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Choptank Co-OP Elects Members for Year

Do You Know

OFF THE CUFF

That either the beer hounds or the goats is keeping the market short of that appetizing beer.

That this is the opportune time for you city cousins, who claim to be book and fine delicacies to try your silver hooks, as they are biting freely.

That you had better get busy filing out your income tax. March 15 is the deadline. If your customer don't tap your income you had better get ready to square accounts with Uncle Sam.

That Woodlawn bid fair to become a thriving little village in the near future. With a beer parlor and a small grocery store now in operation and another beer parlor with a up-to-date restaurant to open about May 1. Land has advanced—a lot that sold two years ago for $120 is now priced at $1,000.

That Senator Johnson of Colorado proposes that single men up to the age of 40 and many 4-F's shall be drafted for replacement service overseas. The 4-F's can concentrate on their life while the single men can look around again with the idea of improving their chances.

That the Schellberg sisters and Johnnie Jones are keeping the market supplied with rock and white perch. Frank Morgan with his fykes in Beaver Dam stream and catching a plenty of catfish, while Conway Gerrett is shipping 8 to 10 boxes of white and yellow perch, catfish and eels. Rock 35 cents per pound and perch 25 cents per pound.

That if ye are to believe Benny Lane, the booze hounds of the county believe there is some truth in the old saying: "Kissing goes by favor." They claim if you are only careless about the brand you drink, the clerk gives you the brand which is a slow seller, but if you are one of the b'hoys you get the brand you call for either from under the counter or from the back room.

That some of our returning soldiers are not only shunning the farm but other work as long as Mom and Dad will keep them in idleness. It maybe that the compensation agency will make some of them seek farm work or do worse.

That the price of eggs are taking a tumble at 28 cents per dozen and bid fair with warmer weather to go lower.

That our restaurants are taking over the few remaining turkies that our farmers had left over from Christmas. Straight or crook breast.

That we poor folks in the Fifth district must be living right. With the shortage of butter and cheese, the Greensgating Dairy hopes to fill the missing link in the near future.

O'Conor to Get Medal For State Draft Job

Col. Henry C. Hammond, State Director of the Maryland Selective Service System, yesterday announced that Governor O'Conor has been awarded the Selective Service Medal and certificate by Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service.

The certificate explains that Mr. O'Conor "as Governor of the State of Maryland organized and was responsible for [illegible] of the Selective Training and Service Act within his state during the period from December 16, 1940 to January, 1946. As administrator he served without compensation and rendered exceptionally patriotic services to the Government of the United States which now expresses its gratitude in this public recognition of his services."

Col. Hammond said he would present the medal to Governor O'Conor in his Annapolis office at a date to be decided later. State Army and Navy officials will attend.

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mrs. Benjamin E. Cook who has been unwell for several weeks left with her friend, Miss Judith Hovey of Easton for a two-months vacation at Miami, Florida, in the hopes of improving her health.

Governor Herbert R. O'Conor while on his way to address the Chestertown Firemen, Tuesday evening, stopped in The News office to have a short chat.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thomas and daughter, Jean, of Cambridge, Md., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Earle Jester and family, near town.

Lyndon Brittingham "Britt" while out on a job last Saturday a week for the Eastern Shore Public Service made a misstep and hurt his knee. He hasn't been able to walk since. Last Friday he was taken to the Easton Memorial Hospital to be operated upon, a small bone was taken from his knee and he is resting as comfortable as can be expected. The doctors told him that he would be alright and that he would feel like himself again. "Britt" is expected to return home sometime next week. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

60 Are Lopped Off Compensation

For refusal to accept a job offered them on Wednesday of last week more than sixty applicants for unemployment compensation were cut off the pay roll of the State unemployment compensation rolls that day. This meant the stoppage of approximately $1200 a week paid to the unemployed by the local office.

The functions of this office in Chestertown is very much misunderstood by the public and due to this misunderstanding has received a lot of undue criticism. The office on Court Street houses two separate government organizations. An applicant who is out of work and who has earned the right to apply for compensation through the payment of unemployment insurance during the past year, applies to the U. S. Employment service for a job. This department is operated by Mrs. Nell C. Wescott and Mr. Edward Green. If a job is available through proper application for help by an employer, that job is offered and the applicant either accepts or rejects and that ends the matter.

