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70 INDUCTEES GO FOR EXAM. ON WEDNDSDAY

Seventy inductees in class II-C (Agricultural Deferment) between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five left Chestertown Wednesday for Baltimore to take their Preinduction Physical. They returned home Wednesday evening.

The local draft board has received no instructions on this group to date. The list is as follows:

Order No. Name

148 Maynard Williamson Hague, R. R. 2, Chestertown.
276 John Asbury Groves, R. R. 2 Chestertown.
470 Walter Barrett Harris, Jr., Worton.
806 Harry Alfred Miller, R. R. 2 Chestertown.
807 Charles Elmer Gipe, Worton
1306 Franklin Delbert Jester, Still Pond.
1476 Phillip Thomas Potts, R. R. Chestertown.
1484 James Burdette Simmons, R. R. 2, Chestertown.
S-1226 Claude Gsell, R. R. 1, Chestertown.
S-1236 Jay Fletcher Pratt, Millington.
S-1251 William Henry Godwin, Warwick, Md.
S-1487 John Wesley States, R. R. 1, Chestertown.
S-1589 John Harold Bedwell, Still Pond.
10046 Arthur Morgan Lusby, Jr., Kennedyville.
10201 Samuel Warren Johnston, Jr. Galena.
10231 Clifton Dickinson Townsend, R. R. 3, Chestertown.
10234 Michael Pograbski, Golt.
10236 William Maxwell Taylor, R. R. Chestertown.
10274 Washington Bruce Usilton, Chestertown.
10299 Arthur Leon Brown, Jr., Chestertown.
10334 Frank Edgar Bennett, Kennedyville.
10372 Theodore Clarence Redman, R. R. 2, Chestertown.
10374 Merritt Thomas Bramble Kennedyville.
10426 Walter Lee Walbert, Jr., R. R. 2, Chestertown.
10430 Elwood Brice Starkey, Golt.
10473 Harold Hodge Coleman, Kennedyville.
10500 Arthur Walter Meekins, Worton.
10512 James Herbert Hollett, Millington.
10563 William Wilson Morris, R. R. 2, Chestertown.
10567 Alva Lee Stant, R. R. 5, Chestertown.
10620 Herbert Spry Ford, Jr., Kennedyville.
10633 Eugene Camp, Galena.
10640 Robert Arthur Dixon, Galena.
10644 Thomas Hildren Bowers, R. R., Worton.
10651 Robert Coubly Spray, R. R. Chestertown.
10682 Ralph Plummer, R. R. 3, Chestertown.
10719 Harry Griffith Davis, Golt.
10732 John Edwin Boulter, Jr., R. R. 1, Rock Hall.
10828 James Albert Bedwell, Still Pond.
10829 Carl Otto Bartz, R. R. 1, Chestertown.
10832 George Elwood Maule, Millington.
10833 William James Dempsey, Jr., R. R., Worton.
10836 Clement Acton Davidson, Jr., Millington.
10845 James Henry Potts, R. R. 2, Chestertown.
10852 Stuart Wilson Groves, Kennedyville.
10854 Jack Spencer Copenhaver, Galena.
10855 Herbert William Lusby, Chestertown.
10860 Leonard Frank Bennett, R. R. 3, Chestertown.
10868 George Samuel Williams, Worton.
10871 Charles Kenneth Hill, Rock Hall.
10881 Seaford Leager, Jr., Millington.
10888 Harrison Bernard Connolley, Still Pond.
10903 James John Bailey, Worton.
10904 William Thomas Slagle, R. R. 3, Chestertown.
10909 Boyd Staige Ashley, Rock Hall.
10916 Loran Judefind Miller, Millington.
10919 William Preston Pardee, R. R. 3, Chestertown.
10921 Charles Walter Wiest, Millington.
10931 Noah Perry Gears, Jr., R. R. 2, Worton.
10934 Joseph Bonn Towner, Jr., Chestertown.

