The Tribune Goes Into Nearly Every Dorchester Home

CAMBRIDGE TRIBUNE

Devoted To The Interests Of The Eastern Shore Of Md.

VOL. 7 NO. 5

CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND, FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1942

PRICE 3 CENTS $1.50 PER YEAR

Auto Dealers Pin Hopes On Car Repairing

County Is Assured Of Ample Supply Of Essential Repair Parts.

MOST DEALERS CAN GIVE QUICK JOBS

Repair work may well prove to be the salvation of many automobile sale companies during the emergency as they welcomed yesterday the Washington order permitting an increase in the manufacture of spare parts in the first six months of this year.

With the production of new cars and tires halted as a war measure, the companies have been falling back on the sale of used cars and repair work to keep going.. While the used-car market has been bullish recently there has been no great increase in repair business, but the dealers expect that to come later, it was said.

Consequently, the orders issued by J. S. Knowlson, acting priorities director, allowing for the substantial increase in the manufacture of spare parts for six months were hailed as meaning this part of the business will not suffer—at least for the present.

Some dealers mentional specific articles that are coming in less regularly than before. Included in this list are parts made of chromium and other alloys used for radiator grill work and body trim. Only one such dealer complained of a shortage of rubber hose connections, fan belts and allied articles. Other seemed to have ample supplies of these rubber parts on hand or felt they could obtain them as needed.

Many of the larger repair shops are operated in conjuntion with automobile sales concerns. A sales manager in one such shop said "there has been no shortage in parts to date, and there is none anticipated immediately."

His firm has laid in a supply that was expected to carry it through for one and possibly two more years. "If any firm is experiencing shortage," he continued, "it is, in all probability, due to the fact that is was not foresighted."

A general complaint, however, was that there is a dearth of trained mechanics. One dealer said he was paying one third more this year for work that is inferior to that turned out in previous years. Dealers blamed the sudden boom in war industrise for this shortage, but added the men could not be blamed for going to the aircraft factories and shipyards to take advantage of boom-time salaries.

Smaller individual repair shops that subsist on that type of work aone reported a different story. One mechanic who works as night boss in such a shop said the trouble was "in operating on a very limited capital without adequate storage space available for a large quantity of parts even if they had been bought ahead of time.

"Most of the larger shops," he added, "can build up a parts department over a period of time and keep it well supplied. It is different in the case of a smaller shop where parts often are bought for a particular job. We are finding that certain parts just can't be gotten without a delay that may run into weeks of even months."

Major difficulties have been experienced among smaller repair shops when they have attempted to order such metal parts as transmission gears, rear-end parts, and bearings, which are particularly difficult to obtain. New pistons can be ordered from the factories only when accompanied by an old piston.

Gaskets and other articles made of copper are becoming increasingly scarce. Many copper tubing jobs are held up for weeks or months before the necessary parts arrive. Very few of these

Coupled with the difficulty in obtaining parts, repair men operating smaller shops said they were experiencing a bad jam as a result of the backlog of work that has piled up while parts were being ordered.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE BOWS TO TERRORS

The Green Terror basketball team from Western Maryland overrode Washington College, 47-32, in a Mason Dixon Conference game.

It was Western Maryland's game all the way, the Terrors rolling up an 11-0 lead within four minutes, and holding a 26 13 lead at half time.

Phillips Packing Girls Hold Annual Banquet

The sixth annual banquet for the girls of Phillips Packing Company, was held at Hotel Cambridge last night, and was a huge success. Sixty-two girls, of the Main Office, of the Phillips Company, and former employees, were present and they all had a delightful time.

This banquet, for the girls, is always staged when the officials are away, attending the National Canners Convention, at Chicago. This Convention is now in session. Can it be: "When the cat is away the mice will play."

It was truly a patriotic banquet. The decorations were red, white and blue, arranged to carry out for Victory. All the singing was of patriotic songs, and the tables were decorated with red and white carnations and ferns.

The following menu was served:

Menu
Fruit Cup
Cole Slaw Celery Pickles
Cranberry Sauce
Roast Turkey with Dressing
Giblet Gravy
Baked Corn Sweet June Peas
Apple Fritters Candied Sweets
Hot Potato Rolls
Coffee
Mints Nuts

Program

Pianist Virginia Lee Harshall
Musical Director R. Kinnamon
Toastmaster Nancy Haley
Invocation Della Phillips
Group Singing
Duet, Bernice Tanner and Virginia Lee Marshall.
Who's Who Louise Slacum
Group Singing
Solo Mildred Bradshaw
Nothing But The Truth, Alice McCarter.

