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PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. Risdon Baynard entertained a few friends at a New Year's Eve party in honor of their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Carl L'Orange of Dalphene, Va., who are spending a few days here.

MET WITH SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Joseph Cook met with a serious accident on Monday evening when he ran into a stone post at "Bolingly". Cook was thrown through the windshield of his car. He was rushed to Easton hospital in the Quenstown Vol. Fire Company ambulance, where it was necessary to give him 2 pints of blood. He is resting comfortably at this writing.

Mrs. Anna Larrimore Morris returned fom Easton Hospital on Monday evening and is now spending a few days at the home of her parents in Centreville.

Mrs. Edwin Walls was a Dover shopper on Tueslay.

Miss Henri Oldham of Chey Chase spent several days during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Oldham and Jay.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Baker entertained a host of friends on New Year's Eve at their lovely home on Salt House Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Lex Radcliffe spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Shanahan and enjoyed the New Year's Eve dance at the St. Michaels Yacht Club.

Ted Radcliffe, Jimmy Booker and "Tinker" Shortall hae returned to their college classes after enjoying the holidays at their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mann spent several days in Baltimore during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reese were guests on New Year's of Mr. and Mrs. George Buhl in Lansdowne, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jones and daughter of Easton, were guests on Monday of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Steinfelt.

Mrs. Florence Howard entertained at her home on New Year's Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brantley and daughter of Washington, D.C., Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Rhodes, Jr., of Silver Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rhodes, M. and Mrs. Thomas Rhodes and family and Mr. and rMs. George Aldridge, Sr., were all guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Rhodes, Sr. at a family dinner on Christmas.

Miss Betty Whiby of Wilmington, was a recent guest of Mrs. Kennard Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Walls had as their guests over New Year's, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Urablic and children of Baltimore, Mrs. Willie Etheridge and chidren of Wan Chese, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Jackson and family of Newark, Del.; Mr. Tom Hollingsworth and daughter and Mrs. Ada McDonald of Queen Anne.

P.T.A. MEETING

The Queenstown P.T.A. will hold their first meeting of the New Year on Tuesday evening Jan. 10 at 8 p.m. at the school. This should be an interesting meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Pvt. Kurt Roser returned to Parris Island, S.C., last Wednesday after spending a 15 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roser.

Rev. Clarence Moore of Cape Charles, Va., spent New Years with Miss Sue Comegys at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anthony.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swann and children spent the holidays in Cape Charles, Va., with their respective relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Bishop left on New Year's to spend a few months in Florida.

We extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris on the death of their infant son on Sat. Dec. 31 at Easton Memorial Hospital. Burial was in Chesterfield Cemetery, Centreville Monday Jan. 2 at 3 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Tarr of Baltimore, were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walters and Elmer Walters spent Sunday in Baltimore with their mother, Mrs. Ella Walters.

We extend sympathy to the family of Joseph H. Collier in the recent death of his daughter, Mrs. R. H. Simms in Mt. Rainer, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walters of Newark, Md., returned home on Monday after a week with thir parents.

Mrs. Lealand Hancock and Mr. and Mrs. Norris Hancock and son and daughter of Princess Anne, Md. and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tarr, Miss Barbara Wessells of Pocomoke City, Md., and Miss Dorothy Hobbs, and Chares Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wessells and daughter, Donna and son, Butchy, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wessells and son Jimmy of Easton, were dinner guests on Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wessells and family of near town.

Charles Hobbs and Dorothy Hobbs spent a few days with their mother, Mrs. Martin Wessells.

Grasonville

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Collier are spending sometime in OpaLacka, Fla., with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Collier Jr., and family.

Pvt. William C. Jones of Fort Jackson, S.C. is home on furlough with his wife, Mrs. Francis Jones and mother, Mrs. Mary R. Jones, during the holidays.

Cpl. Joseph Horney of Camp Polk, La., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Horney and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Schull of Staunton, Va., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Roe, Jr., of Baltimore, visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roe.

Mr. Charles Hurley was at home for the holidays from CharlotteHall Military Academy with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hurley and grandfather, Mr. George C. Tagg.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Wilson and family spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hogg and family in Randalstown, and Mr. and Mrs. William E. Ford and grandson, Billy Ford of Silver Spring, stayed at their home while they were away.

Miss Barbara Kelkowski of Frederick school, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Kelkowski.

Mrs. Grace Collier has returned home and Mrs. Grace White and son Jack of Baltimore, returned with her to spend the holidays.

Bruce Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Thompson underwent a tonsil operation at Memorial Hospital last week and is improving at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hogg of Randallstown, and Mrs. Alma Ney, and Miss Jean Ney of Takoma Park, spent the New Year holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson and family.

