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CLUB OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED BY ROTARIANS

Robert J. Nicholson retiring president of the Chestertown Rotary Club, at the meeting Monday, installed the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Prof. Wilbur J. Stenger; vice-president, Marvin V. Williams; secretary-treasurer, A. Parks Rasin, Jr.; board of directors, Wilbur J. Stenger, Marvin V. Williams, Herbert F. Ward, William Belt Townshend, Edward O. Hepding, Walter Churchman.

The newly elected president will announce the list of committee appointments Monday. Following the installation of officers, A. Sydney Turner, member of the local club and now employed as Safety Director of the Koppers Company of Baltimore delivered an address on "Plant Protection" stressing the importance of steps which the war industry has taken to prevent sabotage and espionage at the plant. The Rotary Club and Vita Food Products Corporation here are sponsoring a moving picture in technicolor, a production of the Good Housekeeping Magazine, which will be shown in Firemen's Hall here Monday evening, July 26th illustrating all types of canning food products in aid of the war.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Harris of Lynch are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a daughter, born June 29th at the Chester Hospital. Mrs. Harris was the former Margaret V. Clayton.

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Day Nursery To Be Abandoned Here

The Day Nursery, which was sponsored by the Chestertown Business Men's Association, will be abandoned according to action taken at the weekly meeting of the Association on Wednesday. The abandonment was made necessary due to the fact that attendance dropped to which is far below the figure of 20 which was orginally declared necessary for proper financial operation.

The nursery was started for the purpose of caring for children of parents working in the various war industries and was paterned after nurseries in operation in various parts of Maryland.

It was efficiently operated by Miss Mildren Melvin and Mrs. Kathryn Hurlock and the lack of enrollment was evidence of lack of need in the community.

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"Community Sings" Held Tuesday Nights

The first of a series of community sings and other forms of entertainment, which will be held in the city park here during the summer, was held Tuesday evening, with the program under the direction of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company Band and the fire company, with Bandmaster C. Julian Coleman in charge of the program. Each weekly program will be sponsored by one of the organizations in the city, including the Chestertown Rotary Club. Lions Club, the Order of Odd Fellows, and the Chestertown Business Men's Association.

Everyone is welcomed to the gatherings to join the band in singing patriotic songs.

Gets $1,000 War Bond

Former Kent County Miss, Launches $3,000,000 Tanker At Sun Ship

Drenched with rain and sprayed with champagne a large group of Sun Ship Office workers cheered at 12:19 P. M. on June 29th as Miss Mary E. Clayton, a co-worker, christened the S. S. Bull Run, a $3,000,000 tanker and the 33rd vessel launched this year at the world's largest private shipyard, and the third within twenty four hours. Miss Clayton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clayton formerly of Chestertown.

Scheduled to be christened at 11:55 a.m. the wind and rain delayed the launching for 24 minutes, which was long enough to soak the sponsor and guests, who were forced to brave the storm, expecting that any minute the big hull would be cut loose from the ways.

It was all clear overhead as the Sponsor's party and the office force left for the North Yard at 11:50 a. m., the skies opened up and a brisk wind whipped torrents of rain across the canvas covered platform while the guests huddled together on the platform steps.

Miss Clayton was selected to Sponsor the ship by reason of her 20 year service record with the Sun Ship Building Company. She is Assistant Chief to the Order Department. Her home is at 48 W 8th St., Chester, Pa.

John G. Pew Jr., Sun Vice-President officiated at the launching and the Sponsors guests were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clayton, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clayton, Jr., Mrs. W. O. Bringman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clayton and son, Robert, Mr. Harry Perry, Mrs. Laurence Thornton, Miss Nell Drain, Miss Edith White, Mr. Neil Jamison.

Following the launching, Miss Clayton was presented with a jewelled pin, a gift of the office force; a $1000 war bond, gift of the company and a large bouquet of American Beauty Roses and was entertained at luncheon at the Chester Club.

TRANSFER OF LOCAL FACTORY TO BE SOON

The papers are nearing completion for the transfer of the Chestertown Hosiery Building from the Merchants and Manufacturer's Association to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dersch. The local venture has been a successful one; the stock holders will receive their original investment plus a bonus and the property goes into the hands of the operators, Mr. and Mrs. Dersch.

This is one effort to start a factory in Chestertown that has turned out successfully. Mr. Dersch, an ex-service man, having served in the United States Army during World War No. 1 was one of the original partners who came to Chestertown several years ago with the proposal to establish a hosiery factory. The building was constructed by the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, the operators moved in machinery and work started. Mr. and Mrs. Dersch who have become the final operators and owners have overcome many obstacles and throughout their activities here they have lived up to all contracts, promises and obligations, which they made with the Association and they now have a going business. Their life here has been a decided asset to the community.

