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COLLEGE GIVES MAJOR CLEMENTS HONOR DEGREE

The Mid-Year Graduation of the 162nd year of Washington College was held last Saturday, January 29 at 11 o'clock in the William Smith Hall. 13 members of the Senior Class were awarded Bachelor degrees, and an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters to Major Frances Alice Clements, WAC of Chestertown.

President Gilbert W. Mead, of Washington College, awarded the degrees following a talk by Major Clements. In his presentation address to Major Clements, he said:

"Frances Alice Clements, Major WAC. One of our own, who has greatly enhanced the glory of Washington College by her achievement in a field now of superior importance to our country and to the world. A graduate of Washington College in the Class of 1930, who turned aside from her chosen field of Public Education, in which she was serving well and honorably to become one of the first officer candidates in the WAAC when it was originally organized. For her demonstrated qualities of leadership she was chosen, immediately following her first commission to become an instructor and leader of those who followed her into the service, rising through the commissioned ranks to that of Major in a few months time. As her duties increased, her unusual abilities were challenged by their rapid enlargemen until she became, several months ago Director of Training at the First WAC Trainng Unit, Fort DesMoines Iowa, a very rare and unusual distinction for any woman. The constant direction of the training of several thousand young women is her daily task, for the success of which she has received the commendation of her colleagues and her superior officers, expressed in terms of unmeasured approval. While Washington College boasts of graduates in all the uniformed branches open to women Major Clements holds the highest rank achieved by any of them, and is outranked by very small number of women in all services.'

'Today a grateful and proud Alma Mater adds her tribute of loving appreciation for the great success of her daughter, who stands as a symbol of educated American womanhood in high service to a warring world."

Those receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts were:

Harold Gregory Applegarth
Helen Claire Cregar
Louise Ledley Hammond
Ellen Lee Lachmar, cum laude
Henri deVries Pote, cum laude
Ann Jewell Rouse

The degree of Bachelor of Science was awarded to:

James Elmer Anthony, Jr. cum laude
James Nicholas Juliana
Betty Ozelah Lohmuller, magna cum laude
Henry Harrop Lyon
Harry Rittenhouse Roe, maxima cum laude
Irma Libbie Rogers, cum laude
Robert Andrew Ruff, Jr.

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Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich Price Sr., of Massey, have as their guest their son Robert Pennington Price, First Class Machinist Mate who arrived last week from New Caledonia. Here on a thirty day leave, this is his first visit home in three years. Mr. Price was hospitalized last year from shrapnel wounds received when his ship the 'Calhoun" was torpedoed at Guadalcanal.

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The annual winter meeting of the Maryland Press Association will b held at Hotel Emerson, Baltimore this Saturday, February 5, opening at 10:30 A. M., with registration of members and guests.

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County Levy In This Issue

On page three of this issue will be found the levy for Kent County which was struck by the County Commissioners on January 18th.

This levy represented a 19 cent reduction in the tax rate for Kent County and at the same time put the county on a cash basis.

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Classified Ads On Page Eight

Starting this week and continuing until further notice all classified advertisements appearing in this paper will be found on the back page or page 8, column 1.

For classified ads, in the Transcript turn to page 8 which is the back page of this and likely all issues for the duration.

These ads are effective and inexpensive.

Adventists Hold Baptism Before Large Crowd Sunday Night, Jan. 30

The Firemen's Hall, Sunday night was the scene of a unique Baptism. The above photo shows the first Baptism of the Harris Evangelistic meetings. Elder C. V. Leach, president of the Chesapeake Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists administered the rite to ten candidates.

Rock Hall Couple Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Josph Everett, of Rock Hall, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 1st at the home of their daughter, Mrs. George Pennington in Chestertown. They were marired on February 1, 1894 at Crumpton, Md., by the Rev. Boehn and have resided in Kent County all their married life, with the exception of about the first six years ,when they lived at I. B. just across Chester River in Queen Anne's. They have three daughters, Mrs. George Pennington, Mrs. Gladys Reed, Pomona; and Mrs. Addie Hubbard, Rock Hall.

At the same time, Mr. and Mrs. George Pennington celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary. Twenty guests were present for the celebration and many lovely gifts were received by both couples.

