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3 WAR BOND RALLIES PLANNED

VESPER SERVICE TO HONOR SERVICE MEN

The Choir of Christ Methodist Church is pleased to announce that they have secured Dr. J. E. Cummings, Superintendent of the Eastern District, who will be the guest speaker at the Vesper Service December 17, at 4:00 P. M. He will pay tribute to the men and women of Kent County who are in the armed forces.

As announced last week, thirty members of the armed forces from Aberdeen, Md., including soldiers and WACs will participate in the service. The State Guard, under command of Capt. Wilbur J. Stenger, will attend as a unit and assist in the service.

The Frank M. Jarman, American Legion Post has also been invited and will attend in a body, under Commander Norman E. Peterson.

The Choir, under the direction of Iola Hollinger Bucher, will conclude the service by singing its annual program of Christmas Music.

Inquiries have been made as to the proceedure of placing the candles: this will be a very simple form of service wherein one member of the family may simply light a candle and place it on the altar.

A large number have sent in their registrations, and the committee wishes to remind others who have failed to do so to date, to do so immediately.

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Ladies' Auxiliary Firemen Hold Meeting

The members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company and the firemen as well are invited to attend a Christmas Party to be held in the Firemen's Hall, Tuesday, December 12th, starting at 8 P. M. Special plans and entertainment have been arranged by the committee.

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Senator In Baltimore For Treatment

Senator Clarence Newsome of Betterton, Kent's representative in the Maryland Senate, has gone to Baltimore, where he will be under treatment by a specialist for sometime. The senator sustained a fall while attending a special session of the state legislature early in the year from which he has not fully recovered.

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Welfare Report Shows Decline

Mrs. Margaret Massey, secretary to the Kent County Board of Welfare, has submitted a report to the board for the month of November, which shows a reduction in the case load of relief over previous months. The 11 cases of general public relief received $250.52, 27 dependent children received $290.13, nine cases of needy blind received a total of $192.67, while 115 old age pensioners received $2,413, making a total for the month of $3,146.75.

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Effective December 1, 1944, Mrs. Regina R. Kirby has resigned as postmaster of Kennedyville after serving for over 9 years. Mrs. Kathryn Hurlock has been appointed acting postmaster.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to fill the position of fourth class postmaster at Kennedyville, Maryland. The examination will be held at Chestertown, Maryland. Receipt of application will close on December 28, 1944. The Salary is $1100 a year.

The current salary will be temporarily increased by 15%, the amount not to exceed an average of $25 a month, by authority of an Act of Congress.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who reside within the territory supplied by the post office for which this examination is announced and who are at least 21 years of age, but not yet 65, on the date of the close of receipt of applications for this examination.

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The Parent-Teachers Association of the Chestertown Elementary School will meet at the local elementary school on Wednesday, December 13, at 3:15 P. M.

Mrs. A. F. Whitsitt, president, will preside at the meeting.

With The U. S. Armed Forces

Lt. (j.g.) C. C. Atwater

Somewhere in New Guinea
Patsy, Mother, Dad, Marty, Gwyn, etc.

I thought that this would be a bit of a news broadcast as much as the revised censorship regulations will allow, so gather ye round and hear what little can as yet be passed with more promised after the war is over.

As you can see above, this is being written from somewhere in the large area of New Guinea (where would not mean anything to you even if I could say it).

To go back aways, we in our little ship were a part of the fleet which took MacArthur and the army back to the Phillipines, blasted thunder out of the beach (of course the battleships helped us in that), saw them to the shore and said—"you are now on your own." And then gave thanks we were not part of any army landing outfit. Thatis one job the Army and the Marines may have with no envy on my part.