Rail Fares Are Given Boost

The 10 per cent. increase in passenger train fares will go into effect February 10.

Officials of the Association of American Railroads, announcing this week, said the date for the increase, recently authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission, was agreed upon by railroad traffic managers in consultation with A. A. R. officials.

Estimated to add $45,000,000 to railroad revenues on the basis of their 1941 business, the increase will apply to all farts except the 1 1-4 cent a mile rate allowed members of military or naval services traveling on furlough and to certain extra-fine trains.

Tariffs putting the increased rates into effect will be filed with the ICC in the near future.

The basic first-class fare now is 3 cents a mile in all sections of the country, while the basic coach frae is 2 cents a mile in the East and West and 1 1-2 cents a milt in the South.

$2,000 APPROPRIATED FOR DOFENSE IN CAROLINE

The Caroline County Commissioners have appropriated $2,000 for civilian defense expenses until July 1.

Harry L. Sullivan, president of the Board of County Commissioners, said the money would cover general expenses for the program, including office rent, telephone service, stationery, salary for a half-time stenographer and cost of medical supplies.

A committee of four will approve expenditures and certify bills presented for payment. The committee members are J. R. Chaffinch, J. F. Lane, A. F. Sisk and J. O. Knotts. The subcommittee will report all activities to the press.

NEW RATIONING PLAN NOW BEING CONSIDERLD

Congress received from Government power officials this week a blunt warning that the nation faces a rationing of electricity—possibly this year—that may even dim private homes to conserve power for the defense program.

That possibility was voiced by Leland Olds, Chairman of the Federal Power Commission, and G. O. Wessenauer, Acting Power Manager for the Tennessee Valley Authority, in testimony during House Appropriations Committee hearings on the Independent Offices Supply Bill approved this week.

INTERNAL REVENUE OFFICER COMING HERE

A representative of the Internal Revenue Service will be at the Cambridge Court House on February 11 to 14, inclusive, to assist tax payers in preparing their Federal Income Tax. No charge wll be made for this service.

LANGRALL'S 4-H CLUB

The 4-H Club girls met at the home of our Local Leaders, Mrs. Russell Morris, Friday, January 23rd. at 2:30 o'clock.

We sang for our opening song, "It Isn't Any Trouble." Mrs. Morris taught us how to make rice custard. We are looking forward to our next meeting, Friday, February 6th. at 1:45 o'clock.

Margaret Johnson, Reporter.

Will Fix Gas And Oil Prices

The Government will fix the price of gasoline and other refined petroleum products soon the Office of Price Administration said this week at levels prevailing last November 7.

Crude-oil price ceiling will be issued at levels prevailing last October 1.

The new schedules will take "special situations" in various parts of the country into account. OPA declared and will not necessarily be final so far as petroleum products are concerned. Extensive OPA investitions still are under way covering crude oil production, refining and distribution.

SEES NO NEED FOR PRICE RISES IN CERTAIN PRODUCTS

The nation's fruit and vegetable canners were warned this week that the Office of Price Administration saw no occasion for a rise in prices in existing stocks and that any "unwarranted increase" would bring a ceiling.

Harold B. Bowe, assistant director of the OPA prive division told the National Canners Association that expenses of canning the 1941 crop already had been incurred, but that costs in putting up this year's pack would "be taken into consideration in any ceiling we might impose."

"A few of you may be holding back supplies in anticipation of higher prices for the new pack," he said. "This may be natural enough under business as usual, but it is not at all in accord with what the public has a right to expect in times such as these."

He also cautioned the canners that any price ceiling imposed "probably would cut across any future contracts you may have made to the trade at higher prices . . . and such contracts will be invalid except at or below the ceiling price."

John L. Baxter, chief of the canned foods section of the War Production Board, told the canners that the Government may ask the industry to divert from fourteen to forty-four per cent. of its 1942 production to military and lease-lend uses.

