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ARMY LIFE DESCRIBED BY ELWOOD COLLIER

The following is a letter sent to the editors by a friend of Chestertown, namely Mr. Elwood Collier, who drove the McCord Laundry truck and was always so accomodating to all his patrons.

509th Engr. Co., (L. Pon)
Camp Gruber, Oklahoma.

Dear Friends,

Its a long way from here to Maryland and the best friends in the world However I'll attempt to tell you something of life here at Camp Gruber and you will agree with me that Army life isn't so bad. I can't use flowery language to describe our beautifull surroundings but maybe you can get a good idea of how wonderful the west is.

Our camp is located in the center of some large hills that aren't big enough to be called mountains but make the sky line irregular as far as the eye can see. One doesn't need the soul of a poet to be deeply impressed by the beautiful sunrises and sunsets here. At evening when the sun sinks in the West it makes you pinch yourself to see if you are dreaming. The sky is scarlet for miles and clouds hang in the sky like soft fluffy balls of cotton. Seems like ever since I've been here that I have begun to look forward to evening just to witness a picture far more lovely than one can describe or an artist can paint. We arise at six in the morning and are greeted by equally as grand a sight. The sun comes up very rapidly and you can almost see it peep over the crest of a hill and say "hello soldier."

Army life is a different kind of life than most of us have ever led and I think when we are thru we won't take anything for the experience. Our officers are very strict but are human beings the same as we are and use a lot of good old "Horse Sense" in handling us.

It's difficult to realize that they feed, cloth, shelter and drill thousands of men at this one camp and know the progress of each individual They don't say much to us, but take mental notes every day while we are working and our progress is determined by our performance. The Army knows things about us that we don't know about ourselves. Our food is excellent and you can't always eat the amount given you. So far the only shortage I can see here is a pass home. You can buy anything imaginable at our Camp P. X's which resemble a country store. At evening all the fellows congregate there and chew the rag. Prices are so cheap I sometimes wonder if they short change themselves. I might add too, that practically the only civilians we see in camp are the ladies that work there. Our camp is around 17 miles from a city named "Muskogee which has a population of around 50,000 and thrives on army trade. Lots of fellows call it "Boom Town".

I cannot disclose the nature of my work but can tell you this much that its awfully hard but interesting. My address (Engr. Co. L. Ponton) may mean something to one who knows the army. Our camp is so large that if one isn't careful its easy to get lost. We were on a 11 mile hike last

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Country Club Stockholders Elect

The annual meeting of stockholders f The Chester River Yacht and Country Club held their annual election of officers on Tuesday night at the Voshell House.

The following officers were elected:
President, Rolph Townshend
Vice- President, Marvin Williams
Secretary, E. Clarke Fontaine
Treasurer, J. Brown Metcalfe
To Board of Governors, R. H. Rogers, and Dr. H. C. Hughes.

Mr. R. Hynson Rogers was appointed commodore to fill the vacancy caused by the sudden death of Dr. Harry Wilmer.

A proposal was made in order to keep the activities of the Club alive in spite of the War. Revive the Gay Nineties mode of transportation. What is so much fun as a Straw Ride to the Club, or a corps of bicyclists pedaling a short mile, or even boating down stream to the trim little pier to dock at the Club's door? When there's a will, there's a way, and it is believed that the "will" is present. Morale must be kept aloft, and if riding in a car is out, then transportation by some other means must be made available. Have fun within the law. What say you?

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28 KENT MEN LEAVE FOR SERVICE FEB. 8

The following young Kent County men, 28 in number after having passed the necessary physical examinations- and requirements at the Selective Service Induction Center in Baltimore last Monday will report for active duty in the armed forces of our country next Monday, February 8th.

They are:
Lawrence V. Downey
James O. Groves
Joseph B. Edwards
James C. Gilbert
William B. Heinfield
Charles O. Lingerfelt
William U. George
Enoch C. Knox
Thomas P. Luff, acting Corporal
Wilbur R. Leonard
John H. Kirby
James A. Gill
Charles W. Foreman
Walter M. Hynson
Oscar T, Gardener
Norman C. Wright, Jr.
Harry E. Vansant
Samuel E. Glenn
Romie S. Clothier
Norman E. Peterson, Jr
Amos E. Joiner
John M. Luike
Edward R. Usilton
Arthur R. Capel

The following also will be inducted for limited service only:
Herman G. Spencer
Clifford A. Brockson
Thomas M. Blackiston
Howard T. Perry

Two of these young men volunteered for their Selective Service Induction, as they had not been called as yet, they are Clifford Brockson and Norman E. Peterson, Jr.

