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OUT OF THE FRYING PAN

Nell C. Westcott

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Have you jotted down the phone number of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce headquarters? If not, do it now. The organization is for use, not for ornament, call 115 Chestertown.

"An efficient stenographer and typist, well grounded in the three R's; without bobbed hair and oldfashioned enough to dress sensibly" is a Want Ad. in a Wilmington paper. And all they offer for that is, to use their own words, "a modest salary" probably to match the modest girl.

Even Florida wore overcoats last week.

The State is certainly staging one huge bridge party! May Kent hold high score!

Don't be misled by the ad. that reads: "Nothing to pay down." There will be plenty to pay up some sweet day.

It just about reaches the limit when a New Yorker gets in such a rush that he shoots down a conductor on an elevated train because he passed his station without stopping.

Wierd spelling on menu cards in and around New York: one good looking restaurant offered as a breakfast delicacy "Weat cakes" and a second cryptically presented "Clamb Chowder" which was so highly seasoned it was impossible to detect whether it were meant for "Clam" or "lamb."

Store windows in Newark, N. J., are showing the new backless bathing suits. The object of these suits is to allow an even tan for the backless evening frocks. Passing the windows on a day when the mercury was flirting with zero the display makes a very faint appeal.

The Old Village Blacksmith is said to be employed at present in a southern hotel to shoo flies.

It does one good to go away for a while. After landing in a hilly snow and ice covered country where cars were unable to make the grades even with chains and where each step was a risk we felt like crying: "Carry Me Back to the Kent County Mud Roads." We prefer living on the level" in spite of the scenic effects of the hills.

A long list of religious services in a New York paper shows thefe is one for every taste. Perhaps the rarest was a sermon at the Church of the New Jerusalem on "Dynamic Peace." After the list of the usual denominations and a few interdemoninational comes a great array, just to mention a few: Bahai Centre, Liberal Catholic, Jewish Science (Is it the same as Christian Science, only different?) Vedanta, sides representatives of Theosophy, Spiritualists, and Ethical Movements. Numerology and Angelology also come in for a share.

A design which has no precedent has been accepted for the great center tower of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. It is hailed as America's contribution to Gothic Architecture and solved a serious problem for the architects.

"Consistent work is never overlooked. Co-operation is like an endless chain. Today's link always comes back to you. You can't do the right thing without receiving your reward."

Nearly everyone can improvise a tune on a piano but that is one thing that can't be done on a cash register. That's where money talks.

If you need to dissolve pills or a junket tablet use the head of a clothespin for a pestle.

Keep a piece of mourning crepe on hand to dust your velvet dress.

Metal cloth makes stunning overblouses and hats and is very much the mode at present.

If you want to bring joy to a boy's heart give him that new book "The Boy's Life of Barnum" by Harvey Root. Albert Payson Terhune has turned out another dog book "My Friend the Dog," a companion volume to "The Heart of a Dog." Mr. Terhune's dogs are always superdogs and quite out-human the human race but hold your interest even if you do feel just a bit skeptical.

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—The Class League of basketball opened yesterday at Washington College. The Sophomores and Juniors got away to a flying start by trimming the Seniors and Freshman.

Engaged To Wed Chestertown Man

—Evening Sun Photo

Miss Florence Conrath

Miss Conrath's engagement to William B. Wilmer, of Chestertown, was announced last week at a bridge party i nher honor given by Miss Mary P. Fusselbaugh in Baltimore. The wedding date is set for March 3.

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Inter-County Conference Scheduled Here Next Wed.

In preperation for the Del-Mar-Va Takes Inventory Congress a series of Inter-County Conferences has been arranged by the Del-Mar-Va authorities at Salisbury.

The meeting of the fourth division which is comprised of Talbot, Queen Annes, Caroline. Kent and Cecil Counties, will be held in the President's office at Washington College at 11 A. M. on Wednesday, January 26.

The purpose of this meeting, and the meetings in other divisions is to make a preliminary survey before the convening of the Congress at Salisbury, on February 16 and 17.

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Tri-County Past Masters Meet At Centreville

Election Of Officers Followed By Banquet—Gather Next At St. Michaels

At the annual meeting of the Tri-County Past Masters' Association held in Centreville Friday evening the following officers were elected for 1927:

President, Philips H. Hope, St. Michaels; first vice-president, A. M. Culver, Chestertown; second vice-president, W. Lester Ball, Easton; third vice-president, E. Clyde Walls, Church Hill, and secretary, W. D. J. Morris, St. Michaels.

