PONDTOWN

Pondtown, February 9th—Winter weather this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Wiggins left this week for Florida, where they will spend the remainder of the winter and spring.

Quite a good many of our folks have been sick with la grippe. Among those who have been on the sick list are Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Coleman, Miss Gertrude Holden, Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. William Holden, Mr. Bennie Graham, Mr. James Ringgold and Mrs. Thomas Crew.

Mrs. Woodall visited the home of Mrs. W. F. Wiggins last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Skinner and family have returned to their home in Wilmington after a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. M. Skinner.

Mrs. Brinsfield, of Crumpton, visited her parents here last week.

CHURCH HILL.

Church Hill, February 9th—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith are visiting their daughter, Mrs. F. S. Russell, at Chestertown.

Mr. W. D. Wallace spent a part of last week in Baltimore.

Miss Georgia Dudley, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Dudley.

Mrs. Harriet Anderson, of Denton, is at present with her sisters, Misses Mollie and Sallie Clough.

Miss Madeline Baxter, of Baltimore, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sadler Baxter, the first of the week.

The extreme cold weather the last week has made the young folks happy. The skating is fine on the mill pond.

One of our merchants said this week that brooms soon would be selling for $1. This will make it hard on the woman who likes to make a clean sweep.

The supply of coal is getting very short in our town. If the cold weather continues, we are afraid some of us will have cold toes.

Mr. H. E. Walls has employed Mr. Noah Skinner as assistant postmaster. He entered upon his duties the first of the month.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Massey this week and left a fine baby boy.

QUEEN ANNE

Queen Anne, February 9th—Miss Laura Knotts and Miss May Reynolds spent the week-end in Wilmington as the guests of Miss Emily Knotts.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Straughn entertained at dinner on February 1st, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Arringdale, Mrs. Hynson, Miss Willie Diggins, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sparks, Miss Minnie Calloway, Miss Edna Morgan and Mrs. E. B. Lightner.

Mrs. Fred Sylvester was called to Chestertown last week by the illness of her mother, Mrs. C. H. Jefferson.

Miss Alma Thompson has returned from Easton, where she has been the guest of Miss Elsie Towers.

Miss Emma Stevens is the guest of her brother, Mr. E. T. Stevens, Millington, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Furbush spent last Sunday with Mrs. Furbush's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bostick.

Mrs. Edward Davis entertained 35 members of the Ladies Aid Society of Hillsboro M. E. Church on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Davis is a charming hostess and a delightful afternoon was spent at her home.

CHESTER

Chester, February 9th—Mr. John A. Walters, of Chester, and Miss Lillian May Twiggs, of Baltimore, gave their many friends a surprise on Tuesday afternoon by getting married at the home of Mrs. Nellie Seward.

Rev. Thomas tied the knot at 4 o'clock. The happy couple took the 6 o'clock train for Baltimore, where they will spend their honeymoon. Upon their return, Mr. and Mrs. Walters will reside at Chester. Their many friends wish them a long and happy life.

That industrious old bird, the stork, has furnished Kent Island with a brand new regiment of baby boys and girls, twenty-six in number, since Christmas. Can any other district of the county beat that?

Mr. Walter Price leads the neighborhood in young lambs. He has already about 40.

Diphtheria has broken out again in Crab Alley Neck. This time it is the family of Richard Brown, a veteran colored horse trader. One of Brown's children is quite ill at this time.

Before the cold weather set in, our citizens had plenty of exercise wading through mud, walking fences, fussing, some "cussin," all on account of the disgraceful muddy condition of the state aid road from Phillips' Corner to Benton's Corner. Lots of religion was spilled on the little half mile of road, which it is thought here should have been shelled three years ago.

Now, since the recent cold spell, the mud has frozen hard as stone and, to drive over the road will nearly jolt one's liver out of place or shake false teeth out of your mouth, if you wear them, and cause you to bite your tongue should you happen to talk any while driving over the ruts, holes and knobs.

Soon as the mud thaws again, folks here will be compelled to jump into hip boots and fight their way through mud again. Oh, for some relief! A petition has been at one of our stores for several weeks, signed by our taxpayers, and if there is nothing done in the way of hauling shells by Monday this petition will be sent Centreville Tuesday next.

