County Correspondence

ROCK HALL

Perhaps Americans like to boast, but who can deny that all Americans should be proud of the feat of Capt. Charles E. Lindbergh who made the successful flight to France in his monoplane "Spirit of St. Louis," and proud of its American builders. We needed something to tonic our nerves after the gruesome details of the Snyder-Gray murder trial.

Queen Rose now holds sway.

Mr. James W. Crouch and son, of Chestertown, have full sympathy of relatives and friends here in the tragic loss of his wife Monday.

There is anticipation of a fine evening Friday when "The Footlight Revue" will be presented by boy scouts from Sparrows Point at Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall.

The churches Sunday were well filled. The Methodist Episcopal congregation heard a sermon in the morning delivered by the resident minister, Rev. W. S. Grant, from John 3:1, on the love of God toward his children. The evening sermon was "Noah's Carpenters," Gensis 6:4. A duet "You Must Unload," was sung by Rev. and Mrs. Grant and several hundred dollars of cash and pledges taken in a few minutes toward the debt on the parsonage. Sunday School classes pledged themselves to raise liberal sums. At the school there were 220 present, two of whom were visitors. It was announced that Saturday at 1 p. m., a parade would form at the church and proceed to Wesley Chapel cemetery for memorial services and the decoration of soldier and other graves, then to the High School grounds for games recreation and refreshments. Two prizes will be given for best decorated cars. All are invited to participate in the event. Evening Epworth League at 7 o'clock was led by Miss Catherine Ayres who had a splendid program. Miss Ayres and Miss Ella Wirts rendered a piano duet, Messrs. Clifton Simms and Clyde Maslin sang "How Could I Live Without Jesus," there were also a prayer, congregational singing and a reading of the topic by Mrs. Susan Hague. Next Sunday morning a sermon will be delivered at 10 o'clock to the Knights of Pythias, who have been invited specially to attend. In the evening following the League there will be an address to the children. The Ladies Aid Society is to meet at 2 o'clock today at the church. Preparations are under way for Children's Day services, the muhic wielbl har shrdlu etaoinsrdldd music of which will be taken from "The Goodness of the Lord," and committees have been appointed to prepare for entertaining the county Sunday School convention that will meet here June 8th.

Wesley Chapel Methodist Protestant Church had 213 present at the Sunday School next Sunday they will have Memorial services. Sunday, June 12th, there will be Children's Day services. There will be muhic and addresses fitting for both occasions.

The Seventh Day Adventist Church is having addresses each evening this week by Elder U. Pickard of Baltimore, who selects interests topics and illustrates them with stereopticon views. Sunday night he spoke on "Satan, Where He Came From" and Monday evening his subject was "The Meanest Man in Rock Hall."

Tuesday, 17th, Mrs. Harry Wright entertained for her son, Robert Wright and Pierson and Millie Jones all three of whom had anniversaries very close together. The children had games out of doors and refreshments where the color scheme was in pink, including souvenirs, table decorations and cakes. The other children present were Hilton Wright, Iva Mae Witt, Margaret Jones, Delma Jones, Bernice Crouch, George Hynson, Donald Coleman, Elma Thomas, Pearl Hubbard, Melvin Urie.

Mrs. Hillry Akers has returned from a trip to Wilmington where she was guest of her husband, captain of Mr. Ernest du Pont's yacht. One of our Rock Hall young men, Mr. Eugene Taylor, is an employee of Capt. Akers. Mrs. Akers was greatly pleased with the yacht and its appointments.

A spring schedule of the Corinthian Yacht Club, of which Mr. du Pont is commodore, will bring them cruising in Chesapeake Bay as follows: Yachts will rendezvous Friday, May 27th, at Town Point, Elk River not later than 5:00 P. M.; Saturday to Annapolis; Sunday to Gibson's Island; Monday, special orders; Tuesday to Solomon's Island; Wednesday to Oxford; Thursday at Oxford; Friday to Annapolis.

The fleet will get under weigh each morning on signal from the flag ship and rendezvous each evening at the designated harbor by 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Frank Satterfield has gone to Philadelphia to visit her sister after being a guest of Mrs. Hillry Akers for a couple of weeks.

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SATURDAY, MAY 28th
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Also Comedy.

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PAULINE STARKE
KARL DANE in
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Also Chapter No. 9 of "Silent Flyer" and Comedy.

