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KENT FARMERS BENEFIT FROM CONSERVATION

Those curved fields and twisting rows of crops spotted around Kent County indicate farm folk practicing soil conservation to the limit, according to J. Weldon Walbert, County Supervisor for the Farm Security Administration.

"Those carefully contoured fields mean a farmer who is conscious of his duty to the nation in maintaining his land at its maximum productivity." "Those same farmers are the ones who are winning our FSA Merit Awards too. They're the ones who have met their production goals in fine shape; and one of the reasons they've done it is through greater per-acre output in well-cared-for fields."

FSA has been cooperating with the Soil Conservation Service to show Kent County Farmers in the FSA program how they can increase production for war use by following soil conservation practices. Quite a number of families in the Farm Security program in the county have been taught since 1935 how both water and soil can be conserved by plowing fields on the contour rather than the old "up and down hill" method.

The Farm Security Administration program includes loans to farmers who can't get credit elsewhere for soil conservation work. "Many small farmers are finding that planting on the contour gives them larger yields." Mr. Walbert said, "the ground planted the way nature laid it out holds moisture longer and retains its fertility, and the soil stays in place instead of washing away."

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SECURITY BOARD ISSUES WARNING ON WAGE RECORDS

Norman P. Foster, manager of the Salisbury, Maryland office of the Social Security Board, today urged all employees covered by the Social Security Act who have reason to believe that their 1938 wage records may be incomplete to secure a statement of their earnings from the Board. Mr. Foster explained that a request for a change in wage record must be made within four years after the year in which the wages in question were earned.

Effective January 1, 1943, the Social Security Board's records of wages, paid in the year 1938, will be conclusive. After this date, it will be difficult to make any changes in individual wage records for 1938 except to conform to tax returns filed with the Bureau of Internal Revenue by employers.

A postcard form for requesting a statement of wages can be secured from the Salisbury office of the Board. If, after receiving this statement, the employee determines that his 1938 wages are incorrect or incomplete, corrective steps can be taken. Since the statue of limitations on these wages becomes operative shortly, the time at which such wages are questioned is very important.

The manager said that, although employees can secure a full statement of their earnings once a year, the mass filing of such requests is not encouraged as this increases administrative costs. "However", he added, "the Board must maintain accurate and complete wage records and should have all omissions brought to its attention."

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Truck Terminal To Locate Here

According to an announcement by Mr. Henry Plant the Old Milk Station in Chestertown will be remodeled and used for a freight terminal by the Ericcson Line Transfer and Elliott Brothers of Easton, Md. An office will be maintained and kept open all day for orders and information. Elliott Brothers have inter-state franchise and will be able to handle freight assignments to all parts of the world that can be reached at the present time.

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The Tie That Binds

While Kent Countians are scurrying hither and yon about their Christmas shopping and wondering at the same time what the boys over yonder are doing, a bit of news from Lee McCardell the staff correspondent of the Sun, indicates that our boys have the same idea.

Writes Mr. McCardell, from somewhere in England that, "Lieut. Frank Hines has the force guartemaster company in turmoil trying to find 1100 yards of cheese cloth which women of the party communities will make into stockings to be filled."

Kent Minute Men Reach Full Strength

The above picture was taken last Friday night right after the mustering in of two new companies of minute men which brings Kent County to its full quota. They are left to right, Captain Emory Hogans, Rock Hall, Capt. Earl Cooper, Chestertown, Capt. William Darrell, Massey, Capt. Richard Woodall of Galena, Bottom Row, Captain Wroth Stavely, Lynch, Lieut Colonel Wallace Williams, State Guard and C. Lee Gill who has played a big part in organizing the various Kent Units.

STORAGE LOAN NOW AVAILABLE ON EAR CORN

County Agent McVean as Secretary of the Kent Agricultural Conservation Association, announces that the forms and regulations covering storage loans on ear corn in approved farm cribs have been received. Farmers may get details from the County Office.

The loan rate in Kent County is 97c per bushel for corn grading No. 3 or better. Only farmers whose corn acreage was in accordance with their allotment are eligible for the loans.

