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ROCK HALL CLUB ALL SET FOR ANNUAL REGATTA

W. Miller Strong, Chairman of the Regatta committee of the Rock Hall Yacht Club, announced today that final preparations had been made for the annual regatta to be held on July 4th and 5th at the Club House.

Mr Strong stated that although there would be a limited Regatta this year due to general conditions, a sizable number of local yachtsmen and sailing enthusiasts, including members form Centreville, Chester River and Annapolis Yacht Clubs, had signified their intentions of participating in the races which are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p. m. on July 4th. Mr. Strong further stated that it was not possible to announce definitely the schedule of racing events previous to the date of the regatta because of the uncertainty of the actual number and classes of participants, but it was intimated that the racing committee was prepared to start an event for every boat registering at the starting line.

Commenting on the traveling facilities available for club members and friends who desire to attend the regatta, the Chairman stated: "We all realize that regulations do not permit the use of automobiles and motor boats for pleasure driving and our committee has requested that all of our members and friends adhere strictly to the rules and regulations concerning gasoline restrictions. There are many means of transportation available legitimately. We have suggested that non-automotive modes of travel will add to the fun and recreation of the occasion and the committee is offering a trophy for the person traveling the farthest distance and employing the most unique means of getting here!

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Harness Races Set For Next Saturday

Local Harness Race fans will get another glimpse of some of the fastest stepping pacers and trotters on the Eastern Shore here next Saturday, July 10, according to officials of the Kent and Queen Annes' Driving Association who have announced a meet to be held on this track near Chestertown.

Veteran horseman, Oscar Roe of Sudlersville will be the official starter and the first contest will get underway at 1:30 p. m.

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Soft Ball League

Standing of Clubs

W	L		Ave.
7	1	Chestertown	.875
6	4	Rock Hall	.600
4	4	Kennedyville	.500
3	6	Still Pond	.500
3	7	Chestertown Penquins	.333

Chestertown and Still Pond have two post-poned games to be played later.

Results of games played on June 27 are as follows:

Rock Hall lost two games by forfeit to Chestertown 9-0 and 9-0.

Still Pond won two games from the Chestertown Penquins 6-5 & 7-6.

Great Oaks lost to Kennedyville 19-17.

All games post-poned until July 11th due to July 4th holiday.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Last week saw the 115th continuous publication of another one of the Eastern Shore's fine weekly newspapers, THE MARYLANDER and HERALD of Princess Anne. This is quite a record in any field and the editors and staff of THE TRANSCRIPT wish to congratulate the publishers on this accomplishment and wish them continued success.

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Injured Girl Recovering

Miss Florence Lucht, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Lucht of near Chestertown, who was seriously injured recently when her left leg was caught between a truck and a gate post, crushing the limb, is rapidly recovering. She is able now to walk with the aid of a cane.

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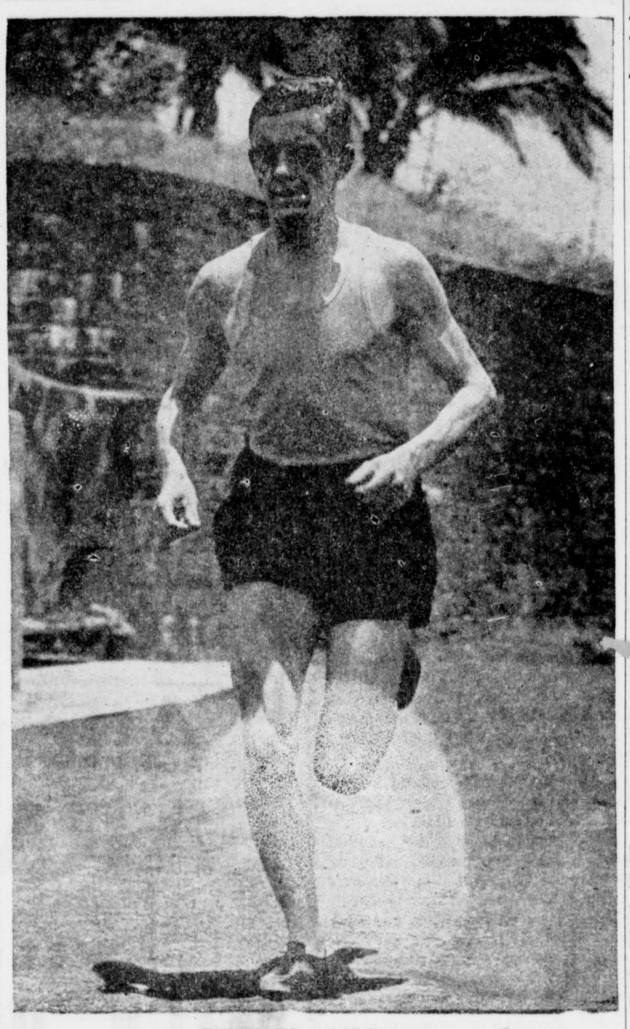
Auto Use Stamp Due