Mrs. Leedy and daughter, Miss Mildred Leedy, are spending three weeks at their gratitude home as Miss Leedy is somwhat indisposd and has a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Burgess entertained their children Sunday in honor of Mrs. Burgess' birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Marion T. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. S. Elwood Burgess and son, Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tucker and children and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Burgess.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ayres, of Chestertown, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Beck at their home in Denbeigh.

Miss Grace Culley, of Galena, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Culley.

Mrs. John Jones entertained Sunday her sister, Mrs. Ada Reynolds, of Felton, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crouch and daughter, Bernice, spent the week end at Worton with relatives of Mr. Crouch's.

The Misses Grace and Dorothy Bramble are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bramble, Miss Grace has graduated from Washington Missionary College and Miss Dorothy will study there next year.

Mr. Francis Judefind is spending a short vacation from Washington Sanitarium with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Judefind.

Messrs. Charles and Paul Hynson are staying some time from Baltimore with Mrs. Charles Hynson.

Mr. Stephen Newcomb, of Earleville, now guest Sunday of his brotherin-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hadaway.

Mr. Henry Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell entertained from Friday to Monday, Mrs. Lucy Bowers, of New Freedom, Pa. Mrs. A. I. Dugan and Miss Ruby Dugan, of Baltimore.

Miss Emma Hanna is home after spending the winter in Baltimore.

Mrs. C. E. Davis has returned home for a couple of weeks and then will go back to Baltmore for further medical treatment.

Miss Frances Berger is quite sick of a heavy cold contracted in the rain and dampness of County Field Day at Chestertown.

Mrs. Bradley Kerr has been suffering from bronchial affection for some time.

Capt. and Mrs. Charles R. Kerr and Mr. Charles G. Kerr were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ruthwin Strong in Broad Neck.

Mrs. Ella Middleton returned Sunday from Baltimore where she had spent several months.

Mrs. Henry Donaldson is home from Washington Sanitarium. While there she was treated for nervous trouble and also had her tonsils removed.

Mr. Joseph Downey was in Baltimore Monday for another treatment for his face.

Mr. and Mrs. William Leary and son, Leonard, and Mr. and Mrs. George Downey visited Easton Sunday.

Miss Louise Akers has a communication from Samuel K. Dennis, chairman of the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore, that her essay entitled "Major Joseph Wickes" has been adjudged the best submitted from Kent County. This carries with it a prize of twenty dollars in gold.

Mrs. George Davis was very ill Saturday night of heart trouble.

Mrs. Harry Lake required three visits Friday night from her physician as she was extremely ill of heart affection.

Mrs. George N. Coleman, son and daughter, George and Miss Bernice, will visit the former's sister, Mrs. Nellie Shaw, in Baltimore next Saturday and with her and daughter, Ada, will make a trip to Valley Forge Monday, returning home Tuesday.

Miss Elva Urie spent from Thursday to Sunday with friends at Harris Wharf.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Joiner, Mrs. Charles Joiner, Owen Joiner and Harvey Kendall spent Sunday at Harris Wharf.

Mr. and Mrs. William Williams and mother visited Mr. Nelson Williams and family at Worton Sunday, the mother staying longer. Mrs. Williams is now with her daughter, Mrs. Rufus Adkins, at Sparrows Point where an infant son was welcomed Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Latham and family, of Chestertown, were callers Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Joiner.

Mr. and Mrs. Durand Hastings were recent hosts to Mr. and Mrs. Ericsson, of Washington, and accompanied them as far as Baltimore on their motoring trip home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Happersett have had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Harry Happersett and Mr. and Mrs. James McCord of Pennsylvania, Mr. Romaine Ashley, Miss Freida Ashley, Pauline Ashley and Mr. Alexander Courtru, of Baltimore.

Mr. Alpheus Wilson, visited Baltimore Monday.

Miss Bessie Warner, Miss Helen Warner, Miss Rosetta Urie and Mr. Carl Starkey spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jacquette.

Mrs. Charles Harrison has been quite ill of heart trouble.

Capt. and Mrs. C. O. Kendall have had as recent guests. Mr. and Mrs. John Pinder, of Centreville, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reeder, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Elmer Kendall and children of Delaware. Capt. Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Pinder and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Kendall visited Conowingo and Port Deposit Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Adley, Mrs. Elmer Kendall and children, of Delaware, have been guests of Mrs. John Ward and other friends.

