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CIVILIAN WAR WORKERS ARE NAMED FOR KENT

Dr. F. G. Livingood, chairman of Civilian War Services Branch for Kent County announces that Miss Helen Schellinger Home Demonstration Agent, has been appointed by the Office of Price Administration of Kent County as Community Service Representative. Miss Schellinger will be in charge of informing the general public concerning the operation of the new ration plan as well as taking charge of related services. This work will be conducted through the local press, with the aid of volunteer workers and through the meetings of the Homemakers Clubs throughout the county.

The central committee for Kent County is composed of the men and women who have been handling the numerous war services in the county. The central committee chairmen with the services they head are as follows:

Salvage—J. D. McVean, County Agent.

Community Service Representative—Miss Helen Schellinger.

Nutrition—Miss Helen Schellinger, Home Demonstration Agent and Miss Estelle Comegys, Chestertown High School.

Recreation—Mr. Henry Carrington, Ass't. Director of Athletics, Washington College.

Services for Service Men—Mr. C. Lee Gill.

Health—Dr. Anderson F. Whitsitt, Kent County Health Officer.

Welfare and Child Care—Mrs. George Baldwin, Kent County P. T. A. Miss Harriet Vane, Visitor of the Maryland Children's Aid Society.

Housing—Mrs. Thomas Massey.

Education—Supt.. Louis C. Robinson, Kent County Board of Education.

Agriculture—J. D. McVean, County Agent.

War Savings—Mr. Charles F. Wheatley, Peoples' Bank.

Plant Utilization—Mrs. Nell C. Westcott, United States Employment Service.

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Appointments For Kent By O'Conor

On Wednesday, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor sent to the State Senate the following list of appointments for Kent County:

To be Supervisors of Elections for a term of two years from the First Monday in June 1943:
Howard S. Leaverton, Rock Hall.
W. Norman Cooper, Chestertown.
Henry S. Raisin, Worton.

To be Trial Magistrate for a term of two years from the First Monday in May, 1943:
Clarence M. Melvin, Millington.

To be Committing Magistrates for a term of two years from the First Monday in May, 1943:
Hanson Horsey, Jr., Millington
1st District
George E. Hicks, Galena
1st District
Vernon Barnett, Chestertown.
4th District
Jewell Thompson, Rock Hall.
5th District
Arthur Newsome, Betterton.
3rd District.

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Kennedyville Groups Still Working Hard

The class in Repair and Construction of farm machinery at Kennedyville, which was pictured in **The Transcript** two weeks ago are still going strong. The latest report is that 86 pieces of farm machinery are in process of being repaired.

Under this plan the farmers bring their own machinery to the class, pay for the materials and under the instruction of William Oliffe, learn to do their own welding and repairing. Several tractors are being repaired at the present time.

This class at Kennedyville has won State and National recognition.

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WHAT WAS YOUR GUESS?

The pile of stockings in the window of Coopers' Hardware Store in Chestertown contained 2720 pairs of silk or nylon stockings. These now have been packed and shipped to New York where they will be used in the manufacture of powder bags and parachutes.

The stockings were donated by patroitic citizens who responded to the request of the Lions Club which sponsored the collection, for discarded silk or nylon hose. The Boy Scouts assisted in the collection of the hose.

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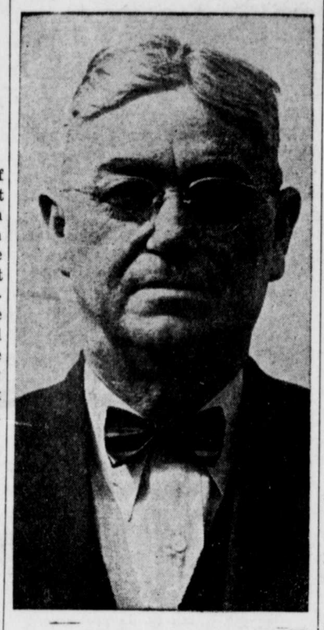

Medford E. Capel

Mr. Medford Capel, has been promoted to Supervising Engineer for the Chestertown Water Board and replaces Mr. Charles Smith, retired, who has been Superintendent for 32 years. Mr. Capel has been engineer for the Water Board for 24 years. Mr. Capel came with the company just three years after the plant was moved to its present location. While engineer Mr. Capel has had a hand in converting the plant from Diesel power to electric and the wells changed from thirteen shallow artesian wells to two 83 feet Shannahan Washed Wells. Also, Mr. Capel has played a big part in the new Filtering Plant. According to some members of the Water Board the Chestertown Plant is the most efficient on the Shore, although not as large as Salisbury.

