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Turn on Your Light, Join in The Fight

PERSONALS
FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davidson were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Paca.

Mr .and Mrs. Benjamin Austin and son, Carlton, were dinner guest of Mr .and Mrs. Wedge Jones on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Wedge Jones at dinner on Saturday evening in honor of Mrs. Frank Smith's 75th birthday. We offer our congratulations, too.

Mrs. Emily Mann returned home from Baltimore last Thursday to spend several days preparing to leave on Tuesday for Chicago, Ill., where she will spend several month with her son and his family.

A|2c and Mrs. William Eason of Pleasanton ,Cal., are receiving congratulations on the birth of a fine baby girl born on Thursday Jan. 20 at the base hospital. The little one weighed 7pounds and 4 ounces.Mrs. Eason will be remembered as the former Miss Rebecca Ann McClyments. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bishop McClyments.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Walls celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Jan. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ridgely and daughter left on Thursday to spend a month in Florida.

Mrs .Bishop McClyment left on Tuesday enroute by plane to visit A|2c and Mrs. William Eason and infant daughter at Pleasanton, Cal. for a couple weeks.

Mr. Robert Gise spent Tuesday in Washington.

Mrs. Ellingsen left on Wednesday for her home in Baltimore after spending several days with Mrs. Ross Swann and Bobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baker, Jr., are enjoying a vacation in Fla.

Mr. Howard "Jigger" Todd spent Friday in Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith had as their Sunday guests Mr. Charles R. Saddler of Baltimore.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Walls entertained on Sunday at a surprise party for thir daughter Kay's ninth birthday. Games, refreshments and favors were enjoyed by all. Those present were: Kay and Michael Walls, Diana and Sue Buckle, Bobby Swann, Tommy Reynolds, Wheeler Baker, Margaret Jo Baker, Bobby Starkey, Peggy Rhodes, Georgia Carol and Peggy Lee Bowen, Diane, Carolyn, Peggy and Billy Lynch, Margaret Mary Lowe, Marian Coursey and Georgia Carol Steinfelt. Kay's grandparents, Mr .and Mrs. William Lynch and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walls, Miss Barbara Lynch, Mrs. William Lynch, Jr., Mrs. Cecil Wetzell and Mr. and Mrs. George Steinfelt.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and Mr .and Mrs. Wedge Jones were dinner guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Council and daughters of near Easton.

Miss Linda Melvin of Millington spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Melvin.

Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Melvin, Miss Florence Melvin and Miss Linda Melvin were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melvin in Millington.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roe of Dover, are spending several days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H .Lane.

Mr. Linden Brittingham spent Monday in Laurel, Del., visiting his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. William "Loose" Crouch, returned home on Sunday evening from a 2 weeks vacation in Florida.

Mr .Wesley Morgan is spending a few days here with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anthony and daughter, Miss Susie Comegys, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Comegys, Mr. and Mrs. James Goodman and daughters were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Grier and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Gray in Wilmington, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bitner and Patsy and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sewell of Baltimore were weekend guests of Mr. nad Mrs. Harold Horney and helped to celebrate Mr. Horney's

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Report On A Proposed Sewage System

The Town Commissioners have attempted to get the necessary information to decide whether a sewage system for Queenstown is practical. In order to be practical such a system would have to cost no more or very little more than a private system or septic tank and dry well over a period of years. It is felt that such a system would be welcome in the town only if the costs could be kept to $30 a year or less. This would compare very well with costs of private systems.

"There are several reasons why this question should arise this year. First, the water system is practically paid for and the town will be debt free. We are in a position to go forward. Second, the health Department is definitely going to be stricter due to pressure from the Federal government, because our fishing industry depends on the water that our sewage contaminates. The thousands of dollars that go into private systems might possibly bring us a municipal one. Thirdly, until we have a municipal system, there will always be the odor of sewage in our back yards. Fourth, with a water system, sewage system and a fine harbor, Queenstown should grow rapidly.

At a private meeting on Monday night Mr. Fieldhouse of the engineering firm of Friel & Albright, met with the commissioners and presented his estimates and discussed problems concerning such a system. He made the following estimations:

$83,000 for 8" pipe lines at $6.50 per foot. $10,000 for repaving street, $14,600 effluent line to river, $20,500 for lines leading from station towards Bowen's restaurant, (includes pump station), $40,000 for primary treatment plant, $60,000 for secondary treatment. Total $168,000.

