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Colors all in bright tones. These goods include all Silk and Wool Taffetas, Silk and Wool Poplins, Fancy Plaids, Silk and Cotton Shanting, Plain and Fancy Taffetas and Satin, Gold and Silver Cloth, White Wash Satin, Basket Weave in Sport Stripe and Plaids.

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Our Fancy Voiles and Marquisettes, ranging in price from 18 to 75 cents, are most up-to-date and complete in every detail.

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showing all the newest weaves, consisting of Gabar- [illegible] stripes and over plaid effects; Basket Weaves [illegible] plain and fancy; Colored Dress Linens, [illegible] 75 [illegible] [illegible]

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CENTREVILLE MARYLAND

REALTY SALES ACTIVE

W. W. SEWARD AND MADISON BROWN ARE PURCHASERS OF COUNTY REALTY.

There was a boom this week in the small farm market, sales of two properties of this kind being ratified by the filing of deeds in the office of William F. Watson, clerk of the circuit court.

W. Webster Seward, of Sunset Pharmacy, purchased from John M. Perry the tract of 87 acres fronting on the state road opposite "Bloomfield," near town. This small farm recently has been improved by the erection of new buildings and Mr. Seward plans to make it his homestead. Mr. Perry bought the property from Col. John H. Evans, of Rolph's Wharf, and its sale netted him $7,500.

Madison Brown, as an investment, purchased from the heirs of Samuel Seney the property, formerly a part "Locust Hill," the Turpin farm, in rear of the home of Milton B. Slemmer. This tract contains 60 acres and also is improved by new buildings. The purchase price was not made public, but is said to be in the neighborhood of $8,500.

G. L. Jump, of Queen Anne, has purchased the Barcus and Coleraine farms, situated in the Sixth Election District, and containing 520 acres of land, from John A. Clough. The price paid was $30,000.

"BROADWAY JONES" COMING

George M. Cohan Soon To Appear At Centreville Opera House.

There are few persons in America who have not heard of George M. Cohan, "the Yankee comedian," whose musical comedies have won fame from ocean to ocean. Georgie is coming to the Centreville Opera House on Thursday, April 26th, in "Broadway Jones," one of his own comedies and a big hit of the American stage.

As a play it was George M. Cohan's greatest stage hit on Broadway. The book circulated in every part of the country and added to the wide popularity of the subject. As a motion [illegible] George M.'s [illegible] wealth of material that the stage could never show.

"Broadway Jones" offers a delightful story of a young man tired of a small village. A relative dies leaving him a fortune, and he gaily hies himself to the glittering street of his dreams. Broadway smiles and puts a thousand greedy fingers into his overflowing pockets. "Broke" and deeply enmeshed in debt, he falls an easy prey to an ancient lady, the past heroine of many matrimonial adventures, who offers her money in exchange for his youth, wit and popularity.

How he is extricated from this amusing but very real dilemma and finally wins the girl of his heart makes a strong and absorbing subject for the screen. In addition to this it presents for the first time just what thousands have been waiting for—Cohanism in motion pictures.

WALTER WALLACE.

After suffering for some time from a complication of diseases, Walter Wallace, postmaster at Crumpton and, for years, a leading citizen and druggist of that town, died last Sunday night, aged about 45 years. He was a son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Walter Wallace and was highly respected throughout his native section.

Six sister, Mrs. William and Mrs. John Newnam, of Baltimore; Mrs. H. C. Hendrix, Mrs. George Butler, and Miss Katie Wallace, of Crumpton, and Mrs. Frank Wilds, of Kenton, Del., survive Mr. Wallace.

Funeral services were held from his late home at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Rev. G. W. Stallings, pastor of Crumpton M. E. Church, officiating. Interment was in Crumpton cemetery, the pall-bearers being H. C. Hendrix, George W. Butler, Frank Wilds, Davis Ryland, Cooper Tarbutton and Henry Harney.

MARYLAND'S HONOR ROLL.

Will your name be engraved on the bronze Tablet of Honor, in answer to your country's first call for 800 volunteers for the Navy from Maryland?

The first 800 men accepted and enlisted in the Navy in response to this call will have their names inscribed on a bronze table to be erected in their honor.

Main recruiting station, Calvert and Lexington streets, Baltimore.

