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ASK ADDITIONAL TRAIN SERVICE FOR COUNTY

Would Help To Solve Transportation Problem

With no new automobiles and the rationing of tires, Kent County is faced with an acute transportation problem.

In order to partly solve this problem, the Chestertown Business Men's Association have proposed a train schedule that will offer better rail passenger service than has even been enjoyed.

The proposed schedule together with the rates will be found on page 4 of this issue. This exhibit on page 4 is an exact duplicate of petitions being circulated throughout Kent and Queen Anne's Counties. The person who signs is asked to indicate the approximate number of times he or she would use the service. It is hoped that these petitions will show a market for such a schedule.

These petitions are similar but are in addition to the ones formerly signed, they having been sent to the Public Service Commission and the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The petitions now being circulated are to the Pennsylvania Railroad.

GOVERNOR SAYS STATE TAX CAN BE ELIMINATED

Rate Now Lowest In 81 Years

Baltimore, February 7:—Declaring that "it is my deliberate judgment that the State tax on real estate can be and should be eliminated altogether", Governor Herbert R. O'Conor voiced the hope to members of the Real Estate Board of Baltimore at their annual dinner here tonight that, "it will be entirely possible to have the State function on a pay-as-you-go basis, so that real estate taxation will not be necessary to meet carrying charges or for amortization."

"Because of the fact," Governor O'Conor declared, "that Federal expenditures, staggering in amount, must be made for war purposes, it is absolutely necessary that the cost of State Government should be held to a minimum.

"Unnecessary outlays by the State must be avoided and certain undertakings, which in ordinary times are justifiable, must be suspended "for the duration". Taxpayers will be burdened so heavily with Federal imposts, that it is our obligation to pare down taxes wherever possible. Such a State policy dictated the reduction of Real Estate taxes, made recently. Yesterday it was published that from the State surplus, no less a sum than $4,000,000 was returned to real estate taxpayers, representing a 40 per cent reduction in the tax rate this year and next year as compared with 1941.

"It is gratifying to report that the State tax on real estate today, is the lowest in 81 years in Maryland. But further reductions should be made. It is my belief that, in order to avoid duplication of taxation, this source of revenue should be left for the subdivisions of the State.

"It seems clear that owners of real estate are entitled to this consideration. While owners of personal property have not been compelled, in many instances, to pay taxes unless their securities were income-producing, the owners of real estate have been compelled to continue to pay taxes on non-producing property. In addition, real estate owners have been compelled to pay many other kinds of taxes which the average citizen has had to bear.

"There is also another most important factor involved in this situation. When the State abolishes real estate taxation, it will then be taking a long step toward solving the problem of the dependency of local governments upon the State Government for partial support. In fairness to the local sub-division, as well as to the State, a system should be devised whereby they do not have to depend on the State Government for any such revenue." Whereas the Maryland bonded indebtedness was $48,150,000 when he became Governor, the Governor told the assemblage by Sept. of 1942 it will have been reduced to $31,725,000.

Dizzy Duck

A pet duck owned by Sidney Jenkins of Sardis, Ga., swims in circles because it has no web on its left foot.

CONSTRUCTION STARTED ON MUNITION PLANT HERE

Foundations are laid for two buildings at the new munition plant here. The office building is being constructed by Mr. Harry Tucker and the Assembly Plant by Mr. Edward Vansant of Millington.

Bids for plumbing, and bids for building Rest Room Building and Test Room will be opened this Sunday.

AUTO TAGS TO BE ISSUED BY TREASURER

Expected To Be Ready Tuesday

According to an announcement by James J. Hadaway, Treasurer of Kent County, the corner clips for automobile tags, which will be the 1942 issue, will be at the treasurer's office next Tuesday. As soon as the motorist receives his application blank from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles he may obtain his tag clips at the Treasurer's Office in the Court House, Chestertown.

It is no longe rnecessary to mail application to Baltimore.

ANNUAL BOY SCOUT BANQUET THURSDAY

The annual Boy Scout Banquet for the Kent County District will be held in the First Methodist Church, Chestertown, on Thursday evening, February 12th. The speaker for the banquet will be William C. Walsh, Attorney General for the State of Maryland. Following the banquet a Court of Honor will be held under the direction of W. J. Stenger, Court of Honor Chairman for Kent County. Approximately three hundred merit badges will be awarded, advancements will be made from cubbing to Eagle Scouts with three Eagle Badges to be awarded to William Cooper and James Hadaway of Troop 130 and to Allen Baldwin of Troop 170. Bronze palm award will be made to Lewin Wheat, who was awarded the Eagle Scout award at last year's banquet.

SCHOOLS HERE FOR REPAIR OF FARM MACHINERY

May Establish 3 Centers In County

At a meeting at the office of County Agent J. D. McVean Monday night Professor Louis C. Robinson was named Chairman of a committee to set up machinery repair schools.

