QUEEN ANNES COUNTY

Get Wedding License.

A marriage license was issued this week by Clerk of Court William F. Watson to Mr. Oscar M. Legg and Miss Julia M. Gardner, both of Chester.

Sure Saw His Shadow.

B'rer Groundhog poked his nose out of his hole at noon yesterday, took a squint at Old Sol and, seeing his shadow beside him, scuttled back to sleep away 40 days more of storm, says the old legend.

Moving Picture Program.

Manager J. E. Cahill, of the Centreville Opera House, announces the following pictures for tonight and Monday night: Saturday, Marie D'Oro in "The Lash;" Monday, Pauline Frederick in "Ashes of Embers."

Fight Fire With Buckets.

With the help of Millington's fire engine, a bucket brigade fought a blaze Wednesday evening of last week in the home there of Samuel Emory, a negro. The fire was discovered about 6 o'clock and the volunteer firemen soon were on the scene. The flames were extinguished finally with a loss of about $200.

Attend Easton Meeting.

Town Commissioners Alfred Green, T. R. L. Price and Charles Q. Snyder attended the first meeting of the Municipal Congress of the Eastern Shore, held Thursday at Easton. The by-laws were adopted and arrangements made to complete other business at a meeting in Salisbury on the first Thursday in April.

Undergoes Operation In City.

Mr. William Woodford, son of Postmaster and Mrs. W. J. Woodford, was operated on in Baltimore last Saturday. The operation was performed in University Hospital, an X-ray examination having revealed that the young man was suffering from chronic appendicitis. At last reports, he was getting along nicely.

Surgeon Left No Will.

Letters on the estate of the late Dr. John W. Chambers, who left no will, were granted Thursday of last week to his son, Dr. Thomas R. Chambers, under a bond of $900, the estimated value of the personal estate. Dr. Chambers, whose youth was spent in Queen Annes couty, died on January 21st.

Sells Valuable Estate.

"Heatworth," located in Spaniards Neck, and one of the county's best know estates, was sold Wednesday by the heirs of the late Daniel Friel to Mr. Joseph M. Brown. The purchase price was $15,000. "Heathworth," which contains about 407 acres is now occupied by Miss Lizzie Friel, who will remain there until the end of the year.

Road Opinion Goes Over.

Once again the Queen Annes county commissioners have postponed action on the proposed road at Love Point. The case will come up again next Tuesday, this last delay having been granted to enable counsel interested time to render written opinions. No other business of importance was before the board at its meeting last Tuesday.

Buys Two New Autos.

Mr. Howard E. Price, of Centreville, has purchased from W. T. Townsend, Easton, two new 1917 automobiles. One is a Studebaker "Six" touring car and the other is a handsome Saxon roadster. Both cars are equiped with the latest devices and are up-to-date in every particular. Mr. Price traded in his old Studebaker touring car as a part of the purchase price of his new autos.

Bank Makes Good Record.

Stockholders and patrons of the Hillsboro-Queen Anne State Bank are gratified by the record it has established for so young an institution. Its deposits recently reached the high water mark of $306,820.03. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Charles Jarrell; vice-president, Phil H. Golt; cashier, H. P. Flowers; assistant cashier, G. Lawrence Wilson; attorney, T. Alan Goldsborough.

No News Of Increase.

In its issue of last week, the Chestertown Transcript stated that advices from Philadelphia were to the effect that the Pennsylvania Railroad would increase the pay of its clerical forces on the lines east of Pittsburg and that clerks on the Peninsula would benefit thereby. Mr. C. S. Thomas, local agent of the Pennsy, when asked about the "increase," said that it was news to him and that no order to that effect had reached Centreville.

Order Young Trees Now.

J. W. Besley, state forester, is advising all Maryland landowners who require forest trees to place their orders with the State Board of Forestry some time during the present month. These trees are furnished at actual cost or less. They include white pine, Norway spruce, loblolly pine among the conifers, and red oak, black locust, white ash, honey locust, American elm, tulip poplar and black walnut among the more valuable hardwoods that may be cultivated in any part of Maryland.

Large Potato Shipments.

Heavy shipments of potatoes, both white and sweet, are being made from Millington and Chestertown by Mr. Charles W. Rolph. Since last November, he has loaded 43 cars of sweet potatoes from Millington, for which Mr. Rolph paid an average of $1 a hamper. This means about $14,000 paid out to farmers of that section for sweet potatoes alone. At Chestertown, Mr. Rolph has been paying $1.50 a bushel for Irish potatoes and $1.10 a bushel for sweets.

