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Tues.-Wed., Two Big Days for Centreville

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Walters of Baltimore and Mrs. Walter's father, Mr. John Moore of Virginia, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Walters and family.

Mrs. William Kersey of Chester is spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Goodhand and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Melvin attended the Sports Car Club Races on Sunday at Andrews Air Base outside Marlboro, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mann visited relatives in Baltimore on Sunday.

The meeting of the WSCS has been postponed from May 6 until May 13.

Mrs. B.H. Lane and Mrs. Linden Brittingham were shoppers in Dover, Del., on Saturday.

Mrs. Lottie Stein returned home on Friday from Easton Memorial Hospital, where she had been a patint for several weeks.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The Cupid Restaurant is now under new management. Mrs. June Collier and Mrs. Laura Stant took over Monday morning. Your patronage will be greatly appreciated. The restaurant belongs to Mrs. Marie Kaufman, and Mrs. Stant and Mrs. Collier is operating it while Mrs. Kaufman is managing a restaurant at Betterton, Md. Mrs. Jesse Rennie is now preparing her own business for operation on the dual highway, U.S. Route 50 near town.

BAKE AT THE FIREHOUSE

Don't forget the Bake to be held on Saturday May 8, at the Firehouse sponsored by the Mother's Club of the Queenstown school. This bake is held annually. The proceeds are used to sponsor a trip to Washington for the pupils of the fifth and sixth grades.

Mr. Charles Bishop and Mr. Lester Wehberg attended the Races near Marlboro on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Messick, Mr. Pete Beecher and Mr. Albert Stant attended the Stock Car Races at Wilmington on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Messick and Mrs. Madeline Steinfelt enjoyed the exercises at Centreville High School on Monday afternoon of crowning the May Queen for 1954. Their daughters took part in the procession.

We extend sympathy to the family of Miss Florence Devine. Miss Devine died on Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Aker, Sr., Mr. Daniel Aker, Jr., Mrs. Thelma Bowen and Mrs. Pauline Monet of Baltimore, spent Sunday at "Meadowbrook."

Mrs. Ellwood Collier and sons and Mrs. Katherine Dawkins and daughters, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gilbert in Havre de Grace.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilghman Cook and family and Mrs. Betty Tull and son motored to Salisbury on Sunday to visit with Mr. Joseph Stant at Deer Head Hospital.

S|Sgt. Milton Anthony returned home on Friday after three years in England. S|1c and Mrs. Donald Anthony of Brunswick ,Ga., arrived on Thursday evening for a few days liberty with their parents and to see his brother Milton, who was away so long, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anthony.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Reynolds are now spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Comegys.

Grasonville

Patrolman Grant Chance and Patrolman Duffey of Baltimore, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Clem Chance.

Mrs. Nora Chance and Mrs. Virginia Clough were Easton shoppers on Tuesday.

Mrs. Hattie Tolson has recently returned from a short stay with her son, Richard and wife in Baltimore, and on Thursday journeyed to Winchester Va., to view the Apple Blossom festival with the Pythian Sisters.

Mr .Kensey Chance of Baltimore, and Mrs. Mabel Passwater were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Chance.

Pvt. James Horney and Pvt. Jackie Bambury of Camp Picket, Va.,

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House and Garden Pilgrimage Slated for Sat., May 8th in County

There are 11 stops listed on the 1954 Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage for Queen Anne's County Day, Saturday, May 8, it was announced last week by Mrs. Orsen N. Nielsen, Centreville, Chairman.

This annual tour, which attracts visitors from all parts of the East, will revisit homes and gardens, and churches in this county that have been on the schedule for a number of years, but two historic estates were added this year.

"Pascall's Chance," the home of Mr. and Mrs. William G. McAdoo, situated just west of Centreville, at the head of the Corsica River, is on a land grant dating back to before the Revolution, while the "Pratt Mansion," another pre-Revolutionary estate, at Ruthsburg, is owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Grove.

The Pratt House has one of the most interesting backgrounds of any historic home on the tour. It has recently been restored and furnished in contemporary American antiques .The early wing of the house, built in 1710, belonged to the Ruth family. The front or main section of the house was built about 1770 by Henry Pratt and the land was patented in 1682 consisting of 1,050 acres.

The house retains its original wainscoating and paneling, and the main hall with its graceful arches is an excellent example of colonial architecture. Above the front door are 13 stars carved in the stone. The early section, with its brick kitchen, eight-foot fireplace, and blackened hand-hewn beams, is a fine example of earlier architecture and an interesting contrast with the later main building.

