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May time and talk of June weddings.

**The Fisherman's Prayer**  
"Lord, let me catch a school of fish, so big that even I When telling of it afterwards, will have no cause to lie, And let the weather be so nice, that I can ship them without ice, Find me a buyer who will pay freight and furnish boxes free, And then, Lord, put the prices up, and contented I shall be."  
Unknown.

As a tip to the coming June brides we pass an idea along that we heard about recently. At the bottom of a wedding invitation was written "If you have not decided what to give us, we would like some knives and forks." Rather sharp, at that, no danger of duplicates that way.

Seeing the long line of cars parked along one of the residential streets in Chestertown last Friday when the Walpole Society visited Chestertown, some passer by asked one of the chauffeurs what it was all about. "Just a bunch of antique bugs" answered the bored driver. However the tourists seemed to thoroughly enjoy their short time in town and say many places of interest. If Del-Mar-Va was responsible for arousing interest in the Peninsula they are doing good work.

Some advise contesting the recent town election and others say "Let it lie!"

As proof of the truth of the saying "Quality not quantity counts" the Kiwanis Chronicle remarks that a centipede has a thousand legs but Ziegfeld never hires one for the Folies.

Court may be over but lots of people are still courting we hear.

Karl Green uses a simile: "She looked like a pearl-handled automatic in a velvet case; pretty and dangerous."

More howlers: Riverside Drive—the most statutory street in America. Tedium—Necessary part of the Episcopal Church service.

The Writer's Monthly says "School" is derived from a Greek word signifying leisure, and in some institutions the meaning seems not to have changed. "A scholar" was a man who was able to take time from other pursuits such as government, war, or the management of his estate, to devote himself to learning. All pupils are not students, and not all students attain to scholarship."

A party of Pennsylvanians stopped at the town evening and asked at which Chestertown eating place they were most likely to find Bay shade. We made a guess and wished them luck. It was a long drive but, if they got the shade, well worth it.

Dressmaking by geometry is the latest in home sewing. It sounds well as formerly much of it was done by algebra the result equalling x.

In memory of the four birdmen who lost their lives last Friday in the Chesapeake when their plane was struck by lightning we print this poem which appeared in McClure's about a year ago.

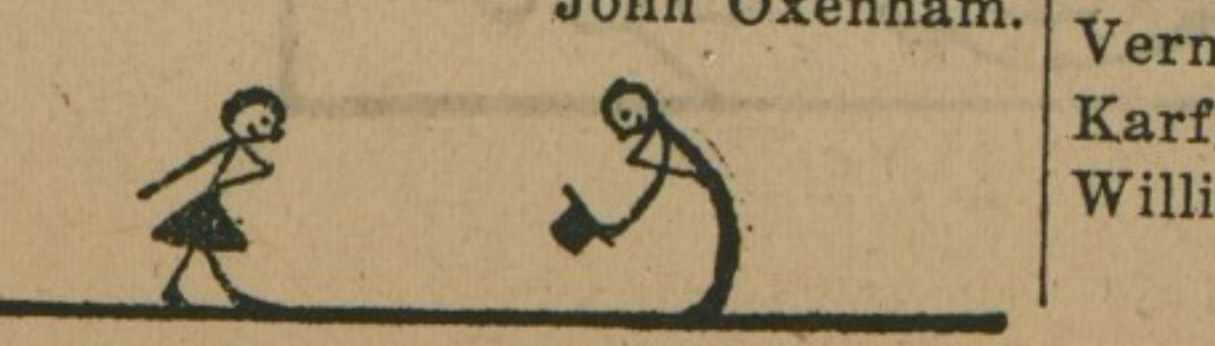
**A Little Prayer For The Man In The Air**

I never hear  
The growing diapason of a plane  
Up there,  
The deep reverberant humming of a plane  
Up there,  
But up to God I wing a little prayer,  
Begging his care  
For him who braves the dangers of the air.

"God keep you, Bird-man, in your plane  
Up there!  
Your wings upbear, your heart sustain!  
Give you good flight and oversight,  
And bring you safe to earth again!"

I, too, have hostages with fortune up above,  
And what may come to you may come to mine.  
So, once again—God speed you as you rove!

Both you and mine to His care I consign."  
John Oxenham.



