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ALL PLEASURE DRIVING STOPS

SENATOR BRICE NAMED HEAD OF LEGISLATURE

The Democrats held a caucus Wednesday to name their party's House and Senate Leaders for the first Maryland legislative session of World War II, which opened at noon with an address by Gov. O'Conor.

As was anticipated that with one exception, the Democrats did choose the same leaders they had at the Last Legislative session, just as the Republicans renamed their 1941 leaders at their caucus last night.

The one exception in the case of the Democrats, was the selection of Senator James J. Lindsay, of Baltimore county, for Democratic floor leader in the Senate Senator Lindsay succeeded Senator Dudley G. Roe, of Queen Anne's county, who was floor leader at the 1941 Legislative session but was not a candidate for reelection.

The other Democratic leaders of 1941 were named to succed themselves were Delegate Thomas E. Conlon, Speaker of the House of Delegates; Senator Arthur H. Brice, of Kent county, president of the Senate, and Delegate John S. White, of Prince George's county, House majority floor leader.

With the majority party appointments considered cut and dried, some of the interest that might have centered on them swung instead to the Governor's speech to the Assembly for any hints it might contain as to his views on the proposed abolition of the State income tax, the disposal of the State's $10,000,000 surplus and the need for the bill which would delegate some of the Legislature's power to the State War Council.

The proposal for abolition or suspension of the State income tax for two years came from the Republicans at their party caucus last night. It was one of a series of tax planks in the party platform.

Both Senator Brice and Speaker Conlon said they would be ready to appoint committees when the legislators reconvene to get down to business tomorrow shortly after noon.

With committees ready to receive them, exactly 199 bills considered and approved by the Legislative Council will be introduced in the Senate and the House and, to establish another precedent, the legislators will meet again on Friday to begin work on the proposals.

The Governor's speech to the legislators today was devoted principally to a review of the State business in retrospect. An exception was his announcement that the proposed reduction of the income tax which the Administration will sponsor will be retroactive and applicable to levies on 1942 incomes.

The Governor said that a fifty-two per cent. rise in incomes during the month of November indicated that the reduction in the rate of the levy may be substantial without impairment of the State's financial position and, in fact, without drawing too heavily upon the $10,000,000 surplus.

Just how much of a reduction actually will be recommended and the Administration's other Legislative plans for the next two years will be announced to the legislators in the Governor's inaugural address next Wednesday.

He warned the General Assembly today, however, that the impact of the war and its strain on finances is becoming greater month by month and that "the years immediately ahead will challenge all the ingenuity we possess to devise laws and arrange our finances so that we may withstand successfully the increasing shocks htat will come to us with the increase of the war's tension."

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New Tax Rate Set For Jan. 19th

The County Commissioners are planning to strike the 1943 County Tax Rate on January 19th and according to rumors that come straight from the stable, there is a possibility that this rate might show a reduction under that of 1942. Should this come about it will certainly set a 1943 precedent and win praise for the County Commissioners who are endeavoring to keep costs down in spite of war prices.

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Commander Hugh Sease, U. S. N. is in Washington, D. C., awaiting orders for foreign service.

Group From C & P Telephone Co. That Donated Blood.

HIGH SCHOOL OFFERS AIRCRAFT COURSES HERE

If a sufficient number of people are interested, the following courses will be offered at the Chestertown High School during the evenings to men and women over 18 years of age; a specialized course in riveting, which prepares people for aircraft industry exclusively; a specialized course in acetylene welding; and a general metals course under the out-of-school youth program, which prepares people for jobs in forge work, blacksmithing, riveting, iron bending, and sheet metal work at the Glen L. Martin airplane plant.

Anyone interested in taking any of these courses, may get in touch with W. J. Stenger, Chestertown High School.

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Kent Court House Converts To Coal

At a joint meeting of the County Commissioners and the Ration Board on Wednesday afternoon of this week it was stated by the Commissioners that preparations are being made to convert the heating plant for the Court House and Jail from oil to coal.

