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Monday's Storm Cut a Wide Swath Thru County

PERSONALS.

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Miss Georgia Carol Bowen is now spending a few weeks in West Va., with her grandparents.

Mr. George Bruehl of Baltimore, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reese. Mr. Reese and Mr. Burehl visited Mrs. Bruehl in Baltimore on Sunday. Mrs. Bruehl is recuperating from a recent operation.

Miss June Callahan is vacationing with Mr. and Mrs. Finley Wooters.

Mr .Robert Comegys of Wilmington, Del., spent the weekend with his parents ,Mr .and Mrs. Samuel Comegys.

Mr .and Mrs .Edwin Cockey and family of New York, are spending a vacation with his mother, Mrs. Harriett Cockey.

and daughter, Jane have moved into their new home and Mr. and Mrs. James Ridgely and daughter, have moved into the home vacated by the Goodhands.

Miss Virginia Walters of Baltimore spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmitt of Port Washington, N.Y., spent the holidays as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ginn of Washington, D.C., were the weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Linden Britingham.

Mr .and Mrs. Charles Young of Baltimore, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Lane over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buckle and daughters, spent Sunday visiting Mrs. Buckle's mother, Mrs. Blanche Schmidt.

Mrs. Pauline Austin of Baltimore, spent several days last week with Mr .and Mrs. Benjamin Austin.

Mrs. Janet Kenworthy and children of Ohio, are vacationing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Jelke.

A|1c Walter Howard, stationed at Sewart Air Force Base, Tenn., is on a 10 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Owens of Baltimore, spent several days visiting her brothers, Mr and Mrs. J. R. Friel and family ,and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. W. Friel, Jr.

Mr .and Mrs. Charles Howard of Wilmington, Del., spent the holidays with his brother and family, Mr .and Mrs. Benjamin Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Austin entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ford Tarr and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Council and daughter over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Oldham are entertaining his aunt, Miss Henri-Oldham of Chevy Chase, this week, and Mr. and Mrs. Oldham and son Jay, will vacation for several days at Ocean City.

Mrs. Nan Snider has returned to her home in Baltimore after spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Walbert.

Mrs. Lex Radcliffe and family of Baltimore spent the holidays with Mr.Radcliffe and Mr. and Mrs.Harry Roberts.

Mrs. Muriel Livingston and sons of Roanoke, Va., are vacationing with her brother ,Mr. and Mrs. J. Charles Bishop and family.

Mr. Edwin Shortall of Selbyville, Del., was the weekend visitor of Mrs. Price and his sons, Timmy and Mike Shortall.

Little Miss Kay Walls is visiting her grandparents in Queen Anne.

Rev. and Mrs. James R. Hughes spent the holidays visiting in N.J.

Miss Linda Melvin of Millington is the house guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Melvin and Miss Florence Melvin.

Mrs. Sally Beecher of Easton, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Smith.

S|Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas I. Seward left on Tuesday to return to their home in Lorado, Texas. They will stop for a short visit with his brother an dwife, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Seward in Miami, Fla. Patricia and Ronnie Seward returned with their father for a summer vacation in Lorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melvin and daughter Linda of Millington,

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Dr. Norman S. Dudley, Church Hill, Dies at 80

Dr. Norman Spear Dudley died in Kent-Queen Anne's Hospital at Chestertown last Thursday night, July 1, He had practiced at Church Hill for 53 years. His death left the town without a physician.

Dr. Dudley was 80 April 1, but continued active in his practice up to the time he was seized by a paralytic stroke Tuesday before his death.

"Typical Country Doctor"

Washington College honored him at its commencement exercises last year as a "typical country doctor" and cited his more than a half a century of service to medicine in the rural field.

Dr. Dudley was born at near-by Sudlersville. His father was a doctor. He attended Washington College for three years and got his degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1901.

Once Held Political Office

Many years age he served for a time as Queen Anne's Countyhealth officer and coroner and for twelve years as register of wills. He was a past president of the Queen Anne's County Medical Society.

Survivors include his wife, the former Clara Elizabeth Walls and their five children: S. Charles, of Louisville, Ky., Norman Spear Dudley, Jr., of Tampa, Fla., Philip L. Dudley, of Wichita, Kan., Mrs.Shade W. Griffin of Key West, Fla., and Mrs. William E. Dixon ,of Glen Burnie.

Also surviving are a brother and sister, C. Branford Dudley of Church Hill, and Mrs. Lillian Chandler, of Miami, Fla.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church at Centreville.

