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THE TANG OF AUTUMN IS IN THE AIR

reminding us that new apparel are the needs of the moment. And right ready is this store to provide them for you. All over this establishment are the lovely new things which Fashion has decreed shall be worn this season.

Suits For Autumn

We are ready with some very smart models in Black, Navy Blue, Dark Brown, Green and Plum. A great variety in cloths and styles from which to make a selection.

Womens' New Frocks

Serge dresses made on straight lines, plaited all around and belted at a low belt line. Others trimmed with flat braid, some embroidered.

Dress Goods

The Dress Goods are just waiting to stick the needle into. Our prices are guaranteed to be consistent with the [illegible] [illegible] Crepe.

Ask to see our "Strongavoile," a fabric similar to crepe, but very substantial for whole dresses or combinations of Voile and Satin or Voile and Velvet.

We have a complete line of Serges and Charmants, which do not need any introduction.

Waists

Waists of Voile and Batiste with frills, tucks or touches of lace priced from

$1.00 to $2.50

Men's Department

Our complete line of Men's, Young Men's and Boys' Clothing open for your inspection. We are showing all the season's latest colors and weaves in fabrics and a big assortment of new models.

Ask to see our new and popular Trench Models in both Suits and Overcoats.

There is also a Suit and Overcoat in our department for the conservative dresser.

Shoes

Let your new fine shoes be "Walkovers"—a combination of style, comfort and durability. We have a last to fit your foot.

Everything new and nobby in ladies footwear.

ALFRED GREEN

Cor. Commerce and Water Sts.

CENTREVILLE MARYLAND

OFFICIALS ADMIT CLAIMS WERE JUST

ISLAND WAS NEVER PROPER SITE

PLACING OF PROVING GROUNDS ON KENT ISLAND WOULD HAVE BEEN SERIOUS MENACE TO SHIPPING—COULD NOT HAVE OPERATED LABORATORY.

That Kent Island never was and never will be the proper site for a proving ground is becoming more and more apparent in official circles of Washington, as new developments progress incident to the acquisition of the Gunpowder site. During the week it has been shown that a proving ground on Kent Island would have interfered seriously with bay shipping; that it would have made the new million dollar laboratory at Annapolis impossible of operation, and that it would have worked serious damage upon Eastern Shore communities other than the immediate Island

Official Washington also admits that the action of the Kent Island people in opposing the plan was nothing more than could have been expected, when an attempt was made to drive them from their homes, without even apprising them of the fact that it might be a government necessity The War Department changed its plan when it sought the Gunpowder site, called the people together and explained the entire proposition

A dispatch from Washington Tuesday said:

"Congressman Linthicum today took up the matter of the proving ground at Gunpowder Neck with the War Department, in order to ascertain just what territory it is expected will be taken in. It is necessary that about 20,000 acres be acquired, consisting of all of Gunpowder Neck, [illegible] [illegible] of the property, there are several tentative arrangements, but which seems to be most considered is one which would not reach to Perryman's nor go very far north from the shore, but would reach a line drawn possibly east and west through Perryman's

"It is contemplated to spend a very large part of the appropriation in the construction of the necessary building and all other equipment The land range will consist of about 12 miles, while the water range will extend about 25 miles It is expected that 6,000 shells will be tested at the proving ground each day, about nine or ten per minute during the daylight hours

"The War Department seems to have gone after the proving ground at Gunpowder Neck in a different manner from that at Kent Island in that the legislation as embraced in the bill is understood by the owners of property and is intended to be fair and just to them in every particular

"Another point not heretofore mentioned in connection with the proving ground at Kent Island was brought out by Mr. Linthicum today when he said that he had reliable authority for the statement that had the proving ground been established at Kent Island it would have been impossible to have had the experimental station at Annapolis. Mr. Edison is the only member of the board to oppose Annapolis. "I feel," said Mr. Linthicum, "that Maryland will now get both the proving ground and experimental station, which means so much for us."

"Mr. Linthicum was informed by ordnance officers that the water range at Gunpowder Neck will not in anywise interfere with the shipping from Baltimore nor through the inland waterway which is gradually being constructed by Congress from Boston to Key West, as might have been the case with Kent Island."

TO SHOW "NE'ER DO WELL."

