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### FRANK FORD IN SHERIFF RACE

Mr. B. Frank Ford entered the field for Sheriff this week and has his card on page one of this issue. Other candidates who have announced themselves in the columns of this paper are: Messrs. Reuben Jamar, J. Thomas Hadaway, J. Gale Usilton, George Whaland and Edgar M. Clark.

### FOR SALE

A dining table in good condition.
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22 h. p. Peerless Spring mounted engine. 26 inch Peerless seperator. Drive belt and other belts. All in order. Garden City feeder and bagger on seperator, complete.

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### WARNING

Due to abuses by non-club members using the private pier and beach of The Chester River Yacht and Country Club, the public is hereby warned that NO TRESPASSING SHALL BE ALLOWED ON ITS PROPERTY.

Only Club Members or not over two guests with a club member shall be allowed use of pier or beach for swimming. No dressing or undressing on club grounds or pier shall be tolerated.

By Order of THE BOARDS OF GOVERNORS, of The Chester River Yacht and Country Club. jn9

### CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff for Kent County subject to the Democratic Primaries.

B. FRANK FORD.

### CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce my candidacy for Sheriff of Kent Couny subject to the Democraic Primary in September.

EDGAR M. CLARK.

### CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

After being urged by many of my friends, I have decided to announce myself as a candidate for Sheriff of Kent County, subject to the Democratic Primaries. Respectfully submitted to the voters.

GEORGE T WHALAND

### CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Sheriff for Kent County subject to the Democratic primary in September. I pledge my support to the sucessful nominee.

JOHN GALE USILTON
jn2. Chestertown, Md.

### CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

By request of my many friends I have decided to become a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Kent County, Maryland, subject to the Democratic Primary.

my26-3t. .. J. THOMAS HADAWAY

### TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF KENT COUNTY

After earnest solication by my many Democratic friends to be a candidate for Sheriff of Kent County, I hereby announce my name, subject to the primary rules of the Democratic party of the State of Maryland.

I will support the nominee. . . . .

REUBEN JAMAR
my26-3t*

### ANNOUNCEMENT

I am now operating the Gulf filling station at Kennedyville, formerly operated by Mr. King, and am prepared to serve the public with first class filling station service, sandwiches, beer, soft drinks, candies, etc.

jn2-tf. B. FRANK FORD.

### TO ASPARAGUS GROWERS

Trucks will leave Chestertown each night for Baltimore. Asparagus will also be picked up at farm.

Large crates 20 cents.
Small crates 12 cents.
Phone Chestertown 326.

### WANTED

100 USED REFRIGERATORS AS PART PAYMENT on exchange for NEW COOLERATORS.

CHESTERTOWN ICE PLANT.

### WILL CONDUCT VOCAL CLASSES

Mr. Raymond Moffett is conducting classes during the summer in voice training. Mr. Moffett is a graduate of Washington College and has since studied at the Peabody Conservatory of Music.

### YACHTMEN'S DINNER AT COUNTRY CLUB

The annual yachtsmen's dinner at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club will be held at the club house on Saturday evening, June 23rd.

### TO HOLD SCHOLARSHIP EXAM.

A competative examination for a Senatorial Scholarship to Washington College will be held in William Smith Hall on Wednesday, June 27th.

The examination is open to boys only.

### Competitive Examinotian for Scholarship in Washington College

The examination for the Senatorial Scholarship from Kent County in Washington College will be held in William Smith Hall on

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27TH NEXT

Open to boys only.

For further information address President Gilbert W. Mead, Washington College, Chestertown, Md.

### BETTERTON CASINO DANCES

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT IN JUNE

JUNE 16TH
VIC VICKERS WITH HIS NINE PIECE ORCHESTRA
GOOD MUSIC—GOOD FLOOR
MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT THE DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT
ADMISSION ..... 50 CENTS
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### HORSES FOR SALE

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### FOR RENT

Having to go back to Betterton, I will rent my HOME AT GOOSE HILL to a responsible party.
Apply at THE TRANSCRIPT OFFICE.

### BIDS FOR FUEL

The Board of Education of Kent County, Chesterton, Maryland at its meeting to be called at 10.00 a. m. on Tuesday, June 19, 1934, will open sealed bids for fuel for use next term in schools throughout he county, and sealed bids on hauling coal from the railroad stations to the conditions under which bids are to be made and, the kind and quality of fuel on which bids are desired will be sent to any one upon request.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By Order of Board of Education of Kent County.

LOUIS C. ROBINSON, Secretary.

