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SELECTEES PASS EXAMINATION, TO GO NEXT WEEK

After having completed the necessary examinations, given by the Army at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore on Wednesday, six white and eighteen colored Kent men will report to Fort Meade next week, where they will take up their Army training. They are as follows; white,

Millard Leon Bryden, Frank Plummer Hudson, Roy Edward Scott, William Jewell King, Roger Fellows, and Lewis Marion Townsend.

Colored, Astell Sylvens Boyer, Samuel George Hoxter, James Henry Miller, William Logan, Woodrow Wilson Toulson, Albert John Wilson, George Wesley Harris, Oliver Edward Briscoe, Charles Purnell Benson, Allie Ringgold Gilbert, Ernest Romie Bond Spriggs, Charles Ashley, John Frederick Caulk, George Thomas Chambers, Leonard Brown, Willis Stanley, Walter Arrington, and John Wesley Brown.

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Officers Arrest Three AWOL Soldiers Here

State Trooper John Channell and Deputy-Sheriff Walter E. Kulley, Jr., arrested three soldiers Sunday on the charge of being on leave without permission. They are: Harry Enos Watts, stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, whose home is in Townsend, Del.; Frederick James Marker of Camp Schango, Pa., whose home is in Middletown, Del., both of whom were taken into custody at Golt's on charges of disorderly conduct, and Carl Johnson of Camp Meade, whose home is in Rock Hall, who is alleged to have attempted to impersonate another soldier, Willie Harris, by stealing his pass. These men were held in Kent County jail until they were called for on Monday by the Army officials from Baltimore.

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Methodist To Hold Union Service Sunday

There will be no services in Christ Methodist Church on Sunday. In the morning the congregation will unite with the congregation of the First Methodist Church in a service which will be sponsored by the laymen of the two churches because of the absence of both pastors at the session of the Peninsula Methodists Conference in Wilmington. Dr. Carey C. Dobbs of the Washington College faculty will be the speaker. On Sunday evening, May 29, the annual baccalaureate service of the Chestertown High School graduating class will be held in Christ Church.

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Coon Hunters To Hold Dog Trials

Officials of the Eastern Shore Coon-Hunters Association have announced that their club will hold a Field Trial Sunday, May 16, five miles north of Chestertown on Route 213. The trials will get underway at 10:00 a. m.

The entry fee at the gate will be $2 and $3 fee on the grounds. There will be a 100% of entry in cash prizes. A fox race and consolation race will also be held.

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Rock Hall Parent Hears Son Was Killed at Front

Owen Elburn, Sr., of Rock Hall has been notified by the War Department that his son, Private Bernard F. Elburn has been killed in action in North Africa. The date of his death was fixed as March 27, but no details were given.

Private Elburn who was 23 years old on March 18, attended public school in Piney Neck and later became a waterman. He was inducted into the Army on Oct. 8, 1941.

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Dr. Mead Named On Pharmacy Board

Dr. Gilbert Wilcox Mead, preident of Washington College, has been appointed to a five-man board of Grants to allocate funds for scholarships, research fellowships, and general support of college of pharmacy, according to announcement received yesterday from the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education in New York.

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Stores To Close

The Chestertown Business Men's Association, at their weekly meeting Wednesday agreed to close their stores from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. on May 31st, Decoration Day. All other stores, not members of the organization are asked to cooperate and also close during these hours.

Betterton Becomes Capitol Of Maryland For Few Hours Last Friday

This group took part in the unusual procedure of going to the home in Betterton of President of the Senate, Arthur H. Brice last Friday, because Senator Brice was too ill to travel to Annapolis to sign bills passed by the Legislature that had to be completed by the following day. They are, left to right, seated, Thomas E. Conlon, Speaker of the House and recently elected President of the City Council of Baltimore; Governor Herbert R. O'Conor, Senator Arthur H. Brice, Dr. Horace E. Flack, Department of Legislative Reference. Standing, Jesse Ireland, acting Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates and C. Andrew Shaab, Chief Clerk of the Senate.

In order to meet and overcome a difficult situation on Friday of last week, the Capital of Maryland was temporarily shifted from Annapolis to the home of President of the Senate, Arthur H. Brice at Betterton for a few hours that afternoon. The reason for the unusual procedure was the sudden illness of Senator Brice which prevented his attendance at Annapolis to take part, as president of the Senate, in the signing of a number of legislative bills before the deadline, Saturday night.

