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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 production. Crepe Meteors, Satins and Fancy Stripes for combination [illegible] together with Crepe de Chine [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

SUFFRAGE MEETING AT SUDLERSVILLE

MISS BRANHAN MAKES ADDRESS

FORTY PERSONS ATTEND THE JUST GOVERNMENT LEAGUE MEETING IN COX MEMORIAL HALL.—MISS ELLA ROBERTS APPOINTED PRESIDENT.

A meeting of the Just Government League, of Sudlersville, was held last Friday evening in Cox Memorial Hall.

Miss Lucy Branhan, of Baltimore, was the principal speaker, and was introduced by Mrs. Austin F. Roberts. Mrs. J. A. Hopkins, of Morristown, N. J., one of the sixteen women pardoned by President Wilson in August, after having been sent to the workhouse for picketing, was expected to address the meeting, but was prevented from attending. Miss Branhan was sent to the workhouse for 60 days and to jail for seven days and served the full sentence.

Miss Branhan gave a very interesting address, explaining that their motive for picketing was a weekly petition to President Wilson asking his support of the Federal Amendment, and told of her prison experience. She also explained that the suffrage movement was only a part of the World Electoral Reform Movement.

The following resolution to Senator Smith, asking his support of the Federal Amendment, was adopted and is just like the one passed in six states last winter—Michigan, Rhode Island, North Dakota, and others:

"Whereas, Nineteen states of the Union have given the women either full or presidential suffrage, and

"Whereas, the women of Maryland are as capable and anxious to choose their executive as the women of New York and Rhode Island, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That this mass meeting call upon their representative in the Senate [illegible] the Legislature."

Of the forty people present, twenty-six signed the following resolution to Senator Smith on the Federal Amendment:

"Whereas, we are at war for Democracy and the President of the United States has recently urged his party to support the Federal Amendment in enfranchising women as a war measure, and

"Whereas, the House of Representatives voted favorably upon this question January 10th.

"We, the undersigned constituents, urge you to vote in favor of the Amendment so it may go to the states for speedy ratification."

Those who appended their signatures follow:

Lida V. Jarman, Mrs. J. A. Leach, Blanche E. Jarman, Mrs. Lena Truitt, G. Aldred Walls, Mrs. Daniel Minner, Aldred Jones, James T. Knotts, Mrs. Elwood Walls, James H. Groff, W. Scott Roberts, C. H. Metcalfe, J. A. Leach, Mrs. G. W. Phillips, Mrs. Harry Jones, Lillian Leager, Carey H. Metcalfe, Mrs. Mattie George Roe, Hilda Roberts, Nannie T. Hillary, A. S. Roberts, May Roe Roberts, Austin F. Roberts, Ellen H. Price.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Ella Roberts; Vice-President, Miss Madeline George; Treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Metcalfe; Secretary, Mrs. A. F. Roberts.

MASONS ATTEND LUNCHEON

Queen Annes Countians Attend Affair At Easton.

Messrs. T. E. Dewing, J. M. Mason, W. L. Clough, William J. Woodford, L. D. Shank, Robert M. Hopkins, Owens L. Phillips, M. B. Slemmer, C. S. Thomas, John E. Mears, R. W. Eddins, Samuel Massey, C. M. Stump, Ralph Walls, J. Allan Walls, J. E. Higman, Charles B. Chance, Harry R. Bryan, A. Howard Johnson, M. O. Ford, Raymond C. Jones and Rev. Leonard White, all members of Centreville Lodge, No. 180, A. F. & A. M., motored to Easton Thursday evening to attend a regular meeting of Coats Lodge, No. 102.

At the meeting J. Franklin Baker, or "Home Run Baker," of the New York Americans, whose home is at Trappe, Talbot county, was given the Third Degree in the order. After the business of the meeting was over the members of the Easton lodge and their guests were tendered a delightful luncheon.

Besides those who attended from this county, there were visitors from all parts of the Eastern Shore.