Mrs. Frank Hartman is making some improvement from heart and other diseases.

Mrs. Allan Rouse, nee Miss Kathleen Urie, of Chambersburg, Pa., spent the week end with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Frank Urie.

Mrs. Price Orr and daughter, Miss Frances Orr, visited Mr. Orr and son Mr. George Orr in Baltimore Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. August Myers, of Baltimore, is on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Myers.

GALENA

Alvin McCauley, of Baltimore, spent a few days this week with his mother, Mrs. Eva McCauey.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Everett, of Millington, spent Sunday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Oilin Price and son and Mr. and Mrs. William Redding, of Wilmington visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Redding on Sunday.

Miss Nellie Dempsey spent the week end with friends at Doo Run, Pa.

Miss Agnes Jarman and friend of Baltimore visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer S. Jarman over the week end.

Miss Florence Gale, of Millington, was the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Skinner over the week end.

Chester M. Davis and Marion Rosn, of Washington College spent the week end with their parents.

Keith Cochran. Jr., of Baltimore, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Cochran, a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fogwell are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a fine baby boy.

Miss Ethelie Prettyman and friend Carroll Lucas, of Baltimore, spent the week end with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Prettyman.

Dennis McCauley. of Price, spent a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. Eva McCauley.

Mrs. Barnard Jones and little daughter, Emily Louise, of Atlanta, Ga., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Caldwell.

Miss Emma Phipps, of Marshallton, spent the week end with Rev. and Mrs. Ivanhoe Willis at the parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Craddock and son, Jr., and aunt, Mrs. Staats were guests of Mrs. Josephine Davis on Sunday.

Mrs. George R. Jones and daughters, Helen and Florence, visited relatves in Baltimore last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Caldwell, spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Smith at Millington.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cannan, of Camden, N. J., spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Josephine Cannan.

Rev. Francis Kirwan, of Denton, conducted a parochial mission in the interest of the Bishop's Crusade in St. Andrew's Chapel, during the week.

The Epworth League celebrated their anniversary on Sunday evening with the pageane "The World Gone After Him."

STILL POND

Mrs. S. P. Parrott has returned home from Philadelphia.

Mrs. Wm. Davis and little daughter, Jean, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W Robinson, Jr.

A good number attended the W. F. M. S. banquet in the Sunday School room on last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sharp. of Philadelphia. spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Norris.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Norris and sons attended the funeral of her father in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson spent Monday of this week in Philadelphia.

KENNEDYVILLE

Mrs. Shafer and daughter, Miss Emma, motored to Oxford, Pa., on Sunday to see their cousin, Mrs. Barboer who is very sick.

Master Marven Williams stayed a few days last week with his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Van Dyke.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Hague and children visited relatives near Rock Hall on Sunday.

Mrs. Paul Boggs, of Massey, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boggs.

Miss Katherine Hessner, of Philadelphia, visited her relatives for a few days.

Mrs. Rachel Hill spent Thursday with Mrs. Sue J. Shallcross at Evergreen.

Miss Elizabeth Hurlock spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hurlock. The school where she attends was closed on account of the death of the Princpal.

Miss Lula Vandyke spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Katie V. Crew and family near Worton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rollison on Sunday entertained her sisters, Mrs. Kendall and Miss Trew, of Chestertown.

Misses Edith Walls and Anna C. Wiltbank, spent a short while in Baltimore last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kennedy and children on Sunday visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Groves at Gresham Hall, Tolchester.

There was a good attendance at the Mite Society which met at Mrs. Rachel Hills on Wednesday night.

It was a bad, rainy evening yet all had a good time.

The next monthly meeting will be entertained by Mrs. Sue J. Shallcross.

This will be a box social, so ladies fill your boxes with many good eats, and it is hoped the gentlemen will not leave their pocket books at home.

A nice literary program will also be rendered.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holden and baby, of Chester, are visiting relatives in our village.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Elliott. of Annapolis, spent the wek end with Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Kelley

Miss Daisy Ford, of Wilmington. Del., visited her parents over the week end.

Mr. Boyd Primrose, of Atlantic City, spent Sunday here with his relatives.

