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RED CROSS DRIVE UNDERWAY

KENT NEGROES CONTRIBUTE TO FUND

The Red Cross Drive among the Negroes of Kent County was officially opened at a meeting of the workers held in Garnett School Tuesday night February 29th. The meeting was highlighted by the work of the Red Cross as outlined by Rev. Atwater and Mr. J. B. Whitworth, County Chairman for the drive. The quotas for the various communities were set and the amount totaled $2300 with one not able to decide. Led by the chairman for the colored group, Elmer T. Hawkins, the various chairmen throughout the county gave inspiring remarks. So enthused was the crowd of 75 that some of them gave their pledges and money at the time. The following persons gave their money:

Mrs. Alice Wilson,	Melitota	$15.00
Mrs. Beatrice Mason	"	15.00
Mrs. Marcie Wilson	"	25.00
Mr. William Payne	"	10.00
Mrs. Sadie Hawkins	"	10.00
Mrs. Mary Murray	Edesville	30.00
Mrs. Costeria Wesley	"	15.00
Mr. Carrol Johnson	"	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Willie Scott	"	15.00
Mrs. Amanda Miller	Fairlee	15.00
Mrs. Edna Miller	"	5.00
Mrs. Osie Briscoe	Chestertown	10.00
Mrs. Mattie Daniels	"	10.00
Mrs. Martha Burgess	"	10.00
Mrs. Reba Warren	"	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Hawkins	"	15.00
Mr. John W. Mays	"	15.00
Rev. W. J. Miller	Butlertown	10.00
Mrs. Margaret Butler	"	10.00
Mrs. Pricie Brown	Quaker Neck	15.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Brown	"	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Miller	"	30.00
Mr. Thomas Johnson	"	15.00
Mrs. Wilmore Coleman		15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Jackson	"	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Roberts	"	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Johnson	Rock Hall	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Duker	Georgetown	15.00
Mr. Franklin Stewart	Still Pond	25.00

The group left the meeting confident that when the drive is over that all the communities will over pay their quotas. On Friday March 10th the group will stage a Jubilee Rally at the downtown Church in Chestertown in the evening. At this time they hope to be well over the halfway mark in their drive. Talent from all over the county is expected to be there to entertain and inspire the crowd.

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Hotel Henlopen Sold At Rehoboth Beac

Rehoboth—The Hotel Henlopen, the largest at Rehoboth Beach, has been sold by the Wilmington Trust Company and Marshall W. Hall, trustees of the William Coyne estate, to a syndicate which will operate the hostelry after making extensive improvements.

The purchaser are the Henlopen Hotel and Surf Club Inc., the officers of which are: President, Sidney Banks; vice-president Ralph Hewlett, and secretary-treasurer, Lee Insley. The new owners expect to reopen the hotel on May 20 and also plan to establish a surf club on the grounds which front on the boardwalk and ocean on the northern end of the resort.

The Hotel Henlopen dates back to 1880. The present building was constructed the latter part of 1926 and the early part of 1927 by William Coyne of Wilmington who prior to his death in 1933 was a vice-president and director of the duPont Company.

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Caroline Counties' Oldest Citizen Dies

Ridgely—Caroline County's oldest citizen, Mrs. Jennie Glending, whoose age was said to be 102 years recently passed away at her home in Templeville. Her death was due to a stroke. Burial was made in the Templeville Cemetery with the Rev. Wilson Moore of Dover officiating. Several nieces and nephews survive.

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Mrs. E. A. Hurd has received a cable from her husband, Captain Hurd, stationed inEngland,stating that their son, Russell Hurd of the British Infantry has joined him and together with their other son, Lieut. E. A. Hurd, Jr., the three have spent some time together. Russell prior to being sent to England, has been interned in a hosptial in Africa, following active duty on the war front.

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Firemen Respond To Four Blazes

The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company has been called out four times this week, the first of these occurring at the Chestertown Restaurant on High Street. Good work on the part of the firemen averted what appeared to be a bad fire at first.

Tuesday night the Company responded to a call on Lynchburg Street at the home of Charles Dorn where an overheated stove caused a conflagration, which was quickly extinguished.

On Wednesday night they were called to McClain's Corner ,near Tolchester to a chimney fire at the home of Hamering Hanson.

Thursday at noon Mr. Charles J. Hickman called the firemen to his home near Brook's Mill where a stubborn chimney fire was brought under control.

