

ROCK HALL

On Sunday at the M. E. Church Rev. E. H. Dashiell, who had come for the purpose, delivered two solid discourses in the interest of the Conference Claimants Fund for the Wilmington Conference. A very worthy object, no doubt those old people as well as others would like to know there is a home waiting for them to save them from dependence on their children or the public, as many elderly ones in other walks of life are. The schools are having trouble in getting started after the Christmas holidays. Misses Ayres, Jones and Legg are sick. Mr. McBee did not reach home from Baltimore in time for school on Thursday and the schools were closed on Friday as the weather was bad and the attendance small. The pupils had been sent home on Thursday for the same reason. On Monday some of the teachers were transferred from the High to the Grammar school in an endeavor to accommodate all the pupils. The Adventist school is not yet open as the teacher has been unable to reach here after vacation at her home. The rain on Dec. 31st prevented the holding of a watch night meeting as had been purpose. A few were turned out earlier in the evening but it was not prudent to risk the later hours. The New Year is very welcome however as all look forward to settled normal times again. Rock Hall, like the rest of the peninsula, is very cognizant of the fact that the peninsula is being forced to transfer its trade to Philadelphia and Wilmington. We, however, are more dependent on the boats because we are too far to deliver produce to the railroad over dirt roads. We do not blame those more fortunate in grasping the facilities at hand. The Pennsylvania railroad gets the freight either way so it takes care of its own interests. Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Rodney celebrated their wedding a week ago and the guests present spent one of the most enjoyable evenings of the season. The parlor was decorated appropriately for the Christmas season and the dining room was made festive by huge bunches of chrysanthemums. Games, music and refreshments were offered for the entertainment of all. Those present besides Mr. and Mrs. Rodney and little son were, Mr. and Mrs. James Rodney, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Downey and Doris, Mrs. J. W. Downey and Thelma and Maurice, Mrs. Ida Thompson and Alice, Mrs. John Dow, Miss Casey and Albert, Mrs. Adam Casey, Mrs. C. J. Thompson, Mrs. J. A. Urie, Mrs. E. O. Erickson, and Misses Edith Wagner, Alice Webb, Emma, Hanna and Mabel Webb. Postmaster and Mrs. Charles Jude find have been hosts to the latter's relatives, Mrs. Alfred Bramble and son, Reynolds, of Lanford, Mr. Allen Stevens, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Stevens is still wearing the uniform of our Uncle Samuel with the badge of honorable discharge on the sleeve. He was training at Camp Humphreys in Virginia and is certainly a fine specimen of physical manhood. Next week he will resume his occupation of printer in his old post in Washington. Mrs. Wm. Rollison, of Piney Neck is under the care of Dr. W. W. Beall as she has been suffering with some heart trouble for several months. Mrs. George R. Spear has returned from a visit to relatives in Delaware. Mrs. S. M. Crosby is indebted to Chauffer Emory Hogans for a copy of Trench and Camp which is full to the brim with interesting news of the Egg cantonment at Camp Meade. It had some vivid stories by inveterate soldiers now there from the other side. Mrs. J. E. Apsley and sons have been sick, the former with an indisposition and all with some influenza. They are doing very well now. Mr. Edward O. Erickson is the guest of his wife at her brother's, Mr. and Mrs. George Rodney. Mr. Thomas Jude and sisters, Miss Mary Jude and Mrs. Chas. Eyzon and children are all sick in one house. Mr. Wallace Maslin has been on a visit to his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Joiner. Mrs. Wm. Francis and baby are on the sick list. Mr. Martin Wagner is better but his mother, Mrs. Harry Wagner, is now suffering with influenza. Mrs. Maurice Wilson is quite ill. Mrs. Mary Ashley went to Balto. on Friday to start her little granddaughter on her way home to New York and had only half hour in which to get to the station and return in time to catch the boat. Another indignant traveler on our lovely steamer schedule. Mrs. Charles Jones, Miss Helen and Maurice are sick as also are Mr. Harry Carter's family, Mr. Lewin Blackiston, Mrs. Purnell Eburn and two children of Michael Michowiz, Mr. John Scoone's child is reported to have the measles. Mr. George Downey is recovering from a severe spell on the neck and Mr. Marion Downey has been inconvenienced for some time by stiff muscles in the neck. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hague have moved into the dwelling on the Catholic church property. Mr. Fred Williams had to meet the Ellertson boat Saturday with passengers and on the trip with other passengers an axle broke and the people had to walk the rest of the way from Mr. Samuel Maslin's. Some fishing in that weather. Mr. Arthur Wheat has received discharge from military service and returned to his home. Mr. Maxwell Jacobs has been here for a three day furlough. He came by way of Love Point. Mr. Frank Jester's son, Frank, Jr., cut his hand while on his furlough and the stitches having broken out it is still very sore. He will remain at home for the present. Mrs. Edward Parsons is still very weak from influenza while Mr. Parsons is improving. Mrs. William Coleman and daughter, Pearl, and Mr. Russell Downey's two little boys, Daniel and Arthur, are sick of the "flu." Give a hungry man something to eat before handing him advice.

