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### Do You Know OFF THE CUFF

That Buck Kaufman advised John Schelberg who was writing a lengthy epistle to his sweetie out in Dallas, Texas, to buy a ten-cent pad and send it by parcel post.

That Ed Gillespie, up Sudlersville, opines: "What a self-made man needs is a wife who is capable of polishing the rough edges."

That several frosts have been in evidence for early risers over the weekend.

That the youngsters are already getting their paraphernalia in shape for Halloween.

That you will be able to get crab cakes and fried oysters to take out at Kaufman's restaurant at any time. Stop in and try our seafood dishes and meals of all kind. All brands of beer.

That we hope that John Sudy doesn't envy Spencer Wright, E. S. Valliant, Sr., and J. Olin Pippin for catching nine nice rock fish off our harbor one afternoon last week, ranging from 5 pounds to 12½ pounds each, or a total of ninety pounds for the nine fish. While our old sport, Spencer Wright, did not hook two at a time he has the honor of landing the largest—12½ pounds.

That drinking water for man and beast in rural sections is getting to be a serious problem on account of the drought.

That a bright kid awaiting his father's turn, was watching one of John Mears' tonorial artist singe the hair of a customer, Saturday night, said to his father: "Gee Pa, he's hunting them with a light."

That Christmas is just around the corner and a lot of us civilians ought to do their shopping early as our soldier boys will have the right-of-way on transportation.

That Eliason Legg up Centreville way who writes insurance, in his spare moments has figured it out that the difference in a man who gives a check and has the money in the bank and the man who gives a check and has no money in the bank, you'll find is that the check given by the man who has no money will be home first.

That Joe George up Sudlersville, was telling a group of bench setters at the courthouse, that he was sorry to learn of the drowning of a good friend and a good swimmer. He struggled for eight hours and gave up. He was a union man.

That Charlie Roe who is scheduled to take a dash for the Sheriffship next election, tells the boys that he hopes to mystify his audience so you can hear a pin drop in a basket of feathers.

That a good minister of Church Hill who was anxious to get the wayward folks back in the fold, asked one of those pasteboard manipulators "why he didn't come to service? The pasteboard artist, who always claimed to have an ace in the hole, replied: "The first time I was in church they poured water on me; the next time they tied me to a woman who keeps me in the dog house; the next trip they'll throw dirt on me."

That two regular courthouse bench warmers canvassed Wye Neck, Queenstown, Grasonville and Kent Island in the interest of their friend for the Sheriffship. First choice, W. Franck Delahay; second choice, Ed Percy Arrington; third choice, Eddie Perkins. They hope to be able to give us another list of names next week. Neither of them were connected with the Bank, but they were willing to get your signature that you would support the candidates in order. Mike and Steiny would have signed but the drought dried up the ink well.

### PERSONALS FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mrs. Harriett E. Cockey after spending two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Fulton and family in Baltimore, returned home and is now the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Canterbury of Woodbine, Pa.

Mrs. J. Fred Holden spent a short vacation with her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Bolin of Milton, Del., and a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Katherine Woodland of Baltimore.

Mrs. R. Mildred Mitchell whose father, the late C. I. B. Mitchell, owned Bolingly for many years and the birth place of Miss Mildred, is now the guest of her close friend, Mrs. Samuel E. W. Friel, Sr., of Bolingly.

Mrs. Harry F. Roberts is spending a two-week vacation with her daughter, Mrs. Alex Radcliffe and family of Baltimore.

Mr. Daniel Friel, son of Mrs. S. E. W. Friel of Bolingly, has received honors at Johns Hopkins University of Baltimore last week. He was elected Vice-President of the Senior Class; President of the Charles Carroll Club; Senior member of the Student Council and President of Chemical Engineering. Dan, like other home boys who use the postage stamp system—by sticking to it—must be honored.

Miss Josephine Lutes of Washington, D. C. has returned home after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. W. Friel, Jr., of Chester Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grollman of Stevensville, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Eleanor Grollman to Jesse Solomon of Baltimore. Miss Grollman is a member of the staff of the Queen Anne's County Welfare Board, which position she has held for the past five years. Jesse is with Uncle Sam's army at Fortress Monroe Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Seward, Miss Doris Hopkins of Denton and Mr. Joseph Anthony watched the bright lights of Baltimore twinkle over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Neighbors of Wye Mills, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown of Salisbury, over the weekend. Mr. Brown and Mr. Neighbors married sisters, the Misses Quimby sisters of Fred and Bill Quimby of Ruthsburg.