He said the WPB was preparing a "general preference order" tentatively listing these amounts of canned goods to be withheld from sale in regular channels:

Apples, heavy pack, 32 per cent cherries, red sour pitted, 27; cherries, sweet light dark, unpitted, 25; peaches cling, freestone halves, sliced 23; pears Bartlett halves, 26; pineapples, sliced, crushed, 24; fruit cocktail, 16.

Asparagus, all green culturally bleached, 44; lima beans, fresh, 22; beans, stringless cut green or waxed, round or flat, 21; peas, Alaska 3-4 sieve, sweets 3 and larger or ungraded, 38; corn, cream style whole kernel, yellow or white, 18; tomatoes, 30 and tomato juice, 14.

CLAIBORNE FERRY WILL CONTINUE

Governor O'Conor announced today that he had made arrangements to continue the ferry service between Romancoke and Claiborne.

This will give residents of St. Michaels, and the county in the western sections of Talbot short service to Annapolis as in the past.

County Struck By New Buying Wave In Stores

Talk Of Rationing Causes Many To Rush For Needed Stocks.

SUGAR SALES BEING CURTAILED

The country, for the second time in six months is in the grip of a wave of buying in retail stores, and both merchandisers and Government officials are worried about some of the likely consequences.

The drop in store business after Christmas was brief and less last two weeks a strong buying tide has set in and is embracing not only potentially scarce goods but nearly everything Mr. and Mrs. Householder buy.

The experts call what is going on a "consumer inventory" problem, which means only that American are on a buying spree and that a substantial part of what they are buying is going into the pantry, the clothes closet, the tool chest and a dozen other home hideaways and not into immediate consumption.

In normal times many of these goods ranging from canned foods and hand tools to shoes and sugar, still would be on merchants' shelves, not destined actually to be used for weeks to come.

This sweep of money is flowing into more kinds of thing than the wave which hit the stores last August and September, but, retail men say, it seems to have a less "panicky" quality than last summer's episode.

The character of things being bought, except sugar, pineapple juice, spices and a few others, indicates rather a planned stocking of things that may be scarce or of inferior quality later, retailers reported.

But, they pointed out, the unusual buying has caught many retailers off balance, creating problems for them and their suppliers.

And, if it continues too long, it may bring a whole host of price and civilian supply questions to Leon Henderson's division of the new War Production Board.

Merchandies experts had been reconciled for months to the scarcity bound to develop in many kinds of hard goods" as war drained the supplies of metals, building supplies and similiar things.

The hope they express now is that "soft goods"—foods, clothing, shoes metal notions of many kinds, hot-water bottles and household rubber goods, drugs, radios and soap—can be marketed in a sufficiently orderly way so that there is a fair chance of keeping supply somewhere in line with demand and of avoiding the "artificial" shortages which come when people buy things they may not need for months.

But recent trade reports indicate it is exactly this sort of merchandise being taken from the shelves.

The resulting shortages, often temporary, create needless difficulties both for merchant and customer, it was pointed out.

Trade journal in recent weeks have emphasized repeatedly the role the merchant ought to play in discouraging customers—even good ones—from buying thing they do not need.

DEFENSE GROUP HOLDS MEETING AT ELLIOTTS

A very interesting Civilian Defense Meeting was held at Elliotts, Md., Monday, January 26th.

L. Austin Gray introduced the following speakers: J. Otis McAllister, Sheriff James R. Thomas, Dr. J. Walter Hastings and Alton H. Spear. Each spoke on different phases of Civilian Defense work and emphasized that it was essential for each district to realize that it was their problem to see that Civilian Defense was properly established in the respective districts.

The people of Elliott were complimented on the fine way in which they have manned their observation posts. This post is manned in the daytime by Gray brothers at their store and later it is manned by volunteers in a building especially arranged for this purpose. Over 50 persons volunteered for this duty.

There were group discussions on what was needed in the district. Two ladies volunteered their services to teach first aid, several of the men were given handbooks on rescue squads, gas detection, air raid warden service and other subjects.

Drainage Is Big Problem In Dorchester

County Agent Fuller Tells Of Work Accomplished In Dorchester.

