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RATIONING OF FUEL OIL TAXES LOCAL OFFICE

The fuel oil and kerosene rationing has swamped the local office of the Rationing Board and only by working at night and with the assistance of volunteers has the rationing problem been kept in hand.

With approximately 4000 applications, the local board has succeeded in completing approximately 2900. Each application has to be handled separately, figured, processed, tabulated and mailed. Many people who have received their ration have been greatly disappointed with the result that they have returned to the office for an adjustment. Unless a mistake has been made the staff can do nothing about it. Applicants may write to the Board and ask that their application be again reviewed. This will probably result in them being granted an opportunity to appear before the board.

The Board requests that people do not come to the office to make a complaint about the amount of their ration.

In addition to the fuel oil rationing the rationing of gasoline for trucks, renewals for gasoline for automobiles and registration of tires has all happened at the same time.

The date for delivering excess tires to the Express office has been extended to December 12th.

Coffee ration is secured with No. 27 sugar stamp. It is not necessary to go to the ration board office for this ration.

No. 3 grade tires are now being issued to those eligible. This is a new tire made of reclaimed rubber.

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E. PAUL CRIDER ELECTED BY FARM GROUP

E. Paul Crider, of Chatham, Virginia, has been elected by the National Farm Loan Associations to the Farm Credit Board of Baltimore for a three year term, it was announced today by H. E. Holsinger, Secretary-Treasurer of the Kent-Queen Anne National Farm Loan Association.

Mr. Crider was elected to the Board by the National Farm Loan Associations in the Second Farm Credit District which includes the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Delaware. As a member of this board he will also serve as a director of the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore, as well as the Production Credit Corporation, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, and the Bank for Corporatives of that city.

Born and reared on a farm, Mr. Crider owns and operates a farm in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He served both as secretary and vice-president of the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore from 1932 to 1942. Previous to that he had been connected with various banks in Danville and Chatham.

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Beware If Cottontail Seems To Be Lazy

"Don't shoot a lazy rabbit."

That was the warning voiced today by Dr. R. H. Riley, director of the State Department of Health, who said that wild cottontails that do not scamper quickly away might be infected by the deadly tularemia, or rabbit disease.

Wild rabbits, he said, should be handled with rubber gloves to avoid danger of contracting the disease, which is almost as deadly to humans as it is to rabbits.

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Will Hold Dance Here In Armory

The Middle Kent Minute Men, the Lynch Observation Post and 4-H Club will jointly hold a dance at the Chestertown Armory next Wednesday night, December 9th. Music will be furnished by the Blue Hen Ramblers with the Blue Bonnett Girls.

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Marion T. Miller, Rock Hall merchant is holding another one of his famous Christmas Sales, which began last Wednesday and will continue until December 26th. Prizes are awarded customers every Saturday night at a special drawing.

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The Betterton Beach Boardwalk Corporation will hold a stockholders meeting in the Betterton Hardware Company's Store on December 15 at 8 p. m. All members are urged to be present.

Chestertown Merchants Will Again Hold Public Drawings

Although the Business Men's Association has complied with the WPB and will not erect the Christmas street lights as in other years the Shoppers prize drawings will be resumed again this year according to an announcement made at their regular meeting last Wednesday.

Beginning on Monday, December 7th, tickets will be given with each 50 cent purchase at any of the participating stores, which include most of the local stores. These tickets entitle the purchaser to one chance for each ticket on the $135.00 to be given away during the drawings. The receiver of the tickets will sign his name on the back and deposit it in the box at the store where he receives it. All the chances are then collected and taken to the public square for the drawings which will start at 7 p. m. every night from Dec. 14 through Dec. 23, excluding Sunday.

Names drawn will be returned to the pool, each and every ticket remaining there for every drawing. The Business Men asks everyone to SHOP IN CHESTERTOWN and ask for your TICKETS.

In order to facilitate purchasing by local defense workers and others who are busy during the regular store hours, Chestertown, businessmen will observe a 9 o'clock closing hour during the pre-Christmas season.

The Business Men's Association has also arranged to have Christmas Carols played over an amplifying system located in the Firs House daily during the week preceding Christmas.

