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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 extra cost of prodnction. Crepe Meteors, Satins and Fancy Stripes for combination [illegible]

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.

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CENTREVILLE MARYLAND

HOSTESS HUTS AT TRAINING CAMPS

BUILDING AT MEADE NEARLY UP

QUEEN ANNES COUNTY WOMEN WHO HAVE HUSBANDS, BROTHERS, SONS OR SWEETHEARTS IN ARMY WILL APPRECIATE Y. W. C. A. WORK.

Few persons will refuse to contribute to the Young Women's Christian Association fund, which is now being raised throughout the nation, when they comprehend the vast work that is now being successfully carried to completion, by the noble women at the head of this sister organization of the Y. M. C. A. Queen Annes county's allotment of the national fund is only a little more than $700 and everyone should be interested in the success of the Y. M. C. A. plans.

Every mother, sister, sweetheart or friend of the men in camp will appreciate what is being cone at the various training camps. Until a few weeks ago it was no uncommon sight to witness some soldier's wife, possibly accompanied by small children, waiting in the rain for a glimpse of husband and father. There was no shelter for the woman visitor, and military rule prohibited visits to the barracks. Now things are changed.

What the Y. W. C. A. Is Doing.

A certain stretch of territory, about a mile from the camp entrance at Admiral, Md., has been dubbed "the Rialto" by an affectionate soldiery, and any inquiring soul who asks smartly concerning the newest thing on the Rialto nowadays, always receives the same answer.

Proudly, and with a wave of the hand toward a one-story bungalow that is black with workmen, the camp familiars reply with one voice:

"See that building. That's a Hostess House. It's the newest thing on our Rialto—and the best."

As recently as two weeks ago there was only a [illegible] of General [illegible] Camp Meade, the Young Women's Christian Association started the construction of the building which is one of thirty similar houses that the national War Work Council plans to erect in the cantonments.

Erected On The "Rialto."

In the cluster of yellow pine buildings erected on the four-square principle on "the Rialto," the Hostess House is conspicuous as the single architectural achievement of the entire camp. It is a decorative bungalow shingled in dark red, and finished on three sides with broad porches that are to be enclosed in glass. But to the impatient soldiers who have besieged the workmen and the distracted architect concerning the date of completion, the Hostess House stands for much more than the "prettiest building at Meade."

Erected as it is for the exclusive comfort of women visitors—mothers, wives and sweethearts—the House signifies to the soldier a rendezvous with home. The pleasant weather of the past month has meant that feminine visitors could invade the camp with comparatively few discomforts. But with cold, snowy days in prospect the House holds the only possible solution of the problem.

For strategic location, the building is without compare.

The great majority of out-of-town visitors come by way of the Pennsylvania R. R. station at Odenton, Md. From that point, the trolley recently inaugurated by an electric railway traverses the one and six-tenths miles between the station and camp entrance at Admiral.

Exactly at the boundary line, when the outside world is left behind, a military policeman boards the trolley. He is extremely gallant in his treatment, of the traveling fair, but very, very firm. The visitors' matinees begin at noon sharp on Wednesday and Saturday. Any woman—or man, either—who attempts to enter camp before 12 will be sent onward by trolley to a point three-quarters of a mile outside. They must wait there until the sun crosses the meridian. Then they can come in. Sunday is the only time that the camp is open to visitors for the entire day.

Social Life Centres Here.

The first stop beyond Admiral is "the Rialto," where a trolley station is now under construction, and all the "social life" of the camp may be said to concentrate. The foundations of the camp theatre have been laid there; the administration building and the hall of the Y. M. C. A. are just across from the trolley, and the postoffice is a spot of unflagging interest.

Last, but not least, there is the Hostess House. As she steps off the trolley the wind-blown, weary traveler confronts the building which means warm, comfortable rooms, a place to powder the nose cruelly nipped by the cold; a refuge where the baby can be turned over to friendly hands, and a cafeteria where warm, nourishing meals will be served at reasonable cost.

Miss Mary Truman, director of the house is a Swarthmore graduate, and has arranged to have a hostess and secretaries on hand as soon as possible.

One of the most impressive facts about the camp is the speed with which things move. Within a short tife the sawdust and shavings will be swept out and the interior of the House will be painted gray as background for the brightly hued chintz cushions, covers and curtains. A double fire-place is a feature of the big room, and the furniture includes softly shaded floor lamps, comfortable chairs, a piano, victrola and writing desk.