This compares closely to Health Department Engineers estimates of $175,000.

He stated that usually engineering firms undertake such work in 3 stages. Their preliminary plans include a general survey of area and a written report of estimated costs and general plans of system. Secondary plans are then drawn and every detail taken into account. This includes specifications plans for bidders. The third phase consists of supervising the construction of the system. Mr. Fieldhouse's firm is to send the town a written report of his findings and any data that may lower proposed costs.

It is estimated that if the town tax rate remains the same a system could be paid for at $30 a year per customer if the cost were lowered to $100,000. Mr. Fielhouse stated that other towns sewage fees range from $25-$50 a year with $40 as average.

To get a $100,000 system for Queenstown would be extremely hard, if not impossible. By cutting cut a few items the estimated cost might be reduced to $138,000 which brings the project much closer to reality.

Greenspring Milk Company is at present installing a system of their own. Mr. Fieldhouse suggested that there was some doubt if a joint system between the town and company would be financially helpful to either. Grenspring would be put to a large expence running lines to the proposed plant and such a plant would have to be doubled in size in order to care for both.

In conclusion we wish to state that a way has not yet been found to provide a reasonable system with in the town's financial means. On the other hand there is no definite evidence that the cost is so far out of reason that the town can't expect to have a system in the near future. There are at least 4 ways to help accomplish this: Lowering construction costs, by borrowing money at a lower rate of interest, by getting financial help from the county or state, by increase in size of town.

The commissioners will give these things their attention and will be glad to hear the opinions of all concerned.

Queen Anne's County To Push Zoning Plan

Following a meeting with the Queen Anne's County Commissioners last Tuesday night, members of the Citizens Committee for Planning and Zoning in the county are to try to arouse sentiment for zoning to the point that the commissioners that there is a reasonable chance a referendum in favor of zoning would pass.

The commissioners have adopted a "show-me" attitude, Clayton C. Carter, president of the three-man board said.

Four members of the citizens' committee talked with the commissioners Tuesday night. They were Thomas J. Keating, chairman of the group; Bernard Merrick, Mrs. Algernon Carter and C.N. Harrison.

Cites Highway

Mr. Keating noted that "a million-dollar highway is being built through the county which will be ruined without proper zoning because huge billboards will blot out the countryside."

He referred to the final 3 miles of Blue Star Memorial highway which will connect the du Pont highway in Delaware with the approach to the Bay Bridge.

The committee asked for an interim zoning act to freeze county conditions as they are, but the commissioners took no action on the request.

Farm Bureau's Committeemen Announced

Allen H. Cohey, president of the Queen Anne's County Farm Bureau, last week named members of committees to serve for 1955.

On the membership committee are C. Frank Boyle, chairman; George Welch, Wendell Shawn, Lewis Davis and Oscar Schmidt, Jr. Legislative committee members include William V. Riggs, chairman, and Mr. Shawn, Mrs. J. Olin Jarrell and J. Herbert Carter.

Heads Resolutions Group

Mr. Carter also is chairman of the resolutions committee which has as members Mr. Boyle, Mr. Riggs, Lester Hogue, William T. Thomas, Mrs. Franklin Burris and Mrs. William Larrimore.

The education and policy committee is headed by Mr. Davis, with Alton Scott, Mrs. Fred Hall and William E. Porter as members.

Mr. Cohey is chairman of the executive committee. Serving with him are Mr. Carter, Mrs. Rachel M. Whaley and Mrs. Algernon Carter.

Other Members Listed

On the discussion groups commit tee are Mr. Zurris, chairman, and Mrs. William V. Riggs, Charles Marley Brown, John Reinhold and Mrs. Stanley Morris.

Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Linwood Cronshaw, A.A. MacGlashen and J. Bernard Merrick make up the publicity committee.

Mental Health Clinic Reports 88 Patients Examined In 1944

A mental hygine clinic, operated in Chestertown as a function of the Kent and Queen Anne's health departments, examined 88 patients at at least once in 1954, it was reported in the annual summary of activities.

This is a big increase over 1953 when only 54 patients were seen at the center, and according to the report, "would seem to indicate a growing interest in and understanding of phychiatric help."

The source of clinic referrals was widespread. The schools referred the largest number—32, which is in keeping with the modern school's concept of concern for the child's total behavior adjustment. Family doctors referred 14.

Kent and Queen Anne's split evenly on the use of the clinic, 44 apiece There were 57 men using the clinic to 33 women.