During the past several years over 200,000 tickets were placed in the "agitator" for the drawings, representing over $100,000 spent in Chestertown stores during the Yule season. Because of the defense industries, it is expected that a new record may be set. Many people will do their shopping locally, too, in order to save rubber and gasoline.

PRIZES AWARDED FOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE WINNERS

The wind-up of the first Autumn series of duplicate bridge was celebrated at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club on Monday evening with a delightful dinner served by a committee, headed by Mr. H. Gilpin Brown and Mrs. F. Perry Metcalfe. Prizes for the two top scorers were awarded respectively to Mr. J. Browne Metcalfe and Mrs. A. C. Dick.

Following dinner, a new series was started, at which time, everyone drew for partners, just for that particular evening.

Results of the play Monday night were as follows:

North and South:

Couple —Mrs Richard Carvell and Mrs. S. Scott Beck.

Couple 2—Mrs. F. Perry Metcalfe and Mrs. S. Holt Wright.

Couple 3—Mrs. W. Norman Cooper and Mr. J. Browne Metcalfe.

East and West:

Couple 1—Mrs. A. C. Dick and Mrs. Ernest Strong.

Couple 2—Mrs. Frederica Metcalfe and Mr. Harry Cannon.

Couple 3—Miss Harriet Vane and Mrs. J. Thos. Kibler.

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Sheriff Gsell Names New Deputy

Sheriff W. Henry Gsell has named Walter E. Kulley, Jr., as his new Deputy Sheriff. Mr. Gsell like other county officials has not taken office as yet because of the delay in receiving his commission. The new officers will probably take over next week.

Mr. Kulley, the new Deputy Sheriff has been a life-time resident of Kent County and has been engaged in the printing and insurance business. His home is in Chestertown.

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PENALTY SET IF FARMS FALL SHORT OF GOAL

Stressing a need for meeting war crop goals, the Agriculture Department announced this week that farmers who fail to achieve their production allotments next year will be penalized by stiff deductions from their Federal crop subsidies.

The department explained 1943 agricultural adjustment agency payments would be designed to help get full production of the kind of crops needed and all crop payments would be contingent on the degree to which a farmer meets his goal.

The department said failure of farmers to plant at least 90 per cent. of their allotments for corn, cotton, peanuts, rice tobacco and wheat would result in payment deductions at a rate five times the rate of payment.

Thus, it was explained, a farmer's crop subsidy would be wiped out entirely should he plant only 70 per cent. of his allotment.

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Kent got its first real taste of winter yesterday, Thursday morning when the temperature ranged from 16 to 20 throughout the County.

High winds accompanied the drop in temperature and slight damage was done to electric and telephone lines throughout Kent.

One of the accidents during the wind storm occured Wednesday afternoon when the high board fence around the County jail was blown down.

SHORE DIM-OUT INSPECTION DUE NEXT WEEK

Col. Henry S. Barrett announced this week he had allotted Eastern Shore civilian defense officials a week "to get the dim-out working" and said he would begin an inspection trip of the three affected counties at the end of that period.

The State air raid warden said he and Judge Robert France, executive director of the Maryland Council of Defense would begin the two to three-day inspection tour of Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties next Monday.

The dim-out in that area of Maryland began a half hour after sundown Monday night.

Colonel Barrett emphasized that all motor vehicles entering the area must comply with dim-out regulations. He said the upper half of their headlights must be painted over and the beam may not exceed 250 beam candlepower—slightly more than the average car's parking lights.

"By the end of the week(we will be in pretty good shape," he commented. "Generally, they are doing a good job down there but we are not going to tolerate any foolishness."

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Former Teacher Gets Army Commission

Owen R. Anderson after having completed a three months training course in the infantry school at Fort Benning, Georgia, has been commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S. Army. After spending a short furlough home, Leiut. Anderson will report to Camp Butner, N. Carolina to assume his duties there.

Lieut. Anderson was a graduate of the Chestertown High School and Washington College and also taught at the Oakland High School in Western Maryland for several years.

