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PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Thompson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Aker, Sr., Mrs. Mary Volk, Mr. Warren Starr, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. William Hepperle, Daniel Aker, Jr., Harry Joyce, Albert Stokes all of Baltimore and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thompson and daughters, Peggy and Bobby of Lubbock, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. James Bowen of Ocean City, all spent the weekend at "Meadowbrook."

Mrs. Mary Lane of Baltimore is visiting her sister, Mrs. J.K. Wrightson in Bryantown.

Mr. Edgar Jones of Baltimore, is vacationing with his brother, John Jones, this week.

Mrs. Morris Barsotti of Baltimore is visiting this week with her mother, Mrs. Lillian Knox.

Mrs. Wilbur Morris and brother, Marvin, spent Sunday visitig with friends in Claymont, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ridgeway, Mr .and Mrs. Mantle, Mr. Dewey Anthony, of Wilmington, Del., visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Brownie Anthony.

Mr. and Mrs. Zebe Hunter of Pasadena, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jewell.

Mrs. June Collier has been off from work the past few days sick. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Heafiner of Baltimore, who have just returned from a week at Atlantic City, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Ann Embert and Mr. and Mrs. James Boyles.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bitner and family of Baltimore spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Horney and family.

Mr. and Mrs .Sam Comegys are vacationing at Ocean City and Salisbury. They atended the races at Ocean Downes on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keister and children, Pat, Sandy and Joe of Baltimore, are vacationing with her grandmother, Mrs. Maggie Metzdorf and Uncle "Tootles".

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds, and family spent Sunday with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Cannaliato and family.

Mrs. Theresa Hile and Mrs. Theresa Green and Mrs. Charles L. Good hand and daughter of Parksrsburg, W. Va., spent the weekend as the guest of Mrs. Herbert Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. James Seward and daughter Bobby of Centreville were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Skaggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Melvin and Miss Florence Melvin were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Saddler and family in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ginn of Washington, were weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Linden Brittingham.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Higdon on the birth of a fine son.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sweizer of Bellefonte, Del., spent a few days last week with her brother ,Capt. Willie Schelberg while enroute to the Pocono Mountains for a vacation.

Mrs. Rena Willson and nephew, Jerry Kaufman, spent the weekend at Fort George G. Meade.

Mrs. Rose Skaggs and granddaughters Iinda Lou and Rose Marie of Townsend, Del., and Mrs. Marietta Banning of Middletown, Del., were Tuesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Skaggs.

Dr. and Mrs. Fulton and sons of Detroit, Michigan, are vacationing with her mother, Mrs. Harriett Cockey.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Messick and children spent Sunday a tRehoboth and Ocean City.

Miss Lorraine Dillehunt is spending a weeks vacation in Spring Valley, N.Y. with her mother.

The Boy Scout troop 148 of Queen stown, are enjoying a week at Camp Rodney ,near North East, Md.

Grasonville

Mrs. Alma Lopez and son, Mrs. Viola Thompson, Mrs. Lillian Bryan and Johhny Horney ,enjoyed last Wednesday at Tolchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Long have returned from a trip to Niagara Falls and Canada.

Mrs. Howard Lewis and sons of Annapolis ,spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Grace Ruth.

Congratulations to Miss Elizabeth Wilson, the lucky winner of $210 jackpot at the Knights of Pythias Bingo at the hall on Aug. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvert Hoxter and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stowe have returned after enjoying a trip to Portland, Maine, Canada and Niagra Falls.

Mrs .Florence Seward spent last week in Washington, D.C., with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chance.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Abbott and son of Baltimore are spending their 2 weeks vacation with her parents.

Mr. Joe Saddler, Jr., has been housed with a sprained ankle and Mr. Joe Saddler, Sr., with a mashed finger. Both returned to their work on Monday morning.

The Boy Scouts troop No. 138 are spending this week at Camp Rodney North East, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Summers of Catonsville visited Mr. and Mrs.

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Queenstown Firemen's Carnival Aug. 16 to 21

The Queenstown Volunteer Fire Company announced their annual carnival will be held next week, beginning Aug. 16, thru Saturday, August. 21.

Two parades will highlight the week's events with the Firemen's parade on Tuesday, Aug. 17 and the Comic Parade on Thursday, Aug. 19, both beginning at 8 p.m.

There will be entertainment each evening of the full week.

