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NEW ASSESSMENT TO BE SPREAD OVER FIVE YEARS

Kent County Commissioners and assessme nt officials are making preparations to start a new assessment shortly after January 1st. The Maryland law requires a new assessment every five years but under the plan now being devcloped in Kent County the county wil lbe divided in o fiv. parts and a new assessment conducted in one part each year. The purpose of this plan is o simplify and systematize the assessment so that it will be continuous but only affect one part each five years.

The plan includes the re-assessment of First District in 1944 and the five year plan continues as follows:

Second District, 1945.
Third and Fourth District, 1946.
Fifth District, 1947.
Sixth and Seventh District, 1948.

It is understood that the above re-assessment plan has been approved by State Tax Commission and that other Counties are using this new system.

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LOCAL STORES TO STAY OPEN EVENINGS

At its regular meeting today, the Chestertown Business Men's Association adopted a schedule of closing hours for its retail merchant members. The stores will be open daily until 6.00 P. M. and until 10.30 P. M. on Saturdays; beginning December 13th, open until 9.00 P. M. daily, until 10.30 on Saturdays. This schedule will be effective until Christmas. Advertisement of the Chestertown Business Men's Ascociation appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Everett Lambdin of the Chestertown Business Men's Association announced today that construction of a waiting station for Servicemen would be made during the week of November 29th at Maple and Washington Avenues in Chestertown.

The travelling public are requested to call at this station with the idea of giving transportation to any waiting Servicemen.

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E. O. Hepding Promoted To Aberdeen

E. O. Hepding, Area Manager for the C & P Telephone Co., for Kent, Queen Anne's and Cecil Counties, has been promoted to the position of Military Manager for the C & P at Aberdeen, Md. He is to leave sometime this month. Mr. and Mrs. Hepding will make their home in Baltimore and he will commute to Aberdeen.

Mr. Hepding came to Chestertown in August, 1940, and succeeded Mr. E. P. Volk. While here he had charge of converting many of the outlying district exchanges to the dial system. He has also been prominent in the Rotary Club and Business Men's Association and like Mr. Volk has been a valuable citizen to the community. His succesor here has not yet been made public.

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EFFORTS FAIL TO LOCATE JAIL BREAKERS

All efforts to locate two negroes, who broke out of the Kent County Jail on Sunday night of last week, have failed to date although their description has been flashed to the the police of all nearby States.

Jesse Varlow, 26 years old, 5 ft. 9 in, and weighing 145 pounds; and John Slaughter 5 ft. 8 in. weighing 170 pounds were missing when the Sheriff went to the cell block to feed them in the morning. They had sawed a large chain and picked a lock to gain entry to the main hall. There was no one else in the cell block. The instrument with which they sawed the chain has not been found.

Varlow, of Oliver Hill, near Galena, was being held on a charge of stealing an automobile tire. He had previously been convicted on charges of non-support and violation of the work or fight law. He was the first man for which a warrant was sworn out for violation of the work or fight law.

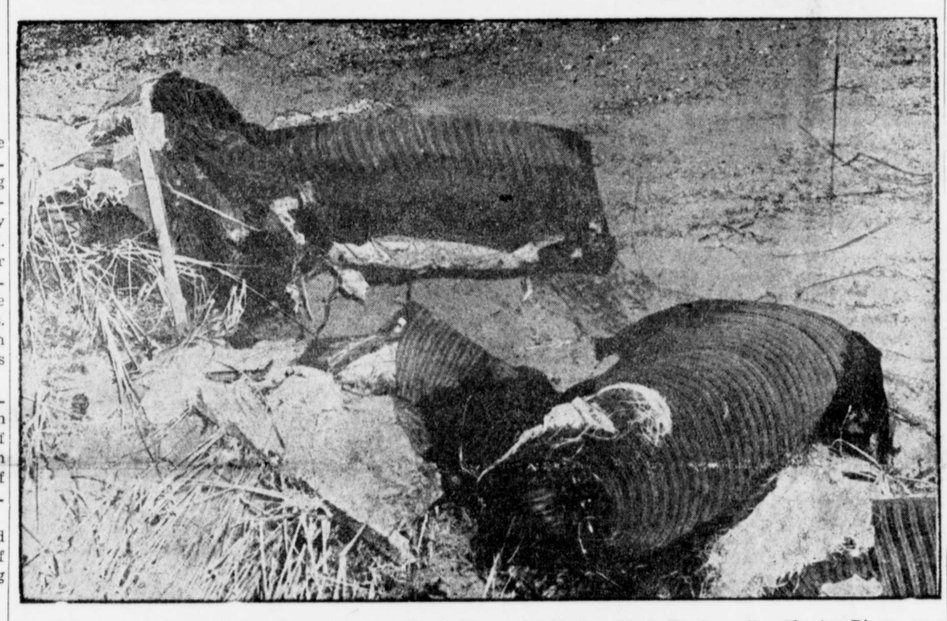
Slaughter was held only on a disorderly conduct charge but his inability to produce a draft card leads to the belief that he might be otherwise involved. He was said to have come to Kent County from Miami, Florida.