You May Miss Something.

Every once in a while, we hear some subscriber to The Observer state that he or she does not read the editorials. Everyone should do so, for many times important items that really are news are handled in the editorial columns. Such writings are intended to be instructive and informative. We do not expect all to agree with our private opinions as publicly aired, but we do try to make them intelligent enough to awaken healthy thoughts that lead to mind cultivation.

See Money in Muskrats.

All over the Delmarvia Peninsula, the sentiment is growing that muskrats are becoming more and more valuable. Aside from the prices received for their furs, which now range from 50 cents to $1.50, it is said experts on the question are of the opinoin that a good paying business could be established by persons living near or owning marshes. In raising muskrats, the pelt and meat are both valuable, as city hotels are beginning to include "marsh rabbits" on their bills-of-fare. There also is a profit in leasing marsh land to trappers.

Finds Negro In Barn.

When Charles Rochester, colored, went to his barn near Ingleside at 9 o'clock Wednesday night, he found an intruder therein. The latter took to his heels, but was not fleet enough to escape Rochester, who chased him across two fields before capturing him. A telephone message brought Sheriff Yeates and Constable Williamson. They found the prisoner to be Thomas Seafur, a negro with a police record. He could give no reason for being in the barn and was held for a hearing before Magistrate Coursey on a charge of attempted robbery.

Banks Are Prosperous.

That there is substantial prosperity among the four state banks of Queen Annes conuty is shown by the latest report of Bank Commissioner J. Dukes Downes, which includes statements of the banks up to the end of 1916. The combined resources of the four state banks in this county are $632,720.54; their capital is $40,000, their surplus and undivided profits total $78,057.56, and their individual and savings deposits are $487,583.44. The report also shows that there has been a healthy increase in the business of all the state banks.

Towns Catch Boom Spirit.

Since the organization of the Eastern Shore Muncipal Congress, the spirit of town booming has spread through the nine counties and the value of advertising their respective communities is beginning to awaken civic spirit throughout the Shore. Fourteen business men of Sharptown, on the Wicomico bank of the Nanticoke river, have organized a board of trade with the following officers: Walter C. Mann, president; Benjamin F. Gravenor, vice-president; N. A. DeForest, secretary, and P. T. White, treasurer. Ned R. Bounds, N. A. DeForest and L. T. Cooper were named a committee to have printed for distribution a pamphlet describing the advantages of Sharptown as a manufacturing site and an ideal home town.

Rev. Cooke Is Suspended.

Found guilty of defamation by the unanimous verdict of the trial committee, Rev. George A. Cooke, pastor of Wesley M. E. Church, Wilmington, has been suspended until the Methodist conference meets in Seaford, Del., on March 28. The pastor occupied his pulpit Sunday morning in defiance of the ecclesiastical authorities, and was arrested for disturbing religious worship. He was released on $500 bail for a hearing later. Three former pastors of Centreville M. E. Church—Revs. C. A. Hill, J. W. Easley, and W. A. Wise—took part in the minister's trial, which has stirred Methodism throughout the Wilmington Conference. Rev. Dr. Adam Stengle, a superannuate, has been appointed to fill Wesley's pulpit, pending the outcome of Rev. Cooke's appeal to a civil tribunal.

Purchases Fine Swine.

Dr. Gilbert T. Smith, of Noroton Heights, Conn., has bought 24 pure-bred Jersey Red sows for his Chester River Farms. These new swine make his total herd 64, the other 40 being pure-bred Berkshires and Poland Chinas. In a letter to County Agent E. F. White, Dr. Smith writes: "I am going into the hog business extensively, as I feel I have an ideal location and with the natural food problem, in a measure solved by the large area of splendid marsh grass and range, which I believe will be suitable for them eight months in the year. I have at my command a great advantage over many of the inland producers." Dr. Smith considers this an important factor in the successful raising of hogs in Queen Annes county, which speaks well for our wonderful resources.

Appropriated For Canal.

Included in the $38,000,000 rivers and harbors bill passed by the house of representatives is an item of $1,300,000 for the purchase by the government of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. The bill goes to the senate and, if passed there and signed by President Wilson, the canal will be taken over by the federal authorities as a start of the plan to make it a ship waterway. In an appropriation of $10,000 is included the cost of improving Queenstown harbor.

Not This Editor's Fault.

