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Dear Old Santa Claus

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There's lots of folks I'd like to know
Who live in summer rain and snow;
Who dwell as well, in cold and heat,
And on earth's good old Easy Street,
But here's the chap for loud applause,
Our good old friend, dear Santa Claus.

Though men may come and men may go,
Though kings speed fast and then go slow,
There's one who gets here every year,
On time with his old jingle deer,
So hail this chap for loud applause,
Our good old friend, dear Santa Claus.

The world is full of heroes great,
On deck today, then out of date
But where's the child who does not cheer
For one famed Saint to mem'ry dear,
Who does not give her loud applause
For her good friend, old Santa Claus?

Whipping Decreed By Circuit Court

Wife Beater Sentenced To Jail and Ten Lashes

For the second time in less than a month a Maryland judge has decreed the whipping post for a convected wife beater.

Chief Judge Stephen Collins in Cecil County Circuit sentenced Glen Doyle, 42-year-old carpenter, to sixty days in jail and ten lashes for beating his wife Marie and his 8-year-old daughter Pearl. It was the first such sentence in forty years.

In Prince George's county Daniel Sealock, 39, of Bradbury Heights, must wait until April to learn the outcome of his appeal from a sentence of six lashes and ten days in jail for wife-beater. He was sentenced November 29.

Under terms of Doyle's sentence, Sheriff David J. Randolph may administer the whipping in the county jail at Elkton at any time during Doyle's sixty-day term.

Mrs. Sid Cole, of the Cecil County Welfare Board, testified at Doyle's trial that she heard of the case and visited Mrs. Doyle. She said Mrs. Doyle was "severely beaten" and that Pearl was "black from head to foot" from strap bruises.

E. D. E. Rollins' State's Attorney, said his investigation bore out Mrs. Cole's testimony. Both Mrs. Doyle and the child were in court Monday but did not testify.

Doyle pleaded guilty, but told Judge Collins he was intoxicated at the time of the alleged offense. Mrs. Doyle is the mother of ten children.

Wins National Notice

Diligent pursuance of a hobby led last week to national recognition for Robert K. Bishop, 1356 Park Boulevard, Camden, N. J., Latin instructor at West Nottingham Academy. Who's Who in Poetry in America notified Bishop by mail that several of his poems have been selected for their new anthology of contemporary verse by younger writers.

Asked how it all came about, the young school teacher---he is 24 and holds both the A. B. and M. A. degrees from Princeton University---disclosed that the honor came as a surprise to him, although he admitted that the Oglethorpe University Press in Georgia had previously published some of his verse.

Bishop explained that he has been writing peotry in his spare time since the age of 15. "I just kept on doing it," he continued, "more for fun than anything else and really never expected anything to come of it."

Mirror Factory Destroyed At Oxford

Fire swept through the plant of the Reliance Manufacturing Company at Oxford, Pa., on Sunday night causing an estimated damage of $20,000. Volunteer firemen from Oxford and West Gove battled for three hours to bring the flames under control.

The blaze was caused by a fautly gasoline heater, firemen said, and was discovered by plant watchman at 7:30 o'clock.

Stocks of mirrors, chief product of the firm, intended for the Christmas market, were destroyed in the three-story section of the plant in which all records and business offices were also housed.

The records and files, in addition to office furniture and equipment, were destroyed, firemen said. The plant located on Hodgson Avenue in an isolated section, has been operating in Oxford for a number of years.

Briefly Noted News

West Nottingham Academy closed on Friday afternoon for the Christmas vacation period.

The public schools of the county will close on Friday of this week for the Christmas holidays, reopening on Monday, January 6.

The Cecil County Jersey Cattle Club held their annual dinner and business meeting at the Howard Hotel, Elkton, on Wednesday evening of this week.

The Sunday School Board met with Mrs. Clara B. Keen on Tuesday evening, Dec. 10. The next meeting will be at the home of Russell Johnson on January 7, 1941.

Under a revised schedule the mobilization of the Maryland units of the National Guard are to be called into Federal service between February 3 and February 17.

The Department of Motor Vehicles will close at Noon on Christmas Eve, December 24, and resume business on the morning of December 26, according to an announcement made by W. Lee Elgin, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

Perryville is having several hundred illuminating colored lights strung in the business center of the town, and will turn on the current Saturday evening, Dec. 21st, for the Christmas season. This is the first time the town has had special Christmas illumination.

Nora Hedrick, 60, of Perry Point, suffered fractures of both legs and arms and a brain concussion when struck by an automobile, driven by a Port Deposit man. After first aid treatment, she was brought to the Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace.