FORMER COLLEGE STUDENT WINS HIGH AWARD

The highest single award achieved by a Washington College man in this was has just been received by Lt. George J. Pinto, Jr., USNR, of Salisbury, Md., to whom the Distinguished Service Cross has been given by the Secreeary of the Navy, in the name of the President. Lieut. Pinto, a Navy flyer, was a scouting plane pilot abroad the USS Savannah, during the invasion of Sicily in July 1943, according to the terms of the citation, which further says: "Operating with great efficiency during a period of intense serial activity, Lieutenant Pinto participated in numerous spotting and reconaissance missions deep into hostile territory, despite the constant menace of heavy enemy anti air craft fire and air opposition. His expert airmanship and courageous devotion contributed immeasurably to the success of the bombardment of enemy positions and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States naval service."

Lieut. Pinto attended Washingto College during 1938-40, leaving to enter Naval Aviation training. While in college he was prominent in student activities. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity.

This decoration raises the total of air distinctions won by Washington College men to one Distinguished Service Cross, one Legion of Merit four Distinguished Flying Crosses four Air Medals, sixteen oak leaf clusters, and two Presidential unit citations. These are accounted for by seven airmen, including Army, Navy and Marine Corps. In addition, one of these men holds the Purple Heart for wounds received in action.

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James Newton, of the Merchant Marines is home on a leave. Mr Newton is the grandson of Mr .and Mrs. James Newton, of Chestertown

Rock Hall Church To Burn Mortgage

On Sunday, February 6th, the Rock Hall Methodist Church, will feature the Burning of the Mortgage at their Sunday Evening Service. Rev. F. C Louhoff, Jr., pastor of the Church has prepared an elaborate program which will include organ music by Mrs. Robert Shallcross, hymns, readings, remarks by Mr. Chas. W. Thomas, chairman of the Official Board Mr. W. Stanley Grant, Chairman of the Debt Fund and by Mr. T. Bayard Ayres, charge Lay Reader.

A large crowd is expected and the public invited to attend.

Other services at Rock Hall Methodist Church include.

9.45 a. m. Church School, W. Stanley, Superintendnet.

11.00 a. m. Divine Worship—Mrs Robert Shallcross, organist.

Singing by the Young Peoples Choir.

Sermon by the pastor, "The Sermon On The Mount."

F. Charles Louhoff, Jr., Minister.

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Minute Men To Hold Two Dances

Two companies of the Kent County Minute Men have announced that their units will hold dances in the local armory, the first of these will be held by the Lynch Company and will take place Friday, February 11 Music by the Blue Hen Ramblers.

On the following Friday, February 18 the Rock Hall organization will hold their dance, with the Washington Collegians furnishing the music

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Named To College Board By Gov.

Governor O'Conor has notified President Gilbert W. Mead of Washington College of his appointment of Mr. John H. Hessey to the unexpired term of the late James W. Chapman Jr., on the College's Board of Visitors and Governors. Mr. Hessey, a Baltimore lawyer, is a native of Kent County, and graduated at the College in the Class of 1910.

INTERSTATE MILK GROUP TO HOLD BANQUET WED.

Arrangements have been completed for the annual banquet of the Kent County Dairymen which will be held at Fireman's Hall next Wednesday, February 9th. The banquet is being sponsored by the Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative which represents 90 per cent of the shippers to the Philadelphia milk shed.

Mr. H. Stockton Startt will act as toastmaster on the occasion and the principal speaker will be the Honorable Millard E. Tydings, United States Senator from Maryland. This will be Senator Tyding's first appearance in Kent County for some time and will be a decided drawing card for the banquet.

Mr. B. H. Welty, President of the Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative, is scheduled for a talk on "What Interstate Is Doing."

Dudley Winter, field representative for the Coop., will furnish entertainment with his art of magic.

Mr. Clayton Reynolds, local field representative of the milk group, is arranging the banquet and urges all who wish to attend to secure their tickets early as only 300 tickets are available.

The Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative is taking the lead in fighting the subsidy on milk based on the thought that the tax payers should not be taxed to pay them the subsidy They favor a price of milk based on production costs.

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Fire Damages Poultry Farm

Fire damaged the Bramble Poultry Farm in nearby Queen Anne's County Wednesday afternoon. Damage is estimated in excess of $500.00.

The fire started in the pumping engine room and spread to the building in which it was located. Local firemen responded with three pieces of apparatus and did good work in extinguishing the fire.

DISPENSARIES OPENED HERE ON WEDNESDAY

The County Dispensaries opened for business on Wednesday, February 2nd, at Chestertown, Rock Hall Betterton and Galena and the Liquor Control Board for Kent County has announced the schedule of store hours as follows: Daily except Saturdays, 10.00 to 12.00 A. M.; 1.00 to 6.00 P. M. On Saturdays 10.00 to 12.00 A. M.; 1.00 to 5 P. M. and 6 to 8 p. m.