It was announced that the Mental Hygiene Clinic meets every Friday in the Kent County Health Office in Chestertown and its services are available to any resident of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties.

Judge Waives Jurisdiction On Teen-Ager Held in Theft

Two-teen-agers accused of being involved in a $1,100 burglary at the Draper Liquor store in Centreville last Nov. 29, were taken beforeChief Judge William R. Horney of the 2nd Judicial District in Queen Anne's County Court House last Friday.

The two, 14 and 17 years of age, respectively, hailing from Cambridge and Baltimore, heard Judge Horney waive jurisdiction on the 17-year-old. He will be turned over to Trial Magistrate J.W. Thompson, Jr., on a charge of burglary.

Meantime, Judge Horney withheld action against the 14-year-old with the thought of obtaining a foster home or help from the Children's Aid Society .

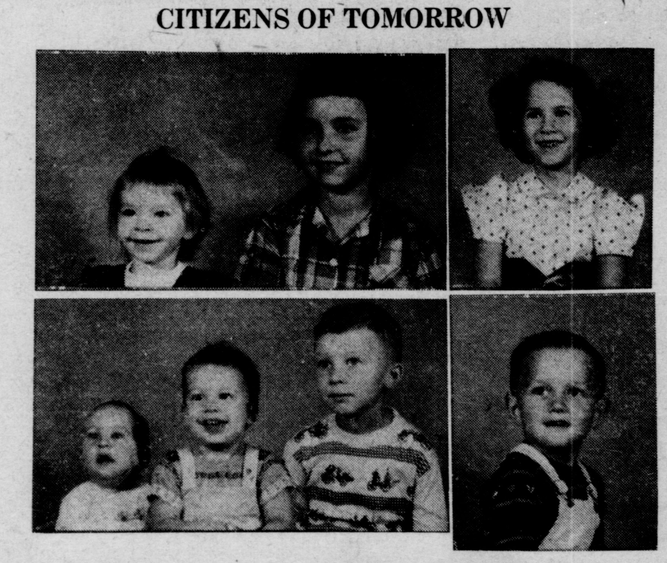
The two alleged were in league with two youths, 20 and 22, now being held in the Baltimore City Jail in connection with a safe cracking and theft. Detainers against the latter two have been placed by State's Attorney Harry C. Butler relative to the Centreville burglary.

Authorities explained today that the $1,000 total in loot consisted of cash, liquor and 10 rifles and shotguns taken from the Draper establishment. Another of the rifles was recovered in Baltimore recently, police said

The Draper burglary, police pointed out, was one of a series of 10 in the Eastern Shore area and they believe the four youths in custody may have engineered the other jobs or were part of a larger gang that committed the crimes.

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CITIZENS OF TOMORROW



Top Row— left to right—Georgia Carol Steinfelt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Steinfelt, Vivian Anne and Sue Ellen Crouch, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Crouch. Bottom row—left to right—William Edward Comegys, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Comegys, all of Queenstown Douglas, James and Martin Pierson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Pierson of Grasonville.

Photographs by Allen Studios, Detroit, Michigan.

Man Detained In Rape Try By County Officials

State's Attorney Harry C. Butler, revealed Monday that a 20-year old former airman is being held in the Queen Anne's County jail at Centreville on a charge of assault with attempt to rape.

The suspect's name is being with held pending completion of the investigation, Butler explained.

Although he did not give details, the state's attorney said that police are not entirely satisfied with present evidence against the man and are awaiting results of fingerprint tests.

Butler said the alleged attack occurred at 5:30 a.m. Saturday in a tenant house on a farm about three miles southwest of Centreville, while the husband of a 32-year-old woman was in a nearby barn milking.

The woman told police she was dusting in the kitchen and opened the backdoor to shake out a dust cloth when a man forced his way into the house. He turned out the light in the kitchen and forced her into the living room where he allegedly attacked her.

Her husband returned an hour later and drove her into Centreville to the sheriff's office.

Mr. Butler said she was examined by a doctor but there was no definite answer given on whether or not she had been attacked.

The suspect picked up at his home near the scene of the alleged attack later in the day .The woman identified him from a lineup which police arranged in the jail Saturday afternoon.

He was then charged with assault and battery, and assault with intent to commit rape. The latter charge carried a death penalty in Maryland.

Fingerprints have been taken from the light bulb which the woman said the man turned off with his hand after entering the house, Mr. Butler said.

