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## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION RESERVES DECISION ON RAILROAD

### Hearing On New Schedule Held Wed.

A delegation, representing all parts of Kent County, appeared before the Maryland Public Service Commission in Baltimore on Wednesday with reference to the establishing of additional train service in and out of Kent County.

Those who took the stand and told of the inadequacy of the present passenger service, particularly in the face of the present automobile and tire shortage included Judge Clarence Melvin and Mr. Hanson Horsey, of Millington; Mr. Harry Kelley, of Massey; Mr. Henry Plant, of Still Pond; Mr. Roy Mitchell, of Kentmore Park.

From Chestertown, witnesses included Professor Frank Goodwin, representing Washington College, Colonel I. Price Ewing, representing the American Legion; A. S. Turner, Jr., representing the Chestertown Business Men's Association; Mayor Philip G. Wilmer, Henry Demain, representing Vita Foods.

Each of the witnesses emphasized the need of better service and endorsed the proposed schedule of the Business Men's Association.

The Association, through its secretary, Mr. Preston Heck, presented a petition signed by 1140 Kent County residents requesting the new service. A letter to the Pennsylvania Railroad signed by 600 residents of the county indicating that they will use the service a total of 1800 trips a month was also presented.

Representatives of the railroad company stated that in view of the fact that the desired service is between Chestertown and Townsend, it is inter-state and should come before the Inter-State Commerce Commission. They also stated that they did not have the available equipment to establish the service.

The Commission reserved their decision in the matter.

### George Morris To Head Bar Group

Mr. George Maurice Morris has been nominated as President of the American Bar Association, which in reality amounts to an election. The election will not take place until next August.

Mr. Morris, a Washington attorney, has been active in the American Bar Association. As a tax specialist, he has served the association as chairman of the tax committee and has also been a member of the Council which is the governing body of the association.

Mr. Morris married Miss Miriam Hubbard at Wide Hall here in 1918. He has two daughters and one son, who frequently visit their grandmother, Mrs. Wilbur W. Hubbard here.

## DEATHS DURING THE WEEK

**RANDOLPH KIRBY**

Randolph Kirby, 19, died at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital here on Tuesday of pneumonia. Funeral services were held at Mowbray Chapel on Thursday afternoon at 2 P. M. Interment was in Chester cemetery. Ralph H. Usilton, Inc., was in charge of funeral arrangements.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirby, of Cliffs, and the following brothers and sisters: James Kirby, Montclair, N. J.; Charles Kirby, of Fort Houston, Virginia; John, of Cliffs; Miss Lavinia Kirby, Montclair, N. J.; Mrs. Thomas N. Cornwell, of Montclair, N. J.; Mrs. Joseph L. Pinter, Norristown, N. J.; Mrs. John Peikowski, of Blinkfield, N. J.; and Miss Miriam Kirby, at home.

## -NOTICE-

**KENT COUNTY ON THE AIR EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:55 A. M. OVER STATION W. F. B. R.**

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**News items to go on the Broadcast on Sundays should be in by 10.00 A. M. Saturday Morning.**

## WITH U. S. FORCES

HARRY S. RUSSELL

Mr. Harry S. Russell, Editor of the Enterprise, has been Commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Army. Although he has not received his order to report for duty it is expected within the next two or three weeks.

He will be assigned to the publicity department of the Army.

Robert Lee Davis

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Davis, near Chestertown, received word on Tuesday that their son, Robert Lee Davis, had been made a sergeant in the U. S. Army Air Corps at Chanite Field Rantoul, Ill. He was promoted to sergeant with first class aerial engineering marks and will graduate on March 13th to a higher rating when he will be sent to Moody Field, Ga.

Sgt. George M. Nichols

Sgt. Geo. M. Nichols, U. S. Army, with his little sister. This picture was taken prior to his enlistment in the army three years ago. At present he is stationed at Wheeler Field in the Hawaiian Islands.

Sgt. Nichols is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nichols, formerly of Worton, now living at Selbyville, Del. He was raised at Worton and spent a great deal of time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Crowding. He attended school here and played in the Chestertown Fire Co. Band.

Among those who enlisted in the Navy from Kent County last week were:

John August Legg, son of Mrs. E. Vickers Walbert.

George William Capel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stanford Chapel.

David McKay Stavely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stavely.