The Commissioners had previously taken the matter up with Mr. Collier, heating engineer who was the consultant for the recent installation of the present equipment. He stated that he conversion can be made but that it may require thirty days to secure necessary parts and complete the work.

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P. T. A. To Meet On January 8th

Kent County Council of Parents and Teachers will meet at the High School on Friday, January 8 at 8 o'clock P. M. Miss Edna McNaughton from the University of Maryland will be the guest speaker. Her subject will be Child Welfare.

Mrs. O. G. Brewer of Rock Hall has been appointed treasurer of the Council. Mr. Chas. Snyder will conduct a discussion group after the meeting.

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C. & P. Employee Receives Award

On Tuesday evening an Anniversary Dinner was given to Mrs. Ruth Furbush of Centreville at the Belle Haven Tea Room in honor of her completion of 25 years of faithful service with the C. & P. Telephone Company in Centreville.

Mrs. Furbush is a life long resident of Centreville and entered the services of the Telephone Company in 1918.

Those attending the dinner were Miss Bessie Ireland, Chief Operator of Centreville; Mr. H. B. Towers, Manager at Centreville; Mr. E. O. Hepding, Area Manager; Miss Nettie Thawley, Centreville and Mr. J. V. Dyer, District Traffic Manager who presented a ruby studded service pin to Mrs. Furbush.

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Because of the war situation the Men's Club of Christ Church decided to postpone until a later date their annual banquet.

Braving a windy day which provided more discomfort than the actual blood-letting, 77 Kent Countians gave a pint of their blood to the Red Cross here last Monday. The donors were volunteers who responded to the call of the Kent Chapter, American Red Cross, which sponsored the appearance of the mobile unit here.

Set up in the Washington College gymnasium, the mobile unit was manned by a staff of eight under the direction of Dr. Briggs, Navy Lieutenant. Local nurses under the direction of Mrs. Lumpkin, assisted.

The local office of the C and P. Telephone Company turned out 100 percent as volunteers. Eighteen persons applied, six were turned down for minor ailments which rendered it inadvisable for blood-letting. The Lions Club, with ten volunteers was another organization which won praise for its activity.

Miss Louise Baxter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baxter, one of the Telephone Company employees, was determined to do her bit. Turned down at the outset because she did not have her parents' permission, (she was under 21). Miss Baxter drove home, got a release signed, went back to the college and gave her blood on her own time.

Many college students were disappointed when they found that a release was needed.

More than a hundred persons appeared at the gymnasium during the day to offer their blood. Some were turned down for various disabilities, while others arrived too late to be fitted into the schedule of appointments.

Very few of the donors acknowledged any ill-effects following the bleeding. Most of them, first-time donors, expressed a willingness to volunteer again. Senator Joseph George, Queen Anne's was present for his fifth donation; while Earle Cooper, Chestertown merchant, was being tapped for the fourth time.

All prospective donors were given a thorough phyical examination beforehand. Following the bleeding and a brief rest period they were ushered into a canteen operated by Miss Helen Schellinger's corps. of workers and given nourishing refreshments.

The Washington College authorities cooperated to the fullest in the project, and it was not their fault that the strongest northwest wind of the season made it humanly impossible to bring the temperature of the gymnasium to a higher point.

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Local Man Has Songs Accepted

Norman E. Peterson of Chestertown is the author of a number of songs recently composed by him and they have been accepted for a musical setting by the United Music, Inc., Salem, Ind. Mr. Peterson's first song to be set to music will be entitled "Send A Letter To A Soldier Boy Somewhere". Other songs composed by him include: "Wonderful Mother of Mine", "Every Night At Bedtime" "Mother, Our Watcher"; "In The Old State of Maryland"; "To The Girl With A Soldier Boy Somewhere" and "My Dad."

The Composer is a member of the Kent News Staff, where he has been employed for the past 23 years. He is married and has 4 children, 2 sons and 2 daughters. He is a veteran of the 1st World War.

Mr. Peterson is now the Adjutant of the Frank M. Jarman Post 36, American Legion which post he has held for many years.

