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PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowery and son and Mrs. Hilda Skaggs motored to Owings Mills on Sunday where Mr. Niles Skaggs returned to school.

S1c Donald Anthony of Brunswick, Ga., is sending a 10 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anthony.

Mr. Jerry Skaggs spent NewYears weekend in Townsend, Del., with his mother.

Mr. George Behr of Baltimore spent New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anthony. Mr. Behr and Mr. Anthony enjoyed two days of duck-hunting.

Miss Rose Waldron of Denton spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Morris.

Mrs. Mary Ann Clark of Washington, D.C., is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshbank, Jr., at Public Landing.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Baganlovanni and children of Philadephia, Pa., spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Oldham entertained Miss Henri Oldham of Chevy Chase, Md., over the holidays and they all spent Christmas at Cecilton with Misses Helen and Virginia Oldham and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Oldham.

Mr. Dan Aker and son, Jr., spent New Years Day with his brother, George Aker at Meadowbrook.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Erdman Melvin on the birth of a fine son, born on Jan. 1. The youngster weighed 6 pound and 4 ounces. He will be named James Erdman Jr., Mrs. Melvin was the former Ethel Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lane of Philadelphia, spent New Years Day with Mrs. Annie Lane.

Mr. Frank Dudley, Sr., was rushed to Easton Hospital on Tuesday in the Queenstown Vol. Fir Co., ambulance.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Embert and Children of Greensboro, spnt Sunday with relatives in town.

Mrs. Henry Smith and son, Jene, Mrs. Mickey Anderson and daughters and Mrs. John Anderson spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. John Giegus in Bridgeport, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Combs and Bonnie spent New Years with Mr. and Mrs. James Booker.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Urablic and family of Baltimore, were the New Years holiday guests of Mr .and Mrs. Edwin Walls.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mann and son, Michael, were the weeknd guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmidt of Glencove, Long Island, New Yor.

Mr. Alex Radcliffe of Baltimore, spent part of the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. George Steinfelt and daughters, spent the weekend in Spring Valley, N.Y. as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Holub. Miss Agnes Holub who had been their house guest for 10 days returned home.

Grasonville

Mr. George Jewell is again a patient at University Hospital in Baltimore. He left on Thursday to receive further treatments.

Mrs. Wright Haddaway has returned to her home after being a patient at University Hospital in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Collier, Jr., and son, of Harrington, Del., were the weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Collier.

Mrs. Edna Hoofnagel of Baltimore spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schapmeire of Baltimore spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bard Baker .

Mrs. Lucy Melvin entertained at Sunday dinner her children, Mrs. Jennie Burke, Mrs. Nettie Morgan, Mrs. Alice Grundeu and Mr. William Melvin.

Mr. Raymond Horney is a patient at Easton Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Earlbreck of Brooklyn, Md., were the weekend guests of Mrs. Mary Reitmuller.

Mrs. Daisy Jory and Mr. Joseph Evans spent Tuesday in Baltimore.

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Social Security Increased After January 1

The social security tax rate for persons whose work counts toward old-age and survivor's insurance increased on the first of Jan. 1954, Norman P. Foster ,manager of the Salisbury Social Security Office, reminded employers, employees, and self-employed people today.

This scheduled increase in social security contributions is not a new increase. It is in accordance with the 1950 amendments to the social security law and was enacted by Congress in anticipation of future obligations of the program. The present schedule was designed to bring enough income into the system now and in the future to keep it self-supporting. Under this schedule the next increase will be in 1960.

Employees in jobs covered by the law will have two percent deducted from their pay starting Jan. 1. Their employers will contribute an equal amount. This tax applies to the first $5,600 of earning in a year from each employer.

The new rates will apply to all taxable wages paid after December 31, 1953, regardless of when earned.

The social security tax for the self employed is scheduled to increase from the present 2¼ percent to 3 per cent, commencing Jan. 1, 1954.Since the self-employed whose work is covered by the law pay their tax just once yearly at the time of filing their Federal income tax return, they will pay the present 2¼ per cent on the part of their 1953 income that counts toward Social Security. This will be due not later than March 15, 1954. The first payments at the increased rate of 3 per cent for self-employed will be due March 15, 1955, for the calendar year 1954.

In the meantime, the Internal Revenue Service reports that employers will be furnished late this year with income tax withholding tables and social security tax tables reflecting the new rates.

$15,000 Loss Reported In Queen Anne Blaze

Estimates on the loss in the fire Saturday night that gutted a large dwelling at Queen Anne, rage up to $15,000 according to firemen.

Mrs. George Kilmer and her daughter, Georgette, live in the house which was vacant at the time of the fire. The two were visiting relatives in New York state and were called back after the fire.

