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WITH U. S. FORCES

George G. Pennington, Jr.

George G. Pennington, Jr., was among two of his platoon to pass a test for the Navy Air-Corp. He will change to that branch of the service.

The following is a letter received by his parents:

June 12, 1942

Mr. G. G .Pennington
104 N. Queen St.,
Chestertown, Md.
Dear Sir:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that your son, George Gary Pennington, Jr., Apprentice Seaman, U. S. Naval Reserve, has completed the course of instruction at the Naval Traniing Station, Norfolk, Va., with the highest marks in his platoon for all around proficiency in his rating. His conduct and bearing in general, his attention to duty and the intelligent manner with which he has learned and profited from the instruction reflect much credit on his early training. He has shown unusual aptitude for the Naval Service, and there is excellent promise that if he continues as well as he has begun, his Naval Service will be very successful.

I am forwarding a photograph of your son, which was taken at the Naval Training Station, and I extend to you my sincere congratulations.

Very truly yours,
H. A. McCLURE,
Captain, U. S. Navy, Commanding.
J. E. SHOMIER,
Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy, Drill Officer.

C. Price Rolph, Jr., seaman, 2nd class, U. S. N. R. is attending Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Ala.

First Lieut. Frank Hines, Jr., U. S. Army, now stationed at A. P .Hill Military Reservation near Fredericksburg, Va., has just been made adjutant of his battaloin. He is also S1—S2 and S3 of his battalion.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gardner had a long interesting letter this week from their son, Frank, Jr., who is with the U. S. forces in Australia.

Ensign S. Scott Beck, Jr., this week received notice of his promotion to Lieutenant (junior grade). Lieutenand Beck, now stationed in Baltimore is a member of the U. S. Navy Reserves.

Harry S. Russell, associate editor of the Enterprise, who entered the U .S. Army in March of this year was appointed to the rank of Captain, effective as of June 11.

Capt. Russell serves in the Public Relations Division of the Army Air Corps.

DEATHS

PRISCILLA J. COOPER

Mrs. Priscilla J. Cooper died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Howard E. Mench at Flatland, near Chestertown, on Wednesday morning at the age of 81 years. She is survived by four children; Mrs. Clara D. Meekins, of Chestertown, J. C. Cooper, of Baltimore, A. R. Cooper and Mrs. Lillian A. Mench, of Chestertown. She is also survived by 24 grand-children and 17 great grand-children and one sister, Mrs. Wm. H. Cooper, Sr., of Still Pond.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Howard Mench with Rev. W. P. Roberts, officiating. Marvin Williams, undertaker.

GEORGE COWGILL IS NOT DEAD

Kent Defense Plant Worker Is Home From Hospital And On Road To Recovery

Any reports to the fact that George Cowgill, of Greensboro, is dead are false according to the officials of the Kent Defense Corp. as is borne out by the following letters. George Cowgill of Greensboro, is rapidly recovering and was visited by the Company Doctor this week.

June 17, 1942

The Transcript,
Attention: Mr. William S. Collins,
Chestertown,
Maryland.
Gentlemen:

We wish you would publish this letter in order to correct the false and erroneous impression being spread about the injuries at our Defense Plant.

About a week ago there was a little explosion at the Plant, but nobody was killed, maimed or seriously injured and the malicious rumors going around to the effect that some of our employees had been killed or otherwise seriously injured was not only incorrect, but was, in design, to circulate what we consider to be false and malicious reports of the accident.

Since we began operation, we have been fortunate not to have the slightest serious accident, as all those who work there can testify, and we would thank you to publish this letter to give the lie to such rumors.

Very truly yours,
THE KENT DEFENSE CORP.
By S. Scott Beck, President.

June 16th, 1942

Mr. George Cowgill,
Greensboro,
Maryland.
Dear George:

I am writing you this letter on behalf of your fellow employees of The Kent Defense Corporation.

We are all sincerely glad to hear that you are on your way to a speedy recovery. We feel that you suffered your injuries in your line of duty, in your work for your country, just as those gallant soldiers did who fought and died on Bataan.

As a slight token of appreciation of your fellow workers who are carrying on the same work as you were doing at the time you were injured, I am very happy to enclose a money order for $79.50 dollars.

The Officers of The Kent Defense Corporation, as well as your fellow employees ,sincerely regret your unfortunate accident and trust that you will soon be back with us to carry on the work for our country which is so badly needed at this time.

