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WASHINGTON TO BE HONORED AT CONVOCATION

Next Thursday, Feb. 22nd, the 213th birthday of George Washington, will be celebrated by a formal Convocation and program dedicated to him at Washington College, the institution which he helped found.

The Founder's birthday is traditionally celebrated at the College by a formal Convocation, which this year coincides with the weekly assembly. It will be held at 11:15 in the auditorium of William Smith Hall.

President Gilbert W. Mead, who received the Yorktown Medal of the Society of the Cincinnati a few years ago for his writing and speaking on Washington, will be the speakre of the day. He will talk on Washington's contacts with Dr. William Smith, his visits to Chestertown, of which there were ten between 1756 and 1793, his intimate connection with the founding of the college to which he gave his name, and some of ris other interests in education.

It is recalled that the Eastern Shore institution is the only college to bear Washington's name with his express consent, and the only one with his name which was founded during his lifetime. His gift of money to the original endowment was far outweighed by the gift of his name, and the College this year follows its annual custom of doing him honor.

MEDICAL CARE BILL SIGNED BY GOV. O'CONOR

Annapolis, February 12—In affixing his signature to the administration-sponsored Medical Care Bill, thus enacting it into law, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor put Maryland at the head of all 48 States of the Union in the matter of State provision of medical cure to those of its citizens unable to pay for this vital service.

Maryland's medical care proposals, which were formulated with the closest cooperation between the medical profession and the State Health Department, have received the most thorough consideration and widespread approval by medical authorities throughout the Country. As the Baltimore Morning Sun expressed it:

"The virtue of the proposal lies in the fact that it endeavors to improve the existing system, which has accomplished so much, rather than to destroy the whole structure and to attempt to erect something completely new and untried."

From a national magazine devoted to hospital problems has come the highest approval of Maryland's efforts in this field. "It is in this way, viewing the problem and considering how to meet it," the editorial said, "that the Free State of Maryland proposes to look after its own. It deserves the thanks of the entire hospital and medical fields for the sane and courageous example it now offers, in the face of the Federal threat. That example should be widely followed."

Governor O'Conor voiced the utmost satisfaction over the passage of the enabling legislation, which brings to the counties of the State an initial appropriation of $400,000. Under the Act, provision is made for the free treatment of patients who are financially unable to pay for medical, hospital or nursing care. There is set up within the State Department of Health a Bureau of Medical Services to administer the program. The State Department is given the assistance of an edvisory council composed of representatives of the Medical and Hospital Associations and the two great Universities of the State, as well as of other associations working in the field of health.

The Bureau of Medical Services is authorized to contract with physicians, dentists and hospitals for the medical, surgical and hospital treatment of persons declared eligible for free services by the Department of Public Welfare. A point emphasized by Governor O'Conor is that the right of the individual patient to select his own physician or dentist is maintained.

In connection with his official approval of the Bill, Governor O'Conor made the following Statement:

"With the enactment into law today of the Medical Care Bill, under which provision is made within the Health Department for supplying to the poor of the State needed medical care, Maryland again takes the lead among the States of the Nation in a vitally important field.

"By this law, Maryland becomes the first State to place specific responsibility for the provisions of medical care to those unable to pay for it, in the State Health Depart-

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Selective Service Notice To Farmers

Local Selective Service Board No. 1 of Kent County, Maryland, calls attention to the fact that all employers of farm labor (ages 18 through 25) for whom deferment has been granted should consult Mr. J. D. McVean, County Agent, and file, if this has not already been done, a form that presents a more complete picture of each farm set up as a supplement to Local Board forms.

Employers of all farm labor through 37 years of age should also keep deferment requests current at the Local Board where employees are deferred. It is not the obligation of a Local Board to keep registrant and employer informed as to expiration of his deferment. Proper forms should be obtained at Local Board 10 days before current deferment expires.

Cooperation with the Local Board will result in less chance of error and eliminate unnecessary correspondence.

RACE TRACK STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET FEB. 27

The annual stockholders meeting of the Kent and Queen Anne's Driving Park Inc., will be held at the Peerless Fertilizer Company office on Tuesday, February 27th at 8 P. M.

Mr. Oscar Roe, president died this year. Present officers are: Eugene Thornton, vice-president; Robert A. Shallcross, Secretary; Gilpin Brown, Treasurer.

From the MARYLAND HORSE a magazine devoted to horses in the State:

"Arthur Lusby, standard-bred fancier of Kennedyville, Kent County, acquired, late in the fall of 1944, a top harness racing prospect in a weanling colt by Spencer Scott, 1:57¼, world's champion trotting stallion, and out of Katie Hanover. This mare, a product of the famous Hanover Shoe Farm, where Spencer Scott now also stands, had a two-year-old trotting record of 2:13 and is a daughter of Dillion Axworthy, a sire who has 180 grandsons and granddaughters with records of 2:10 or better to his credit. Spencer Scott's first crop of foals averaged $2,713 as yearlings at the Standard-bred sale at York, Penna., last fall.