A Kansas editor is about as hard to get ahead of as a Kansas cyclone. O. W. Weaver, of the Sedgwich Pantagraph, recently raised the price of his paper from $1 to $1.50 a year, and, in replying to some complaint heard about the change, says: "You may be of the opinion that the paper isn't worth $1.50. Neither is a gallon of gasoline worth 21 cents, nor a pound of veal worth 30 cents, nor 10 pounds of sugar worth $1.00, nor a bushel of corn worth $1, but these are the prices people are paying. Potatoes are retailed at $2 a bushel and 'sow bosom' at 23 cents a pound. So don't get mad at us. Goodness knows we didn't start that fuss in Europe."

Urges Farmers To Attend.

Mr. John W. Staton, of Snow Hill, who is heading the movement to organize an Eastern Shore Advertising Association, has written The Observer a letter in which he asks that the farmers of Queen Annes county be urged to attend the meeting to be held in Easton on February 8th. This gathering is not for the newspapers' benefit, but for a cooperative union of all residents of the Eastern Shore to bring before the general public of this country the immense advantages and wonderful natural resources that these nine counties of Maryland possess. Many farmers' clubs are taking part in the movement. All residents of the county are invited to attend the Easton meeting.

WEDDED FIFTY YEARS

MR. AND MRS. J. EMORY SMITH CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AT CRUMPTON.

With 96 guests at a poultry dinner, Mr. and Mrs. J. Emory Smith, of Crumpton, on Monday celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding, which took place January 29, 1867. The reception of friends who called continued throughout the day, all wishing the aged couple many more years of wedded bliss. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were the recipients of numerous handsome gifts, including $75 in gold.

With their eight children, seventeen grandchildren and three great grandchildren gathered about them, Mr. and Mrs. Smith spent a happy anniversary day. A pleasant incident of the celebration was the reading of a poem sent by Rev. James W. Lee, of Cedar Rapids, Ia. Those who called included:

Mrs. William Knotts, Mrs. Ella Smith, Mrs. R. Brey, Mrs. Joseph Davis, Mrs. M. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Smith and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. Rutter and Miss Ollie Smith, of Wilmington, Del.; Mr. Frank Rutter and Mrs. Robert Biddle, of Charlestown; Mr. and Mrs. T. Shockley, Mrs. George Bennett and Mr. Corey, of Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Smith, of Hartley, Delaware; Mr. and Mrs. William Smith and Master Gerald Preston, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. James Newnam, of Chestertown; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Smith and sons, Mr. and Mrs. William Jarman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coleman and son, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Misses Mattie and Blanche Jarman and Master James Foxx, of Sudlersville; Mrs. Jones, of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. William Faulkner, of Kennedyville; Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Coleman and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Coleman and daughter, Mrs. Palmer Hemmons, Mrs. Tyson Lee, Mrs. William Foulks, Mrs. Battis, Miss Virginia Smith, Mrs. M. F. Sheppard and Mrs. F. N. Sheppard, of Crumpton.

IS HURT IN RUNAWAY

Mr. John N. Clough Has Narrow Escape From Serious Injury.

Thrown under the wheels of a heavy heavy farm wagon by the falling of one mule, Mr. John N. Clough, of "Blakeford," had a narrow escape Thursday morning from serious injury. As it was, he received cuts and abrasions on the right knee, arm and hand and an abrasion on the left hip where one wheel passed over him. Dr. W. H. Fisher, who dressed his injuries, said Mr. Clough's sturdy frame alone saved him from broken bones.

In company with Mr. Thomas R. Smith, overseer on "Blakeford," Mr. Clough was engaged in partly loading the wagon before the store of West & Ryland. He dropped the lines and the young mules started to run. In an attempt to stop them, one mule fell and Mr. Clough was thrown forward on it, the wagon running over both.

Mr. Smith stuck to the vehicle and, when the runaway neared the shop of R. W. Thomas & Son, he saw a carriage approaching. Fearing it would be smashed in a collision, he leapt out and headed the mule into the sidewalk, where it halted.

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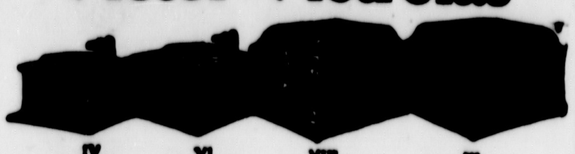

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COUNTY AGENT BUSY

E. F. WHITE GIVES SUMMARY OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED DURING LAST YEAR.

During 1916, County Agent Everett F. White accomplished the following in his educational work:

Number of visits by County Agent to demonstrators, 328; to cooperators, 911; to other farmers, 565; to business men, 130; and to Boys' Club members, 118.