"The Ne'er-Do-Well," one of Rex Beach's most famous novels, has been reproduced in motion pictures and will be the attraction at the Centreville Opera House next Wednesday evening, October 10th. This passion-throbbing film of panama is the successor to Beach's other great success, The Spoilers. It is even greater than The Spoilers. Its flights of sweet romance are higher; its action and its risks and dangers are more overwhelming and it is enacted by the famous Spoiler Cast in the Panama Canal zone. Kathryn Williams plays the leading role. The "Ne'er-Do-Well" is decidedly one of the biggest feature pictures that has ever been presented at the local playhouse. The story of [illegible] [illegible]

ORGANIZE BO[YS' CLUBS]

ASSOCIATIONS HA[VE BEEN] FORMED AT C[ENTREVILLE] AND STEVE[NSVILLE]

In the effort to [illegible] getic and successful [illegible] Agricultural Club, [illegible] formed in two [illegible] Annes county this [illegible] rection of County D[illegible] C. Jones Clubs were [illegible] ville and Stevensv[ille] [illegible] next few weeks [illegible] made to have [illegible] of boys in every [illegible]

It is difficult to [illegible] time, in view of the [illegible] of the boys ab[illegible] school to assist [illegible] work of harvesting [illegible] they enter school it [illegible] atively easy matter [illegible]

County Demonstrat[or] [illegible] to form at least six [illegible] clubs, to work as a [illegible]

Members of the C[entreville] [illegible] and Stevensville Agricult[ural] [illegible] with their officers, follow:

Centreville Club—[illegible] President; Frank [illegible] dent; Patterson [illegible] Warfield Emery, [illegible] Jewell, Daniel [illegible] Holmes, Robert [illegible] man, Arthur Jarvis, [illegible] Harvey White, [illegible] Gilbert Thawley, [illegible]

Stevensville Club—[illegible] President; William [illegible] President; Gordon [illegible] James Henry, [illegible] sell Norman, [illegible] rence Brittingham, [illegible] Dan Tolson, Joe [illegible] man, Rodger [illegible] William Taylor, [illegible] William Hopkins, [illegible] fessor Leary.

MRS. MARY [illegible]

Mrs. Mary [illegible] [illegible] brief illness from heart failure. She had been in poor health for several days and was taken suddenly worse a few hours before her death.

Mrs. Feddeman was a daughter of the late Judge Samuel T. Earle, of Melfield, near Centreville. She was born and raised in Queen Annes county. Her husband, who was engaged in the hardware business for a number of years, preceded her in death.

She is survived by a brother, Dr Samuel T Earle, of Baltimore, and a sister, Mrs. E. M. Forman, of Centreville. She also leaves a daughter, Mrs. James T. Earle, and two sons, S. Earle Feddeman and P. Henry Feddeman, of Centreville.

Mrs. Feddeman was well known throughout the Eastern Shore and in Baltimore, where she had many friends. She was a loving mother, and a warm-hearted friend, and her sunny disposition endeared her to a large circle of admirers who sincerely mourn her death.

Funeral services were held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James T. Earle, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. J. D. Cummins, rector of St. Paul's Church, Centreville, officiating. Interment was in the family burying ground at Melfield. The pallbearers were: J. Fletcher Ralph, William F. Watson, H. W. Chambers, William B. Earle, Dr. J. L. Cornell and Dr. W. H. Fisher.

[TWO] TICKETS IN FIELD THIS WEEK

[TWO] VACANCIES YET TO FILL

INDEPENDENTS AND REPUBLICANS NAME CANDIDATES — A REMARKABLE DOVETAILING COINCIDENCE—THOSE WHO COMPOSE THE TWO TICKETS.

[The] Nominees of the Democratic party [in] Queen Annes county, selected in the last primary, will be opposed by a ticket composed of Independents and Republicans. This became definitely known yesterday morning.

It is stated that the men who will be backed by the two forces have accepted the nominations and that an active campaign will be waged in their behalf.

The tickets are complete, with the exception of a candidate for Clerk, and one candidate for the Legislature. Republicans are expected to meet in Centreville next Monday night and name candidates for these two offices. The known candidates are:

County Commissioners.

J. Carvell Sibley, Independent.
Henry E. Wright, Independent.
W. Lloyd Ford, Republican.

Sheriff.

Sanford E. Spry, Independent.

Legislature.

Oliver C. Newnam, Independent.

A meeting of Republicans was held in Centreville last Wednesday night. At that time Dr. J. M. Corkran was nominated for Clerk. The following morning, however, he declined to serve. It is stated that W. Cookman Orrell, of Centreville, will, more than likely, be the choice of the party for Clerk at the meeting next week.

[The] Republicans claim that their [illegible] are in no wise connected [illegible] [illegible] nominees should fit into exactly the vacancies left by the Independents.

SUDLERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.

