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SHORE COUNTY TO COMBAT BLACK MARKET

While the rest of Maryland was wrestling with the whiskey and black market problems, Wicomico, the first county in the state to undertake the rationing of hard liquors, was ready to satisfy the thirst of some 5,000 countians who have registered for purchases.

The 5,000 who have registered are entitled to purchase from three fifths to more than a gallon of liquor this week, dependent upon the varieties selected.

Joseph A. Bailey, chairman of the county liquor control board, said that quotas were set high this week to start the rationing program so that customers could begin to build up their holiday supplies.

Elsewhere in Maryland, State Comptroller J. Millard Tawes started a systematic check on retailers' daily whiskey sales to determine "further effort to break up black-market operations."

Comptroller Tawes was having wholesalers and manufacturers furnish him with daily reports of deliveries to retailers and county dispensaries.

The puprose of the reports, he said, was to provide some daily basis for checking on deliveries of rye, bourbon an dScotch to retailers and their methods of handling such orders.

Tawes said that instructions regarding the reports were sent to approximately 60 whiskey manufacturers and wholesalers in the state today, as well as to liquor control boards and county dispensaries for the information of the latter.

The sale of whiskey in Wicomico County had been halted by the board for two weeks while registration for rationing was under way. Sales are confined to residents of Wicomico County and the Wicomico County Liquor Dispensary is the only legal liquor outlet in the county.

Bailey announced that purchasers would be able to select from three groups of liquors this week. Maximum purchases permitted in each group are: Choice 1—One fifth of whiskey plus a fifth of rum and a fifth of gin. Choice 2—One pint of whiskey plus two fifths of rum and two fifths of gin. Choice 3—A hafpint of whiskey plus three fifths of rum and two fifths of gin.

Rationing cards provide for sales for 26 weeks and the card is punched for each weekly sale, the board decided, and any quota not purchased during the week is forfeited.

The quota will be set by the board each week on the basis of supplies placed on the dispensary's shelves.

With the start of the rationing program 72 varieties of liquor were on hand.

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Christ Church To Present Cantata

At the services in Christ Methodist Church on Sunday the pastor, the Rev. Dr. W. P. Roberts, announced the dates for special pre-Christmas services. The annual White Gifts to the King service will be held on Sunday evening, Dec. 12, features of which will be a Christmas drama to be presented by members of the church school under the direction of Mrs. W. P. Roberts, wife of the pastor. On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19, at 4 o'clock the choir of the church will render the Christmas cantata "Gloria In Excelsis." Santa Claus will visit the beginners and primary departments of the church school for their annual Christmas party during Christmas week.

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Metcalfe Co. To Hold Xmas Party

The James G. Metcalfe Company, successor to Metcalfe Brothers will hold their Annual Christmas Party and drawing of coupon tickets at the Chestertown Firemen's Hall, Saturday, December 11th. The program will get underway at 11.30 a. m.

Luncheon will be served and a program of entertainment is being planned. A number of door prizes will also be given.

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Points To Be Allowed For Kitchen Fats

In order to spur the Kitchen fats salvage campaign, the Maryland OPA has announced a new plan, to become effective December 13th, which will authorize retail meat dealers and other Fats salvagers to give two points a pound for fats returned by housewives and others. The brown stamps whichthe retailer collects from War Ration Book Three will be used for this purpose.

Joins Marine Corp. Women's Reserve

Lois Margaret Stevens

Miss Lois Margaret Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stevens of McGinnis' Corner, has enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corp. Women's Reserve.

Miss Stevens, graduated from the Sudlersville High School in 1939 and from Washington College in May, 1943. At College, Miss Stevens majored in English and received a B. A. degree. In activities she was outstanding in athletics and was a member of the women's varsity basketball team. She is a member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sororiety. Her mother, the former Miss Mary Clark is also a graduate of Washington College, and her brother, William C. Stevens is in the U. S. Army in England with the 29th division having been a member of the National Guard Unit at Centreville.

Miss Stevens reports to her unit in Washington, D. C., on December 14 and from there goes to New River, N. C., for a six weeks basic training course.

Simon Richard Woodall, Jr., of Georgetown, will report for induction in the U. S. Navy, as an apprentice seaman, at Baltimore next Monday, according to Y. 1-C, H. J. Davis Navy Recruiter for the Eastern Shore.

Wickes Westcott, son of Mrs. Simon Westcott, of Scotch Folly, who was home last week-end, is taking a special course in Engineering at the University of Maryland, where he was sent by the U. S. Army. He expects to complete his course within the next three months.

Ensign Southy Miles, of Baltimore, and Ensign Austin Murphy, of Denton, former Washington College students were visitors at the School this week while on leave from the U. S. Navy.

