

Betterton Area News

Burn Note At 50th Anniversary Service

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Betterton Methodist Church was observed on Sunday, May 2nd.

At the morning service the newly installed lights were dedicated, the Rev. Wm. Tulp, in charge. There was special music, under the direction of Mrs. Alice Campbell, with Mr. Seymour B. Holden at the organ, special parts in the anthem were taken by Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Don Dickle. Dr. Howard M. Amos, Easton District Superintendent brought a wonderful message, Rev. Tulp assisted in the afternoon service.

The note for \$6500 was burned by Mrs. Hallye Crew, representing the Church, at large; Mrs. Evelyn Wilmer, President of the W. S.C.S.; Mr. John R. King, chairman of the building committee; Mr. H. Leroy Owens, chairman of the Official Board 1963-64; and Mr. Floyd Smith, chairman of the Official Board, 1965.

In the Spring of 1963, the yard was graded, new trees and shrubbery planted and a new Bulletin Board erected. Work was started on the basement at an estimated cost of \$6500. Just one year and six months later the note was burned and the completion of the Fellowship Hall and extra Sunday school rooms also the new carpet in the Sunday school room and new altar and new lights.

A tea was enjoyed in the Fellowship Hall which was beautifully decorated with golden ribbons, the tables with yellow roses, snapdragons and small mums. The 50th Anniversary cake was decorated with yellow



FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY of Betterton Methodist Church was observed last Sunday and a note of \$6,500, the proceeds of which had been used for improvements during the past 18 months was burned during the service. Taking part in the burning, from left in front, were: Mrs. Evelyn Wilmer, president of the W.S.C.S.; John R. King, chairman of the building committee; Mrs. Hallye Crew, representing the church at large; H. Leroy Owens, official board chairman, 1963-64; and Floyd Smith, current board chairman. In rear, at left, is Dr. Howard M. Amos, superintendent of the Easton District, who delivered the sermon, and, at right, the Reverend William M. Tulp, pastor of the church.

icing and orange punch and other dainties were served.

Mrs. Ella Morton has returned after a visit of several weeks with relatives in Darby, Pa., and in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, her friend there, Mrs. Grace Boice returned with her for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McDorman, of Palmyra, N. J. spent

several days at their place in Idlewilde.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cowdens, of Media, Pa., spent a few days with friends.

We are very glad to state that Mr. Nelson Boone, who has been ill in Kent and Queen Anne Hospital is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. George Prophet of Lynnewood Gardens Pa., and

Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Duke, Merion, Pa., were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Toulson and all with Miss Iona Stone, also, enjoyed the country ham and chicken and dumpling supper served by the W. S. C. S. of Ingleside on Saturday evening.

Mr. Thomas Ridlington died on Saturday, May 1st, in Wilmington. He had been in failing health

for sometime. The deceased, for several years had been the clerk at the Hotel Rigble and was well known here. He was congenial and courteous to everyone and will be greatly missed.

Dr. I. Smith Littell died last week at his home in New York. He was the grandfather of Miss Cynthia Littell and Mrs. Mary Littell Schaubert, of Betterton, and had frequently visited here.

Miss Susan Morris, of Chestertown, spent the weekend with Miss Debbie Clark at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark.

Mrs. Edwin Myers in on the sick list at this time. We hope she will soon be improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lewis, Jr. and family, of Aberdeen, spent the weekend with Mrs. Lewis' parents, Capt. and Mrs. Fred Campbell, on Bayside.

Mrs. Florence Workman attended the baptismal ceremony of her great grandson, William H. Sutton, Jr., early Sunday afternoon in Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, the Rector, Rev. R. T. Hollett, officiated. Also attending were the parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sutton, Sr., Kathy and Stephen, Mrs. John Carvel Sutton and Mary Elma, the former the grandmother, and Mrs. Wm. Wessell, maternal grandmother, and Mr. Wessell. Four generations being present. The god parents were Mr. and Mrs. Perry Gears.

Church Hill News

Halls Celebrate 25th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall were pleasantly surprised on Friday evening when friends arrived with all the makings of a party, in honor of their Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, those taking part were, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Hickman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leager, Mr. and Mrs. Madison B. Bordley, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James F. Hall, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alton B. Copping, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin L. Copping and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Webb. These friends presented Mr. and Mrs. Hall with a lovely silver Coffee Service and we add our best wishes for many more years of happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones and family spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Montgomery of Delta Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Millard Jones of Cardiff, Md., and attended Homecoming services at the Welsh Presbyterian Church at which Miss Melissa Jones and Master Ricky Jones sang a duet.