Age requirements, 17 to 29, inclusive. Men several months under 17 may be enlisted by special permission.

You must produce at recruiting station evidence of age and citizenship or consent papers if you are under 18 years if age. Get these from your postmaster and have them filled out as indicated on face before leaving for Baltimore.

COUNTY MOURNS 3 DEAD IN EXPLOSION

LOSE LIVES AT EDDYSTONE, PA.

MRS. S. B. MEREDITH, MISS EMMA GREEN AND MISS MARY BISHOP ARE VICTIMS OF MUNITIONS' FACTORY CRASH—BLAME DISLOYAL EMPLOYE.

Three, possibly four, former residents of Queen Annes county lost their lives Tuesday in a big explosion that wrecked the Eddystone (Pa.) Ammunition Corporation's plant causing the death of 116 persons, mostly women and girls, and the injury of scores of others.

The three known dead from this county are Mrs. Samuel B. Meredith, Miss Emma Green and Miss Mary Bishop. It was reported that a young woman from Kent Island also lost her life, but this could not be verified.

According to the reports of investigators, the explosion, the biggest in the history of Pennsylvania, was caused by a disloyal employe, one official declaring the crash was "the result of a diabolical plot conceived in the degenerate brain of a demon in human guise." The plotter is believed to have lost his life.

Mrs. Meredith formerly was Miss Mary Belle Chambers, a daughter of the late John W. and Rebecca Chambers, of Spaniards Neck. Mrs. Meredith, who died in a hospital, removed to Price some years ago and later to Marydel, where she was buried yesterday, funeral services being held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Sittig. Mrs. Meredith, who was 53 years old, also is survived by a brother, Owens Chambers, of Spaniards Neck, and a husband. She went to work at Eddystone several weeks ago.

Leaves Two Brothers.

Miss Green was about [illegible] years old and was a sister of John [illegible] [illegible] Green was [illegible] housekeeper [illegible] late William H. Newnam, but removed to Philadelphia more than 10 years ago.

Miss Bishop was a daughter of the late Edward Bishop, of this county. She was left an orphan while young and was adopted by a Baltimore family named Wooden. It is not known how long she was employed at Eddystone. The body of Miss Bishop was brought to Centreville yesterday and funeral services were held in Grace M. P. Church, Rev. F. T. Tagg officiating.

News of the explosion reached Centreville by telephone and was posted on the bulletin board of The Observer, where it attracted much attention. As a number of young men from this section are employed at the Eddystone plant of the Remington Arms Co., the early reports caused great fear among their families.

Fathers read of the explosion and, with tears in their eyes, hastened home to find the news had preceded them and mothers were weeping in dread. All the young men from this section, however, were fortunate enough to escape.

SPECIAL MEETINGS SUNDAY

Lord's Day Alliance To Continue Campaign Begun In October, 1914.

A series of meetings will be held tomorrow in Queen Annes county by the Lord's Day Alliance. Places will be visited and meetings addressed as follows:

Millington M. E. Church, 11 A. M.; Sudlersville M. E. Church, 2 P. M.; Crumpton M. E. Church, 3.30 P. M.; Church Hill M. E. Church South, 8 P. M.; meeting also will be held in Chestertown M. P. Church at 6.45 P. M.

The general secretary of the alliance, Dr. W. W. Davis, will address all the assemblages, which are a continuation of a state-wide campaign begun in October, 1914, by Dr. Davis and Dr. Howard A. Kelly, since when every county has been visited and revisited until 935 meetings have been held.

OWEN—GOODHAND.

Rev. Arthur W. Goodhand, formerly of Centreville, but now pastor of the M. P. Church at Fairmount, Md., has announced the marriage of his eldest daughter, Miss Anna Deborah Goodhand, to Howard Owen, of Washington, D. C.

The ceremony took place in Washington March 28 and Mr. and Mrs. Owen now are at home at 210 Eighth street, S. E., Washington. Mrs. Owen has many friends in Centreville and is related to many residents of Queen Anne county.

EXTRA!

A. C. Barcus, inventor of a new type of airplane, arrived in Centreville yesterday to visit his uncle, J. Charles Barcus, who is ill at Ruthsburg. Mr. Burcus told friends he also was seeking a site in this locality for a hydroairplane station at which his new fliers may be tested and flown. This will need a water frontage. A firm known as the National Automatic Airplane Co. has been organized to manufacture the new Burcus fliers.

