

MAIL CHRISTMAS
The Post Office Department at Washington has given notice that rural mail will not be delivered on Thursday, December 25th, which, of course, is Christmas Day. In view of this notice Postmaster Smyth wishes to notify all rural patrons, through the press, that it will be impossible for those living in the country to get their mail on Christmas Day. The same ruling that applies to the holidays for rural carriers also states that no rural mail be worked.

MERIT BADGES AWARDED
Howard F. Owens, Troop Committeeman, of the Betterton Scout Troop was awarded the insignia of the Veteran Scout Association at the Investiture Ceremony held on last Friday evening, Dec. 12. He has been made a member of this association because of his five years of faithful service to scouting. Mr. Owens is the second committeeman on the Eastern Shore to receive membership in the Veteran Association, and he is recognized together with Howard Turner, as being the originator of the local troop.

At the same Investiture Ceremony Jas. L. Owens and Chas. L. Bailey were invested as Tenderfoot Scouts. Merit Badges were presented to Patrol Leaders Nelson Crew and Galen Clark. Scout Edward Hepburn was awarded the insignia of Second Class. The 1930-31 Charter was presented, and Troop 64, Betterton, became a Veteran Troop, having completed five years of satisfactory service. Certificates of adult membership were awarded to the following: Committeemen—Howard Turner, Chairman; Howard F. Owens, Ernest K. Horsey, Arthur P. Newsome, J. Wm. Clark, F. Baynard Harper, Walter B. Harris, and Rev. S. S. Hebron. Scoutmasters—Elmer C. Thomas, Assistant Scoutmasters—Howard B. Owens, Allan H. Bonwill and Walter Stone.

Rev. J. Harry Wright delivered a brief inspirational address on "Character and Leadership" to the Patrol Leaders of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties who had a conference at Chestertown High School on Friday evening.

The following young scouts took part in the program: Charles Dole, Oakley Valliant, Lewis Hanson Smith, Ramsey Anthony and others.

FOR RENT
Five-room house in Fairlee. Possession at once. Apply to Miss Caroline I. Smyth, 110 High Street, Chestertown. d20-3t

FOR SALE
Fordson Tractor, double disc, Cultipacker (combined roller and cultivator), 1 1/2 horse power Economy Engine, Cook Stove; Swine; Poland China Boar, Sows; Shoats; Geese; Turkeys, Plymouth Rock Chickens; Cuck nine (9) months old. Yapp Farm, near Betterton, Phone Still Pond 3922M. F. Laughlin, Betterton, Md. d20

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1930
Queenstown Community Club
AT QUEENSTOWN
Music by
The St. Johns Collegians.

FOR SALE
Lumber and Timber from Chester River Bridge. Spencer, White and Prentiss Co., or Maryland, Chestertown, Md., Phone 378. d20-4t

LOST
A red and yellow hound, Sam, with white stripe down face, both ears cut, lost last Friday between Kennedyville and Locust Grove. Any information leading to recovery or return of dog will be rewarded. Edgar E. Walls, Millington, Md. d13-3t

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OLD KRIS WILL BE AT MILLINGTON
The business men of Millington, invite the public to attend the fifth annual visit of Santa Claus to Millington, on Monday evening, Dec. 22, 1930.

The Jolly Old Fellow will arrive on the 5.30 P. M. train, and immediately thereafter will endeavor to entertain the kiddies for several hours. During the evening Santa will distribute packages to the children, therefore be sure all the children will be in town for the occasion.

MILK PRICES DROP 40 CENTS
The dairy interest in Kent has been struck a hard blow this week by the reduction of the price of milk. At all the cooling stations the price of three per cent milk has been \$2.66, but on and after December 15th, the price is \$2.26. The quantity is keeping high and demand poor. It is this condition which has brought about the decrease.

Elsewhere in the NEWS is the report of a drop in the price to consumers, and, as usual, the farmer has to stand the loss.

CRESTERTOWN SOCCERITES WILL BE ROTARY GUESTS
The Chestertown High School soccer team, Maryland Interscholastic champions in the P. A. L. tourney, will be the guests of honor at the meeting of the Chestertown Rotary Club next Monday evening. Those who will attend include: Principal Owen C. Blades, Coach Joe Russell, Captain Billy Nicholson, Edgar A. Harris, Albert Williams, James W. Johns, Jr., Garrett Chaires, Ernest K. Briscoe, J. Phillips Brooks, G. Elmer Brice, H. Dale Rees, Jr., Ralph W. Hopkins, William A. Reinhart, Robt. Wright, Robert B. Hopkins and W. Maxwell Wallis.