Becoming effective, Wednesday, midnight every Maryland motorist must now display on the windshields of their automobiles the Federal use-tax stamp. The stamps are for use during the fiscal year 1944 and cost $5. They may be purchased from the postoffice or Collector of Internal Revenue.

With The U. S. Forces



Corporal Edward McMahon
(Official Photo of U. S. Signal Corps, U. S. Army)

Corporal Edward S. McMahon former Washington College track star wrote from Hawaii this week that he is now back in training and has participated in several track events held in the territory of Hawaii under the Athletic Association Union there. In the first meet "Mac" was the lead-off man for a four mile relay team which they won easily coming within a few seconds of the record out there.

The next event in which he took part was the Track and Field Championships of the Islands, in which he won first place in the mile. In the same events he placed third in the two mile run.

The last meet he ran in was a six mile jaunt held on one of the highways there in which twenty-seven runners started but only seventeen finished. "Mac" placed fifth in this event in the time of 36 minutes and says he was very much pleased as he was not accustomed to running such great distances.

Service Flag Dedicated By Fairlee Methodists

A large congregation attended a special patriotic service in the Fairlee Methodist church on Sunday morning, in honor of the young men and women of the congregation who have entered the armed forces of the country.

Features of the program which was in charge of the pastor, the Rev. C. R. Strausburg, included the dedication of a service banner, containing the names of the 15 members of the church who are now in service, and an address by Lieutenant Nina Brice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brice, of Fairlee, who is awaiting orders to return to her duties with the American forces in North Africa.

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Ten Years At Washington College

Dr. Gilbert W. Mead celebrated his tenth anniversary as President of Washington College on June the 30th During the ten years the College has gone forward in many ways, including educational standards, enrollment and physical facilities.

Dr. Mead is now on a vacation in West Virginia following an illness of three months. He is fast recuperating from this illness and will return to the College in September.

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Mrs. Iola Hollinger Bucher, director of music in Christ Methodist Church and her young son, Donald have moved to Washington to establish a home there with her husband, who holds a position there. Mrs. Bucher will return to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl S. Hollinger, here, during the fall and winter months to continue the direction of the church choir, which has grown to a membership of 25 during her leadership. The choir will take a vacation in July and August. Special musical programs however, will be arranged by Mrs. Bucher.

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Mrs. J. Raymond Lusby enjoyed a two weeks visit at Virginia Beach, Va., with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Corbin Taylor.

She was accompanied by Mrs. John R. Lusby, Jr., of Baltimore.

Churn Creek Farms Build Huge Barn

The firm of Stavely & Son, Lynch contractors and builders, is completing one of the largest and most modern cow barns on the Peninsula on the Churn Creek estate of Wayne Johnson.

The barn will house a herd of 60 pure-bred registered Guernsey cows, which Mr. Johnson purchased from Ontario, Canada, for which he is reported to have paid $60,000, and which will be added to his herd of high class Guernseys, a number of which have been admitted to registry in the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

This is the largest single shipment of dairy cattle ever made to Kent County.

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Reports Record Farm Wage Rates In State

Farm wage rates in Maryland on June 1 were at the highest level on record, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture at College Park, reported this week.

Farm wage rates as of June 1 in Maryland were shown as follows: With board, per month, $46.75, and without board, $69; per day with board, $2.70, and without board, $3.45

The bureau reported that women and girls formed twenty-one per cent, of total farm workers in the State on June 1, compared with five per cent on June 1, 1942.

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A moving picture in techni-color on canning of all types of food will be shown at the Fire House in Chestertown on Monday evening, July 26 at 8 p. m. The picture is produced by the Good Housekeeping Magazine and the show will be sponsored by the Rotary Club and the Vita Foods Inc. The picture is authorized by the War Production Board and the office of War Information. All adults attending the picture will receive a pamphlet of menus and a jar of Vita Food Pickels. Published by authority Col. I. Price Ewing, Asst. Manager of Vita Foods.