The Navy Department announced today that Earle Ben Windsor, of Chestertown, Maryland, completed the recruit training course at the Norfolk Training Station. The announcement stated that young Windsor will be placed on duty as Hospital Apprentice first class, and will assigned to general service with the fleet. He is the son of Mrs. M. A. Windsor of 223 Maple Street, Chestertown.

## STRATEGY TALK IN W. C. DRESSING ROOM BEFORE GAME

## SHOT GUN HOME DEFENSE UNIT HERE

### Will Be First On Shore

Mr. Philip G. Wilmer, chairman of the Kent County Council of Defense, announced yesterday the appointment of Mr. J. Brown Metcalfe as Captain of a Home Defense unit to be organized here. This unit, the first to be organized on the Shore, will include men who own and know how to handle shot guns and rifles. It is designed to cope with parachute troops should they land in this section.

According to plans, there will be no uniforms, parades, etc. The unit, composed of men from all parts of the county, will be organized to protect vital points in the county such as telephone exchanges, power plants, bridges and other means of communication. Should the occasion arise certain men will be delegated to certain jobs. Shot guns with the slug shell is considered an excellent weapon for this purpose and with the number of trained hunters in the county there should be plenty of man power for this organization.

## METHODIST PARSONAGE ROBBED

Christ Methodist Parsonage, corner of Maple Avenue and Queen Street, was ransacked by thieves this week during the absence of Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Roberts who left Sunday afternoon and returned Tuesday evening.

The thieves took a small bank containing $4.50 but missed the $17.00 church poor fund which was in Dr. Roberts desk. Dr. Roberts study was completely ransacked and files were mixed up in the apparent effort to find money.

## LEGION TO HOLD MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY

### Vice Commander To Be Present

The Frank M. Jarman Post, American Legion, will hold a meeting on Wednesday evening, March 11th.

Among the guests on the occasion will be Vice-Commander Peters, of the north-Eastern Shore District. Mr. Peters is also Director of the observation posts in the five Eastern Shore Counties.

### Coon Hunters Banquet

Over one hundred attended the Annual Eastern Shore Coon Hunters Association banquet, held at Bush's Tavern, near Cecilton, last Thursday evening. From the trend of the meeting it looks as though the Field trials this season will be as successful as usual.

The Marine Corps' increase of 18,207 during the first war month was greater than the Marine Corps' entire strength on April 6, 1917.

### Washington Meets Loyola In Play-Offs Thursday Evening

Washington College will meet the Greyhounds of Loyola for the second time within six days tonight. The game will be at Evergreen and will be part of the first leg of the Mason-Dixon Tournament. The Greyhounds will rue heavy favorites although the Shoremen are given the best chance of an yteam in the league to defeat them.

A win for the Shoremen will mean that they will play again tomorrow night in the semi-finals and a win at that time will mean that they are in the finals. With the revised quint, it seems unlikely that any team in the league outside of Loyola can stop the Shoremen.

A loss tonight will elimate the Shoremen for the season. In that case, tonight's game will be the last for one of Washington College's best players, Francis McNiff. Mac has played for four years for the college and has served two as captain. He is Washington's only candidate for All-Maryland Honors this year and it seems almost a certainty that he will come through.

Jim Stevens will also wind up his cage career for Washington College tonight. Stevens has played three years of basketball for Washington College and has ended up among the high scorers each year.

## NO RETREADS FOR AUTOS IN MARCH

According to information received here this week there will be no rationing of retreads or recaps for automobile tires during the month of March.

The Kent County Rationing Board upon receipt of this late notice had to recall certificates for retreads already issued.

Retreads for trucks will not be available until after March 25th and although Rationing Boards may issue advance certificates the work cannot be done until after that date.

The Kent County Rationing Board, composed of Messrs. W. Belt Townshend, Richard Carvel and Dr. Gilbert W. Mead, have 13 new cars to be rationed off before May 1st.

These cars are limited to only certain groups, the classification being similar to that for rationing new tires.

## D. A. R. CHAPTER HAS DINNER MEETING

The London Bridge Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution met, Thursday evening, February 26th, at the home of Mrs. Walter Gould. Amid the cheerful surroundings of a room, gaily decorated in honor of George Washington's birthday, the members enjoyed a fine dinner.