## FIRE SHOW REHEARSALS NEAR CLOSE

**Cast Of 125 Chosen And Busy With Final Touches For "The Merry Whirl"**

**Monday, Tuesday And Wednesday Of Next Week Will See Performances At Lyceum**

"The Merry Whirl," Chestertown's big novelty show, the third annual benefit for the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company, which has been in preparation for some time, is to be presented at the Lyceum Theatre on next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, May 9, 10 and 11, with a cast of over 125 of Chestertown's best talent, and judging from the interest shown about town, and the large sale of tickets, large houses will greet the local players in the big novelty revue.

Last year's show, "Melody Land," which was such a big success, is still fresh in the minds of all who witnessed the performance, and another treat is assured all who attend. The well known Wheeler Producing Company, who staged the Fire Company's two previous shows, are again in charge, final rehearsals are now being held, and Mrs. Wheeler assures us that everything will be in tip-top shape by the time of the opening performance on Monday night.

"The Merry Whirl," which is all new, comprises many novel and unique numbers, the music is pretty and tuneful and the costumes and scenic effects will be up to the usual Wheeler standard.

The revue opens with the big children's fantasy, entitled, "The Fairy Ball," in which over 75 of the little folks will take part, appearing as butterflies, flowers, pirates, bubble blowers, sand-men, slumber children and fairy book characters. In this scene Miss Rebecca Moffett appears as the Governess. Slumber children Kitty Bringham, Mary Rogers, Margaret Anthony, Yetta Gordon, Elizabeth Westcott, Marian Aldridge, Anna Smith, Fern Blackway, Phoebe Pyle, Betty Lewis, Catherine Barnes, Helen Benjamin; Sandmen: Charles Dole, Billy Shakespeare, Vanort Simpers, Mark Wood, James Bland, Rumsey Anthony, Robert Ayres; Flowers: Martha Speicher, Nancy Shakespeare, Betty Barnes, Elizabeth Baldwin, Myrtle Hadaway, Mary Westcott, Miriam Thompson, Betty Anthony, Kathryn Anthony, Miriam Newcomb, Marjorie Dixon, Carrie Schriber, Mary Joe Wheatley, Charlotte Price; King and Queen of Flowerland: Mary Ellen Brown and Betty Thibodeau; Water Nymph, Helen Strong; Dolly Dimple, Eleanor Jones; Jack of the Bean-Steak, Frank Gardner; Alice from Wonderland, Alice Marian Sterling; Tweedledum and Tweedledee, Neil Truslow and Price Rolph; Pirates, Jimmy Kreeger, Scott Beck, Billy Derringer, Ivan Culver, Frank Jarrell, Robert Wright, John Shure, Meifford Brooks, Edward McMahon, Francis Baker; Tiny Butterflies: Elizabeth Wheatley, Alice Derringer, Harriett Gill, Jean Cooper, Miriam Sewell, Estelle Deaver, Henrietta Gill, Mary Jean Strong, Mary Emma Chaires, Phyllis Greenwood; Bubble Girls: Theodore Chapman, Gladys Aldridge, Margaret Mahlyn, Kathryn Baker, Patience Pyle, Ruth Jones, Anna Lewis, Dorothy Baxter, Ann Kreeger, Elizabeth Houkins, Carolyn Jewell, Loise Baxter; Large Butterflies: Lucille Rasin, Harriett Rogers, Rose Gordon.

A novel part of the program this year will be the prologue, in which Miss Kathryn Ford appears as Miss 1927, assisted by Miss Louise Simpers, Grace Wright, Clorea Baxter, Mariam Kirby, and Louise Price as the "Merry Whirl" dancers.

"In Old Mexico," a tale of the border, with a pretty love story running throughout the scene has as principals: Miss Margaret Crewe as Carmencita; Mrs. Helen Stenger as Pepita; Mr. Thomas Perkins as Senor Fernandez; Mr. Melvin Davis as Jose, with the following as the Spanish Senoritas as Tamborine dancers: Elizabeth Culp, Anna Cook Coleman, Kathryn Smith, Betty Rowe, Dorothy Bartley, Helen Coleman, Ann Rowe, Mariam Shriver, Hilda Willis, Emily Jewell, Kathryn Shakespeare, Nancy Jean Usilton, Margaret Rasin.

"Mary Lou," a novelty song and dance number, will be presented with Mr. John Alderson as soloist, assisted by Misses Jerry Harwood, Helen Tyler, Dorothy Woodall, Virginia Jones, Cora McWhorter, Elizabeth Dukes, Mary Simpers, Margaret Jefferson, and Messrs William Usilton, Vernon Kirby, James Chapman, Otis Karfin, Wilmer Johnson, William Willis and James Marvel.

