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PROMINENT QUEEN ANNE'S FARMER DIES

J. Thomas Smith

J. Thomas Smith prominent farmer for many years, 74, died Wednesday evening at his late home in Queen Anne's County. Besides his wife, Mrs. Rose Walls Smith, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Merrick Coleman of Galena, and Mrs. William Clayton, Chester, Pa.; one son, J. Earl Smith near Chestertown; six brothers, Olin, Charles, Lee, John all of Sudlersville, Elwood, of Quincy Ohio and William J., of Baltimore; 2 sisters, Mrs. Elwood Coleman Crumpton and Mrs. Lulu Smith Marcus Hook. Also he is survived by 10 grand-children and 3 great-grand children.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, 2 p. m. from the late home with Rev. Otis Jefferson assisted by Rev. Donald Horning officiating.

Interment in Sudlersville cemetery Marvin Williams Funeral Service in charge of arrangements.

Bearers will be Carroll Leverage Charles Turner, Woodall Robinson Walter Hollingsworth, Allen Hollingsworth and Charles Meredith.

Mrs. Guliehma Lusby

Mrs. Guliehma Lusby passed away at her late home near Kennedyville, Sunday evening following a lingering illness. She was a devoted member of the Shrewsbury Church for many years and a past president of the woman's auxiliary. She was very active in Church work.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. John Carvel Sutton of Kennedyville and three sons, Arthur M., Edgar and James of Kennedyville; 4 brothers, Evan, Delbert, Walter and Conrad Robinson of Newark, Del.

16 grandchildren and one great grandchild also survive.

Funeral services were held Wednesday Feb. 15th at the Shrewsbury Church at 11 a. m. Rev. Charles L. Shrewsbury Cemetery. B. R. Fellows Funeral Director. The bearers were the six grandsons of the deceased.

Ralph M. Blackiston

Ralph M. Blackiston, 41, died Monday in Baltimore. Besides his mother, Mrs. Sara E. Blackiston of Rock Hall, he is survived by two sisters Mrs. Edna Wallace, of Edgewood and Miss Ione Balckiston, of Cambridge three brothers, Noble of Rock Hall Weldon, of Baltimore and Laurel of Milford.

Funeral services were held Thursday 2.30 p. m. from his mothers home in Rock Hall with Elder Curtis Quackenbush officiating. Interment in Wesley Chapel Cemetery. Marvin Williams Funeral Service in charge of arrangements.

Bearers were, Karch Witt, George Leary, Arthur Wheat, Clay Haddaway, Raymond Hersch and Sterling Crouch.

Willie Stein Taylor

Mrs. Willie Stein Taylor aged 74 died February 13th at her late home in Worton. She was past president of the Ladies Aid, Worton P. T. A and the Flatland Club and has always taken an active interest in civic affairs.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs Romie Skirven and five daughters Mrs. Williahm Faulkner, Mrs. Edgar Clark, Mrs. Stein Mulligan, Mrs Lambert Plummer and Miss Willie Bates Edwards. She is also survived by 12 grand-children.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p. m. from St. James Church with Rev. Melvin Kay ,officiating Interment in Chester cemetery, Marvin Williams Funeral Service in charge of arrangements.

Bearers were: William B. Faulkner John F. Clark, Frank Mulligan, William Mulligan, Edward Plummer and William Willis.

William H. Stewart III

William H. Stewart III, youngest grandson of the late Mr. William H Stewart and wife of Kent County and only son of William H. Stewart, Jr. of Kent and his wife May Shehan Stewart of Talbot, passed away after a long illness at the home of his parents, 40 Edgemont Road, Asheville N. C. on February 9, 1944. Interment February 11 in the beautiful churchyard of Calvary Church near Asheville.

Beside his parents he is survived by one son, William H. Stewart IV of Asheville and an only sister who with her husband and their young daughter has been interned by the Japs in the Phillipines since Pearl Harbor.

The deceased was a nephew of the late Judge Mashon Shehan of Easton Talbot County.

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The Ladies Auxiliary of the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital will hold a meeting on Tuesday, February 22nd at 2.30 p. m. at the American Legion Building on Queen St.

