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16 KENT MEN LEAVE FOR ARMY, DEC. 31

On December 17, the following Kent County men passed their examination for the U. S. Army through the Selective Service Act and will now report to Fort George G. Meade next Thursday, December 31 where they will be inducted into service.

They are as follows, with Clarence R. Abel, Jr., as acting corporal.

White

Ralph D. Gorman
Earl C. Bottomley
James D. Perry
Allen R. Neal
Norris M. Payne
Thomas J. Parsons
Herman L. Hill
Thomas W. Eliason Jr.

Colored

Percy C. Williams
Linwood G. Clarkston
Issac W. Thomas
Albert H. Hopkins
Amos Goldsborough
Robert G. Davis
Leroy E. Wilson
Max L. Harris

More Restrictions On Eastern Seaboard

Vital sensitive defense installations, plants and areas along the eastern seaboard were further protected today by the creation of additional Prohibited and Restricted Zones, when Lieut. General Hugh A. Drum, Commanding General of the Eastern Defense Command and First Army, announced the issuance of Public Proclamation No. 3.

Public Proclamation No. 1, issued May 16, established the Eastern Military Area and dealt with the dimout.

On September 7 Public Proclamation No. 2 was issued, creating certain Prohibited and Restricted Zones.

Prohibited Zones consisted largely of camps, posts and stations, and vital defense plants. All persons were prohibited from entering, remaining in, or leaving any Prohibited Zone except by special individual permit

Restricted Zones, with few exceptions, consisted of beach areas along the Atlantic seaboard. The general public was barred from Restricted Zones during the period from sunset to sunrise.

The Proclamation issued today adds numerous Prohibited Zones and creates 149 inland Restricted Zones. Included in the Restricted Zones designated by this Proclamation are bridges, viaducts, tunnels, railroad yards and operating and maintenance facilities, motor freight areas, airports and air fields, dams, reservoirs, flumes, conduits, coastal areas, harbor facilities and installations, and areas fronting on ports and harbors. Hereafter no person in any Restricted Zone whether in beach area or inland may possess bombs, explosives, radio transmitting sets, codes or ciphers, pictures, sketches, drawings or maps of military installations, equipment or similar articles. In addition to previous restrictions imposed in Proclamation No. 2 penalties are provided for acts of vandalism and illegal possession in respect to military proclamations and other publications issued with Federal authority.

Public proclamation No. 3 also amends the location and extent of certain Prohibited and Restricted Zones created by the September 7 Proclamation.

CHARLES S. SMITH IS RECUPERATING AT HIS HOME HERE

Mr. Charles S. Smith, superintendent of the Chestertown Water Board is recuperating at his home from a serious illness suffered Tuesday at noon. He was found unconscious at the corner of Washington Ave., and Mount Vernon Place and after efforts by Mrs. M. H. Jacobs to revive him by artificial respiration he was taken to his home a short distance away. Mrs. Jacobs, a former trained nurse, is one of Kent County's instructors in home nursing. At the time of going to press he is much improved.

ICE PILES UP AT TOLCHESTER PIER

View of Tolchester pier on Tuesday morning of this week. Drift ice was piled up on both sides of the wharf, but the wharf seemed to be undamaged according to Mr. Kirby, who is caretaker of the property.

The "Frank R. Diggs" on the beach, south of Tolchester. She broke-loose from her tug in the strong North-West blow, Dec. 9th. Efforts to get her off so far have failed and succeeding winds and tides have blown her within ten feet of the beach. When this picture was taken Capt. Russell in charge of the boat says future efforts will be made to get her off as she is a fine boat. Piles of ice and Tolchester pier can be seen in the back-ground.

SHORTEST DAY TURNS OUT TO BE THE COLDEST

Monday, December 21st saw the shortest day in the year and the coldest in Weather Bureau History for this date. Sub-Zero temperatures were reported throughout the County and Shore.

The county and vicinity was blanketed in a 3 inch snow which started late Saturday night and continued until Sunday afternoon.