SUDLERSVILLE

Conditions seemed real natural around our town last Sunday when the churches were opened for service, the first time in 4 weeks. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Redden and daughter, Carolyn, are spending a few days in Philadelphia and Collingswood, N. J. Miss Helen Redden is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Redden, of West Main street. Mr. Chas. B. Chance social Sec'y. of Y. M. C. A. at Camp Holabird, Md., is spending a few days in our midst. Miss Anna Evans who has been in Wilmington sometime has returned to her home on East Main street. Miss Hildred Evans made a flying trip to Wilmington, Del., last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stevens and Miss Clara Evans attended the funeral last Monday of their brother-in-law, Mr. Loag Thompson, of Hillsboro, Md. Dr. Foster Sudler and family started on their trip to Arizona last Friday. Jos. M. George and Sam'l P. Goodhand accompanied them to their destination. Messrs W. W. Morgan Wm. Anderson and Harvey Lofferty accompanied them as far as Wilmington, Del. From a message sent to town the Dr. stood the first part of his trip exceedingly well. We wish him a successful trip. Mr. C. L. Joslin continues to improve after his attack about 10 days ago. We hope he will soon be out again. Mrs. B. M. Johnson is on the sick list. Some of our enthusiastic Methodist minute men attended a conference in Dover, Del., this week in the interest of the Centenary movement. Edgar Stackey and Kenneth Knott have both returned to their studies after the Xmas and New Year holidays. Miss Susie Sparks has returned to Washington, D. C., where she will resume her duties as government employee. Mrs. Henry Harrison and children are guests of Mrs. Harrison's sister and mother, Mrs. Jas. T. Knotts and Mrs. Wm. Harrison. Master Oscar Goodhand is spending a few days with relatives in and out of town. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green, of Millar Ave, had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. E. Green and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Smith. The second number of our Lyceum course proved to be very successful and was very well attended. BETTERTON Mr. Earnest Horsey, clerk for Turner & Son, who has been quite sick has fully recovered. We are glad to see him able to be out again. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Owens returned home Monday with their sons, Rev's T. G. and H. C. Owens who spent the New Years with their parents and returned to Westminister Saturday. Mrs. Edward Meyers has returned home after spending sometime with her daughter who is the mother of a fine son, Mrs. Elwood Glenn, of near Rock Hall. Miss Edith Turner has returned to her studies at the Wesley Collegiate Institute, Dover, Del., after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sin Clair Turner. We have a new bride and groom in our town, Mr. and Mrs. Colwell Crew. Owing to the rain of Tuesday evening their watch night service was cancelled. The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Charles Trott Friday afternoon with 48 members. After the meeting was opened the Treas. was kept quite busy counting the money from the months dues and the penny a day barrolls and lastly the Travelers which sure did fine for the Ladies Aid. There was one particular little Traveler came home to our President extremely rich he having \$18.00 but poor little fellow he well deserved being wealthy for he surely must have had some trip by his appearance. The money from the Travelers amounted to \$48.00. The same officers were re-elected for the 1919. After a treat to cake by the hostess the aid adjourned feeling quite happy over the successful number. The Epworth League was held Sunday evening by our superintendent, Mr. Archie Crew. GALENA Mrs. Linda Walls and little son, John, who have been visiting relatives in Delaware, have returned to their home in town. The Epworth League Cabinet met last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Wallace DuHamel, after the business was completed a very pleasant social evening was spent. Mr. Robert Fogwell, of near town has purchased a Ford car. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Redding have moved from Georgetown to Galena. Mrs. Walter Hadley spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Thornton, at Warwick, Mrs. Thornton is quite ill with pneumonia. Revival services are being conducted in Galena chapel. The sermon Sunday evening was one that should make people thoughtful. The text was two scripture passages one from first Samuel and one from second Samuel, "How long have I to live?" and "There is but one step between life and death." Miss Ethelle Pretzman who spent the holidays at home, has returned to Dover. Mr. Raymond Pretzman who has been spending sometime in Denver, returned home last week, bringing his two little daughters, Louise and Alice with him. Punkville Items Slim Pinkens, one of our debonair young men, went to the church door last Sunday but didn't go in, as he had a black speck on his standing collar. Rabbits still frolic around in the moonlight of the cabbage patch these nights just as they did when they were not worth over a nickel a piece. Salem Barlow, our celebrated banjo picker, is busy tuning up his banjo and will be ready to play, it is believed in a few days. Speaking of ups and downs, it seems natural to be down on people who are inclined to be upsh.

