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1 DEAD, THREE INJURED FROM KENT IN BLAST

15 Killed At Elkton

According to information available at the time of gonig to press, one resident of Kent County is dead and three others are suffering from injuries following an explosion at the Triumph Plant at Elkton, Tuesday afternoon. The total list of casualties reported were 15 killed and 75 injured when an explosion wrecked three of the buildings at the plant and started a fire that drew fire companies from three towns.

Among those listed as dead was, Melvin Cole, a 45 year old colored man of Still Pond.

Among those injured were:

Emily Ringgold, 38, of Sassafras, whose condition was said to be fair.

Fletcher Harris, 28 years old, of Morgnec, condition good.

Mamie Pinkey, of Millington, condition good.

The entire casualty list from Kent County was colored.

At least six busses and a large number of private automobiles are used daily to carry both white and colored workers from the various parts of Kent County to the Triumph Plant. The four casualties were a very small proportion of the total number of workers from this county.

Plant officials say the number of dead may rise to 18.

Of the injured, 54 are hospitalized and five are know to be in critical conditions.

Others treated for minor injuries were sent home.

In the meanwhile a triple investigation has been started by the Army, Navy and FBI. There is no official explanation for the explosion.

The scene at the plant Wednesday was like the morning after a block buster air attack. Two buildings had been shattered and fire destroyed three others.

The grim task of searching the ruins continued while in the plant hospital, the Union Hospital and in the basement of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, doctors and nurses carried on their work of administering to the injured.

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Bonds Sold By Schools Of Kent County In April

Elementary Schools

Millington $47.50; Massey $68.85; Galena $828.75; Kennedyville $195.65; Still Pond $28.20; Worton $29.30; Betterton $38.35; Chestertown $1,352.50; Skinner's Neck $12.00; Rock Hall $2,145.85; Piney Neck $15.45; Fairlee $44.10, making a total for the Elementary schools of Kent County of $4,806.50.

High Schools

Galena $284.00; Chestertown $262.55, making a total of $546.55 for the High schools.

Grand Total of $5,353.05. This report was released by Esta V. Harrison Elementary Supervisor, Kent County, Maryland.

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Autographed Baseball Sells War Bonds

The autographed baseball, signed by all American League players in the 1938 All Star Game and offered to the highest bidder in a War Bond Auction that produced $278,250.00 worth of War Bonds last week, was awarded to M. D. Williamson, Baltimore, Maryland. The winning bid was the highest received in more than 900 bids from all parts of Maryland, District of Columbia, and Virginia.

The ball, that sold over a quarter million dollars in Bonds, carried the autographs of some of the greatest Diamond Stars of all time. Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, Hank Greenberg, Lefty Grove, Jimmy Foxx, Bob Feller, and 22 others. The Bond auction was made possible by the Gunther Brewing Company of Baltimore.