Before entering the services of the Water Board, Mr. Capel was Captain of the freight boat "Kent" for nine years. (See editorial on page four).

In addition to the above Mr. Capel is Superintendent of the Chestertown Disposal Plant and had a part in its construction.

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METHODIST JOIN IN NATION-WIDE DEDICATION

Methodists of Chestertown will join in a country-wide observance of a Week of Dedication, beginning next Sunday, February 28th, in which **nearly 8,000,000** members of the denomination will be asked to pledge a "new dedication of self, service, and substance" in meeting the challenges and needs of a war-torn world.

Christ Church is issuing a call for all members to attend services on the next two Sundays to make personal committments.

"To challenge present-day threats of barbarism, paganism, and materialism, we must have a new spiritual power of faith and idealism."

A feature of the national Week of Dedication climax on Sunday, March 7, will be the holding of services in every one of the 42,000 Methodist churches in America—the first time this has happened on one day. On circuits where pastors are unable to conduct services in all churches, laymen will occupy the pulpits of some churches.

In Christ Church a special Week of Dedication Prayer Meeting will be held Wednesday evening. The Holy Communion will be observed the following Sunday, March 7th.

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Duplicate Bridge

The fourth in the present series of duplicate bridge was played on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. John Speicher. Results of the evening are as follows:

North and South

Couple 1—Mrs. Perry Metcalfe and Mr. Phil Kratzer.

Couple 2—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carvell.

Couple 3—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whitworth.

East and West

Couple 1—Mrs. A. C. Dick and Mrs. Holt Wright.

Couple 2—Mrs. S. Scott Beck and Miss Martha Speicher.

Couple 3—Mrs. Eben Perkins and Mrs. J. Thomas Kibler.

Next week the tournament will be resumed at the home of Mrs. Perry Metcalfe.

LOCAL FACTORY IN CHESTERTOWN WOULD BE SOLD

At a meeting of the Merchants and Manufacturer's Association of Chestertown on Wednesday afternoon, it was agreed to sell the factory building and land of the Chestertown Hosiery Plant to the present operators, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dersch, should they care to buy it at a set price.

The price agreed upon would reimburse the stockholders in full for money invested in the building.

The Merchants and Manufacturers Association, of which Mr. W. Belt Townshend is the present president, was organized for the purpose of constructing the building for the hosiery plant. Although overshadowed by war industry, the factory has been constantly operated for the past 4 years and is a decided asset to the community.

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Shoremen Defeat Catholic University

In an extremely fast and furious game the Washington College Shoremen rolled over a highly rated Catholic U. team 65—49 last night at the Armory. Frank Samele was the big gun of the Washington attack with 21 points to his credit.

The Flying Cardinals of C. U. started very fast and led the Shoremen for the first 10 minutes of play. But at this point the Washington team settled down to work and from then on in there was never a doubt about the outcome. This was the eleventh straight win for the Shoremen who meet their traditional rival Saturday night in the final game of the year when Loyola comes to town. These two teams met previously in Baltimore with Loyola putting up a very scrappy battle but the locals won 33—28. This will be the last game for both teams until the Mason-Dixon Conference playoffs begin on Thursday, March 4 at Evergreen. Washington has definitely clinched the regular conference crown and is now gunning for the playoff championship.

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Congressman Ward Speaks For Farmer

In an interview by a representative of the **Baltimore Sun** on February 22, with reference to the rationing of canned foods, Congressman David J. Ward, whose constituency covers the Eastern Shore of Maryland, a great truck farming and canning area, said:

"Food is a necessary requisite to winning the war, and a rationing plan has been found necessary to preserve adequate supply for our armed forces and our allies. It may well be that the present plan can be adjusted more favorably to the home consumer in a short time.

"It seems to me that the real answer to the problem lies in the production of more food. The farmer, poultryman, the dairyman, the canner and the sea-food processor—all should be given the necessary machinery and equipment to work with, and their keymen should be retained as a necessary contribution to the war program."

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New Clerk Named For Trial Magistrate

Sue Smith, deputy Register of Wills for Kent County has been named substitute clerk to the Kent County Trial Magistrate, Mr. Clarence Melvin. She replaces Mrs. Harry Lewis who has filled this position since the revision of the trial magistrates system.

Mrs. Lews has accepted a position in Talladega, Alabama with the OPA and left here Wednesday to assume her new duties.

