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RACE TRACK SELECTED AS SITE FOR NEW MUNITION PLANT HERE

Site Approved By Federal Officials

Since publication last Friday, the scene of the proposed new ammunition plant has temporarily shifted to the former site of the CCC camp on the farm of Mr. Emory Bonwill but the official word at the time of going to press shifts it back to Radcliffe Driving Park.

Officials of the Triumph Explosives of Elkton and of the Army inspected the two sites Wednesday and approved the Radcliffe Park location.

Mr. Philip G. Wilmer, one of the incorporators, in a talk before the Business Men's Association Wednesday, stated that the plant will start operating with 500 women and 24 men including guards. That 125 residents of this county now working at the Elkton plant will be transferred here. That the local employment office does not expect any difficulty in securing the necessary help.

He stated that rumors of the danger of an explosion at the plant were unfounded as the work here, under sub-contract from the Triumph Explosives, is making detonators and only a very small amount of powder is used. That the danger is no more than that of any other factory. That officials expect to have the plant completed in about 60 days.

The incorporators of the company which will build and operate the plant are Messrs. S. Scott Beck, Sr., S. Scott Beck, Jr., Philip G. Wilmer, Richard Carvell, Philip Kratzer and Charles Eshman.

DAIRYMEN OF INTERSTATE TO BANQUET

Arrangements are being completed for the annual banquet of the Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative next Thursday, February 5th at Fireman's Hall, Chestertown.

This annual affair this year is particularly important due to the changing conditions of production and distribution due to the war. Dr. E. W. Gaumnitz, Associate Administrator of Surplus Market Administration, will be one of the speakers and his subject will be "Dairymen And The War."

Mr. H. Stockton Startt will preside as toastmaster and other speakers will be Mr. O. H. Hoffman, General Manager of Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative, whose subject will be "On Account To Our Members."

Mrs. Hester B. Provenson, of the Public Speech Department of the University of Maryland will talk on "Sane Prospectives."

All dairymen of Kent County are urged to attend. Tickets for guests may be secured from Mr. Startt.

Marine Recruiter Here Every Saturday

Sargeant John J. Wood, of the Baltimore Recruiting Office of the Marine Corps., has completed arrangements to be in Chestertown every Saturday from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

This branch of the service, which has distinguished itself in all of the major conflicts in which this country has engaged, is soliciting enlistments for single men between the ages of 17 and 30 years, inclusive.

FERRY SERVICE TO ROMANCOKE TO CONTINUE

According to an announcement by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor yesterday, the ferry service from Claiborne to Kent Island at Romancoke will be continued. A telegram from the Governor to "The Trnascript" follows:

"Pleased to announce that Romancoke Ferry service scheduled for abandonment Sunday by State Roads Commission will be continued. This will afford residents of affected area on Eastern Shore opportunity to assist in putting this service on self-supporting basis by stimulating increased use of ferry facilities. Please advise your readers fully. Governor Herbert R. O'Conor."

GARDEN SCHOOL TO BE HELD HERE FEB. 3

State Specialists Will Appear

As a part of the program for more and better gardens in Kent County this year, a number of specialist from the University of Maryland will appear at the Victory Garden School, which will be held at the Extension Office at Chestertown on February 3, it is announced by J. D. McVean, County Agent, and Helen N. Schellinger, Home Demonstration Agent. The school will begin at 10:00 A. M., and continue through the day.

W .R. Ballard, Specialist in vegetable gardening, wil give practical points on planning gardens of various sizes and types. Varieties, dates for planting, successive cropping and companion cropping are among the topics he will cover.

Points on selecting, preparing, fertilizing and handling the garden soil will be given by the County Agent, J. D. McVean. Herman A. Hunter, specialist in vegetable crop diseases, will discuss general cultural practices and also control practices. A. F. Vierhellar, specialist in horticulture will have for his topic "The Home Fruit Garden". He will deal with both the tree fruits and the small fruits, such as strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and grapes. The program provides time for general discussion of all topics and for questions.

All those who are interested in producing as much in the way of home-grown vegetables and fruits as their circumstances permit are urged to attend, particularly representatives of organizations interested in home food production and nutrition programs. This Victory Garden School is in line with a nation-wide program for all-out war effort. It is sponsored by the Extension Service through its representatives in the county.

