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HUNTERS FINED, MUST FILE FORM OF GAME KILLED

Regional Game Warden William J. Ivens of Kent County, who made a number of arrests prior to the close of the wild fowl shooting season for violations of the gunning laws reports that two defendants given hearings before Judge William Coleman in the U. S. District Court in Baltimore were fined $50 and costs for setting fish hooks for wild ducks.

Two sportsmen from this county were each fined $75 and costs for hunting wild geese with live decoys. Four were fined for baiting shores during the season. Two gunners were fined $50 each for hunting out of season. Three Cecil County sportsmen were fined $50 each and costs for having live decoys and unplugged guns.

Mr. Ivens also asks all hunters to fill out the form which was attached to the 1942 liscense and mail it to the Game and Inland Fish Commission in Baltimore. This form states the type and amount of game killed by the hunter.

This is very important as it will help the War Production Board to determine the amount of shotgun shells to be manufactured for civilian use during the next hunting season. If the hunter has misplaced this form he may substitute one of his own stating the type of game killed and amount.

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Eastern Shore Coon Hunters Club Elects

In last weeks issue of THE TRANSCRIPT we published an incomplete list of the officers of the Eastern Shore Coon Hunters Club. The complete list is as follows:

Edgar E. Walls, President; C. D. Hicks, Vice-Pres.; George Stevens, Sec.-Treas.; Edward Lusby, assistant Sec.-Treas.

Executive Committee, Kent County William Wiltbank, Chestertown; R. D. Gosman, Worton; David Harris, Kennedyville. Cecil County, Clarence Webb, Elkton; John Reese, Childs. Queen Annes county, Casper Clough, Price; Samuel Kimble, Price.

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Col. Barrett Gets New Defense Post

Col. Henry S. Barrett, director of air-raid precautions in Maryland, has been appointed to a four-man committee to devise a set of rules governing the type and movement of emergency vehicles during air-raid tests in the 17 Eastern Seaboard states.

"There are absolutely too many cars running wild during black-outs," Colonel Barrett asserted. "We've had two persons killed in traffic accidents already when a raid test was on and we don't want to kill any more."

The object of this committee is to make a complete study of which so-called emergency cars should be operated in the event of a test or a raid, and then to determine how and when they should run.

Col. Barrett was a visitor in Chestertown last week and conferred with Col. I. Price Ewing and other Civilian Defense Officials.

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Salisbury Stores Would Aid Harvest

Salisbury stores will be closed one day each week this summer and a committee of merchants will arrange emergency closing at other times if found necessary to save crops in the fields.

All stores will be closed each Wednesday beginning June 14 and extending through Sept. 1. Service establishments, such as drug stores, garages and industries will remain open.

The merchants decision was reached at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last week and Arthur Ahrens, chairman of the merchants division, was instructed to recommend to the chamber that a committee representing all business and industries be set up to cope with the farm labor and other problems.

The action was taken after County Agent James P. Brown reported that between 1,200 and 1,500 farm workers would be needed in the county this summer and prospects of migratory farm labor was poor.

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NOTICE

All stores selling shoes in Kent County are requested to notify the Ration Board, in Chestertown, by mail or by calling at the office as soon as possible.

With The U. S. Forces

Mr. and Mrs. Orville O. Wright, Jr., as they left the altar in Trinity Church, Elkton after their marriage last Saturday. (See details in Social Wanderer on page 5.)

Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Gehrman, of Chestertown received word this week that their son, Paul Gehrman, a marine had died of malaria somewhere in the Pacific. Mr. and Mrs. Gehrman have two other sons in the service, George Oliver Gehrman is with the Army in Texas and Charles G. Gehrman is with the Army in Missouri. Another brother, Harry lives in Baltimore.

Lieut. Norton Bonnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Bonnett, is a guest of his parents, on a 10 day furlough. Lieut. Bonnett was just graduated form O. C. S. at Camp Lee, Va., where he will return, following his furlough for specialized medical training. He will be accompanied by his wife, who will reside near Camp Lee.

Ensign Thomas Moyer, U. S. N., stationed in New York came on Thursday, for a week's visit with his wife and young son.

