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OFFICERS ARREST 7 FOR ILLEGAL SALE OF LIQUOR

Acting on instructions from the office of States Attorney Harrison W. Vickers, Sheriff W. Henry Gsell and Deputy Water E. Kulley arrested seven Kent County negros for illegal sale of whiskey, Wednesday night. Mr. Vickers stated that numerous complaints had been received at his office of the bootlegging and many of the citizens claimed that much of the drunkedness and disorderly conduct here on Sundays was caused by the illegal sales.

Those apprehended were, Jacob Pryor, Wallace Cann, Lumhardt Cann, Clara Cann, Leonard Houston and William Smith all of Chestertown and Pete Harris of near Millington.

The officers were able to make purchases from the accused and have samples of the liquor which will be used in the testimony brought before the Court. All of those arrested were released on bail of $500.00 each with the exception of Harris whose bail was set at $750.00.

Mr. Vickers said the cases would be tried in the April term of Court which convenes here Monday morning.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hadaway are the proud parents of a 8 lb. 5 oz. baby boy, born at the local Hospital last Tuesday, April 13th.

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DRAFT BOARDS TO RECLASSIFY 40,000 IN STATE

Col. Henry C. Stanwood, State Selective Service Director announced this week, Maryland draft registrants immediately would be reclassified under revised legislations from Washington.

Approximately 40,000 Maryland men will be reclassified, Stanwood estimated.

Local draft boards first will place all men now in Class 3-B into new classifications, selective-service officials said. Class 3-B has been eliminated by the new rules.

Whether the 3-B's are eligible for other deferred categories will be decided by the local boards. However, if a man in that classification has no children born before September 15, 1942, is not a necessary employe in an essential industry and is not engaged in agriculture, he wil bel classified in 1-A.

Local boards also will consider men for the new 3-D group, which includes men whose induction would result in extreme hardship to their dependents.

Draft officials said "extreme hardship" could be considered to exist only in cases where dependents were physically or mentally handicapped. They also said a man must be maintaining a bona fide family relationship with a dependent to be able to claim "extreme hardship."

Childless married men not classified as necessary in an essential industry or service are eligible for Class 1-A under the new system. Fathers are eligible for dependency deferment if they have a child or children born before last September 15.

Since employment in a war industry no longer is a basis for deferment, hundreds of 3-B men will be eligible for 1-A under the revised rules, draft officials said.

Occupational deferments now are granted only to "necessary" men in essential industries and services and to men employed in agriculture. To be "necessary" officials explained, a man must have accumulated special information and knowledge through long experience at his trade of profession, making his replacement difficult.

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ROTARY CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR

The Chestertown Rotary Club has elected the following officers to take office July 1st. President, Wilbur J. Stenger; Vice-Pres., Marvin V. Williams; Sec'y-Treas., A. Parks Rasin, Jr.; Sergeant-At-Arms, George Kellas. Board of Directors, Rollison Baxter, Walter L. Churchman, E. O. Hepding, W. J. Stenger, Herbert F. Ward and Marvin V. Williams.

At the district meeting in Baltimore this week, the local club won the Silver Cup Trophy for the largest percentage of increase in members. The Club now has 43 members and R. J. Nicholson is president. Several members attended the meeting in Baltimore.

Rock Hall Firemen Give Minstrel Show Here

The Rock Hall Fire Company staged a minstrel "Yankee Doodle" Wednesday evening in the Fire House at Chestertown for the benefit of the Fire Companies of the two towns. The minstrel was a great success and was well received. Those in the cast were; End men: Willard (Peaches) Ashley, Melvin Collier, Mrs. Blanche Hepbron, Mrs. Florence Kemp, Allan Urie, Harry Wagner, Mrs. Mary Davis, Mrs. Grace Kirby, Harry Carter, Harry Essenwein. In the circle, Leonard Stauffer, Stanley Grant, Lester Crouch, Thomas Legg, Miss Charymane Shriver, Miss Mary Anna Crouch, Eugene Taylor, Mrs. Jane DeFord, Clarence Edwards, Newton Downey, Jesse Downey, Cecil Crouch, interlocutor and Mrs. Clara Burgess, Stature of Liberty.

$15,865 ROBBERY CONFESSED BY FORMER BUTLER

After hours of questioning, a butler confessed to State police last Sunday that he robbed his former master's home, and told where he hid the loot.

Guiding the troopers to a spot behind the home, the butler said: "Dig there."

Working by flashlight the troopers dug a two-foot hole and found a metal box containing $15,865 in jewels, war bonds and cash.

The loot was stolen from the estate of Thomas Marsalis, at Queenstown, Qeen Anne county. Marsalis is president of the Queenstown Bank of Maryland and a New York broker.