WYE MILLS

Wye Mills, February 9th—We are expecting every day to receive notice of the ground-hog's funeral, for undoubtedly, with such a severe spell of cold weather as this, he has frozen to death.

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Mr. L. D. Everngam has returned home after a pleasant visit to his niece, Mrs. W. E. Roe.

Miss Clara Denny is spending some time with her brother, Mr. William Denny, near Centreville.

Miss Oakley Redden, of Denton, is visiting Miss Nataline Roe.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Callahan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gannon.

Mrs. D. B. Wolcott spent several days with friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. Thomas Dudley and daughters, Irene and Elizabeth, spent Sunday with Mr. Den Dudley and family.

Miss Irene Callahan, of The Plains, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Callahan.

Mrs. Laura Kinnamon is visiting her brother, Mr. Thomas Callahan.

BRYANTOWN.

Bryantown, February 9th—Master Madison Dadds spent Wednesday with Mrs. Emma Quinn, at "Sunnyside."

Mrs. Amanda Price and daughter, Miss Laura, visited Mrs. Price's daughter, Mrs. Blanche Butler, at Ford's Store, Wednesday.

Mrs. G. G. Wrightson and daughter, Miss Bertha, were the guests of Mrs. Wrightson's mother, Mrs. William J. Dadds, on Tuesday.

Mrs. John Melvin, of the Hall farm, has had quite a severe attack of la grippe.

Mr. Herbert Willis is improving after being operated on at Easton Hospital.

The people of this town are very much in need of a good store; one that you can get anything you want from, as the people cannot get the necessities of life unless they go to Winchester or Queenstown.

Following are the pupils of Perry's Corner School receiving an average of 85 per cent or over for the winter term, ending in January:

Seventh Grade—Olive Thompkins, Robert Walters.

Fifth Grade—Tonia Jewell.

Fourth Grade — Emma Nelson, George Earle Davidson.

Third Grade— Eva Jewell.

Second Grade—Elizabeth Wrightson, Helen Willis.

First Grade—Percie Jewell, Catherine Horney, Calvin Walters, Rowland Dadds, Virbrook Beecher, Robert Dadds, Herbert Willis.

Beginners—William Blount, Edgar Blount.

TEMPLEVILLE

Templeville, February 9th—Mrs. John Davis was a Dover visitor last Thursday.

Miss Margaret Smith, of Marydel, spent Sunday with Miss Florence Faulkner.

Mr. Ernest Davis, of Clayton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Knotts Sunday.

Miss Viola Bowen, who has been spending some time with her sister in Philadelphia, has returned home.

Mr. Wright Robinson has returned after a visit to friends in Wilmington.

Mr. Adolph Hautwerker and Miss Edna Cahall were marrried last Wednesday in Wilmington. They will spend some time in Philadelphia before they return to their home.

Miss Virgie Sparks spent Thursday with Miss Olivia Knotts.

AGRICULTURAL NEWS

Compiled by County Demonstrator Everett F. White.

All tomato growers are informed of the meeting of the Queen Annes Tomato Growers' Association and all other tomato growers who think that they would like to become members of this association are invited to meet at the court house, Centreville, on next Tuesday, February 13th, at 10 o'clock.

At the last meeting, nearly 200 tomato growers were present and much along the line of forming a progressive selling agency was accomplished. We wish to state here that the meeting next Tuesday is to be entirely along the same lines as the previous meeting. We feel that no grower who is interested in the improvement of his present conditions in the tomato market can afford to absent himself from this meeting.

It is for your benefit and you should be there. Of course, as stated before, the organization is based on absolute fair-play between the growers and canners. Those who do not thoroughly understand the form of this organization and wish to be enlightened on any point are urged to be present. We expect to have a monster meeting and perfect permanent organization.

The Fertilizer Situation.

In some ways, the fertilizer situation is very simple this year, and in others it is very complex. At the present price of the complete fertilizer—that is one which contains ammonia, phosphorus and potash—a little calculation will convince one that the charge for nitrogen and potash is excessive and out of all proportion to the returns which may be expected from the application of them.