4 Men Injured Critically In Auto Accident on Friday

Four men were injured, one of them critically, in a three-truck accident on Route 50 in Queen Anne's county early Friday morning.

The most seriously injured was Emory Newton, 48, of Chestertown. He was admitted to Easton Memorial Hospital with a possible broken neck, fractured left arm and lacerations.

Mr. Newton was a passenger in a truck operated by Charles J. Meekins, 43 of Worton, who received rib injuries and lacerations. A second passenger in the truck, Franklin Roberts, 16, of Chestertown, sustained lacerations of the left eye.

The fourth man injured was Richard H. Clark 332, of 1719 Wilkens avenue. He was operating a Sunpapers truck. Physicians said he suffered lacerations and a possibly fractured neck.

Trooper First Class C.A. Kirkpatrick, of the State police, reported that Mr. Clark was northbound on Route 50, about eight tenths of a mile south of Route 213, when he overtook a milk truck operated by Earl Brown, 34, Negro, and attempted to pass it.

Seeing that he couldn't because of oncoming traffic, Mr .Clark tried to re-enter the north lane ,but skidded into the rear of the milk truck and then caromed into the southbound lane into the path of Mr. Meekin's truck. All the injured were taken to the hospital in the Queenstown Volunteer Fire Department ambulance.

Hill Backs Turner In Congress Race

William D. Hill, Easton druggist defeated by Edward Turner in his try for Congress from the First Congressional district, said last Thursday he will work for Turner's candidacy in the general elections.

Hill polled a surprising 10,500 votes as a political newcomer without organized Democratic support.

"The Democrats will win this time," said Hill. Turner is running against incumbent Republican Edward T. Miller.

FOR SALE—New House, including large corner lot, in Queenstown. $7950.00 Will finance if desired. Inspection invited. F.S. Dudley, Jr., Queenstown 3352.

Recount Began In Queen Anne's County Tuesday

More than 4,000 votes cast in Queen Anne's county in last week's gubernatorial primary fell under tally-by-tally scrutiny at Centreville Tuesday as George P. Mahoney pressed his last-ditch effort to wrest the Democratic nomination from Dr. H.C. Byrd.

The county squeezed into the Byrd column by 53 votes and Tuesday's official recount, coupled with similar proposed action in Talbot county, marks Mr .Mahoney's strongest fight to tip the election to his camp.

As the tedious county-wide survey began Tuesday, Mahoney lieutenants prepared to file a petition for another recount in Talbot county.

Recount Authorized

The court has already authorized such a procedure by the setting of bond, and the only technicality now to be observed is theformal filing of a recount petition.

The State-wide unit vote now stands at 80 to 72 in favor of Dr. Byrd.

With a switch of the three unit votes from this county and the four from Talbot, the entire election would go to Mr. Mahoney.

Publicly, the Byrd forces have been shrugging off their oppositions back-to-the-wall fight. But heavy legal artillery has been on hand to represent the apparent victor each time Mr. Mahoney has challenged his lead.

Byrd Backers Present

Last week, for instance, Byrd backers were numerous in theCourt House at Centreville when attorneys for Mr. Mahoney tried unsuccessfully to have the votes in the county's Sixth district voided because of alleged "gross irregularities" concerning election judges.

The recount here came on the heels of a vote recheck in Baltimore city which gave Dr. Byrd 177 more votes in the Fifth District, thus cutting his opponent's lead in the area to 110.

The additional Byrd votes were found Monday when tally sheets used for unofficial returns were taken to the city's voting-machine warehouse and checked against the figures actually registered on the machines.

See Byrd Action

Based on the narrow margin, chances appeared good today that Dr. Byrd will take action to try to get the district into his column, either by asking for a recount or by contesting in court that twenty machines were rigged against him.

According to one of the county's officials, the recount in Queen Anne's county will take about two weeks ,as they are only able to count a poll a-day.

After a long, slow day of minute and sometimes heated examination of ballots for Governor, George P. Mahoney had picked up three votes on Dr. H.C. Byrd in the Queen Anne's county recount Tuesday.

Only one ballot box ,one half of one per cent, was recounted. With seventeen ballot boxes to go, every one connected with the tabulation was preparing for a long siege of arguments and pouring over ballots.

The half precinct accounted for Tuesday represents 264 votes. A little over 4,000 votes were cast in the election and Dr. Byrd leads by 53 votes in the official canvass.

Both principles, Dr. Byrd and Mr. Mahoney were in the court room of the Queen Anne's County court house as the counting and arguments went on.