ORGAN RECITAL AT CHURCH IN SUDLERSVILLE

An Organ Recital will be given at Calvary-Asbury Methodist Church in Sudlersville, by Mr. John Eltermann of Baltimore, Sunday evening, January 10 at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Eltermann is an accomplished organist and a rare musical treat is in store for all who attend. He will play a number of sacred pieces on the recently dedicated Foster Organ and Chimes, and the evening will be given over to the musical program.

The public is cordially invited to be present and join with the congregation in a service of praise.

The organ was dedicated at the church last Sunday morning with a very impressive ceremony. It is a Hammond Electric Organ with a twenty one note set of Mass Chimes, and was given to the church through a bequest in the will of Nellie Valliant Foster, a former resident of Sudlersville. She designated it as a memorial to her late husband, Eugene Hardcastle Foster, who was a native of Sudlersville.

Joseph M. George, one of the trustees of the church, who was named chairman of the Organ Committee by the will, presented the organ for dedication. It was accepted for the church by Reverend W. H. Revelle, the pastor.

The organ has a beautiful tone and a large number of stops. Many millions of tone combinations are possible. The chimes are arranged so that they can be sounded only in the church, or both in the church and from the belfry through a broadcasting system. They were first used during Christmas Week when carols were appropriately played each evening, and were clearly audible over the entire town. The installation of both organ and chimes was made by Charles M. Stieff Company of Baltimore, and arrangements are being made so that recordings, speech, and the music from the organ can also be broadcast from the belfry. The total cost of the installation was $3800.00.

The church organist is Mrs. W. Walter Morgan, with Mrs. Spencer Sudler, Miss Eva Merrick, Mrs. Joseph M. George, Mrs. Alan S. Walls, Mrs. George B. Farr, and Mrs. Deane Barcus as assistants.

This is the second memorial that Mrs. Foster has given this church. Several years ago, during her lifetime, she donated a concrete sidewalk for the front of the church lot, also as a memorial to her husband.

Mrs. Foster was a loyal and patriotic Marylander. While she and her husband had lived for many years at Sarasota, Florida, she still claimed Sudlersville as her residence. She voluntarily paid both security and income taxes each year to Queen Anne's County, although she was not legally required to do so. She also retained her membership in her church at Sudlersville, and was a regular contributor to its annual budget.

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The Frank M. Jarman Post 36, American Legion will hold a Salt Water Oyster Feast at the Legion Home here on Friday, Jan. 15th, at 8 p. m. They are looking forward to a large turnout on this occasion and request all Legion members to attend.

MEDICAL SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS FOR DURATION

The Kent County Medical Society met at the Kent County Health Center at 3:30 p. m. on Jan., 4, 1943.

The first business of the meeting was the election of officers. Dr. A. C. Dick made the motion which was seconded by Dr. Frank Hines that the encumbent officers be elected for the Duration. This was carried. These officers are:

President—Dr. Robert W. Farr
Secretary—Dr. A. F. Whitsitt
Delegate—Dr. Frank Hines
Alternate—Dr. A. A. Burgard

The next business to come before the society was the collection of dues to the State Medical and Chirurgical Society. Besides the officers above, the other members of the County Medical Society are: Dr. Frank Smith, Dr. Merritt Brice, Dr. G. L. Copeland, Dr. H. P. Copeland, Dr. James Dedman, and Dr. H. G. Simpers.

Dr. Whitsitt then explained the Medical and Hospital Maternity Care Plan, and the Medical and Hospital Infant Care Plan of the State Department of Health for wives and infants of those in the Armed Forces of our country.

A letter was read from the Caroline County Branch of the Quatre County Medical Sociey urging Kent's members to be present at the Denton Brick Hotel at 6 p. m., Jan 7, 1943 for the dinner and regular meeting of the Society. Dr. Charles Bagley, Brain Surgeon of Baltimore, will be the speaker for the occasion. His subject will be "Head Injuries."

A motion was made and carried for adjournment.

