STEVENSVILLE

Stevensville, February 16th—Sportsmen on Kent Island greatly regret that the Federal game law prohibits them from shooting wild fowl, which now are beginning to arrive in large numbers and will continue to do so throughout February and March. The season closed on January 31.

Suffering from a bad attack of rheumatism, Miss Nellie Hopkins, one of the Island's school teachers, is confined to her home here.

Mrs. J. R. Price, of Brightsworth Inn, was the guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Price.

Diphtheria is still menacing the colored folks of this section.

Patrons on rural route No. 1, from Stevensville, are praising their carrier, Mr. Welford Carter, for the manner in which he has served them during the trying weather of this winter.

Some Baltimore visitors who came over to see relatives last week were compelled to return home around the head of the bay.

Mr. Granville Outten, of Wilmington, was the guest last Sunday of Mr. Sudler Cockey.

Mrs. Henry Palmer, of near Love Point, is making a prolonged visit to Baltimore relatives.

Miss Miriam Stevens, of Church Hill, is spending the winter with her brother, Mr. J. F. Stevens.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Snyder are receiving congratulations on the birth of a little daughter.

The young folks are enjoying the skating this winter, as skating parties are popular every afternoon and evening.

Mr. H. P. Breeding seems to be leading in lambs on the Island, as he has forty-two from twenty-eight ewes.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter and Mrs. Susan Shawn left last Thursday for Merchantville, New Jersey, where they will spend the winter with Mr. John Shawn.

The District Superintendent, Rev. W. A. Wise, will preach at Stevensville M. E. Church Sunday, February 25th.

The Ladies Aid will meet at the M. E. parsonage in Stevensville Thursday, March 1st.

Mr. Sudler Tolson, of Centreville; Messrs. Granville Outton and Sudler Cockey, of Wilmigton, and Mr. Robinson Simmons, of Farmington, spent the week-end with relatives and friends in Stevensville.

CHURCH HILL.

Church Hill, February 16—Several of our town people have filled their ice houses this week. The ice is fine, being at least seven inches thick.

The Farmers' Institute will be held in the town hall here on Thursday, February 24. No admission fee will be charged and everybody is invited to attend.

Mr. Elmer Anderson has leased the store and fixtures of Mr. H. V. Gould and will open a first class meat and grocery store about March 1st.

Mr. W. T. Roe is on the sick list.

Mr. Elmer Anderson, of Greensboro, visited his parents the first of the week.

Mrs. Belle Riggin, of Barclay, was in town this week.

The members of Washington Camp No. 13, P. O. S. of A., will attend church in a body on Sunday morning February 25, at the M. E. Church. A feature of the service will be music by the Berkeley sextette, six beautiful young women, who will be here with the Lyceum Festival, which opens in ...ll on Saturday. All members of the camp will be expected to attend.

Messrs. E. Stephens Valliart and James Hart were summoned to Baltimore on Tuesday as witnesses in a case of the Charles C. Crooks Company vs. Joseph Castelberg & Sons. Both firms are jewelers.

MILLINGTON.

Millington, Feb. 16—Mr. Norman Higman and daughter, Marie, spent Friday in Philadelphia. Miss Marie has been under the care of a specialist there for several weeks.

Mr. J. P. Ahern returned last Tuesday from New York, where he has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. F. E. Fitch.

Mr. T. A. Godwin and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens, of near town, visited relatives in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clendaniel, of near Kennedyville, were entertained last Wednesday by Mrs. Alinda Smith.

Miss Mabel Price spent the week-end in Baltimore. She also visited Wilmington.

Misses Helen and Mary Numbers were guests last week of relatives and friends in Philadelphia and Wilmington.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Asbury M. E. Church was held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. James Moore.

Mr. F. S. Bottomley and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, spent Friday of last week in Philadelphia.

Prof. A. L. Greenwood, principal, and Miss Mabel Price, vice-principal of Millington Academy, attended the State Teachers' Association, which was held in Baltimore Friday of last week.

Services tomorrow, February 18, at Asbury M. E. Church, will be as follows: 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., preaching by the pastor, Rev. G. P. Smith. 2 p. m. Sunday School, subject—Jesus Heals a Nobleman's Son.