With respect to tomatoes, under most conditions a fertilizer carrying both nitrogen and phosphorus is to be recommended, but nitrogen in excess of 500 pounds to the acre is not a good investment, even for tomatoes.

For cannery peas a nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizer is desirable. It seems to me that equal parts of 16 per cent acid phosphate and sheep pen manure would make an admirable combination, used at 400 to 500 pounds an acre. Acid phosphate at $17 a ton and sheep manure carrying 4 per cent nitrogen at $23 a ton is a good cannery pea combination. At $17 for 16 per cent acid and $23 for 4 per cent sheep manure, this is $40 for two tons, or about $20 a ton. This at the rate of 500 pounds an acre would mean around $4 an acre for fertilizer. I seriously doubt if a better and cheaper fertilizer than this can be had this season for cannery peas. This also applies to tomatoes.

Order Fertilizer Early.

It seems the part of wisdom this season for farmers to order their fertilizers early. The serious car shortage with freight is sure to be felt directly by the fertilizer user if he does not order his product in time for it to arrive surely when he needs it. It is only a sensible precautionary measure to order in time. And the fertilizer agent who tells you, as some are doing, that fertilizers are higher this year than last year, just as everything else is higher, is not disclosing the facts.

Fertilizers are not higher in 1917 than in 1916. They are slightly cheaper. The fertilizer industry has got on its feet better after the first rude shock of war and fertilizers are tending downward. The salesman who tells you that fertilizers are higher this year will be worth watching.

Fertilizers for farm crops other than peas and tomatoes are simply considered. In the present state of the market, there seems to be no question but that 16 per cent acid phosphate alone is the safest investment. It is questionable if the returns from the application of nitrogen and potash will pay in any case.

Urges Use of Manure.

Of course, ammonia will pay where this is applied in the form of barn yard manure and everyone having manure is urged to use it in this way. But to go into the market and buy commercial fertilizers containing nitrogen and potash at their present prices seems unwarranted. As lime liberates potash, let us urge every farmer whose soils need liming to apply this element this season. Liming pays any year, but there is especial profit in using lime this season because of its ability to liberate the very costly potash that is in the soil. And in most of our soils, if the potash in them could be made available, it would be many years before we would need to add potash in commercial fertilizers.

AN IRONIC EDITORIAL

THE AMERICAN THINKS EASTERN SHORE MIXES POLITICS WITH POETRY.

In its issue of Tuesday last, The Baltimore American, under a caption of "Those East'n Sho' Poets," publishes a rather ironic editorial anent the numerous contributions of poetry it has received. It is no wonder that The American feels the "sting" of Eastern Shoremen holding about all the prominent offices in sight, but it should pause to consider whether or not there is a great deal of truth in the superiority of the Shore as claimed by its poets. There must be a reason. Says The American:

In the midst of war alarms, just pause long enough to observe what is happening down on the East'n Shore. The poets have broken loose up and down the Sho'. From where the lovely Sassafras winds among the hills of Cecil and Kent, down to where the dark and mystic Pocomoke glooms through the cypress shades of Somerset and Worcester, there is a recklessly unconstrained, a rombostuous, rampagious chase of the poetic muse. All the songs are celebrant of the grandeur and the glory of the Sho'—in divers strains and various meters, they tell us the whys and wherefores.

Are we to understand that a profound psychic transformation is in process down on the Sho'? Can it be true that the Sho' is abandoning politics and going in for poetry? It sure does look like it if you will just take a glimpse at page 11 of the Monday issue of The American. And this is the second installment—there was a symposium of celebrant lyrics from the Sho' poets in a previous issue, and there may be other symposiums to follow. If the Sho' really has taken to poetry and abandoned politics—well, Baltimore town will be interested; Baltimore town will give the Sho' every possible encouragement in the new line of endeavor.

But a glance through some of the odes tends to the fearsome thought that the Sho' may be going in for both politics and poetry, and, dreadful even in the suggestion, is the possibility that the poetry and the politics may get mixed. One of the poets remarks, "The men are noted statesmen all over the Eastern Shore." Too true, too true! We all, alas, know it. Then he goes on to say, "In office you can't bounce them; they get there more and more." Truth shines out in these lines with a dazzling effulgence that just knocks you catawampus! And just absorb into your system the significance of this quatrain:

Two senators in Congress
Came from the Eastern Shore;
We have still more improvement
For it these men will roar.

