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HERE AND NOW

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Man will never be satisfied until he solves the riddle of changing this world of ours into a human-controlled rather than a naturally or deity controlled orb. And perhaps he will not be satisfied then. A suggestion has been made to Admiral Byrd that he attempt in a small way to probe the possibility of melting the huge ice cap at the South Pole. Weather is "made" at the two Poles. They are the centers where the heavy, frigid air currents drop from the upper strata the atmosphere to fan out generally toward the equator where the hot air rises to complete the circuit. If the icecap at the South Pole can be melted, two results are envisaged: reclaiming land now buried under eternal snow, and taking the frosty bite from Antarctic winds.

The South Pole was not always icebound. Discovery of coal in its frozen wastes indicates that in a long gone eon the area was green with growing vegetation, the primary source of peat bogs and coal deposits. Admiral Byrd is invited to mine some of this coal, pulverize it and scatter the dust in a thin film over glaciers and snow fields. The black surface of the coal would then absorb the sun's heat, pass it to the snow beneath and so induce melting. The solar rays which are now reflected from Antarctic snows in the long summer would be harnessed to a purposeful thaking task.

Today the suggestion of melting the icecap seems chimerical. Yet it is dangerous to scoff at what the mind and energy of man may yet do. A good portion of the sun's heat rides back to the great void above us unutilized. Man's mighest problem at the South Pole would be to melt the snow in summer faster than it could form in the winter. If he could do that he might break the force of Polar cold and do what he does not now intend, make the world's weather generally warmer. He would also use up millions of tons of coal in the process.

The year of grace 1940 is a leap year. Tradition says that in leap year the fair sex may openly pop the question instead of inducing a proposal as feminine modesty urges in other years. Researchers say Scotswomen of 700 years ago first established leap year as the happy hunting season when they had a statute passed permitting any unmarried woman to ask any unmarried man to wed her. Unless he could show betrothal to another he was required to marry the maid who laid claim to him or pay a fine graduated according to his wealth up to one pound. The scheme was simply a tax on bachelors, an idea that crops up still in the fertile brains of law makers. Apart from any suggestion of tax, it might be a good notion if women availed themselves more freely of their leap year privilege. Many a man has gone through life a bachelor who might have married had some girl given him the push he lacked himself.

The blackouts in Europe resulting from fear of air raids are inducing a steadily mounting toll of civilian fatalities. Train crashes in Germany took 200 lives last week. In addition traffic deaths in blackout hours have shown a sharp upswing in cities of both Great Britain and Germany. War is a calamity whose tentacles of horror spread in myriad directions so much so that civilization is a myth as long as it countenances war.

Scientists say that every living thing emits short waves in the manner of radio broadcasts, that as the living atoms of the body break down they send forth minute electric radiations. This has nothing to do with the misguided idea of individuals that their bodies tune in with the regular broadcasting chains, an impossible feat which some persons in the early days of radio considered themselves capable of doing. It may account however for some of the reaction between between individuals, romance, friendliness, hate, or even the extra-sensory perceptions which are being given a whirl now by researches interested in finding the truth or error in the phenomenon called telepathy. It may explain the musical device played merely by waving the hands above it. And it may become a basis for quacks to fool the gullible.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Powell of the vicinity of Church Hill, gave a surprise party on Sunday in honor of the twelfth birthday of their daughter, Miss Betty Powell. A large number of friends attended. Games of all were enjoyed and she was showered with

Sanchez, Kenton Episode Leading Story for 1939

Death of Grasonville Girls on Highway. Athenia Sinking, Interest Readers

The year 1939 furnished Queen Anne's with a greater number of important news stories than 1938 with the most dramatic of these, as in the way of news, stemming from some one's misfortune.