C. H. S. Seniors At Work On Surgical Dressings At Red Cross Center

These Seniors of the P. O. D. (Problems of Democracy) class, in the Chestertown High School are busily engaged in making surgical dressings for the Red Cross as part of their contribution to the war effort. They are excused from classes every Thursday afternoon to work at the Red Cross center to carry on this work, for which workers are so urgently needed. The Red Cross needs every woman in the County to work in Surgical dressings at the center, nearest you.
Front Row: Left to Right—Jean Gill, Betty Payne, Jean Dwyer, Kathryn Mulligan.
Back Row: Left to Right—Betty Pinder, Dorothea Roberts, Margaret Redman, Betty Kimble.
Stand: Left to Right—Anne Burris, Mary Quinn, Virginia Groves.

FARM BUREAU BANQUET SET FOR FEB. 22

The 20th annual Kent County Farm Bureau Banquet will be held on Tuesday February 22nd at 6.30 p. m. in the Fireman's Hall, Chestertown, Md

Dr. H. C. Byrd, President of the University of Maryland will be the speaker.

Mr. C. E. Wise, Jr., Sec.-Treas. Maryland Farm Bureau and Mr. R F. C. Weagly, President, Maryland Farm Bureau will be present and ar on the program for short talks.

Mr. Paul E. Nystron, State supervisor of Emergency Farm Labor placement will outline the Labor situation for this year in a short talk.

Mr. H. S. Startt will act as toastmaster. A capacity crowd of 300 are expected to attend the banquet which is to be served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Chestertown Fire Company.

Tickets are in the hands of the County Farm Bureau director, The Farm Bureau Cooperative Office and The County Secretary.

Members are entitled to one free ticket. All who plan to attend the banquet must have their tickets reserved not later than Monday noon February 21st.

There will be a dance following the banquet, for those who attend.

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FARM LOAN GROUP WILL MEET IN EASTON

The Annual Meeting of this group of Farm Loan Associations comprising Kent, Queen Anne, Talbot, Dorchester and Caroline Counties, will be held in the Auditorium of the County Building at Easton, Maryland on February 24, starting at 10:30 a.m. it was announced yesterday by William G. Smyth, Chairman of the Administrative Board of the five counties.

Mr. Paul C. Ramsdell, Vice President of the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore, will be present at this meeting to discuss Cooperative Credit to about 500 farmers and their wives, who are expected to attend this meeting.

Judge Barth of Cambridge, Maryland will give a short lecture on Juvenile Delinquency, which will be very apropriate at this time.

The farmers, in general, will be interested in the discussion of 1944 Farm Problems by County Agricultural Agent, George W. Clendaniel of **Caroline County.**

The Secretary-Treasurer, H. E. Holsinger, extends an invitation to all farmers that have enjoyed the many **dvantages of** Cooperative Credit an to any other farmers in the five counties that are interested in learning more about our methods of doing business.

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Fire Destroys Home

Fire Saturday night destroyed the house on the farm belonging to the Margaret Hurlock estate, located on the Galena-Sassafras road.

The farm is tenanted by Mr. Everett Johnson. About six months ago the barn on this farm was totally destroyed by fire.

Kent Raises $385,000 In 4th War Loan Drive

Total bonds credited to Kent County during the 4th War Loan Drive amounted to $385,000 according to Mr Charles Wheatley, County Chairman and Mr. W. R. Huey publicity manager. They express their appreciation to all their committees and organizations that helped put the drive across

The quota of $300,000 was exceeded by $85,000.

Included in the total was a credit of $53,000.00 from the following sources. C & P Telephone $15,000.00.

State of Maryland $13,000. Pennsylvania Railroad $10,000. American T and T $15,000. So even without this outside help, $332,000 was raised in the County.

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FORMER KENT AGENT WINS HIGH AWARD

H. B. Derrick, former County Agent for Kent County and now extension agent for Baltimore County has been named by the State Club office as reporting the most outstanding 4-H farm safety work in Maryland during 1943. As a result, the county will receive from the Mennen Company a special, gold lettered hardwood plaque signifying the honor.

In the county's activities, Maryland fire and hazard check sheets were sent to all 4-H'ers. Members checking their homes and farm buildings for hazards were given credit in the Wartime 4-H Production Program.

Twenty-three members completed the survey and returned their reports to the county agent's office Seven members submitted outstanding reports and were requested to submit stories as to how they prevented fires and accidents on their farms.

The importance of safety and fire control was emphasized and discussed at 4-H Club meetings. As a result many lightning rods, as well as rungs on silos and hay mows were repaired, chimneys cleaned rotten boards in floors, steps and walks replaced, and water and sand made readily available near farm buildings. The reports also indicated that many other safety measures were adopted.