Farmers whose corn meets grade and moisture requirements may borrow now and may repossess the corn at any time before August 1, 1943 upon repayment of the loan plus 3% annual interest. Loans may be made between December 1st and March 31.

Landlord and tenant should have their corn in separate bins so that the identity can be maintained and also to permit either party to repossess his corn at any time without interfering with the other half of the crop. No loan will be made on corn with moisture content above 20½% and each degree of moisture content in excess of 15.6% will cause a deduction from the gross weight of the corn. There will be no payment for farm storage unless the corn is carried on into 1944.

It is not anticipated that there will be many loans in Kent due to the practice of hauling directly from the field to the elevator. There are requirements which will not appeal to our average farmer unless he can plan to repossess and feed his corn during the summer and fall of 1943.

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BEACH PATROL POSITION GOES TO H. S. FINNEY

Humphrey S. Finney, field secretary of the Maryland Horse Breeders' Association for a good many years left Wednesday for Florida and a position as aide to the United States Coast Guard. The new post will continue for the duration of the war.

Mr. Finney is well-known in Kent county and vicinity having acted on numerous occasions as Judge for various Horse Shows and Trials.

Finney will be administrative assistant to the district Coast Guard officer of the Seventh Naval District which is the State of Florida. He will act on all matters pertaining to the Mounted Beach Patrol.

During his absence from the breeders association office in Towson, the regular routine of the organization will be continued with Stewart Sears. Finney's assistant for the past few seasons, in charge. The Maryland Horse, official organ of the breeders, will be continued with monthly issues as at present and Miss Priscilla Fuller, associate editor will handle this publication.

Finney has been actively engaged with Coast Guard officials in this area for the past several months in connection with organization of mounted beach patrols and it is as a result of this effort that he has received the appointment to the post in Florida.

Last Thursday night at the Galena High School, the Kent County Minute Men were brought to their full mobilization by the mustering in of two new companies. One Company from Galena, captained by Richard Woodall and one from Massey, captained by William Darrell.

Lieut. Colonel Wallace Williams of the Maryland State Guard handled the swearing in of the new companies and spoke of the work expected of these men. He also stated that Kent was the first county in the State to have reached their full strength and become fully organized. Colonel Williams in charge of the entire Eastern Shore stressed the part these men would play in an attempted invasion of the Shore by the Axis. He said that this part of Maryland was very suitable for a landing and must be protected.

Altogether Kent has five companies now, which are located at Rock Hall, Chestertown, Lynch and the above named two.

Colonel Williams went on to say that at the next meeting of the State Legislation that an effort as to be made for an appropriation for the men to buy equipment and arms, until which time they will furnish all their materials, themselves.

Colonel Williams congratulated the other three companies and their captians on the fine work they had accomplished since their units had been organized.

BARN BURNS AT COXON BROS. DAIRY FARM

A large dairy barn at the farm of Coxon Bros. in Piney Neck was destroyed by fire together with at least twelve animals, including a large valuable bull just before midnight, Wednesday. This is one of the largest dairy farms in Kent County and through efficient work of the Rock Hall Fire Company the large new dairy barn and silos were saved from destruction. One silo was badly damaged by heat from the fire.

The Chestertown Vol. Fire Company responded to the call and helped the Rock Hall Company extinguish the fire.

This call was the 98th time that the Chestertown Company has been called out during 1942, making 2 more than the 96 total for 1941.

