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WASH. COLLEGE GRADUATION JANUARY 29

Washington College's mid-yea Commencement, to be held on Satur day, January 29, will be featured by the appearance of two of the high officers of the Women's Army Corps, one of them a graduate of the Col lege, to whom honorary degrees will be awarded. The program, as an nounced today by President Gilbert W. Mead, will include a brief address by Colonel Oveta C. Hobby, Director of the WAC, and the award of degrees to her and to Major Frances Alice Clements, of Chestertown, Director of Training at the First WAC Training Unit, Fort Des Moines Iowa.

Colonel Hobby has been Director of the Women's Army Corps since its founding two years ago, and has under her command at present nearly 75,000 women, members of the Corps in all ranks. She was previously chief of the Women's Interest Section, War Department Bureau of Public Relations.

A resident of Houston, Texas, Col Hobby attended Mary Hardin-Baylor College, became Parliamentarian of the Texas House of Representatives in 1925, and acted in that capacity for eight years. She served also as legal clerk to the State Banking Department, and codified the Texas Banking Laws. She has been active in many public affairs in her home city and state, and serves on various boards, industrial and public. She is a member of the oard of Regents of Texas State Teacher's College, and past president of the Texas League of Women Voters. She is the author of works on parliamentary law, and after serving as research editor, book editor, and assistant editor of the Houston Post, she became executive vice-president in 1938.

Major Clements, daughter of Mrs Merrick Clements and the late Mr Clements of Chestertown, attended Washington College, graduating in the Class of 1930. She later attended Teachers College, Columbia University, and received the Master of Arts Degree. She served for twelve years on the staff of the A. I. DuPont School, Wilmington, until her entrance into training i nJune, 1942.

Major Clements is the highest ranking officer among the many women graduates of Washington College, in all the branches of the services. She was a member of the first officer's training unit of the WAAC, and later transferred to the WAC when the change was made in the organization. Receiving her first commission in August, 1942, she was retained at Fort Des Moines as an instructor, and rose rapidly in rank being promoted First Lieutenant in January, 1943, and Captain in April of that year, at which time she was made Acting Director of Training Her assignment was soon changed to Director, and she became a Major in October, one of the few ranking officers of the WAC in the training program.

In addition to Colonel Hobby President Mead will speak to the graduating group, and will award the degrees.

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CONSTRUCTION OF FROZEN FOOD PLANT STARTED

According to Mr. S. Scott Beck, Chairman of the Board of the Frozen Food Locker Freeze Equipment notice was received Wednesday that the priority from the War Production Board in Washington had been approved. The equipment will be installed on the George Baldwin property, Maple Ave. Although it is not definite when the Freeze Units will be completed, the order has been placed with the York Manufacturing Co., and it is hoped that the work will be finished within a short time

The work on the construction of the building has already started. This building was partly destroyed by fire last year. The 500 unit freeze plant is expected to be completed within six weeks after priority is granted although no definite date for completion of the plant has been set by officials of the company. Before priority for the unit could be secured, a large portion of the lockers had to be rented which means that most of them are now taken.

The officers of the company are:
President—Mr. J. B. Whitworth.
Vice-President—Mr. Carke Grieb.
Treasurer—Mr. Belt Townshend.
Secretary—Mr. Richard Carvell.

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At a special meeting of the Men's Club of Christ Methodist Church Sunday, the annual club banquet scheduled for Thursday evening Jan. 13, was canceled, due to the high cost of poultry and other foods

Many Changes Have Been Made On Farms Throughout County

Through the efforts of the County Agent, Mr. J. D. McVean the following list of farm owners and tenants who have moved to new farms recently has been compiled.

Although not complete there are 47 listed with probablly 15 or 20 others names of which we could not secure at this time.

First District

Robert Crew moves from Bennett Farm at Chesterville to Wilson farm in Crumpton Lane.

