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It may be a virtue to be open-minded but that kind of people get drawn for jury service.

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OUT OF THE FRYING PAN

Nell C. Westcott

"Kent County, the Eastern End of the Chesapeake Bridge." How do you like that for a county slogan?

A visitor to Chestertown stated last week that the traffic over the Philadelphia-Camden Bridge has been 80 per cent more than the highest estimate had expected it to be.

Kent and Prosperity ought to be synonymous before long.

Speaking of slogans, we hear the slogan that got the most kidding in the county is going to be dropped. Not that "The Store With a Conscience" was kidded out of it or that it is going to lose its conscience either, but the slogan served its purpose and is to be retired with honors and a pension.

"This old Maryland Free State has always been a leader in laying monuments and cornerstones, in laying low and in laying down the law, and now it leads the rest of the country in laying eggs," according to one of the Baltimore papers. Next question "What Price Eggs?"

"One for Beauty" pleads for a better Chestertown and compares its natural advantages and wide Main Street with any of the Shore towns to their great disadvantage. Do we hear Salisbury and some of the others whisper "Handsome is as handsome does" and "Action speaks louder than words?"

After reading and enjoying Edna Ferber's "Show Boat" we were much interested to hear that the authoress spent some time on Adams Floating Theatre and stayed in Chestertown a short time. That show boat is said to be the only one now on the Atlantic Coast.

We read with dismay in the SUN that the Firemen's Band was to have a rival band made up of the Women's Auxiliary. We fear the local divorce court would have an over full calendar inside of a year. "Music hath charms" but enough is one thing, too much a tragedy. Imagine starting a family argument on brass instruments!

As long ago as when the Irish servant girl, who has long since passed on, insisted on being called "a lady" the term lost caste in New York City; it has about faded out of use entirely although the word "Gentleman" hangs on in certain localities. We notice one of the local merchants has changed the name of his store from "The Ladies' Store" to "The Woman's Shop" and we, for one, like it much better. Whatever was meant by "lady" was made up of the finest womanly characteristics.

April showers, daffodils, freezing days and quinine pills; sneezing, blowing, almost snowing, farmer gets his plough and tills; birds are singing, flowers in bloom; housewives cleaning every room; Spring is here, no, it's not; what's the matter? March, that's what!

There's no fool like an April fool.

April showers bring more than May flowers—often result in spotted Spring hats and a cold in the head!

Soon the chorus of "Oysters, oysters, oysters" will be silent until the next "R" months come around again.

Newark, N. J., had her Kitty Knight in the person of Mistress Nansy Plume. The Hessians in 1777 stopped at her house and began chopping wood in her parlor. Mistress Plume protested until one of the officers told her if she spoke another crooked word he would have her shot.

"Ramshorn if I die for it" she cried. The officer's laughed at her daring and took the wood outside. That house is still standing and is the rectory of one of the most important Episcopal Churches in that section, the rector of which, by the way, is a Washington College graduate.

It was in 1887 in that same rectory that the Rev. Hannibal Goodwin invented the malleable, rollable, flexible film which formed the basis of the modern motion picture, it was not until 1914 that this heirs reaped a financial benefit of his work. His inspiration had been a result of showing his parish children stereopticon views and the fact that the youngsters broke so many slides in the handling when they managed to get them.

A silhouette of Kent's heroine Kitty Knight shows a most determined profile and it takes no imagination to see her laying down the law to the British soldiers.

75 PASTORS SHIFTED IN CONFERENCE

Conference Of Wilmington District Closes At Salisbury

Seventy-five ministers of the Wilmington Conference are preparing to move This was the number of changes scheduled after the annual Conference session held last week at Salisbury.

The appointees for the Middletown and Salisbury Districts of the Wilmington Conference are as follows:

