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BRYANT SEES INDUCTION OF WAR WORKERS

Plans to wipe out the dependency classes of draft registrants include establishment of a special 3-A class to be made up of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers and men whose departure from the home would make their families a public charge, it was learned Wednesday. Reclassification of all other men in 3-A, 3-B and 3-C will be ordered about April 15, according to authoritative sources.

Occupational deferments may be holding a large number of men of military age out of the armed services at present, but this will be no lasting situation in Maryland, Comdr. H. C. Bryant, assistant Selective Service director for the State, said Wednesday.

Commander Bryant said the draft eligibles who have been deferred for occupational reasons by request of their war plant employers are being taken into the armed services on a regular percentage schedule running at an orderly rate each month.

He said, "We have only one way of looking at this problem of induction. We believe that every man of military age, whether he is married or not, provided he has no children, will be given an opportunity to serve in the armed forces, unless he is a highly technically skilled man in industry and not replaceable.

"We don't know that we will get all of the physically fit by May, June, July or any other special date, but we will get them.

"I believe the only men who can consider themselves outside the reach of Selective Service will be married men with children in the thirty-eight to forty-five class, provided they have war-essential jobs.

"As to the occupational deferment of single men, we are eliminating them as rapidly as possible. Each time a man is occupationally deferred, his employer must file with us a replacement schedule stating how many months, days or weeks it will take to replace this man.

"We do not consider it is up to the Selective Service to see that this man is replaced, and when his job is up we draft, we call him up.

"It is our feeling that it is up to the employer and the U. S. Employment Service to attend to the replacement, and in each case we are adhering rigidly to these replacement schedules.

"This system is rapidly eliminating the single man who is occupationally deferred in Maryland war plants. The largest number of them is in Baltimore County Board No. 5, which covers the Dundalk-Essex district, where the Martin aircraft plant and the Bethlehem Steel works are located.

"However, this board alone provided approximately 1,000 men for the armed services last month and undoubtedly some of these were occupationally deferred men."

Commander Bryant revealed that many of the draft boards have different rates at which they induct those upon their rolls.

He explained this by the fact that different conditions exist in the various draft board localities. He also said:

"Some of these boards will work rapidly and get ahead of other boards and some will lag behind. But it is our task to equalize this as far as possible, and to this end we receive weekly reports from each board giving their status in detail.

"When we get those reports, if we find a draft board lagging behind we tell the board members to speed up and make an investigation to help them get more men during the succeeding week or so.

"The original idea was to have a draft board for every 60,000 population, but on account of changes in industrial background and residential developments some of our boards are much bigger than that, and some much lower. That is why some residents of the State may feel that they are getting a little different treatment at times from one board than they would from another, but we try to even it up."

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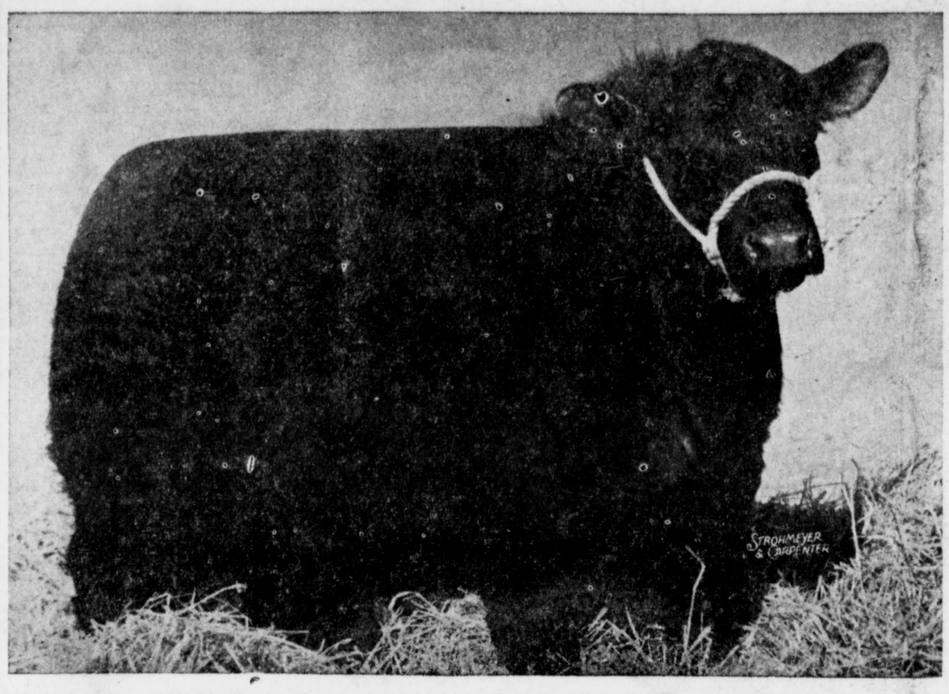
Marriage Signs In Elkton Come Down

