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THE WORLD WE LIVE IN

Stanford Beats S. M. U.

Pasadena, Cal.—Stanford University of Palo Alto saddled the Southern Methodist University Mustangs with a 7-0 defeat at the annual Rose Bowl spectacle. The Mustangs had no attack except the punt, pass and pray system, three passes, three prayers and a punt and Stanford kept them hogtied.

Burning Queen Anne

London—Blaming Queen Anne and the Archbishop of Canterbury for the continuance of the Middle Age tithe system by which English farmers give a tenth of their products to the church and wealthy landlords or $11,000,000 yearly to the church and $5,500,000 to the landlords farmers burned the Queen and the Archbishop in effigy. The Government is considering a $300,000,000 bond issue to end "Queen Anne's Bounty."

Loose Lava

Honolulu, H. I.—Mauna Loa, the largest active volcano in the world, threatens Hilo with a steady stream of fiery lava. Air bombs have failed to change the course of the river of fire from Hilo's water supply and the 20,000 residents are preparing to move out fast.

Nothing to Say

London—Rudyard Kipling one-time newspaperman who wrote "The Road to Mandalay", "The Jungle Book" and other prose and poetic classics, celebrated his 70th birthday by refusing interviews to newspapermen.

Leaves Leathernecks

New York—James J. "Gene" Tunney pleading pressure of outside business has resigned his captaincy in the Reserve Corps of the United States Marines. He is still a major on the staff of Connecticut's Governor Cross.

Happy New Jeer

New York—Harry Evans, editor and publisher of the Family Circle magazine, bought himself a little newspaper publicity. Harry paid the Herald-Tribune Public Notice column for this message: "Wanted dead or alive the guy who started this greeting card racket. If you addicts think I am going to waste good dough by breaking out into this sentimental rash you're crazy. Here's thanks for your beautiful thoughts in the cheapest way possible and may all you suckers have a Happy New Year."

Forthcoming

Jenkins, Ky.—A local wife has presented her husband with triplets. It was her third set of triplets. The wife's name is Mrs. Jack Triplett.

Drake's Tale

Des Moines, Ia.—Drake University students in a test of name knowledge classified James J. Braddock as a Civil War general; Marriner Eccles of the Federal Reserve Board as a sailor; Lou Little, Columbia Rose Bowl, coach as a midget; and publisher Col. Frank Knox, who may run for President, as a gelatine maker.

Light Watchman

Boston—Applying the newest developments in micro-waves Thomas S. McCaleb of Harvard has fashioned a burglar trap which renders an intruder powerless to move without sounding an alarm. The protected room or bank vault is so charged with invisible rays that the instant a person enters they bounce off his body, ring bells, switch on lights, call the police.

Valuable Antique

New York—Maintaining its existence for 123 years in a city which is constantly tearing down the old to build anew, the New York City Hall, one of the finest examples of Italian Rennaissance architecture in America, is to be renovated and restored to its original 1812 beauty by the help of a WPA grant.

No Shylock

Jamesburg, N. Y.—Condit M. Davidson, 77-year old grocer, erased from his books $12,500 worth of debts from 25 to 50 years old because they embarrassed him more than the debtors. Now he can look his public squarely in the eye.

203d Time Lucky

New Haven, Conn.—Clarence Nivers, 58 ,escaped with a suspended sentence on his 203d arrest because the judge could not find any room on his record card to write a jail sentence.

Once Around

Topeka, Kan.—Allowed by law to keep one acre out of his twenty sold by foreclosure, provided the acre was in a single apiece, Hezekiah Brown, Negro, selected a 15-foot strip running from a creek around the lot and back to the creek. New owners must row a boat or build a bridge.

New Air Pullmans

Santa Monica, Calif.—Looking like a small Pullman sleeper inside the new Douglas DC-3 plane passed all tests easily. Its two 930 horsepower engines giving a top speed of 210 miles per hour and 8 sections provide comfortable night and day travel for 24 persons. Transcontinental and Western Airlines agreed to purchase the first Douglas meeting their specifications for $125,000 and took options on 60 more at $58,000.