Colored

S-1221 Elmer Ward, R. R. 1, Millington.
S-1413 Oswald Nathaniel Wesley, R. R. 1, Rock Hall.
S-1477A Ernest Martin, Worton.
S-1498 William Wesley Commodore, R. R. Chestertown.
S-1503 William Thomas Brown, R. R. 2, Chestertown.
10425 William Muse, Galena.
10459 Lewis Asbury Hazelton, R. R. 2, Chestetown.
10539 Geroge Oliver Scott, Rock Hall.
10669 James Edgar Johnson, R. R. 3, Chestertown.
10872 Albert Mitchell Robinson, Golt.

With The U. S. Armed Forces

Lt. Rollison Baxter, Jr.

Pfc. Harry W. Lewis

Notice was received here this week of the wounding of two Chestertown soldiers, who are brother-in-laws, and which occured approximately the same date in the European War zone. They are Lt. Rollison Baxter, Jr., of an Army infantry division and Pfc. Harry W. Lewis of the engineer corps.

Lt. Baxter's notice came to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rollison Baxter of Mill Street and was in the form of a personal letter to them, written by him. He stated he was in an army hospital receiving treatment for shrapnel wounds.

Notification of Private Lewis' injuries came to his wife, Mrs. Harry W. Lewis, on January 2nd in the form of an official government telegram and stated he had been slightly wounded. No further details were given. Private Lewis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Lewis.

Pfc. Irving D. Braunstein, Kerhonksen, N. Y., ex-'44 Washington College, has been killed in action in Germany, while serving in the Army Medical Corps, according to a message received this week from members of the family.

Captain George L. Ekaitis, formerly football coach at Washington College, who has been serving in an administrative capacity in the Army physical reconditioning unit at Atlantic City, has been transferred to a similar duty at the Convalescent Hospital, Camp Upton, N. Y.

Lt. Francis H. Mead, USCGR, of Chestertown, who returned recently from convalescene in a hospital in England, following wounds received on D-day, has been detailed to Buffalo, N. Y., as Port Security Officer in the office of the Captain of the Port there. He will be joined soon by his wife and infant son, with whom he spent his leave at her home in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Dr. and Mrs. Norman C. Dudley of Church Hill, have been notified that their son, Capt. Norman C. Dudley, Jr., navigator with the American Air Forces, is missing in action against the enemy somewhere overseas. The message received by Dr. and Mrs. Dudley from the War Department gave no details of the casualty. Captain Dudley is a graduate of Washington College in the class of 1940.

Lieut. Raymond Moffett of the Quartermaster Corps of the U. S. Army, who had been on active duty in the Solomons for sometime, accompanied by his wife, arrived here yesterday to spend a furlough with his father, Robert Moffett. Following his furlough the lieutenant will report to Washington for further assignment. Lieutenant Moffett formerly served as director of the Washington College Glee Clubs for a number of years, and was an official announcer at one of the radio stations in Baltimore prior to entering the service.

For his rescue of an unconscious man who had fallen off the Betterton (Md.) Yacht Club pier on Aug. 12, Raymond Franklin Sutton, Jr., specialist first class, USNR, of 103 Queen Street, Chestertown, Md., has received a Navy letter of commendation.

Sutton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Sutton, Sr., of the Chestertown address and entered the Navy in Baltimore on Oct. 31, 1942.

The letter from Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel reads as follows:

"The Chief of Naval Personnel takes pleasure in commending you for your outstanding service in rescuing a man from death by drowning off the end the Betterton, Maryland, Yacht Club pier on August 12, 1944.

"A report of the near tragedy reveals that the man fell from the end of the dock into twelve feet of water, striking his head on a small motor launch as he did so and thus rendering himself unconscious. Hearing the cries of witnesses to the accident, you rushed to the scene and, after discarding your blouse, plunged into the darkened water, diving beneath the surface to recover the inert form of the victim and then, in spite of the strong tide, swimming with him to the motor launch where other people helped you both aboard.