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APG Grocery Bill $400,000 Each Month

According to figures released this week by the "Flaming Bomb" the grocery bill for soldiers at Aberdeen Proving Ground amounts to $400,000 monthly.

There's no question about it, the boys sure eat swell at Aberdeen. For instance, 420,000 pounds of choice steers, hogs and lamb are consumed each month. Fresh fruits and vegetables to the tune of 60,000 pounds arrive daily via tractor-trailers from nearby cities and citrus fruits reach the Post weekly via freight from the Pacific Coast.

And may we add for our boys in the Service, the best is not good enough.

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Applications will be received from young lady high school graduates who were "A" students and from college graduates to enter training in or near Washington for highly confidential government work. These positions will pay $1440.00 per annum while learning with future advancements according to ability. Interviews will be held to determine suitability followed by a complete character and background investigation. This is an exceptional opportunity and interested persons are invited to write for application Form 57 to Frank L. M. Storm, Special Representative, Naval Training Station, Bainbridge, Maryland. No further information is available. Additional details will be given when interviewed.

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The annual meeting of the Maryland Stockmen's Association will be held on January 13, 1943, at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore.

MORALE
IN WAR-TIME
By
E. Clarke Fontaine

We hear a lot these days
About Morale.
Morale in the armed forces,
Morale in industry, in business,
Morale on the home front.
They say that a good healthy
Sound Morale on all fronts
Is vital and essential
To winning the war.
What is this thing
They call Morale?

Morale is how we feel and think
About things.
Morale is our all-round "slant"
On the whole situation
What we actually do,
How we really act
And react to situations
Is an expression, a result
Of how we really think.
What do we think about America,
How do we feel about Hitler,
About the Japs,
About England, Russia, China,
And all our other Allies?

Is this war tough or easy?
Will it soon be won,
Or will we be fighting for years
Before Nazism is destroyed,
Before Adolph Hitler's last tooth
Is knocked down his throat?
How do we feel about
Our responsibility
To our country, to our community,
To our children and their future?
What am I doing
To help win this war?
Am I thinking straight
About all these things?

Am I still having a jolly time,
Enjoying myself without restraint?
Am I sacrificing or hoarding?
Am I buying war bonds?
Am I damning the government
And cursing F. D. R.
About this and that?
Am I kicking about rationing?
Or am I taking everything in stride
With a smile and a grin,
Doing my part,
As our boys are doing theirs
On Guadalcanal,
In China, in Australia,
In Africa and New Guinea,
All over the world,
On land, on sea,
And in the air?

How do we feel about this war?
How's Morale on the old Home Front?
Are we tough? Can we take it?
Are we willing to pay the price?
Can we grin and bear it?
Are we worthy of our sires?
Do we love liberty enough?
Do we hate slavery enough?
Do we hate murderers, liars enough?
Do we feel that international pirates
And tyrants and aggressors
Must be utterly destroyed

No matter what it costs,
No matter how long it takes,
If anyone anywhere
Is to feel safe and secure,
If civilization is to endure
If life is to be worth living,
If the earth is to be fit to live in?
Or are we weak and flabby
And selfish and decadent
And degenerate,
As Hitler claims all democracies are?

Morale is how we feel and think,
Morale on the home front
Is what will finally beat Hitler,
Destroy the Nazis and the Japs,
One way of thinking and feeling,
One united purpose,
One hundred million Americans,
Thinking alike, feeling alike,
Thinking and feeling the same thing:

This is a total war,
This is a tough war,
This is a global war.
We must win it completely,
To hell with discomforts,
To hell with privations.
To hell with taxes and rations.
These are small things,
They count not, they matter not.
I'm willing to pay and pay and pay
And do without.
Whatever it costs
It's a small price for freedom
For the American way of living.
It's a small price for putting
Assassins and dastardly brutes
Where they belong.

There's only one issue in this war.
Nothing else matters.
It's the issue
Between universal liberation
And universal slavery.
On this issue
Every true American
Will be proud to give
All that he has
For his country,
For liberty, for decency,
And for humanity.

And that's what they mean
When the say:
MORALE will win the War!

