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CRUSADER . . . . editor

Outside of the President himself, probably the most influential man in America today is William Allen White, the editor and publisher of a small daily paper in Kansas, the Emporia Gazette. Bil l White, as millions of people know him, is a chubby, blue-eyed person who looks like exactly what he is, the friend of all the world. After he had got his newspaper to the point where it would earn him a living without too much personal effort, he began to give his attention to doing things for other people.

I've known Bill White for more than forty of his seventy- two years, and I've never known him when he wasn't busy trying to help straighten out human affairs. But unlike many reformers, Bill White doesn't make people mad. On the contrary everybody loves him. He has such a sane and honest point of view that even those who do not agree with his policies give him credit for complete and utter sincerity. He, more than anyone else, has been responsible for interesting Congress, the Administration and the American people in giving every possible aid to Britain, short of war.

ENVOY . . . . character

One reason the British are getting a great deal of help from the United States is the character of the British Ambassador to the United States. The present British envoy came over here first in 1915, as Secretary to the then British Prime Minister, David Lloyd-George. He was then Sir Philip Kerr. He made a much better impression upon American officialdom than did his chief. Mr. Lloyd-George was a genial Welshman who gave the impression that the British Government thought America owed them something. Philip Kerr helped get that idea straightened out.

After the World War Sir Philip Kerr was sent to South Africa and elevated to the Peerage as Lord Lothian taking his name from the little Scottish village where he was born. He made a great success as an administrator of Colonial affairs, and his personality rapidly brought him to the top in British politics.

Lord Lothian's job is not only to preserve the good-will of the American people, but also to see how much help we are willing to give to Great Britain in their trouble.

MANPOWER . . unnecessary

Lord Lothian's latest message to the American people is that the British don't need any more man power than they have already got.

They wouldn't know what to do with it if they had it. That tallies, of course, exactly with the campaign promises made by President Roosevelt and Wendell Willkie, that no American boy would be sent to foreign soil.

What the British need is not men but machines. They need airplanes, thousands more than they have. They need anti-aircraft guns: they need three-inch guns for defense aginst tanks, in case Hitler should succeed in landing troops in Britian. More especially they need more small fighting ships and they're going to need a great quantity of cargo ships, now that the Germans have begun again to use submarines to sink merchant vessels. Lord Lothian made these matters all clear when he got back from England on the Yankee Clipper the other day.

England's big problem is going to be how to pay for the supplies she needs. The British had about $4,000,000,000 in American gold and credit when this war began. They have been buying enormous quantities of supplies and their funds are running low. We have given them fifty destroyers in exchange for military bases. What other war supplies we could give them would depend upon our exact relations with the British people and the British Empire.

ALLIANCE . . . Informal

In many way we are allies of England in the war against Nazi-Fascism. But there is no treaty of alliance and we still have our neutrality laws and laws which restrict the lending of American money to England. As it stands now, nobody, not even the United States government, can lend a dollar to any nation which has not paid back all it borrowed in the past war. That was one of the neutrality laws sponsored by Senators Johnson and Norris, which were supposed to keep the United State from ever getting involved in another war.

I have a strong belief that those laws and some of the other so-called "neutrality" statues will be repealed shortly after the new Congress meets. Many Congressmen think that the future security and safety of America and American principals depends more upon

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Part Of Oyster Bars Are Closed This Year

State Conservation Commission Not To Allow Dredging In Some Sections Of The Chesapeake Bay.

Oyster bars at the head of the year. Chesapeake Bay will remain cosed to oyster dredgers this season.

The State Conservation Commission this week announced its decision after considering a request of Eastern Shore dredgers —members of the recently organized Maryland Oystermen's Association — that these bars be opened.

The oystermen, mostly from Somerset and Dorchester counties, at a conference with the Conservation Commission, said they wanted rocks at the head of the bay opened so oystermen could obtain a "livelihood."

They asserted the oysters they were taking from the bars now open were full of mussels and brought little, if any, profit to dredgers or packers.

Oysters at the head of the bay are large and marketable, they added, and wouldn't be any good if they were left there until next

Edwin Warfield, Jr., Conservation Commission chairman, said the commission had carefully considered the dredgers' request, but was of opinion the bars should remain closed.

