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LOWER SHORE PLACED IN DIMOUT AREA

New dimout regulations which greatly increase the costal dimout area of Maryland and Virginia and place drastic new restrictions on lighting there were ordered yesterday by Maj-Gen. Milton A. Reckord, commanding officer of the Third Service Command.

The regulations, which will become effective November 30, place all Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties in Maryland within the dimout area.

Formerly the dimout area along the Maryland-Virginia coastline extended only twelve miles inland at its narrowest point and not more than sixteen miles inland at any point.

It was formerly required that vehicles moving toward the sea proceed with parking lights when within a mile of the sea and other vehicles moving parellel to the water within one-mile area could only use dimmed headlights.

In effect the regulations mean that all motorists on the Eactern Shore east and south of Dorchester county must paint out the top part of their headlights; merchants and householders must dimout their property to a maximum of two candle power light; if the lights can be seen from the water they must be completely obscured or extinguished.

Until the new regulations were adopted Ocean City was the principal community affected by the dimout. Now Salisbury, the State's fourth city; Princess Anne, Snow Hill, Pocomoke City, Crisfield and others will be affected.

In commenting on the new regulations, General Reckord said:

"The residents, businessmen and industrialists in the affected area must realize that regulations governing the control of artificial lighting, particularly in the coastal dimout sections, are here to stay for the duration of the war.

The new order issued by General Reckord again emphasizes the fact that proven violators of the dimout regulations are liable to severe penalties. Each offense, under Federal law, may incur a penalty of a fine not to exceed $5,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. Immediate exclusion from the Eastern Military Area faces violators of the regulations, and if the offender is an enemy alien, he is subject to apprehension and internment.

"These changes that are now ordered are the results of careful study of coastal dimout conditions during the past six months. They are intended to frustrate the enemy in efforts to operate in the sea and in the air along our coasts. Skyglow that is an advantage to submarines and to airplanes must and will be reduced. The Federal Government will conduct aerial reconnaissance regularly to check on skyglow.

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CHRISTMAS SEALS NOW ON SALE

Christmas Seals which go on sale throughout the State on Monday, November 23rd enable the Maryland Tuberculosis Association to carry on a modern well-rounded program of free diagnostic clinics, according to William B. Matthews, Managing Director of the Association.

The clinics, which are held in cooperation with the State Department of Health and the County Health Department, not only provide complete physical examination by an expert clinician but X-ray facilities for the diagnosis of the disease are also available.

"Since you catch tuberculosis from someone who has it, it is necessary to find those infected so they can be cured," said Mr. Matthews,"and it is through these diagnostic clinics that it is found.

"As with all of our work, these clinics are being expanded in order to take care of the war emergency and it is through this case-finding program that the disease will be brought under control, "Mr. Matthews concluded.

Mr. Matthews also pointed out that for the first six months of 1942, 179 of these clinics had been held in the counties of Maryland during which time 4,264 persons were examined and 2,449 X-rays were taken. Of the total number examined 205 were found to be positive cases.

The Association requested that everyone use as well as buy Christmas Seals sent them.

Sighted Opportunity — Seized Same

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Partners in this war, Third Officer Ruth Fowler of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and Second Lieutenant Herbert L. Lamme examine a poster telling of enlistment opportunities for men of eighteen and nineteen. Both Lieutenant Fowler and Lieutenant Lamme earned their bars by going to Officer Candidate Schools. Lieutenant Fowler was commissioned after completing the WAAC course at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. Lieutenant Lamme enlisted in the Army as a private and won his commission in the Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia. He is nineteen years of age. All young men of eighteen and nineteen, he says, should take advantage of their opportunity to pick their branch of service now.

At the present time, the Army recruiting service is offering a choice of many branches of service to 18, 19 year old men who enlist voluntarily. Colonel D. M. Cheston, officer in charge of the Baltimore district for recruiting and induction stated that the army desires to get as many of these teen age youths into the army as quickly as possible so that they may get months of additional training.

Col. Cheston said, "Despite the fact that the 18, 19 year olds are now subject to Selective Service, we are intent on getting as many as possible to enlist voluntarily. As an inducement, the men in this age bracket can now choose from many branches. This offer is not being made to anyone twenty years of age or over. I am not certain just how long this special offer will continue so I advise all parents of sons either 18 or 19 to look into this matter immediately."