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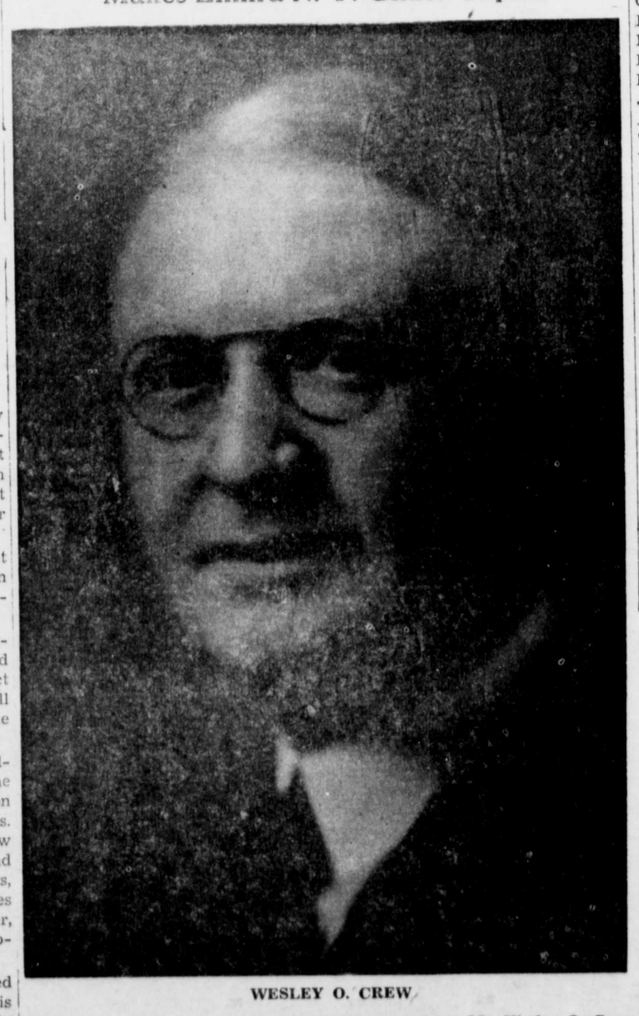
Oyster Grounds Opened

According to word received by Mr. Gilbert Ashley of Piney Neck, from the Department of Tide Water Fisheries, Popular Flats will be opened for Kent County watermen on Monday, December 21st. Mr. Ashley made the request to the Department.

Makes Elmira N. Y. Glider Capitol



WESLEY O. CREW

On page 3 of this issue is a very interesting article on Mr. Wesley O. Crew, formerly of Kent County. The "Boom Town Cautiously" story was run in the December 5th issue of the Saturday Evening Post and concerns Elmira, New York.

38 TO 45 GROUP PUT IN NEW 4-H CLASS

Draft boards across the nation had a new Selective Service classification —4-H—in which to place registrants form 38 to 45 years of age today.

Name of the new group was announced during the week-end by the Office of War Information which issued the following list of classifications:

1-A. Registrants available for general military service.

1-A-O. Registrants who are conscientious objectors available for noncombatant military service when found acceptable to the land or naval forces.

1-C. Registrants who have been inducted into, enlisted in, or appointed to the armed forces.

2-A. Registrants who are necessary or essential in their civilian activity.

2-B. Registrants who are necessary or essential to the war production program, excluding agriculture.

2-C. Necessary or essential men in agriculture.

3-A. Registrants with dependents engaged in less essential industry or less essential agriculture.

3-B. Registrants with dependents engaged in an activity necessary to the war production program.

3-C. Registrants with dependents engaged in essential agriculture.

4-A. Registrants who before induction have become forty-five years of age, since they registered.

4-B. Registrants who are deferred specifically by the law itself.

4-C. Registrants who are aliens not acceptable to the armed forces or who have waived their rights to become citizens to avoid military service.

4-D. Registrants who are ministers of religious or divinity students.

4-E. Registrants who are conscientious objectors available only for service in civilian work of national importance.

4-F. Registrants who are mentally morally or physically unacceptable to the armed forces.

4-H. Registrants who are thirty-eight to forty-five years of age. New class.

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Metcalfe Brothers Hold Annual Drawing

List of unclaimed last numbers drawn at Metcalfe Brothers Xmas party, Saturday, Dec. 12th which was held at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club.

	Alternate numbers.
D-855	E-2424
S-601	Z-1125
O-372	R-86
S-1262	Y-361
Y-848	B-739
Q-877	A-129
B-2074	F-2078
H-766	B-933
L-2215	P-2351
R-2066	S-2471
J-2304	S-132
A-1108	L-2446
T-677	U-567
V-966	Y-1097
F-1127	

Numbers claimed are
Mrs. Wm. J. Crow
Jas. Williams, Jr.
Julian Hill
Mrs. E. T. Othoson,
Mrs. Thomas Parsons
Mrs. Harry Hill.