The Busy Bee Society held its annual Christmas and New Year party at the home of Mrs. Mary Ireland on Monday evening, Jan. 2.Everyone found out her secret sister and received lovely gifts and drew new ones. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Tolson visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brown and daughter in Baltimore at Christmas and spent the New Year's holidays in Wilmington, Del. with relatives, and attended the wedding of Mrs. Tolson's neice, Lorraine Dean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Dean, on Sat. evening Dec. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Thomas and family, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Thomas and family and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Y. Thomas of Setauket, N.Y. spent the New Year holiday with Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Thommas and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Tolson.

Mrs. Edna Hoofnagle of Baltimore spent the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Diggs, Sr., spent the holidays in Baltimore visiting with their son and daughter-in-law,

Mrs. Lucy Melvin is spending sometime in Easton with her laughter, Mrs. Alice Grunden.

Mr. Joseph W.A.Evans and Mrs. Mary Ewing spent Friday in Baltimore.

Freddie Dietrich, spent last week in Baltimore visiting with Mr. and Mrs. George Dietrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Senseney of Stevensville spent the Christmas holidays in Hyattsville with Mr. and Mrs. Collins Senseney and daughter.

The V.F.W. Auxiiary held their annual Christmas pary at the Post Home on Tuesday evening, Dec. 27. The identity of Secret Sisters was unveiled, and gifts exchanged. New Sisters were drawn for the oncoming year. Games were played and refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Shapmier were the Christmas holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Bard Baker.

Miss Mary Cecilia Ewing joined Mr. and Mrs. Grover Clough and Miss Carolyn Clough to spend some time in Philadelphia with friends and attended the Mummers Parade on Monday.

Mrs. Eunice Pierson and Miss Julia Eaton, spent Wednesday in Baltimore.

Mr. Thomas Ewing, Mr. Albert Baker, Mr. Benjamin Howard, Mr. Roy Eaton, enjoyed a week's vacation in Fla., and attended the Orange Bowl game. at Miami on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Ruth and baby visited Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hughes in Fairfax, Del., on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rutter and family spent the holidays in Bristol, Va., with their families.

Sgt. and Mrs. Chris Eaton of Camp LeJeaune, N.C., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.Wade Eaton.

Chester

Miss Nancy Chesser of Baltimore,

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2 Wilmington Motorists Pay $235 In Drunk Driving

Two Wilmington motorists paid or forfeited fines for drunken and reckless driving last Sunday night in trial magistrate's court in the Queen Anne's County Court House.

Mrs. Eleanor Price Thompson, 41, pleaded not guilty but was found guilty of operating a car under the influence of alcohol Dec. 28. She paid $100 fine for the drunken charge and $25 on reckless driving.

George Herman Faulkner, 24, was due for a hearing on the same charges, but failed to appear and his charge and $10 on the reckless collateral of $100 on the drunk and $10 on the reckless charge was forfeited. Faulkner wrecked his car at Dudley's Corners Dec. 20.

In other cases before Trial Magistrate J.W. Thompson, Jr., Norman Wheeler, 22, Centreville, was given a 60-day jail sentence and fined $25 and costs on charges of being drunk and disorderly during a near-riot last Friday night at a dance in a dance hall in Centreville.

Game Wardens charged Richard Bostic, 20, of Ingleside, with killing an illegal deer during the recent gunning season, but the defendant elected a jury trial and was released under $150 bond.

Bypass Cuts Traffic, Town Merchants Begin to Worry

The out-of-State cars are bypassing Centreville now, and the town's two main streets have noticeably less traffic.

It is due to the new section of the Blue Star Memorial highway opened last Wednesday, Dec. 28. The 15-mile stretch extends from the highway's intersection with U.S. Route 13 south of Centreville to Dudley Corners, near Sudlersville.

Hit By Through Traffic

With the opening of the Bay Bridge 3½ years ago through traffic in this normally quiet Queen Annes county seat picked up.

It was soon necessary to make Liberty street one-way south to handle the cars and trucks streaming through the town.

Church Hill, 9 miles north, also felt the sudden increase in traffic.

Reactions Are Mired

Now traffic conditions are approrimately the way they were before the Bay Bridge.

Reactions in the town are mixed Along with the relief that noisy, fast and heavy traffic is down is the feeling of some business men that they have lost a host of potential customers.

Dispose Of Your Old Christmas Tree Through Trash Collection

A vacant lot or the side of a public road is not the place for your old Christmas tree, the Governor's Committee to Keep Maryland Beautiful reminded Marylanders today.