Middletown District

O. E. Jones, district superintendent.

Barclay—L. P. Corkran.
Bayside—J. H. McRilli.
*Bozman and Neavitt—F. K. McCorkle.
*Burrsville—J. W. D. Tubbs.
Cecilton, Md.—G. W. Dawson.
Centreville, Md.—L. E. Poole.
Chestertown, Md.—W. F. Corkran.
Cheswold—H. E. Reed.
Church Hill, Md.—M. D. Nutter.
Clayton—D. J. Givan.
Concord—C. H. Atkins.
Cordova, Md.—D. E. Carr.
Crumpton, Md.—Otis P. Jefferson and S. B. Bradley.
Denton, Md.—M. E. Wheatley.
Easton, Md.—R. P. Nichols.
Fairlee, Md.—S. L. Hanby.
Galena, Md.—Ivanhoe Willis.
Greensboro, Md.—H. G. Budd.
*Henderson, Md.—J. I. Barrett.
Hillsboro, Md.—W. P. Taylor.
*Kent Island—P. O. Stevensville, Md.—R. C. MeDade.
*Kenton—J. H. Geoghegan.
*Marydel, Md.—J. P. Kelly.
Middletown—W. A. Hearn.
Millington and Dulaney—F. A. Baker.
Odessa and Friendship—W. T. McGuire.
*Oxford. Md.—L. T. McClain.
Piney Neck—T. S. Barrett.
*Pomona—R. E. Green.
Preston. Md.—C. C. Harris.
*Queenstown, Md.—E. B. Eckhart.
*Ridgely, Md.—D. J. Moore.
*Rock Hall, Md.—W. S. Grant.
*Royal Oak. Md.—E. S. Tyler.
St. Michaels, Md.—C. W. Moore.
Smyrna,—R. K. Stephenson.
Still Pond and Betterton—C. W. Clark.
*Sudlersville, Md.—E. W. Henvis.
*Tilghman, Md.—Roy T. Thawley.
*Townsend, Md.—R. S. Hodgerson.
Trappe, Md.—George E. Wood.
*Wye Mills and Starr—P. O. Wye Mills, Md.—W. L. McClintock.

Salisbury District

E. H. Dashjell, district superintendent, Salisbury, Md.

*Annacessex—Roy Kirwin.
*Ayres Chapel—A. T. Hudson.
Berlin, Md.—E. C. Hallman.
*Bishopville, Md.—R. H. Wilson.
*Cape Charles. Va.—Howard Davis.
Chincoteague, Va.—J. T. Rowlenson.
Claremont, Va.—G. H. Lightner.
Crisfield, Md.—Asbury, T. J. Sard.
Immanuel—J. J. Bunting.
St. Georges—G. S. Thomas, P. O., Dagsboro.
*Deal's Island, Md.—J. T. Price.
Delmar—Leonard White.
*Fairmount—G. A. Cooke.
*Frankford—P. A. Stockley.
*Fruitland, Md.—A. B. Frize.
*Girdletree, Md.—J. T. Graham.
*Gumboro,—Roy Tawes.
Hebron, Md.—O. A. Bartley.

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Former Conductor Victorious In Suit

Washington Jester, of Wilmington, Del., formerly conductor on the local branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad has settled, thru his attorney, W. Frazier Russell, Jr., a case against the Perry Coal Company of Wilmington.

The case resulted from the death of Mr. Jester's son, who was killed when run over by one of the trucks of the coal company. The boy was coasting and was struck by the truck and his sled glided across a street intersection.

The suit was brought in the Wilmington courts but was not tried because the company that had insured the coal trucks made a settlement before the date set for the trial.

The compromise settlement was at a private figure.

Two County Bills Pass Senate

Among the bills passed by the Senate of the Maryland General Assembly on Monday were two that dealt with Kent County alone.

The first of these bills authorized the provision for a deputy treasurer for Kent.

The second makes it necessary to license and regulate duck blinds in the county.

BACHELORS BEAT BENEDICTS IN BASKETBALL BATTLE

Amid much puffing and grunting the Bachelors of the Rotary Club defeated the Benedicts of the same organization at basketball on Tuesday evening 16 to 12.

The halves were shortened to ten minutes each in order to be in keeping with the shortness of wind of the players.

The game grew out of a challenge of the Bachelors to their opponents for a test on the court.

The one remarkable thing about the contest was the high score. Twenty-eight points in twenty minutes does not look like a bunch of old timers performing. All of the Benedicts' points were scored by Coach Kibler.

The teams lined up as follows: Married Men: J. T. Kibler and Donald Stam, forwards; W. B. Usilton, center; P. G. Wilmer and Austin F. Shure, guards. Single Men: R. H. Collins, Jr., and H. S. Russell. forwards; H. N. Baldwin, center; M. deK. Smith, Jr., and Charles Kibler, guards.

BOND ISSUE BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE

Among the bills passed by the Senate body of the Maryland General Assembly. in session at Annapolis, last Friday, was Bill No. 273.

Bill No. 273 is a bill which authorizes the bond issue for road and sidewalk construction in Chestertown.

After passing the Senate the bill was sent over to the House where it is expected to be passed this week.

If it passes the House, which seems a certainty, it will be voted on at the election of town officials on April 25.