WOMAN'S GUILD TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Guild of Emmanuel Church will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. Perry Metcalfe, Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 3rd at 4 P M.

THIRD REGISTRATION

UNDER SELECTIVE TRAINING AND SERVICE

ACT OF 1940

To be held Feburary 14th and 16th between the hours of 7 A. M. and 9 P. M., each day at the following schools throughout the County.

CHESTERTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ROCK HALL HIGH SCHOOL
GALENA HIGH SCHOOL
MILLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
FAIRLEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MASSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
KENNEDYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WORTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BETTERTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PINEY NECK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This registration which is the third registration will include all men who have attained their 20th birthday on or before December 31, 1941,, and have not attained their 45th birthday on February 16, 1942 and who have not heretofore registered.

ROCK HALL LADY CONGRATULATED UPON ALERTNESS

Sets Example Of Civilian Defense

Several weeks ago Mrs. Max Alexander, of Rock Hall, saw from the window of her home a man in an automobile acting in a suspicious manner.

As an airplane passed overhead he took some radio equipment from his car, apparently made some adjustments, and when the plane passed, he dismantled his equipment and drove away. The car carried a New York license which Mrs. Alexander noted as well as a description of the man.

Mrs. Alexander reported the incident to J. P. Cowperthwait, then Chief Observer of the spotting station at Rock Hall. He in turn reported it to the county chief of the spotter service who made his report to P. G. Wilmer, Chief of Civilian Defense for the county. The follow up was as follows:

Letter to New York State to find the name of owner of car. Reply showed him to be a resident of Brooklyn and to have a German name. A letter to the New York police brought the reply that the man was German born, was a radio technician and had his car elaborately fitted out with radio equipment. The Intelligence Dept. of the Navy was notified and an official of that department interviewed Mrs. Alexander on Wednesday and seemed to be very much interested in the case.

Mrs. Alexander is to be congratulated upon her observation, alertness and upon the calm but positive way in which she reported the incident. If the American public will follow Mrs. Alexander's example there is little danger of a great deal of fifth column activity.

PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR FITNESS CLASS

Physical Development In Civilian Defense

Under the Office of Civilian Defense, the National Physical Fitness Program is ready to be started in Kent County. As in all other phases of Civilian Defense, full cooperation and participation is expected.

Chairman R. W. Hall announces that the Winter Program is rapidly reaching the action stage. Washington College has generously donated its gymnasium for two evenings each week and Miss Doris Bell, Coaches Tom Kibler and George Ekaitis have offered their competent leadership to conduct classes in calisthenics and basketball games. Colonel Hines and F. W. Dumschott have opened the Chestertown Armory for one evening each week and similar classes will be conducted there under the leadership of Sidney Kronberg.

Such an opportunity for healthy and body building activity should meet with wholehearted approval from the citizens of Kent County and all those interested should contact their local committeemen, listed below. Chairman Hall hopes to start a basketball league and if the various groups interested will contact him, such arrangements will be made.

Announcement will be made next week as to the exact days and hours that the classes will be conducted and young and old are invited to attend. Physical Fitness is a heritage of every American and now more than ever is the time to make sure that we're ready for any emergency.

Committee

Chestertown, Mr. R. W. Hall, Chairman.

Rock Hall—Mrs. Helen Wagner, Mr. Douglas Cooper.

Millington—Mrs. Lois Hall, Mr. H. R. Raisin.

Betterton—Mrs. Evelyn Clark.

Galena—Mr. Richard Woodall.

Kennedyville—Mr. James B. Kirby.

KENT COUNTY ON THE AIR EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:45 A. M. OVER STATION W. F. B. R.

Sponsored by THE TRANSCRIPT

SENIOR CLASS OF C. H. S. WILL PRESENT PLAY

Every student in the High School knows that the most important event of the year, baring only graduation exercises, is the Senior Class Play. This year's class has chosen as its play a Comedy in three acts, **Mama's Baby Boy** by Charles George. It is a Samuel French Production and is full of laughs.