Mrs. James Caldwell returned home Saturday after spending a week in Philadelphia with her daughter.

Miss Henrietta Kernan, of Worton, is visiting Miss Lydia George.

Mr. Edward Caldwell of Philadelphia, visited his parents Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Eleanor Canessa, of Philadelphia, visited Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hessner for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover and daughter, Miss Ruth were guests of Mr. H. G. Hager on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin, of Philadelphia, visited on Monday the Misses Scotten.

Miss Juanita Boyles and Miss Edna Comegys, visited friends at Elkton on Saturday.

Miss Mae Robinson returned home Saturday after visiting relatives in Philadelpha for the last two weeks.

Mrs. Pippin and daughter Jean, of Chestertown, visited her relatives here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Atwell entertained the Ladies Aid last Friday evening.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Edgar Pennington. After the business meeting a very good program was rendered consisting of choruses, recitations and solos.

Mss Frances Hill sang "Meet Me Tonight at Twilight." And recitations by Miss Mildred Melvin, Miss Catherine Nickerson, Mr. Howard Rasin and Catherone Atwell were much enjoyed by a large crowd.

Orangeade and cake served to all. Mrs. Atwell had charge of the program. It was a very enjoyable evening for all.

The next monthly meeting will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. James H. Groves, Jr., which will be in June.

Mrs. E. T. Othoson is chairman of program for that night.

Christian Endeavor topic for May 29th, "Our Heroes Speak" Hebrews 11:32 t o12.

Leader Mr. Will Newton, sermon by the pastor will follow as usual.

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The young people of St. James Church gave their play "Aaron Slick of Pumpkin Creek," before a large audience last Friday evening in the school auditorium. The play was greatly enjoyed by all present, the proceeds were for the benefit of the school.

Mrs. Edward Smith and Mrs. Floyd Smith were among visitors to Baltiemore last week.

Miss Virginia Owens and friend, of Baltimore, were week end guests of her mother, Mrs. L. M. Owens.

Mr. Earle Stone, of Ambler, Pa., has been visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Walter Stone.

Mrs. Walted Stone visited Baltimore last week.

The Northern Convocation was held at St. Johns Church last Thursday and Friday. Dean Atwater, of Chestertown had charge and was assisted by Dr. Hepbron, Rev. Mr. Lewis, Rev. Garner and Rev. John White. Following the service Friday a shad luncheon was served at the Betterton Hotel to visitors and delegates.

Miss Willis of Little Marsh, Pa., is spending some time at the home of her uncle, Mr. Harry Willis.

Miss Margaret Crew, of Washington College was a wek end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Crew.

Mrs. Elmer Thomas attended the card party which was given by Mrs. Lillie Hossinger at Lynch last Tuesday evening.

Mr. Newton Ellis ha d as week end guests three of his sisters from Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton visited Baltimore last week the latter to receive treatment from a specialst.

A bake was held last Saturday at Brices' stand for the benefit of the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anthony, of near Locust Grace, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Taylor.

Mr. Talbott Brice, of Washington College, was a wek end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brice.

PRIZE ESSAY

Essay by Miss Louise Akers which has been selected by the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore as the best from Kent County.

About the time small settlements were springing up in a place called "Kentish Isle" and about the time William Claiborne, a representative of Virginia, was surveying Maryland, Joseph Wickes was just entering manhood. He was born in England in 1620 and has always been considered as one from the oldest Puritan stock. Beside this there are few known facts of his early life.

It was thirty one years later when these settlements had grown into colonies, the dispute between Maryland and Virginia had been settled and "Kentish Isle" had become Kent County before Joseph Wickes came to Kent. During the same year he held his first place of prominence. It seems as though he may have started a family tradition, for since then at least one in every generation of the Wickes family has distinguished himself. The first of these distinctions was when Joseph was elected on ye 12th January, 1651" to the bench of Kent County Court. He was Justice of Peace. To be Justice of Peace in colonial days meant more than at the present time. A greater individuality and prestige was attached to it and Justice Wickes accepted and managed his duties with dignity and responsibility until the end of his appointment. At this time Kent County comprised one hundred thirty-five persons. He was paid for his services with tobacco raised by them.