GRATIFYING REPORT OF NAVY LEAGUE.

MISS ALICE E. TURPIN, CHAIRMAN QUEEN ANNES BRANCH, SENDS ACCOUNT.

The Navy League of Queen Annes county was formed in April, 1917. In October it affiliated with the Army League formed to provide knitted comforts for the new enlisted and drafted men from the county and became a unit of the Maryland Section of the Navy League.

To the present date the following work has been done:

$825.42 has been expended for wool. This money has been collected through individual contributions and entertainments of various kinds in the towns of Centreville, Queenstown, Church Hill, Sudlersville, Queen Anne, Perry's Corner and Stevensville.

The following articles have been sent away to the Navy:

246 mufflers.
173 sweaters.
178 pairs wristlets.
4 pairs socks.
48 comfort bags.

The following were sent to the Army:

157 sweaters.
77 pairs wristlets.
2 pairs socks.
Total 882 articles.

The very severe weather has made the need for these articles even more urgent. We have the workers but not the wool nor the ability necessary for its purchase.

A moving picture benefit will be held at Centreville Opera House next Monday, when Marguerite Clark will be the attraction. There will be two shows, a matinee at 3 o'clock and a show at 8 p. m. The entire proceeds will be used to [illegible] contribute for the [illegible] and will be gladly received by Miss Madge Corkron, Treasurer.

Until further [illegible] of the League will be [illegible] Monday morning at 10 [illegible]

[illegible] the Navy League [illegible] absolutely necessary.

MRS. BESSIE ELMINA GOLT.

Mrs. Bessie Elmina Golt, aged 37, wife of Mr. A. Frank Golt, Jr., died Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at her home near town, after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. Mrs. Golt had been suffering from the disease for the past two years, and had for some time been treated at the State Sanatorium, but returned to her home in November, since which time she has grown rapidly worse, until Tuesday afternoon, when the end came.

She was a daughter of Mr. William A. Roe, formerly of this county, but now of Preston. Besides her husband and father, Mrs. Golt is survived by four children, one daughter and three sons, viz: Mrs. James Collier, of near Burrisville, and Raymond, Wilbur and Elwood Golt. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Rose Higgins, of Preston, and the following half brothers and sisters: Mr. Carroll Roe, of near Centreville; Mr. Frank Roe, of the United States Navy, and Howard, Charles and Margie Roe, of Preston.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at Starr M. E. Church, Rev. J. M. Dutton, pastor of Hayden Church, and Rev. Henry Covington, pastor of Starr Church, officiating. Interment was in Chesterfield Cemetery.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. Fred Seney, William Fleetwood, George Wise, Oscar Tarr, Risdon Dulin, Jr., and Herbert Everett.

HOW SECRETS GOT OUT.

One account of how Secretary Lansing secured possession of the German Ambassador's papers is related in Holland's New York letter to a News Bureau.

According to a high British authority, it appears that on leaving Washington the Ambassador deposited his papers in a certain trunk which was stamped with the official seal of the Swedish Minister, who had taken over the affairs of the German Embassy. Had this seal remained unbroken the trunk would have reached Germany undisturbed.

But New York members of the Swedish consular party broke the seal and opened the trunk to place additional papers in it, resealing it with the consular seal. When the Ambassador arrived at Halifax, the British authorities, despite his protests, refused to recognize the consular seal, although admitting that the Swedish Minister's seal would have exempted the trunk from examination. The result was the discovery of the papers and their transmission to Washington.

FRIDAY'S STORM WORST IN YEARS

MUCH DAMAGE THROUGH COUNTY

GRANARY BLOWN FROM FOUNDATION—SHEDS, ROOFS AND FODDER TAKEN AWAY IN ALL SECTIONS—COWS KILLED IN SECOND DISTRICT.

The worst wind, rain and hail storm that has passed over this county in the memory of some of our oldest citizens began last Friday night about seven o'clock and continued well until morning, doing considerable damage in many sections.

