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Fire-Radio Commission Formed In County

PERSONALS
FOLKS YOU KNOW

We extend sympathy to the bereaved relatives of Mr. Merton R. Shawn who passed away on Sunday morning at Fort Howard Hospital.

Mr .and Mrs. Ed Walls and children spent Sunday with her parents, in Queen Anne.

Mrs. Henry Reese is on the sick list .We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Carroll Pinder returned to her home on Tuesday after being a patient at Easton Memorial Hospital for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ginn of Washington, D.C., spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Linden Brittingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schelberg and son spent Sunday in Wilmington, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. King.

The Methodist Sunday school is having a bake on Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Fire House. Opening at 10:30 This bake is being held to raise funds to send CARE packages to India.

Mrs. John E. Kinnamon, Jr., and Mrs. Fred Roser motored to Baltimore last Wesdnesday.

Mrs. Frank Delahay is on the sick list at this writing with the virus. We hope she will soon be out.

Mr. Edwin Shortall of Selbyville, Del., spent the weekend with his children at the home of Mrs. Eva Price.

The PTA are having Game Night on Friday evening at the school at 8 p.m. Feb. 11. Admission 50 cents.

Mrs. "Buddy" Gabler is recuperating from the mumps at her home.

Rev .and Mrs .James R. Hughes attended the wedding of her sister in Philadelphia on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker and Mrs. Clara Thomas left last Thursday to spend a month in Florida .

Mr. Joseph Ginsberg left last Friday to spend several weeks in Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmit Callahan and Norma, Mrs. Mary Morris and Mr .and Mrs. Finley Wooters were Sunday visitrs of William Wooters.

Lower Fire Insurance Rate for Queenstown

With all the bad news going to taxpayers on increased budgets that raise taxes, the Queenstown residents and people living within four miles of the Queenstown fire house have reason to rejoice this week. Their fire insurance rates are going down.

Yes, with the addition of a modern International fire engine with a 500-gallon per minute pump, carrying 1,000 gallons of water, the company joins the other five volunteer fire units in Queen Anne's county in having the best fire-fighting equipment available, according to the fire underwriters.

The new piece of equipment passed the underwriters' strict test Tuesday and is ready for service.

It is a fine example of modern fire-fighting apparatus and the boys of the Queenstown company have a right to feel proud of it and their entire organization.

They deserve the full support of all the citizens of the town and surrounding countryside, especially those living in the four-mile radius whose fire insurance will be reduced.

If you feel like you can make a more generous contribution to the fir ecompany this year, don't hesitate to turn it over to your local fire men, you know that they are doing their best without pay, to protect you and yours from fire.Editorial in Record-Observer.

Grasonville

Congratulations to the newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. James E. Hunter, Jr., who were married at 6 p.m. on Monday evening at the Queenstown Methodist Parsonage by Rev. James R. Hughes. Mrs. Hunter is the former Miss Delores Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kelly of Chester. Mr. Hunter, the son of Mr .and Mrs. James Edison Hunter. Miss Sylvia Hunter and Mr. George Taylor, Jr., were their only attendants.

Mrs. Hattie Tolson is spnding

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Home Rule Snag Stalls Town

The incororation of the community of Ingleside, about 10 miles north east of Centreville, is being delayed by the constitutional snarl over the state-wide municipal home rule amendment, adopted by the voters in November, according to State Senator Robert P. Dean last Friday.

Senator Dean said he had sought to draft legislation making Ingleside the eighth incorporated town in the county but was advised that no such action could be taken until and unless the legislative adopts a "procedural plan" carrying out the intent of the municial home rule authority granted by the last election change in the state constitution

A bill to provide for the procedure to be used in just such instances as the case of Ingleside is now being studied by the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee of which Senator Dean is a member.

The senator indicates that some dispute has arisen in Queen Anne's County over his bill to prohibit the shooting of foxhounds which are sidetracked during a hunt on the trail of deer.

This bill is similar to laws enacted for several other counties but some deer hunters in northern part of the county have protested the bill while fox hunters generally endorsed it.

A hearing was set for Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 11 a.m. before the House Judiciary Committee on House Bill 70, which would outlaw the sale of crime comic books in Maryland.The bill is co-sponsored by Delegates Tilghman Eaton of Queen Anne's and Mrs. Myrtle Polk of Worcester County.

Centreville Firemen Begin Fund Campaign

The first "Blitz Drive" ever attemp ted by the Goodwill Fire Company at Centreville, got off to a flying start last week as checks in the amount of $75 were totaled at a special meeting of the firemen last Monday night, the day before the drive was to begin.

