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PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thompson and daughters, Peggy and Bobby, and Mrs. Dan Aker, who are vacationing at "Meadowbrook", spent Tuesday at Ocean City with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anthony and son Milton and Mrs. PatsyGertz visited Mr. James Baynard at the home of Mr .and Mrs. Kellar Crouse in Centreville. Mr. Baynard has recently undergone a very serious operation at University Hospital at Baltimore.

Mrs. Mary Giegus and son Charles and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Defvyraski of Bridgeport, Pa., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and son, Eugene.

Miss Delores Anthony spent the weekend in Centreville with Mr. and Mrs .Charles Anthony.

Mr. George Buhl of Baltimore is spending a weeks vacation with his brother-in-law, and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reese.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Rhodes, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Rhodes, Jr., are spending a week at Ocean City.

Mr. Claude Herring of Sparrows Point, was the Sunday guest of Mr. Henry Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Charles Bishop had as their guests this week his brother-in-law, Mr. Allen Weiss and Mr. and Mrs. Allan Dennis and family of Hebron, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buckle and Mr. and Mrs. Winnie Whitby attended the Stock car races in Westport on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs .Henry Reese and Mr. George Buhl visited Miss Martha Dietrich in Cambridge on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Steinfelt and daughters spent several days last week in Spring Valley, N.Y. with Mr. and Mrs. Nick Holub and daughter Agnes and Mrs. Doris Dillehunt. Miss Lorraine Dillehunt returned with them on Sunday after vacationing a week with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dockal of Baltimore were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brownie Anthony.

Mrs. Harriet C. Canterbury spent a week with her mother, Mrs. Harriett Cockey and returned to her home in West Chester, Pa. on the 8th.

Visiting Mrs. Benjamin E. Cockey in August were Dr. and Mrs. W.J. Fulton and sons, Billy, Edwin and John. They have returned to their home near Farmington, Michigan on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Warner of Bryantown, had as their guests for several days their cousins, Miss Cora Rodgers and Mrs. E. Ulrich. While here they gave Mrs. Warner a surprise birthday party on Aug. 11. Ice cream, cake, fruit and home made candy and cakes were served. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ulrich and son Stevie arrived on Sunday afternoon by boat from Baltimore to pay them a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thomas and daughter, Shelia and Jean DeJesa have returned home after a short vacation in New Jersey with relatives.

The Boy Scout troop returned to their homes on Sunday after enjoying a delightful week at Camp Rodney, at North East, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lane and his friends, Herald Shockley, Howard Watson and Bill Williams of Philadelphia, Pa. are spending a short vacation with Frank's mother. Mrs. Will Lane. Frank and his friends have been trying their luck at crabbing and fishing. It seems that the only luck they are having is catching flyes on the bars of our local beer taverns. Frank, the fish and crabs are in the river and not in the local beer parlors.

Lane Buechlern, great grand son and Irene Buechlern great grand daughter of Mrs. Will Lane spent a few days with her last week.

Grasonville

Mrs. Thomas Ewing and children spent the week at Ocean City .

Miss Jacqueline Curlett and Miss Yvonne Kimball spent several days at Ocean City.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Diggs and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Coleman of Tilghmans Island, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Drummer, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ruth were among the many who attended the St. Michaels boat races over the weekend.

Mrs. Addie Knight spent Thursday in Baltimore.

Mrs. Nettie Morgan and Mrs. Jeanie Birch of Baltimore, were the weekend guests of their mother, Mrs. Lucy Melvin.

Mrs. Charlotte Knapp returned to Middletown, N.Y. after spending nearly 2 months with her daughter, Mrs. Richard Knapp and family.

Mr. Norman Pierson was given a birthday party, celebrating his 64th birthday on Sunday. Those from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. Ray McGee, Mr. Waynn Gimbell, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Lloyd, Mr. Kensey Chance, and Mr. and Mrs. George Adey and Mrs. Helen Wright and daughter, Joann.

Little Marion Drummer left on Monday for a week at the Methodist Camp.

Mrs. Carolyn Coursey and Mrs. Walter Jewell visited relatives at Cambridge on Saturday.

Mrs. Louise Collier entertained her sisters, Mamie and Katie and brothers, Benny and Bud of Baltimore, and Mr .and Mrs. Jobie Collier and young son of Narth East.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Simmons were hosts for a baby shower for Mrs. Jean Radcliff last week.

Mr. Manship Jones of Fla. visited Mrs. Jessie Ireland last week. Mr. Jones was very glad to see and visit with old friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Horney and daughter, Ethel and Mrs. Jean Lowe and son are spending sometime in Belair, Md. with friends.