The cast is a hard working lot and are progressing very rapidly to make the play seem as real and funny as it is supposed to be. Of course there are no Spencer Tracy's or Greta Garbo's in the Senior Class but you can bet your life that the characters in **Mama's Baby Boy** will give those two Hollywooder's a race for their money.

The play is under the supervision of the class adviser Miss Thelma B. Smith, who is certainly a capable play coach. She chose the cast which follows:

Mrs. McLean.....Margaret A. Baxter
Mr. Luuther Long.....Richard Foley
Shepherd McLean.....John Russell
Juliet Long.....Betty Blackway
Minnie .....Harriett Legg
Mrs. Carlotta Anglin....Mary L. Smith
Cynthia Anglin.....Gene Fisher
Sylvia Kline .....Virginia Walbert
Wilbur Warren.....Howard Wheatley
Max Moore.....Harvey Blyman

The play will be presented in William Smith Hall on Friday evening February 6th.

Coleman Murderer Gets Parole Hearing

A convict who was thretened with lynching when he was fifteen and who has been in prison for nearly 30 years since then was given a parole hearing Wednesday.

Parole Director Herman M. Moser said James Parraway, Negro, would be one of 79 convicts whose cases will be considered.

Parraway was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1913 for the bludgeon slaying of a Kent county farmer during a Christmas season robbery. Norman Mable, another Negro, convicted in the same slaying, finished an 18-year term in 1932.

The men were tried in Cecil county after citizens stormed the Kent county jail, threatening to lynch them Moser said, Parraway was then fifteen.

The group of three negroes were taken from the Kent County jail by National Guardsmen from Baltimore and sent to that city by boat.

Mr. Harrison W. Vickers, State Attorney for Kent County, held that office in 1913 when the murder was committed. Mr. Herbert Perkins and Judge T. Alan Goldsborough were named to defend the negroes.

TERRORS DEFEAT SHOREMEN IN LEAGUE TILT

The Shoremen dropped their fourth league tilt Saturday Night when the Terrors of Western Maryland defeated them 47-32. The Towson Teachers who meet the Shoremen here Saturday night, is the only other team in the Mason-Dixon Conference that hasn't won a game.

Western Maryland held a decided advantage all through the game. They rolled up a 13-0 lead in the first four minutes and the half ended 26-13 in their favor.

Home fans got a thrill midway the second half when the Maroons started a drive that landed them within five points of the Terrors 32-27 but the drive was soon halted. Magowski starred for Western Maryland with great rebound work and fine shooting, and scored 14 points. Stevens led Washington in scoring with 15 points.

Western Maryland	G.	F.	T.
Suffern, f	4	1-1	9
Robinson, f	1	4-5	6
Mogowski, c	6	2-4	14
Mansager, c	1	1-1	3
Biasi, g	1	1-1	3
Lodge, g	3	3-3	9
O'Keefe, g	1	1-1	3
Totals	17	13-16	47

Washington	G.	F,	T.
Stevens, f	7	1-4	15
Yerkes, f	2	0-0	4
Samele, f	3	0-0	6
Benjamin, c	1	0-0	2
McNiff, g	2	0-2	4
Gibe, g	0	1-3	1
Totals	15	2-9	32

Score by halves:

Western Maryland	26	21-47
Washington College	13	19-32

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L. B. RUSSELL, SR. SELECTED FOR CITIZEN AWARD

The Committee, named by the Chestertown Business Men's Association to selected Chestertown's outstanding citizen for 1941, selected Mr. L. Bates Russell, Sr., as the recipient of the Citizensship award plaque.

The committee, the names of which will not be divulged, received approximately fifty nominations for the award. These nominations were not considered as votes but were merely requested as suggestions for the committee.

Mr. Russell is at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital for treatment. His condition was reported slightly improved at the time of going to press.

PRESIDENT'S BALL FRIDAY

The annual President's Birthday Ball for Kent County will be held at the Armory, Chestertown, tonight, Friday, January 30th.

Mr. Henry Gill, county chairman and Mr. Holden Kaufman, chairman of the dance committee are making elaborate plans for the affair.

The proceeds are for the care and cure of victims of infantile paralysis.

