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Do You Know

OFF THE CUFF

That Doc Reese opines that the sugar rationing must have put a kink in the bootlegger business as the shelves of our dispensary is very short of good spirits.

That now that the Legislature is in the making and one of the bills that will be under consideration will be to increase the Judges pension. There is no reasonable reason for not including the poor country printer. Of course, the printer could not expect the salary that the Judges are asking for, as country printers are short of grey matter and could not expect over half the salary asked for by the judges, which would be ample to tide them over the rough financial sea as they are not use to handling big money.

That there is no excuse for our delinquents sending us a check for back dues because our Uncle Sam has put a ration on rubber.

That Editor G. Arthur McDaniel may think there is nothing in a name, but if he will give the Mayor of his town, Federalsburg, Thomas Haven Chambers, who celebrated his 84th birthday last week, the once over, he might change his mind. Mayor Chambers edited the Federalsburg Courier for many years.

That gossip was going the rounds Saturday that the newly elected Sheriff, Louis Perkins, had shifted and was going to appoint Hawkeye his Deputy instead of T. Herbert Everett. The many friends(?) of Hawkeye started celebrating Saturday and continued until Sunday evening, with the toast: "Praise the Lord, and Pass the Ammunition."

That they don't do things by halves in Dover, Del. A man was not only robbed of his wallet, but also his clothes as well.

That our sport hunters are wondering if our loafers, or men of leisure, paid any attention to the ground being covered with snow to hunt rabbits?

That Howard Melvin, one of our prosperous farmers, is always on the outlook to help save his crops after they are harvested. The latest that Roland Morgan has found out is that Howard is using oysters in the shells and when Mr. Rat or Mr. Mouse starts to nibble Mr. Oyster closes its mouth on his victim to await the arrival of Howard .

That the ferry steamer John M. Dennis was able to float after eighteen hours on a sand bar at Matapeake. The high winds last week did the trick.

Editor Shannahan Dies Suddenly on Monday

Stricken while attending to the newspaper job he has held for forty-six years, Samuel E. Shannahan, 69-year-old editor o fthe Easton Star Democrat, died Monday.

Mr. Shannahan was alone in his office in Easton when passers-bys noticed he was ill and summoned physicians. He was taken to his home, where he died.

He was a Talbot county civic leader. He served approximately sixteen years on the State Aid Charities Board, part of the time as chairman.

Mr. Shannahan was editor and publisher of the Star-Democrat from the time he founded the newspaper, a weekly, in 1896. He also founded the Easton Rotary Club.

He was treasurer of the Talbot County Free Library and of the Easton Memorial Hospital and a director of the Farmers and Merchants Banks of Easton.

He was one of the founders of the Maryland Press Association in 1912 and served as secretary of that association, as well as of the Delmarva Press Association, which he headed at one time.

Piney Neck Tips

On account of labor shortage and the heavy rains ,our farmers have a plenty of corn husked in the field and unable to house the crop.

Our turkey raisers hope they will be able to supply their trade with nice, prime turkeys for Christmas. The Thanksgiving orders were all promptly filled and our raisers are already booking orders for Christmas and New Years. The crop is one of the best and the price is running strong.

Our merchants are displaying a fine line of useful Christmas presents which they are selling at or below the ceiling prices. If they wanted more business they would advertise in The News but can't get help to give the extra customers the service they wish.

Don't blame your postmaster because your mail don't arrive on schedule. Our people took the advice given them by The News and started shopping early so as to avoid the rush. Our mails are as congested now as if it were Christmas week.

Our improved roads are a blessing to motorists and farmers who years ago had to leave their cars in the garages, while the farmers was anxious to leave home in his buggy. But, we must give the gravy end to the farmer as he needs no rationing card to operate his wagons and buggies.

Raymond Warner, after trying oystering and seine hauling with poor success, has finally selected the work of his choice and settled-down as the headman in T. Harris Smith's dairy. Raymond is much pleased with his new job.

Notwithstanding the rationing of sugar, soffee, meat, butter and fuel oil our citizens hope to be able to entertain a bunch of city cousins during the Christmas holidays.