You may be interested in knowing that on Sunday, June 14th, one hundred percent of your fellow employees volunteered to work that day to get out an extra supply of material which was requested and sorely needed by the Army.

With kindest regards and best wishes for a speedy recovery, I am

Sincerely yours,
PHILIP G. WILMER,
Vice-Pres., The Kent Defense Corp.

A similar letter with a check was mailed to Ernest H. Allen, of Goldsborough, Md.

ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

Mr. Omar D. Crothers, Jr., of Elkton, Cecil County, Maryland, has this week filed his Certificate of Candidacy with the Board of Election Supervisors for the Democratic Nomination for the Office of Associate Judge from Cecil County in the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland.

Mr. Crothers was born and raised in Elkton, Cecil County, Maryland, and is a nephew of the late Governor, Austin L. Crothers, who was an Associate Judge in the Second Judicial Circuit before he became Governor of the State of Maryland.

Mr. Crothers attended the public schools of Cecil County and the University of Maryland where he received the Degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws. While attending College Mr. Crothers was very prominent in athletics receiving numerous honors in football and la crosse and was recognized as one of the outstanding athletes of the University of Maryland.

Mr. Crothers upon graduation from College was Assistant Physical Educational Director and Coach of Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, for one year. He then entered the University of Maryland Law School and successfully completed their course and was admitted to the practice of law and has been practicing his profession ever since. He has appeared many times in the various courts of the State of Maryland, and is one of the leading members of the Cecil County Bar Association.

Mr. Crothers married Miss Margaret Jefferson, of Chestertown ,and they have one son.

DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS IN COURT HOUSE ON DUTY

Pictured handling the telephones and assisting Col. I. Price Ewing, chief air-raid warden of Kent County are: Messers. Lee Gill, James B. Kirby, W. Robert Huey, George Pennington and Sidney Turner.

FLAG AND FLAG POLE DEDICATED HERE SUNDAY

As flag was raised on new flag-pole Sunday. In the circle is Lieutenant Blyman, Chaplain of the Fire Company, C. L. Atwater and Mayor Wilmer raising the flag. Speaker of the occasion was Chief Judge Stephen R. Collins who made a speech about preservation of what the flag stands for. He was introduced by President of the Company R. Clark Davis. The band under the leadership of Mr. Julian Coleman played appropriate martial music.

Baltimore Newspapers Urge Election Of Chief Judge Stephen R. Collins

The Baltimore Morning Sun and The Baltimore Evening Sun in an editorial on Tuesday of this week urged the election of the present judges of the Court of Appeals of Maryland including Judge Stephen R. Collins of Chestertown, Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit. In this editorial it was pointed out that the re-election will save the Court from unnecessary confusion and will preserve experience in office by electing the sitting members.

33 Go To Camp 16 Return Home

According to unofficial reports, 16 of the 33 men who were sent to the Army induction center on Wednesday, were sent home due to physical and mental defects.

Of the 23 colored men 11 returned.

Of the 10 white men, 5 returned.

This does not mean that the men who returned are through with the Army, as a number of them were sent home due to temporary physical defects.

ACCEPTS PROMOTION

Mr. Eugene Wheeler, of Chestertown, representative of Corkran Hill Meat Packers in this district has been transferred to Wilmington, Del. This is a promotion for Mr. Wheeler and he and his wife will move to Wilmington on Friday of this week. Mr. W. C. Shivery, of Millington, Md., will replace Mr. Wheeler in this district.

Horse Show Called Off

Dr. Gilfillan, President of the Kent-Cecil Horse Association has announced that the Galena Horse Show of this Association has been called off for the duration of the war because of tire rationing, gas rationing, etc.

RESIGNS RECTORSHIP

The Rev. Charles L. Atwater has handed in his resignation as rector of Shrewsbury to the vestry of that church. The vestry are now making arrangements for another rector.

Slipper Aids In Rubber Campaign

Mr. Edward Fisher's dog "Slipper" has dug from the ground nearly a wash tub of rubber. Mr. Fisher with "Slipper" on the leash stopped in the lot adjoining the Gulf Filling Station on Maple Ave. Mr. Fisher stepped on an old tire among the tall grass. "Slipper" started digging, something he is very fond of, and dug up a rubber floor mat ,he continued his digging and the more he dug the more old rubber was found, until they had a respectable amount to make an impression in a wash tub. "Slipper" stands first among dogs of the town on aiding in the war program.

Local Employee Honored

G. W. Smith, an employee in the Chestertown office of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City, received, during June, a three-star emblem in recognition of fifteen years of service with the company, according to an announcement by E. O. Hepding, Area Manager.

