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COUNTY NEGROES RESPOND TO RED CROSS CALL

It was thought that in order to get effective results from the colored people of Kent County toward the War Fund Drive of the Red Cross this year, that they should be organized into a unit. Heretofore some individuals and groups had contributed here and there in the county but nothing was done in a concerted way. To carry out the idea, it was suggested that Elmer T. Hawkins, Principal of the Garnett High School act as chairman for the county and organize it into working units. After consulting with J. B. Whitworth the Chairman of the drive for the whole county, it was decided that the Negroes be responsible for $,2000 of the $12,000 quota set for the county. This sum represented approximately one sixth of the load for the county as a whole. Contacts were made with the leading Negro citizens of each of several communities throughout the county asking them to assume the leadership in their communities. In most cases this response was favorable. Led by these public spirited persons, together with the pastors and many of the teachers, groups of persons were assembled in the communities on various nights. Between February 20th and 28th meetings were held in Quaker Neck, Melitota Georgetown, Sharptown, Colemans, Sassafras and Chestertown for the purpose of organizing workers and setting quotas for the communities. Then on the 29th of February all of the workers were brought in to the school at Chestertown to receive their final instructions and materials. The quotas were definitely set and the chairmen for each group was definitely announced. At that meeting the quotas totaled $2,300 and the workers assembled, started the drive off with a pledge list of $450. Those pledges were published in the local papers and their leadership inspired others in the communities to contribute in larger amounts.

The following chairmen were announced for the various places; Olivet Hill, H. P. Riley; Quaker Neck, Casper Brown; Sassafras, Effie C. Groomes; Georgetown, Avon R. Spriggs; Coleman, Susie Adams; Rock Hall, William Scott; Edesville, Daniel K. Johnson; Butlertown, Rev. W. J. Miller; Chestertown, Selia W. Ricketts; Melitota, Beatrice Mason; Worton Point, Mildred Towson; Millington, Amanda Gould; Morgnec, Arthur Stryckning; Chesterville, Slater Wilson; Still Pond, Franklin Stewart; Broad Neck, Dorothy Wickes; Fountain Vernon Hackett; Fairlee, Edna Hicks; Golts, Marguerite T. Clark. These chairmen and workers convassed their areas and sold this Red Cross to their people with good results. In the mean time, Louis C. Robinson, Superintendent of Schools appealed to the pupils through the teachers to raise $15 per room to sponsor a boy in the service. All of them worked with the idea of making a half way report on March 10th.

The rally that was held on March 10th at Janes Methodist Church in Chestertown was remarkable. A huge crowd attended and they were inspired by what was heard at that meeting. The work of the Red Cross was told, and the reports of communities were all told. On that night the communities reported cash totaling $1,917.80 and practically all of the pledges that were made had been paid. On that night more than a dozen other people sponsored boys.

The work that followed this rally consisted of getting all the communities to come up with their quotas and going into places where there was little or no response.

All were working to go over the mark on March 24th when the Jub-

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To Hold Chest Clinic Here On April 4

The regular Tuberculosis Clinic for white patients will be held as usual April 3rd at 1 p. m. in Chestertown.

On April 4th Dr. Rogers, Clinician will be in Chestertown at the Health Department office from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. for the semi-annual Orthopedic Clinic.

KENT P. T. A. IS ADDRESSED BY AGRICULTURIST

The Kent County Council of the Parent-Teacher Association held its March meeting in the auditorium of the Rock Hall High School on Thursday evening, March 23, 1944. J. Lewin Burris presided and Mrs. Lillian Retzker, president of the Rork Hall Elementary School P. T. A. acted as hostess. The assembly hall was filled to capacity and those who braved the stormy night were well rewarded with an interesting program which was opened with several splendid presentations by classes of the Rock Hall Elementary School. The teachers who trained the children and the pupils who participated deserve high praise for a lively and most enjoyable entertainment.

Following a brief business meeting the assembly was addressed by Mr. Howard H. Anderson, instructor of Agriculture in the Somerset County schools. The speaker told of the enthusiastic response of the Somerset County boys to the offerings of the course and explained how this addition t o the curriculum was enabling young men to increase farm production improve soil, insure profits that raise the farmer's standard of living and to make agriculture an attractive profession. He pointed out that the way "to keep 'em down on the farm" is to teach them how to make the farm a preferred place to live. As evidence of what is being accomplished in his courses Mr. Anderson introduced Master Carl Wagner, a senior student in the Princess Anne High School who is specializing in agriculture. The young man's well delivered account was ample evidence that the course which he is about to complete has provided him an enviable opportunity to become a successful and progressive farmer. He radiated pride in his chosen calling and expressed an admirable gratitude to his able instructor. The speeches were followed by colored lantern slides which showed views of the well equipped school shops and projects, together with views of a fair held on the grounds of the Princess Anne High School by the students in the agriculture courses throughout the county. Mr. Anderson's presentation clearly demonstrated the value of vocational courses in public school education, and the comments of his student proved their value to the young people.