Our school children are happy that Old Kriss will be able to give them many presents by being able to use hi sreindeers and slieghs.The kids have been polishing their sleds up this week to be prepared to greet Kriss.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Coursey was twenty-four hours ahead of schedule as they celebrated their fourtieth marriage anniversary at their home on Sunday with a bunch of friends, but their anniversary was on Monday, so they remembered Pearl Harbor a day in advance. Friends from Easton, Queenstown, Centreville, Kent Island and Washington, D. C. enjoyed the afternoon, when happy bygone days were hashed over. Alvin Bailey, toastmaster, got off these few words for the hungry: "Praise the Lord, and pass the turkey."

Queenstown Boy Flies Bomber on Raid

Among the American airmen who participated in the devastating raid Saturday on the French industrial city, Lillie, was Capt. John Charles Bishop of Queenstown, on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

He was co-pilot of the flying fortress, "The Texas Broncho," and was flying on his first bombing mission.

A dispatch to the United Press from Great Britian said that every man and every ship in the group of which Capt. Bishop is a member, returned safely after carrying out the successful raid.

Remember Pearl Harbor

The Washington College chapter of of the Y. M. C. A. is presenting a "War Honor Roll" plaque to the college at an assembly in William Smith Hall on Thursday, December 10. This plaque will contain the names of forty Washington College men who entered the armed services since Pearl Harbor, December 7th, 1941. Two have since been killed in action.

Dudley G. Roe, Queen Anne's county State Senator was the speaker for the occasion.

O'Conor Liquor Study Commission Hearing

Chairman McClayton of the O'Conor Liquor Study Commission of Maryland has appointed a sub-committee of five members to sit for a public hearing on the Alcoholic beverages problems, in the Queen Anne's Court House, Centreville, Maryland, Thursday 10:30 A. M. December 17. The personnel of the subcommittee are as follows: W. Hall Hammond, Esq., Deputy Attorney General of Maryland, Baltimore; Mrs. Wilmore Fell Davis, Federalsburg, Maryland; Mr. Charles T. LeVines, Chairman of Liquor License Commission of Baltimore; Mr. Robert Lewis, Sparrows Point, and Rev Otis P. Jefferson, Centreville.

All citizens of Maryland irrespective of where they may reside are invited to attend this public hearing. Time will permit only a few persons to speak. If however, distance and other causes make it impossible for persons to attend the meeting, they may send their letters or written statements properly signed to Rev. Otis P. Jefferson, Centreville, Md., or to any other member of this sub-committee for reading at the public hearing if time permits. All communications received will however be filed later with the Study Commission for careful consideration.

The general public of the nine Eastern Shore Counties should by all means avail themselves of the privilege of attending this hearing which may be the only sitting of the sub-committee on the Eastern Shore because the Commission must if possible submit its report to Governor O'Conor on or before January 15, 1943.

The Alcoholic Beverages Laws of Maryland need revision and codification. The public does not need to be reminded that all citizens should register their sentiments directly to the Governor's Study Commission and indirectly to the 1943 Legislature of Maryland. Certainly the people in a democracy will get the laws they want only when the public opinion is registered with the legislators. Every effort is being made however to secure scientific data for the revision and the codification of the Alcoholic Beverages Laws.

Rationing Board Working Overtime

The fuel oil and kerosene rationing has swamped the local office of the Rationing Board and only by working at night and with the assistance of volunteers has the rationing problem been kept in hand.

With approximately 4218 applications, the local board has succeeded in completing approximately 3,000. Each application has to be handled separately, figured, processed, tabulated and mailed. Many people who have received their ration have been greatly disappointed with the result that they have returned to the office for an adjustment. Unless a mistake has been made the staff can do nothing about it. Applicants may write to the Board and ask that their application be again reviewed. This will probably result in them being granted an opportunity to appear before the board.

The Board requests that people do not come to the office to make a complaint about the amount of their ration.

In addition to the fuel oil rationing the rationing of gasoline for trucks, renewals for gasoline for automobiles and registration of tires has all happened at the same time.

Coffee ration is secured with No. 27 sugar stamp. It is not necessary to go to the ration board office for this ration.