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Walter Clark who has been driving the Ward Baking Co. Truck here for several years has been given a temporary release due to his health. At the present he is employed as a clerk at one of the local chain stores. Charles McLaughlin replaced Mr. Clark on the Bakery truck.

NEGROES FACE CHARGE FOR STEALING BEER

Last Saturday monring, Mr. Wm. T. Jewell of Kennedyville notified Sheriff Henry Gsell that during the night someone had broken into his beer place and carried away several cases of beer.

Upon arrival at the scene Sheriff Gsell and Deputy Walter Kulley noticed footprints in the snow leading away from a broken back window, which had been used to enter the place. The Officers set out to follow the imprints in the snow and about half way across a field they found where the robbers had dropped a case of the beer and broken several bottles. Continuing from this point the tracks led to "Smoketown", a colored settlement near Kennedyville and to the house of James Ford, where the officers questioned Ford and Joseph Earl who were in the house at the time.

The two negroes stated that the beer had been brought there the night before by Rufus Sokely. Not being able to get a staisfactory explanation of what had taken place, Ford, Earl Stokely and two other occupants of the house, Jesse Mills and Anna Ford were arrested and brought to the Kent Jail where each one of them was questioned.

Rufus Stokely and Joseph Earl admitted that they along with Jessie Mills had broken into Mr. Jewell's place and stole the beer, then carrying it to the home of James Ford where they drank some. It was then admitted that Jesse Mills carried the balance of the beer out and hid it in a marsh, where later that day he showed the officers where it was hid.

Stokely, whose home is in Norfolk, Va., was found to have had a long police record of various charges, including several of robbery for which he had served sentences.

All of those arrested were held for trial, with the exception of Anna Ford who it was learned had nothing to do with the theft.

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WILL REGISTER AT SCHOOLS FOR CAN GOODS

City and State public and parochial schools will be used as registration centers for tailoring and issuing ration books for canned fruits and vegetables, it was announced this week.

Leo H. McCormick, State OPA director, declared that practically every school in Maryland would be used for canned goods rationing registration "sometime between February 22 and March 1.

Both OPA and school officials agreed that the registration would be the most difficult yet undertaken and said that thousands of volunteers likely would be needed to reinforce the teachers.

The registration will be the first in which Maryland parochial schools have participated.

Harry W. Walker, an executive of the Retail Grocers' Association, warned that without "perfect public cooperation "the new registration would be "impeded, delayed and perhaps made choatic," with "very real hardships resulting for many."

"No previous rationing program had demanded so much hand-tailoring of rationing books in so short a time," he pointed out. "One eight-point ration stamp will have to be removed form Book No. 2 for each can reported in excess of five per person. Adjustments will be made in coffee rations and special canned-food allowances made for children."

Public sale af canned fruits and vegetables, frozen fruits and vegetables dried fruits, canned soups and canned baby foods will halt at midnight February 20.

The next eight days will be devoted to issuing canned goods ration books and to preparing stores for the new point-rationing system.

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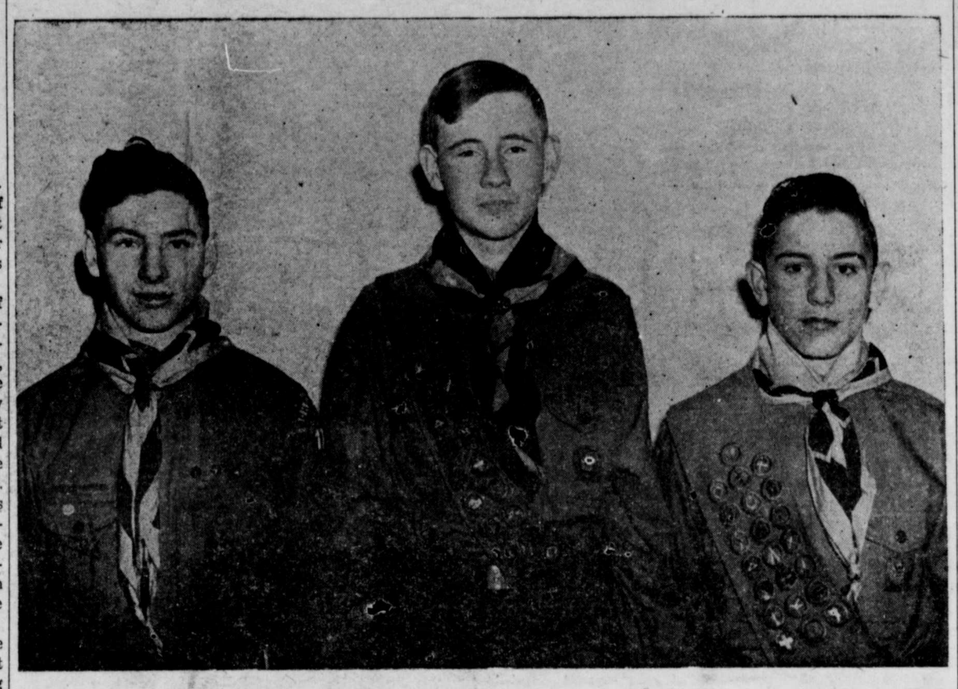
More Hose Needed To Fulfill Quota