Scene Of Reunions.

It is at the hostess house that things happen. So far they have been the scenes of weddings, christenings, glad reunions, partings, reconciliations and quarrels. At one camp the House was borrowed for a court-martial.

Before such buildings came into existence, the camp workers recall days when the forlorn "war brides" stood out in the rain waiting until their soldiers could get a few minutes off. Military rule bars women from the barracks, and so the mothers with little children, and the aged were without even the elemental comforts.

2,000 RECRUITS NEEDED

RESERVE FORCE OF SECOND NAVAL DISTRICT IS NOW OPEN.

The naval reserve force of the Second Naval District, at Newport, R. I., is once more open—this time for 2,000 recruits.

This announcement will mean much to hundreds of [illegible] one of the most popular branches in the war. The officers training camps, aviation, and the reserve have proved to be the three most promptly filled services.

The advantage of the first was the oportunity for a commission, of the second work and of the reserve, a vidual workl and of the reserve, a combination of practically the best features of both.

Perhaps the greatest allurement that the reserve force has for yound men lies in the fact of its varied kinds of service.

A radio school in the district is ready to prepare men for positions as wireless telegraphers in our Navy.

Other men have successfully applied for a transfer to the Naval Reserve Flying Corps.

Every week examinations are held for those who desire to improve their ratings. These ratings cover practically every field, and a man with any boat, shop, mechanical, carpenter or nautical experience, can, in all likelihood qualify.

The central enrolling office is located in the War College in Newport, R. I. Letters of inquiry in regard to the Naval Reserve should be addressed to the enrolling officer, War College Newport, R. I., and the same will be promptly answered and the information forwarded.

Applications for service in the Second district may be made also at the reserve enrolling office, Building 13, Brooklyn Navy Yard, and the navy recruiting stations, in Newark, N. J., Pittsburg, Pa., Minneapolis, Minn., and in St. Louis, Mo.

AN IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT.

Queen Annes Man Secretary to Commission Sent to England.

P. Wilson Parvis, son of P. C. Parvis, of Sudlersville, and nephew of Joseph M. Parvis, formerly of Centreville, arrived safely in England last Monday. Mr. Parvis went as secretary to a commission from the Atlas Powder Company, Wilmington, which will conduct an exhaustive investigation in England. The Queen Annes man will probably be in England or France for about three months.

For about four years Mr. Parvis has been connected with the Atlas Company. When our Government requested that the company send a commission abroad Mr. Parvis was honored by being appointed secretary to this commission. The young man is but 24 years old, and his appointment was a signal compliment to his ability.

The commission left New York on November 12, and will probably not return until some time in February.

TURPIN NAMED AS ROADS' ENGINEER

C. EDGAR SMITH MADE CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ORGANIZED AT THEIR REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING LAST TUESDAY—R. BRUCE MASSEY, PRESIDENT OF LEVY COURT.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners last Tuesday, the newly elected member, John Mattie Norman, of the Fourth District, took the oath of office. His commission arrived from Annapolis Tuesday morning and several hours later he officially became a member of the county Levy Court. The board organized by re-electing R. Bruce Massey, of Sudlersville, President of the Board; and B. Clay Coppage, of Church Hill, was re-elected Vice-President.

For the first time in years there was practically no fight for the appointment of Clerk to the Board. C. Edgar Smith, of Church Hill, was unanimusly chosen to succeed J. Ralph Roe, who, several months ago, was compelled to seek health in the mountains of Western Maryland. Mr. Smith is particularly well fitted to perform the work of Clerk and should make a thoroughly efficient and capable court house official.

Shortly after the work of organizing the board had been completed, the Commissioners took up the appointment of a Roads Engineer to succeed F. E. Schnepfe, who recently resigned to accept a position with the National Cement Association. The applications of all the candidates were seriously considered, and at the conclusion of the meeting the Board announced the appointment of John R. E. Turpin, of Centreville. Mr. Turpin will enter upon his new duties today.

The term of the Roads Engineer is for six years.

[illegible] Turpin will enter office [illegible] accomplished wonderful results during his tenure in office, and friends of Mr. Turpin believe that there is every reason to expect that the work will be successfully prosecuted in the future.

ENLISTMENTS INCREASE

RECRUITS TO NAVY BEING ACCEPTED DAILY—FILL MANY VACANCIES.

