QUEEN ANNES COUNTY

Shoremen To Banquet.

The annual banquet of the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City will be held January 17 at the Hotel Rennert. Besides the Queen Annes natives resident in Baltimore, a number of county residents are expected to attend the evening's festivities.

Irish Evangelist Here.

Rev. John Good of Ireland, who is visiting his son, William H. Good, at Church Hill, is now preaching in this county.

County Banks To Elect.

Stockholders in the various Queen Annes county banks will elect directors for the ensuing year next week. The Centreville National and Queen Annes National Banks will elect next Tuesday. The Church Hill and Sudlersville Banks will hold their elections Monday, and the directors for the Stevensville Bank will be named next Thursday.

Fire Alarm Sounds.

The Good Will Fire Company was called out last Saturday morning by a bell alarm. After much difficulty, it was ascertained that a water pipe had burst and caused excitement in the store of Mr. E. G. Benton, but there was no blaze for them to work on when the volunteers finally got into action. No damage was done, but a large crowd was kept puzzled for several minutes.

Town Horse Is Sold.

A superfluous horse owned by the town of Centreville was sold at auction Tuesday by Mr. T. Frank Seward, auctioneer. The bidding was not spirited, as the animal was about 12 years old, and the price finally was set by Magistrate Robert Coursey. It was said later that it took $18 a month to feed the equine and, as the town had no use for it, the horse was becoming an expensive boarder.

Celebrates His Ordination.

Rt. Rev. William Forbes Adams, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Easton, which includes St. Paul's Church, Centreville, on Wednesday celebrated the fifty-seventh anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Bishop Adams was elected head of the Easton in diocese in 1887 and has held the see ever since. He received numerous hearty congratulations on his anniversary.

Racing On State Road.

Says the Chestertown Enterprise of this week: "Now and then pedestrians on State roads will see a battered carriage standing on the roadsides and wonder why it is there. The reason is usually due to careless or reckless driving or racing. A sample of this can be seen almost any evening on the State road in Queen Annes, when young men from the country come into town, try out their nags against each other and often leave a carrigae minus a wheel or in a battered condition on the roadside." Is the old sport "dead" in Kent?

Baltimore Gets Bank.

Baltimore gets the farm loan bank to serve Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia and the District of Columbia. This is a matter of interest to the farmers, especially. It is thought the interest rate will be five and a half per cent at first and will be lowered later. Loans on farm land are limited by law to 50 per cent of the value of the land, and may be payable in from 5 to 40 years. As fast as loans are made bonds will be issued to cover them, so that at no time under the present plan will a bank's entire capital be tied up in loans to the detriment of other applicants.

Eight Lights For Bridge.

Persons who have used the Chester River bridge for the last week no doubt have noticed the small house that has been erected on the Kent county side of the draw. This little structure, though somewhat crude, is to be used for cleaning and storage of the new lights that will be placed on the draw. These lights will be much larger than the ones now in use. Four of them will be red and four will be green.

Buys Newnam Home.

Mr. John G. Shearer, of Cumber Holton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Holton, several years ago, has purchased the handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer G. Newnam, located at the corner of Liberty street and Church lane. This is one of the most commodious residences in town and it is understood that Mr. and Mrs. Shearer will make their home here. The purchase price was not made public.

Sells Prize Geese.

Kent Island goose fanciers bid fair to have their laurels wrested from them by Carville. Mr. Earl R. Bishop recently sold to Mr. William Fesmyer eight geese that weighed 181 pounds. They netted Mr. Bishop $3.73 each and two of them, weighed separately, tipped the scales at 31 pounds each. A Philadelphia poultry buyer pronounced them the largest and finest he ever had seen. All of them were raised on Mr. Bishop's farm, near Carville.

Poison Report A Mistake.

Relatives in Centreville of Mr. Ralph T. Coursey, 25 years old, of 813 Washington street, Wilmington, Delaware, were alarmed Tuesday morning by a report that he was ill there in the Homeopathic Hospital, from poisoning caused by tablets taken in mistake for a headache remedy. A telehone message to the young man's aunt developed that he had sucered an attack of illness, but had recovered and had not been a victim of accidental poisoning.

Program For Movies.

The program for tonight and next week for moving pictures at the Centreville Opera House will be as follows: Saturday, "The Crimson Wing." Monday, Courtot and Moore in "The Kiss." Tuesday, Miriam Nesbitt and Marc MacDermott in "The Catspaw." Wednesday, "Regina Badet in "No Greater Love." Thursday, Wallace Reid and Cleo Ridgely in "The Yellow Pawn." Friday, Irene Fenwick in "The Green Cloak." Saturday, Irene Fenwick in "The Spendthrift."

Seven Eclipses In 1917.