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Minute Men To Hold Dance Tonight

The Rock Hall Minute Men will hold a dance, tonight, (Friday) at the local armory with the Washington Collegians furnishing the music.

A feature of the dance will be an exhibition by two of the most outstanding jitterbugs in the county. There will also be a contest held and prizes given for the best couple.

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To Assist Taxpayers On State Income

Deputy Collectors of Internal Revenue have been at the First National Bank this week to assist taxpayers in filing their Federal Income Tax returns for 1943.

The State Comptroller of Maryland announced this week that their representatives for assisting taxpayers in filing state income taxes will be at the Kent County Court House Chestertown, March 11 and 13th.

LOCAL RED CROSS DRIVE STARTS MARCH 1ST

Mr. J. B. Whitworth, chairman for the Red Cross drive for the county and Preston P. Heck, chairman of the Kent County Red Cross, have started organizing Kent County for the largest Red Cross drive we have ever had. Kent's quota for this drive is for $12,000.00.

Messers. Whitworth and Heck have already made a tour of the county and have set up headquarters at Chestertown, Rock Hall, Massey, Millington, Galena, Kennedyville, Still Pond, Worton, Betterton, Fairlee Quaker Neck and Georgetown.

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 girl, white and colored would have to donate $1.00 each.

Of course everybody 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 you 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 accomplishes All the collecting of the blood plasm work, all prisioners of war in other countries, overseas clubs for servicemen 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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SEA NETTLES HAMPER LOCAL FISHERMEN

An invasion by sea nettles in the upper part of Chesapeake Bay have very much hampered net fishing during the past two weeks. Fishermen report that the nettles which are tough and of a reddish color at this season of the year clog the nets and it is difficult to shake them loose.

The unusual number at this time is due to clear water and so much east wind. The nettles will disappear when the water becomes muddy.

Although herring have made their appearance in small numbers, this is an in-between season as far as the catch is concerned.

SCOUT AWARDS ARE MADE AT ANNUAL BANQUET

A Court of Honor was held in connection with the Boy Scout dinner held Thursday, February 10. Dr Livingood presided over the Court of Honor and various awards were made by interested friends of scouting. Cub awards were made by Spencer Smith Cubmaster of Chestertown, Mrs. F G. Livingood, Rev. Charles Jarves Cubmaster of Easton and Stanley Grant, Cubmaster Rock Hall. Scout Awards were made by Oscar Smeal, local scout executive, J. D. McVean Hans Shilling, C. Lee Gill, Rev. Paul E. Reynolds, Conlyn Noland and F. G. Livingood, and Frank Evans, President of the council.

The highest awards given were the Eagle and Eagle Bronze Palm awards. The awarding of the Scouter's Key to Mr. C. Lee Gill was made by Dr. Gilbert W. Mead.

Chestertown, Cub Awards as follows:

Lee Hass, Thomas Davis, Thomas shman, Payton Stime, Maurice Crouch,David Sharretts, Ralph Smith Larry Hadaway, Howard Dana, Richard Gorsuch, Irving Smith, Allan Carroll, David Smith, James Kay Robert Skeggs, Charles Charretts Charles Whitsitt, William Wilson Richard Barbee, Harry Russell, Robert Coleman, James Coleman, Richard Wheat, Harvey Smith and Thomas Williams.

Rock Hall Cub Awards:

Jay Elburn, Earl Brady, Robert Kelly, Norman Whaland, Irving Jones, Walter Glenn, Billie Kerr and Roland Larrimore.

Tenderfoot Awards:

James Toulson, Allan Shrech, Albert Garfield, Richard Coss, George Money, Donald Crew, Raymond Lusby, Frank Embert, James Scheltz, Harry Simon and Hyland Hass.

Star Award:

Rolph Townshend, David Massey Theodore Redman, George Trimble and Paul Adams.

Sea Scout Award:

Alvin Suskins, Rock Hall.

Merit Badges:

Paul Adams, Dwight Barbee, Carl Cooper, John Livingood, Franklin Burris, Ray Cushing, David Massey Rolph Townshend, William Cooper Bergen Brown and Thomas Gill.

Eagle Awards:

John Livingood and Ray Cushing.

Veteran's Awards:

Theodore Redman and Frederick Livingood.

Bronze Palm Award:

Thomas Gill and William Cooper.

Scouters Key to C. Lee Gill.

Cub den award for the best window display to Den 2. John Livingood, leader.