The "Deb" Racket

New York—Launching a debutante in New York society costs from $100 to $750 and is a highly organized business managed by "social secretaries." Mrs. Medoria Roosevelt, distant cousin of the President, sniffs at coming out affairs. Bachelors who rush "deb" parties, she says, are more interested in free liquor and food than matrimony and adds, "At my own debut there'll be about 150 persons and I don't suppose I'll know more than 50 of them."

Asleep At The Switch

An Editorial

All the old, familiar scenes were reenacted in Queen Anne's County the past week.

The snow fell, the wind howled—and not a snow plow in sight!

Around seven o'clock Christmas night Mother Goose plucked out the first big handful of white, fluffy feathers and tossed them down. Then she set to work in earnest.

Before morning the countryside was blanketed, the highways jammed, **wind whipped the snow into impenetrable drifts, the damage was done.**

The next day snow plows limped toward the county **—from Chestertown and distant points.** Except one puny contrivance, there was not a piece of equipment within the county's borders to cope with the storm.

Fifteen hours from the first flakes—the time to work on a heavy fall—the plows puttered in half-hearted fashion at a well-nigh impossible job.

Asleep at the switch, the State Roads Commission turned over in bed fifteen hours after the "train had wrecked" and muttered apologies.

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At least three times after last winter's sorry experience delegations from this county called on the Governor and State Roads officials.

On each occasion these dignitaries bowed from the hips and said: **"Yes, indeedy we're going to put a big plow and three little or four little ones right in your back yard. Go home and fret no more."**

About the same time the County Commissioners were assured by the State that road crews would be de-centralized. Instead of coming all the way from Chestertown to Kent Island, for instance, these crews would be planted close to their work as a matter of economy and efficiency.

Both promises were steadfastly evaded. There are only two conclusions to be drawn. Either the State knows not what it says or, like $2 tags, deliberately flouts its word.

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It is only incidental that another heavy snow fell on Sunday and throughout the night. Had the first one been cleared from the highways before it drifted and packed the problem of removal of the second storm would have been minimized.

Assurances have come again that a **big plow and smaller ones** will be located within the county's borders. To make certain that this promise is kept, **every official, business and civic group should serve as an alarm clock to prod a slumbering Commission.**

If taxpayers of this county don't do that, State Roads will continue to fall asleep at the switch!

Flames Sweep Jurist's Home

Judge Knotts And Family Driven From Denton Home

A smouldering blaze originating in a defective flue near the furnace in the cellar drove Judge J. Owen Knotts and members of his family from their home on Court House Square in Denton about 9 o'clock Saturday morning, wrecked the dwelling and did damage estimated at $5,000 before it was brought under control by the Denton Fire Company.

Judge and Mrs. Knotts and their three children escaped without injury and some of the furniture including several valuable antiques were saved before the fire made headway.

The blaze was discovered by Mrs. Knotts as she went downstairs to commence the morning duties. The odor of smoke and the crackling of flames led her to the cellar where fire apparently starting at a flue was eating its way up to the first floor.

Judge Knotts telephoned the fire company while the children were being dressed and led to safety. The extreme cold hampered the firemen and several rooms on the first and second floors of the two-story frame house were gutted. The entire dwelling was watersoaked as were much of the furnishings, and practically every window was broken.

Judge Knotts and his family have been living in this residence for several years. It was built about twenty-five years ago by the late J. Dukes Downes, former State bank examiner.

Beer License For Church Hill Operator Is Refused

The application of Ralph R. Schuyler for a beer license in the town of Church Hill has been refused, according to advice reaching the Clerk of the Court. Official notification came from Examiners L. Franklin Purnell, of Ocean City, and Frank P. Bratton, Baltimore, who came to Centreville on December 16 for a hearing on the application.

Under laws pertaining to such applications the cost of the license together with court fees, all of which totals $60, has been forfeited. Also there is no appeal from the Examiners' ruling.

Willis Chosen Worshipful Master Of Local Masons

E. Olin Willis of Centreville was chosen Worshipful Master of Centreville Lodge, No. 180, A. F. & A. M., to succeed Harry O. Booker at the annual election of officers by the lodge.