Mayor Philip G. Wilmer was the first president of the Association and following his resignation was succeeded by Mr. Wm. Belt Townshend who is closing the affairs of the said Association.

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Kent County Soft Ball League

Due to the July 4th holiday no games were scheduled last week. Games this Sunday are as follows:

Still Pond at Rock Hall.

Kennedyville vs. Great Oaks at the Chestertown High School.

Chestertown Penquins vs. Chestertown at Kent and Queen Annes Driving Park.

All games are double-headers and start at 1:30 p. m.

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Chestertown Public Library is moving to its new quarters at High and Queen Streets. The library expects to be opened on Saturday, July 17th.

LIFE SAVING CLASSES HELD BY LOCAL RED CROSS

The chairman of the Kent County Chapter of the American Red Cross announced today that classes in Life Saving will be offered this year to persons 12 years of age and over to be held at the Chester River Yacht and Country Cub at two o'cock P. M. on Sunday afternoons beginning on Sunday, July 11, 1943. Mr. Donald S. McClellan, who has previously conducted these classes in Kent County, will be in charge of the instruction, which will consist of a course of varying activity covering the necessary hours and subjects.

Mr. McClellan who is a student of Washington Callege and who is well known in Kent County for his work with the Red Cross Life Saving Classes, stated today; "There have been numerous requests that the course in Life Saving be offered again this year and we are pleased to form this class of instruction for all persons who are interested in receiving their Life Saving certificates. Later in the summer it may be possible for us to offer a class in swimming for persons who are interested, but at the present time, the Life Saving classes will be confined to persons 12 years of age and over. All who are interested in the Life Saving class will please report at the Country Club pier at two o'cock P. M. on Sunday July 11, 1943 prepared for instructions which will begin at that time."

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Harness Races Here Saturday

Matinee Races will be held at the Kent and Queen Annes Driving Park at Chestertown, this Saturday afternoon. Local horses are in good shape for the races. At Dover on Monday, out of ten heats, horses stabled here captured first place in five.

Cinco Woolen, owned by Lewis Everett took two firsts in the first race; Bobby Flash, owned by Robert A. Shallcross took two firsts in the fast trot; Galena May, owned by Dr. Gillfillan took a first and second in her race.

HUMANE SOCIETY HAS TEMPORARY DOG SHELTER

The Humane Society has found a temporary shelter in which dogs will be kept for 48 hours. If not claimed within that period, they will be disposed of humanely. A fee of $1 will be charged for dogs claimed and dogs must be licensed before leaving the shelter. For any information required about claiming dogs you may apply to the sheriff.

People wishing to adopt any dogs from the shelter, may do so, providing they pay the $1 fee and the license fee. This may be done under the condition that they are willing to return the dog to the original owner if such owner pays cost and claims the dog within a reasonable time.

The Society is now hoping to be able to acquire a permanent shelter where unlicensed and stray dogs may be cared for, and which will also provide a place where people may dispose of unwanted pets.

The Girl Scouts will solicit memberships for the Humane Society on Monday and Tuesday, July 12 and 13, by making a house to house canvas. The business section will be covered by officers of the organization. The cooperation of the whole town is urged.

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WITH U. S. FORCES

Captain Rhoderick Blackhurst of the U. S. A. Air Corps recently received his Majority and is now Major Blackhurst. Major Blackhurst was recently cited by the Army Air Corps.

Philip M. Brooks, Boatswain's Mate, U. S. N. stationed at Little Creek, Va., is on a ten day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Brooks. Mr. Brooks was recently promoted from 2nd to 1st class.

Sergeant William B. Usilton III who spent last week-end in Chestertown, has been promoted to Staff Sergeant since his return to Fort George Meade.

Raymond Sutton, U. S. N., stationed at Bainbridge, Md. was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sutton last week-end.

Private Lewis M. Townsend

Private Lewis Marion Townsend of Rock Hall, Maryland, arrived recently at the United States Marine Corps training base at Parris Island, South Carolina. After several months of basic training, he will be assigned to an advanced training base for further instruction in the fighting tactics that have made Marines world famous.

Kennard Burke, 3rd Class Petty Officer, graduated last Friday at the Technical School, Navy Pier, Chicago, as Aviation Machinist's Mate. Word was received on Thursday morning that he was stationed at the Navy Base in Memphis, Tenn., for Radio training.