National War Fund Committee Receives Donation



Charles N. Satterfield, Treasurer and H. Gilpin Brown, vice-chairman of the National War Fund Drive for Kent County received as a donation to the fund, the Sunday night offering of $72.00 from Dan Sherman Harris, Evangelist, who has been conducting services here for several weeks.. To date, $3,500 has been collected. Send your donation for th U. S. O. Clubs, etc., to Mr. Charles N. Satterfield before Saturday.

Destroyed Loot Taken From Summer Cottages At Tolchester



Shown is the ruined furniture thrown into the "Washoff" on the Quaker Neck Road on the Chester River, near town, when thieves who robbed Tolchester cottages, disposed of their loot in an effort to avoid detection from being apprehended. Some of the other furniture was found in the woods near Tolchester, where it had been burned and broken apart. The loss was estimated at $1,000.

DEMONSTRATION OF CHEMICAL DEVELOPMENTS

The Chestertown Rotary Club last Monday evening, enjoyed a very interesting and instructive demonstration of chemical products of today and the future. The lecturer was Larry F. Livingston, manager of the Agricultural Extension Division of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. who was here at the invitation of Mr. Walter Churchman, of Chestertown.

Mr. Livingston impressed upon his audience the fact that chemistry is still in its infancy and that its developments continually opens new fields of endeavor to men with imagination. While practically all of the materials demonstrated are frozen for military use the possibility of development after the war is unlimited. From plastics that could chase light around in circles to the exploding rivets, his talk did not have one dull moment.

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2 More Washington College Airmen Decorated

William W. Thompson, '38, formerly of Rock Hall and now of Baltimore, has been awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Custer for his work as a Fortress pilot operating over Nazi territory from an English base. Lieutenant Thompson, a member of Theta Chi and Omicron Delta Kappa, was a leader in college dramatics and orchestra, and was student leader o fthe orchestra in his senior year.

Lieutenant Wallace Williams, Jr., of Elkton, who attended Washington College in 1940-41, and left to enter the Army Air Corps, has been decorated for the unusual record of 50 operational flights over North Africa, Sicily, and Italy. He has been giving the Air Medal with eight oak-leaf clusters.

This raises the total of Army Air Force decorations won by Washington College men to two Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Air Medals, and twelve oak leaf clusters.

Former Kent Man Is Named County Agent For Harford

Mr. Richard S. Sutton, newly appointed Assistant County Agent for Harford County, entered upon his duties last week. He hopes to move his wife and child to Bel Air in the near future.

A native of Kent County, Mr. Sutton participated in 4-H Club activities here as a boy, and later went to the University of Maryland where he was a member of the graduating class in 1939.

Mr. Sutton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Sutton, formerly of Kent County.

For two years thereafter he was employed at the experiment station of the Venezuelan government. Later he transferred to the experiment station operated by the Department of Interior on the Virgin Islands, where for some time past he has been Assistant Director.

In view of the unusual training Mr. Sutton has had, he should soon find himself with a full schedule in his present position.