Charged with the theft is Joseph Marshall, 40, who was Marsalis' butler for five years. He quit 16 months ago and has been employed in a sawmill.

According to State Police Lieutenant William H. Weber, Marshall also formerly worked as a butler for members of the duPont family, and John J. Raskob, former General Motors executive.

The robbery occured sometime between Monday, when Marsalis' wife went to New York and Thursday when she returned. Weber questioned all servants and cleared them.

Weber then sought former employees. Marshall was the only one living in the neighborhood. Weber said Marshall's knowledge of the estate enabled him to grab the box and slip away undetected.

The loot included a diamond and platinum watch, platinum bracelet, another watch, a brooch and several rings, with a total value of $15,000; a dozen $25 war bonds, and $575 in cash.

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Baracca News

Four of the leading members were absent from the monthly meeting of the Millington Men's Baracca Class which was held at the home of Mr. Edward Vansant on Tuesday, April 13th. They were: Claude Shrivery, Vice- President; Charles Anthony the former secretary; Paul Wallace, one of the most active members and James Rash, a new recruit. They have all been inducted into the U. S. Army and the loss to the class is the nation's gain. The class has provided each of these men with a khaki, pocket-size New Testament.

At their meeting the class liquidated the dues of these men for the duration. Mr. Edward Vansant was elected to the office of acting Vice-President to finish the term of Claude Shrivery.

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D. A. R. Meets

The April meeting of the Old Kent Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held at the home of Miss Ann Smith on Washington Avenue, Saturday, April 10th. Delegates to the Maryland State Convention in Baltimore gave most interesting reports.

Special Music For Good Friday

On Good Friday, April 23rd, at 8 p. m., the vested choir of Christ Methodist Church, under the direction of Mrs. Iola Hollinger Bucher, will render the beautiful cantata for mixed voices, "The First Easter." The text most appropriate and bringing the message of the Easter Season, is by Edith Tillotson and the inspiring music is by Ira Bishop Wilson. Miss Louise B. Russell, the organist of the Church, will be the accompanist. The soloists will be Mrs. Mildred Jacobs, Mrs. Rachel Jeffers, Mrs. Iola H. Bucher, Mr. C. Philip Sewell, Mr. Harry Hendrickson and Mr. Conlyn E. Noland. The public is cordially invited.

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Miss Clara O. Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Coleman of Chestertown, graduated yesterday, Thursday, April 15th from the Delaware Hospital School of nursing. The school is located in Wilmington at 14 th and Washington Sts. There were 39 graduates in the class.

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Lions Club Members To Buy War Bonds

Dr. W. P. Roberts, minister of Christ Methodist Church, addressed the Lions Club of Chestertown at their regular meeting Monday evening. Te meeting was also addressed by Mr. W. Robert Huey on the new War Bond Drive. King Lion Burton Vansant made the request that every Lion buy at least one bond and it was given approval by the members.

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Md. Brush Burner Is Fined $25; First Arrest Of Fire Season

Salisbury—George Williams of the Upper Ferry Section, charged with allowing a brush fire to escape to the property of another through carelessness, was fined $25 and costs in Peoples Court by Judge E. Sheldon Jones this week.

Robert Dennis, district forest warden testified that about 20 to 25 acres of woodland were burned. He said Williams started the fire during a high wind without taking precautions to prevent the spread of flames.

Dennis said it was the first arrest made by forest officials since the start of the wave of forest fires.

Forestry officials were called immediately after Williams' trial to a new forest fire a half mile northeast of the Green Hill forestry tower in Somerset County in which approximately 50 acres were burned over late Thursday afternoon.

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Officials of the American Legion Frank M. Jarman Post 36 announced this week that plans have been completed for their Spring Dance and Frolic to be held at the Chestertown Armory, Thursday, April 29. There will be three prizes given at the dance, one door prize and two "spot" dance prizes.

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Wesley Chapel Sunday School had a good attendance on Sunday. A special feature was a chorus by the Primary Department. Sermon by Rev. O. G. Brewer. Plans are being made for an Easter program.

WITH U. S. FORCES

Mr. and Mrs. Ringgold Jones of Rock Hall received a telegram Wednesday night from the government stating that their nephew, William B. Wilson had been located in an Italian prison camp in North Africa and is well. This is the first word received about him since it was announced that he was missing in action.

Mrs. William T. Miller of Chestertown received a telegram from the Navy Department stating that her son Francis Robert Miller, age 18 was missing in action in the performance of his duties.

Young Miller enlisted in the Merchant Marine Service last November and was expecting to be commissioned an Ensign in the very near future.

