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Plea not Considered, Sample Water not Good

DO YOU KNOW

OFF THE CUFF

That the Kent Island Shopping center was not cleared of snow after the early storm of Nov. 6 and 7 by the State's snow removing equipment, according to Mr. David Nichols. It was cleared by equipment owned by David Nichols Corporation. The equipment is somewhat similar to that of the State.

That a Amoco Service Station near Queenstown on U.S. Route 50 is for lease .It will take a little capitol. The present operator has decided to take employment elsewhere. If interested call Easton 640.

That two cars bumped into each other near the Carmichael turn early Sunday morning in the fog. The occupants of both cars were negroes and some of them were taken to Easton hospital in the Queenstown Fire Company Ambulance. Both cars were wrecked pretty badly.

That a motorist and a hitch-hiker on their way to Queenstown from Delaware on the Centreville-Queens town road had the misfortune to turn his car over near Joseph Boyles farm. Neither the driver or hitch-hiker were hurt. It is believed the driver went to sleep. The car was badly damaged.

That last Monday, November 23, the Queenstown Bank started its 1954 Christmas Club Now is the time to start saving for next Christmas, 1954.

That our politicians are very quiet. With all conversations going on, politics are not mentioned. Maybe it is too close to the holiday season to mention politics. probably that way nobody's feelings will be hurt. But brother after the first of the New year, look out. The political bees will be buzzing. I wonder if their buzz will have the same tone it has had in the past eight years. Time will tell.

That the old Gallows Field Farm near town, is becoming a shambles. The house is really going down. There is not a complete window pane in it. The boys around town have broken out every one of them. The outbuildings are all falling down. At one time it was a prosperous farm.

That the Queenstown Vol. Fire Co., will soon start its .honorary membership drive. Won't you be as generous this year as last? The Fire Company appreciates your generosity very much. When you reeceive your honorary application form, will you atend to it immediately, so you won't forget it, thank you.

Christmas Bazaar at Centreville Dec. 5

The St. Paul's Guild of Centreville will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday, Dec. 5, with the doors opening at 2 p.m., it was announced Tuesday by Mrs. O.N. Nielson, chairman.

The event, one of the highlights of the pre-Christmas season in Centreville will be spread over the first and second floors of the Parish House.

The first floor will feature the Children's Midway, to be filled with games, Christmas trees, a magic show, and movies.

Upstairs the spectators will find the "Christmas Table," containing stocking fillers ,tree and table decorations, and other small gift items a "flower arrangements table," with dried bowers, gourds and driftwood; a "food table," with tempting goodies; a "post office," with parcel post packages from everywhere; finishing up with second hand books, African Violets and a handiwork table.

On exhibit will be about 75 to 100 dolls, antique, foreign and unusual. There will also be a very unusual collection of old shoes.

At 5:30 p.m. supper will be served and two motion pictures will be shown through the super hour, "Tour Royal," and "Trooping the Colors, both English films.

Square dancing for everyone will be on the program from 7:30 to 11 p.m.

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reese were the visitors on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan of Harrington, Del. and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rice of Hillsboro.

Mrs. Frank Delahay spent several days in Baltimore this week.

Mrs. Nathan Morris and children and Mrs. Gene O'Donnell visited Mr. and Mrs. Philip Thomas in Salisbury on Sunday.

Chief Petty officer Thomas Rhodes and friend Tony of Lakehurst, N.J., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Morris.

Mr. anl Mrs. Tilghman Cook and family visited Mrs. Cook's father in Salisbury on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Combs and daughter, Bonnie of Wilmington, Del., spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Booker.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Reynolds of Cambridge is spending sometime with Mrs. Reynolds sisters, Mrs. Sadie Comegys. Mr. Reynolds, a patient at Baltimore hospital was brought in by city ambulance on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Howard spent Friday shopping in Wilmington.

Mrs. Edgar Benton and Mrs. Walter Jewell of Grasonville were Tuesday evening guests of Mrs. Katherine Reese.

A|3c Roy Jewell of Donallson Airforce Base, Greenville, S.C. is spending a few days with his parents while enroute to a base in Wyoming.

Mr. Abe Stein returned home on Sunday morning from Easton hospital. He is feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Horney spent the weekend in Baltimore with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bitner.

We extend sympathy to the family of Mrs. Eda Shortall who passed away on Monday morning at University hospital, Baltimore.

Mrs. Morris Barsotti and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haberman and children of Baltimore are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Knotts.

