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ROCK HALL BOY HONORED

MEDAL OF MERIT WON BY ROCK HALL MARINE

Washington, D. C., April—As an aftermath of the campaign recently conducted by the U. S. Marines in Nicaragua, where they were aiding the authorities to maintain the stability of government, Daniel R. Downey, of Rock Hall, Md., has been awarded a Medal of Merit by Jose M. Moncada, former president of the Central American country.

Sergeant Downey held the rank of sublieutenant in the Guardia Nacional, or native military force of Nicaragua, and he performed the duties of a radio operator in the Central Area, which was the scene of many bandit operations, and where he was on duty from May, 1931, until last December.

His citation states in part: "Sublieutenant Downey participated in numerous encounters with armed groups of bandits and he performed his line duty displaying skill in all of his actions. For such important services rendered the Republic, with the greatest of pleasure there is conferred upon Sublieutenant Downey, the Medal of Merit of the Republic of Nicaragua."

Sergeant Downey was born in Rock Hall, and formerly made his home with his father, D. R. Downey, Box 95, that place. He has been with the Marine Corps since 1929 and holds another medal for his Nicaraguan service in addition to the Medal of Merit. Since his return from that country recently, he has been stationed at Quantico, Va.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The annual meeting of the KENT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION will be held at the HEALTH CENTER, TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1933, at 8.00 p. m. for the reading of annual reports and the election of officers.

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SHAD SUPPER

The Ladies of Betterton M. E. Church will hold a shad supper in the church parlors on Saturday evening, April 29th. Menu: shad, chicken salad, macaroni, slaw, potato salad, hot rolls, jelly, coffee. Price 40c, children 25c.

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W. C. T. U. TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held May 4th at 3 p. m. at the home of Mrs. W. L. Baker.

"Health" will be the topic of the meeting and Mayor Satterfield will be the spekare A play "Preventorium" will be presented.

DID YOU KNOW?

DID YOU KNOW, THAT:

Tuesday, June 9th ,1730, that the question was put before the General Assembly "that a penny current money per annum be reserved to the Lord Proprietary on all lots in Chester-Town." This bill was sent to the upper House by James Harris, Esq., and M. Philip Kennard, "who return and say they have delivered the same."

DID YOU KNOW, THAT:

Baltimore, incorporated in 1797 "was laid out" in 1729 and included sixty acres, Jones Town 10 acres East of Jones Falls at Gay Street Bridge now included in Baltimore City. In 1745 Baltimore Town and Jones Town joined and subsequently numerous additions were made to the city's area.

DID YOU KNOW, THAT:

Mr. Joseph Scott in his Geographical Description of the State of Maryland and Delaware published in 1807, said of Chestertown. "No town on the Eastern Shore has so many local advantages as Chestertown; an uninterrupted and safe navigation of 25 miles to the Chesapeake, the climate healthier than almost any other part of the Eastern Shore, abundance of excellent water and a fertile and well cultivated surrounding country; but the proximity of Baltimore has monopolized the trade of Chestertown as it has done of all the other parts of the state. It carried on formerly some foreign trade, but it has been abandoned these several years . In the town are several retail stores which supply the inhabitants of the adjacent parts with West India produce and the various manufactures of Europe. A packet, exceedingly well accommodated sails once a week to Baltimore.

MRS. WHALAND TO SCHOOL BOARD

APPOINTMENT EXPECTED TO BE MADE MONDAY

Announcement was made today that Mrs. Charles W. Whaland, of Chestertown, will be appointed a member of the Kent County School Board by Governor Albert C. Ritchie to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mr. Romie Skirven, of Fairlee.

The new appointee will take office next Tuesday, May 2nd and it is understood that Mrs. Whaland will be sworn into office on Monday by Clerk of the Court Robert A Shallcross.