Staff Sergeant Emil Myers, with the following members of the U. S. Army: Charles Gill, James Owens, and Morton Gordon were visitors here over last week-end, returning to their posts on Monday.

Harry Tucker, builder and contractor, of nearby Queen Anne's, reported in Baltimore for induction in the U. S. Navy, on Tuesday of this week.

Pfc. Alan Joiner, Jr., U. S. M. C. stationed at Cherry Point, N. C., is a guest of his parents at Worton on a 15 day leave.

Corporal Charles Crowding will be transferred in the near future from the Army Air Base at Richmond, Va., where he is now stationed to Milville, N. J., for gunnery practice. He is engaged in telephone work and expects to be made Communication Sergeant.

Sergeant Elwood Morris, U. S. M. C. stationed at Sanford, Fla., is a guest of his parents on a 15 day leave at their home near Chestertown.

Ensign Paul R. Comegys, who has been stationed in San Francisco, Cal., arrived in Chestertown Tuesday, and visited with his wife and parents until Thursday, when he left for Boston, Mass.

1-C-Bm. Philip M. Brooks, of Little Creek, N. C., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Medford Brooks over Thanksgiving.

Charles King, U. S.N. is spending a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer King, of Kennedyville, after being on active duty in the Southwest Pacific for some months. From here he will go to Chicago for further training in the Navy.

Following is a letter from Pfc. John R. Lusby, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Lusby of Kennedyville who is a prisoner of war in a German prison camp.

Pfc. John R. Lusby

Aug. 9, 1943

Dearest Wife and Mother and family:

Just a few lines to let you know I am alive and well. I am a prisoner of the German government, was captured in "Sicily". Please do not worry as everything will work out fine.

I am getting better treatment than I ever expected. (Just a shrapnel wound, not bad.) We have received several parcels from the Red Cross and they are like a package from Heaven, "believe me."

You can contact Red Cross for information on sending of parcels (if you can, send me some toilet articles) I am writing you for the first time, since being captured.

The weather is very cold, unlike Maryland, as you can imagine. Honey, please get in touch with mother and tell her of this letter, and tell her I am well.

I hope and pray to see you soon and we can start where we left-off. Do not worry as I dream of home every night. I am blessed to be with some of my comrades, at least. We can talk of our wonderful country.

Love to all and kisses,

Your Husband,

John

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Officials of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association have announced that the December Tuberculosis Clinic will be held in the Chestertown Health Center on Monday, December 6.

STATE INCOME TAX CUT HALF AFFECTS 220,000

Annapolis, November 29: Moving to carry into effect the 50% reduction in income taxes announced recently by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor, the State Comptroller's Office has completed plans for the forms under which State taxpayers can claim the credit.

Governor O'Conor announced today that the Comptroller's office had made requisition of the State Purchasing Agent for new income tax return forms, on which will be stipulated that one-half reduction is allowed. The forms, he added, would be mailed by Comptroller Tawes on January 1st, the first payment being due not later than April 15, 1944.

The reduction of 50%, changed from the previous allowance of 33 1-3%, represents a total saving of $4,815,000, the Governor announced. Altogether it will benefit 220,000 individuals, it is estimated. This number will at present pay income taxes to the State.

The Governor further announced that subsequent developments, since the reduction was authorized last month by the Board of Public Works, have convinced him that the slash was justified. The fiscal affairs of the State are now such that no impairment will result from this return to the taxpayers. The reduction was made possible by the accumulation of additional surplus due to further economies in State Departments and to increased receipts.

The income tax reduction was the third made since the present administration has been in office. It will apply to individual returns and brings the tax rate down to 1%. In 1939 the return was 2½%, subsequently reduced to 2%. Earlier this year, the O'Conor administration in its fiscal program made provision for a reduction of 1-3 of all income taxes, applying retroactively to 1942 incomes.

Further announcement has since been made that it is his intention to bring about further decreases in real estate taxes. The present rate is 12c, the lowest in over 80 years in Maryland. It represents approximately 50% of the real estate rate when he assumed office in 1939. This reduction has been brought about since the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the State has been materially reduced. In 1939 this indebtedness was $48,500,000. At the present the bonds aggregate $31,550,000. The Governor has pledged that further reductions will be made and that eventually real estate taxes will be abolished altogether by the State.

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GRANDSON OF FORMER PRES. BUYS KENT FARM

W. Clarke Grieb and W. Gilpin Brown have sold for Mr. Emory Bonwell his farm to Captain Webb Hayes of the United States Navy. This farm is located four miles from Chestertown on Route 13 and has a frontage of several miles on Morgan Creek and comprised 350 acres and was for many years the home of the Biddle family. As it is part of an original grant of land known as "Rose Hill," it has been very appropriately named "Rosemont", by the new owner.