Others named were Gordon Shawn, Senior Warden; Joseph L. Haymaker, Junior Warden; William C. Phillips, Senior Steward; Norman P. Walters, secretary, and W. L. Clough, treasurer.

Except for Mr. Walters and Mr. Clough who were reelected to their present positions the new officers will take their posts following the visit of the Grand Master for Maryland.

Double S Curve To Be Remedied

Roads Commission Assures Early Start On Job

Early straightening of the Double S curve north of Centreville is in prospect with the possibility that work will start as soon as the weather permits, the Board of County Commissioners have been advised.

The Board has been in frequent communication with the State Roads Commission as well as District Engineer Rolph Townshend and assurances were received in a telephone conversation with Dr. H. E. Tabler, State Roads Chairman, Tuesday night that work will start at an early date.

A survey made by State Engineers some time ago placed the cost of straightening this treacherous curve at $18,000. This estimate, however, was made on a basis of a 40-ft. roadway and a more elaborate bridge than is in keeping with the highway. The County Commissioners asked that this be scaled down to improvements more comparable with the present highway with the thought that widening could be accomplished later when the entire route receives sadly needed improvements. With the scaling down of specifications it is thought by the Board that the curve can be remedied at considerably less cost and still be adequate.

The Board has repeatedly pointed out that rights of way have been obtained, the fences have been moved, most of the clearing done, and electric line poles moved to the proposed new location.

Blades Recommended As Sudlersville Carrier

The Democratic State Central Committee has recommended Samuel Blades as carrier for the RFD Route out of Sudlersville and forwarded his nomination to Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough for approval.

Examination for the post was held some time ago and among others eligible for the appointment were Charles Walls, L. H. Benton, Herbert Willis, William Roberts, and Harrington Knotts. The latter is the present carrier on the route.

POSTPONE RETRIEVER TRIALS

Owing to the unfavorable weather conditions the second annual Maryland Retriever Trials by the American Chesapeake Club scheduled to be held on Saturday at the R. R. M. Carpenter estate at Benton in Cecil county have been postponed until Saturday, March 28.

VALLIANT TO WED

The marriage of Miss Wanda Dusenbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Genet Dusenbury of Essex Falls, New Jersey, to Edwin Stephens Valliant, Jr., son of Mr. Edwin S. Valliant of Centreville, will take place in St. Peter's Church in Essex Falls Saturday afternoon, January 18, at 2 o'clock.

Denton Hit By $50,000 Fire; 5 Buildings Go

Business Block In Heart Of Town Swept By Morning Blaze

Fire breaking out early Monday morning in the teeth of a raging snowstorm, high winds and extreme cold cut a swath through the business section of Denton, razed five frame business houses, caused upwards of $50,000 damage and gave the county seat of Caroline its worst conflagration in thirty years.

The flames broke loose in a two-story building housing the poolroom and soda fountain of William H. Rathell, possibly starting in an overheated furnace. Owing to the absence, because of the storm, street traffic and pedestrians the blaze gained considerable headway before being discovered at 3:30 a. m.

From the Rathwell store the fire spread both ways on the south side of Market Street between Second and Third Avenues until checked at the west end by the stone garage of J. B. Carter and on the other end by the brick building of J. H. Nichols Company.

Structures devoured by the flames contained the Del-Mar-Va Tea Room operated by Hayward Hignutt, the drug store of W. J. Evans, the shoe repairing shop of Charles Steelman, the Denton Thrift Shop and the Rathwell enterprise.

Except for much of the stock of the Thrift Shop which was removed before the building caught fire all the structures and their contents were consumed. The buildings belonged to J. E. Nichols and the J. H. Nichols estate. The greater part of the fire losses were covered by insurance.

Realizing the seriousness of the fire early Chief William Finn called on the Greensboro, Ridgely and Harrington, Del., fire companies for assistance. All three answered but only the Greensboro department was able to fight through snow blocked roads to Denton.

The brunt of the battle fell on the Denton firemen who fought the flames for four hours until they were brought under control. The coats of the firemen were covered with ice and snow and the snow and slush in the streets made movement difficult.