TAFT ON MILITARISM

FORMER PRESIDENT REFUTES ARGUMENTS OF COMPULSORY SERVICE OPPONENTS.

The opponents of a system of compulsory military training and service usually make the followig objections:

1. It takes too much time.
2. It is not democratic.
3. It develops militarism.

An article by former President W. H. Taft which appeared recently in the "Yale Review" answers these objections in short and concise form and we quote the substance of the article in full:

"After the lessons we have been taught by the absurdity of our military policy heretofore, shall we not now adopt a means to secure a body of trained men to defend our country in our country's need? If our young men, before they reach 19, realize that between this age and 24 they owe to the country a year for military training, they will soon adapt themselves to this necessity; and it will not be the loss of time which it now seems. Compulsory service is the fairest way of distributing the burden. It will not send to slaughter because of lack of training the best young men of the country, who, inspired by patriotic enthusiasm, rush forward to disasters that necessarily await an untrained army hurried together in the last moments of a national emergency. [illegible] yzed in this regard, [illegible] becomes clear that they are not founded upon justice.

"Our political speakers and our political policies, in their exploitaton of the duties of the government to the citizens, have utterly ignored the duties of the government. Our youth have been taught that the Government owes everything to them, with no emphasis upon their debt to the Government. A year's military service will impress this counter obligation on the young man at a time when his character is forming and when it is of the highest importance to teach him the value of respect for authority, of subordination to a lawful superior and of the sacredness of his allegiance to his country.

"It is objected that this is militarism or that militarism will result. This I deny. It is objected that there will be a great many thousands of officers and that they will tend to Prussianize the Government. This is fanciful. No one who has studied the currents of public opinion that guide Congress can for a moment regard the influence of military or naval officers upon the representatives from the 48 different states sufficient to overcome the inherent opposition of the American people to a militaristic government."

WOMEN NOW KNITTING WOOLENS FOR SAILORS

CENTREVILLE UNIT STARTS WORK TO SUPPLY 20 SUBMARINE SETS.

With sufficient wool already on hand to knit a muffler, pair of wristlees and a sleeveless jersey for each of 20 men aboard a submarine yet to be designated, members of the Centreville auxiliary of the Naval League started their needles working in earnest on Thursday morning, when 34 of them met in the parish-house of St. Paul's P. E. Church.

Miss Alice Turpin was elected chairman, Miss Dorothy Brown vice-chairman and Miss Madge Corkran secretary and treasurer. The first consignment of wool was distributed and the members decided to meet every Thursday morning, from 10 to 12 o'clock.

About 80 women already have signified their willingness to assist in this patriotic work, those who are unable to donate their services having agreed to contribute to the purpose, and it is desired that every patriotic woman in Centreville shall take part in supplying this submarine with the needed woolens for its crew.

BRICE—AHERN.

Miss Claire Ahern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Ahern, of Millington, and John Brice, son of Tylden Brice of Kent county, were married last Saturday at the home of the bride

FAMOUS AUTO AND DRIVER VISIT HERE

MULFORD DRIVES SUPER-SIX

NOTED RACE DEMON PRAISES MARYLAND ROADS AFTER TRIP IN HUDSON SPEEDER—EDITORS OF BALTIMORE PAPERS WITH HIM ON TOUR.

Centreville gratified its curiosity in the super-six Hudson, which holds all noted records, and with it Ralph Mulford, the world famous race driver. The car arrived here Tuesday afternoon in charge of Mulford himself, after having tested the splendid Maryland roads, which the race demon says are the finest he has ever driven on.

There were times when the speedometer on the machine showed above 70, but this was on stretches that were absolutely clear. Just to show how easily the car can move, Mulford had a passenger sitting on the tool-box all the way from Elkton.

With the Hudson party, besides Mulford, was A. C. Call, wholesale representative of the Lambert Automobile Company, of Baltimore, state distributors of the Hudson line; C. W. Forbes, factory representative of the Hudson Company, Detroit; Charles B. Weiss, automobile editor of The American; C. O. Reville, automobile editor of The Sun, and Mr. Whitaker, of Detroit.

Covers Fastest Mile.