The window pile in Cooper's Hardware Store grows higher and higher. But we want a "Total Hose-Out". Through Saturday we have and if everyone will go through their hosiery box again, and bring those hose that are full of runs, our goal will be reached. Uncle Sam needs them. Act! This drive, sponsored by the Lion's Club has been well responded to by the community, and all are thanked for the contributions so far received.

To Receive Scouts Highest Award

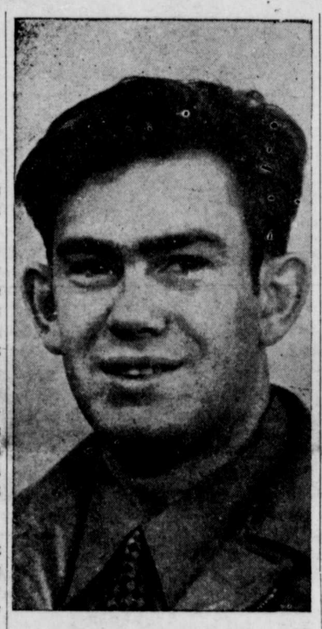


These Chestertown Boy Scouts, Moreland Cooper, Reece Corey and Thomas Gill along with Whaland Clark, Jr., (below) will receive the Eagle award, highest Scout award obtainable at their annual Banquet being held at the Firehouse next Thursday night. Clark who will not be present for the honors is a member of Uncle Sam's Marines and is stationed at Parris Island. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark will receive the presentation at the Banquet and forward it to him.

Boy Scout Week opens Sunday, February 7th, when troops in the various communities will attend church in a body. Thursday evening, February 11th, there will be a Boy Scout-Club-Parent banquqet to be held in the Fire Hall at Chestertown. Exhibits of the various troops will appear in store windows of merchants in Chestertown and throughout Kent County during the entire week.

While Scout Week is primarily designed to give recognition to the Boy Scout movement it is also the one time in the year when the Boy Scouts ask for community support. Chairman of the finance campaign for Kent County will be W. Belt Townshend, assisted by Jessie D. Maxwell. Conlyn Noland will be in charge of the solicitation for Chestertown. In past years Kent County has always exceeded its quota for the Delmarva Council and there is no reason to doubt but that this year should surpass previous years.

The training which the Boy Scout movement has given to the thousands of young men in military, naval and air service is paying dividends today in the deeds of heroism, coolness under fire, and the outstanding leadership qualities which have been demonstrated by the heroes of the present war. Men who had scout training as boys have been the outstanding heroes. At no time in the history of our country has there been a greater need for adequate financial support of the Boy Scout movement in order that the privileges of scouting may be brought to more boys and in order to provide more trained leaders. Now is the time to support a movement which has so well trained our men in service, and to provide even finer training for our youth who may be called upon to serve their country. Kent County will not lag behind in its support of a patriotic movement which has so well served youth in the past and which will provide even superior service in the future. Boy Scouting in Kent County deservies your support.



Whaland Clark, Jr.

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The annual meeting of the Kent and Queen Annes Driving Association will be held at the office of the Peerless Fertilizer Company next Tuesday evening, February 9th.

Tis association is responsible for the construction and operation of Radcliffe Driving Park.

FARMERS URGED TO APPLY FOR NEW EQUIPMENT

The Kent Farm Machinery Rationing Committee announces that in order to give everybody a fair chance at the small amount of available farm machinery and equipment, a deadline date of February 15th is declared.

If rationing means anything it means that every case should be considered and available equipment placed where, in the judgment of the Committee, it will be most productive of War Foods.