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About fifty members and guests of the Maryland State Guard participated in a "Oyster Scald" at the Chestertown Armory Tuesday night. According to members the highlight of the occasion was the "yarns" spieled by Captain Elmer Batchelor, War Veteran of World War I. A good time was enjoyed by all.

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The Woman's Auxiliary of Old St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Owen Selby, Chestertown on Tues., March 2 at 2:30 P. M.

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Move To Baltimore

Mrs. Vera Turner and her daughter Betty, are moving to Baltimore to-day where they will make their future home.

With The Forces

T-Corporal Morgan B. Hadaway

Several letters were received in Chestertown this week from T-Corporal Morgan B. Hadaway. "Moco" as he is known to his many friends here states that he is stationed somewhere in North Africa and is in fine health and enjoys the army life, but would like to be able to visit Kent. It is believed he is in charge of an ambulance for the United Nations.

Aviation Cadet William Robert Logan, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Logan of 108 Kent St., Chestertown, Md. was appointed a Second Lieutenant in the Air Corps Reserve, with the Aeronautical Rating of "Pilot", upon his graduation Feb. 16th from the Advanced Flying School for single-engine pursuit-type planes at Spence Field, Ga. He now wears the silver wings of the Army Air Forces.

Lt. Logan was graduated from the Chestertown Hight School and he attended Washington College. He was active in athletics and scholastic activities.

In navy parlance "scrambled eggs" upon his cap, were worn by Commander Harry H. Deringer who was home for the week-end, having recently been promoted from Lieutenant Commander to Commander. (For benefit of us civilians, "the scrambled eggs" is the much gold braid on the visor of the cap.)

Captain Edward A. Hurd, who has been stationed at Camp Pope, Louisiana, made his first visit home, since last October, over last week-end. He is now in Washington awaiting further orders.

Following his graduation as pilot, and receiving the rank of 2nd Lieutenant, Lieut. Allan S. Harte, Jr. is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Harte on a 10 day furlough. On March 2nd he will go to Drew Field Tampa, Fla. for further training in dive bombing.

Jack Kibler, a student at Washington & Lee, has been called into service and will report as an Aviation Cadet, in Richmond, the first week in March.

Norman Grieb. left to-day, Friday to join the armed forces, with the U. S. Army reporting at Fort Meade for further orders.

Mr. Harold W. Joiner has received his commission as Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Forces at Turner Field, Albany, Ga. He and Mrs. Joiner are spending 10 days here with their parents, before Lieut. Joiner reports for further training at Columbia Air Base, Columbia, S. C.

Lieut Owen Anderson, stationed at Camp Butner, N. C. is a guest of his sister, Mrs. Howard Pennington on a nine day leave.

Mr. Wickes Westcott, who has been a student at the University of Maryland is a guest of his mother, Mrs. Simon W. Westcott, until March 2nd, when he will enter the U. S. Army.

John Benjamin was a visitor in Chestertown over the week-end and stated that he had been promoted to printer 2nd class at the Norfolk Naval Base.

Corporal Stephen Hickman is home on a short leave from Fort Bragg, N. C. Steve is a member of the paratroops and in making a recent jump had a slight fracture of one of his ankles, but is now rapidly improving.

Jim Anders, former Shore Radio repairman has completed a course in radio at Madison, Wis., and is now an aviation cadet, ground crew, at Wayne,

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Judge Samuel K. Dennis Opposes Changing Court Bill, Now Pending

In an article appearing in the **Daily Record** on February 15, 1943, Judge Dennis opposed the reorganization of the Courts and gives, among others, the following reasons for his opposition:

"(1) The scheme is a frank straddle, and it adopts State-wide or semi-State-wide and appointive provisions as its foundation which were long ago tried and discarded by our ancestors. A geographical distribution of judges has been the mode here for 135 years, is followed in Federal and State jurisdictions. The defeated proposal of 1941 embraced that idea. Now it is to be abandoned in the face of universal precedent and experience in America, for no assigned reason.

"(2) Many respectable authorities hold that the people are competent to select their judges. The Bond Commission holds otherwise. In its report, page 7, it says 'But the voters of the State can not reasonably be expected to initiate a choice of such men (judges) from the bar because they lack one expert knowledge to enable them to judge of their qualifications. The Governor of the State seems to be the proper representative for that purpose.'

"(3) One wonders if a Governor appoints a man, however unfit, if any self-respecting lawyer will oppose him, when to do so means the use of the petition method and a State-wide campaign; the sole issue, one not of principles or policy, but of personal quality. That can but lead to a vastly expensive mud-slinging, personal vote-soliciting campaign. Yet oddly enough that is the method proposed to weed out weak men in judicial contests.

