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"A" Gasoline Coupons Cut to 3 Gallons

Do You Know

OFF THE CUFF

That the Treasury's silver hoard at West Point now amounts to about 113,000 tons. William W. Rhodes, the popular cashier of the Church Hill Bank, suggests it could be used as a substitute in some cases for the scarce tin, copper and nickel; but the silver States Senators can't bear the thought of having the "precious' metal used for lowly war purposes —not, at least ,as long as the Government will continue to buy it at 71 cents an ounce, or twice its worth for coin which it never expects to make.

That the gas rationing won't discommode two of our rugged young men, William Potter, with Starlight, and William Bishop, with Dizzy Dean. These two young men can well remember their days on the range and are active in the saddle or the buggy, as they make their daily trips to and from their farms to town in their buggies with their steed in the shafts and furnishing the motive power. These two young men may have grey locks but they still have a crop of pep whenever duty calls them. May they continue to enjoy their early days habits is the wish of Mike and Steiney.

That The News really gives you service. Nathan Draper advertised his oyster boat for sale in last Friday's issue and sold on Saturday and got his price. If you have anything that you don't need and don't want new prices try a classified ad. in The News and watch results.

That John Volkman while on his way to town from leaving the Red Star bus at Haspert's was hit and knocked down by a hit-and-run autoist during the blackout Monday nite. A passing autoist picked him up and carried him to the office of Dr. Samuel J. Price who dressed the wounds. His nose and left cheek were badly damaged and it will be several weeks before he will be able to return to work in the Defense plant at Chestertown. He will be carrying a rumblossom nose for several days.

That the lights went out all over town at 9.05 Monday nite. A bunch of our citizens report it was unexpec ted but when the Warden officer notified them they quickly turned them off. The blackout was perfect.

That George Aker was given an unexpected surprise Monday evening while getting his land in shape for potatoes. His thoroughbred beagles had a hot trail heading for George, and looking up saw a Jersey bull belonging to Roser's packing plant headed for him, with the beagles and a water dog and a couple of cur dogs in hot persuit. George trusted no weak points and took to the hot house for shelter.

That Capt. Willie Schelberg, just to show he was a good sport, gave a wild duck dinner at his home on Second avenue to a bunch of friends Sunday afternoon and evening.Only twenty-one ducks were consumed along with the trimmings. Willie's sister, Mrs. Alfred Sweizer of Wilmington, Del., took the hostess act and finished with high honors. Capt Willie is among the best duck shots of this section and if we were to devulge the many ducks he killed with a plugged gun, John W. Perry Game Warden, would give Willie an interview.

That our waters never have been known for years to be as thick with wild ducks as this season and our gunners are nearly shelless. But, Charlie Davidson and John Purucka spent a few days in Virginia, and returned Tuesday evening with 59 ballpates and blackheads. Not so bad for two mornings shooting.

That white and yellow perch are still biting in our harbor and they are full grown. Frank Morgan reports the cat fish crop is good in Beaver Dam stream.

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mrs. William Crouch celebrated her thirty-first birthday at her home the Queenstown Motor Co., Friday nite. Quite a bunch of friends were on hand to wish her many more birthdays and enjoy a dish of wild duck with trimmings with pinochle the leadoff pasttime.

Miss Margaret Rhodes of Claymont, Del., Miss Lucile Hubbard of Hurlock and Miss Lauretta Hall of Crurch Hill, spent the weekend with Margaret's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Rhodes of Bennett's Outlett, near town.

Mr. Henry Dodd of Wye Neck who suffered a paralytic stroke in his side two weeks ago is somewhat improved, but still unable to eat anything but ice cream and soups.

Mr. Arthur Canterbury of Connecticut, who about a year ago took charge of his country home, Belhaven, was asking our oystermen how often do we have the blowouts like last week? Arthur reports that the heavy puffs on Charity Lane nearly held him to a standstill when on his mission to town for grub.

Mrs. Nellie Alexander of New York, is spending a short vacation with her school mate, Mrs. Bertha Messing on Maryland avenue.

Mr. Eddie Canterbury of Wellsburg, Pa., spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Canterbury of Belhaven. Eddie has been so busy this past summer that he has been unable to try his luck with the finey tribe.

3-CENT PIECES, PENNIES, HALF DIMES, PLANNED

Legislation to permit coinage of 3-cent pieces, half dimes and pennies made from other materials than copper was approved Wednesday by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee.