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Robert Preston Shallcross, having completed his radio course is now a 3rd Class Petty Officer and is stationed at Norfolk, Va.

KENT CUB-SCOUTS HELD OUTING LAST THURSDAY

The annual Cub-Scout outing for Pack 3 of the Cubs of the Kent County district was held on Thursday evening, June 24th under the direction of Cub Master Spencer Smith and Scout Commissioner C. Lee Gill. After a baseball game and a series of games the group enjoyed roasting wennies and toasting marshmellows around a bonfire. A story telling period with stunts by the various dens closed a very pleasant evening.

Den Sponsors, Den Chief's and Cub members of the various dens are as follows:

Den I, Sponsors, Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Livingood; Den Chief, Frederick G. Livingood, Jr., Cubs,-David Barroll, Charles Sharretts, Charles Whitsitt, Larry Hadaway, Richard Gorsuch, Billy Wilson, Richard Barbee and Howard Dana.

Den II, Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sharretts; Den Chief, John K. Livingood, Cubs—Allan Carroll, Irving Smith, Harry Cannon, Harry Russell, Bobby Coleman and Jimmy Coleman.

Den IV, Sponsors, Reverend and Mrs. Melvin Kay; Den Chief, Conlyn Noland, Jr., Cubs—Robert Skeggs, Richard Wheate, James Kay, Jack Smith and David Smith.

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MAY DISCONTINUE DAY NURSERY SCHOOL HERE

Mr. Earle S. Hollinger, Chairman of the Kent County Nursery School committee announced today that there was a possibility that the Kent County Nursery School would be required to discontinue its program after July 10th because of lack of sufficient patronage.

The Kent County Nursery School, sponsored by the Business Men's Association and subsided for a month's trial period by local business men, is designed to take care of children of mothers employed in local defense plants and business enterprises and the school is of similar pattern with Nursery schools that are being operated throughout the country as an aid to the solution of employment problems created by the war effort.

Mr. Hollinger stated: "The Kent County Nursery School committee has been able to offer employed mothers the opportunity to place their children during week days in a nursery school with the benefit of expert supervision, care and training at the expense of $3.00 per child per week. Eight children have already been enrolled in the school, but it is necessary to have at least twenty children if the school is to continue beyond July 10th. We wish to call to the attention of all persons interested that if it becomes necessary to discontinue this school it will be very difficult to reorganize the project at some future date."

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NAMED TO STAFF OF THE LOCAL RATION BOARD

Mrs. William H. Payne, of Chestertown has accepted a position in the price division of the Kent County Rationing Board. Her duties will deal with the administration of the new price schedules recently announced as well as other ceiling prices.

In addition to the ceiling prices announced in this paper in its issue of June 19th, celing prices on the various cuts of beef and pork were announced this week and will be displayed in stores shortly.

Miss Helen Schellinger, Home Demonstration Agent for Kent County, has been named a Community Service member of the Local Board and will serve on the price panel in a volunteer capacity.

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Mrs. Linwood A. Sutton and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Stanley B. Sutton of near Chestertown, accompanied Mrs. Walter P. Kirwan of Cambridge, to East Greenwich, R. I., to attend the graduation exercises of Cadet John P. Kirwan on Friday. He received his commisson as ensign in the United States Naval Reserve Corps.

Our Garden Club Announces The Winners Of Essay Contest

Our Garden Club wishes to thank all those who took part in the recent contest.

The judges take pleasure in awarding first prize in the contest for adults to Miss Sue Thomas, of Centreville, and second prize to Miss Virginia Johnson, of Worton. These two young ladies are Freshmen at Washington College. The prize for seventh graders and under is awarded to Charles E. Whitsitt Sixth Grade, Chestertown Elementary School.

The winning essays follow:

WHAT THE PARKS OF CHESTERTOWN MEAN TO ME
by
Sue Tilghman Thomas

The central section of Chestertown is divided by a square court, with paths cutting across it. Truly, it is typical of all small town parks. Day and night, there are usually several people strolling about.

Since it is in the middle of the community, it is always noticed by passers-by. In the summer, the trees are lovely and the birds sing until their hearts are content.

It breaks the monotony of the hot pavements and the stores and the people. If, by chance, several benches would be placed about the park, people might have a chance to sit down and notice the surroundings.