Four eclipses of the sun and three of the moon, the greatest number possible in a single year, will occur in 1917, according to a memorandum issued by the Naval Observatory. The last year in which seven eclipses took place was early in the last century and the next will be in 1935. On January 8th, there will be a total eclipse of the moon by the earth's shadow, visible throughout the United States. Beginning at 12.50 a. m. and ending at 4.39 a. m., Eastern time, the eclipse will be total.

Excitement At Library.

Recent robberies and attempts in Centreville have put citizens on the qui vive. So when Rev. J. D. Cummins, rector of St. Paul's P. E. Church, was passing the Centreville Library last Saturday night and noticed two shadowy forms inside, he started an investigation. He was aided by Police Chief Baxter and the quest divulged that the negro janitor, Phil Taylor, had invited a friend inside for a "nip." A large crowd gathered ere the excitment died down and Taylor was warned to be more careful in the future.

Muskrat Trappers Busy.

Muskrat trappers in Queen Annes county are having their innings now and are quite busy arranging for the season, which opened last Monday. The price of muskrat pelts is now 30 cents each and the market is expected to climb as the winter advances. Along the shores of the Chester, Corsica and Wye rivers, and their tributaries that now through marsh lands thousands of the little animals will be caught. Some epicures hold muskrat flesh to be first class eating and the meat is becoming more popular each year.

Death Delays Return.

Mr. Archie E. Davis, who conducts the barber shop in the Subway, returned this week from Berlin, where he spent Christmas and New Year's. Mrs. Davis accompanied him, their return having been delayed by the death of Mr. Davis' uncle, Mr. John Jarvis, 45 years old, who died from consumption Thursday of last week and was buried last Saturday. He left a widow and three children. Mr. Davis will conduct the barber-shop, pool-room and restaurant in the Subway for Mr. W. C. Orrell, Sr.

Probing Living Cost.

Announcement has been made that the Federal Government will undertake extensive experiments with the parcel post for the purpose of trying to develop it into an effective weapon of attack upon the high cost of living. The first step along this line will be taken when the parcel-post experts of the Postoffice Department will hold a conference to formulate some comprehensive plan by which the parcel post can be more easily utilized as a food-product conveyer between the rural producer and the city consumer.

Heavy Christmas Mail.

During the holidays, the postal force of the Centreville postoffice handled the largest quantity of Christmas mail ever known of in this town. Postmaster W. J. Woodford and his assistants, Messrs. T. Edmund Dewing, A. Howard Johnson and L. Herman Meredith, were aided in the rush by Prof. H. T. Griffith, Mr. R. M. Hopkins and Mr. Walter Woodford, yet they nearly were swamped by the heavy mail. In one day, 75 sacks of various classes of mail matter were sent out from the Centreville office to the Pennsylvania Railroad station.

Notice To The Public.

Beginning with this issue, The Observer will discontinue the practice of publishing, without charge, notices of entertainments, bazaars and similar forms of entertainment held for profit. The charge for inserting such notices in the future will be one cent per word and remittance must accompany each order. Those sent without remittance cannot be published. Other notices of a purely business nature will also be charged for at this rate and all paid locals will appear under a special "Local Column" heading.

Tomatoes Going Up.

Labor conditions are so unsatisfactory on the farm that many farmers are finding much difficulty in carrying forward their work at busy seasons. The past season has been unusually bad. This is one reason for the higher prices of farm products. Some of the farmers are seeking higher prices for tomatoes for the coming year. Twelve dollars per ton is to be asked by some of them. The prices of canned goods at the present time tend to stiffen demands for higher figures for the raw material. Last season the growers hereabout received ten dollars per ton.

Commissioners Pass Ordinance.

The Town Commissioners of Centreville advertise this morning an ordinance passed at their regular meeting Friday evening, December 29th. This ordinance was passed to comply with the town charter, which requires that all water and sewer rents are due and payable strictly in advance. Beginning this year all water and sewer rents not paid by April 1st shall be deemed in arrears and interest will be charged from January 1st. On July 1st the bailiff is empowered and instructed, in the ordinance, to cut off water at all points where the rentals have not been paid.

MISS MARGARET MASSEY.

Stricken suddenly ill Thursday afternoon, Miss Margaret Massey, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Thomas Massey, of near Massey, and granddaughter of Mr. William C. Emory, of near Centreville, died five hours later without regaining consciousness. The cause of death could not be learned here yesterday.

Miss Massey often visited in Centreville and last Thanksgiving was the guest here of Miss Sarah Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Spencer Wright. Funeral services will be held today from the P. E. Church at Massey.

MRS. W. LEE CLOUGH.

After an illness of only four days Mrs. Olivia Harris Clough, aged 32 years, wife of Mr. W. Lee Clough, rural letter carrier and merchant, died Wednesday night from pneumonia at her residence in Centreville. She was greatly beloved in a wide circle of friends.

