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PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mrs. Jessie Rennie has her neice and grandson of Laurel, Del., visiting with her for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Aker and Mr. Warren Starr of Baltimore, spent the weekend at "Meadowbrook".

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fitzberger of Baltimore and Mr. Robert Comegys and friend, Mr. Nick Green of Wilmington, Del., spent last weekend with Mr .and Mrs. Sam Comegys.

Mrs. Margaret Lemon and son of Wilmington, Del., have returned home after vacationing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Greaves,, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. John Galicki and young son Ricky, spent the weekend at their summer home on "the Wye."

Mrs. Frank S. Dudley and son Wick are spending this week at Bethany Beach, Del.

Mr .Ross Swann, Manager for the C. & P. Telephone Co., had the misfortune to cut his eye with wire on Friday morning. Dr. Hoyt took 3 stitches, and now Ross is presiding behind smoked glasses.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buckle and daughters were motoring on Chestertown bridge, heading for Tolchester on Friday morning, when the explosion occureed. They reversed their journey and spent the day at Rehoboth Beach.

Miss Margaret Jane Jester returned home Sunday after spending several days in Rehoboth with her sister.

Many of our folks enjoyed the Firemen's Parade at Church Hill on Wednesday evening when the Queenstown Drum and Bugle Corp and our volunteer firemen participated.

Mrs. Walter Wright of Chestertown is spending a few days this week with Mrs. Louise Wright and family.

Mrs. Allen Maged and son, Stevie of Baltimore spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Stein.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Higdon and children of Westport, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Jeanette Wehberg.

Mr. and Mrs. S.E.W. Friel left on Monday for a vacation in Bermuda.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Smith of Georgetown, Del., were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Linden Brittingham.

Mr. and Mrs. George Steinfelt and daughter, Georgia Carol and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walls and son Michael, enjoyed Sunday at Ocean City.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slye and sons Billy, Bobby and Mark of Macon, Ga., were guests this weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Messick and family. Mr .Slye was a former manager of Green Spring Dairy and has a host of friends here.

Mr. and Mrs .Linden Brittingham, Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Lane and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Smith were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ginn in Washington, D.C. The gentlemen enjoyed the double hitter ball game of the Washington Senators and the Cleveland Indians.

Mr .and Mrs. David Clark of near Centreville are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby girl. Born on Thursday, July 15 at Easton Memorial Hospital. The little one has been named Pamela Michelle, and weighed 8 pounds and 14 ounces. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have one son David. Mrs. Clark is the former June Kaufman of town.

Congratulations to Mrs. Roland Patchett on winning the jackpot of $105.00 at the Queen Theatre on Monday evening. Another jack-pot will be given away next Monday evening. Come out to the Queen, maybe you will be lucky.

Several members and guests of the Queenstown WSCS enjoyed a trip to Washington, D.C., on Wednesday. They saw "Cinerama" and "Demetrius and The "Gladiators". Those who went were: Rev. andMrs. James Hughes, Mrs. Jeanette Melvin Miss Florence Melvin, Mrs. Edna Melvin, Mrs. Avis Cole, Mrs. Alva Collier and son Franklin, Mrs. Doris Yewell and son, George, Mrs. Claude Anthony and Miss Katherine Anthony of Centreville, Mrs. Gertrude Roser and Mrs. Mary Kin-

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Some 500 Attend Joint Rites For 5 Bast Victims

An estimated 200 cars conveyed some 500 persons who attended the joint funeral services Tuesday afternoon for the five unidentified victims of the tragic fireworks plant explosion in Chestertown on Friday.

Police Chief Howard B. Haddaway said it was the largest funeral he had ever seen in Chestertown.

Special details of national guards men and state police helped with the traffic and paring situation.

The five victims buried in the Chester Cemetery were: Mrs. Ida Benton Mench, 57, of Rock Hall; Mrs. Mary Moore Covington, 44, of Centreville; Mrs. Barbara Rockerman, 26 of Centreville; Mrs. Ida Batchler, 61, of Worton; and Miss Betty Wheddleon, 24 of Ingleside.

Four Methodist ministers officiated at services in the Marvin Williams Funeral Home on Washington Avenue.

An estimated 400 persons were inside and out on the porch during the service. Five rooms and hall were used during the afternoon.

Assisting in the services were the Rev. William Hudson, Chestertown; the Rev. James R .Hughes, Queenstown; the Rev. William Dore, Cambridge; and the Rev. Henry Shauer, Rock Hall.

The procession traveled from behind five hearses down Washington Avenue, through the center of town and out Route 20 to the Chester Cemetery, just three blocks from the smoldering ruins of the Kent Manufacturing Company where their lives were lost Friday.