However, the blanket of snow prevented a greater disaster as burning brands carried by the winds alighted on well-covered roofs and were snuffed out. The residence of Boon Beauchamp and the barber shop of Melvin James caught fire but both blazes were extinguished without much damage.

The last serious fire in Denton occurred thirty years ago when the same block was destroyed.

Cavalry Church Freed Of Debt

Sudlersville Church To Burn $420 Note Jan. 12

A real victory was atttained last Sunday morning at Calvary M. E. Church, Sudlersville, when $420 was publicly subscribed in order to wipe out the debt on the Church so as to start the new year free of debt.

A challenge was made by one of the members of the church that if half or more of the amount of the note would be raised in actual cash on thelast Sunday of the year he would pay the balance of the amount needed. While the finance committee of the church had only one week's time to meet this challenge, they went immediately to work among the membership of the church with the result that at the morning service a considerable amount over the necessary amount was raised in cash. The note will be burned as a part of the morning service of January 12.

SMITH TREATS FIREMEN

T. Harris Smith stood treat to the Queenstown Firemen at a cocktail party and feed at his home near Bryantown on Christmas Day.

2 Snowstorms Bury Queen Anne's Under Heavy Drifts; Cars Stick, Many Marooned

Directors Wire Governor

Directors of the Centreville National Bank lodged vigorous protest on the condition of Queen Anne's County roads with Governor Harry W. Nice and State Roads Commission Chairman Homer E. Tabler at the Board's session Tuesday.

The wire read:

Hon. Harry W. Nice, Governor,
State of Maryland,
Annapolis, Md.

We wish to strenuously impress upon you the utter inefficiency of efforts to clear Queen Anne's County roads of snow and request that immediate steps be taken to provide adequate equipment and personnel to remedy the situation.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CENTREVILLE NATIONAL BANK

Sneak Thieves Strike On Eve Of Christmas

Cars On Commerce Street Pilfered Of Numerous Yule Gifts

A group of sneak thieves moving swiftly on Commerce Street in Centreville between 8:30 and 10:30 on Christmas Eve pilfered Christmas gifts valued at $75 from four unlocked cars along that thoroughfare.

The heaviest loss was sustained by the family of J. Edward Connolly who had upwards of a dozen prospective gifts stolen from the car of J. Walsh Barcus parked near the Ford building.

The loot included a variety of articles for both sexes, among them a suit of clothes. Members of the family placed a valuation of $50 upon the items taken, none of which have been recovered.

Mordy Gibson, who also parked near the Ford building, had three articles of men's clothing taken from his car.

Former Sheriff Frank Y. Whitely halted his machine at the A & P store for less than five minutes and in that time a pair of galoshes just bought for his daughter and a necktie were pilfered.

The other loser was Kennard Thomas who missed a pair of shoes and a flashlight when he returned to his car left in front of Epstein's store.

Sheriff T. Herbert Everett and Deputy Sheriff Louis Perkins, notified of the thefts, began an investigation immediately. Although hampered by the Christmas snowfall which made travel difficult they recovered the articles taken from the Whitely and Thomas cars and lodged a Negro suspect in jail. No trace has been found of the other gifts stolen.

Crumpton Poet Represented In Year Book For 1935

A poem entitled "There Is Beauty In Death" by Mary Fennimore Sheppard, of Crumpton, has been selected as one of the best poems of 1935 and is being printed in the year book of choice American literature by the Galleon Press of New York City.

The author is a frequent contributor to the "Poet's Corner" column in Queen Anne's Record.

T. B. CLINIC JAN. 6

The regular clinic of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association will be held in Centreville at the county health office next Monday, January 6, beginning at 9:30 a. m.

Roads Commissson, Caught Flatfooted, Moves In Day Late With Plows. Highways Now Open

SCHOOLS DEFY STORM, TO OPEN TODAY

A heavy snowstorm on Christmas night and another Sunday which continued until daybreak Monday blanketed Queen Anne's County and left motorists and farmers battling snowdrifts throughout the week.