The mail at the local Post Office was still being delayed up to Wednesday due to difficulties in transportation from the storm.

Over on the Western Shore at Oakland, usually one of the State's coldest spots, recorded 22 below on Monday.

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Tuesday night temperatures raised melted the snow.

RATION DEADLINES

Fuel Oil

Deadline for First Period coupon To Dec. 24. End of Second Period—Jan. 4. Second Period coupons usable until January 25.

Gasoline

Deadline for No. 3 coupons in A books to Jan. 23.

Coffee

Deadline for No. 27 stamp in War Rationing Book No. 1 to Jan. 4.

Sugar

Deadline for No. 10 stamp in War Rationing Book No. 1. to Feb. 1.

Tires

Deadine for first tire inspection to Jan. 31.

River Ice Halts Duck Hunting

The heavy river ice on Monday morning practically put duck shooting on the Chester and Sassafras rivers out of business.

Shooting has been exceptionally good this season with recent large flights of canvasback adding to the sport the blackheads have afforded since the opening of the season.

College Reporter Is Stricken With Measles

James Aycock who has been keep-the readers of THE TRANSCRIPT in touch with the happenings of Washington College was stricken with the measles on the day school closed and will be confined to his fraternity house during the holidays. Jim's column "College Corner" has been very popular with our readers and everyone wishes him a speedy recovery. See his column, written last week on page 5 of this issue.

Chestertown Merchants Prizes

Winners of the Chestertown Business Men's Association prizes since our last issue are as follows:

Thursday evening, Grand Prize Dec. 17, Max Jacobs absent.

Friday Grand Prize, Walter Briscoe absent.

Saturday Grand Prize, Edith Bishop absent.

Monday Grand Prize, Carl Happersett.

Tuesday Grand Prize, Anna Mae Jacobs absent.

Wednesday Grand Prize, Elizabeth Ann Wheat.

The Merchandise Prizes went to, Bessie Dwyer; Phil Sewell; Dickey Miller and Catherine Mulford.

POPLAR FLATS NOW OPEN FOR OYSTERING

Old man winter decided this week that Popular Flats oyster bar shall stay closed for at least a few more days regardless of what the State Conservation Department decided about it.

After being closed for the past two years Popular Flats after being seeded was to be open to tongers on Monday and a large number of oysterman were prepared for a big harvest that day. When the temperatures dropped to zero early Monday morning the ice seized Chester River in its grip and only two metal sided boats were able to get to the flats.

Persons May Yet Obtain Ration Book

Persons who until now have failed to obtain War Ration Book No. 1 may do so until January 15, 1943, it is announced by State OPA headquarters. Originally the deadline for these books was December 15, 1942.

"Weather conditions, transportation problems, and heavy work loads at many board offices, "Mr. J. William Eggleston, State Rationing Officer, explained, "all contributed to the difficulty of finishing registration by December 15, the deadline originally set, and an extension of time was needed."

Possession of War Ration Book one will now be necessary to obtain War Ration Book Two at a future date. Since Book Two may be used to ration any commodity OPA urges everyone who has not already done so to register promptly to insure getting Book Two.

ISSUES WARNING ON LIGHTS FOR CHRISTMAS TREES

Urging that the Christmas fire hazard be banished, State Insurance Commissioner John B. Gontrum calls attention to the highly flammable nature of many Christmas decorations and the dangers inherent in Christmas lighting and toys.

"Christmas Trees," says Mr. Gontrum, "in a very short time become as dry as tinder and highly flammable. It is best to keep the tree fresh as possible by setting it in a pan of water. Cut off the base of the tree at an angle at least one inch above the original cut and keep it standing in water during the entire period that it is in the house, adding water to the jar or tub in which the tree stands at intervals to keep the water level always above the cut. Keep the tree well away from stoves, radiators and other sources of heat. Do not smoke near the tree.

"The tree should be well secured against falling by inconspicuous wires holding it against the wall. The tree should be so placed that standing or fallen, it cannot block a doorway which might be needed to escape from the room.

