QUEEN ANNES COUNTY

Returns From Border.

Private John R. Blades, son of Mrs. Annie R. Blades, of Sudlersville, has returned home from military duty on the Mexican Border. He was stationed at San Antonio, Tex., as a member of Co. K., Second District of Columbia Infantry.

Sends Sack of Seeds.

Representative Jesse D. Price has sent The Observer, for free distribution, a sack of flower and garden seeds. All who desire to avail themselves of this governmental distribution are requested to call at this office. First come, first served.

Fingers Hurt In Press.

While feeding a job press in the office of The Queenstown News Thursday of last week, William Crouch had three fingers badly mashed when his hand was caught in the mechanism as he reached for a piece of paper. Dr. S. E. Price dressed the injuries.

Big Saving In Interest.

The Federal Farm Loan Board, in placing the rural credits' mortgages at a rate of 5 per cent. interest figures that Maryland borrowers will be saved annually $356,323 interest. These loans at 5 per cent. will be made through the Baltimore Farm Loan Bank.

Plunges Down Stairway.

Rebecca Warfield, a negress, was knocked unconscious last Friday night when she plunged headlong down the stairway at the Centreville Opera House. The woman fell about 12 feet. She was attended by Dr. W. H. Fisher and soon was able to go to her home.

Monday Is A Holiday.

As Maryland Day falls tomorrow, Governor Emerson C. Harrington has issued a proclamation which makes Monday a legal holiday. It will be the first observance of Maryland Day, the anniversary of the the landing of Lord Baltimore's colonists in St. Mary's county.

Mr. Wright Is Promoted.

E. Bourke Wright, formerly of Centreville, but lately in charge of construction work for the C. & P. Telephone Co., in Easton, has been promoted and transferred to Salisbury. Mr. Wright has been made general construction foreman of the telephone company.

Undergoes An Operation.

John C. Wallis, of Queenstown, who was badly injured prior to last Christmas, when he was assaulted and beaten in Baltimore, went to Baltimore last Friday and entered a hospital. He later underwent an operation on his jaw, which had been troubling him for some days.

Accepts Auto Agency.

A. Marton Green, of Centreville, has been appointed Queen Annes county agent of the Townsend Auto Co., of Easton. He will handle sales of Studebaker and Saxon cars. Mr. Green has purchased a six-cylinder Studebaker demonstration car, which he is prepared to show to customers.

Is Now A Corporal.

R. Wright Thomas, of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., has been promoted to the rank of corporal in Troop B, Connecticut Cavalry. Mr. Thomas, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Thomas, last summer saw service on the Mexican Border as a private in this crack outfit of horsemen.

Buy Fine Property.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Irving Walker, of Rich Neck, have purchased from J. D. Foster and Mrs. Caroline Duncan a fine property in Queen Annes county near Chester river bridge. This tract contains 160 acres and is improved by a new and commodious residence. The purchase price was not made public.

Pay Visit To Easton.

Accompanying Warren S. Seipp, grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, A. F. & A. M., S. Chester Coursey, T. Edmund Dewing and W. W. Seward visited Easton Wednesday night. Mr. Seipp, who was entertained here by Mr. and Mrs. Coursey, made an address there to Jerusha Council.

Sheriff A Philosopher.

"The Good Lord intended the eight-hour day," is the way in which Sheriff "Bill" Yeates sums up the recent strike situation. "He meant eight hours for work, eight hours for play, eight hours for rest and eight dollars a day." In view of the fact that the Adamson law was upheld by the U. S. Supreme Court and that the direful railroad strike was averted, it appears the sheriff's philosophy is of the popular brand. At least, his theory would give a living to all and put all on an equal plane.

Slays First Mosquito.

Orville Paynter disclaims being a nature faker, but last Monday he found and killed the first mosquito so far reported this season. The pesky little nipper was located in the office of the Centreville cooling station and Mr. Paynter called on John W. Perry to witness its death. Incidentally, this sudden ending of a blood-thirsty career will save many mosquitoes this season, it being a truly good policy to kill all early and late mosquitoes and flies as fast as they make their appearance, if possible.

No Election Contest.

Robert F. Duer, of Princess Anne, who opposed Representative Jesse D. Price in the election last November, announced this week that he would not contest the first district member's seat in Congress as he had planned to do after the returns were in. Mr. Price defeated his Republican opponent by a small plurality.

Call On Tomato Growers.

Representatives of the Snider Preserving Co. and of the Greenbaum Preserving Co., the latter of Seaford, Del., have been discussing tomato growing with farmers in the Queenstown neighborhood. These firms want an open market so they can buy tomatoes as needed. It is said they are offering 25 cents a basket for culled tomatoes.