I have read a lot of news stories of the spectacle of pre-invasion bombardment, but the actuality is more than any words can picture and makes you rather proud of this Navy and at the same time rather sorry for anyone (even a Jap) who is subjected to it. That is an art which we have perfected to a terrifying degree. The size of the fleet which was there has been mentioned in numerous news stories and you know that its size was impressive; in fact, probably a bit more than the Japs bargained for when they sent their fleet out to do battle, too late and too little. It is a gratifying thought that now that phrase is applicable in all of our recent engagements with the enemy. Both the Germans and the Japs are backed into their home grounds, waiting and wondering where the next powerful blow is going to fall. This invasion was merely one example of it, which I sawfirst hand and was carried out with the exact precision of a routing training operation, but an awe inspiring example of a powerful coordinated assault by air, sea, and then shore. It was a slow crescendo of noise and smoke of explosions until you wondered how any living thing could exist in that hell which exceeded the heights of the imagination of the illustrator of Dante. Oppositon to the initial assault was very slight and the entire operations was an example of our principle of throwing an overwhelming force at the place attacked.

Personally, I was never even nervous and I don't believe anyone on our ship was after the action started. Perhaps the reason is ignorance, but more than that was the feeling of power in our own forces displayed in magnificence. It was hard to realize that we could be in any danger with so much strength on our side, and in fact we were in less actual danger than trying to cross Charles Street, in Baltimore, at the rush hour. The naval war was not for several days until the action you read about and know probably as much about it or more than I do. The only time I wondered about danger was on one occasion when it seemed as if every ship opened fire on some lone Jap plane and I figured how much shrapnel was going up in the air which had to come down somewhere. Some of these kids are right trigger-happy. But spent shrapnel will not even leave a dent in a tin hat. Some day I will show you a picture of this character in full rig—as spectator mostly, the forty-five I carry around on pay days not being much good at the range. I like to have between me and anyone who might take an idea to shoot back.

I naturally, can not go into details of ships and the tactical operation, but I thought you would like to get

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Sgt. William Clayton Stevens

William Clayton Stevens, T-Sgt., 24 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stevens of McGinnis Corner, Queen Anne's County has been reported missing in action in France since Oct. 4, 1944. He was in Company K of the National Guard and went into the service with that outfit at the start of the War. He is a graduate of Sudlersville High School and his sister is serving in the Marine Corp.

Ensign Elmer C. Thomas, Jr.

Ensign Elmer C. Thomas, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Thomas of Chestertown, is now somewhere in the South Pacific. Before leaving the U. S. Naval Construction Training Center at Camp Endicott, Davisville, R. I., the Bulldozer, a paper edited at that camp, gave Ensign Thomas the following comment:

"A Good Joe shoved off from here the other day in the person of Ensign E. C. Thomas, Recreation Officer of a Pacific-bound battalion. During his stay on this station, Mr. Thomas won the respect and liking of many of us because of his democratic ways and congeniality. We wish him the best of luck.'

Ensign Thomas is a graduate of the Chestertown High School and attended Washington College for 3 years, from where, he enlisted in the Navy V-12, receiving his commission at Notre Dame, and completing his course of training at Camp Endicott. He was formerly an active member of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co. Band. In high school he was director of the school band, and throughout his school and Navy training has been interested in music.

George F. "Gimp" Carrington, brother of Henry Carrington, Washington College coach, and himself a famous Washington College athlete in his day, has arrived in France as an assistant Field Director in the American Red Cross, according to a release from National Red Cross Headquarters received at the College. Before entering this service, Carrington was a teacher and coach at the State Teachers' College, Frostburg, Md.

Wilmer M. Gott, Solomons, Md., who left Washington College last November as a Sophomore to enter service, has been awarded an oak-leaf cluster to add to his Air Medal, in lieu of a second medal, according to a release received at College from Field Press Headquarters in England.

Gott, a staff sergeant at the age of 19, is a ball turret gunner in a B-17 Flying Fortress. The second award is given him "for courage, coolness and skill displayed on bombing attacks over Germany."

The awards raise the number received by Washington College airmen alone to five Distinguished Flying Crosses, ten Air Medals, and twenty-eight clusters, in addition to several Purple Hearts and two special Air Corps Citations of Honor.