### DANCE

FRIDAY, JUNE FIFTEENTH
CHESTERTOWN NEW ARMORY
Given by Med. Det. in Honor of 1934 Graduates and Alumni Asso. of C. H. S.
Dancing from nine to one
Music by Lewis Startt and his 8 piece band from the (LOVELY WATERS). PUBLIC INVITED.
Admission $1.00 per couple. 75c stag.

### WANTED TO RENT OR LEASE

HOUSE CONVENIENTLY NEAR COLLEGE, with three bed-rooms or more, with heat, electricity and gas, gas preferred, with garage, and some ground with the house, at reasonable rental, for family from Delaware with boy ready for college, another ready for Junior high.

### FOR SALE

GOING BUSINESS, now on profitable basis, restaurant and inn, located on thoroughfare, heavily traveled, owner, ill health, 7 room frame dwelling, painted, good condition, lighted with electricity, phone installed, 1 1-2 to 2 acres land, plenty room to raise broilers for the restaurant table. Two gas tanks, soft drink stand. House furnished which goes with the sale at $2950. Half cash, balance on easy terms.

### FOR SALE

**Queen Anne Farm 100 Acres**

10 acres in woods, few yards to Chester river, with public landing, improved with 6 room frame house, with porches, plenty shade, well of excellent drinking water; good outbuildings, conveniently near school and churches. An excellent bargain for $2600.

TERMS—1-2 cash and balance on mortgage @ 6 per cent. Must be sold in thirty days from this date.

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105 Court Street,
jn9-2t. Chestertown, Md.

# County Tax Rate Reduced to 84c

## ECONOMY AND CAREFUL MANAGEMENT HELPS REDUCTION

### Lowest Tax Rate For Many Years---Levy Not Cut to Reduce Rate

The Commissioners of Kent County met on Tuesday of this week and struck the levy for 1934-1935 and declared the tax rate to be 84 cents on the $100 assessment. This is a 9 cent reduction over the 93 cent rate last year which was the lowest that has been enjoyed by county tax payers for the past thirty years. The new rate of 84 cents plus the 22 cent State tax makes a total of $1.06, which is thirteen cents below the lowest rate in the thirty year period.

The nine cent reduction this year is attributed largely to keeping the certificate list to approximately one half of what it has been in prevous years, the reduction over last year being $24,201.05.

The new levy promises to further reduce the certificate list next year as additional provision was made for items that in past years have run over that estimated in the levy for those years. For example it has been customary to levy approximately $3000 for election expenses in the years that elections have been held. This year $7,000 has been levied for the election.

The miscellaneous item in the levy for the coming year has been increased from $350 to $2000. The levy of hospitals was increased from $6,000 to $7,000. The increase in the above items more equally meets the cost of them and avoids the issuance of certificates bearing six per cent interest to take care of the difference. It represents a step nearer toward putting Kent County on a cash basis. The amount of uncollected taxes as of June the first 1934 is $22,000 less than it was in June 1933.

Among the larger items provided for in the levy are schools $75,756.36, hospitals $7,750, extension service $3,300, health service $2,200, Court House and Jail $3,000, election $7,000, contingent fund to provide for items that run over the levy $8,327.61, payment of certificates issued in 1933 $24,239.08, Circuit Court $3,700, payment of notes for money borrowed to advance to School Board $51,000, redemption of school bonds for Rock Hall school $6,000. The levy for these school bonds in 1935 will be $3,000 which will pay them in full.

The assessment of real and personal propety in Kent County which is taxed at the full ate is $16,118,375. Other assessments which do not come under the full rate increase this amounts to a total of $17,333,265.

The Kent County tax rate for the past 29 years is as follows:

1904, $1.30; 1905, $1.15; 1906, $1.15; 1907, $1.12; 1908, $1.12; 1909, $1.25; 1910, $1.85; 1911, $1.22; 1912, $1.05; 1913, $.94; 1914, $1.09; 1915, $1.11; 1916, $1.53; 1917, $1.44; 1918, $1.25; 1919, $1.32; 1920, $2.51; 1921, $1.48; 1922, $1.54; 1923, $1.48; 1924, $1.50; 1925, $1.47; 1926, $1.31; 1927, $1.60; 1928, $1.54; 1929, $1.90; 1930, $1.63; 1931, $1.67; 1932, $1.47; 1933, $.93; 1934, $.84.