The students are down to hard work and there is every indication that a big year is in store for all

Added to our faculty of Mr Truitt, Miss Harrison and Miss George are Mr Bruehl and Miss Mantz, who will instruct in Manual Arts and Domestic Science, respectively

Mr Rocco Aiello, a prominent Italian violinist, delightfully entertained the student body at the opening exercises on September 26th

Mr Dorsey Gray, of the Maryland State College, visited our school Wednesda and organized a Boys' Agricultural Club. The following officers were elected: President, Frank Graham, Vice President, Woodall Stevens, Secretary and Treasurer, Herbert Butts

Through our High School the Antrims Lyceum Course has been obtained for the people of Sudlersville. A series of four or five entertainments will be given by lecturers, humorists and musicians of the highest order and should be well received. While the school gives a big guarantee to have the Lyceum course for the town, it is not a money making proposition. It is being brought here as an educational factor and a town booster. We hope that every one will get back of us and do his "bit" by buying a season ticket.

COUNTY GAVE $282.96 TO HELP ESTABLISH LIBRARIES FOR THE NATION'S SOLDIERS

Campaign Successfully Conducted Under Leadership Of County Chairman Miss Matilda B. Keating. Every Section Generous.

Queen Annes county contributed just $282.96 to the great national fund, raised by popular subscription throughout the country last week, to be used in establishing libraries at the various cantonments. Every section of the county contributed liberally to the great movement which will provide reading matter for the soldier lads in the numerous camps.

In each section a chairman was appointed, and following is a list of the towns, the chairman and the amount contributed:

Price, Mrs. W. W. [illegible] $ [illegible]
Sudlersville, [illegible]
Crumpton, [illegible]
McGinnes, Mrs. [illegible]
Church Hill, [illegible]
Ingleside, [illegible]
Templeville, [illegible]
Stevensville, [illegible]
Winchester, [illegible]
[illegible]

The committee in charge of the work in Centreville was composed of Misses Dorothy Brown, Hannah Keiffer, Madge Corkran, Pearl Mason, Sue Mitchell, Louise Kenton, and Mesdames P. H. Fedeman, Harry Forman, L. H. Meredith, T. Harold Davis, Joseph W. Osmon, R. E. C. Lowe, A. R. Bradley.

Miss Matilda B. Keating, of Centreville, was county Chairman of the campaign.

Miss Keating and her corps of able assistants feel very grateful for the splendid co-operation given them throughout the county, and express their opinion in the word's of Rudyard Kipling:

"It ain't the guns nor armament,
Nor fund that they can pay,
But the close cooperation
That makes 'em win the day.
[illegible] the individual,
[illegible] the army as a whole—
[illegible]

TO MAKE LOAN DRIVE

ACTIVE CAMPAIGN WILL START IN QUEEN ANNES COUNTY NEXT WEEK.

Representative bankers from all sections of Queen Annes county will gather in Centreville next Tuesday to consider plans for making the second Liberty Loan a success here

Thousands of dollars worth of bonds of the first issue were sold in the county, and it is believed that many more of the second loan can be issued. Detailed plans will be made at the meeting Tuesday for an active campaign.

In opening the national campaign, Secretary of the Treasury William G McAdoo declared that the failure of a single issue of government bonds would be worst for America than a disaster upon the field of battle

"We must never let that happen," he said

Asserting that "we must make the second Liberty Loan a success," he said.

"A few days ago I read the following manifesto issued in Berlin by the League of German Municipalities

" 'If money talks, the President of the United States may learn by October 18, when the subscriptions lists close, that the echo of the new war fund given by the German people will have drowned out completely the clamor of unending protests which his reply to the Pope has given stimulus'

"Let us meet that challenge by a subscription to our second Liberty Loan on the 27th day of October, nine days after the close of the German loan which will make clear to the German military despotism that America marshals not alone her brave soldiers upon the field, her invincible Navy upon the high seas, her industries throughout the length and breadth of this land, but, as well, her financial resources, and that she is determined to use them all without stint and regardless of sacrifice to vindicate American rights, outraged too frequently by German [illegible] [illegible] making clear to the world that the American people, with transcendent love of justice and of country, stand solidly behind their great President and support unequivocally the purpose of this war."

CUMMINS—WHALEY.

Miss Katherine Whaley, daughter of Mrs Thomas J Whaley, of Berlin, became the bride last Thursday morning at 6 o'clock of Rev J Dirickson Cummins, rector of St Paul's Church, Centreville

The ceremony was performed in Berlin P E Church, Rev Albert Farr of St John's Church Newark N J, officiating

The bride wore a brown traveling suit with brown toque and veil. The Maid of Honor was Miss Susie Sparks, of Baltimore. A little sister and a cousin of the bride acted as flower girls. The best man was a brother of the bride-groom and the ushers were Messrs M W Bordley and William McKenney, Jr, of Centreville, William Whaley, of Ocean City, and William McCabe, of Baltimore

After the ceremony the happy couple left for a wedding trip North. They will visit Montreal and other Canadian cities, returning in about two weeks

STEVENSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.