A concerted effort is made from Feb. 1 to Feb. 20 to raise funds through the Country Fair and an honorary membership drive. All homes in Centreville and the surrounding rural areas served by the local firemen will be visited.

Routes were laid out Monday night and two-man teams assigned to the rural areas. Centreville will be "blitzed" in a two night drive Feb. 14-15.

At every home where any type of contribution is given, firemen will leave a sticker saying, "We gave", and if the homeowner gives $2 or more, he will also get an honorary membership card.

Centreville businessmen will be contacted by the committee in charge, J.W. Thompson, Jr., C.E. Turner, Sr., Eli Price, and Frank Mayer. Chairman Thompson points out to all citizens that this is the only fund raising drive by the volunteers this year. "We don't have summer carnivals and will not run the honorary membership drive, so we urge everyone to give generously so that we may operate the company at top efficiency to save property and lives from fire."

Contributions ma yalso be left at Bartlett hardware store at Centreville.

STATE INCOME TAX AID

A representative of the State Comptroller will be in Centreville at the Court House, Feb. 14, 15, 16 to assist taxpayers in filing State Income Tax Returns for the calendar year 1954.

WANTED—Small farm or acreage on water. Vicinity of Queenstown, Western side of Wye River or on Kent Island. Must have anchorage on property or immediate vicinity with a debth of 3' meantide. Thomas O. Tilghman, 44 State Circle, Annapolis, Md.

WANTED—New and Used Car Salesman. S.E. Hallowell & Son, Inc. Denton, Md. Phone Denton 390.

Legion Honors Past Post Leaders

The 25 past commanders of the Jeff Davis Post No. 18, American Legion, and the 12 past presidents of the post auxiliary were honored Friday night at the post home during the regular monthly meeting of the two groups.

Of the 25 past commanders, two are dead and 10 were present.Eight of the auxiliary past presidents were present.

Called upon to remember highlights of their year in office were A. Sydney Gadd, Jr., 1935; EdwardEarl Coursey, 1938; George W. Aldridge, Sr., 1940; W. Edward Barton, 1945; Leonard A. Renshaw, 1946; William D. Anthony, 1948; Charles E. Anthony, Sr., 1949; B. Hackett Turner, Jr., 1953 and Earl W .Seward, 1954.

The women who received a rising vote of thanks from their members were: Mrs. Earle Coursey, president in 1937, the first year of the auxiliary's organization an dagain in 1952 Mrs. George W. Aldridge ,Sr., 1939; Mrs. Ernest Grubb, 1945; Mrs. William B. Hastings, 1948 and 1949; Mrs. Leonard Renshaw, 1950; Mrs. J. Wayne Blunt, 1951 and 1955; Mrs. J. Grant Yates, Jr., 1953 and Mrs. Marion Lieby, 1954. Each received a gift from the members.

A membership drive is under way and 196 men have joined to date. Comdr. William B. Hastings urged members to "sign up 40 more to break last year's record of 232."

The Legion's annual Ladies'Night will be held Friday ,March 18, at the Shamrock Inn, on the 25th anniversary of the founding of the local post.

Charles E. Anthony, Jr., chairman of the oratorical contest, reported that pupils from Stevensville and Centreville high schools would enter the contest and it would be held the last week in February. The district eliminations will be held at the Jeff Davis Post home on March2.

It was also announced that the post would sponsor a summer carnival and the top prize would be a1955 automobile.

Following the business meeting refreshments were served by the auxiliary.

Man Steps From Moving Car—is Hurt, Charged

A man who stepped out of a car traveling about 50-miles-an-hour, not only lived to tell about it, but was arrested for disorderly conduct and posted $28.50 collateral in Centreville on Friday night.

State police report that the car was operated by Mrs. Victoria Whitlock, about 50, of Betterton, owner-manager of the Royal Swan Hotel, west on State Route 300 near Church Hill, when John Cox, 49, an engineer with the Delaware State Roads Commission, the passenger, asked her to stop. When she refused to stop, he opened the door and stepped out into the darkness.

Mrs. Whitlock told police she stop ped immediately and started to back up, but decided she might run over him, so she turned around and drove back to where Cox was lying in the middle of the highway. By this time, two other cars had stopped and they helped Mrs. Whitlock load Cox into her car and she drove 10 miles to the Kent-Queen Anne's Hospital in Chesterton.

There Cox was treated for a deep cut over the left eye that required seven stitches to close; a laceration on the chin, two stitches; and an ab rasion down the left side of his face.

After getting the story, State Police brought Cox to Cenreville and charged him. He posted collateral and left.