The fall was particularly heavy in the Wye Mills, Kent Island and Queenstown sections and and at numerous points snow drifted to the tops of automobiles.

Communication with the outside world had scarcely been reestablished from the Christmas storm until Sunday's near blizzard once more tied up traffic and left practically all normal activities in a state of paralysis.

Late Monday the highways to Easton and Chestertown were once more opened, and on Tuesday morning Kent Islanders were able to get to Centreville. Late ferry runs from Matapeake on Sunday were cancelled but service was resumed Monday.

Yesterday (Wednesday) County Superintendent F. D. Day announced that schools would resume this morning after the holiday period. He estimated that approximately 85% of the pupils on bus routes would be able to reach classrooms. Portions of two bus routes on Kent Island were still blocked and a mile on the Templeville route remained impassable. Other lines were partially closed in the First and Second districts.

The Christmas night storm caught State Highway crews flat-footed. Three snow plows out of Chestertown fought their way into the county opening up the Church Hill and Sudlersville roads, another reaching Centreville about noon to proceed toward Wye Mills. Connection with Easton was not established until late Friday.

Rural mail routes out of Centreville were blocked off last Thursday and Friday. On Monday and Tuesday, however, the carriers were able to serve approximately 80% of their patrons. Mail from Elkton came through with only minor delays throughout the week.

Railroad service on the Centreville branch of the P. R. R. was maintained without interruption of schedules. Passenger service was heavy over the week-end as the snow kept automobiles off the roads.

Bus connections from Centreville with the Baltimore and Eastern railroad, usually made at the Queenstown station were handled at the railroad crossing on the Centreville-Wye Mills highway from Thursday until Tuesday when connections at Queenstown were resumed.

The brunt of the storm in the county was felt along the southern border from Matapeake through Queenstown and Wye Mills to Queen Anne. While the snow was not particularly deep, netting little more than a foot for all storms, it drifted badly.

The worst stretches on the Centreville-Wye Mills road were from Bob McClyment's gate to M. M. Price's and from the railroad crossing south to Carroll Callahan's and H. F. Denny's where six foot drifts of snow blocked the road for distances from several hundred yards to a half mile. Bad drifts also occurred near Matapeake.

Road crews kept the Matapeake-Wye Mills road, the main highway of Route 404 across and down the Shore open at all times.

An attempt was made to keep Route 213, which includes the Centreville Wye Mills road, open. Twice on Thursday a truck pushing a plow cleared the highway but each time the drifts closed in behind to block the road.

No attempt was made to clear the Centreville-Queenstown highway one of the secondary roads, until 213 and 404 were open. As a result the Queenstown road was not available for traffic until Tuesday morning.

Patrons of the Centreville High School Alumni dance at the Centreville Armory on Christmas night were particularly hard hit. The weather forecast had promised no snow and the fall commenced after dark in a light fashion.

By the time merrymakers traveling south from the Centreville left the dance the drifts were wating.

Four cars containing fifteen dance guests and keeping close together tangled up in a quick snarl near Shortall's filling station on the Queenstown road. A car driven by John Price of Stevensville skidded into a ditch and was struck by that of Steve Carter also of Kent Island immediately following.

As these two were being untangled another car driven by Charles Cecil of Centreville and Baltimore crashed into the pair, pinned Price between the

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30-ft. Right Of Way Demanded At Grasonville

State Roads Declines To Accept Stretch Opposite Melvin Store

Unless property owners along the section of private road leading off the main highway at T. J. Melvin's store in Grasonville grant the State Roads Commission a 30-ft right of way the State will not take over the road, the Board of County Commissioners were advised on Monday.

The condition of the road has been under fire for some time and early in December Representative Joseph W. A. Evans charged the State Roads Commission and the Board of County Commissioners with "passing the buck" in regard to responsibility for its improvement.

Property owners made known their willingness to grant a 16-ft right of way in the form of a petition but this width is not acceptable to the State. To provide the width demanded by the Commission would necessitate removal of a number of fences and in a few instances a 30-ft road would extend to the front porches of homes.

