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HARNESS RACE FANS TURN TO DOVER SATURDAY

Although harness racing fans throughout lower Delaware and the Eastern Shore are missing the race program usually presented by the Kent and Sussex Fair at Harrington this year, they are deriving considerable enjoyment from the matinee race programs that are presented almost every Saturday.

These matinee programs are presented at a different track each Saturday and thus far this season seven different tracks have been used. They are located at Newark, Townsend, Dover and Roxana, in Delaware, and Chestertown, Church Hill and Cambridge, Md.

The next matinee harness racing event will take place at the Dover Racing Park, near Cooper's Corner, on Saturday, August 8th, when a large number of horses will be brought here for the event.

Between forty and fifty horses are sent to a track for these matinee events and there are usually five races on the program with the horses being divided into classes according to their records with the result that some keen competition frequently results.

While many two and three-year-old horses are getting most of their race experience at these matinee events, there are also some horses participating that have established some interesting records for matinee races.

Among the horses that have established marks of 2.07 and 2.08 on these matinee tracks are "Skeet," owned by J. W. McWilliams, of Cambridge, Md.; "Hunter," owned by Harry Johnson, of Wyoming, Del., and "Red Arrow," owned by W. E. Cole, of Chestertown, Md.

Thus far this season each of the matinee harness racing events presented have attracted several thousand spectators and plans are now being prepared for a feature matinee event in the early fall when the horses that have been trained in this area but are now racing on various tracks throughout the country, return to their home stables and will compete with the horses that have turned in the best records on the matinee tracks during the summer months.

With the absence of regular racing at the Harrington fair grounds this year, it is possible that the track there may be the scene of several matinee programs before the summer season is over.

Chestertown will send "Cliff Lee," owned by Walter Hickman; "Red Arrow," owned by William E. Cole; "Marydel", owned by George Benton; and "Piter Direct", owned by James Williams, to participate in tomorrow's event.

J. W. KIRBY SUCCUMBS AT HIS HOME HERE

James W. Kirby, aged 73, one of Chestertown's most outstanding citizens died at his late home, on Cross Street last Monday night.

For the past forty years Mr. Kirby has been engaged in the tombstone and monument business here and was recognized as a leader in this field all over the Eastern Shore. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James A. Kirby, of this town and spent his entire life in Chestertown.

Mr. Kirby was greatly interested in town government and served as a councilman at one time. He also was a member of the Town Water Board and the Chestertown Fire Co. Always interested in the civic affairs of the community Mr. Kirby was a highly respected member of the Republican party.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Kirby and five children, Miss Edna Kirby and Mrs. Irene Benton, of Baltimore, Mrs. Miriam Kieffer, of Chestertown, Lieutenant Vernon Kirby, of Baltimore, and Rayfield Kirby, of Chestertown. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Sarah D. Pfeffer, three grandchildren and three nephews, Herman Blackway, James B. Kirby, an dCharles E. Kirby, all of Chestertown.

Funeral services were held from his late home, Thursday afternoon at 2.30 and interment will be in Chester Cemetery. The bearers were: James Kirby, Charles Kirby, Herman Blackway, Gus Fisher, Jack Kieffer and Denver Benton. Usilton and Wells were the funeral directors.

Magistrate Named

Thomas D. Bowers, of Chestertown, was named substitute trial magistrate for Kent County by Governor O'Conor last Wednesday. Judge Bowers succeeds Richard H. Collins, who recently resigned from that position.

WITH U. S. FORCES

Sewell W. Phillips

The young man pictured above is a member of Uncle Sam's fighting forces and is reported to be stationed somewhere in the Far East. He is the husband of Mrs. Miriam Phillips of Chestertown.

Judson Williams son of Mrs. Geraldine Williams entered Camp Meade on Monday when he enlisted in the Army, and is in the department of Chemical Warfare.

The parents of Howard Strong, Jr., stationed in northern Ireland, have just received word that he has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Mr. Strong joined the army forces about Nov. 1.

Letters received here today from B. Frank Gardner state that he has been made a Sergeant. Frank was a member of the local medical detachment and was transfered to another branch. He is now stationed on the island of New Caledonia.

The first letter from Miles Davidson, Army Air Forces, who left the states in May ,has just been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davidson, of Seakale Hall near town. From places and names mentioned, he is believed to be in England. He had served some months as an enlistee in the regular army before being transferred to the air forces division.

John "Shorty" Batchelor, U. S. N., is home for a few days from a naval base in Rhode Island.