The ten leading stories from the standpoint of live news interest, the eagerness which makes the bulk of the readers reach for their newspaper were these: 1st, the Kenton-Sanchez crime at Templeville which led to their being sentenced to be hanged; 2d, highway deaths of Betty Sewell and Peggy Buckel at Grasonville; 3d, the sinking of the Athenia which brought the European War to Queen Anne's through the rescue of Mrs. Thomas J. Keating, jr., and her son; 4th, the Congressional election won by David J. Ward, involving Senator Dudley G. Roe, who withdrew, and G. Davis Neavitt, who lost; 5th, death of S. Newton Smith at Bloody Crossing in Goldsboro; 6th, Eastern Shore Fair; 7th, negro fatally burned at Centreville; 8th, parking changes in Centreville; 9th, Anderson suicide and wounding of son, Chester; 10th, syphilis-control campaign.

Other important stories without regard to order were the appointment of George M. Moffett to the State Welfare Board; resignation of Kenneth W. Baker; opening of Sanitary Laboratory; election of Senator Roe as Senate Floor leader; rescue by Shaggy Bayne at Crumpton; shooting of Hattie Waters; death of Howard E. Price; baseball, including the coming of the Rex Sox and two no-hit games; sending of Pioneer Point cattle to Venezuela; and liquor prosecutions.

Thumb nail summaries of the leading stories are as follows:

Kenton-Sanchez: On the night of September 12 Alvin C. Kenton and Thomas C. Sanchez, masked respectively with a piece of torn bed spread and a handkerchief, knocked at the door of the home of Peter Aikins about 11 p. m., asked for a match, forced their way in, subsequently half smothered Mrs. Aikins, criminally assaulted Mrs. Aikins, stole an intrinsically small amount of property, but were recognized because Mrs. Aikins tore the mask off Sanchez. The men were tried at Easton on a change of venue, found guilty and sentenced to be hanged.

Highway deaths. Betty Sewell, 9, and Peggy Buckle, 7, were returning from a store, walking by the side of the road with Betty's smaller sister when a car driven by Winchester Smith of Willoughby and Queen Anne, hit them. Smith kept going but was stopped by Richard Shereck of Frederick. Smith was found guilty of second degree murder by a jury, the first for a highway fatality in Maryland, and was sentenced to eight years in the State Penitentiary.

Athenia. Dramatic sinking of the liner Athenia to open the naval war between Germany and England touched Queen Anne's when it was learned that Mrs. Thomas J. Keating, jr., and her small son were aboard the doomed ship. Word of their rescue came after several days.

Election. Following the appointment of Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough to a Federal Court, a special election became necessary. Senator Roe announced his candidacy early, retired to give Senator David J. Ward a free field for the Democratic nomination. Ward beat G. Davis Neavitt, Independent, and A. Stengle Marine, Republican, carrying Queen Anne's by 4,000.

S. Newton Smith, widely known poultry buyer, was instantly killed at "Old Bloody" railway crossing in Goldsboro when his car was struck by the Pennsylvania's gasoline "Bullet" train January 6 at 6:30 p. m., a year ago this evening. A woman passenger was also killed.

The first Eastern Shore Fair, including the fall Poultry Show, sprung successive stories of interest as details were unfolded.

William Taylor, negro, was trapped in his blazing home on Little Kidwell and though rescued by quick work by Good Will firemen subsequently died.

Request for parking changes in Centreville awoke a storm of discussoin, pro and con, which died out as the Town Commissioners quietly introduced a revision of the entire traffic system.

Calvin Anderson, Cordova farmer, shot his son Chester, former employee at Pioneer Point Farms, badly injurying the son, then turned the gun on himself and blew his brains out.

The syphilis control campaign, first of its kind on a country-wide basis, is expected to be an important milestone in eventual control of the world's worst social disease.

Start Work On Bennett's Point Road

Work on improving the Bennett's Point road from the Mary Carmichael corner on started last week under the joint sponsorship of the County Commissioners and the WPA. The road will be graded, ditched, graveled and sanded with the possibility that it will receive a macadam surface at a future date. Bryantown and a rich farming section will benefit by the improvement.

The County Commissioners also plan to extend Ruthsburg road surfacing one mile this year, add slightly more than two miles to the Price-Bridgetown road toward the Caroline line; and as far as funds permit improve the road to Burrisville from the Centreville-Church Hill highway.

Bids are now being sought for the erection of the Annex to Centreville high school. The Commissioners state that it is their expectation to have the Annex completed by the opening of the next school year.