At the meeting of the Rotarians here last Monday a debate on "International Relations" under the direction of William B. Usilton, chairman of the International Service Committee, featured the meeting. Those taking part in the debate were E. Clarke Fontaine, W. R. Hubbard, W. B. Usilton, J. Harry Wright, S. R. Collins and H. F. Jefferson.

Santa Claus Day At Chestertown
Saturday was a big day in Chestertown. The celebration of Old Kris Day under the auspices of the Mercantile Section of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce drew a crowd of children and parents and proved a success.

Santa Claus, in the person of Elmer Jones, arrived on the 11 A. M. train where he was met by a delegation from the Mercantile Section. He was escorted to the public square in front of the court house where he distributed 1,800 presents and oranges to the kiddies. At 2 P. M. an exciting treasure hunt started from the Elison building on High street, at the end of which three prizes awaited the lucky finders. These were little Miss Francis Kreeger, who got the \$5.00 gold piece at Clark's undertaking parlors; Jean Vickers, who found \$2.50 gold piece at the Court House; and Edw. Woodall who found the dollar bill at Elementary School. The two girls worked in partnership and divided their \$7.50.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT
Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom and tender mercy to remove from the scene of her earthly activities to a higher and fuller life, the soul of Miss Julia Caey, and

Whereas, She was a loyal and devoted member of North Kent Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Resolved, That in her death our Auxiliary has suffered a great loss and that her going has left among us a place that cannot easily be filled.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered in the minutes of the Auxiliary; a copy be sent to the members of her family and copies be sent to the friends.

MARYLAND CHORUS WINS
A chorus from the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation won first award in the annual choral contest of the American Farm Bureau Federation, in convention in Boston.

Choruses from 11 states sang the official federation song written by Miss Florence Cheadle, of the Indiana Farm Bureau, and Mrs. Lillian Atcherson of the Minnesota organization. The runners-up, in order, were California, Ohio and New Jersey.

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FIREMEN MAKE XMAS PLANS.
A lighted community Christmas Tree has been placed in the Public Square here by the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company, which has taken over this annual yuletide custom this season.

The band of the local fire-fighting organization has also announced plans for the playing of Christmas music in a concert in the Public Square following church services on next Sunday night.

A special Xmas chorus will render following: Adeste Fidelis, Silent Night, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, Little Town of Bethlehem.

All the churches are invited to take part. Dr. Atwater will have charge.

A second concert, featuring Christmas music, is also being planned by the band, under the direction of C. Arthur Bacon, for Christmas night.

SLEIGHING AT INGLESDIDE
Lower Delaware and the most of the Peninsula below Chestertown visited with a snow storm Wednesday night. The storm seemed to be the heaviest at Salisbury, Md. At Laurel and Seaford snow fell for three hours, but was followed by rain and the snow soon disappeared. The weather moderated during the night.

At Ingleaside, 20 miles below Chestertown the young folks were coasting on the streets in sleds Thursday night.

Chestertown did not get the snow.

One Cent Off Price Of Milk
The price of milk in the Philadelphia area, including Wilmington and the Delmarva Peninsula, has been reduced one cent.

Cost of a quart is reduced from 13 to 12 cents and a pint from 8 to 7 cents.

It becomes effective Monday—with a saving of mere than \$12,000 daily to consumers.

The reduction was agreed upon after a lengthy parley between this region's retail dealers and representatives of the Interstate Milk Producers' Association at a meeting in Philadelphia.

Threat of deallock was apparent after five hours of discussion, with the retailers refusing to accept an equal division of the cut as proposed by the producers.

Agreement finally was reached late in the day, whereby the producers will reduce the wholesale price 40 cents per hundredweight, or a little more than three-quarters of a cent per quart. The retailers will suffer a reduction of little less than one-quarter of a cent a quart.

The distributors termed an equal division in the loss inequitable, much as they claim to make a profit of less than one-half cent a quart under the present schedule.

A statement issued at the conclusion of the conference follows:

"The reasons leading to this reduction are:

"1. Sales in the city are off because of unemployment.

"2. Production in the country has not reduced in proportion to sales in the city.

"Attention of the public is called to the fact that the spread between the price to the farmer and to the consumer in the Philadelphia territory is lower than in any of the large cities in the country. The reduced price to consumers will be from one to four cents lower than prices now prevailing in any large city in the United States."

The price in New York is 15 cents a quart, it was explained.

The whole price by farmers who own their own cooling station is eight cents a quart, less freight to Philadelphia. A small fee is exacted for the use of the distributor's cooling station.

The price of milk in the Philadelphia area is expected to be lower than in any other large city in the United States.