Wm. Skinner moves from Bottomley farm at Chesterville to Bennett farm he purchased from Bill Bennett

John W. Hollett bought and will operate the Bottomley farm. He continues with the Jesse Moffett farm on the River Road.

Mr. Balou bought the John W. Biggers and Sam Willis farms on the Chester River near Millington.

Harold Myers bought and will operate the home farm on the Millington—Smyrna Road.

Bulie K. Schelts bought the Woodall Heirs farm near Lambson Station He has tenanted this farm for some years.

Edward Walls formerly manager for Bloecher starts farming for himself on Carroll Clark's farm near Massey.

Anthony Durham bought one of L C. Clark's farms and will till it as well as a former Massey farm at Massey.

John Burns moves to L. R. Van Sant's farm near Hurlock's Corners

Wm. L. Hopkins bought and tills the Chas. H. Jones farm on the Galena—Massey Road.

Jas. Wallace follows Dewey Turner on the Gibbs farm near the same road.

Wm. Bramble will till the Woodall Heirs farm formerly tilled by Tom Cruikshank at Irelands Corner.

Elmer A. Heckert will operate the Dr. Scott farm of J. D. Davis, Jr. adjacent to Galena.

Geo. S. Powell follows Allen Chance on L. R. Vansant farm near Davis Hill.

Second District

Taylor Bros. (sons of M. A. Taylor) wil loperate the Dunlap farm near Turners' Creek Crossroads formerly tilled by the late Wm. B. Anthony.

Dan Quinn moves from the Besse farm at Still Pond Station to the Medders farm near Black's Station.

G. Herschell Carroll moves from Walter Crow's farm near Morgnec to the Hurlock Estate farm on the Morgnec to Chesterville concrete road.

Noel Nickerson will operate the Pennington farm recently purchased by Delmar Nickerson.

Jas. P. Hanifee takes over the "Hibernia" farm of Mrs. E. Baxter, from which Edgar R. Pennington retired as of January 1.,

J. Spencer Kelley succeeds Edgar E. Walls on the 'Cherry Lane Farm" of Wm. R. Wilson.

E. F. Coleman is farming where J. Spencer Kelly vacated.

Carroll B. Williams from Queen Anne's County follows Houston Pennington on Burtons farm near Crumpton.

Third District

Geo. F. Sparks bought and will operate the Chas. Nicholson farm at Flatland.

John Bigelow follows Geo. W. Wheat on the Fowles farm near Melitota.

Geo. W. Wheat bought the farm of J. A. Mason near Worton and has moved there.

J. A. Mason bought the small farm of A. Romie Fogwell near Worton.

Charles Hawkins follows Sam Spray to the Price farm at Hopewell Corner.

Sam Spray bought from Mrs. Rachel Carter near Hanesville.

Porter Fogwell bought one of Geo N. Cooper's farms near Smithville.

Ben Williams takes over the Engle owned "Rollison" farm near Janvier School.

F. L. Beugnot and Carl L 'Orange bought of Albert Jervis the Pennington and the Rhodenheizer farms near the head of Still Pond Creek. Mr Beugnot is in the residence.

Fifth District

Owen Clark bought the farm of Max Alexander near Rock Hall.

John W. Biggers bought the David C. Wray farm on the Rock Hall—E Neck Island Road.

Don Loftus purchased from the Lussiers their "Huntingfield Farm."

John E. Boulter bought the Crosby farm near Skinner's Neck which he has tenanted for a number of years

Chas. Hatch bought the farm of John B. Glenn in Piney Neck.

Ralph Bard secured the "Bungy" farm near Edesville.

Sixth District

Chas. N. Hawkins moves to the 3rd Dist. farm of Mrs. E. Price vacated by Sam Spray.

Oscar Leaverton purchased from James Foreman his farm near Fairlee.

Fritz Kercher follows M. J. Sutton to Mrs. Mason's farm near Melitota.