The Governor signed 38 bills in the bedroom of Senator Brice.

The Governor, just before he and his entourage left for the Eastern Shore home of Senator Brice, last Friday, announced the vetoing of sixteen bills, some of which were duplications of other bills signed previously.

One of the bills signed was the State budget measure. It was pointed out however, that the budget becomes effective, anyway, on passage, which occurred in the final days of the Legislature.

Another measure signed gives the Tidewater Fisheries Commission authority to plant, transplant or otherwise utilize seed oysters in waters of the State. This bill had strong opposition.

A bill which permits manufacturers of sherberts to sell their products in bulk containers also was signed. Formerly they were required to distribute their product in individual packages. The bill was opposed by some ice cream manufacturers.

Increases in salaries of the members of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners of Baltimore and the creation of a job of executive secretary were provided in another bill signed under the measure.

The chairman of the board, who formerly got a $3,500 yearly salary, plus $1,500 per year expenses for inspecting licensed establishments, will get a $4,000 salary and $1,000 for expenses.

The other two board members, as instead of $3,5000, and the executive of June 1, will get $4,000 per year secretary, who must be a lawyer, will get $4,000 a year.

A bill providing for a secretary-engineer for the State Aviation Commission, at a salary of $5,000 per year, was signed—but there is no provision in the budget for such a salary. In fact, there are no funds allotted in the budget to the Aviation Commission.

Use of convict labor on farms in the State was provided through signing of Senate Bill 285. It is provided under the act, that convict labor shall be made available "at reasonable rates of pay" for the harvesting and gathering of crops at any period between August 1 and December 31.

Under another bill signed, physicians and surgeons were limited in the extent of their advertising.

HEALTH DEPT. ISSUES WARNING ON RABIES HERE

Dr. A. F. Whitsitt, head of the Kent County Health Department has issued a warning to the public on Rabies. Cecil County has been under quarantine for over a month and it is feared it may spread to Kent.

On March 23, a rabid Cecil County dog bit a Georgetown dog which became ill on May 1st and was taken to the Pennsylvania Veterinary Hospital on May 3rd and died on May 5th. The dogs' head was examined at the Laboratory of the Pa. Bureau of Animal Industry and declared rabid.

The Health Department advises everyone to be careful of strange dogs and report any cases immediately of dog bites by strange dogs and keep their own pets on their premises away from other canines.

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Hardheads May Soon Be Caught At Rock Hall

The first run of hardheads has reached the upper bay off Rock Hall and will be taking the hook shortly. It became known during the week-end that the Office of Price Administration regulation, which banned the use of gasoline for pleasure boating, definitely includes the party fishing boat.

Efforts of the officials of the Tidewater Fisheries Commission, of which Edwin Warfield is chairman, to get the OPA to modify its order has gone unheeded so far. If the edict of the OPA stands it will mean the loss of large revenue to the fishing guides of the county during the hook and line fishing season, unless they use sail boats to take fishing parties to the fishing grounds.

Meets Chestertown Pickle In Army

Just how a Chestertown packed product is going directly to help feed the Army was revealed this week in a letter to Mrs. James A. Gill from her husband who is stationed at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

The letter in part reads as follows:

"While on K. P. today, and cleaning up the store room, I looked over on a shelf and to my surprise there were some Vita Food Pickles. As I looked closer I saw that they were put up in Chestertown, so I took the label off and am sending it home so that you can show it to Henry Demain and tell him that the boys really like his pickkles down here. We have eaten them for the last three meals. I was really proud to show the boys this Chestertown product and tell them that I knew the fellow very well who puts them up."

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Galena Reelects Its Town Commissioners

Harry A. Bolton, William H. Boyd, and Burton Edwards have been elected members of the Board of Town Commissioners.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Cruickshank, who have been prominent farmers of this section of the county for the past 27 years, living on one of the farms belonging to the Woodall estate, near Galena, have moved to a 150-acre farm near Ridgely, Md.

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Word has been heceived here by Mrs. Hugh Sease, that her husband, Commander Sease has been promoted to the rank of Captain in the U. S. Navy. Captain Sease is stationed at Guadalcanal.

Mr. James Massey, Chief Flight Engineer on a Pan-American Clipper with the Atlantic Division of Pan American Airways, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Massey, for ten days.