KENT CO. WAR GARDEN CONTEST

It was rather late when the contest was started and many factors have combined to prevent the contest from attaining the success anticipated by the Food Administration. Nevertheless some very good work was done by the patriotic people of Kent county. There was an enrollment of over two thousand gardens and a production of garden crops valued at \$224,505.96 about one-third of which was conserved for winter use. The prizes were awarded on the basis of production per square yard, arrangement and utilization of ground, successive planting and amount of crops conserved for winter use. Prize winners. Small Gardens. Mrs. Geo. E. Westcott produced crops valued at \$155.18 at the rate of \$33 per square yard, 1st prize, \$75.00. W. Henry Lambert produced crops valued at \$412.50 at the rate of \$3.23 per square yard, 2nd prize, \$50.00. Mrs. W. T. Pippin produced crops valued at \$52.25 at the rate of 18 cents per square yard, 3rd prize, \$25.00. Arthur L. Harris produced crops valued at \$175.00 at the rate of 15 cents per square yard, \$10.00. Mrs. Laura Brice produced crops valued at \$103.83 at the rate of 10 cents per square yard, \$10.00. Marion Dempsey, E. Sheppard Gardner, and Wm. T. Clark were each awarded \$10.00 each. Large Gardens. Walter B. Harris produced crops valued at \$620.10 on 3/4 of an acre \$70.00. T. R. Starr produced crops valued at \$660.62 on 1 acre of land, \$50.00. Mary C. Cornelius produced crops valued at \$255.26 on 1/2 acre from this amount she canned 639 quarts of tomatoes and vegetables and pickled 50 gallon of cucumbers, \$25.00. John C. Sutton produced crops valued at \$225.00 on 1/2 acre awarded \$15.00. W. H. Fogwell, G. W. Owens, Mrs. A. P. Emerson and Mrs. J. H. Warren were awarded each \$10.00. Program of The Peninsula Horticultural Society The Peninsula Horticultural Society will meet in Bridgeville on Tuesday, January 14, and hold two full days with an excellent program, having as usual some of the noted specialists from abroad as well as the expert practical fruit and vegetable growers of the Delaware-Chesapeake Peninsula. Opening Prayer at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning by Dr. T. E. Terry, Address of Welcome by Hon. S. H. Messick, Bridgeville; Response by Charles E. Warburton, Esq., of Elkton; Presentation of Addresses, Warren C. Newton, Bridgeville; Talk on Apple Culture by F. M. Soper; on Peaches by Orlando Harrison; on Pearrs by Walter B. Harris; on Grapes by George Carter; on small Fruits by Geo. A. Hill, Orchard Management by Professor R. W. Rees of Cornell University; also Marketing Problems by Professor R. W. Rees of the Apple Orchard by Dr. T. J. Headlee, of New Jersey; Insects Fruit Trees by Dr. A. L. Quarantance, U. S. Entomologist; The insects of the year by Professor Cory McCreary, a conference on spraying, conducted by Professor McCue, of Delaware and Governor Harrington of Maryland have been invited to speak and so has Secretary of State Everett C. Johnson. The Corn Growers meeting will follow immediately with a fine program rich in good things, and the fruit vegetable and grain exhibits will be well studying. WASHINGTON COLLEGE ITEMS The Christmas holidays ended on Jan. 5th and college opened on Jan. 6th. The Cottillon Club has been organized and the first dance will be held in the college gymnasium on Friday night Jan. 10th. Mr. F. P. Carrall was elected chairman of the committee. The second basketball game will be played in the college gymnasium with the University of Pennsylvania Reserve quint as visitors next Saturday night. Mr. Charles B. Ford, one of last years guards, has been discharged and will be in the line-up. The line-up will probably be Lankford, I. F.; Robins, R. F.; Purnell, C.; Young, R. G.; Ford I. G. The Chestertown High school and one of the class teams will play in the preliminary game. Messrs Clyde E. Bounds and Henry Caldwell have been discharged and have entered here. Pvt. Jack Ehrhart, star pitcher for Washington a few years ago, writes that he is a first class private and a dental assistant. He is stationed at Eulent, France. Harry Rouse, '18, has been discharged and is now in Chestertown. New Disease Sequel of Influenza A case of a new and rare disease came to the attention of the health officers, the first that has been known in this section. It is a sequel of the influenza but more deadly. It is known in medical circles as smoky conjunctive oedema of the neck. A case is very rare. The case was discovered by a Johns Hopkins physician who is working in the Sharpburg district. A woman residing there was taken ill with influenza and this physician was called in. The influenza soon developed into the new disease. The young physician who had seen the disease on one occasion treated at Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, immediately recognized it. The neck began to swell and he realized there only a question of a few hours the woman would be choked to death. The physician started massaging the neck and worked so strenuously for two hours. The woman is living and is recovering. It was one of the few cases that have been cured in this country. Hagerstown Globe.