Keith and Kevin Rhodes celebrated their seventh birthday on Saturday with a party for a few of their little friends and family at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rhodes.

Mr. Donald Churchill, of Curtis Bay spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. Nowotne.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Chase of Cape Pine Farm are spending a few weeks at their home in West Dennis, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Smith spent several days in Baltimore last week with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Leffel and children, Spencer and Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Keehner of Wilmington, visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shrader on Friday evening, other guests for the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ranken of Long Island.

Mrs. Cyrus Jones of Hagerstown was a dinner guest on Wednesday evening of her mother, Mrs. Helen Robinson at the home of Mrs. W. C. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lane and daughter, Dawn of near Chestertown visited on Sunday with Mrs. Helen Ross and Mrs. Fannie L. Benney at Journey's End Farm.

Sorry to report that Mr. Elmer Anderson is a patient in Easton Memorial Hospital.

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About Parks and Recreation

Third of a series discussing measures enacted at the most recent session of the Maryland General Assembly which have particular impact on Kent County.

The County Commissioners of Kent are empowered but not directed to establish a Board of Parks and Recreation under the provisions of House Bill No. 1007 introduced and passed in the General Assembly for 1965.

Members of the board serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary and proper expenses incurred while performing their duties.

The Act does not become effective until January 1, 1966. The board of seven members is appointed by the County Commissioners and, although it is not specific it is implied that one Commissioner shall be a member of that body. Another shall be recommended by the Kent Board of Education.

Members are to be appointed for four years from the first day of January except for the original term. At that time two shall be appointed for four years, two for three years and two for two years.

The Act says: "In the appointment of Board members the County Commissioners shall give due regard to giving representation to all segments of the county's area and to all geographic portions of the county's area.

The Act also provides that: The Board shall annually select a chairman and a vice chairman from its membership; and it shall also select a secretary and a treasurer, who may or may not be members thereof. The Board may require the treasurer to give bond in such amount as it may determine, and it is further authorized to adopt all necessary rules and regulations for the conduct of its business and for the protection of properties under its control. The Board shall hold such regular and special meetings as it may deem necessary. The Board is authorized to determine all questions of general policy relating to parks and public recreation in Kent County and to supervise the expenditure of funds appropriated to these purposes. It may appoint advisory committees or panels to assist in the exercise of its powers and functions.

The Board, with the approval of the County Commissioners, may accept real and personal property of all kinds suitable for public parks, open space programs, and recreational purposes, legal title to which shall always be in the Board of County Commissioners. The County Commissioners may appropriate in the annual budget of the County such sums as may be necessary to purchase land, construct improvements, and defray ex-

penditures for the maintenance of park and recreation areas under the control of the Board and for the support of the park and recreational programs. The acquisition of property, with the approval of the County Commissioners, may be by purchase, condemnation, grant, bequest, devise, or lease of the fee or any lesser interest, development right, assignment, covenant or other contractual right necessary for park and recreation programs. The County Commissioners have the power to sell or in any manner dispose of these parks and recreational properties.

The Board, subject to budgetary policies and appropriations of the County Commissioners, may initiate, adopt, direct, or cause to be conducted or directed, a comprehensive program of public recreation in schools, parks, or other lands or buildings, either publicly or privately owned. It further may develop, equip, operate, maintain, issue permits for the use of any facilities made available to the Board, and make charges where appropriate.

The control of any land, buildings, or other acceptable facilities shall be in accord with agreements reached between the Board and the person, corporation, or agency having jurisdiction over such properties. No power or authority conferred by this section shall be construed to abridge or limit the power of the County Commissioners, the Board of Education, or of any governmental agency, or of any person or corporation, to refuse to permit or to limit the use of any ground, building, or facility under their control, ownership or jurisdiction.

The Board, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners, may employ such personnel as it may consider necessary to administer its functions properly. If it employs a Director of Recreation, he shall be a person with training, experience, and capacity to initiate a program of public recreation under his general supervision, and he shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The salaries of all personnel shall be fixed by the Board, subject to the approval of the Commissioners.

The Board shall submit to the County Commissioners an annual report of its activities, together with recommendations for further activities and development of the county recreation program. It shall also submit an annual budget, pursuant to the requirements of law, itemizing the appropriations necessary for the performance of its functions and duties.

The County Commissioners, by and through the Board of Parks and Recreation, may join or cooperate with the Federal Government, the State of Maryland, and municipality, any other governmental agency or citizen group in providing, establishing, conducting, and maintaining recreation centers, playgrounds, parks, and other recreation facilities and activities.