The car holds the record for the fastest mile on record, the time being at the rate of 102½ miles an hour, while the 24-hour record made by the car shows 1,819 miles. On the other hand Mulford, who also is a record holder, is only 33 years old and holds more 24-hour records than any man in the world.

He neither drinks, smokes nor chews and keeps himself in fine physical condition. He is just a little under six feet and weighs about 190 pounds, but does not look the part. He smiles [illegible] speed demonstrations are [illegible] records.

WILLIAM D. TAYLOR.

William D. Taylor, for many years a wheelwright in Church Hill and one of that town's oldest citizens, died last Friday morning. He would have been 83 years old had he lived until tomorrow.

Mr. Taylor lived in Church Hill practically all his life. He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Fanny Taylor, and one son, Herman Taylor, of Chester, Pa., also two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at his late home last Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. L. Sparklin officiating. Interment was in Church Hill cemetery, the pall-bearers being Thomas Taylor, Joseph Taylor, Wesley Holden, Benjamin Spry, Olis Spry and Joseph Thompson.

A COSTLY JOY-RIDE

THREE NEGROES ARE FINED FOR EASTER SPORT IN "BORROWED" AUTOMOBILE.

After enjoying an Easter tour in a "borrowed" automobile, three negroes—Marion Wilson, George Kirby and George Watkins—came to grief when they were arrested by Constable John P. Williamson. Fines of $5 and costs each were inflicted by Magistrate Coursey after a hearing Monday night, Wilson also being taxed $10 and costs for driving a car without a license.

On Saturday last, Fred Blades drove his machine to the home of Hiram Briscoe, where he left his car while he and Mr. Briscoe took a trip to Wilmington, Del., in the latter's auto. While they were away, Wilson, Kirby and Watkins are said to have taken the Blades car and to have used it Sunday, finally meeting with an accident that broke a head-light and some of the mechanism.

Constable Williamson heard of the joy-ride and swore out a warrant for the three negroes, arresting them Monday. The evidence disclosed that Wilson drove the machine and that he has no chauffeur's license, hence his additional fine.

SNOW AT EASTER TIDE

"BABY" BLIZZARD VISITS QUEEN ANNES COUNTY, BRINGING A FAIRY-LAND.

Easter church-goers returned home from services last Sunday night amidst falling flakes of snow that, later on, grew into a "baby" blizzard, the tail-end of a snow-storm that swept Western Maryland the day before. At first, the ground was too warm and the flakes too wet for the snow to lay, but later it got a footing and the county awoke Monday morning to find a veritable fairy-land spread out before the view.

More than two inches of snow fell during the night, crusting the trees and covering all the landscape with a downy, fleecy coverlet that brought to mind the symbolic thought of a newly- [illegible]

The snow did not stay long, however, and soon disappeared under the rays of the sun after the clouds of early morn had cleared away. A strong northwest wind was chilly, but this, too, warmed and became a gentle zephyr ere sunset.

EDWARD M. LEGG.

Edward M. Legg died March 23 at his residence in Stevensville. Mr. Legg had been an invalid for the past five years. He was a son of the late William Harris and Rebecca Legg and leaves a widow and one son, Barnes Legg, also one sister, Mrs. J. Whitestone, of Baltimore, and one brother, Harris Legg, of Stevensville.

Funeral services were held from his late home Sunday afternoon, Rev. Darby officiating. Interment in Stevensville cemetery.

These Prices On Avery Tractors Now In Effect

The wonderful success of Avery Tractors has brought the Avery Company a flood of orders. Last year they were unable to keep up with the demand.

For 1917, however, they have arranged to increase their output several times over, which makes it possible for us to sell Avery Tractors at these prices, f. o. b. Peoria, Illinois:

5-10 H. P.	Size, Cash Price	$ 365	18-36 H. P.	Size, Cash Price	$1665
8-16 H. P.	" " "	700	25-50 H. P.	" " "	2250
12-25 H. P.	" " "	1000	40-80 H. P.	" " "	2700

Because of the uncertainty regarding material cost, however, they have informed us **that these prices are subject to change and cannot be guaranteed for any certain length of time.**

The only definite statement we can make is that you can buy an AVERY KEROSENE TRACTOR at these prices by placing your order **NOW!**

Avery Tractors are built in six sizes, a size for any size farm. Come in and get a catalog and all the facts about these machines.

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