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FARM BUREAU ELECT DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

The Kent County Farm Bureau elected the following delegates last Tuesday to attend the State Convention being held in Baltimore. H. S. Ford, Galena; W. A. Bell, Chestertown; W. R. Newnam, Massey and B. F. Rash, Worton. Mr. Howard Leaverton County president will also attend as he is a Director of the State Bureau.

Dates of the convention to be held in the Lord Baltimore Hotel are January 12 to 15 with Thursday, January 14 being designated as Farm Bureau Day and also a Banquet that night. Anyone interested in Farm Bureau work is cordially invited to attend.

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Country Club Bridge Parties Called Off

Due to the OPA ruling on pleasure driving, the regular Duplicate Bridge parties at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club have been called off until further notice.

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Children's Aid To Elect New Officers

Mr. Odgen Nash, President of the Maryland Children's Aid Society, has set January 15th, 1943 for the Annual Meeting of the Society; to be held at the Society's Headquarters, 2133 Maryland Ave, Baltimore, Md.

There well be election of officers and reports of the Society's activities for the past twelve months. The meeting is open to the public.

Kent County is represented on the Board of Managers by Mrs. Mabon Kingsley, president of the Kent County Branch of the Society.

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Mr. Edward Soli, superintendent of the Chestertown Gas Co., announced this week that Mr. Edward Collins has been hired by the Company to operate their plant on High Street, extended. Mr. Collins has been associated with Mr. W. H. Thawley for several years in the plumbing business.

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Mr. James E. Newton while moving his Tailoring establishment on Court Street to the Kent News Bldg. fell from a ladder and fractured his right arm. Mr. Newton entered the Kent and Queen Annes Hospital where his arm was put in a cast.

GASOLINE AND FUEL OIL RATIONING IN MOST DRASTIC CURTAILMENT YET

According to announcemnts this week by officials of the Office of Price Administration the supply of gasoline and fuel oil in the Eastern States is at such a low ebb that drastic cuts must be made in the use of these commodities. The demand for oil products by our armed forces in Africa and the lack of transportation to the Eastern Seaboard is said to be the cause of this recent curtailment

According to a telegram from Leon Henderson and transmitted through Leo. H. McCormick, State OPA Director, an emergency has arisen in the fuel supply that can be overcome only by the immediate stopping of all pleasure and unnecessary automobile driving at once.

A method of enforcement has been worked out for the minority who will have to be made to comply with the necessary requirements to meet this emergency. According to Mr. Henderson the emergency is caused by a combination of demands for the armed forces and a critical shortage of oil and gasoline in the Eastern States.

The ban does not prohibit use of passenger cars when used solely for driving to and from work, where previously permitted and does not impose any restriction on gasoline dealers honoring A, B, or C coupons, the value of which has not changed beyond the 3 gallons per coupon.

Fuel Oil For Cooking and Lighting

Users of fuel oil for cooking and lighting whose coupon certificate expired December 31st may have same renewed by mailing the certificate to the Ration Board. No other application is necessary Certificate must show seller's signature for all coupons used. Coupons remaining on certificate may be used regardless of expiration date on certificate.

A drastic curtailment in the use of oil for heating purposes was emphasized on Wednesday by the following telegram which was received by Dr. Gilbert W. Mead, chairman of the Kent County Rationing Board.

"In view of increasingly serious Fuel Oil supply situation it is imperative that buildings other than private dwellings be compelled to convert or lose their Fuel Oil rations. Only most conclusive proof that property is not convertible will be acceptable. Boards should terminate heating rations for such buildings unless (1) Written proof is presented that arrangements have been made for conversion by a definite date within current heating season or (2) Applicant has proved conclusively that conversion is impossible. All 1101 applications, execept cold water flats, regardless of size of ration or whether or not converted from coal must be tested for convertibility. It is responsibility of Board to see that conversion is made at earliest possible date and that final ration allotment is only up to this date. Boards should fix time limits of conversion to accomplish savings in oil burned next two months when it is needed most. Instruct each local Board in your area at once to apply this policy vigorously even if it means heatless buildings."