A ground prize will be given away every hour on the hour. The Super ground prize of $25 will be given away at 11 p.m. every evening. You must have a ticket on the grand prize, the 1954 Oldsmobile Holiday Coupe, to be eligible to win. If the person's name called is not there, the $25 prize will be doubled the next night, and so on through to Friday night.

Three big rides for the kiddies, 10 booths for your eening of pleasure. Come out and help the Fire Company to purchase the $14,000 pump truck. Your patronage will be greatly appreciated.

Field Day Scheduled For Wednesday, August 18

Plans are complete for the third annual Queen Anne's County Recreation Field Day to be held on Aug. 18 at Centreville Park with close to 500 youngsters from the county competing.

The Queen Anne's County Recreation Commission, a volunteer group that has directed baseball and softball leagues for all children nine to 19 during the past three years, reports that in case of rain the event will be held Aug. 25.

Three boys's baseball leagues and two girls' softball loops are operating this summer with 24 teams entered.

The program fo rthe Field Day will begin at 9:30 a.m., and continue throughout the day. Prizes of all kinds will be awarded for the various events and games and the public is urged to attend all day or part of the day. Honoray members of the commission will receive gate passes through the mail.

As a windup of the commission's activities for the summer, a big league baseball game will be viewed by as many of the players that want to attend on Aug. 26. The group will go by bus to Washington to see the Cleveland Indians and the Senators in a night game.

All players under contract are urged to get letters of permission from their parents to make the trip and turn it in with $1 for the bus fare to managers before Field Day. Anyone, not playing in the leagues but wishing to attend the game may do so by paying $2 bus fare, plus their admission to the game.

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Mahoney-Byrd Testimony on Ballots Opened Monday

In a legal situation unparalleled in Maryland election history, Chief Judge William R .Horney of the Second Judicial Circuit began Monday morning to hear testimony on a vote recount which already has dragged out 39 days after the actual primary election.

Testimony will be taken in the Talbot County Courthouse in Easton starting at 10 a.m. last Monday.

Judge Horney met with lawyers for Dr. H.C. Byrd and George P. Mahoney at Centreville last Friday and planned the next move in this post-primary battle.

Mahoney is seeking to gain the three convention votes of Queen Anne's county and the four of Talbot to upset the Democratic nomination of Dr. Byrd for governor. Over 770 disputed ballots are the subject of this latest court action.

Both sides agreed Friday afternoon to begin work in Talbot county Monday ,because 425 challenged ballots in that recount had been kept separate from others.

This was not done in Queen Anne's, and all 4,000 ballots will have to be gone over again at Centreville to segregate the 550 that the Mahoney side says were challenged, but counted and put in a box with the others.

Judge Horney said: "This is completely unprecedented," and sought suggestions from both sides as to the method of procedure. He stressed the need for expediency, because of the nearing November election. After it was agreed to start the battle in Talobt Monday, a stipulation was drawn up by attorneys for both sides and filed with the clerk of the Circuit Court in Centreville, concerning the preceedings to be used here when matters are completed in Talbot.

Both sides say the Talbot county batle will not tak every long, although Judge Horney must first see answers to be filed by both sides Monday and then hear testimony before reviewing or admitting any ballots as evidence.

The judge said court would be in session from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day until finished.

The stipulation agreed upon by both sides Monday afternoon states that each ballot box the Queen Anne's primary will be opened by the Board of Election supervisors ,all ballots withdrawn, and any challenged ballots by either side put on a separate string from those ballots not challenged.

Each candidate will have two challengers and one tally clerk. Each candidate also must post a $500 bon dto pay the cost of segregating the ballots.

The $500 bond is unusual in such circumstances ,but Judge Horney ruled that lawyers for either side should have obtained a mandamus during the recount, which would have compelled the Board of Elections supervisors to segregate the ballots.

However, it was pointed out that if the results of the proceedings in Talbot County, including appeals, if any, does not change the results of the gubernatorial primary in that county, then the proceedings in Queen Anne's shall be terminated.

10,000,000 Travel Bay Span in 2 Years

Nearly 10,000,000 persons have traveled across the 4.4-mile Chesapeake Bay Bridge in the two years that the span has been in operation it was revealed last week by Louis J. O'Donnell ,who manages the state's toll bridges.

This largest of Maryland's three toll spans was opened just two years ago on July 30, and in that time, a grand total of 3,888,889 vehicles carrying an estimated $9,750,000 persons, crossed the bridge. The total revenue for the period was $7,526,831.62.

Service jeeps operated by the bridge assisted 3,730 cars and trucks which included 730 tire changes and 626 vehicles stalled for lack of gasoline. In the 24 months there have been 12 fires on the span ,three of them serious enough to call fire engines.