During the high wind that prevailed, about six o'clock Tuesday morning, a large linden tree in the yard of H. K. Thomas, on Cherry stree, in this town, was snapped off about fifteen feet from the ground. Despite the fact that two autos were parked in the driveway near the base of the tree, neither of the cars were struck, nor was other damage done

Fire Company Auxiliary Formed

The Ladies Auxiliary of Cecil County Fire Companies was formed on Wednesday evening last, at the Howard Hotel, in Elkton. Following a banquet attended by sixty-five ladies from all sections of Cecil county, Mrs. Elizabeth Minker, Perryville, and Miss Kathryn Schaefer, Chesapeake City installed the following officers: President, Mrs. Nancy Everett, Cecilton; vice-president, Miss Florence Conway North East; secretary, Mrs. Gladys B. Realey, Elkton; and treasurer, Mrs. Mildred Stapp, Chesapeake City. Short adresses were made by Mrs. Edna Trott, Senior Vice-president of Md. State Auxiliary; Mrs. Doris Mark, secretary of the same organization; Mrs. Mary Walker, chaplain; Mrs. Bessie Marshall, chairman of hospitalization fund, and Miss Mildred Jones, all of same organization. It was decided to hold meetings four times a year—on the third Wednesday in January, April, July and October. The next meeting will be held in Cecilton.

Six-Man Football Awards

Ernest H. Suerken, Principal of the Tome Junior School, Port Deposit, announced today the award of especially-designated letter T's to the following boys who successfully participated in the School's first season of six-man football, playing a schedule of five games: William F. Bouzarth, II, Aberdeen, Md.; Micheal Degen, Middle Village, L. I., N. Y.; William Grunning, Jr., South Orange, N. J.; Chester T. Kimble, Jr., Port Deposit, Md.; Edward F. Leonard, Jr., Baltimore, Md.; George L. Ohrstrom, Jr., Greenwich, Conn.; Fred E. Silbermann, Atlanta, Ga.; Frederick B. Spencer, East Oranga, N. J.

West Nottingham Church

A Christmas Vesper Service will be held at the West Nottingham Church next Sunday afternoon. December 22, 1940 at 4:30 p. m. This program will be given by the Young People's Choir of the Church under hte direction of Mrs. Swann Everest. Members of the congregation and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Fruit Cakes

Real old fashioned Home Made Fruit Cakes to serve to your family and guests for the holidays. Orders filled now at 60 cents per pound. Call or stop at Lafayette Inn, U. S. Route 1, three miles west of Rising Sun. Telephone 116-M.

Good Will Toward Men

One anniversary and one alone belongs to all the world. Each nation has holidays which celebrate its heroes and important events in its history.

But these are of human origin and are transcended by one event that is celebrated by all nations. Only once a year the whole earth echoes with tidings of joy sung by all peoples.

Ever since the Virgin Mother laid her baby in its manger bed in Bethlehem, Christmas has been God's gift to every home, the equal possession of all mankind.

The day comes this year to a confused world which will receive the greeting of a Merry Christmas with eager hearts. It is at this season that we renew the hope for "peace on earth, good will toward men."

Christmas brings within the reach of men and women everywhere the blessings which no change of time or circumstances can take away. It lifts the eyes of men from worldly trials to the vision of a Living Christ, newborn at this time; it lifts man's mind to the knowledge of God's love. It brings us to that neighborly love which the small town and rural community best typifies today.

This newspaper, which has served this community with neighborly tidings, extends to you all the sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

Cases Before Cecil Circuit Court

Webster H. Nicholson, of North East, was acquitted on the charge drunken driving. His case, appealed from a Magistrate's court, was tried in Cecil Circuit Court.

Everett Jones, Conowingo, faced the charge of driving with a suspended license, drunken driving, and failure to stop. He pleaded guilty to all charges and the Court held him on $100 bail to apear at the March term.

Fifteen Elkton boys, out on suspended sentences, reported to the Court of their activities since the last term of court.

The Grand Jury handed down an indictment in the case of Oren Preston with the charge of desertion and non-support.

Norman Deckman of Aberdeen, was tried before the court on the charge of gunning on the property of Henry Burkins, Rock Springs, without a license. Deckman was acquitted.

The Appeal case of Alto and Sidney Argo, two boys from Cecilton who brought the charge against Foster Smith's truck driver, Earle Koons, for striking one of the boys, breaking his arm and other injuries, was tried and not guilty on the part of the truck driver was the verdict of the Court.

John T. Willis was found guilty by the Court of driving on a suspended license.

Court reconvened at Elkton on Monday after a three-day recess.

Before completing its work, the grand jury returned 13 bills of indictment. Most of those indicted will be placed on trial before the present term of court adjourns.

Oakwood Resident Sent To Penitentiary

Berthold Blakley, 25 years old, of near Oakwood, was sentenced by Judge James F. Evans to four years in the Maryland Penitentiary after pleading guilty to a charge of forcibly taking from W. P. Wadell of this county, at the point of a revolver, his automobile and driving off with it. Blakley's brother, John T., Jr., who was alleged to have fled, has never been apprehended.

