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29 SELECTEES REPORT FOR EXAMINATIONS

Twenty-nine selectees, fifteen white and fourteen negroes reported to State Examination Board in Baltimore on Tuesday. At this time the local board has not received notice of the ones who passed. Those who reported are as follows:

Joseph B. Vinyard, Donald C. Murray, Fred R. Beaver, Edward M. Kennard, John W. Kendall, Raymond M. LeCompte, William Curtis Perry, Edward Samuel Cannan, Charles W. McLaughlin, Charles W. Joiner, Jr., John J. Coleman, Robert E. Strausburg, George Nolan Edwards, Elwood R. Usilton and William B. Reihl.

The fourteen negro selectees were: William L. Maple, Freeman Chambers, William H. Dudley, Richard I. Summerville, Henry Hazelton Wicks, James E. Wilmer, Herman H. Boyer, Howard A. Ford, William T. Hopkins, Horace E. Hynson, John W. Broadway, Fernell L. Johnson, William P. Mason and Edward M. Wilson.

Also scheduled to report at the Baltimore Induction Center along with the above group, but reporting from other sections of the country, were: James M. Winebarger, Mardean R. Miller, Charles W. Pennington and Arthur R. Starr, all white.

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Community Sings Drawing Big Crowds

Preston P. Heck, executive secretary of the Chestertown Business Mens Association, will be master of ceremonies at the Community Sing in the park on Tuesday evening, which will be featured by one of the most elaborate programs of the summer. Special numbers of the program will include a contest among Ladies' Quartettes of the community, a mass chorus of members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Fire Company, the By Kota Club, Triangle Club, Daughters of America, and the Eastern Star, a repetition of tap dancing by Julian Solloway, with piano accordion accompaniment by Jesse Downey, of Rock Hall, and popular selections by the Fire Company Band under the direction of Bandmaster C. Julian Coleman, which has been rendering valuable service in making these weekly events the outstanding success each has been. The sponsors of Tuesday evening's program are urging a large attendance of the people of the community, and everyone, is asked to unite whole-heartedly into the spirit of the program by using their voices in the singing of the popular songs.

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Canneries Exempt Of Stabilization Plan

Because of their critical labor situation, canneries of eight Eastern Shore counties have been granted exemptions from the Maryland Stabilization Plan from July 30 to October 1, as an emergency measure for their peak processing season, Lawrence B. Fenneman, War Manpower Commission state director has announced. Exemptions apply in Kent, Queen Anne's Caroline, Talbot, Somerset, Dorchester, Worcester, and Wicomico Counties where there is an estimated shortage of 5,800 workers with an irreducible minimum of 2,000 even if the anticipated number of additional workers from community mobilization is recruited, Mr. Fenneman pointed out. At the same time he ordered a renewed recruitment effort by the United States Employment Service offices throughout the State.

The exemption as issued by the State WMC director reads:

"A worker employed in essential industry who wishes to take a leave of absence to work in a cannery may do so without the necessity of obtaining a release, providing the following conditions are met:

1. That he worked in a cannery in the 1942 or 1943 season.
2. That the cannery employment will be with a canner for whom he formerly worked.
3. That he notifies the employer from whom he is taking the leave of his intentions and of his approximate date of return.
4. That he returns to his essential employer immediately upon leaving the cannery employment.

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President Gilbert W. Mead of Washington College announced this week the establishment of the Charles W. Reid Memorial Library Fund, by the receipt of a bequest of $1,750 for that purpose from the estate of Mrs. Reid. Dr. Reid was President of the College from 1889 to 1903, and was the founder of co-education in the institution. Reid Hall, the girls' dormitory, is named for him. The income from the fund is to be used for the purchase of books for the George A. Bunting Library.

Kent Schools To Open September 8th

The Kent County Board of Education announced today that Wednesday, September 8th has been set as the opening date for both white and colored schools throughout the county. A teacher's meeting will be held the day before, Tuesday, September 7th.

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Captain William R. Janney Killed July 12th

News of the death of Captain William R. Janney, U. S. Army, was received on Monday of this week in a telegram to his wife, the former Miss Miriam Newcomb, who has been making her home here with her mother, Mrs. Clarence Newcomb, since Captain Janney's departure for overseas.

The message stated that Captain Janney had been killed in action in the North African war zone on July 12. He was a member of an infantry unit in the First Division, commanded by General George S. Patton and was among the first troops to land on the shores of North Africa. When Mrs. Janney last heard from her husband on July 4, he was then still a 1st Lieutenant, but had since been promoted to Captain, in recognition of his fine work in the North African campaign.

Captain Janney, was a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, Class of 1940, where he was a high ranking officer in the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Upon graduation he was commissioned in the U. S. Army, and in July 1941, he and Miss Newcomb were married. Not quite a year later he was sent overseas, and Mrs. Janney returned to Chestertown, where she took a position as secretary at the Kent Defense Corporation.