MAROONS FACE TOWSON T'CHERS HERE SATURDAY

The Shoremen will play their fifth league contest against the Towson Teachers in the local armory Saturday Night. Both of the teams have yet to win their first Mason-Dixon League Contest. The loser of the contest will receive the honor of occupying the cellar.

Even though the Shoremen have lost all four of their league tilts played to date, they should have little trouble with the Teachers. The starting lineup for the Dutchmen will probably be Yerkes, Samele, Benjamin, McNiff, and Gibe. Stevens will bear the brunt of the substituting at the forward position.

DR. FRANK HINES RE-ELECTED HEAD OF DAIRY GROUP

At the annual meeting of the Eastern Shore Dairy Farms, Inc., Wednesday evening, Dr. Frank B. Hines was elected president. This association is composed of dairymen who ship milk to Baltimore.

Other officers elected were Gerald Myers, vice president; R. R. Corey, Secretary and Howard Leaverton, Treasurer.

At the meeting Wednesday night, the treasurer was instructed to buy $1,500 worth of defense bonds.

Urges Farmers To Grow Soy Beans

According to an advertisement appearing on page 4 of this issue, Metcalfe Bros. urge farmers to grow soy beans for which they offer $1.60 a bushel if sufficient quantities can be secured.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO MEET

The Woman's Auxiliary of Old St. Paul's P. E. Church will meet at the Rectory, Fairlee on Tuesday, February 3rd at 2:30 P. M.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

County Commissioners to Clarence Sisco and wife, property in 5th District.

Marion A. B. Low and Francis Low to Stella F. Magness, property in 5th District.

John G. A. Owens to Grover Copper and Sadie T, Kinksland, property in 5th District.

Anna May Matthews, et al to Ralph N. McGinnis, property in Rock Hall.

Adolph Class and wife to J. Frank Bridge and wife, property at Kentmore Park.

Howard A. Sesswin and wife to Frank C. Price and wife, property in 5th District.

RATION BOARD TO SIT EACH THURSDAY P. M.

Applicants Requested To Appear In Person

According to a statement Thursday morning by Mr. Wm. Belt Townshend, Chairman of the Rationing Board for Kent County, that board will sit at the office of Dr. Gilbert W. Mead at Washington College every Thursday evening at 7:15 P. M.

Applicants are requested to appear in person with their applications as in many instances the paper itself does not give all of the required information.

Mr. Townshend stated that by appearing in person, an applicant will be given his certificate for tires etc., while he is present.

Applicants who appear in person will be considered first. All truck tires for January have been issued and all but 4 automobile tires. It is understood that the quota for February will be less than that for January.

REQUEST BETTER TRAIN SERVICE IN KENT COUNTY

A committee of the Chestertown Business Men's Association, headed by Mr. A. S. Turner, Jr., has circulated petitions in all parts of Kent County requesting better railroad passenger service in and out of this county. A service, similar to that requested, has been inaugurated at Easton and is adequately filling the need.

At the present time there is no public carrier out of Kent County operating on a return the same day bases. With tire and automobile rationing, motor travel is becoming more difficult, and some established system of travel is needed. The petition, which is being circulated in most of the business houses of the county, reads as follows:

"To The Public Service Commission of Marylnad and The Inter-State Commerce Commission

"We, the undersigned, citizens of Chestertown, Kent County, Maryland and vicinity, hereby petition that you request the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to place in service on its Chestertown Branch an out-going morning train and an incoming evening train to connect at Townsend, Del., with Oxford-Easton-Philadelphia branch trains 478 and 472, in the morning, and 479 and 485, in the evening.

"This train would not increase the service already in effect on the Chestertown Branch but it would make travel far more convenient and in view of the curtailment of auto travel, because of the rubber shortage we feel this better service is needed more than ever.

"It is the firm belief of your petitioners that rail travel would be greatly increased by the establishment of the suggested service."

These petitions will be collected next Monday. Anyone desiring to sign should do so before that time.

STATE SCHOOL HEAD RETIRES

Dr. Albert S. Cook, for many years head of the Public Schools of Maryland, has tendered his resignation to that office, to take effect March 1st.

Dr. Cook is a native of Caroline County. He will be succeeded by Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, Jr., who has been assistant state superintendent since 1936.

His many friends here will learn with regret, of his resignation.

