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EDITOR CHARGED WITH SLANDER OF MILLARD TAWES

Rives Matthews,owner and editor of the **Somerset News** described his arrest today on a charge of malicious slander as political persecution and "an assault upon the freedom of the press."

Mr. Matthews, who had filed the pleasure-driving c harges against J. Millard Tawes, State Comptroller, was arrested in his office by Sheriff Murray E. Ward and a State trooper.

His charge against Mr. Tawes, growing out of the latter's trip to his son's wedding at Camp Wheeler, Ga., had been dismissed by the Crisfield War Price and Rationing Board last night.

State's Attorney Prentiss W. Evans said he had the warrant issued against the editor on his own initiative without consulting Mr. Tawes and that the charge was based on a statement in the latest issue of the **Somerset News.**

The warrant, issued by Justice of the Peace Fred N. Holland, father of J. S. Holland, chairman of the Crisfield War Price and Ration Board, charges that Mr. Matthews "unlawfully, falsely and maliciously did compose, print and publish and cause and procure to be composed false, scandalous, malicious and defamatory libel of and concerning J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller of the State of Maryland, all in contempt of the State of Maryland and its laws and to the evil example of all others in like case offending."

Mr. Matthews, formerly of New York, who bought the **Somerset News** about two years ago, charged that his arrest was inspired by "Mr. Tawes' political friends in Crisfield." He said he felt it was his duty "to report Mr. Tawes for violating the gasoline regulations."

"The motive," he continued, "is to put me out of business because I .....dare oppose or question Tawes."

Mr. Matthews declared he will "keep yelling for justice, even if I have to go to jail."

"I object," he continued, "to the manner of my arrest. I was sitting behind my linotype machine trying to get out my little one-horse weekly when in walked the Sheriff of Somerset county and a State trooper.

"They said they had orders to take me to Crisfield and that I could use the telephone after I reached there. But I grabbed the telephone before they could stop me and put in a call for my lawyer and the Associated Press.

"The calls were completed by my wife. The Sheriff said the State's Attorney had said I could make no telephone calls until I was brought before the magistrate at Crisfield.

"However, my lawyer, Edgar A. Jones, appeared in my office a few minutes later and talked to the Sheriff and State trooper and they agreed to let me get a bondsman."

Mr. Matthews said his next step was to place a call for **The Evening Sun** in Baltimore, but that "the Sheriff instructed the operator to cancel the call."

He said he was then taken to Crisfield at noon and went before Magistrate Holland. He related that he signed a paper to appear in court in September and that C. Edwin Hayman, Princess Anne hardware dealer signed his bond for $2,500.

State OPA Takes Over Tawes Case

Since the above case was written the State OPA has taken over the case from Somerset Rationing Board

Leo H. McCormick, State OPA director, last Wednesday night reopened the pleasure-driving case against J. Millard Tawes, State Comptroller, by appointing a three-man panel composed of Maryland OPA officials, to hear charges of pleasure-driving and abuse of occupational milage rations against Mr. Tawes next Monday.

By specifically instructing the panel to consider the question of whether Tawes, recent trip to Georgia to attend a wedding constituted a violation of the pleasure-driving ban, Mr. McCormick ordered reconsideration of charges already passed upon by the Crisfield rationing board which cleared Mr. Tawes of pleasure-driving after a twelve-minute hearing Monday night.

On page four of this issue appears An Editorial from the Crisfield Times which is the only defense we have seen to date in the Tawes case.

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Leaves Chestertown For North Carolina

Mr. Edwin G. Soli, of the Chestertown Gas Company, has been transferred to Elizabeth City, North Carolina. He and his family will make a trip to their former home in Michigan for a short vacation, before Mr. Soli goes South. His family will follow at a later date.

Nursery School To Be Opened Saturday By Business Association

This Saturday, June 12, between the hours of 8 a. m. and 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. and 5 p. m. has been designated as the registration day for children to be enrolled in the Kent County Day Nursery School.

