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O'CONOR STATES PROGRAM OF VET CENTERS

Annapolis, November 21: A program of coordination of all legislation pertaining to needs of returning veterans, together with the establishment of one or more information "service centers" for returning veterans, has been announced by Governor Herbert R. OConor.

Instead of a varsity of bills covering the many matters in which veterans will be particularly interested, Governor O'Conor made clear, all proposed bills relating to employment, rehabilitation, education, special exemptions, etc., will be collected and presented as a separate section of the Code.

This work, the Governor announced, will be prepared under the direction of a sub-committee of the Maryland Veterans' Advisory Committee, of which Walter Perkins is Chairman, and will be done in cooperation with the Attorney General's office.

The purpose of the information centers, Governor O'Conor pointed out, is to make it possible for veterans to have all their questions answered and to secure all the desired help at one place, instead of being referred to various offices. The first one, the Governor said, undoubtedly will be established in Baltimore, but he foresaw the possibility of others in several sections of the State.

Plans for establishment of such centers will be presented by Governor O'Conor to the Legislature in January as part of the over-all program for servicemen.

Governor O'Conor spent two days recently in New York, studying the Veterans Information Centers there, and believes that, with the information gained, Maryland should be able to set up centers that would meet every need of the servicemen. The State will be among the pioneers, he predicted, in the establishment of State-sponsored Veterans Information Centers which will function through a corps of interviewers trained especially to get at the heart of problems presented by individual veterans, following which skilled consultants will be assigned to each particular case.

The establishment of the service centers, Governor O'Conor added, is definitely in line with the purposes of the Maryland Veterans' Advisory Committee which, he said, basically is for the purpose of eliminating the inconvenience which would be caused to the veterans by reference to a great number of uncoordinated offices and agencies.

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Red Cross Broadcast

On Sunday, November 26, 1944, "The Army Hour" (3:30-4:30 P. M., E.W.T.) will carry six minutes of an actual meeting held by the American Red Cross at Queens, Long Island, for the next of kin of American prisoners of war.

This is an unusual broadcast feature in which your chapter and the entire community will be interested. Please see that it is adequately publicized. "The Army Hour" can be heard over any N. B. C. station.

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HOSPITAL RECEIVES CONTRIBUTION

The Kent Co. Knights Association this week contributed $150 to the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital. The local hospital accepted this gift with much gratitude and appreciation. This money was made from the tournament held this past season.

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PURCHASE BUILDING LOT

Mr. and Mrs. Philip V. Kratzer have purchased from Collins Bros., a lot with two hundred foot front on the golf course of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club. The lot adjoins the home owned by Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Collins.

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LOCAL FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY TO MEET

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co., will meet at the Fire House on Cross Street, Thursday, November 30th, at 7:30 P. M.

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The Kent and Queen Anne's Volunteer Firemen's Association will meet at Church Hill this Friday night at 8 P. M., where they will be entertained by that company.

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Galena will play the Queen Anne's Soccer team at Centreville, Sunday, starting at 2 P. M. in the first game of the season. The field is located on the High School's grounds.

Congressman-Elect Dudley G. Roe Reaffirms His Campaign Pledges

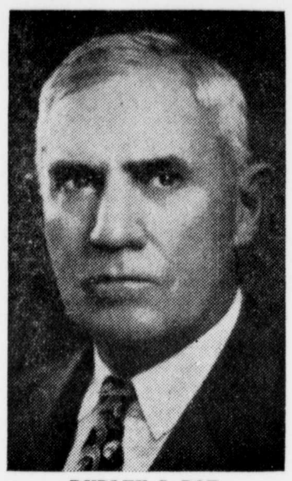
Congressman-elect Dudley G. Roe, of Queen Anne's County, who will represent the Eastern Shore of Maryland in the House of Representatives after next January, this week issued a message of appreciation to the voters of the First Congressional District, voicing his appreciation for their support, and reaffirming his campaign pledges to work diligently and faithfully as a servant of all the people in Washington.

"I am deeply grateful to the people of the Eastern Shore for the trust and confidence they have imposed in me by electing me to represent them in the House of Representatives", Congressman-elect Roe said.

"I am particularly proud and grateful that our service men, in this country and on many far flung battle fronts all over the world, joined our citizens on the home front in also giving me a similar vote of trust and confidence."

"Backed by the support of our home people and our fighting sons, I shall go to Washington with the firm resolve and fixed determination to represent all our people with every ounce of ability I may possess. I shall strive earnestly to represent them as they desire to be represented, and to work for the enactment of such legislation and the promulgation of such activities as will best make our district a continuing happy and progressive part of our great nation."