Arbor And Bird Day April 8

Ritchie's Proclamation Requests General Observance

Arbor and Bird Day will be celebrated Friday, April 8, Governor Ritchie announced Friday in a proclamation.

The Governor requested that all teachers in the public schools and the people generally observe the day with appropriate exercises.

Two More Warrants Sworn In Nehus Case

Two more warrants have been sworn out in the Nehus "whipping post" case. The warrants were sworn by Mrs. Nehus against her husband and h husband's son, Henry, Jr., and were issued by Magistrate Olin B. Stafford. It is said that the warrants have not been served.

The latest developments in the case that has set a record in the annals of Kent County courts were the outcome of a visit that Mrs. Nehus made to her former home to secure personal belongings. A fight is alleged to have started among the three.

Henry Nehus, Sr., is out on $250 bail awaiting the decision of the April term of the Circuit Court here at to the validity of the ten lashes imposed by Magistrate Stafford.

Nehus, Jr., is now awaiting trial before the United States Court on a charge of distilling and possessing illicit liquor.

Women's Band Rumor Branded As False

Fire Company officials today branded as false the rumors that the Women's Auxillary would form a Ladies Band.

In explaining the rumor the officials said that at the recent concert given by the firemen's band, when President W. G. Smyth, of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company urged that a Women's Auxillary be formed, Professor Schlosser, director of the band, expressed the hope that the auxillary would also organize a band. This was taken by some present to mean that a band would be organized.

Beware Of Jokers On Friday, April 1

Be careful on Friday. It is well to take a couple of looks at everything on this day. It is April 1, or All Fools Day.

Just why this particular day should be chosen as the day of fools has never been determined. The fools are so on every other day as well. However, on this particular day things ordinarily frowned upon are permitted to pass.

Be on the look out for stray pocketbooks. Don't go to the library for the history of Adam's grandfather. Take things easy in general.

April derives its name from a latin word meaning to open. It is appropiately given to the month when the buds begin to open.

Del-Mar-Va School For Pastors Again

Session In August And September Will Be Increased To Six Days

Dr. M. A. Dawber Continues As Dean

The second session of the Delmarva Summer School for town and country pastors will take place at Washington College from Monday, August 29 to Saturday, September 3, next, inclusive.

The school found such approval last year that the authorities of the College have been urged to continue and extend somewhat the program of 1926. While last year's session was four days the coming session will be six.

Dr. M. A. Dawber, of Philadelphia the superintendent of rural work of the Board of Home Missions of the M. E. Church, will again act as dean. It is expected that an even stronger faculty than last year, made up of experts in Bible study, Social science religious education and pedagogy, community work, and church work, will be secured. The session of 1926 was characterized by strong evening programs. The management of the session of 1927 contemplates increasing the value of this feature.

The attendance of 1926 was 47 pastors representing—with one exception—the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula and its three major denominations and one Methodist Protestant pastor from Pennsylvania. This year it is expected that there will be a considerable increase in attendance and it is hoped that pastors from off the Peninsula may more largely avail themselves of the opportunities of this unique school.

Chestertown Host To School Heads

Thirty-Five Principals At Eastern Shore Points Attend Conference

IS STATE BODY PROGRAM

Thirty-five high school principals and four county superintendents from Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline and Talbot counties assembled in the high school here Thursday in the first Eastern Shore group meeting held in connection with what is known as a series of regional conferences being held in various sections of the State as a part of an educational program of the State Board of Education.

The meeting here was in charge of E. Clark Fontaine, Supervisor of High Schools for the Eastern Shore and Anne Arundel county. High school superintendents included Messrs. Noble, of Caroline; Fogle, Talbot; Robinson, Kent, and Bennett, of Queen Anne's.

The entire day was consumed in the discussion of topics pertaining to class-room work and tests.

Following the meeting the principals held an informal meeting to discuhss schedules for the high-school athletic sports and the rally-day exercises, to be held in the counties.

Plans Made To Collect New Tax On Gasoline

Consumers Must Begin Paying On Gasoline Purchases

Residents of Kent County who are owners of automobiles will begin paying the increased gasoline tax on Friday morning, April 1. The bill providing for the increased tax was passed by both houses of the General Assembly and signed by Governor Ritchie and it is an emergency measure to become effective on April 1.

Service stations throughout the county have been notified to proceed with the collection of the additional tax beginning Friday.

Maryland Day Honored By Citizens Far And Near

Maryland Day, commemorating the first landing of Lord Baltimore and his small band of followers on Maryland soil in 1634, was observed last Friday not only by persons living within the State but by thousands in other states, who joined in the evening in singing "Maryland, My Maryland" as it was broadcast thru Station WBAI.