Celebrates 81st Birthday

Mrs. Charles W. Whaland

Mrs. Charles W. Whaland who celebrated her 81st birthday on Thursday, was guest of honor at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Wallen in Millington, which was followed by a birthday party given by Mrs. Whaland at her home, later in the evening.

WAR BOND QUOTA REACHED IN KENT COUNTY

With a final check-up in progress today, Walter N. Ruth, State administrator of the war savings staff, expressed confidence that Maryland reached its $11,000,000 quota in the purchase of war bonds and stamps during November.

He said that during December Maryland will have to sell approximately $2,500,000 more in bonds than were sold last month.

Seven counties including Kent filled their November quota by the middle of the month. The othe rcounties were Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, St. Mary's Somerset and Wicomico.

Kent's quota for November was $42,500 and the figure for the month of December has not as yet been announced according to Mr. Wheatley.

Mr. Ruth expressed his thanks and heartiest congratulations to Charles F. Wheatley, County Chairman of the War Bond Sales Committee and the people of Kent County for their fine showing in the buying of War Bonds since the national sale began early last year. Records show that with the exception of one month this county has been over the top at all times.

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First Kent Man Dies In Action

Mrs. Nettie Naundorf of 524 Cannon Street received word here Monday morning that her son, Private Ralph L. Naundorf of the U. S. Marine Corps. was killed in action, overseas. Ralph was 19 years old and has been in the service since February 1942. Ralph is the first Kent County man to give his life for our Country in the present conflict.

Mrs. Naundorf also has two other sons in the service, Private Herbert Naundorf, 18, U. S. Marines, stationed at New River, N. C., and Paul, age 24 is in the Navy somewhere in the Pacific.

Both Mrs. Naundorf and her daughter Ann are employed in the Kent Defense Plant having moved here from Lynch in May.

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Joins Waves

Miss Carolyn Coursey, 20-year-old daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. Edward Earle Coursey, enlisted in the Waves and was officially sworn in on Friday November 20th.

Miss Coursey who holds a secretarial position with the Western Electric Co., Baltimore, expects to continue in her present position until Christmas and then leave for Stllwater, Oklahoma, for six week's basic training. After which she will be sent to a naval training station to relieve some man in the service for active duty.

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Robbed Of Clothes On Street

Dover:—Arthur Campbell, Bridgeville, Del., was beaten and robbed of his money and clothes Sunday night by a man while walking along Bridgeville street. State Police were summoned to the scene by a pedestrain who reported a fight between two men. When the officers arrived they found Campbell in his underwear and stockings. He explained that the thief had not only taken his wallet, which contained a small amount of money, but had also stolen his shoes, trousers and coat.

REGISTRATION IN NEW DRAFT IS OUTLINED

Classification of teen-age youths who must register for the draft in December were outlined today by Co. Henry C. Stanwood, State director of Selective Service.

Classifications and registration dates are as follows:

Youths born during July and August, 1924, must register during the week beginning Friday, December 11; those born during September and October, 1924, register during the week beginning Friday, December 16; those born during November and December 1924 register during the week beginning Saturday, December 26.

All registrations will be with local draft boards.

Young men reaching the age of eighteen after January 1, 1943, should register on their birthdays, unless these dates fall on Sundays or legal holidays. In such cases the registration should be made the following day.

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The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company received two chimney fire calls Wednesday night. Both were in the colored section of the town and neither caused any damage.

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DHIA Testers Course At Maryland University

The week of December 7th has been selected for the Dairy Herd Improvement testers course at the University of Maryland. The course covers all phases of dairy herd improvement testing and will qualify students for a testers job at once. Testers are in demand and permanent, full time work is assured.

Anyone interested in the course should contact either the county Extension Office or John A. Conover, Extension Dairyman at the University of Maryland, College Park, Md.

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Minute Men Enlist New Members

R. Wroth Stavely, captain of the Middle Kent Minute Men, Co. 502 reports that they have recruited 18 new members which brings their companys total strength to 85. Captain Stavely and his men are to be congratulated on their interest in this work.

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Civilian Defense Bomb School

All persons connected with Civilian Defense are urgently requested to attend the Bomb Reconnaissance School to be held at Easton High School Auditorium on December 9, 10 and 11. The school begins each evening on those dates at 6 p. m. and lasts until 10 p. m.