The district recruiting official cited these additional reasons for youths 18 and 19 enlisting now voluntarily: "The value of getting in now and securing the longest and best training possible; the privilege of qualifying for officer training or noncommissioned rating while still 18 and 19 years of age; early enlistment means growing up with the Army and therefore affords better opportunities for rapid advancement and increased pay; new pay scales ranging up to $138.00 per month with food, medical care, clothes, lodging.....all free plus allowances for dependents; young men not able to afford continuation of school can learn valuable trades for the future; men in service can avail themselves of the opportunity to take out National Service Life Insurance up to $10,000 at minimum rates; the opportunity to meet and work with a splendid group of men."

Col. Cheston disclosed other openings for men in the Army. He pointed out that there are still opportunities for certain specialists to get direct assignments to several branches. Men with the following experiences can get direct assignment to the Signal Corps: Cable splicers, installer-repairmen, repeatermen, wire chiefs, radio operators, radio repairmen, telegraph operators, telegraphic printer operators, telegraphic printer installer-repairmen; the age limit for this group of specialists is 44. Men with experience as radio operators or radio mechanics can get direct assignment to the maintenance crew of the Air Force; the age limit for Air Force specialists is 49. Men with the following experiences can get direct assignment to the Ordnance Department: diesel engine mechanics, radial engine mechanics, opticians, electricians and instrument repair men; the age limit for the Ordnance Department specialists is 44. Skilled former enlisted men will be accepted through 54 years of age.

Women are urgently needed for the WAAC (Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.) Any female citizen between the ages of 21 and 45 is eligible to apply. The new WAAC pay rates are now in order; they are now identical to those of enlisted men. Base pay starts at $50 per month for an auxiliary and runs up to $138.00 for a first leader.

Complete information on both the Army and the WAAC can be obtained from district headquarters, Equitable Building, Baltimore, Maryland.

War Ration Book Number 1 Necessary to Obtain Coffee

Persons without War Ration Book No. 1 are advised to apply for one immediately at their nearest War Price and Rationing Board, if they wish to obtain coffee under the new rationing plan which goes into effect on November 29, the Office of Price Administration announced today.

War Ration Book 1 will have to be surrendered eventually for the consumer to receive War Ration Book 2 the all-purpose rationing book, so it is essential that everyone have Book 1 whether or not he expects to purchase coffee or sugar. Consumers who do not have the War Ration Book 1 must register for it before December 15, 1942.

The first coffee stamp is Number 27 of Number One book. This will entitle each holder of War Ration Book 1, over 15 years of age, to purchase one pound of coffee during the five week period November 29, 1942, through January 3, 1943. Stamps numbered 20 to 28 have been designed as coffee stamps, and will be valid in the order of 27, 28, 25, 26 etc. necessary because of the physical arrangement of stamps in the books.

The retailer will handle the stamps just as he does for sugar, pasting them on sheets which he turns in to his supplier when he replenishes his stock. The November 22-28 "freeze" is intended to allow him to take a coffee inventory and replenish his coffee supplies for sales under rationing. To replenish supplies, he must do these things:

1—Take an initial inventary of the amount he has on hand as of midnight, November 21. He must include the total weight of all mixtures of coffee and other substances (chicory chick-pea) which are already mixed when he received them.

If the retailer roasts green coffee he must convert the weight of the green coffee into terms of roasted coffee by mutiplying the weight of green coffee by 0.84.

2—Compute his "allowable inventory" as follows:

If he owns only one retail store, does not roast coffee, and sold less than 2,000 lbs. of coffee during September, he has an "allowable inventory" or one pound of coffee for each $10.00 gross sales in September.

If the retailer sold more than 2,000 pounds of coffee during September, he may have an "allowable inventory of one pound for every pound sold in September (purchased in roasted form) plus three pounds for every lb. roasted by him and sold in September 1942.

3—By presenting "Purchase Warrants" to his suppliers before December 5, he may buy coffee up to the amount represented by his "allowable inventory" less his "initial inventory."

4—By December 21, he will be required to report to the local War Price and Rationing Board the amount of "allowable inventory" at the start of rationing, his "initial inventory" and "Purchase Warrant" transactions. This record must be on OPA form 1202, which may be obtained at the Boards at a later date.

Institutional users of coffee, restaurants, hotels, etc., must register at their local War Price and Rationing Boards between November 23 and 25 if they wish to purchase coffee. The institutional user must register at the same local Rationing Board where his sugar registration is filed.

The first allotment for institutional users will cover the period for November 22, 1942, through January 31, 1943.