MUCH MORE STILL REMAINS

Farm land drainage is a big job in Dorchester County according to a report submitted to Acting County Agent Charles Fuller. This report submitted by State Specialist in Drainage Engineering C. P. Merrick show that an immense amount of drainage work was done by the C. C. C. Camp during the period it operated in the county. These operations were as follows:

Quantities of Earth Moved and Length of Drainage Course—Clearing — 3,379,402 square yards—92.15 Miles, Excavation—485,062 Cubic Yards—75.50, Spoil Bank Leveled — 73,987 Cubic Yards 25.05 miles.

These completed jobs, stated Mr. Fuller represent only a small portion of the needed drainage work in the county, hence, the desire on the part of many farmers to work out some measure by which the drainage program in Dorchester County may be continued.

Mr. Fuller continued by stating that poor drainage is costing the Dorchester County farmers more money annually than any other county in Maryland. Almost every farmer in the county experiences low yields most years because his lands are too wet and tend to drown out the plants. It is for this reason that the county is trying to organize into a soil conservation district for the purpose of doing something about the clogged stream channels that are causing this problem.

A proposal was made early in the year to organize a Soil Conservation District in the county through which the farmers could work together to maintain ditches opened by the C. C. C. Camp well as open new drainage projects where needed. This proposal continued Mr. Fuller was sponsored by the Dorchester Agricultural Planning Committee and was supported by a petition signed by farmers from all sections of the county. The proposition to organize a Soil Conservation District, he stated, provided an organization through which any group of farmers in the county could plan and carry out farm land drainage projects. The plan also provided that the Soil Conservation District would be directed by a Board of five farmers, three of whom were elected by the farmers themselves, and two to be appointed by the State Soil Conservation Service Committee.

There would, Mr. Fuller commented, be no cost to any individual or group of farmers in organizating the proposed Soil Conservation District. The District only provided an organization directed by farmers through which farmers could plan and carry out drainage projects. The cost of surveying and laying out drainage projects would fall on the individual land owners who would benefit by the drainage.

A review of the proposed drainage program will be given by State Drainage Engineers at a county-wide farmers mass meeting to be held at the Cambridge Upper Elementary School Friday, 1:30 p. m. January 23rd, 1942. All farmers having a drainage problem are urged to attend.

ENTERTAINMENT AT HOOPERS ISLAND

An entertainment will be held at Hoopers Island in the Auditorium of the High School on Friday, Jan. 30th at 8 P. M. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Local Chapter of the Red Cross. Admission 25c, plus tax.

PUBLIC SERVICE TO USE BICYCLES HERE

The Eastern Shore Public Service Company is issuing bicycles to some of its employes, saving its trucks, cars and tires fod use where absolutely necessary.

About thirty-five bicycles have already been issued to meter readers, collectors and service men.

The new policy was inaugurated by Lewis Payne, president of the company, and is one of the first large concerns in Maryland to use bicycles in a large scale.

Linesmen and other repair crews will still use trucks, it was stated.

Farm Labor Camp May Be Established

Dorchester farmers were advised at a meeting held in Hurlock Wednesday night January 28th that Farm Security Administration Engineers were in the County looking for a suitable site for a Migratory Farm Labor Camp. Fifty farmers present at the meeting were told that the first requirement of a location would be the consideration of the greatest amount of service to the most people. Other requirements included approximity to hard surface roads, and availibility of electricity, water, and with suitable drainage to rapidly carry off surface water during rainy periods.

Mr. A. A. Richards, Area Supervisor for the Farm Security Administration Lamor Camp Program describing the Camps, stated, they would be made up of 150 separate units, constructed of plywood with tent covers. These units said Mr. Richards would be comfortable, convenient, homelike structures with electricity in each unit. He commented that camps of this capacity could furnish as many as 600 workers. Each family assigned to the camp pay a small rental which may be paid in cash or worked out by the tenant. The plan being to make each family feel they have a part in the camp this developing a community spirit. Mr. Richard also stated that camps when completely organized included recreational facilities, schools, medical and sanitary directors. All these features he concluded resulted in contented useful workers.

Dr. Charles L. Newberry of the Medical Division of the Farm Security Administration commenting on the Control of Communicable diseases stated that adquate protective measures were taken. He stated that typhoid immunization treatments were given to all workers assigned to these camps at a very small cost per worker. He also stated that careful medical abservations were made to control social diseases. Such cases when found were isolated or removed from the camps.