Frozen Food Lockers Soon To Be Opened

According to an announcement by Mr. J. B. Whitworth, President of the local Frozen Food Locker Plant, the freeze plan will be ready for use the latter part of April. This estimate is based on the present schedule of development.

Workmen have been busy for the past two weeks installing insulation material and it is understood that the equipment will be ready when needed.

Pvt. Bernard Burns son of Mrs. Lillian Leppo, of Rock Hall has been transferred to the Coast Art., New Orleans, La.

COON HUNTERS TO HOLD TRIALS, ELECT OFFICERS

The Eastern Shore Coon Hunter's Association met at the home of Mr. C. D. Hicks on Wednesday night and elected the following officers for 1944:

Edgar E. Walls—President.
C. D. Hicks—Vice-President.
Edward B. Lusby—Secretary.
James Green— Asst. Secretary.

Executive Committee for Kent County, William E. Wiltbanks, Raymond Gosman, John Wright.

Executive Committee for Queen Anne's County, Samuel Kimble, Louis Cohee, Meekins Usilton.

Executive Committee for Cecil County, Clarence Webb, John Reese, and John Hagathy.

At the same time it was announced that the club would hold their 1st Dog Trials of the season on Sunday, April 9th one mile north of Church Hill on Route 213. Entry fee before 1 o'clock will be $2.00, after 1 p. m., $3.00 with 100% pay-off. The trials will start promptly at 11.00 a. m.

SCOUTS APPEAL TO CITIZENS FOR WASTE PAPER

Waste paper is a vital necessity in our war effort and as much paper as possible must be collected.

Consider the following facts:

100 pounds of wastepaper will make 200 containers for blood plasma.

1470 cartons for emergency life boat rations.

17 protective bands for 500 lb. bombs.

650 cartons for U. S. Army "K" field rations.

1105 cartons containing each fifteen 50 calibre incendiary bullets.

Aren't these useful necessities worth a few minutes of your time in saving and preparing waste paper?

Regular collections will be made in Chestertown by the Boy Scouts and your cooperation is essential.

The present set up is as follows:

WHEN:

Collections will be made Wednesday afternoons at 3.30. On the first and third Wednesdays of each month, collections will be made in that part of town below Spring Ave.

Collections above Spring Ave. will be made on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. No collection will be made on fifth Wednesdays of the month.

In case of rain at this time, the collection will be made on Thursday afternoon at the same time.

HOW:

Paper must be tied in bundles not over a foot high and set out along the curb at the designated time. Paper and cardboard should be in separate bundles.

WHAT:

Any waste paper newspaper, magazines, wrapping paper, or any other type of scrap paper and all cardboard.

The paper collected by this method will be sent by the Boy Scouts into the proper channel where it will be useful and helpful in the present emergency.

As citizens of Chestertown we count on you for support and cooperation. Don't let us down!

Temperance Union Holds Meeting

Mrs. J. Leonard Price, President of the Kent County Woman's Christian Temperance Union graciously entertained the officers and friends of the several unions at her home in Betterton on Tuesday, March 28, at an all day meeting.

Plans were made for the County Convention to be held at Rock Hall with afternoon and evening sessions on Thursday, April 27.

Rev. Mr. D. T. Pritchard of Millington, was the speaker of the afternoon with music by Mrs. Garey, Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Crouch.

At the noon hour a delicious luncheon was served.

Mrs. Price tendered her resignation after fifteen years of loyal service as County President to take effect on April 27th.

This was accepted with regret by all present.

Capt. Albert F. Patterson has been promoted to that rank from first lieutenant, it was announced at Camp Stewart of this week

Capt. Patterson, an executive officer with an Ordnance battalion, is from Chestertown, Md. Prior to entering military service February 10, 1941, he was employed as advertising salesman for the New York Sun. He attended Cooper Union, New York City.

Keep Your Garbage Under Conrol

Covered garbage cans and the elimination of over night street side garbage and trash piles was requested by Mayor Wilmer at a meeting of the Business Men's Association Wednesday noon.

Mayor Wilmer requested the business Men to set the example at their homes by not placing garbage and trash on the street side until the morning of collection and the placing of all garbage in covered cans.