Word was recently received here from him stating that he expected to go to sea and it is presumed he was aboard one of our merchant ships sunk off the coast by Axis submarines.

Pfc. Julian Naudine Francis of Camp Phillips, Kansas recently spent a 12 day furlough visiting his wife and family in Rock Hall.

Corporal Calvin Crouch, now stationed in Kansas is spending a furlough with his mother and family in Piney Neck.

Warner Brockson, U. S. Navy was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Brockson of Quaker Neck.

Graduation exercises of the Fifth Navy Spring Course will be held at Edgewood Arsenal, Saturday, April 17.

Gas masks, protective clothing, decontamination, Chemical Warfare material, treatment of gas casualties, and Chemical Warfare tactics are some of the subjects studied by officers of the Navy and the Coast Guard attending the course.

Among the officers who will graduate is Ensign Milton I. Dorf.

Ensign Vincent Brant who is stationed at Jacksonvivlle, Fla., where he is instructor in "Aircraft Recognition" will have charge of a Plane Recognition Contest among the Air Students at this base the coming week. The Contest is titled "Planes of The Day".

Mrs. Vincent Brant and her son David expect to join the Ensign at an early date in Florida.

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Outstanding Citizen To Be Named Monday

A public meeting will be held Monday evening in the Chestertown Fire Hall at which time the "Outstanding Citizen for 1942" will be named and presented with a plaque by the Chestertown Business Men's Association. A program of interest is being arranged and Mr. C. N. Satterfield will be the principle speaker, according to Mr. Heck the Secretary-Treasurer. The public is urged to attend the meeting on Monday evening, April 19th at 8 p. m.

100,000 Dressings Shipped From Kent

One hundred thousand surgical dressings completed by the women of Kent County were shipped this week to the designated Red Cross centers for the various kinds of dressings.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Perry Metcalfe, this shipment represents the hours of work since September which the women of this county have voluntered in their services. However, more material is arriving by cartons daily and the ever increasing demand for more and more dressings is constantly confronting the Red Cross workers here.

Now is the time when gardeners want to get to work, when house cleaning chores confront the housewife, and general Spring activities are tempting to ween us from exacting duties. But the War is still going on, oys are daily receiving wounds, many are dying. DO NOT LET DOWN. Stand strong and carry on with your wonderful work, all women of Kent. Keep our quotas for these all improtant dressings up to the mark.

Get set and keep going.

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Cecilton Firemen Elect New Officers

The Cecilton Volunteer Fire Company has elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year:

President, Robert Davis.
Vice-President, Reese Short.
Secretary, James Black.
Treasurer, Merman Mitchell.

The appointment of the subordinate officers will be announced at the next meeting of the board of directors.

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Stowaway From Puerto Rico Arrested In Harford

Bel Air—Mumbling in the few English words he knew that he had stowed away on a banana boat to get from Puerto Rico to the United States Jose Guano was arrested in Havre de Grace by Officed William Bullock when he was found loitering on the street.

An examination revealed the man to be carrying a small knife in his belt. This week he was being held in the Harford County Jail on a charge of carrying concealed weapons while Sheriff Charles T. Stephens contacted federal authorities in regard to his case.

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Rachel E. Willis, an employee in the Chestertown office of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City, received, during April a three-star emblem in recognition of fifteen years service with the company.

During April, 41 employees of the C. and P. Telephone Company in Maryland were awarded emblems. They had an aggregate of 815 years of service.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mann Hoyle, of 604 Seneca Ave., Norewood, Pa., announce the birth of a son on April 2, 1943. Mrs. Hoyle is formerly of Fairlee.

ENFORCEMENT OF WORK OR FIGHT LAW STARTED

Following the meeting at the Court House last Saturday afternoon at which time States Attorney Harrison W. Vickers explained in detail the provisions of the recently enacted Work or Fight Law, local authorities have already issued a warrant under the new law.

With a few exceptions all men between the ages of 16 and 65 who are able to work must either secure a job or face the possibility of arrest. A work week is considered to be at least five days which means that the two or three day week will not be sufficient.

Mr. Vickers stated that the employer must first offer a job to an individual and if he is not employed and will not take the job the local enforcement authorities will then take over.

The bill is designed to eliminate idleness and part time employment. Its effectiveness depends entirely upon the cooperation of employers, employees and law enforcement officers.

A warrant was issued this week for Jesse Varlow, colored, charging him with failure to accept employment. Varlow agreed to take the job and reported to a farmer but instead of going to work he and his family have disappeared. It is thought they left the county.

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Private and Mrs. Harry Happersett are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby girl, born March 27th. Mrs. Happersett was formerly Miss Doris Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coleman of Chestertown.

