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## *SHORE ELECTRIC COMPANY IS SOLD*

### System, Valued at $4,000,000, Bought by New York Corporation

### SERVES MANY SECTIONS

Salisbury, Sept. 30—The Eastern Shore Gas and Electric Company, with general offices here, has been sold to the National Public Service Corporation, of New York, C. O. Culver, general manager of the former company, announced today.

The sale was made by Day & Zimmerman, Inc., Philadelphia engineers and financiers, who owned the controlling interest of the company. The sale price was not disclosed but the statement said that the value of the physical property of the Eastern Shore Company exceeds $4,000,000.

The company at present is serving electric light and power to thirty-two communities on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Southern Delaware with 12,240 customers. Eight business offices are maintained in the territory served and its employees number more than 200.

The General Engineering and Management Corporation of New York will operate the company. The same local staff will continue in its present capacity.

The company was formed in 1915 when the Philadelphia concern purchased the Salisbury Light, Heat and Power Company and a few other smaller electric plants on the Shore. The expansion has been gradual as the service has extended to other towns with the acquision of new units.

The annual gross revenue has increased 350 per cent.

A power plant was built at Laurel, Del., which now furnishes current for all the towns in the system except Ocean City and Crisfield, which have been the most recent acquisitions. The capacity of the plant has not yet been reached.

Purchase of the plant at Snow Hill is pending.

The Eastern Shore towns and cities in Maryland now being served by the company are Cambridge, Crisfield, Den ton, East New Market, Federalsburg, Fruitland, Greensboro, Hebron, Hurlock, Ocean City, Preston, Ridgely, Salisbury, Secretary Sharptown and Williamsburg.

The Delaware communities being served are Seaford, Bethel, Bridgeville, Delmar, Harrington, Viola, Felton, Woodside, Georgetown, Greenwood, Laurel, Milton, Wyoming, Farm ington, Frederica and Camden.

### AT GILPINS POINT

Week end motor parties from Norristown and vicinity, to historic Gilpins Pont, have been of regular occurrence since Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins have established their home at that interestng place some weeks ago.

It was the original intention of Mr. Hopkins to raise hogs a la Iowa (peanut fatted) and dressing them a la Chicago (utilizing all but the squeal), but the "week ends" have proved so profitable, and the Hopkins' relatives so inexhaustible and the continued prosperity seems so inevitable, that already Mr. Hopkins has arranged for the installation of a gas pump and oth er motor accesories, together with a varied line of fishing tackle and bathing suits. While the hog business loom large in prospect, it may be relegated to second place, just to fill in time between week ends—and pay over head.

Last week's party included Mr. and Mrs. Hartman (father and mother of Mrs. Hopkins) who expressed themselves as delighted with our country, its healthful and invigorating climate —and its possibilites. They remained several days over the allotted time and "engaged every minute."

Mr. Hartman is an engineering chemist of note, associated with the Diamond State Fibre Co., of Pennsylvania, in which organization he is held in high esteem. As a result of his visit, his family declare it would be no surprise to them if he should voice a decision to build a summer home on his son-in-law's place.

Verily, when one is about to launch out in the hog enterprise, it is good business accumen to possess appreciative—and paying—relatives. **

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

There will be services in all the Episcopal churches in Caroline county on Sunday, October 4. The Rev. Mr. McGrew hopes to meet his friends at 9.30 a. m. in Greensboro; 11.00 a. m. in Denton; 3 p. m. in Hillsboro, and 7.30 in Preston.

## *THE CORN*

By THE CRACKER

The ripened corn now bursts its shuck and shows its beauty to the world, its ripened tassel now is plucked, its tattered blades are now unfurled. The autumn breezes toss about, the fragments of its once green coat, the sunbeams wither, mock and rout, its dissolution to promote. Yet while its mantle has been shorn and scattered to the sundry winds, the value of its life is born, its culmination now we find. The sunshine, rain drops, atmosphere, which nursed it from its feeble germ; assail its beauty with a sneer, but leave sublime the product firm. And thus are we but passing things which nature uses in its mold, where transient beauty soon takes wings, and leaves alone the shining soul.

### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE IN THE SCHOOL

Recent scientific studies have shown that the sturdy, healthy child makes the best all-round student. It is therefore, good economy for Boards of Education, as well as individuals, to take all possible measures to safeguard the health of school children. Prominent among these safeguards is the work of the public health nurse.

Asked to outline the work of the nurses in the schools, Miss C. Ethel Monroe, advisory nurse for the State Department of Health said "The school work, like all other public health nurse activities in the counties, is directed by the Deputy State Health Officer. Under his direction, the nurse visits each school in her district, and makes a preliminary inspection of the children to be examined, preparatory to the examination to be given by the doctor. In this inspection each child is weighed and measured, and his hearing and vision tested. The nurse looks for a scar of a successful vaccination against smallpox, and inspects the child's scalp for vermin. A card, which serves as a permanent health record, is made out for each child, giving name, age, home address, name of parent or guardian, and the result of the test.

When the health officer, or the doctor who is acting for him, visits the school to make the physical examination of the children, the nurse is present to assist. If conferences are arranged between the health officer and the parents of the children who are found to have physical defects, the nurse is present at these conferences. Her most important duty however is in the follow-up visits to homes of these children, where she urges the parents to take the necessary steps for the correction of the defects found. If an operation is recommended by the family physician (to whom the health officer invariably refers the child needing care) the nurse helps to make the necessary arrangements for the child's hospitalization. It will be interesting to note that a very large part of the work done by the nurses during the past summer has been among the children, the nurses trying to get them in good physical condidtion to start the school year.

"The nurse's duties in the school do not end with this. Of equal importance is the work she is called upon to do in assisting in the control of communicable diseases. When an outbreak threatens, with the approval of the school authorities, and under the direction of the Deputy State Health Officer she visits the school each day, and inspects the children, sending home those who present suspicious symptoms, recommending that the parents place the children under the supervision of their family physician. She follows this up by visits to the homes to explain the reasons for the action taken, and to enlist the cooperation of the members of the various households in carrying out the precautions against the spread of the disease recommended by the State Department of Health.

"In addition, the nurse often gives assistance to the teachers in their classroom work on health, providing them with suitable literature, and other material. Very often too, her work includes courses in home hygiene and care of the sick, these courses usually being given to the high school girls.

"Owing to the distances that many of the nurses are required to cover, it is not possible to carry on all of these activities in detail, in addition to their other work. The above however, is the general plan recommended, and our hope is for a sufficiently large staff of nurses (to be supported locally) to make possible as well developed service in all counties."

### CHILD KILLED WHEN URN FALLS ON HIM

Cumberland, Md., Sept. 29—John Gordon Smith, 8 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Smith of Cumberland, was crushed through the chest when a large flower urn fell over on him while playing in the yeard. He died 50 minutes after he was taken to the hospital.

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The funeral will be held at Havre de Grace Thursday. Mr. Thomas F. Smith is well known around this section. Mrs. Roland Thomas, being his sister. Mr. Smith taught at Ridgely high school and now teaches mathematics n the Cumberland hgh school.

### GRAND ARMY VETERANS HELD REUNION IN EASTON

Twenty of the thirty-five surviving members of the First Eastern Shore Regiment, Maryland Volunteers, attended the annual reunion of the command at Easton last Thursday.

The Grand Army veterans, clad in uniforms of blue, heard addresses by Oswald Tilghman, the only confederate veteran in Talbot county, and Henry H. Balch, of Easton. Patriotic songs were sung by A. N. Russell, of Federalsburg. An original poem, "The Blue and the Gray," composed by Joseph T. Finney, of Northeast, was read.