Wm. Beaver takes over the John A. Redding farm at Corey's Corner.

Seventh District

M. J. Sutton goes to Bloecher as farm manager in Broadneck.

Edward Leiby follows Franklin Moffett on the Eliason farm near Lankford.

Franklin Moffett moves to the "Brick House Farm" near Pomona as Edward Greenwood retires from farming.

Roy Ruhnka bought the Comegys Brown poultry farm near Cliff City.

W. W. Long tenants the France farm recently purchased by Rex Whaley.

Reuben Jamar is tenant to Gilbert Hadaway on his farm at Lankford.

MUSKRAT HIDES BRING RECORD HIGH HERE

Muskrat hides in Kent County are bringing a record high in Chestertown as according to an announcement by Mr. Morgan Bennett local fur buyer and well deserver of the title of "Fur King of the Eastern Shore" the price of muskrat hides today is from $2.00 to $2.25 each.

The heavy rains this week have thawed out the marshes and enabled trappers to get a good start while the prices are high. In addition to the price of the hides the meat price has been up to 35 cents.

Trapping 5,500 Acres

Mr. Morgan Bennett has extended his marsh holdings to 5,500 acres having leased that much marsh land for the season. Of this 5,500 acres, 2600 is in North Carolina and the remaining 2900 acres is on the Eastern Shore. The Eastern Shore holdings represent both large and small marshes in many of the counties. These marshes are trapped by groups of trappers under Mr. Bennett.

In addition to the catch on his own marshes, Mr. Bennett buys large quantities of hides.

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Postponed Cantata To Be Given Next Snday

The Cantata, "Gloria In Excelsis," which was to have been given by the Christ Church Choir on December 19th, and was postponed because of the illness of the Director and also of many of the members of the choir, will be given next Sunday, January 9th, at 4 p. m. at the church. The music is arranged from Mendelssohn by Lorenz. The Cantata will be directed by Mrs. Iola Hollinger Bucher with Miss Louise B. Russell at the organ. The public is cordially invited to be present.

MAJOR KIBLER IS ASSISTANT TO POST COMMANDER

Camp Pickett, Va., Dec. 30—Major John T. Kibler, of Chestertown, Md., has been named assistant to the post commander here, Colonel Frank B. Lammons, it was announced today He takes over his new duties immediately, after having served since August, 1942, as special services officer. His successor in that assignment has not yet been named.

A veteran of the last war, Major Kibler wears the Distinguished Service Cross and two wound stripes. As a captain in the 23rd Infantry, Second Army, he led his company in six major offensives and in a number of defensive skirmishes.

During his tour of duty as special services officer here, Major Kibler added considerably to his reputation as "The Little Dynamo", a title he gained during a long career as athlete and coach. He began his career while an undergraduate at Temple University, playing in all major sports. Upon graduation in 1908, he entered professional baseball and for eleven years played with minor leagues all over the country. He spent two seasons in the majors, but injuries kept him from playing.

After coaching sessions at Lehigh University and Ohio State, Major Kibler became director of athletics at Washington College, Maryland, where he remained for twenty-seven years, interrupting his tenure only twice, both times to serve in the Army.

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The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company Monday afternoon extinguished a chimney fire in the home of Mrs. Grover C. Coleman, five miles from here after a run through a heavy rain and wind storm. There was no damage to the dwelling.

WORLD WAR II VETERANS TO JOIN LEGION POST

Officials of the American Legion Frank M. Jarman Post 36, announced this week that on Saturday night January 22, the first war veterans of World War II will be sworn in as members of the local organization At the present time three Kent County men have been named, they are, James T. Anthony, Norman Grieb and Allan Eliason, others are expected to join later.

These three men have been discharged from some branch of our armed forces and have returned to civilian life, which makes them eligible for the Legion.

State Commander Dr. Blake and the State Adjutant, J. Nelson Tribby wil lmake their official visit to the Post on this same night and take part in the proceedings. An oyster feast will follow the meeting.