Much of the discussion of the evening, centered around the present day problems and how the organization may serve to the greatest advantage. The members feel they have an excellent opportunity to show some of the "spirit of 76"—as their ancestors did, in their perilous days.

The Maryland Traffic Safety Commission's Slogan for the week is:

"The time to prevent an accident is before it happens-drive carefully."

## BETTERTON I O O F INSTALLS OFFICERS

The following officers have been installed for Betterton Lodge I. O. O. F. No. 164 at the Odd Fellows Hall Still Pond, Md.

Noble Grand, James Williams.
Vice Grand, Harry H. Jones.
Recording Secretary, Bruce Dukes.
Financial Secretary, Ralph Geary
Treasurer, William Clark.
Chaplain, Norman Hopkins.
Warden, Milton Price.
Conductor, Jesse Webb.
Inside Guard, William J. Hopkins.
Outside Guard, B. R. Fellows.
Right and Left Supporter to Noble Grand, Harvey Hopkins, Elwood Wheat.
Right and Left Supporter to Vice Grand, William L. Hopkins, Donald Carter.

Monday evening Betterton Lodge had as their guest members of Massey Lodge No. 157.

The Degree work was conferred on five new members.

The Betterton Lodge of Odd Fellows founded in 1915, moved to Still Pond due to lack of a suitable meeting place in Betterton at that time. They occupied the hall over Harper's store until the Odd Fellows building was built at Still Pond.

It is one of the oldest lodges in this section of the Shore.

## SUGAR TO BE AVAILABLE FOR CANNING

### Advise Against Hoarding Sugar

Baltimore, March 2—Every effort is being made to have sugar available for home canning this summer, Mr. Louis C. Burr, State Rationing Administrator, reported.

This assurance was made by A. E. Bowman, chief of the sugar section of the War Production Board, who stated that, "In our monthly allocations of refined sugar we are taking into account the sugar that will be needed for home canning."

"While the supply may be somewhat limited, just as the supply for daily consumption is already limited, it will be sufficient to enable housewives to can what they need."

It was indicated that some housewives are buying more sugar than they need for normal consumption with the explanation that they want to be sure to have a supply on hand for home canning next summer. Such buying is not only unnecessary but also unwise, because it aggravates a situation that is already difficult.

In this connection, it should be remembered that granulated sugar will harden and cake and will begin to deteriorate in quality within 3 months after its purchase under ordinary household storage conditions.

### Governor O'Conor Says

Stop playing possum. Let's face reality. The time for delay and indecision has passed. Maryland is in the target area and is as vulnerable to air attack as Pearl Harbor.

When bombs fall no one is exempt from their destructive force.

The Maryland Council of Defense is ready to train you for any eventuality. You need the protection of your local Defense Council and the Defense Council needs you. JOIN TODAY.

## COUNTY WIDE BLACKOUT IS GREAT SUCCESS IN ALL DETAILS

### Navigation Lights During Blackout

**A number of people, living in the lower part of Chestertown, were much disturbed Wednesday night because the red navigation lights on the Chester River bridge were not extinguished.**

**A call to the office of Mr. Rolph Townshend, District Roads Engineer, revealed the fact that an order from the 5th Naval Dist. stated that navigation lights were not to be extinguished except in extreme emergencies and then by order of Senior Coast Guard Officer. Colonel Ewing, Chief Air Raid Warden had been notified that navigation lights would not be extinguished during blackouts.**

### Moon Is Only Serious Offender

The towns of Kent County staged a simultaneous blackout Wednesday night starting at 10.15 and lasting for 20 minutes.

Air raid wardens in charge of the various towns, arranged their own system of signals and although there was no system of alarm for people living in rural sections, those people cooperated as far as possible in the test.

Detailed reports had not been received at the time of going to press but here is how the blackout worked in Chestertown.

The mayor's office was the control center from which the various color warnings were transmitted to the towns of the county.

The fire company office served as a control center for Chestertown and also the connecting link between the telephone exchange and the control center.

The telephone exchange informed the fire house that the yellow signal was on. This alert signal started calls to ten key men, including the Chief Air Raid Warden, Fire Chief, Chief of the Council of Defense, and informed them to report to their posts. When they reported the Control Center then went into action.