Although definite plans have not been completed it has been indicated that these schools will be held in three centers in the county. The purpose of the schools is to teach farmers the proper maintenance and repair of their machinery. This conforms with the defense program so as to relieve new construction on account of the war.

Local instructors will be used for the schools and cost of construction, rent, etc., will be paid by the Federal Government.

DEATHS

WM. HENRY WESSEL

William Henry Wessel, aged 67 years, died at his home in Burrisville, near Centreville, Friday, Feb. 6th.

He at one time lived near Chestertown just across the bridge. Surviving are 4 sons, Harry, of Elkton, Spencer, of Chestertown; George, of Centreville and Clarence, of Richmond. A daughter, Pearl, of Baltimore, 2 brothers, one sister, 5 grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Monday at W. H. Good Funeral Parlor, Rev. A. M. B. Snapp, officiating.

Farm Property Sold

The farm in Queen Anne's advertised by the Millington Bank was sold on Tuesday to Mr. Wilbur S. Brinsfield, price $3,000.

On Tuesday Mr. Fred C. Numbers, Jr., bought the lot adjoining the home of his father, price $255.

Other property offered at the time was held up due to insufficient bids.

STATE INCOME TAX ADVISOR HERE MAR. 11-13

Arrangements have been made to assign Field Representatives of the State Comptroller to various sections and communities throughout Maryland for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing State Income Tax Returns for the calendar year 1941.

The collector will be in Chestertown at the Court House on March 11th, 12th and 13th.

As stated in this paper last week, a Federal income tax advisor will be in Chestertown at the Postoffice February 25th, 26th and 27th.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FEB. 20

Women To Meet Here

The women of Kent County are invited to join in a fellowship of prayer, the world around, on the World Day of Prayer, February 20, 1942, at 3.00 p. m. in Emmanuel P. E. Church. Anything at this time which can bind together the nations of our earth into a common purpose and create a common mind among mankind, for even one day, is worthy of support.

ATHLETIC CLASS STARTED WED. AT COLLEGE

Open To Men Of All Ages

The Washington College gymnasium vibrated with the first meeting of the Physical Fitness class in Kent County. Coaches Tom Kibler and George Ekaitis expressed gratifying pleasure at the enthusiasm and wholehearted spirit of the participants.

Chairman R. W. Hall gave a brief outline of the aims and plans for this movement and then took his place among the members. Many helpful and necessary exercises were demonstrated by Coach Ekaitis. These exercises were not intended to make acrobats or gymnasts but were well planned so that every man from the manual laborer to the desk worker could develop proportionately every muscle in his body.

It is the hope of the committee and the coaches that when the next meeting begins promptly at 7.30, Wednesday, February 18th, that the first turn out will be doubled. Many unable to attend this meeting have promised future participation. Fat men, thin men, strong men and weak men have and will continue to turn out each Wednesday to make Physical Fitness in Kent County a leading issue in the program of Civilian Defense.

Social Security Official Here Monday

Announcement is made that Mr. Norman P. Foster, Manager of the Salisbury Field Office of the Social Security Board, will be in Chestertown on Monday next, February 16.

He will be available for interview on that day at the Post Office between the hours of 1 p. m. and 2 p. m.

SHOREMEN WIN OVER P. M. C. 50-47

Paced by Jim Stevens who scored 16 points, Washington College defeated the Cadets of P. M. C. here Wednesday night 50-47. The Dutchmen took a 7-point lead by halftime but dropped back to within three points of the foe before the final whistle.

The first half was nip and tuck with free scoring by both teams. P. M. C. held a 2-point lead at the end of the first quarter. Jim Stevens found his mark and helped put the Sho'men ahead at the half.

P. M. C. came back with a rush in the second half and came within 3 points of the maroons before Jerry Voith could sink 3 two-pointers in a row to put the locals back on their feet.

The Cadets outscored the Shoremen in the last quarter and came to within 3 points of tieing the score.

Miller was outstanding for the Cadets scoring 13 points. Wood was second with 11.