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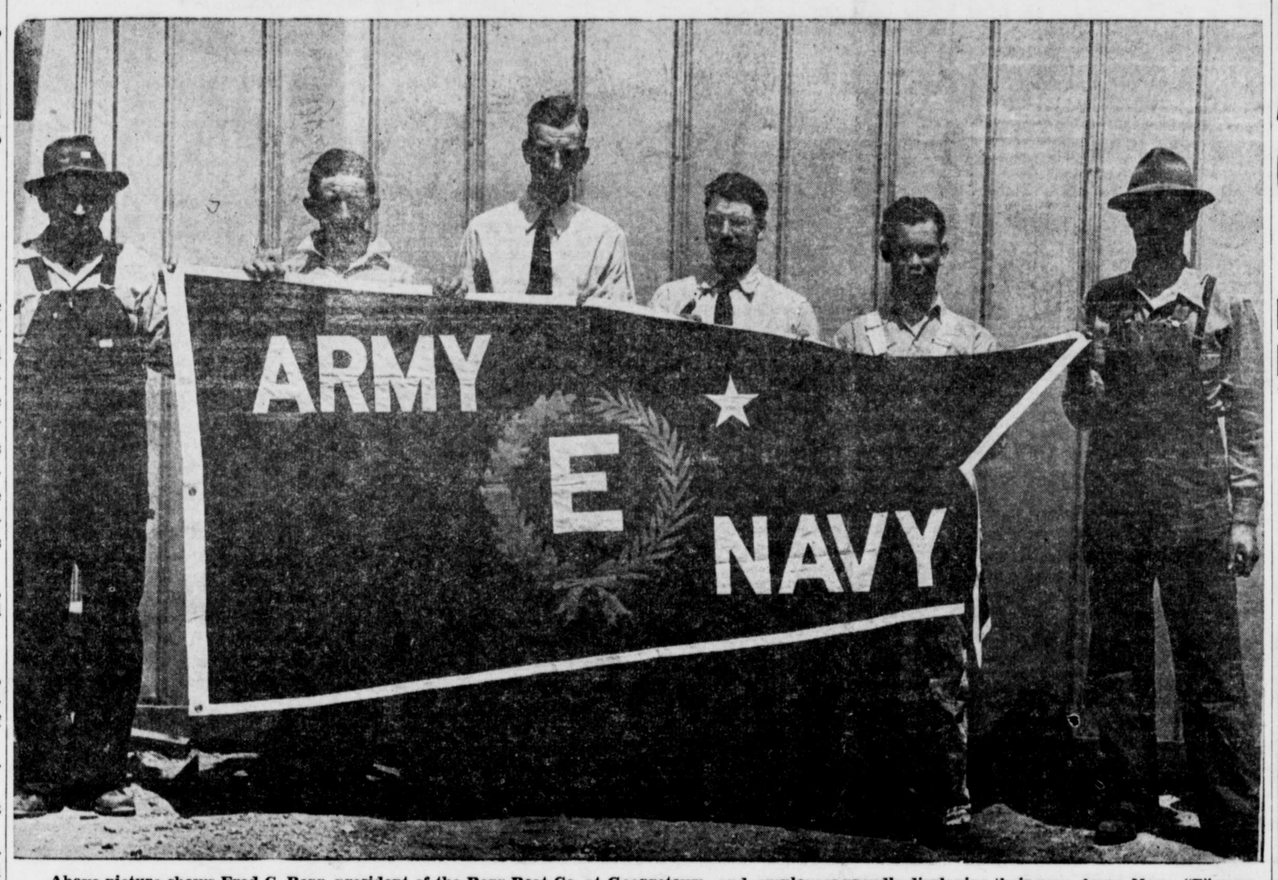
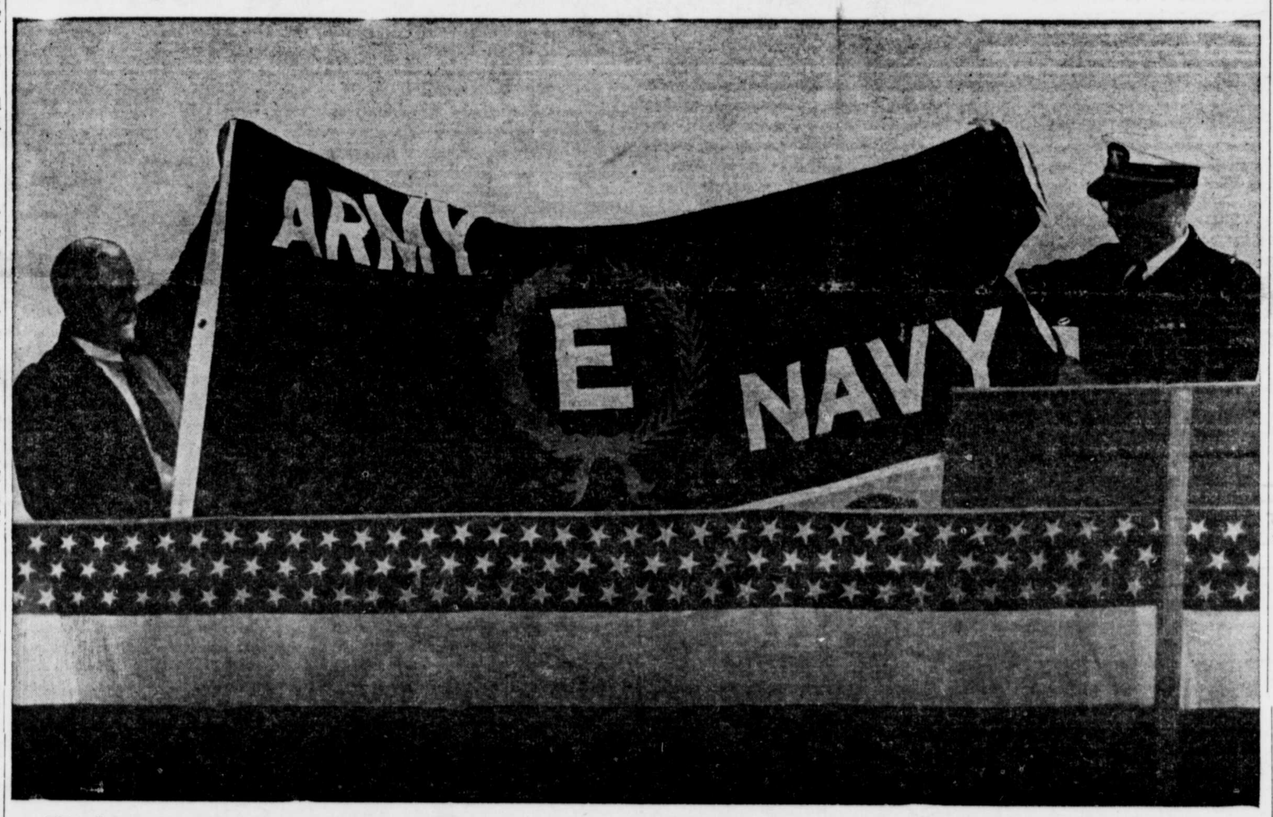
Special For China Relief