Yes, poetry and politics are going to get mixed down on the Sho'—they are already getting mixed—already we are hearing the "roar" thereof.

Plans To Boom Eastern Shore As Edenic "Wonderland Of The East"

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organization is effected, the Delaware and Virginia counties will be invited to join in the movement.

The committee appointed follows:

Those On Committee.

Worcester—Marion Hargis.
Talbot—W. Mason Shehan.
Cecil—William T. Warburton.
Kent—W. B. Copper.
Queen Annes—Edwin H. Brown.
Caroline—Albert W. Sisk.
Dorchester—L. B. Phillips.
Somerset—Gordon T. Atkinson.
Wicomico—L. W. Gunby.

Those At Meeting.

Following is a partial list of those present at the meeting:

Centreville—State Senator J. H. C. Legg, County Demonstrator E. F. White, State's Attorney Edwin H. Brown, S. Charles Walls; Elkton, William T. Warburton; Cambridge, Vernon Bradley, L. B. Phillips, P. Watson Webb, Gilbert Porter; Chestertown, R. H. Collins, Polk T. Bramble, W. B. Copper; Snow Hill, John W. Staton, Marion Hargis, Clarence Vincent, James Whaley, Judge Robley D. Jones, St. Michaels, Senator R. S. Dodson, W. D. J. Morris; Salisbury, Mayor I. E. Jones, W. C. Vale; Pocomoke City, Paul Ewell, Frank Wilson; Whitman, Walter Shockley; Westover, Western Starr; Crisfield, Gordon Atkinson; Princess Anne, H. A. Lippincott; Ridgely, Henry Wilkinson; Preston, A. W. Sisk; Easton, F. G. Wrightson, William Mason Shehan, R. Rastall Walker, E. G. Cover, Charles E. Morris, Martin M. Higgins, L. H. Chaffinch, O. H. Henry, E. F. Walls, H. H. Baich, Col. Oswald Tilghman, MacKenzie Goldsborough, M. F. Bloxham, J. B. Harrington, W. F. Cooper, Milton Wallis, Mayor M. B. Nichols.

SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Shearer, of Cumberland, are guests of Mrs. Shearer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Holton. They were compelled to close their home in Cumberland because of the failure of the natural gas heating supply during the recent zero weather.

Miss Helen Mason, of Rutlsburg, is visiting her cousin, Miss Pearl Mason.

Mr. A. Sydney Gadd, of Maryland Agricultural College, is spending some time with his father, Mr. A. S. Gadd, Sr.

Mr. Ralph G. Dawson, of the U. S. S. Uncas, who was called home this week by the death of his mother, Mrs. Joseph G. Dawson, will leave tonight for Washington, D. C., where he will rejoin his ship.

Mr. Henry Forman, of New York City, is the guest at the Arlington of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Forman. Later he will go to Chicago, to which city he has been transferred by his employers.

Miss Madge Corkran is the guest in Baltimore of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. [illegible]

Mr. John A. Friel, of "Heathworth," has resigned his position as a traveling saleman and has joined the clerical forces of Forman & Mason, local hardware merchants.

Miss Irma Lockerman, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Helen Clark.

Mr. J. Fletcher Rolph, Jr., of Harvard University, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fletcher Rolph.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Slemmer and daughter, Miss Edith, were guests last week of Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Silver, Greensboro, Maryland.

Mr. Herman D. Billmyer, of Cumberland, was the guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. S. Chester Coursey.

Mr. C. Phillips Armstrong, who has been engaged recently in newspaper work in Virginia and Philadelphia, is spending a vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Armstrong, at Ingleside.

Miss Bessie Chambers has been the guest of relatives in Smyrna, Del.

Miss Anna H. Wright has returned from a visit to friends in Hartford, Conn.

Mrs. DeFord, of Denton, recently visited her daughter, Mrs. Emily D. Seney.

