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WOMAN BADLY HURT, RESCUED FROM FLAMES

Carried To Safety By Neighbor

Rescued from a burning room by a neighbor after she had been seriously injured by a coal oil stove explosion, Mrs. Rose McMullen of Chestertown is rapidly improving in the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital from a broken leg and severe lacerations about her body.

Charles Taylor, a neighbor, rushed in the blazing room of the woman's home opposite the Trinity Lutheran Church Sunday evening following the blast and finding the woman helpless from her injuries, carried her to safety. With the aid of another neighbor, William Slagle, she was taken to the hospital.

Taylor happened to be passing the home when the explosion occurred.

The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company succeeded in confining the fire to the lower part of the house, two rooms of which were badly damaged.

Apparently the blast occurred when Mrs. McMullen poured kerosene into a coal stove which she thought did not contain any fire at that time, preparatory to making a new fire.

OLDFIELD POINT FARMS SALE IS COMPLETED

Final negotiations were completed here on Friday afternoon for the sale of Oldfield Point estate, near Galena, comprising 1,860 acres, by the Horowitz Foundation of New York City, to Col. Edward E. Peirce and wife Warrenton, Va.

While the purchase price of the estate, which is one of the largest in this county, was not announced, it is believed to have been the highest ever paid for an estate on the Eastern Shore and perhaps in the state. Colonel Peirce and his wife, who also own a 2,600-acre estate known as Revenwood, near Warrenton, will make Oldfield estate their home, and will convert the property into a grain and young livestock raising estate. Colonel Peirce recently sold the large herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle, which was included in the purchase of the estate, for the reported price of $290,000.

FORMER BOY PREACHER COMES TO CHESTERTOWN

Arrangements have been made for Evangelist Dan Sherman Harris to begin a series of Bible lectures at the Chestertown Fire Hall, Sunday night, November 7, at 7:30. He was formerly known in the Mid-West as the Boy Evangelist. During the week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings, the lectures will be conducted in the Daughters of America Hall.

Evangelist Harris comes here from Baltimore, where he has lectured to various church groups. Community singing will be led by Harold E. Metcalf, minister and gospel-singer. Musical numbers will be rendered by Gwendolyn Somers-Harris, harpist, and Curtis Quackenbush, minister-musician. Also in the evangelistic company is Miss Pauline Wendell, R. N., Bible instructor. Among special features on the program Sunday night will be a chalk artist.

FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE

Fire of undertermined origin about 1 a. m. Thursday morning destroyed the house on a farm near McGinnis Corner, owned by Mr. Clayton Stevens. The house was occupied by colored people who worked on the farm. Mr. Stevens living ed on the farm. Mr. Stevens lives town Volunteer Fire Co. and the Millington Fire Co. answered the alarm.

GOATS ARRIVE

Over 200 goats arrived in Chestertown Thursday noon to become part of a dairy herd of goats which Mr. King Merritt is establishing in the County. Part of the herd will go to his farm near Eastern Neck Island and part to his farm in Quaker Neck.

Scene Of Smoke and F ire Which Swept Through Powder Building Endangering Plant

As "C" Building of the Kent Defense Corp. burned, Tuesday afternoon. This building has been producing the best grenade fuses in the Country. Loss is estimated by the officials to be from $90,000.00 to $100,000.00 Plans for re building and the continuance of the manufacturing of the fuses depends on future contracts from the government. Picture shows building as it nears complete destruction and heavy dense smoke which was seen for miles.

FRESHETS HELD CAUSE OF LOSS IN BAY OYSTERS

A high mortality of oysters, ranging on some bars up to 90 per cent, has been discovered in the Chesapeake Bay below Poole's Island in one of the most important seed and market oyster areas in this section, Edwin Warfield, Jr., chairman of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, said yesterday.

Approximately 5,714 acres of oysters are involved and the extent of loss has not been established up to now, Mr. Warfield said.

"The loss is serious but we do not know the full effect now although the state research workers are making a study of the situation," he declared.

"As far as we can determine, we believe the cause of the high mortality was the heavy freshets coming into the bay from the Susquehanna River and other tributaries in June. Oysters cannot survive in water where the salinity has been reduced below a certain point."