Mrs. Dolly Willis was hostess to a "copper" party on Monday evening at her home.

Miss Gladys Lane of Baltimore is visiting her mother, Mrs. George Lane and aunt, Mrs. Rose Adams.

Mrs. Margaret Cross spent several days last week in Falls Church, Va., with Mr .and Mrs. Herbert Pratt and children.

Miss Nancy Crouch of Chester, spent the weekend with Miss Jane Goodhand.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Deshiells of Baltimore and Mr. Spencer Deshiells of Brethersville spent the weekend with Mr .and Mrs. Richard Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reed of Chesapeake City spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Owen Yewell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Goodhand were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Chance in Centreville.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Bishop were in Philadelphia, Pa. on Friday on a business trip.

Mrs. Jeanette Melvin has been unable to attend her duties at the post office and is under her physicians care due to arthritis in her foot.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kobus of Chester, Pa., were the weekend guests of Mrs. Kobus' sister, Mrs. Jessie Rennie of near town.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Carrie Briscoe is now recuperating at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Anthony.

Mr. and Mrs. David Dennis of Hebron, Md., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bishop and family.

Mrs. John Canaliato and children Mrs. Lewis Amato of Baltimore spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Reynolds, Jr., and family.

Mr. Willard Swann of Baltimore, spent the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Swann.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bongiovanni of Philadelphia are being congratulated on the birth of a fine baby daughter, born Tuesday, Nov. 17. Mrs. Bongiovanni is the former Patsy Barton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

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A Penny for Your Thoughts, Mr. Lane

It had been thought at the end of 1950 that the name, W. Preston Lane, Jr., would quickly vanish into political oblivion. A badly beaten Mr. Lane walked out of the governor's mansion nearly three years ago keenly aware of the Maryland political adage: they don't come back. Yet now there is word of a movement to draft the former Governor to lead the Democratic drive for his old seat next year.

The report causes little puzzlement to the routine breed of party ward executive. This is a breed already wrung dry by three years of patronage drought. They now lay seige to a Republican administration so firmly walled in that the least miscalculation can bounce the Democrats back into the political desert for another four-year stretch. A ward executive in such a crucial position cannot afford to gamble.

Consequently, few ward executives regard with complete satisfaction that gubernatorial offerings so far laid before them. Take, for instance, Dr. H.C. Byrd, president of the University of Maryland. Dr.Byrd has clearly impresseed himself on politicians as the sort of man they can do business with. Dr. Byrd has a long record of doing business with politicians and is considered a "regular" in the all-important field of patronage.

But can Dr. Byrd win votes? No one knows—simply because Dr. Byrd has never before run for office. He may be a winner and, then again, he may not. This is the sort of uncertainty which drives worried Byrd-admirers to look toward George P. Mahoney, a proven vote-getter. Mr. Mahoney won one primary election and just missed in another. Little question remains as to Mr. Mahoney's way with the voters.

But can the organization do business with Mr. Mahoney? This, too, is an unanswered question. Both primary campaigns in which he took part showed Mr. Mahoney as a man who, be it their fault or his, could never see eye to eye with the established Democratic figures. So one group worries that they can't win at all with Dr. Byrd; another group worries that, once elected, Mr. Mahoney would wash his hands of the rest of the party.

Some held out for Mayor D'Alesandro. Here was a "regular" if there ever was one and, to boot, a man who had won election upon election. But, still, doubts arose. Could Mayor D'Alesandro win outside of Baltimore city? Some said not and added that recent grand jury activities had helped the Mayor's prestige none at all.

Well, then, Lane.Certainly he knew organization politics. Certainly he had won elections; he was victorious in two State-wide primaries and split one and one with Mr. McKeldin on general elections. Besides there are the Bay Bridge, the roads program and various other projects unfinished in 1950 but completed and more fully appreciated today. His 1950 defeat, of course, still rates as a political black eye, even though Mr. McKeldin won through in the end despite two such black eyes.

But the anxious ward executive has still not solved his problem; Mr. Lane won't run. Or says he won't.

FOR LEASE—Modern Service station, located near Queenstown, on U.S. Route 50. Amoco Products. Well established and good opportunity for aggressive merchandiser. Operating capitol required. Call Easton 640 or write P.O. Box 177 for details.

FOR SALE—14-ft. bateau and a 6 h.p. Elgin outboard motor. both in excellent condition. Phone Queenstown 4561.

WOMEN WANTED

HOUSEWIVES — Addressing advertising postcards. Must have good handwriting. LINDO, Watertown, Mass.