This is what happened Wednesday. A business man in Chestertown applied to U. S. Employment service for three laborers. The job was offered to the first 70 men who reported to receive their pay check. Only two accepted the job with the result that more than 60 men were removed from the pay roll.—Kent County News.

Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage

For ten days beginning April 26 and continuing through May 5, Maryland's famous houses and gardens will be open to the public. These show places are opened each year under the auspice of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, in order to acquire funds for the maintenance of the Hammond-Harwood House in Annapolis (which open to the public as a museum.

Complete information about these tours may be obtained from the Headquarters of the Federated Garden Clubs at the Belvedere, Baltimore.

The week of the Annual House and Garden Pilgrimage is the only time when the houses are open to the public.

THE RED CROSS

The local chapter of the American Red Cross wishes to announce that we have exceeded our national quota, and are well on the way to our goal of $2,700. Returns have not yet come in from all districts. Your Red Cross must carry on. GIVE!

BRYANTOWN ITEMS

Mrs. Howard Todd who has been spending sometime in Baltimore with her sister, Mrs. John O'Brien and Mrs. Robert McWilliams has returned home. Mrs. Todd also visited at Johns Hopkins Hospital to see her little niece Jo Ann Sunsbury who is there for treatment.

Miss Josephine Blunt of Baltimore spent the weekend at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Blunt.

The folks of our neighborhood welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Garrison and family in our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reed of Chesapeake City, was Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Tewell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson entertained Mrs. Charles Anderson and children of Baltimore last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Jones of Greensville, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Todd.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dorsel of Perry's Corner, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a 8½ lb son, born Monday, March 4, 1946. The new arrival will be named Norman Edward. Mother and son are doing nicely.

The past few Springlike weather days has caused our citizens to get busy with hoe and rake. Some have already planted their peas and onion sets.

Percy Collier had a dream the other night that Spring was just around the corner and he is busy getting his summer outfit in shape to entertain the city cousins who will be nosing around for the week ends.

Major Pease tells his folks if spavin drop much more in price that he will pack the job and go electioneering for Capt. Harry Butler for States Attorney.

Blood Plasma For Civilians

Civilians can now obtain the benefits of blood plasma transfusions, irrespective of their ability to pay, according to Dr. R. H. Riley, Director of Health for Maryland. The American Red Cross has shipped 4,022 packages of dried blood plasma to the State Department of Health and more will follow. It will be available without cost to all acceptable public and private hospital and to all licensed physicians and surgeons.

This plasma was obtained from whole blood donated by patriotic Americans to save the lives of service men wounded in World War II. The unexpectedly early end of hostilities resulted in a surplus supply being in the possession of the Army and Navy. Upon request of the armed forces, this life-saving material will be returned to the people for civilian use. The entire surplus has been returned to the Red Cross for distribution through State Health Departments. None of the donated plasma will be sold.

The Maryland State Department of Health has already received its first shipment of plasma from the Eastern Area Office of the American Red Cross. The amount supplied was based upon the State's estimated need during the first three months.

The department is now prepared to ship the first supplies to hospitals and physicians needing plasma. It is available through the Deputy State and County Health Officers, just as other biological products are distributed.

CARD PARTY

A Card Party will be held at the Queenstown school Wednesday, March 20, 1946. The party is to be called "St. Patrick's Card Party." Sponsored by the Queenstown Lions Club. The games to be played are 500, pitch, pinochle, etc. Plenty of prizes. Admission 50 cents. Refreshments will be served.

FOR SALE—1 Bohn refrigerator in perfect condition, 1-2 lid laundry stove has only been used a short time. Apply to Howard Wilson, Greensville, Md.

To The People Of Queen Anne's County

An editorial in the February 28th issue of the Queen Anne's Record-Observer questions the integrity of the American Red Cross which we feel should be answered to this Chapter to the full satisfaction of the people of this County.