"OVER THERE" AND OVER HERE

Personal Items About Kent County Boys Who Are Serving Their Country. Lieut. Joseph Ayres, writing Nov. 28th, says that he is over the influenza and back with his company which expected to move soon but he was not sure in what direction at that time. Private Hilbert Kendall has sent interesting letters to his parents. As a surprise he informed them that he had a million cooties on him while he was writing but a man is not a soldier until he has cooties. He drew an outline where he and three others had dug in on a hill and a German shell fell on it and failed to explode. Some luck. He doesn't think the French girls can compare with ours and there is no danger of him bringing one home with him. He had been sent from a hospital where he had a siege of influenza, pneumonia and bronchitis all over France in a box car and had not reached his company but had been in a casualty company for weeks where he had nothing to do but eat and play. He wishes himself back in Rock Hall after his experiences in one of the worst battles of the war, in a machine gun company on the Argonne front. He is sure of a clean record for he has been a good boy and will be a good one when he comes back for he has learned a lesson and he thinks the Germans so treacherous the dead ones seemed to turn over and shoot at the boys. He thinks France a wonderful country but wants to get back as he hasn't received any mail since September. Lieut. Morris Kerr is still in France. Everything is running smoothly now and he has no idea when he will be home. Lieut. Kerr rather likes army life and may conclude to remain in it after the war is over. Private Melvin Kendall, member of a trench mortar battery, is well and hopes to be home by the middle of the winter but nothing is certain. Corp. LeRoy Crosby is at Base Hospital No. 26, Allerey, about 25 miles from Dijon. He wanted to send Christmas remembrances but a pretty little handkerchief to his mother was all he could muster for two very good reasons. He had received little pay since being at the hospital and he is broke having spent it all buying little things to satisfy his ever increasing appetite, and his leg is still too sore to allow him to wear his regular boots so he cannot go into the town. He has received no mail since weeks before he was sent to the hospital in September but the doctor told him about Dec. 1st that he will be A-1 again in about six or eight weeks more. His gas burns are healed. To a friend he wrote: "Beieve me, this is not the way I like to spend my Christmas by there doesn't seem to be any way out of it that I can see. Am in hopes of returning to the States pretty soon. I see by the regular divison list that I am in Luxemburg, Ger., and I may have to join them, in which case I shall not be home for sometime." He sends Christmas and New Year good wishes to all his friends. The following letter has been received by Mrs. James Everett from her new neighbor, Corporal Elmer Weller, who is with the American Expedition Forces, in France: As the war has ceased we are allowed to write some things. The picture of the boat I sent you was the boat I came over on and sure was some boat. I certainly would like to come back on it. We landed at a town called Brest, we stayed there for 2 days then we got on the train and rode for 3 days to a place called Foulain. We stayed there a week or more then rode on the train again for 2 days and landed in a town called DomBasis, that was the town I was telling you we were living in houses with no roofs, we were getting in the danger zone. There where we saw our first excitement which was an air battle. Then we went to another little town which was still closer to the front. We stayed there quite a while. We were eating supper one evening and an airplane flew over and dropped some papers. We thought it was a bomb, gee, you should have seen us run for dugouts. Some one asked me did I run? I told them that I did not run but passed a couple of fellows that were running. Then we went up back of the doughboys, there where the big shells were coming over. G. I. cans we called them. I never will forget the sound of them. Some of them did come so close for comfort. It certainly was H----- I would not take \$1000 for what I have seen, but would not like to go there over again. We were right back of the lines when the gun stopped firing. We heard the last big gun fired which was about 5 minutes of eleven, the time over here is 5 hours different of what it is in the States. We are under shell fire about a month. I am at a town called Liny at this writing. The Germans were in here about a month ago, I am sleeping in some Dutchmans bunk and sleep fine. We are awaiting for them to say we have done "our bit" and we are homeward bound. (Other items on page 5)

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