When the call came in that the blue signal was on, the siren was sounded summonsing all firemen to the fire house. Chief Blackway then dispatched the three fire trucks to various parts of the town with instructions to report to the fire house when located. Boy Scouts acted as exchange messengers between the trucks and the nearest phone. At this point the air raid alarm, which was the whistle at the electric plant, had not yet sounded for the blackout. Many people made the mistake of blacking out when the fire siren sounded.

Chief Blackway, during the blackout, called the fire trucks at their locations and ordered them to proceed to designated points, hook up and pump water. The ambulance was ordered to pick up a supposedly injured man at a certain point. Everything worked perfectly in the dark, that is as dark is represented by lack of artificial illumination. They were aided by moonlight over which no individual had any control.

The success was particularly distinctive due to the fact that all orders were issued by telephone through the centers that will actually function in case of a real air raid, the only difference being the fortunate lack of exploding bombs.

## SCHOOL FIELD DAY CANCELLED IN COUNTY

The annual Kent County Field Day, usually held the middle of May, has been cancelled this year due to the war time school program.

This annual affair, usually held at the Washington College athletic field, included athletic events of all kinds in which both elementary and high school pupils competed for the honor of taking part in the Eastern Shore event usually held at Salisbury.

## TWO KENT GIRLS SEEK PILOTS LICENSES

Two Kent County sisters, Betty Lussier, 20, and Nita Lussier, 18, want to become members of the British Air Transport Auxiliary, which ferries planes between airdromes in England.

The girls are so eager to build up their flying time that they withdrew from the University of Maryland where they were students and took night jobs in a defense plant here to have more money to pay the bill.

Betty has one hundred hours to her credit, but says she needs two or three times that amount before she can be accepted as an Air Transport Auxiliary pilot. Nita has about thirty-five hours. She soloed for the first time last month.

Both girls began flying at the University of Maryland. Betty obtained her private pilot's license under the civilian pilots' training program but could not go on after the Government placed restrictions on women flyers in the course.

The girls were born in Medicine Hat, Alberta, a province in western Canada, but they have lived in Kent County almost seventeen years.

Their father, Capt. E. J. Lussier, squadron commander of one of the wireless training schools in Canada, won the Distinguished Flying Cross while serving with the British air forces in the last war.

Their mother operates a 350-acre dairy farm near Rock Hall, on the Eastern Neck Island road, and the girls used to work on the farm in the summer.

Both girls were graduated from Rock Hall High School.

## EVANGELISTIC MEETING TO BE AT MILLINGTON

The following are some of the facts concerning the Evangelistic Meetings to be held at Millington, March 8th to 15th. This will be a Union Meeting of Asbury and Trinity Methodist Churches. The names of the evangelists are: Rev. W. O. Tolbert and Rev. Long. The program for the week is as follows:

Sunday, March 8, Get Acquainted Night.

Monday, March 9, Bring a Friend Night.

Tuesday, March 10, Sudlersville Night.

Wednesday, March 11, Millington Night.

Thursday, March 12, Mother's Night.

Friday, March 13, Church School Night.

Saturday, March 14, Pageant by young people.

Sunday, March 15, All-Out Church Attendance Day.

## ONE THIRD OF STATE UNDER UNEMP. INS.

Reports to the Maryland Unemployment Compensation Board for the last half of the year 1941 indicate that the number of individuals covered by the unemployment compensation law in that period considerably exceeded one-third of the population of the State as recorded in the Federal census of 1940. That population figure was 1,811,546.

The workers reported by employers for the six-months period averaged 678,350 per quarter.

"But these figures are misleading," explained S. C. Cromwell, Director of the Unemployment Compensation Division of the Board. "In many instances the same name and Social Security number appear on several different employer pay rolls. The reports received by the Board cover activities for three months. My own view is that regardless of the employer reports, the maximum number of employees in Maryland industries covered by the unemployment compensation system is about 475,000."

Employer reports for recent calendar quarters have contained the following numbers of employee names:

Fourth quarter,.....1940—572, 262
First quarter .....1941—585, 748
Second quarter, .....1941—675, 000
Third quarter, .....1941—686, 713
Fourth quarter, ..... 1941—670, 000

The high figures, of course, are due to defense (or war) industries many of which are located in Maryland. The reports do not cover employers who have less than four persons working, neither do they cover farm employees nor domestics.

**First Hunger Strike**

The first hunger strike is described in the twenty-third chapter of Acts.

Four Marine planes at Wake Island accounted for one submarine, a heavy seaplane and 11 other planes.

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