# FERTILIZE SHADE TREES

### WILL PROTECT AGAINST DISEASE AND INSECTS

(BY COUNTY AGENT McVEAN)

Injury to shade trees by insects or disease usually can be lessened or prevented entirely through proper fertilization and watering, according to Kenneth J. Seigworth, forester for the University of Maryland Extension Service, who says that trees subject to such attacks are usually in a weakened condition and deficient in available plant food and water which retards their development. This is especially true, he says, where trees are planted in poor soils or where the root system is covered by pavements.

According to Mr. Seigworth, ordinary commercial nitrate of soda is about as effective a fertilizer as can be used, although care should be exercised in applying fertilizer to the roots of the trees. It may be applied any time just prior to the opening of the buds until July 1, it is said.

Nitrate of soda should be applied at the rate of one pound for each 100 feet of root or crown area. The amount can be calculated by squaring the distance from the trunk of the tree to its outer branches, multiplying by three, and dividing by 100.

The fertilizer should be placed in a series of small holes, six to twelve inches deep, just under the outer branches. The distance the series of holes may be from the trunk of the tree will vary all the way from a few feet, in the case of young trees, to fifty feet, in older ones.

In seasons of extremely dry weather and where transplanting has been done, the trees should be kept supplied with water. This water should be applied in approximately the same location as the fertilizer.

### ACTIVITIES AT BETTERON

Dances will be held every Saturday night during the month of June at the Betterton Casino. Dance this Saturday night will feature Viv Vickers and his orchestra.

Graduation dance will be held on Monday evening, June 19. All high school graduates of Cecil, Kent and Queen Annes are especially invited to attend. The price of admission is advertised elsewhere in this issue. Two valuable graduation prizes will be given to the lucky winner. One for boys and one for girls. Drawing open to all purchasing tickets for the dance. is open to all.

On Wednesday evening "Reds" Smith features his first boxing card for the benefit of the Betterton Beach Club in the Betterton Casino. The full card will be found on page 8 of this issue.

# DEMOCRATIC POLITICS

George L. Radcliffe, formerly of Dorchester County, now Federal P. W. A. Administrator for Maryland, has entered the race for Democratic nominee for Governor of Maryland. His announcement, which was made late Wednesday afternoon, put another side to that already triangular fight for that office and made a four cornered fight affair temporarily at least, Several weeks ago party leaders in a number of the counties of the State, including Kent County, signed a petition requesting that Mr. Radcliffe be made a compromse candidate in the Ritchie Jackson fight. Up to the present time he is another candidate rather than a compromise and the question is whether those politicians who urged his candidacy have made a more difficult situation or whether the compromise can yet be brought about. His backers hope that Mayor Jackson will withdraw from the race and that Governor Ritchie will become a candidate for the United States Senate although both have reiterated their intentions of remaining in the contest. Supporters of the Ritchie, Jackson and Connelly campaigns all claim that Radcliffs entrance in the race will help their cause. In summing up the Ritchie-Jackson fight up to the time of Mr. Radcliffs announcement, it was very evident that Governor Ritchie had the advantage in Baltimore City while Mayor Jackson was a little stronger in some of the counties. If Mr. Radcliffe will divide the vote in the anti-Ritchie counties, it will be a boom for the present Governor; on the other hand there were a large number of voters who opposed a fifth term but would have supported Governor Ritchie in preference to the Mayor. If this latter group now swing to Mr. Radcliffe it would be a help to the Mayor's cause.

With but three months before the primary, the situation in Kent County is becoming a little tense although no definite action has been taken by party leaders, presumably awaiting some change in the Governor race. It is the old political game of picking and working with a winner, who ever that person maybe, and it is highly important that Kent County's choice in the primary and general election is a winner as now more than ever before we need the favor of who ever succeeds in occupying the Governor's Mansion at Annapolis. This statement is based on the fact that a large portion of the million dollar road bond issue still remains unpaid and an unsympathetic Governor and Legislature could materially increase our next years tax rate, both from a standpoint of roads and schools.

The race for the Sheriff's office has now increased to seven contestants and outward appearances now indicate a free for all non-political race. If there is any lining up on the part of political leaders it is being kept very much in the dark.

### WINS HONORS AT LEHIGH

Mr. Allan Robinson, son of Mrs. Ella Robinson of the faculty of the Chestertown Elementary School, won high honors at Lehigh University from which he graduated in engineering last week. He received Grade A. in all of his studies and a prize of $50 for a thesis which he wrote in his senior year.

He left on Wednesday for Pittsburg where he has accepted a position with the Dravo Construction Company.

# LOCAL REGATTA AUGUST 17 & 18

### TWO DAYS RACES TO BE HELD AT CHESTERTOWN

The dates for the annual regatta of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club have been set for Friday and Saturday, August 17th and 18th.

