.

OUR HEATING STOVES are selected with care and none but the best makes are sold by us. SPEAR'S GOLDEN SUN FIREPLACE HEATERS are superior to all other makes. The PEOPLE have demonstrated this fact. The Rupert Double and Single Heaters, Magnet, Regal, Morning Light, Vulcan, Egg and Crystal Heating Stoves "have all been tried and not found wanting." Our Oil Heating Stoves give perfect satisfaction.

MEAT CUTTERS and Lard Presses, all sizes, at very low prices. Lard Cans, 25, 40, 50 and 75 pounds. Colanders, hand made and city made. Toilet Sets, Comb Cases, Crumb Trays and Brush, Dust Brushes, Feather Dusters, Ironing Boards, Cake Boards, Slaw Cutters, Cedar Tubs, Wash Boards, Clothes Horses, Towel Rollers, Rolling Pins, Pie Pans, Pudding Pans, Cake Pans, Jelly Pans and an endless variety of other articles needed in any household.

J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.,
Nov. 27, 1897. Chestertown, Md.

FALL & WINTER
GOODS for SUITS!



GIVE US A CALL.
LOOK AT MY SAMPLES
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YOU will do well to stop in.
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Next door to Stam's Hall on Court street.

LIME! LIME!
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Wrightsville Lime
considered to be the purest on the market. We would be pleased to quote you prices and deliver at any Station, on the Kent or Queen Anne's R. R.
COAL! COAL!
Wood, Building Lime, Cements and Baled Hay
delivered at Short Notice and at prices guaranteed low as the lowest. Soliciting your trade. I remain yours,
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