Sergeant and Mrs.Orville Wright were guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright last week-end. Serg. Wright is stationed at Quantico, Va. in the U. S. Marine Corp.

James Clark, Quartermaster 1st C. U. S. N. stationed at Little Creek, Va. visited his wife over last week-end.

Captain William L. Spry of Chestertown, was among those seen by Louis Azrael, News-Post War Correspondent in his tour of camps, somewhere in England. Captain Spry was a Sergeant in the Centreville Co. of the Maryland National Guard prior to the war and has rapidly won promotion.

Lt. Richard Decker and Mrs. Decker with their daughter Anne, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Gilpin Brown on Wednesday of this week.

Lt. Decker, is stationed in Norfolk, Va.

Cooperate To Help Beat Axis

Through the efforts of C. Lee Gill, scout executive and two members of troop 170, Miss Minnie Hicks, of Chestertown is now employed at the Kent Defense Plant here helping to turn out munition products that will eventually help to whip the Axis. Miss Hicks is blind and has to have someone to lead her to a bus which passes her home daily and this is where the cooperation of the two scouts, RolphTownshend (pictured above with Miss Hicks) and David Massey come in. They are the escorts for the patriotic blind lady and ride to and from work with her and tend to punching the time clock and other little items that she cannot attend to herself. Plant officials claim that she is very efficient in her work and the other employees are very proud of her accomplishments. This is the spirit that will see America win the war.

Plane Spotter's Have To Be Vigilent

A spotter at the Black's Observation Post reported to the Assistant Chief Observer, Mrs. William Sutton that an automobile with a man occupant and bearing a Texas license number created suspicion due to the pecular activity of the operator with an unusual piece of apparatus.

The observer noted the license number and Mrs. Sutton reported the instance to the District Director for Kent County. The message was in turn relayed to Sheriff Gsell and then State Trooper Cronshaw who upon investigation found the car and its occupant in Chestertown. The man presented satisfactory credentials and explained as a representative of a Texas Company he is touring the East and testing the gravity pull of the earth at various points to determine the mineral contents below the surface.

While this particular report was fairly easily handled, the observer is to be commended for alertness, as it may have been an activity of the enemy. Such alertness is the greatest safeguard against sabotage. Many reports may turn out like this one, but one that might halt enemy activity more than justifies the vigilence and vigilence is something the enemy hates.

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Wheat Yield Smallest In Many Years

Predictions made by leading wheat growers of this county prior to the threshing season that this year's crop wil be considerably smaller than for several years, seem to be verified by reports from those growers who have been combining their crops during the week.

Grain buyers here, who are purchasing wheat under government loan, report that up to the present time the yield on tillages of farmers who have combined their crops is ranging from 18 to 20 bushels per acre, as compared with much higher yields last year. It is believed that unfavorable weather conditions during the early spring are responsible for the comparatively low yield. No. 2 wheat is selling in local markets under government loan contracts for $1.46 a bushel, which will net the growers approximatey $1.33 per bushel.

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Miss Alice Marian Sterling of Wilmington, who has been spending a vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Alonza L. Sterling., on Washington Avenue, entered the Kent and Queen Anne Hospital here Tuesday, where she underwent a minor operation which will confine her to the hospital for several days.

Rock Hall Holds Annual Regatta

The Rock Hall Yacht Club held its Annual Regatta last week-end in spite of war time difficulties. The regatta was small, but those that went by various methods of conveyances all had a great time. Miller Strong won the prize for coming in the most unique rig. He came with a mule team hitched to a rubber tired manure spreader.

The racing consisted of two races of three heats each. One race was for boats 20 foot and over. Whiteflash, sailed by Bud Hubbard took first place and "Pooka" sailed by A. Temple Blackwood of Centreville took second place.

The other race was for boats under 20 feet had five Hamptons and one comet and was won by Mary Lou Truslow in "Rumpus". Second was "Didi Too" sailed by Morris Paschall, third "3 sisters" sailed by Peggie and Nellie Truslow, fourth "Nookie" sailed by Jeanne Valliant of Centreville, fifth, "Mommy Too" sailed by Mary Paschall, sixth "Nomad" a comet sailed by Dicky Ashley of Centreville.

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A card was received at the Transcript this week showing a picture of the Midnight Sun on the Yukon, Alaska from David McMenamin, U. S. N. R.