Navy enlistments for the Maryland district continue to show a substantial increase, and the recruiting authorities at Baltimore are putting forth every possible effort to fill the State's new quota of 36 firemen third class by December 15th.

Lieutenant M. A. Leahy, Recruiting Officer for the Maryland district, is anxious to call to the attention of all applicans the fact that they must be able, when they make out enlistment papers, to prove their age and citizenship. This proof is absolutely necessary before an applicant can be sworn in.

Certification of an applicant's age can be made before a notary public by a man's parents, or legal guardian, or a baptismal certificate, properly signed, will serve the purpose.

A great many applicants appear at the Recruiting Station without such age certificates and are often delayed in their enlistment until such have been procured.

Lieutenant Leahy also calls attention to the fact that men who have been called in the draft and ordered to appear for physical examination cannot be accepted in the Navy.

Full particulars of Navy enlistments can be obtained from the nearest postmaster; directly from the Navy Recruiting Station, Calvert and Lexington Streets, Baltimore, or from the Navy Recruiting Substations at Cumberland and Hagerstown.

THANKSGIVING OBSERVED

Many Visitors In The County On Thursday—Soldiers At Home.

The peaceful season of Thanksgiving was given a distinct military touch last Thursday, when many of the soldiers from Camp Meade and other military camps returned home to spend the day with relatives and friends.

Aside from the customary celebration at the noon hour, Thanksgiving was very quietly observed throughout the county. There were no exercises of a special nature, with the exception of Thanksgiving services in several churches.

Many visitors from the cities spent the day with families and friends, and a number of sportsmen took advantage of the holiday to enjoy a days hunting. All the banks of the county were closed.

COUNTY CORN CHAMPION

CHARLES R. MERRICK, OF BARCLAY, WINS THIS HONOR WITH YIELD OF 110 BUSHELS.

Announcement was made this week of the winners in the Boys' Corn Club of Queen Annes county. The moisture tests have been made and yields have been checked for the club members. The highest yield was 110 bushels, grown by Charles R. Merrick, of Barclay. He is also the winner of the county contest.

J. Earl Smith, of near Chestertown, who was last year's state champion, won second place with a yield of 80 bushels. Olin B. Price, of Ruthsburg, won third place with a yield of 65.5 bushels.

The exhibit of Charles R. Merrick has been forwarded to College Park, where he will compete with the prize winners from other counties of the state for the state prize.

Great credit is due all the boys in the club. Results over the state seem to show lower yields than last year. The Queen Annes boys have had to contend with floods, hail and many other things and this accounts for the smaller yields of some of the club members.

There are now four organized clubs in the county with a total membership of 60 boys. More clubs will be organized in the near future. From the interest shown by the boys this promises to become the banner organization of the state.

COAL SITUATION STILL BAD.

Advent of Real Winter Weather Caused Suffering This Week.

First real suffering as the result of the coal shortage was felt in Queen Annes county this week. With the advent of colder weather the coal situation assumed more serious propotions and many shivered while the early winter breezes mocked the lack of fuel with which to combat the elements.

While the arrival of occasional carloads of coal helped the situation considerably, those whose cellars are by [illegible] a protracted cold spell.

County coal dealers frankly confess that they are unable to cope with the situation and must depend upon city wholesalers for their supply. The tie up in freight is responsible for the slowness of moving train loads of coal, and many believe that the shivering of the present month is only a forecast of genuine discomfort and inconvenience during the remainder of the winter.

In the meantime carloads of coal are gobbled up as soon as they arrive by eager and anxious buyers.

SOLDIERS THANKSGIVING MENU

Splendid Dinner Served Young America At Camp Meade Thursday.

Queen Annes county housewives will have a better opinion, perhaps, of Uncle Sam's culinary department, when they read the Thanksgiving Day menu served the soldier lads at Camp Meade Thursday.

It follows:

Oyster Soup and Crackers
Roast Turkey Oyster Dressing
Cranberry Sauce
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Creamed Mashed Potatoes
Giblet Gravy
Sweet Corn Green Peas
Celery Olives
Ice Cream
Coconnut Layer Cake
Chocolate Layer Cake
Pumpkin Pie Mince Pie
Mixed Fruit
Lemonade Cocoa
Cigars Cigarettes

FRIENDS BANQUET SCHNEPFE.

Delightful Supper Served Last Saturday Night At Love Point.