"Your prompt vigorous action and courageous disregard for your personal safety in this emergency was in keeping with the best traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Old Kent Chapter D. A. R.

Last Saturday, January 13th, the Old Kent Chapter of the D.A.R. had a delightful afternoon at the home of Mrs. Stanley Sutton. In the absence of Dr. Esther M. Dole, Miss Mildred Hoyle presided. The program was on American music, Miss Hoyle told the history of early American Christmas carols composed from 1840 to 1870, which we are now singing every Christmas. Most of the carols we know are of French, English and German origin. The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. McVean. The State of Maryland D. A. R. is said to be the first organization to give up, for patriotic reasons, holding its annual conventions this year.

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The Women's Auxiliary of the Volunteer Fire Company will meet at the Fire Hall on Cross St., Thursday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 P. M. This will be for the election of officers.

Washington College Presents Play

The Dramatic Club of Washington College which has been inactive for a year, has been reorganized with Ellen Boico serving as president. Mr. Boison has kindly consented to be the club's advisor and has proved very valuable.

Ellen Boico has lost no time in setting the club into motion, all ready a play, "Crazy House", by Pete Williams, has been chosen as the first production. The cast has been chosen and work is well under way. Miss Boico has set Jan. 25 as the night of production and has expressed the desire to see Chestertown well represented in the audience.

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Historical Society To Hear Speaker

The Historical Society of Kent County, Inc., will hold their January meeting at the Chestertown High School on Thursday, January 25 at 7:30 P. M. Through the courtesy of the Soil Conservation Service, U.S.D.A., an outstanding speaker has been promised. Frank C. Edminster, Chief Regional Biology Division, will talk on the History of Wildlife in the Eastern United States. The lecture will be illustrated with Kodachrome slides. The public is cordially invited and all members are asked to bring guests.

THREE RALLIES FOR POLIO CAMPAIGN

Note: Make your constribution for Infantile Paralysis to Henry Gill, Chairman for Kent County. If you send it in direct to headquarters Kent receives no credit or gets any share.

Many features will be given this month for the benefit of the Infantile Paralysis Campaign. On Wednesday, January 24, there will be a card party to be given at the new American Legion Memorial Home, at 8 o'clock. (See ad for particulars in this issue.) In the same week, Friday, Jan. 26, a Bingo Party starting at 8 P. M. will be held at the D. of A. Hall (Old Fire House) (see ad). This will be followed by a dance, of the next week, at the Armory to be held on the night of the President's Birthday, Jan. 31.

Attend all of these functions, if possible, and help put this campaign over the top.

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FIREMEN TO HOLD BANQUET FEBRUARY 6TH

The annual banquet of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company will be held on Tuesday, February 6th at 7:30 P. M. in the Firemen's Hall on Cross Street.

Tickets, which will be limited to 250 can be purchased after January 19th at the store of Mr. A. L. Sparks on High Street and will cost $1.50.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fire Company, who will serve the banquet, asks everyone who expects to attend, to purchase their tickets early as they must know several days beforehand how many plates to prepare. Everyone is asked to cooperate as food is very difficult to obtain under the present rationing system.

The banquet is given in honor of the active men, who fight the fires, and their dinners are paid for by the other subscribers. The men receive no pay or compensation for this work and this is the public's token of appreciation for their splendid work.

Arranging the program are: Chaplain, C. L. Atwater; President; R. Clarke Davis; Chief, Herman Blackway; Willis Welles, Harvey Blyman, A. L. Sparks, Theodore Wood, B. Fox, Julian Coleman, Ollie Herzberg, Richard George and Henry Green.

Speakers and other details of the evening's program will be announced next week.

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LIONS, ROTARY HEAR DR. PULLEN ON EDUCATION

Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, State Superintendent of Schools spoke to a joint meeting of the Lions Club and Rotary Club at the Fire House in Chestertown last Monday evening. Guests were the School Board and County Commissioners.