HOXTER — THOMAS

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Thomas of Grasonville announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Betty Thomas to Mr. Stewart Hoxter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hoxter of Chester, Md. The wedding will take place in June.

FOR RENT—5-room house in Queenstown. Running water and electric. Apply to W.G. Rowe, Perry Point, Md. Phone Perryville 5337.

Shawn Rites Held Wed., Was Farm Aide

Funeral services for Merton Ross Shawn, 57, past president of the Queen Anne's County Farm Bureau and prominient in agricultural activtities for a number of years, were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday from the Wye Methodist Church in Carmichael.

Mr .Shawn had been in failing health for several years when he died at 12:15 a.m. Sunday in the Fort Howard Veterans Hospital, Baltimore, of valvular heart disease. Although he had returned from the hospital recently, he was taken back Saturday by the Queenstown Fire Company ambulance.

Born on April 1, 1897, near Wye Mills, the son of the late Harry D. and Mare E. Bell Shawn, he was a farmer all his life and on Dec. 30, 1926, married the former Sarah E. Mandrell in the Carmichael Methodist parsonage.

A veteran of World War I, he was named president of the county Farm Eureau organization in 1939 and served four years. He was also president of the Queen Anne's County Cooperative Board from 1945 to 1948. Chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Office,he was also the district supervisor of the Queen Anne's County Soil Conservation Committee at the time of his death. A past master of the Centreville Lodge No. 29, AF and AM, he was trustee of the Wye Methodist church.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three daughters ,Mrs. Gordon Callahan, Easton; Ellen and Sally at home. Ellen is attending the Uni versity of Maryland .He is also survived by a twin brother, Gordon L. Shawn, well-known farmer near Queenstown, and a ssiter, Mrs. Franklin Holden, Easton.

Services were conducted by the Rev. James R. Hughes, pastor of the church, with interment in the Chesterfield Cemetery, Centreville.

Annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale Begins March 7-21

The Peninsula Girl Scout Council will hold its first annaul Girl Scout Cookie Sale from March 7-21 inclusive. Girl Scout Week, March 7-12, cincides with the beginning of the sale.

The cookies will sell for 40c per box of which 3c per box will be returned to the local troop selling them. The remainder of the funds will be used to help provide a camp for the Scouts in the Peninsula Council and to further the camping program in general.

Each troop will want to sell as many cookies as possible and the public is urged to cooperate with them. The troop in the council area which sells the most cookies will be awarded a "Girl Scout Achievement Award" and each Scout in that winning troop will be given an honorary pin to wear on their uniform.

In addition ,the one Scout thruout the entire area who sells the largest number of boxes of cookies will be crowned "Miss Cookie Queen of 1955," The Queen will be presented at the May Council meeting and also at the Spring Rally.

Mrs .Lewis W. White, of Easton, is chairman of the cookie sale ,and Mrs. T. Bruce Ayars, Easton, will serve as treasurer.

Red Cross Fund Drive Begins March 1

The annual Queen Anne's County Red Cross fund drive will begin on March 1, according to Mrs. Vachel A. Downes, Sr., Centreville, campaign chairman. Mrs. Edward Turner, Centreville, is co-chairman.

The district chairmen are as follows:

First—Mrs. Victor P. Gillespie; Second—Mrs. Alton Coppage;Third —Mrs. A. Sydney Gadd; Fourth—Mrs. John Daniel; Fifth—Mrs. S.E. W. Friel; Sixth—Mrs. Thomas S. Fippin; Seventh—Mrs. Thomas Borune. Another chairman will be named for Grasonville.

Deer, Fox Hounds To Be Discussed Today at 8 p.m.

Fox and deer hunters throughout Queen Anne's County who have been reported on the verge of "open warfare" at one another will have a chance to come together and discuss their problems in an open sportsman's meeting calld for tonight, Friday, at 8 p.m. in the Centreville Hotel by the Queen Anne's County Sportsman's Club .

Royden N. Powell, Jr., president of the organization, called for all interested hunters and sportsmen to attend.

Since the introduction into the Maryland Legislature by Queen Anne's county Senator Robert Dean of a bill which would prohibit the shooting of foxhounds sidetracked during a hunt on the trail of deer, controversy has split the two groups of hunters.

The fox hunters, who have their own organization know as the Hunter and Hounds, are generally in favor of the bill because they certainly don't want their dogs shot at by deer hunters if the dog should leave a fox trail and head out after a deer.

However ,the deer hunters protest the legislation and arguments have flown thick and fast when the two groups of sportsmen get toogether.

Another bone of contention with the deer stalkers is the large number of slaughtered deer being found in the woods of the upper section of this county. Apparently the deer have been shot at night, the antlers sawed off and the meat and hide left to rot.

