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We'll say it once again: A Merry, Merry Christmas to you all.

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R. S. Thomas Asst. Postmaster Died Thursday

Prominent In Business And Social Life Of Community Last Of Name In Family

R. Snowden Thomas, Assistant Postmaster of Chestertown, died at his home on Washington Avenue here, last Thursday following an illness of several months. He had returned the previous week from a Philadelphia hospital where he had been undergoing treatment.

The deceased was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. Miffilin Thomas and since 1910 had been connected with the Chestertown postoffice. A very touching tribute to the memory of Mr. Thomas was displayed by his fellow employees at the government office here when they kept flowers on his desk from the time of his death until his burial. He was a most efficient and capable official and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of many friends. He is survived by two sisters, Miss Laura R. A. Thomas and Mrs. J. Alfred Perkins, of Philadelphia; and two brothers, M. Wilbur Thomas, of Chestertown and J. Alfred Thomas, of New Orleans.

Never since 1762 has there been a time when there was not an R. Snowden Thomas in the Thomas family. The death of Mr. Thomas ended that long unbroken claim.

The deceased was keenly interested in the business, religious and educational life of the community. He was a great follower of sports and an ardent supporter of the home teams.

Funeral services were held from his late home on Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Dr. Wilbur F. Corkran. Burial was in the St. Paul's P. E. cemetery. The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

Clinton E. Woods Dies From Burns

Mr. Clinton E. Woods, of Yeadon, Pa., well known here as having formerly a country summer home near Worton, died on Monday night from accidental burns.

W. R. Moody, of Chestertown, a personal friend of the dead man, received a telegram telling of the death. No further particulars were given.

The funeral will be held on Thursday, December 22, from his late home.

He is survived by his widow and two daughters, all well known here. Shortly before they left Kent County a little over a year ago the Woods' summer home at Montebello Lake was burned to the ground.

Boy Gets Shower From By-Kota Club

The first boy or man to receive a "shower" from the fair sex of Chestertown is Chester Bunting, the 12-year-old boy who is being supported at the Strawbridge Home for Boys in Baltimore by the By-Kota Club of the local Methodist Episcopal Church, an organization composed entirely of ladies of the community. Chester, accompanied by Rev. Dr. Long, superintendent of the home, was the guest of honor of the club at the home of Mrs. George W. Baldwin on Queen street on Monday night. He was "showered" with a bountiful supply of Christmas presents by members of the club. Refreshments was served and the event were marked a distinct feature of the pre-Christmas festivities here. The members of the club are contributing \$200 annually for the maintenance of the boy, who expressed his gratitude and delight in being the club's guest of honor.

Fire Engine No. 2 Improved

Truck Number two of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company is back at the fire house after undergoing repairs in Wilmington. A new rear was put in the Pierce and additional equipment added. New suction hose has been placed on the truck and the siren moved from inside the hood to a position on the very front of the machine. Connected with the siren is an electric light that shows red while the siren blows.

Santa Letters On Page 2

Well, kiddies, your letters to old Santa have gone forward and by this time are in the big mail box up at the North Pole where Santa and his helpers will look them over soon. Copies of your letters may be found in today's issue on page two. A number of letters that came in too late for publication on to Santa are being put out to the very young Christmas every lit want.



"And when they had come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and they fell, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense, and myrrh.—Matthew 2:11.

Religion

DR. ROBERT A. MILLIKAN, world-famous scientist, in an address on the subject of Evolution, declared that religion was one of the most striking examples of evolution. This was not in the way of controversy or heresy, but was merely emphasizing what was already taught in every important theological school of importance in the United States.

Scholars have been pointing out that there was a progression of doctrine in the Bible, the God of the Old Testament not having the ideals presented in the new.

There is no doubt but that religion has advanced greatly from the days of Moses until the days of Christ.

Christ Jesus is said to have come "in the fullness of time"; that is, he came when the development of mankind and its stage of progress warranted him.

Since his day there has been a great progress made. Formerly, religious denominations were cruel. It was common to have fierce fighting among sects and both Protestants and Catholics were guilty of things of which they would not nowadays be guilty. The idea of God has undergone considerable variations. God may be the same "yesterday, today and forever," but our understanding and apprehension of Him progress.

We have rejected the old tribal gods, the god of wrath and vengeance, and have substituted

the god of Love.

As the process of men's minds has broadened, as their understanding and sympathy have deepened their conception of God has improved, and no one can look at the activities of churches today and compare them with those of yesterday and not see that there has been a great advance.

The missionaries in foreign countries are now so much interested in making converts to their beliefs as they are in doing good to the people.

The recent activities of the churches have all been in the line of helping humanity rather than of fighting certain beliefs.

In other words, there has been a definite evolution of religion from merely belief in certain tenets to practical helpfulness of mankind. Religion means nothing more than a devotion to the general good. Whatever there is of God nowadays is a God who inhabits all of the people and whatever makes for the welfare of all mankind is pleasing to Him.

Religion, like everything else, must be tested by its results. Its triumph is not due to its wanting all people to believe in certain things so much as it is in improving our well being.

Christ—whose birthday we now observe—knew all of this—and to practice "PEACE ON EARTH."