Mrs. Whaland, wife of Dr. Charles B. Whaland has been actively engaged in Democratic politics in Kent County. She is chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee and Eastern Shore Chairman of the United Democratic State Central Committee and Eastern Shore Chairman of the United Democratic Women's Club of Maryland, and is arranging a meeting of that club at Chestertown on May 11th. She has been a member of the Democratic State Central Committee for Kent County for a number of years.

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NOW AND THEN

Blue April

If I should forget
That tulips bloom
And jonquils are woven
Through April's loom,

Nothing of sorrow
Or regret would befall—
For hyacinths bloom
By the garden wall

And crocuses nod
And bluebells explain
The evident use
Of April rain.

Let June be crimson—
That is her due—
And May be verdant
But April, blue.

RAYMOND KRESENKHT.

The month of May is nearly here. In England the first day of May was a time for May parties and the children would go around, hanging May baskets on the doors of their friends In America, May day has a more practical side for it has made it Child's Health Day.

The Children have been great sufferers by the depression, much more than the adults for they need much more to build up their bodies. The managers are afraid that they will not be able to open the Miracle House this year as their funds are locked up in the banks.

The heavens are unusually brilliant these evenings and it would be well for us to look up into the sky. Acturus, a sun much larger than ours is shining in all its glory. Instead of having the President open the Chicago Exposition next June, they are to use the power from the gleam of Acturus' rays to open it.

What a wonder that will be. Surely they can write it on the clouds, as they did in their last Exposition. "What hath God wrought."

Books are having a hard time these days. Publishers are almost afraid to publish them as the sales are so poor. But a most charming book has been published recently. "The House of Exile,' by Nora Waln. She gives her personal experiences as a guest among the elite of China. It is very refreshing after reading of the sordid lives of the majority of the Chinese.

Just one little flower blooming alone
but the whole air was fragrant thereby.

"Not to myself alone."
The little opening flower, transported, cries—
"Not to myself alone I bud and bloom;
With fragrant breath the breezes I perfume,
And gladden all things with my rainbow dyes."

S. W. Patridge.

Some time ago we read that in the early days of Maryland the bachelors were taxed. Would it not be a good thing to tax them now, and thus raise the revenue.

Portrait of a Bachelor

He will buy your dinner,
Take you to a show,
Then to dance wherever
You may wish to go—

He will send you flowers,
Or a little gift,
He's always at your service
When you need a lift.

He will give you counsel
When you seek advice,
You never need to ask for
Any favor twice.

He will even love you
Heaps and heaps and heaps,
All these things he'll do for you.
But, darn it—not "for keeps"!

MARION KOPPELL.

"To reach the Port of Heaven we must sometimes sail with the wind and sometimes against it, but we must sail and not drift nor lie at anchor.

George Washington is still a hero in this country. Would that the country always heeded his warnings and his counsels. He said:

My first wish is to see the whole world in peace, and the inhabitants of it as one band of brothers, striving who should contribute most to the happiness of mankind.

God send us men with hearts ablaze
All truth to love, all wrong to hate;
These are the patriots nations need,
These are the bulwarks of the state.

JOINS BUSINESS FIRM

Mr. Ralph Usilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Usilton, of near Chestertown, has become associated with Mr. Charles L. Dodd in the undertaking business.

Mr. Usilton has recently graduated from the Embalming College of Philadelphia.