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## Town Improvement Commission Organized

**Rate Of Interest Bonds Should Bear Subject Of Discussion**

The Commissioners of Chestertown and members of the special commission named in the Act of Assembly authorizing the issue of \$100,000 Bonds for street improvement, etc., met in joint session Tuesday evening and organized by the election of Mayor Charles N. Satterfield as Chairman and James H. Sides, secretary.

In the discussion of the motion to proceed to advertise the Bonds for sale the question arose as to the rate of interest the bonds should be made to bear. The Act of Assembly stipulates 5 per cent., but it was the unanimous opinion of the joint commission that the issue could be floated at a lower rate, and at a tremendous saving in the aggregate cost to the taxpayers.

Pending legal advice as to the authority of the Commission to fix a less rate than stipulated in the Law, the session was adjourned without further action.

It would be lamentable indeed if Chestertown will be obliged to pay 5% on this issue of Bonds in view of the fact that Denton, Salisbury and other Maryland towns, with a far greater bonded debt in ratio to assessed valuation, have and are floating Bonds at 4% per cent.

It is understood, of course, that the Board of Town Commissioners alone are authorized to issue the bonds, without the co-operation of the Special Commission, but the Board is wholly in accord with the proposition to name a less rate, and if it is found that there is no legal technicality to the contrary, it is certain that a rate of 4½, or even less, will be stipulated.

## C. H. S. Seniors Present Annual Play By Class

**"The Wren" Well Handled By High School Players Last Night**

**Show Directed By Prof. O. C. Blades**

The annual play given by the Senior Class of the Chestertown High School was presented last night in the Lyceum Theatre before a capacity crowd. The vehicle this year was Oliver Parker's "The Wren" and was in four acts, the third act having two scenes.

The annual production was on a par with previous plays given by the seniors in other years.

"The Wren" was directed by Professor Owen C. Blades, of the High School faculty.

The cast of characters was as follows:

- Mrs. Julia Dana, A Soldier's Mother, Margaret Rasin.
- Robert Dana, The Soldier, George Williams.
- Jane Dana, The Wren, Margaret Russell.
- Sara Woodson, Jane's Friend, Susie Smith.
- Donald Drew, Another Friend, Earle Willis.
- Mammy, That's All, Louise Price.
- Mrs. Harriet Greenston, Very Wealthy, Mary Cosden.
- Reggie Greenston, Her Son, Raymond Startt.
- Mrs. Cecelia Fordson, Jane's Aunt, Geraldine Harwood.
- Correne Fordson, Jane's Cousin, Florence Owens.
- Binkie, The Maid, Eva Moore.
- Rodney Blake, Sr., A Foster Father, John Goodman.
- Mrs. Rodney Blake, A Foster Mother, Edith Rees.
- Rodney Blake, Jr., An Adopted Son, John Moffett.
- Judge Gray, A Lawyer, Laurence Lee.

## P. T. A. Will Hold Two Meetings Thursday

**Each At Elementary School Here**

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Chestertown Elementary School will hold a meeting in the Elementary School building on Thursday at 3 p. m. The purpose of this meeting will be for the election of officers. The ne luncheon room at the school will be opened at this time and tea will be served.

At 8 p. m., of the same day the P. T. A. will meet at the Elementary School and be addressed by Captain W. H. Stayton. Other features of the program will be an original monologue by Mrs. W. T. Dixon and dancing by the class of Miss Doris Bell.

## Red Cross Appeal For Flood Relief Funds Doubled In Nation

**Kent's Quota Now Set At \$1500.—Need Of Prompt Action Is Urgent As Devastated Area Grows**

With floods and backwaters from five rivers reaching out to cover the land of nine parishes in Louisiana the flood that is reeking such a disastrous toll in the Mississippi region continues unabated.

300,000 homeless persons in this region have made it necessary for the Red Cross to double their original appeal for funds from the people all over the United States. 10 millions of dollars will be needed to care for those suffering from the flood.

In Kent County this means that the original quota of \$750 will be raised to one of \$1500.