There is a scarcity of spat on other bars in the bay, he said, and the bars at the head of the bay were the State's big reserve area for young oysters. Dredging operations would destroy the spat there, he declared.

"To open the bars would not be in the interest of safeguarding the oyster supply or in the interest of the oyster industry in the long run," he asserted.

Prior to last year, the area was closed for twelve years, Mr. Warfield explained. When the area was opened last year, it contained large oysters. The commission told dredgers at the time they were not to expect the area would be open this season, the chairman said.

Seek Change In State Fishing Laws

Application to the War Department by pound fishermen of Ocean City, asking that Federal restriction be revised to allow ocean pounds nets to be placed closer to the Maryland shoreline, will be considered at a War Department public hearing to be held on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 12 in the Ocean City Municipal Hall'

INCREASE IN FLU CASES FOR OCTOBER OEPORTED

The U. S. Public Health Service reported today that their were about three times as many cases of influenza in October, 1940, as in October 1939. A similar increase was noted in the prevalence of measles.

HEAVY MUSKRAT YIELD IS EXPECTED

The old arguments between the muskrat and misquito control men are being revived around the marsh areas this week as even conservatives finally have agreed that with good weather this winter should produce the biggest yield of muskrats in years.

Officialy the muskrat trapping season opens January 1 and persons who trap marshes in this section already are preparing their equipment for the season's work. The value of the fur is greatly increased later in the winter by the increased size of the animals and better quality and thickness of its coat.

Many reasons can be advanced to account for the increases in muskrats, one of which is that last winter was so stormy and that trapping was particularly hazardous and retarded.

An average of 16 muskrat houses to the acre would form a "good" marsh, trappers will tell you, and many marsh areas this year will run over that, some even will run to 25 houses to the acre.

STATE AGENCY PLANS NEW PENSION SYSTEM

A new campaign to persuade the Legislature to set up an all-inclusive pension system, a program operated along contributory, actuarially sound lines, is to be made by the board of trustees of the State Employees' Retirement System, it was learned today.

At the last Legislature, in 1939, a similar effort was made, but the bill was snagged in committee and was never reported to the floor for action.

TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE SHOWS DECREASE

Tuberculosis kills one person in the United States every eight and a half minutes, Dr. G. Canby Robinson, of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, a member of the executive committee of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, stated today as he called upon everyone for increased support of the annual Christmas Seal campaign.

"Great strides have been made in the cure of tuberculosis," Dr. Robinson said, "but it still takes a great toll. Every day approximately 175 persons die from the disease."

He pointed out that since 1904 when the Tuberculosis Association was formed, the death rate from tuberculosis has been decreased eighty per cent., but said it was still not under control.

Maryland Crop Prices Favorable

Prices received by farmers in the four-State area of Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia and Delaware for their principal farm products as of November 15 ran generaly above national averages, the Department of Agricultural reported.

The four States comprise the northern half of the group classified by the department as the South Atlantic division, the other States including North and South Carolina, George and Florida.

Wheat prices ranged from 87 cents in Delaware to 92 in Virginia against the national average of 72.5. Corn ranged upward to 77 cents received in West Viginia, compared with the national average of 56.9. Oats varied from 46 cents in Maryland and West Virginia to 50 cents in Virginia, against the national average of 31.7.

Potato prices varied widely in the area from 55 cents in Delawre to 80 cents in West Virginia against a national average of 52.4.

Sweet potato prices fell below the national average of 74.9cents to 65 in Delaware and Viginia, but climbed to 80 in Maryland.

Hog prices in the area varied from $6 to $670, against the $5.62 national average; beef cattle, from $6.80 to $7.90, against $7.58 for the national average; veal calves, $9 to $10.60, against $9.06; sheep, $2.85 to $375, against $3.88; lambs, $7.70 to $9, against $7.78; wool, 34 to 37 cents, against 31.5; horses, $98 to $105, against $60.60, and mules, $101 to $138, against $87.60.

Poultry farmers in the area received 14 to 16 cents per pound for chickens, against a national average of 13.1; to 20 cents for turkeys against 15.5, and 24.9 to 31.9 cents per dozen for eggs, against 26.2 national average.