OUR BROADCAST

—Miss Rachel Willis received this week a merit pin from the C. & P. Telephone Company for five years service, particulars elsewhere — Word was received Thursday that the Kent County Hospital case has been postponed again until May 11th—Aneita J. Faatz, and she is not that way atall,will arrive in Kent County next week to arrange for putting the unemployed to work. It is said that a conservative estimate of needy families in Kent is 150 white and 300 colored. Will the wages paid by the Welfare be more than that paid present farm labor. See Curbstone Diplomat on page 8.—In reference to overall commencement being bunk, the teachers must be stuffing the students with bunk because the students were spreading the tale.—Mrs. Hope H. Barroll will open her home, "Knox Folly" on Turner's Creek about the middle of May and expects to spend the summer there—"Memories of Old Chestertown" has become one of the Transcript's most popular items, it will be found on page 6—Mr. Jewell has sold the Colonel Schwab property on Chester River in Queen Anne's County to Mrs. H. W. Young, of Chester, Pa. Colonel Schwab will leave this section temporarily but expects to return again and buy a home—The dates for the Betterton Regatta will probably be August 18th and 19th, although they have not been definitely settled upon—Mr. Ralph Usilton has gone into the undertaking business with Mr. Charles L. Dodd, particulars elsewhere.—Jos. Allen Weatherby, a would be Kent County farmer, raps the slogan "Buy American" in Furrows on page 7

—Mr. Charles C. Hopper, who supplies the "Did You Know That" for the Transcript, will be in town this week-end.—The Chestertown Restaurant says "Compare Home Brew with Real Beer" in an advertisement on page 4.—Albert Wheat is showing the latest in foot-wear—Mr. Robert Atkinson, who is now a wall street banker, holds the record for the baseball distance throw in Kent County. This record was established in 1917. On page 8 of this issue is a list or trackevents records for Kent County and who holds them. See if yours has been broken.

—The United Woman's Democratic Clubs of Maryland will meet in Chestertown on May 11th. Governor Ritchie will speak.—A membership meeting will be held by the Kent County Health Association on Tuesday, May 9th, for the reading of reports and the election of officers—Mayor Satterfield will be the speaker at the monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. in Chestertown on May 4th. Announcement elsewhere.—Toots Hadaway who hits the circus trail in summer says, "Allen Bros., Wild West Shows' 'will get the break this summer. The show is now in Dorchester County and might have a show in Chestertown. Toots will leave about a week or so to take one of the concessions—Claude Worrell and wife called on old friends Sunday. He is in the freight business in Philadelphia.—Reports from Betterton are that yachts have started moving up and down the bay. A sure sign of summer.—Many nets of Rock Hall fishermen are being taken up and confiscated by the federal government. The nets are in deeper water than the law allows. No arrests have been made and it seems the authorities could go about the business in a better way. If a man goes to claim a net he is liable to be arrested.—The latest price paid for a copy of "Old Kent is $45.00. A man in West Virginia paid that sum for a copy and it was obtained from a bookstore in Boston. "Old Kent" is appearing in weekly installments in the Transcript.—Mr. Harry Graham who has been associated with the Home Life Insurance in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for a number of years has been transferred to the home office in Baltimore, Md.—Mr. Daniel R. Downey, of Rock Hall, Md., has been awarded a medal of merit by a Central American Country. Particulars are elsewhere in this issue.—Local boatmen are tuning up their motors. The "Half Pint," owned by Messrs. Hartman and Westcott has had her motor overhauled. Mr. Johnson's motor has also had an overhauling. Other boats are almost ready The sailboats of Truslow and Rogers are overboard.—A dance will be held at the Hotel Higbie in Betterton this Saturday night. Open to the public. Adv. page 1 this issue.