Boots, Toots, Persian Cats, Separated

Boots and Toots, the pair of beautiful Persian cats owned by Miss Jeanne Rigby Valliant, of Centreville, are separated again. Boots, a handsome twelve-pound animal with striped tawny fur, disappeared the day after Christmas and has not been seen since. It is possible that Boots got into a cellar or shed and was locked up.

Toots disappeared a few years ago and was retrieved by a filling station operator near Queen Anne. He noticed the friendly feline around his place after a car owner had bought gas and driven on. Whether the cat had been put in the car was unknown. Boots and Toots have a deep aversion to cars and fight shy of them.

Any one finding Boots is asked to communicate with Jeanne, or her father, T. Rigby Valliant, at Centreville.

WITH THE SICK

Mrs. Joseph Bishop entered the Easton Emergency Hospital on Tuesday to undergo a serious operation.

Cold Hampers Muskrat Trappers

No true line on the prospects for the muskrat season in Queen Anne's county was available this week. Although the trapping season opened, cold weather coated the marshes with ice and prevented operations by the trappers.

Three-fourths of the county's marsh rabbits are the brown variety, less valuable than the black. Opening prices for browns should be about a dollar a pelt.

The cold weather is expected to bring profit later on. Pelts should be better furred with thicker hides, the sort which bring top prices.

Trapping is the only legal means of hunting the animals. From down Shore come reports of high powered air rifles and shot guns being used, the air rifles being preferred as less noisy. The fine when caught using either illegal weapon is equally severe.

SCHOOL NEARS

Approval has been given to the WPA project for early work toward the erection of the new Sudlersville high school. The project contemplates landscaping of grounds, establishing parking places and walks, building a fireproof boiler room and several other features. Money appropriated by the County Commissioners in October, 1938, will be available in most part for erection of the building.

WALTONS TO MEET

An organization meeting of the Izaak Walton League will be held in the Courthouse Monday evening at 8 o'clock at which time plans for the coming year will be worked out. Two capable speakers from outside the county will be present. The meeting will be conducted by T. Rigby Valliant recently elected president.

NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. David Hurlock, formerly of Crumpton, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born New Year's Eve in Philadelphia.

SHERIFF WINDS UP BUSY YEAR

FINDS "TRAVELERS" ODD FEATURE OF PRISON LIFE

Well in the grooves of his duties Sheriff Edward Earl Coursey closed his books for 1939 with a full year of accomplishment. The Sheriff has seen dull times when there were so few prisoners in the jail as to hardly warrant firing up the stove for supper, rush times when the cells were well occupied and touchy times when prisoners held for serious crimes required careful guarding.

During the year the Sheriff has delivered 31 prisoners to the House of Correction, 5 to the State Penitentiary and 4 to Crownsville. He has also held for return three fugitives from the National Training School at Washington and one for the Maryland Training School, and locked up one prisoner destined for the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

One of the most effective accomplishments of the year was the arrest of Alvin Kenton and Thomas C. Sanchez within twenty-four hours of a night crime and before the evidence could be dissipated.

Poultry thieving was also broken up, at least as far as reports of depredations were concerned.

Many repeaters come to the jail in the course of a year and the Sheriff has them well catalogued by now.

One type of jail visitor not known to the general public consists of the "travelers" who apparently maintain a restless route from the lower Eastern Shore to Baltimore and back again. Most of these are white. What wanderlust spurs them on is unknown to the Sheriff but he says there is a steady trickle of such travelers to and from Baltimore who drop in at the jail o' nights on their round trips.

They apparently commit no crimes. Most of them work for a few days. Usually they have a dollar or so which they turn over to the Sherin for safe keeping. In such cases the Sheriff deducts the customary 50¢ for a day's keep. But they come in quietly, go to their cells, and are ready to leave in the morning. Like the Wandering Jew of tradition they shuttle back and forth, unable to explain their restlessness, flotsam to whom the protection of a jail means more than the sordid surroundings of prison bars.