The five caskets were lowered into five individual graves in a 12-grave lot which has been put in perpetual care at the cemetery. The five graves make up the front half of the lot and a large marker will be paced at the rear of the lot with a five-pointed star and the names of the victims on each point.

Nearly 250 floral wreaths and other sprays were taken to the funeral home and the cemetery, and two Chestertown florist said they were swamped with the vast number of orders.

Mahoney Gains 1 Vote In Talbot's Recount Monday

With the Talbot county Board of Election Supervisors scanning ballots at the increased rate of 100 an hour, George P. Mahoney sliced a single vote off Dr. H.C. Byrd's primary margin Monday.

Mr. Mahoney now trails Dr. Byrd by 49 votes. He was 60 behind after the official canvass of the Talbot vote in the June 28 primary.

At the end of the first day of the third week in the up-and-down Queen Anne's county recount, Mr. Mahoney had gained twenty votes, leaving Dr. Byrd's margin of victory at 33 votes.

Thus far, the canvassers in Centreville, the Queen Anne's Ccounty seat, have turned up 159 ballots, or almost six per cent of the total cast, on which voters made no choice at all between the two candidates.

The recounts are continuing tonight in both counties. At the rate the Talbot board is doing, the recount at Talbot is expected to be over on Wednesday. In Queen Anne's, it probably will be Saturday.

Since the Talbot board ruled out the use of magnifying glasses in the hands of lawyers inspecting ballots the recount has proceeded twice as fast.

Magnifying glasses, however, are still very much a part of the Queen Anne's scene.

Mr. Mahoney looked in on the recounting in the Talbot county courthouse Monday and Dr. Byrd appeared briefly Monday afternoon for the first time.

Dr. Byrd also visited Centreville. He had not been there since the third day of the Queen Anne's recount. He missed seeing Mr. Mahory, who stopped there Monday morning, by several hours.

FOR SALE—½-bag concrete mixer, portable. Good condition, good tires. Apply to Sam Comegys, Queenstown, Md.

Queen Anne's Garden Club To Restore "The Academy"

Restoration of "The Academy", the first public school building in Queen Anne's County, is the principal project of the Queen Anne's Garden Club for this year, it was announced at the July meeting of the group at the home of Mrs. John C. White, Chester.

The building is now used as the vestry house at the St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Church Hill, one of the oldest and most historic churches on the Eastern Shore.

A committee of Mrs. E.S. Valliant Sr., Mrs .A.C. Fox and Mrs. Frank Brower are working with a committee of St. Luke's vestrymen, headed by David Williamson on this project. Work has already begun on painting bricks. Much interest has been given this work because of the historical value of St. Luke's.

Mrs. Orsen N .Nielson, reported the Garden Club's annual tour a success. The fuds from this will be used on the restoration project, along with donations to the Queen Anne's County Free Library in Centreville and the Wye Church in appreciation for them having opened their doors for the garden pilgrimage.

Mrs. John Ashley gave a report on the May Flower Mart and said that all proceeds from this will be applied to the restoration project.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Howard E. McCullough of the Talbot County Club, the federation's district chairman for birds. The club plans to form a bird sanctuary and also junior bird clubs in the schools and as a scouting activity.

Said Mrs. McCullough, "Marylanders are most fortunate in having one of the three flyways for bird migration over Maryland. Besides the pleasure of watching our beautiful feathered friends, their worth in destroying insects runs into the millions of dollars."

She explained that ways to attract birds to the garden are simple Provide water, food, such as suet, fine cracked corn or sunflower seed, and a feeding or shelf near a window.

In the business meeting it was reported that feeding of the Old Wye Oak at Wye Mills has been made necessary. Mrs. Thomas Marsalis, Mrs. Reginald Truitt, conservation district chairmen and Joseph Kaylor, state forester ,are in charge of this special care of the 400-year old tree.

A request was made that all club members contact the Citizens' Committee for Planning and Zoning in Queen Anne's this important subject J.Bernard Merrick, Crumpton, is acting chairman.

Mrs. John Milne became a member and Mrs. Temple Blackwood transferred from an honorary member to the active list. Mrs. Harry Rhodes and Mrs. Richard Davidson will represent the club at the annual district meeting of Garden Clubs, Oct. 28, at the Tidewater Inn at Easton.

Mahoney Cuts Into Byrd Lead In Monday's Recount

With the two-thirds complete, George P. Mahoney, Baltimore contractor, has cut 20 votes from the original 53-vote lead of Dr. H.C. Byrd, former University of Maryland president, for the Democratic nomination for governor in the Queen Anne's County June 28 primary election.

Dr. Byrds lead was cut to 33 late Monday afternoon when the 10th ballot box was completed.

