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'BROWNOUT' WILL AFFECT ALL OF KENT COUNTY

The recent WPB order on the reduction of outdoor lighting will affect Kent County. (See adv. page 5). Following is a summary of the order.

Display windows will black out and outdoor signs will be extinguished on the Eastern Shore February 1 in compliance with a "brownout" order of the War Production Board.

The "brownout" is not a defense measure and, unlike the Army-ordered dimout of two years ago, does not affect inteiror or home illumination although the WPB has requested maximum conservation in other uses of electricity. Official instructions, received by Eastern Shore Public Service Co. of Md., declare that the brownout is being put into effect for the conservation of coal used in the manufacture of electricity.

Under the WPB order use of electricity is prohibited for the following seven classes of illumination:

Outdoor advertising and outdoor promotional lighting.

Outdoor display lighting except where necessary for the conduct of the business of outdoor establishments.

Outdoor decorative and outdoor ornamental lighting.

Show window lighting except where necessary for interior illumination.

Marquee lighting in excess of 60 watts for each marquee.

White way street lighting in excess of the amount determined by local public authority to be necessary for public safety.

Outdoor sign lighting (except for directional or identification) signs for public service or safety, and signs using not more than 60 watts for doctors and for hotels and other public lodging establishments.

As a penalty for non-compliance the order provides that the WPB may direct the discontinuance of electric service to any consumer who wilfully violates the order.

In enforcement the utility firms are required to notify a consumer violating the provisions of the order. The notification is by registered letter, on a form prepared by the War Production Board, and informs the consumer that the violation has been reported to WPB. It asks the consumer to end the violation and inform the War Production Board by telegram or letter that the order will be complied with.

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Kent Living Conditions Highest In Nation

According to studies by the Fifth Federal Reserve District the rural-farm level of living in Kent County, Maryland, is the highest of any rural county in the entire district, which comprises all counties in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina.

The report bases its rating of the level of living of a community on the cultural environment of its people, their average income, their educational attainments, and forms of recreation. Kent County's attainments in these activities was 122 per cent.

The factors governing the attainments rating are: Percentage of occupied dwelling units with fewer than 1.51 persons per room, percentage of dwellings with radios, percentage of farms with gross income of more than $600, percentage of farms reporting automobiles of 1936 or later models, and medium grade of school completed by persons 25 years of age or older. Kent also ranks among the top in the entire nation.

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Galena Cleric Awaits Degree in Divinity

The Rev. Leon Dage, pastor of Olivett Methodist Church, Galena, recently completed his course of study at Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, N. J., and will receive the degree of bachelor of divinity at the June commencement exercises to be held at the seminary. The Rev. Dage, who is one of the youngest members of the Peninsula Methodist Conference, has acceptably served the local church and also the other appointments at Chesterville and Locust Grove, for two years.

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The board of directors of the Chestertown Bank of Md. on Wednesday elected John Jewell of the farm implement and grain buying firm of Jewell Brothers in Lynch an additional member of the board. The new director is a son of the late Harry S. Jewell, a director of the Peoples Bank of Chestertown prior to his death recently.

Injured In Belgium

Pfc. Thomas H. Robinson

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Robinson, of Chestertown, received a telegram on Wednesday morning which stated their son, Pfc. Thomas H. Robinson "has been slightly injured in action, Jan. 15 in Belgium. Mail address follows direct from hospital with details".

Private Robinson prior to entering the Armed Forces was employed with the C & P Telephone Co., in Chestertown.

Howard Coleman, Jr., seaman second class, U. S. N., who had been in Florida for some time, has received his medical discharge and has returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coleman, in Rock Hall.

Mrs. Warren C. Jacob, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Mercer of Rock Hall, has received a letter from her husband, Sergeant Jacob, informing her that he has suffered a leg wound, and is now recovering. He has been on oceanseas duty for some time.

Lt. Terrence M. Burrows, Jr., of Baltimore, a member of the Washington College Class of 1945, who went from his college classroom direct to service a year and a half ago, is reported missing in air action over Germany on December 24, while serving as co-pilot of a B-17 bomber.

Cpl. Parker W. Stone of Denton, a graduate of Washington College in the Class of 1939, is officially reported as missing in action in Belgium since December 17. He is the only child of Mrs. Elizabeth Stone, attendance officer of the Caroline County schools.