Volunteer Firemen's Carnival August 23-28

The opening event Monday ,August 23 ,will be the annula Variety Parade. Time 7:30 p.m. Line of parade formation will begin at the Methodist Church in Stevensville, to the carnival grounds on the Stevvensville High School green. Anyone interested in participating, call Ray Baker, Stevensville 3323. The cash prizes and judges will be announced next week.

Tuesday evening will feature Wrestling matches between a professional Wrestler and a Kent Island man. The time of the matches and the name of the Kent Island challenger will be annonced later.

Wednesday evening will feature the annual Firemen's Parade. The parade will start at the Methodist Church in Stevensville at 7:30 p.m. and continue on to the carnival grounds. The judges and prizes will be announced in next week's paper.

The Exhibition Drum and Bugle Corps (29th Division from Baltimore will perform on Thursday evening. The exact time of the performance will appear in next week's paper.

On Friday, Al Ross Candy-Corner show will be on hand to entertain. Time will be announced later.

Last but not least, Saturday evening will be the awarding of the Plymouth automobile.

Hickman Resigns As High School Supervisor

Carter M. Hickman, in the public school system of Queen Anne's county for nearly 25 years, has resigned as high school supervisor, it was announced last week by the board of education.

In his resignation to the board, Mr. Hickman said he was going to enter private business.

The board accepted "with regret" the resignation last week at a meeting in the board office. Glenn T. James, president, said: "The board expresses its appreciation for Mr. Hickman's work in the county school system."

No immediate action was taken to replace Hickman, but the board indicated that an appointment would be made within a few weeks.

High school supervisor for the past five years, Mr. Hickman was born in Felton, Del., and moved to Roberts, at the age of four. He has lived in and near Roberts since that time ,and plans to continue living in the county.

He was graduated from Washington College in Chestertown in 1931 and obtained his master's degree at Columbia in 1934.

Mr. Hickman entered the county school system in 1931 teaching mathematics and science and coaching the boys' athletic teams at Sudlersville High School. He came to Centreville High as principal in 1943, also coaching and teaching chemistry. He was appointed high school supervisor in 1950.

Married to the former Marion Hardesty of Sudlersville, they have two children, David, 12, and Suzanne 10.

DONATE A CAKE FOR QUEENSTOWN CARNIVAL

The Women's Auxiliary of the Queenstown Volunteer Fire Co., will appreciate it if the women of Wye Mills, Carmichael, Bryantown, Perry's Corner, Grasonville and Queenstown, will donate a cake during the week of the Carnival—Aug. 16 to Aug. 21.

FOR SALE—TIMBER—About 10 acres of nice timber, opposite Boyles' old filling station on old route 50 near Queenstown, Md. Can be seen any time. Make offer to Otto Riehl, 135 Bayside Drive, Baltimore, 22, Md.

FOR SALE—35½ ft. 9 ft. beam deadrise, excellent condition. V8 Ford motor, new last year, fresh water system. Can be seen after 4 p.m. any evening at Public Landing, Bryantown. Phone Queenstown 3329.

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

Chestertown Mayor Quits After 20 Years Service

Philip G. Wilmer resigned in his 20th year as mayor of Chestertown last week, blaming "unwarranted criticism" in the wake of the series of the fatal explosions at his Kent Manufacturing Company at Chestertown on July 16.

Eleven employes were killed and more than 50 injured when the mutions and fireworks plant at the edge of town was levelled by blasts.

Wilmer told Town Council last week htat he was resigning because a petition, signed by more than 600 persons, had protested rebuilding the plant at Chesterton after he had announced in the press that it wouldn't be rebuilt there or any place in Kent County.

He said he thought submission of the petition to the County Commissioners after his announcement indicated "a lack of confidence in my sincerity."

The resignation was effective immediately, but Council members persuaded him to stay in office until the next meeting in September. Several members said they would ask Wilmer then to reconsider his action.

Serving Tenth Term

Wilmer is in his tenth two-year term as mayor. His term would have expired in January, 1956.

Mayor Wilmer told the Council his recent defeat in the Democratic primary as a candidate for state senator had nothing to do with his decision to quit.

He gave them this statement:

"Since the disastrous explosion at the plant of the Kent County Manufacturing Company, I have been subjcted to much unwarranted criticism. More than 75 per cent of the work being done at the plant was under government contract, and all of th eemployes had a full understanding of the nature of this work.