Captain Hayes, who is a grandson of a former United States President, Rutherford B. Hayes, graduated from Annapolis in the class of 1911 and is on active duty with the armed forces.

After the war, Captain and Mrs. Hayes will retsore the large brick manor house and occupy it as their residence. Both Captain and Mrs. Hayes are fond of fox hunting and the Captain is an ardent yatchsman, being the owner of the yatch originally constructed for Edsel Ford. The farm will be operated and managed by W. Clarke Grieb.

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Elementary P. T. A. To Meet Dec. 8

Announcement was made today, by Mrs. G. H. Dana, president of the Parent- Teachers Association of the Chestertown Elementary School, that the association would meet at the local school on Wednesday, December 8th at 3.30 p. m.

A program for the occasion will be furnished by the pupils of the school.

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The Maryland State Guard will give a Dance in the Chestertown Armory tomorrow night, Saturday, December 4th starting at 8.30 p. m.

MAYOR WILMER TO RE-RUN; AT REQUEST OF BUSINESS GROUP

The Chestertown Business Men's Association, at their regular meeting on Wednesday, became alarmed at the fact that, with but three days left to file for three town offices, no one had filed. A committee was appointed to wait on the present encumbents, Mayor Wilmer, Mr. Charles Wheatley and Dr. W. H. Moyer and request that they file for re-election.

Mayor Wilmer stated at the time of going to press that at the request of the business group, he will file for re-election.

Dr. Moyer stated that he expects to file today.

Mr. Wheatley stated that he had not intended to file for re-election but that due to certain developments he would reconsider and file but that he had not decided definitely.

Mayor Philip G. Wilmer

NAVY RECRUITER WILL RETURN TO CHESTERTOWN

Yeoman, 1-C H. J. Davis, Navy Recruiter for the Eastern Shore was at the Chestertown Postoffice Monday and Tuesday of this week for the purpose of recruiting men and women for the Navy.

Mr. Davis who expects to return at a latter date, to be announced, described the new branch of the navy which has just been opened, the SRU —Ship Repair Units. Men are badly needed to repair and fix ships of our Navy and many skilled jobs are open.

He said, "In every battle, no matter how overwhelming our victory, our ships may suffer damage. Even when we escape bombs, shells and torpedoes, there are repairs to be made. The speed and efficiency with which those repairs are made will be reflected in the duration of the war."

Riggers, sailmakers, gunners, electricians, carpenters, shipfitters, welders, riveters, blacksmiths, radiomen, painters, machinists, moulders, metalsmiths and other mechanics are needed. Some of the men will be sent to advance naval bases; some may serve in the repair crews of combatant ships.

Draft-age men are accepted through a new plan of voluntary induction. Physical requirements have been modified. Petty officer ratings are granted to qualified men. Applicants are accepted, however, only in non-restricted manpower areas.

After being sworn in, men accepted for the SRU's return to their homes, awaiting a call to be sent to a Naval Training Station. Four weeks' indoctrination puts them in top physical trim and they are then ready for transfer to another Naval station for further training in their specialty. This type of training continues for two to four months, after which the men are ready for assignment to an advance base or ship.

A new free booklet entitled, "Serve with the Navy Ship Repair Units," giving complete information about the SRU's, is available at the Navy Recruiting Station, Salisbury, Post Office Bldg.

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To Start Church Leadership School

The Kent County Methodist Ministers will sponsor a Church Leadership School to be held at First Methodist Church, Chestertown, beginning Monday, January 3rd and continuing every Monday evening for six consecutive weeks.

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Gov. O'Conor Named On State Group Board

The board of managers of the Council of State Governments has appointed Gov. Herbert R. O'Conor a member-at-large for a five-year term. The announcement was received at the Maryland executive offices Monday.

The board cited Governor O'Conor's "highly efficient service rendered to this organization during his presidency" as reason for the appointment.

Only two members-at-large are named annually to the board and this is the first time that a Marylander has received the honor.

QUEEN ANNE'S BODY ASSURED OF LABOR CAMP

Farming and canning interests of Queen Anne's County received the support of Gov. Herbert R. O'Conor yesterday in their attempt to assure continuance of the prison labor camp in the county, from which inmates of state penal institutions are drawn for work on farms.

Led by State Senaotr Joseph M. George (D - Queen Anne's), and Delegates Joseph W. A. Evans and Percy E. Thomas, approximately 75 farmers, bankers and businessmen came to the State House to lay their case before Mr. O'Conor.

