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SOLDIER VOTE TO BE OPENED TODAY

171 Votes In This Congressional District

The 171 proxy vote of the soldiers and sailors from the Eastern Shore will be opened and recorded by the Election Supervisors, today, Friday, afternoon.

These votes will decide the Congressional race which Congressman Ward now leads by 75 votes. In order for Senator Roe to upset this lead he must collect a total of 124 of the 171 votes cast and while this is an uphill climb it is not impossible or even improbable.

Queen Anne's County, Senator Roe's home county, has a total soldier vote of 58 as compared to 21 from Congressman's Ward's home county Wicomico.

The soldiers vote by counties on the Eastern Shore is:

Cecil 24, Kent 19, Queen Anne's 58, Caroline 1, Talbot 20, Dorchester 3, Somerset 21, Wicomico 21, Worcester 40. Total 171.

MARRIED MEN TO BE DRAFTED BY END OF YEAR

According to a statement by State Draft Officials, by the end of this year more men will have been drafted from Maryland than were drafted from the State during the World War.

As to what is in store during the third year for the thousands of draft registrants in Maryland who have not yet been called or who are deferred, draft officials point to revised regulations and "natural developments."

"The State's monthly quota of men it must draft is still on the increase," an official at draft headquarters in the Fifth Regiment Armory said. "We have not yet reached the peak or leveling-off point. During the next several months it is safe to say we will have to draft more men than ever before."

To the question of whether married men will be drafted, Maryland selective service officials cite repeated declarations by Maj. Gen. Lewis Hershey, national draft director, that married men without children may be drafted before the end of this year and that family men face the possibility of being drafted by the last quarter of 1943.

That the selective service law will be changed so as to make youths 18 and 19 years old eligible for call to military duty is viewed by draft officials as a "certainty" during the next year.

But even the addition of the 18 and 19 year olds to the State's manpower pool will not fill the calls necessary to make an army of 10,000,000 to 13,000,000 men, as predicted by President Roosevelt, without tapping married men. Census records show approximately 54,000 youths in Maryland in the 18 and 19 year age group.

SEASONED VETERANS OF ONE WEEK AT SCHOOL

The picture of this group of boys and girls was taken Wednesday afternoon by a staff photographer as they finished their day's work at the Chestertown Elementary School. After just one week at school they leave the building in perfect order, some to take school buses, some to meet their mothers waiting on the school green and others to play their way home through the streets of Chestertown. They are a carefree, happy lot.

NOTE:—The first grade is anxious that this fact be published. They realize in interest of personal safety and consideration for others that in leaving the school they never crowd on the steps. This was done just to make a more compact picture.

(See picture)

Class Directory:—Jimmy Beck, Betty Blunt, Charles Blyman, Barbara Churchman, Donald Connolly, Greta Cox, Ethel Holden, Nancy Jacobs, Vera Lee, Doris Lora, Ronald Mench, Bernard Miller, Wesley Moran, Tommy Patrick, Jean Porter, Pearl Scull, Henrietta Stenger, Ann Sweetman, Billy Brown, Hugh Cannon, Doris Carroll, Walter Cecil, Marlene Fisher, Betsy Ann van der Goes, Virginia Hawkins, Bobby Hendrickson, Arthur Jewell, Charles Kay, Peggy Kelly, Barbara Kenton, Marie Leiby, Charles Manly, George Minner, Bobby Nickerson, Robert Pardee, Kent Price, Raymond Taylor, Donald Usilton, Ralph Usilton, Gail Williams, Cecilia Quesenberry, Barbara Quinn, Dorothy Schauber, Anable Scott, Lois Sexton, Virginia Sparks, Bruce Wohnsiedler.

UNANNOUNCED BLACKOUT TEST EXPECTED SOON

Army approval of Maryland's plan for unannounced air raid daylight alerts and night blackouts is expected within the next several days.

As soon as the approval is received, surprise tests may be called at any time in the day or night, according to Col. Henry S. Barrett, director of airraid precautions.

Time and date of the surprise tests will be set by the First Fighter Command with headquarters in Philadelphia and will not be known by any State or local defense officials, Colonel Barrett said.

