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## J. THOMAS KIBLER LEAVES FOR ARMY SERVICE TODAY

Captain J. Thomas Kibler, of Chestertown, left today, Friday, for Camp Pickett, Virginia, where he has been assigned to Headquarters Staff. It is understood that Captain Kibler will be assigned as director of athletics for the camp which has a capacity of 60,000 men.

Mr. Kibler resigned from the regula rArmy as a captain in 1919 following a notable career in France during the World War No. 1 in which he was wounded and later cited three times for bravery. He received the distinguished service medal, the silver star citation and the French Croix de Guerre.

Captain Kibler offered his services to the Army shortly after the declaration of war in December and last Wednesday night received his call to the service.

His absence from this community for the duration will create two vacancies in outstanding community activities. He was chairman of the Board of the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital and also chairman of the Draft Board. He was also actively interested in other community projects. As director of athletics of Washington College for the past 27 years he has contributed a great deal to the educational and physical development of the hundreds of young men who graduated from that institution. He has been granted a leave of absence from that institution.

## MINUTE MEN RESCUE AUTO CRASH VICTIMS

As a result of an automobile accident at Lynch Corner near midnight last Saturday, Miss Estelle Stavely is suffering from a broken arm, an automobile was wrecked, an electric light pole was broken off, a large portion of Kent County was plunged into darkness and the occupants of the car were threatened with electrocution.

An automobile, driven by Mr. Leslie Gsell, failed to make the turn at Lynch Corner and crashed into the electric light pole. The pole broke and dropped the wires on the car creating a creditable fireworks display.

Mr. William Thompson, a member of the minute men, on duty at the spotter post across the road, went to the assistance and in a short time three other minute men including Captain Stavely, arrived at the scene and took charge of a heavy flow of traffic which developed at the time.

It is understood that the prompt and efficient work of these men, who are training for home defense, averted other possible casualties.

Miss Stavely is the daughter of Orphans' Court Judge and Mrs. Stavely, of Fairlee.

## MIRACLE HOUSE TO CLOSE AUGUST 29TH

The Miracle House, the preventorium for undernourished children owned and operated by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, will close its 1942 season on Saturday, August 29th, when 100 children will be returned to their homes.

Beginning in 1919, the Miracle House has treated thousands of children who were in contact with tuberculosis, and used the summer months to build up their bodies so that they might withstand their contact with the disease when they returned to their homes.

The present season opened on June 29th ,when these same children were taken to Claiborne where the Miracle House is located.

"The present season was one of the most successful we have ever had," said William B. Matthews, Managing Director of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association. "It is most important that these children's health be guarded, so that they might become useful citizens to our nation when the war is over."

The Maryland Tuberculosis Association, which operates the Miracle House, is maintained through the sale of Christmas Seals. This year the Christmas Seal Sale will open on November 23rd and will continue through Christmas.

Mr. R. W. Stavely has purchased the Casey Farm near Lynch this week.

This farm contains 111 acres.

## *Lauxmont, Navy Recruiting Ship To Visit Chestertown On Monday*

The U. S. Navy Recruiting Ship, formerly the Lauxmont, will arrive at Chestertown, Monday, August 31, and remain here through September 1st.

The United States Navy Department has announced through its Recruiting Service, that there is an urgent need for men in Class M-2, Naval Reserve.

Class M-2 is designed to provide personnel for duty in salvage units and harbor, coastal and off shore vessels. Men who have had experience in fishing vessels, salvage vessels, or other small craft of a type considered suitable for use in local defense forces, are eligible for enlistment in Class M-2.

Captains and crews of sport fishing boats are also eligible for this class. Applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 50, be of good character and unquestioned loyalty and must be able to pass the physical requirements. Minor physical defects may be waived.

The following ratings are authorized for enlistment in M-2 and applicants must possess professional qualifications, commensurate with ratings sought:

Boatswains Mate, Coxswain, Quartermaster, Signalman, Seaman, Radioman, Carpenters Mate, Baker, Shipfitter, Machinists Mate, Water Tender, Motor Machinists Mate, Boilermaker, Electricians Mate, Fireman, Ships Cook.

Men enlisted in Class M-2 will normally be retained in local defense forces within the Naval District, but they may be transferred to any duty ashore or afloat, as their services are required.

The former luxury yacht Lauxmont is now being used as a floating recruiting station on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. At each port of call applicants will be taken on board and be given a complete physical examination by Navy doctors and if they pass the physical requirements, they will be sworn in aboard the yacht.