Mr. Warfield said the last seed oysters removed from the area were transplanted in May. A check of the area in which these seed bivalves were planted revealed a healthy and normal growth, he added.

High mortality among oysters, due to excessive fresh water pouring into the bay and tributarities, occurred in 1909, 1919-20 and again in 1928, Mr. Warfield said.

Radio Artists To Be At Asbury Church

The Graham Sisters, famed Philadelphia radio artists accompanied by Mr. Allen Sampson, organist in Rev. Ross Stover's church in Philadelphia will present a Sacred Musical in Millington, Asbury Methodist Church on Friday evening, Nov. 19th, 1943 at 8.00 p. m.

A cordial welcome is extended to the public.

Bill Nicholson Wins League Award

Bill (Nick) Nicholson, of Chestertown was voted third most valuable player in the National League, Stan Musial received the top honor and Walker Cooper the second honor. Sports writers comment that Nicholson would probably have.. led had the Chicago Cubs stood higher in the league. The top two were members of the league leading St. Louis Cardinals.

County Fire Companies Confine Raging Blaze To One Building

Fire, the origin of which has not yet been determined destroyed the large new "C" building and contents at the Kent Defense Plant in Chestertown, Tuesday afternoon. This building, of which J. D. Maxwell was superintendent, was the newest of the plant's structures and was used for the processing and assembling of hand grenade fuses. This work differed from that of other buildings at the plant and was a very important link in the manufacture of vital war materials.

According to a statement by witnesses, the fire started at one end of the frame building and spread so rapidly to envelope the entire structure that many workers were unable to secure their personal belongings before leaving.

Only one minor injury was reported and although until the fire was completely extinguished there was a continuous popping of the fuses that resembled machine gun fire, there was no explosion of any consequence.

The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company, with the assistance of the fire companies of Rock Hall and Church Hill did excellent work in preventing the fire from spreading to other buildings and confined the flames to the one unit.

Within a few minutes after the alarm was sounded the entire upper section of Chestertown was enveloped in a volume of black smoke and as firement surrounded the building with their lines, the reaction of plant workers and the public was interesting. Some rushed to the fence surrounding the plant and watched the performance while others fled as far as across the river into Queen Annes County. Explosive material in near by buildings was not endangered due to the direction of the wind and the excellent work of the fire companies.

New Comers Must Declare Intentions

Those inhabitants of Maryland, who have moved to this State, from other States and who have not voted here must declare their intentions to Register by Saturday, Nov. 6th if they want to vote in the Presidential election to be held, November, 1944.

According to State law, a new resident of Maryland, moving to this State from some other State, must declare their intentions to be a resident one year before they are entitled to vote in a general election. The purpose of such a law is to prevent a large floating population from controlling a State election.

In order for one to declare his intentions to vote he must go to the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Robert A. Shallcross in the Court House, Chestertown, not later than Saturday. The necessary papers to be signed will be found there.

Harmony Hall Sold

Mr. W. Clarke Grieb and Mr. Gilpin Brown have sold Harmony Hall, the waterfront farm of 140 acres on Gray's Inn Creek, south of Rock Hall, for Mr. Allen Browne to Mr. and Mrs. William Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks will occupy the farm after alterations and improvements to the main house and barns are made.

The Queen Anne's County Game Association will hold Coon Dog Field Trials, 1 mile north of Church Hill, Route 213 on Sunday, November 14th The trials will strat at 10 a. m.

Ministers To Exchange Pulpits, November 14

The Methodist Ministers of Kent County have announced an exchange of pulpits for Sunday, November 14th. Each minister will have charge of the regular morning services in some church other than his own. The schedule of the churches and the ministers is as follows:

Chestertown:
First Methodist, Rev. S. T. Hamblin.
Christ Methodist, Rev. C. R. Strausburg.
Fairlee:
St. James, Rev. P. E. Reynolds.
Fairlee Methodist Charge, Rev. J. M. Kay.
Still Pond:
Still Pond Methodist, Rev. Lester Loder.
Pomona:
Bond Chapel, Rev. W. P. Roberts.
Rock Hall:
Wesley Chapel, Rev. H. B. Flater.
Rock Hall Methodists, E. W. Cursey.