Monthly old-age, survivors, and disability insurance benefits in Kent County now top \$139,999, James G. Woodson, district manager of Social Security in Salisbury, said on releasing the annual county benefit data report. The new monthly figure represents an

increase of 5 percent over the corresponding period last year. "This increase can be attributed to the changes in the law in recent years, as well as to the growth of our aged population," Mr. Woodson said. "This money stimulates county business; most of it is spent for food, clothing and shelter. There is no longer any doubt. Social Security benefits are helping to stabilize the income and spending power of many residents in Kent County."

Monthly benefits first became payable in January 1940 and they have continued without interruption for years, accompanied by a steady growth in the number of beneficiaries. Mr. Woodson noted that as of December 31, 1964, some 2,233

countians were collecting about \$1,697,988 annually from social security.

More people in Kent County, he said, could draw social security benefits if they knew more about the law, and for that reason they are urged to visit or call the local social security office whenever they have a question concerning their benefits or responsibilities.

As of January 1965, in the nation at large, more than 19 million beneficiaries were receiving payments at the rate of \$1.3 billion per month.

The average monthly old-age retirement benefit in January was \$77.57 for all States, while in the State of Maryland the average was \$76.79 Mr. Woodson said.

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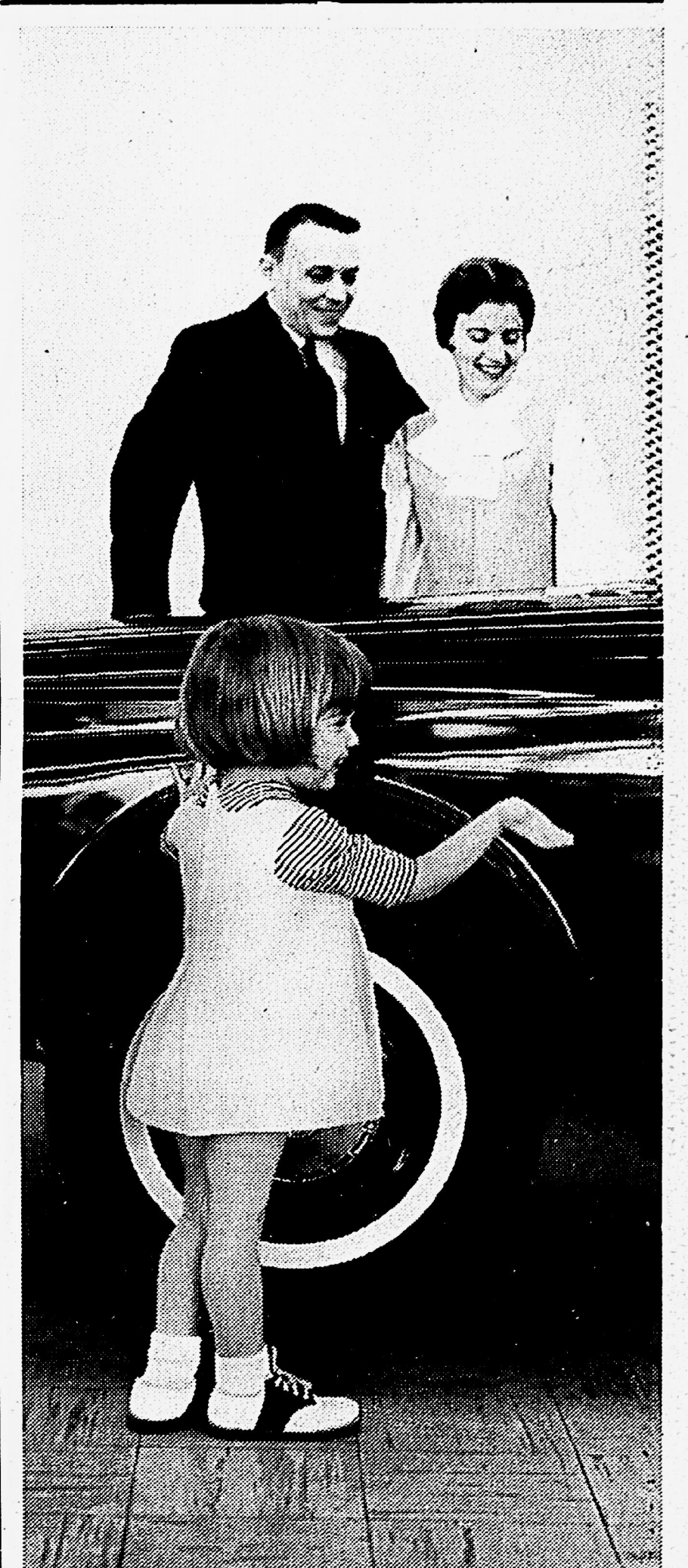
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