HARD TILT FACES LOCAL BOOTERS

CENTREVILLE HOST TO GREENSBORO CHAMPS SUNDAY

The Centreville soccer team, battling to keep a grip on third place and a shot at the playoffs in the Eastern Shore Soccer League, has its work cut out in a large order when it faces off against the champion Greensboro eleven at the Centreville high school grounds Sunday afternoon.

Greensboro is again riding high, wide and handsome at the top of the league. Centreville is tied with Ridgely for third place. In the previous encounter between the teams at Greensboro Centreville was decisively defeated 5-1, but had the satisfaction of scoring the first goal of the season against the champions.

Since then Centreville has sharpened its attack and stiffened its defense. It has knocked off all rivals but one since the Greensboro set back and the club rates itself as having better than an outside chance of taking Greensboro for a sleigh-ride, with or without snow.

The locals boast one of the best halfback lines in the circuit and a rugged pair of fullbacks. The forwards have added smoothness to their attack and the club is stronger from forwards to goal than in the earlier match with the champs.

The contest shapes up like a natural and given good weather and a clean pitch should furnish soccer fans with a heaping sports dish.

Standing Of The Clubs

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pts.
Greensboro	8	1	1	17
Denton	7	1	2	16
Centreville	7	2	1	15
Ridgely	7	2	1	15
Easton	5	2	3	13
Harrington	4	4	2	10
Vienna A. C.	4	5	2	10
St. Michaels	2	7	2	6
West Denton	1	10	0	2

Schedule For Sunday

St. Michaels at Vienna A. C.

Greensboro at Centreville

Denton at West Denton

Easton at Ridgely

ST. PAUL'S SERVICES

"Making Christianity Work" will be the topic of a sermon to be delivered by the Rev. Thomas Donaldson, rector of St. Paul's Church, on Sunday morning. Services for the day will be as follows: 8 a. m., Holy Communion; 9:45 a. m., Church School; 11 a. m., Holy Communion and Sermon. The Young People's Meeting will be held in the afternoon at 5 o'clock.

FARM BUREAU MEETS NEXT WEEK

GOVERNOR O'CONOR TO BE HONOR GUEST AT BANQUET

County Farm Bureau delegates and members are getting set for the 24th annual meeting of the Maryland Farm Bureau and affiliated organizations to be held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore next week from Tuesday through Friday. The big day will be Thursday with a speaking program in the afternoon and a banquet and dance in the evening.

On the afternoon program will be President Edward A. O'Neal of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Miss Sue Wigley who will talk on "Making a Living and Living a Life;" and the Rev. William C. Roberts, whose topic is "Farmers and Democracy."

Governor Herbert R. O'Conor and Mrs. O'Conor will be honor guests at the banquet at which some 700 farmers will be present. A brief talk will be given by the Governor, to be followed by an address by author and humorist R. K. Rosewell.

Approximately 2,000 farmers are expected to attend sessions of the convention and to visit the Poultry and Dairy Product Exhibits held in connection with it.

Poultry producers and hatcherymen will be especially interested in Wednesday's sessions when a very complete and informative program covering every phase of the "Billion Dollar Industry" will be discussed, with especial emphasis upon Maryland problems.

Beekeepers, livestockmen, vegetable growers, practically every type of farmers in Maryland will have some session somewhere at the convention assigned to his particular work.

He Sold The Ford: 1932 Model Coupe

The New Year's Break at the Centreville Armory was a success, but a huge one. One of the largest crowds in its history turned out, dancing on a dime featured the favorite rhythms and 1940 was given the glad hand of greeting in an expansive way.

Again the pulling power of Queen Anne's News was attested. Two ads and two front page notices in this newspaper were enough to make folks solve their New Year's pleasure question in a hurry, by dating up for the Break.

And here's a sample power of the classified ads: Edwin Seward advertised a 1932 Ford coupe for sale. Before the series of ads ran out Edwin had a sale and a new owner had himself a car. Figure the moral to this tale!

People outside the county are sending in a bucko for Queen Anne's News. Some of them will be mentioned next week. Just to show how folks outside Queen Anne's borders want every issue, here is an extract from a letter written by a subscriber from beyond the Appalachians: "Apparently my copy of The News for the week of December 22nd was among those put aboard the slow train through Arkansas—leastwise it has never shown up. Will you mail me another copy?"