At a recent meeting of the Senior Class of Stevensville High School, the following officers were elected:

President—Master Harr Grollman

Vice-President Miss Pauline Tilghman

Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Margaret Cockey

Class Poet—Miss Marguerite Kirwan

The class colors chosen were maroon and black.

Our new principal, Mr. A. Leonard Leary, an honor graduate of Washington College in 1916, and a distinguished student in mathematics, having won several prizes, is now our mathematics teacher and the pupils are receiving valuable instruction under him

MOVING PICTURE PROGRAM.

The follwing moving picture program has been arranged for tonight and next week at the Centreville Opera House.

Saturday — The Lonesome Chap, Louise Huff and House Peters. The Bungaloeing, Comic.

Monday—Freckles, Jack Pickford and Louise Huff.

Tuesday — The Man Who Made Good, J. Devereaux. Mutt and Jeff, Comic.

Wednesday—The Ne'er Do Well, Kathlyn Williams and Wheeler Oakman.

Thursday—The Man's Woman. [illegible] [illegible]

COL. GIBSON WILL MAKE INSPECTIONS

EFFORT TO PREVENT FIRE LOSSES

NATIONAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION HOPES TO BE ABLE TO MINIMIZE LOSSES FROM PREVENTABLE CONFLAGRATIONS. WORK HAS STARTED.

Realizing that every product of the nation should be strictly conserved, and that every effort to insure its preservation should be made, the national government has accepted the offer of the National Board of Fire Underwriters to detail a force of experts to try, if possible, to minimize the loss from fires. In the past millions of dollars worth of food-stuffs and valuable commercial products have been lost annually by fires that might have been prevented. Believing that many such fires can be avoided, the national government, through the Maryland Council of Defense, has designated that inspections shall be made of properties such as mills, leevators, and other establishments important to the successful prosecution of the war

At a meeting in Baltimore Tuesday, Col. W. Hopper Gibson, of Centreville, was appointed Chairman of the work in Queen Annes county, and he will be required to make a personal inspection of scores of establishments in every district. He commenced work Wednesday afternoon

Will Cooperate With Local Men.

Some months ago the local members of the Maryland Council of Defense were named. They include: John E George, Sudlersville, James E. Kirwan, Chester; William McKenney, W. C. Orrell and C. F. Rich, Centreville. [This] committee is familiar with the work to be done, and Col. Gibson will co-operate with them in seeing that [illegible] with.

It should be understood that this important work has no connection whatever with fire insurance. It is purely a government move in the endeavor to conserve supply

President Wilson said several days ago

"Preventable fire is more than a private misfortune. It is a public dereliction. At a time like this of emergency and manifest necessity for the conservation of national resources, it is more than ever a matter of deep and pressing consequence that every means should be taken to prevent this evil."

Col. Gibson Gives List.

While this work is being done with the co-operation of the Maryland Council of Defense, it is more directly controlled by the National Conservation Commission. This Commission has given Col Gibson a list of the places in Queen Annes county that should first be inspected. This first list includes all mills, elevators and other manufacturing establishments. He is requested, however, to visit all places where he has information that conditions exist that might lead to a preventable fire.

Following his inspection, Col. Gibson will either report conditions in good shape or will leave a card with the owners, stating how conditions might be improved. If they can be improved owners are expected to make the necessary changes and report to the Commission

"Every owner, superintendent, watchman, workman or citizen is expected to be just a little more alert, a little more careful and a little more interested than he was before," said Col. Gibson. "Every householder, housewife, fireman, policeman or public official of any kind is expected to be just a little more vigilant."

He added: "Safeguarding industry by preventing waste by fire as a war time necessity should appeal to everyone who is interested in the future success of our great nation."

It will probably require several weeks to make the inspections that have been ordered. Col. Gibson is doing the work without remuneration of any sort, and property owners throughout the county are asked to co-operate in completing the task in the shortest possible time.

TO ATTEND STATE CONVENTION.

Many Queen Annes county Sunday School workers are preparing to attend the annual State Sunday School Convention which will be held at Berwyn, Maryland, from Tuesday, October 16th, to Thursday, October 18th. "How to Improve the Sunday School work of Maryland" will be the theme of the convention and prominent workers will address the several sessions. Officers of the National Association will participate in the [illegible]