Henry Norman Grieb, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Grieb is in the Army Air Force training for a Flying Cadet at Miami Beach, Florida.

Judson T. Williams, stationed at Dale Marbury Field, Talahassee, Fla., is a guest of his mother, Mrs. Geraldine Williams, on a 10 day furlough. He will leave Chestertown on Tuesday.

Mrs. Harry T. Hoyle of Fairlee has received notice that Paul Berge, a nephew of her late husband, was recently killed in an airplane crash. He was the son of Edward Berge, noted Baltimore sculptor.

Corporal John "Toots" Hadaway is home on a week's furlough. Corporal Hadaway is stationed at Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

Vernon Watts has returned to the county, having been honorably discharged from the Army on account of his age.

Rayfield Copper was also released on account of his age and both will take positions in Defense plants.

Chief Flight Engineer James Massey of the Atlantic Division of Pan American Airways, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Massey, on a leave-of-absence until the end of March.

Robert Shallcross, seaman 1st class stationed at Norfolk, Va., spent last week-end at Rock Hall, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Shallcross.

Melvin (Pat) Leonard, U. S. Navy, is home, visiting his wife and family. Pat has had various sea trips, and recently in Casablanca, North Africa met another Kent Countian (Reds) Smith of Betterton, Md.

Crumpton Widow, 71, Sets Non-Absent Record

In this day of so much discussion of absenteeism, Mrs. Carrie Ware Story, 71-year-old-resident of Crumpton, is believed to hold a record for constant service at The Kent Defense Plant.

Mrs. Story, widow of former Police Sergeant Arthur Story of Baltimore entered the service of the local plant to do her bit for the war effort, when the plant began operation a year or more ago. During this time she has missed only one day from her duties, and that was when she missed the bus which takes operators from Crumpton section to the plant daily.

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Easton Citizens Want State Hospital There

The City Council at Easton last week adopted a resolution requesting the erection, or establishment, of one of the state's two proposed chronic disease hospitals, in Talbot county.

Pointing out that Dorchester County has a state hospital; Wicomico a state normal school, and Kent county, a college, "and because of the central location of Talbot County, is is the consensus of opinion of the people of Talbot county that this chronic hospital should be located in Talbot County."

A copy of the resolution was sent to the governor, the state senator for Talbot, and to each of the members of the House of Delegates.

Destroying The Work Of Pioneers

The following communication was received this week from Mr. Isaac Wieder of New York City, formerly of Pondtown:

Dear Sirs:

Several years ago I read an article in your paper about the boys from the Eastern Shore who actually built up New York City.

One of your boys tried to wreck it today.

A truck owned by Tanner's Transfer and Storage Co., Richmond, Va., crashed into the building on the corner of Walker Street and B'way this afternoon at 3:30 p. m. Luckily for us he hit a steel post. No one was hur.t

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Concern Formed To Bring Fuel Oil To Eastern Shore

Organization of the Salisbury Transportation Company to bring fuel oil and gasoline to the Eastern Shore, was anfinounced here last week by W. I. Donohoe, president and resident manager of the new firm. Other officers of the company are H. D. Peters, secretary and treasurer, and Capt. Q. D. Ainsley, Baltimore, transportation manager.

The Salisbury terminal will be the Eastern Shore Oil Company property on Lake Street. Donohoe is also president of that company.

Donohoe said a 230,000 tank barge has been put into bay service to transport oil to various Eastern Shore ports. Operations extend from Chesapeake and Delaware Canal to Cape Charles, Va., and Salisbury.

ROTARY GIVES SERVICE BANNER TO COMMUNITY

Through the efforts of the Chestertown Rotary Club, Kent County now has a "Service Banner," to honor her men and women in the armed forces. of our country. The banner was very appropriately dedicated last Monday afternoon as 37 Selectees prepared to leave for their military training.

Mayor Phillip G. Wilmer presided and introduced the Rev. Charles L. Atwater who delivered a stirring and patriotic address to the selectees and spectators. Other speakers included Herbert A. Urie, cashier of the Rock Hall Bank and Judge Clarence M. Melvin, trial magistrate of Kent County. Robert J. Nicholson presented the banner to the community, which was accepted on behalf of the citizens by Mayor Philip G. Wilmer of Chestertown.