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BETTERTON CHURCH TO HOLD REDEDICATION

On Sunday evening, March 5, Betterton Methodist Church will rededicate its Memorial Windows. These windows have been repaired, cleaned tinted and releaded at a cost of five hundred dollars. This was a project of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Church. The work was paid for by the Society, assisted by members and friends of th eChurch. The Speaker will be the Rev. J. Earl Cummings, D. D., Superintendent of the Easton District and there will be special music by the Betterton Choir under the leadership of Mrs. Frank Young.

The history of Betterton Methodist Church goes back to the year 1868 when Dr. James Haman conceived the idea of holding religious services in Betterton. These were held in the old Crew homestead, near the present location of the Episcopal Churcn. The congregation and interest grew rapidly requiring that the services be held in the school building.

The first Churchbuildingwaserected on a lot purchased from Mr. Eben Crew in 1874. The cost of this first Church was $1127.99. This was located where the Fire House now stands.

The second Church building was built in 1892 when the size of the old Church became too small for the growing congregation. Rev. J. D. Kemp was Pastor at that time. This was on the same site as the old Church.

In 1912, it was decided that the building was inadequate for the needs of the Sunday School and Church services. Rev. F. X. Moore, led the congregation in building the present building. The corner stone was laid November 29, 1913 and the building dedicated in February 1915. Cost of the building was $9,500.00. A Day of Jubilee was held in September 1919 when the mortgage was burned and the last money due on the building was paid.

The Church was stuccoed in 1933 and the interior repaired and redecorated. In 1940 running water was put in the kitchen and a lavatory installed. In each case, these repairs were paid for at the time the improvement was made.

During the last year, shingles were purchased for the roof and the cathedral glass windows put in excellent condition. The Members and friends of the Church feel justly proud of their beautiful Church building which will have its windows rededicated on Sunday evening.

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There will be a meeting of the Chestertown Elementary P. T. A. Wednesday, March 8th at the School. A business meeting is scheduled to begin promptly at 3.15 p. m. The program for this meeting is in charge of Mrs. Marvin Jacobs, Health Chairman. Mrs. Cornelia Lumpkin, County Health Nurse, is to talk on several phases of Health Education. There will also be a talk by a representative of the local Red Cross chapter. This should be an interesting meeting and everyone interested in the schools is cordially invited.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. Charles Kirby, of Quaker Neck wish to announce the marriage of their son, Charles W. Kirby, Jr., to Miss Jane Byrum, of Charlotte, N. C., daughter of Rev. J. T. Byrum, of Fyner, N. C., on February 4th in Charlotte.

Tuesday's Storm Recalls Blizzard Of Thrity Years Ago, March 1st, 1914

Tuesday's snow storm, February 29, will recall to many Kent Countians the Blizzard of March 1st, 1914, which follows in full detail.

Worst Blizzard Since 1888. Issue of March 7, 1914—The Chestertown Transcript.

The worst blizzard that this section has experienced since 1888, held us in its grasp on Sunday night and for the greater part of the day on Monday, doing thousands of dollars worth of damage and putting telegraph and telephone lines out of commission and crippling the electric light service. About nine o'clock on Sunday night the wind assumed the proportion of a 60-mile hurricane and throughout the night and all day Monday it blew with unabated force. Snow began falling about 5 o'clock which greatly added to the horror of the storm. Houses rocked in Chestertown and many of the inhabitants did not go to bed at all, or those who did failed to get any sleep. The temperature fell to about 18 degrees and it was almost impossible to keep the house warm While little damage was done in town, other than crippling the electric light system and putting the phones out of commission, thousands of dollars worth of damage was done to houses and outbuildings in the county. In Broad Neck the roof and part of the third floor on the Usilton farm tenanted by Mr. Milton Crew, was blown off. The barn on Mr. John A. Smith's farm near Lankford, was badly damaged. The roof of the house of Mr. Harry Willis' near Betterton was torn off; old barn on Walter Lusby's Tolchester farm, which stood near the house, blew down; Edward A. Corey's windmill was demolished; J. Kennard Aldridge's cow shed was blown down, and the wagonshed on Fancy farm was toppled over but not badly damaged. Fodder ricks were blown to pieces, strawstacks were scattered and the damage to trees, fences, etc. was considerable. A telephone pole at High and Queen Streets was broken and a number of small boats at Rock Hall sunk. Baltimore suffered to the extent of about $600,000 and all up and down the Atlantic Coast the damage was great. Fortunately there was no loss of life either of man or beast, out there was some suffering among the stock, because of frozen pumps and water supply. It was the fiercest wind ever experienced in this county and decidely the worst storm since the memorable blizzard of 1888. Long distance telephone and telegraph service was crippled all day Monday, and while there was no interruption to train services, all travel by water is blocked. The various charitable societies looked carefully after the comfort of the poor and everyone was provided for.