WASHINGTON	G.	F.	T.
Samele, f	5	3- 5	13
Yerkes, f	4	0- 0	8
Stevens, c	7	2- 2	16
McNiff, g	1	0- 0	2
Conant, g	0	0- 0	0
Gibe, g	0	0- 0	0
Voith, g	3	0- 0	6
Benjamin, g	2	1- 2	5
Totals	22	6- 9	50

P. M. C.	G.	F.	T
Bartow, f	2	2- 2	6
C. Smith, f	4	1- 2	9
Wood, f	5	1- 1	11
Burton, f	0	0- 0	0
Miller, c	4	5-11	13
W. Smith, g	2	0- 0	4
Klein, g	2	0- 0	4
Morowski, g	0	0- 0	0
Paff	0	0- 0	0
Totals	19	9-16	47

A Sad Mistake

Here is a story that has reached us. A family near Chestertown has been trying to store up a little sugar. They finally accumulated about 20 pounds. Noticing the bags were getting a little hard the man of the family had the bright idea of pouring them into a lard can. This he did pounding the sugar. He was happy from the time he had pounded the lumps out of it until the wife came home and wanted to know if he knew where her five pounds of salt had disappeared. No more happiness salt and sugar do not mix well.

FEDERAL TIRE INSPECTOR HERE

A representative from the Federal Rationing Board was in Chestertown on Wednesday checking with dealers as to tires and tubes on hand.

A recent order puts recaps on the ration list and can be used only by those scheduled for new tires.

Injured Girl Improving

Miss Doris Walbert, who was injured in an explosion at Elkton last week is reported to be recovering. Doctors are endeavoring to restore sight in one of her eyes.

Promoted To Corporal

Ralph Thornton, of Worton, who recently entered the Army service, has been promoted to the rank of Corporal. Corporal Thornton is stationed in Georgia.

FIRST AID CLASS TO BE STARTED BY RED CROSS

Open To Both Men and Women

Mrs. Samuel Massey will start her Red Cross First Aid classes on February 24 and 26. On Tuesday, the 24th the time will be in the evening from 8 to 10. On Thursday, the 26th, the time will be in the afternoon from 2 to 4. The classes will be held in the Red Cross building, corner of High and Queen Streets, Chestertown. You may come at either of the two times, but please get in touch with the Red Cross office or Mrs. Massey as to which of the days suits you best so that the classes may be arranged and divided as nearly equal as possible.

If there is anyone interested in taking a Red Cross course in Home Nursing, please notify the Red Cross office at once because classes are starting as soon as the books come from Headquarters. These books have to be ordered after a class is arranged, and to prevent taking up too much valuable time in waiting, they must be ordered immediately.

We would also appreciate it very much if anyone in the County that is a Registered Nurse would register at the Red Cross office to help us teach the Home Nursing classes. There is such a demand for these classes that we do not have enough instructors.

MINIMUM FAIR PRICES SET FOR FARM PRODUCTS

A minimum fair price of $21.00 per ton for canning tomatoes in Maryland has been announced by the Secretary of Agriculture, according to information received by Herman A. Hunter, canning crops specialist for the University of Maryland extension service.

The minimum price set by the Department is the price which canners in this State are expected to pay growers this year before becoming eligible to sell their product to the Government under its wartime purchase program. It was emphasized by officials of the Department that this is a minimum price and that it does not constitute a ceiling. Any increase over that price is a matter of negotiation between canners and growers.

Both tomatoes ano peas are among the most vital products sought in the Food for Freedom program, it is stated. The Department of Agriculture is asking for 40 million cases of canned tomatoes and 39 million cases of canned peas this year for use in meeting the civilian and military needs and Lend-Lease requirements.

It has already been announced, Mr. Hunter stated, that State War Boards would recommend minimum fair prices to the Department at not less than $17.50 per ton for canning peas over the comparable average 1940 prices found by the Board to have been paid to growers in the State, or areas in the State. As yet, he says, the average paid to growers in this State in 1940 has not been established so that the exact minimum fair price for canning peas during the coming season has not been announced.

Fire Alarms

Chestertown firemen answered two alarms this week.

Monday evening, a chimney fire at Kennedyville.

Thursday morning, a fire at the Gardner home on Cannon Street.

NEW REGISTRATION FOR MILITARY SERVICE WILL START SATURDAY

Includes All Men Up To 45 Years

All men who have reached their 20th birthday but who had not reached their 45th birthday by next Monday and who have not already registered will be required to register in the third selective service registration which will be held next Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

In other words, if you are between the ages of 20 and 45 years and have not previously registered in any of the other two drafts, you are required by law to go to any of the registration places and fill in the official card on Saturday, Sunday or Monday, February 14th, 15th, or 16th.

The places of registration on Saturday and Monday, February 14th and 16th are Kent County School Houses as follows:

Chestertown Elementary School.
Rock Hall High School.
Galena High School.
Millington High School.
Fairlee Elementary School.
Massey Elementary School
Kennedyville Elementary School.
Worton Elementary School.
Betterton Elementary School.
Piney Neck Elementary School.

The school teachers of Kent County have volunteered their services as registrars during the two days, Saturday and Monday. Schools will be closed to classes on Monday.

For those men who cannot get to a place of registration on Saturday or Monday, the Draft Board office in Chestertown, will be open from 9 to 5 on Sunday, February 15th at which time and place men may register.