During the summer evenings, vesper services are held there. Everyone enjoys them to a great extent.

I have noticed, often, the large statue in the cross-section of the paths. I can picture gorgeous ferns and lively gay flowers blooming around it. This spot would entrance people. It would be hard to resist.

I also can see the narrow paths bordered by small clumps of boxwood, which always looks green and springy. The sight would make one feel cool, even in the hottest weather.

So much could be done to the park to make it interesting and inviting, and make people want to go out of their way to pass through.

The word "park" means a piece of ground kept for ornamental and recreational purposes. The location is perfect for a place such as this. Since Chestertown has many guests, it seems only natural that the park should be the center of their activities. The citizens should have enough incentive to have it cared for properly, in order to make it a comfortable and pleasant meeting place for those who find it necessary.

WHAT THE PARKS OF CHESTERTOWN MEAN TO ME
by
Charles Emory Whitsitt

Some people sit in our parks, talk to each other, as if a town park was just a plot of ground in which to sit and talk. But, really, it is a place of memories—of Chestertown as a small, young settlement.

In a town park I think of when Kent was first settled. Chestertown was picked as her county seat, mainly because of its location on the Chester.

Next, I think of when a shipload of tea came up to Chestertown from England and townsmen had a "Chestertown Tea Party."

Then, I remember the Revolution and how the war came so near our town but citizens braved the mother country's Redcoats. When the war was won townsmen were proud to know that they helped win it.

Lastly, I remember that our first settlers faced many hardships to make for us the Better America we enjoy today. Yes, to me, the parks of Chestertown are all gardens of memories and we should do everything in our power to make and keep them places of beauty.

Chestertown Stores To Close Monday

Monday, July 5th, has been officially declared a legal holiday by Governor O'Conor. The Gov. announced that under Maryland law, whenever Independence Day occurs on Sunday the following day is designated as a holiday.

The Chestertown Business Men's Association at their regular meeting Wednesday voted to comply with the Governors decree and will close their stores on Monday in observance of the holiday.

The Banks, Court House and other public offices will also be closed.

For the first time in many years no public celebrations will be held due to the pleasure ban driving and other war restrictions.

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Couple Celebrate 64th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Cooper who are among the oldest couples in Kent County, celebrated their sixty-fourth anniversary of their marriage at their home here during the past week-end, with a dinner on Sunday at their home on High Street, with four generations of their family represented.

Including their six children, those who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Cooper, Jr., Washington, Mrs. Bertha Atwell, Still Pond, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Cooper, Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ross and son, Billy, Fort Meade, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. Chaires, Chestertown, together with the following grandchildren and great-great -grandchildren Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Hogans and children, Fort Meade, Mrs. Doland, Miss Bernice Meredith, Baltimore, Mrs. Milton Hogans, Still Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper whose ages are 84 and 80 years respectively, retired from farming in the county some years ago and moved to Chestertown.

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'Mission To Moscow'

"Mission to Moscow," Warner Bros. precendent-shattering screen version of the best-selling book by Joseph E. Davies, former American Ambassador to the Soviet Union, will be on the screen at the New Lyceum Theatre Mon., Tues., and Wed., July 7, 8, 9.

The theme of "Mission to Moscow" is America's discovery, through the eyes of a typical American and his family, of the greatness of our Russian ally whose armies checked the Nazi blitz.

The film, which stars Walter Huston and Ann Harding in the roles of Ambassador and Mrs. Davies, has a large and talented supporting cast, headed by George Tobias, Gene Lockhart, Oscar Homolka and Helmut Dantine.

Methodist Will Hold Union Prayer Service

The two Methodist churches of Chestertown will conduct union prayer services during the months of July and August as a part of their curtailed program of services during the summer. During July services will be conducted in Christ Methodist Church Wednesday evenings while the August services will be conducted on the same evenings in the First Church.

The Rev. Dr. J. Earle Cummings, superintendant of the Easton District of the Peninsula Methodist Conference, will conduct the first quarterly conference of the new conference year in Christ Methodist Church next Tuesday evening.

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Humane Society Seeks Shelter

The Humane Society, recently founded, and which has elected its officers is endeavoring to meet the present emergency for the rabies quarantine, in securing a temporary shelter for dogs. A full organization has not yet been accomplished and a membership drive will be under way during July. But it is hoped that local cooperation will enable the Society to obtain a shelter this week, so that dogs which are now being of necessity shot may be held for 48 hours, until claimed.