Institutions may buy coffee upon surrendering Coffee Purchase Certificates, obtainable from their Rationing Boards.

Institutions must take an initial inventory of the coffee on hand as of midnight, November 21 (Excluding coffee substitutes which the institution itself combined with coffee.)

Oil 'Coupon Credit' Extended to Nov. 30

The Office of Price Administration has extended to Nov. 30 the fuel oil "coupon credit" system which permits rationed consumers to buy fuel oil by giving promissory coupon notes in lieu of coupons. Sales by this method were to have stopped last night.

OPA said the extension was made necessary because of unavoidable delay in distributing ration coupons, due chiefly to the time required to print the coupons and to process the application forms.

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WITH U. S. FORCES

Mr. Harry B. Cannon, owner and manager of the Old Kent Nursuries, was sworn in on Monday of this week as Lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps. He will report for duty December 15th.

John A. Deringer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Deringer, who has enlisted in the Marine Corps. leaves on Thursday.

Another local boy enlisted in the Marines is William Baldwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Baldwin who will leave on Dec. 16.

James Watkins and Horace Needles, Jr., have enlisted in the Army and leave Friday.

Edward Weer, of Kennedyville has been appointed an Ensign in the U. S. N. and will leave for Harvard University, for training December 1.

A letter from David McMenamin, stationed in Rhode Island, says that he will have a five day furlough beginning, Dec. 10.

Among the boys home on furloughs this week are Harrison Vickers, III., Vernon Bland, and Warner Brockson.

Capt. Jack C. Evans, Jr., commanding officer of a Coast Artillery Battery, writes Mrs. Ella Gale, mother of P. F. C. Walter Gale of Millington:

"Quote"—Your son is doing a fine job here in the jungle, and is second ranking P. F. C. in the battery He is working on the diesel plants that furnish electric power for this organization. You can well be proud of your son's work as a soldier. The men men and officers of the battery thank you for your best wishes.

Vernon L. Bland, 21, husband of Mrs. V. L. Bland, 206 S. Front street, was graduated last Friday at the Navy's school for Aviation Machinist's Mates at the Navy Pier, Chicago, and received the rating of Avviation Machinist's Mate, third class.

He maintained an excellent record throughout the comprehensive 24-week course, which included the assemblying, servicing, and repairing of airplanes and airplan engines; splicing of aircraft wiring, manufacturing of terminals and other small parts; the principles and theory of flying; and seamanship work necessary to airplane ground work.

He will now be assigned to specialized duty with the fleet or at a naval shore station, after spending a short furlough at his home, here.

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PAY INCREASE ASKED FOR ROAD WORKERS

Anticipating a drop of approximately forty percent in revenues, the State Roads Commission Tuesday laid before Governor O'Conor a request for a boost in its administrative expenses for the 1944-45 biennium.

The fiscal plight of the highway department was presented during the hearings before Governor O'Conor on departmental and institutional appropriation requests by Ezra B. Whitman, chairman of the commission, who said that he has expectations of doing nothing but maintaining existing roadways for the next three years.

At the same time Col. Beverly Ober, head of the State police, asked that the budget for his department—which is supported by the motor vehicle revenues—be doubled, or increased from $817,328 for the current fiscal year to $1,732,000 for 1944 and to $1,468,900 for 1945.

Mr. Whitman asked that the State Roads Commission salary budget be increased to $1,112,000, or $141,000 higher than it is now, and that another $1,670,000—or $16,000 more than the 1943 total be set aside for wages for laborers.—The Sun.

Business Men Decide Against Christmas Lighting for Streets

Following the lead of other prominent towns on the Eastern Shore, the Chestertown Business Men at their regular meeting today, decided to comply with the request of the W.P.B. about outside Christmas lighting. The regulations as published in THE TRANSCRIPT of Nov. 13th are as follows:

That no outside Christmas lighting be erected that:

1. Cannot be extinguished at a central point upon very short notice.
2. Are in anyway dangerous from an incendiary standpoint.
3. Will make an unnecessary drain upon existing electric power.

Cooperating with the other towns the Chestertown group decided to have no outside lights. This is a wartime plan and will be resumed after the war.

The meeting today was opened and presided over by Mr. Charles N. Satterfield in the absence of Mr. R. H. Collins, Jr., who made some very appropriate remarks on Thanksgiving.

Also at the request of the W.P.B. the retail members of the association will make it possible for women to turn in their worn and discarded Nylon, Silk and Rayon hosiery. This must all be washed before being donated.