Ten Teams Start Badminton Play

Badminton got underway after a delayed start at the Centreville Armory Wednesday evening when ten mixed doubles teams from Centreville high school squared off in the opening matches of a Round Robin tournament.

The teams were Robert Price, Jeanne Valliant; Jane and Vachel Downes; Reeves Price, George Aldridge, jr.; Robert Perry, Ann Donaldson; John Valliant, Virginia Price; Sue Valliant, Pat Deacon; Ross Sparks, Sue Thomas; Dickie Newell, Lucy Donaldson; Ted Rolph, Anna Barton; Robert Smith, Dickie Ashley.

Total points will decide the tournament with matches set for Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Matches in Ladies' doubles and Men's doubles elimination tournaments will be held on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

YOO-HOO, GIRLS

The Queenstown Lions Club will send two delegates to the International Lions Convention to be held in Havana, Cuba in July. Ed. Nichols has already been named as one delegate. The trip is good for two weeks with ordinary epenses debited against the Queenstown club's purse. Ed. is now trying to negotiate a ringside seat at the International Bathing Beauty Contest to be held at Havana at the same time.

BIRTHDAY BALL

Postmaster Francis E. Thomas, of Centreville, has been named County Chairman for the Birthday Balls to be held January 30 in honor of the birthday of President Roosevelt and for the Infantile Paralysis fund.

County Has Few Tragedies In 1939

Years Record Shows Five Fatalities, Low Fire Loss

Despite the more spectacular nature of fatalities in Queen Anne's in 1939 the total number of tragic deaths occurring within county borders stood at the low total of five, one less than in 1938.

Three highway deaths, one drowning and one man burned to death accounted for the 1939 tragedies against two highway deaths, three drownings and one burned to death in the previous year.

The highway deaths were those of Peggy Buckle, 7, Betty Sewell, 9, and Albert Wilson, 45-year-old negro, who slipped and fell under the car of Alexander Rhynes, elderly negro, on the Corsica Neck road near Wharf Lane on February 4 at 6:45 p. m. Wilson, one of the tallest negroes in Queen Anne's county, was evidently trying to hail Rhynes' car.

The only drowning in county waters was that of Tinley Cottman, negro oyster shucker, at the pier of the A. C. Harris plant at Kent Narrow early in the evening of February 9. Cottman, apparently planning to visit the crew of a boat, either slipped and fell off the sleet covered planks, or in the darkness failed to realize that there were a few yards of open water between the pier and the boat and walked off to his death.

The death from burning was that of William Taylor, Little Kidwell negro, who was fatally burned when his dwelling was destroyed in a spectacular fire on June 24.

The fire loss in Queen Anne's was again relatively low. The greatest amount of damage was on the farm tenatned by George Wise on the Hope Road on January 10 at 2 a. m. The granary, stable, corn crib were destroyed, other outbuildings damaged, four mules and two horses killed and a loss of $10,000 entailed.

A second spectacular fire was that which destroyed the more than a century old home on the Shrewsbury farm on November 16 about 11 p. m. The old farmhouse, two and a half stories high with three stacks containing old-fashioned fireplaces, was doomed from the start. A dramatic feature was the arousing of the sleeping Nelson Coleman family, tenants, by coon hunters who saw the blaze and left a treed coon to sound the alarm.

The year saw the first homicide trials in two years when Winchester Smith was found guilty in traffic fatalities and Bessie Brooks was sentenced to eight years for shooting Hattie Brooks to death on the doorsteps of the J. W. Baxter shucking plant at the Narrows.

Farmers had only an ordinary year at best. Prices for most farm products were low to fair with good prices being obtained only for tomatoes and corn. Wheat prices advanced in the fall due to war conditions yet most farmers had disposed of their crop by that time. Watermen had an unusually good oyster season in the fall but ordinary fishing and crabbing seasons.