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LEGION POST TO AID VETERANS IN FILING CLAIMS

The local American Legion Post, Frank M. Jarman No. 36 announced this week that their building will be open every Wednesday night from 7:30 to 10 p. m. for the purpose of filing claims which a veteran of World War I or II has against the government. These claims include mustering out pay, relief, pensions, hospitalization, etc., concerning former soldiers.

Any soldier of World War II, recently discharged is eligible to file a claim for his "mustering out" pay, according to the following schedule:

Service of 60 days or less, $100.00

Service of 60 days or more, without foreign service $200.00, payable in two installments of $100.00 a month for two months.

Service of 60 days or more with foreign service, the discharged veteran will receive $300.00 payable in $100.00 installments a month for three months.

Any further information concerning aid to War Veterans may be secured by consulting Norman E. Peterson, post adjutant. Mr. Peterson also stated that a discharged veteran does not have to be a member of the American Legion to secure any aid from their organization and all work will be gratis.

Anyone not desiring to make application through the Legion may write direct to the address below:

NAVY, Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington D. C.

MARINE CORPS., Commandant of the Marine Corps. Washington, D C.

ARMY, Finance Officer, U. S. Army 222 E. Redwood St., Baltimore, 2 Md.

WITH U. S. FORCES

Lt. Katherine L. Strong, WAC, stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., is spending a ten day leave here as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ringgold Strong.

Kennard Burke, A. M. M. 3-C, U S. N. was home last week-end as a guest of his mother, Mrs. Joseph E Walters.

Serg. William Baldwin, U. S. M. C spent the past week-end as a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Baldwin.

Vincent Brant, U. S. N. R. has been promoted to Lieut (j. g.). Lieut Brant is stationed at Jacksonville Fla.

Carl Mench, A. M. M. and Charle Clark, A. M. M. stationed at the Naval Air Station at Patuxent River Md., were guests last week-end of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mench.

Ensign Omar Scott is here on a 12 day leave with his wife, the former Miss Ann Hadaway and their young daughter, after spending the past eight months on a sub-chaser in the Caribbean Sea. Ensign Scott who was Executive Officer of his ship, was a graduate of Washington College.

J. Philip Skipp, U. S. M. C. will come to-day to spend a nine day leave with his wife and son, who are making their home for the duration with Mr. and Mrs. R. Hynson Rogers.

Lieut. Charles Chester Atwater U. S. N. R. is visiting his parents, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Atwater at the Rectory on a 9 day leave.

First Lieutenant Louis B. Anthony son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Anthony, Chestertown, Maryland, and a squadron mate, Jack S. Laurie of Alhambra, California, recently teamed up to shoot down a Jap Zero while flying cover with a 13th AAF Fighter Command squadron in a fighter sweep over the enemy South Pacific bastion of Rabaul.

Lieutenant Anthony is a member of the top fighter squadron in the 13th AAF and his plane contributed to the 162 Jap fighters and bombers knocked down by that squadron.

Lieutenant Anthony has been overseas since August, 1942. Prior to coming to the South Pacific in October 1943, he was stationed in Hawaii Before being shipped overseas he took his advanced flight training at Luke Field, Arizona. Before entering the AAF he graduated from Chestertown High School and the University of Maryland.

According to Louis Azarel, the News Post War Correspondent "Somewhere in England" Lieut. Edward A. Hurd, Jr., telephones his father on his return from bombing enemy territory in his Liberator bomber. His father, Captain Hurd, a provost marshal of an area that includes many U. S. Bomber Stations supervises a large force of Military Police.

Lieut. Hurd, his son, is co-pilot of the Liberator "Flak Ducker". The nine combat missions on which he has flown include two over Bremen and the spectacular attack on Brunswick recently.

Captain Hurd in commenting on the comfort received from being close to each other and the comparative ease to contact one another so quickly, said, "I wish I could do that to my other son, who is in the service."

He referred to C. Russell Hurd who is a lance corporal with the British Army in Italy, having enlisted at Tobruk. He has been through the thick of the African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns.

Capt. Robert Ayres, of Baltimore marine dive-bomber pilot, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for planting a bomb on a Jap destroyer so accurately that he had time to watch the vessel sink.

The decoration was awarded at ceremonies at the Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Anna, Cal., by Colonel L. S. Moore, executive officer of a marine air group.

"I don't think I'll ever have a more satisfying experience than seeing that destroyer sink," Captain Ayres said. "It happened on February 7, 1943. Anti-aircraft fire was unusually heavy, so heavy it blew his plane into a spin. He pulled out at 4,000 feet, he said, surprised to find himself directly over the Jap destroyer. He dropped down to about 1,000 feet, his bomb ready.