The reason for this request is the mess and difficulty of cleaning up after dogs have dragged garbage on sidewalk and street. If this request has the cooperation of the public, the collection of trash and garbage may continue during these difficult days. If it is not adhered to it may mean discontinuance of the service.

During the dog quarantine the collection was very much simplified. The same results can be arrived at by following the Mayor's request. The dogs, if they could vote, would probably prefer their freedom to an occassional.. nip.. at.. unprotected garbage.

CHILDRENS AID SOCIETY CARRIES ON DESPITE WAR

In spie of war demands the Children's Aid Society in Kent County is functioning normally and successfully.

The question of Foster Home care is an important one and because it is so often referred to an understanding of its place in the work is necessary.

When a child is recommended for foster home care it means that a case of mistreatment or neglect has been referred to, and investigated by the case worker, and referred to the Board Members for acceptance. If home conditions are considered unfit for the child a foster home is found which will fill the needs of that special case. The home must comply with rigid State requirements, and one point about which the Society is particularly firm is that the foster family must have sufficient means to be independent of the child's board.

Once a child has been placed in a home the worker is continually in touch with the child's progress and it has been found that the foster parens have fulfilled their trust with inerest and affection.

It is through ministers, teachers, doctors, and other responsible citizens that the Society learns of suitable homes and a waiting list is generally maintained on the files of the office of the Children's Aid Society.

EVANGELISTS TO HOLD LAST MEET SUNDAY

The climax of the evangelistic series of meetings which are being conducted here by evangelist Dan S. Harris, will be reached Sunday night, April 2, at Firemen's hall when he will give his closing lecture. An unusually large crowd is expected to attend and hear Evangelist Harris deliver his last sermon of the series, "Who Is The Greatest Hypocrite Of The Bible?"

Coming to Chestertown as guests of Evangelist Harris, are the members of the Washington Missionary College Brass Quartet from Washington, D. C. This noted Brass Quartet will provide a program of special music as a part of the Sunday night service. Although The Quartet will occupy an important place on the program, there will be no admission charge. The public is cordially invited to attend. All are urged to come early since the program of music will begin at 7.30 p. m.

As an additional feature of the service, Mrs. Dan S. Harris will present another Chalk Drawing. "The Holy City" will be portrayed while Evangelist Harris provides a musical background on the Vibraharp and Mrs. Merrick Clements will sing, "The Holy City."

Another unique Baptism will take place in the Sunday night Service. The rite will be "administered", according to New Testament teachings," by Elder C. V. Leach, president of the Chesapeake Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

KENT DEFENSE TO MAKE NEW MUNITION

One of the two main assembly line buildings at the Kent Defense Plant here has been closed this week while the interior is being completely changed in preparation for the manufacture of a new type of munition.

According to a statement by Mr. Philip G. Wilmer, president and production manager of the corporation the plant is supposed to be ready next week for the production of airplane engine starter fuses. The order gave the officials of the local plant only a week to make the change over which involved an entirely different process and the necessity of a complete rearrangement of the interior of the building. The other of the two main assembly buildings is housing the construction of detonators.

It is thought that the new operation will not affect the number of people employed.

DR. G. W. MEAD TO SPEAK IN PHILADELPHIA

Dr. Gilbert W. Mead, President of Washington College, Chestertown will speak on "Educational Statesmanship in the Post-War" at the four-day conference of the Eastern Commercial Teachers Association in Philadelphia April 5-8. Some 1,200 of the group's 2,000 members, teachers of typing, shorthand, and other commercial subjects, will attend.

"Post-War Planning in Business Education" is the theme. Post-war planning in typewriting, secretarial and office practice, and pupil guidance are a few of the topics to be covered at sessions in the Hotel Benjamin Franklin.

Dr. D. D. Lessenberry, professor of education at the University of Pittsburgh and president of the Association, is completing details of an extensive program. On it will be notables in many fields.

One of the speakers is W. J. Hinton of the British Information Services. Enroute to the United Staes Mr. Hinton's ship was torpedoed 100 miles off Cape Race in January, 1942. He and 12 companions and a dog spent five and a half days in an open boat before being picked up by a destroyer and landed in Iceland.

Another on the program is Captain Paul S. Salsgiver of the Army Morale Service. A third is Carl A. Gray whose post-war plan in the New York Times for April 25, 1943, became No. 65 of the United States Senate, 1943. Also to speak is Robert O. Bonnell, a director of the Board of Community Chests and Councils and nationally known banker.

Many unusual programs have been arranged. The afternoon of April 7 will be devoted to visual aids in business education with films on Army and Navy typing techniques on the teletypewriter, shorthand champions at work, and the simplified keyboard for typists.