The Sportsmans' Club is asking cooperation of all sportsmen to assist game wardens in stopping this needless killing.

A petition containing approximately 300 signatures of landowners in Queen Anne's County has been circulating in the past week. The petition says the landowner signing agrees to accept deer for stocking purposes in this county if made available from the state game reservations.

,One argument fox hunters have made against bringing in more deer is that they will ruin farmers crops if they become too numerous.

Another resolution due for a vote by the membership is on the bill now in the legislature on the taking of rock fish from the Chesapeake Bay during certain winter months.

Besides the entire membership of the Sportsman's Club ,invitations have been extended to all members of the Hunters' and Hounds' Club and any other interested hunters of the county.

Fire Destroys 20 Cows And a Large Barn

Fire destroyed a cow barn and twenty cows Sunday afternoon on a farm owned by Dr. C.H. Metcalfe, of Sudlersville, on Coxs Neck on Kent Island, about 6 miles southeast of Stevensville.

KentIsland volunteer firemen said the 35 by 50 foot block and frame building burned to the ground. The loss included twelve milk cows, eight heifers, 400 bales of hay and some wheat.

Firemen esimated the loss at $12,000 to $15,000.

Looked Out Window

Philip Blackiston, the tenant farmer, told firemen he looked out of a window of the house and saw flames eating away at one end of the barn.

By the time firemen arrived the building was ready to cave in. They saved nearby buildings and the farm house, about 100 yards from the barn. Firemen had to cut a hole in the ice of Cox's Creek to get water and string their hoses about 800 feet.

Dr. Metcalfe, a Sudlersville physician ,is a former national skeet-shooting champion.

BENNY — SMITH

Mr .and Mrs .Albert Smith of Grasonville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis to Pfc. Marvin L. Benny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Medford Benny of Centreville. No date has been set for the wedding .

Fire-Radio Commission Formed in County

To promote better efficiency in the operation of the fire-Civil Defense radio system throughout Queen Anne's County, volunteer firemen of the county have formed their own Queen Anne's County Radio Commission.

At the organizational meeting Monday night at the Goodwill fire house in Centreville, C. Edwin Turner, Sr., former chief of the Goodwill company, was elected president with David Boyd, Church Hill, as secretary.

The Commission is composed of fire companies in the county, each having one representative. Queen Anne-Hillsboro, the sixth volunteer fire unit in this county, is on the Talbot County frequency and not represented on the Queen Anne's commission.

Directors from each company are: J.W. Thompson, Jr., Centreville;John Holden, Kent Island; Eugene Roberts, Queenstown; Calvin Walhaven, Sudlersville.

This group will meet the first Friday of each month and all discussions will be open to any fireman who wishes to attend.

They are presently in the process of setting up a radio standard operating procedure and plans in a more intensive training period for the radio operators. Two county-wide radio drills are scheduled to be held each month.

Following the organization Monday night a drill was held with all companies taking part, and another is slated for Monday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m. Turner said the drills will be held so all men can become more familiar with the operation of the sets and to promote discipline in the operation.

Centreville High School Sponsoring "SweetheartBall

The second annual Centreville High School "Sweetheart Ball" will be held Friday, Feb. 11 in the school gym from 8 to 11 p.m.

Highlight of the affair will be the crowning of the Sweetheart Queen, to be selected by the student body from four girls in the junior and senior grades. Anne Lore Fischer, last year's queen, will crown the winner.

The girls competing for the honor are Alymra Denny and Francis Ann Nelson, seniors ,and Joyce Bennett and Gloria Mears, juniors.

An election will be held in the school and the results of the balloting kept secret until the crowning ceremony.

Music for the dancing will be furnished by Lee Paige and his orchestra and the affair is semi-formal. All Centreville High School alumni are invited to ateend.

Hams "Smoked" In Locker Blaze at Centreville

There were plenty of smoked ham as fire threatened one of Queen Anne's County largest frozen food locker plants at 6:45 o'clock Friday night.

Goodwill firemen were summoned to the community locker plant on South Liberty Street after the owner, James E. Reynolds, discovered smoke pouring from the processing part of the establishment.

Reynolds said he had left 25 country hams in the gas-fired smoker. He explained he had planned to go home but heard a loud noise and upon investigation found the storage room filled with smoke.

As he opened a rear door, flames shout out fro mthe smoker and he called firemen. The firemen kept the blaze confined to the smoker and only scorched rafters resulted.

Reynolds said the 25 hams were burnt but are still saleable. They are valued at $300.

The smoke ,although damaged, can be repaired without too much cost, Reynolds said.

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