Following the meeting a banquet was served in St. Paul's Parish House by members of the Order of the Eastern Star. The speakers were Harry Wright, of Preston, grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and J. Roscoe Wheatley, of Easton, deputy grand lecturer. The meeting next year will be held at St. Michaels.

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$10,000 Asked For Md. Flags Restored

Annapolis, Md.. Jan. 18—Governor Ritchie, in the State budget submitted for 1928 and 1929 has requested the General Assembly to appropriate $10,000 "for the restoration and preservation of Maryland's war flags, which are rapidly becoming disintegrated."

The flags are those which are on display in especially constructed glass cases in a room in the State Capitol. There are more than one hundred and each has been carried by Maryland troops in one or more of the wars in which the United States has participated since the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

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M. P. Sunday School Elects Officers

At the annual meeting of the teachers of Christ M. P. Sunday School following the session of the school on Sunday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Fred G. Usilton; assistant superintendent. Thos. D. Bowers; secretary, Miss Maude Duyer; treasurer, Albert Wheat; foreign missionary treasurer, Miss Clara Usilton; pianist, Miss Elizabeth Culp assistant pianist, Miss Louise Russell; chorister, J. Hydie Thompson; superintendent Primary Department, Mrs. Thomas D. Bowers; assistant, Miss Flora Wheatley; superintendent Cradle Roll, Mrs. J. Hydie Thompson.

ASSEMBLY SENDS PROTEST TO FEDERAL CONGRESS

Bills Introduced All Of Local Nature

House Committees Appointed

Kent Delegates On Committees

Committee assignements in the House of Delegates were announced at yesterday's session of the Maryland General Assembly.

Kent's Delegates, Ellsworth C. Bowers and Arthur H. Brice were appointed to several important committees.

Mr. Bowers will serve on the committees of "Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries" and "Immigration."

Mr. Brice was appointed to the committees on "Public Records," "Fish and Game," and "Agriculture."

In a brief session which totaled less than thirty minutes for either house, Maryland's legislators yesterday received resolutions of protest and suggestion in regard to present Federal prohibition enforcement and introduced more than a dozen bills.

In the House of Delegates Speaker E. Brooke Lee announced the personnel of the thirty-four standing committees.

The bills introduced were for the most part local Baltimore city or county measures. Among the Statewide measures was a bill to provide a standard weight bread loaf, with a $300 penalty for its violation, and a measure sponsored by the National Woman's Party intended to give women equal rights with men in the making of contracts, jury duty, custody of children and in other relations with the law.

Bills were also introduced designed to make the Maryland corporation laws and laws regarding exchange and promissory notes uniform with laws in other States.

The prohibition resolutions were referred to committees. One, to be sent, if adopted, to the Maryland Representatives in Congress and to the national prohibition director, protests against use of poison in alcohol to prevent its use for beverage purposes as "inhuman" and "abhorrent to all Liberty loving people."

The other asks Congress for legislation to enable individual States to control the percentage of alcohol in non-intoxicating beverages sold within their borders.

Both Houses adjourned until 1 P. M. today.

Administration policies and means of carrying them out were discussed at a conference last night between Governor Ritchie, President David G. McIntosh, Jr., of the Senate and Speaker E. Brfooke Lee of the House. Considerable time was spent on a discussion of the conservation bill.

Standardize Fire-Fighting Equipment

The smouldering and blackened ruins of five buildings in the little town of Church Hill lend silent support to the passage of a bill to be introduced in the present session of the General Assembly of Maryland for the standardization of fire-fighting equipment throughout the State.

Had the fire companies that responded to Church Hill's call for assistance been able, thru couplings of one standard, to join their hose lines, the disastrous fire of last Saturday could have been confined to the building in which it originated. But, each, with a coupling of a different type, was forced to remain idle while valuable property was destroyed.

The proposed bill to standardize fire-fighting equipment will be a great aid in the saving of property from destruction by fire in all parts of the State.

The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company, in a letter to Kent County Legislators, urges them to support the measure. The action of the Fire Company should be supplemented by individual citizens wherever possible.