People wishing to claim their dogs when the shelter is provided, may apply to the Sheriff's office. Dogs will be released for a fee of $1, and for the payment of the license fee. This $1 charge will be doubled for each offense of the same dog. During the quarantine, all dogs off leashes or untied, or not in an enclosed yard, will be picked up regardless of whether or not they are licensed. Thereafter, it is hoped that the shelter may provide for unlicensed dogs until they are claimed or humanely destroyed.

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Wheat loans will be available again in 1943, according to Edgar D. Lusby, Chairman Kent AAA Committee. The loan rate for No. 3Red Winter Garlicky wheat, stored in country warehouses such as Roe and George at Sudlersville, will have a loan rate of $1.35 less ½c per bu. service fee. No. 2 Red Winter Garlicky wheat shipped by rail and stored in terminal elevators at Philadelphia and Baltimore will have a loan rate of $1.46 less freight, handling charges, elevation, and other incidental charges; leaving a net of approximately $1.33 per bu. or nine cents more than last years net value. Water borne wheat shipped to Baltimore or Philadelphia, will have a loan rate of $1.39¾ per bu. and will clear around $1.27 however farmers shipping wheat by boat will make up the difference when the loan is liquidated.

MISS MILDRED HOYLE NAMED AS SUPERVISOR

The Board of Education of Kent County at its meeting held June 28, 1943 appointed Miss Anne Mildred Hoyle of Fairlee as supervisor in the white elementary schools of Kent County to succeed Miss Esta V. Harrison, resigned, who after filling this position most creditably for sixteen years decided to retire from the teaching profession and spend her latter years among her people at her home in Springfield, Missouri. Kent County teachers have every reason to feel proud that one of their number is qualified to fill such an important position. Miss Hoyle received her public school training in the schools of Kent County and graduated from the State Normal School at Towson in 1924. Although she has filled only two different positions during her nineteen years of teaching in Kent County she never permitted herself "to get into a rut." She was ambitious as to attend summer school on an average of every other year and in the summer of 1941 received the degree of B. S. in Elementary Education at the University of Maryland. Not content with this, she took two evening courses under Dr. F. G. Livingood at Washington College during the school year 1941-'42. She will attend summer school at Columbia University this year in further preparation for her new field of work.

In the opinion of Supt. Louis C. Robinson, Miss Hoyle is fortunate in being able to follow one as capable and as conscientious as her predecessor. Many times during her service as supervisor in Kent County, Miss Harrison won the commendation of those members of the State Department of Education under whom and with whom she worked as attested by letters on file in the School Board Office.

Miss Thelma B. Smith, who was teacher of foreign languages at the Chestertown High School, has resigned her position, as of the end of the school term.

Miss Thelma Ware, who was teacher of commercial subjects at the Chestertown High School, has resigned her position, as of the end of the school term.

Mrs. Marian G. Lambden was appointed to fill the vacancy, as teacher of foreign languages, at the Chestertown High School, to succeed Miss Thelma B. Smith.

Mrs. Helen Marie Culver Criss was appointed as teacher of social studies at the Chestertown High School, to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Susan Frances Stavely who left the County in March of this year.

Teachers Attending Summer School

Elementary

Columbia University
Miss M. Louise Hepbron
Miss Rebecca Wood
Miss Emilie N. Skirven
Mrs. Mildred P. Dwyer

Washington College
Mrs. Frances O. Taylor
Mrs. Hilda A. Hill
Mrs. Catherine W. Barnes
Miss Frances B. Morris

High

Washington College
Mrs. Estelle B. Strang

University of Maryland
Miss Carrie E. Schreiber
Miss Margaret Quinn
Miss M. Louise Stevens
Mr. Robert T. Fleetwood

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Hearings Held For Pleasure Drivers

Hearings were held by The Kent County Ration Board Wednesday afternoon on charges of violation of the pleasure ban and violation of the 35 mile victory speed limit.

As a result of the hearings, rations were suspended for eight Kent County motorists. The hearings are held at the Little Court House.

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Fireworks Warning

Dr. R. H. Riley, director of the State Department of Health this week cautioned parents against children using Fireworks on the Fourth of July He also urged parents to prepare children who will enter school in September by vaccination now.

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NOTICE!

All letters addressed to THE TRANSCRIPT for publication must be signed before they can be published. (This is the law.) We have been receiving on the average of about one letter a week unsigned.

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