The Committee suggests that although the present quota list of machinery for Kent does not include corn pickers, pick-up balers, etc. it is very anxious that every farmer desiring to purchase such equipment should make that fact known so that the need for more equipment to meet the war goals can be made more and more apparent.

The Committee urges every farmer who has equipment that can be repaired to get busy immediately and restore it to full usefulness. The six farm machinery repair schools now under way offer a splendid opportunity for accomplishing this work.

The Committee further proposes to act as a clearing house for used machinery. In other words for those who do not care to advertise their surplus machinery in the local papers the Committee will handle information covering both used machinery wanted and used machinery or equipment for sale. The Committee suggests that people seeking to buy or to sell should give enough details concerning the equipment so that the readers will know definitely what is wanted or available. Such information should cover the make, the size, whether it is riding or walking equipment, one or two row equipment, the condition of repair and the price.

The Rationing Committee emphasizes the fact that new equipment is very limited therefore the wisdom of making full use of all available equipment by rebuilding and repairing.

The Committee is composed of Edgar D. Lusby, Herbert S. Ford, Walter L. Walbert, Olin S. Davis, W. T. Brice, with County Agent McVean as Secretary. All requests to buy or to sell used equipment should be addressed to the Secretary.

Requests for new machinery or equipment may be sent to the Secretary, % County Agents Office, Chestertown, Md. Application blanks must be signed and completely filled out. Dealers, members of the Committee or the Secrtary can supply the applications for new macchinery.

Attention is directed to the fact that price ceilings have been placed on used wheel type tractors, combines, corn pickers, corn balers and motor or tractor operated hay balers. Private owners, auctioneers and dealers are under this regulation. In general machines less than one year old may sell for 85% of their current list price. Those more than one year old sell at 70% of the base price and equipment which dealers have reconditioned and sell under guarantee, the selling price is 95% of the base price. For further details inquire of the Secretary, J. D. McVean.

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WAR DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE 12 GA. SHOTGUNS

The Pittsburgh Ordnance District of the United States War Department, 1202 Chamber of Commerce Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., has informed us that the War Department has urgent need for serviceable used 12 guage shotguns, including pumps, automatics or double barrel, and are authorized to purchase them from individuals or gun dealers.

We would appreciate the cooperation of the public of Maryland with our Government and if you have a pump, automatic or a double barrel 12 gauge shotgun that you can spare or desire to dispose of, please drop a postcard to the Small Arms Branch, Pittsburgh Ordnance District War Department, 1202 Chamber of Commerce Building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Write your name and address plainly, the kind of gun and where it can be found. The War Department will contact you by mail at once and they will probably have someone call on you to make arrangements to purchase the gun.

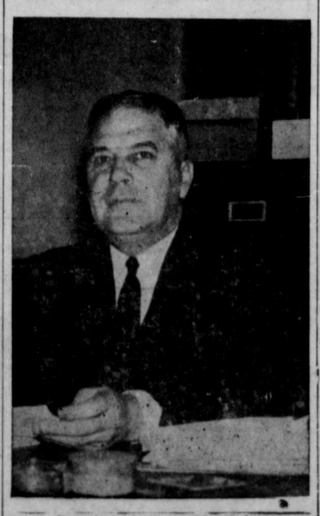
Do not send any guns to the above address until you have first contacted them by mail or in person to get the information where they would like to have the guns sent.

We appeal to all persons in Maryland having guns of this type to either offer them to the Government for sale or as a gift.

Senator Arthur Brice To Introduce "Work Or Fight" Bill For Kent

Senator Arthur H. Brice, of Kent County and President of the Maryland Senate is preparing a bill to be introduced during the present Legislature session which, if passed, would create a work or fight law for Kent County. The bill would apply only to this county and would mean that all physically able male residents would be compelled to secure some gainful occupation.

The introduction of the bill at this time is inspired by the recent demand for all available manpower for either the armed forces or industry. As the war progresses there is more and more evidence of the need of men for either fighting or labor and the bill to be introduced by Senator Brice will make it a misdemeanor for a man out of uniform to be found without gainful occupation. As the crop season approaches hundreds of men will be needed to put in, cultivate and harvest the crops in this county. The demand for more crop production will require all available manpower in the county.



Senator Arthur H. Brice

Various counties on the Shore, during the past year, have endeavored to enforce a so called work or fight law based on the vagrancy law. While the effort was credited with success it would not likely have withstood a test. With Legislature action, based on the emergency, there should be no idle able-bodied men in Kent County without gainful occupation.