Number of miles traveled in making these visits—by railroad, 58; by auto, 14,735; total, 14,793.

Number of calls on Agent relative to work at office: personal, 383; telephone, 697.

Number of farmers' meetings held under auspices of agent, 31; number of meetings addressed, 31; total attendance at such meetings, 1,250.

Number of field meetings held, 116; total attendance, 695.

Number of official letters written, 636.

Number of articles relating to work prepared for publication, 122.

Number of circular letters sent out relative to control of insects, animal diseases, dairy feeding, etc., 9,000.

Number of bulletins of State and U. S. Dept. of Agriculture distributed, 2,035.

Directed work of county corn club; had boy winner of corn championship of Maryland with a yield of 110.5 bu.

Had a corn club with an enrollment of 32 members and an average yield of 74.59 bushels of corn.

Vaccinated 131 hogs against cholera.

Treated 25 hogs for worms, 11 for lice.

Introduced small quantities of improved seed corn, seed wheat, seed soy beans and distributed them with progressive growers.

Planted or supervised the planting and furnished inoculation for 1,765 acres of alfalfa.

Organized the Queen Annes County Cooperative Cow Testing Association, composed of 25 leading dairymen and with a membership of 364 cows. Through this association actual testing has been in progress since last June and headway is being made in weeding out the boarder cows in the dairy herds.

Assisted in the organization of the Wye Mills Farmers' Club.

Instituted a movement for the growing of more soy beans in this county.

SLEUTH "PAGES" NEGRO

HARMAN IS ARRESTED AT BALTIMORE PIER BY RUSE—WAS WANTED HERE.

When Constable John P. Williamson returned Tuesday night from Baltimore, he brought to the custody of Sheriff J. W. Yeates a very much crestfallen negro. This man, Preston Harman, was wanted on a charge of selling whiskey at the Narrows, but was acquitted Wednesday night after a hearing before Magistrate Coursey.

As he was about to be arrested Harman took the boat for Baltimore, where his arrest is told of by The Sun as follows:

Ten negroes filed off the Love Point boat at its Light street dock Monday morning, and they all looked alike to Headquarters Detectives Cooney and Cullson, who were there with a warrant for the arrest of Preston Harman, a negro wanted in Queen Annes county on the charge of "bootlegging." Sure enough, the detectives had a meagre description of Harman, but they could not pick their quarry.

"Preston Harman!" shouted Detective Cooney like a bellhop in a hotel lobby.

"Yes, sir, replied one of the negroes, but when he saw the two detectives he asserted: "I'se not Preston Harman; I'se Harman Webster. You don't want me."

"But you have answerel the roll call," said Cooney, "come along to headquarters."

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BURRIS—CECIL.

Mr. William P. Burris, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Burris, and Miss Lillian Ruth Cecil, granddaughter of Mr. Thomas Cecil, were quietly married last Saturday evening by Rev. Henry Covington. The ceremony was performed at the minister's home near Starr, in the presence of a few relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Burris will reside in Spanard's Neck, where the bridegroom is engaged in farming.

MRS. W. F. STANT

Mrs. William F. Stant, aged about 70 years, died Thursday from pulmonary trouble at her home near Starkey's Corner. She was well known in the county and leaves a number of surviving relatives. Mr. Stant, her husband, also was reported yesterday as being near death from the same malady.

BUSINESS LOCALS

It is being erroneously circulated that I am no longer a candidate for the office of County Clerk, and that I am throwing my strength to another candidate. I want to announce that this report is untrue. I expect to be a candidate and expect to stay in the fight until my friends and the voters either count me in or out at the polls.

Respectfully,
F311* W. J. MASSEY

Col. W. H. Gibson, Centreville, representative of the New York Life Insurance Company, calls attention this week to a policy that should be of interest to every Queen Annes countian. Read the advertisement. F311

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Our Winter Clean-up Sale is on. 25 per cent. ¼ off Suits, Overcoats and Odd Trousers.

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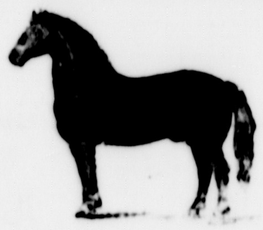

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