Among these earliest colonists was Thomas Hynson, a close friend to Major Wickes. He was High Sheriff of Kent County, and, with his own and his friends influence, he secured a grant of land from King Charles II. It was situated on Eastern Neck Island. Originally this grant consisted of 800 acres, but after they had secured the adjacent lands the entire amount was 1740 acres, comprising the whole of the island. In this Thomas Hynson and Major Wickes were joint partners until the former's death.

In 1680 the land was partitioned between Major Wickes and John Hynson, eldest son and heir of Thomas. The Wickes portion was on the southern part of the island while the Hynson's lived on the northern.

"Wickliffe," situated on the southern shores of Chester River was a fine old manor on which was built one of the finest mansion houses of the time. It was here that Major Wickes spent the remainder of his days. Here his friends were greeted and entertained in the accustomed hospitality of colonial days. From the wide veranda of "Wickliffe" they could see the ships from their mother country as they entered the harbor at Hail Point. The stately sails of these ships were always a welcome sight for they brought news from the Old World.

Near the shores a point of land projected into the river on which stood a group of tall, erect virgin pines. Beyond these the white sand beach and then, after miles and miles of the river, lay the Chesapeake Bay. These beauties of nature seemed to be the chief enjoyment of Major Wickes as well as that of many of his following generations. Eight of these generations were born at "Wickliffe" and that old inheritance from Major Wickes remained in the family for 240 years, passing from eldest son to eldest son.

The old mansion house still remains and has among some of its colonial relics a wide staircase and broad mantels. In its spacious kitchen an old "mammy" cooked and served for her "missus" while the men servants labored in the fields for their "master.' To almost all Marylanders this fine old mansion, situated on one of Kent's best shores, has proved equally as interesting as its first proprietor Major Joseph Wickes.

Major Wickes, although always having been popular among the colonists, seemed more so after his election to the bench. It was, perhaps, five years later when a still higher honor was offered him. This was a chance to be presiding judge of that court. As Chief Justice of Kent County he showed the same conscientious as to his former duties. In this honorable position he remained until April, 1658, when he was elected as a member of the Provincial Assembly. He was the chosen burgess representing Kent County.

At the assembly, which was held at St. Leonards, his consistent conduct gained for him the praise of those whom he represented. After his return from St. Leonard's he was once more elected judge. This second appointment as one of the "quorrum" was his last achievement along the political line. When his services ended he no longer took an active part in the government of Kent. Although he never filled an office of emolument he held, worthily positions of great trust. He retired from the affairs of his country and took up the quiet life of "Wickliffe" until his death in 1692.

George A. Hanson, in his book, "Old Kent," speaks of Major Wickes as "gentleman of birth, breeding, refinement and culture' and, he adds, "his chief noticable characteristics were constitutional purity and dignity of character, amiability of disposition and discerning generosity.

Major Wickes was the first slave owner of Kent County. He brought with him fifteen slaves when he left the old country. There was no doubt, either, that he was an exceptionally kind master, for his servant, Edward Tarant, in his will left "to my kind olde master one hogshead of tobacco, for his tender care of me in my sickness."

After Major Wickes had moved to "Wickliffe" he married Mistress Marie Hartwell, a widow with two children. This was the 19th of July, 1656, and on the 18th of August the same year his son, Joseph, by a previous marriage died leaving a son, Samuel. The eldest sons of the following three generations were Samuels. The son of Samuel III was Lambert Wickes, the first man to pilot a war-ship on British seas. In the late World War a great torpedo destroyer was named "Wickes" in honor of Captain Lambert Wickes. He was noted for his gallant deeds and when sent by Benjamin Franklin to France he faithfully complied with all instructions. He won for himself a place in American history. It might be said of him as of Roman Brutus. His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world 'This was a man.'

In Kent today of Major Joseph Wickes' living descendants are Judge Lewin Wickes, of Chestertown, and Mrs. W. O. Selby, of Rock Hall. These are of the ninth generation of the Wickes family and Mrs. Selby's grandson, Carey Strong Selby, is the first of the eleventh. It seems that Major Wickes left to Kent an undying heritage in his descendants.

In 1902, after the death of Mrs. James Page Wickes, "Wickliffe" passed from the Wickes family. It was purchased by the late James W. Stevens and his wife, Lillian Stevens. They lived on the estate and highly cultivated it. Before Mr. Stevens' death he sold it to his brother, R. Nelson Stevens, the present owner.

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