The following officers were elected: President, James C. Mullikin, Easton; vice president, Charles S. Seymour, Easton; chaplain, the Rev. D. H. Willis, Cambridge; secretary, Joseph T. Kinney, Northeast; assistant secretary John E. Rastall, Wisconsin; treasurer, Goodman W. Randall, Cambridge.

The next reunion will be held on the last Thursday in September, 1926, at Federalsburg.

### WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

The first half of the week was markedly cool, and light frost formed in the early morning of the 26th in the northern counties and in the interior of the Eastern Shore. The latter half of the week was warm. The drought continues, though light showers fell during the night of the 27-28th.

The weather of the week was favorable for the harvesting of crops and tree fruit, and for other outdoor operatoins.

The ground, however, is too hard to permit much plowing and harrowing. Pastures and late crops, particularly potatoes in the eastern half of the section, are much in need of a general, soaking rain. Late crops are poor to fair; and pastures are poor, except fair in Garrett county.

Cutting of the early corn crop has made good progress. In the southern half of the section cutting of the early has ended, and cutting of the late has begun; in the northern half cutting of the early is near completion. The early corn crop is excellent. Silos are being filled.

Digging of late potatoes continues in Garrett county and has begun in Allegany, Washington, and Frederick counties. Late potatoes are maturing in north-central and southern Maryland and "making" on the Eastern Shore. Digging of sweet potatoes is still in progress.

Harvest of tomatoes continues heavy though it is declining; it has ended on the southern Eastern Shore. Canneries are closing.

Cutting of early tobacco has ended.

Late apples and pears are being picked.

Buckwheat has been mostly harvested in Garrett county; in Worcester county it is ready for harvest.

Some sowing of wheat, rye, and barley was accomplished in western and north-central Maryland. In southern Maryland and on the Eastern Shore there is much plowing yet to be done.

This will be the last bulletin received this season.

### SMOOT—CANNON

Rev. T. C. Smoot, formerly of this place, and Miss Myra Cannon of Dover, were married in Easton Tuesday morning.

The Rev. Mr. Smoot has recently moved to Oxford and expects to remain there for a while where he is pastor of a church.

### SALISBURY MAN DIES IN CRASH

Salisbury, Sept. 29—Oscar Lee Morris, a prominent Salisbury business man and churchman, died late this afternoon when his automobile dashed down an embankment at Taney Tank, west of this city, and was partially submerged in the creek.

The body was extricated from a wheel of the automobile in half an hour, but efforts at resuscitation were unsuccessful, death occurring, it is thought before the body was submerged as very little water was found in the lungs.

J. H. Eckstrom, a local garage man, who had followed the auto driven by Mr. Morris for nearly two miles, was the only witness to the tragedy.

The automobile, after negotiating a right angle, turned at Tancy Tank successfully, suddenly swerved across the highway and down the 8-foot embankment. The fore part of the car was completely under water.

Physicians who were summoned, believe Mr. Morris had suffered a stroke of apoplexy or heart attack, which caused the car to dash into the creek and that his body was thrown clear of the vehicle, but pinioned beneath it in the fall. A coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental death.

Mr. Morris was an official of the W. B. Tilghman Company, fertilizer manufacturers, of Salisbury, and an active member of the Bethesda Methodist Protestant church and the Y. M. C. A. He was formerly president of the Salisbury-Wicomico Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Rotary club and other civic organizations and a Mason of high rank.

About a month ago Mr. Morris was found unconscious in his garage, overcome by carbon monoxide gas from the exhaust of the automobile, upon which he had been working, but was resuscitated by his son, who found him.

### DR. TOBIN WILL RETURN TO NEW YORK

Dr. Theo. A. Tobin, who for several monhts past, has been practicing his profession as a chiropractic, is leaving Denton to return to his practice in New York, which was being handled for him by another doctor during his stay in this section.

During his stay in Caroline county he has opened offices in Denton, Ridgely and Greensboro, and has built up a very lucrative business.

Dr. Tobin will leave about October 10th.