Clergymen of Elkton, onetime Gretna Green of Maryland, will now have to take down their outdoor signs which advertise marriage ceremonies, performed by them. These signs have been placed at various roads leading into Elkton and have been justly critized by the citizens of the town, for quite sometime.

The Maryland General Assembly has just passed a bill which outlaws all such advertising throughout the State. The penalty for violation of the law is $100 fine for the first offense, with fines up to $500 and a jail term of 90 days to a year for continued violations.

Record Price Paid For Aberdeen Angus Bull Sold To Mr. A. R. Allen



A transaction of National interest took place last week in Kent County in the purchase of the Aberdeen Angus bull, "Andelot Queen's Escort" by Mr. A. R. Allen of Betterton from Andelot Stock Farms of Worton. While the purchase price was not announced it is understood that this is the highest price ever recorded for an Aberdeen Angus bull in Maryland.

Mr. Allen, owner of Fair Promise Farm, near Betterton, started two years ago with twenty females and a bull, all purchased from Andelot Stock Farms. A year ago he added ten more females. Keeping all his heifer calves he was in need of a Junior herd sire and determined to secure the best young bull available.

Andelot Queen's Escort is just thirteen months old and is rated by experts as one of the best young Aberdeen Angus bulls in America. He is sired by Andelot's famous champion bull Andelot Edictor. W. A. McGregor Manager of Andelot Stock Farms, made the statement that Andelot Quuen's Escort was the best bull they had ever produced and it was a great satisfaction to know that it would stay right here in Kent County.

The Aberdeen Angus breed of beef cattle have become very popular on the Eastern Shore where there are now well over three thousand head. Ten years ago there was less than one hundred. A rough count of the Aberdeen Angus in Kent County alone numbers over two thousand.

FIRE APPARATUS TO BE MOVED IN EMERGENCIES

It was made clear today by officials of the Maryland Council of Defense that provisions in the newly-enacted Civilian Defense Bill regarding transfer of fire-fighting equipment and apparatus from one town or locality to another were to cover instances of "dire emergency" only. There is no intention at all on the part of Civilian Defense Officials to invoke these powers against local fire companies except where catastrophe strikes, they declared emphatically.

The Civilian Defense Bill, which was passed by both Houses of the Legislature after extended consideration, is now awaiting the signature of Governor O'Conor to make it a law. In addition to the provision regarding transfer of fire-fighting equipment, the Bill gives legal sanction to the necessary regulations of the Civilian Defense Administration as well as enforcement powers in all localities of the State, in most of which heretofore such enforcement powers were lacking.

Fears voiced by members of the Volunteer Fire Companies throughout the State regarding possible use of their equipment in other localities are absolutely groundless, Defense Council officials pointed out. Instead of being a threat to local protective measures, they declared, this provision in the Bill is a guarantee of safety for any locality which might be unfortunate enough to be visited by hostile attack or serious conflagrations of any nature.

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PUBLIC MEETING SATURDAY ON 'WORK OR FIGHT'

The Maryland Legislature recently passed a "Work or Fight" bill which was signed by Gov. Herbert O'Conor last Thursday night and immediately became effective. This bill is very important to Kent County, and States Attorney, Harrison W. Vickers has scheduled a public meeting to be held at the Court House this Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m.

Mr. Vickers urges all farmers and laborers to attend this meeting so that they may understand the new law, which he hopes will relieve the manpower shortage on the farms throughout the county.

The new bill is an act making it a misdemeanor for anyone between the ages of 16 and 60 not to be regularly employed, if they are not in military service and are prysically able to work. The bill will be strictly enforced in the county and violation of the act calls for a fine of $500 or 6 months in prison or both.

Senator Arthur H. Brice Resigns As Head Of Assembly

CLARENCE NEWSOME SLATED FOR SENATE APPOINTMENT

It has been reliably rumored this week that Mr. Clarence Newsome, of Betterton, is slated for appointment as Senator from Kent County to fill the vancancy caused when Senator Brice's resignation becomes effective whether or not Mr. Newsome will accept the appointment was not announced. Much of the present uncertainty depends upon the Governor's appointment and the vancancy in the Governorship.