"Rip" Perry Freed By Balto. Judge!
Arrested on disorderly conduct charges, Andrew "Rip" Perry and "Doc" Curtis McClain, of Chestertown, were found to have a quantity of whiskey in their possession and were turned over to the Federal authorities.

Perry and McClain were taken by Sheriff John T. Vickers and Samuel E. Cooper on Monday. The former was in a drunken condition in a marsh near town and had a quantity of liquor hidden there. McClain was arrested on the same charge at his home here shortly after.

Federal authorities came to Chestertown on Tuesday and carried the two local men to Baltimore.

Wednesday the two men showed up in Chestertown. The NEWS man interviewed Perry who stated this astounding story: "We were called up before the Judge in Baltimore and asked what we had to say. I told him we had a gallon of liquor in our possession and were going to drink it. "Doc" stated that he also had liquor. The Judge turned to us and said "go on back to Kent, we don't want to try people for drinking. We want to break up the manufacture of liquor! So, we beat it to the Tolchester boat and came home."

William Junius, colored, will face three different magistrates on three different charges in the near future. He will be charged with vagrancy, entering and stealing and carrying concealed weapons.

Junius, who was recently released from the Kent county jail, was sought all day on a warrant charging him with vagrancy. Sometime during the night on Tuesday, the store of J. D. Gale, in Queen Anne's near here, was entered and a quantity of goods stolen. Wednesday morning, just as the first Pennsylvania train was about to depart, Sheriff Vickers was notified that Junius was on the train. He hurried to the station and arrested the negro. When taken into custody he was found to have a pistol in his possession and was wearing pants, gloves, stockings and a shirt taken from Gale's store in the robbery on Tuesday night.

Junius will be charged on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and magistrates on the vagrancy charge and will be tried before a Queen Anne's county official on the charge of robbing the Gale store. He is being held in the local jail pending the outcome of the hearings.

Approve Plan For A Central Home
The Commissioners of Kent County at their meeting on Tuesday approved of the plan which would establish a central home for the aged and infirm of the Eastern Shore and again offered the \$20 acre Almshouse Farm and property near Chestertown to the State as the site for such a central plant free of charge.

The action of the commissioners came after Howard Turner, of Betterton, a member of the committee appointed by Governor Ritchie to study the condition of the aged and infirm on the Eastern Shore, had gone before the body and explained the plan for the establishment of the central institution which the Commission is considering recommending to the next Legislature.

Mr. Turner, who is the Kent county member of the Commission to study the Eastern Shore situation, has announced that the Trustees of the local almshouse, of which J. B. Newman, is chairman, will be given an opportunity to express its opinion on the proposal plan for centralization.

The Eastern Shore Commission, composed of nine members, of which Judge Gibson is chairman and Mr. Turner the representative of Kent, has been holding frequent meetings at Easton.

The action of the local county board on Tuesday, when it approved of the plan for centralization, was the outcome of a discussion of the plan, which the Commission may see fit to recommend to the Assembly of 1931.

The State Championship Chestertown High School soccer team was the guest of the management of the

BAY BRIDGE COMMITTEE HOLD MEETING
Creation by the Legislature of a department in the State's government—to be known as the Maryland Bridge Commission—to deal with such projects as a Chesapeake Bay bridge, is recommended in the preliminary report of the State Bay Bridge Commission, submitted Thursday to members for approval.

Only two crossings, engineers have advised the commission, are possible. One from Millers Island to Tolchester and from Sandy Point, near Annapolis, to Kent Island. Preliminary estimates of the commission, it was stated, indicate that traffic over the Sandy Point-Kent Island route would substantially exceed the traffic via the Millers Island-Tolchester route.

While all members of the commission agreed to voice their approval of the document "in principle," adoption as a final report was postponed. Principal objection to immediate adoption was voiced by Emerson C. Harrington, former Governor, and president of the Claiborne-Annapolis Ferry Company; W. Mason Shehan, counsel for the ferry interests, and State Senator S. Scott Beck, of Kent county.

The distance across the bay from Millers Island to Tolchester is approximately seven miles.

The cost of the Tolchester route for the bridge is thought to be \$11,000,000 and a tunnel at Kent Island would cost about \$15,000,000.

FIND TINY STILL IN MAN'S HOME
Following up series of drives against bootleggers in Kent county, Sheriff John T. Vickers and Magistrate Olin B. Stafford Monday led a party of deputies to Massery, 16 miles northeast of here and captured a five-gallon still, not in operation, on the second floor of a house tenanted by Howard Pinkney, 50.

The man was arrested on a technical charge of stealing corn from Woodall Durham, a nearby farmer. He will be questioned as to his moonshine activities. Officers have been out every night searching for stills for the last week and will continue their activities this week, the sheriff said.