About seven o'clock it began to rain, freezing as it fell, and continued until about 11, when the wind blew a terrific gale, reaching the height of its fury between two and three o'clock Saturday morning.

The greatest damage was in the Fifth District. On "Wye Farm" where Capt. Charles W. Butler resides, a granary and hay rick were blown seven feet from their foundation, causing about $500 damage. On the Hobbs farm, also owned by Capt. Butler, a shed was blown down. A new shed on the Tilghman farm, near Carmichael, where Charles W. Butler, Jr., resides, was blown at least thirty feet away. Other damages in this district were more severe in the neighborhood of Wye Mills. On the farms of Ralph C. Baynard and Carroll Callahan stock shed roofs were blown off. The roof of the silo on M. M. Price's farm was blown off, and on the farm tenanted by Harry Denny one-half of the stable roof was taken away. On Albert Elliott's farm, near the old Wye Camp ground, a stock shed was blown down on several cows, but they were rescued before they were injured.

The greatest damage in the Second district was on the farm tenanted by Sudler Baxter, near Church [illegible] a stock shed was blown [illegible] damage in this neighborhood was a quantity of fodder in all sections being blown away.

In the Third district a roof was blown from a shed on the farm of John McK. Mitchell, tenanted by Hill Anthony, but this was covered by tornado insurance. On the Seegar farm of E. Sterling Price of Baltimore, tenanted by Mrs. Walter Chance, window lights were blown out, and a tree was blown across a porch. An implement shed was also blown down. On the farm of former County Clerk William F. Watson, near Centreville, a hog house was blown down, causing $150 damage, besides a number of trees being uprooted. On the "Locust Hill farm of John R. E. Turpin, County Roads Engineer a stock shed was torn down by the gale. At the home of Kennard Brown, near Starr, the roof was blown from a silo.

In the Fourth, Sixth and First districts the only damage reported has been the blowing away of fodder and the slight damaging of stock sheds.

Although Manager L. D. Shank, of the Centreville Electric Plant, had expected considerable damage to the electric wires in and about town, when an inspection was made Saturday morning everything was found intact, and not a single wire out of place, although the wind in several sections of the town had blown out window lights, ripped off tin roofs, and upset small outbuildings.

MRS. SARAH MARSH MASSEY.

Mrs. Sarah Marsh Massey, widow of the late W. J. Massey, aged 82 years, died at the home of her son, Mr. W. J. Massey, at Price, Monday morning at 2 o'clock, after a lingering illness of general debility. She had not been in good health for a number of years.

Mrs. Massey was well known in Queen Annes county having for some time made her home with her son at Price and had many friends here. Previous to coming to this county, she had resided in Dover, of which place she was a native.

Mrs. Massey leaves four children, viz: W. J. Massey, of Price; A. G. Massey, and Jonathan Massey, of Dover and Mrs. Thomas Horn, also of Dover.

The remains were removed to Dover, Del., Wednesday, and funeral services were held at the home of her son, Mr. A. G. Massey, at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, Rev. Victor C. Lightbourne, of the People's Church, Dover, officiating.

Interment was made in Odd Fellows' Cemetery, Camden, Del.

AS MEN REACH DRAFT AGE MUST REGISTER

MEN OVER 31 WILL NOT BE DRAFTED—TROOPS MAY HELP IN THE FARM WORK.

The government has decided on draft registration of all young men as fast as they become 21 years old as the means of keeping filled the ranks of the war army. It has decided against raising the draft age limit above 31 years.

An Administration bill was introduced Tuesday at the request of the War Department, by Chairman Chamberlain, of the Senate Military Committee, to register for draft all men who have reached 21 since June 5, 1917, when the draft law became effective. The Administration's support seems to assure its prompt passage. The bill agrees with the recent recommendations of Provost Marshal General Crowder.