Demonstration Agent Offers Food Pamphlet

Planning the victory garden and family food budget go together, or rather, making a food budget for the family is the first step in making plans for the garden, says Miss Helen N. Schellinger, Kent County Home Demonstration Agent. Food budgets she explains, are based on the size of the family and its nutritional requirements.

If the homemaker does not know what her own family food needs are she suggests that she write to her demonstration agent, for a copy of the leaflet entitled "Food Needs for Maryland Families" by Miss Margaret McPheeters Nutrition Special-

This leaflet shows in easy-to-understand chart from how many quarts of fruits, greens, tomatoes, and other vegetables, meats, relishes, jams and jellies each person needs for a year. The leaflet also contains much helpful information on how to can and includes canning time tables.

After the family food budget is figured out it is suggested that as many as possible of its requirements be included in the plan for the home garden. It is pointed out that when the garden is planted to meet family needs, much waste of time, effort and material is avoided that usually results from an unplanned garden.

By planning the garden and food budget together, Maryland homemakers can do much to insure that their families will be not only well fed, but fed wisely the coming year.

New Postmaster To Take Office

On Saturday, April 1, Mr. James J. Hadaway former Treasurer of Kent County, will take over his duties as Postmaster of the Chestertown Post Office. Mr. William B. Usilton who has been postmaster for the past 10 years will retire from the post office at this time.

THOS. W. ELIASON GETS CITIZEN'S HIGHEST AWARD

Thomas W. Eliason was awarded the plaque for "Outstanding citizen of Chestertown for the year 1943" at a public meeting staged by the Chestertown Business Men's Association in the Fire House on Thursday evening, March 23rd.

As is the usual custom the association picks a committee not members of the association to name the "outstanding citizen." Ballots are published in the local papers for suggestions of names as a guide to the committee. The one named does not have to poll a majority of the ballots; it is merely a suggestion to the committee of names to select from. The one selected is sent to the association and is kept secret until the public meeting, and comes as a surprise to the public as well as to the one receiving the honor at that time.

Quite an elaborate program was arranged for Thursday evening. The Firemen's Band under the direction of Mr. Julian Coleman furnished the music. Words of Welcome were delivered by Mayor Philip G. Wilmer. The main speaker of the occasion was Mr. Paul B. Stevens, Director of Vocational Education of Baltimore City College, who gave a fine speech on vocational Education.

A very suitable presentation speech was made by Rev. Paul E. Reynolds and the crowd sat tense waiting for him to announce the name of the one receiving the honor. In the absence of Mr. Eliason, Mayor Wilmer made the acceptance speech and showed the plaque to the audience.

Included in the program and well accepted by the audience were vocal duets rendered by Mrs. Dorothy Startt and Mrs. Louise Rawlins, accompanied by Mrs. Elvira Ruble.

Earl Hollinger president of the Business Men's Association was master of ceremonies and Preston P. Heck, secreetary, introduced the speaker.

EDITORS' NOTE: — Thomas W. Eliason one of the leaders in the First Methodist Church, is serving in the all important and self-sacrificing job of chairman of the Kent County Draft Board. In this work he devotes a major portion of his time and he is doing an unusually good but thankless job. Upon his shoulders and other members of the board is the disagreeable task of inducting men into the service.

It is generally agreed that the board has done its job fairly and without favor. A different job but well done. Mr. Eliason for many years served as chairman of the Chestertown Water Board and his efforts were largely responsible for the present excellent financial condition of the municipal water works. He is married and is the father of six children. Two of the sons are in the army a third son was in the army but got a physical discharge. Two other sons are too young for the service. His daughter is the wife of a naval officer.

Mr. Eliason can definitely be called a conservative, being especially opposed to bond issues and industries coming to Chestertown or anything that would cause a radical change in our way of life. He makes every effort to keep out of the public eye, but to those who know him he is generous and when he thinks a thing is right, he always lends a helping hand. When not at work he can usually be found at his home.

We congratulate the committee on their selection of Thomas W. Eliason, banker, business man, farmer and public servant serving on the draft

In a recent letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Huey, Robert Huey, Jr., writes from "somewhere in England" that he had had the privilege of late, of playing on a five manual organ. The organ was designed by the organist of the undesignated location, and with him it was "his baby". No one ever touched the keys. However, before Huey left, he was invited to play and also told that ever he were that way again. he would be welcome to play once more. Such occasions as these, are red letter days in a musician's army life, a star for one who has given up his career in order to fight for his country.

For Four Homes Only

A railway tank car can haul only the fuel oil needed to heat four homes for a year.