Dr. Frank Crane



START OF SEAL DRIVE



Pictured above is the opening of the annual sale of Christmas Seals in Chestertown. Reading from left to right may be seen: Mrs. Katherine Stuart, County Health Nurse; Senator S. Scott Beck; Mrs. Don T. Falls, District Head; J. H. Clendaniel, Sr.; and Postmaster John N. Bennett.

of Christmas Seals in Kent County was under the direction of Louis C. Robinson.

—Duck shooters in Kent County have found the sport rather dull during the past several weeks. Prospects of cold weather, by their spirits.

—Wreaths, holly and mistletoe are for sale on the streets of Chestertown. Many of the vendors are school boys and girls eager to make a little Christmas change.

Clara Bow Here In "Get Your Man"

Bringing Clara Bow to the screen for her fourth starring picture with Paramount "Get Your Man" comes to the Lyceum Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 26 and 27. The madcap flapper of the screen, whose brilliant work in "Dancing Mothers," "Mantrap" and "Kid Boots" brought her to stardom for "It," "Rough House Rosie" and "Hulu" has in her latest picture the same sort of role which won her laurels in her former parts.

The locale of the story is France where Miss Bow is an American tourist endeavoring to see Parisian life alone. There she meets a young Frenchman (Charles Rogers) and is forced to remain all night with him in a wax-works museum when the doors are locked by the night watchman who believes the place to be empty.

Here, in the midst of mechanical figures which execute famous historical events such as coronations, murders, lynchings and imprisonments, the two fall in love, but not until they have encountered numerous thrilling experiences with the grotesque models. The complications are increased when it is learned that the boy has been engaged for 17 years to a girl he does not love. The remainder of the picture is a series of comedy situations in which Miss Bow tries to break down the French betrothal tradition.

Miss Bow and Rogers, seen together for the first time since their success in "Wings" make an ideal combination. Josef Swickard and Harvey Clarke, screen veterans, play the father parts with Clarke supplying some extremely funny eccentric comedy. Josephine Dunn, who will be remembered in "Firemen, Save My Child," "Swim, Girl, Swim" and others, is once more "the other girl."

—BEN HUR—at the Lyceum Theatre, January 5th, 6th and 7th.

Community Sing Scheduled Here Saturday Night

Special Program Of Music Is Arranged By Thomas D. Bowers

Many Will Participate

The newly organized Chestertown Mercantile Section of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce, determined to make the Christmas season of 1927 the greatest ever here, has arranged for an elaborate program of Community Singing to be held on Christmas Eve in the public square here. The singing will begin promptly at 6:45 p. m., and continue for a period of one half an hour.

The program has been arranged by Thomas D. Bowers, of Chestertown and timed to last but the half hour allotted.

The program will open with a song, "Come Thou Almighty King." This will be followed by the Invocation by Reverend Charles L. Atwater. Reverend Dr. N. O. Gibson will read the Scripture, "The Christmas Story." "Joy to the World" will be the next song and will be followed by a recitation, "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by Charles Wheatley.

The Public School children will sing, "It came upon a Midnight Clear," and Miriam Newcomb will give a recitation.

The feature of the program will be the singing of "Silent Night." During this number trumpets, from the Fire Company band, will be sounded from different sections of the town and echoed by the school children.

"America" will be used as the closing song and the Benediction given by Reverend Dr. Wilbur F. Corkran.

The Christmas parade and treat for the kiddies staged last Thursday by the Mercantile Section was a success and a big one. The largest number of children, in the history of Christmas treats here, were served. The parade was the most elaborate of its kind in the history of Chestertown and marked the opening of what is hoped to be a yearly custom.

The first prize went to the float decorated by the Woman's Auxiliary, of the Chestertown Fire Company. The Four H. Boys' Club took the second prize. A. S. Turner and Sons captured third and Elison Motors fourth prizes.

The judges were the cashiers of the local banks. Awards were made only to those floats depicting a Christmas scene. This kept the float of the State Roads Commission from galloping off with the high honors many thought. Representing the old and the new, with Father Time the central figure, the float of the Roads Commission was one of the best ever seen here.

In connection with the community singing the Mercantile Section has invited all civic organizations to be present. The Chestertown Rotary Club at its meeting on Monday voted to attend and will be given a place in the stand.

A. F. Shure Speaks To Rotary Club

The Chestertown Rotary Club, on Monday evening, heard Austin F. Shure, speak on the prospects of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and the huge undertaking that such a construction will mean.

Mr. Shure also spoke of the history of the Chester River bridge. It was erected in 1807 and shortly after burned. It was rebuilt and in 1890 sold to the counties. In 1912 it was taken over by the State Roads Commission.

The new members of the Rotary Club were assigned to committees as follows: Clarke Pontaine, Education and Sixth Object. Rollison Baxter, Community Service; Albert Perry, Business Methods.

Del-Mar-Va Meeting Postponed To Jan. 6

The meeting of the financial, business and professional leaders of the five upper counties of the Eastern Shore scheduled for Washington College here on December 28, has been postponed until January 6. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the relationship of these counties to Del-Mar-Va.

After the delegates have been seated the doors of the convention hall will be thrown open to all who desire to attend.

Edwin H. Brown, Jr., of Centerville, is the chairman of the meeting. Kent County will be represented by Marion deK. Smith, Jr., W. H. Copper and Paul E. Titsworth.

Many Turkeys Go From Kent County

The past week has seen all the turkey days in Chestertown. Many tons of the birds have been bought by the dealers and sent to city markets.

Buying has been brisk at the ton start, Truslow.

—Subs.