The place of registration will be the office of Miss Harriette Vane, County Executive of the Maryland Children's Aid Society in the Telephone Building in Chestertown.

Classes will be held daily except Sunday between the hours of 7:15 a. m. and 6. 15 p. m. at the Chestertown High School.

This preschool age Nursery School, which is being sponsored by the Chestertown Business Men's Association, and which is under the directorship of Miss Mildred Melvin, assisted by Mrs. Kathryn Hurlock is designed particularly to give care and training to children between the ages 2 and 7 who have not had any school training and whose parents are employed in some one of the local industries. However, the facilities of the school are available for any parent who is employed.

An arrangement is being worked out with the employers so that the weekly fee per pupil at the school will be three dollars. This fee will include one meal for each child and a mid-morning and mid-afternoon snack.

A preliminary survey indicates that there will be approximately twenty children enrolled when that term opens on Monday morning.

Miss Melvin and Mrs. Hurlock who will direct the school are especially trained in the management of the school project. The services of the local Health Department will be available.

Following is the list of requirements and rules drawn up for the conduct of the school:

Responsibility of Parents

1. Pay the prescribed fee upon enrollment and thereafter at least one week in advance.
2. Furnish adequate clothing marked with child's name.
   a. One complete change of self help clothing—suit or dress, underwear, socks.
   b. Sweater
   c. Three sheets—single bed size
   d. Blanket
   e. 2 towels—hand size
   f. 2 wash cloths
   g. Comb and brush
3. Arrange for transportation for the child to and from school and leave child at school only during the hours 7:15 a. m. and 6:15 p. m. on week days, exclusive of Sundays. Designate the person who will receive child at close daily if parents will not call personally.
4. Cooperate in the health program
   a. Furnish physician's report of examination, vaccination and immunization, and arrange for any preventative recommended by the Health Department.
   b. Report exposure to disease or cold.
   c. Keep sick child home or away from group and report reasons for absence.
   d. Cooperate with director of school by sending the child to school in a clean and orderly condition.
   e. Arrange with school for person to consult if child must leave school in an emergency.

BEETLE TRAPS AVAILABLE HERE NEXT WEEK

Bait for traps at County Road's Garage in back of Jail. County Agent J. D. McVean, announces that Japanese Beetle traps will be on lease at the County Road's Garage again this year. Likewise, empty bait bottles may be exchanged for full bottles, at the same time. Albert Lee, at the jail, is the man to contact. He plans to open for business on June 15. This will afford opportunity for our people to secure additional traps and to get their bait bottles refilled in readiness for the beetles which will begin emerging in small numbers any time after the middle of June. The beetles are out in force during the last week of June and continue through the first week in August, after which they gradually deminish to the point where little or no damage is done after mid August. Minor charges will be made for the leasing of the traps and for the bait as in previous years.

Fat salvage Important. The conservation division of the War Production Board reminds us that the collection of waste kitchen fats or such products as rancid lard and so forth are increasingly important because of their glycerine content, needed in enormous quantities in the production of munitions. Any person who has saved kitchen fats in any kind of a clean metal can, but has not notified J. D. McVean, Chairman of the Salvage Committe, should either arrange for the renderer to pick up the fats or notify them where to leave it so that the renderer gets it without unnecessary trouble.

In most cases the meat dealers will accept the grease paying up to 4 cents per pound for it. He turns it over to the renderer at a supply margin to cover handling costs. These fats whether animal or vegetable sources, are desired. The fats should be strained to remove all food particles.

Metal Salvage Urged. Scrap metals are again needed to help in steel making. Anyone who has not sold their scrap iron is urged to do so, so that it may move forward to the steel mills to be used there. War has an enormous appetite, therefore, extremely large quantities of iron and steel are required by the war machine, both for equipment and for munitions.