It was also announced by the Legion that they would hold another dance in the Armory on St. Valentine's Day, February 14th.

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Church School Is Handicapped By Storm

A heavy rainstorm and slippery roads seriously affected the attendance at the opening session of a leadership training school in the First Methodist Church here Monday evening, which is being sponsored for six consecutive Monday evenings by the Kent County Methodist Ministerial Association.

Each of the Methodist churches in the county except those in Galena and Millington, will be represented by delegations at the school. The Rev. Harvey B. Flater of the Still Pond-Betterton Methodist charge is dean of the faculty. A four days' Bible conference will follow the close of the school on Feb. 14.

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KENT COUNTY FARM BUREAU ELECTS GROUPS

Members of the Kent County Farm Bureau have elected a board of directors and delegates to the annual convention of the Maryland Farm Federation, which will be held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore January 11-14.

The board members are:

William R. Newnam, E. Thomas Massey, Jr., Massey; Robert R. Hare Millington; Mrs. William R. Newnam Massey; Herbert S. Ford, Galena; Edgar D. Lusby, Kennedyville; Clem Davidson, Kennedyville; Mrs. Herbert S. Ford, Galena; Albert Nicholson, H. Stockton Startt, Walter L. Walbert, Mrs. Walter L. Walbert, Chestertown; William R. MacCubbin, Howard S. Leaverton, Walter H. Hadaway, Jr., Mrs. Howard S. Leaver ton, Rock Hall; chairman of the Associate Women's Organization of th Bureau, Mrs. Linwood A. Sutton Chestertown.

Delegates— Benjamin F. Rush, Worton; Edgar D. Lusby, Kennedyville; Herbert S. Ford, Galena; William R. Newnam, Massey; Walter H. Hadaway, Jr., Howard S. Leaverton, Rock Hall; Mrs. Howard S. Leaverton, Rock Hall; Mrs. Linwood A Sutton, Mrs. Edmund H. Skirven, Chestertown.

The report of the secretary-treasurer, Frank O. Sutton showed that there was a 25 per cent increase in the membership during th eyear, bringing the present total to 260 members. which gives the bureau the largest percentage of farmers signed in the State Farm Federation of any county in the state.

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Eastern Star Holds Election

Chestertown Chapter Order of Eastern Star has elected the following officers for the ensuing year Worthy Matron, Mrs. Clare Chaires, worthy patron, Stewart M. Price; associate worthy matron, Mrs. Frances Taylor; associate worthy patron Elwood Taylor; secretary, Miss Ada W. Schreiber; treasurer, Miss Ella Hicks; conductress, Mrs. Anna C. Willis; associate conductress, Mrs Helen V. Bowers.

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To Hold Election

The Board of Directors of the Kent Building and Loan Company has retired its forty-third series of stock at a valuation of $102 per share, 474 shares representing a distribution of $48,348. The annual stockholders meeting will be held here on Monday, Jan. 10 for the election of a board of directors and officers for the ensuing year.

DISPENSARY LAW IS UPHELD BY COURT FOLLOWING HEARING

County Commissioners Agree On 30 Day Reprieve For Appeal By Liquor Dealers

The Circuit Court for Kent County late Wednesday evening sustained the demurrers filed by the County Commissioners and dismissed the bill of complaint filed by the licensed liquor dealers for Kent County.

The decision of the Circuit Court, with Chief Judge Stephen R. Collins and Associate Judges Owen Knotts and Raymond Horney on the bench, followed a three day hearing in which the licensed liquor dealers, through Mr. Richard Carvell as attorney, attempted to restrain the County Commissioners from closing the stores due to the recently enacted dispensary law.

The sense of the decision is that the Court upheld the Commissioners of Kent County in their order that the licensed liquor dealers shall cease operations and that said sale of liquor of more than 14% shall be only by the four county dispensaries.