Calls Action Unwarranted

"After I had made known to the press that the plant would not be rebuilt in Chestertown or Kent county, more than 600 people, claiming to be residents of Chestertown or vicinity, signed a protest against the rebuilding of this plant. This action, I feel, was unwarranted and indicated a lack of confidence in my sincerity.

"Under such conditions, I felt it unwise for me to continue as Mayor of Chestertown, hence my resignation."

The petition submitted to the Kent County Commissioner, carried 663 signatures.

It said:

"We, the undersigned, residents of Chestertown in Kent County and environs, herewith voice our protest against the rebuilding of the Kent Manufacturing Company or any company manufacturing fireworks and or explosives of any nature within a reasonable distance of Chestertown to further jeopardize the lives and property of the community and its environs.

"This is not against the business as such, but against the location."

Under the Chestertown town charter, the Council will appoint a successor to fill the unexpired portion of Wilmer's term until the first meeting in January, 1956, when the may or elected in December, 1955, will take office.

Wilmer said there is a good possibility that a plastic products manufacturing plant may be built on the site of the destroyed explosives plant.

He said he had been negotiating with the manufacturer for an agreement which would provide assured employment for Kent's 300 workers in exchange for use of the land.

The plastic products plant's employes would be about 75 per cent women, he said.

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.

Byrd's Lawyers Defend Minor Ballot Marks

One theme of Dr. H.C. Byrd's argument in the current stage of the Democratic party's 43-day-old post-primary legal fight became apparent in Talbot County Circuit Court Tuesday.

Based on what Byrd counsel had said so far, the theme appears to be that it takes distinguishing marks—not just any excess mark—to invalidate a ballot.

Bulk of the argument by lawyers for George P .Mahoney, who is asking the courts to throw out enough ballots in Talbot and Queen Anne's counties to give him the gubernatorial nomination is that any mark other than an X on a ballot makes it illegal.

Classifying Marks

In the examination of Talbot county's 289 disputed ballots which resumed Tuesday ,Byrd and Mahoney lawyers were classifying alleged marks at the instruction of Judge William R. Horney ,presiding over the case.

Occassionally, William C. Walsh, chief Byrd counsel, appeared almost reluctant to classify a disputed ballot cast for Mr. Mahoney.

Once, he remarked to the court: "There is no question about a mark being there, but I think it came from folding the ballot."

He made similar remarks Tuesday, suggesting that certain markings either were flaws in the paper or an accidental pencil slip.

Arguments Deferred

Judge Horney said he will not hear arguments on the ballots until the classification is complete.

But Mr. Walsh's remarks indicate the Byrd contention is that a ballot should not be thrown out because of marks he regards as accidental.

Judge Horney said he does not plan to rule on the ballots in open court.

Appeal Anticipated

No matter how Judge Horney's decision goes, it is considered probable it will be appealed to the Court of Appeals.

That became apparent Tuesday when Judge Horney told that some of the ballots would be difficult to rule on, said from the bench:

"I have the consolation of knowing that the Court of Appeals will get the case no matter what I do and it will be difficult decision for those gentlemen."

Queen Anne's Next

As soon as arguments are completed at Easton ,the legal staffs of both contestants move to Queen Anne's county, where a similar ballot test is pending.

There is one staggering exception. The Queen Anne's disputed ballots ,unlike those in Talbot, were not segregated during the recount. That will require examination of each of the more than 4,000 ballots cast in Queen Anne's.

While that task is in progress, there may be a final decision in the Talbot case. If it goes against Mr. Mahoney in the Court of Appeals, the election dispute presumably will be at an end. If it goes against Dr. Byrd, the Queen Anne's case will be continued.

Mr. Mahoney needs both Talbot and Queen Anne's to upset Dr. Byrd's 80-to-72 convention vote margin.

2nd Annual Crab Feast Saturday, August 21

The 2nd Annual Crab Feast by the Kent Island Lions' Club will be held at Fisherman's Inn Packing house (not restaurant) Saturday, August 21 from 6 to 11 p.m. The menu will be: steamed crabs, crao soup, crab cakes, potato Salad, fresh tomatoes and crackers, coffee and cokes. Free Beer. Price only $2.50 per person. children under 12 $1.25. All you can eat.

Many patrons of lost year's crab feast came from Baltimore, Wilmington, Washington, Hancock, Annapolis ,Salisbury, Silver Springs and York and Glen Rock Pa., and several other places have made arrangements to attend. Be there come Aug. 21 and enjoy a wonderful evening.