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COLLECTION IS DONATED TO WAR FUND DRIVE

The Firemen's Hall Sunday night, was the scene of an unusually large congregation who came to hear Mr. Floyd C. Carrier, Executive Secretary of the American temperance Society. Recently, however, Mr. Carrier has been nominated by the National Prohibition Party as its candidate for Vice-President in the coming election. The speaker donated his time for the National War Fund Drive Likewise, the use of the Hall was contributed for the evening. "Although we have certain expenses to meet in meetings of this nature, we have decided to give the proceeds of the collection tonight toward the County's qucta on the National War Fund," stated Evangelist Dan S. Harris, Sunday night as he stressed the urgent need of more money for the Fund. The collection totaled $72.00.

FARM FIRES LEAD TO SUSPICION OF ARSON

A series of farm fires in Kent County, all of which started under similiar circumstances, has lead to the belief that they might have been the work of a fire bug.

Among the farms on which fires of a similar nature have occured and which resuted in the destruction of valuable outbuildings, were Coxon Bros., Rock Hall; James Alexander and Everett Johnson in the First District.

Suspects have been rounded up by Sheriff Gsell but no definate information as to guilt or innocence was available at the time of going to press.

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Christ Methodist Church held its customary debt raising service last Sunday, receiving as a voluntary contribution the amount of $3,250. This annual service is held each year the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

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Spar Week Proclaimed By Governor

Governor Herbert R. O'Conor has proclaimed November 21 to 27 Spar Week in commemoration of the United States Coast Guard Women's Reserve first anniversary.

Spar Week will be climaxed in Baltimore next Saturday night at the Vagabond Theatre when the mothers and fathers of Maryland Spars will be entertained at a theatre party. During the evening Governor O'Conor will present a corsage to Mrs. Miriam Gaugh of Baltimore, who will represent the Spar mothers. This theatre party will mark the initiation of a "Maryland Spars Parents' Club"', Ensign Muriel W. Wardwell, the new Spar in charge of recruiting at the Post Office, announced today.

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On a very active day in North Africa, the Allied Air Forces alone required 1,500,000 gallons of high-octane gasoline.

33 INDUCTEES REPORT FOR EXAMINATION

Thirty-three inductees left Kent County for Baltimore on Monday, November 22, for their physical examination. Present reports are that all but 1 passed. On passing the examination, those going in the army have a 21 day furlough before reporting for duty, in the Marine Corp and Coast Guard a 14 day furlough and for the Navy 7 days. Those who went are as follows:

White

Theodore Kurze, Henry Walton Jones, Kennard Wilson Pinder, Joseph Rudnick, Richard Norton Foley, John Levis Woodall John William Kile, George Elmer Brice, William James Faulkner, John Franklin Perry, Edward Havel Nicholson.

Colored

Samuel Maxwell Johnson, Robert Leon Mason, Norris Whye, Curtis Clarence Brooks, Bertice Sevesta Perkins, Willie Henry Riley, Birl Corines Clark, Oliver Murray Hopkins, Olin Thaddeus Thompson, Ernest Edward Martin, Daniel Taylor, Norman Leroy Black, Wiliam Oliver Boyer, Roger Walter Wilmer, Ellwood Washington White, Lloyd Edward Gipson, Benard Carol Thomas, Lloyd Coffee, Horace Rudolph Johnson, Arthur James Brown, Joseph Sydnor, John Smith.

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WITH U. S. FORCES

Robert Hildren Bowers, of Betterton is at San Antonino Aviation Cadet Center, Texas, taking preliminary courses to prepare him for actual flight training. 74 aviation cadets from the state of Maryland, are now stationed at the Army Air Forces Preflight school of the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center.

At the Cadet Center, the cadets undergo through academic, military and physical training leading to subsequent flight training to prepare them for aerial combat.

2-Class Petty officer Raymond Sutton at Bainbridge Maryland visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sutton, over the week-end.

Pfc. Michael Walsh, stationed at Long Island, New York, with the U. S. Marines visited his mother and family over the week-end.

Pvt. William White, who is stationed at Aberdeen, Md. visited his parents last week-end.