RED CROSS HOLDS FOUR COUNTY MEETING

Red Cross workers representing Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Caroline Counties met in Chestertown on Wednesday of this week with Mrs. Anne Randall and Neil H. James, Field Director of American Red Cross Veteran Administration. It was an all-day meeting with a luncheon at the Sophie Fisher Inn. Among those who attended were Mrs. Edmund Crowthers, Mrs. Joseph R. Grant and Mrs. Thorton R. Lobb all of Cecil County; Mrs. Stella Matthews and Mrs. John W. Sylvester of Caroline County. Among those representing Kent County were Mrs. Carl Melamet, Preston P. Heck, Mrs. Ernest Strong, Mrs. Edward Hurd, Mrs. Charles Kingsley, Mr. William Cooper, Miss Anne Smith, Mrs. Wm. H. Moyer, Mrs. Norman Cooper, Mrs. Nell Westcott, Miss Helen J. Snouffer, and Mr. Willis Wells.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the claims and benefit service for veterans. These were discussed fully and explained by Mr. James.

All veterans of World War II, upon discharge are advised to go to their Red Cross Chapter and file a claim for the benefits. Even though he may desire nothing at the present time or have no disability he should still file his claim for the benefit, it may do him laater on. All friends of veterans should urge that they do this immediately upon discharge.

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LEGION BANQUET HELD WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 6

The Frank M. Jarman Post American Legion held their annual banquet at the Fire Hall in Chestertown Wednesday evening, Dec. 6th.

Mayor Philip G. Wilmer acted as toast master for the occasion. Speakers were John W. Jennings, of Baltimore, Department Commander, who made a very forceful speech on the work the American Legion has done for the veterans, the growth of the Legion and the reception they will give World War II veterans.

J. Nelson Tribby, of Baltimore, praised the local post for the work they had accomplished on the new home. He, a veteran of the battle fields of the last war cautioned all against talking to returning service men about the war. They will not want to discuss this at home or with friends. When they discuss the war it will be with men that were in the fight.

Warren Boulden, Elkton, vice-commander of the North Eastern Shore, also talked on the new home and stated he hoped other posts would follow the example of the one here. He also swore in the officers Norman E. Peterson, Commander; J. Lewin Burris, 1st Vice Commander; Owen Selby, 2nd Vice-Commander; John Klein, Adjutant; C. Lee Gill, Treas.; James E. Bachelor, Sgt.-at-arms and Harvey G. Blymon and Eli Elliott color bearers.

Commander, Norman E. Peterson made a few remarks and C. Lee Gill, Treasurer read a report of the treasury.

The Banquet was served by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fire Company.

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GUNNERS GET TWO WITH ONE SHOT

Bel Air—The average gunner feels that he is pretty lucky to shoot two rabbits in a single day, but Mr. George Volz, of Churchville, on the opening day of the season had the unique experience of killing two rabbits with one shot. The explanation was that the bunnies were both sitting in a nest on Mr. C. M. Gorrell's farm at Churchville.

When Mr. Volz trained his trusty weapon upon them they did not have a chance.

Got Rabbit And Bird

Ernest Berry, of Darlington, is credited with an even more remarkable experience when he killed a rabbit and a partridge the first day with one shot.

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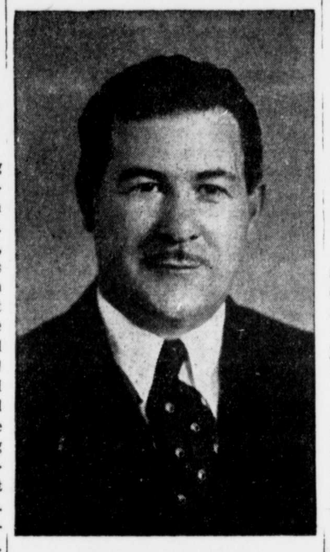
LIONS DANCE TONIGHT

A public dance will be held at the Chestertown Armory tonight Friday, December 8. Music will be furnished by Lew Startt's orchestra. The dance is sponsored by the Chestertown Lions Club.