Friends of County Roads Engineer F. E. Schnepfe, of Centreville, who recently resigned to accept an important position with the National Cement Association, tendered him a farewell banquet at Hotel Fillmore, Love Point, last Saturday night. A splendid supper was prepared, consisting of oyster cocktails, fried chicken, fried oysters, broiled rock and other delicacies of the water and fields. An enjoyable evening was spent and the friends of Mr. Schnepfe lost no opportunity to express their regret over the fact that he was soon to leave to enter work in new fields.

Among those present were: R. W. Thomas, J. F. Rolph, Wm. McKenney, Henry T. Deaver, John R. E. Turpin, JaJmes T. Bright, E. H. Brown, Jr., M. W. Bordley, James U. Quimby, J. W. Yeates, B. H. Turner, Elmer C. Thomas, Senator James E. Kirwan, Lemuel Kirwan, Fountain Jackson and Howard E. Price.

HOOVER CAMPAIGN A GREAT SUCCESS

QUEEN ANNE RANKED SECOND

AMONG ALL THE COUNTIES OF MARYLAND THIS SECTION MADE SECOND-BEST SHOWING—SIGNATURES WERE OBTAINED TO 2391 CARDS.

Queen Annes county women who enrolled as aides of Food Administrator Herbert C. Hoover in the effort to impress upon the housewives of the nation the necessity for strict conservation and economy in American kitchens, feel proud of the fact that this county ranked second among all the counties of Maryland in effectually and efficiently fulfilling the w[illegible] expected of it.

General Mrs. Edward Shoe[maker] of the Maryland Conservation Co[mmis]sion, in a statement issued Mon[day] gave this conuty's rank as secon[d]. When the work for the various co[unties] was outlined, Queen Annes [was ex]pected to produce 1684 signed [cards]. When the returns were all in and tabulated, it was found that Captain Mrs. Claude F. Parks and her able corps of lieutenants and recruits, had obtained signatures to 2391 cards.

Kent county ranked first in the list with 2792 cards, when only 1696 cards were expected. Kent's percentage was 164, and Queen Annes was 142. Percentages ranged all the way from these figures down to 24.

Queen Annes county cards were signed as follows:

First District	390
Second District	740
Third District	706
Fourth District	411
Fifth District	373
Sixth District	108
Seventh District	189

Mrs. Shoemaker's Statement.

In announcing the result of the Hoover Campaign, Mrs. Shoemaker said:

"In presenting to the public the final [illegible] pledge campaign, the Department of Food Administration desires to express its appreciation of the work done by the women of Maryland who participated in this campaign. Inspired by an unselfish patriotism they have rendered a valuable service to the administration.

"This service which they have rendered, often in the face of very serious difficulties, has had two distinct results. In the first place it has explained to the housewives of Maryland the necessity of food conservation, and has enlarged to a great degree the number of homes in the State in which intelligent co-operative conservation is practiced. In the second place it has had a tendency to bring our people closer together in a common purpose to do whatever may be necessary to facilitate the winning of the war.

It is necessary that every individual in the nation should have the war brought home to him, should realise that it is now the nation's business, and that it calls for the loyal co-operation of every citizen. The recent campaign has, we believe, done much to spread this understanding and promote this cooperation.

How Canvass Was Conducted.

"It is desirable also to call attention to the way in which this canvass has been conducted. It might have been a simple thing to secure the signing of 133,000 cards in the State of Maryland if those cards had been distributed indiscriminately, with an invitation to every one, men, women and children, to sign and with no particular care taken to exclude duplications. The campaign in Maryland, however, was not conducted upon this basis. Practically speaking, every card of the 230,000 of our quota represents a direct visit by one woman to another, an explanation of the program in those cases where it was not understood, and a voluntary intelligent pledge of cooperation made by a housewife or woman concerned in the handling of food. Under these circumstances the signing of 130,000 cards means that approximately one-half of the families of the State of Maryland, city, country, native white, colored or foreign born, have been visited and have agreed to co-operate in a national program.

"The value of this service can scarcely be over estimated."

IT IS NOW CLERK ROLPH

In the presence of a few friends J. Fletcher Rolph, the newly elected Clerk of the Circuit Court for Queen Annes county, took the oath of office last Wednesday evening. His commission arrived from Annapolis Wednesday morning and that night he was sworn in by Judge Philemon B. Hopper. It is now, officially, Clerk J. Fletcher Rolph.