Congressman-elect Roe for many years has been one of the most active and influential Democratic leaders on the Eastern Shore and has a background of legislative and business experience which should stand him in good stead in representing his constituents during the busy period which confronts national law-makers in Washington.



DUDLEY G. ROE

He is planning to keep the voters of the Eastern Shore fully informed of developments which affect their interests and in turn, will welcome the constructive advice and comments of citizens in all the counties of the First Congressional District.

With The U. S. Armed Forces

In a letter received this week from George R. Parsons, who has been stationed in China for the past 16 months, he stated he had been promoted to rank of Sergeant. His promotion came on October 1st. five weeks after he was made a corporal.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Baker of Millington, have received a telegram from the War Department informing them that their son, Pfc. Robert G. Baker, U. S. A. has been missing in action against Germany since Oct. 4. The department's message gave no details of the accident.

In last week's issue of THE TRANSCRIPT, we had an article on Lieut. Price Roe Stradley, U.S.N.R., of Galena, sinking a Jap ship. An official report from Norfolk, Va., this week confirmed this and also states that Lieut. Stradley was wounded on Sept. 26th.

Another Kent Countian, Mrs. Simon Moffett of Rock Hall, has received a collection of war materials and souvenirs from the European theatre of war which was sent her by her son, Max Moffet of the U. S. Army. The collection includes flags, daggers, binoculars and numerous items.

Clifton Sims, Rock Hall barber, received an air-mail letter this week from George Metcalfe Jacquette containing a pack of Japanese cigarettes. Jacquette, Boatswain's Mate second-class, U. S. Navy has been serving in the Pacific quite sometime. The cigarette pack containing 10 cigarettes, is printed in green ink with Japanese characters and a flying eagle on the front.

Lieutenant Winton Tolles, U. S. N. R., of the Department of English at Washington College, on leave of absence while on active duty, has been advanced to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Commander Tolles is currently serving as Executive Officer of the Naval Indoctrination School at Hollywood Beach, Florida.

Somewhere in Germany

Dear Sir:

I have a few moments off at the present time and thought of no better use to make of them than by writing and thanking you for your thoughtfulness of sending me the weekly Transcript. It was a source of pleasure in receiving this splendid paper and reading it during the lull between battles brings to me and my buddies a little bit of home and makes one feel proud to fight for such ideals as your paper stresses so much. Your paper is for the good of the serviceman and what he has to come home too. I must close for this time, keep up the good work at home.

Best wishes to all,

Cpl. George E. Harris.

Young Adults To Meet In Chestertown

The Young Adult Fellowship of Kent County, will meet at the First Methodist Church, in Chestertown, Monday, November 27 at 8 P. M. The speaker for the occasion is Rev. Melvin Kay, Pastor of St. James Methodist Church. Rev. Paul Reynolds will lead the devotional period.

The period of discussion, led by the president, Stanley B. Sutton, will center around the subject "Home Makers." These meetings are or real value to all young adults and to all those interested in making family life a success.

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PURCHASE COMPLETED OF BASKET FACTORY PROPERTY

Final negotiations were completed here this week by A. Lee Towson, Jr., manager of the large estate of Glenn L. Martin, Baltimore airplane manufacturer, located in this county, for the purchase of the old Marvel Package Company's plant on Chester River here, from James G. Metcalfe, who recently purchased the property from the former owners. It is reported that Mr. Towson will convert the buildings at the plant into a large packing house where food crops grown on the Martin farms, comprising 1,700 acres, will be packed. The new plant is expected to become one of Chestertowns outstanding post-war industries.

Resigns After 18 Years Of Service

After 18 years' service as stenographer and deputy in the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court Robert A. Shallcross, Mrs. Clifton Rollison has tendered her resignation. She will be succeeded by Miss Frances Sutton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Carvel Sutton of near Kennedyville, who graduated from the Beacon Business College in Wilmington this week.

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LOCAL C. & P. PHONE EMPLOYEES HONORED

Roland Hebden, Jr., Area Manager of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City, Chestertown, Maryland, received during November, a ruby emblem in recognition of twenty-five years of service with the company.

A one-star emblem was presented to Martha J. Crossley, Chestertown, Maryland, for five years of service.

During November, 23 employees in the C. and P. Telephone Company in Maryland were awarded emblems. They had an aggregate of 425 years of service.