Mrs. Clough was a daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Charles W. Harris of Centreville Landing. Besides her parents and husband, she is survived by two children, Anna and Mary, and by three brothers, Rev. Charles C. Harris, pastor of the M. E. Chuch at Claymont, Del., and Sterling and Wilron Harris, of Dickinson College, also two sister, Misses Susie Harris, a teacher at Winchester, and Madaline Harris, of Centreville.

Funeral services will be held at Centreville M. E. Church today at 1 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. J. R. Bicking, will conduct the services and interment will be in Chesterfield Cemetery.

MR. CHARLES W. SMITH.

Mr. Charles W. Smith, formerly a school teacher of Templeville, but recently senior member of the lumber firm of C. W. Smith & Son, at Ridgely, died last Sunday at his home there. He had been an invalid for nearly seven years. Mr. Smith also was a former judge of the Queen Annes county orphans court.

Mr. Smith, the eldest of ten children, seven of whom still are living, was born July 9th, 1848, in Kent county, Delaware. He married Miss Rachel E. Cahall, of Felton, Del., on December 26, 1871, later moving to a farm near Templeville. Mr. Smith was a member of the M. E. Church for 50 years and always held some official position in the church. He is survived by three sons, Dr. E. F. Smith, of Kenton, Del.; Temple Smith, of Greensboro, and M. C. Smith, of Ridgely; also by five brothers, Rev. Alfred Smith, of Camden, Delaware; W. H. and A. B. Smith, of Ridgely; J. C. Smith, of St. Paul, Minn., and Rev. H. D. Smith, of Ovid, N. Y., and two sisters, Mrs. Mollie E. Rickards and Mrs. C. E. Turner, of Ridgely. Funeral services were held Wednesday, interment being at Sudlersville.

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MR. WILLIAM T. ELLIOTT.

After an illness of but three days from pneumonia complicated by a slight stroke of paralysis, Mr. William T. Elliott, formerly a well known farmer of Queen Annes county, died Wednesday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nelson Smith, on Abell Street, Baltimore. He was 65 years old.

The other surviving children of Mr. Elliott are Mrs. Lila Heineman and Mrs. Maude Kelly, of Baltimore; Mrs. Edna Pennington, of Chestertown, and Mr. Brown Elliott, of Centreville. He was a brother of Mrs. Samuel T. Dewing, of Centreville and of Mrs. Sallie Bradley, of Camden, N. J., also a brother of Messrs. Samuel R., Arthur J., H. Albert and Charles Elliott, all of this county.

The body was brought to Centreville Thursday evening and funeral services were held yesterday at 2 o'clock in Grace M. P. Church, Rev. G. J. Hill, the pastor, officiating. Interment was in Chesterfield cemetery.

ANTHONY—BUTLER.

A pretty wedding took place Saturday when Miss Frances Eleanor Butler, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Charles W. Butler, became the bride of Mr. Claude Bennett Anthony, at "Wye," the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Frank Brisbin, of Queenstown, M. E. Church. The bride's attendant was Miss L. Gertrude Price.

Mr. J. Hill Anthony, brother of the groom, was best man. The bride wore a gown of white crepe de chene and silver cloth, and a silk net veil. She carried a bouquet of bride roses and smilax. The maid of honor wore a dress of blue taffeta and cream lace, trimmed with black velvet. She wore a large black hat and carried pink carnations and smilax. The groom and best man wore the conventional black.

The bridal party entered the drawing room to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, rendered by Mr. Charles Hitting, of Philadelphia, a cousin of the groom. They stood beneath an arch of mistletoe and holly.

The home was tastefully decorated with holly and mistletoe.

After a reception Mr. and Mrs. Anthony left for the Hopper farm in Corsica Neck, where the groom is engaged in farming. They received many handsome and useful gifts.

ORDINANCE NO. 307

AN ORDINANCE entitled regulating the payment of water and sewer rents in the town of Centreville, effective January 1st, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

BE IT ORDAINED this twenty-ninth day of December, nineteen hundred and sixteen, by the Town Commissioners of Centreville, Maryland, that, in compliance with the Town Charter, all water and sewer rents are due and payable in advance, each year.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all water and sewer rents not paid by April 1st of each year shall be deemed in arrears, and interest shall be charged thereon from January 1st.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that on July 1st of each year water must be disconnected and discontinued at all points where payment in full has not been made. And the Town Bailiff is hereby authorized, empowered and instructed to carry out this provision of this ordinance on July 1st of each year, without predjudice or partiality.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

ALFRED GREEN,
T. R. L. PRICE,
C. Q. SNYDER,
Town Commissioners.

Approved this twenty-ninth day of December, 1916.

S. Charles Walls, Clerk.

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