According to present plans, the procedure in ordering the tests will follow the same channels that would be used in the event of an actual raid.

Daylight alerts will last for fifteen minutes while night blackouts will continue for thirty minutes, according to present plans.

Colonel Barrett said he has received reports from practically all local civilian defense directors in the State signifying that they are ready for surprise tests at any time.

Hospital Report For Month Of August

The officials of the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital have released the following report for the month of August.

49 Full pay patients
33 Free patients

82 Total patients.

265 Days board, pay patients.
286 Days board, free patients

551 Total days board to patients.

WITH U. S. FORCES

Word has been received here that Capt. Blackwood, U. S. N., has been lost in action. Capt. Blackwood ,of Philadelphia is the father of Miss Sara Blackwood, who graduated from Washington College last year, and Miss Molly Blackwood, who will finish there this year.

Miss Sara Blackwood has been accepted as a candidate for a commission in the Waves and will begin her training at Smith College soon.

Harrison W. Vickers, III, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant according to an announcement received here yesterday. He is stationed in Louisville, Ky., with an air Transport Squadron.

Corporal Edward E. Woodall has been discharged from the Walter Reid Hospital in Washington, D. C., and rejoined his company at Camp Blanding, Florida.

James E. Anders, former radio repairman at the Shore Radio Store in Chestertown is now a private in the U. S. Air Force and is stationed at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Alvin E. Coleman, Jr., has been commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve after completing his course at the Naval Training Station of Dartmouth College in Hanover, N. H. He recieved his commission August 18.

Captain J. Thomas Kibler, stationed at Camp Pickett, Va., spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. Melvin Leonard, 2nd class Seaman with the U. S. Navy stationed at Norfolk, and Mrs. Leonard were guests of their families last week-end.

Lieut. (j. g.) Philip Hickman, U. S. N. joined his wife last week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bell.

Lieut. Edward A. Hurd, stationed at Camp Ritchie, in the Blue Ridge, returned to his home, "The Reward Farm," for the week-end.

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FARMERS MAY OBTAIN LOANS ON FALL CROPS

C. R. Hare, Field Supervisor, of the Crop Loan Office, will be in the County Agent's office, Monday, September 21st, at eleven A. M. to two P. M. to take applications for crop loans.

Low interest short term loans to finance the seeding of fall grain crops or for the purchase or production of feed for livestock are now available to Kent County farmers. This announcement was made by Field Supervisor Hare of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at Salisbury.

He stated that farmers in this section may obtain loans up to $400 for the seeding of fall crops of wheat, rye, oats, and barley at 4 percent interest. The security required is a first lien on the crops, and the amount of the loan is based upon the acreage to be produced. In the case of feed loans, the security required is a chattel mortgage on the livestock to be fed. Loans are due in August, 1943.

Field Supervisor Hare whose territory consists of all Eastern Shore Counties, reports that his organization, which is a unit of the Farm Credit Administration, offers short term credit on a year-round basis to farmers. He said that many have used the facilities of his organization to finance their farming operations, and that the repayment record for this territory is highly satisfactory. Farmers in this section who are interested in obtaining loans may apply at the County Agent's Office or write to Field Supervisor, C. R. Hare, at Salisbury for further information.

COON HUNTERS HOLD TRIALS SEPTEMBER 20

The Eastern Shore Coon Hunters Association will hold a Field Trial on Sunday, September 20th on the William Whitely farm located about 2 miles East of Chestertown.

According to Edgar E. Walls, president of the club, one of the big features of the day will be the first event which is a Trophy Race for Maryland dogs only. The race will begin promptly at 10.30 o'clock.

Other events as follows: Special River, $1.00 entry; Fox Race, $1.00 entry; Elimination Races, $2.00; Tree Prize $4.00; First Line $3.00; Second Line $2.00; Final Tree, 50 percent; First Line 30 percent; Second Line, 20 percent; 100 percent of entry fee is guaranteed and there will also be a consolation Race.