The father of the young men, after learning about the affair ordered his son, Berthold, to go to Elkton, without delay, and surrender. The young man complied, walking all the way, about 25 miles.

McGrady's Cows Lead Testing Association

The report of Harry Hedrich, tester for the Cecil County Cow Testing Association for the month, shows that Guy McGrady's cow, Carolyn, led all other contestants with 1476 pounds of milk and 79.7 lbs. butterfat. His herd also carried off high honors, with an average of 628 lbs. of milk and 33 lbs. of butterfat. The other four highest herds were owned by S. W. Blakslee, Glenn McGrady, D. C. Fonda and Ennis McGrady. The other nine leading cows were owned by S. W. Blakslee, seven; L. Wickes Davis, two. Eighty-eight cows in the association averaged over 40 pounds of butterfat during the month.

Painters Fall When Scaffold Breaks

Five painters on the new Susquehanna river bridge had a close call from serious injury or death last week, when a scaffold broke. Four of the men succeeded in catching hold of the iron girders and hanging on until rescued from their perilous positions.

The other man, Jesse Hall, plunged into the icy waters of the river. In his fall he struck his chest against an iron girder. A rope was thrown to him, which he tied around his waist and he was lifted to safety. He walked to his home in Havre de Grace, changed his clothes and went to Harford Memorial Hospital, where Dr. Charles J. Foley, upon examination, found his only injuries to be several fractured ribs. After receiving treatment he returned to his home.

Elkton D. A. R. Select Essay Subject

Head of Elk Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution, of Elkton, have selected the subject, "The School's Responsibility for the Preservation of Democracy," for the essay contest next year, open to the senior class at the Elkton High School. Medals will be awarded the winners.

An invitation has also been accepted by the chapter, from Old Kent Chapter, of Chestertown, to meet with them on Thursday, at which time several of the state officers will be present.

Bible Presented To St. Mark's Church

The Rev. J. Warren Albinson, D. D., of Elkton, rector of the Cecil Cooperative Parish, has received for St. Mark's Church, a beautiful, large, lectern Bible printed and bound by the Oxford University Press, New York city. The Bible is presented to St. Mark's by Mrs. James F. Magraw of Perryville, in Memory of Miss Laura Whitelock.

Cecil Rebekah Lodge

Cecil Rebekah Lodge, of Elkton, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Noble Grand, Mrs. Mary Barnett; Vice- Grand, Mrs. Martha Short; recording secretary, Miss Nellie Lawrence; financial secretary, Mrs. Gladys Realey; treas., Miss Anna Realey; trustee, Mr. Charles Boulden; assembly representative, Miss Sadie Singman; alternate representative, Mrs. Margaret Appleford; degree captain, Mr. Joseph Clay. The officers will be installed on January 3.

Hunters Bag Deer At Home

Ira Shuler, who lives on the Robert K. Wood farm, near Lee's Bridge, shot a deer in the cornfield where he was working.

Preston Smith called on his grandmother, Mrs. Emma Witman, of Elim, Thursday and displayed the fine deer which he had shot on their home farm at Black Barren.

Personal And Social

Mr. Samuel Rowland is visiting his sister, Mrs. Clara B. Holden.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Terry were Baltimore visitors on Tuesday.

William McNamee and Richard Dodson have been grippe sufferers.

Miss Josephine Pogue has been among those on the sick list the past week.

Mrs. H. D. MacLellan, of Pittsburg, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing

J. Paul Slaybaugh and family, of West Nottingham, left on Friday for St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown and Barbara Ann enjoyed a visit to Philada. during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pyle, of Philada., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Job W. Kirk.

Miss Dorothy Fisher visited her sister, Mrs. Eugene Spencer, in Philada. over the weekend.

Miss M. Lidie Stewart left this week for Philada,. where she will spend some time with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. William Boyle, Jr., of near town, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Mrs. Leedom Scarborough and daughter, Miss Miriam Scarborough, of Elkton, will spend the holidays in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shingler will leave on Friday of this week for Altoona, Pa., where they will spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Allison Ott, of Locust Point, Cecil county, observed the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on Wednesday, December 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Leslie, grandson, Leslie Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Leslie, spent the last three weeks in Miami, Florida, and visited Havana, Cuba, before returning to Port Deposit.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs Jennie W. Taylor were Mr. and Mrs. Warren L. Taylor, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vansant, of Wilmington; John Hirzel, of Washington; Taylor Hirzel and Herbert Hirzel, of Wilmington.

Mrs. Rachel Lawrence, of Elkton, has anounced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Nellie Lawrence, to Mr. Henry McIntire, also of that town. No date has been announced for wedding. The bride to be is one of the deputies in the office of the Clerk of the Court.