During June, 78 employees of the C. and P. Telephone Company in Maryland were awarded emblems. They had an aggregate of 1,145 years of service.

Harness Races June 27

A matinee of Harness Racing will be held at Kent and Queen Anne's Driving Park at Chestertown on m. A fence is being constructed to Saturday, June 27, starting at 1.30 p. keep the people off the track in the vicinity of the judges stand. A loud speaker will be used this time to furnish music and announce the position of the horses during the races. About 30 horses are expected.

Business Group Favors More Gas To Distributors

The Chestertown Business Men's Association went on record on Wednesday as advocating more gasoline to the distributors due to the increased value of the ration unit and the defense work in this community.

A letter to the War Production Board requested that an increased allowance be made to distributors in this community.

Union Park Services

On this Sunday evening, June 21, at 7.30 p. m. the first of the Sunday evening Union Services will be held in the town square. The three local congregation of the First Methodist Church, Christ Methodist Church, and Emmanuel Episcopal Church unite in worship every Sunday evening at 7.30, from now until the first Sunday in September. The three ministers take charge in order, all taking part in each Service. The Rev. Dr. Atwater will have charge of the Service this Sunday, and will preach the Sermon. The singing will be led by the Emmanuel Church Junior Choir, consisting of Betty Truslow, Peggy Truslow, Nellie Truslow, Charlotte Townshend, Dorothea Roberts, Mary Clare Roberts, Jane Kibler, Anne Wilmer, Frances Metcalfe, Elsie Bluhm, Peggy Metcalfe ,Betty Turner, David Massey and Wilbur J. Stenger, Jr.

Porter Captain Of Millington Minute Men

Mr. Roland Porter, of Millington, Md., has been named Captain of the minute men from that district.

At the meeting of the minute men at Rock Hall on Thursday evening 40 were signed up and efforts will be made to get 20 more.

No captain has yet been named for Rock Hall.

Chestertown Minute Men are meeting in the Chestertown Armory this Thursday evening to organize. Earl Cooper is captain of this organization.

The Lynch Minute Men with R. Wroth Stavely as Captain are having a dinner this Thursday evening at the Ferncliffe Hotel in Betterton.

THE LIONS ROAR FOR REVENGE SATURDAY NIGHT

Out To Revenge Last Years Defeat In Donkey Baseball Handed Out By Women's Club

The Chestertown Lions Club are roaring out "a snarling rumbling roar" about the donkey base-ball game with the Women's Club next Saturday night at Washington College Athletic field.

Last year the Women's team won and the Lions hope to even the series although the prospects do not look good. The Women are said to have improved their team and it looks good on paper.

Jo Redman, who handled donkey Dynamite last year, leads off the batting order and it looks like first base will be well taken care of. Toady Hendrickson, new this year and playing second base is said to be able to knock the cover off the ball every time she steps up to the bat. Etta May Leonard is said to be able to keep donkey "Dynamite" down on short stop, and if she does a lot of their troubles are over. Helen Strong, the other short stop is also said to have donkey busting ability, so it looks like the Lions will have to hit the ball elsewhere. Erma Adams Leonard, Helen Adams and Marion Thomas will be in the outfield and you got to go a long way to beat this trio at fly catching, base-stealing and hitting the old apple, but they will have to hold those donkeys. A warning has been issued to keep your eye on Violet Ford; claimed to be able to lead a donkey around by the nose and handle everything around third base. Louise Baxter, catcher is said to allow no stealing with her accurate preg to second. Kay Strong, Captain and pitcher ,claims a wicked curve that can go around a lion's neck.

It all looks good on paper if "They Can Hold Those Donkeys."

A little discord has developed among the Lions for the honor of riding donkey "Mae West". It has narrowed down now to two, Skirven Startt, and Sash Simpers. Come see which is the lucky one, she can really throw her heels.

All reports that either side are planning to put salt on the donkey tails to hold the heels down or that they are to be bribed with sugar is branded as a lie.

Remember the hectic game, softball played on donkeys (or off the donkeys) takes place this Saturday night, 9 p .m. under flood lights on the Washington College Athletic field for the benefit of the Lion's Club eye-sight conservation fund, which pays for examination and furnishes glasses for needy children of the community. A good time a worthy cause.