There were a number of valuable antiques destroyed and damaged and the entire house suffered smoke and water damage. Firemen said that the fire, which is believed to have begun from an overheated coal furnace, mushroomed up an open stairway, and most of the front section of the home was gutted. Horace M. Morgan, owner, said insuranc partially covered the house.

Firemen from the neighboring towns of Cordova, Denton, Ridgely and Easton assisted Queen Anne-Hillsboro firefighters from 8 to 10 p. m.

JAMES CARL STARKEY

Services for James Carl Starkey, 54, were held Tuesday afternoon from Lane's Funeral Home in Church Hill. Interment was in Chesterfield Cemetery, Centreville. The Rev. Donald Clendaniel, pastor of the Church Hill Methodist Church officiated.

Mr. Starkey, life-long county resident, died of a heart attack late Saturday night at his home the day before celebrating his 55th birthday anniversary.

He lived at Starkey's Corner, named after his grandfather who owned all the land in the area years ago. He was the son of the late Samuel J. and Eleanor Starkey and had been employed as a bookkeeper at the E.S. Valliant and Son Fertilizer Company, Centreville, for over 30 years. His wife, the former Bessie Warner, is his only close survivor.

"The education of America's future generations depends on what you and I do today."—Charles R. Slight, Jr., NAM Chairman.

Civil Defense UrgesFamilies To Get Three Publications

In the event that you have been too busy to read the county papers during the past holidays, here is an article that needs your attention.:

The Queen Anne's County Civil Defense Headquarters last week urged each family in the county to take advantage of government publications which would help protect them in case of a nemergency.

1. "Before Disaster Strikes . . . . . WHAT TO DO NOW ABOUT EMERGENCY SANITATION AT HOME" is the newest Family Handbook (H-11-1. It contains basic detailed information on family and home civil defense preparedness with particular attention to the means of staying healthy after an attack.

The handbook urges each family to maintain a three-day supply of food, water and other necessities. It tells how to cook food and purify water in emergency. It lists special provisions necessary for babies and invalids. It recommends sanitary ways to dispose of garbage and wastes. A two-page tearout check list summarizes the recommendations for home preparedness which, it is important to note, would be equally useful in earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and other natural disasters. Copies are on sale for 15 cents each by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

2. HOME PROTECTION . . . . . A Family Action Program. Copies are on sale for 20 cents each by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S.Government Printing Office, Washington, 25, D.C.

3. HOME SHELTER FOR FAMILY PROTECTION IN AN ATOMIC ATTACK . . . . . Copies are on sale for 30 cents each by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Pringting Office, Washington 25, D.C.

Pupils Equal AP's Top News Choices

The Junior Class of Centreville High School, studying United States History, picked the Korean truce as the most important news event of the past year, matching the Associated Press news rating.

The pupils, however, selected the ratification of the European Defense Community by the West German republic as their second of the 10 most important events, while this front-page story was not mentioned in the AP's 10 top headlines.

The AP called the death of Stalin and Malenkov's succession No. 2, while the school pupils put this story down as ninth.

Adding more emphasis to the fact that the teen-agers think more about world problems was the fact that they left out the Greenlease kidnapping story entirely while it was No. 3 on the AP list. This kidnaping and murder front-paged every daily newspaper in the country for weeks and was probably the most widely-publicized since the Lindbergh kidnaping.

The inauguration of President Eisenhower was Event No. 3 for the pupils.

The rest of the 10 most important news events in the minds of the Junior Class were as follows:

4. United States Defense Pact with Spain.

5. President Eisenhower's United Nations proposal for pooling atomic energy for peace-time use by all nations.

6. Re-Election of Chancellor Adenauer as president of the West German Republic.

7. Russia's development of the hydrogen bomb.

8. Revolt of the East Germans on June 17.

9. Death of Stalin and rise of Malenkov.

10. Execution of the Rosenbergs as atomic spies.

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Commissioners Will Prosecute Anyone Polluting Narrows

The Queen Anne's County Commissioners ,who met last week with a committee of Kent Narrows oyster tongers, said that they will try to help in clearing up the polluted area.

The Narrows, which contains rich oyster beds, have been closed to tongers since 1949 because of pollution.

Recently more than 100 watermen attended a meeting in Stevensville with Federal, State and county health officials and asked what could be done to lift the restriction.

They were told that individuals must be prevented from adding to pollution, that unsanitary condition around Narrows tavens must be corrected, and that watermen themselves must help in disposing of refuse from their boats.