Is Named As Examiner.

Rev. V. P. Northrup, register of the Board of Examiners of the Wilmington Conference, has named Rev. J. L. Sparklin, pastor of Church Hill M. E. Church, as one of the examiners of candidates for admission to ministerial duties. Rev. Charles A. Hill, a former pastor of Centreville M. E. Church, also is one of the examiners.

Dog Slays A Muskrat.

A muskrat left his abode in a nearby marsh one day last week and reconnoitering around the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Anthony, in Queen Annes, was finally cornered by a small dog that belongs to them. A battle ensued that tore the dog's face up considerably, but he finally brought out the rat dead.—Chestertown Enterprise.

Moves Express Office.

Hordley Seward, Centreville agent of the Adams Express Co., has moved the local office from Water street to the building formerly occupied as a store by Mrs. Mildred Seward Dowing. This new location is opposite the Arlington Hotel and adjoins The Shop. Mr. and Mrs. Seward will occupy the apartments above the office.

May Organize A Platoon.

Brigadier General Charles D. Gaither, commanding the First Brigade Maryland National Guard, would like to see a platoon of national guards men organized in Queen Annes county with Centreville as headquarters. Any young men desiring to enter military training are urged to send or bring their names to the office of The Observer.

Gardeners Getting Busy.

With the coming of more clement weather, after the long, hard winter, gardeners are getting busy and this week saw many of them start their outdoor operations. Owing to the high price of all vegetables, it is a safe prediction that all who are able to cultivate land, in large or small areas, will do their best to produce bumper crops this year.

Sell Carville Cannery.

C. S. Thomas, of Centreville, and William Otho Thomas, of Sudlersville, trading as the Thomas Canning Co., have sold their canning plant at Carville to William T. Hufnal, of Philadelphia. The purchase price was not made public. Mr. Hufnal, who also operates the Hayden cannery, is said to have obtained nearly all the acreage of tomatoes he will be able to contract for.

Run Down By Bicycle.

While walking along Chesterfield avenue Thursday night, Mrs. Isabel Roe was painfully hurt, near the high school campus, when she was knocked down by a bicycle ridden, she stated, by William Chilcutt. Mrs. Roe was bruised and shocked by the accident. As she was on the pavement at the time, Mrs. Roe asserts the injuries she received were due to the negligence of the rider.

May Call Legislature.

Governor Harrington is considering the call of an extra session of the legislature. In addition to providing finances for war purposes and the equipping of the National Guard, the legislature also would be asked to provide money and power for the organization of a home guard, to be patterned after the state constabulary systems now used by several states, including Pennsylvania.

Kills Rat With Brick.

While walking along South Liberty street last Friday night, Joe Giles, negro hostler for William L. Holton, saw a large muskrat cross the roadway near Chesterfield cemetery. Finding a brick, he threw it at the wandering rodent and killed it. It was said to be an exceptionally large muskrat and Joe says he saw it in the same place once before. It probably strolled up from the Mill stream.

Homes For Ministers.

Methodist Episcopal ministers of Queen Annes county tomorrow will preach their ast sermons before leaving for the annual session of the Wilmington Conference, which meets in Seaford, Del., March 28. Homes for the entertainment of the local ministers have been provided as follows: Rev. J. R. Bicking, of Centreville, F. L. Johns, room at Mrs. M. E. Neal's; Rev. L. P. Corkran, of Sudlersville, Arthur Hitch; Rev. Frank Brisbin, of Queenstown, R. L. Lane; Rev. Henry Covington, of Starr, S. J. Stein; Rev. J. L. Sparklin, of Church Hill, M. N. Willey; Rev. G. S. Thomas, of Stevensville, F. B. Horsey.

Militia Guards Bridges.

Governor Harrington has called out Companies D and E, of the First Infantry, Maryland National Guard, to guard the Baltimore and Ohio and Pennsylvania railroad bridges over the Susquehanna river. These commands have their respective headquarters at Belair and Elkton. They will be under command of Major M. A. Reckord, of Belair.

Fish Coming To Spawn.

Yellow perch began their "run" to streams late last week and millions are coming up to spawn. Last Friday evening James A. Thawley and Wright Smith caught half a bushel of fine, large one in a few hours with a gill net. Fishermen have been busy all this week and as a result sales of yellow perch, pike, shad, herring, etc., have been made in the local market.

Rates May Go Higher.