## *Washington College Names New Directors Of Physical Education*

Henry W. Carrington, of Waterbury, Conn., has been appointed Assistant Professor of Physical Education at Washington College and Frederick W. Dumschott has been named Director of Athletics, Dr. Gilbert W. Mead, president of the College, announced today. With this announcement, the new set up in athletics at Washington College occasioned by Coach J. Thomas Kibler taking leave of absence to assume active service as a captain in the U .S. Army and Coach Ekaitis' resignation, has been completed.

"We are meeting the problem in athletics as it arises," Dr. Mead said today. "Some of our competitors in football are cancelling games but not enough to warrant suspension of the sport."

When questioned concerning rumors that football was to be dropped at the Colleg ethis year, Dr .Mead said: not abandon football OsKnffootball "We certainly shall not abandon football unless we are forced to. At the present time we have a definite schedule for this fall, shortened only by the dropping of games with those colleges which have given up football. Our greatest difficulty," he explained, "is the matter of transportation." If buses are not available, it is believed that transportation by train will be satisfactory in most instances. A full basketball and baseball schedule are anticipated.

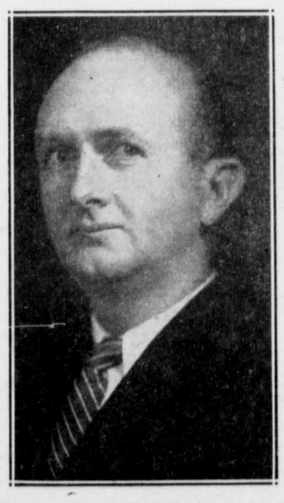
"Henny" Carrington is well known to Washington College alumni and friends as an outstanding athlete during his career here twenty years ago. He was a prominent member of the famous, original "Flying Pentagon" basketball team. As an undergraduate he was a three-letter man, playing football and baseball as well as basketball.

When Carrington left Washington College in 1923, he continued his education at Arnold School of Physical Education, New Haven. He was Freshman Basketball coach at Yale for four years. Later he coached sports at Crosby High School, Waterbury, Roxbury Preparatory School, The Gunnery School, Washington, Conn., and the Waterbury Boys' Club.

In recent years he has served as an umpire in the Interstate League and the Eastern Shore League. He will move with his family to Chestertown immediately to take up his work at the beginning of the season.

Professor Dumschott will be in charge of the general athletic program. He will continue to serve as Graduate Manager and will take on the added responsibility of Director. He will continue on the faculty in his capacity as assistant professor of government and history.

### Honor Judge



Chief Judge Stephen R. Collins

The largest fish fry and crab feast in the history of Kent County is being planned for next Saturday afternoon at the Mansion House, Rock Hall, by friends of Chief Judge Stephen R. Collins, it was announced today.

Open to all persons, Democrats, Republicans alike, the affair is being arranged by a group of local businessmen who have been associated with Judge Collins in many lines of endeavor.

Steamed crabs in carload lots, and frying fish by the netful, will be prepared to quell the hunger pangs of the throng which, is expected to attend. Ken tCounty watermen, who are past masters of open-air cooking, will prepare the food, which will include the famous dutch-oven bread used by the fishermen.

The Mansion House is located at Rock Hall landing, and the party is set to begin about 4 P. M. All Kent Countians are invited to be present to honor the Chief Judge.

Dr. and Mrs .W. H. Moyer and their daughter, Sally, will visit Ocean City, Md, from Wednesday 2nd to Sunday, September 6th. Dr. Moyer's office will be closed during this time.

## MEN 18 TO 45 CAN ENLIST IN AIR FORCE

Men 18 to 45 can now make sure of getting into the Army Air Forces. Ordinarily, as soon as a man has reached his twentieth birthday, he cannot choose his branch of service. However, it was just announced by officials of the local Army Recruiting Station that men than can work with tools can now enlist for direct assignment with the Army Air Forces. This is the first time since the war began that experienced mechanics and radiomen have been given this special offer. They must be able to go right to work maintaining and repairing airplanes, engines, instruments, machine guns and radio equipment. They must have enough experience along mechanical lines to be capable of becoming noncommissioned officer specialists.

All specialists will first be given a test to prove their civilian trade. If they are successful, they can be enlisted and sent directly to an air field to start their work.