Captain Janney's parents live in White Plains, N. Y.

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Bear Mountain On Tolchester Run Now

The newly acquired excursion steamer "Bear Mountain" is now on the run from Baltimore to Tolchester This steamer which accomodates 2000 people is expected to relieve the crowded condition of the Francis Scott Key.

The State O.P.A. refused the application for oil for the larger boat, based on the fact that the Francis Scott Key was suitable for the passenger travel across the bay and that the larger boat was needed only to carry additional excursionists. Excursion travel is out during the war emergency. The Regional office of the O.P.A. in New York, however, reversed the decision of the State office and granted the oil.

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CINCO WOOLEN SETS NEW RECORD, 2.08

Cinco Woolen, fast stepping pacer, driven by Louis Everett, set a new track record of 2.08 at the Kent & Queen Anne's Driving Park last Saturday afternoon. Over 600 paid admissions were taken at the gate.

Free For All Pace

Cinco Woolen	1	1
Alta Abbie	5	5
Red Arrow	4	4
Chestnut Lucky Boy	3	2
Hal Trim	2	3
Time 2.08	2.10	

Class A Trot

Slickaway	4	3
Bobby Flash	1	2
Bonnie Scotland	3	1
Hettie Hanover	5	-
Norman Frisco	2	4
Roan Aubrey	6	-
Time 2.13½	2.15	

Class A Pace

Madge Martin	1	1
Billy Bonnington	4	3
Ellen Hanover	2	-
Sylvia Hanover	3	2

3 Year Old Trot

Scrab	2	6
Delena May	1	1
Kate D.	4	3
Veida Hanover	3	5
Amelia D.	5	4
Harold Hanover	6	2
Time 2.17½	2.21	

3 Year Old Pace

Jane Majesty	3	3
Anna Hal	2	2
High Norman	1	1
Time 2.14½	2.12½	

Class B Pace

Misken	1
Cliff Lee	3
Dallas	4
Anna Aubrey	2
Sybol Grit	5
Time 2.12	

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Christmas packages may be mailed to American soldiers overseas without a request from the soldier, from September 15 to October 15, the war department has announced.

THIEVES BUSILY ENGAGED HERE DURING THIS WEEK

The Elliott Brothers Trucking storage house was broken into sometime during the past week-end and robbed of several cases of chewing gum, a storage battery and several hundred dollars were taken from the company's safe was opened by the combination.

H. S. Pluege, manager of the local plant reported the robbery to Sheriff Henry Gsell late Sunday afternoon. The Sheriff assisted by the state troopers started an immediate investigation which has been continued during the week. Fingerprints of the safe have been taken and are now being carefully studied.

Tuesday another robbery took place on the Martin farm near Galena when William Mason, migrant farm laborer from Kentucky entered Mr. Martin's cellar and made off with 12 quarts of high priced wine. Mason was apprehended in Galena by the Sheriff and his deputy and is now lodged in the Kent County jail awaiting a hearing.

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Promoted to Major

Captain Harry S. Russell has been promoted to the rank of Major in the United States Army, according to news received this week.

Major Russell, who has been stationed in New York, will go to Louisville, Kentucky for temporary duty. He is editor of **"The Enterprise,"** on leave of absence, while serving in the Army.

Mr. Joseph B. Vineyard has enlisted in the Sea Bees.

Pfc. Ralph Shinn, with his bride, is home on a furlough. The wedding of Private Shnn, stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, and Miss Edith V. Beaven, of Baltimore, took place on Tuesday in the chapel of St. Michaels and All Angels Church, Baltimore, by the Rev. Dr. D. F. Fenn. Mrs. Shinn will remain in that city, while her husband is in the Army.

Corp. W. Robert Huey, Jr., U. S. A., son of W. Robert Huey, president of the First National Bank, and Mrs. Huey has been transferred from a California camp to a Field Artillery Camp at Brownwood, Texas. Formerly pipe organist in Christ Methodist Church here, he gave a 20-minute organ recital in the First Baptist Church in Brownwood recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurvery Starkey, of Crumpton, have received word that their son, Private Bowen Starkey, who is with the Army Air Forces, is in a hosptal, somewhere in North Africa. He wrote his parents, some weeks ago that he had had vegetables from home packed by Swing Brothers.

Among the boys home over last week-end were: Apprentice Seaman John E. Barnes, Jr., and Harry Walsh stationed at Madison, N. J.; Staff Sergeant William B. Usilton, III, from Fort Meade; Carl Mench, A. M. M., of the Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Md.; Sgt. Bayard Coulter; Sgt. Ernest Beck on a ten day furlough, Ft. Benning, Ga.; Corporal Franklin Price; Lt. Wilson Cohee, Washington; and the twin Strong brothers, both Lieutenants in the Naval Air Corps.