Mr. W. J. Jarvis spent a few days last week in Philadelphia.

SALEM

Salem, Feb. 16—Last spring the superintendent of the Sunday School, Miss Ella Leiby, presented ten cents to as many pupils as would accept, about thirty-five, to be invested in something, the returns of which were to be used in the way of helping to purchase new benches for the church. Recently this amount was handed in, and the sum of fifty-five dollars was realized from this novel scheme. This reflects great credit upon the Sunday School.

Mr. Harvey Palmatary has returned home after visiting relatives in Virginia.

Mrs. Bernard Benny and little son, of Wilmington, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Jonathan Stant.

Miss Lillian Jarvis, of near Sudlersville, spent the last week-end at the home of Mr. E. D. Leiby.

Misses Ella Leiby and Bertha Morris spent last Wednesday with Mrs. W. C. Reed, near Hope.

Miss Mary Stant has returned home after visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. Woodring and daughter, Miss Olivia, of Church Hill, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. E. D. Leiby.

Mr. Alvin Stant, of Kent county, is a guest at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Stant.

Mrs. Edward Leiby is gradually improving after having undergone an operation at the Maryland University Hospital, Baltimore.

WYE MILLS

Wye Mills, February 16—The M. E. District Superintendent, Rev. W. A. Wise, will preach in Wye M. E. Church Sunday morning at 10.30.

Our postmistress, Mrs. A. M. Skinner, has been confined to her room for nearly a week on account of la grippe.

Miss Marraret Walls, of Centreville, spent the week-end with Miss Elizabeth Guthrie.

Miss Frances Shawn and friend spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Byron Holden.

Mr. W. J. Connolly and family, of Cordova; Mr. Edward Hopkins and family, of Lewistown; Messrs. Harry and Ray Messick, Misses Anna and Margaret Faviger and Mr. and Mrs. Carey Callahan were entertained Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Callahan.

Mr. C. R. Rathell is spending some time with friends in Baltimore.

Mr. Joseph Carter, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shawn and Mr. and Mrs. James Carter are visiting friends in Chester.

Mrs. C. H. Wolcott spent Sunday with Mrs. C. E. Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Fleetwood, of Centreville, visited their mother, Mrs. A. M. Skinner, on Monday.

Miss Dorothy Covell is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Covell.

BARCLAY

Barclay, Feb. 16—Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Butler and little son, Charles, visited Mr. and Mrs. David Wallace on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Riggin and daughter, Miss Grace, were guests of Mrs. Edward Phillips on Sunday.

Messrs. Leslie Booker and Charles Devnish spent Monday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Mary Welsh, of Audubon, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Anna Hall spent Wednesday at Price.

Miss Edith Foulks was the guest of Miss Katherine Phillips Wednesday.

Mrs. David Wallace, who has been confined to the house under a physician's treatment the last three weeks, is improving.

Mr. Thomas G. Hall is improving after having been confined to the house for two weeks.

Mrs. Mary Comegys has been under treatment the entire winter at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Foulks. She has been a sufferer from rheumatism.

Mrs. Richard Phillips has been on the sick list, but is improved.

HAYDEN.

Hayden, Feb. 16—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Meredith and little daughter, Ethelyn, have returned home after a visit to relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. A. F. Golt is spending some time with Mrs. Thomas Hinebrink.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Fleetwood visited Wye Mills last Monday, Mr. Fleetwood's mother being ill.

Miss Sarah Coppage is spending a couple of weeks in Philadelphia.

Despite the stormy weather Friday, the Ladies' Aid held at Mrs. Gafford's was well attended. The collection amounted to $10.70.

Mr. Henry Benney a...d the civil service examination at Easton Saturday.

Mrs. William Cook spent Tuesday with Mrs. S. C. Kimbles.

Miss Martha Blunt is the guest of her brother, Mr. William Blunt.

Mrs. Bernard Benny and son are spending some time with relatves here.

Miss Eva Kimbles returned home Sunday after a two weeks' visit to friends near Millington.

Mr. Olin Chance, of Marcus Hook, Pa., is a visitor at the home of his parents.