Col. D. M. Cheston, officer in charge of the Baltimore District Army Recruiting and Induction Station pointed out that this gave many men just the opportunity they have been looking for; to be enlisted directly into the Army Air Forces, to be able to follow their civilian trade, to learn the very newest mechanical methods developed by the U. S. Army Air Forces and prepare at government expense for a future in aviation.

The trades listed for the new program are aircraft mechanics, aircraft armorers, aircraft radio mechanics, aircraft radio operators, aircraft metal-workers and aircraft welders.

At the time of going to press the local tomato buyers were paying 25 cents per basket. Although the crop as a whole has been very poor so far, it is expected to improve within the next week pending weather conditions.

### STATE GUARD STARTS RECRUITING PROGRAM

Lieutenant Fred W. Dumschott reads the oath of the Maryland State Guard to two new recruits who enlisted at the local armory last Tuesday night. This was the beginning of a new recruiting drive in which about fifty men will be enlisted into the service. The two men above are H. O. Werner and C. M. Synder who will start this training next week. All of the three men are on the faculty of Washington College.

## GOVERNMENT TO TAKE COMPLETE CHARGE OF CANAL

All ships more than 250 feet in length will hereafter be assigned Government pilots when entering the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, according to an announcement by the War Department this week.

This order follows the destruction of the bridge over the canal at Chesapeake City, which was demolished by a huge oil tanker on July 28. Being a very important waterway, the government will take complete charge of all water traffic.

Charges for the pilots on canal duty who will replace members of the Pilots Association on the route will be absorbed by the War Department, according to the United States District Engineer office.

An appeal has been sent out from the local unit of the Maryland State Guard for recruits. Many of their members have had to be discharged City, Md. From Wednesday 2nd to Army or other war duties.

Lieut. Dumschott and his assistant, Serg. W. J. Stenger hope to enlist about fifty men, some of whom will be keep on a resume list to fill in vacancies as they occur.

The State Guard meets at the local Armory every Tuesday night at 8.00 p. m. for drilling, lectures, chemical warfare and other instructions in military practice.

Any member of the Kent County Minute Men wishing to transfer from that branch to the Guard may do so after a physical examination according to acting commander, Lieut. Fred Dumschott.

Anyone about to enter the armed forces of the nation will greatly benefit by joining the guard as they will receive most of the basic training given new trainees at Army camps.

## *Army To Take Men In Draft With Dependents By October*

In connection with his previously announced plan to begin inducting married men and others with dependents into the armed forces by October, Colonel Henry C. Stanwood, Director of Selective Service for Maryland, said every effort will be made to disturb war production as little as possible.

Colonel Stanwood said increasing numbers of skilled men can serve the country best by transferring from non-essential work to war production jobs. Skilled work in essential industry will become increasingly important as a basis for deferment of induction into the armed forces, Colonel Stanwood said, for the reason that the weapons of war are needed as badly as the men to use them and there is an actual dearth of skilled men.

Colonel Stanwood assured A. A. Liveright, Area Director of the War Manpower Commission, that the Selective Service officials will give full support to the manpower commission's effort to effect voluntary transfer of essential workers into war plants, and expressed the hope that employers and employees alike will co-operate to make the program a complete success.

"The pressure of requirements for the armed services has become so great in Maryland," Colonel Stanwood said, "that we are now telling the war production industries that we must take their young men who can be replaced with men who are not subject to military service, or with women.

"Even though we take large numbers of young men with limited industrial training and skills, it appears inevitable that we must in the near future induct many men who are now in deferred classifications because they have dependents.

"According to present plans, when we make selections of men with dependents, we will give considerable weight to the occupational status of the man as well as to his dependency status. This will mean that we will induct few men, at least for the present, who have essential skills and are using them effectively for the war effort."

"We expect," said Colonel Stanwood, "to adhere closely to the expressed intent of the Congress that family relationships be disturbed as little as possible, but some disruption of these relationships will be unavoidable. It is a difficult choice between a man without dependents who is essential to war production and a family man who is not performing essential work.

"The solution, however, must be this: We must win this war. To win it, we need men to fight and men to make weapons and essential goods. Neither is effective without the other. So we are doing our utmost to keep those men in industry whose services are essential in war production and who cannot be replaced on the job. We are also going to be forced to take those men for the armed services who are eligible for military duty and are not performing essential work. The skill a man possesses is not the measure of his indispensability; it is the use he makes of that skill.