While the Regatta Committee, of which Tilghman H. Moyer is chairman and R. H. Rogers, vice chairman, have not completed the plans for the annual affair it is understood that the two day program will be held at Chestertown in the stretch of water between the Club and Chester River bridge. Plans will feature small boat races while classes will be arranged for racs while classes will be arranged for all types of boats.

The gold cup race for the Bill Raskob Memorial Gold Cup will be held independant of the regatta, probably in the Bay in connection with some other race event.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN NAMED

RACE COMMITTEE—J. Thomas Kibler.

COURSE PATROL—Robert Wilson.

SHORE COMMITTEE—Philip G. Wilmer.

GOLD CUP COMMITTEE—Col. E. Price Ewing.

SWIMMING AND LIKE EVENTS—Wm. B. Usilton, 3rd.

COURSE LAYOUT—Marion deK. Smith.

PROGRAM—Neal Truslow.

ENTRIES—Stephen R. Collins, Esq.

TROPHIES—H. T. Hartman.

PROGRAM ADVERTISING —Jesse D. Maxwell.

PUBLICITY—Wm. B. Usilton, 3rd.

CONTESTANTS—William S. Collins, Jr.

The tentative schedule of events is:

Friday: Separate races for Canoes, Stars, Sneak boxes, Snipes, Wee-Scots, and a free-for-all for Bateaux and Scows.

Saturday: Outboards A, B and C, Runabouts, Bang-and-go-back for Cruisers.

# SAYS WHEAT CROP AMPLE

### ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMS GIVE CROP INSURANCE

The severe drought in some sections of the country has emphasized one feautre of the crop adjustment programs carried on in Maryland and other states, which had not been so generally appreciated, according to Dr. T. B. Symons, director of the University of Maryland Extension Service, who is in charge of such programs in this state. Although the programs for reducing production of wheat, corn, hogs, and the like were designed primarily to cut down burdensome surpluses and bring supply more nearly into line with effective demand, he point out that the benefit payments are based on past production average, rather than on the current crop. The amount of these payments, therefore, is not diminished by a current crop failure. These assured payments guarantee that farmers who have signed contracts to cooperate will have some income, even if their crops are utter failures.

Dr. Symons states that even if the drough continues, the 1934 crop of wheat, along with present stocks, will give ample supplies for food and an adejuate carryover into the next season, an analysis made by the Agricultural Adjusment Administration indicates.

The carryover on July 1 is expected to be about 260 million bushels, it is stated. Added to what the crop might total with continued drought, it is estimated that there would be a total for the coming season of about 825 million bushels. The country uses about 625 million bushels a year for all purposes, so that after normal use, the nation would still have in the neighborhood of 200 million bushels available for carryover, or for export.

### PLAYS NO FAVORITES

A writer of book reviews for a New York paper remarks: "It is rare to meet in contemporary fiction a single character one would care to be found dead with." We solemnly declare there is no character, in or out of fiction, that we would care to be found dead with.

## ELECTED PRESIDENT M. P. CONFERENCE



Dr. E. A. Sexsmith, Pastor of Christ M. P. Church, Chestertown

Dr. E. A. Sexsmith, pastor of Christ M. P. Church, Chestertown, was elected president of the Maryland Annual Methodist Protestant Conference which is now being held at Western Maryland College, Westminster.

Dr. Sexsmith's election followed the convening of the Conference and on the first ballot he received 124 votes, one less than that required for election. Following the report of the tellers, Dr. L. E. Bunce, of Baltimore, who received the next highest number of votes, made a motion that Dr. Sexsmith's election be made unanimous The motion was carried and the election was made with one ballot.

Dr. Sexsmith has been pastor of the Chestertown Church for the past six years and before coming to Chestertown was Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work for the General Conference of the United States. He was at one time was president of a small conference in the Middle West.

He was born in Missouri, his parents being orginally from Maryland and like most Marylanders he returned to this State. He came to Chestertown six years ago with his bride, he leaves as Pesident of the Conference. His appointment is for a term of five years and he and Mrs. Sexsmith will move to Baltimore and occupy the President's home there. As president of the Conference he will name his sucessor to the Chestertown Church, which will be announced with the other appointments next Monday.

# W. C. HOLDS ITS 152 COMMENCEMENT

The 152nd commencement of Washington College has come and gone. Ideal weather and abundance of roses and other blossoms made it an occasion to be remembered. The pageant under the supervision of Miss Doris Bell, the Commencement ball and the Alumni dinner were all a great success.