"Cheese" Spencer, one of the first draftees to leave Kent County under the Selective Service Act, is home for the first time since January. He had been discharged after serving his year of training, was recalled at that time and is now stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Lt. and Mrs. Wm. Spry are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, July 31st, at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital. Lt. Spry who has been on maneuvers in the south, is now home on furlough.

Dr. Winton Tolles, head of the English Department at Washington College, will report to Quonsit, Rhode Island, Naval Base on August 18. He has been commissioned as a Lieutenant (s. g.) in the United States Naval Reserve Special Air Division.

Francis Mead, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Mead has been sworn into the United States Coast Guard. He will leave at the end of the month for the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn.

Pvt. H. B. Nicholson, who is stationed at Brookley Field, Ala., is home on a week's furlough.

Cadet Joseph N. Besse, of Worton, Maryland, has recently been accepted by the Aviation Examining Board and is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the huge Army Air Forces Pre-Flight School (Pilot) at Maxwell Field, Alabama. Here he will undergo military, physical and academic training under expert instructors, thus taking the initial steps toward winning his wings as a pilot and a second lieutenant's commission in the Army Air Forces.

Cadet Besse attended Chestertown High School and had served three Years in the Regular Army when he was accepted as a cadet in the Army Air Forces June 21, 1942, at Baltimore, Maryland.

After graduating at Maxwell Field he will enter one of the numerous primary flying schools located in what is termed the Southeast Army Air Forces Training Center, where he will receive the first phase of his actual pilot training.

DAVID J. WARD COMPILES ALLOWANCE DATA

David J. Ward, Congressman, for the Eastern Shore has furnished the following information regarding the Soldiers and Sailors Pay Bill and The Allotment Bill.

The soldiers and sailors pay bill increases the pay of a private soldier and sailor from $21.00 a month to $50.00 a month. All other enlisted men are increased in proportion. The increase has already gone into effect, and the men are beginning to receive their pay checks.

Under the allotment bill, the Government makes a contribution to the dependents of the enlisted man and the enlisted man makes a contribution from his pay. Dependents are divided into Class "A" dependents and Class "B" dependents. In Class "A", the enlisted man makes a contribution of $22.00 a month and the Government makes a varying contribution as shown on the attached chart. In the case of Class "B" dependents the enlisted man makes a $5.00 contribution and the Government makes a varying contribution, depending upon the number and relationship of the dependents. In case an allotment is given to both the Class "A" and Class "B" dependents, listed under the law, the enlisted man must make a contribution totaling $27.00 per month.

Applications may be filed now. Normally, the enlisted man is expected to file the application for the allotment; but in certain instances, the dependent himself may file the application. The decision in the matter of all allotments is left to the Secretary of War and Secretary of the Navy, and their respective decisions are final. No allotments will be paid until November 1, 1942, but payments will begin to accumulate from date of filing application.

ALLOTMENT BILL

Class "A" Dependents

Total monthly allowance, including Government's contribution and Soldier's contribution.

Wife but no child	$ 50
Wife and 1 child	62
Wife and 2 children	72
No wife but 1 child	42
No wife but 2 children	52

An additional $10.00 is added for each child in class "A".

Class "B" Dependents

1 Parent	$ 37
1 Parent and 1 sister, brother or grandchild	42
1 Parent and 2 sisters, brothers or grandchildren	47
2 Parents	47
No Parents but 1 sister, brother or grandchild	27
No Parents but 2 sisters, brothers or grandchildren	32
Wife but no child and 1 parents	70
Wife, 1 child and 1 parent	82
Wife, 2 children and 1 parent	92

Mr. Ward Says:

Other combinations of dependents are possible, and are authorized for allowances when eligible. The above are presented only as typical examples.

Election Data

Primary Election Date—September 8th.

General Election Date—November 3rd.

Registration Date—September 1st.

Registration Place—Regular polling places in each district.

Who Must Register—Any person not already on the books, any person who has reached the age of 21 years since the last registration, or will become 21 on or before November 3, and any person from out of the State who declared his or her intention to become a citizen of Maryland more than one year ago.

Ladies' Golf Tournament

The annual handicap golf tournament for the ladies of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club will be held on Wednesday, August 12th. All ladies of the club interested in golf are invited to participate.

This tournament is only a one day affair, in which medal score alone is counted. Later, in the summer, the Ladies Golf Championship will be played, in the elimination method.