Experiments had shown, Mrs. Ross director of the Mint said, that manu facture of pennies from steel and zinc would be practical. She said the Mint and Treasury had discussed the making of half-dimes—a coin smaller and markedly different from the nickel—to relieve the "pressure" on the nickel supply, and 3-cent pieces to offset some of the demand for pennies.

SELL THOSE IDLE TIRES

If you have not yet sold to the government those extra tires over five per car, do so at once. OPA has set December 1, as the deadline for their sale. A Penalty for refusing to sell will be revocation of your gasoline ration book. At last reports, national figures had the number of tires sold by motorists well on the way to its second million.

Telephone Railway Express to come and get them if you have not already done so. You will be paid a fixed price for all tires you turn in.

Receives Word From Son Oversea

Mrs. Charles E. Bishop, Postmaster at Queenstown, received word from her son, Lt. John Charles Bishop of the Army Air Corps that he is somewhere in England. Quarters and food are fine and he says: "Hello to everyone back home."

FOR RENT—Five room bungalow with modern conveniences, bath, electric and garage on Benn avenue on the boulevard. Apply to B. Frank Smith, Queenstown, Md. or Phone 2181. Possession December 1.

NOTICE—Queenstown Post Office now closes at 6.15 p. m. due to earlier receipts of evening mail.

LOST—Rabbit dog, black and white. Jack, male. Will give reward of $5 if returned.

Charles Higdon.
108 Orchard Ave.
Brooklyn P. O.
Baltimore, Md.

Piney Neck Tips

The rationing on fuel oil has made Carter, the woodman, to get busy to supply the household of Grasonville and other sections with a good supply of wood to keep Jack Frost outside the home.

The oystermen have about cleaned up the oyster beds of the Narrows . But they made a harvest while the bivalves lasted. It may be that our oystermen will ask the Conservation Commission to replenish the bars next Spring.

Tom Carey, one of our best duck shots, tell the hunters that he could kill the bag limit every morning from his blind near his home IF he could only get shells.

Miss Elizabeth Thomas of Stevensville, and Mervin H. Horney of Grasonville, were quietly married on Saturday, November 14, at the M. E. Parsonage at Stevensville, by Rev. Robert F. Loss, Jr.

The bride was attire din navy blue with accessories to match and the groom in his soldier's uniform.

Mr. Horney is now stationed at Camp Davis, N. C.

The lights came on all over the country home of Mrs. Margaret Kornbau, last Saturday evening and was continued well into the evening. Mrs. Kornbau had as her guests Mrs. Eva Easley and daughter,Miss Katherine of Washington, D. C., Miss Margaret Stotz of Queenstown Miss Ida Carroll of Stevensville and a bunch of men folks from various points. The home was decorated handsomely with ferns, chrysanthums, Roses and other decorations to make the folks feel that the program would be a little out of the ordinary course for a turkey dinner with trimmings.

Kurtz Gunther, who recently removed from Caroline county to a bungalow on-the-Winchester and wha has been an employe of the Ward Bottling Co., for over a year is running in hard luck the year of 1942. As the crops in his garden matured this Spring his neighbors enjoyed them while he was asleep. This was the first hard luck, next they waited for his spring chickens to get ripe and pluck them off and Kurtz still holding the bag. Not satisfied with this his gasoline in his car evaporated over nite. Kurtz is looking for a more congenial territory to live as his neighbors are nite workers.

Kent Island Woman's Club Holds Meeting

The November meeting of the Kent Island Woman's Club was held on Tuesday, with the new president, Mrs. Alfred White, presiding.

Miss Harner gave a demonstration on a Christmas party and recipes for cookies.

The treasurer gave a report as having cleared $40 on the card party.

Miss Larrimore gave a very encouraging report on the lunch room.

There have been Christmas gifts sent to 12 men in the service who are overseas, and plans are being made to send gifts to the other 70 who are still in the country.

It was decided to have a Christmas party in December on the regular meeting date; each member to bring a gift to exchange.

Carmichael 4-H Club Elects New Officers

A meeting of the Carmichael 4-H Club was held on Thursday, November 12, 1942, at the home of Charles and Richard Carter. Due to the absence of the President and Vice-President, the meeting was opened by the Secretary, Mary D. Callahan.

Officers for the coming year were elected. Those elected were: Presidnt, Mary D. Callahan; Vice-President, Richard Carter; Secretary, Eva Whitby; and Treasurer, Ann Comegys.