The wearisome job recounting the 4,000 paper ballots dragged into the 11th day in Queen Anne's County court house with five more boxes to be tabulated.

The Board of Election Supervisors Monday completed the A to J box of the fourth district.

Operations were suspended Friday morning when the series of explosions at the Chestertown fireworks plant that killed 11 persons, rocked Centreville and shook Queen stown.

William E. Elburn, a board member, and a volunteer fireman at Chestertown, left to help with the rescue work.

Combined Rites Held Tuesday For Blast Victims

Mass funeral services for five victims of the disaster at the Kent Manufacturing Company were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, and their graves were marked with a single monument.

The dead are included in a total of eleven persons who were killed last Friday when a series of explosions ripped through the Kent fire works and munitions plant, injuring more than 50 people.

Six persons killed were identified the day of the explosions.

The other five, whose bodies were so multilated that identification was almost impossible, included:

Mrs. Ida B. Mench, 57 of RockHall.

Mrs. Marguerite Emma Batchelor 60 of Worton.

Miss Betty Marie Wheedleton, 24, of Henderson.

Mrs. Mary Moore Covington, 44, of Centreville.

Mrs. Barbara Lane Rockermann, 27 of Centreville.

Death certificates for the five were signed Sunday morning by Dr. Robert Farr, Kent, county coroner, who said he wa salmoct certain of the identy of three of the bodies examined.

Combined Services Held

A combined service for the group were held in the Marvin V. Williams funeral establishment on Washington avenue. Then the victims were buried in separate graves at th eChester cemetery, about a block away from the explosives plant .

Donald Clark and J. Frank Lane, sons-in-law of two of the missing, said the burial lot will be marked with a single, five pointed star carrying the names of victims.

The American Red Cross closed down its clearance list Monday morning, announcing that all 275 survivors of the blast had been located.

The list, which was completed with the location of two survivors in Queen Anne's county and one in Chesterfield, was turned over to the Kent County Civil Defense organization.

Nothing New Turned Up

At the same time the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which has joined State, county and local agencies in a probe of the blast, said nothing new had turned up.

"There are no new developments as far as we are concerned," said D.K. Brown, special agent in charge of the Baltimore office of the FBI. Liaison work between the FBI and local agencies will continue, according to bureau headquarters in Washington.

Chestertown held its first funeral service Monday for a victim of the 60-minute explosions which rocked Chestertown Friday morning and destroyed 30 of 65 plant buildings.

Mrs. Mary E. Fellowfield, 64-year old wife of Harry Fellowfield, a Chestertown barber, was buried in St. Paul's Episcopal Cemetery on the Rock Hall road after services at the Wells funeral home on High Street.

Many Floral Offerings

About 150 persons attended and there were 35 floral sprays.

The Rev. William Revelle, ofChrist Methodist Church, told the mourners that could offer little consolation for the tragedy ,only the inspiration of God.

"We're still quite dazed as yet," said Mrs. J. Wills Wells, of Chestertown's populaton .She said mourners were very subdued and quiet. "And that is the attitude of Chestertown," she added.

The Kent county seat was almost evacuated Friday when the explosives plant went up. Plate glass windows were blown out and persons a mile from the blast site thrown to the floor.

Oven Blast Blamed

Preliminary reports of the disaster blame the explosions on a blast in a drying oven tended at the factory by Mrs. Fannie Robins, of Millington, Md.

Mrs. Robins is one of five persons still hospitalized. Though she survived ,her eyes were severely injured and she also received bone fractures. Her condition was listed as satisfactory.

Damage Checked In Chestertown Tuesday

A door-to-door inspection to determine the extent of the damage caused to Chestertown homes and stores by the explosions which razed the Kent Manufacturing Company plant last Friday started Tuesday by town police.

Tuesday was also a day of mourning when five of the 11 who died in the blast, their bodies so badly burned they could not be identified, were buried in a common plot in Chester Cemetery. Three of the victims were buried Monday.

Mayor Phillip G. Wilmer, who is also president of the Kent firm, said he ordered Chief of Police Harold Haddaway to make a complete survey of the damage.

He said reports that windows throughout the old college town were smashed by the blasts were "greatly exaggerated."

"Central Chestertown looks today just like it would any other Monday morning," he commented.

Wilmer said his company has no immediate plans on the future of the plant, which sustained damage estimated at $50,000 in the explosion.

"Our first concern is to straighten things out with the injured, then with those who sustained damage," he said.

The plant's 275-odd employes received their pay checks at the office Monday ,he said. Friday was to have been payday.

Insurance investigators were on hand to talk with injured, who are covered for hospitalization and medical treatment incurred by the explosion ,according to Mr. Wilmer.