News Of Locker Plant

Mr. S. Scott Beck states that Mr. J. B. Whitworth has worked out satisfactory financial plans; that the site has been agreed upon; that he has been requested to draw the incorporation papers which he will do the first of next week and that nearly the required number of lockers have been rented—less than 30 more being needed. A request that they be rented at once is urgently made so that this great community project may start being erected and installed.

Mr. Thomas F. Healey, Esq. of Chestertown is a patient at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital.

FBI AGENT TO VISIT HERE FOR INTERVIEW SOON

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is interested in securing Applicants to fill positions as Special Agents, Laboratory Technicians, Fingerprint Classifiers, Stenographers, Typists, Clerks and Messengers. Most of the available positions are in Washington, D. C. The basic requirements for applicants for the positions other than Special Agents, and Laboratory Technicians, are that the Applicants shall be at least 18 years of age, shall be a High School graduate, and shall be of good reputation. The salaries for these positions depend upon the qualifications of the applicants and range upward from $1,752.00 per year (including overtime). Most of these positions are open to both men and women.

A Representative of the FBI will be at the following places at the times indicated for the purpose of conducting interviews with applicatiants;

Chestertown High School, Chestertown, Md., Monday, Nov. 8th from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Caroline High School, Denton, Md., Monday, Nov. 8th from 3 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Easton High School, Easton, Md., Tuesday, Nov. 9th from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Those who are interested and unable to be present at any of the above listed places may communicate with Mr. JOHN W. VINCENT, Special Agent in Charge, FBI, Court Square Bldg., Baltimore, Maryland for an appointment for interview at a later date.

War Fund Drive Under-Way In Kent County

The National War Fund Drive to raise $6,500 in Kent County for the support of the various services, gained momentum this week and according to Mr. H. Gilpin Brown, Vice-President of the Kent County Committee, collections to date are in excess of $1,000 with only part of Kent County reporting.

Seventy-five percent of the funds raised will go for the support of the U. S. O., War Prisoners Aid and the United Seaman's Relief. Other service organizations receive the remaining 25 percent. Chief Judge Stephen R. Collins is chairman of the Kent County Committee and solicitors have been assigned to all parts of the county.

The judges of the Circuit Court have appointed William G. Smyth, Marion deK Smith, and H. Gilpin Brown as members of the Kent County Auditing Committee.

12,879 REGISTER FOR RATION BOOK NUMBER "4" LAST WEEK IN SCHOOLS OF KENT COUNTY

1565 Persons Sign Home-Front Pledge

Fifteen hundred and sixty five people signed the 'Home Front Pledge" during the registration for ration book 4 at the Kent County schools on Thursday and Friday of last week.

WITH U. S. FORCES

Mr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Lusby have received a letter from the War Department, containing their son's address, and stating that he is a prisoner of war in Germany. However, Mr. and Mrs. Lusby have received no word directly, from their son as yet.

Pvt. William White, stationed at Aberdeen, Md., is home on a 7 day furlough, visiting his parents.

Kennard Burke, A. M. M. 3-C, stationed at Jacksonville, Fla., is on a 10 day leave from duty, and is visiting his mother, Mrs. Joseph Walters. From here he will go to Quonset Point R. I.

A card received at THE TRANSCRIPT from A. Parks Raisin, tells us that the climate is warm in the day and cool at night at Camp Blanding, Fla., where he is stationed. (However, he prefers Rehobeth, Del.)

Harry Coleman, Jr., of Rock Hall who recently entered the service is stationed at Bainbridge, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Peterson, Sr., have received word that their son Norman E. Jr., has arrived safely in England. Norman served in the Combat Engineers in Texas before sailing for England. This is the first time they have heard from their son in over a month, and the notice came to them on the birthday of Norman's brother, Daniel.

Capt. John R. Stack

The story of Capt. John R. Stack former Washington College graduate has many interesting and exciting angles. One may read something of the life of the Marine Fighter Squadron, to which he was attached in the new issues of Collier's, Nov. 13th.