No. 3 grade tires are now being issued to those eligible. This is a new tire made of reclaimed rubber.

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.

Fisheries Commission Swap Their Views

Eastern seabord conservation experts discussed mutual problems when the Atlantic States Marines Fisheries Commission held a two-day meeting Wednesday and Thursday at the Longfellow Hotel in Baltimore.

Besides the thirty commission members who attended, several non member conservation officials from Washington and other points participated in the conclave.

Governor O'Conor, chairman of the Council of States Governments, which helped to obtain the legislation that established the commission, addressed the group Thursday. Another speaker was Dr. Gabrielson, United States Fish and Wildlife Service Director, who presided at a forum discussion Wednesday night.

while Maple, Oak, Sycamore, and Gum require up to 6 months' seasoning in order to produce the maximum amount of heat. Forestry officials hail this opportunity for wood land owners to improve their forests by selling for firewood their otherwise useless trees. The use of wood cut from Queen Anne County woodlands will relieve much needed transportation facilities necessary in the war effort.

Anyone who starts a woods fire can be classed as a saboteur for they destroy a natural resource, call men from work to fight fires and cause the waste of gasoline and rubber, thereby hindering the war effort. Remember, "Careless Matches Aid the Axis."

Grasonville Boys And Girls In Service

With Queenstown having 42 in Service and Grasonville 43, it looks like the Fifth district went over the top. We will be pleased to publish the list of any other town or district The colored men in service will carry the Fifth over the 100 mark. The following is a list of those from Grasonville:

Harry Austin,
Albert Baker,
Benjamin Baum,
Ervin Bailey,
Mariam Coursey,
Otho Coursey,
Thomas Coursey,
Thomas C. Collier,
Grant Chance,
Joseph Collier,
Orin Collier,
James Coursey,
Winfield Clevenger,
Sherman O'Donnell,
William O'Donnell,
Conway O'Donnell,
Thomas V. O'Donnell,
William Dadds,
Roland Dadds,
Harry Dadds,
Henry O'Donnell,
James E. Ewing,
Merwin Horney,
Walter Haddaway,
Thomas G. Haddaway,
Palmer Knotts,
Francis Ireland,
James H. Jewell,
John J. Jewell,
James E. Jewell,
Benjamin E. Jewell,
Ephriam Parks,
Frederick Risley,
Charles E. Risley,
Everett C. Smith,
Ernest C. Smith,
Harvey Smith,
Alfred Seward,
Elie Smith,
Donald W. Thompson,
C. E. Tongue,
Elbert Thompson,
Helen Lyons,

AN ERROR

We are sorry, about the folowing who were missing in the list of the men from Queenstown in the arm forces of their country. It was an oversight in last week's issue:

Katherine Baynard,
Frances Cole,
Henry Lane,
Harry Potts.

Mrs. Catherine Crouch spentThursday Christmas shopping in Baltimore.

George T. Harrison To Start His Post

Announcement has been made by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor of the appointment of George T. Harrison, of Tilghman, Talbot County, as associate member of the Commission of Tidewater Fieheries. He succeeds Robert S. Harrison of the same county, who resigned from the commission some weeks ago due to illness.

In announcing the appointment, Governor O'Conor issued the following statement: "It has been possible for me to obtain an accurate appraisal of Mr. Harrison's knowledge of conservation problems from the many contacts I have had with him during recent years. He is at present a member of the Board of Natural Resources and also a member of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

"I consider Mr. Harrison one of the best informed persons in our State upon seafood questions. Not only has he spent his entire life in the active handling of seafood matters but he has pursued extensive studies and research in this important field. The success which has attended his business operations as the head of one of the largest seafood industries in our state is an indication of his abilities and farsightedness.

"Associates who have served with Mr. Harrison on the Board of Natural Resources and on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission have been most favorably impressed with his knowledge and intelligent proposals. They agree that his recommendations for the future handling of these matters stamps him as a sound and well-qualified consultant on problems relating to the desired increased productivity of the State's resources.