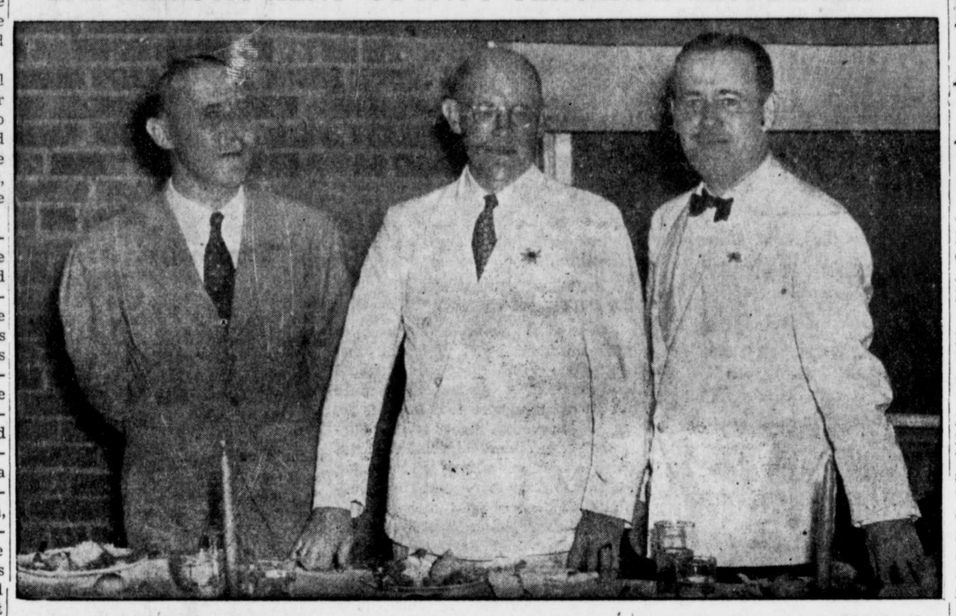
May Ration Fuel Oil

According to present indications, fuel oil for home use may be rationed this fall. Shortage of oil transportation facilities puts this commodity in the same class as gasoline.

Rationing may mean a more even distribution and may even result in a slight shortage to the individual.

Kent County Tercentenary Celebration Well Attended

SPEAKERS AT KENT COUNTY TERCENTENARY DINNER



Standing at the banquet table above are the three principal speakers of last weeks Tercentenary Celebration. They are Professor Noel Hall, representative from Great Britian, Dr. Gilbert W. Mead, president of the Kent County Historical Society and the Honorable Herbert R. O'Conor, Governor of Maryland.

HONOR KENT MEN WITH MONUMENT

Standing beside the monument which they had just unveiled are: Miss Fannie Stuart, Miss Mary Woodland Westcott, Chief Judge Stephen R. Collins, who made the dedicatory address and Mr. Rolph Townshend... All are members of Kent's Historical Society.

MANY NOTABLES ATTEND DINNER AT FIRE HOUSE

An abreviated but most successful celebration of Kent County's three hundredth anniversary was held in Chestertown last Saturday afternoon and evening under the auspices of the Kent County Historical Society.

Prior to the declaration of war, the historical society had planned an elaborate celebration in which each county on the Shore was to have taken a prominent part in a giant pageant but all of these elaborate preparations were cancelled when the war with its rationing discouraged such affairs. However, determined that the 300th anniversary of the second oldest county in Maryland should not go by unnoticed the afternoon and evening program was arranged, at 5.30 p. m. the newly erected monument, erected by the Historical Society to the heroes of the Revolutionary War, was unveiled by Misses Fannie Stuart and Miss Mary Woodland Westcott. Miss Stuart is the sister of the late Miss Bessie Stuart who was one of the founders of the Historical Society and an authority on history and geniology of Kent County. Miss Westcott is the daughter of the late Simon W. Westcott, a founder and first president of the Society. Judge Stephen R. Collins made the dedicatory address.

Saturday evening a banquet was held at Fireman's Hall which was attended by one of the most outstanding groups of men and women that has ever assembled in Chestertown.

Dr. Gilbert W. Mead, President of the Kent County Historical Society, presided and added much to the success of the affair. Speakers included Governor Herbert R. O'Conor; Sir Noel Hall, His Majesty's Minister of Economic Warfare; W. K. Taylor, British Consul and Temple Blackwood, ViceConsul at Baltimore. Speakers also included Senator Arthur H. Brice, representing Kent County; Senator Dudley G. Roe representing Queen Anne's County; Daniel Henry, Talbot; and Thomas Ruark, of Wicomico County, who was past President of the Historical Society of that county.

Mr. Paul Wilkinson, President of the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City, introduced Judge Samuel K. Dennis, Chief Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore, who in the name of the Eastern Shore Society, made a tribute to the late Judge James Alfred Pearce as one of the activities of that organization for the year. Judge Dennis described the late Judge Pearce as one of the outstanding gentlemen and jurists of the State of Maryland. Judge Pearce, of Kent County was Chief Judge of this circuit and a member of the Maryland Court of Appeals.