Arthur H. Brice, Senator from Kent County and President of the Maryland Senate for the past three sessions, has tended his resignation to accept a six-year term appointment on the Maryland Public Service Commission, said resignation to take effect as soon as work in connection with the legislative session is completed. Prior to his re-election last fall Senator Brice had served on the Public Service Commission. At that time he could occupy both positions as long as the Legislature was not in session due to the perdiem regulation then in effect. Under the new pay policy members of the Legislature voted approval last November. Members of the House and Senate receive an annual salary which means that Senator Brice could not hold both positions.

At the close of the Senate session, members of that body gathered around the Senate President and urged that he reconsider his resignation.

His leadership in the Senate has made possible the cooperation that is needed to properly handle the State's affairs. In speaking of his resignation the Baltimore News-Post Says:

"During his legislative service, the Kent county Senator has been regarded by all as not only the pilot of the Senate but as the balance wheel of the General Assembly, and as the co-ordinator of the legislative and executive branches of the State Govenment.

Much of what the Legislature accomplished and avoidance of errors are attributed to the leadership of Arthur Brice.

Closing hours of the legislature session were saddened when it became known that the president of the Senate was making his adieu, and he received from his colleagues many expressions of their affection and esteem.

He returns no more to Annapolis, at least in a legislative capacity, although he may be seen again in another and even more imporatnt office in the State House."

May Be Called As Governor

The last paragraph of the above quotation alludes to a persistant rumor that Governor Herbert R. O'Conor is to receive an appointment as a Federal Judge and that Senator Brice would be called upon to fill the vacancy. Senator Brice has expressed himself as not aspiring to the office, but his friends feel that he will accept it if he should be called upon to fill the vacancy. While the appointment of Governor O'Conor to Judgeship is still a rumor it is becoming more persistant and some of the Governor's friends state that it is almost a certainty; in fact it was stated that the Governor referred to it himself within the past two weeks and also to the possibility of Senator Brice filing the vacancy.

2ND WAR BOND SALE TO START HERE APRIL 12

The government of the United States is asking its people to lend it $13,000,000,000 within the next few weeks. The drive will get underway next Monday, April 12th and all Kent Countians are expected to help in the drive.

In this, our toughest war, we've made a good start. We have trained a lot of men, made a lot of weapons, and built a lot of ships, but it is only a start. No man or woman among us would contend for a single instant that we are doing enough now to win the war.

Charles F. Wheatley, chairman of the Kent War Bond Sales Committee announces that Kent County has always gone "over the top" in purchasing War Bonds in the past and, anyone who has never bought bonds are urged to start now and those who have bought in the past to buy more, so we may again fill our quota.

We've got to help pay our increased fighting and building and match as best we can the sacrifice of those Americans toiling and sweating on the many battlefronts. The blunt fact, is to keep our war machine going we have got to dig up 13 billion extra dollars this month and Mr. Wheatley says Kent County must help in this gigantic task. He urges everyone to go to his bank or postoffice and start buying NOW. For your Country's sake and for your own sake, invest all you can.

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Indications throughout the county point to a decided boom in the repairing and remodeling of farm buildings during the year, provided the materials for making the improvements will be placed at the disposal of the contracting firms by the federal government.

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Miss Lelia N. Ware, retired principal of the Galena High School, is a patient in the Kent General Hospital in Dover for special treatment for heart ailment.

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The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company had two calls this week. The first was a field fire on the Skipper Point Farm and the second was a bad chimney fire at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burris, in Quaker Neck.

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Mrs. Harry P. Kelley, of Massey, whose husband died recently, has disposed of a part of her household goods and will make her home in Delaware shortly.

HARNESS RACING GOING FORWARD AT LOCAL TRACK

The Kent and Queen Anne's Racing Association is preparing to unite with other associations in the effort to make the Peninsula harness racing season the most successful in history. George Sutton, veteran trainer at Radcliffe Park here, has gotten the track in shape for jogging the large string of trotters and pacers which have been in winter quarters. Lumber for building an additional barn to house other racers has been received.

Trainer Sutton has approximately 10 horses in his stable, including Hal Trim, a 3-year-old pacer with a mark of 2.05¼, Miss Keen, a green pacer with plenty of speed, both of which belong to Harry Nicols. Also Bobby Flash, a 2.10 trotter belonging to Robert A. Shallcross, with Cince Wollen, a free-for-all pacer belonging to Lewis Everett of Millington; Marydel, a speedy colt owned by George Benton Stevensville, and Atlanta, owned by Willis and Lusby of Kennedyville, expected shortly.