Mr. William E. Rolph has returned home after an extended visit to New York City.

Miss Marcella Thomas has returned from a visit in Sudlersville to Miss Madeline George.

Rev. J. Dirickson Cummins, rector of St. Paul's P. E. Church, was a visitor in Baltimore this week.

Mr. Pere T. Forman, who has been confined by illness to his home on Kidwell Avenue for some time, is now considerably improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Bradley, of Northfield, N. J., are being entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Frank, near Centreville.

Mr. John McKenney, son of Mr. and Mrs. William McKenney, who has been ill at Tome Institute, where he is a student, with pneumonia, returned home Wednesday to recuperate. He is getting along very nicely and soon will be about as usual.

Mrs. J. M. Corkran this week entertained the Wednesday Luncheon Club at her home on Liberty Street. Mrs. R. E. C. Lowe will be the hostess next week.

Mr. Raymond Horney, who was graduated from Goldey Business College, Wilmington, last week, is spending several days with friends in Centreville. Mr. Horney was a graduate of the Centreville High School, class of 1916.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Editors, The Observer,
Centreville, Maryland.

Messrs. Editors—So many persons have been complaining about their hens not laying this winter that I thought I would give a little hint of my success with my hens.

As Mr. George says about his cows giving a large quantity of milk, "they will not give milk on corn-stalks and ice water," so it is with the hen. She needs a balanced ration and not corn and ice water.

To begin, we must have good stock to start with. If you havn't the right stock to start, then buy the eggs.

We will start setting this year on February 6th and will set 450 eggs at one time, which will hatch out about 300 chicks. We use the colony brooder house and a 300-chick size brooder stove. The house is built eight by ten feet, with five foot posts in rear and six-foot posts in front. The house is arranged to permit free ventilation. A description will be furnished any who write me.

Our early pullets, hatched the latter part of February or early in March, are saved for early laying in the winter. Our hens are housed most of the time during cold weather. They have been out only three days since Dec. 15. We have 225 hens, and during January we collected 1,817 eggs, or 151 dozen.

We feed morning and night, giving equal parts of corn, wheat and oats, scattered in straw on the floor, also dry mash in hoppers. The dry mash is composed of two parts bran, one part middlings, one part corn meal or coarse chops, one part beef scrap and ½ part charcoal. Oyster shell and grit are kept before the hens at all times. Turnips, cabbage or sprouted oats are given as green food.

If chickens cared for and fed as we state here do not lay, then they must be roosters. We do not claim to be experts on chickens, but are giving our experiences and what we have found out. We will be glad to show visitors our poultry and brooder houses, which will be in operation about March 1st. If there are any questions some one would like to ask on poultry, we will be glad to answer them through the columns of The Observer.

J. H. T. MERRICK,
Walnut Hill Poultry Farm,
Barclay, Maryland.

IN MEMORIAM.

In sad, but loving remembrance of my dear husband, John W. Starkey, who died one year ago, February 3rd, 1916.

A precious one from us has gone;
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.
By his wife.

All is sad within our dwelling
Lonely are our hearts today,
For the one we loved so dearly
Has forever passed away.
By his daughter, Helen.

Day by day I saw him fade
And slowly sink away.
Yet in my heart I often prayed
That he might longer stay.
By his daughter, Jessie.

In a far-off, distant graveyard,
Where the leafless branches wave,
Lies our dearest father
In a cold and silent grave.
F1091* By his son, Fleming.

ORDER NISI

Joshaph A. Stafford, Ara S. Roberts, Plaintiffs,
vs.
Dora Conaway and David Conaway, her husband, Sewell Brooks and Frank Brooks,
Defendants.

In the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County. In Equity. Docket No. 7109.

ORDERED, This 29th day of January, 1917, that the sale of the real estate mentioned and described in the proceedings in the above cause made and reported in said cause by J. Frank Harper, Trustee for the sale of the aforesaid real estate, be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 5th day of April, 1917, provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Queen Anne's County, State of Maryland, once in each of four successive weeks before the 5th day of March, next.

The report states the amount of sale to be $[illegible].

Filed January 29th, 1917.

WM. F. WATSON,
Clerk of the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County.
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