Veneer Logs in Demand. County Agent MeVean, has requests for information regarding the availability of trees which will supply timber. Yellow Popular is in great demand. The market is open for Hickory, Sweet Gum, Black Walnut, and White and Red Oak. Sound clean straight trees of the above varieties which will produce one or more logs, 7 ft. 4 inches long and which have a diameter of 18 inches or more at the small end are required. Farmers who have any volume of such trees are asked to get in touch with County Agent's office, so that an appraisal and an inspection may be arranged.

AUTO OWNERS MUST BUY STAMP BEFORE JULY 1

Editor
Transcript
Chestertown, Md.
Dear Mr. Editor:

Will you be good enough to publish, without charge, as soon as possible, the enclosed article in reference to affixing auto use tax stamps to motor vehicles, in the denomination of $5.00 on or before July 1, 1943.

Your courtesy in this matter will be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,
M. H. MAGRUDER
Collector.

Collector of Internal Revenue M. Hampton Magruder announced today that auto use tax stamps in the denomination of $5.00 will be placed on sale in all postoffices and offices of Collectors of Internal Revenue on Thursday, June 10. The stamps will evidence payment of the tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1943, and must be purchased on or before that date. The stamps will be serially numbered, will be gummed on the face, and will have provision on the back for entry of the make, model, serial number and State license number of the vehicle.

Every owner of a motor vehicle which is used upon the highway should call at his local postoffice or at the office of the Internal Revenue Collector and secure a $5.00 use tax stamp and affix it to his vehicle on or before July 1, 1943, the Collector said. The various postoffices will sell the stamps over the counter for cash only and no mail order business with respect thereto will be conducted by the post offices. Collectors of Internal Revenue are authorized to accept cash, postoffices money orders, and certified checks in payment of the use tax stamp. However, as revenue stamps have an intrinsic value, uncertified checks will not be acceptable in payment therefor.

Mr. Magruder stresses the fact that the use tax law has not been repealed and cautions motor vehicle owners that failure to purchase and display the new use tax stamps on vehicles using the public highways after July 1, 1943, will subject the violators to severe penalties imposed by law.

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The office of Dean Frederick G. Livingood at Washington College reported yesterday that the total enrollment of students at the second annual summer session, which began on Monday, morning had reached 75, 45 of whom are men and 30 young women, with the prospect that the total number will exceed 80 by the end of the week. The courses have been divided into five-week semesters, classes for which will be held from 8 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. for six days each week until the close of the session on August 14.

Ration Dates

GASOLINE: "A" Book Coupons No. 6, good for four gallons each, outside the eastern gasoline shortage area. Within the east coast shortage area, "A" Book Coupons No. 5, good for three gallons each, must last through July 21. "B" and "C" coupons cut to 2½ gallons in shortage area.

SUGAR: Coupon No. 13 good for 5 lbs. through August 15. Coupons No. 15 and 16 are good for 5 lbs. each for home canning purposes. Housewives may apply to their local boards for additional rations if necessary.

COFFEE: Stamp No. 24 (1-lb.) good through June 30.

FUEL OIL: Period 5 coupons valid in all zones until September 30.

SHOES: No. 17 stamp in War Ration Book One good for one pair through June 15. Stamp No. 18 (1 pr.) will become valid June 16.

MEATS, ETC.: Red Stamps J, K, L, good through June 30.

PROCESSED FOODS: Blue stamps K, L, M, continue good through July 7.

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WORK OR FIGHT LAW IS BEING ENFORCED HERE

Kent County's recently enacted law, generally known as "Work or Fight" is being enforced in earnest by local enforcement officers.

States Attorney Harrison W. Vickers, Sheriff Henry Gsell and Deputy Walter Kulley presented sixteen men, both white and colored, after having previously served warrants following complaint by citizens of this county.

While the penalties for violation of "Work or Fight law" include fines up to $500 and a penalty of 6 months in jail, spectators at the trials Monday night were impressed with the fact that the enforcement officers are trying to get the men jobs and make them work, rather than impose the jail sentence or fine. In each case, the accused was given an opportunity to accept a definite job, but a careful check is being made as to whether or not they go to the job and continue steady employment.. These charges are being held over these men and should they fail to keep steady employment they will be returned to the Court at which time the penalty will be imposed.