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Visited Wilmington Chamber Of Commerce

The secretary of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Nell C. Westcott. visited on Saturday, the headquarters of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce where she was cordially welcomed by Mr. Clarence Dillon, assistant secretary of the Wilmington body. Mr. Dillon has visited and spoken on various occasions in Kent County and was keenly interested in hearing of the organization of the local Chamber. He very kindly offered to the younger body any assistance that the Wilmington Chamber could give out of its broad experience; he spoke most enthusiastically of the whole Del Mar Va Peninsula, of the opportunities that are at the door of Kent County and emphasized the fact that a Chamber of Commerce is the one place in a community where everyone may meet on common ground regardless of religion or politics.

Chambers of Commerce began as far back as the fifteenth century after the disolving of the merchants guilds which were a product of feudal times and were the first organizations formed to protect their members, according to a pamphlet issued by the Chamber of Commerce in New York City. French Chambers and others in Europeon countries were closely affiliated with the Governments.. The Chamber of Commerce which was founded in New York City in 1768 is one of the oldest in the world and is the oldest in America to be conducted independent of a government. Since the World War the number of Chambers of Commerce and other commercial and trade bodies have increased more rapidly than in any other equal period of time and have become an important institution in business affairs throughout the world.

"Ritchie - For - President" Slogan Raises Question Of Succession

Opinions Differ Widely, But Constitution Of State Provides For Filling Of Vacancy That May Occur During Term Of Governor

If the slogan on the yellow ribbons worn by several thousand persons at the inauguration ceremonies in Annapolis last Wednesday materializes and Governor Ritchie is elected in 1928 to the Presidency of the United States, who will succeed him as Chief Executive of Maryland?

The question was asked by hundreds of those who noticed the ribbons and read the bold, black-letter ed words: "Ritchie for President." The answers obtained yesterday from numerous persons differed widely.

Some asserted that the President of the Senate automatically would become Governor. Others maintained that the office would fail to the Secretary of State. A number held that the Speaker of the House would become the Chief Executive.

A few, who apparently had been taken a Rip Van Winkle siesta since 1867, said the Lieutenant-Governor would take over the duties of Governor.

Article 2 of the State Constitution, adopted in 1867, provides as follows:

Sec. 6. In the case of death or resignation of the Governor, or of his removal from the State, or other disqualification, the General Assembly, if in session, or, if not, at their next session, shall elect some other qualified person to be Governor for the residue of the term for which the said Governor had been elected.

Sec. 7. In case of any vacancy in the office of Governor, during the recess of the Legislature, the President of the Senate shall discharge the duties of said office until a Governor is elected, as herein provided for; and in case of the death or resignation of said President, or of his removal from the State, or of his refusal to serve, then the duties of said office shall, in like manner and for the same interval, devolve upon the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

The question however, is not without precedent. In the administration of Governor Whyte he was elected to the United States Senate. James Black Groome, who at the time was a member of the House, was elected Governor by the General Assembly.

In President Cleveland's Administration Robert M. McLane, then Governor, was appointed Minister to France during a recess of the Legislature. Henry Lloyd, President of the Senate, became Governor, according to the provisions of the Constitution and afterward was elected by the General Assembly.

MARYLAND SAID TO BE WETTEST SPOT IN UNION

Deputy Prohibition Commissioner F. G. Herbert So Declares To Law And Order League

Constitution Adopted

Declaring that, "Maryland, is the wettest spot in the Union," Deputy Prohibition Administrator F. G. Herbert addressed the Law and Order League of Kent County at a meeting held on Monday at the County Court House here.

About fifty members of the League heard Mr. Herbert, who is Deputy Commissioner for Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

According to Director Herbert Maryland, the wettest spot in the Union, is being run a close race by St. Louis and New York City.

Stating that the cause for the apparent disregard for the Federal Prohibition Law in Maryland was due to the fact that nearly two years elapsed between the arrest of a violator and his trial before the Federal Judge, Director Herbert urged the members of the Kent County Law and Order League to get behind the movement to have a second Federal Judge assigned to Maryland.

That the force of operators in this district was inadequate was brought out by Director Herbert in his address. He stated that the local option law of Kent County make it unnecessary for a Federal officer to be stationed here. He added, however that he was using his influence to have a Commissioner and Deputy Marshal appointed for the Eastern Shore.