A chimney on West Hall, Washington College, was blown down. A wagon shed on Mr. Frank Skirven's farm was demolished, chimney and roof of kitchen on the Jump farm, tenanted by Mr. John Dwyer blown off, windmill on the Bosee farm Morgnec and a small building on the Melvin farm in Morgnec were blown down.

The B. S. Ford, Captain William Tailor made a heroic effort to reach Chestertown on Tuesday, but she encountered such heavy ice at the mouth of the river that she put back at Rock Hall for the night. The heavy northwest winds have blocked the mouth of the river with thick ice, and there has been no boat to Chestertown for two weeks.

Another account, in the same issue stated that the only happy person in the town was the coal (?) man.

GOVERNOR IS NOW HON. MEMBER OF C. VOL. FIRE CO.

Governor Herbert O'Conor has become an honorary member of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co. This membership was sponsored by the efforts of the Ladies Auxiliary at the Fire Co. who are endeavoring to increase the inactive list.

Mrs. Herman Dersch, Recording Secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary, wrote to Governor O'Conor inviting him to join, and his reply of acceptance inclosed a check of $3 which is the dues of an inactive member.

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 Ast. Treas. and Mrs. Herman Dersch, Secretary.

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Soldier Killed By Own Rifle

Bel Air—When his rifle discharged accidentally after it had failed to shoot, Sgt. Russell Brace small arms instructor, was killed instantly on the rifle range at the Aberdeen Proving Ground on Sunday.

The tragedy took place in full view of about 15 other soldiers.

A native of Rockford, Ill., Sergeant Brace has been stationed at Aberdeen for nearly two years. His widow, who has been living with him on Edmund Street, Aberdeen, and a fellow soldier on Monday accompanied the body to Illinois for interment.

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Garbage Contractor Asks For Increase

Julian J. Sollaway, who has held the contract from the mayor and City Council for hauling the town's garbage for the past several years, has notified the authorities that he will be unable to continue his present contract, on a salary of $2,400 annually, longer than April 1, because of the high cost of operating the route.

The mayor and council will consider the matter at its March meeting on Monday evening, March 6, with a view to readjusting the compensation. It is said that Mayor Wilmer has asked the contractor to submit a statement of the cost of operating the system for consideration.

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Cadet John Gill, U. S. N. A. C., is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gill.

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Securing plenty of chicks to provide for rigid culling is very important, but over-crowding the brooders and brooder houses is to be avoided.

Army Inductees Leave Tuesday

Four army inductees from Kent, left for Camp Mead Tuesday. They were white, Sydney Brown, of Chestertown; colored, George Thomas Graves, Rock Hall; Edwin Leroy Fisher Betterton; and Andrew Henry, Galena.

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Auditors Report Published This Week

Of much interest to Kent Countians is the Auditors Report of Kent County published in this weeks issue of the TRANSCRIPT on page 3 and 7. The Report shows the expenditures and disbursements of the County for the past year.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Old St. Paul's P. E. Church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. B. Whitworth near Chestertown, Tuesday, March 7th at 2:30 p. m.

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The town's water supply had to be turned off Thursday morning at 8 a. m. while necessary repairs were made on a water main at High and Cross Streets.

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Examine Land Titles For Eastern Shore Road

Elkton—It was announced last week that E. Kirk Brown, of Elkton, is examining the titles to many plots of land which the State must acquire when the proposed new highway along the Eastern Shore is built.

The State Roads Commission announced that the dual highway will be built soon after the close of the war. It will start at Elkton and continue south 100 miles to Salisbury. Plans also call for a bridge across the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal at Chesapeake City.

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Arrest Two In Elkton Narcotic Ring Seizure

Elkton—Federal Agents of the Bureau of Narcotics in Baltimore are reported to have seized more than 1,000 narcotic tablets in Elkton last week. Two arrests were made and the men are being held for federal prosecution on charges of selling morphine and cocaine, according to Supervisor Boyd M. Martin.