The main issue in this editorial was the fact that in the campaign conducted during the War the Red Cross was assisted by the Labor Unions in raising money. This matter has been discussed in most of the papers throughout the United States during the past six months and has been fully answered. It is too bad that the Queen Anne's Record-Observer has only now become aware of this and seen fit to take it up just when the Red Cross drive has started. As has been pointed out by the National Red Cross in their answer in other papers all the money raised by these Unions has been turned over in full to the Red Cross. No money has been retained by the Unions and the only money given them has been for actual expenses incurred by them in collecting money for the Red Cross and paid to them only after a strict audit of such expenses. The expenses paid to them have only figured about one cent out of every dollar collected by them and only covered expenses such as are necessary in any drive of the magnitude of the ones put on by the National Red Cross.

The other main question in the editorial concerns the local Chapter and the Chapter's financial statement of the first of this year. This statement can be seen at the Headquarters of the American Red Cross, Centreville, Md. The editorial infers that information concerning activities and financial operation of the local Red Cross has been withheld from the public. This is not true. This information has always been available to the paper as well as to the public and was reported in full at the Annual Meeting held January 29th, 1946 in the Centreville High School Auditorium. The paper was offered this information but evidently not consider it sufficiently important to publish it in detail.

We might add that in the present drive being conducted in this county our National Quota is $600.00 and the Quota for the Queen Anne's County Chapter is $900.00, all over $1700.00 is divided 50-50 between this Chapter and National Headquarters.

This quota is very much lower than it has been in any campaign in recent years. Chapter reserves are sufficient to carry on the present Chapter program, but we wish the reserves at all times to be sufficient to meet unforseen emergencies.

The Executive Committee,
Queen Anne's County Chapter
American Red Cross,
Miss L. Parker Keating
Executive Secretary

The New Dress Shop

Have you ladies visited the newly opened Dress Shop in Queenstown on main street. If you haven't you really have a surprise coming to you. The shop is pretty well stocked with the best dresses that can be had. Also evening and house dresses, coat suits for the teen agers and Junior Misses. Blouses of all styles, handkerchiefs, and very nice undies for the whole family. Small dresses, pants, sweaters for children and grown ups. Children socks, and underwear. All moderately priced. If you haven't already visited the dress shop, stop in anyway, whether you buy or not, you are welcome to look over the store and examine our stock.

LOST—A fox hound, black and white with tan head. Answers to the name of "King". Reward for information. Turpin Mitchell, Centreville, Md. Phone 2F14.

FOR SALE—1 burner Perfection oil cooking stove, with oven. One year old. In good condition. Call Queenstown 2861.

Political Hot Air

Funny things happen nowadays. Nobody is craving the job of being Mayor of Easton. The same goes for Queenstown, but a faction that holds the reins name who they want to run the town.

Well, we would be candidates are keeping under cover. Perhaps they want the voters to beg to run for the office which they aspire. But it can't be only a few days before they will have to announce their candidacy, as the opening of the May term of Court is the deadline for getting busy, with the primaries just around the corner.

That the latest flash we can gather, is that two big politicians of the Fifth district are combing the Queenstown precinct for a GI to buck the Hon. Joseph W. A. Evans. It looks to us that they have a take [illegible] chase, as Joe is boosting Tawes for Governor, but has not as yet stated how he stands for Senator or any State office. There is no question that he will support Congressman Roe for another term—a [illegible] boy.

A bunch of Independent Democrats of Kent County—they would be classed as New Dealers in Queen Anne's—at a meeting in Chestertown, last week, 40 came out for J. Millard Tawes for Governor, Senator George L. Radcliffe for re-election and Dudley G. Roe for re-election to Congress. As all three of those candidates are straight-laced Democrats, it looks like the Old Liners will say Amen.

All of Worcester County State Central Committee endorsed J. Millard Tawes for Governor and Gov. Herbert O'Conor for Senator, except C. Hale Kerman, secretary of the Committee, said he was endorsing Senator George Radcliffe for re-election. Radcliffe carried Worcester county six years ago in the primaries over Howard Bruce by 2100 votes.