Christ Methodist Church has in hand $20.00 to send to Madam Chiang Kai-Shek to be used for greatly needed relief in China. The above amount will be greatly increased before it is sent off next week. The Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek is fighting a great battle for his suffering people, and at the same time is giving them a Christian example that will mean much for the spiritual life of that nation.

Berg Boat Company Receives Further Recognition From U. S. Navy



Above picture shows Fred C. Berg, president of the Berg Boat Co. at Georgetown, and employees proudly displaying their new Army-Navy "E" pennant with a star added, which means that they have gone further ahead in production of boats for the Navy and the new pennant is a means of appreciation on the part of the government. Those in the picture are l. to r. Charles Slagle, George Edwards, Fred C. Berg, president, John Boyd, foreman of the shipyard, Elwood Tyler and Benard O'Grady. (See picture below also.)



This picture shows the actual presentation last October of the first Army-Navy "E" pennant won by the Berg Boat Co. The presentation was made by Captain Frank Loftin, U. S. N. right to Fred C. Berg and Clifton Coleman, left, a foreman at theplant. Mr. Berg stated that Cecil and Kent Counties should both be very proud of this award as nearly all of his employees are residents of these two counties.

PROGRAM FOR CONSERVATION OF KENT SOIL

The Kent Soil Conservation District's 1943 drainage and erosion control program is well under way. The District's technical staff has been busy since Jan. 1 helping farmers who have requested assistance from the District. Technicians have helped approximately fifty of Kent's farmers with their drainage and erosion problem.

The District Supervisors have furnished 21,600 tree seedlings to 11 farmers in the county. These farmers are planting the trees on severely gullied and washed areas on their farms or in areas that are too poorly drained for crop production. Rather than have this land lie idle these farmers are planting it in desirable and useful trees such as black locust and loblolly pine.

The District has also started its 1943 construction program. They are operating a tractor and terracer in the Massey area. This machinery is being used to build farm drainage ditches. Thus far, ditching has been completed on the Thomas Quinn farm and the machinery is now working on the James H. Davis farm. To date 8 farmers have requested the use of this equipment in constructing drainage ditches on their farms in this neighborhood. Mr. William R. Newnam is the District Supervisor in the Massey area who should be contacted by any farmer who would like to have help with his drainage or erosion problems.

The Supervisors also plan to operate another tractor and terracer in the southern part of the county to build drainage ditches. This machinery is on the Charles E. Virden farm and will begin operation as soon as the tractor can be repaired. Anyone in this area who would like to have help with their drainage or erosion problems should contact Mr. William R. MacCubbin who is the District Supervisor in this neighborhood.

The 1943 District progarm is to be an all-out effort, designed to help every farmer in Kent County who has a drainage or an erosion problem.

Mr. Walter T. Morris, Jr. of Chestertown, Mr. William Ford of Still Pond, and Mr. Herbert S. Ford of Kennedyville are also District Supervisors and should be contacted by anyone who has a drainage or an erosion problem in his respective community.

This year the supervisors of the Kent Soil Conservation District are devoting the District's entire resources of machinery and farm technicians to the farmers in Kent County in an effort to help them produce more food and fiber for the war effort.

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Miss Rosalie Bonnett had as her guest last week, Dr. Martin Rosenbloom of Petersburg, Virginia. This week-end she will travel to Philadelphia where she will attend a formal at the University of Pennsylvania.