The new president took over her duties and further business was discussed. The meeting was then adjourned.

List New Ways to Fight Fire Bombs

Technique for the battle against incendiary bombs has been altered with reports of four new and especially dangerous types of Axis missiles, Judge Robert France, executive director of the Maryland Council of Defense, warned all local defense directors.

Because of the different nature of the new weapons, all previous instructions about fighting fire bombs are superceded by the following list of directions, the director said.

1. Replace sand pails with pails of water and increase the number of pails, as the water will be more than ever the prime essential in attack. Prepare additional water supplies wherever possible.

2. Do not use spray streams, sand powders, compounds or anything else that requires a close approach to the bomb.

3. When an incendiary falls and does not explode immediately, it would be advisable to adopt the following procedure in dealing with it.

(a) If any sort of a solid stream device is available, such as garden hose, pump can, stirrup pump, etc., lie prone, with the head kept low, taking whatever cover possible, and at as great a distance as the range of the stream and other circumstances will permit, and attack the bomb and resultant fire.

(b) It no solid stream is available send immediately for an auxiliary fire unit, and gather all available water to combat the resultant fire after you are reasonably sure the bomb is not going to explode.

(c) Any bomb that neither burns or explodes should be reported at once to the bomb reconnaissance officer for his investigation.

(d) Where phosphorus-oil bombs have been used, all areas touched by the oil should be kept wet until proper examination can be made to ascertain whether or not phosporus is present. Physical contact with fragments of such bombs, or with ground or equipment splashed with the liquid, should be avoided.

Roast Pig Feed

Well, Mike has atended all brands of suppers, but one of the most agreeable pig roast he ever had the pleasure to attend was given at the Hotel Centreville, Tuesday nite. Three little piggies fell prey to the many hungry folks from all over the county. It might be said a sympathic party for the last primaries as Old Dealers and New Dealers were much in evidence. The party was a grand affair and the pigs were cooked to a Queen's taste, by Miss Sara Epstein.

John Mears, the popular tonsorial artist of Centreville, was Blast Master, while Col. Winfield Roe did the toastmaster act and Cook Orrell did the chipping act for the fair waitresses who really gave the party service. Frank Brower of the Old Liner faction, and Elison Legg of the New Deal Tribe, both made get together short talks, after which Walter Schiffer gave a short talk of his experience in army life with Uncle Sam's boys. Vachel Downes kept the party in good spirits with his music box.

Arm Dislocated

A sad misfortune befell Edward Connolly of Centreville, Tuesday afternoon, while working on the Casper Faulkner bridge in Spaniard's Neck. Eddie, with the road, missed his footing and fell in the stream about four-feet of water, and as Eddie tells it, "I was blowing bubbles until rescue by my fellow workmen. He was rushed to the office of a local physician in Centreville who adjusted the fractured shoulder and Eddie was able to return to his home, but was sorry he couldn't attend the pig roast. He will be unable to work for several weeks. His many friends throughout the county extend sympathy.

LAYING HENS FOR SALE—Intending to move will sell my pen of R. I. Red hens. Average about 5 pounds. Mrs. Mather, Grasonville, Maryland.

Government Predicts Food Shortage Next Year

In our nation, which has produced a record-breaking supply of food this year and which for many years has had a problem of disposing of all the food it produced, the possibility of hunger due to scarcity has never been considered.

Yet the authorities in Washington who are handling the nation's food supply say that we may face a serious food problem next year unless drastic steps are taken now to prevent it.

As they see it, the threat of a food problem revolves around these points: (1) our armed forces, who eat much more in their present active life than they did when home, must continue to be supplied with the best of food; (2) the low income group in this country is now earning more money and is consequently buying much more food than usual; (3) we are obligated to supply our allies with large quantities of food; (4) farm help is scarce due to the number of farm men who have gone into the armed forces and who have been attracted to the cities by more lucrative jobs in war industries; (5) the agencies handling the problems of food supply in the government are not working together closely enough and even if enough food is produced for all our needs there is apt to be a bottleneck in distribution.

Because of this many-headed problem of food supply, those dealing with it have asked the President to appoint a food administrator who will have the power to control all factors in the food industry and take necessary steps to keep food growing and moving at a record rate.