Butter prices ranged form 23 cents in Virginia to 30 cents in Delaware, against a national average of 28.5 cents, and butter fat fell below national average prices, ranging form 26 cents in Virginia to 30 in Delaware, against a national average of 30.9.

Wholesale milk prices were well above national averages, however, ranging from $2.30 per hundred pounds in Delaware and West Virginia to $2.70 in Virginia, against a $1.99 national average.

Cows per head ranged from $47 in West Virginia to $80 in Delaware, against a national average of $62.40.

Delaware and West Virginia producers received 70 cents per bushel for apples, and Maryland and Virginia producers 60 cents, against a 75-cents national average. Hay prices ranged from $9.50 per ton in West Virginia to $13.10 in Delaware, against a $7.25 national average.

Red clover seed was reported selling at $8.50 in Virginia and $8.20 in Maryland, against a $5.87 national average.

Virginia peanuts were bringing 3.2 cents per pound, against a 3.-2⁴ national average.

Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina were the only States reporting tobacco prices on November 15. Maryland reported 13 cents; Virginia, 16 cents, and North Carolina, 14.5 cents, for a general average of 14.7 cents.

DR. CARLISLE HUBBARD SPEAKS AT FARM BANQUET

Dr. Carlisle Hubbard, well known to Dorchester County farm folk, was guest speaker at the Tenth Annual Farm Bureau Banquet of the Dorchester County Farm Bureau, Thursday night

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Safety Laws May Be Urged At Leg. Session

Law For Compulsory Dimming Of Headlights Proposed.

WOULD SAVE LIVES, IS BELIEF

Among the safety measures under contemplation by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor's Maryland Traffic Safety Committee, is the matter of legislation requiring the diming of automobile headlights when passing other cars. A Bill to this effect is among several safety measures now being prepared by the Legislative and Engineering Committees of the Traffic Safety Committee.

The danger of glaring headlights was one of the first issues raised by the Traffic Safety Committee when it was instituted last September, and throughout the year the attention of motorlsss of the State has been called time and again to this simple act of courtesy which means so much to the cause of safety. Unfortunately, however, it would seem that with a certain portion of the motoring public, even though dimming lights not only is courteous but an act almost of self-preservation, there is still need for the imposition by law of penalities for those who refuse to comply with this safety regulation.

For more than a year the Safety Committee has kept up a continuous war on glaring headlights, the worst menace to safe travel at night on Maryland highways. To educate the public to the importance of this courtesy, the entire State has been circularized and posted. Columns of warnings have been published through the press, both Metropolitan and rural, and by radio.

The fact that practically all cars are now equipped with every possible device for safe travel, leaves little or no excuse for accidents occurring from failure to dim lights. Therefore, Dr. Steinberg's bill will provide that "dimming lights" when approaching other cars is a law and must be obeyed, and that failure to observe the law will register a black mark against the driver's card, and will also involve a fine.

Proceedings Of Town Council

The Commissioners met Wednesday evening in regular session. Present: Commissioners Hooper, McWilliams, Davis, Wright and St. Clair, and Attorney Henry. President McWilliams presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

The following building applications were up for first reading:

J. L. and Martha I. Mowbray, addition, Park Lane.

Della D. Adams, bungalow, 125 Peach Blossom Avenue.

Miller Robbins, dwelling, Central avenue.

Bills amounting to $1,842.35 were passed and ordered paid.

The final report of B. S. Insley City Auditor, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1940, was read to the Board and approved.

Meeting adjourned.

C. L. DAIL, Clerk.

BASKETBALL TO GET UNDERWAY TONIGHT

Cambridge High School's most favored sport, basketball, will get underway tonight at the local gym., when Easton High School will send both boys and girls' teams here for their annual contests.

Prospects for a most successful season for the boys appear to be rather bright since only one regular is missing from last year's championship team. The girls' team, however, will be an entirely new outfit, since fifteen girl cagers were lost through graduation last year.

Both teams have undergone three weeks of extensive practice and Easton High School is in for a busy time tonight.