The Kent County News came out in an able editorial and took the political bull by the horns and announced they wouldn't take any part in the primary fight, but would support any candidate or candidates the Democrats selected. This is in line with the consolidation of the two papers. The Uniform were Old Liners since birth, while the Colliers were associated with the Independents for many years. We think it would be a bad policy to spoil the good work started by the new paper which any county could be proud of.

Bennett L. Mills, who is seeking the Republican gubernatorial nomination, yesterday said he intended to remain a candidate until the last ballot is counted in the primary election June 24.

Mr. Mills said he was prompted to make this announcement by reports being circulated in some sections of the State that he may or will withdraw as a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination to take another place on the GOP's State primary ticket.

That the few spring-like days not only bought out the bees, but three avowed candidates: Casper Remy for Treasurer, Percy Arrington for County Commissioner and Albert Baker for the Legislature.

Remy, up Price way, comes from a straight-laced Democratic family, and ought to make a good showing in the primaries.

Arrington is a retired farmer, live near the county seat and we feel he will have the backing of the Old Liners and New Dealers and with the Third and Fifth districts, his home since birth, he ought to have a fighting chance.

Baker is a G. I. recently discharged from service overseas and is well and favorably known in the Fifth District with Greensville his birth place. He is a young man with plenty of vim and ought to make a good representative for the agricultural interest which is the gold mine of the State.

Choptank Co-Op Elects Officers

The Choptank Electric Cooperative which furnishes power to the nine counties of the Eastern Shore, held its eighth annual meeting and election at Denton, Monday with the largest attendance in its history.

Two hundred and twenty-three of the 5,600 members from Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties represented the membership at the meeting.

The session was called to order by retiring President Martin C. Voss of Denton, who was not a candidate for re-election. The meeting was then turned over to Harvey C. Pusey, of Snow Hill, who acted as chairman.

The following directors were elected:

Russell Adkins, of Mardela Springs
Olin S. Davis, of Grill.
Harry Kernan, of Westover.
Walter Lankford, of Princess Anne.
Harry J. Moore, of Queen Anne.
Harry H. Nuttle of Denton.
Harvey C. Pusey, of Snow Hill.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Kernan are new members.

At a meeting of the new board, Mr. Moore was elected president and Mr. Pusey, vice president.

Mr. Voss reviewed the efforts of the group in establishing this service for the farmers of the Eastern Shore, a silver tray was presented to him in recognition of his service the last seven years.

Mr. Nuttle, secretary, reported to the members on the work connected with a battle before the Public Service Commission during the last year over territorial rights.

He said "I am fearful of what may happen to our efforts if the Public Service Commissioners maintain their present attitude. They grew up with the power companies that have old fashioned ideas about co-operatives."

Mr. Nuttle said the membership of the organization, which is expected to reach 7,000 by election day, should be given the opinion of the gubernatorial candidates of both parties on whether farmers are or are not to have opportunities of getting electrical power at reasonable rates.

Controlled Brush Burning Began March 1

The State regulation requiring controlled burning of brush and refuse from 4 p. m. to midnight went into effect March 1 and continues through April 30.

Joseph F. Kaylor, State Forester reminded citizens this week that the controlled burning period was necessary to cut down forest fire losses.

Many persons had asked the State Department of Forests and Parks why the particular period of the day was chosen, he added.

He explained that State weather station and district forester studies had shown that general humidity throughout the State was lowest during these hours.

"Moisture," he asserted, "is less in the ground and in the air at that time. Wind velocity is at its lowest hours, there is less danger of sparks setting fire to nearby timberlands when brush and refuse are burned during this period."

He said that several small forest fires had been reported this season in Southern Maryland and on the Eastern Shore.

He added that he hoped the public would operate in controlled burning, being extremely careful near woodlands.

There seems to be a little rift in the lower precinct because some of the big b'hoys voted for Congressman Roe and then worked many voters against him.

Ex-Chief Judge, Samuel K. Dennis of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore city is out for his old pal, Senator Radcliffe for re-election. Is this any indication of which way the wind is blowing the political straw.