Other Administration bills introduced Tuesday by Chairman Chamberlain, at the request of the War Department will supplement the draft law to make it workable under conditions that have developed. One would permit furloughing of National Army troops for harvest work or other civilian duty; another would eliminate enemy alien population from basis of calculations for draft quotas by making the basis for each state the number of men available in Class One.

Registration of men who have become of age since the draft law was enacted was recommended in the recent report of Provost Marshal General Crowder as one of the means by which a supply of men for the National Army might be assured without taking those who might have other dependents upon them.

It could be done also, the Provost Marshal General pointed out, by extending the age limits above the present line of 31. The War Department has adopted the first suggestion. It is estimated that it will add about 700,000 men to the draft available each year.

Andther bill introduced by Senator Chamberlain would provide a distinctive badge or button for exempted [illegible]

3-YEAR OLD CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

AT HOME OF GRANDPARENTS

MARGARET VIRGINIA COLLINS, GRANDDAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. ANDREW DARLING, VICTIM OF HORRIBLE ACCIDENT—PLAYING WITH A MATCH.

Margaret Virginia Collins, 3-year-old granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Darling, of near Centreville, met with a horrible death last Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock, when a match with which she was playing was lighted and the fire ignited to her clothing. She was so terribly burned that death ensued within a few hours. Dr. W. H. Fisher, of Centreville, was summoned and rendered every possible medical aid, but was unable to save the little tot's life.

The child, together with a brother, aged 5, and a sister, aged 7, were playing in their grandparent's home, at the mill of Murphy & Hayes, between Centreville and Queenstown. The grandmother was out, and the grandfather was at work in the mill. The children's mother was visiting friends in Worcester county.

In some way the little girl procured a match and lighted it. It caught to her clothing and almost in a moment she was enveloped in flames. Her brother and sister rushed to the door to scream for help and the little tot followed. The wind from out-of-doors reached the human flaming torch and caused the blaze to burn with even greater fury. Mr. Darling heard the cries of his grandchildren and rushed to the house. He was able to extinguish the flames, but not until the little girl was badly burned.

About 8 o'clock Wednesday evening the child died, after four hours of excruciating agony.

The aged grandparents were grief-stricken over the sad death of the little tot, and the child's mother was immediately [illegible] tragedy.

DR. CHAS. A. HILL RESIGNS

Was a Former Pastor At Centreville and Was Well Beloved.

At the Third Quarterly Conference of Immanuel M. E. Church, Crisfield, Dr. C. A. Hill, who has served the church for five years, offered his resignation to take effect at the coming conference session. Dr. Hill was unanimously invited to return for a sixth year, but would not accept.

Dr. Hill has been a great success at Immanuel and is well liked by everyone.

His going is regretted by the officials as well as by the members of the church.

It is rumored that Dr. Hill will retire from the ministry. The next conference session will be held in Dover, Del., in March.

He was a very much esteemed pastor of Centreville M. E. Church some years ago.

Trucks Will Operate Through Farming Districts All Over Nation.

Motor parcel post routes that will run throughout the United States were put into operation January 10th by Postmaster-General Burleson. Hundreds of motor trucks operating over great trunk routes extending from Portland, Me., to Chicago, from Chicago to Savannah, will move through farming districts and make direct connection with the nearest markets and with private consumers.

The trucks will deliver food, dairy and farm products by parcel post in limited packages direct from producer to consumer. They will deliver food from four to eight days fresher than the railroads or other systems can now. The plan will also reduce the cost of transportation, through the elimination of from one to five handlings, although the parcel post rate of one cent a pound must prevail.

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One Avery owner recently said, "Our engine runs as smoothly on kerosene as on gasoline. We haven't had a bit of trouble with it." Another Avery owner said, "There are eleven gas and oil tractors in our country. None of them handle kerosene as well as the Avery." Avery tractor owners all over the country are saying the same thing—they have proved by experience that Avery Tractors burn ALL the kerosene.

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