Mrs. Annie M. Carter of Chestertown recently received a letter from her son, Private Irvin Carter, U. S. A., who is in the Dutch West Indies. He wrote that while standing in chow line recently he met Medcalf Jacquette, another Rock Hall soldier After chow they went to a movie and discussed old times, the note

Randolph Field, Tex. — Captain Allan S. Harte, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan S. Harte, 107 S. Front St., Chestertown, Maryland, has arrived at Randolph Field to take an intensive course in AAF Training Command's Central Instructors School.

Now slated to pass on his battle-won skill to aviation cadets, Captain Harte is one of scores of pilots returned from overseas to take the four-week instructors course.

Overseas, Captain Harte flew 70 missions in the European theatre of operations. He wears the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He has been credited with a victory over one ME109.

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The Woman's Auxiliary of Emmanuel P. E. Church is sponsoring an International Tea at the Rectory on Feb. 10th, 3-5 P. M. Silver offering at the door. Everyone cordially invited.

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Former Deputy Receives Injury

Walter E. Kulley, Jr., former Deputy Sheriff of Kent County and now a member of the Maryland State Police had the misfortune this week to crack an ankle against a radiator in the gymnasium at Police Headquarters in Pikesville where he is stationed.

He received medical attention at the Armory there, where it was found necessary to enclose his ankle in a cast.

The accident occurred while Mr. Kulley was taking physical exercises, which is a part of the State Trooper's physical fitness program

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RE-ELECTED

Dover, Del.—In the contest of January 15th election, Mayor J. Wallace Woodford was re-elected for his 21st consecutive term in that office. Mayor Woodford was unopposed and received a total of 378 of the votes cast.

DANCE HELD FOR POLIO CAMPAIGN

According to Mr. Henry Gill, chairman for Kent County, he expects the drive for the Infantile Paralysis Campaign now on in the County to net over $1,000.00. The county has been asked to double what they raised last year which was about $500.00.

A card party was held at the new American Legion Home on Wednesday, January 24, under the direction of Mrs. Perry Metcalfe and a Bingo Party was held last Friday evening at the D. A. R. Hall by that organization for the benefit of the Drive.

Wednesday evening a dance in the Armory with music furnished by Lew Startt, raised a considerable amount toward the cause. Mr. Holden Kauffman was in charge of the dance.

According to a telegram to Henry Gill from the State chairman, Senator Radcliff, the drive will continue until Feb. 15th. Senator Radcliff has been unable to visit the County during the drive. His telegram is as follows:

"Henry Gill—Kent County Campaign Director, 205 Washington St., Chestertown — Important Congressional affairs are keeping me in Washington. Today I expected to visit you. I am anxious of doubling our 1944 collections. we are continuing the campaign until February 15th. Best wishes and thanks for the splendid work you are doing. George L. Radcliffe, State Chairman.

Note: Make your contribution for Infantile Paralysis to Henry Gill, Chairman for Kent County. If you send it in direct to headquarters Kent receives no credit nor gets any share.

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Man Injured By Gasoline Torch Blast

Mr. Charles Coleman, an employee of the Chestertown Post Office, who works at plumbing and electrical work during his spare time, was seriously burned last Friday afternoon at the King Pin Bowling Alleys while attempting to thaw frozen water pipes with a gasoline torch.

The accident occurred when Mr. Coleman extinguished one of two torches he was using and started to light the other. Both torches blazed up setting his clothes on fire, seriously burning both hands and his right side.

Fortunately, Mr. James Hadaway, owner of the establishment was nearby and ran to Mr. Coleman's aid helping him to put out the fire which otherwise might have been quite extensive.

Mr. Hadaway carried the injured man to the local hospital where he was treated by Dr. A. C. Dick, but he was later able to return to his home on High Street.

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Firemen Average Nearly Fire A Day

Continuing what may be an all-time record of an average of a fire a day, since January 1st, the Chestertown Volunteer Firemen received three calls Wednesday. The first was at the home of Mr. Medford Keyser on Cannon Street, where considerable damage was done to the kitchen. Later an automobile was extinguished in front of Minner's Esso Station on Maple Avenue.

Wednesday evening they were called to the George Baldwin Poultry Farm in Morgnec but reported no damage. Last week the local company received 7 calls in less than 24 hours.

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Mrs. Dovie Dill has been notified by the War Department that her youngest son, Private Hal Lane Dill, serving with the United States Army was killed in action against the enemy in France on Jan. 7. No details were given. The young soldier had been in the Army for 12 months. Mrs. Dill has three other sons in military service, William, with the Army in Belgium; Mark, with the Army in France, and John, with the Navy at Portsmouth, Va.

Mrs. Dill is a sister of Mrs. W. J. Stenger.

Word has also been received from the War Department by Mrs. Gordon Eckenrode of Rock Hall that her husband has been killed in action.