The Chestertown Volunteer Firemen's Band furnished music for the occasion under the leadership of Julian Coleman. Following the exercises the band escorted the 37 new selectees to the railroad station where more speeches were made and each man received a farewell gift from the Rotary Club.

The huge banner was hung across High Street from in front of Fox's Store to the edge of the town park. The flag has a white center bordered by a wide red band on the edge. The center of the flag is decorated by a large blue star with the numerals 714 also in blue at the bottom. This number denotes the Kent Countians now in service and will be changed from time to time as more men leave for service.

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SUPERINTENDANT OF NURSES AT MIAMI HOSPITAL

Mrs. James T. Anthony, the former Miss Dorothy Vickers, of Chestertown, has been appointed Supervisor of Nurses and Instructor in Nursing by the Board of Jackson Memorial Hospitl at Miamia, Florida.

Mrs. Anthony is a graduate of Baldwin School of Bryn Mawr, a Smith College student with Bachelor of Science Degree and R. N. from Vanderbilt University.

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DEATHS DURING THE WEEK

Mrs. Martha Usilton Bowers

Mrs. Martha Usilton Bowers, age 53, died early Tuesday at the Kent and Queen Annes Hospital, after a lingering illness. Besides her husband C. Hildren Bowers, the deceased leaves two children, Ellsworth Howard and Robert Hildren Bowers. She is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Alice R. Usilton and one sister, Mrs. Charles Coleman, also two brothers, Robert T. and Walter H. Usilton.

Mrs. Bowers was a citizen of Kent County and a member of the Emanuel P. E. Church Choir. She was an employee of the local defense plant up until the time she was taken ill.

Funeral services will be held from the Emmanuel P.E. Church today, Friday, at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Charles L. Atwater officiating. The bearers will be Charles Coleman, Vickers Bowers, William H. Thompson, George Hudson, Lester Bowers, and Elwood R. Usilton.

Interment will be made in Chester Cemetery with Marvin V. Williams in charge of burial arrangements.

Wallace Kilbourne

Relatives and friends here were notified on Saturday of the death of Wallace Kilbourne, a native of Kent county, which occured at his home in Muskegee, Okla., last Thursday.

The deceased who was a son of John V. Kilbourne, for many years a prominent merchant of Rock Hall, and the late Mrs. Kate M. Kilbourne, was born and reared in this county. For a number of years he had been successfully engaged in the candy business in Muskegee, but retired several years ago because of failing health. He is survived by his widow, who was a Miss Riley of Birmingham, Ala., and three sons. Mrs. T. Barclay Kilbourne of Chestertown is an aunt-in-law. Funeral services took place in Muskegee on Saturday.

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NOTICE

On page 4 of this issue is the point ration chart for meats. Cut this out and put in your kitchen for assistance in making up your shopping list.

ARMY PLANES CRASH NEAR ROCK HALL; 1 PILOT IS KILLED

Governor Plans Elimination Of All Almshouses In Maryland

Hailing the passage by both Houses of the General Assembly of the Bill to provide for chronic disease hospitals as a major accomplishment, Governor O'Conor indicated today that immediate plan will be made for the elimination of almshouses in the State. The measure, Senate Bill 92, introduced as an administration bill, passed finally and promptly received the Governor's signature.

"Since 1939 the administration has been wholeheartedly in favor of the construction of these hospitals, believing that this will be a forward step in the treatment of the chronically sick and infirm. As long ago as November 22, 1940, the Commission which I appointed submitted a comprehensive report, pointing out the necessity for the replacement of the present almshouses of the State.

"While in fairness to some of the institutions it must be said that they have been satisfactorily conducted, others have been described as unworthy to care for the old persons who were entrusted to their care. From time to time serious criticism has bee nleveled at the institutions, but until recently, nothing definite has been leveled at the institutions, but and plumbing and sanitary facilities have been reported as below decent standards. The patients, in innumerable instances, have not had proper food or medical care.