Dr. Pullen in the course of his talk complimented Kent County on the strong position of its finances, but intimated that the school buildings of the County were far from adequate.

Most of Dr. Pullen's talk was an endorsement of Gov. O'Conor's new educational program, which was published in the TRANSCRIPT a few weeks ago and included a twelve year school course which all the States in the U. S. have except three, including Maryland.

Another point he brought out strongly was the safety of education against the "isms" by educating the citizens, and pointed out that counties where most of the people were properly educated it was hard for them to take root.

He also gave a very interesting account of the progress in education in Maryland since 1900 and deplored the present salary scale of teachers to attract competent people.

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Walter L. Elburn, Jr., an employee of the Truslow Poultry Farm received painful injury to his eyes on Monday while mixing chemicals used in making a chicken disease preventative produced in the Toxite Labortories there.

Mr. Elburn accidentally dropped a handful of the mixture into a drum containing an acid which splashed into his eyes. He was rushed to Chestertown and treated by Dr. Frank B. Hines, who said he did not think his sight would be impaired.

COMMISSIONERS SET COUNTY TAX RATE AT $1.00 FOR 1945

SCOUTMASTERS HELD DINNER LAST THURSDAY

The annual district meeting and "Thank You" dinner for scoutmasters was held at the Chestertown Restaurant on Thursday evening, January 11, with representatives present from the Easton District office and from the various troops of the county. Reports on Advancement and Training, Organization and Extension, and Camping and Activities were made by W. J. Stenger, C. Lee Gill and Willis Wells. Brief talks in appreciation of the services of the Scoutmasters were made by Dr. F. G. Livingood, District Chairman, by C. Lee Gill, District Commissioner and by Oscar Smeal, Field Executive from Easton. Following a report of the nominating committee the following officers were elected for 1945: Dr. F. G. Livingood, Chestertown, District Chairman; Edward Vansant, Millington, Vice-Chairman; and C. Lee Gill, Chestertown, District Commissioner.

Kent County now has twelve scout troops and two cub packs with a total of 190 scouts, 32 cubs, 67 scouters and 8 cubbers. The report on Advancement showed that 34 scouts advanced in rank during the year, ranks to the three scouts who reached the coveted Eagle rank. Kent County scouts earned a total of 61 merit badges. Sixteen scouters completed the Fundamental Course in Scouting while seventeen scouters completed advanced courses. In Camping and Activities 70 scouts and 15 scouters participated in the spring Camporee at Washington College athletic field while a total of 25 scouts enrolled at Camp Rodney for a total of 49 scout weeks of camping. Two of the Kent County scouts, Fred G. Livingood, Jr., and Lewin Wheat, served on the staff of Camp Rodney.

Oscar Smeal, Field Executive, presented each of the scoutmasters with a Scoutmaster's Troop Program Note-Book and Red Star Accomplishment Plans, while every individual present received a copy of the 1945 Activities Calendar for the Del-Mar-Va Council. The various types of handbooks for scouting and cubbing were exhibited and explanations were made as to the use of these books in the development of an effective scouting and cubbing program.

Plans have been made for Scout Week in February with the dinner scheduled to be held in the First Methodist Church on Thursday evening, February 8th. A feature of the dinner will be the Court of Honor under the direction of W. J. Stenger, Advancement Chairman for Kent County. During the week of February 12th the District officers will meet to plan for further development of scouting and cubbing for 1945.

The annual drive for funds to support Boy Scout work will be made during the annual Scout Week under the direction of W. Belt Townshend, Finance Chairman for Kent County with Conlyn E. Noland in charge of solicitation for Chestertown and vicinity.

Objectives for the coming year for Kent County scouting includes raising all scout troops to one hundred percent effective operation, the stimulation of the advance program for all scouts and the organization of a cub den in each scout center in Kent County.