Heads Dental Group



Dr. S. Holt Wright

Dr. S. Holt Wright, dentist of Chestertown was informed by letter this week from Dr. Harry Smith past president, that he had been elected President of the Eastern Shore Dental Society at the last meeting held in Salisbury on Nov. 29th.

Dr. Wright will assume office at once, and will serve in the capacity for the ensuing year.

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DEATHS

MRS. J. T. SKIRVEN

Mrs. Eleanor Woodburn Skirven passed away at the Union Memorial Hospital, in Baltimore on Saturday, Nov. 25, 1944. She is survived by her husband, Pfc. John T. Skirven, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Skirven, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Woodburn, of 1208 Windemere Ave., Baltimore.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 2 P. M., conducted by Rev. Baker, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Redeemer. Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Baltimore.

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THOMAS VANDYKE

Funeral services for Thomas VanDyke, 81 years old, retired farmer of Kennedyville, who died at his home Sunday, Nov. 26th, were held at 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon in the Methodist Church. The Rev. E. C. Cursey officiated. Interment was in Old Shrewsbury Protestant Episcopal Cemetery.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. George T. Williams of Worton, two sons, Ralph T. VanDyke, Galena, and Robert H. VanDyke, Chestertown; four sisters, Miss Lulu VanDyke, Mrs. Achsah V. Crew, Mrs. George Glenn, Mrs. Katie Crew, all of Kennedyville, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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JAMES W. MULFORD

Funeral services for James W. Mulford, 73 years old, former justice of peace, who died at his home in Galena, on Monday, Nov. 27, were held from the home at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Leon Dage of the Methodist Church. Interment was in the Galena Cemetery.

For many years the deceased was one of the leaders of the Democratic Party of the county. Besides his widow, Mrs. Annie Thornley Mulford, postmistress, he leaves five sons and four daughters, including Mrs. Burgess Schrieber of Chestertown, also four sisters and seven grandchildren.

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MRS. ETHELYN CAPLE

Mrs. Ethelyn Caple, 66, wife of John E. Caple, of 47 E. Cleveland Avenue, Newark, Del., died December 2nd in Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, after lingering illness. She was a daughter of the late Capt. Thomas and Mary Price, of Piney Neck, and was twice married, her first husband benig James H. Glenn. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Griffith Moore, of Newark; Wilbert, H. Glenn and Mrs. Charles Ashley, of Baltimore and Miss Marie Glenn, of DuBois, Pa. Besides her husband she is survived by several children and grandchildren in Kent County, where she was a native. Brothers and sisters are Frank, Groome, and Raymond Price and Mrs. Robert Creighton, of lower Kent and Hughes and Adrian Price of Baltimore. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11:30 A. M. in Wesley Chapel and interment made in the adjoining cemetery. Rev. Jackson, of Newark, and Rev. Hamblin, of Wesley Chapel, officiated. The bearers were her sons and grandsons.

Demonstration Of War Equipment Friday, Dec. 8, From 3 P. M. to 5 P. M. At The Park.

Bond Auction At Armory And Entertainment Friday, Dec. 15th Starting At 8 P. M.

Big Dance And Professional Floor Show At The Armory on Friday evening, December 29

To date Kent County has raised $133,000 of its $275,000 quota for the 6th War Loan Drive, sponsored by the Chestertown Business Men's Association, three big rallies will be held here in December to help the sale of War Bonds.

Caravan Here This Friday

With the Chestertown Band and Majorettes on hand the mammoth Holabird Signal Depot War Bond Caravan, which is making a two-week tour of over thirty cities and towns in the State of Maryland, will arrive in Chestertown on December 8, 1944, at 2:30 P. M. and stage a performance from 3:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.

Organized as an incentive to stimulate the sale of War Bonds during the current Sixth War Loan Drive, the caravan is the largest of its type ever to have been gathered to tour Maryland. It consists of six huge tractor-trailer vehicles, each of which is elaborately equipped with authentic Signal Corps displays and manned by specially selected soldiers and WACs from the Holabird Signal Depot.