"Due to war conditions the proposals which were pending in the General Assembly of 1941 were held in abeyance but, after the session, I revived the plan and have since given it every encouragement. It has been clear to us that many of the people who have been patients of the almshouses are not necessarily unemployable and may not be incurable cases. On the contrary, it has been believed that a great number could be restored to usefulness in the communities if they were given the proper kind of medical and nursing attention. The almshouses, however, have not been able to do this and as a result these people have been definite charges upon the communities.

"In the present bill, the State Board of Health is authorized to establish two institutions for the needy. One of these will be located on the Eastern Shore and one on the Western Shore. It is planned that, in each of the institutions, two sections will be erected, one as a chronic hospital and the other as an infirmary. We intend to make proper provision for both the white and the colored. I plan also to follow with the additional erection of a section for the treatment of chronic diseases of children, which has been a crying need in this State for many, many years."

The Governor indicated that the immediate plans will include the preparation of specifications and blueprints for the chronic disease hospitals by the Commission on Post-War Reconstruction and Developement, under the proposal decided upon recently by the administration. It is expected that detailed plans will be made for the erection of the hospitals and, although War Production Board regulations will not make it possible for the erection at the present time, the funds will be earmarked and the plans completed so that the work can proceed at the earliest time. In the meantime, Governor O'Conor has indicated that consideration will be given for the location of proper sites for the chronic hospitals.

SPOTTER POST NOTIFIES ARMY BY 'RED FLASH'

Crouch's oyster wharf in Piney Neck, near Rock Hall was the scene of a very tragic and fatal airplane crash, Wednesday afternoon when two U. S. Army pursuit planes from the Baltimore Air Base crashed into each other and fell.

Apparently the planes were out on maneuvers and were practicing "dog fighting" when the plane in the lead, piloted by Lt. Roy Reighard of Altoona, Pa., made a sudden turn upward, with the other plane, piloted by Lt. James Bowen coming in and striking him and cutting the tail of Reighard's plane off.

Reighard's plane plunged into the water near the wharf, where Buddy Coleman, Edward Elburn and Goldie Elburn, seine haulers rushed to the plane in their boat, to find Reighard dead with his parachute entangled in the plane. Both of the pilot's legs were severed and it is thought he died instantly.

Lieut. James Bowen was fortunate enough to jump from his plane and parachuted to the water where he was picked up by Robert Creighton and his son, Robert Jr., Rock Hall oystermen. Bowen's plane continued on for about two miles and crashed into a woods on the "Napely Green" farm where it exploded and burned.

Creighton and his son carried the uninjured pilot, Bowen, to the airplane Spotter's Post near there, where Mrs. Cecil Crouch, acting Chief Observer, then carried him to her home and summoned Dr. Burgard of Rock Hall who examined him, but could not find anything seriously wrong.

Mr. Robert Lewis who was on duty at the Spotter Post saw the accident and sent in the Red Flash signal to the First Fighter Command in Philadelphia. This is the first time this Post has ever used the Red Signal as it is used only for emergencies. The Philadelphia Filter Center upon receipt of the message immediately phoned the Kent County Sheriffs' office, where Deputy Sheriff Walter E. Kulley, Jr., was on duty. They instructed Deputy Kulley to call the State Police and go to the scene and give any necessary assistance and to take charge until army officials could arrive there. Deputy Kulley and State Trooper Channell went to the scene and upon arriving found the dead pilot and called the Medical Examiner Dr. Frank B. Hines who made an examination and removed the body to the shore.

Trooper Channell notified the Easton Police Station, who sent additional Troopers to the scene to guard the planes until Army officials and men from the Dover, Del., Air Base arrived and took over. Several hours later Captain William Ellis, operations officer of the Baltimore Base arrived by plane to Rock Hall and took charge. Reighard's body was placed aboard a boat summoned to Rock Hall by Capt. Ellis, and carried back to the base.

Army personell will be sent to the accident to raise Reighard's plane from the water and salvage any parts not damaged. The other plane is a total loss as parts of it are scattered over the country for miles around.