At the close of Director Herbert's address the following constitution was adopted by the Law and Order League:

ARTICLE 1

The name of this Organization shall be the LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND.

ARTICLE 2

The purpose of this Law and Order League shall be to crystalize public sentiment in favor of all law observance, of all law enforcement, and in particular the observance and enforcement of the laws prohibiting the manufacture and sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors; and to co-operate with the County officials in the realization of this end.

ARTICLE 3

Any person, male or female, favoring the purpose of this organization as set forth in Article 2, and signifying the same by signing the following Declaration of Principles, and the payment of $1.00 annual dues, shall be considered a member of this organization:

"We Citizens of Kent County believing theer is a growing and increased disrespect for obedience to law, do solemnly pledge ourselves to observe and obey the law, and further to use and exert our influence in promoting a better regard for both law observance and law enforcement, and to co-operate both with the Officials of the Law and Order League in the betterment of conditions, and also with the County Officials in the performance of the duties imposed upon them by the Law."

ARTICLE 4

The Officers of this Organization shall be a President, a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually and hold office for one year, or until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

ARTICLE 5

There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the President, Secretary and Treasurer, and a representative of each of the Churches in Chestertown, these members of the Executive Committee to have the power to name a Vice President from each of the Election Districts of the County, who also are to be members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 6

The Law and Order League of Kent County shall hold an annual meeting in Chestertown, Maryland, on the third Tuesday in each and every year, and such other meetings as the Executive Committee shall deem necessary.

ARTICLE 7

The annual meeting of the Law and Order League of Kent County shall be the ruling body of this organization. It shall be the Judge of its own elections, determine its own order of business and provide for the execution of such plans as it may deem best for accomplishing the purposes of this organization, as set out in Article 2 and 3 of this Constitution. All elections shall be by ballot, unless determined otherwise

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Kent Lads Head For Warmer Clime

The snow, they didn't like,
So southward was their hike.

The hike, however, was made in an automobile. Three Chestertown boys, Claude Parks, Horace Wheeler and William Collins, decided during the blizzard, last week end, that a fellow was foolish to freeze to death when he could easily be warm by traveling south.

Accordingly, Sunday afternoon, the trio packed up and began their jaunt for the land where men are sunburned and women are freckled.

On Monday they were in Raleigh, N. C., and still headed for the equator. 'Tis said they intend to keep going until they get warm.

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Young Mens Club of M. P. Church Hold Banquet

The annual banquet and reunion of the Young Men's Club of Christ Methodist Protestant Church proved a most successful event. Covers were laid for 110, the largest attendance in the history of the club. The dinner was served by the women of the Triangle Club of the church. William L. Fowler, retiring president, was toastmaster, and the principal speaker was the Rev. Dr. G. I. Humphries, of the Salisbury Methodist Protestant Church. Music was furnished by the Chestertown Orchestra Preceding the banquet the following officers were elected: President, Paul N. Adams; vice-president, Edgar L. Pyle. secretary, Arthur Cooper. treasurer, George W. French.

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Home-Made Silo Proves Effective Here

Hole-In-Ground Invention Of Young Kent Farmer Praised

Farm Bureau officials throughout Kent county are greatly interested in an experiment being tried out by J. Weldon Walbert, a young farmer near town, which may revolutionize the dairy industry in the county, so far as the tenant farmers are concerned, and greatly increase the annual dairy revenue of the county.

Walbert conceived the idea of building what he terms a home made silo, horizontal in shape, in order to learn for himself as a tenant farmer whether ensilage which forms the bulk of the dairy cow's rations can be successfully preserved and fed to the cows without danger.

The silo is simply a hole in the ground eight feet deep, twelve feet wide and twenty feet long, dug by the regular farm force in two Saturday afternoons' work.

The silo is covered with a gable fodder roof, and the ensilage is covered with a thick covering of wet straw which prevents it from becoming unfit for use.

Walbert, in explaining his "invention to Secretary Wm. G. Smyth, of the Kent County Farm Bureau, stated that during the short time the silo has been in use it has demonstrated its great value in a decided increase in milk production, and, contrary to the prediction of some of the more skeptical of his neighbors, the ensilage is as sweet and in as good condition as it is when kept in the much more expensive silos now in use.