Philadelphia agents were investigating a Delaware doctor, beliveed to have been supplying the accused men with narcotics for several months. It is believed the men were supplying addicts in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

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Private Robert Christian Brenizer 13138580 is now assigned to Co. A. of the 301st Infantry A. P. O.—94 at Camp McCain, Mississippi. He is the son of O. M. Sterling, of near Chestertown.

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More vegetables can be produced on 100 square feet of garden soil given good care than on several hundred square feet of neglected. Extra space will not take the place of good care.

NEW STYLE GAS COUPONS ISSUED THIS WEEK

Ration Boards started issuing the new style B, C, R, and E gasoline coupons March the first and although lack of supplies prevented the Kent County Ration Board from starting the issue that day it is expected that the new style coupons will go to applicants sometime during the week.

These new style coupons will come in strips similar to the present T stamps for trucks. In addition to the stamps, the applicant will receive an identification folder which must be shown to the gasoline station operator at the time the ration stamp is presented. This folder contains the license number and other identification of the automobile to which the ration was issued. All stamps are serially numbered.

Each Stamp Must Be Marked

There is a space left on each stamp so that it may be marked as follows:

B and C stamps must be marked showing the license number and the State of registration. All stamps must be marked as soon as they are received from the Ration Board. Mortorists will be penalized if they have unmarked gasoline coupons in their possession. The present license tag number is to be marked on the coupons, both new and old style and when the new tag is placed on the car after March 15th the car owner himself will change the license number on the identification folder. It will not be necessary to change the number marked on each ration stamp.

B2 and C2 Stamps Valid

Holders of the present style B2 and C2 stamps will continue to use them as long as they last. It will not be necessary to exchange them for the new style. They, however, must all be marked as the same penalty holds for them.

R and E Stamps To Be Marked

All R and E stamps (non-highway) must be marked with the name and address of the person to whom they were issued. These stamps are issued to farmers, watermen, operators of stationery engines and housewives for uses off the highway such as tractors, motor boats gasoline stoves, etc.

The Office of Price Administration is making an intensive drive to put counterfeiter and black market operators out of business. The operation of these two illegal rackets is against the individual who is entitled to gasoline for his auto(, tractor or boat and it is therefore to the interest of the essential motorists, farmer and waterman to assist in the stamping out of this illegal traffic. It permits those who do not rate or need gasoline in this crisis to consume the precious fluid and thereby further penalize the farmer and waterman due to shortage of stock.

Walter Clark Is Struck By Auto

Walter Clark of Chestertown, was painfully injured last Friday night, by an automobile driven by Leonard Hodges, colored(, while crossing High Street. Mr. Clark was returning home from the New Lyceum Theatre when the accident occured.

Rushed to the local hospital, it was found no bones were broken but Mr. Clark was badly bruised and shakened up. He was able to return to his home on Queen Street Saturday, where he is recuperating.

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Mr. Maurice B. Field will hold a personalty sale on his farm near Fairlee, Thursday, March 23 at 1 p. m. At this time, numerous articles of interest to farmers will be sold. Eugene Racine wil lbe the auctioneer.

See adv. on page 4.

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WASHINGTON PORTRAIT GIVEN TO COLLEGE

A life-sized three-quarter length portrait of George Washington, painted in 1803 by Rembrandt Peale, has been presented to Washington College, accompanied by an original letter from the artist, describing the picture and telling the time and place of his work on it.

The painting, which measures in its frame about five feet by four, was painted while the artist was in London in 1802-04 where he studied with the famous painter, Benjamin West. It was painted from Peale's recollection of the features of his famous subject, whom he had known since boyhood, and who had sat to him on various occasions shortly before his death in 1799.

The picture, beautifully restored and framed, was presented by Mr. James M. Swartz and Mr. James W. Stevens of Baltimore, in memory of their respective fathers. The elder Mr. Swartz, Mr. Mano Swartz, came into possession of the picture some years ago from a family in Virginia. Mr. Stevens' late father, Mr. Robert N. Stevens, was a native of Kent County.

The Washington portrait was named by the painter "Brother General George Washington," and shows him wearing the insignia of a Worshipful Master Mason. It shows the General in early middle life with his natural light brown hair unpowdered. The face is clear-cut and strong, and the eyes have the blue-grey color described in the writings of those who knew him. The face shows more firmness and vigor than is seen in the often-reproduced Gilbert Stuart head, by which many Americans have formed their idea of Washington.