Former Millington Man Seriously Injured

Harry Cannon of Claymont, Del., son of Mr. Ralph Cannon of Massey, Md., was seriously injured in an accident on Monday of this week. Mr. Cannon was repairing a building at the Sun Oil Co., when the scaffolding broke. Two other men with Mr. Cannon managed to save themselves. The fall was 75 feet and he suffered a broken leg, crushed chest, and crushed skull. He is now in an oxygen tent at a hospital with condition so serious that the doctors have not been able to operate. He has a wife and one child.

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Lions Roar On Monday Night

The Chestertown Lions Club held their annual oyster scald, Monday night at the "Blue Bird" which they rented for the evening. The ladies were invited and the Lions growled and roared for more until two and one-half barrells of oysters were consumed between 6 and 12 p. m. The Lion Tamer had no trouble at all but tail-twister Preston Heck found it necessary to twist a few tails.

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Fire Co. Auxiliary Elect Officers

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Co. held their annual election of officers at the Fire House on Wednesday evening. The present officers were reelected for the ensuing year.

They are:
President, Mrs. Leonard Needles
Vice-Pres., Mrs Medford Brooks
Secretary, Miss Bessie Dwyer
Treasurer, Mrs. Elmer Thomas

The ladies will hold two banquets, one on Feb. 11 for the Boy Scouts, and the other on Feb. 16 for the Fireman. The latter will be opened to the general public and a large attendance is urged.

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The class repairing farm machinery under the direction of Mr. William Oliffe at Kennedyville have repaired twenty-five implements that are now ready to go out. Kennedyville's War effort will be in pictures in the TRANSCRIPT next week.

MARYLAND MAY DRAFT RECRUITS FOR STATE GUARD

Annapolis, Feb. 3—Militia authorities of the State Government are preparing to ask that they be allowed to draft recruits for the State Guard under a system which would call up for this duty those men of military age who have been rejected or deferred under the selctive service law, it was learned today.

The draft is declared by these officials to be the only means by which an armed force can be maintained in the State to deal with emergencies which might arise on the home front.

Within recent months, they said, the State Guard has been losing personnel at the rate of fifty men a month—some to the nation's armed forces, but more to the war industry. There has been no corresponding rate of enlistments.

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BUSINESS GROUP TO MEET WITH FERRY OFFICIALS

At a luncheon meeting Saturady noon, to be sponsored by the Chestertown Business Men's Association, Mr. B. B. Wills, president of the Tolchester Company, will explain the proposed new ferry route from Tolchester to Bay Shore.

The Tolchester Company has submitted a proposal that the ferry route be changed from Baltimore to the Bay Shore terminal. The carrying out of the proposal depends upon a State subsidy.

The Chestertown Business Men's Association is interested in facts and figures as to the ability of the Tolchester Company to maintain adequate service before it agrees to support the effort to secure State funds.

Representatives from the various parts of the county are expected at the meeting.

Maryland Soldiers Win Promotions

Four Maryland first Lieutenants have been advanced to the rank of captain. They are John C. Brashears, James L. Hays and Robert M. Miller, all of Baltimore, and James G. Levering, of Towson. In another infantry regiment, which includes soldiers from twenty-three Maryland counties, George B. Fowler, of Annapolis, and William L. Spry, of Kennedyville, have been promoted from first lieutenant to captain, and James V. McCool of Elkton from second to first lieutenant.

Private John A. Deringer, U.S.M.C. has been transferred to Portsmouth Va., to be trained for sea duty, according to an announcement by his mother, Mrs. Duncan Deringer, who received a telephone call from him on Saturday.

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Duplicate Bridge

Mrs. Perry Metcalfe was announced as the winner of the series in duplicate bridge, recently ended. Coming for second place was Mr Phil Kratzer and Mr. Brown Metcalfe following a close third.

A new series began last Monday evening, the tournament now being played each week, for the present, at the home of Mrs. Perry Metcalfe. A fine crowd turned out and it is hoped that still others will come next week and participate. This coming Monday will be draw night, so bring along a partner, but then draw for your playing pal after you arrive.

Results of last Monday are as follows:

North and South

Couple 1—Mrs. S. Holt Wright and Mr. Phil Kratzer.

Couple 2—Mrs. Eben Perkins and Mrs. Geraldine Williams.

Couple 3—Mrs. A. C. Dick and Mrs. R. F. Tull.

East and West

Couple 1—Miss Harriett Vane and Miss Martha Speicher.

Couple 2—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dumschott.

Couple 3—Mrs. H. A. Kratzer and Mrs. Hynson Rogers.

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