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Judge Eloowd F. Mahon of the Juvenile Court of Wilmington, will address a special meeting next Sunday at 4:30 P. M., in Christ Methodist Church. The meeting will be sponsored by the Men's Club of the church. His subject, "Juvenile Delinquency."

GOV. ASKS FOR THANKSGIVING DAY OF PRAYER

Citing the blessings lavished upon America even in this time of world-wide struggle, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor proclaimed Thursday, Nov. 23, as Thankgiving Day and urged the people of the State to make it "truly a day of prayerful thanksgiving to Almighty God."

In his Proclamation Governor O'Conor recalled that "for more than three centuries the God-fearing people of America have set apart one day in late November for formal thanksgiving to Almighty God, for bountiful harvests and for the abundance of rich blessings of liberty and freedom that have been bestowed upon our Nation.

"Even in the midst of war," the Governor's Proclamation went on, "there is much to be thankful for in that the Nation has met the test with courage; our people have sacrificed without hesitation, and our Armed Forces have borne the burden of battle with inspiring bravery, generating a deeper loyalty to our Country and its principles of freedom; while at the same time our beloved Country, almost alone among the great nations of the earth, has been spared the destruction of cities and the disastrous effects of bombing operations.

"Thanksgiving Day should be," Governor O'Conor declared, "a day on which we rededicate ourselves to the tremendous task of leading the world-wide effort to restore to all the peoples of the World the liberty and freedom that have been the prized possessions of our own country through the years, and to bring about enduring peace on this Earth."

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Oil Officials Inspect Boring In Wicomico; Now at 3,281 Feet

Salisbury — Inspection of the exploratory well being drilled on the Larry G. Hammond farm, six miles east of Salisbury, was made last week by Otto Dewey Donnell, president and general manager, E. B. Redpath, director and secretary, and Arthur M. Gee, director and general counsel, all of the Ohio Oil Company.

Stanley B. White, geologist in charge of the exploratory work, accompanied the officials.

Depth of the hole on the Hammond farm remains at 3,281 feet as reaming is being continued to straighten the hole, which went off perpendicular after a drill bit was lost at 2,099 feet on Octo. 30.

Ohio Oil began exploration work here a year ago yesterday, with the arrival of a seismograph crew to survey strata underlying the shore. The crew completed its work in six months. Drilling of the exploratory well began on Oct. 12.

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DEATHS

Miss Ella H. Wilkins

Miss Ella H. Wilkins, daughter of the late James Frazier and Mary Trew Wilkins, of Quaker Nack, aged 77, died November 18, at her home in the Dwyer Apartments. Funeral services were held Monday at 11 A. M. from the Marvin Williams Funeral Home, with the Rev. Paul Reynolds officiating. Interment was in Chester Cemetery.

She is survived by 1 niece, Mrs. Paul A. Anderson, of Philadelphia, and 1 nephew, Mr. Robert S. Simpers, of New York.

The bearers were: Messrs. Thos. Eliason, Carl Bordley, Robert Simpers and Paul A. Anderson.

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Claude Edward Bosley

Passed away suddenly at his late home near Kennedyville, Thursday evening in his 50th year.

He is survived by his wife nee Gertie Robinson.

Funeral services were held in the Presbyterian Church at Aberdeen, Sunday at 4 P. M. Interment in the Church Yard Cemetery. Rev. Saulter officiated.

Pall Bearers were: Booker White, Harper Carter, Walter Willis, George Wiltbank, John Money and Wright Wiltbank.

B. R. Fellows in charge of funeral arrangements.

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Mrs. Winifred T. Strong

Funeral services for Mrs. Winifred T. Strong, who died in St. Joseph's Hospital in Baltimore on Thursday, were held at the Usilton & Wells Funeral Home on Saturday afternoon, November 18th. The Rev. William Wyllie, rector of Old St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, officiated. Interment was in the cemetery adjoining the church. Besides her husband, Charles C. Strong of Anne Arundel Count, she leaves a daughter, Miss Edith P. Strong of New York.

ROCK HALL AIR-FIELD MAY BE OPENED ON SUNDAY FOR FLYING

Old Kent Chapter, D.A.R. Held Party; Addressed By Dr. Dole

The usual birthday luncheon of the Old Kent Chapter, D.A.R., was celebrated at the Sophie Fisher Tea Room, Nov. 11th. Twenty members and guests listened to Dr. Esther M. Dole's history of the Chapter. Old Kent is twenty-four years old and is the mother of all the Chapters on the Eastern Shore. Seven of the charter members are now with us.