The 1943 Legislature passed legislation authorizing use of prisoners on farms in Queen Anne's County, but the board of correction had indicated the men might be needed elsewhere next year.

The governor told the Queen Anne's County delegation he would support their plea that prison labor be kept in the county in 1944 in a memoradum to the board.

The Eastern Shore representatives presented the governor with figures showing that prisoners had worked a combined total of 53,200 man hours on farms and in canneries of Queen Anne's County from August through November.

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COUNTY SALE OF 58 PUREBRED COWS ARRANGED

Four prominent dairymen of the county will unite with Edgar R. Penington, of near Kennedyville, who will retire from farming at the end of the year, in a record sale of purebred and registered dairy cattle at the Pennington farm on Dec. 10, when a total of 58 head of Holsteins will be sold.

C. B. Smith, an expert auctioneer from Pinconning, Michigan, will cry the sale, while Howard C. Barker, of Bel Air, Md., will be sales manager.

Breeders in the county who will join Mr. Pennington in the sale are Howard S. Leaverton, George R. Debnam III, near Rock Hall, Harry A. Bolton, John C. Sutton, near Galena.

The first sale in the county of a similar nature was the recent auction by Col. Edward Peirce, owner of Oldfields estate, near Galena, of a herd of purebred Aberdeen Angus cattle which brought $290,000.

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W. R. Capel To Be State License Examiner

William R. Capel has been appointed a License Examiner for the State of Maryland by the Motor Vehicle Commission and will serve on the Eastern and Western shores, alternating each week. Mr. Capel will begin his duties on the Eastern Shore at the Little Court House here in Chestertown on the first Tuesday in January.

A resident of Baltimore, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Medford Capel of Chestertown, and was an employee for several years at the Martin plane factory, Middle River.

CANDIDATES MUST FILE BY SATURDAY

Of little interest but of all importance is the town election in Chestertown on Monday, December 20th. At this election the registered voters will vote for a Mayor and two Councilmen to represent the Second and Fourth Wards. At this writing, it is understood there has been only one person filed for the offices and that is Dr. Wm. H. Moyer to succeed himself as Councilman for the Fourth Ward.

The vacancies for which no one has filed is Mayor and Councilman for the Second Ward, held respectfully by Mayor Philip G. Wilmer and Councilman Charles Wheatley.

For the best interests of the government of Chestertown, it is hoped that these two highly respected gentlemen will file to succeed themselves. The Mayor is elected for two years and the Councilmen for four years. The financial affairs of Chestertown are in an enviable condition and due to the war the funds for improvements are being set aside in Government bonds so as to afford ample money for extensive repairs and improvements following the end of the present emergency. To do this work now would mean extensive costs, the use of substitute materials and also the use of man-power during a critical manpower shortage.

This is the first time that the residents of Chestertown have voted for town officials in December, the bill making the change having been passed at the last session of the Legislature. Under the present system the new officials take over the first of the year so as to plan the year's program instead of the old system of a 4 months lame duck session.

The deadline for filing for town office this year is midnight, Saturday, December 4th.

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Free Movie At The Fire House

A free movie on solving the farm help shortage will be shown at the Fire House in Chestertown next Thursday evening, December 9th at 7.45 p. m. Included in the party will be a movie comedy, refreshments and door prizes See adv. page 5.

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Miss Eloise P. Rallings, clinical instructor in urological nursing at the Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing in Baltimore addressed the women students at Washington College Thursday morning in the interest of the National Council for War Service Corps. Following the address Miss Rallings held conferences with the students who were interested in taking the courses.

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A new pipeline from the Court House to the heating plant was started this week by the Hardesty Contracting Company, of Sudlersville. Recently the whole heating system was reconverted from oil to coal and the completion of the new line will finish the job.

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Carey Selby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen S. Selby will enter the Charlotte Hall Military Academy on February 1st, when the school begins its second term.

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The Woman's Auxiliary of Old St. Paul's P. E. Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Owen Selby, Chestertown, Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 2:30 p. m.

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Hen Upsets Myth About Egg A Day

Laurel, Del.—Charles C. Ellis, local contractor and builder, is telling a "believe it or not" story that upsets the egg-a-day theory about a hen on the farm of Thomas Elliott near Laurel, where he is erecting a house.

Mr. Ellis and the other carpenters noticed an unusually tame hen was following them into the new house every day, so they tied a string around her leg to be sure she was the same one.

One day last week the hen with the string on her leg laid an egg on the floor of the house, and at 2 in the afternoon came back and laid another one.

Then just to prove it was no freak performance she came back and laid another egg on the following day.

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