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Tax Experts To Be Here In February

Deputy collectors of internal revenue have been assigned to be in Chestertown on the following dates, February 15, 16, 17, 19 and 20th to assist taxpayers in filing income tax returns for 1944 and estimated returns for 1945.

Their headquarters will be the First National Bank and there is no charge for their aid.

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Two residents of the county sustained serious accidents recently for which they have been hospitalized at the Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital. Miss Amanda Porter of Rock Hall, is under treatment at the hospital for a fractured hip sustained in a fall on the ice at her home there. Clayton Mitchell, while playing on a seesaw on the Galena School grounds last week, sustained a fracture of his leg, which was set at the hospital here. He is the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mitchell of Kentmore Park.

Betterton W.S.C.S. Elects Officers

The Womens Society of Christian Service of the Betterton Methodist Church elected the following officers for the year 1945:

President, Mrs. Floyd Smith; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Ray King; Secretary, Mrs. Harold Jones; Treasurer, Mrs. Walter Crew.

Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Harry Brice; Sec. of Missions, Mrs. Archie Crew; Sec. of Mercy and Help, Mrs. Arthur Newsome; Sec. of Literature and Publications, Mrs. Harry Owens; Sec. of Local Church, Miss Elizabeth Brice; Sec. of Soldiers and Sailors, Mrs. Harvey Moore.

The business and financial meeting of the society was held at the home of Mrs. Harvey Moore last Thursday evening. It was voted to have a turkey supper in January, the proceeds to be used as a nucleus for a fund to purchase a new pipe organ for the church after the war. It was also voted to pay $100.00 to the "Crusade for Christ" Fund.

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15 CLUBS MET IN ROCK HALL LAST EVENING

Members of fifteen different organizations of the Chestertown and Rock Hall Communities conducted a full evening of games at a "Play Party" Thursday evening, January 18, at the Junior Hall, Rock Hall.

Since the last of November fifty-three persons representing fifteen organizations have been attending 4-H Recreation Leaders Schools conducted by Ass't. County Agent, Stanley B. Sutton. The schools were held at Chestertown and Rock Hall. The "Play Party" at Rock Hall will conclude the course as enrollees of both groups and the organizations they represent meet in a full evening of play. Games used will include folk games and dances using circle, reel and square formations with numerous "quiet" games mixed in. A 4-H orchestra composed of George and Phil Trimble, Howard Moore and Jack Davidson will be supplemented by some of the "old timers" as they render such tunes as Red River Valley, Bow Belinda, Turkey in the Straw, etc.

4-H leaders have long been desirous of helping all groups learn and enjoy some of the old folk games. This series of schools is an attempt to train leaders who might work with their respective groups in recreation programs.

Organizations participating in the schools were as follows: Chestertown Boy Scout Troop No. 170; Boy Scout Troop No. 130; Methodist Youth Fellowship, 4-H Clover Calf Club, Quaker Neck Girls 4-H Club, Fairlee Boys and Girls 4-H Clubs, Chestertown P. T. A., Lynch Minute Men, St. James Church and St. James Boys 4-H club, Christ Church School.

Individuals attending the Chestertown school were—Lewin Wheat, Theodore Redman, Gene Redman, Walter Gorsuch, Martha Lumpkin, Sara Wilkerson, Barbara J. Strausburg, Mrs. Norma McAllister, Mrs. Eleanor Sharretts, Douglas Brown, Jimmy Hicks, Tommy Lusby, Marjorie Wiltbank, Rev. Melvin Kay, Jimmy Kay, Joyce Dill, Margaret Hatcherson, Irvin Sutton, Bobby Hatcherson, Fred. Livingood, Harvey Smith, Peggy Benton, Mary Lou Burris, Charlotte Stant, Mrs. E. S. Hollinger and Joe Wiltbank.