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Duplicate Bridge

The third in the present series of duplicate bridge was played on Monday night at the Country Club. As an extra feature for the Christmas season, attractively wrapped prizes for various contracts played throughout the evening, were offered for the first to make the declared bids. This caused additional enjoyment to the already pleasant evening. A recess in the series will be held until Monday, Jan 4th when play will be resumed.

Results of Monday night are as follows:

North and South:

Couple 1—Mrs. Perry Metcalfe and Mr. Browne Metcalfe.

Couple 2—Mrs. Eben Perkins and Mrs. J. Thomas Kibler.

Couple 3—Mrs. Rudulph Tull and Mrs. A. C. Dick.

East and West

Couple 1_Mr. and Mrs. H. Gilpin Brown.

Couple 2—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Strong.

Couple 3—Mrs. John Spiecher and Mr. Richard Carvell.

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Commissioners Appoint Attorney

The Kent County Commissioners have appointed Preston P. Heck as their attorney. Mr. Heck succeeds Harrison W. Vickers who has held that post for a number of years.

Mother And Baby To Fly To California

Mrs. James K. McDowell and her six weeks old daughter will go by plane to San Diego, where the young lady will see her daddy for the first time.

Mrs. McDowell, the former Julia Cruikshank, of Galena, was married last February in Shelby, Mississippi. Two weeks later Captain McDowell was on his way, and has been in Honolulu ever since.

On Monday night, Mrs. McDowell out of a clear blue sky received a telephone call from her husband saying that he was in San Diego Cal., where he would be stationed for some time.

Result—Mother and Baby to fly to California.

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COURT HOUSE IN BELOW SEVENTY HEATING GROUP

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The Kent County Court House joined the "Below Seventy" Club on Tuesday of this week when the County Commissioners issued an order to all departments of that building setting the maximum temperature to be maintained.

These maximum temperatures are 68 degrees in the daytime and 60 degrees at night. This policy was adopted due to the fact that public buildings as well as homes have to take their proportionate cut in the fuel oil rationing program.

It is understood that supplementary heat will be provided at night for the County Civilian Defense Filter room which is located in the Grand Jury room.

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Many Noted Guests Attend Hubbard Dinner

Mrs. Wilbur Watson Hubbard of "Widehall" Chestertown, Maryland and her son Wilbur Ross Hubbard, entertained at Dinner on Saturday at the Sulgrave Club of Washington in honor of Mrs. Hubbard's son-in-law Maurice Morris, who is the newly elected President of the American Bar Association.

Among the ranking guests were the Ambassador of the Netherlands and Mme. Loudon, the Minister of South Africa and Mrs. Close, the Minister of Czechoslovakia and Mme. Hurban, the Minister of Denmark and Mme. de Kauffmann, the Minister of Switzerland and Mme. Bruggmann, the Minister of Luxembourg and Mme. Le Gallais, the Minister of Canada and Mrs. McCarthy, His Imperial Highness the Archduke Otto of Austria, the Dutchess deCrussol Count Czernin, The Countess of Gainsborough, The Count and Countess de Castellane and Lady Maureen Noel.

Manpower Commissioner and Mrs. Paul McNutt, General and Mrs. DeVore, the Chief Justice of the District of Columbia and Mrs. Groner, Judge and Mrs. Henry D. Harlan.

Senator and Mrs. Warren Austin and Senator and Mrs. Ralph Brewster, Senator and Mrs. Harold H. Burton, Senator Theodore Green, Senator and Mrs. Lister Hill, Senator and Mrs. Charles McNary, Senator and Mrs. Joseph C. O' Mahoney, Senator and Mrs. Denis Chavez, Major General Blanton Winship, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Seymour Howard, Admiral and Mrs. Joseph Strauss, the Assistant Attorney General and Mrs. Thurman Arnold, Sir Owen and Lady Chalkley the First Secretary of the Argentine Embassy and Senora de Scillingo, Senor and Senora Herera-Arango, Major and Mrs. Stewart Richardson.