Life insurance companies are said to be planning an almost prohibitive schedule of rates and war-risk clauses in apprehension of the country's entrance into war. It is said that, if war is declared, it will be almost impossible for men between the ages of 20 and 45 years to obtain policies that will be of benefit to them or their families. The new restrictions will not affect policies now in force, however.

Will Plan For Trees.

At a special meeting of the Civic Betterment League this week, a committee was named to arrange for the planting of a mile of shade trees along the state road, either at the northern or southern approaches to Centreville. The trees will be planted in accordance with the stipulations of the State Roads Commission and the state forester, F. A. Beasley, if arrangements can be made for the improvement.

Three Go To Hospital.

Bennie Lane, of Queenstown, and Walter Pippin, employed by the Eddins Furniture Co., of Centreville, are recovering in Emergency Hospital, Easton, from operations for appendicitis. Both entered the hospital last week after suffering for several days. Mrs. Addison Berry, also of Queenstown, who has been quite ill for several weeks, was taken last week to Mercy Hospital, Baltimore, where she will be treated.

Moving Picture Program.

J. E. Cahill, manager of the Centreville Opera House, announces the following moving picture program: Tonight (Saturday) Maurice and Walton in "The Quest of Life." Monday, Anna Pennington in "The Rainbow Principle;" Tuesday and Wednesday, electric Sims. Thursday, Charles Richman in "The Dawn of Freedom." Friday, Lucille Lee Stewart in "His Wife's Good Name." Saturday, Theodore Roberts in "Anton the Terrible."

Buys Fine Talbot Farm.

Charles E. Bishop, of Wye Mills, has purchased for Donald Rathell, son of the late Charles T. Rathell, a large farm near Easton, known as "Pleasant Valley." It was owned by Clinton McS. Henry and was sold Tuesday by M. Tilghman Johnston, trustee. The farm contains about 412 acres of land, 245 of which are arable, and is said to be one of the best equipped farms in Talbot county. The price was $17,700, about $43.23 an acre.

Gets A Municipal Post.

W. Stanley Peters, a native Centrevillian and son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Peters, has been appointed a clerk in the office of the Tax Appeal Court, Baltimore, at a salary of $1,200 a year. The appointment was made on the recommendation of "Danny" Lyden, city collector of water rents and licenses. Mr. Peters, who is a widely known baritone singer, often visits Centreville. He is a nephew of Mrs. E. Newnam, of Chesterfield Avenue.

Roads Are Improving.

Farmers driving into Centreville this week report that the county roads are in much better condition, though still full of ruts and mud-holes. The brisk March winds, coupled with sunshine, have dried out the earth, and the highways are returning to something approaching their natural condition. Spring plowing also has begun, which indicates that the moisture is sinking down and evaporating, leaving the surface stratum in good condition for work.

Say Ferry May Be Used.

News comes from Chestertown this week that a committee of business men there has been told by the State Roads Commission that a ferry undoubtedly would be run while the new concrete bridge over Chester river is under construction. The Enterprise reports that, because of this, many Queen Annes county residents are withdrawing their opposition to the removal of the bridge. This report, however, is denied by those in a position to know the facts.

Dogs May Be Shot.

If there is one small territory on the face of the earth where worthless dogs congregate day and night more than another, it must be Chesterfield Avenue extended, Centreville, better known as Wharf Lane. These curs make life miserable during the entire summer season, and there is good reason why they should be exterminated. Owners are admonished to take due warning, otherwise they may wake up some morning minus what they may consider valuable canines.

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Though the vernal equinox, marking the official opening of Spring, began Tuesday at 11.30 p. m., the day on which the hours of light and darkness were equal was last Saturday, St. Patrick's Day, when the sun rose at 6.09 a. m. and set at 6.09 p. m. The next day, Sunday, was inclement and marked by a snow-storm, but Monday dawned fair, cold and windy. With the passing of the equinoctial disturbances, it is believed Queen Annes county will be blessed with fair weather that will enable the farmers

Would Form Regiment.

Col. James Clayland Mullikin, an Easton lawyer who served in the Civil and Spanish-American wars, has communicated with the War Department and offered to form a volunteer regiment of the Eastern Shore. Col. Mullikin, who is 76 years old, is one of the few survivors of the First Eastern Shore Regiment, U. S. Volunteers, and was in Lockwood's brigade of the Federal Army at the Battle of Gettysburg. Col. Mullikin expects soon to meet a representative of the War Department to talk over plans for organizing a Shore regiment.

Clean Your Premises.