Mr. Raymond Horney, of Centreville, spent Saturday with his sister, Miss Ethel Horney.

Regular services Sunday afternoon at Hayden. The subject will be "The Face of Jesus."

TEMPLEVILLE

Templeville, Feb. 16—Mr. and Mrs. Stuffit, of Greensboro, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. B. Stankey.

Misses Emma McKnett and Pearl Cooper spent the week-end with friends in Easton.

Mr. Roland Knotts, of Ridgely, spent Sunday with his mother.

The Ladies' Aid Society was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Eugene Everett Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Rickards spent Sunday with Mrs. Steel, of Marydel.

Quite a number of our young folks have been enjoying skating. After all, this cold weather has brought pleasure with it for the skaters.

ASK FOR BIDS ON NEW ROAD LINKS TO KENT ISLAND

NEARLY 6 MILES TO BE BUILT

Queenstown Highway And Village Street Will Be Improved In Spring, Says Engineer.

Another important step in linking Kent Island and Centreville by a good road will be taken as soon as the weather opens in the spring. This was made known yesterday, when Mr. F. E. Schnepfe, county roads engineer, prepared information on which contractors are required to submit bids.

These bids will be for 5.4 miles of State-aid road between Centreville and Queenstown and for .37 of a mile through the village of Queenstown. The bids will be sealed and must be submitted to the commissioners of Queen Annes county, in their office in the court house, by noon of February 27. They then will be publicly opened and read. A certified check for $200 must accompany each bid as an evidence of good faith.

An advertisement is published this week, in which these proposals are set forth.

The stretch of 5.4 miles on the Queenstown road has been under consideration for improvement for some time. In fact, a contract was awarded last Fall to W. H. Shafer & Co., of New York, but this firm failed to sign the contract and it is now being resubmitted for bids.

Highway Nearly Finished.

The building of this stretch and the short roadway through Queenstown will leave but a few miles of state-aid road to build before Love Point is connected with Centreville. The new road will carry the improved highway to a point 1.7 miles beyond Queenstown, leaving a gap of one and one-quarter miles between that point and Winchester. Another stretch of one and one-half miles through Chester will be shelled as soon as the weather permits, Mr. Schnepfe said Thursday.

The last link in the contemplated highway is the three miles from the railroad station at Stevensville to Love Point. It is the plan of the county commissioners and the roads engineer to build as much state-aid road as is possible and the improvement of the county's highways will be pushed as rapidly as is in their power.

Payment for the .37 of a mile through Queenstown will be made jointly by the town commissioners and county commissioners, each of whom will pay one-quarter, and the state, which will pay ... remaining ...

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Editors Observer:

Messrs. Editors: Through the columns of your valuable paper, I should like to say a few words in regard to the Tomato Growers' Association of Queen Annes county. We have now held two meetings and there is a third one scheduled for Saturday, February 24, at 1.30 P. M., in Centreville. It is my earnest hope, as a farmer and tomato grower, that this meeting be a large one and the results successful. It is our desire at this meeting to elect the president and board of directors, the choosing of whom will have much to do with the subsequent success or failure of the association.

Every industry in this country is organized except the farmers. Those to whom we sell and those from whom we buy, yet both classes are absolutely dependent upon us for their living. Individually, we will always be nothing but a set of foolish pawns, moved as others dictate, while they laugh at us behind our backs. There are many who say we cannot organize, have not got the sense and will not keep our word. Self interest alone should be enough to make us do so, if we have the sense to see it. And I, for one, am very loath to admit that we have less brains than the members of the various trades' unions which are so uniformly successful in getting what they want.

We will drive many miles to attend a sale or see a circus. Cannot every tomato grower in Queen Annes county gear up his team Saturday, the 24th, and go to this meeting? Or are we to prove that we are as a class as dull and stupid as they say we are? We each and every one of us know that if we stick we can win the day, and, by our heads, save many a weary day's labor. I hope for the honor of Queen Annes county that every one of us will show that we intend to have our birthright.

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RESULTS OBTAINED BY YOUNG FARMERS

CHILDREN DISPLAY SKILL IN WORK ON CORN, POTATOES, CHICKENS AND PIGS.