—The banquet held for the benefit of the Rock Hall Fire Company was a grand success as far as the food went but business was a little slow. As so much was left over a plate supper will probably be held this Saturday evening.—Mr. Herbert Matthews in slamming the door of his car Friday broke the glass which fell and cut his hand seriously. Mr. Carl Graham has been carrying the mail in his place.—There is a water main leak on Maple Ave., for two or three days and so far has received no attention. Its gradually getting worse.—A protest was filed against the College Hill Filling Station selling beer. A hearing of the case will be held in Chestertown but the date for this hearing has not been set. Word as to the date is expected sometime this week.—Dr. Livingood will move into the Vannort House on High St. in the near future. —Miss Nellie Walters has returned to Chestertown after an extended visit to relatives in Pocomoke City.— Mr. Arthur Greenwood manual training teacher, has moved from the Hartman House on Washington Ave. to the Knight House on Queen street.—Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross has been mentioned as the one that will placed at the head of the U. S. Mint. She is exgovernor of Wyoming and a great friend of Mrs. W. W. Hubbard. She has visited Chestertown on many occassions.—A list of appointments made for Kent County by Gov. Ritchie appears in this issue.—Don't fail to see 42nd street at the New Lyceum. It must be good because it is drawing large crowds every place it has been showing.—Last week we were running an adv., of tomato plants for sale for a man in Georgia. This week we received a letter telling us to stop the adv. as a hail storm had wiped up the whole crop which must have been a large one as he advertised all over the East.—The gypsies that have been wintering on Cannon street have left and it is reported that they took a lot of marbles with them. Their game was to engage very small boys in the game of marbles and get them all.—Wednesday afternoon May 3rd between 4.30 and 5.00 p. m. the Washington College Orchestra will broadcast over station W. C. A. O. Baltimore. The program is in this issue.

MEMORIAL SERVICES TO JUDGE LEWIN W. WICKES

HELD IN THE COURT HOUSE AT CHESTERTOWN, MONDAY AFTERNOON

The following resolutions were prepared by H. W. Vickers, Stephen R. Collins and R. Hynson Rogers, committe of the Kent bar, on the death of Judge Lewin W. Wickes, and were read at the memorial services on Mon day afternoon.

"Whereas, Almighty God in His Divine Wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst the Honorable Lewin W. Wickes, and whereas the members of his home bar were shocked with his sudden demise and all are in great sorrow and distress because of his death.

"We submit these resolutions to this Honorable Court to show our appreciation of this eminent and distinguished Lawyer, Jurist, Citizen and Friend.

"During the thirteen years of service on the Bench he discharged his official duties in a most eminent and distinquished manner. He had attained a high position in Judical life of his County and Circuit. He was ever diligent and careful in the performance of his duties and always faithfully served the people of this Circuit and deservedly earned the esteem, love and affection of the people with whom he came in contact. He had been an earnest, diligent and intelligent student; his naturally keen mind quickly acquired that deep knowledge of the Law and its fundamental principles; his enunciation of these principles was always clearly defined and showed the soundness of his reason. He was truly near and dear to this Bar and as a Citizen he represented what was truest and best in the life of this community. That in his death the County and Circuit have lost a faithful and devoted servant and the membres of this Bar, a wise and safe counsellor.

"Your Honors, we, the committee appointed by the members of the Kent County Bar, move that a copy of this tribute be placed upon the records of this Honorable Court, and that a copy be sent to the family of our late distinguished Jurist who was the honored companion of each of you."

Tributes were paid to the late lamented Judge by Chief Judge William H. Adkins, Associate Judges Thomas J. Keating and J. Owen Knotts, Mr. Henry L. Constable, of the Elkton Bar, Mr. J. H. C. Legg, of the Centreville Bar, Mr. DeWeese Carter, of the Denton Bar, and Mr. T. Hughlet Henry of the Easton Bar. Members of the Kent Bar who paid tribute were Messrs. H. W. Vickers, Stephen R. Collins, R. H. Rogers, W. F. Russell, Jr., Herbert E. Perkins, S. Scott Beck Wilbur Ross Hubbard and Thomas F. Healey.

SQUADRON CLASS

Seven more from Kent have passed the examination for the U. S. Power Squadron Class. They will become members of the Susquehanna branch. This examination covers boat handling and is a yachtsman's organization.

The seven to pass this year are, Howard Owens, Jr., Wm. C. Grieb, Jr., Allen H. Bonwill, Emmett Kauffman, Simon W. Westcott, Tilghman Moyer and James Lewis Morris.

Classes in this course were held this winter at Country Club. Only two of the new members are members of the Country Club. The course was open to anybody interested. The examination was held two weeks ago at Havre de Grace.