At Rock Hall—Orpha Jacobs, Mrs. Mildred Whaland, Robert Townsend, Preston Jacquette, Doris Retzker, Mrs. Frances Jones, Earle Brady, Phyllis Newnam, Edward Carroll, Rogers Urie, Mrs. Lillian D. Retzker, Betty Ann Thomas, Anna Ruth Wagner, Mrs. Vera Newnam, Dorothy Jones, Charlotte Hersch, Herman Jacob, Jimmy Davis, June Mench and Norman Whaland; represent the following organizations: Rock Hall Boys 4-H Club, Rock Hall Girls 4-H Club, Rock Hall Methodist Youth Fellowship, Rock Hall Young Adult Fellowship, Rock Hall Boy Scouts, Rock Hall Homemakers and Wesley Youth Fellowship.

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Mr. John Sweetman has been made assistant manager of the Supplee Wills Jones, milk receiving station at Worton. Mr. Sweetman assumed his duties there last Monday. He has been associated in the milk business for a number of years.

$25,000 PAID ON BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

The Kent County Commissioners on Tuesday of this week struck the tax rate for Kent County for 1945 at $1.00 which represents a reduction of one cent over the tax rate of 1944 which was $1.01. On page 3 of this issue is a complete advertisement of this levy which shows amounts levied in for 1944 and amounts spent and also the amount levied for the different items for 1945, including the estimated income for the county for 1945.

Note of correction in the advertisement on page 3. The Trial Magistrate salary is reported the other line should read (Trial Magistrates substitutes salary levied $500.00 and spent $500.00.)

Noted among expenses that exceeded the levy for 1944 was education $10,968.62; elections $5,591.87; Jap Beetle Control $300.00; Miscellaneous items $7,897.44 and most of the Welfare levies.

The Kent County Commissioners have put Kent County on cash basis and the tax rate has gradually been coming down. Kent is gradually becoming stronger financially. Years back the policy was to have a low tax rate election year and soak it on the following years. That trend has now been stopped, with the commissioners setting the tax rate as they estimated the expenses for that year. This may not be a good political move but it is certainly a better business system and as an editorial note we commend the commissioners for this policy they are following.

On the present assessable basis about every $1,750.00 additional income or saving reduces the tax rate one cent.

Kent County reduced its bonded indebtedness during 1944 by $25,000 making the total bonded indebtedness as of Dec. 31, 1944, $95,000.00. Since Jan. 1st, 1945 they have paid off $10,000.00 more which leaves a present balance of $85,000.00. This represents the Road Bonds.

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BUSINESS MEN COMMITTEES FOR 1945

J. Milford Todd newly elected president of the Chestertown Business Men's Association appointed the following committees for the year of 1945.

Publicity Committee — Norman E. Peterson, Chairman, William S. Collins, Fred G. Usilton, James B. Kirby.

Trade Abuse — J. B. Whitworth, Chairman, Goldie M. Jones, C. C. Jones.

Industrial Committee — Owen C. Smith, Chairman, Harry Nicholson, Earl Cooper.

Legislative Committee—Earl Hollinger, Chairman, Philip G. Wilmer, Marvin Williams.

Membership Committee—Robert G. Nicholson, Chairman, George E. Gorch, Jack Kieffer.

Executive Committee — Milford Todd, Chairman, Jack Kieffer, Norman Peterson, J. B. Whitworth, Owen C. Smith, Earl Hollinger, R. G. Nicholson.

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Fire At Hospital Monday Evening

Fire Monday evening at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital burned a wall in the minor operating room.

The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company was called and quickly had things under control. Damage was estimated at less than $500.

The hospital staff thanks those who helped. There was no excitement among the patients, everything being kept under control.

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Legion Home To Hold Official Opening

Official opening of the new American Legion Home will be held on Friday evening, Feb. 7th. Plans call for an oyster scald and all that goes with it. The program also provides for special entertainment. All service and ex-service men and women are invited to attend.

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