The County Commissioners have agreed to suspend for 30 days the enforcement of the closing of the liquor dealers, which priod of time will enable them to secure a decision from the Maryland Court of Appeals. The County Commissioners were represented in the case by Mr. Preston P. Heck assisted by Mr. Herbert Perkins. The liquor dealers were represented by Mr. Richard Carvell of Beck & Beck.

The hearing which started at 10.30 a. m. Wednesday, was not concluded until 10 p. m. that night. Two previous hearings had been held on various injunctions, etc., with reference to the same case.

The case a matter of public record at the Court House is as follows:

In the Circuit Court for Kent County
No. 3388 Equity
Joseph W. Lewis
vs.
W. Henry Gsell, Sheriff
of Kent County

OPINION OF COURT

The defendant, W. Henry Gsell, Sheriff of Kent County, Maryland, addressed to the complainant, Joseph W. Lewis, the following communication and official warning:

December 31, 1943

Mr. Joseph W. Lewis
115 Cross Street
Chestertown, Maryland

Dear Sir:

By virtue of the Acts of Legislature 1943, Chapter 816, creating and providing for County Dispensaries and known as Section 77A and 77B of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Class A (off sale) Beer, Wine and Liquor License that was issued you by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County for the period beginning May 1, 1943, became inoperative and ineffective on January 1, 1944.

Because of the fact that said license is null and void and I hereby warn and advise you that as Sheriff of Kent County I intend to close your liquor store and arerst you or any other person on your premises who engages in the sale of alcoholic beverages, effective this date.

As you know the penalty for the offense of selling liquor without proper license is fine, imprisonment or both.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Henry Gsell,
Henry Gsell
Sheriff, Kent Co., Md

The complainant, upon receipt of said warning from said Sheriff, has filed a bill in which the principal relief sought is an injunction restraining the said Sheriff, and his deputies, from arresting said complainant and closing his said liquor store pursuant to said warning.

The original defendant has filed in this proceeding a joint demurrer and answer. Afterwards, the County Commissioners, in their capacities as such Commissioners and as the Board of License Commissioners of Kent County, constituting the Liquor Control Board of said County, by order of Court, were permitted to intervene as parties in interest and, in their several capacities, filed a joint demurrer and answer to said bill.

The matter first came before the Court for a hearing on the demurrers to said bill.

The chief contention made by the defendants in support of the demurrers was that under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 816 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1943, creating and providing County Dispensaries, and codified as Sections 77A and 77B of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Class A (off sale) Beer, Wine and Liquor license that was issued to said complainant by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County for the period commencing May 1st, 1943, became inoperative and ineffective on the 1st day of January, 1944.

An examination of the Act in question reveals that it was passed to provide for the creation of a Liquor Act provides that the County Com- Control Board and establishment of dispensaries in Kent County. This missioners aforesaid shall constitute the Liquor Control Board for Kent

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BOND DRIVE STARTS JANUARY 18th

Charles F. Wheatley, chairman and W. Robert Huey, publicity chairman for Kent County have announced that the quota for the bond drive, which starts January 18 and ends February 29, will be $300,000 which is a 50% increase over the quota of $200,000 in the last drive. All E, F, and G bonds that are sold during January and February will be counted in the quota.

There has been no change in the committees handling the drive, with the exception of and additional committee appointed from the Chestertown Business Men's Association. This last named group is making every effort to get a display of captured war materia and having tured war material and having sent time the parade appears doubtful but some kind of a rally will be planned.

The county newspapers will make every effort through their news columns and the Business Men's Association has.. already voted to sponsor some display advertising in the newspapers to help put the drive over.

It is hoped by everyone cooperating and making every effort to save and buy bonds Kent County will be able to meet its quota.