"It is gratifying that there has been such progress in Maryland in the handling of seafood questions and I am determined that every possible effort be exerted to avail of the unlimited possibilities of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.With Mr. Harrison as an additional member of the Conservation Commission I am sure we will obtain the most valuable advice and active assistance in this connection. In order that no conflict might arise in the work of the several commissions, Mr. Harrison has indicated that he will resign from the Board of Natural Resources and from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission."

Have You Signed For The Navy?

Lieutenant K. B. Emmons, Officer in Charge of Navy Recruiting in Maryland, announced that all applicants between the ages of 18 and 38 who filled out and signed an application for the Regular Navy, Naval Reserve, and V-5 Aviation Cadets, on or before December 5, 1942 are eligible for enlistment in the Naval Service, provided they meet the necessary qualifications—all such applicants must be sworn into the Navy on or before December 15, 1942.

All men having applications on file at the Navy Recruiting Station are urged to come in immediately to Room 352, Post Office Building.

HURT WHILE FIXING TIRE

Freddie Buckle, an employee of R. B. Baker, contractor of Grasonville, was badly hurt Monday afternoon while fixing a truck tire. He was putting the iron ring around the rim of the tire, and after putting air in the tire the iron ring flew off striking him on the head, cutting a severe gash, in which four stitches were taken after he was rushed to the office of Dr. Charles E. Snyder of Stevensville. He also received a few bruises and cut fingers. He is now feeling much better but still suffering much pain.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Swann of Bloomingdale, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a nine pound son, born Thursday, December 3, at 7 a. m. The little one has been named Palmer Davis Swann.

New Proposed Judges' Pension Bill

The question of judge's pensions —one of the most controversial matters before the 1941 session of the Maryland General Assembly—came up again yesterday when the State Bar Association asked that the present act be repealed and a new one be approved by the next Legislature, which convnes in January.

Repeal of the 1941 act, which provides pensions for retired judges who have served less than five years and more than ten years, but thru an oversight does not provide for jurists serving between five and ten years, was urged at a meeting of the Legislature Council.

Philip B. Perlman, who was delegated by the Bar Association to present the new measure, explained that there were many inequalities in the present act. The new proposal would provide a pension based on what the judge "earned" during his term.

Perlman said the Bar Association at its annual meeting had approved the new judge's pension bill, making it applicable only to elected Judges. Under the present act, both elected judges and those appointed by the Governor are eligible for pensions.

Under the 1941 act, judges who had served less than five years were eligible to receive a $2,000 annual pension after the retirement age of 60 years. Judgs serving more than ten years could receive $3,000 upon retirement.

Provisions for pensions of judges who had served more than five year but less than ten, was inadvertenly omitted.

Perlman said this oversight was corrected in the proposed new bill and that pension pay for former judges in the five-to-ten year group would be to retroative "from the date when pensions became payable under Chapter 390 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1941, or from the date when his active services terminated, whichever is the most recent in point of time."

The bar association bill would give elected circuit court judges who had reached the retirement age of 60, $280 for each year of service up to a maximum of twenty years, while judges of the appeals court would receive $380 for each year of service. It would make retirement mandoratory at 70 years, as under terms of the present act.

Circuit Court judges who retired at 60 after serving the full fifteen year term for which they were elected thus would receive $4,200, or if reelected for another term, they would get $5,600 annually after retiring at 70 years.

An Unexpected Air Alarm

The daytime air raid signal that was sounded Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, seemed to bring out the neighbors instead of keeping them in. Quite a few of our neighbors were on the street, and our wardens had to chase them in, as they thought it was a fire alarm.

Steiney thinks we had better publish the rules and regulations on what to do in case of an air raid, again.

A lady called up on the phone and asked us to publish them because her neighbor went out to see what was going on. The rules in a nutshell:

"When the fire siren sounds five short blasts it means an air raid and when a long blast is sounded it means that the raid is over."

During the air raid test everyone on the street is supposed to seek the closest shelter. Please try to cooperate a little better the next time. Stay in your home during the air raid.

BAKE

There will be a bake at the Queenstown Firehouse, Saturday, December 12, beginning at 10 o'clock. There will be plenty of pies, biscuits cakes and rolls, also chickens. Proceeds for the benefit of Queenstown M. E. Church. Public cordially invited.