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The Choir of Christ Church will begin work this week on its annual Easter Cantata. "The Story of Easter, According to St. Matthew", by Ellen Jane Lorenz, promises to be something unusual in the way of cantatas and will be presented on Easter Sunday evening.

Chesapeake Airlines May Start May 1

Carl Eck, well-known in Kent County being the instructor at the Rock Hall Air Field before the war, and now representing the Chesapeake Airlines expects to start operation of a passenger and freight service about May 1st, if the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington approves.

The Chesapeake Airlines would run from Logan Field in Baltimore to Rock Hall, Chestertown, Rehoboth Beach, Dover, Atlantic City and Cape May, the Otto Aviation Corporation of Newark, N. J., which seeks to furnish service to New Jersey coast cities, Annapolis, and Easton and lower Shore points. Rock Hall is already operating an airfield under a local company.

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FINANCE DRIVE FOR BOY SCOUTS STARTS FEB. 5

The annual finance drive for funds for the support of Boy Scout work in Kent County under the Delmarva Council opens on Monday, February 5 under the direction of W. Belt Townshend, Finance Chairman for Kent County. Heading the drive in the various communities will be Conlyn Noland, Chestertown; Leroy Boyer, Rock Hall; Bruce Dukes, Kennedyville; C. M. Melvin, Jr., Millington; Frederic Berg, Galena; Chapman Willis, Fairlee and Charles Kingsley, Quaker Neck. Drive for funds among the colored people will be headed by Elmer T. Hawkins, Chestertown, and Fletcher Roberts, Coleman's Corner.

This year, as for the past several years, Kent County District leads all districts in the Delmarva Council in the percentage of boys of twelve years of age reached by scouting. The index of 9.6 places Kent District among the leaders in the country as a whole. In trained scoutmasters Kent District stands second among the districts of the Delmarva Council.

The Boy Scouts of Kent District, under the direction of Commissioner C. Lee Gill have always held top rank in scouting. Although scoutmasters have been called to the armed services, every troop in the district has been able to carry on. Cub packs under the direction of Cubmaster George E. Gorsuch have likewise operated effectively during the year. The District Council aims to develop all troops this year to a higher standard of efficiency, stimulate advancement in the various troops and to organize a cub pack in every community which now has a scout troop.

The annual banquet for scouts and their parents will be held in the First Methodist Church on Thursday evening, February 8. Superintendent Franklin D. Day, Queen Anne's County public schools, will be the principal speaker. Other speakers will include Frank Evans, Council President and Frederic Wellington, Scout Executive, Wilmington. Following the dinner a Court of Honor under the direction of W. J. Stenger, Advancement Chairman for the Kent District, will make awards to scouts and cubs.

With the week of February 5 to 12 dedicated to Scouting, friends of scouting will want to assist this movement by their contributions. Help Kent District Scouting to go over the top in this finance drive.

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Former Kent Pastor Stricken In Pulpit

Recently while Rev. Harvey B. Flater was occupying the pulpit of Calvary Methodist Church, at Easton, he was suddenly stricken with an attack of appendicitis and forced to cut his sermon and hasten to the hospital.

During the Sunday School session he was stricken and a physician called in. He was taken to the Easton Memorial hospital, where medical attention was given. He then returned to his church for the preaching service, and then before he ended his sermon he was again stricken and his congregation noticed he leaned on the pulpit for support, apparently suffering from pain.

After the service was abruptly ended the minister went to the hospital, where his appendix was frozen. He returned to his home a day or two later, obtaining relief for the time being at least.

Mr. Flater was the pastor of the Still Pond and Betterton Methodist Churches prior to his charge in Easton which took place about a year ago and is well-known in Kent County.

300 DAIRYMEN ATTEND DINNER WEDNESDAY EVE

Over three hundred Kent Dairy Farmers were guests at a banquet given by the Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative at the Fire House in Chestertown on Wednesday evening.

The meeting was arranged by Clayton Reynolds, district manager for Interstate.

High points of the meeting were that 1944 was the most successful year in history for the Dairy Farmers. That the country needs all the milk that can possibly be produced. A six weeks surplus will come in the Spring but it will be short lived. It was brought out that nationally we do not have an agricultural government and the milk subsidy plan was written by the labor organization and not by the farmers. Farmers would rather see a two cent increase in the price of milk instead of the subsidy.

Three things the farmers were urged to do. 1. To produce more efficiently. 2. Use the farm to grow feed for the cattle instead of selling and buying feeds. 3. Pay all debts, avoid expansion and use what free money left to fix buildings now no matter what the cost as the worth of money after the war is doubtful.