INCOME TAX ADVISOR HERE FEB. 25 - 27

According to information received yesterday, arrangements have been made to assign deputy collectors of Internal Revenue to various sections and communities throughout the District of Maryland for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing income tax returns for the calendar year 1941.

The deputy will be in Chestertown at the post office on February 25th, 26th, and 27th.

For those who cannot see him during that time, he will be in Centreville Feb. 23rd and 24th and at Elkton March 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

TIRE RATIONING BOARD MAKES ASSIGNMENTS

The Kent County Rationing Board, composed of Mr. W. Belt Townshend, Chairman; Dr. Gilbert W. Mead and Mr. Richard Carvell made the following allotments last week in response to applications:

Truck Tires

William L. Ford, 2 tires, 2 tubes.
Willard Kinsey, 6 tires and 2 tubes. He has a ten tired truck.
Edgar Culley, 1 tire and tube.
Elmer Jones, 1 tire and tube.
Goldie Jones, 1 tire.
Chestertown Brick Plant, 2 tires and 2 tubes.
James F. Clark, 1 tire.
Laurence Nicholson, 3 tires.
Raymond Roberts, 1 tire and tube.
Urie Lathan, 1 tire and tube.
Andelot, 4 tires and 1 tube.
Harry Gordon, 2 tires.
Chestertown Ice Plant, 2 tires and 2 tubes.
Kent and Queen Anne's Petroleum Coop., 2 tires and 2 tubes.
Clarence Ford, 1 tire and 2 tubes.
Purnell Elburn, 1 tire and 1 tube.
Edward C. Jones, 1 tire and 1 tube.
Wm. Walter Morris, 1 tire.
Walker B. Lamb, 1 tire.
Kenneth Clevenger, 1 tire.

Auto Tires

Dr. J. Earl Gilfillen, vetenarian, 2 tires.
Sheriff Robert Lee, 2 tire.s
Dr. Merritt Brice, 2 tubes.

110 ATTEND RED CROSS FIRST AID COURSES

With 60 persons at Chestertown and 50 at Rock Hall attending the Red Cross First Aid Courses and preparation being made to start classes at Millington and Betterton, that part of the Red Cross program is well underway.

This is one example of the many activities of the Red Cross and is in addition to the medical and personal aid given at such places as Manila, Hong Kong, Shanghi to stranded Americans.

The Red Cross is probably the best organized relief organization in the world. Its activities are dependant entirely upon contributions during drives such as are now going on.

DEATHS DURING THE WEEK

BENJAMIN I. TAYLOR

Benjamin I. Taylor, life long resident of Kent County, died at his home on the Lankford road near St. Pauls Church Monday at the age of 88 years.

He was found seated in a chair in the home in which he lived alone by Dr. Frank Smith who had been attending him and had stopped in on a routine call. He is survived by a niece, Mrs. Walter Hardisty, of Washington, also a nephew.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Church, Wednesday conducted by Rev. Wylie. Ralph H. Usilton Inc., in charge of arrangements.

LESTER FAIRESS

Funeral services for Lester Fairess gaed 59 years, were held at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Charles Fairess, of Dover, Del., on Monday afternoon, with Rev. Harmon Dillard, pastor of Grace Methodist Church Officiating. Interment was made in Lakeside Cemetery. Mr. Fairess died Friday at the Kent General Hospital, in Dover, following a brief illness from complications.

Mr. Fairess was well known in Chestertown, having been a frequent visitor at the home of Mrs. Charles Reed, a relative. The deceased in his younger days was well known as a dancer and comedian playing on the Keith Theatre and Vaudeville Circuit. He also played several engagements here at the old Lyceum Theatre.

MRS. J. T. BROOMHALL

Mrs. Eleanor G. Mroomhall, age 33 years, died at Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, on Friday of last week following an operation. She had been ill only a short time.

Funeral services were held at 1 o'clock no Sunday afternoon in Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church here, conducted by Rev. Charles L. Atwater . Interment was made in Chester Cemetery here.

The deceased was the wife of Herman Y. Broomhall, and leaves a son, John Townsend Bromhall, also her mother, Mrs. Ernest A. Gerken, of Philadelphia and a sister, Miss Marjorie Gerken of that city.

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