HOFFMAN ACCUSES CONSERVATION FOES

Three "tidewater" Senators who apparently have lined up against a unified conservation system in Maryland, through an agreement they made prior to the recent referendum, are "out of step with their voted," it was charged today by H. Lee Hoffman, one of the leaders of the Maryland Citizens' Conservation League.

Cotillion Club Will Hold Two Holiday Dances

Christmas Night And New Year's Eve Are Selected.

200 MEMBERS WILL BE LIMIT

The Dorchester Cotillon Club will depart from the usual custom this year and hold two table dances during the holiday season. The first will be Christmas night with music furnished by Blue Barron and his orchestra, and the second on December 30, with Johnnie McGee furnishing the entertainment.

Both of these bands rate high in the music world and the Club is fortunate in securing contracts with these two artists. Either or both of these bands can be heard almost nightly over the airwaves.

Due to the fact that these affairs are to be table dances the Committee decided to limit this year's membership to 200. The dues are the same as heretofore, $5.00. Membership cards can be obtained from Ted Robbins at the High Spot or Dorsey S. Potter.

Inasmuch as the Club wishes to distribute the subscriptions without choice or favor, plus the fact that over 50 per cent are already subscribed, it is strongly recommended by the Committee that anyone desiring to obtain a Membership do so at once. Subscriptions will positively be closed when the 200 Memberships are sold.

It might also be mentioned that no one will be admitted to these dances but holders of 1940 Membership Cards. No bids or exchanges will be honored or given. Table reservations can be arranged by calling Dorsey S. Potter.

Officials of the Club are: W. Grason Winterbottom, Jr., chairman; J. Dayton Brooks, secretary; J. Emerson Skinner, assistant chairman, and Dorsey S. Potter, treasurer.

Members of the Committee are J. Carlton Benny, Theodore Robbins, Leon Venable, William Robbins, Irving Veazie, Granville Tubman, Lee Bradshaw, Robert Christopher, J. Spence Phelps, F. H. Vincent, Jr., Dr. W. P. Smith, G. D'Arcy Todd, Monroe Murphy, Enos Valliant, John Vickers, Roy Tufft, Sr., Clay Webb, Jr., Earle Orem, Jr., Hopkins Moore, Fred Stevens, Woodrow Jones, Robert Mathews, Jr., Pete Parks.

Christmas Club Savings Mailed

Christmas dollars—more than sixty-five thousand of them—have been cut loose from their moorings and are now adrift among the merchants for a heavy Christmas business.

Totals of the Christmas Club savings in the four banks of Cambridge amounted to $65,472, a check-up has revealed. All of this now has been made available for Christmas shoppers.

The Christmas Club idea which has ut observance of the year's chief holiday on a budget, is well established in Cambridge as it is elsewhere throughout the United States. While the total put ino banks to load the Christmas financial reservoir on which drafts will now be made, has been previously exceeded, merchants are inclined to feel optimistic over the total attained this year.

BOY SCOUTS PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES

In line with a program of the National Scout Council, Boy Scouts and patrol leaders of Troop No. 147, St. Michaels, have been studying plans for troop mobilization for emergency service. It is believed every member of the troop can be assembled, ready to travel by automobile, to any point where scouting service may be needed in about 30 minutes.

During the next few months, several practice mobilization calls will be issued to test the speed and efficiency of the various units of the St. Michaels troop. The first call will be made within the next two weeks.

Members of the troop will be called by telephone when possible, and for those who cannot be reached by phone, the town bell will be rung. The troop's bugler will sound assembly upon reaching the "cabin." The troop has been divided into four units for practice mobilization work.

Farmers Want Better Prices, Less Govt. Aid

Farm Bureau Head Declares Present Prices Are Inadequate — Says Farmers Must Get More For Crops To Survive.

Organized farmers want more money for their products and less in the form of government payments.

So asserted Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, as he summed up his views on farm sentiment today in advance of the convening of the 77th Congress in January.

Farmers feel, O'Neal declared, that the goverment farm program (AAA) "has failed to gave them full economic parity with other groups and that something should be done about it, especially in view of the fact that a vast majority of farmers have fulfilled their obligations under AAA requirements."