This makes a total of 20 members of the U. S. Power Squadron class here

H. R. GRAHAM TRANSFERRED

Mr. Harry R. Graham, formerly of Chestertown, who has been representing the Home Friendly Insurance Company in Wilkes Barre, Pa., has been transferred to the home office in Baltimore and he and Mrs. Graham have moved to that city. We welcome them back to Maryland.

SELLS SCHWAB PROPERTY

WILL TEMPORARILY MOVE TO NEW JERSEY

Mr. H. T. Jewell, local real estate agent, sold the Colonel Schwab property in Queen Anne's County near Chestertown on Thursday of this week to Mrs. H. W. Young, of Chester, Pennsylvania, price $5500. Mrs. Young will move here on Tuesday of next week.

Colonel Schwab and family will temporarily move to New Jersey until arrangements can be made for their return to Chestertown. He sold his property in order to locate in Chestertown.

TO PRESENT POSTPONED PLAY

SHAKESPEARE PLAY TO BE PRESENTED AT COLLEGE

folk-lore which Shakespeare had in mind. On the other hand, however, are the genuinely substantial luck and the distinctive Cobweb, Mustard-Seed, Pease-Blossom, and Moth. All these have new costumes, made to order.

Despite the dainty fairy parts, the character of the play is pre-eminnetly mirthful. The cast has appreciated this, and is emphasizing the comedy.

The painted scenery, woods and grassy banks are the cause of a good deal of pride to the cast. Stage carpentry and scene painting are new departures in Washington College dramatics, but Mr. Paul Pippin, working under generous suggestion from the Yale School of Drama, has achieved highly creditable effects.

Play Carefully Costumed

Again this year, as last, the Shakespeare Club has taken special pains with costuming and is following the bard's own practice in using the Elizabethan doublet and hose. Such dress is much more in harmony with the English spirit of the play.

It is expected that the costumes will be extraordinarily effective. Most of the fairy dresses have been designed to produce the ethreal beings of English

A Midsummer Nights Dream, postponed because of the bank situation last month ,is now scheduled for the fifth of May. The cast has made use of the delay to perfect details of action and of stage-setting, so they have a better production to offer now than a month ago.

Among the home made devices the cast take especial pride in the spot light improvised by Mr. Kauffman, at the expense of a few cents' worth of gelatine slides.

WOMEN DEMOCRATS HERE MAY 11

GOVERNOR RITCHIE SPEAKER AT COURT HOUSE MEETING

Governor Albert C. Ritchie will be one of the speakers when the United Democratic Women's Clubs of Maryland gather in Chestertown on Tuesday, May 11th .

The visitors which will include women from all parts of the State will arrive in Chestertown at 1 p. m. and have lunch at Emmanuel Parish House after which the party will adjourn to the Court House at 2 p. m. for the program. Among the speakers besides the Governor, will be Congressmas Goldsborough, and Mayor Jackson, of Baltimore City. Among the prominent Maryland Democratic who will be present will be Mr. and Mrs. Preston Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gordy. Mrs. Francis Perkins, Secretary of Labor in Presdent's Roosevelt's Cabinet has been invited.

The public is invited to attend the luncheon and meeting and to help greet the visitors. The affair will be under the direction of Mrs. Charles Whaland, Eastern Shore chairman of the organization.

CHESTERTOWN P.T.A. TO MEET

SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED

The Parent-Teachers Association, of the Chestertown elementary school, will meet on Tuesday evening, May 2nd, at 8 p. m. in the school building.

Mrs. Carl N. Bordley, chairman of the program committee, has arranged a special program for this meeting and all members are urged to attend.

Every up-to-date Newspaper is an "institution of higher learning". That is worth thinking about.

PENN. GARDEN CLUB HERE

VISITS WIDE HALL AND OTHER INTERESTING POINTS

Twenty-nine ladies, members of the Pennsylvania Garden Clubs, visited Kent and Queen Anne's counties and inspected the outstanding gardens in the two counties.