BUSINESS GROUP OF BETTERTON PLAN FOR BOAT

The Betterton Chamber of Commerce, of which Mr. Charles S. Brice is President, is leaving no stones unturned in their effort to assure steamer service from Baltimore to that bay side haven for vacationists. Plans are nearing completion for the starting of daily service to and from Baltimore by the Wilson Steamship Co. This service promises to open up a vacation ground for the thousands of war workers in crowded Baltimore and suburbs and at the same time afford transportation across the bay to this section of the Shore.

With the strain of long hours for the present day war worker, facilities for relaxation are essential if the pace is to be maintained. The trip from Baltimore to Betterton affords a bay trip that can hardly be equaled in any part of the country.

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College Students Report To Navy

Six Washington College seniors of Chestertown who are in the U. S. Naval Reserve received their orders this week to report to Notre Dame U. in South Bend, Ind. on the 31st of this month. These seniors will not be able to attend graduation exercises, which are scheduled also for the 31st of May.

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Watermen of the county have received copies of an important revision of regulations governing the placing and maintenance of fishing structures in the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries from the office of the United States Engineer. The new regulations require that fishing structures this year must be marked at night with lights visible to aircraft as well as to water craft.

Inter-County Softball League May Be Formed

The Chestertown Softball Team defeated the Rock Hall Team in a double-header at the Radcliffe Driving Park last Sunday. Scores of the games were 5-4 and 7-6. Jesse Hadaway is manager of the local team with Owen Porter heading the Rock Hall boys.

Jesse Hadaway stated this morning that an effort was being made to form an inter-county league with teams from Rock Hall, Kennedyville, Still Pond and Chestertown, and if enough players can be secured more teams will be entered. Anyone interested can contact him for particulars.

This Sunday will see Chestertown playing the Kennedyville Minute Men at Chestertown.

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Minute Men Help Observation Post

At a meeting of the Kennedyville Minute Men on Wednesday evening a voluntary contribution of $10.00 was made toward the alteration of the new spotters post at Black's Station. This post is now located in a new building and is considered one of the outstanding posts in the county. Furnishings and contributions for alterations will be appreciated.

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Tomato growers are importing several hundred thousand early plants from southern states. Leroy Jacquette of Rock Hall, one of the largest contractors in the county, made a trip to Georgia last week, where he purchased thousands of plants for growers in the lower section of the county.

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Washington College announced that a competitive examination for high school boys will be held in Chestertown elementary school at 9 a. m. Saturday, May 22, for a senatorial scholarship at the college for the next four years.

Tolchester Boat Schedule Announced

The Army has taken over the steamer, "Mohawk" which the Tolchester Company had intended to run this summer, but the company will operate the steamer "Francis Scott Key". She will carry passengers and freight, but no automobiles. The boat will start running, Friday, May 21st and will operate the following schedule:

Daily except Saturdays and Sundays
Leave Baltimore 7 P. M.
Leave Tolchester 9:15 P. M.
Saturdays and Sundays
Leave Baltimore 1 P. M.
Leave Tolchester 3:30 P. M.
Leave Baltimore 7 P. M.
Leave Tolchester 9:15 P. M.

A summer schedule will be announced later.

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MINUTE MEN GET CALL TO ATTEND VITAL MEETING

Commanders of all Kent County Minute Man Companies have been ordered by Francis Petrott, acting adjutant general of Maryland, to report for a two-day conference at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore on Saturday and Sunday.

The announcement received by the commanders yesterday said: "With the Allies poised for the invasion of Europe," General Petrott said, "it is imperative that every precaution be taken here at home so that we won't be caught off guard."

Maj.-Gen. Milton A. Reckord commander of the Third Service Command, and other prominent state military officials will participate in the twoday conference. Commanders of the Kent County companies who have been ordered to attend the conference are: H. Earle Cooper, Chestertown; R. Wroth Stavely, Lynch; Emory V. Hogans, Rock Hall; William Darrell, Massey and Richard Woodall of Galena.

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Lewin Burris Is Named Head Of PTA

Mr. Lewin Burris, of Chestertown, was elected President of the Kent County Parent and Teachers Association at the annual meeting for the election of officers held in the Rock Hall High School on last Thursday evening.

Mr. Burris succeeds Mrs. George Baldwin, of Chestertown, as the head of the local Parent and Teachers group. Other officers elected were Mrs. R. M. Logan, of Millington, as Vice-President; Miss M. Louise Stevens, a teacher at the Chestertown High School, as Secretary; and Mrs. O. G. Brewster, of Rock Hall, as Treasurer.