"Be sure that the Christmas lights are in good condition. A short circuit in worn wiring might be sufficient to start the tree burning. Do not use your old Japanese wiring. It is dangerous. If your fuse blows out as a result of overloading the circuit by too many lights on the tree, remove some of the lights and replace the blown fuse with another of the same size and rating. Do not use flammable decorations, but as far as possible use metal, glass and asbestos decorations. If your tree catches fire, call the fire department at once. Post the telephone number of the Fire Department where it will be handy. Have your fire extinguisher checked and place it where it will be near the tree."

Mr. Gontrum added, "that the recent holocast in Boston and Newfoundland should make it unnecessary to call attention to the serious hazard existing in clubs, stores and other public places. Clubs, stores and other public places need especially to be careful of fire during the Christmas holidays. Most of them will be decorated and most will be crowded during a large part of the time.

"Fire in any crowded public building may easily lead to panic, for the exits are often inadequate to take of so many people in a hurry. Flammable decorations should not be allowed in any public building. Waste materials should be removed at once. No smoking should be allowed in the building. Aisles and exits must be kept unobstructed and exits be clearly marked. Sprinklers,, hand hose and fire extinguishers should be kept ready to operate. Even buckets of water, widely distributed, may mean the difference between a trivial flare-up and a holocast."

Christmas Calls Should Be Cut

We all know after Pearl Harbor that the only regard the enemy has for our holidays is to violate them. War can't wait—not even for Christmas. Please don't make long distance calls to the war-busy centers this Christmas unless they are vital, pleads Mr. Ernest C. Hepding, local manager of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company.

Long distance telephone lines are carrying the heaviest burden in their history and in order to avert the possibility of causing delays on vital war calls that will be made during the holiday season, civilian users are urged to make no long distance calls unless they are absolutely necessary.

CHRISTMAS IS PAYDAY FOR MILK FARMERS

Distribution of more than two and one-quarter million dollars to farmers by Philadelphia milk dealers in settlement for milk delivered during November is announced by W. P. Sadler, Market Administrator for the Philadelphia Marketing Area.

"Checks from Philadelphia milk handlers to complete the payment for November milk should be in the hands of 10,000 farmers by December 22. The value, f. o. b. Philadelphia, of November milk amounts to $2,415,-870.73. November settlements bring the value of milk the eight months of the life of Order No. 61 to a grand total of $21,500,699.69. All information coming to me indicates great difficulty for farmers to deliver the ordinarily expected additional quantities of milk during the coming winter and spring months, from which are supplied the fluid and other milk requirements for the Philadelphia Market," Sadler said, in releasing information with respect to November payments.

During November the daily disposition of Class I (fluid) milk was 2,152,719 pounds, a slight decline from October. Average daily receipts from regular producers was 2,201,772 pounds. 4,000,000 pounds of milk came to Philadelphia handlers from twelve other plants to supplement the seasonally reduced deliveries of producers at the regular plants.

The settlement prices calculated by the Market Administration for each handler included Class I (fluid) milk at $3.70 per cwt; and Class II milk at $2.94 per cwt. The weighted average for all seventy-six handlers was $3.-596, compared with an estimated average price for November, 1941 of approximately $3.05. The top price calculated for any handler was $3.905 per cwt. and the lowest was $3.315. Fifty-five out of the handlers will pay over $3.58 per cwt. which was the Class I price during April, May and June of this year. Average delivery per day per producer was 219 pounds of milk, a decline of 7 per cent from October.

CHAS. D. ROLLISON SUCCUMBS HERE AT HOSPITAL

Charles D. Rollison

Charles D. Rollison, of Chestertown age 60 years, died at the Kent and Queen Annes Hospital on Wednesday afternoon following an illness of several weeks. At the time of going to press Wednesday afternoon, funeral arrangements had not been made.

He is survived by his wife who before her marriage was Miss Maggie Davis, a son Charles Rollison, Jr. of the U. S. Naval Training Station at Bainbridge, Md. A brother, George Rollison of Philadelphia also survives.