The recount is being held at Mr. Mahoney's request.

If the recount should go in his favor, Queen Anne's three unit votes would still leave him one vote short of 76 unit votes required to tie Dr. Byrd.

One of the tellers during the morning and the latter part of the afternoon was Joseph George, of Sudlersville, a Queen Anne's county political leader, who supported Dr. Byrd

Mr. George spent the whole day in the court room.

Queen Anne's Taly Gives Byrd 53-Vote Majority

Despite strenous objections by a Baltimore lawyer representing George P .Mahoney ,the official vote tally in Queen Anne's County Thursday gave Dr. H.C. Byrd the county's three convention votes by a 53-vote majority .

Hyman Pressman, controversial Baltimore lawyer who represented the defeated gubernatorial candidate Mr. Mahoney, challenged the judges and clerks of election in three of the county's seven election districts.

Pressman also charged "gross irregularities during the primary election in the first, fourth and sixth districts." The Board of Elections Supervisors of Queen Anne's County met at 1 p.m. in the court house and despite objections by Pressman immediately organized as a board of canvassers for election.

Raymond F. Coursey was named chairman, Walter W. Elburn, secretary, and Walter Jewell was the third member.

The board proceeded to canvass the vote and submitted the final official election figures:

Pressman continued to object to certain counts in the various election districts but the board refused to hear him.

Dr. Byrd was represented at the canvass by Ralph Towers, Prince George's County attorney.

Pressman asked the board to allow him to bring four witnesses to show that two judges were not qualified in the sixth district. This was also denied.

As a last resort, Pressman asked to see the certificates of eligibility of clerks and judges and any substitute throughout the county.

The board said it would take several hours to get them out, and told him to come back tomorrow.

There were four absentee ballots counted from soldiers away from the county and all went for Dr. Byrd.

The final county showed Byrd with 2,035 against Mahoney's 1,982.

Queen Anne's County, with a unit count of three, was one of three counties in Maryland that Mahoney lost by a slight majority. The others were Talbot, four units; and Calvert three.

Final tally also showed State Senator Edward Turner with 2,786 votes over his opponent, William Hill, with 1,044.

The Republican official vote gave incumbent Edward T. Miller an even 500 votes against his rival Mrs. William Walker, 11, for the U.S. House of Representatives seat from the First District.

In the gubernatorial race, Gov. Theodore R .McKeldin polled 485 votes while his three opponets totaled 42.

Kent Islanders Boast of Yacht Club Without a Yacht

The Kent Island Yacht Club has been formed with the unique distinction, according to the members, of being the only yacht club in the country without a yacht.

"Several dinghies and a sailboat or two but no yachts," said the organization committee.

Tom Johnson, William Mack, Clinton White and Ralph Hoyt are the guiding hands back of this new county organization which has its headquarters in the old farm house at Harbor View, just south of the Kent Island Shopping Center.

The club has been formed with the purpose of any Kent Island resident being able to join and participate in the club facilities and activities which are being lined up. There is a large lake for sailing,fishing and swimming and Cox's Creek leads out into the Chester River.

The building is being renovated with kitchen and bath facilities, and overnight guests will be lodged in guests rooms upstairs. There will be picnic grounds in the area also.

"This is only a beginning," according to the committee, "but we feel a real need for a club of this sort on Kent Island and invite anyone interested to join."

$1,611 Raised In Cancer Drive In County

Queen Anne's County 1954 cancer drive hit an all time high this year with $1621.06. This is the largest amount ever raised in the county and is double last year's drive.

The established quota of $1250 went over the top a gratifying 130 per cent.

A breakdown of the districts follows:

1st, Mrs. George Phillips, chairman—quota $150; raised $159.50.

2nd, Mrs. Francis Hall, chairman—quota $125; raised $123.

3rd, Mrs. Marilee Thompson,chairman—quota $300, raised $599.85.

4th, Miss Catherine Kirwan,chairman—quota $150; raised $80.50.

5th, Queenstown, Mrs. Gladys Crouch, Chairman—quota $200; raised $291.73.

5th, Grasonville, Mrs. Jos. W.A. Evans, chairman—quota $100; raised $126.

6th, Horace Morgan, chairman—quota $75; raised $55.

7th, Mrs. Clarence Landskroener, chairman—quota $100; raised $106.

Colored, Leon Taylor ,chairman—quota $50; raised $78.56.

County chairman for the drive was James E. Thompson, Jr., Mrs. Edwin A. Churchill served as treasurer and Mrs. Shirley Kinnear was in charge of publicity.