Sergeant Charles W. Kirby, stationed at Camp Stewart, Ga., son of Mrs. Charles W. Kirby, of near Chestertown, received a letter of commendation, as commander of his gun crew for the excellent performance made on the Anti-Mechanized range, October 28, 1943. The letter states that as gun commander of a crew that can attain 11 hits out of a possible 12, shows that the proper supervision of training has been conducted, and congratulations are extended.

Harry Everett a recent inductee of the U. S. Army is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss., in the Military Police.

Norman Grieb, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Clarke Grieb has received a medical discharge from the U. S. Army.

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County AAA Election

Friday, December 3, 1943, has been set by the State Committee for holding County Elections for the election of Community Commiteemen and delegates to the County Convention.

Each member of the association is eligible to vote in a community election if he is either the owner, operator, share tenant or share cropper on a farm located in the community and if he is participating or cooperating in the Agricultural Conservation Program.

Kent County meetings are scheduled as follows:

First District: Massey School 7.30 p. m.

Second District: Kennedyville, Farm Bureau Store 8.00 p. m.

Third District: Worton School 8.00 p. m.

Fourth and Seventh Districts, AAA Office, Cross St., Chestertown, 2 p. m.

Fifth District: Rock Hall, Fireman's Hall, 2 p. m.

Sixth District: Fairlee, School, 7.30 p. m.

No voting by mail. Attend the meeting in the community in which you reside.

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Greetings and salutations to the Star Democrat of Talbot Co., who celebrated their 144th anniversary last week. **The Transcript** wishes continued success to this worthy newspaper of the Shore.

Bobby Flash Sold. Three Race Horses Bought Here

Mr. Arthur Lusby, of Kennedyville, purchased at Harrisburg recently a two year old trotter, Silver Markie. Mr. R. A. Shallcross, of Rock Hall, purchased at Dover this week a three year old pacer. Mr. Louis Everett, of Chesterville, purchased at Dover a five year old trotter named Wasp.

All three of these gentlemen already have race horses and intend to race them next season.

It has been reported that Mr. R. A. Shallcross has sold Bobby Flash, to a party at Elkton, Md. Bobby Flash has made a wonderful showing at the local track and has also raced on the circuit.

Dr. Gilfillian's colt, Hornet is in training at Pinehurst, N. C., under Mr. Herman Tyson.

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SUGAR THIEVES APPREHENDED AT ROCK HALL

A footprint in a small pile of sugar on the floor of the store room of the Rock Hall cannery led to the arrest and confession of Henry Harry Mced to charges of the larceny of 300 pounds of sugar. Sheriff Gsell, when Kenna, white & Joseph Small, colorcalled to the scene, noted the foot print which resulted in the confession by the two men.

According to the story, Small when carrying out one of the paper bays, hit it against a nail, tore it and spiled some of the sugar on the floor. Small's story broke when, after telling the Sheriff that his foot print in the sugar was caused by his running through the building when he saw some one stealing the sugar, he was cronfronted by the fact that the print was pointed in the opposite direction to which he was supposed to have run. He then confessed because the art of running backward or wearing shoes backward hasn't developed to the fine point of acting as an alibi. The sugar was found in one of the shanties in which the cannery help lives. Both men were employed by the Rock Hall cannery in the packing of fish. What the sugar was to be used for was not made known.

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FARM SLAUGHTER BAN SUSPENDED NINETY DAYS

According to an announcement this week by Mr. Howard Leaverton, Kent Coutny chairman of the A. A. A. and the Kent County War Board, a ninety day suspension of restrictions on farm slaughter of hogs has been issued. This means that farmers will no longer be required to secure permits from the War Board to slaughter hogs. This applies only to hogs and not to other animals such as steers, lambs, etc.

Mr. Leaverton stated that lifting of the restrictions on slaughtering is due to the disposition of large surplus of hogs that is rather serious in certain areas. The regulation received by Mr. Leaverton from John W. Wessell, Area Marketing Supervisor, does not change the present system whereby farm slaughters must collect points for pork sold to people not living on the farm where the hogs are raised. In other words the collection of points must continue as before.

Prior to the announcement this week by Mr. Leaverton all farm slaughterers were required to secure a permit to slaughter from the County War Board and if the operation amounted to more than 400 pounds dressed, the application had to be approved by the Area Marketing Supervisor. The present suspension order is effective until February 23rd.