LEON HENDERSON
Administrator

There are approximately sixty of this type of buildings in Kent County now using fuel oil in quantities ranging from one thousand to thirty thousand gallons of fuel oil a month each.

Preparations are now being made by some to complete the conversion to some other type of fuel and others are making inquiries as to the best possible method of procedure.

The Rationing Board in Chestertown will assist those who need priority ratings in order to purchase necessary grates and other fixtures to complete the conversion.

Stoves Now Rationed

Coal and oil burning stoves are now rationed and those wanting to purchase a stove, other than a hot air or wood stove, must make application to and receive a certificate from their local Rationing Board. Upon receipt of the necessary ration certificate, stoves may be purchased from any merchant that have them for sale.

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Mr. James E. Cooper has moved from Chestertown to his newly purchased farm near Worton, Md. Mr. Louis Porter, former tenant has discontinued farming and moved to Rock Hall.

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Millions Of Beetles Caught

Since the inauguration of the Japanese beetle control program in 1938, Maryland farmers have reported catching more than 2,000,000 quarts of beetles, according to Dr. George S. Langford, who is in charge of the program. This is well over 800 tons of beetles.

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

A correspondent writes that he is tired of hearing complaints about the high war-time cost of food. Recalling that he paid 18 cents for a half-pound of sugar and 90 cents a dozen for eggs in 1918, he points out that for the same $35 that he would have paid for 100 pounds of sugar in 1918 he can now buy 100 pounds of sugar, 96 pounds flour, 24 cans tomato soup, 48 large cans evaporated milk, a bushel potatoes, 48 oranges, 20 pounds apples, 2 dozen best eggs one pound best butter, 10 pounds oatmeal, 10 pounds beef, 5 pounds cheese, 1pound coffee, quart fresh milk, 15 cakes soap, 24 large packages washing compound and get more than $1.50 back in war savings stamps as the change that will be left.—Cecil Whig.

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WITH U. S. FORCES

Robert Gardner Grove, 21, son of Robert (Lefty) Grove of major league pitching fame, left Frostburg, Md., with a contingent of thirty-nine draftees for military service on Dec. 30.

He left behind his bride of one-day, the former Miss Jean Rogers, of Lonaconing. At the time of his induction, Grove was a student at Washington College.

William R. Logan has completed his basic training at Shaw Field, S.-C., and will now be transferred to an advanced flying school some-where in Georgia.

James Hessey is home on a furlough from the U. S. Army and reports that he has just returned from Australia After completing a course in gas warfare at Edgewood Arsenal he expects to be sent somewhere in the Pacific.

Among the many servicemen who were home for the holidays was James Clark who received his promotion to Quartermaster, and class in the U. S. Navy. His promotion became effective last Friday, Jan 1st.

P. F. C. Orville Wright has been transferred to the Marine Base at Quantico, Va., where he will receive advanced training.

Kennard Burke, Jr., 3rd class petty officer, U. S. Navy returned to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station on Tuesday for further assignment after spending a short furlough at his home here.

Jim Stevens, Washington College star athelete has received his notice to report to the U. S. Marine Base at Parris Island, S. C., and will leave on Thursday, January 14th.

Rayfield Kirby will report to Norfolk on Tuesday, January 19, where he will take up his duties as a Chief Specialist in physical education.

Charles Price Rolph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Price Rolph of Aberdeen, R. F. D. No. 1, is in training at the U. S. Naval Submarine Chaser Training Center at Miami, Fla.

Now a seaman second class, he enlisted for service with the fleet last January, and reported here for an intensive course of training at the only activity of its kind in the country, in November.

Prior to his enlistment in the Navy, Rolph graduated from the Chestertown High School. He was active in rack, baseball and soccer. He was also a member of the high school glee club.

After he completes his training at this anti-submarine warfare center, he probably will be assigned to a unit charged with clearing the vital shipping lanes of enemy marauders.

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