Congratulations to the newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Alton Burns, who were married on Saturday, Aug. 7.

The Busy Bee Society met at the home of Mrs. Ethel Smith on Wed-

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Jimmy Lane Challenges Professional Wrestler At Kent Island Carnival Tues.

The time has been set for the Variety Parade at 7:30 p.m. on Monday August 23 .Anyone interested in entering the parade, please contact Ray Baker, Stevensville, Maryland or call Stevensville 3323.

Tuesday evening will feature wrestling matches starting at 8:30 p.m. There will be two (2) bouts between well known wrestlers and the third bout will be Jimmy Lane challenging a professional wrestler. Jimmy won himself quite a name last year after challenging a professional wrestler as everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Come out to the carnival grounds Tuesday evening and join your friends in rooting for the challenger, Jimmy Lane to win.

The firemen's Parade Wednesday evening, the 25th. will be one of the biggest parades Kent Island or her neighboring counties has ever had, don't forget the time, 7:30 p.m. Thursday evening the Drum and Bugle Corp will leave Denny's Garage at 7:30 p.m. and march to the carnival grounds and give a performance at 9 p.m.

Two performances will be given Friday evening by Al Ross's Candy Corner Show. The first show will begin at 7:45 p.m. and the second show will begin at 9:45 p.m.

Last but not least, on Saturday evening the Plymouth automobile will be given away.

You can't afford to miss one single night of the Kent Island Firemen's Carnival. Every night a different attraction and free ground prizes given away every evening. Don't forget the dates, Monday, August 23 through Saturday, August 28th.

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 Biehl, 135 Bayside Drive, Baltimore, 22, Md.

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

Fishing Fair at Tilghmans This Weekend, Aug 21

Fish are really biting. Weather reports for the coming weekend are good for the 19th annual Fishing Fair Grand Contest at Tilghmans Island. Captain Levin F. Harrison reports that the Island Fishing Fair Committee has made arrangements for the largest gathering in theFishing Fair's history.

Party boat captains are getting their boats polished up and the inns are overflowing with famous Chesapeake seafood that will satisfy any angler's gustatory desires.

The U.S. Coast Guard and the Tidewater Fisheries patrol boat will be on the scene. Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland will award his beautiful sterling silver trophy to the angler coming the longest distance .45 other trophies and numerous prizes will be awarded Sunday afternoon to the best anglers and most attractife boats in the annual boat parade. The Grand Contest will close with the crab feast which will again show the wonderful hospitality of the Island people. Registration headquarters will be set up at the drawbridge, Fisherman's Wharf, Tilghmans.

For the best picture of the year, the Fishing Fair will award the Long Beach Flag Harbor Trophy.

And for the best story of the year, the NEWS and FARMER trophy. Both are sterling silver, engraved recognition.

Editors and radio and television men are invited to send in their entries.

Polio Unit Launched Emergency Drive Monday

The National Foundation foor Infantile Paralysis has sent the Queen Anne's County Chapter a sum of $8,000 to pay for patient care and the county must ask for more, announced Miss Catherine Kirwan, in reporting the emergency March of Dimes campaign set for Aug. 16 to Aug. 31.

This nation-wide emergency drive is to raise money for patient care, some 100,000 polio cases expected by the end of the year.

This county had 11 cases of polio last year and owed $12,000 at the end of the year for care of these children in hospitals. The national headquarters sent $8,000 and at present another $8,000 is needed.

"We need your help in this appeal," said Miss Kirwan, in urging the county citizens to give generously during this drive.

Coin envelopes will be sent thru the mail to boxholders and there will be coin boxes put on store counters.

No special benefits have been announced yet.

Prosecutor Begins Vote Law Probe

Howard Wood, III, temporary States Attorney, appointed by Judge William R. Horney to investigate charges of election law violations in Queen Anne's county, said Monday he is digging into the charges but has nothing to make public now.

It is expected that the Queen Anne's grand jury, due to be back in session September 7, will get the result of Wood's investigation.

Hyman A. Pressman, attorney for George P. Mahoney, produced five affidavits alleging vote buying in the county during the recent primary recount and this touched on the probe.

Mr. Wood was appointed to investigate election-law violations generally, a broader field than just vote buying.

CATCHING A FEW FISH—CRABS A LITTLE SCARCE

According to our trot line crabbers crabs are a little scarce. The flats on our shores are bear .Only a very few soft crabs are being caught and hard crabs are almost as scarce.

Our local hook-and-line fishermen are having a little luck. Some pan-size rock and hard-heads are being caught. Spots and perch seem to be plentiful. Blue fish are being caught in the lower part of Eastern Bay. Good luck anglers.