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United States Representative David J. Ward (Democrat), of the First District of Maryland, today said he would be a candidate for re-election to Congress. In his announcement he stated that he believes, if experience counts for anything and seasoned judgement has any value, they are needed in the Halls of the Congress of the United States now, of all times, and until the war has been won and peace has been established.

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One-third of all gasoline produced in the United States is now required for military purposes.

A 10 per cent reduction in consumers' use of manufactured gas would save 1,500,000 barrels of fuel oil a year.

OFFICERS SOLVE ROBBERIES AT TOLCHESTER

Sheriff Henry Gsell, Deputy Walter Kulley, Jr., and members of the Maryland State Police succeed this week in unraveling a case of wholesale robbery of furniture, etc., from 12 summer cottages located on the Tolchester estates. Working quietly over a period of three weeks with only a foot print and tire track as clues, they gradually drove the thieves into the open with their loot whcih led to the arrest of two colored men and a subsequent confession.

Following discovery of the loss by some of the owners of the summer cottages, a complete survey revealed that the thieves had taken an entire new living room suite, a bed, cedar chest, numerous chairs, overstuffed furniture and small articles, all of which was valued at about $1,000. In addition to the articles taken large quantities of household furniture and affects were carefuly packed in the houses for another trip by the thieves. The properties were watched by the officers and checks of various tire tracks made. Knowing that they were being watched, the thieves, according to confessions, moved the furniture from a house in Georgetown, a colored settlement near Fairlee, where it had been stored, to a woods some distance away where it was later found by a man who was hunting rabbits. In order to move the furniture in a hurry, possessing only an, automobile, they broke chairs, beds, etc., up in small pieces and hid them in the woods. A large davenport, which could not be broken easily, was saturated with kerosene and burned. In an effort to scatter the remnants, part of the over-stuffed furniture was brought to Chestertown and tossed overboard as what is known as the "Washoff" a mile below town on the Quaker Neck, Road where the officers found it scattered along the shore. A cedar chest in which the thieves said they placed a Gadstone bay had apparently floated away on high water.

Charged with the crime are Harold Henry, 24 and Archibald Johnson, 17. It is understood that Henry confessed and involved Johnson. They are being held for the action of the Grand Jury.

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FORMER EDITOR OF QUEEN ANNE'S RECORD KILLED

Roy H. (Scotty) Wilson of theOffice of War Information, formerly an employe of the Wilimington News-Journal Company, was killed last week in Beirut, Lebanon, in a fall down a stairway, the OWI announced.

He was buried in the American Christian Cemetery in Beirut.

Before joining the OWI, he was advertising man for the Queen Anne's Record-Observer in Centreville, Md., and was well known in Chestertown.

On Tuesday, of last week, Wilson's mother observing her birthday, received a cablegram of congratulations from her son. Wednesday she received another—informing her of his death.

He joined the OWI in March, 1942, and was stationed in Washington, D. C.,until June of this year, when he left for his overseas base. In a recent letter to friends, Mr. Wilson stated he made the trip across the Atlantic on a British freighter, and it was seven weeks before they made their first stop, at Durban, South, eats Africa. From there he went up the continent to Cairo by plane, and completed his trip by automobile.

Born in Kilmarneck, Scotland, he came to this country when he was 12 years old. He was a graduat of Bayard High School, Wilmington High School, and the Charles Morris Price School in Philadelphia. He was 32 at the time of his death.

His wife, Mrs. Marian Howard Wilson, and their son, William Kennedy Wilson II, are living at 616 Delaware Street, New Castle.

Mr. Wilson is also survived by his mother, Mrs. William K. Wilson, 123 Reamer Avenue; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Windsor, of Springfield ,Pa.; and a brother, Private Andrew G. Wilson stationed at Camp Barclay, Tex.

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DO YOU KNOW

"The operator of a vehicle entering a paved public highway *** from an unpaved public highway or from a private road or drive, shall come to a full stop upon reachig the intersection, and yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on such paved public highways." Sec. 179

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