RECORD SET IN COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

At the present writing, the largest number of boarding students in the history of Washington College has been enrolled. Dormitory space is taxed to the full capacity and with constant applicants still being made, no hope is held out to take care of these students. The total registration of freshmen is at present 116, although these are not the final figures, which can not be ascertained until after the various tests and recordings have been made.

Even with a large number of upper classmen not returning, the total enrollment reaches the capacity of the institution in its history.

Many of the men students at this college are in the reserve of the various branches of the service and their studies better equip them for what is ahead.

Although not officially a military training center, Washington College is however filling a great need in preparing specialists at a time when they are needed.

Ration Board Moves

During the past week the Local Ration Board located in the Townshend Building, was moved downstairs to the quarters formerly used by the Maryland Unemployment Office. The Unemployment Office is now located in the Marion Smith Building on Court Street.

OPA To Issue All-Purpose Ration Books By Christmas, Will Be Used For Duration

The Office of Price Administration announced Wednesday it probably would give the nation a Christmas present—the first of four "all-purpose" ration books which Americans will be using for the duration of the war.

Providing a quick method of rationing any article or commodity as shortages develop, "War Ration Book No. 2" can be used for coupon rationing, such as is now employed in distributing sugar, or for point-system rationing, such as that used in England, permitting a consumer to "spend" a ration on different grades and kinds of a general type of commodity.

Each book is adequate for rationing at least two major groups of commodities for a minimum of six months.

A total of 150,000,000 copies of the book will be printed for distribution shortly before Christmas, OPA said. Each consumer will obtain a book on the basis of his previous registration for sugar rationing.

Work on the design of the three other books which OPA said would be necessary to complete the program is under way, with one expected to go to the printers before "No. 2" is off the presses.

Explaining operation of the "all-purpose" books, OPA said that, if meats should be the next generally rationed commodity for example, one section of the first book could be validated as meat rationing coupons. Subsequent rationing programs could be added as they developed.

OPA said the plan of using four books was decided upon after it became apparent that the printing and production problems involved would not permit putting all coupons in a single book for distribution within a reasonable time.

Book No. 2 is about the size of the sugar rationing books, has a heavy manilla cover, and safety paper to discourage counterfeiting. Pages will be glued together instead of stapled, to conserve metal.

B & C MOTORISTS MUST WATCH THEIR STEP

Enforcement Officer Native of Kent County

Hundreds of Maryland motorists who hold B and C gasoline-ration books and who have been "spotted" using their autos to travel to and from race tracks and pleasure resorts are going to be called upon for an explanation, the enforcement division of the State OPA office revealed today.

Motorists so "spotted" and suspected of using their supplementary gasoline ration for unauthorized travel will have their supplemental-ration books taken from them unless they can offer a satisfactory explanation the OPT headquarters stated.

License Numbers Listed

Thomas M. Jacobs, enforcement officer of the OPA in Maryland, revealed that a squad of OPA field agents have been working for the last several weeks at various pleasure resorts, race tracks and other places where large numbers of motorists congregate.

Mr. Jacobs is a native of Millington, this county, and was the son of Dr. and Mrs. Jacobs of that town.

Thees agents, Mr. Jacobs said, have assembled long lists of license numbers of cars spotted at the various places, and through the license numbers the owner of the autos have been found.

These agents, Mr. Jacobs said ists on the highways or questioned them in any way, Mr. Jacobs pointed out. Their work has been confined to noting the license numbers of autos suspected of using their supplemental gasoline rations illegally.

C. N. SATTERFIELD IN CHICAGO FOR METHODIST

Charles N. Satterfield, of Chestertown, has been attending the annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Publications, held in Chicago at the Edgewater Beach hotel.

In a resolution calling for support "by prayer and act" of employees now in the armed forces, the board voiced approval and support for "the forceful prosecution of this war as the only practical means to victory and a lasting peace."

The 46 members of the board from every section of the country, elected by the 1940 General Conference of the denomination, expressed regret for "the necessity of resort to arms as a means of settlement of international differences."

Concrete evidence of their help to the men in the armed forces was given by the board in the announcement of the publishing and distributing of a book of daily devotions for men in all branches of the service. The Methodist Publishing House, the operating unit for the board, also is cooperating with other agencies of the church in supplying religious literature to the men in the services.