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The Bingo-Card party held at the Betterton Sewing Factory last Friday evening, for the benefit of the Vol. Fire Company of Betterton, was very successful.

WITH U. S. FORCES

Lt. William A. McGregor of 142nd Infantry, 36th division arrived in Africa last month.

Lt. James A. McGregor, U. S. Air Corp has just been made a Flight Commander. He has 8 Liberator Crews in his flight, and is stationed at Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas.

Charles E. Dole has been commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Air Corps and has received his wings. He is stationed at Pensacola, Fla.

George Gary Pennington, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Pennington, 104 Queen Street, Chestertown, recently graduated from the Aviation Machinist's Mate School.

He enlisted in the Navy, February 25, 1942, and was sent to Norfolk, Va., for indoctrinal training before being transferred to the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Jacksonville.

Pennington is now qualified to repair and keep airplane engines in top working order and will probably see service with a Naval air unit.

Ensign Beverly Hazel, U. S. N. R. stationed at the Philadelphia Navy yard, has just been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant (j. g.)

Lieut. Harry B. Cannon, USMC stationed at Cherry Point, N. C., arrived in Chestertown on Wednesday and will visit his wife and family here until Sunday.

Sergeant Harrison W. Vickers, until recently located i nIndia, wrote his family that he is now in China. His letter dated April 15, states that he is doing well, and sends his regards to all of his friends here.

Major J. Thomas Kibler, of Camp Pickett, Va., spent the week-end here with his wife and family. Cadet Jack Kibler will return Saturday to Max well Field, Ala., following a 17 day furlough recovering from a recent illness.

Lieut. David Bramble, having recently received his wings in the U. S. Air Corps spent a few days here before returning to duty at an air field in Washington State.

Private Charles Myers, stationed at Fort Meade was a guest of his wife here last week-end.

Lt. Norton Bonnett and his wife have left for Fort Robinson, Nebraska where he will resume his duties in the Quartermaster Corp.

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William J. Sappington

William J. Sappington aged 85 died in Baltimore, Tuesday. His wife was the late Susan Bramble Sappington.

Mr. Sappington was a painter by trade and a member of the jr. O. U. A. M.

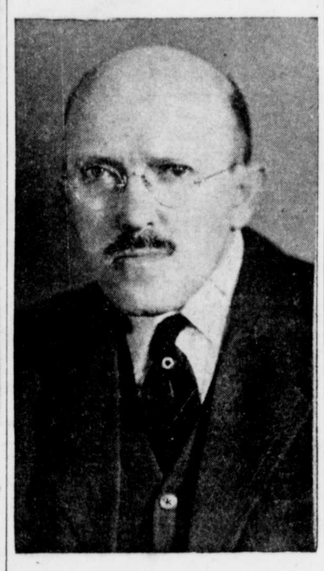
Funeral services were held in Baltimore, Thursday night, and interment was made here i nChester cemetery this morning at 10:30 a. m.

Usilton and Wells were in charge of funeral arrangements.

RICHARD CARVELL HEADS GROUP AT ANNAPOLIS TO PROTEST TO GOVERNOR ON DISPENSARY BILL

TO USE FACTS ON HARFORD COUNTY DISPENSARY AS BASIS FOR ARGUMENT. PREACHERS, LIQUOR DEALERS AND BUSINESS MEN ATTEND. QUESTION WHY MEETING WAS CALLED.

Named To Board



Dr. F. G. Livingood

Dr. Frederick G. Livingood, of Chestertown, has been appointed a member of the Kent County School Board to succeed Mr. Herbert Urie of Rock Hall who resigned at the expiration of his term of office.

Dr. Livingood has made a business of education as aside from his position as Dean of Washington College, he is head of the Department of Education at that institution and is a recognized authority on the subject in the Eastern States.

Dr. Livingood is well know throughout Kent County, as aside from his college connection he has taken an active interest in the civic, religious and social life of the various communities. He qualified at the regular monthly meeting of the Board Tuesday. The other two members of the Board are Mrs. Charles W. Whaland, chairman and Mr. Norman A. Wallen. Mr. Louis C. Robinson is Superintendent of Schools for the county.

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WCTU OPPOSES DISPENSARY FOR MILLINGTON

Millington W. C. T. U. at their last meeting went on record as opposed to the Dispensary System. According to a report of the meeting, forty-eight members in Millington represent a large portion of the tax-payers of the town. They have written our Town Commissioners and also the County Commissioners that they do not want a dispensary in Millington.