### October Meeting of the Queenstown Homemakers

The October Meeting of the Queenstown Homemakers was held at the home of Mrs. James Pittman, with Mrs. Louis Rietzow as co-hostess.

The meeting was opened with the singing of "Maryland, My Maryland," the reading of the Homemakers' Creed and the roll call.

Fourteen members and two visitors were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was decided to take a sight-seeing trip to Annapolis on Tuesday, November 4th, leaving Matapeake at 9 o'clock. At the county Council meeting the other Homemakers' Clubs in the county were asked to join the Queenstown Club on this trip.

Mrs. Louis Rietzow was named a project demonstrator in place of Mrs. John Short, who has left the community.

A nominating committee was named by the President, consisting of Mrs. M. W. White, chairman, Mrs. Algernon Carter, and Mrs. Monroe Horney.

An interesting demonstration was given by Miss Helen Harner, County Demonstrator on "Better Buying Practices."

Each member was given a Nutrition Questionnaire to mark. The flag salute was given, and after another song, refreshments were served by the hostesses.

The Club was invited to meet with Mrs. Harry Reynolds in November.

### Piney Neck Tips

Mr. and Mrs. T. Harris Smith of Bell Point Farm, is rustivating at Atlantic City for a few weeks. T. H. loves to listen to the tune of the wild waves.

The proprietors of the beer parlors report that beer sales are on the down grade but they hope with a few oyster roasts to revive the old spirit of the summer.

The prices of oysters are still going up and our oystermen are reaping a good meal ticket for bad weather. One oysterman reports that he had to keep the home fires burning and put three hundred dollars in bank up to last Saturday. He is not considered an oysterman at any time. A good oysterman should have put over \$500 away for a bad week or so.

Our hunters report that there never have been as many wild ducks in our waters this early in the season—Canvassbacks, redheads, blackheads and mallards. They report acres of them in Chester river.

The many friends of Miss Jean Ruth are pleased to learn that she is improving after an operation for appendicitis at the Emergency Hospital, Easton, last week.

Mrs. Grace Collier is a firm believer in one good turn deserves another, so is now the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John White and family of Baltimore.

Fresh fish are a scarce article in our markets. But our merchants have a fine stock of salt and canned fish and crabs, which make good fillers in case of scarcity.

Farmers are on the jump since the rain of a few days ago, as they are anxious to get their wheat crop seeded and to get husking their corn crop before bad weather sets in. Those who have husked a few bunches for feed report that the fodder is tough on account of lack of rain.

### Check on Oyster Shipments To U. S. From Mexico

The Food and Drug Administration yesterday advised Senator Radcliffe of Maryland that close inspection of Mexican oysters, imported and distributed to consumers in Texas, is being maintained.

A few weeks ago Carl C. Green, of Crisfield, Md., complained to the Senator that Mexican oysters were being imported and distributed at a much lower price than the Maryland product.

He also said the containers carried no label certifying the sanitary conditions under which they are packed.

Senator Radcliffe brought the matter to the attention of the Food and Drug Administration. Dr. W. G. Campbell, of the Food and Drug Administration told Mr. Radcliffe that "we have sampled and examined every shipment of oysters from Mexico. A few have been found to be in compliance with the Act and released. In the past week, however we have found shipments of these oysters to be polluted and they were therefore, refused entry into this country."

### To Distribute Seedlings From Wye Oak Tree

Seedlings from Maryland's granddaddy tree—the 400-year-old Wye oak in Talbot county—will be distributed throughout the State about November 1.

State Forester F. W. Besley said today plans to give the seedlings this month to those requesting them would be delayed until the leaves fall so that there would be better opportunity to grow.

The State has some 1,000 seedlings at its College Park nursery. It was the original intention to plant them on land which the State owns in the vicinity of the parent tree. Plans were changed when the Legislature and Governor O'Connor designated the white oak the State tree.