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Bridge Guard Is Sentenced To 10 Years

On Wednesday afternoon, Stephen D. Holley, 18, of Port Deposit, was sentenced by Judge Constable to 10 years in the Maryland Penitentiary for the shooting of Mrs. Henry A. Neisen of Lancaster, Pa., a passing notorist at the Conowingo Dam bridge where Holloy was employed as a guard by the State of Maryland. The case was heard before Judges J. Owen Knotts and Albert Constable. Former Judge James F. Evans was counsel for Holloy.

Mrs. Neisen was en route to her home in Lancaster after taking her husband, a sergeant in the army, to his post at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. She was stopped at the bridge by Holloy who asked to see her cards and then was ordered to drive with him a short distance up route 223. When she refused, Holloy whipped out a pistol. Mrs. Neisen hailed a passing motorist and as she did so, having jumped from her car, Holloy fired, the bullet striking her in the chest and inflicting a flesh wound.

COOPERATIVE QUICK FREEZE PLANT HERE

According to an announcement this week, Mr. C. D. Hicks has installed a cooperative quick freezing and storing plant at his home at Goose Hill. and the plant will be in operation by March 29th.

The unit was installed by Mr. Gearge Baldwin and is the first cooperative unit of this type in the county. Such units as these are expected to come into prominence during the meat rationing period.

It is understood that the cooperative plant at the C. D. Hick's home has several spaces available.

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90-Foot Wharf Permit Sought At Rock Hall

Col. Conrad P. Hardy, of the Baltimore District Corps of Engineers, has notified watermen of the lower section of Kent county that Albert H. Ivens of Baltimore has made application to the War Department for a permit to construct a timber wharf in Rock Hall harbor.

Plans submitted to the War Department indicate that the proposed wharf will extend a total distance of 90 feet channelward of an existing bulkhead on the east side of the harbor. Persons desiring to protest the erection of the wharf because of interference with navigation were required to file his protest with the Baltimore office not later than yesterday.

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Dover Official Gives Up Post In Recount

Kent county Delaware had a change of public officials on Tuesday when Frank P. Walker, Republican, succeeded Elijah S. Hughes, Democrat as County Comptroller. The change was made necessary as a result of court action on the results of the 1940 electin.,

Before taking office Mr. Walker, who resides near Harrington, presented his bond to resident Judge Charles L. Terry, Jr., who approved the bond and administered the oath of office. Mr. Walker spent some time on Tuesday conferring with Mr. Hughes, who expects to return to his home at Felton.

A recount of the vote for county comptroller at the November, 1940 election, with the ballots cast by Delaware soldiers while encamped at Camp Upton, Long Island, excluded from the count last Thursday, gave Mr. Walker a majority of 17 over Mr. Hughes.

TURNER HOUSE ON FRONT STREET HAS BEEN SOLD

Mr. and Mrs. William Nicholson completed the purchase on Wednesday of this week of the Turner home on Front street, formerly the Aldridge home. This house which was occupied until recently by Mrs. Sydney Turner, Jr., will be renovated with interior and exterior painting and other repairs. Mrs. Nicholson with her two sons will move to their ne whome in the late Spring.

Mr. Nicholson, who will leave this week-end for Chicago to join the Chicago Cubs, for training will be unable to reside in his new home until the fall.

The price was private.

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Awarded Wings In England

Betty Lussier, 21 year old daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs. E. J. Lussier, of Huntington Farm, Rock Hall, has been awarded her "Gold Wings" as a ferr ypilot for the British Air Transport Auxiliary, being the rst Maryland girl to win such distinction. This honor came as a result of a four month training course at an air drome somewhere in England.

Betty is well known in this state as an expert swimmer and holder of numerous South Atlantic championships.

Her father, who won the Distinguished Flying Cross in the Royal Flying Corps in the other World War and took up his commission when the present war began, now is an officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Her sister Nita, 19, now in the Canadian WAAFs, holds the backstroke crown. A third sister, Mrs. Albert Strong, 22, is in service with the WAVES. Their mother runs the family's 500-acre dairy farm while a fourth daughter, Susanna, will have her turn later. She is now 4 years old.

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