Home For The Holidays

Those young people from this community who are attending college are arriving home this week, where they will enjoy the Christmas holiday period. They include:

Miss Adeleen Wilson, Hood College, Frederick, Md.; Miss Catherine Etter and Miss Virginia Richards, Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va.; Misses Katherine Keilholtz, Mildred Garvin, Doris McVey and Genevieve Gibson, Teachers College, Salisbury, Md.; Miss Hope Reynolds, University of Maryland, College Park; Messrs. Paul Graybeal, Yale College, Hartford, Conn.; Auvon Smith, Washington College, Chestertown, Md.; Jay Emery, University of Md., College Park; Miss Alice Venable, Flora MacDonald School, Red Springs, North Carolina.

Carlson--Huston

The Methodist Church in North East was the scene of a very pretty wedding at 3:30 o'clock on Dec. 7, where Miss Ann Carlson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carlson, became the bride of Mr. Clifford Huston, son of Mrs. Ida Huston.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a trailing dress of blue crepe with hat to match

Miss Ruth Huston, sister of the groom, as maid of honor, wore a dress of wine crepe with hat match.

Mr. Holt Wilson was best man. The ushers were Allen Carlson, Jr., Carlson White, J. Albert Roney, Jr., and James Sheppard.

While the guests were gathering, Mrs. J. A. Roney gave an organ recital, and Miss Kinney of Wilmington, a relative of the bride, gave two vocal selections.

Following the ceremony a reception wa sheld at the Howard Hotel, in Elkton.

Guests were present from New York, Washington, D. C., Wilmington, Del.; Wyoming, Del.; Selbeysville, Md.; Goldsboro, Md.; Haverford, Pa.; Elkton and Chesapeake City.

The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts.

The salmon catch in Alaska averages 500 pounds a minute and is now worth about a dollar a second.

Joy Give, Joy Receive

ISAAC GOOD

You will have a Merry Christmas
If you really do your part,
If you loosen up your purse strings,
If you open up your heart,
If you help some other fellow
Have a Merry Christmas, too,
You will have a Merry Christmas
Quite the best you ever knew.

It is quite a selfish gospel
I am preaching you today,
For it points to an investment
That has never failed to pay.
When some other fellow's Christmas
Is made happier by you,
You will find yourself enjoying
A right Merry Christmas, too.

Vocational Agriculture Urged For Cecil

School Board To Confer With Farm Bureau In January

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Education for Cecil County held at its office in the New Court House Building, Superintendent of Education H. E. McBride, announced that Mrs. Walter Simmons, representative of a Farm Bureau Group, asked that the board consider the teaching of vocational agriculture in the county high schools.

Mrs. Simmons also stated that a delegation from her group would like to discuss the matter with the board at its January meeting. This proposal was agreeable to the board.

The following appointments were approved, subject to the issuance of necessary teachers' certificates: Miss Charlotte Drecheler, assistant in the Perryville High School, and Harold C. Vansickel, industrial arts teacher in the same school.

The board ordered the schools in the county to close for the Christmas holidays on Friday, Dec. 20, at 3:30 p. m., and to reopen on Monday, Jan. 6, at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Superintendent notified the Board that he had purchased Christmas Cards to be sent out as has been done the past few years. This was approved by the Board.

A letter was received from Mr. Sterling Dunbar asking permission for the Elkton Band to give three concerts in the Elkton High School auditorium, one each during the months of January, February and March. These concerts are to be given on Sunday afternoon and will be of a high class nature. This request was approved by the Board.

Tome School Program

Pre-holiday activities at the home School at Port Deposit, include two plays and a community sing, held this week preceding Christmas recess.

"A Christmas Mix-up," play in three acts, was presented in Washington Hall, Dec. 18 for the senior school, while the junior school will view a play, "Santa's Red Suit," in Jefferson Hall the following afternoon.

The annual Christmas sing was held in Washington Hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 18, followed by a pageant. The program is under the direction of Margaret H. Benson, music teacher. Christmas recess will begin Friday afternoon and end Monday morning, Jan. 6.

Last month's Red Cross roll call netted a total of $20, which was turned over to the local chairman on behalf of the school.

Sun Theatre Opening

Mr. J. M. Smith, operator of the North East and Port Deposit theatres, has taken over the firemen's hall in Rising Sun, refitted it with up-to-date equipment, and will conduct it as the "Sun Theatre," featuring motion picture attractions. The opening entertainment will be on Christmas night, the feature picture being "Rangers of Fortune", which will be shown on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Friday and Saturday's attractions of the following week in the ad- of the following week will be found in the advertisement elsewhere in these columns.

Sparkler Plant To Resume Operation

The Foundation Company, of Neville Island, Pittsburgh, Pa., has taken over the Victory Sparkler plant near Elkton, and will put it in operation for the manufacture of explosives for the U. S. Government. The plant has been closed for months past. It is reported several hundred persons will be employed.