Hadaway Brothers have Douglas McArthur, a 2-year-old by His Majesty, Gloria Direct, a 4-year-old also by His Majesty, and Lassie Lee, a 2-year-old by Cliff Lee, also Cliff Lee, 2.06 pacer belonging to Raymond East and Rean Aubrey, belonging to Emory V. Hogans of Rock Hall. William Cole will shortly quarter his veteran pacer, Red Arrow, at the park.

Sutton is planning to have the new stables completed and the track in prime racing condition for the opening of the matinee season here on Memorial Day. A number of horsemen of the county are planning to go to Dover on Tuesday, April 13, to attend the sale of trotting horses, which may result in bringing several to Radcliffe Park.

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39 Washington Students Take Test

Dean Frederick G. Livingood, of the Washington College faculty, civilian war representative of the United States Army and Navy, reports that a total of 39 students at the College took the Navy V-12 and the Army A-12 tests at the college last Friday. Those of the group who successfully pass the tests will be among the selectees who will be sent to approved colleges and universities in the country for special training for officers' commissions.

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County Red Cross Funds Grow

Total Red Cross figures, to date, Thursday amounted to the splendid sum of $6,941.09. This shows an excellent response from Kent County We have gone over the top-the quota to the call for the all out effort to meet the needs of this worthy cause. having been set at $6,400.

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Activities Of Local State Guard Unit

The Chestertown State Guard unit will join with the Centreville unit next Tuesday evening for a demonstration of the use of the gas mask. The demonstration will be at Centreville and will be given by Army instructors.

Four weeks from Tuesday the Chestertown unit will be instructed in Commando tactics.

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A recent bill passed in the Legislature will give an increase to all County Clerks of the Court and registers of Wills in the State. The increase will be based on the voting population of the counties. Kent's two posts will be set at $3,500 a year.

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Among the appointments to come up within the next months is a member of the Kent County School Board. The vacancy will be caused by the expiration of the term of Mr. Herbert Urie, of Rock Hall.

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"Yankee Doodle" minstrel show presented by the Rock Hall Fire Co., several weeks ago for the benefit of that organization made such a hit in that section it will be given a repeat performance in the Chestertown Firemen's Hall next Wednesday.

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The Chestertown Barbers Association is following the trend of increasing living costs. The price of a hair cut has been raised from 35 to 50 cents, while the price of a shave has been increased from 15 to 25 cents, with a corresponding increase in prices for shampoos, massages and other treatments.

Jap Submarine To Visit Here

Charles F. Wheatley, chairman of the Kent County War Bond Sales Campagin announced yesterday that Walter N. Ruth, State administrator of the War Savings Campagin called him and assured him that the two-man Japanese submarine would visit Chestertown Sunday morning.

The Jap U-boat captured at Pearl Harbor has been on a National tour to help sell War Bonds and Stamps and has attracted wide attention where ever it has appeared.

Mr. Wheatley has arranged with the State Police to meet the ship at the College between 9:30 and 10 o'clock, where it will then be escorted to Park Row and displayed for a short while.

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WITH U. S. FORCES

Billy Smith, former basket-ball star at Washington College has completed his courses at the Physical Instructor's School at the Norfolk Naval Training Station and has been assigned to the Hampton Institute as a Chief specialist.

Mrs. Ruth Lucht of this county has received word from her son, Rudlopr Lucht, Second Class Seaman in the United States Navy, that his ship was recently torpedoed somewhere in the Atlantic, and is now in dry dock at Newport News, Va., for repairs to a large hole torn in her side. The young seaman, who had not visited his mother since last July, expected to visit his mother last week but his 72-hour furlough was cut to 48-hours, which gave him time only for a short visit with relatives in Baltimore. He has been on convoy duty in the Atlantic, and reported that he had sustained no injury by the torpedoing of his ship, and that he is well and happy.

Mrs. Margaret E. Casteel, mother of Lieut. Carroll W. Casteel, reported missing in action in the southwest Pacific last August, has a letter from Vern Haugland, Associated Press War correspondent, giving details of Casteel's last flight.

Casteel, Haugland and all other members of a bomber crew were forced to bail out from their plane in a storm over New Guinea. Haugland was lost in the jungle for weeks before natives found him delirious from fever and helped him to an Army post All but two of the crew members managed to get back to their base Casteel and the co-pilot. Lieutenant Michael, failed to return.