A member of the Wolf Pack Fighter Squadron, of fame, he was stationed in the Solomons, where his squadron shot down 86 enemy planes losing only 2 of their own.

While on duty in the South Pacific he married an Australian girl, returning to this country, several months later.

His bride, not being able to accompany him to this country was to follow on another ship as soon as the necessary papers could be arranged. She and her companion, wife of another officer set sail, but the ship was torpedoed, the companion was injured and Mrs. Stack the bride was saved, losing, however, everything—trousseau of clothes, linens and all else. She is now in Honolulu awaiting transportation. Upon her arrival Lt. Stack and his bride will reside in California, where the former is now stationed.

The Rev. Dr. W. P. Roberts, pastor of Christ Methodist Church, and Dean Frederick G. Livingood of Washington College, returned on Friday night from Westminister, where they participated in the inauguarl ceremonies of the Rev. Dr. Lester A. Welliver as president of Westminister Theological Seminary.

Mayor Wilmer Issues Proclamation

12,879 residents of Kent County were registered for Ration Book 4 at the various school houses on Thursday and Friday of last week. Although the future use of this book has not yet been announced it is now being used for sugar and processed food. Those who were unable to register last week may get their book 4 at the local Ration Board Office.

The number of people registered by the various schools were as follows:

Kennedyville 746
Betterton 607
Galena 842
Rock Hall 1909
Piney Neck 351
Skinner's Neck 256
Chestertown 4188
Still Pond 464
Fairlee 912
Millington 1152
Massey 477
Worton 976

Mayor Philip G. Wilmer, of Chestertown, this week issued a proclamation declaring next Thursday, November 11th as "Home Front Pledge Day" for Chestertown. The Home Front Pledge is inaugurated for the purpose of awakening people to the dangers of inflation and the black market at a time when the nation's monetary system and food supply must be carefully guarded. Millions of people in America hav ealready signed the Home Front Pledge and are displaying emblems in their homes signifying that fact.

The Kent County Ration Board will be open all day next Thursday, November 11th, Armistice Day and any one desiring to sign the "Home Front Pledge" on that patriotic day may do so at the above mentioned office.

The Mayor's Proclamation follows:

The Home Front Pledge Campaign which opened on October 10th in Maryland has my unqualified endorsement, symbolizing as it does the fight against the rising cost of living and the Black Market.

Americans from coast to coast have enlisted in this fight against one of the most dangerous forces our Country has faced in any war-inflation—runaway prices. Price control and rationing are our strongest weapons to use in combating these evils, and the Home Front Pledge expresses vividly our patriotic determination to make full use of these twin weapons.

Chestertown is a center of production for both food and vital ammunition for our fighting forces. We have whole heartedly backed the nation in its attack with our sons and daughters in the service, and the ever subscription of war bond drives. This reputation for complete cooperation in the total war effort must be maintained. Chestertown will not fail.

The Home Front Pledge is as follows:

I pay no more than top legal prices.

I accept no rationed goods without giving up ration stamps.

I DO HEREBY PROCLAIM that I regard it as the patriotic duty of every citizen of Chestertown, to make this Home Front Pledge and scrupulously to adhere to it in all his transactions.

I ALSO DO HEREBY PROCLAIM this 11th day of November, 1943 as Home Front Pledge Day for Chestertown.

PHILIP G. WILMER,
Mayor of Chestertown.

P. T. A. To Hear Judge W. R. Horney

J. Lewin Burris, president of the Kent County Parent-Teachers Association announced this week that the council of the P. T. A. will hold a business meeting at 8 p. m. in the Chestertown High School, Wednesday, November 10th.

Following the close of the business meeting, Associate Judge W. Raymond Horney of the Circuit Court will deliver an address on an appropiate topic. Judge Horney is intensely interested in the welfare of young people and his talk should be of benefit to all parents who are interested in the education of youth. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The usual Armistice Day banquet held each year on that day by the Frank M. Jarman Post No. 36 will be eliminated this year due to the food shortage. In place of this banquet an oyster roast will be held at Legion headquarters on Cross Street next Thursday evening. The regular Armistice Day dance will be held evening at the Armory.

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