It was stated that the address of Sir Noel Hall will be printed in pamphlet form and widely distributed throughout the British Isles. The address dealt with the early history of Kent County and its many close ties that now exist between this county and England.

LEARY AND SMITH NAMED MEMBERS OF RATION BOARD

Mr. G. Ellsworth Leary and Mr. Marion deKalb Smith, Jr., have been named members of the War Price and Rationing Board for Kent County to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. William Belt Townshend, chairman and Mr. Richard Carvel. Both Mr. Townshend and Mr. Carvel tendered their resignation due to the press of personal business. Dr. Gilbert W. Mead, the hold-over member has been named chairman of the Board.

The new gasoline rationing system, which is on a permanent basis, is a great deal more rigid in requirements than the former card system.

People who use their automobile for a gainful occupation may apply for a supplemental ration, B, which is 470 miles a month. To secure more gasoline than the 470 miles, one has to qualify for a preferred ration, C, which is restricted to workers engaged in the war effort and also a few other classifications.

The local Ration Board is busy completing the supplimental applications which have been filed. Most of the truck and non-highway applications have been completed.

Biles Property Sold

The sale of the Biles property, near Quaker Neck Wharf to Mr. and Mrs. H. Kirkers Dugdale, of Baltimore, was consummated on Thursday of this week.

Mr. Dugdale is Executive Vice President of the advertising firm of Vansant, Dugdale & Company, of Baltimore.

Garden Club To Picnic

The August meeting of Our Garden Club will be held on Tuesday, August 11th at the home of Mrs. R. N. Whaley in Quaker Neck.

This month, the meeting will be in the form of a picnic, beginning at 5 o'clock. All members are urged to attend, bringing a sum of 15 cents, which will pay for the supper served by the committee.

Committee Formed To Secure Control Watchers

Col. I. Price Ewing, Local Director, said this morning that John E. Townshend and Ben Heller had volunteered to serve as a committee to secure watchers for the Kent County control center located in the court house.

Col. Ewing said it is absolutely necessary that a twenty-four hour watch be maintained at the control center and because of the shortage of volunteers for this important work it has become necessary to have a committee to aid in the matter.

At the same time, he requested that all civilian workers and the general public attend the government released film on "fighting incendiary bombs" being shown with the regular program at the New Lyceum Theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Executive Director, Colonel Barrett, General Fracis Petrott, and Mr. Edgar McShane after confering on membership in Civilian Defense Corps and Minute Men: "Minute Men will no longer solicit members especially Civilian Defense Personnel." Local Directors and Minute Men Commanders wil be instructed that from now on no man wil be accepted for both services. The adjustment of present duplication of Service will await further information.

BOND RALLY HELD IN PARK TUESDAY NIGHT

A public rally to boost the sale of War Savings Bonds and Stamps was held in the Chestertown Public Square last Tuesday night. Kent County did not reach its quota set for June and July and this meeting was held to stimulate the buying of Bonds and Stamps.

The Chestertown Firemen's Band, under the leadership of Mr. Julian Coleman furnished music for the occasion with Mr. Charles Wheatley, county chairman, for selling bonds, introducing the various speakers from the platform. Mr. Wheatley introduced Judge Stephen R. Collins and Mayor Phillip G. Wilmer, who both stressed the neeessity of buying bonds.

Mr. George J. Eiernom, Assistant Director of the Maryland Defense Savings Staff made the final speech which was very forceful. He said, "it would be better to lend our money to the United States than to give it later to Hitler and Hirohito."

Mayor Wilmer, also a member of the Kent Defense Plant said that the employees at their plant have pledged to purchase every stamp and bond they possibly can.

Meat Shortage Felt Here

If you have been fortunate enough to feel that you could afford a steak, have you tried to buy one lately.

The meat shortage, which Baltimore has suffered, has also been felt here. Some predict it to be temporary while others predict that it is for the duration.

WITH THE SICK

Mrs. Nora C. Maxwell was operated on for the second time, on Wednesday at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital.

Miss Harriett Welch is recuperating at the home of her aunts, from a tonsilectomy, performed last Friday at the local hospital.

Mrs. W. I. Woodall is recovering from a fall on a flight of steps at her home on Sunday.

Mrs. Howard D. Rees has returned from New Milford, Pa., accompanied by her daughter, Miss Gertrude Rees, who sustained a broken ankle while attending a missionary conference in that city. Miss Rees has recently returned from Africa, where she served as a missionary.

Miss Florence Bonwill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Bonwill, suffered a dislocated ankle and bruised back Saturday when she was caught in the conveyer at the Kennedyville cannery where she had been working.

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