John Deere Day, Tuesday, February 1

Farmers of Queen Anne's County and their families will be guests of Renshaw & Emory Equipment Company at a John Deere Day Program to be held at Centre Theatre, Feb. 1 at 1 p.m.

The program will feature the full-length, full-color movie, "Miss Hattie," a film story based on the life of the music teacher in a small town. The picture features a cast of leading Hollywood players and was filmed especially for John Deere by the Wilding Picture Productions of Chicago and Hollywood.

Besides the feature, the program includes the film, "Freedom for Eric' the story of a displaced person from Central Europe, and the amazing discoveries he makes of modern farm life in America. Additional films to be shown farmer guests that day are "Oddities in Farming," a newsreel type of picture depicting the unusual in farming practices; "What's New for 1955, a preview of new farm equipment that will be available during the coming year; and several short subjects.

"There will be no admission charge," Renshaw & Emory said in their announcement. "The show is absolutely free to all farmers, their families and their friends. However, admission will be by ticket only." Tickets are now being sent to all farmers in the area and that extra tickets will be avaiable at the store for the asking.

Queen Anne's Tax Rates To Go Up

Passage of the formal resolution setting the tax rate and budget for Queen Anne's county will be made at a special meeting of the county commissioners Saturday afternoon.

The commissioners say the details of the budget have been "pretty well worked out." The tax rate will be higher than the $1.65 it was for 1954, they say.

Turn On Your Light, Join In The Fight

Bless those windows shining bright . . . letting in God's heavenly light. The light of your porch Monday evening, between seven and nine, will be the light fighting polio, the light beckoning the mother in your block, marching against this dreaded crippler.

Perhaps, you've given once to the 1955 March of Dimes, but stop a moment and think. Think of the thousands of homes in which the patter of tiny feet has been replaced by the heavy, measured tread of legs in metal braces . . . children, victims of polio! To every victim of this cruel disease who needs help, the March of Dimes help, made possible by your dimes and dollars. So, think twice, this year and give double.

Turn on your porch light; hang a towel of welcome on your apartment door, between seven and nine p.m. on Jan. 31. The Mothers' March on Polio, Monday evening in your neighborhood. Turn on your heavenly light. Open your heart wide. Give to the 1955 March of Dimes.

Denton Woman Named Eastern Shore T.B. Executive

Mrs. Wilbert L. Merriken, of Denton, was named temporary chairman of the Eastern Shore Tuberculosis Conference's executive committee at its first regular meeting, Thursday afternoon Jan. 20. at the Tidewater Inn, Easton. A Constitution and By-laws adopted at the meeting provide for the election of officers in March.

Mrs. Vernon Sultenfuss, Queen Anne's County's representative on the committee, explained that the Conference has been in an organization stage since April 1954. It is a confederation of the local tuberculosis associatioon in Eastern Shore counties, which contribute funds to its budget.

Each member association is represented on the committeee by one person, Mrs. Sultenfuss said. The Maryland Tuberculosis Association, which furnishes both financial support and guidance to the Conference, is represented by William B. Matthems, Jr., and Francis J. Gibson, members of the professional staff.

Other members of the executive committee are Mrs. Wilbert L. Merriken, Caroline County; Reverend Richard C. Hubbard, Dorchester county, Mrs. Shelby Jarman, Somerset County; Mrs. William N. Kirby, Talbot County; and Hamilton P. Fox., Wicomico County.

Plans were made Thursday for quarterly meetings of the committee in June, September, December and March in a fiscal year beginning April 1. Tentative plans for a program and budget for the new year were discussed and will be adopted in March.

An announcement was made by the program director, Miss Clara Mergler, that "Within Man's Power" a film depicting the history of tuberculosis control, will be shown at 6:30 PM. Saturday, January 9, on Station WBOC-TV .

Heads Record-Observer Publishing Company

Glenn T. James ,past president of both the Maryland and Delaware Press Association, was elected president of the Queen Anne's Record-Observer Publishing Company, Inc., publishers of the Queen Anne's Record-Observer, at a special meeting of the stockholders this week in the newspaper office.

Mr. James succeeds Dr. James W. Crowl, who was drowned in a tragic gunning accident Jan. 10, the last day of the ducking season.

Mrs. James was named to her husband's former office of vice-president, while, A.J. Epstein and J. Hall Barton remain as secretary and treasurer respectively.

WOMEN WANTED

Make extra money. Address, Mail postcards spare time every week. Write Box Fourteen, Belmont, Mass.