"I just had time to reach down and rack it off," the Baltimorean said. "It struck squarely on the bow. I watched it sink."

Before joining the marines. Captain Ayres was a student at the University of Maryland where he was on the varsity wrestling team. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ayres of Baltimore formerly of Chestertown

FIRE COMPANY BANQUET IS HUGE SUCCESS

Although his name did not appear on the printed program, little David Brant, 6 year old Chestertown Elementary school pupil, stole the show at the annual banquet of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company Tuesday evening. David son of Lieutenant (j. g.) U. S. N. and Mrs Brant and grandson of Fire Chief and Mrs. Herman Blackway, dressed in a sailor uniform, stood up on a table and sang three songs with as much ease and melody as many of our nationally known entertainers.

The 250 seats in Fireman's Hall were filled for the annual affair and those present enjoyed a delicious duck dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary, followed by a two and a half hour program. The speeches were good, the music by both the Fire Company orchestra and vocal selections by Messrs. Julian Coleman Philip Sewell, George Gorsuch and Bergen Brown was good and all in all it was an enjoyable affair.

The principal speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Lewis O. Heck, Provost Marshall of the Aberdeen Proving Grounds and brother of Mr. Preston P. Heck, of Chestertown, when called on for his part in the program, stated that his program as planned, was the showing of two special Army pictures just released which he brought along with him but that due to the seating arrangements this program was not practicable. He failed to state that he also brought with him an excellent address which included both Army activities and the important part religion is taking in the successful winning of this war.

President of the Company, R. Clark Davis welcomed the guests and introduced Dr. Frederick G. Livingood as toastmaster who in turn called upon Messrs. Wm. G. Smyith, Rev. Paul E. Reynolds, Mayor Wilmer, and Chief Blackway who made interesting remarks about the various departments of the fire company.

Mayor Wilmer while talking about the active men, stated that 50 members of the fire company were in the various branches of **the service, only** two, **William Benjamin, U. S. A. and** Jesse Capel, U. S. N., being able to attend the banquet. Two members of the company, the Miller Brothers paid the supreme sacrifice.

Chief Blackway presented trophies to the following active firemen for efficiency and faithfulness during the past year:

Richard George, First Asst. Chief: Walter Clark, Alan **Baldwin, Paul** McGinnis, Wm. B. Willis, Walter Kulley, Ollie Herzberg, Francis Needles, Ernest Leaverage, Allie Myers, Carl Happersett and Noland Lord.

The following are the Officers of The Women's Auxiliary of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co. for the year of 1944:

Mrs. Richard George, President Mrs. Leonard Needles, 1st Vice-Pres.; Mrs. W. D. Deringer, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Miss Daisy O. Barnes, Treasurer; Mrs. Elmer Thomas, Asst. Treas. and Mrs. Herman Dersch, Secretary

The following are the Officers installed by the Chaplain of The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co., for 1944

President, R. Clarke Davis; Chief Herman Blackway; 1st Vice-President, C. N. Satterfield; 2nd Vice-President, P. M. Brooks, Sr.; 3rd Vice-President, John T. Vickers Secretary, Willis Wells; Asst. Secretary, Walter Clark; Treasurer Richard George; Financial Secretary Harvey G. Blyman; Surgeon, Dr. H G. Simpers; Asst. Surgeon Dr. F. B Hines; House Committee—Walter Clark, Ernest Leverage, John T. Vickers, Ollie Herzberg, and Theodore Wood; Chaplain, Rev. Chas. L. Atwater, D. D.

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Miss Ellen Johnson of Sudlersville was apopinted to the faculty of Ridgely High School when an additional teacher has been needed since the beginning of the school year. Fred G. Usilton of Chestertown is principal of the high school.

First Lieut. H. Gibbons Young Washington College's most renowned athlete in many years, visited friends at the College last Saturday, after eighteen months of active service with the Marines in the South Pacific. Except for battle fatigue he came unscathed through all the major actions of the Marine Corps. from the invasion of Guadalcanal to the capture of Bougainville. Lieut. Young who was the College's greatest track star in its history, shone also in football. He is well remembered for the 104-yard run to a tocuhdown against Johns Hopkins while making his first 'varsity appearance in Baltimore.

Lieut. Young is visiting, while on furlough, with his wife and her parents, Major Wallace Williams of Elkton, where he was serving as teacher and coach in the Elkton High School before entering the service.

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