152 FARMERS TO BENEFIT BY NEW FSA GROUP HERE

J. Weldon Walbert, Farm Security Administration supervisor for Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, announced today that Congressional legislation providing for the transfer of FSA duties to a newly-activated agency, the Farmers' Home Corporation would affect 152 active borrowers in this area.

Since the beginning of the program here, FSA has helped with credit, debt adjustment, farm and home management supervision and other services a total of 221 farm families in the area covered by the two counties.

The legislation known as HR 4384 or the Cooley Bill, is still being considered by the House Agriculture Committee and some of the points are being debated. It will determine the nature and terms of Government credit to be afforded farmers for wartime food production and post-war farm operations.

"This legislation has special significance both for farmers who now borrow from FSA and for all family-size farm operators," said Walbert. "Right now farmers generally are doing very well. But in the event of another post-war depression the legislation will affect many times the present number of borrowers."

Walbert said he had been advised by FSA Regional Director J. H. Wood that news reports predicting the abolition of FSA had created "widespread distress" among farmers dependent upon the agency for operating credit.

"This feeling," he said "stems from the recent introduction of a bill H. R. 4384 which proposes to abolish Farm Security but activates in its stead a Farmers' Home Corporation. The bill is still before the House Agriculture Committee; and features farmers and farm leaders feel might harm wartime food production and disinherit the humbler rural folks from a measure of social security well may be changed before the bill finally is enacted."

Wood asserted that the bill, drawn by the Cooley Committee after a year of investigation "contains many excellent reforms in agricultrue lending functions." He expressed the opinion that, with some amendments it could serve as a "trial bazer in raising the rural health, intellectual and living standards of America," as well as coordinating government credit activities.

Wood said farmers, state agriculture commissioners and others had called to his attention the following provisions of the bill as tending to injure family farmers:

1. Rural rehabilitation as a purpose of the legislation, has been supplanted by restricted operation and bare subsistence credit;

2. Farm and Home management supervision, through which FSA has been able to improve the farm practices money management and home-making abilities of 1,500,000 low-income farmers thus enabling them to increase their efficiency and repay their loans, is provided only insofar as it is needed to protect the Corporations' interests;

3. No loans can be made to cooperatives, including medical care cooperatives, despite the fact that family farmers need cooperatives to buy cheaply, marke t advantageously and compete with factory farmers;

4. Loans are limited to $2,500 and total indebtedness to $3,500, which is insufficient for New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New England dairy areas, the Aroostook County, Maine, potato region and Connecticut Valley area, particularly. In case of widespread damage by hurricane flood or drought these limitations would be felt severely farmers said;

5. Borrowing power is limited to five years. Farmers pointed out that abolition of regional offices would be cumbersome and expensive in as much as each state would have to establish finance, personnel and other offices now serving 11 states. He said regional offices had been established to cover areas with homogeneous human and agriculture problems.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kimble missionaires who have spent more than twenty years in India were the speakers in the morning and afternoon services at th Rock Hall Seventh-Day Adventist church on Sabbath March 25.

They also met with the young people of the church on Friday evening. All of the meetings were well attended. Their message sounded a very encouraging note and in spite of the conditions in India today the gospel is going forward.

Stanley Brewer son of Rev. and Mrs. O. G. Brewer former pastor of Wesley Chapel and now of Clayton, Del., has enlisted in the U. S. Navy and is now stationed at Bainbridge Naval Station.

A Letter to the Public

March 29th, 1944

To the People of Kent County:

I am taking this means of thanking you all for your splendid cooperation in the Red Cross War Fund Drive now drawing to a close. Thanks to the intensive labor of our many workers and the generous help of our newspapers, our Drive has been a huge success. Instead of Kent County sponsoring 800 Service Men, we have raised sufficient funds to sponsor 1000 Service Men.

Our Churches, our Schools, our Fraternal Orders, our Homemakers Clubs, our Service Clubs, Kent Defense Plant, Vita Foods and the many men and women who went from door to door soliciting donations—all played an important part in the grand results obtained.

Our Negro Committee under the able leadership of Elmer Hawkins, Principal of Garnet High School, did a magnificent job. This Committee was assignd a quota of $2,000 and turned in over $3,000. This is an accomplishment of which we and the Negro Committee can well be proud.

The Committee Chairmen and workers in all the towns throughout the County, by their hard work, achieved results that were most gratifying—in every case meeting or surpassing their quotas.

A difficult task is finished—and finished most creditably. Again thanks to all who helped.

J. B. WHITWORTH
Chairman Red Cross War Fund Drive

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