Those who are demanding a food administrator point out that there now are entirely "too many cooks" who have a finger in the food problem. The department of agriculture is charged with responsibility for production, but production is part ly a labor problem which is in the hands of the War Manpower commission; transportation is the problem o fthe Office of Defense transportation, but distribution, which is so closely allied to it, is in the hand of the Office of Price Administration several groups are mixed up in the pricing of food, including the President himself, and the manufacturing and processing of food products is in the hands of the War Production board.

Queenstown Homemakers Hold Meeting

The Queenstown Homemakers held their November meeting at the Queenstown Fire House last Friday. The president and vice-president both being absent, Mrs. Algernon Carter, presided.

After the usual routine of business, Miss Harner gave some ideas for games to be played at Christmas. It was decided to hold the Christmas party December 10. Mrs. Charles Davis gave a very interesting talk on Peace. It was noted to select a soldier from our neighborhood to send a card and gift to at Christmas instead of a Club Sister.

Mrs. Carter explained about the 4-H scholarship and said it was ready to be loaned to a 4-H girl or boy.

The following officers were elected for 1943: President, Mrs. Frank Delahay; Vice-President, Mrs. Mary Kinnamon; Secretary, Mrs. Lyndon Brittingham; Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Davis.

There being no more further business, the meeting adjourned.

ENLISTED IN U. S. ARMY

Mr. Henry Melvin, Chief mechanic of John Cole's Garage, and Wilbur "Nookie" Morris, an employe of the Friel Lumber Co., went to Baltimore Tuesday to enlist in the Army. They will leave Monday for training as mechanics in the ground crews of Airplanes. May we wish them the best of luck.

MASS—at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Queenstown, at 8.30 o'clock Our Mother of Sorrows, Centreville, at 10.30 o'clock.

"A" Gasoline Coupons Cut to 3 Gallons

Effective next Sunday, the value of "A" gasoline ration coupons will be reduced from four gallon to three in sixteen Eastern States, the Office of Price Administration formally announced Wednesday.

The value of "B" and "C" coupons, however, will remain unchanged at four gallons.

Next Sunday, it was pointed out, marks the start of a new rationing period and the charge in value of the "A" coupons was made to coincide with that date. Thus "A" coupons valid during the current period, which ends at midnight Saturday, still will be worth four gallons.

Tuesday night action which had been forecast in advance, was taken to help relieve the petroleum shortage in the East, which has been intensified by the large gasoline and oil requirements of the military operations in North Africa.

The cut in the value of "A" coupons will apply throughout the eastern area now rationed with the exception of West Virginia. The eastern part of that State was included in the rationed area, but will not be included in the reduction.

On the other hand, the three-gallon value will apply to the western most sections of Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Florida, which were not in the original rationed area. But in those sections rationing will not go into effect ununtil December 1, when it becomes operative in all areas now unrationed.

Many Hunters Without Shells

It looks that if some of our hunters get a dish of wild game it will be by some kind friend making a donation, as they are unable to get shells. Our hunters have scoured the stores of the Shore and the nearby cities without success, perhaps securing a box or so that would not last for an hour's banging. On the other hand, some hunters who had the wherewith and the foresight are well stocked with shells and other ammunition they may need.

Hoarding and the shutting off of the dealer's supplies at their source —the ammunition factories—were ascribed as the chief reasons for the shortage.

Actually, according to Robert Knight, of a firm which serves dealers in this State and surrounding areas, there are more shells in the hands of hunters this year than in previous years.

This is explained by the fact that a few hunters began laying in large supplies of ammunition as long ago as the first o fthe year (even earlier for the small-bore rifle and pistol shooters.)

Many hunters who normally would buy two or three boxes of shells purchased a case or two this year, it was stated.

The result is that stocks have been depleted or are near the point of exhaustion.

Huntsmen have been warned by State game officials to conserve ammunition and shoot only game desired for their tables.

Harold S. Golmer, secretary of the State Game and Inland Fish Commission, asked that feathers and geese be preserved for other uses. Also, he said, empty shells should be returned to sporting goods stores for salvage of the brass.

It became legal Monday to bag rabbits, squirrels, pheasants, quail, grouse and wild turkeys. The water fowl season will continue until January 10, while the season on other birds and small game will close December 31.

Sales of licenses were brisk in advance of the season opening and the number of hunters who expected to take to the fields was near the usual total.

The observance of bag limits on all game was stressed by officials.

MOTOR BOAT FOR SALE—22 feet long 6 foot beam, deadrise built 5 h. p. Gray Motor, very economical on gas. Ready to start. All complete for only 125 bucks. Apply to M. W. Aker.