An End to Recount Snafu

A fly speck on a piece of paper . . a tiny smudge of lipstick . . . a smudge made by a dirty thumb . . .

All these have become imortant factors in deciding who will be a candidate for Governor of Maryland.

Could anything be sillier?

The miserable mess which followed the June primary gubernatorial race has continued so long, has reached such heights of ridiculousness, that now, among most people, it is only a matter of amusement.

Candidates Curley Byrd and G. P. Mahoney are, of course, deadly serious about the court arguments, the microscopic examinations of ballots the squabbles by lawyers, etc. And some of their close adherents probably are.

Outside these circles, however, even sturdy Democrats are inclined to dismiss the whole thing by now as a silly spectacle. Many of them feel that it doesn't matter much anyway; that whatever chance the Democrats had of beating Gov. McKeldin's re-election effort have been ruined by the post-primary mess.

But the situation ought to serve some useful purpose.

At the least, it should teach the State a lesson.

In theory, the squabbling over fly specks, lip stick smudges, thumb marks, etc. on paper ballots makes sense.

The trouble is that the theory is being pushed to non-sensical extremes which pervert its purpose.

The law says that where paper ballots are used the voter should make an "X" mark inside the square opposite the name of the candidate he prefers. Ballots with any other markings should be thrown out.

The reason for this is clear. The law seeks to prevent any political boss from making a deal with a voter; from saying, "I'll pay you five dollars to vote for Candidate Zilch and I want you to write two dots so I can know how you voted."

Therefore, in a recount of votes, it makes good sense to examine ballots for marks which could, as a practical matter, have been placed there for identification.

What is happening in Maryland now, however, makes a mockery of a reasonable law.

Obviously, if a mark is so tiny that examiners need magnifying glasses to see it, that mark couldn't have served to identify the man who made it.

Obviously, if close examination and long argument is needed to determine if a black spot was made by a fly or a pencil, or whether it is merely a defect in the paper, that spot couldn't be part of a code between a crooked voter and a crooked politician.

And yet, precisely such marks are causing most of the trouble in the present post-primary shambles.

Almost frankly, advocates of the candidates are not really trying to throw out votes; trying to invalidate the franchise for many citizens.

The bad part of it is that such shenanigans may have great effect. And the effect could be not only on the county where the votes were cast; they could be on the whole State.

It could well be that, if not now then at some future time, the governorship of the whole State would hinge on fly specks, etc. in some backwoods county.

It becomes important to the whole State, therefore, to eliminate this possibility. And the most direct way to do it is to demand that voting machines be used in the whole State. County politicians, who prefer paper ballots because it gives them greater opportunity for skulduglery should not be permitted to continue to impair the democratic process in Maryland.

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.

150 Yachts Expected For Regatta Saturday

A flood of late entries indicated that 150 yachts will hit the starting lines in Corsica River Yacht Club's annual regatta on Saturday and Sunday on the Chester River off Pioneer Point. Regatta headquarters will again be at Pioneer Point Farm the facilities of which have been made available by Mr. R.J. Funkhouser.

Many of the Cruising and Racing Division boats have entered as the Gibson Island Yacht Squadron and Potapskut Sailing Association will each conclude their annual cruise week at Corsica River.

The large boats will sail a single race starting at 9:40 on Saturday, with the line in mid-Chester River and starting committee boat being C. Porter Schutt's Egret. They will race down the Chester River below Queenstown and return. All other classes, Stars, Thistles, Hamptons, Comets and Penquins will sail two races on Saturday and the finale on Sunday morning.

Largest class is expected to be the Comets where 44 entries had already been received with a possibility that the fleet might swell to 50 by starting time. All of the top New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania Comets had entered and three had entered from the Maumes River Fleet at Toledo, Ohio. The Comets will be competing for the C. Lowndes Johnson Trophy and practicing for the Comet Internationals to be held on the same course in September.

At least 20 Stars from all over the Chesapeake and from Barnegat Bay Great South Bay and New Jersey will be competing for the Harry Wilmer Memorial Trophy.

Other classes scheduled are the Thistles, the Hamptons which will compete for the Corsica River Hampton Trophy, and the Penguins, which will battle it out for the Temple Blackwood Memorial Trophy, won last year by Jim Johnson of Cambridge Y.C.

The Corsica River Yacht Club will entertain visiting contestants and members at a beach party Friday night, which in case of rain will be held in the horse barn. Saturday evening George Madden and his orchestra from Wilmington will play at the dance at the Centreville Armory. Commodore J .Hall Barton will present the trophies Sunday afternoon at regatta headquarters.