The publishing agents, B. A. Whitmore of Nashville, Tenn., and the Rev. Fred D. Stone of Chicago, announced in their annual report that net sales of the Publishing House for the fiscal year ended May 31 reached a ten-year high of $5,544,629, an increase of $20,200 over a year ago.

The board voted an appropriation of $200,000 for the year for pensions and relief of retired ministers in the 114 annual conferences of the Church.

Gov. O'Conor Says:

We dare not take victory for granted. We dare not minimize the long months of struggle and sacrifice that probably lie ahead.

You people know the cost that humanity has suffered to achieve law and order and justice. Our individual lives are but little when projected against that frightful cost. To dedicate them now to the maintenance of these values, to make our daily tasks more fruitful, even though more burdensome, is but little to ask and less to give.

Determine what YOU can do now —and then do it well. Your local Council of Defense is ready to help you—to help your country.

NEW ORDNANCE PLANT IS PART OF KENT DEFENSE

The new ordnance plant which started operations last week, within two weeks after ground was broken, is part of the Kent Defense Corporation according to an announcement by Mr. S. Scott Beck, President of that Corporation.

The newly constructed part of the plant is engaged in the manufacture of fuses for hand grenades.

The Kent Defense plant has, since the start, maintained a production beyond estimates and the only delay in production has been caused by delay in receiving necessary raw material of metals.

$50 PURSE FOR HARNESS RACES SATURDAY

The harness races, scheduled at the Kent and Queen Anne's Driving Park Saturday of this week will be featured by a $50 purse for the winner of each of the five races.

This is the first time since this track has been opened that money purses have been offered and it is expected that it will cause increased interest and competition.

The races will start at 1.30 p. m. by the official starter R. Oscar Roe and entries include horses from many parts of Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

D. A. R. Elects New Officers

At the September meeting of the Kent Chapter of the D. A. R. the following were elected to fill vancancies in the following offices: Regent, Mrs. George Baldwin; Second Vice-Regent, Mrs. George Albeen, of Laurel, Delaware; Registrar, Miss Emma Knight. The new regent appointed a committee chairman and plans were made for the years work.

Those from the chapter who attended the state meeting at Matapeake last Friday were: Misses Bessie and Mary Nicholson, Mrs. George Baldwin, Miss Ann Smith, Mrs. Harry Hoyle.

Farm Group Says Wage Control Must Tie-In With Price Control

Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, in a statement this week, favored crop price control but at the same time said that it must, as President Roosevelt said, tie in with industrial prices and all wages if inflation is to be prevented.

Mr. O'Neal further stated:

Uncontrolled wages are the most threatening factor in the possibilities for inflation, and farm prices are only a minor factor. A glance at the figures will show that this is true. Farm prices in June of this year were 151 percent of the base period, 1909-1914, but the average hourly earnings of factory workers were 397 percent of the base period. As a result of this situation, factory workers in July of this year were spending a smaller percent of their incomes for food than at any time in the past 30 years. In 1929, a year of great prosperity for labor, workers were spending 27 percent of their income for foods while in July of this year they were spending only 22 percent of their incomes for food.

In view of these facts, it seems unfair to place the blame for increased costs of living solely upon farmers. The fact is that wages are for higher, relatively, than are farm prices. It has been suggested that labor is entitled to wages 15 percent higher than in January, 1941, at which time wages were at an all-time high, or 325.5 percent of the base period of 1909-14. As a matter of fact, wages are now in excess of this suggested increase, for the index of hourly earnings of factory workers in July of this year stood at 397, or 21 percent above January, 1941.

We thought wages were high during the first World War, but the week of labor wages during that period was an index of 278.7, in contrast to the present index of 397.

The American Farm Bureau has, as I have indicated, been insisting since last October, that inflation can be prevented only by controlling farm prices, industrial prices and all wages, as well as through extremely heavy taxation.

Tomato Market Slow

At the tim eof going to press local buyers were paying 45to 50 cents for the best of tomatoes, but according to reports the market is very slow, due to weather conditions.

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