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Missing In Action

Mr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Lusby have received word that their son, J. Raymond Lusby, Jr., is "missing in action." The message stated that their son, aged 27, had been missing since July 12. He has been in the Armed forces since January 29, 1941.

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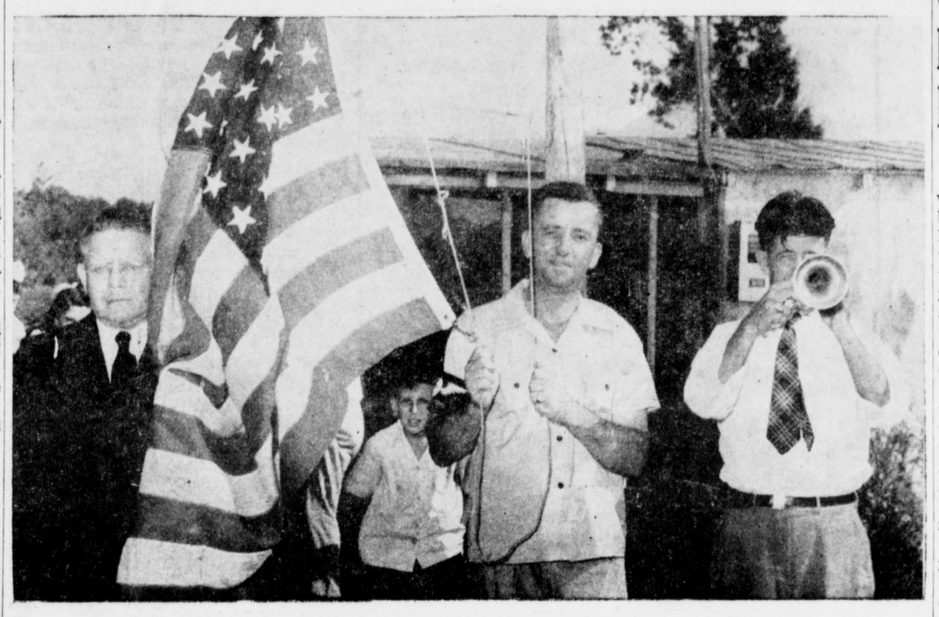
Poultry Truckers To Post Manifests

Washington (AP)—In a move to stop the flow of poultry to black markets, the Office of Price Administration ordered truckers to post a manifest inside their trucks showing who owns poultry in transit and to whom it is consigned.

Such a manifest also must be posted in any other vehicle transporting poultry. It must show the place from which the items were shipped, their quantities, types, grades and weight classes and the number of head of each.

The OPA ruled that any poultry requisitioned by the Army which does not meet Army standards may be sold to a processor at the price the Army paid. The Army is permitted to pay one cent, the OPA explained, represents the quarter-cent differntial always allowed on sales to Government war procurement agencies plus a three-quarters of a cent allowance for shipment and shrinkage loss.

Piney Neck Spotter Post Dedicates Flag To Former Members



The American flag shown above was very appropiately dedicated last Sunday at the Piney Neck Spotter Post in honor of three of its former members, Bernard Elburn, Preston Ashley and George Chandler, who were killed in action, serving in the armed forces of our country. Taree of the dedication party are shown above. Rev. Louhoff, who was in charge of the program, Cecil Crouch, Chief Observer at the Post and Jesse Downey who furnished the music for the occasion. Other speakers were Richard H. Collins, Chief of the Kent County Aircraft Warning Service and Col. I. Price Ewing, director of County Civilian Defense.

The flag was purchased with funds raised by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Watson in the Rock Hall vicinity.

Who Said All Sergeant s Are Hardboiled?



First Sergeants are not all tough, though 1st Sgt. Georgeanna J. Redman, Chestertown, Maryland (right) talking it over with Jr. Leader Georgiana R. Larrabee, Emporium, Pa., know how to get the job done.

The job of training Fighter pilots for Uncle Sam's airplanes, is no easy job, but at this advanved flying school, strategically located on the Texas-Mexican border, at Eagle Pass, Texas, WACS are doing over 30 different jobs, and replacing large numbers of men for combat missions.

Sergeant Redman is a graduate of Chestertown High School, and was employed at the Brook's Mill as bookeeper when she enlisted in the WACS about a year ago.

Receives Honor For Twenty Years Service

E. O. Hepding, Manager of the Chestertown office of the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City, received during August a four-star emblem in recognition of twenty years of service with the company.

A two-star emblem was presented to Ola E. Thompson for ten years of service.