Secretary Smyth was greatly interested, for it seems certain that if Walbert's experiment proves permanently successful, and there seems to be no doubt that it will, it will be possible for practically every tenant farmer in the county to own his own silo, which will cause a great increase in the number of dairy cows and will result in increased profits.

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Report of Secretary Chestertown Fire Company

Mr. President and members of the Company:

It now becomes my duty as secretary of the C. V. F. Co., for the past twelve months to make my annual report.

I deem it only necessary to give you a brief out-line of the happenings as recorded in the minutes.

During the year just passed by, there were held 45 meetings of the company, at which the attendance averaged about 28, an average that could be improved upon and yet is something that we can feel proud of. I feel satisfied that if the members knew what a pleasant time we have at these meetings our attendance record would take quite a jump.

The year of 1926, I can truthfully and gladly say, has been the best year the company has experienced, since it's organization.

Through the remodeling of the fire house, the members both active and inactive have grown closer to each other, and have spent many enjoyable evenings here together in the recreation room.

On the first floor are other im-

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FIRE WRECKS FIVE BUILDINGS IN CHURCH HILL

Blaze Supposed To Have Originated In Defective Flue Threatens Town

Fire Companies From Five Towns Fight Blaze

Fire May Have Been Set

Church Hill, Md., Jan. 19.—The fire which wrecked a portion of this town's business section early Saturday morning may have been the work of a pyromaniac. This theory is held by the police, who are trying to determine the origin of the blaze.

The same theory is held concerning the fire which destroyed the dwelling on the farm of J. B. T. Merrick near here.

Fire, supposed to have originated from a defective flue in the general store of A. F. Golt, swept the little town of Church Hill, near here, on Saturday morning and left the smouldering ruins of five buildi as evidence of its visit.

The blaze, which was discovered about 6:15 A. M. on Saturday, was the most disastrous in the history of the little Queen Anne's County town. Three stores and two dwellings were totally destroyed by the fire and another home was partly damaged before the blaze was checked.

Fire engines from five towns, including the new Ford equipment recently purchased by the Church Hill firemen, were helpless before the fire for over an hour because of lack of water. Fire Companies from Chestertown, Centreville, Millington and Easton answered the distress call of the Church Hill fire-fighters. According to Chestertown firemen, who aided in checking the blaze, had water been available immediately upon arrival the fire could have been confined to the building in which it originated.

The Church Hill engine, which had just returned from a country call and had been placd in a cold garage was frozen so that it could not pump water. Calls to Centreville and Chestertown resulted in the arrival of these fire companies almost cimultaneously. Neither company could connect with the Church Hill fire plugs and each lacked sufficient hose to reach from the mill stream on the outskirts of the town to the fire. The Chestertown and Centreville hose could not be joined and for nearly an hour, or until additional hose could be procured from the home fire houses, these companies were forced to remain idle.

The fire, which originated in the store of A. F. Golt, swept on to the Tatman garage and the millinery store of Miss Essie Walls. Flames leaped through the windows of the brick store of James E. Thompson and wrecked its interior. On the other end the fire had reached the new home of Harry Walls, wrecked it and was licking the walls of the Tatman home when the Millington Fire Company arrived and was able to connect with the Church Hill water system. The fire was checked at this point and soon, with the Chestertown and Centreville co panies pumping water from the n stream, the blaze was well un control. The Easton Fire Comp arrived with two engines but did get into action other than relie men of the other companies.

The greater part of the fire-fi ing was done in a blinding blizz which arrived about the same as the firemen. Many families in block of the fire, moved out. Ho in other sections of the town w thrown open to the fire-fighters the women of the town prepared coffee and sandwiches.

For three hours, from seven ten, the firemen battled against fire before it was brought under c trol.

The damage which is expected total $50,000, was only partly ered by insurance.

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—Trucks delivering Sunday ne papers on the Peninsula encountere great difficulties with snowdrifts between Chesapeake City and Chester-town this past Sunday. They left Baltimore about 2 A. M. and were unable to reach Chestertown until five P. M. The drifts resisted the efforts of the five large trucks in spite of the fact that the snow, itself was comparatively light.

—The interior of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company's Fire house is being improved by Mr. Ellwood Baker and his force.

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