The baccalaureate sermon, delivered by President Meade was a very appealing thoughtful one. "Forgetting the things that are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before" was the burden of his address and he urged the students to go on and on, striving for the mark of high calling, not content with mediocre attainment. The music by the College orchestra under Dr. Livingood, and the Glee Club, trained by Mr. Raymond Moffett added much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

As the crowd were entering William Smith Hall they saw a tablet which occupied the place where President Roosevelt stood last October when he received his degree from this time honored College. This tablet was presented by the graduation class of 1934.

Long before the Academic procession marched into the Hall on Monday, Commencement Day it was filled to capacity and while the audience waited ed, classical and familiar airs were played by the College Orchestra.

The procession was an impressive sight, followed by the 46 graduates of this year.

The Senior oration was delivered by Ralph Everett Harris, a very thoughtful and well prepared address. Senator Hugo L. Black, of Alabama made the address to the graduates.

He dwelt upon the economic problem of the time, of abundant resources and yet lack of employment and dreadful need of countless people in this land of ours.

How to relieve such a situation, he called upon the students who are now going out in the world to help solve them Senator Black is a very forcible speaker and his address was listened to intently by all of the audience.

After singing "Old Washington" the President gave a report of the status of the college mentioning among the gifts received by the college, the legacy of Mr. Chas. Harley of Baltimore; who left the College residuary legatee, of his estate, and of Mrs. Dick, of Salisbury, Md., who donated 1500 dollars towards the library for the girls of Reid Hall in memory of the ancestor of her husband, Dr. Dick, the physician of General George Washington.

After the conferring of degrees to the graduates, the portrait of the late Dr. Paul E. Titsworth was unveiled, and presented to the college by its alumni.

Mr. James W. Chapman, of Baltimore, made the presentation address He dwelt upon the service of Dr. Titsworth, as a president of the college, as an outstanding citizen of the community not only of the town, but of the whole shore, and of his consistent Christian character.

The portrait was accepted by Dr. Meade who also added words of praise of the accomplishment of the late president. The Honorary degree of L. L. D. was conferred upon Geo. L. P. Radcliffe of Baltimore and Amos W. W. Woodcock, president of St. John's College.

Mr. John Royston Smithson, valedictorion of the graduating class, led his class with Maxima Cum Laude.

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# THE HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

The High School Commencement which took place Thursday evening was unique in several instances, one of the most outstanding of which, was that the students addressed the audience instead of a speaker addressing them.

Surely they must have convinced their hearers that a new High School was badly needed in Chestertown.

As the procession of teachers and graduates, the latter 67 in number filed into the hall one was impressed that the High School, in spite of hampering conditions, had done good work this year. The class describes by the principal, as being the best and the best looking class that they had ever taught certainly carried out their part.

The audience was delighted, too, with the great profusion of flowers, which an artist must have arranged. They were everywhere beautifying the scene.

The opening prayer by Mr. Wyllie of St. Paul's Church followed by selections by the school orchestra, a piano solo by Mary Alice Kennedy, the distribution of the prizes by Miss Hermione Riches, the presentation of the class by Principal Owen C. Blades and the presentation of the diplomas by Mrs. Charles W. Whaland, vice-president of the Kent County Board of Education.

Prizes were awarded as follows: L. Bates Russell, Sr. Medal for Declamation, Nellie Pauline Crew; Fred G. Usilton Medal for Declamation, Robert D. Hoopes, Jr.; M. W. Thomas Scholarship Medal, Janet Emma MacVean; J. S. William Jones Mathematics Medal, Charles Sylvester Hague, Jr.; Owen C. Blades History Medal, Edward L. Patton, Jr.; Jenkins Key, T. Baynard Harper, Jr.; Susan Roberts English Prize, Edwin Rumsey Anthony, Jr.; J. S. Kreeger Shorthand Medal, Mildred Elizabeth Willis; Baurice Fox Home Economics Prize, Margaret Frances Brown.

Miss. Janet. McVean's, scholarship was especially mentioned while Carrie Schrieber and George Massey were requested to stand up as the two who had not missed a single day in all the years they had been in school.

### STRAY SHOT HITS WALTER T. WRIGHT

Mr. Walter T. Wright, of near Chestertown, was painfully but not seriously wounded last Saturday night when a stray shot from a shotgun lodged in his back. He was in Centreville visiting his daughter, Mrs. Jewell H. Fesmyer and while standing on the street talking to the family the shot lodged in his back. Another bullet hit Mrs. Mary Rich who was sitting on the porch of the Fesmyer home. The bullets are supposed to have been fired by a bad man in a nearby colored section of the town.

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