YOUR GAS RATION CARD IS GOOD UNTIL JULY 15

Each Unit Now Six Gallons

The gasoline ration cards, which were issued at the various schools in the county on May 12th, 13th and 14th, must last until July 15th instead of July 1st according to an announcement by OPA officials.

In order to provide for this fifteen day extension, each unused unit is good for six gallons of gasoline instead of three. This increase went into effect Monday.

The limited amount of gasoline alloted to gasoline distributors is figuring strongly in the ability of motorists to secure gasoline even though they have gasoline card permits to purchase it.

This is true of retreaded automobile tires as well as gasoline. A scarcity of casings creates a condition whereby a permit to purchase a recapped tire is only one of the steps in securing it.

If the tires of the motorist are in condition to be recapped, their chances of getting a good job are much better than that of trying to purchase a recapped tire.

Red Star Bus Changes Schedule

Due to reduction of rate of speed on highways and the possibility of being detained at the Chesapeake City Canal bridge, the Red Star Bus has changed its schedule to meet these conditions. Sunday buses to Wye Mills have been continued. The new schedule will be found on page 4 of this issue.

A. S. TURNER TO HEAD COUNTY RUBBER DRIVE

Committee Appointed To Collect All Scrap Rubber Of National Emergency. Big Drive This Sunday, June 21st

Mr. A. Sydney Turner, Jr., has been appointed Chairman for Kent County Petroleum Scrap Rubber Committee which drive began June 15, and runs for a period of two weeks, according to announcement made by Mr. Turner, Chairman for Kent County.

Every gasoline station on the East Coast will immediately become a collection center and the cooperation of every citizen in the State is earnestly solicited in making the Drive a big success.

Kent County Committee with Mr. Turner as Chiarman is made up of Simmons LeCates, W. W. Holt, J. H. Garland, and Rollison Baxter. This committee urges every citizen in Kent County to search their homes from attics to basements and even in some cases old tires are being uses in flower beds, dig them out and take to your nearest Gasoline Service Station or garage.

A telegram from state chairman, C. H. Wagner to A. S. Turner is as follows:

"Urgency of scrap rubber drive suggests the need for dramatic appeal. Wire me today reaction of marketers in your county to suggestion that gasoline stations open this Sunday from ten to two for collection of scrap rubber only. No sales of any kind to be made."

The Kent County Committee requests that the gasoline station cooperate with this suggestion that Sunday, June 21st.

PROCLAMATION FROM MAYOR

"This is to advise that I have designated the period June 15 to 30 in accordance with President Roosevelt's Request for hte collection of old rubber from every source and of every kind and I have released press notices to this effect. You may depend upon my fullest cooperation in this Emergency War Effort."

Signed:
P. G. WILMER,
Mayor of Chestertown

President Roosevelt's emergency drive to collect all the scrap rubber in the United States was under way today with every gasoline station on the East Coast designated as a collection center.

The campaign started today when John A. Brown, Chairman of District No. 1 of the Petroleum Industry War Council, announced that gasoline stations from Maine to Florida are receiving discarded rubber articles such as old tires, inner tubes, hard rubber tires, crepe ruber soles, boots and overshoes, hot water bottles, tennis shoes, rubber belting, rubber gloves, rubber sheeting, pads and matting, raincoats, rubber heels ,bathing caps, jar rings, plumber's suction caps, rubber ash trays and any of the hundreds of other articles containing rubber.

Arrangements are being made to collect the rubber from dealers and finally turn it over to the government for military use. The U. S. O., Navy Relief, and American Red Cross have been designated to receive the profits from the final sale of all rubber collected. Dealers are authorized to pay a penny a pound for scrap rubber to anyone who prefers not to donate his scrap.

The patriotic appeal to householders to search their homes from attics to basements for every possible piece of scrap material containing rubber grows out of a critical rubber shortage in the United States due to the conquest by Japan of ninety-seven percent of the world's sources of natural rubber.

The cooperation of various civic, state, commercial, defense, relief, fraternal, church and service organizations is being enlisted in the emergency campaign to recover the vitally needed scrap rubber necessary to the production of planes, tanks, guns and hundreds of other war products.

Every citizen is being asked to make it his specific duty to comb his home, yard, garage, business establishmen tor any other possible source which might produce even a few ounces of scrab rubber. The shortage of scrap rubber and its significance to the government's military program as well as to civilian transportation, is the most critical shortage facing the United States today, according to government officials.

Since no profit will be made by any organization in the national drive to collect scrap rubber, citizens are being asked to cooperate fully by donating their scrap rubber to further the war effort.

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