### GOLDEN RULE INVITATIONS OUT

Invitations to the Maryland State Conference of the Near East Relief, at Mount Vernon Place M. E. church, and to the big Golden Rule dinner at the Belvedere, both at Baltimore, on October 15th, are being sent throughout the state from Maryland headquarters of the relief organization. Harold F. Pellegrin, state director, says Golden Rule chairmen are wanted in every county, town, church and organization in the state, also workers for Golden Rule dinners and Golden Rule Sunday, the latter on December 6th. He asks everyone who will cooperate to send to Maryland headquarters, Near East Relief, 14 West Franklin street, Baltimore, for material. Golden Rule Sunday will be the topic at the state conference and many unique features are planned for the dinner at the Belvedere.

### Church of Brethren Notes

Beginning the first Sunday in October, the Sunday evening services will begin at 7 o'clock instead of 7:30.

The Young People's Department is giving "The Life of Fanny Crosby" in pageant form Sunday evening, October 4. Miss Crosby, the wonderful blind hymn writer lived to near the century mark and wrote more sacred songs than any other writer in English. Her hymns are numbered by the thousands. The story of her wonderful life is worth seeing and hearing; at the church next Sunday evening. A free will offering will be taken in the interest of the Fanny Crosby Memorial Home for the aged blind.

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### SPECIAL SERVICES DURING OCTOBER IN M. P. CHURCH

October 4th, 7.30 p. m., sermon theme, "The Second Coming of Christ."

October 11th, 7.30 p. m., Rally Day exercises with a splendid program.

October 18th, 7.30 p. m., an illustrated sermon on "Esther, the Queen of Persia." This story so little read, will be told by word of mouth and shown in pictures.

October 25th, 7.30 p. m., "The Man of Galilee." This will be sacred songs of unique appeal. New and beautiful words to old melodies.

Come out and enjoy these services. Evangelistic services will begin at this church on Sunday, November 8th. Rev. C. R. Strausburg, of Milford, will be the preacher during these meetings.

### RALLY DAY AT THAWLEY'S CHAPEL

Rally day was fittingly celebrated at Thawley's on Sunday at 11 a. m. The decorations consisted of an arch covered with autumn leaves from which was suspended the slogan "forward."

The Rev. Mr. Marshall painted and donated this beautiful piece to our church for the occasion and for future use. There was also a beautiful display of dahlias. A program of special music, recitations, and exercises was well rendered.

Superintendent Reed gave a helpful talk on "What is Rally Day?" which gave many suggestions for a real, live Sunday school.

Miss Beulah Clopper gave an illustrated missionary talk which was very instructive.

Promotion exercises followed in which thirty-seven diplomas were given out, as follows: 5 intermediate to senior; 12 junior to intermediate; 9 primary to junior; 8 beginner to priary and 3 cradle roll to beginners.

Mrs. Clarence Kern the new cradle roll superintendent, explained the origin, growth and work of the cradle roll and issued certificates to 18 cradle roll members.

The offering amounted to $8.73 and will be applied to the budget.

### COLORED HALL FIRE CALLED FIREMEN

Last Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock the siren sounded and it was reported that the colored hall, more wdiely known by the name of "Dandy Hall" was on fire. The Denton Volunteer Fire Company responded to the call quickly and were soon throwing water on the fire.

The downstairs was used as a grocery store while one corner of the upper part was used as a cleaning and pressing establishment. The man who was cleaning clothes had a small can of gasoline and thoughtlessly laid his cigarette close by. The can immediately exploded and in making an effort to throw the can out the window, only spread the fire.

The loss was not great but some of the groceries in the store below were ruined by water.

### ORPHANS' COURT

Romey Pritchett, administrator c. t. a., of Philip Pritchett, deceased, filed an account of sales of the personal property of said deceased, which was examined by the court and approved.