Because of the limited supply of whiskeys generally and the small allotment locally obtainable, the Liquor Control Board has determined a rationing schedule so as to insure as nearly as possible an equitable distribution of available supplies of whiskey The allowance of whiskey per person under the rationing system is curenrtly set at 1-5 of a gallon every two weeks. The purchaser must present his No. 3 Rationing Book at the time of the purchase. Permission has been obtained from the OPA for the use of the No. 3 Rationing Book for the purpose of rationing of whiskey by the Liquor Control Board.

Mr. Julian Hurtt, speaking for the Liquor Control Board, stated that all sales made in the Kent County dispensaries would be made strictly in conformity with the ceiling prices fixed by the Office of Price Administration. Mr. Hurtt further stated that at the present time there would be no rationing of goods other than whiskeys.

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LT. A. E. DRYDEN DIES IN PLANE MISHAP

News of the death of Lieut. Alton E. Dryden, Jr., U. S. N. R., was received here Tuesday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. E. Bonwill Dukes. The message was telephoned by their daughter, Mrs. A. E. Dryden, Jr., and many of the details have not been learned.

Flying over a lake near Sanford Fla., he was forced into the water from the single seat sea plane, and was drowned before aid could reach him. Upon the recovery of his body resusitation was used for two hours but in a vain attempt.

Lieut. Dryden ,the 27 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Dryden, of Princess Anne, Md., was a graduate of Washington College, class of '41 and received his commission and wings in June, 1942, at Pensacola Fla.

He was a flight instructor and had been commended many times officially for his splendid work in teaching navy flying recruits. Last November at his request he was assigned to a special course in combat flying and was expecting in the near future to join the navy air fleet in warring zones.

The wedding of Lieut. Dryden and the former Margaret Ann Dukes at Emmanuel P. E. Church in June 1942, was one of the social events of that season.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the home of his parents in Princess Anne Mrs. Dryden was expected to arrive at 4 a. m. (Friday) by train with the body and a Navy escort.

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Fire Company To Convert C. D. Pump

Fire Company officials have secured permission to mount an auxiliary pump, which they received as part of the County Civilian Defense Organization, on an International truck chasis, making the pumper a complete mobile unit for fighting fires.

Chief Herman Blackway, accompanied by Clarke Davis, John Vickers and Ollie Herzberg traveled to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds last Sunday where they examined an identical pumper which had been converted and plans for the local truck will follow along these lines.

As yet it is not known when the apparatus will be completed as certain priorities have to be secured before actual conversion can be made Company officials are very high in their praise of the pumper and stated that it would make a worthy addition to the other units.

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The Kent County Farm Bureau Directors met on Friday Evening Jan. 28 and elected officers for 1944

Mr. Howard S. Leaverton was elected President, Mr. Walter L. Walbert, Vice-President and Frank O Sutton, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Annual Farm Bureau Banquet is to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at The Fireman's Hall in Chestertown.

Details of the Banquet will follow later.

2 Weeks Left To Raise $100,000 In County Fourth War Bond Drive

Bonds Should Be Kept, Declares Security Leader

By Emil Schram, President, New York Stock Exchange

The bonds of the United States of America are the best investments in the world today. They represent both national and personal security We will have a special opportunity to add to our holdings of these bonds next month when the Fourth War Loan will be brought out by the Government for the purpose of pressing on in Europe and Asia to complete victory—a victory which will mean all the difference between a mean harried life for America and a triumphant return to freedom and opportunity, to a further cultivation of the arts of peace.

The buying of War Bonds under the stimulus and fervor of a campaign to support our men in the armed services is only part of the privilege of Americans. Bonds bought should be bonds kept. Bonds bought should be retained against any impulse to turn them back into cash except to meet the most serious personal needs.

Bonds bought now and kept will provide dependable income as well as complete safety; the Series E bond will store up capital for us—store it up the more rapidly the longer we keep them. As the Federal Reserve Board has recently emphasized, these E bonds provide a rate of return of 4% per annum during the last five years of their life as compared with an average of 2.9% over the whole term of the bonds.

Whatever type of bonds we buy it is both prudent and patriotic to keep them. They are the best possible safeguard against the uncertainties of the long future.