Some very interesting results have been obtained by the boys and girls engaged in the four club activities which have lately occupied the attention of youthful farm folks in New Castle county. In the fall of 1915, nineteen boys and girls undertook to see what profit they could make, in one year, from six hens. In the spring of 1916, twenty-seven boys and girls joined the pig club to see what each could do with a young pig before winter. Eleven joined the potato club, to try their skill with a quarter acre of potatoes and eight joined the corn club to see how much corn they could produce on one acre of land.

Accurate account of all expenditures for feed, fertilizer, rent of land, etc., were required, and a statement of their time (with potatoes and corn) figured up at the rate of 10 cents per hour. The interest and enthusiasm of these prospective farmers were sustained by occasional visits by the county agent, who gave suggestions or encouragement when needed.

The work of the boys and girls engaged in these club activities was closely watched by the parents and by the farmers in the various communities where the club members lived, creating favorable interest and rivalry among them as well as among the club members themselves.

As in all boy and girl activities, there were a few who dropped out in each of these four clubs. Some gave up the work because of prolonged illness, some because of removal to other counties or States; some lost their pigs; a few received such scant encouragement from their parents that they "quit;" three lost their fowls in heavy rain storms and four went away from home in order to attend better schools.

But of the sixty-five boys and girls who actually began work, forty carried it through to a satisfactory conclusion; twenty-one in the pig club, four in the corn club, seven in the potato club and eight in the poultry club.

Money For Prizes.

In order to add stimulus to the work, prizes of pure bred pigs and cash prizes were offered, the number of prizes being determined by the amount of money subscribed for the purpose by friends of the boy and girl club movement. To this end the county agent solicited financial assistance and received the following amounts of ...State Board of Agriculture, $75, the New Castle County National Bank, Odessa, $5; Pomona Grange, $10; Peach Blossom Grange, Middletown $5; Newark Trust and Safe Deposit Company, $5 and the E. I. duPont de Nemours & Company, Wilmington, $20. Part of the money was used for cash premiums at the county corn shows of 1915 and 1916 and part to buy pigs as prizes for the pig club that completed its work in March, 1916. The remainder has been divided for prizes and given to the members of the four clubs above mentioned.

The Pig Club.

In the pig club three prizes were awarded, each being a pure bred registered Berkshire sow pig, purchased from the Delaware Experiment farm. These pigs went to Paul Severson, Townsend, Fieldsboro school, who made his pig gain 277 pounds at a cost of $4.98 for feed bought. Second, Edward Hart, Jr., Townsend, Townsend school, whose pig made a gain of 247 pounds at a cost of $5.66. Third, Howard Earl Robinson, Townsend, Blackbird school, whose pig made a gain of 199 pounds, at a cost for feed of $7.28. Two of the boys produced heavier hogs, but it cost them much more to secure the increased weight, because their pigs were kept in pens and fed largely on expensive grain.

The idea was to see who could raise the most pork for the least money. The pigs that made the greatest gains for the money paid for feed were run on grass a large part of the summer and fall, and then finished off with corn. This pasture was not reckoned at anything as the boys fenced off small plots of grass and clover in out of the way places that otherwise would never have been pastured by any stock.

The fences were easily moved and fresh pasture secured as fast as the old was grazed off. In this way cheap pork was secured. The pasture produced good frames, that were filled out quickly with corn in the early winter. A great many of the boys who were not fortunate enough to secure one of the prizes are using a part of the proceeds from the sale of their hogs to buy bred pigs, and thus get into the pure-bred business at the same time. In a few years this will be the means of bringing about an improvement in the character and breeding of the hogs in New Castle county.

The Poultry Club.

In the poultry club each member starting with a pen of six hens, J. Francis Neide, Yorklyn, Yorklyn school, showed a profit in eggs and poultry sold, and fowls raised and kept over for next year, of $71. His prize was a pure-bred registered Berkshire sow pig. Ada Johnson, Couch's Bridge, Columbia school, showed a profit from her pen of $67.15, and received a check for four dollars. Ada sent a dozen eggs to Springfield last fall and received one of the cash prizes. Marjorie Connell, Newark, Union School, was the boy having a profit of $57.57, and received a cash prize of two dollars.