The telegram to Howard Turner, Acting Chairman of the Kent Chapter of American Red Cross, from James L. Feister says in part:

"Upon recommendation of Hoover and myself just returned from disaster area, Central Committee decided in view of the vast increase in flooded area, that emergency situation now demands minimum of Ten Million Dollars. This means doubling original quota of each chapter. If you have already raised, double

## April Court Term Closed On Thursday

**Nehus, Wife-Beater, Gets 90 Day Sentence**

The April term of the Circuit Court was brought to a close last Thursday when Henry Nehus, 60 year old wife-beater was sentenced to 90 days in jail by Judges Lewin W. Wickes and Thomas J. Keating. Nehus had originally been sentenced by Magistrate Stafford to receive ten lashes at a whipping post in the public square. The more recent case grew out of an appeal from that verdict.

The jury which tried Nehus found him guilty of common assault. The sentence was passed by the judges.

Nehus was represented by Attorney W. F. Russell, Jr., State's Attorney Stephen R. Collins, prosecuted that case.

- The jurors who decided the issue were:
- 1. Charles A. Reiche, Foreman.
- 2. Walter S. Brice.
- 3. T. B. Durdling.
- 4. Eudler Loller.
- 5. Edward O'Meara.
- 6. Lambert W. Ford.
- 7. Fred Cornelius.
- 8. J. Hydie Thompson.
- 9. Harry Clark.
- 10. Owen C. Smith.
- 11. Robert A. Kennedy.
- 12. S. Harry Todd.

## Legion And Firemen Will Celebrate May 30

**Each Will Honor Dead Of Organizations**

Plans are being made for a big celebration in Chestertown on Memorial Day. The Frank Jarman Post of the American Legion and the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company plan to join hands in the annual commemoration of this day. Each year it has been the custom of the American Legion to honor their soldier dead. This year for the first time the Firemen will place flowers on the graves of their deceased members. The Firemen's band will head the parade which passes thru the main streets of the town as it goes to the cemetery.

## Tiller Escaped Jail Is Quickly Recaptured

**Jumped From Window After Prying Bars**

Samuel Tiller, colored, sometime last Wednesday night made his escape from the jail here by prying off a bar on a second story window and jumping to the ground outside. Sheriff Thomas Hadaway discovered his escape an hour later and he with his deputy, Robert E. Lee, started a search and found Tiller at Queen street and Maple avenue near the Chester river bridge. He was recaptured without trouble and returned to the jail. He was sentenced last week to a term of four years on a charge of larceny.

Stage hand to manager—"Shall I lower the curtain, sir? One of the living statues has the hiccupps."

## Rotary Club Installs New Officers At Meeting

**M. deK. Smith, Jr., Is New President Of Organization**

The new officers of the Chestertown Rotary Club were installed at the weekly meeting of the club at Maplehurst on Monday evening.

After 18 months at the helm, during which time he was organizing chairman and later the first president Dr. Paul E. Titworth turned the gavel over to Marion deK. Smith, Jr., who will head the club for the next 12 months. Austin F. Shure will serve as vice-president and W. R. Huey will continue as secretary-treasurer.

Several members of the local club attended the organizing meeting of the Centreville Rotary Club held last night in that town. Dr. Paul E. Titworth acted for the Chestertown club in sponsoring the one at Centreville.

The meeting of the Chestertown Rotarians on Monday evening was in charge of the Education Committee of which Austin F. Shure is chairman.

## Kent Visited By Walpole Society On Last Friday

**Visitors Impressed With Beauty Of Del-Mar-Va**

**Entertained By Wilbur M. Hubbard Here**

Friday morning, seventeen members of the Walpole Society accompanied by Mr. Swepson Earle arrived in Chestertown en route to Centreville and Easton. They spent several hours enjoying historical places Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hubbard entertained them informally and showed them through Widehall and the lower portion of the Custom House. Mrs. Whaland took the entire party through the Pearce house which is now owned by Mrs. Whaland's nephew Mr. Henry Catlin. Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Earle had hoped time would permit a detour to Old St. Paul's but that proved impossible and in its place, a visit to the old church at Church Hill was arranged. The tourists took luncheon at Washington College and were much interested in the institution. Many of the number were noted educators; all were interested in Colonial history and were enthusiastic over the fine specimens of Georgian architecture they found in Chestertown. Mr. Hubbard mailed large photographs of Old St. Paul's and the giant oaks to the secretary Mr. Spaulding, of Boston, for each of the society who made the trip. Mr. Marion deK. Smith, Jr., of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce greeted the tourists at the college. Mr. Swepson Earle's book "The Chesapeake Bay County" was one of the means of arousing interest in this portion of the country among the members of the Walpole Society and led to their arranging their trip.