W. A. Reinhart, Manager of the Still Pond office received, during this month, a one-star emblem in recognition of five years of service with the Company.

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Meade Soldiers Visit Kent County

A company of soldiers from Fort George Meade spent part of this week on maneuvers in Kent County, camping on the farm of Miss Nancy Price near Betterton.

Hospital Board Report

The following statements were issued by the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital for the months of June and July:

	June	July
Full pay patients	72	81
Free patients	16	13
Total Patients	88	94
Days board for full pay patients	419	379
Days board for free patients	77	84
Total days' board for patients	496	463
Days board to employees	341	341
Babies born at hospital	15	8

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Colored School To Be Sold Here

According to an announcement in this week's issue of the TRANSCRIPT the Kent County Board of Education is offering for sale the colored school property at Edesville.

Minute Men Donate Purse To Nickerson

At a meeting of the Middle Kent Minute Men, under the leadership of R. Wroth Stavely, donations amounting to $400 were given by 20 members to assist Leroy Nickerson, 24 year old son of Mrs. A. L. Nickerson, in his hospital and other expensese, following his recent accident which occurred last week on the Jewell farm at Lynch. The Minute Men plan to increase this amount to $500 before the end of the week.

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Harry Fallowfield Quits As Barber

Mr. Harry W. Fallowfield who has been employed at the Barnett Barber Shop for the past 26 years has given up the "tonsorial art" and taken a job at the Kent Defense Plant. "Fess" as he is known by his many friends and former patrons will be sorely missed at the local shop.

COLORED WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH IN FIRE AT HOME

Mary Saunders, 40 year old colored woman and wife of Sam Saunders was burned to death at her home on College Avenue Wednesday morning when an explosion and fire wrecked the kitchen of the home. Little one year old Helen Maddox, daughter of a neighbor, who was at the home at the time of the explosion, is in a critical conditon at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital from burns.

The local fire company responded to the call at 9:20 a. m. and found the kitchen in flames. They placed the charred body of Mary Saunders in a truck of Elliott Bros. and rushed her to the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital where she died that afternoon. The little child was taken to the hospital by a motorist. A twelve year old boy, Robert Saunders was burned about the hands. Two small children, trapped in an upstairs bed room were taken to safety by two small boys who lived next door. These boys rushed up the stairs and took the children out a second story window.

Although there are no living eyewitnesses of the explosion a one gallon empty oil can with the bottom blown out, a stove door blown off and a fire laid with wood and coal lead to the belief that keresone or gasoline was being poured onto the fuel to help start the fire, was the cause of the explosion.

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O. P. A. TO MEET WITH GROCERY MERCHANTS 25TH

Officals of the Office of Price Administration from the Baltimore office will meet with grocery merchants of Kent County next Wednesday evening, August 25th at 8 p.m. in the Court House in Chestertown, according to an announcement by Mr. J. B. Whitworth, Chairman of the Price panel of the Kent County Ration Board.

The purpose of this meeting, to which all merchants of the County are invited, is to discuss the new prices set for groceries and the regulations governing price control. A report of the meeting stated that moving pictures will be shown. Grocery merchants from neighboring counties have been invited to attend.

The price panel of the local Rationing Board has completed a survey of all grocery stores in Kent County. Under the present setup all prices of groceries, certain fruits and produces must be marked with the ceiling price, many of which were published in a recent issue of this paper..

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WIDOW OF LATE JUDGE J. A. WICKES DIES IN BALTO.

Mrs. Gladys Robinson Wickes, widow of the late Judge Joseph A. Wickes, of the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Daniel H. Dietrich, 4311 Penhurst Ave., Baltimore, Wednesday evening, August 18. Funeral arrangements had not been made at the time of going to press.

Mrs. Wickes was a large property owner in Chestertown, and in recent years divided her times between baltimore and this town. When here, she occupied the beautiful Wickes home on High Street.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Dietrich, she is survived by one son, Joseph Wickes, of Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Emma Jane Taylor

Mrs. Emma Jane Taylor, aged 72, widow of the late Peter H. Taylor died at the home of her daughter, at Cedars, near Marshallton, Del., on Sunday, August 15th. She was the daughter of the late John H. and Martha Cunningham Crew of Betterton, Md., and spent practically all of her life there.

She is survived by the following children, Miss Mary Taylor, Mrs. Howard Peregory, both of Cedars, Del., and Mrs. Walter Anthony of Kennedyville, Md., six grandchildren, two brothers, Mr. Harry and Walter Crew of Betterton.

The funeral was held from her late home in Betterton on Wednesday, August 18th at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Flater, officiating. The bearers were Howard Peregory, Walter Anthony, Lloyd Adley, Harry Crew, Walter Crew and Oscar Rambo. Interment in Still Pond cemetery. Usilton & Wells in charge.

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