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PETITION ASKS CURFEW LAW IN CHESTERTOWN

Proposal of a wartime curfew ordinance was given consideration at the first meeting of the Mayor and City Council hed Monday evening when Mayor Philip G. Wilmer, Jr., Charles F. Wheatley, councilman from the Second Ward and Dr. W. H. Moyer councilman from the Fourth Ward renewed their oaths of office and reorganized.

The petition was signed by a number of representative citizens of Chestertown asking that Council require all children of the community under 16 years old to be off the streets by 10.30 o'clock every night Teachers in the schools, one of the local ministers, and a number of business and professional men signed the petition.

Final action was deferred on the proposal until the officials confer with the council's attorney regarding their legal rights to pass such an ordnance.

Mayor Wilmer deferred submitting his list of appointees until the first meeting in February.

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Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Turner celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last Monday evening, January 3rd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith, the latter a niece of Mrs. Turner's.

A musical evening furnished the entertainment for the guests. Selections on the piano were rendered by Mrs. George Brice, accompanied on the cornet by Mr. Earle Abbott, of Baltimore. Many of the old songs appropriate to the occasion were sung by the assembled group, while a solo, "I Love You Truly" sung by Mrs. Campbell, and a duet by Mrs. Blanche Young and Mrs. Campbell marked special numbers.

Two grand daughters, Betty and Marie Turner gave a reading on "The Golden Wedding," after which refreshments were served. The home was beautifully decorated in golden colors, marking the golden anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner were the recipients of many gifts including a basket of chrysanthemums from the Betterton Methodist Church where they have worshipped many yeas and $125 in money.

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The stockholders of the Kent-Queen Anne's Driving Association will hold their annual meeting, for election of officers and other business Tuesday, February 8th at the Peerless Fertilizer Office at 8 p. m., according to an announcement made this week.

Roy Strong Resigns As Manager

Roy T. Strong, manager of the new dispensary system for the Liquor Control Board of Kent County has tendered his resignation to the board which is composed of the County Commissioners and his resignation has been accepted.

Mr. Strong stated he resigned because of the long hours the position necessitates and he did not want to give up other interests he had.

Jesse E. Ireland, present bookkeeper for the Liquor Control Board wil lserve as acting manager in place of Mr. Strong.

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DISPENSARIES PLAN TO OPEN IN TWO WEEKS

Necessary federal stamps and papers having arrived the dispensaries in the County hope to be in operation in about two weeks... Law forbade them placing any orders for stock until January 1st.

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LIQUOR DEALERS TO APPEAL

Mr. Richard Carvell has announced that the Liquor Dealers of Kent County will take their case to the Court of Appeals and that the case has already been filed.

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CHECK FORGER ARRESTED ON IDENTIFICATION

Herman Burns, colored, is held at the Kent County Jail on a charge of cashing a forged check and purchasing clothing at the store of Carl N Bordley, Chestertown.

Burns came to Kent County from Florida and is employed at Triumph Explosive plant at Elkton He found a check in the plant issued by Triumph to Wm. Benson also colored, of Golt, for $76.25. Benson missed the check before leaving the plant and reported its loss to the plant guards. Payment was stopped and Benson was issued a duplicate check. In the meantime Burns took the check to the store of Carl N Bordley in Chestertown, forged Benson's name on the back and purchased a top coat and a pair of trousers to the amount of $49.50 and accepted the $26.75 in change.

When the check was returned no good Mr. Bordley notified Sheriff Gsell and described Burns. Sheriff Gsell and Deputy Culley made a trip to the Triumph, picked out Burns from the description. He was brought to Chestertown and Mr Bordley identified him. He is now resting in jail awaiting the April term of Court. The identification of Burns at Triumph may well be called "One in Ten Thousand."

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George W. French Named Auditor

The failure of Marion deK. Smith of this city, to qualify following his appointment as a member of the Kent County auditing committee by the court, left the filing of the vacancy to the remaining members of the committee, William G. Smyth and H. Gilpin Brown. They have appointed former City Councilman George W. French, who has qualified and will assume his duties on Monday.

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