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The Middle Kent Minute Men will hold a dance in the Chestertown Armory, Saturday, May 1. The dancing will start at 8 p. m. and the music will be furnished by the Blue Hen Ramblers and the Blue Bonett Girls will sing.

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The First Methodist Church Choir under the direction of Julian Coleman will present the Crucifixion in Cantata form on Easter Sunday evening in the church at 7:30 p. m.

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Malady That Killed 3 Children Diagnosed

Easton—Choriomeningitis is held responsible for the death of three Negro children of Talbot County. For more than a week, physicians of the county as well as John Hopkins University Hospital were baffled as to the cause of the deaths.

According to Dr. Lewis Welty, county health officer, three girls, aged 3, 5, and 7, daughters of Oliver Sherwood, living near here, became ill suddenly and died, although no evidence of a malady could be discovered.

The eldest was the first to die, almost before her family realized she was ill. The remaining two were stricken within a few hours of each other, five days after the first and died within 24 hours.

CIRCUIT COURT TO CONVENE HERE NEXT MONDAY

Associate Judge Albert Constable of Cecil County will probably make his first appearance here Monday morning when the April term of the Circuit Court for Kent County will open Judge Constable was elected last November. Also sitting will be Chief Judge Stephen R. Collins of Chestertown, and Associate Judges Owen J. Knotts of Denton, and William R. Horney of Centreville.

The trial docket shows 22 cases marked for hearing, with 14 cases on the appeal docket, and 10 criminal cases that will be considered by the Grand Jury.

Chief Judge Collins announced the following changes in the jury lists

1st District—E. Thomas Massey, Jr., in place of John W. Redgraves.

3rd District—Harry Clark in place of William B. Noblette.

4th District—James M. Todd in place of Albert L. Wheat and Emerson R. Russell in place of Owen C. Smith.

5th District—Stewart N. Edwards in place of Charles H. Hudson.

6th District—W. Walter Morris in place of Paul N. Entrekin and Francis A. Quinn in place of Albert T. Nicholoson.

7th District—Richard O. Strong in place of James Stewart.

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9 WASHINGTON COLLEGE SENIORS JOIN U. S. FORCES

Washington College authorities have announced that nearly all of the 27 seniors who graduated at the mid-year commencement exercises in January, have entered the armed forces of the country, the teaching profession, or have entered other schools for special courses.

Among the graduates who have entered military training are: Edwin R. Boyer, Jr., Albert L. Mooney, Austin R. Murphy, Jr., J. Leonard Parris, William M. D. Roe, John W. Williams, Jr., who enlisted in the Naval Reserve Corps, Walter Clark Brandt and Charles E. Wood, Jr., with the Army and James Arthur Stevens, Jr., with the Marine Corps.

Those who have entered the teaching profession are, Mrs. Helen Marie Criss, Miss Frances Ann Harris, Nelson W. Kaylor, Miss Phyllis J. Peters, Miss Ruth A. Smith, while Elroy G. Boyer has entered law school and George H. Coppage, Jr., and Robert V. Holdt have entered a Theological seminary to prepare for the ministry.

Of the four seniors who received their certificates of graduation in March, Miss Naomi Russell has accepted a position with the Western Electric Company in Baltimore, Peter De Palma has become a member of the Chestertown High School faculty, Andrew Gorman is awaiting call to the Army Air Corps, while Miss Ann Fenderson may go to Mexico to engage in work in connection with her college work in Spanish and sociology.

At recent special elections among the students of Washington College to fill vacancies on the Student Council caused by the withdrawal from college of several class representatives, Wilbur Steinmann was elected a sophomore representative, to succeed .oger Berry, who has withdrawn from college, while Robert Crouch was elected a freshman representative in place of a previously elected representative who has been declared ineligible. Thomas Andrews has accepted a bid to become a member of the Beta Eta Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, and will be initiated shortly.

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Farm loans for the production of war foods made by the Kent County Credit Committee of the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation now total $15,589.30, Edgar D. Lusby, County RACC representative reported today at his headquarters.

The loans will finance the planting cultivation and harvesting of the following war crops: 100 acres of Soybeans, 278 acres of peas, and 6 acres of tomatoes.

Joseph H. Blandford, Chairman of the Maryland USDA War-Board and Agriculture Adjustment Agency, said today that RACC credit is making possible for Maryland farmers to risk radical increases in their plantings of hazardous crops vital to the war effort.

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Miss Esta V. Harrison entertained the London Bridge Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution, Friday, April 9th, at her home on Water street. Miss Harrison served a delicious dinner at 6:30. This was followed by the meeting and a social hour which was enjoyed very much by all members present.

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