Renunciation having been filed, on application, letters of administration on the personal estate of Etta W. Pilchard, deceased, were granted unto Paul W. Pilchard. Bond filed and approved; notice to creditors ordered and G. L. Wilson and L. Beaven were named as appraisers and approved by the court.

The last will and testament of Susie F. Sylvester, deceased, was filed in this court by H. P. Flowers, custodian, after having been proven, was admitted to probate.

### Tuberculosis Clinic

A clinic for diseases of the chest will be conducted in the nurse's office in the Law building at Denton Tuesday, October 13th at 9 a. m. and in the director's room of the 1st National Bank, Federalsburg, at 2 p. m.

### A. T. WILLOUGHBY

A. T. Willoughby, a well-known farmer of Caroline county, died at his home near Denton on Sunday evening about 9 o'clock of parlysis. He was 75 years old, and leaves a widow and 7 chiJldren.

The funeral was held at his late home Wednesday, at 2 o'clock, Rev. Bennett, of Greensboro, officiating. Interment in Greensboro cemetery.

## *FEDERALSBURG MAN HELD IN DELAWARE AUTO THEFTS*

### Two Arrested at Carnival—One Freed for Lack of Evidence

### MANY AUTOS STOLEN

Seaford, Sept. 30—Hilbert Lear, 25, and Oscar Wright, 30, of Federalsburg were arrested last night by Chief of Police Martin and Highway Troopers Hold and O'Neill, charged with being implicated in the wholesale stealing of automobiles in southern Delaware for several weeks. They were taken at a firemen's carnival here.

This morning they were put through a gruelling by state and local authorities and Lear committed to Georgetown jail for a further hearing. Evidence was not sufficient to hold Wright and he was released.

The authorities in their search for the thieves have found license plates and parts of stolen Delaware cars, which the robbers sought to destroy, on the bottom of millponds near Seaford and Galestown, Md., 12 miles away.

### FIREMEN WENT TO CHESTERTOWN

Chestertown gave itself up to a celebration in honor of the firemen's carnival, which came to a close Tuesday night.

Cups were awarded to Easton as the best equipped company, Chesapeak City for the best band and for the most uniformed men and Harrington for coming the greatest distance.

Other companies competing were Smyrna, Clayton and Dover, Del.; Denton, Centreville and Millington. The Chestertown company was in the line but did not compete. The parade was led by the hand pump used by Chestertown in 1804 and 1908 equipment.

Washington college, with its faculty and 206 members of the student body, 100 school children and 200 members of civic bodies were in line. Sheen's Cavalry acted as escort, which was accompanied by five girls, mounted.

Dr. C. Allan Jarman was marshal of the parade and the judges were W. H. Gord, Church Hill, Howard Turner, Betterton, and G. Ellsworth Leary, Rock Hall.

Tonight the Denton fire company will go to Milford to be in the parade on firemen's night of the Milford fire company carnival.

### Aged Delaware Woman Dies

Seaford, Sept. 29—Mrs. Mary F. Noble, 90, died yesterday at her home, near Hickman. She was a native of that section and widow of Thomas Breeding, and Philip F. Noble.

Mrs. Noble is survived by the following children: William R. Breeding, Federalsburg; Prof. James B. Noble, superintendent of schools of Dorchester county; Arthur W. Noble, Denton; and Clement F. Noble, Philadelphia. Mr. E. M. Noble, of Greensboro, county superintendent of Caroline schools, is a nephew.

### TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

Judge Applewyne was booked to make a temperance lecture before the Anti-Corn Juice Society last night, but as he was afraid that the audience might think that the diameter of his speech be mistaken for overindulgence he spoke over the radio, so it would be called static.

Hank Alderbush who assisted the Judge to the platform where he delivered his address into the receivin' machine, allowed that if the machine coulda broadcast the Judge's breath the hearers would all have had to used smellin' salts.

The audience at the loud speaker was very well pleased with the lecture and mistook the Judges hiccoughs for a Ford misfirin'.


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