Casteel was former managing editor of the Dorchester News, Hurlock, Md. He was the first Washington College man in the present World War.

Katherine L. Strong, of Chestertown, Md., has been commissioned a Third Officer in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

She was selected for Officer training on the basis of her ability and record of work as an Auxiliary in the WAAC. Third Officer in the WAAC equivelent of Second Lieutenant.

She will be assigned to an executive position in the WAAC Corps immediately taking over a non-combatant Army job releasing a soldier for combat duty, or participating in the expanded WACC training program which eventually will replace a full field Army with trained womanpower in behind-the-lines Army jobs.

Rumsey Anthony, Jr., and Harry C. Coleman, Jr., have been promoted to the rank of Lieut. (j. g.) in the U. S. Navy. They are both "somewhere in the Pacific."

Pvt. Horace Needles, Jr. of Camp Beales, Calif. is a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Needles, on a furlough.

Tech. Corp. Stephen Hickman, is home from Fort Bragg, N. C. He is a member of the Parachute Troops, having won his Wings sometime ago.

Pfc John A. Legg, U. S. A. stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla., is a guest of his mother, Mrs. E. V. L. Walbert, in Quaker Neck.

Lieut. Nina V. Brice, American Nurse Corps, is in a New York Hospital suffering from tropical fever Lieut. Brice, daughted of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brice, has been stationed in North Africa.

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The Fourth Quarterly Conference of Worton Methodist Church will be held in Fairlee Church on Wednesday April 21st, at 8 P. M. Dr. Cummings District Superintendent hopes for a good attendance.

MEMBER DRIVE BY CHESTERTOWN FIRE COMPANY

The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company is making a drive, by sending out circular letters to citizens of the community, for inactive members in the Fire Company. A membership has dues of $3.00 annually and has to be approved by a committee of the company.

Several years ago the Company used to hold an annual Carnival in the town square to help raise necessary expenses. There was some objection to it, so it was decided to abandon this method of securing funds and make a drive for enough members to raise the income to an amount sufficient to cover expenses, over and above the sums given by the Town Council and County Commissioners. As a result of this drive they had contributing membership list of about 200, and the Carnival was no longer needed.

At present, due to war conditions the membership has dropped and instead of going after donations, they are going after members.

It has been suggested that the Company make a drive each year for contributions. But while they accept with thanks any such gifts, they would prefer to secure members, feeling that they have something to give as well as to receive.

An Associate member is entitled to a full say in the company, which includes the privilege of voting and holding office, even that of President, power to advise, initiate legislation, select the Chief, and help direct the policies and work of the Company. They are privileged, but not required to attend all meetings. The Company Club and Game room is open to them.

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Kennedyville Cannery Fears Labor Shortage

While owners of sugar corn canneries at Kennedyville and Massey are making preparations for the approaching packing season, it is feared that the acute labor shortage may curtail the seasons' output.

The Kennedyville cannery is contracting with farmers in the upper section of the county for growing 1,000 acres in sugar corn for which they are offering $16 per ton for both the shoepeg and golden bantam varieties., the growers to pick and haul the crop to the cannery.

It is also said that the packers are contracting for growing peas at $90 per ton.

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LOCAL AAA OFFICE TO MOVE TO GILL BLDG.

The Federal Agricultural Agency, which for the past ten years has been housed at the office of County Agent, J. D. McVean, will set up its own office this month and it is understood that the new quarters will be the second floor of the Gill Bros. building which is over their restaurant and ice cream parlor. The Extension Service office will continue to cooperate with the AAA, particularly in educational work.

It is understood that the only direct connection between the AAA and the Kent County War Board is the fact that Mr. Edgar Lusby, chairman of the county AAA committee is also chairman of the Kent County War Board.

Several years ago, Mr. J. D. McVean, County Agent, succeds i coordinating the various agencies which were being set up, into a central location, and put them on a weekly basis. Since that time the A A A has grown to such proportions that the local committee feels that it has out grown its present set-up and now needs separate offices and a separate staff of employees. This is indepenant of the extension work except in a matter of cooperation.

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All Food Stores Must Register

All retailers selling processed foods must register at Ration Board by April 10.

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The Board of County Commissioners reported during the past week the sale of "Green Branch" farm of 100 acres, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clothier, near Rock Hall, to John A. Jacquette and wife, of near Rock Hall.

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