Another important undertaking by the association was a plan to get blood donations for the Red Cross Blood Bank which will be in Chestertown for one day during the week of Dec. 14th.

34 PERSONS KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENTS

During the month of October there were 34 traffic fatalities in Maryland, this is the lowest October record in the past 3 years. In the same period there were 1,272 accidents in which 606 persons were injured. These figures show a 39.3 per cent reduction in fatalities, 34.8 reduction in total accidents, and 38.3 per cent reduction in injuries under October of last year.

The most notable reduction in fatalities, 61.5%, was in the class of accidents involving two vehicles—next, with 58.3% in those involving fixed objects, and last, 57.1%, in non-collision accidents. In Baltimore City, with 12 fatalities, there was a 7.7% reduction of the October, 1941, figure and, in the Counties there were 48.-8% fewer fatalities for the same period. The State, as a whole, experienced a 39.3% reduction under October, 1941.

Twelve counties experienced a fatality free month, Allegany, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Garrett, Howard, Kent, Prince George's Queen Anne, St. Mary's Talbot and Washington. Caroline , Garrett, Queen Anne and Talbot counties experienced no fatality or injury accidents during this month.

For the period January 1st, to October 31st, 1942, the State had a total of 379 persons killed in automobile accidents, as compared to 491 for the same period in 1941.

The Maryland Traffic Safety Commission again urges every Citizen to remember to drive under 35 miles per hour—which, is the new VICTORY SPEED. There are many people who are buying bonds regularly, have one or more of the family in the armed forces of our Government, but who still fail to realize the importance of the measures to be taken toward the conservation of lives, rubber, gasoline, auto parts, etc. The first, and most important measure, is the new VICTORY SPEED of 35 miles per hour. Let's all get into the fight and do our part on the HOME FRONT Let's be 100% AMERICANS.

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Bowling League Finishes First Quarter

The Chestertown Bowling Center League finished its first quarter of the season last week with Captain "Shad" Walbert's team still in first place but being hotly pursued by Budweiser and the Eagles.

Roy White led the league in pin busting last week with a high score of 147.

An unusual ten pin match was held last Sunday afternoon for the championship heavyweight class and the favorite to win one of Chestertown's better bowlers was defeated by the close score of 180 to 179.

The league standings are as follows:

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White Owls	21	7
Budweiser	20	8
Eagles	20	8
Hornets	16	12
Honest Seven	15	9
Asco	6	18
Orioles	7	21
Pep Boys	3	25

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Col. Henry S. Barrett, State Airraid Precautions director, made a four-day inspection tour of Eastern Shore Civilian Defense points.

During the tour, the colonel checked up on observance of the recent State-wide blackout.

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William Reid, Commander, Norman E. Peterson, Adjutant, C. Lee Gill, Treasurer, and James E. Batchelor, Sgt-at-arms, will attend the Commanders and Adjutants Conference to be held Sunday, Nov. 29th, in Baltimore at the War Memorial.

NETWORK OF SHORE AMATEURS TO BE ORGANIZED

Thomas F. McNulty, director of the War Emergency Radio Service of the Maryland Council of Defense said here yesterday that the network of "ham" operators on the Eastern Shore is nearly complete.

The Eastern Shore region, he explained, has been divided into two "radio areas" with a radio aide in charge of each area. Each of the four counties in each area will be under the civilian defense director of the county.

The southern area is composed of Worcester, Dorchester, Somerset and Wicomico counties, while the northern district is made up of Queen Anne's, Talbot, Kent and Caroline counties.

McNulty said he had already asked the Federal Communications Commission to issue an operating license to cover the Southern area and that he would request a license for the other district shortly. In each area the license is to be issued in the name of the county in which the Civilian Defense warning center is located and will cover the other three counties of the area.

County directors are J. Otis McAllister, Dorchester county; John O. Byrd, of Worcester; Ralph W. Powell, of Somerset; Clarke Gardner, of Wicomico; John W. Noble of Talbot; Dr. James W. Crowl, of Queen Anne's; Harry L. Sullivan, of Caroline; and I. Price Ewing, of Kent County.

L. Dean Powell, of Salisbury, was appointed radio aide for the Southern area, but no aide has yet been designated for the northern district. Powell is to be assisted by Paul F. McGee, of Berlin, Md., and Peter Alphonsi, of Salisbury.