The two main speakers that gave the above advice were O. H. Hoffman, Jr., General manager of Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative and John Brandt, President of National Milk Producers Federation.

Former Senator Arthur Brice was toast-master for the meeting. Mr. Bergen Brown gave a solo. Olin Davis, Jr., who won the trip to the 4-H Congress gave a very interesting talk on his trip and made quite an impression on the audience.

Other speakers were Senator Marvel of Talbot County, Mr. Jamison, Stanley Sutton and Clayton Reynolds.

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Cold Temperatures Greatly Affect Kent

The Chester River is covered with ice which is rapidly increasing in thickness with the recent low temperatures of the past week. From its headquarters at Millington to Love Point the River is practically frozen over, while the upper Chesapeake Bay is in the midst of an ice blockade. Local ice skaters, who until recently confined their sport to the lake at the Chester River Yacht and County Club, this week have been venturing on the River, with Carvell's wharf on Water Street as their gathering spot.

Temperatures ranging from 8 to the low thirties have been recorded heer this week.

Oystering and fishing are at a standstill, almost completely depleting local markets of either commodity. Another Kent industry, the trapping of muskrats has also been seriously handicapped, both in the way of hides and the meats.

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Kent Welfare Board Completes Allocations

Only two items are unchanged in the allotments set up in the budget of the Board of County Commissioners for welfare in the 1945 levy. The allocations for the Kent County Board of Welfare are:

Old age assistance, $5,132.32; dependent children, $1,840.52; needy blind, $1,026.21; general public relief, $3,023.62; pensions, $50; and Kent County Branch of the Maryland Children's Aid Society, $600. All allotments, except those for pensions and children's aid, show substantial increases over the allotments of 1944.

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Legion Home To Open Next Wednesday

The recently purchased American Legion Memorial Home on Maple Avenue will officially be opened next Wednesday afternoon, according to Norman E. Peterson, commander of the Frank M. Jarman Post.

That night, starting at 8 P. M. the Legionaires will hold a salt water Oyster Feast, to which all members are invited.

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THE MARYLAND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION'S SLOGAN FOR THE WEEK IS:

"LONG CHANCES SHORTEN LIVES". DRIVE CAREFULLY!

To Address Firemen

Judge Owen D. Knotts

This coming Tuesday, Feb. 6th at 7:30 P. M., the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company will hold its 20th Annual Bauquet in the Fire House. The Chief speaker will be the Hon. J. Owen Knotts, of Denton, who spoke to the Fire Co. at the Annual Banquet in 1936. The Toastmaster will be Dr. Atwater, and the following speakers have been secured: Mr. Ernest Leverage, who will speak on the subject of "The Associate Members"; Mr. Wm. G. Smyth, who will have as his subject "The Active Men"; and The Rev. Walter C. Eastburn, of Church Hill, who will speak on the subject, "The Women's Auxiliary". The Rev. Mr. Reynolds will give the Invocation, Dr. W. P. Roberts the Benediction, and the Music will be under the direction of Mr. Julian Coleman.

The ladies of the Women's Auxiliary are donating the tickets for the Active Firemen, thereby cutting their profit on the Banquet to a very small margin. But by their action they are making this affair what it should be, a mark of honor to those who do the actual fire fighting. They state that no extra price has been added, but that the increase has been made obligatory by the great rise in prices of food supplies. They were asked recently to serve a large banquet at $1.50, but were not able to do so. It is hoped that the people of Chestertown and Community will secure their tickest at once. The number must be limited to250 at this time, and no more tickets will be on sale after Monday evening. They can be secured from Mr. A. L. Sparks, at his store on High St.

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DEATHS

MRS. WALTER B. HARRIS

Mrs. Walter Barrett Harris passed away at John Hopkins Hospital on Tuesday morning. She was a lover of nature and created an atmosphere of love for the beauty around her.

Her loyalty, courage, efficiency and hospitality will remain an inspiration to those near and dear to her and many others.

She was deeply interested in the welfare of the soldiers at Camp Howell who benefited by her hospitality and kindness.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a son Walter B. Harris, Jr., two sisters, Mrs. Wm. Medders and Mrs. T. J. Davis, Brooklyn, N. Y. Services were held Thursday at 2 P. M. at Mrs. Wm. Medders.

Dr. Oris G. Robinson of Washington, D. C., officiated. The bearers were Howard G. Rasin, Albert Jervis, Spencer Boulder, Walter Davis, Norman Cooper and Arthur Harris.