The swish of the broom or the whiz of the vacuum cleaner; the scrape of the dust-pan and the bang of the carpet beater, all are abroad in our midst, for the annual period of spring house cleaning is with us. But household hygiene is not the only requisite of health and now is the time to purge the back yards, etc., of all refuse, including cans, trash, ashes and all else that tends to harbor a germ. Many objectionable accumulations gather during the winter months and this is the time to get rid of them. Sanitation is a necessity in a healthy community.

Huge P. E. Pension Fund.

The Pension Fund of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which closed on March 1, reached a much larger sum than was anticipated by Bishop Lawrence. Instead of the fund being five millions, as was hoped, the real figures probably will reach seven millions. The parishes of the diocese of Easton, as reported by the church pension fund committee, contributed $8,127.12. The following are the amounts from the different counties in the diocese: Kent, $1,146.50; Talbot, $1,317.07; Queen Annes, $1,248.56; Worcester, $629.30; Wicomico, $1,229.24; Dorchester, $987.75; Somerset, $509.36; Caroline, $88.59; Cecil, $1,170.75.

More Excess Postage.

Again this week was there "weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth" on the part of a patron of the Centreville postoffice. Through the medium of an opened package, not too securely wrapped, the local clerks found "contraband" concealed, consisting of a letter and two $1 bills. As the excess postage under the first class rate was $2.60, the clerks laughed with glee when they found the money placed between articles of clothing. It took only 60 cents more for the addressee to get the package, while the addressor, of course, violated one of the postal laws by enclosing the concealed letter in a parcels post package.

Given Nominal Fine.

After being postponed from Monday night, charges of assault against Pere Seward and Roy Pyle, as the result of an affray on Commerce street Saturday night, were heard Wednesday night before Magistrate Robert Coursey. Mr. Seward was acquitted and Mr. Pyle, after the evidence had tended to show that he believed he had provocation for his attack on Mr. Seward, was fined 25 cents and costs. Constable Marion Council made the arrests and the accused were represented respectively by State Senator J. H. C. Legg and Thomas J. Keating. In making his decision, Magistrate Coursey expressed the opinion that "most people talk too much." It having appeared that the difficulty was altogether due to the repeating of hearsay remarks.

Constable Rectifies Error.

An auto-truck from Newark, Del., called to Queenstown to move the household goods of William T. Crouch, got stuck in the mud last week. It was pulled out by a team owned by Edward Faulkner, who was offered $5 for the job. The chauffer, however, gave him one of the new treasury greenbacks and Mr. Faulkner found himself $3 out. He recounted to Constable Marion Council, who halted the truck and had the driver hand over the $4 balance, thus correcting an oversight.

Names Bridge Committee.

At a meeting of the Chestertown Business Men's Association, held Monday evening, it was unanimously decided that the new Chester river bridge should be constructed from the foot of High street. Resolutions expressing the great loss of trade which would ensue in case of a ferry being operated were passed and committees appointed to present the matter to the State Roads Commission. This committee comprised M. A. Toulson, W. H. Copper and Charles N. Satterfield.—The Kent News.

Speaks On Athletics.

Dr. William Burdick, director of the Public School Athletic League, delivered a forceful address Tuesday evening in the auditorium of the Centreville High School, on "The Importance of School Athletics." The meeting was held under the auspices of the School Improvement Association and Miss Matilda Keating presided. A round-table discussion of the value of athletic training followed Dr. Burdick's speech. A solo by Graham Watson and a piano solo by Miss Anna Kenton were other features of the evening.

To Improve Store Room.

Wright & Lowe have decided to tear out the front and interior fittings of the store recently occupied by M. Taylor and to renovate the entire structure which formmerly was used as a bowling alley. A large plate-glass window will be placed in the front of the building recently purchased by the progressive hardware firm, and the long room will be used for display of merchandise. The other buildings purchased from Town Commissioner C. Q. Snyder will remain as they are for the present. The building and site now occupied by Wright & Lowe are owned by the McKenney estate.

Enlisted Ten Recruits.

Lieutenant P. L. Wilson, Navy recruiting officer in Baltimore, writes The Observer that the recruiting party which recently toured the Eastern Shore, visiting Centreville last month, obtained ten recruits for Uncle Sam's warships. Forty applications were received during the trip. Lieut. Wilson is sending out letters to high school boys in which he points out to them the advantages of a naval career, including the increased chances of obtaining a commission as an officer. Any youths in Queen Annes county who are interested in the possibilities offered by service afloat are invited to write Lieut. Wilson, whose office is at Calvert and Lexington streets, Baltimore.

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On or before the 17th day of September, 1917,

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