One of the most interesting exhibits is the telephone display which contains the exact same field telephones and field switchboards, teletype machines, electric telephones and other telephone equipment that is used on the fighting fronts today. The equipment is wired and connected and demonstrations are planned so that the public will be able to handle some individual items and use them as they are actually used on the field.

The popular handie-talkies and walkie-talkies will be part of the radio display and the public will be permitted to participate in demonstrations of these pieces of equipment. The radio van will also contain tank radio units, frequency generators and numerous other items of Signal Corps material.

There is a complete Signal Corps photographic exhibit showing actual combat cameras and parts and front line photographs.

An overseas packaging display illustrates just how the flow of equipment to battle lines is protected against damage, shock, weather conditions and other destructive factors. Sample wrapping and processing materials will be explained and demostrated. Front line warehousing, one of the most vital phases in the war of supply, will also be on exhibit.

One of the most impressive features of the caravan will be an SCR-299 mobile radio sending and receiving station which has one of the longest ranges of any mobile set of radio equipment in the country. Direct contacts could be established with overseas fighting fronts by the unit.

Bond Auction Dec. 15th

An auction where the bidding will be done with war bonds instead of money will be held at the Chestertown Armory on Friday evening, December 15th starting at 8 P. M. Offered for auction will be such things as cigarettes (over twenty cartons of them have already been donated) dressed turkeys and other poultry. The Homemakers Club under the direction of Miss Helen Schellinger has promised 100 homemade cakes. Also a lot of other hard to get articles such as nylon hose etc., will be offered. If you have a donation to make for this cause please notify J. M. Todd at Nathan's Furniture Store or Mr. Jack Kieffer. All dressed poultry or wild game will be taken to the Frozen Food Lockers and all other articles will be on display in Nathan's window after Dec. 11th.

Admission to the auction is free and a dressed turkey door prize will be given, but the winner must be there in person when the drawing is made.

This is the way the auction will work. On the pair of hose, the bidding will be done by 1 bond, two bonds, etc. The one bidding the highest gets the stockings but must purchase as many bonds as he bids. The bonds are the property of the bidder and what he buys is his property also. In other words the Nylon hose would actually cost the bidder nothing.

Added attraction at the auction will be the Chestertown Band and majorettes, a ladies chorus and a men's chorus.

Do not forget the date and be on hand.

Dance and Floor Show

Although definite arrangements have not been made yet, another big dance and professional show will be held at the Armory on Dec. 29th. The one held last June was very successful.

Admission to this will be the purchase of a War Bond at the Armory, Friday evening, Dec. 29th, admits one couple or two ladies, or one stag. The Bond remains your property; so this means your admission costs you nothing but an investment in "Helping Win The War". The investment is guaranteed by the United States.

Keep this date in mind when making Xmas or New Year's dates.

War Bonds and Stamps amounting to $2,620.63 were sold during the month of November by the Kent County Schools. The High Schools bought $428.70, while the Elementary Schools share was $2,191.93.

The total amount of War Bonds and Stamps purchased through the schools of Kent County during this school year is $5,797.70.

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The heating plant in the Vernon Apartments, one of the largest in the town, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Moffett, suddenly went out of commission Tuesday, causing the temporary evacuation of the more than half dozen families, all of whom found temporary residence with relatives. It is said that it will require two weeks or probably longer to secure new parts from the manufacturers to replace the damage.

Royal Swan Hotel At Betterton, Sold

The historic Royal Swan Hotel in Betterton has been sold by James L. and Howard B. Owens, the owners, to Mrs. Victoria Whitlock of Baltimore, through the Treherne Associates real esate agency here. Mrs. Whitlock is also the owner of the Oakland Hotel near Tolchster.

The hotel, which is one of the largest in the resort, was purchased some years ago by the Owens brothers from a Philadelphia syndicate headed by Howard Van Sciver, who purchased it from the late L. Harris Crewe. It had been operated for the past several years by Mrs. Howard B. Owens, widow of a former postmaster and business man of the resort, who will retire to her home in the resort.

The purchaser will take possession as soon as the title papers have been completed.

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