Mrs. George Baldwin read a letter from the mother of the boy we have adopted for the duration, Mrs. Boring writes:

"Murray was 17 years old Jan. 14, 1944, he is 5 ft. 9 in. tall., weighs 165 lbs., has dark brown hair and dark brown eyes.

"Murray's nickname is 'Murphy' (parody of Murray) and partly due to the fact that I am Irish. I think that he is just the average growing boy, filled with love of adventure, of sports, the latest and 'hottest' boogie-woogie music, comedy films, or anything that offers a laugh.

"He was in his Junior year in High School when he enlisted in the Navy. He has a mania for football and we send him all the newspaper clippings pertaining to the various games, along with those of local High Schools. He is very congenial, generous and painstakingly truthful, and has a sense of pity. The picture does not reveal his most redeming features, a mighty attractive grin and beautiful teeth. He does like good reading material and he likes poetry.

"In the two last letters I received from Murphy I read a distinct note of homesickness. I think the novelty is beginning to pall and also mail is very irregular. He gets lonely if he does not hear from home, but as a rule 3 or 4 weeks go by and they get no mail then all at once 20 or 30 letters arrive. I do not know his exact base, but somewhere in the southwest Pacific."

Murphy is on a U.S.S.L.C. If anyone wishes to have a part in his birthday present send contributions to Mrs. George W. Baldwin, Chestertown.

Kent 4-H Plans Thanksgiving Meet

John E. Clark, field Representative Maryland State Fair Board scheduled to speak.

All 4-H clubs of Kent County will meet at the Fireman's Hall, Chestertown, Friday night, November 24 in an evening of Thanksgiving and fellowship.

The program will consist of a "Thanksgiving" conducted by Rev. J. M. Kay, a short talk by John E. Clark, Field Representative of the Maryland State Fair Board which made possible the premiums at the Community 4-H exhibits last summer, various presentations by 4-H club groups and will conclude with games conducted by 4-H recreation leaders. A large crowd of 4-H members, parents and friends is expected to attend.

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FIRE IN BERLIN BURNS 7,000 BABY CHICKS

Berlin — Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a chicken house and 7000 baby chicks late last Saturday in Berlin.

The fire broke out about 5 o'clock and for a time threatened the adjacent Berlin Milling Company and a second poultry house nearby. Firemen, however, were able to confine the fire to the first chicken house owned by J. Derrickson Quillen and O. Sheldon Chander.

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BOY SHOT TO DEATH BROTHER IS QUESTIONED

Salisbury — Sylvester Brown, 14 years old, was questioned this week by Sheriff Leroy Brewington and State's Attorney Rex A. Taylor following the shotgun killing of his 17-year-old brother, David, in the kitchen of their home near Sharptown Wednesday.

Young Sylvester told the sheriff and State's attorney the gun discharged as he picked it up to go into the yard to shoot at rabbit his dog was chasing.

The blast struck the older brother, in the face, killing him instantly, Sheriff Brewington said.

After the shooting, Sheriff Brewington said, Sylvester tried to shoot himself wit h the same gun but the charge missed.

Taylor said no charge so far has been placed against the youth.

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ODT ASKS TRAVEL BAN DURING HOLIDAY SEASON

All government agencies and all private employers have been asked by Col. J. Monroe Johnson, director of the Office of Defense Transportation, to refrain from granting vacation leave or time off to employes where intercity travel will be involved, from December 15, 1944 through January 8th, 1945.

Col. Johnson also requested government and private business to make special efforts to cut down all business travel during this period, in an effort to curb holiday season travel to avoid interference with movement of military and essential civilian passenger traffic on railroads and intercity buses.

Christ Church To Hold Vesper Service

A Christmas Vesper Service given by the Choir of Christ Methodist Church will be held in the auditorium December 17th, 1944, at 4 P. M. This service will be dedicated to the men and women of Kent County in the service of their Country.

All friends of service men and women are invited to take part in this vesper. Those desiring to participate may obtain information and blanks to fill out at Spark's Store, Chestertown, Maryland. This service is planned for you and that your loved one shall be honored at this Christmas Season.

If you do not have someone in the service, you too are cordiallly invited to make the Christmas message given so long ago become a reality in our world today.

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SHOOTING MAY RESULT IN A MURDER CHARGE

Elkton — Williard Powers, aged about 25 years, is confined in the Cecil county jail here, charged with shooting Robt. Thomas, aged 18, on Hollingsworth Manor, the government development in the western section of Elkton.