Calling attention to an annual problem that turns one of the most beautiful of Christmas customs into a blot on the community, the Commitee urged that the trees be disposed of through normal trash collection systems.

John E. Clark, chairman, said "The Christmas tree, beautifully decorated, certainly does its part to Keep Maryland Beautiful, both outdoors and in, during the holiday season.

"And yet so many of us seem to have formed the habit of littering the state and our communities with the worn out tree when the lights and the other decorations have been removed.

"There is something rather depressing about seeing an old Christmas tree on a vacant lot or lying beside a public highway where some thoughtless person has disposed of it. For me, at last, it always seems to take some of the pleasure away from the memory of the just-completed holiday.

"The place for old Christmas trees is on the regular dump with other trash. We strongly urge each and every person in Maryland to put his old tree where the regular trash collection agency will pick it up; or if there is no such service available, carry it to the dump himself.

"If we all do this, we will have taken a long step foward in our neverending campaign to KeepMaryland Beautiful."

Roads Boosted In Queen Anne's

An increased county road improvement program has been lined up by the Queen Anne's County Commissioners in cooperation with the Maryland State Roads Commission, it was learned this week.

As compared with some 40 miles of roads surface—treated during the past year, the 1956 program calls for 20½ miles to receive initial treatment and 33½ miles to be treated.

Tentatively the County Commissioners announce they are thinking in terms of a $100,000 roads budget for 1956. Of this $80,000 will go into road construction and maintenance, with $20,000 being allocated for new roads equipment.

Initial treatment of roads costs approximately $3,500 per mile, according to reports.

County Agricultural Agent B.Wayne Kelly has requested the County Commissioners allow local leaders of the 4-H Clubs of the county who serve as a board of managers for the 4-H Club Park, to change the personnel of the board.

The local leaders want to change the board of managers to include representatives of county-wide organiations such as the Farm Bureau, Associated Women, Homemakers Clubs and others, as well as 4-H Club leaders and members.

There are plans in the making for the construction of several permanent buildings at the park, just outside of Centreville on the old Queenstown Road.

LOUISE B. GOFF

Louise B. Goff, age 79, widow of Joseph G. Goff, died at 12:01 a. m. Wednesday morning at the home of her son, J. Granville Goff of 866, Pleasure Road, Lancaster, Pa. after an illness of six months.

She was born in Queen Anne's County, Maryland, a daughter of the late John H. and Laura Urie Ruth. She mas a member of the "Old Wye Parish", Wye Mills, Md. Her son, J. Granville Goff was a former resident of Queenstown.

She is survived by one brother, W. Finley Ruth, of Windsor, N.C., and one sister, Mrs. Ethel Ruth Thompson, Springfield, Delaware County, Pa.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10 a.m. from the funeral home of Fred F. Groff, Inc., 234 W. Orange St., Lancaster, Pa.

Taxing Basis Up $1,300,000 In Queen Anne's County

Queen Anne's county's assessable basis has increased about $1,300,000 in the psat year, according to figure completed by Walter Lindsey, superisor of assessments.

The new basis is $30,373,356; the old, $29,067,229. Both include real and personal property.

The increase is due to reassessment of five of the county's seven districts and the addition to the tax rolls of new buildings.

Possible Treasury Increase

Figuring the increase on the basis of the county's present tax rate, $1.87 per $100 value assessed, it means an additional $24,000 to the county's treasury.

Tuesday, Harry C. Rhodes, superintendent of schools, is due to present to the county commissioners his proposed 1956 school budget, always the biggest single department budget.

Tuesday night the commissioners began poring over the submitted budgets preparatory to coming up with an overall county budget and a new tax rate.

The 1955 budget totaled $790,154.26. Of that amount $355,400 represented the outlay for schools, exclusive of the schoolbond payments.

Blakeford Farms Denied Tax Exemption

Tax exemptions claimed by the Whitehall Foundations, Inc., regarding Blakeford Farms, near Queenstown, were denied this week by the Queen Anne's County Commissioners in the latest move in the long legal battle.

The decision by the three-man board followed several months during which it appeared possible that, if the foundation could substantiate its requests for these exemptions, the county would lose some $4,800 in annual revenue.

This figure, however, was later revised downward to approximately $1,700 which would still represent about a half cent on the tax rate, based on specific requests for exemption of certain farm buildings and 100 acres of tillable land on the several farm comprising BlakeforFarms

The estate, home of the late George Moffett, was willed to the Whitehall Foundation, Inc., upon his death several years ago and it is claiming the tax exemptions since it is stated the farm raises swine and some crops on experimental basis.