At that time, E. Oliver Legg, county commissioner, suggested that a commitee of watermen decide on the names of five fellow watermen to be deputized for police duty. Their job, he said, would be to catch persons polluting the Narrows.

The commissioners later decided not to deputize men, but to put up signs warning that persons adding to the pollution of the section would be liable to prosecution. It is also planned to place containers in the area for refuse.

Two Counties Ponder Zoning Actions

Appointment of a committee to study the zoning needs of Queen Anne's county has been delayed by the press of other county business.

The commissioner are drawing up the annual county budget and may set the tax levy today.

Harry F. Callahan, one of the commissiones, said the board would get to the zoning question after the current budget work is cleared up.

Names of prospective zoning committee members have been submitted to the commissioners by the county garden clubs at the commissioners' request.

A bill passed during the 1953 session of the State Legisature gave the commissioners the authority to set up a planning and zoning board.

In Kent county, the commissioners there said some action on zoning will be taken in a few weeks.

For the past two months the commissioners have been gathering information on the question. They said they plan to get public reaction first before going ahead with any definite step to set up a zoning system.

Kent Island C .of C. Gains Momentum

Conducting organizational meetings in the towns covered by the group, the Kent Island Chamber of Commerce is receiving "enthusiastic response", according to the secretary, Harry W. Rolker.

The Chamber formed early in December named Lee G. Bell, Chester businessman, as temporary chairman, and hopes to hold its final organizational meeting in the Kent Island firehouse, Stevensville, on Jan. 11 at 8 o'clock to elect officers and iron out a program.

Meetings have been held for Stevensville-Chester merchants, Queenstown, and another held last evening in Grasonville. The next scheduled meeting was in Centreville ysterday at 7 o'clock. A.J. Bennett, local lumber dealer, is chairman of the meeting.

The new organization has been formed to cover the area of Queen Anne's county from Centreville and all of Kent Island. The businessmen hope to bring some small industries into the area and promote more active trade here.

According to Rolker all the meetings have been well received by businessmen and 'all appeared interested in setting up a program."

"Many an old-fashioned clinging vine now has a granddaughter who is a rambler."—Dan Bennett.

Queenstown Vol. Fire Co. Membership Drive Now On

Below is a list of Honorary members of the Queenstown Vol. Fire Co., They include members from Queenstown, Grasonville Wye Mills, and Carmichael. If you have not sent in your $2 or more for membership, please do so today. Help those who help you.

The names of the members todate are:

W.H. Blakeslee, Ben Allen, Sr., Dunbar Chambers, Percy Allen, Carey Jewell, T.O. Meredith, S.M. Sewell, C.R. Rathell, T. Urban Golt, J. Parker Callahan, Charles S. Rose, Anna Moore, Mrs. William B. Lane, E.R. Leverton, Elmer Whitby, Roscoe Knox, Mrs. W.A. Turpin, George O. Yewell, T.C. Quimby, William G. Martin, Algernon Carter, R.B. Baker and Sons, Inc., O.P. Alford, III, M.G. White, Sam Friel, Robert Gise, Mary Griffin, Raymond Warner, Mrs. E. Lyon Kehm, Wilbur Smith, Hazel Dudley, Jr., C.P. Carter, L.H. Wehberg, Ida Mandrell, Harry F. Roberts, G.L. Gowen, Charles Metzdorf, Mrs. William Lane, Greenspring Milk Co., B.H. Lane, Harry Barton, Joseph Ginsberg, Frank Smith, Charles H. Butler, Guy Harmon, Jr., Edward Thomas, Harriett M. Cockey, James E. Reynolds, Clifton Green, Carrie Briscoe, W.H. Bishop, J.R. Friel, Leon Andrus, W. Frank Delahay, Arthur W. Bryan, J.T. Bishop, J. Howard Anthony, William Gerloch, Frank S. Dudley, Tim Bishop, Walter Jewell, Covert Crowder, Genevieve Bailey, Henry Melvin, Margaret Lowe, Oscar Drummer, Ben Austin, Jr., J. Edgar Bryan, Queenstown News, John C. Cole, Friel Lumber Co., John Kinnamon, Sr., J.S. Laughlin, Abraham Stein, Joseph Rhyanes, E.S. Rowens, Charles Anthony, Sr., Kennard Rhodes, Nathan Morris, Thomas Marsalis, R.E. Dutcher, William C. White, Carolyn Coursey, S.C. Collier, R.L.Ewing, Irving Drummer, Joseph H. Collier, Warren Butler, Mrs. W. Clyde Collier, W.C. Baxter, Harry Bryan, Clem Chance, Morgan Chance, William Beecher, Henry K. Seltzer, Armon Brown, Oscar Smith, Clarence Berry, Wesley Horney, Minivera Stafford Mary Stichel, Laura Coursey, Norman Pierson, Jake Paswater, Holton C.Harris, George Jewell, N.P. Corkran, C.L. McDowell, Bryan Walters, Herman Thompson, Sr., Charles Robinson, William M. Smith, Francis Ireland, Preston Ruth, Walter K. Hanson, Royden Curlett, Earl Hunter, Tyler Washington, Paul Gilley, Evelyn King, Arnold Palmer, E. S. Thompson, Garrison Horney, Walter R. Scott, Howard M. Hissey, Herbert Long, Charles E. King, John K. Sewell, Elizabeth Darrell, Marshall Smith, Adlai Bryan, Tilghman Melvin, Clarence Horney, W.A. Thomas, Wrightson Wilson, Otho Coursey, Luther Jewell, Tom Carey, Bay Bridge Motel, Harvey G. Council, Talisman Farm, Percy Saddler, Frank Haddaway, Winifred Washington, Howard Ireland, Joseph Heim, W.I. Tuttle, Thomas Swann, H.B. Hammond, J.E. Hogue, R.S. Swann, Joseph Berry, Edna Price, Harry Rhodes, James Thompson, Wye Plantation, Charles Lucke, and Joseph Magrogan, Jr.