Thomas who is in Union hospital, is reported in a serious condition the bullet entering his abdomen.

Powers is being held without bail, pending the outcome of his victim's condition. He was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Robert Boyd and Town Officer Richard Masemore.

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SOLD OU T OF HUNTING LICENSES TUESDAY

125 Gunners badly disappointed!!

Bel Air—On Tuesday Clerk of the Court Granville C. Boyle of Harford County, and his deputies had the unique experience of selling out their entire supply of upland game hunting licenses by 1 P. M. An immediate call was made to the State Game Department for more license forms, but they reported that the supply there was exhausted also, so that perhaps it would be two or three days before more would be received at Bel Air.

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MAGISTRATE FINED 18 DISORDERLY CASES

Elkton—Over the week-end local officers and State Police arrested 18 persons in Elkton for disorderly conduct. Fines ranging from $5 to $25 and cost were imposed by Magistrate James Weinroth.

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"Announcement is made that Mr. Norman P. Foster, Manager of the Salisbury Field Office of the Social Security Board, will be in Chestertown on Monday next, Nov. 27, 1944.

He will be available for interview on that day at the Post Office at 1:00 P. M.

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Rollison Baxter, local superintendent of the Holt Oil Company, who recently sustained a dislocated shoulder and sprained ankle in a fall from a ladder on a building near his office, has left the Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital here. He is now at his home on Mill street, where he is convalescing.

TEN ENROLL FOR LESSONS IN AVIATION

Ralph McGinnis and Clifton Simms of Rock Hall flew to Baltimore, College Park and Hagerstown on Wednesday of this week. The purpose of the trip is to have the Rock Hall Air-field designated as a commercial field. They hope to have this completed by Sunday, Nov. 25th. Rock Hall is now out of the restricted area.

As soon as this field is designated as a commercial field, classes in flying will start immediately. Ten from Rock Hall and Fairlee have already enrolled in these classes among whom are Merritt Brice, LeRoy Elburn, Larry Harrison, Wilmer Smith and Samuel Jacobs. Several from Rock Hall had already obtained their licenses before the field was closed on account of the War.

Also people will be able to charter a plane to go to Baltimore or elsewhere, but at the present time no regular schedule will be run.

The Rock Hall Air-field belongs to Dr. Temple Fay of Philadelphia and is on his water-front farm near Rock Hall. It was built about two years before the War and contains runways and a hanger. Besides Dr. Fay's planes, other planes from Rock Hall belong to Ralph McGinnis and Joseph Williams.

Shortly after the field opened, Dr. Fay held a reception at his home and about thirty planes of guests from distant cities were present.

As soon as they are released it is reported that several more residents of that section are contemplating buying planes.

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Vernon Needles Saves Home From Fire

(From Evening Journal)

Fearlessness and quick thinking on the part of a neighbor on Nov. 16, is believed to have prevented what could have been a serious fire in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Goodwin, of Milton, Del.

Mrs. Goodwin and her small daughter were the only members of the family home at the time. Mrs. Goodwin started into the living room but as she opened the door was driven back by thick black smoke and a sheet of flames that was coming from a portable oil stove used to heat the room.

She called the fire company, but Vernon Needles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Needles, of Chestertown, a neighbor, in the meantime crawled through the smoke and managed to turn the control lever which extinguished the flame. He then carried the stove outdoors, all before the firemen arrived.

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District Governor To Be Here

H. Wendell Henry, of Salisbury, Md., District Governor of 22B, Lions International, will attend the regular meeting of the Chestertown Lions Club next Monday evening, Nov. 27, at the Bell Haven Inn.

A public dance will be held in the Armory on Dec. 8th, sponsored by the Chestertown Lions Club. Lew Startts Orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

To the People of this Community

GI Joe in his Pacific foxhole—maybe he is your brother, husband, sweetheart or friend—is listening in on you today.

He knows you have a date with a Victory Volunteer, a neighbor with a War Bond order in his or her hand. The two of you may talk it over at your work bench, in your office or in your home. Will GI Joe pick up phrases like "I can't afford it," "Why do they have to have more money?" "We'll lick Japan with one hand tied behind our back"?

GI Joe counts on you to have enough sense and knowledge of the facts about the Pacific war to back him up in his foxhole. The extra $100 War Bond you buy today is a War Bond with the most power. It gives GI Joe the support he must have at the time when he needs it most. It tells Tokyo you're in the fight to the finish.

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