Following is a list of the guests: Dwight Blaney, Mass.; M. D. Brainerd, Hartford, Conn.; Edward Bringham, Wilmington, Del.; George F. Dow, Topsfield, Mass.; Hon. Swepson Earle, Baltimore, Md.; Henry Wood Erving; Hartford, Conn.; Mantle Fielding, Germantown, Pa.; Hollis French, Boston, Mass.; W. Goodwin, Hartford, Conn.; Norman M. Isham, Wickford, R. I.; Henry Watson Kent, New York, N. Y.; Luke V. Lockwood, Riverside, Conn.; John Hill Morgan, New York, N. Y.; George Palmer, New London, Conn.; Frederick Bayley Pratt, N. Y.; Charles Russ Richards, Bethlehem, Pa.; George Dudley Leffingwell Spaulding, Milton, Mass.; John M. Woolsey, New York, N. Y.; Theodore Salisbury Woolsey, New Haven, Conn.

## Commerce Chamber Board To Meet

**Report Of Activities Will Be Given**

A meeting of the Board of Directors and all the members of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce is being arranged for Friday evening at 7:30 at the Court House. The purpose of this meeting is to give a report of the activities of the organization and for general discussion. The feature page for Kent County which was compiled through the office of the Chamber of Commerce is to appear, according to latest reports from the Baltimore Sunday American, on Sunday, May 15th in that paper and later in the Baltimore News.

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## Tax Payers Will Contest Recent Town Election

**Movement Backed By Group Of Bond Issue Opponents**

**No Official Action Yet Taken**

Although no official action can be unearthed it is generally understood that a group of tax payers will contest the recent town election on the grounds that there were illegal votes cast.

It was stated yesterday, that Attorney John D. Urie, who is representing those contesting the election, had notified the attorney for the Town Commissioners that such action would be taken.

No official statement can be gotten from either faction, but it is practically certain that some movement is under way.

It is said that the notice will be forwarded to Judge Thomas J. Keating, of Centreville, Judge Lewin W. Wickes is barred from sitting in the case because he is a resident of the town and voted in the election.

The movement for a contest, it is said, is backed by those who opposed the passage of the bond issue at the recent election. They claim that a large number of votes were cast by persons who were not entitled to a vote under the provisions of the law.

## Truck Blaze Causes Fire Company Call

**Vice-President Does Quick Work Before Engine Arrives**

A back fire which set fire to a truck belonging to the E. S. Adkins Lumber Company caused the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company to be called out about 1:30 P. M. on Monday.

The truck had just crossed the railroad tracks at the western end of High Street.

Quick work on the part of Mr. P. M. Brooks, one of the Vice Presidents of the Fire Company, who was passing, saved the truck from being totally destroyed. With a hand chemical tank Mr. Brooks confined the flames to the engine.

The truck, which was driven by Kennard Burke, was damaged slightly.

## Narrow Escape For Queen Annes School Head

**Badly Burned In Attempt To Rescue Child**

T. Gordon Bennett, Superintendent of Schools for Queen Annes County was badly burned on Sunday morning when he, his wife and four-year old daughter narrowly escaped death as their dwelling in Centreville burned.

They were aroused by the sounds of the flames as they were almost upon them. They escaped only after Mr. Bennett shrank under the fire which had been severely burned about the head, shoulders and arms.

The fire originated in a fire place and spread very rapidly.

Mr. Bennett was burned when he rushed thru a mass of flames to save his little daughter. The child, however, had been carried to safety by his mother.

## Still Pond P. T. A. Holds Fine Meeting

Meeting of Kent County Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations, Kent County, Md., Friday, May 6, '27, Still Pond Building, 7:30 P. M.

Music, Violin Solo, Dr. Fred G. Livingood, accompanied by Mrs. Livingood.

Business Meeting:

Roll Call.  
Collection of written reports of activities of the P. T. A.'s during the past school year.

Action on Constitution and By-Laws proposed at the 1926 meeting. Election of officers.  
Music, Community Singing, led by Mr. John White.

Address, Illustrated Lecture on United States Navy, Captain Wm. H. Stayton, Retired Naval Officer.

## New Mail Collection Scheduled In Effect

The new schedule of delivery and collection of mail in Chestertown went into effect on Monday morning.