McNulty said establishment of the Southern network had been made difficult by the lack of amateurs in the district, but "those there made up for this lack to a great extent by their enthusiam."

He added that there were nine counties which had no or only rudimentary organizations. They were: Charles, Harford, Anne Arundel, Howard, Cecil, Kent, Calvert, St. Mary's and Carroll counties.

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CENTREVILLE PASTOR ON STATE BOARD

Announcement was made today by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor of the appointment of Reverend Otis P. Jefferson, pastor of Epworth Methodist Church, Centreville, as a member of the Governor's Commission on Revision of the Liquor Laws of the State.

The Commission held its first meeting in Baltimore on Saturday, at the call of W. Hall Hammond, Deputy Attorney General of the State. The Commission will study the liquor laws of the State in their broadest aspects preparatory to making suggestions for revision to the incoming Legislature.

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Legion Head Entertains Members

William Reid, Commander of the Frank M. Jarman Post 36, American Legion entertained his post officers at a Wild Duck dinner on Tuesday, evening, Nov. 24 at the Voshell House. Those present were: C. Lee Gill, Norman E. Peterson, Chas. Eshman, Harvey Blyman, Eli Elliott, Raymond Wilkins, Col. I. Price Ewing, John G. Klien, and Chief Petty Officer Richardson of the Salisbury Recruiting Office. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

VOTERS APPROVE PAY BOOST FOR GEN'L ASSEMBLY

The amendment to the State Constitution to increase the pay of the members of the General Assembly from $5.00 per day, while in session to $1,000 per year, was approved by the voters, complete returns from the State show, by 1168 majority.

For a time, while the returns were incomplete, it had appeared that the servicemen's vote would determine whether members of the Legislature are to receive a boost in pay. Final returns from the home vote gave the legislators the higher pay beyond the power of the absentee ballots to upset the decision.

The vote on this amendment befor the counting of the absentee ballotts was 60,461 in it favor and 59,293 against. Even if all the 861 service votes had been opposed, the amendment would still have had a margin in its favor.

At several previous elections Amendments to Constitution to increase the pay of members of the General Assembly were submitted to the voters for approval or disapproval, and each time it was voted down.

The vote in Kent County was 309 for the amendment and 708 against it.

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REAL ESTATE TAX TO BE ELIMINATED

Owners of farms and homes throughout the State will be interested in the announcement made today by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor that, by official proclamation, he is declaring it unnecessary to collect or levy for the next year any real esttate taxes to meet the interest on outstanding certificates of the emergency bond issue of 1935.

This proclamation will waive the provision for the levy of real estate taxes at four and one-quarter cents (4¼c) on each One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) of assessable property.

At the time the Bond Issue of 1935 was enacted by the Legislature, it was provided that receipts from inheritance taxes would be used to meet interest and principal payments. The levy of four and one-quarter (4¼c) was provided as a secondary basis in the event that the inheritance taxes were insufficient to meet the requirements. Interest for the calendar year 1943 on the 1935 Bond Issue will be $166,357.50, with maturities of $402,-000.00 on April 15, 1943, and $216,-000.00 on October 15, 1943, indicating a total service requirement of $784,-257.50.

The Governor stated that more than $1,500,000.00 will be in the Reserve Fund during the next calendar year and that, therefore, the provision for the levy on real estate in the amount specified will be waived.

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Magistrate's Court Hears 16 Cases

Last Monday night, Judge Clarence Melvin of the Magistrate's Court heard the following cases and all were found guilty and paid fines. These were eight automobile violations including failure to stop at Stop Signs, exceeding town speed limit of 25 miles, failing to stop for school bus and the driver of a laundry truck was found guilty of reckless driving for striking a coal truck on High Street last Friady..

Judge Melvin also heard 5 game law cases of gunning without licenses or improper licenses, Sunday hunting and improper waterfowl tags. All were found guilty and paid fines ranging from $20.00 to $25.00.

Also on the docket was 1 disorderly conduct charge, 1 assault case and 1 oyster law violation of having undersize oysters in possession. These persons also were found guilty and paid their fines.

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Metcalfe Bros. To Move Worton Plant

Metcalfe brothers will move their plant from Worton to Chestertown in the very near future. The plant at Worton consists of one elevator and two ware houses. These will be added to the plant here.

The plant at Worton was discontined because of the resignation of Mr. Henry S. Raisin. Mr. Raisin has been connected with Metcalfe Worton branch for 21 years and was forced to resign due to the pressure of his farm work and lack of farm help.

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