Edgar Johnson and Cooper Tibbett, of Golts, were arrested Monday during the raids on charges of disorderly conduct. Edward Moffett is in jail charged with the theft of \$30 from Cooper Tibbett. Ted Jarrell was also arrested on a charge of stealing automobile accessories from the garage of A. J. Hart at Millington and his brother, William Jarrell, is charged with drunken driving and using a revoked license. Ted Jarrell recently completed a term in the Maryland House of Correction for theft of materials from the garage of Edgar Clark here.

Record catches of fish are being made in Worton Creek. It is believed by veteran watermen that the recent severe drought has caused the Chesapeake bay and river waters in this vicinity to become so salty that fish are going up into small streams in search of fresher water. Charles Capel, 21, and Elmer Batchelor, 30, of Chestertown, caught one and one-half tons of catfish here Monday. It is believed to be the largest single catch of catfish ever made in this vicinity. Former Sheriff J. Thomas Hadaway took 335 pounds of pike from this stream this week in a single day's work.

May this be the happiest Christmas yet for the Editors of this paper.

MISSIONARY KILLED
The last issue of the Inland South America Missionary Union paper tells of the awful massacre of our beloved Arthur F. Tylee, his baby girl and Mildred P. Kratz, registered nurse at Furness. The attack took place Sunday evening, November 2, 1930, by Indians. Mrs. Tylee was spared though seriously injured. This missionary visited Chestertown and was a guest of Mr. E. K. Mohr and Dr. Dole. He was taken sick here but recovered in a few days. He was a noble character.

S. S. Geck, Esq., sold at public sale Tuesday the H. L. Crew farm near Betterton to H. D. Hendrickson for \$8,000.

Spencer S. Smith has been named

CHESTERTOWN WINS CHAMPIONSHIP IN SOCCER
With 2,000 persons swarming the Centerville High School campus, Chestertown High School's soccer team, champion of the Eastern Shore, defeated the Hancock High Saturday afternoon, 4 to 3. Chestertown thereby wins the State championship in the thirtieth annual campaign.

This is the second time the championship has ever come to the Eastern Shore, the other year being 1922, when Federalburg, of Caroline County, defeated Gaithersburg.

W. Mason, one of the three brothers on the Hancock team, scored the first period on a penalty goal. That was the first and only score of the period.

The second period was nearly over when Brice, of Chestertown team, from the scrimmage to score a clean goal from the field, giving his team a 2 to 1 lead. H. Mason came right back to take the lead for Hancock when he kicked a clean field goal, and it was just before the end of the game that Harris kicked a penalty goal.

Through three score periods of ten minutes each, the game was a deadlock until the fourth extra period. Brice scored a penalty kick which gave Chestertown a 3 to 2 lead over Hancock for the remainder of the final extra chukker.

Chestertown outwighed the Western Maryland entry, which was forced to make up in speed what was lacking in weight. The victory giving the Kent county team the State championship, also ended an undefeated season.

Hancock Chestertown
Resley G Brooks
J. Mason L. B Brice
Moon R. B Chaires
Franch L. H F
W. Mason C. H Nick
McCarthy R. H J.
Smith O. L Rinehart
Deenen I. L Harris
Unger C. F Brice
H. Mason I. R Hopkins
W. Mason I. R Williams

Goals—H. Mason and Brice. Goals from penalty—W. Mason, Harris (2). Substitutes—Wright for Johns, Hopkins for Hopkins. Referee—Ervin, Linesmen—Kelly and Robins. Time—30-minute halves, 40-minute overtime play.

The Chestertown team can more properly be termed a Kent county eleven as many of the players are from Fairlee, Betterton, elsewhere. Prof. Blades and the High School faculty have given considerable encouragement to the team and this has been a great help in winning this State championship. Joe Russell, an alumni of the school, is coach and he deserves for the boy's fine work.

COLLEGE FIVE WIN AND LOSE
Washington College basketball team defeated Philadelphia College of Isidore 32 to 15 Saturday night. High scoring honors went to two former Pennsylvania Avenue High School (Cumberland, Md.) youths, Proudfoot and Gainer.

Washington College's basketball quint hit an early season snag here Thursday night, when it bowed before the St. Joseph's cagers, of Philadelphia, by a 31-28 score, in one of the most thrilling contests ever seen on the local floor.

Coach Kibler's dribblers, maneuvering in for short shots repeatedly were away in front, at 15-13, half. It was a weaving exhibition against a few long-range, sniping shots by the visitors.

This team defeated our year and was only defeated by two points.

Our next game is in Baltimore, Princeton New Year's night.

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