George McWhorter

George McWhorter, age 80 years of Chestertown, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert Green in Harrington, Delaware on Friday of last week, December 18th. Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church, Chestertown on Tuesday conducted by Rev. Paul Reynolds. Interment was in Chester Cemetery.

Besides his daughter, he is survived by five sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Sallie Massey of Church Hill; Mrs. Mary E. Hirons of Chestertown; Mrs. Kate Bergen of Baltimore; Mrs. Laura B. Allen, Chestertown; also a half sister, Mrs. A. L. Sterling of Chestertown; two brothers, Robert McWhorter of Wilmington and Charles McWhorter of Baltimore.

Here's More About Wartime Cup of Coffee

The Office of Price Administration, reminds us that coffee rationing is the direct result of the shortage in shipments. The boats that used to bring coffee, are now carrying food and ammunition to the men in North Africa and the Solomons. Take a tip. Read about their exploits in the morning, and you won't need the stimulation of a second cup.

If your favorite brand of coffee is not back on the shelf, don't be disappointed. There is plenty of coffee to meet the ration, but in some cases the supplies are not yet large enough to give every store a wide variety of blends and brands. However, this is only temporary, so if you do not need new coffee now wait until you do. You will have a better chance of buying your favorite brand later, and anyway fresh coffee tastes better, and lasts longer.

Ceiling Prices Set On Indoor Sports

OPA now has reached into bowling, billiards and pool to prevent price increases. Latest from OPA State offices is an amendment to the maximum price regulation, 165, Services, effective December 23.

Under the amendment charges for pool and billiards can be no higher than the highest price charged in March, 1942. Ceilings for bowling are based on the September, 1941 rates plus allowances for recent cost increases. For open bowling the maximum price is fixed at the highest price charged for each classification in September, 1941, plus 4 cents in the case of duckpins and candle pins, and 3 cents in the case of tenpins, for each game.

Service Men Get Free Use Of Ferry

Maryland men and women serving in the Armed Forces of the Nation will be permitted to travel to and from their homes on Christmas furlough via the Chesapeake Bay Ferry System without payment of fare, Governor O'Conor made known today.

In order to include those members of the various services who may have to wait until after Christmas for leave over New Year's Day, the privilege will be continued until January 6, the Governor made known.

Notification of the action of the Governor has been sent to the various Military, Naval and Coast Guard Posts throughout the State. The uniform will be accepted as the necessary credential.

Havre de Grace "Goldmine" Bridge Is Being Dismantled For Scrap

Havre de Grace—Havre de Grace's double decker bridge is being dismantled for its hundreds of tons of valuable scrap steel. The work is being done by the Federal Construction Company of Cleveland, Ohio. The bridge is expected to provide enough scrap steel to produce: 60 General Grant tanks, or 50 anti-aircraft guns, or 400 anti-tank guns or 1,500,000 rifles.

Demolitian work will cost $150,000-00, many times over the purchase price of $700.00 paid a number of years ago. Work is under way on the upper deck and the entire bridge should be completely demolished within three months.

The steel is being shipped directly to mills as it is being taken from the bridge. Workers using wrenches and crow bars last week began removing heavy iron bolts from the 12x12 inch timber which guarded the edges of the upper deck. Three scows equipped with a crane of 15 ton capacity will arrive in a few days to assist in the work.

The bridge was purchased in 1923 from seven incorporators who thirteen years earlier had paid $700.00 for it to the Pennsylvania Railroad. The cost to the State was $585,000. Afterwards the State added the second deck.

After 1923 the State continued to charge tolls as had the seven incorporators. When the bridge made a profit of $1,000,000 it was made toll "free."

For the past several years residents of Harford and Cecil Counties have protested vigorously against the removal of the bridge. Appeals were made to the War Department and it was often pointed out that the double-decker bridge would be of great value in time of war if the new bridge were sabotaged.

Muskrat Season Opens January 1st

The muskrat season will open January 1st and according to a statement by Mr. Morgan Bennett, local fur buyer, the price of hides is expected to start at $1.50.

TO ALL

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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