The basis of the tax-exempt claim is that the organization is non-profit, and charitable and that the buildings and land at Blakeford are used for a long-range livestock breeding program which it stated is educational in nature.

"It is the finding of the county commisioners," said the decision, "that Whitehall Foundation, Inc., as to any real estate owned by it in Queen Anne's County, does not qualify for the exemptions claimed."

Wye Plantation Bull Sale May Set Record

Twenty-five registered Aberdeen-Angus bulls were sold to two Texas and Mississippi ranchers last Monday, Dec. 30, in what is believed the largest single transaction ever made in the State involving the sale of beef bulls for breeding purposes.

The sale was announced by James B. Lingle, manager of Wye Plantation. The Wye Plantation herd, one of the largest in the State, was established eighteen years ago.

The sale price was not disclosed except for the generalization that it was "high."

Raising of beef cattle has grown rapidly on the Shore in recent years.

FOR SALE—Nice heavy ,big timber, mostly hardwood. About 10 acres. On old Route U.S. 50 near Queenstown. Easily excess to timber. Price Reasonable. Apply to Otto Biehl, 135 Bayside Drive, Baltimore 22, Md.

FOR SALE—New bungalow, 3 bedrooms, kitchen, utility and modern conveniences. Write: B. H. Howard, Queenstown P. O., Md.

Governor Proclaims Jan. As March of Dimes Month

Governor Theodore R. McKeldin this week proclaimed January as March of Dimes month throughout the state and urged contributions which will make possible continued March of Dime programs of patient aid, research and professional education.

"In 1956, the March of Dimes call is more urgent than ever," the Governor said. "We are in sight of a goal for which Americans have hoped and prayed for years—the end of polio.

"The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is searching for a perfect polio vaccine, one which will send the disease into the defeated ranks of smallpox, diphtheria and typhoid fever," he continued.

"However," Governor McKeldin pointed out, "there is a more sober need of the March of Dimes campaign. The Salk vaccine will come too late to benefit thousands of polio victims. In addition, those who are inoculated are not always fully protected.

"The March of Dimes is also morally obligated to bring care and comfort to the 68,000 who already have polio," he said. "This patient aid, plus costs of scientific research and professional education, amount to $50-million dollars."

During the 1956 campaign, which begins on January 3 and continues through January 31, the National Foundation is asking the American people for $47,600,000.

In January, communities through out Maryland will participate in March of Dimes events, including such activities as Blue Crutch Day, Peanuts for Polio Day, Antique Car Day and the annual Mother'sMarch on Polio ,according to the state chairman, former U.S. Senator, George L. Radcliffe.

"Local civic, church and teen organizations will take part in these March of Dimes promotions," he said.

"Many people will be stricken with polio before they can realize the blessing of the Salk vaccine," Mr. Radcliffe pointed out. "It is not enough to say a mother in an iron lung, 'We now have an effective polio vaccine. Even though it came too late for you, it will protect your children.!

"The only moral, humane thing we can say to that mother is 'We will continue to do eerything we can to see that you ar not forgotten in the rush of victory that comes with increasing use of the vaccine.

"We must go on with out research the chairman said, "to help those stricken to live useful lives. And we must continue to train medical personnel to see that polio victims need not fight polio alone."

JOSEPH RICHARD SPARKS

Funeral services were held last Thursday afternoon, Dec. 29 for Joseph Richard Sparks, life-long Queen Anne's County resident, who died Friday at the age of 76, after a short illness.

Mr. Sparks was born July 28, 1879, near Crumpton, the son of the late Joseph R. and RebeccaHowellSparks and was a mechanic. In September 1904, he married Katherine Mason who died in 1926.

He is survived by two children, Roland, Butler, Ohio; and Mrs. Melvin Crouch, Chester. Also living are two brothers, James, Philadelphia; and John, Baltimore; and two sisters, Mrs. Belle Davis, Wilmington, and Mrs. Flora Cronshaw, Church Hill. Four grandchildren also survive.

Services were conducted from Barton Bros. Chapel by the Rev. Waldo Dise, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Centreville, and interment was in Chesterfield Cemetery. Pallbearers were Emile Moore, Ray Golt, Albert Roe, Herman Stevens, Albert Gertz Fred Cater.

WATERFRONT PROPERTY

FOR SALE in Chester, Md. adjoining Crab Alley Club. Three and three-fourths acres, six room house. For information, call Philadelphia, Cumberland 8-1754.

FOR SALE—8¼ h.p. Briggs & Stratton motor, new. Apply to Raymond Horney, Grasonville, Md.