The Board of County Commissioners asked the State some time ago to accept a 20 ft right-of-way in this particular instance but this also was declined.

This road, along with a number of others in the Fourth and Fifth Districts, was not included in the county-wide survey made several years ago when the Roads Commission assumed control of the county roads system. At that time the Commission was willing to accept any roads designated by the Board of County Commissioners.

The next step in the wrangle over this stretch of road was not forecast.

Confirmation Of Class Set For St. Paul's Sunday

The annual confirmation services of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church of Centreville postponed from December 22 will be held in the Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Right Rev. George W. Davenport, D. D., Bishop of the Easton Diocese, will administer confirmation to a class of eleven boys and girls who will be presented by Rev. Alward Chamberlaine, rector of St. Paul's. The Bishop will also preach the confirmation sermon.

Special music is to be sung by the choir.

The confirmation service originally scheduled two weeks ago was delayed by the cracking of the new heating plant in the church. Repairs have since been completed.

Wye River Home Is Destroyed By Fire

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a house owned by Ray Helwick, of Baltimore, on the Wye River last Tuesday morning. Known as "Wye Cliff" the house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Dorrell. Mrs. Dorrell was alone at the time but succeeded in carrying some of the furniture to safety. The bulk of the furniture, however, was destroyed.

MRS. THOMAS ENTERTAINS

Mrs. C. S. Thomas entertained the weekly bridge club last Thursday, December 26, at her home on Kidwell Avenue. Mrs. Thomas' honor guests were her sister, Mrs. Charles Morgan, of Easton, who was her house guest, Mrs. Hampton E. Brown and Mrs. F. Addison Emory. Mrs. Brown was awarded high prize.

Miss Emily Friel Weds Charles B. Owens In St. Peters Church

Nuptial Mass Celebrated By The Reverend Joseph B. Hauck Saturday At Queenstown. Bride Only Daughter Of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. W. Friel

In a beautiful church ceremony background by winter whiteness outside and soft candlelight within, Miss Mary Emily Friel, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Edward Whiting Friel, of "Bolingly", Queenstown became the bride of Mr. Charles Bernard Owens, of Baltimore and Troy, N. Y., in St. Peter's Catholic Church, Queenstown, on Saturday, December 28, at 10:30 a. m. The Rev. Joseph B. Hauck, of Baltimore, a cousin of the bride, who also married her parents in 1904, celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The Rev. Francis J. Fisher, of Centreville, assisted. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Miss Bloomfield Hildebrand, of Bridgewater, Va., who is a faculty member of Hagerstown High School, was maid of honor. Mr. Thomas L. Owens, of Troy, N. Y. brother of the groom, was Mr. Owens' best man. The ushers were the three brothers of the bride, namely Mr. J. Reynolds Friel, Mr. S. E. W. Friel, Jr., and Mr. Albert B. Friel, and Mr. Carroll Rankin, of Baltimore, friend of the groom. Mr. Daniel Friel, youngest brother of the bride, was the acolyte.

Mrs. Mulford Swing, of Ridgely, played the wedding marches. Mr. Swing, her husband, and Miss Judy Wilson, of Denton, sang solo selections of Adeste Fideles, Ave Maria, On This Day O Beautiful Mother, and In the Sacrament Sweet Jesus.

The bride was strikingly attired in ivory satin, Lucine Model, with peplum, long sleeves and a long train. Her veil, an heirloom in the family, was of Brussels lace caught with tiny orange blossoms, and a string of pearls adorned her neck. She carried a bouquet rich with white roses, lily-of-the-valley and baby's breath.

The maid of honor wore a gown of royal blue velvet, peplum style, with turban of corresponding velvet and tulle. Her flowers were white roses and snapdragons, graced with white and silver ribbon.

Mrs. Samuel Edward Whiting Friel, mother of the bride, wore black velvet with hat to match and a shoulder corsage of lily-of-the-valley touched with silver.

The chancel and altar of St. Peter's illuminated by candles and adorned with white carnations was attractive in its simplicity. Pines and cedars banked

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Abner *says*—

When th' Townsend plan goes through, my youngest boy sez he's goin' to retire.

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