The dead were not covered by company life insurance ,he said.

Kent and Sussex Fair Opens Monday, July 26

The 35th Annual Fair at Harrington, will get underway at 8 p.m. Monday, July 26th with Irish Horan Thrill Show featuring 28 acts of Thrills and Spills.

Beginning Tuesday night and continuing through the week, an elaborate musical, The Hit Parade Revue, will be presented nightly.The spectacular show is the creation of George A. Hamid & Son of Radio City, New York. The outdoor extravaganza, staged on various expansion levels, assumes a grandiose scale because it does not suffer the limitations of the ordinary indoor stage. It provides for greater audiences and a larger array of talent than does the normal indoor theatre.

Your hit parade favorites of yesteryear and today are enacted in dance, song and tableau.The worlds most famous composers receive the tribute of the Hamid stars. Lavish costumes and settings add to the decor.

The initial sequence depicts the "Toy Trumpet," the tune which Raymond Scott, director of the Hit Parade, wrote. Interpertive dancers carry beautiful, fairy-like trumpets in the number. The softer tones and pastel hues represent the Rogers & Hammerstein medley which follows. Included in the modern fantasy are hit parade favorites, "Secret Love," "Wanted," and "Young At Heart." They are danced by the graceful Gae Foster girls.

Fran Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody," provides for an intricate, fastpaced routine which whirls as rapidly as the composition itself. In contrast is the Parisian saucy can-can, long a favorite. The hit tunes, "I Love Paris," from Cole Porter's stage hit, "Can-Can" and the traditional can-can music, the chorus from "Orpheus," are used as background.

The climax of the sarkling revue is a dramatic skating sequence starring the Two Chords. The roller stars give a stirring performance to the hit tunes of America's beloved band-master, John Philip Sousa.

A 30-minute display of fireworks featuring a half mile long outburst will terminate each night performance.

Mahoney Group Shows Vote Buying Affidavits

The monotonous recount of votes in Queen Anne's County roduced plenty of excitement late Tuesday when affidavits were produced by the Mahoney forces alleging that five persons were paid to vote the straight Byrd ticket in the June 28 primary.

Hyman A. Pressman, chief attorney for George P. Mahoney, made the dramatic disclosure following the completing of the recount of bal lot box A to J Fifth District, Second Precinct. At the time Dr. H.C. (Curly) Byrd's lead was cut to 28 votes, the lowest it has been in the recount.

He had a 53 majority in the official canvass.

There are three ballot boxes yet to go in this unprecedented post-election recount, which now has taken up 15 days.

As the Board of Election Supervisors announced the end of the ballot box count, Mr. Pressman rose to his feet and asked the board hear him on a matter "of great importance."

He first read from a law book that stated that the board must see or hear of an yevidence of fraud or illegal acts in regards to election laws.

Said Mr. Pressman, "we came to Queen Ann's County for a recount of votes, but since we have been here there have been wide-spread reports of vote-buying. It is very difficult to get evidence of someone selling their vote, but we have been fortunate to secure five affidavits and we expect to get more."

He then read this affidavit: "July 19, I, Dewey Tribbett of Sudlersville, Md., went to the elcetion polls in Church Hill on election day along with my wife, Mary, and was promised $5 from Nelson Davis if I voted the Byrd ticket. After I voted the Byrd ticket, I was paid $5 by Nelson Davis. The above statement is true," signed Dewey Tribbett.

Mr. Presman showed that the affidavit was notorized.

Teller Accused

At one time during his reading of the affidavit, Pressman laid down the paper and accused Joseph M. George ,one of the tellers at the recount and long-time political boss of Queen Anne's county, of writing down the men's names.

Mr. George supported Dr. Byrd in the primary.

Mr. Pressman refused to read the other four names and affidavits because he said "Joe George would make a visit to these men."

He then requested that the board call in the attorney general of Maryland to handle this case.

"The entire county vote should be declared nil," he said.

He also pointed out that because the state's attorney of this county, Clayton C. Carter, was a candidate on the Byrd ticket, he should not be allowed to handle the case. He specifically asked that Carter disqualify himself.

Carter was to have made his decision Wednesday .

The board recessed for 10 minutes, and its attorney, Richard T. Earle, returned and stated that the state's attorney would get the evidence and also the affidavits. Mr. Pressman kept the other four and turned over the one he had read at the hearing.

The board sat Tuesday night, continuing the recount in the Second Precinct, Fifth District.

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.

WENT ADRIFT—14-foot bateau with 7½ h.p. Elgin outboard motor, last Friday evening, July 16. Outboard it attached to boat with oars and anchor. Reward. Tilghman McNamee, Queenstown, Md. Phone Queenstown, 4191.