Transportation will be furnished those wishing to attend. Those attending must have identification for admission to the school. For further information contact I. Price Ewing, Director for Civilian Defense or State Officers, Chanell or Cronshaw.

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The Department of Agriculture warns turkey growers not to deplete their breeding flocks for the sake of quick profits. Turkeys, they say, are likely to prove a more important part of our total meat supplies next year.

COMMISSIONS DELAYED FOR KENT OFFICIALS

Elected county officers designated in the State Constitution will hold office about a week longer than their existing commissions from the Secretary of State call for, it was learned today.

The commissions expire at midnight, it was stated, but new ones will not be in the hands of the newly elected officials until early next week, Secretary of State Thomas Elmo Jones said.

Ordinarily, Mr. Jones said, the State Board of Canvassers would have met and certified the election returns so that the commissions could be dispatched.

However the meeting of the board was delayed this year because final election returns were not available until two weeks after election day, by laws governing the date on which ballots of those in the armed forces are to be opened and counted.

Others On Board

Mr. Jones announced that the State Board of Canvassers would meet on Thursday. Besides himself, Mr. Jones said the other members were State Comptroller J. Millard Tawes, State Treasurer Hooper S. Miles, Attorney General William C. Walsh and Maurice Ogle, clerk of the Court of Appeals.

The law requires that the State Board of Canvassers must meet within thirty days after the election, the Secretary of State said.

Some Under Local Laws

Where the elected officers are not designated by the State Constitution, he said, local county laws govern any holdovers in the various elective offices.

The matter of salary adjustments for the overtime period, it was stated probably will have to be handled by the counsel for the various boards of county commissioners.

All of the Kent County officials elected at the recent General Election will be sworn in as soon as the commissions arrive and will take office immediately with the exception of Treasurer who will take over his duties on June 1st.

There will be four changes in the present County Administration, Mr. Frank Jester replaces Mr. Roy Strong in the Legislature, Mr. Robert Lee replaces Mr. James Hadaway as Treasurer, while Mr. Paul Joiner takes over Mrs. Anna Elliott's job as Register of Wills. Henry Gsell, present deputy will replace Robert Lee as Sheriff.

As far as it is known at the present time all deputies and clerks will be retained in their respective positions.

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Special Services At Christ Church

On Sunday, December 7, 1941, our peace loving nation was startled by the shocking news of a surprise attack by the Japanese air force upon our base at Pearl Harbor. Much property was damaged and many precious lives were destroyed. Suddenly we were dragged into the most terrible war of all ages.

On Sunday, December 6th, the first anniversary of the treacherous act at Pearl Harbor, the congregation of Christ Methodist Church will hold a special service at 7:30 p. m. forthe purpose of honoring our precious dead, of praying for "those who suffered the loss of their loved ones in the attack and for those who are wounded and will be for the rest of their lives,"

There will also be a dedication of a beautiful Service Banner with 31 stars representing the young people from families of our church who are now in the service of our Country.

The address will be given by Dr. Esther M. Dole, of Washington College and a member of Christ Church. Special music will be furnished by the choir. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

Those to be honored are:

Nellie Bexley, Kennard Burke, Garrett Chaires, Harry C. Coleman, Jr., Bayard Coulter, Charles Dole, Lusby Elliott Fred Hazel, W. R. Huey, Jr., Rayfield Kirby, W. Vernon Kirby, Jefferson Leonard, Melvin Leonard, Robert Logan, Calvin Lynch, Rollison McGinnis, David McMenamin, Herman Meekins, Carl Mench, John Newnam, H. B. Nicholson, Jr., Maurice W. Roberts Lee Robinson, C. Price Rolph, Jr., Ralph Shinn, Owen C. Smith, Jr., C. F. Wheatley, Jr., Morris E. Wright, Walter C. Wright, Horace Needles, Jr., and James B. Watkins.

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Son Born

Mr and Mrs. James Robinson are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born on Monday morning at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital.

Mr. Robinson is a line foreman at the Kent Defense Corporation.

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