If the county officials succeed in eliminating idleness during this war period, when the labor of every one is needed, they will have brought about a real accomplishment.

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Betterton Is Scene Of Walk-Out Strike

Betterton became the scene of a walk-out strike Monday afternoon when three Negroes refused to finish their work at a pea-sheller, run by Foster Smith of that town. Mr. Smith stated that he had several truckloads of peas to be finished and that they had to be done as quickly as possible as they are very perishable.

The Sheriff's office was notified of the trouble and upon the arrival of the Sheriff and his Deputy, the men were informed that they would have to return to work or they would be taken to the Kent County Jail under the new "Work-or-Fight" law. They immediately returned to work.

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Kent County Extends Effort In Bond Drive

Sales of "E" Bonds in Kent County for the entire month of May amounted to $62,400 issue price, just a little short of twice the months quota. This is truly a remarkable showing and it is hoped this month will stand up in similar fashion.

The Washington Headquarters is extremely anxious to close out the fiscal year, ending June 30, with total sales of "E", "F" and "G" Bonds of twelve billion dollars and the only way we can do our part to realize this is to push as hard as we can on all three series this month.

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Approximately 20 merchants in the city began Wednesday the observance of a half day-holiday by closing their places of business each Wednesday afternoon through June, July and August, as a means of affording recreation for themselves and their employees.

Hearings Held On Wednesday For Pleasure Driving Violations

The Kent County Ration Board held the second of a series of hearings, Wednesday afternoon for violations of the ban on pleasure driving and the 35 mile victory speed limit. These hearings, which were public were held at the Little Court House and resulted in the suspension and cancellation of gasoline rations for automobiles. Truck owners who violate the provisions are reported to the office of Defense Transportation, at Dover, Delaware, which in turn makes a thorough investigation leading to a drastic reduction in the "T" ration.

There is apparently a determined effort on the part of the County and State ration authorities to rigidly enforce the new gasoline control regulations in an effort to relieve the critical shortage which is keeping many farm tractors idle in the fields. The principal points of control is confining travel to that which is considered necessary and also to keep within the 35 mile speed limit. Violators of these points of control may expect to lose their entire gasoline ration which may mean losing the use of their automobile.

The gasoline shortage is a real issue and although there have been many versions of why the shortage the fact remains that there is a war going on and a type of war that is almost entirely mechanized. In addition to the tanks, airplanes, etc., the American fleet, both warships and merchantmen, are increasing daily. These require millions of gallons of gasoline and oil on our East Coast as well as many more millions of gallons for equipment operating on foreign soil.

Probably the greatest racket in illegal use of gasoline is via the "T" stamp which many truck drivers use for bribes, gratuities, etc. The O.D.T. is rapidly checking on these truck rations and the rate of reduction now going on will make the truck drivers respect more their "T" rations. "R", non-highway, stamps are frequently given away and in some instances the farmer's gasoline storage tanks is affording many miles of travel to friends who do not rate supplimental rations. It is expected that the present enforcement program will very much curtail some of these practices. The Kent County Ration Board has no control over the issuance of rations for the hundreds of Kent workers who are employed in defense activities at Elkton, Aberdeen, Port de-Posit, etc., as the counties in which these activities are located issue the rations for the workers. The many complaints as to excess gasoline issued to these workers should be directed to the above counties. This means that the local Ration Board does not have jurisdiction over the fact that absenteeism and use of a bus or other means of transportation leaves the worker with lots of stamps to sell, trade, give away or use for non-essential driving. It is hoped that through the present activities much of the faults will be corrected.

Fire Company Honors Members In Service

The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company has compiled a list of the following 37 active firemen, now serving with the armed forces, who are represented on a service flag flown from a pole erected in front of the fire hall.