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Merchants Prizes Given

Monday night winner of the Merchant's prize was Mary Ann Jarvis, Tuesday night, Kathryn J. Moore, Wednesday night winner was Carl Happersett.

All three winners so far live in the 500 block of High Street.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Church of Millington have received notice that their son, George B. Church, on Dec. 4th received his wings and a Second Lieutenant's Commission in the Air Corps. He completed his training at Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Church have two other sons in the armed forces. One, Alden F. Church is a Second Lieutenant with the Paratroops and is somewhere overseas. The other, C. Gordon Church is in the Navy with the rating of Machinists Mate, 2nd Class and is stationed in Washington.

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Old Kent Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution was entertained at luncheon last Saturday by The Regent, Mrs. George N. Baldwin at her home on Queen Street.

The program was in charge of The Committee on "The Proper Use of The Flags."

'NUBBY' BROWN GETS MILITARY ESCORT TO CAMP

Sheriff W. Henry Gsell recently received a letter from Lieut. Carl H. Stilling of Fort Jackson stating that Private Thomas W. Brown, colored, had been absent from camp without leave since November 9th and was believed to be with his mother or sister in Chestertown.

Lieut. Stilling inclosed a very good description of Private Brown, age 30, by which the Kent officers readily knew that the man wanted was none other than "Nubby" Brown, former Chestertown handyman. With this information Sheriff Gsell and Chief of Police, Samuel Cooper on Tuesday paid a call on Bown's mother, Harriett Brown, 208 College Ave. Upon arriving there and questioning the occupants, no one seemed to know anything about "Nubby" but a complete soldiers' uniform was found in the house which nobody would claim. The officers with this information knew that Brown was somewhere in the vicinity and noticing that a group of people several doors from there seemed very interested in the officers appearance, they approached the house and asked for Brown. They denied seeing him but this did not satisfy the officers and they started a search of the house. On the second floor they located their man in the back bedroom where he stated that it was tough luck to be picked up as he had intended to return to camp that same day.

Private Brown was brought to the Kent Jail and the Military Police in Baltimore were notified immediately and within a few hours, "Nubby" was on his way back to the Army after having spent a months vacation. As yet it is not known what the penalty will be for his vacation.

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HIGHER MILK PRICES ASKED BY PRODUCERS

Higher milk prices to producers are being asked by Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative. The Board of Directors of this organization representing more than 6,000 farmers today authorized their general manager, O. H. Hoffman, Jr., to petition the Agricultural Marketing Administration to call a hearing for the consideration of an increase in prices paid producers who are subject to Federal Marketing Order 61, which covers Philadelphia, Delaware county and suburban areas of Montgomery county.

This move, it was stated by Hoffman was made in order to protect the supply of milk for the Philaedphia market, which supply has become dangerously low. It was emphasized that producers must get an increased price if they are to compete with industry for labor or to hold their present skilled farm labor.

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RATIONING

No. 10 sugar stamp is good for 3 pounds of sugar and is to last from Dec. 15th to Jan. 31st.

To all who serve food for compensation:

Every person owning any establishment which is registered as an institutional establishment pursuant to the Sugar or Coffee Rationing Regulations (Rationing Order No. 3 and Ration Order No. 12) shall keep separately for each establishment records containing the following information for the month of December 1942:

(1) Number of persons served. (If a person eats more than once in the establishment he shall be counted separately each time.)

(2) Gross dollar revenue from service of food and non-alcoholic beverages.

(3) The amount used of each commodity that is rationed.

(4) The amount of each such commodity on hand at the close of business December 31, 1942.

(5) The person required to keep the records shall retain them until January 31, 1944.

Blanks for coffee registration have been mailed to a majority of retailers and wholesalers. These must be returned to the Ration Board office by Dec. 31, 1942.

Any store not receiving these blanks in mail should communicate with Ration Board at Chestertown.

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New Years Dance

The Rock Hall Yacht Club will hold its New Years Eve Dance at their Club House on December 31st starting at 10 p. m.

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