The nominating committee was composed of Mrs. Leonard Needles, Chairman, Mrs. Emory Hogans and Miss Francis Morris.

Pupils of the Rock Hall High School furnished entertainment at the meeting by presenting a playlet.

Attending the meeting from Chestertown were Prof. and Mrs. Louis C. Robinson, Mrs. Ella P. Robinson, Mrs. George Baldwin, Mrs. Leonard Needles, Miss Esta V. Harrison, Mrs. William H. Payne and Mrs. Roland Sharretts.

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Duplicate Bridge

The second in the present series of duplicate bridge tournaments was played on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Perry Metcalfe. From now on the play will be resumed at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club, commencing next Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. All members and their guests are urged to turn out for these tournaments and enjoy a Spring evening at the Club. The goal in this present series is to have the greatest number of "tops", so even if you haven't played before in this series, come join the fun next week.

Results of Tuesday night are as follows:

North and South

Couple 1—Mr. and Mrs. S. Scott Beck.

Couple 2—Mrs. Ernest Strong and Miss Helen Simpers.

Couple 3—Mrs. Rudulph Tull and Mr. H. Gilpin Brown.

East and West

Couple 1—Mrs. Wm. Buckingham and Miss Martha Speicher.

Couple 2—Tie between

Mrs. Gilpin Brown and Miss Harriett Vane

and

Mrs. Geraldine Williams and Mrs. Richard H. Collins.

Couple 3—Mrs. Hynson Rogers and Mrs. H. A. Kratzer.

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Vernon Bland, Third Class Petty Officer, who has been stationed with the Naval Air Force has obtained a transfer to the submarine service where he hopes to get active duty soon.

MAYOR WILMER IS APPOINTED TO COMMITTEE

Appointment of Mayor Philip G. Wilmer of Chestertown, Md. as a member of the Mayor's Advisory Committee of the Atlantic and Gulf Canals Association has been announced by President A. D. H. Fossey, Miami, Fla. Mayor Wilmer will serve with mayors of various cities of the seventeen Eastern Seaboard States in an effort to have Washington officials give favorable prompt attention on bills now before Congress looking towards utilizing the present inland waterways connecting the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic intra-coastal canal for the transportation of petroleum products to Eastern States for use during the coming winter.

The Atlantic and Gulf Canals Assaciation is a non-profit organization

Mayor Philip G. Wilmer

formed with but one object in view, and that is to have existing inland waterways deepened and widened sufficiently, so as to forestall a fuel shortage in the east next winter, as a war measure, and as a means of peace time transportation after the war is won.

According to the Association, the government has already authorized the construction of 500 wooden oil barges, of which contracts for 230 have been awarded and are being built. Also sufficient tugs to tow the barges will soon be placed in service.

The Fort Myers-Stuart cross Florida canal, from the Gulf to the intra-coastal canal on the Atlantic, has been and is now being used extensively, and is capable of providing transportation of over 200,000 barrels of petroleum products daily with its present depth and width, but with the expenditure of less than $500,000 to increase its facilities it could be made to transport over 300,000 barrels daily augmenting the recently completed cross Florida pipe line which has a capacity of only 35,000 barrels daily.

In addition to the Mayor's Advisory Committee, Governor of the seventeen coastal states have been invited to join the Governor's Advisory Committee, headed by Governor Olin D. Johnston of South Carolina as chairman, and lend their efforts in securing prompt Congressional action.

A. D. H. Fossey, president of the Canals Association, is a former mayor of Miami and has long been active in furthering the development of South Florida and the intra-coastal waterway, which extends from Maine to Key West, Florida.

The present mayor of Miami, Cliff H. Reeder, is a director of the Association, and has repeatedly appeared before the government officials in Washington on behalf of the utilization of existing inland canals along the Atlantic and Gulf seaboards.

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Robbed Of $95.00 Here On Street

While returning to his home on Cannon Street late Friday night, William C. Benjamin, painter and business man of Chestertown was held up and robbed by two negroes, who took his wallet containing $95 in money and $46 in checks. The checks were for jobs that Mr. Benjamin had finished during the week and had not been endorsed by him.

Mr. Benjamin stated that he noticed the negroes standing on the corner opposite his home but did not pay any particular attention to them and as he passed by they grabbed him by the throat and threw him to the ground. When he recovered, his wallet was gone and the negroes were nowhere in sight, having left the scene.

The theft was reported to the officers and an investigation was started but due to the lack of clues nothing has been learned of the assailants so

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