Kiddies Brighter Yule Provided by Three Groups

Some 30 families in Queen Anne's County were given a brighter Christmas by members of the local Lions Club, the Unit No. 18, American Legion Auxiliary; and the Center Theatre.

Toys collected and repaired by the Lions Club before Christmas were distributed to 25 families that accounted for a grand total of 112 children in and around Centreville.

Auxiliary members and the Center Theatre management joined to send five large baskets of canned food and clothing to five needy families in the county, that included 14 children. In each basket was a large ham purchased by the unit.

A large amount of food was collected by the Theatre during the past several Saturdays as children were admited free to the matinees if they brought along some type of canned food.

Queen Anne's G.O.P. Plans New Drive

Queen Anne's county, where the principal political activity for the last twenty years has revolved around two opposing factions of the Democratic party, will have Republican standard-bearers in the county elections next fall.

That is the plan of the Queen Anne's County Republican Club, now in its third year under the chairmanship of Capt. Philip W. Reeves, a retired merchant ship captain who once was in charge of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey's fleet of more than 100 ships.

"We believe that good government depends on two strong parties." Captain Reeves said. "We think we would have better government and better politics in general with two strong parties in this county.

Republican Club is now canassing the county for candidates for the thirteen principal county jobs. He said he expects no Republican primary and that some Republicans will be elected.

Queen Anne's county has 6,323 registered Democrats and 1,8417 registered Republicans. Captain Reeves thinks the Republican total would be much larger if many Republicans had not registered as Democrats to have a say in local government.

Since there have been no Republican candidates for county office it has been common for Republicans to sign up as Deocrats in order to a vote in the primaries.

The Republicans club, organized by Captain Reeves, has about 75 dues-paying members,J. West Thompson, Jr., is vice chairman and Mrs. Ben Hayden is secretary-treasurer .

Woman Killed, 2 Hurt in Auto and Truck Crash

A loaded fertilizer truck plowed into a late model auto at the intersection of Routes 213 and 50, one mile north of Wye Mills, Md., at 1:15 p.m. Monday, killing one person and injuring two others.

Dead on arrival at Memoial Hospital in Easton, Md., was Eleanor Wilson 40, of Airey, Dorchester County, Hospital attaches said she died of a skull fracture.

Also taken in the Queenstown Fire Company ambulance to the hospital were Hester Height, 75, also of Airey, suffering a possible fractured pelvis and other injuries, and the driver, Milburn W. Stafford, 54, of Church Creek, Md. He suffered chest injuries but was not considered in serious condition.

The intersection where the Maryland woman was killed was the scene of a triple fatal accident on Labor Day, and after many requests by civic groups and newspapers in the area, the Maryland State Roads Commission erected a blinker light in November. Monday's accident was the first one to occur on the spot since the light was installed.

Maryland state police said the truck operated by Robert J. Purnell, 44, of Harbeson, was travelling east on Route 50 when his vehicle struck the auto headed south on Route 213. The truck smashed into the middle of the car with such impact it dragged the wrecked vehicle 35-feet across the intersection over a concrete island, hitting a signal light pole.

The dead woman had to be extricated from the car with the use of a crowbar

State police said the truck was owned by Johnson Brothers Farm Supply and was carrying a full load of fertilizer. Stafford told police he had been to Wilmington and was on his way home. Charges are pending.

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