"(4) The constitutional amendment proposed in 1941 was defeated because the demotion of Chief Circuit Judges, and the relegation of whole sections to relative judicial oblivion was resented; and because it was felt the Court of Appeals was a better court for the work at nisi prius. Judge Parke (a member of the commission) wholly competent after 15 years of service on the Court of Appeals, fully argued those considerations at the Atlantic City Bar Association meeting, and in his minority reports. The subjects treated were discussed deliberately in the Constitutional Convention in 1867 by exceptionally competent men, then they acted in the light of their personal experience and knowledge of the disadvantage attending a Court removed from primary contact with men and affairs. The Circuit Court of Appeals judges in the U. S. Courts are available for both nisi prius and appellate duties; and organization which is generally approved.

"(5) It is to be remembered that the Bar and Bench are being recruited by younger men who are better educated than ever before, who as a rule are able, diligent and clean. The pessimistic view lately expressed that the Bench and the Bar are becoming decadent, hence needs reorganizing is wholly unfounded.

"(6) The bill provides that there shall never be more than 21 judges, including 3 judges of the Court of Appeals, from the counties. That leaves 18 nisi pruis judges to serve all the needs of 23 counties, including all probate work now disposed of by 69 Orphans' Court judges. It must hurry and harass the 18 judges to run from county to county over an area of 9,800 square miles of land, from Court to Court, to hear criminal, equity, common law, and probate causes. It must oppress the million people living in the counties, including the lawyers, to be required to travel long distances to get the ear of a judge; and it must be especially burdensome for the classes of people ordinarily having probate business.

Judges get sick. The newspapers on February 12th called attention to the First Circuit of four counties and three judges. Two judges are ill. The remaining judge lives 40 to 50 miles from two county towns in the circuit, and in spite of his best efforts the inconvenience suffered is not small.

One feature of the Bond plan would help there; the assignment of judges to other circuits. With the numbers cut to the quick there will be no unengaged judge elsewhere. The First Circuit's experience points a moral.

The bills (S. B. 213 and H. B. 243 and 244), if incorporated in the Constitution, must result in loss of talent on the Bench, loss of utility and tone, loss of efficiency, and a rising of the scum to the top. Why jump from the frying pan into the fire—if we are in the frying pan?

"(7) If the Judges of the Court of Appeals are overworked, do not have sufficient time to ponder opionions, the remedy is easy. It would seem that the bills introduced by Senator Cronin (S. B. 216, 217 and 218) must quiet all reasonable and sound criticisms, by taking one man off the Supreme Bench (saving in the salaries of that judge and his staff of $18,600) and adding one judge to the Court of Appeals from Baltimore, at a cost of $11,800. That makes a Court of nine, and retains all the desired features of the present system at a net saving of $6,800.

Furthermore, S. B. 217 relieves the seven Chief Judges of Circuit Court work when in their judgement it interferes with their Court of Appeals duty.

The Bond Report tells us that the Court of Appeals in the last year decided 118 cases. If opinions were written in all, that means about 14 opinions per judge on an eight-judge Bench, or slightly more than one a month; 118 records to study or less than 10 per month. That would not seem to the uninitiated a task too heavy for a nine-judge Court made up of two judges from Baltimore, with no other duty, and seven judges from the Counties, with no other duty save as they prefer, as proposed by Senator Cronin's bills, to perform with convenience and credit."

Judge Dennis points out that none of the proposed Constitutional changes will affect his judicial duties as he retires from the Bench in 1944.

L. Wethered Barroll, Esq. formerly of Chestertown and now practicing law in Baltimore, spoke before the Centreville Rotary Club on Feb. 25, 1943. Mr. Barroll made a fine speech and we wish we could publish it in the whole. One thing he called attention to was page 7 of the report.

"But the voters of the State cannot reasonably be expected to initiate a choice of such men (judges) from the bar because they lack the expert knowledge to enable them to judge of their qualification. The Governor of the State seems to be the proper representative for that purpose."

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Conservation And Drainage Program

Mr. Herbert S. Ford, Chairman of the Supervisors of the Kent Soil Conservation District, announces that the Kent Soil Conservation District is going to devote its entire resources of machinery and farm technicians to farmers of Kent County in an effort to help them produce more food for freedom. The future District program is to be an all-out effort, designed to help every farmer in Kent County who has a drainage or an erosion problem on his farm, regardless of how large or how small the problem may be. The services of the technicians are to be furnished to the farmers without charge.