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KENT RED CROSS QUOTA IS SET AT $12,000.00

Preston P. Heck, chairman of the Kent County Red Cross has announced the appointment of Mr. J. B Whitworth as chairman of the Red Cross drive which is to start on March 1st. The quota for Kent County is $12,000.00. Mr. Whitworth points out that as the population of Kent County is between 13,000 and 14,000 it means that to raise the quota nearly every citizen of Kent County, man and woman, boy and girls, white and colored would have to donate $1.00 each.

Of course every body in the county cannot give $1.00, so it means that the average citizen of the county will have to donate more than they ever gave before.

The local committee brings to your attention the following facts. 90% of the Red Cross money goes directly to the war effort and only 10% is used for local relief in the United States occasioned by floods and other disasters.

A representive of the American Red Cross stated in Chestertown that it was only through the volunteer workers in such things as surgical dressings, garment making etc., that the Red Cross was able to do its large work with the amount of money that they had at their disposal.

What the Red Cross accomplishers All the collecting of the blood plasm work, all prisioners of war in other countries, overseas clubs for service men and women, 50,000 nurses recruited for the Army and Navy.

At the beginning of the War, the War Dept. asked for one agency to handle the work done by several in the last war. In this way only one relief agency would have access to the war territory overseas. The Red Cross was the agency chosen and does all the work done in the last war by the Y. M. C. A., Knight of Columbia, Salvation Army and the Hebrew Association in the war areas

An appeal is made to all citizens of the County to support this Red Cross Drive and put Kent County over the top in relieving the miseries of war for our fighting men.

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Local War Dog To Be Seeing Eye

The German sheppard dog, raised and trained by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carvell of Chestertown, for the armed forces and recently shipped for war duty will become a seeing eye dog for a blinded veteran according to information received by Mr. and Mrs. Carvell this week.

This dog is being trained at the Seeing Eye Institute for this very worth while work.

Kent County has less than two weeks to complete its war bond quota of $300,000 as, although credit will be given for bonds sold during the entire month of February the drive officially ends February 15th and more than $100,000 in bonds must be sold before that date, if this county is to go over the top.

The official figures, as near as they could be obtained at the time of going to press, showed total sales of $210,000. A number of large purchases were included in this amount such as $13,000 by State of Maryland $15,000 by C & P Telephone Co. $10,000 by Pennsylvania Railroad.

The above figures of $210,000 does not include sales at postoffices in the county which will increase the figure slightly.

The purchases made todate include hundreds of small bonds bought by people who made a sacrifice to purchase them and there are still hundreds more who will purchase bonds before the drive is over.

Teams are working throughout the county in house to house and farm to farm solicitation, as well as present transportation facilities will permit and the present drive is truly a county-wide affair.

While the small purchasers are doing their part the present indications are that the goal for the Corporations of the State of $98,000,000 will be met.

There is little question but that the goal of $300,000 for Kent County will be met, but it will require the efforts of us all.

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POST WAR PLANS MADE FOR LOCAL COUNTRY CLUB

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club, held at the Club House on Tuesday evening of this week, the principal topic of discussion was post war plans for the club The discussion was lead by the newly elected president, J. B. Whitworth and was inspired by the report of the treasurer, J. B. Metcalfe which showed a total indebetness of only $1100 Of this indebetness $600 represents property owned in Quaker Neck not on the club property.

Among the post war plans is a proposed enlargement of the club house so as to provide for additional club activities. The present club house was built in 1928 and there has been practically no alterations since that time.

During the period from 1928 to 1944 the indebetness has been reduced from $16,000 to the $1100 referred to above. $1000 was paid on the indebetness the past year. The property consists of the club house, a suitable pier and sixty acres of land containing a very interesting nine hole golf course.

In addition to Mr. J. B. Whitworth as President, other officers elected were:

Vice President—Marvin Williams.
Secretary—Claude E. Truslow.
Treasurer—J. Browne Metcalfe.
Board of Directors—Two elected at this meeting, Charles Eshman and Ernest H. Strong.

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Suffers Eye Injury

Mr. William Pardee, who resides on the Startt-Peterson farm in Morgnec, suffered a serious eye injury on Tuesday of this week while working on his tractor. According to reports Mr. Pardee was working with a hammer and chisel and a piece of metal flew into his eye piercing the pupil He was rushed to the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital.

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An Appeal To Auto Owners

Due to many recent automobile thefts on the Eastern Shore the Maryland State Police have asked our cooperation in publicizing a section of the Motor Vehicle Laws, which apparently many motorists are not familiar with... It is Sec. 192, as follows

No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition.. and removing the KEYS, etc. .....

Violations of this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor and any person upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of One ($1.00) dollar to One Hundred ($100.00) dollars.

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