In Chestertown public places of business were closed. Flags were displayed from many business houses and homes. The curb flags purchased last summer by many of the merchants on the main business streets were flying en masse.

Exercises were held in the public schools in honor of the founding of our Free State.

Local Merchant Takes Position As Salesman

H. F. Jefferson Goes On Road As Representative In Maryland And Virginia For Measuregraph

Failing Health Causes Change —Store Remains In His Hands

Acting in accordance with his doctor's opinion that a complete change is necessary for the restoration of his health, Mr. Harry F. Jefferson one of Kent County's best known merchants and owner of "The Ladies' Store' of Chestertown, has accepted a position with the Measuregraph Co., of St. Louis, Mo. Three years ago Mr. Jefferson began experiencing much difficulty with his right eye, the sight being seriously impaired. Several operations together with the pain and nervous strain during this time resulted in a physical breakdown which the physicians agree will be overcome more quickly if a drastic change is made.

The store will continue under the ownership of Mr. Jefferson with the same sales force and increased equipment. Mr. Hackett Emerson who has been associated with Mr. Jefferson in the business for over fifteen years will take entire charge and will keep on with the same present liberal policy. The name "Ladies' Store" will be changed to "The Woman's Shop" in keeping with the spirit of progress which dominates the firm.

Mrs. Jefferson and Miss Margaret Jefferson will remain in Chestertown where they will be joined over the week ends by Mr. Jefferson whose territory, being Maryland and Virginia, will allow him to make the weekly trip.

Rotary Club Will Have Birthday April 18

April 18 has been set as "Birthday Night' for the Chestertown Rotary Club. For this date a special program is being arranged for the celebration of the first anniversary of the receiving of the charter by the local club.

The affair will take the form of a "Ladies Night" and the clubs from Elkton and Easton have been invited to join with the local Rotarians in the celebration.

Ward Fleming, a former district governor of the thirty-fourth district, of which Chestertown is a member, will be the main speaker for the occasion.

Other features of the entertainment will be in charge of the entertainment committee of the local club. Austin F. Shure is chairman of this committee and the members are W. B. Wilmer and A. S. Turner, Jr.

Former Clerk At Voshell House Seriously Injured

James E. Bolton, who has been associated at various times with Voshell House in the capacity of clerk, suffered a serious accident Tuesday morning at Hotel Stoeckle, Front and French streets, Wilmington, where he held a position as night clerk.

He sustained a fractured hip when he fell from the first floor level to the bottom of an elevator pit, a distance of about 15 feet. He was removed to Delaware Hospital immediately after the accident, where an X-ray examination disclosed a shattered hip.

Mr. Bolton is 68 years old and has numerous friends in Chestertown and throughout the county. He left the local hotel several years ago to accept a position elsewhere.

Slight Fire At Eliason Motors

A slight fire was caused at the Eliason Motors Inc., on Tuesday when alcohol being drained from a car became ignited. The blaze was extinquished by hand chemical.

The workman did not know that the radiator contained the alcohol.

Fire Destroys Coat On Man's Back

An employee of the Victory Sparkler plant here narrowly escaped serious injury on Tuesday when by rubbing against a table a match in his pocket was caused to ignite.

The flames enveloped and destroyed his coat. It was only by quick work that the fire was kept from spreading in the factory.

The blaze was extinqquished without the sounding of an alarm.

—The Welch farm located near Black station has been sold by P. A. M. Brooks to Harry Scotten, of this county for $3,000.

MARION DEK. SMITH. JR.

Marion deK. Smith. Jr., vice-president of the Chestertown Rotary Club, who will represent the local club at the International Convention in Ostend. Mr. Smith is also treasurer of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce.

BABY CHICKS BURN IN HEN HOUSE FIRE

Firemen Confine Blaze To Single Building Until Final Moments

Flames On Roof Of Dwelling Discovered As Fire Truck Leaves

Fire destroyed the incubator house on the farm of Linwood Sutton near town last night and with it were burned up 300 baby chicks of registered stock and three hundred bushels of potatoes.

The blaze was discovered around 9 p. m., and a call dispatched at once to the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company. The firemen responded to the alarm with truck No. 2 and confined the blaze to this one building. The proximity of the other buildings on the farm made the fire a dangerous one. It was fortunate that there was but little wind.

After the incubator house fire had subsided and the firemen were ready to leave a slight blaze was discovered upon the roof of the dwelling house. It was extinguished with but little damage.

The flames which could be seen for many miles attracted a large crowd. The farm is about two miles from Chestertown and many persons walked this distance to witness the blaze.