Pascall's Chance is a brick Colonial type house overlooking the quiet Corsica headwaters on a grant of land originally patented to George Pascall in 1666 "in payment for services rendered in transporting himself and certain other persons to the province of Maryland".

Has Slave Quarters

The central portion is pre-Revolution with the slave quarters in the basement, the main floors built entirely of brick .These bricks have been removed to the present dining room and the walls of this room have been paneled with old pine boards taken from the attic.

The other stops on the May 8 tour include two old churches and their vestry houses.

St. Luke's church in Church Hill, was built in 1732 of brick laid in Flemish Bond, at a price of 140,000 pounds of tobacco .The building has a gambrel roof and semi-circular apse. Tablets on either side of the Chancel are from Queen Anne's county, and the Communion vessels and altar cloth were presented in 1881 by G. Hawkins Williams and his sister. The Vestry is the first public school building in Queen Anne's County, known as the Queen Anne's County Academy. It was built in 1817 and used as a school until 1860. It was restored last year by the church. The Rev. L. Harold Hinrichs is rector.

Old Wye Church and the Vestry house, restored with great historical accuracy in 1949 by Arthur A.Houghton, Jr., are in Wye Mills. The church was built in 1721 over the foundations of an earlier Colonial church and is one of the oldest existing church buildings in Maryland. Original brickwork with extensive use of glazed headers on the west end; unusual box pews; magnificent hanging pulpit canopy; slave gallery; original 18th Century sliver flagon and chalice are features of special interest.

The Vestry House was also rebuilt on original foundations and include antique furniture; 18th century ecclesiastical library; early maps and engravings ;and a unique set of 12 early 16th Century Limoges enamel religious plaqques.

Wye Plantation To Open

Wye Plantation, near Carmichael, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Houghton, will have the library and gardens open for the tour. Originally the home of Edward Tilghman ,it later was the home of Governor William Paca, oone of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, whose grave is near the old house .Here are considered the finest terraced gardens in the country.

The summer residence of Judge Stephen R. Collins and Mrs. Collins Chester Hall, near Chestertown, was built about 1790. This brick house has fine architectural detail.

The Hollyday family, prominent socially and politically in the early days of the colony, built Readbourne near Centreville, an outstanding example of Georgian architecture.The main section of the mansion was completed about 1731, and old molds recently discoverel on the estate indicate that the brick was made on the property. It is noted for its large wainscoated halls and rooms and a graceful staircase. Its arched doorway is said to be the oldest in American domestic architecture. It has been recently restored and a very fine wing added by its owners, Mr. and Mrs. William Fahnestock, Jr.

The oldest box gardens in Maryland at Popular Grove, near Centreville, will be open for the tour. Arthur Emory obtained the grant for this land in 1660 and it has belonged to his descendants ever since. The house, not open fo rvisitors, was built in 1700 by John Emory, son of Arthur. The box gardens are laid out in the form of a "T". It is owned by Mr .and Mrs. B. Hackett Turner, Jr.

Library to List Data

The Queen Anne's County Free Library in Centreville will have a collection of rare and outstanding Maryland data on exhibition. Amcng som eof the interesting things to be seen are "The Abridgement of the Laws of Maryland," compiled by the Rev. Thomas Bacon for the convenience of the magistrates in the counties. There are two volumes, one published in 1765 and the second in 1784. There are also 12 scrap books compiled by the late Edwin Brown of Centreville ,containing Maryland data, historical and political ,from Claiborne up to 10 years ago.

Beneath the towering Wye Oak at Wye Mills, is the Wye Oak House, restored recently by the Garden Clubs of Queen Anne's andTalbot counties. It was built about 1720.

Three stops on Kent Island round out the tour and these are among the oldest grants in the state.

Great Neck Farm, owned by Dr. and Mrs. R.V. Truitt, was orginially called Great Neck Manor and the land grant is 1650. The earliest part of the building is now the dining room built in 1670. A living room was added in 1703 and the entire house restored 15 years ago.

The land grant for Mattapex, owned by Mr. and Mrs. P.G. Sedley, is in 1640 and is a modest brick building restored in 1949 retaining the old floors and quaint paneling.

Shipping Creek Plantation, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Dewey, was a land grant to Richard Bennett by Capt. William Claiborne and Lord Baltimore in 1634. Two galleries on either side of the house are of architectural interest .There are also unusual dormers. The smoke house and other dependencies are original. Mrs. Dewey is a direct descendent of Claiborne.

NOTICE

Boone's Beech, formerly Barton's Beach, near Queenstown, opens today, April 30. $1 per car or $2 per truck load. Robert Boone, Queenstown, Md.