RACE TRACK GROUP TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

Eighty Shares Of Stock Sold

Although yet without a name the group of men who have interested themselves in a revival of the old Kent County Fair Grounds, will meet Monday night and complete arrangements for the establishing of a track. The location will be the old race track on the farm of Mrs. Margaret Massey, south of Chestertown. It is understood that the bed of the track has not been disturbed as evidenced by air view pictures.

Eighty shares of stock have been sold and the group is ready to sign the contract and start construction of the track.

Officers are:

Oscar Roe, President.

Lawrence Strong, Treas.

Eugene Thornton, Racing Secretary.

Robert A. Shallcross, Secretary.

Directors—Wm. E. Cole, Arthur Lusby, J. Robert Lewis, George Benton and Merritt Willis.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

Next to the last in the present series of duplicate bridge was played on Tuesday evening at the Country Club. Next week will conclude the tournaments which have been so popular during the fall and winter seasons until after Lent.

Results of the evening, February 10th, showed the following winners:

North and South

Couple 1—Mrs. Perry Metcalfe and Mr. Phil Kratzer.

Couple 2—Mrs. Scott Beck and Mrs. Richard Carvell.

Couple 3—Mr. Scott Beck and Mr. Richard Carvell.

East and West

Couple 1—Mrs. Holt Wright and Mrs. Robert Farr.

Couple 2—Mrs. Bonwill Dukes and Mrs. Norman Cooper.

Couple 3—Mrs. Ernest Strong and Mrs. J. W. Stenger.

STAGE SET FOR ANNUAL FIREMEN BANQUET TUES.

The 17th Annual Banquet of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company will be held this coming Tuesday evening, February 17th, at 7 p. m. in the Fire House. Tickets, at 75c each, are on sale at the store of Mr. A. L. Sparks, on High St. The chief speaker of the evening will be Mr. Edward D. E. Rollins, of Elkton, who is States' Attorney for Cecil County. He will probably speak on Defense or War Work. The Toastmaster is Dr. F. G. Livingood, of Washington College. Brief addresses will be given by: Mayor Wilmer, Mr. C. N. Satterfield, and Dr. C. L. Atwater.

It is hoped that the Community as a whole will attend this banquet, as it is about the only way in which the citizens of the town and county can express their appreciation personally to the men who so cheerfully and readily turn out at all hours to fight the menace of fire. Last year the Banquet was held in honor of the Active men, and an additional charge was put on each ticket so that the Active Firemen were entertained without cost to them. This year the Active men themselves decided to pay for their own tickets, as they were unwilling to put that extra expense on the people, especially in view of the heavy expenses, subscriptions, taxes, etc., which this war entails. But in a sense the affair is in their Honor, and medals will be awarded them at the hands of the Mayor at that time. The Community can honor them by being present..

Will Open Dental Office Here

Dr. Harry Fallowfield will open a dental office in the rear of the Barnett Barber Shop on High Street according to a report received at the Transcript Office on Thursday morning.

STATE CONTROL OF EXPLOSIVES ANNOUNCED

New Rules Will Control Use Of Explosives In Maryland

Insurance Commissioner John B. Gontrum announced yesterday that rules and regulations governing explosives have been issued pursuant to the power granted to the Insurance Commissioner by the Act of 1941.

The regulations as provided by the statute have been filed with the Bureau of Legislative Reference, and will become law within twenty days from the date of filing.

Mr. Gontrum explained that the rules have been prepared after many conferences with the explosive engineers and experts and in cooperation with the explosive users of Maryland. He stated that the regulations fill a long standing need for the control of the handling, transportation and storage of explosives in Maryland outside of Baltimore City, and are particularly important during the war emergency.

Fireworks Rules

It was under the same authority that rules controlling fireworks were issued, the enforcement of which resulted in the reduction of the Fourth of July casualities from 307 in 1940 to 17 in 1941.

Mr. Gontrum further stated that the Insurance Department will have copies available at the expiration of the twenty day period for distribution among those interested in explosive regulations.

Electrical Wiring

Regulations governing installation of electrical wiring were filed with the Bureau of Legislative Reference sometime ago by the Insurance Commissioner, and copies are now being prepared for general distribution.

Heretofore Maryland has had no electrical code, and it is believed that the enforcement of the new electrical regulations will do much toward cutting Maryland losses from fire.

Assessment Work Started

Mrs. Eben F. Perkins and Mrs. Clarence Newcomb have been appointed clerks in the assessors office. They are now preparing the cards for the general assessment.

P. T. A. To Hold Patriotic Party

The P. T. A. of Chestertown Elementary School will meet at the school Wednesday, February 18th at 7.30 p. m. The feature of the meeting will be a patriotic party with games and refreshments.

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