Scouts of Four Counties To Attend Special Meeting

Explorer Scouts from Talbot, Caroline Queen Anne's and Kent Counties have been invited to attend a special meeting of the local Naval Reserve Composite Company 5-34.

Wirt D. Bartlett, Commdr. U.S.N.R., commander of the NavalReserve Unit, whose headquarters is in Centreville, said that arrangements had been made with District Scout Executive H. Bruce Ayars to have the Scouts attend this special meeting. The affair is to take place on Tuesday, December 1 at 8 p.m. in the County Building Auditorium, Easton. Commander Bartlett said that film dealing with the vocational possibilities in the Navy would be shown as well as a film entitled "Fighting Lady," the story of a famous aircraft carrier in action. Refreshments will be served.

District Scout Executive Ayars said that he was happy that the arrangements could be made for the Scouts since the movies to be shown fit in well with that phase of the explorer program dealing with Vocational Exploration. Mr. Ayars explained that while the Boy Scouts of America has absolutely no connection with any of the Armed Services, selected groups of Scouts sometimes do visit installations as an educational feature.

Boats Being Stolen Stolen on Kent Island

County police, assisted by the State Troopers, are investigating the recent theft of two boats in the Kent Narrows and Kent Island area.

Earl Seward, Chester, reported last week that a 16-foot skiff, owned by his son, with an inboard motor, was stolen from a dock in Goodhand's Creek Wednesday night.

Joe Collier, Grasonville, reported two weeks ago that his 12 foot bateau had been stolen from his moorings in Cabin Creek.

Sheriff Whiteley said that neither boat had been found.

"There is a lot of stealing going on around here," he commented.

Another boat was reported taken from the Centreville Wharf last week, but found a day later in Yellow Banks.

The sheriff's office has been busy recently with the end of court, seeing that prisoners are taken to the Penitentiary or Reformatory.

The county added eight more prisoners to the Maryland Penitentiary Monday when Sheriff Whiteley and State Trooper John Baker transported the convicted men from the county jail to Baltimore.

The men, four in a car, were sentenced to prison terms at the November term of Court.

EDA BAILEY SHORTALL

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. for Mrs. Eda Bailey Shortall, wife of Francis Edwin Shortall, of Queenstown, from St. Luke's Episcopal Church, with the Rev. Thomas Donaldson, rector of St. Paul's Church in Centreville, officiated.

Interment was in the Chesterfield Cemetery, Centreville.

Mrs. Shortall died Monday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the University Hospital, Baltimore, at the age of 46.

Born on July 5, 1907, in Queenstown, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Anna E. Bailey. On May 23, 1931, she married her husband, who survives along with four sons: William E., Francis E., Jr., Timothy B., and Thomas M.

Five brothers and three sisters also are living: T. H. Bailey, Frederick Alvin, Elwood and Edward E., all of Baltimore; and Mrs. Samuel J. Price, Queenstown; Mrs. George Brennan of Baltimore and Lelia Bailey of Denton.

FOR SALE—1 Room Cottage, 14x20, city convenience, heat, water lights, 50x50 ground plot, shrubbery around premises, house insulated, on public highway, 3 minutes to public landing on Chester River. Very suitable for a single man or a eldery couple, or a small gunning club. Easy Terms. Apply to the Queenstown News, Queenstown, Md., Phone 2161-2001.

David Nichols Provides Catholic Church Site On Kent Island

A group of Catholics on Kent Island have been given a plot of ground by the owner of a real estate development, on which to construct the island's only Catholic Church.

David M. Nichols, a member of the Maryland State Roads Commission and developer of Harbor View, between Stevensville and Chester, last week presented the deed for the property to the Very Rev. Father Columban, OCD, prior of the Displaced Carmeltie Monastery of Washington, D.C. The site is just across Route 50 from the Kent Island Shopping Center.

Also present at the inforal presentation were Mrs. Earnshaw Cook, chairman of the Catholic group, and Mrs. Frank Taylor, both of Stevensville ,assistant treasurer of the group

At present, the group is holding services in a vacant office space in the Kent Island Shopping Center. That space also was contributed by Mr. Nichols, who owns the building.

It was also announced that started last week, twice-a-month meetings will be held in the Kent Island Firehouse in Stevensville to raise funds for the church building. Refreshments will be served.

Other officers of the Catholic committee are: J. Walton Bolgiano, vice chairman Mrs. Lee Bell, secretary; Mrs. Edward Holbein, corresponding secretary, and Felix V. Goldsborough, Sr., treasurer.