LOST—16 ft. Row Boat. Newly repainted, gull grey inside and out, with copper bottom. Centrer seat not repainted. Paint on port side rail scarred. Reward. Notify: Harry C. Rhodes, Queenstown, Md., Phone Queenstown 4571.

Grand Jury Report For May Term of Court

To the Honorable, The Judges of the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County, Maryland:

We the members of the Grand Jury for the May Term of Court 1954 do respectfully make the following report:

We have been in session for two days. We examined 13 witnesses resulting in 2 presentments and 2 true bills and 1 bill not found.

The Foreman appointed a committee to inspect the Jail and found same to be clean and well kept.

It is recommended that:

1. Mattresses on cots be replaced.
2. Matresses should be furnished for all cells.
3. Mattress covers should be furnished.
4. Repair base around hopper in bathroom on second floor.
5. Whiskey bottles found in wall openings.

Likewise, the Foreman appointed a committee to inspect the Court House and it was found to be in a good state of repair. It was noticed that the floor covering in the Clerk's office has not as yet been replaced.

The Grand Jury recognizes the fact that the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police has recently assigned a trooper to this County to fill the vacancy of a resigned officer; it is requested than an additional trooper be assigned to help cope with the increasing traffic problems of the County.

Cognizant of the great responsibilities placed in the Sheriff's office for law enforcement within Queen Anne's County, it is requested that the proper County officials study and initiate action to properly restore the Sheriff's office as the chief law enforcement office of this County.

Some recommendaitons which should be considered are as follows:

1. Increased allowances, such as mileage etc., for the Sheriff so that the office will attract well qualified individuals.
2. A group of satisfactorily paid deputies one or more of whom should be trained in police work.
3. Close, active cooperation between the Sheriff, State's Attorney, Alcoholic Beverage Inspector, State Police and other law enforcement authorities.

As the County grows and develops it becomes increasingly important that a well organized and trained group of law enforcement officers be available.

We wish to thank the Court, the Officers of the Court, the States' Attorney, the State Police and the County Enforcement Officers for their courtesy and assistance.

Having finished our labors we now pray to be discharged.

Respectfully,
HARRY C. RHODES,
Foreman.

Max C. Sherman, Jr., Clerk.

Milliam D. Hil Confident Of Beating Turner

William D. Hill, Easton druggist who is running against State Senator Edward Turner (D., Queen Anne's) for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the First district (the Eastern Shore) said today he feels confident of his chances.

"I really think I'm going to win," he said, following a two-week "shoe leather" campaign which went into all nine Shore counties.

Mr. Hill says he has not been seeking the support of the Democratic political organizatin but that he thinks he can get the "votes from the people."

"I think I'm going to surprise them," he said. "Politicians may figure one way, but I figure another."

FOR SALE—1 Room Cottage, 14x20, city convenience, heat, water lights, 50x50 ground plot, shrubbery around premises, house insulated, on public highway, 3 minutes to public landing on Chester River. Very suitable for a single man or a eldery couple, or a small gunning club. Easy Terms. Apply to the Queenstown News, Queenstown, Md., Phone 2161-2001.

Silver Anniversary Convention of Firemen's Association May 11-12

Registration of delegates at the Goodwill Fire House will open the Silver Anniversary convention of the Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Firemen's Association beginning at 12 noon, Tuesday, May 11. It will mark the first time the shorewide convention has ever been held in Queen Anne's County.

President Ernest Leverage, Chestertown, will preside at an Executive Committee meeting in the firehouse at 4 p.m. while the annual banquet at the Centreville Armory, slated for 7 p.m. will be the first full gathering of all delegates and guests.

Rev. J.R. Hughes, Toastmaster

J.W. Thompson, Jr., general chairman and a past president of the host company, announced that the Rev. J. R. Hughes, chaplain of the Queenstown Volunteer Fire Company, and pastor of the Queenstown Methodist Church, will be the toast master at the convention banquet. The main speaker of the evening will be Edward (Ted) Miller, Republican member of Congress from the First District, Maryland. Mr. Miller is a native of Talbot county, and well-known up and down the Eastern Shore.

A new York and Philadelphia stage show to which the general public is invited, will be staged at the Centreville High School auditorium at 9 p.m. Tickets will be made available at the door. On the bill will be: Harold Barry, master of ceremonies; Bill Williston, magician; Ruth Daye, xylophone; Gaye Dixon, blues singer; and Lois Andrews, dancer.

Dance at Legion Home

Music for the stage show and a dance to follow at the American Legion Post Home will be supplied by George Madden's Orchestra from Wilmington. The dance is cheduled to get underway at 10:30 p.m.