They are:

John C. Hadaway, Morgan B. Hadaway, Ernest Beck, John E. Benjamin, Harry Patrick, Carl M. LeCates, S. Scott Beck, Jr., P. Medford Brooks Jr., Harry S. Russell, Charles C. Hadaway, Rayfield Kirby, James B. Watkins, Horace W. Needles, Jr., William Baldwin, William C. Benjamin, John Lee Gill, Earl Sutton, Mark Wood, Charles A. Meyers, Kennard Burk, Jr., William J. A. Theroux, Earl Capel, J. Allan Gill, Calvin W. Lynch, Charles D. Rollison, Jr., William Thompson, William Miller, Paul Steele, Gladden Coleman, Alvin E. Coleman, Jr., Harry C. Coleman, Jr., Robert Penn, Emory V. Hogans, Jr., Thomas Warner and Wallace Dwyer.

One gold star honors the memory of Robert Francis Miller, son of Mrs. William T. Miller of this city, a member of the United States Merchant Marine Corps, who lost his life last month in the sinking of his ship by an Axis submarine.

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Soft Ball League

Last Sunday, Great Oaks and Rock Hall split their two game card. Rock Hall took the first game 5-4 and Great Oaks came back in the second and won 8-4, both games were played at Fairlee.

At Chestertown, Herb Ward's Club took both games over Kennedyville, winning the first 8-5 and the second 6-3.

Chestertown and Still Pond did not play.

Games this Sunday:
Still Pond at Kennedyville
Herb Ward's Cubs at Rock Hall
Great Oaks at Chestertown
All games are double headers and starting times are at 1 p. m.

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College Women Hold Annual House Parties

Three of the Washington College sororities have been enjoying their annual house parties at nearby summer resorts during the past week. The Alpha Chi Sorority "broke camp" today after a week's stay at Ocean City. The Alpha Omega Pi Sorority ended its annual outing at Ocean City on Sunday. The Zeta Tau Alphas closed its annual week's outing at Betterton on Sunday.

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Betterton Church Is To Be Repaired

The Rev. H. B. Flater, pastor of the Still Pond-Betterton Methodist charge has announced that the memorial windows in the Betterton church will be releaded and repaired during the summer. The project, to cost $500, is being made possible through the efforts of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the church.

Humane Society To Be Organized

Mrs. Edward J. Geis, representativve of the Humane Society of Baltimore County has through her talks in this county established enough interest to organize a society in Kent county. The initial meeting will be called on Friday, June 18 in the Fire House at 10:30 a. m. The public is urged to attend and help put this vital work across.

Mrs. Geis was called to Kent county in view of the fact that two cases of rabies already exist, having been carried here from Cecil County. To prevent not only the spread of this disease, but to carry on further work of the Society is just cause why all public spirited citizens should attend and learn what measures may be adopted to accomplish its aim.

Mayor Wilmer, is heartily in favor of this project, as well as Dr. A. F. Whitsitt, head of the Health Department, who is fully in accord with the promotion of the organization of this Society in Kent, as animal protection is definite health protection for human beings.

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Housewives are urged to destroy all unused food coupons at the end of each rationing period. These coupons are NOT to be turned in to any store or used by any other person.

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Pigeon Takes Over Hen's Duty On Egg

Milford, Del.—Mrs. George Higman has a freak of nature at her home just north of Milford which is attracting a great deal of attention. It is a pigeon sitting on a hen's egg. Going into the barn yesterday morning Mrs. Higman saw the pigeon sitting on a bag, and was surprised when the bird did not fly away at her approach.

Further investigation revealed that the pigeon was sitting on a pullet egg that had been left in the barn.

Although others have gone to see the curiosity the pigeon is maintaining its assumed trust despite the nearness of strangers.

Mrs. Higman intends to let the pigeon stay and watch results.

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Fuel Oil Meeting To Be Held In Baltimore

On June 18th at 8 p. m. in the auditorium of Enoch Pratt Free Library Cathedray and Franklin Streets. a Fuel Oil Industry meeting will be held.