### Army Flash

That's the call which made telephone operators jump into action from Thursday October 9 to Thursday October 16. Through that week the army flyers acting as enemy aircraft tried to reach our larger cities along the Atlantic seaboard, these birdmen were matched against civilian volunteers who manned the spotting posts.

The duties of the civilians were to report all planes, number, height, kind and the direction they were flying also to give the code identification so that the filter stations would know exactly where the planes were. As each post enroute reported, the direction could easily be traced on the maps at the air bases and interceptor planes sent up to meet them before they reached their objective.

On one occasion nine bombers were sighted flying inland from the coast, as each station reported, it was clearly seen that Baltimore was the objective, from the time they were first reported 42 minutes elapsed before they reached Baltimore. Nice work for the volunteers.

The Queenstown post was located at Bloomingdale, south of town, and local men stood watch on the seven days from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. Although several stood the watch during the week there were only six men who could be relied upon to be on the job. A splendid record was made and at no time was the post without two spotters. These six men and endured the discomforts of standing post each day are now wondering, if, in time of real trouble, will they have to stand the gaff of the whole work, or will Queenstown be interested enough to supply some volunteers who will really stick.

### Sandy Point Ferry Plans Progressing.

Plans for construction of a new Matapeake ferry terminal at Sandy Point and a road to connect the terminal with the Ritchie Highway are progressing, Wilson Ballard, chief engineer of the State Roads Commission, said yesterday.

It is hoped that the plans will be completed and construction actually begun before the end of the year, Mr. Ballard added. If that is the case it was pointed out, the ferry should be running on its new course about the end of next summer.

The new slips will be on the south side of the point, which is the first one north of the mouth of the Severn river. The site is approximately five or six miles from the Ritchie Highway, Mr. Ballard said, and the connecting road will join the highway three miles north of the Severn river bridge.

The principal purpose of the terminal shift, Mr. Ballard declared, will be to cut the running time in half and thus increase service.

At present, on its Annapolis-to-Matapeake trip, the boat takes about forty-five minutes. When leaving from Sandy Point it will take about twenty. This will mean that with the three boats now owned by the State, the number of sailings will be increased greatly over the present one every hour.

The new location also will eliminate Annapolis traffic for the Baltimore commuters, Mr. Ballard noted. Until the new facilities are available, however, the Annapolis schedule will remain in effect.

### SHORT COURT TERM FOR QUEEN ANNE'S

One of the shortest terms of Queen Anne's County Circuit Court in history is possible when the court convenes in Centreville November 3. At the present there are only four criminal cases and one criminal appeal on the docket. Associate Judge Thomas J. Keating, who reaches retirement age in January, will appear on the Circuit Court bench for the last time at the session.

### Scientists Warn of Flu Epidemic

The nation was warned yesterday to brace itself this winter for an epidemic of influenza which may be as severe as that of 1918 and 1919.

It may not kill as many people as did the epidemic of the first World War, when hundreds of thousands died from the disease, Dr. S. Edward Sulkin, Dr. Joseph F. Bredbeck and D. David Douglas, of the St. Louis (Mo.) Health Division, told the American Public Health Association Wednesday at Atlantic City, but all scientific indications point to a rapid and widespread epidemic sweeping the country in the coming winter months.

The scientists said they were not trying to "throw a scare" into people, but analysis of the present situation revealed a minor epidemic of flu swept eastward from the West Coast, probably having originated in Hawaii, a year ago. It has lain dormant during the summer months possibly building up its virulence. Exactly the same situation existed in 1915 and 1916, when the "Spanish influenza" broke out on the East Coast and spread like a forest fire which did not burn itself out until late in 1919.

Today, the scientists suggested, the viruses which cause influenza in a variety of different forms are hiding like a bear in hibernation waiting for the right kind of weather to strike out. The scientists did not know when or where the epidemic would strike, but they expressed themselves as quite certain it would come.

The St. Louis research men added the concentration of more than 1,500,000 men in training camps throughout the country would complicate the problem of control as badly as during the period from 1916 to 1918, when truckloads and carloads of coffins were a not uncommon sight in towns and cities near army camps.

However, they added, diagnosis of true influenza is made easier by new techniques and laboratory facilities which promise to reduce the morbidity and mortality from the disease to a much lower level than it was a quarter of a century ago.