Delegates who fail to register Tuesday may do so beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the firehouse and President Leverage will call the convention to order at 10 a.m. in the Center Theatre. The Ladies' Auxiliry will meet at the same time in the Grace Memorial Hall.

Spencer C.Hammond, president of the host company, will welcome the delegates as will T .Harold Davis, president of the Centreville Town Commissioners board. Responses will be given by 1st vice-president Capt. Joseph Thomas, Rose Hill,Del.; and 2nd vice-president, William Colonna, Onancock, Va. Following committee reports and new business, officers for 1954 will be nominated Lunch will be served at 12 noon in the afternoon.

To Install New Officers

BattalionFire Chief, Alfred M.Grunwell, Washington, D.C., Fire Department ,will make an address at the afternoon session in the Theatre and the election and installation of new officers wil ltake place. Selection of the next convention site will also be made.

At 4 p.m., a joint MemorialService for the firemen and ladies' auxiliary will be held in the Epworth Methodist Church. In the course of the ceremony one candle will be lighted for each deceased member of the Association. The Rev. Thomas C. Mulligan, chaplain, from Georgetown, Del., will give the address.

Others taking part in the service will be Mrs. Ruth Williams, Salisbury, chaplain of the Ladies' Auxiliary; Mrs. J.W. Thompson, Jr., Mrs. Olin Hunter, Jr., and Mrs. Virgil Freeney ,all of Centreville. Mrs. Mary Belle Callahan and John Hanley, both of Centreville, will sing special selections. Mrs. James R. Hughes, Queenstown, will render a 'cello solo.

Parade Ends Convention

The climax of the two-day session will be the gigantic parade of firemen, auxiliary members, their equipment and bands and drum and bugle corps from all parts of the Peninsula .Some three-quarters of the 90-odd companies in the Association are expected to send equipment and men to march in this largest of all parades ever held in Queen Anne's county.

It is slated to get moving at 6:30 p.m. and the line of march will be down Kidwell Avenue to Commerce Street, up Commerce through the center of town to Broadway, down Broadway to the High School where all units must disband. For the duration of the parade. Liberty Street will be made two-way and all traffic will use this street as Commerce will be blocked off. There will be no parking on Commerce Liberty, Chesterfield Avenue or Broadway, but parking will be available on theElementary School grounds and at the railroad yards, about two blocks from the center of town.

To Ride In Open Cars

The parade will be led by four Maryland State Police troopers on motorcycles with officers of the Association riding in convertibles immediately following .The noted 2nd Army Band from Fort George G. Mead will be the first musical aggregation followed by the host town high school band. Units will vie for nearly $1,000 in cash prizes with special prizes set aside for companies from the Western Shore of Maryland and from th elower part of Pennsylvania.

Serving as judges on the reviewing stand which will be set up in front of the Court House Green, are four Battalion chiefs from Balimore and Washington fire departments. Judging best appearance will be Battalion Chief Alfred N. Grunwell, Washington, D.C.; Deputy Chief F. J. Trenner, Baltimore; Battalion Chief John S. Knoehlein, Baltimore; and Battalion Chief Frank Pollack, chief of the Salvage Corps, Baltimore.

The best band will be selected by Mrs. H.L. Martin, Chester; Irvin Smith, Denton ;and Elmer Kressler, Centreville. Counting for the most men in line will be Clyde Walls, Church Hill; F.A. Bartlett and Herbert Goldstein, both of Centreville. Merrick Wilson, Centreville, will check for the longest distance; and John Manley, Centreville, will award the best appearing drum majorette.

Refreshments will be dispensed for all firemen and marchers immediately after the parade to the rear of the firehouse.

Liquor Dispensary Stocks Sold Last Tuesday

Queen Anne's county's two liquor dispensaries, out of business at the end of April, because of the private sale law now in effect were bought out last Tuesday through sealed bids for a total of $4,600.

The stock in the dispensary at the Narrows brought $1,100 and the stock in the Centreville store went for $3,500.

Bids were first taken at an auction outside the courthouse, but the county commissioners asked for sealed bids from the six bidders because they felt the highest auction bid was too low.

John Meredith bought the town dispensary stock and Julius Grollman bought the stock at the Narrows.

YOUNG ADULT TALENT REVUE

"The Young Adults Group of the Calvary Church of Queenstown, will present their "Young Adults Talent Revue" on Friday, May 7th at 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, Queenstown,Md.

The group has sponsored this show for the benefit of the organ fund. Donations are adults 75 cents and children 40 cents.