The meeting will be addressed by one of the executives of the Fuel Oil Rationing branch in the National Office and members of the industry are invited to attend. This meeting will be very instructive and as many as possible should attend.

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Harry P. Jones, one of the oldest retired farmers of this county, quietly observed his 88th birthday at his home in Fairlee recently. Because of the death of his wife, Mrs. Minnie Abby Jones, last week, Mr. Jones will make his home with his son, Raymond Jones, who is operating the Usilton farm, near Fairlee.

CIRCUIT COURT RECONVENED HERE MONDAY

The Circuit Court of Kent County reconvened here Monday morning to hear two cases which were postponed at the April session. Chief Judge Stephen R. Collins and Associate Judge Albert Constable were sitting.

Andrew Taylor charged with the owning and operating of two slot machines at the Green Tree Inn, near Galena, plead guilty to both charges and the court fined him $300 on each count. The Court upon sentencing Taylor told him that he was being fined only upon the recommendation by the States Attorney and that any like offenders coming before this Court would more than likely receive Prison sentences.

The charges of selling alcoholic beverages without a license, contrary to the law brought against Taylor and Annie Rafine were marked "stetted" by agreement with the State's Attorney's office. Harrison W. Vickers Kent County State's Attorney, explained this legal term as meaning that the charges had in effect been dropped but at the same time held open by placing them on the inactive docket.

The other postponed case, that of a liquor sale violation charge against Jacob Pryor, Chestertown egro, was further postponed until June 23, due to the recent death of Pryor's wife.

A new local record for collection of fines during a single term of court was set at the recent April term when more than $1700 was assessed by the court and collected at the local court house.

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Lieut. Nina Brice Speaks At Church

A large congregation heard Lieut. Nina Brice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brice of Fairlee, relate her experiences with the Johns Hopkins Medical Unit in North Africa at special services in Christ Methodist Church here Sunday evening, under the auspices of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the church.

Lieutenant Brice, relating some of the hardships which her unit experienced during the struggle in the Tunis sector, said that the only water available for a time was two cups, which she was compelled to use for bathing purposes. The drinking water had to be "doctored" before it could be used.

Lieutenant Brice has completely recovered form an attack of tropical fever contracted while on duty in North Africa which caused her hospitalization in this country for some weeks. She said she is expecting to receive her call to return to duty at any time.

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The June Tuberculosis Clinic, which is sponsored monthly throughout the year by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association and the State Department of Health, was held on Monday at the Chestertown Health Center, when approximately 20 patients were given free examinations by Dr. Paul Cohen, of the Salisbury Tuberculosis Home, assisted by Dr. A. F. Whitsitt, Kent County Public Health Officer, and his staff of nurses. Patients were referred to their local physicians for medical care.

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Mr. Wilbur Needles who has been manager of the American Stores at Millington has been transferred to the store at Chesapeake City.

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Tolchester Announces Change Of Schedule

The Tolchester Company has announced its Summer schedule which will start this Saturday.

Daily except Saturdays and Sundays
Leave Baltimore, 9:30 a. m. & 7 p. m.
Leave Tolchester 4 p. m. & 9:15 p. m.

Saturdays
Leave Baltimore, 2 p. m. and 7 p. m.
Leave Tolchester 4 p. m. & 9:15 p. m.

Sundays
Leave Baltimore, 9:30 a. m. & 2 p. m.
Leave Tolchester 11:45 a. m., 4:15 p.m. and 9:15 p. m.

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TYPHOID FEVER REPORTED IN KENT

The seasons first case of Typhoid Fever was reported to the Kent County Health Department yesterday morning. Dr. A. F Whitisitt, Health Officer has announced that a Typhoid clinic will be held at the Health Center every Saturday morning from 9 to 12 beginning June 12. Everyone is welcome to attend the clinic and receive immunization from the fever.

Dr Whitisitt stressed the fact that children attending Camps should have the treatments so as to keep the fever from spreading.

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