They also commended W. Henry Gsell, Sheriff for his present efforts in enforcing the present laws.

The following report of the annual convention of the Kent County WCTU which was held at Betterton last Thursday evening, is made by Mrss. H. B. Church, Publicity Secretary of the convention:

The Convention of Kent County Women's Christian Temperance Union was held at Betterton in the Methodist Church, April 29th, afternoon and evening sessions.

Mrs. J. L. Price was re-elected President for her 15th year. Mr. F. B. Harper, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Robert Young, Sec; Mrs. Edgar Pennington, Treas.; Mrs. Ida Clough, Cor. Sec.; to replace Mrs. Ida Willis, resigned.

All Unions were represented and gave interesting enthusiastic reports of work done the past year.

Miss Bertha Tyson, State President announced a State Convention would be held this year, date and place to be announced later. She gave an interesting talk and information regarding the State work and our opportunities.

Miss Davis played her flexotone in a delightful manner and told of the young peoples work and the summer camp.

Rev. Reynolds, Rev. Strausburg, and Rev. Louhoff stressed the need for people, Christian people to be aroused and interested in this liquor problem. It can be solved by Christians and Christian principles.

Meeting Held Thursday

Richard Carvel, Chestertown Attorney, representing the liquor dealers of Kent County, headed a group that went to Annapolis, Thursday to protest the signing of the Kent County Dispensary Bill. The bill was passed in the legislature and only awaits the signature of the Governor to become a law. If the Governor does not sign the bill, liquor will be sold in the County as usual and the Dispensary Law is out. (The law does not have to be signed anytime soon, which is an impression that many have.)

Basis For Carvell's Argument

The new Kent County bill, which is modelled after the one in use in Harford County will be the basis of argument used by Carvell. The following are facts and figures for Harford County, which has three stores, one each at Aberdeen, Bel Air and Havre-de Grace. Expenses on a yearly basis are as follows: County manager, $3,000.00; book-keeper $2,600.00; Secretary, $240.00; three clerks each at the three stores (total of nine) $19,578.00; rents for stores $2,100.00; travelling expenses and telephone $480.00.

Net profit turned over to the Commissioners were as follows: in 1940, profit $32,000.00; in 1941, profit $71,000.00; in 1942, profit $131,077.16. From a business stand-point, this is very good and is the model for the Kent County bill.

But, Mr. Carvell, who has been in touch with the Harford County Board, will point out these facts. The normal population of that county is about 22,000 and is now estimated at 55,000, while Kent has a poplation of only about 14,000. Kent would have the expense of four liquor stores while Harford has the expense of only three. More important still, the liquor supply everywhere has been cut 65% and will probably be cut still more. A spokesman for Harford states that they expect to have a hard time financing their system this year due to the shortage and thinks it would be a bad time to start dispensaries as a paying investment. This statement comes from a group, that have been so successful in the past.

Who Had Meeting Called

The big question, without an answer is, who induced the Governor to call the meeting. Notice of the meeting was received in a telegram by Frank W. Smith, Jr., of Rock Hall on Monday evening. The telegram was from J. R. Spellissy, administrative assistant to Governor O'Conor. This is to notify you and associated liquor dealers of Kent County, that the Governor will hold a hearing on Senate Bill 412, which deals with Kent County Dispensary Bill, on Thursday, May 6, 10 a. m. in the State House.

From all information we could receive, the telegram came as a big surprise and no one locally expected another audience with the Governor on the subject.

Planning To Attend

From Rock Hall, Joseph Downey, Rev. Louhoff, Herbert Urie and Frank W. Smith, Jr.; Chestertown, Joseph Lewis, O. J. Stime, E. Scott Thompson, Philip G. Wilmer and Wm. H. Cooper. Earl Thompson of Still Pond, Charles Crowding of Worton, Ralph Cannon of Massey and A. G. Bosley of Kennedyville. Probably there will be some more.

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Tolchester Boat To Start May 15th

The Tolchester Company has announced that they will start running on Saturday, May 15th. The Steamer "Mohawk" will leave Baltimore for Tolchester at 3 p. m. on that date, and will run a daily schedule until further notice.

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The Rev. John M. Walsh of Galena has released the following Summer Schedule beginning May 2nd for Sunday Masses at St. Dennis' Church, Galena, Md. Masses at 7 and 9:30a.m.

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