Mr. Ford states that Kent farmers no longer have to sign agreements with the District to get assistance with their farm problems, except in those cases where Disrict equipment has to be used. He says that this is a stream-lined program intended to help every farmer in the county who needs assistance with farm problems in this war time emergency. It is a program designed to help farmers help themselves.

In an effort to help farmers, Mr. Ford says the District Supervisors have the following suggestions to make to farmers:

1—Use only the best land on the farm for cultivated crops. Retire poor, steep, gullied and eroded land to hay and pasture.

2—Plow all crop residue under.

3—On sloping land, plow, plant and cultivate on the contour, leaving draws and gullies in sod.

4—Where drainage is a problem, plow, plant and cultivate in the direction giving best drainage.

5—Use commercial fertilizers and manures where they will give the greatest returns.

6—Provide for adequate hay and silage the year around.

7—Provide adequate pasture for livestock.

8—Use cover crops to increase organic matter and nitrogen content of soils.

9—Manage woodland so it provides an economic return.

10—Provide food and cover for wildlife.

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Woman Badly Hurt In Auto Accident

Mrs. B. F. Painter, Golt, Md., suffered a fractured skull Tuesday of this week when an automobile allegedly driven by her husband turned over after striking an abutment north of Clayton.

State Police said Painter told them a truck had forced him from the road.

SALE OF LIQUOR BY DISPENSARY IS CONSIDERED

Although no bill has yet been drawn, the possibility of the sale of liquor in Kent County by the county dispensary method is being considered.

Under the proposed plan, as has and is being discussed, the proposal would eliminate the sale of hard liquors by private stores and limit the sale to 4 county owned dispensaries located at Chestertown, Rock Hall, Betterton and Galena. The County Commissioners would compose the liquor board for the county and would name a supervisor or general manager of the stores for the county and designate salaried personel to operate the stores under definite regulations as to sale, hours of opening, etc. The proposal includes that one third of the net profits would go to the incorporated town in which the individual store is located and two thirds to the county. The County Commissioners would also pass upon licenses to sell beer and light wines, hear complaints and pass upon them. Appeals from the Commissioners would be heard by the Circuit Court whose decision would be final.

Liquor is now being sold in eleven privately owned grocery and drug stores under supervision of the State Liquor Board. The proposed Legislation for Kent County is said to be better than that in effect in Queen Annes, as in the latter County there is only one dispensary which causes much travel by customers and is said to result in illegal sales. It is understood that the returns from the dispensaries to the counties are enormous.

Included in the proposed legislation would be the lapse of a year before it becomes effective, thereby allowing private stores to dispose of their stock of liquors. Light wines and beer would be sold by privately owned establishments.

Liquor dealers in the county are opposed to the new system and have employed attorneys to protest the new bill if it is introduced. The distillers themselves are opposed to the dispensary system. Arguments being used are that it is another step toward government encroachment on private business and that it will put out of business the present dealers; that it will put all the citizens of the county in the liquor business; that, as there is a scarcity of liquor the dealers will not sell to dispensary and it will make liquors very scarce in the county and might eventually lead to prohibition; that, it will put the liquor business in politics.

Those favoring the dispensary system argue that counties that have that system are doing very well. Queen Annes County which has only one dispensary netted $9,811.68. Harford County with several stores and Montgomery counties made over a hundred thousand dollars. Control of the liquor handling has made a better situation in law enforcement. Also, they point out that liquor licenses under the present system are only supposed to be issued to grocery and drug stores and that liquor was to be a side-line. The stores should have been operating as a grocery or drug store should be able to continue in that capacity.

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Federal Civil Guard Position Now Open

It has been announced that about fifty Federal Civil Guard positions are now open at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Bainbridge, Maryland. The rate of pay is $1,680.00 per year for a 40-hour week, with time-and-half pay for overtime. The force works on a 48-hour week schedule.

Previous Guard or police experience is desirable but not essential. Persons who qualify will be put to work immediately so long as the fifty positions last.

Persons interested should contact Ensign James D. Hill, Officer-in Charge of Civil Police, Administration Building, U. S. Naval Training Station, Bainbridge, Maryland, on any week day between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m.

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See Page 4 Point Values

An official chart of the point values of the various rationed foods will be found on page 4 of this issue. Cut this chart out and keep it where it can be easily referred to. Shoppers should acquaint themselves with these point values before purchasing rationed articles.

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