Mr. C. W. Pittman of the Federal Employment Service Regional Farm placement Supervisor commenting on the availibility of workers to fill these Camps, stated that thousands of labors could be secured in South Caroline, Georgia and other Southern Sea Coast States. Such labor, he stated, was easier to recruit to send into this area than it was to get it for use in its own community because of the better rate of pay offered by Maryland farmers. He commented, however, that if so many workers were drawn from the Southern farming areas as to cause a shortage of workers, wages there would be raised to hold their workers, thus making it more difficulty to secure laborers from those areas. The purpose of the Employment Service with its organized machinery was to serve both the workers and the farmers and in so far as possible avoid too great an upset of the labor situation in any area. Both Mr. Pittman and Mr. Richard advised that the greatest benefit of such a camp, if it were established in the County, would come through complete and understanding cooperation on the part of all farmers using the service available. The Employment Service would cooperate with the farmers and with the camp in making a most effective distribution and use of the labor. Other representatives from the Employment Service included Hopkins Moore, William Jarrell and Arthur Laskowski from the local employment office and Mr. F. V. Gambrill U. S. Employment Service, Baltimore Maryland and Malcolm Moore from the Baltimore Employment Service. Acting County Agent Charles Fuller, conducting the meeting, advised the group that a camp of the size proposed would not solve the farm labor problem. The amount of workers coming with such a camp would relieve the strain on local labor, he stated, and concluded by commenting that all possible steps were being taken to locate a camp in Dorchester County.

NEGRO HELD FOR GRAND JURY ACTION

Albert Conaway Negro, aged 28 years, of Hurlock, was ordered held for the action of the Grand Jury Thursday morning, of last week, by Trial magistrate Floyd N. Harper, upon a charge of breaking and entering, and was committed to the Dorchester County Jail in default of $750 bail.

According to the testmony, Conaway is alleged to have broken into and entered the serrvice station owned and operated by Osborne Brothers, on the edge of Hurlock, on the night of Tuesday, January 13.

Neighbors discovered the Negro there, and notified Arthur A. Osborne, and Conaway was trapped inside the station and caught He had $10 worth of cash and merchandise bundled up ready to take out.

State's Attorney Calvin Harrington Jr., represented the State. Conaway was not represented.

REPRESENTATIVES OF PHILLIPS CO AT CONVENTION

Headed by Colonel Albanus Phillips, President, and Albanus Phillips, Jr., Vice-President, representatives of the Phillips Packing Company left Cambridge last Saturday morning for the annual Canners' Convention in Chicago.

Four usual members of the delegation were compelled to remain at home this year, because of production activities at the Phillips plants. They are: Vice-Presidents Theodore Phillips, Levi B. Phillips, Jr., and W. Grason Winterbottom and plants Superintendent Robin M. Kirwan.

Other members of the company attending the convention in addition to Colonel Phillips and Albanus Phillips, Jr., are: J. Emory Parks, Assistant Treasurer; Warrington Harris, Manager Phillips Sales Company; Edwin C. Hopkins, Jr., Assistant Sales Director; C. Rutledge Turner, Sales Promotion Manager; Wm. F. Winterling Sr., Superintendent of Phillips Can Company; Frank Robbins, Personnel Director and S. Charles Walls Public Relations Department.

NO PRIORITIES FOR SKELTERS

Persons desiring to erect air-raid shelters will not be granted priorities assistance, it was announced this week by Isaac S. George, executive director of the Maryland Council of Defense.

DEFENSE BOND DRIVE UNDERWAY IN COUNTY

The goal set for Dorchester in the sale of Defense Bonds and Stamps for thirty days is $100,000, it was revealed this week following a meeting last week of the Defense Saving Staff for Dorchester county at the office of Mr. McBriety.

The drive started on Monday, January 26, and will end Thursday, February 26.

The committee will keep in close touch with the banks and the post offices throughout the county, in an effort to determine the amount of bonds and stamps that are sold each day.

This will be one of the ways in which the committee will be able to find out just how the drive is progressing.

In the Liberty Bond drive during World War No. 1, Dorchester went over the top in the sale of these bonds, and it is felt that the same thing will be done in the sale of Defense Bonds and Stamps.