The presentation was made at the annual Washington's Birthday Assembly held at the College. Mr. E. Cookman Baker of Baltimore spoke on Washington and the Peales, mentioning especially Rembrandt Peale's artist father, Charles Willson Peale, who spent his boyhood in Chestertown, and his grandfather, Charles Peale, who was for some years Headmaster of the Kent County School, before it was enlarged into Washington College. Mr. Baker presented the portrait on behalf of the donors and President Gilbert W. Mead accepted it in behalf of the College.

In speaking of the gift and its importance, President Mead said: "Of all the relics of George Washington, and of the early history of the College, nothing we have compares with this splendid gift. It becomes a daily inspiration to all of us, as we recollect our great founder; and will remain a priceless possesion of the college which he named. Our interest is heightened by the fact that this portrait of the great man is a Peale, because of the connection of the Peale family with the College and with Chestertown. The accompanying letter, signed by the artist, heightens its value immeasurably."

The portrait has been hung in the President's office, and may be seen at any time by all who care to visit it.

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Production of food from the victory garden is not its only value. Victory gardens have transportation, save containers, save manpower in many ways all of which are critical. The fact that we now have an adequate supply of most processed vegetables is due very largely to victory garden production.

LIONS CLUB HAS SPONSORED SERVICE MAN

Mr. J. B. Whitworth, chairman of the Red Cross War Fund Drive, has stated the fact that dividing Kent County's Quota of $12,000 by the number of men from Kent in the service equals $15.00 per soldier. At the meeting of the Chestertown Lions' Club Monday evening a collection was taken up which more than sponsored one soldier. To raise the quota this year contributions in the County will have to be much larger than they have ever been before. Read what men on our fighting front have to say about the Red Cross.

Lieut. Gen., Robt. C. Richardson, Jr.:

"The many functions of the American Red Cross are too well known to all Americans for me to enumerate this organization's far reaching contributions to our civilization in times of adversity.

"Because the Red Cross is supported by voluntary public contributions, it is your organization; your watchdog against the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

"Especially when the ravages of war are bringing personal disasters close to us all, it is especially fitting that this great organization be supported more generously than ever before, for during wartime the Red Cross is on the firing line on all the war fronts."

Admiral C. W. Nimitz:

"Wherever the Stars and Stripes fly over Pacific Islands, there also is found symbol of the American Red Cross. Its representatives work tirelessly in the service of our fighting men. Recreational equipment given by the Red Cross is in our ships at sea. The friendly and merciful hands of the Red Cross have everywhere stretched out to our troops to give them courage in their dark hours of need. I urge all Americans to support the Red Cross War Fund Campaign. Your personal contributions are a direct help to every individual now wearing the uniform of his country. No matter where he may be, the Red Cross is with him."

Lieut. Gen., Jacob L. Devers:

"Only in a theater of operations far from home can a soldier fully appreciate that the Red Cross is discharging the most tremendous obligation ever entrusted to a voluntarily supported organizaion.

"Here in the United Kingdom, and in Iceland the benefits of the work being done by this worldwide organization cannot be exaggerated. I have talked to many soldiers about the Red Cross, but I have never yet heard one complain about it or fail to speak of it in the highest terms. These men look upon the Red Cross clubs as an overseas substitute for their own homes. They find entertainment warmth, food, congenial companions. And to these clubs they are allowed to bring Allied soldiers as their guests. This alone is a great service in repaying the obligations of the most hospitable British peoples.

"This organization is not only important in maintaining the morale of troops and looking after their welfare when they are off duty but through its blood plasma collection and distribution, it has saved countless lives. Through its contacts with prisoners of war, it has brought solace to many and has served al lthe nations of the world engaged in this war.

"Where our forces are found, the men and women of the Red Cross are a treasured and vital link between our men and women in uniform and their homes, families ,and friends.

"I have only the highest praise for the manner in which the Red Cross is administered in the European Theatre of Operations, and I can assure Americans back home that their contributions are wel lspent and are a factor in bringing victory to our armies, in building up and maintaining spirit, and in giving comfort and encouragement to our troops."

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower:

"Upon behalf of the men and women of the Armed Services in the North African theatre of operations, I am pleased again to endorse the American Red Cross War Fund. The Red Cross is doing a fine job—one which should warm the heart and stir the pride of every past and future contributor."

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