Renovation of Centreville high school, planned in 1938, got underway in the late summer. Centreville and Queenstown revamped traffic conditions. Sudlersville added a number of WPA projects, drainage, streets and sidewalks, to make the First District town one of the State's best managed. Establishment of the Eastern Shore Fair, the Livestock Sanitary Laboratory and the syphilis control campaign were definitely added new assets to the county.

Olin R. Higgins Is Out For Congress

Olin R. Higgins, of Hurlock, Dorchester county, prominent in the agricultural interests of his county and the Shore and a former Senator from that county in the Maryland State Legislature, this week announced his candidacy for nomination as Representative in the United States Congress from the First Congressional District.

Prominently mentioned on previous occasions as a likely candidate for the post, and assured of the support of many of the leading Democrats of Dorchester county, Mr. Higgins has gained a Shore-wide following of enthusiastic supporters.

Mr. Higgins served in the Maryland Senate from 1934 to 1938, at which time he was not a candidate for re-election. His record in the State Legislature was a distinguished one and his work there was of lasting benefit to his county and his State. As Chairman of the important Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries, he steadfastly stood for the interests of the watermen and for legislation that would benefit those interests. He served also on other important committees including those on Finance and Agriculture, and was a member of all conference committees for discussing and adjusting differences between the Senate and House of Delegates.

He is extensively interested in agriculture and is the owner of large orchards near his home in Hurlock He is a member of the Farm Bureau, a and of the Executive Committee of the Maryland State Horticultural Society.

He has long been actively interested in the public affairs of his county, and his record of services to his constituents has been an enviable one.

With his large and varied experience in business, in agriculture, and as a member of the Maryland Legislature, Mr. Higgins is eminently qualified to best serve the interests of the people of the First Congressional District in the United States Congress. His platform in its entirety, follows:

Economy

I favor a balanced budget. I have always opposed extravagance in my own business and I will likewise oppose it in Government. At the same time, with a country as prosperous as ours, I do not believe that anyone should be allowed to suffer, and if necessity should require it, I will favor the use of Federal funds for human needs.

Foreign Conflict

The absolute failure of the World War to "make the world safe for Democracy," and its appalling cost to humanity in life and morals, compel me to oppose this country's participation in foreign conflict. The present challenge is to safeguard

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Cold Weather Halts Tongers

The subnormal temperature which gripped the Eastern Shore this week slowed activities among the watermen to a standstill. Cold winds and rough water halted tonging completely. The chill weather served to stimulate demand for oysters in the markets, however, and will empty stocks of those packers who did not clear out their shell stock for the Christmas trade. When the weather moderates the tongers are expected to profit by the demand of packers for oysters to recoup their supplies.

The Narrows, which kept open through New Year's began to close over with the ice on Tuesday, earlier than for many years.

Farming activities were also reduced to a minimum. Livestock, especially sheep, were the chief sufferers by being denied more than a breath of the outdoors. Sheep are said not to do so well when penned up for long periods.

Dr. Blevins To Join Staff At Mayo Hospital

Dr. George C. Blevins, son of Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Blevins, of Centreville, has been accepted for a two-year internship at the famous Mayo Hospital in Rochester, Minn. Dr. Blevins will assume his duties at the Mayo Hospital upon completion of his present year's internship at Bellevue Hospital in New York City. Gold Medal winner in his class at the University of Maryland Medical School last June, Dr. Blevins is specializing in surgery.

New Drug Store Added To Centreville

A new drug store was added to Centreville's business circles last week when Holland & Burke's opened a modern pharmacy department in their store on Water street. Prescriptions are now being filled.

The department is neat, compact and attractive with modern equipment even to hot and cold water. It specializes in compounding or "filling" physician's prescriptions and is in charge of a pharmacist of more than forty years' experience who has compounded more than 100,000 prescriptions during that period. The public is invited to visit the department and will most likely do so, since the average person has never had a chance to see behind the scenes in a prescription section of a drug store.

NEW YEAR'S DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas Smith, of Upper Queen Anne's, were hosts at a family dinner on Sunday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Coleman, of Galena; Mr. and Mrs. John Whiting, of Ridgely; and Mrs. Dollie V. Cecil and Mrs. Randolph Murphy, of Price.