Fire Burns Thru Stove And Floor

Fire burning a hole in the base of a kitchen range and igniting the floor in a colored home on Calvert street, caused the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company to be called out last Friday evening about 6 p. m.

The house was occupied by Jessie Makel, colored, By the time of the arrival of the fire engines the blaze had been extinguished by neighbors. Both of the engines of the local company answered the alarm and were ready for action altho not called upon. A fire in this section of the town is very dangerous because of the huddled condition of the houses.

Negro Sentenced To Sixty Days In Jail

Tom Jones, colored, was sentenced to sixty days in jail by Magistrate R. H. Collins last night when he was unable to pay a fine of $105 and cost imposed by the magistrate for the violation of automobile traffic rules. Jones was found guilty on five charges.

Jones was arrested when he drove his car into that of Randolph Waddell, local salesman. The car belonging to Mr. Waddell was parked at the side of the road. When ordered to show his license Jones was unable to do so. He also did not possess tags.

Sons Of Maryland Hold Annual Banquet

The 13th annual banquet of the Sons of Maryland was held in the gold ballroom of the duPont-Biltmore Hotel, Wilmington, last Thursday evening.

The principal speaker of the evening was Henry Breckinridge, eminent lawyer and assistant secretary of war during the first term of President Wilson. The master of ceremonies was Eben B. Frazer, mayor of Newark, who is the president of the society.

BRIDGE BILL READY FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE

Surveys Will Be Started As Soon As Measure Is Signed

State Roads And Public Service Commission Must O. K. Plans

The bill which authorizes the construction of a bridge across the Chesapeake Bay from near Bay Shore to a point between Rock Hall and Tolchester which was passed by the General Assembly last Friday awaits the signature of Governor Albert C. Ritchie. It is said that the chief executive of the state will afix his signature to the document this week.

Preliminary surveys of the site of the proposed span will be begun as soon as the bill is signed. It is hoped that actual construction work will be underway by the first part of June.

The House of Delegates passed the bill last Friday without a dissenting vote. It had been ratified by the Senate earlier in the week.

The cost of the proposed span is estimated at $10,000,000.

Mr. Bonsal explained that a mass of detail concerning construction of the bridge already had been prepared, but that before construction could be started it would be necessary for engineers to make a number of surveys, both on land and over the water.

He said that he expected actual construction to begin before June 1. The work will be pushed forward rapidly during the summer and fall months, it was asserted. Mr. Bansal has estimated that the bridge should be completed two years after the beginning of actual construction.

Mr. Bonsal, who is an engineer and vice-president of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, will supervise the engineering work. Although he lives in Charleston, S. C., he has opened a home in Baltimore in order that he may keep in touch with the work.

The bridge will be constructed from a point north of Bay Shore, on the Western Shore, to a point midway between Tolchester and Rock Hall, on the Eastern Shore. The State Roads Commission has agreed to connect the termini of the bridge with existing highways on both sides of the bay. Only short stretches of road will have to be constructed to accomplish this.

The plans call for a bridge about eight miles long and from twenty to twenty-seven feet wide. The bridge will be of the latter width at intervals in order to allow disabled vehicles to be parked in such a way as not to interfere with traffic.

The bridge also will carry electric telegraph and telephone lines, and gas mains. It is understood that bus lines will commence a regular service between Baltimore and Eastern Shore towns when the span is completed.

The bridge will be of steel construction on concrete piles and will have two draws. One on the western side will be sixty feet wide to permit the passage of sailing vessels and small boats. The larger draw will be on the eastern side, over the channel of the bay. It will be 260 feet wide, large enough to permit the passage of large ocean liners. The draws will be operated by electricity.

In the erection of the bridge all plans and specifications must be approved both by the State Roads Commission and the Public Service Commission. The road commission will check costs because at the end of twenty years the State has the option of buying the bridge on a cost basis. The Public Service Commission will check costs in order to determine a valuation on which to fix rates for use of the bridge.

Handy Point Farm Is Sold To Mrs. Isaac Dixon

Walter Wood recently sold the Handy Point farm to Mrs. Isaac Dixon at a price reported to be $30,000.

The farm is on the Chesapeake Bay and near the Green Point farm which belongs to Mrs. Dixon.

Elementary School Girls Instructed In Dodge Ball

Miss Miller, of the Public Athletic League, is spending several days at the Chestertown Elementary School where she is instructing the girls in the art of Dodge ball.

This is in preparation for the annual Field or Rally Day which will be held during the first part of May.

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