"There is no question," said O'Neal, as he cleared his desk preparatory to leaving for the federation's annual meeting at Baltimore, Dec. 9-12, "that Congress will have to wrestle with the farm problem again."

Many farmers realize, O'Neal declared, "that it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to prevail upon Congress in 1941 to make another large appropriation for cash payments to farmers, such as have been made the last three years, $212,000,000 in 1938 and in 1940 and $225,000,000 in 1939, because of the tremendous appropriations that will have to be made for national defense."

There appears to be increasing sentiment across the country, O'Neal said, for revision of the present farm program so as to give producers of basic crops higher prices under the so-called parity-loan plan.

Proponents of the plan contend that domestic market prices can be stablized at near-parity levels as effectively as at the lower levels established in the past through government loans. In other words, the present AAA act would be amended to provide loans up to 100 per cent of parity on the basic crops instead of 75 per cent as now provided by the law for corn, wheat, tobacco, cotton and rice. Acreage allotment features of the AAA would be retained

State farm bureau organizations in Alabama and Mississippi have endorsed the plan and President O'Neal said it would be given serious consideration at the Baltimore meeting.

Don't Quit Job Until In Army, Trainees Told

A solution of the most serious problem the draft has presented in Maryland to date was suggested this week by Lieut. Col. Amos R. Koontz, selective service medical director.

He gave this advice to prospective selective service trainees throughout Maryland:

"Don't quit your job until you are sure you're in the army, and that means being passed by army doctors on the day of induction."

State draft officials early this week were faced with the probability that they might have to go to work as a part-time employment agency to find reemployment for those men who quit their jobs when ordered to report for induction and then found themselves rejected for physical defects at the induction station.

Officials are not reluctant to do this. Already, in fact, plans are being made to follow up each such case individually to help the man find a job.

But men who quit their jobs in this way, according to Colonel Koontz, are badly jumping the gun.

"It is to be expected, and the men themselves should realize," the colonel said, "that many of them are going to be refused by the induction board.

"It's silly to think that just because a man is passed by the local board doctor, or the medical advisory board, he is in the army.

"If the local boards were expected to be final, there wouldn't be any sense in having the induction boards.

"Although the standards are the same, the army conducts a much more thorough examination. (He explained it had the facilities for comprehensive X-ray and laboratory tests that the local board of physicians could not possibly make). And there is bound to be a difference in the point of view."

Already, Colonel Koontz said, rejections of men previously passed by local board physicians had made the physicians the butt of some unjust criticism because their job was not fully understood.

If there is to be any leeway on the part of the local board of physicians," he said, "I think it is better for them to err on the side of leniency and let the induction boards turn the men down."

Business Women Have City Heads As Guests

The regular meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Club was held last Monday night in the club rooms in the Transfer Building on Race Street. The meeting was presided over by the President, Mrs. Della Phillips.

Reading of the minutes, the treasurer's report and correspondence were heard by the club members after which new and old business was discussed.

The report of the committee on the "Canned Goods Movie" was accepted, after which the business meeting was adjourned.

Miss Ernestine Taylor gave a most interesting and entertaining talk about her trip to the West Coast in September. She brought with her several souvenirs, which she exhibited during her speech.

Mrs. Lura Harrison, program chairman, introduced Ira Y. Wheatley, who delighted the club with two readings, and later in the evening this versatile gentleman rendered an impromptu solo.

In keeping with the theme for the year, "Business Women in a Democracy", the subject for the evening was "Good Will." In this connection, the City Council was invited to attend the meeting and give short talks on the City Government. Guy H. MacWilliams, Granville Hooper, Dorsey Davis and Daniel Wright told the club members about the City Budget, its approximate amount and some of the many ways in which it was expended.

A song fest of old and new songs was enjoyed by both members and guests, with Mrs. Kitty Vekers at the piano.

The hostesses, Miss Elizabeth Hirst, Mrs. Mamie Roszelle and Mrs. Ruth Meekins, served apple pie and coffee.

ASSEMBLY JAM UNNECESSARY, GOV. O'CONOR SAYS

Opening a series of broadcasts dealing with the administration of the State government, Govenor O'Conor Monday night told the people of Maryland that the work done by the new Legislative Council should make it possible for the General Assembly to complete its work before the end of the ninety-day period allotted to it by law.