"Our performance of duty will be greatly aided if skilled workers in non-essential industry will transfer voluntarily to those plants which are making the weapons of war."

The Emergency Hospital, Easton, during the month of July had exactly 200 patients, 80 of which were pay, 40 part pay, and 80 free. The number of pay hospital days was 433, part pay days, 546, and free, 1092. There were 97 patients from Talbot, 26 from Queen Anne, 57 from Caroline, and 2 from Kent. The dispensary cases numbered 275, operations, 92, and accidents, 11. There were 25 births. In July the number of free cases was quite large, larger than it has been for several months.

### NOTICE

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Cases come up daily where people placed money in ordinary letters and they never reach the ones intended for various reasons.

So we ask the public please not to put cash money in their letters.

Wm. B. Usilton,
Postmaster, Chestertown, Md.

## KENT TO HAVE NEW ORDNANCE PLANT HERE

According to an announcement by Mr. Philip G. Wilmer, construction work has started on the erection of buildings to house the Eastern Shore Ordnance Company which will make munitions for the United States government.

The new plant will be located near Kent Defense Corporation plant on ground leased from that company but that there is no connection between the two plants except that Mr. P. G. Wilmer and Mr. Charles Eshman will act as plant manager and personel manager respectively of the new plant in connection with their work at Kent Defense.

It has been unofficially reported that the new plant will manufacture some type of fuse, which like the Kent Defense, is not classed as dangerous munition work.

Andelot Stock Farms here have sold four purebred Angus cows to the Glen Angus Farm, near Bel Air. Andelot is managed by Alan McGregor, prominent in national Angus activities, and the farm is recognized as one of the outstanding Angus establishments of the nation. Glen Angus Farm is owned by Larry McPhail, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers. McPhail has been setting up new improvements on the farm he recently acquired near Bel Air, and is building up an Angus herd.

## NEGRO HELD FOR ARMED HOLDUP ATTEMPT

William Thomas, 17 year old negro, is in the Kent County jail charged with assault and attempt to rob with a gun Miss Sue Middleton and her sister, Mrs. James Leonard last Friday night.

According to a report of the incident, the two young ladies left their home in Wilkins Lane about 10 o'clock to go to work at the Kent Defense Plant in Chestertown. When they stopped their car to open the lane gate, a partly masked colored man appeared at the car and demanded money.

The sisters jumped out of the car and ran in opposite directions but Miss Middleton fell in the road and the bandit rushed up to her and with the gun again demanded money. She told him the money was in the car and after some swearing left apparently frightened by dogs which Mrs. Leonard had called from their nearby farm home.

Deputy Sheriff Henry Gsell found Thomas at his home on the Emory farm and made the arrest. He was later identified by the two ladies.

### Kent Countains Witness Eclipse

A cloudless sky Tuesday night gave many Kent Countains a clear view of a total eclipse of the moon, the last scheduled phenomenon of its kind until December, 1945. It was visible in most of North America.

Officially the eclipse started here at 9:02 p. m., but the earth's shadow did not become visible to watchers until 10 p. m.

By 11 o'clock a light shadow had spread completely over the surface of the moon and a deeper, reddish shadow spread nearly halfway across. The maximum occurred at 11.48 o'clock. The eclipse lasted an hour and 36 minutes.

The temperature which reached a low of 48 degrees Tuesday morning, remained cool through Wednesday, according to the weatherman's prediction. The highest reached by the mercury Tuesday was 72 degrees.

### Chicken Thieves Caught By Officers

Elwood Bratcher and James Thomas, both colored, are in the Kent County jail charged with stealing chickens at th efram home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Stradley, near Chestertown.

Sheriff Lee and Deputy Henry Gsell not only arrested the two colored men but in tracing the chickens, arrested Thomas Blunt and Lucy Jones, both colored, on a charge of receiving stolen property. The evidence indicates that the chcikens were sold to Blunt and Jones.

### FIRE LASSIES START TRAINING

The young ladies above of Chestertown have joined the Firemen's Auxiliary and are receiving their training at the Fire House every Thursday night under instruction of Ernest Leaverage, Fire Marshal. Above picture shows them practicing ladder climbing at their last class. They are, on the ladder, Mrs. Francis Myers, Miss Doris Legg, below, l. to r. Miss Jo Redman, Miss Kay Strong and Mrs. Nattie Theroux.

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