### Fish Are Biting Freely

Sport fishing guides from all part of the Chesapeake report fine fishing. In fact, more fish have been caught since the 20th of September on hook and line than any similar period within the memory of the oldest Chesapeake angler.

The sage of Smith's Island, Capt. Johnny Marshall, who in 1934 predicted the heavy run of huge blue fish in 1935-36, last year issued the proclamation with the small bluefish would be in the Bay this fall and the big ones in 1942. Well, the little ones are here. They run from 1 lb. to 1½ lbs. Plenty of rock weigh up to 15 lbs.; an abundance of trout up to 6 lb. There have been more spot and perch caught than ever before. Hard Heads are on the way out, but anglers report catching a great variety of ocean and tropical fish not regularly caught in the Chesapeake.

At the annual meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Fishing Fair Association held in Preston, last Thursday, October 16, Tighman's Island was chosen for the 1942 Fishing Fair Grand Contest Headquarters Port.

### LeCompte Asks for Care Near State's CCC Camps

E. Lee LeCompte, State Game Warden, has issued a request that all hunters exercise the utmost care when in the vicinity of CCC camps.

He stated that superintendents of all the camps had received orders from J. J. McEntree, CCC director, to post warning signs approximately one half mile in all directions from camps and work areas and asked the hunters not to shoot within those bounds.

Mr. LeCompte stated that, through the cooperation of the public, no serious accident had ever occurred to a CCC worker in this State

### Volunteer Firemen Gives Fire Danger

With the fire demon destroying thousands of dollars worth of property at Bel Air and Laurel, Del., the Queenstown Volunteer Fire Company have prepared seventeen anti-fire rules—Read them and put them into use:

1. Remove all rubbish, trash, papers and other fire inviters from in and around your premises.
2. Use metal cans instead of wood for ash containers and never place ashes against wooden partitions.
3. Have chimneys, furnaces, stoves and flues carefully cleaned before winter.
4. Beware of amateur dry cleaning with dangerous and explosive fluids.
5. Learn how to send in a fire alarm so that time need never be lost in an emergency.
6. Disconnect all electrical appliances immediately when you are through with them.
7. Demand frequent inspection of all electric wiring in your home—be sure your radio is properly hooked up and that the aerial is perfectly safe and grounded.
8. Smokers should exercise double care and see that stubs are completely out. Do not smoke in bed.
9. Use a fire screen in front of an open grate.
10. Never start fires with inflammable fluids.
11. Do not allow curtains or drapes to hang near an open flame.
12. Keep all gas jets and oil flame sufficiently far from woodwork or other inflammable materials.
13. Keep matches in a closed container—and out of reach of young hands. Be sure every match is completely out before throwing away.
14. Remember that being a hero during a fire is very noble, but that it is ever more admirable to keep your premises free from every type of fire hazard throughout the year.
15. Hunters beware of smoking or starting a woods fire.
16. Keep fire extinguishers filled. In case of fire, call the telephone operator. Tell her you want to report a fire. DON'T get excited. Give name and location of fire correctly. This will save time and trouble for the FIREMEN. "Help the Firemen to make our community a safe

### Aged Couple Celebrate 68th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Schaubert, Chestertown's oldest married couple 89 and 86 years, respectively, are receiving the congratulations of their friends upon the celebration of the sixty-fifth anniversary of their marriage, which they observed quietly at their home on Friday, when they received numerous remembrances and cards of congratulation.

Mr. and Mrs. Schaubert, who have been living in their home near Washington College for many years are the heads of one of the largest families in Kent county. They have eight children living, fifty-five grandchildren, and twenty-nine great-grandchildren, practically all of whom are living in and near Chestertown.

### Called For a New Deck

The above story would help Ripley out, but if the old gentlemen want more he ought to drift around Queenstown, as we feel he could pick up several columns. Here's one that Mike and seven other friends will voucher for who were enjoying a quiet game of five wild pasteboards. Jim Smith who had used up a flock of "weeping towels" asked Mike to carve the cards to change his luck, which Mike did, and Jim picked up five pretty fives and the next deal Jim asked Mike to carve and he picked up five winning tens. On the strength of this he said he would have to stop and get an asperin tablet as he had a headache. Mike reached in his pocket and handed Jim his medicine. Can you beat it?