3,305 Students Enrolled In Past Year

Queen Anne's County Schools had 3,100 boys and girls to enter school in September, 1953, and 205 pupils to enter within the school year making a total of 3,305 enrolled during the year, according to a report last week from th Board of Education office.

There were 211 boys and girls who permanetnly withdrew from school because of change of residence, 40 withdrew because of being over 16 years of age, 11 for economic reason, 9 for marriage and 3 for mental incapacity. The number of pupils transported at public expenses being 2,345 pupils, while 749 were not transported.

Out o fthe total enrollment 18 boys and three girls were not promoted in elementary schools. The chief reasons for non-promotion being personal illness and immaturity. The high schools have promotion by subjects. 128 pupils finished the four high schools of the county. In September 273 pupils will enter the Jr.-Sr. High Schools of the county.

The three schools making over 96 per cent for the year were LovePoint Pondtown and Queen Anne, while Grasonville (2-5) and Queenstown made over 95 per cent.

The per cent in attendance for all schools in the county for the year was 91.8 which is seven-tenths lower than in 1952-53. The chief reasons being childhood diseases, such as, chickenpox, colds, measles and mumps.

Traffic Light To Be Instaled at Intersection 213

The Maryland State Roads Commission has notified State Senator Edward Turner that a traffic-actuated signal will be installed at the intersection of U.S. Route 213 and Temporary Route 18, about two miles south of Centreville .

This news climaxes another intensive safety campaign by the Queen Anne's Record-Observer which resulted in a new traffic signal being installed at Wye Mills and now this light at another dangerous crossing.

Senator Turner joined in the fight for both lights, and his most recent letter to the State Roads Commission urged a traffic light at this intersection because of the heavy traffic and the accidents which have occurred here.

Traffic from the Bay Bridge, heading north, overshoots the stop sign at this dual intersection and in a recent survey by the Record-Observer, in a one-hour period during a week day, 116 cars drove into the intersection from the west and 60, or over half, failed to stop at the proper place and caused several near-accidents.

Some Power Still Out After Shore Gale

Electric power and telephones are still non-existant in some parts of Queen Anne's County today following a violent wind, rain and hail storm which struck the Eastern Shore about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

The storm cut a wide swath thru the county striking hardest in the Spaniard's Neck area, through Centreville and east through Delaware.

The weather station at the Centreville Electric Plant registered 3.1 inches of rain from 4 to 5:30 p.m., and winds up to 70 miles per hour were recorded. Hail pelted part of the county, with Centreville reporting stones th esizes of marbles and even larger during a 15-minute period around 4:15 o'clock.

Trees by the score were uprooted and blown over in Spaniard's Neck and two large trees blocked two Centreville streets during the afternoon, bringing down electric and telephone wires in their fall.

Road Crews Lauded

Praise was given the State Roads crews, volunteer firemen and electric plant and telephone trouble shooters, who were on the job quickly and worked throughout the night in many cases restoring service and cleaning up debris.

The electric plant reported that "90 per cent of the trouble was caused by trees and tree limbs." There was sharp lightning, but it caused no fires in the area.

Several hundred persons at Conquest Beach, on the Chester River ran for cover when the storm hit. Picnic tables were tossed about, trees were blown over and boats driven up on shore at the beach. All swimmers were waved ashore before the storm struck.

Four adults and a small boy who had left the beach about 15 minutes before in a small outboard motor boat found refuge in a duck blind up the river and were able to weather the storm .Many other boats on the river at the time capsized or were driven aground ,but no casualties reported.

Tree Falls, Rips Wires

A large tree, on Liberty Street, crashed to the ground carrying with it electric light and telephone wires and completely blocked U.S. Route 213 at the height of the storm. Traffic was rerouted around the block by State police and volunteer firemen and State Roads Commission crews cleared the huge trunk and limbs in a matter of hours. The top part of the tree smashed into an apartment house owned by Milton Seney, but inflicted only minor damage.

A similar tree, about 20 yards to the north of this tree, fell to the street, damaging two cars, several weeks ago.

Another tree on Tilghman Avenue completely blocked the street after being uprooted in front of a house owned by Arthur Morris.

Tree limbs and branches littered the streets and yards in town bringing own other power and telephone lines.

Farmers in the Spaniard's Neck area reported that trees were toppled and tin roofs were curled as the wind swept over the area. Some crop damage was noted, but there was no indication as to what effects it would have on the wheat or corn crop.

Loss of electricity for electric milkers and deep freeze boxes, hurt many of the farm families.

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