BURGLARS SLUG, ROB WATCHMAN

LEAVE CARETAKER FOR DEAD AFTER HATCHET ATTACK

Unidentified burglars broke into the store of Walter Crouch, jr., at Little Creek on Kent Island between midnight and dawn last Friday morning, slugged Danfield Jenkins, 48-year-old negro watchman into unconsciousness with a hatchet and left him for dead, and escaped with about $80 in cash.

Jenkins, who was badly beaten about the face and head and had his skull fractured, was taken to Easton Emergency Hospital where he lay in a state of coma until Monday noon. When he returned to consciousness his mind was blank as to what occurred after the first blow.

The watchman who bears a good reputation, has been employed for about five years at the store and beer garden of Walter Crouch, jr., and the packing house of Captain Walter Crouch at Little Creek. Negro workers also confided their cash to him for safekeeping.

As the story was pieced together by Sheriff Edward Earl Coursey and Constable Louis Perkins, Jenkins completed his checkup of the packing house and store about midnight Thursday and went to sleep in the store with his pistol nearby.

The burglars entered the packing house first and stole a hatchet from the skimming room. They then entered the store and ambushed Jenkins as he crawled around a counter in the dark to find the source of the noise. When his head showed around a corner he was battered by hatchet blows and the floor, counter and ceiling were spattered with his blood.

Jenkins was then robbed of $45 belonging to George Nichols, an oyster carrier, and $10 belonging to Helen Webb, a shucker. From the music box $20 was taken and about $4 in nickels from the till. A cigarette vending machine resisted efforts to break into it.

The unconscious watchman was discovered early Friday morning by Albert Roe and Louis Crouch. They saw the door to the store open and investigated.

The stolen hatchet was recovered from shallow water in the Creek by George Nichols, whose money had been taken. Jenkins' flashlight was found later in the Creek by a white searcher.

Little Creek abounds in floating negroes as well as workers, making investigation difficult. The section has been the scene of considerable trouble and the November Grand Jury recommended more careful supervision be given to the locale of Little Creek.

Queenstown Scouts Entertain Friends

Boy Scouts of the Queenstown Troop were hosts at a delightful party to their friends in the Queenstown School Tuesday evening. About 75 guests were present. A highly enjoyable evening was had with games, dancing to the music of amplified records and refreshments building up the proper program.

The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Lane, Mrs. Milton Faulkner, Mrs. Charles Wagner, Joseph Anthony, L. A. Gabler and Scoutmaster Ed Nichols.

The following were present:

Scouts: George Aldridge, jr., E. E. Coursey, jr., James Morris, Robert Walter, jr., Eugene Roberts, Ralph Melvin, Robert Wagner, Charles Wagner, jr., Joseph Cook, Ray Coursey, jr., Earl Smith, jr., Emerson Collier, John Short, jr., James E. Thompson, jr., John Seward, Jr., and Robert Rhodes.

Guests: Ruth Lingle, Janet Lingle, Ruth Butler, Margaret Benton, Margaret Cook, Genevieve Roe, Margaret Pinder, Pauline Pinder, Edith Pinder, June Kauffman, Mary Lou Reynolds, Shirley Tuttle, Martha Roberts, Ann Lane, Helen Aldridge, George Steinfelt, Collier Smith, Booby Morris, Billy Morris, Oliver Berry, Bryan Walters, T. L. Reynolds, Milton Anthony, Leon Young.

WILLIAM S. PETERS

William Stanley Peters, a native of Centreville, but for many years a resident of Baltimore, died suddenly at his home at 2500 Maryland Avenue, Baltimore, on Friday evening of last week. He was 62 years old.

He was born in Centreville, the son of the late William J. and Katharine Woolley Peters. His early life was spent in Centreville where he attended the private school in Dandy Hall. When he was eighteen his family moved to Baltimore.

At the time of his passing he was employed in the Tax Department of Baltimore. He had an excellent voice and formerly sang in several Episcopal Churches in Baltimore, including Memorial and Grace and St. Peter's.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Anne Turner.

Funeral services were held from his late home Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

Burial was in Loudon Park cemetery in Baltimore.

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