The party was piloted by Mrs. Howard Wood, formerly Miss Phoebe Wilmer, of Quen Anne's county.

The first stop was made at Wide Hall, Chestertown, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur W. Hubbard, where the ladies were greeted and were shown the beautiful garden and home, the den at the old Custom House and other points of interest in Chestertown. The party were entertained with light refreshments while at Wide Hall.

From Kent they went to beautiful old Readbourne, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Gadd, of Queen Anne's County.

At noon the club was entertained at a luncheon at Eversley, the beautiful home of Mrs. A. E. Wilmer and the former home of Mrs. Wood. Twelve years ago the club had visited the spot in Queen Anne's and the memories of that happy occasion were many.

At the Hope House in Easton, the home of Mrs. Ida M. Starr, the club was delightfully enteretained over the evening, after visiting several other bautiful old homes and gardens in Talbot. Members of the club will return to Philadelphia Thursday.

WOMEN'S AND GIRLS CLUB MEETINGS

CLUB LEADERS GROUP MEETING NEXT THURSDAY

The Girls 4-H local leaders group conference will be held at Miss Schellinger's at 3 p. m. Wednesday, May 3rd.

The local leaders for Girls 4-H Clubs are: Rock Hall, Mrs. Bradley Kerr; Piney Neck, Miss May Elburn; Fairlee Junior, Louise Ackerman; Fairlee Senior, Mrs. George Hendrickson and Mrs. Wm. Walter Morris; Cliffs, Ruth Legg; Flatland Junior, Emily Sutton; Flatland Senior, Mrs. L. A. Sutton; Worton, Sarah T. Morris; Kennedyville, Audrey Long and Rebecca Groves; Betterton, Isabel Brice and Helen Coleman; Galena, Helen Fogwell and Massey, Florence Dixon. Millington girls have no local leader . Miss Dorothy Emerson, girls club agent will be present.

Other Meetings Planned

May 4, Thursday, Flatland Women's Club at Mrs. Lambert Plummer at 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. Demonstration of the wise use of meat and milk supply

May 5, Friday, Sassafras Club at Blackiston's at 2 p. m. a demonstration of the wise use of meat and milk supply.

Saturday Fairlee Sr., 4-H Club at 2 p. m. at Beatrice Bergers. Sponge cake demonstration by Louise Ackerman and Virginia Miller.

"42ND STREET"

Five thousand girls from Hollywood's picture studios, its night clubs and gardens, as well as the New York and Los Angeles stages, were examined by Busby Berkeley, noted Broadway stage director, in order to select 150 of the most beautiful and talented to make up the beauty chorus included in Warner Bros.' mammoth production of "42nd Street," which comes to the New Lyceum Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 4, 5, 6.

The girls were required to have singing voices as well as beautiful faces and calves. They appear in the chorus of the picture, which is a show within a show, telling of the production of a big Broadway musical from the first rehearsal to its premiere. The dance numbers staged by Berkeley are said to be the most novel and the most intricate ever attempted for either stage or screen. Costumes are elaborate and artistic.

The production carries an all-star cast which includes Warner Baxter, Bebe Daniels, George Brent, Una Merkel, Guy Kibbee, Ned Sparks and Allen Jenkins, as well as two former musical stars, Ruby Keeler, wife of Al Jolson, and Ginger Rogers. Dick Powell, radio singer and orchestra leader, whose singing was such a hit in "Blessed Event," is also in the cast.

Besides the musical spectacle, the story carries a powerful dramatic plot of backstage theatrical life, taken from the novel by Bradford Ropes. The screen play was adapted by Rian James and James Seymour and directed by Lloyd Bacon. The song hits were written by Al Dubin and Harry Warren.

Long live the optimist, may his tribe increase, for he finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones and good in everything.

For the sting of defeat, apply a generous dos eof "up and at 'em."

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