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Green Acres Cows Complete Record

Two more daughters of the registered Guernsey sire, Broadland Cyclops, owned by Frank T. Price, Green Acres Farm, Chestertown, Md. have completed two official Advanced Register records. Bertha of Green Acres at two years old produced 11,916.4 pounds of milk and 559.8 lbs. of butter fat and was milked 966 times while making this record. Hattie of Green Acres at the age of two years made a record of 10,663.3 pounds of milk and 505.0 pounds of butter fat and was milked 976 times while making this record. Both of these cows produced healthy calves for their owner.

By virtue of these records, Broadland Cyclops enters the select group of Advanced sires. His six tested daughters have six records that average 10,652.5 pounds of milk and 506.8 lbs. of butter fat.

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Mrs. Marie Legg, clerk to the mayor and city council reports that all bills for the past month were ordered paid by the council at its monthly meeting in Firemen's Hall Monday evening. The mayor and council also discussed plans for collecting all delinquent taxes extending over a period of several years, which amount to several thousand dollars.

WORK-FIGHT LAW WILL BE ENFORCED

Queen Anne's Record-Observer—Approximately fifty Negroes were on hand early Thursday morning to claim their unemployment compensation checks at the unemployment office in Centreville. On hand, also were, State's Attorney Harry C. Butler, Cheriff Perkins and Constable Moore to see how and why so many colored people could draw unemployment checks when farmers have been having such a hard time finding labor to harvest their crops.

The Negroes were seated in the court room and the State's Attorney called each colored male up to the desk one by one and proceeded to find out what kind of work he had been doing. The colored women, meanwhile, drew their checks upon answering a few questions. Several of the men, it was noted, had not worked in weeks and were drawing checks every week.

Sheriff Perkins arrested two of the men, Clarence Handy and Roy Davis, charging them with unlawfully drawing unemployment compensation when working part-time. The other men were warned that they would be prosecuted under the work-or-fight law if they did not find work soon. Handy and Davis were found guilty of the charges Monday night at court and paid fines and costs.

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Typhoid Case Is Reported In Town

Dr. A. F. Whitsitt, Kent County Health Department head was notified yesterday morning that Fanny Taylor, Church Street, Chestertown, colored defense worker at Elkton had been stricken with Typhoid Fever which it is believed she contracted at the plant there. The victim is 20 years old and is a native of Virginia. Dr. Whitsitt stated that his department was cooperating with one of the local physicians on the case and that there is no danger of an epidemic or spreading of the disease.

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Union Church Held Flag Dedication

At a special service held on Sunday morning in Union Methodist Church, near Chestertown, a large service flag was dedicated in honor of the young men of the church who have entered the armed forces. The flag was presented to the church by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The guest speaker was Dr. Frederick G. Livingood, dean of the Washington College faculty.

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Combine Operator Hurt At Still Pond

James Startt, manager of a farm near Still Pond owned by G. Harry Cannon, Chestertown, was painfully injured last week while operating a barley combine on the farm. After receiving treatment at the Kent and Queen Anne Hospital Chestertown, he was able to return to his home, where he is recovering.

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Dogs Kill Chickens

Mr. Frank Gilpin of Lankford, had 27 chickens killed by dogs on Wednesday night of this week. The chickens weighed from 1 to 3 pounds a piece.

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Coffee Shoppe To Open Saturday

Court St. will flourish in the days to come with a brand new coffee shop to be known as Chimney Corner. This welcome addition to "the Row" will open Saturday, July 10.

See advertisement on Page 5.

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Accepts Position

Miss Ann Ford of Chestertown has accepted a position in the Price department of the Kent County Ration Board to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. William Payne.

Miss Grace Starr will fill the vacancy at the office of the Kent and Queen Anne Petroleum, formerly held by Miss Ford.

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ELEANOR CLUB!

A cook applying for work in Chestertown, told her would be employer, that she could only work from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. and that she would have to have $3.50 a day. When the employer told her that she had her supper after 4 p. m. and could not think of paying such high wages, the cook stated, "I belong to the ELEANOR CLUB and would be laughed at if I worked after 4 p. m. or for any less money."

Mildred Powers Dancin g Class

Pictured above is part of the Mildred Powers Group that took part in the dance recital in Chestertown on June 1st.

Bottom Row, left to right, Bobby Townshend, Anna Stime, Ann Schreiber, Edith Keyser, Doris Stime, Sally Moyer, Henrietta Townshend. Top Row, Eva Meekins, Peggy Miller, Phyliss Mulford, Sally Snyder, Joyce Hubbard, Bobby Sweetman, Betty Nicewarmer.

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