At the meeting last week, Mr. McBriety stated that he did not want to set a goal that would not be attained, and he asked the opinion of those present as to the $100,000 goal. Each one was enthusiastic in his belief that the amount set was not too much, and felt that even more than that amount would be raised.

STOLEN AUTO FOUND MONDAY MORNING

Car belonging to Lee Dodson which was reported stolen about 7:45 o'clock Sunday night was found early Monday morning on the Brickyard road.

The car was stolen from No. 3 Cedar street and the theft was reported by Mr. Dodson to the Maryland State Police.

Monday morning about 5:45 o'clock Emerson Rosetta, who drives a bus for Wesley Matthews, was enroute to the Neck District to pick up factory women who work in Cambridge, and came through the road where the car was parked.

He stated that when he came back from the Neck District, the car was still there, and upon an investigation he found that it had been jacked up and a rear wheel and tire had been taken off. Mr. Rosetta also said that the other rear wheel and tire was crushed under the car, and that the thieves did not succeed in moving it.

Mr. Dodson was notified, and identified the car as belonging to him.

Governor To Be Guest Of Honor Here

Will Speak At Defense Rally Sunday Following Parade Of County Units.

LARGE ATTENDANCE IN PROSPECT

Governor Herbert R. O'Conor is to be the guest of honor at a parade of Civilian Defense forces of Dorchester County in Cambridge Sunday afternoon, at which the county's strength in Civilian Defense Volunteers will be exhibited for the first time.

Following the review, the Governor will address the paraders and spectators in a mass meeting in the Cambridge Armory.

The public display of Dorchester's defense strength, in which the civic clubs, veterans' organizations and the various units of Civilian Defense will take part, is in the hands of a committee headed by J. Otis McAllister. It is expected that the greater part of the county's 5,000 Volunteer Civilian Defense workers will be in line, together with the American Legion Drum Corps, the State Guard, police and auxiliary police, air raid wardens, bomb squad first aid, rescue unit, nurses' division, Fire Company Band and High School Band, and many others will participate in the parade.

William H. Leonard, Jr., of the Cambridge Lions Club, will have charge of the parade, asissted by Sheriff James R. Thomas, Willard Hooper, also of the Cambridge Lions Club is in charge of publicity with J. Otis McAllster as his assistant.

Starting promptly at 2:30 P. M., the parade will form on the East side of Cambridge Creek Bridge, extending back on Maryland Ave.

The route of the parade will be: Market street, Academy street, to Muir street, right on Race street, Popular street, right on High street and disband at Circle of Municipal Park.

End of parade subject to change by weather conditions.

After the parade and approximately at 4:00 P. M., the Mass Meeting will be held at the Cambridge Armory.

The management requests that placards be used to identify each unit, and any other patriotic slogans that can be obtained.

The following units are listed as those which will take part in the parade:

1. State Police.
2. Legion Drum Corp.
3. Lions Club Members.
4. Air Raid Wardens — City and County.
5. Auxiliary Police — City and County.
6. Company "D".
7. High School and Fire Company Bands.
8. Active Members of Rescue Fire Company.
9. Auxiliary Members Fire Company—City and County.
10. Fire Company Apparatus.
11. Red Cross: Nurses Aides, etc.
12. Rescue Party.
13. Ambulance.
14. Scouts—Girls and Boys (City and County).

Any units that are now formed, either in City or County, that have not been mentioned above are welcome and invited to participate.

RACE ST. STORE TO BE FIRST-AID CENTER

The Emergency Division of Civilian Defense is at this time asking for $500 to secure surgical instruments to be used in emergency and for other defense items.

J. Otis McAllister, chairman of the local Civilian Defense at the same time announced that the Prag Pharmacy, 150 Race street, has set up a First Aid Kit to be used in case of emergency, and has also agreed to serve as a First Aid Center.

BOY SCOUTS PAPER DRIVE CONTINUES

The Boy Scouts' paper collection is continuing as a regular Saturday "Good Turn." Public cooperation has been fine with average collections netting over a ton a week.

The scouts are handling newspapers, if tightly tied in bundles magazines tied, and scrap paper can be collected only if tightly packed and tied in carboard cartons.

With many of the scouts working afternoons and Saturday to help with the family income the other scouts available can and will do the job but they do not have time to sort and bundle the many odds and ends that were at first left loosely at the curb.