All of the figures given are over and above the cost of feed, and represent the profit from eggs and fowls sold and fowls raised and kept over for breeding purposes. In this club, the young folks deserve much credit for their perseverance. It was really difficult, lasting throughout the year, while none of the other three clubs extended over a period longer than six months.

While a number of the poultry club members started out with six pure-bred hens, the majority began with grades. Those who began with the latter bought pure-bred eggs when their hens were ready to set, and as soon as the young chicks were large enough to look after themselves, the six grade hens were removed or sold, leaving a pen of pure-breds.

Others plan to use a part of the profit from the sale of eggs and grade fowls to buy pure-bred stock. One girl, Anna Downey, Stanton, though not a prize winner, paid for all her music lessons last year from the proceeds of her pen.

The potato and corn club boys had a difficult row to hoe on account of the dry weather. However, in spite of their school duties, they managed to show very respectable returns.

The Corn Club.

In the corn club, H. Wallace Cook, Newark, Newark High School, grew eighty-two bushels and thirty-three pounds of corn on his acre, receiving a pure bred Berkshire sow pig as his prize. Wallace was a member of the boys' corn judgiub and demonstration team that represented Delaware at Springfield last fall. He also won cash premiums at the recent county and State corn shows. Ernst Biendt, Smyrna, Walker school, produced a fraction over sixty bushels of corn from his acre, and received a prize of four dollars in cash.

He sent ten ears of corn to Springfield, that won a cash prize, and also exhibited at the county corn show and won a cash premium and ribbon there. Pierce Fox, Bear Station, Eden school, who came third with a little over fifty bushels of corn from his acre, and received a prize of two dollars. The corn club boys have had thorough instruction in seed corn selection, testing, grading, storing and judging, and their first efforts have created a strong desire to improve on this very creditable record.

The Potato Club.

The potato club members undertook to grow as many potatoes as they could from a quarter-acre. Ralph Deakyne, Townsend, Deakyneville school, raised fifty-six bushels and thirty-seven pounds, and, as a prize, received a pure-bred registered Berkshire sow pig. Walter Seydell, McClellandsville, Newark High School, who came second with forty-four bushels and fifty-eight pounds, received a check for four dollars, and Norman Messner, Newark, Fairview school, producing twenty-five bushels, won the third prize of two dollars.

In this club, a lot of good work has been done in the way of hill selected seed and treating the seed potatoes for scab.

The young farmers are to be congratulated on the success they have achieved, the enthusiasm displayed and the earnestness with which they have stuck to the work they undertook. Grateful appreciation is felt for the liberal cash donations which have made it possible to give the prizes above mentioned, and to the director of the Delaware experiment station, who sold, at a reduced price, the pigs that have been awarded.

It is very evident that the work of these young folks, having been carefully watched by mature farmers throughout the county, will be the means of stimulating a higher conception of the dignity of farming as well as the possibilities afforded from more concentrated effort.—Wilmington Every Evening.

ORPHANS' COURT.

Court met Tuesday all judges being present.

Record of proceedings was read and approved.

The first and preference account of the administration in the estate of John Frank, deceased, was filed by Madison Brown, Esq., and John Taylor Frank, administrators. The court examined and passed the same and ordered it recorded.

Order of court authorizing resale of realty of Samuel Seney, deceased, was passed.

Answer of John Medford Seney to petition of J. Frank Harper, surviving executor of Samuel Seney, deceased, was filed.

Last will and testament of Belle C. Wilson, deceased, filed and admitted to probate. Letters testamentary granted and committed unto Howard E. Wilson, executor by last will appointed. Warrant to appraise personalty issued unto Preston R. Anderson and F. W. Beatty.

Letters of administration on personal estate of Sarah W. Baxter granted and committed unto Cook Baxter. Warrant to appraise issued unto Spencer G. Newnam and Alfred Green.

In the matter of the estate of Wesley Hayes, deceased, following papers were filed: Petition of Sallie Hayes and Minnie Smith, caveatees, to have answer amended; replication of caveators; petition of caveators for issue, and order of court determining issues in caveat proceedings.

The court having no other business to engage its immediate attention adjourned to meet again on Thursday, February 15, to dispose of other matters.

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