The Legislature will meet in January. In past years, the most important matters of business before it usually have been decided in turmoil and haste at the very last minute, and sessions generally go beyond the legal period by the device of setting back the clocks in the State House.

ADVISES PLANTING OF SPICE CROPS

There's cold cash in it for Maryland farmers if they'll lay out a few acres in exotic seeds, according to Dr. T. B. Symons, director of the University of Maryland Extension Service.

The seeds would be chiefly caraway, coriander and sage, imports of which from Europe, Asia and Africa have been seriously hampered by war.

For instance, Dr. Symons said, the United States imported 5,250,511 pounds of caraway seed in 1939 with a cash value of about $365,000. And caraway, he said, will grow almost anywhere in the farming districts of Maryland. One large Baltimore spice firm uses twenty to fifty tons of the seed every year, and is ready to buy now.

Postoffice Will Deliver Mail To Larger Area

More Than 1,000 Homes Being Served On New Delivery Plan.

NEARLY WHOLE CITY ON ROUTES

Approximately 1,000 additional homes in and about Cambridge are being visited daily by the postman. The new service was characterized as the Cambridge Post Office's Christmas gift by Postmaster Radcliffe, at whose insistence surveys were made by the Post Office Department and resulted in extension of delivery service.

Some of the patrons, who will now be included in the city delivery service heretofore were served by rural delivery service, while others stopped at the post office to get their mail. Mr. Radcliffe said that about 50 persons who called daily at the post office will now have their mail delivered to their homes.

What in metropolitan cities woud be termed "greater Cambridge" will virtually all be served by city postmen, since many additional homes to which service is extended are outside of the city limits, and are not included in the official census of Cambridge.

As a result of the extension, an additional postman has been added increasing the total number to five.

A large proportion of the homes to which the service will be extended are in the vicinity of the Choptank river bridge. The extension includes rural delivery patrons on Washington street; patrons on Glasgow st., up to Glenburn Avenue; on School street up to Talbot Avenue; and one block of Talbot Avenue from School to Hambrook Avenue.

Cambridge Man Killed In Crash

Lawrence W. Dawson was instantly killed when the car he was driving struck a tree and overturned early last Saturday morning on the Magnolia road, three miles west of Edgewood Arsenal.

Mr. Dawson was born near Preston, and was a son of John W. and the late Naomi Sedgwick Dawson. About eight years ago he came to Cambridge and was employed by the Phillips Transport Company, and later worked as auto mechanic for Ellis Engle. Last year he moved to Baltimore, and has since that time been connected with the Calhoun Motors.

Mr. Dawson made his home with Mr and Mrs. John Houston Slacum while in Cambridge and Baltimore. He was 29 years old last April.

He is survived by his father, John W. Dawson of Preston; two brother, Harry E., and John O., both of Cambridge; two sisters, Mrs. G. Elmer Collins of Cordova, Md., and Miss Belle Marie Dawson of Federalsburg.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, from the Thomas Funeral Home on Gay Street, with the Rev. Theodore Fischer officiating. Interent was in Dorchester Memorial Park.

ST. THOMAS GIRLS' 4-H CLUB ELECTS

The St. Thomas Girl's 4-H Club met with Miss Hattie Brooks, November 15th, 1940. The topics we selected for this year are Good Grooming and Care of the Clothes.

On Monday, November 25th, we elected officers for the club. The officers elected are as folows:

President, Phyllis Johnson; vice-president, Malinda Ruark; treasurer, Doris Johnson; secretary and reporter, Ruth Anne Wheatley.

Mrs. Helen Jones will be local leader of the club this year.

Ruth Anne Wheotley.
Reporter.

JETTY AT OCEAN CITY MENACED BY EROSION

Erosion along the Sinepuzent Bay shore-line along a two-block stretch from South Division street to the Bayside entrance such serious proportions that the Chamber of Commerce here for warded today a report to the State Roads Commission.

Robert Cropper, president of the chamber, said that unless a Bayside bulkead is constructed at once the North Stone inlet jetty faces possible undermining by advancing bay water.