Nov. 28, 29 Designated As "Christmas Seal Sabbath"

Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 28, 29 have been designated by Governor Theodore R. McKeldin for observance of "Christmas Seal Sabbath" by the clergy of all churches and synagogues of the State, it was announced this week by Dr. Russell A. Nelson, president of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association.

On these days, the clergy has been asked to stress from their pulpits the importance to our citizens of the tuberculosis control programs financed by the sale of Christmas Seals.

The 47th Annual Christmas Seal Sale, which began on November 16, is being conducted throughout the State by county tuberculosis associations, affiliates of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, to raise funds for their programs of tuberculosis detection, education, medical research, and services to tuberculosis patients.

In his proclamation, Governor McKeldin noted that tuberculosis, still is a major health problem in Maryland, took the lives of more than 600 Marylanders in 1952 and during the same year attacked over 2600 new victims in the State.

Governor McKeldin pointed out that the Maryland Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated county Associations, through the sale of Christmas Seals, have helped materially to reduce this health problem.

In conclusion, Dr. Nelson expressed appreciation for the cooperation given by the clergy in the past and asked their continued support to help make possible the eventual eradiction of tuberculosis.

Special Registration Days November 28, December 5

The Board of Election Supervisors of Queen Anne's County have announced two special registration days for voters of the county.

The board will sit in the Court House in Centreville on Saturday, Nov. 28 and Saturday, Dec. 5 from 2 to 9 p.m.

The purpose of these special days will be for those who wish to change their party affiliation, which must be done six months prior to a primary election; for citizens who have never registered; and for transfers.

NOTICE—To farmers, custom sawing promptly finished. Located just over Crouse's Mill Pond, near Ruthsburg. Harry Crouse, Sr., Ridgely, Maryland.

Watermen's Plea Not Considered, Water Samples Not "Good Enough"

The plea of Queen Anne's County watermen that the ban on shellfishing in Kent Narrows be lifted was not considered at the State Board of Health meeting in Baltimore last Friday, it was learned early this week.

Robert Brown, chief of the Bureau of Environmental Hygiene, State Health Department, said Tuesday that not enough good water samples had been taken to be before the Board with the request that the ban be lifted."

Watermen have been unable to take oysters from this productive area since 1939 because of alleged overboard sewage violations. A number of the violators have corrected their facilities, according to reports from the county health office, but water samples must be taken to determine the degree of sewage still dumped overboard.

Mr. Brown stated that work is continuing on the water samples and with the advent of cold weather, there may be better samples taken.

"We hope that the restrictions can be lifted in the near future, because we know that all watermen are not responsible for the conditions," he said.

He said the next meeting of the State Board is Dec. 18, "but the restrictions can be lifted earlier if the water sample values show up better.

At the same time one of the oyster packers at the Narrows said that other watermen are coming into the area under cover of darkness, tonging oyster and selling them before daybreak the next day.

He said that the "reputable packers" are suffering because of this practice.

Although the Department of Tidewater Fisheries patrols the area, it is not possible to get enough boats to cover all inlets and coves of the Kent Narrows section. This packer said that some of the watermen had gone to the Fisheries officials and asked for more boats to patrol the area.

"Oysters from Kent Narrows are being sold illegally nearly every day and we have never heard of anyone being stricken by the so-called polluted seafood," was his answer to the question of selling the oysters.

There are nearly 600 licensed watermen in Queen Anne's County and Clayton C. Carter, Centreville, is representing a group of them who signed a petition asking for a hearing before the State Health Department urging the lifting of the restrictions on Kent Narrows.

Dr. Robert H. Riley, director, has promised the watermen "every possible consideration, and even said he would meet with them in this county if necessary.

Ike Baker, Waterman, Beaten and Robbed

A 73-year-old white waterman was severely beaten and robbed Saturday night at his shanty at Kent Narrows and State police have arrested one man in connection with the assault.

Albert Hadrick, 32 of Queenstown, colored, was picked up by police and jailed Monday. He is being held for investigation. Another man is being sought.

Beaten and robbed was Ike Baker, who was found Sunday afternoon by neighbors who called police. He had been beaten with fists and "possibly a knife" about the face and head, according to the police. His nose was almost severed from his face .He is considered "not serious" in the Memorial Hospital, Easton.

He told police officers that he had been beaten and robbed of $400 in cash. However, $275 was later recovered in the safekeeping of Jake Holland, who told police that Baker had given him the money to hold over the weekend.