In addition to the usual trophies, there will be crew prizes in the Star and Comets. Novice prizes have also been donated in the Stars, Comets and Penguins. The Gibson Island Yacht Squadron has loaned the club its electric hoist which will greatly facilitate launching of the Stars.

Commodore J. Hall Barton announced the following committees had been appointed: Charles E. Lucke, Jr., Regatta Chairman; Mrs. Orsen Nielson Housing, Miss Jane Herman, Registration; Mrs. J. Hall Barton, Beach Party; Mrs. Charles E. Lucke, Jr., Entertainment; Kennneth Wilson, Tender Service ;Gordon Seward, Mark Boats; Perry Alford, Lee End Recalls. Holland Potter's schooner Liat will be Race Committee Boat for the smaller classes. Tim Blackwood is chairman of the Protest Committee, assisted by D.J. Dunigan, President of the CBYRA and Tom Closs of the Cruising Club of America.

EFFORTS REWARDED WINS $60 WRIST WATCH

Kennard Morris, the right hand man of the Friel Lumber Co. hardware department, and a volunteer fireman sold 161 $5 tickets on the Holiday Coupe Oldsmobile, which is to be given away this Saturday night Aug. 21, at the Queenstown Carnival, and won himself a $60 wrist watch. Congratulations Kennard. Henry Melvin was in second place, he sold 144. Good going firemen.

Do you have a ticket on the Holiday Coupe Oldsmobile? If you haven't, you had better be making tracks to that auto booth, because the tickets are moving at a rapid pace.

Judge Horney Rules in Favor of Byrd in County Ballot Fight

George P. Mahoney's last ditch effort to wrest the Democratic nomination for governor from Dr. H.C. Byrd received a crushing blow Tuesday at Easton when Chief Judge William R. Horney ruled that Byrd had sufficient votes to carry Talbot county.

Mahoney lawyers had hoped that Judge Horney would throw out enough of the 254 challenged ballots to give the county to Mr. Mahoney.

In the 14-page opinion filed by the Judge, he invalidated 16 Byrd ballots and 12 Mahoney ballots. The final count on the primary election showed that Dr. Byrd carried Talbot County by 1,826 as against Mahoney's 1,769.

Figures Favor Byrd

After Judge Horney's ruling the final figure was 1,810 for Byrd, and 1,757 for Mr. Mahoney.

In the opinion, Judge Horney pointed out that the case could still be appealed to the higher Court of Appeals in Annapolis. This is exactly what Mahoney lawyers did and filed the appeal in Talbot about 4 p.m.

In his detailed opinion, one which is unprecedented in Maryland election history, Judge Horney had to review each of the 254 challenged ballots and rule as to whether they were valid. The lawyers had segregated these ballots into 18 different types of classes as to the difference in marks.

The Judge ruled 188 of the Byrd ballots were legal, and that 38 Mahoney ballots were legal.

Ballots Segregated

In Queen Anne's County the segregating of the ballots continued and at 4:03 p.m., Tuesday afternoon, 12 of the 15 ballot boxes had been completed. At that time the Byrd lawyers had challenged 1,027 Mahoney ballots, and the Mahoney forces had challenged 473 Byrd ballots.

There are approximately 900 ballots to be reviewed Wednesday and lawyers expect to complete the work sometime in the afternoon.

After that both sides will sit back and take a breather until the Court of Appeals rules on Mr. Mahoney's latest appeal. It is likely that the fight will be rejoined in the Court of Appeals on Friday or Monday. If the higher court rules in favor of Judge Horney, Mr. Mahoney is expected to withdraw all further court action as he needs both Queen Anne's and Talbot counties to win the election.

Local Carnival Damaged by Wind and Rain Mon. Night

Last Monday night, Aug. 16, was beginning of the Queenstown Vol. Fire Company's carnival. The festivaties got under way about 7:30 and a half hour or more later, a black cloud formed from the northwest, and in a few minutes, wind up to about 40 or 50 miles an hour, toppled over several booths, tearing the tarpolins and smashing up the frame work of the booths. Several tarpolins had to be cut loose in order to keep the booths from being broken up. The bingo booth was in grave danger ,the tarpolin on it which is very large, had to be cut and it was damaged quite extensively.

Damage to the whole carnival reached the $200 mark.

The local firemen wish to take this opportunity to ask each and everyone to extend their support during the remaining nights of the carnival to overcome the bad luck of Monday night. These volunteer firemen need your help to help you. See you at the carnival.

DONATE A CAKE FOR KENT ISLAND CARNIVAL

The Women's Auxiliary of the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department, will appreciate it if the women of Grasonville, near the Narrows, the Narrows, Chester, Dominion Stevensville and Love Point, will donate a cake during the week of the Carnival—Aug. 22 to Aug. 28.