MARGARET FRISBY AYERS

Mrs. Margaret Frisby Ayers, aged 85, widow of the late Lewis C. Ayers, died Friday, Jan. 26 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Groves on Fairlee Farm.

She is survived by one daughter Mrs. Albert Groves and one son, Robert R. Ayers of Baltimore in addition to several grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 P. M. at St. Paul's P. E. Church with Rev. Wm. Wyllie officiating.

The bearers were: John Vickers, Page Gale, Wm. Lewis, Harry Wagner, Wm. Stokes, Geo. Berger. Interment was in St. Paul's cemetery. Usilton and Wells in charge of funeral arrangements.

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Long supply lines of the Pacific emphasize the fact that one plane can carry in V-Mail form the equivalent of 49 planeloads of air-mail.

Service men overseas are using V-Mail more than their civilian correspondents. During November, for example, Navy V-Mail coming from overseas stations actually numbered twice the outgoing V-Mail letters. The men in combat zones have neither the time nor inclination to write long letters.

42 SELECTEES EXAMINED ON MONDAY

Forty-two Kent County selectees left here Monday morning for their Preinduction Physical Examinations at the Fifth Regiment Armory. All those reporting were II-C class registrants or deferred agriculture workers.

This brings to a total of 112 such registrants who have been sent for examination since the first of January and all are between the ages of 18 to 25.

As yet it is not known when these men, if they pass their physicals will report for duty in the armed forces.

All whitet, they were:

Mahlon Green Little, Galena.
James Freeman Hurtt, Jr., Galena.
Charles Harry Silcox, Chestertown.
George Henry Lockwood, Golt.
Ivan Wilmer Meeks, Worton.
Howard Lee Walbert, Betterton.
George Solomon Hollett, Millington.
William Taylor Joiner, Worton.
Marion George Coleman, Kennedyville.
Gerald Donovan Bigelow, Chestertown.
Frank Lester Newnam, Massey.
Charles Davidson Startt, Chestertown.
Bernard Travers Hepbron, Rock Hall.
Emory Miller Bonwill, Jr., Chestertown, R. R. 1.
John Richard Dierker, Jr., Chestertown, R. R. 2.
James Harry Bramble, Still Pond.
Edgar Harrison Carver, Rock Hall, R. R. 2.
Wilson Alday Durham, Millington.
Noble Alexander, Millington.
James Lusby Sutton, Kennedyville
Eben Lytell Waterfield, Rock Hall, R. R. 2.
Robert Zelefro Spry, Galena.
Howard Samuel Redman, Chestertown, R. R. 2.
Robert Thomas Crow, Kennedyville.
Andrew Elwood Bedwell, Still Pond.
John Ervin Cole, Chestertown.
James Richard Quinn, Worton.
James Clifton Hanifee, Kennedyville.
Eugene Cecil, Millington.
Howard Franklin Townsend, Chestertown, R. R. 2.
Franklin Oliver Boulter, Rock Hall.
Noble Walton Middleton, Chestertown, R. R. 2.
James Walbert Willis, Kennedyville.
Harry Roy Buckingham, Millington.
Samuel Davis Hendrickson, Still Pond.
Edward March Meekins, Worton.
Robert Moore Willis, Kennedyville.
Charles Harrison Parson, Chestertown.
David McGinnis, Millington.
John Lowery Freeman, Galena.
Homer Raymond Moon, Chestertown, R. R. 2.
James Thomas Rowsey, Chestertown.

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Sheriff Jails Trusty For Robberies

Roland Cann, 17-year-old negro jail trusty was confined to his cell this week by Sheriff Henry Gsell, after confessing to a series of robberies of the Chestertown Tire Shop, adjacent to the Kent County Jail.

The robberies, three in all, occurred on two consecutive Sunday afternoons, between the hours of 2 and 4 P. M. Sheriff Gsell after careful consideration of the time, became suspicious of Cann and confronted him with the crimes. Cann, serving 4 months for larcency, immediately confessed to the crimes and was put into a cell where he will now remain.

The Tire Shop is owned and operated by John T. Vickers an ex-sheriff. Very little cash was taken from the place, although Cann did considerable damage to a safe. while attempting to open it.

Prior to this time the young negro had been a model prisoner and served as a trusty in doing odd jobs around the jail.

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Kennedyville Farm Property Is Sold

Negotiations were completed Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds for the sale of their 190 acre Archibald farm, near Kennedyville to Mr. and Mrs. William Crow, of near there.

Mr. Reynolds and family will move to their country home near Rolph's Wharf on Chester River in Queen Anne's County which he purchased several years ago from the First National Bank of Chestertown.

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