Racing in Kent County is centered around Radcliffe Park, at Chestertown, where the Kent and Queen Anne's Driving Association holds its meetings. This association, according to Eugene Thornton, of Worton, vice-president of the group, who has acted as president since the death of Oscar Roe of Sudlersville, last year, does not yet know whether it will be able to conduct its meetings this year, due to the current ban on racing. The group holds its annual meeting in February and will then elect a new president officer and consider plans for the future. Anticipating another banner season veteran trainer George Sutton and other conditioners have numerous horses in the stables of Kent County, including some good recent purchases."

Farm Loan Asso. Plan Annual Meet At Easton

The Annual Meeting of the Easton Group National Farm Loan Associations, comprising Kent, Queen Anne, Talbot, Dorchester and Caroline Counties, will be held in the auditorium of the County Building, Easton, on February 23rd at 1:30 A. M., it was announced by Mr. Wm. G. Smyth, Chairman of the Administrative Board of the Five counties.

Mr. Smyth states that the morning session will be taken up with business and general discussion and the afternoon there will be a representative from the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore and other good speakers on the program.

H. E. Holsinger, General Manager of the Group organization, states that any one interested in cooperative Farm Credit is requested to attend.

Legion To Hold Dance

The first of a series of four dances held by the American Legion at the Chestertown Armory will be held this Friday evening. Music will be furnished by Lew Startt's orchestra. (See adv. elsewhere in this issue.)

ACCEPTS GARBAGE CONTRACT

Mr. Oliver D. Crew was the successful bidder for the Chestertown Garbage contract and starts on his duties next Monday, Feb. 19th. Mr. Crew had this contract about ten years ago. This is the town's most important service.

METHODIST CHURCHES SPUR TEACHING WORK

March will be a busy season throughout the districts of the Peninsula Methodist Conference, according to announcements made this week by the Conference Board of Christian Education.

Coaching conference for children workers will be held in the four districts March 19-22; Intermediate coaching conferences and adult superintendents and teachers' coaching conferences will be held. The later will be directed by the Rev. Dr. W. P. Roberts of Chirst Methodist Church Chestertown. A daily vacation church school planning conference for the four districts will be held on Friday, March 23, with the probability that a caravan planning conference will be held the same day.

Bible conferences for the Dover, Easton, and Salisbury districts will be held April8-May 6, while Bible conferences for the Wilmington district will be held March 11-23.

The places for holding all conferences will be announced later by the Conference Board of Education, of which Dr. Frederick G. Livingood, dean of the Washington College faculty, is a member.

A county leadership training school which has been held in the First Methodist Church for the past five Monday evenings will close Monday evening. Eleven persons will receive certificates of proficiency in their work. Despite weather handicaps the average attendance has been satisfactory. Dean of the school was the Rev. Paulu E. Reynolds of the First Methodist Church, with Dr. Frederick G. Livingood of the Washington College faculty, the Rev. S. T. Hamblin of Wesley Chapel charge, near Rock Hall, and the Rev. J. B. Vaughn of Epworth Methodist Church, Centreville, as instructors.

OIL LEASED LAND ENRICHES STATE $20,577.50

Annapolis, February 12—The State of Maryland will be richer by $20,577.50, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor made known today, by reason of a lease which has been approved by the Board of Public Works with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, for exploratory drilling for patroleum on State-owned lands in Worcester County.

Most of the 82,310 acres covered by the contract, Governor O'Conor made known, are under water, including 67,840 acres of inland waters and a strip of Atlantic Ocean Coast one-half mile wide, comprising 10,240 acres. The Pocomoke State Forest Reserve and the Scoraboro Game Refuge make up the additional acreage.

Annual payments of $20,577.50 will be made to the State also, Governor O'Conor pointed out, while drilling operations are not in progress. In addition, a royalty of one-eighth of all oil and gas produced and saved will be paid to the State, the Governor said.

The decision of the Board to approve the Standard Oil Company's application was made upon the recommendation of Dr. Joseph T. Singewald, Jr., Director of the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources. One of the determing factors in the decision and Dr. Singewald's recommnedation, Governor O'Conor pointed out, was the definite obligation assumed by the Standard Oil Company to begin the drilling of a well 5,000 feet deep within 18 months of the date of the lease.

Following execution of the lease, Governor O'Conor said, and prior to beginning of drilling operations, geological and geophysical surveys will be initiated by the Standard Oil Company, in which use will be made of all scientific methods proven as useful in the search for petroleum.

Firemen Start Membership Drive

Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company officials have begun their annual campaign for the renewals of associate memberships. The associate organization includes civilians who are not identified with the active firemen and whose dues of $3 annually aid the maintenance of the fire company. These members hold voting privileges on questions of policy.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company will meet at the Fire Hall on Cross Street at 7 P. M., Thursday, February 22nd.

With the Armed Forces

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Newsome of Betterton, have received word that their son, Private Arthur Newsome, Jr., has been quite ill in a hospital at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Cpl. John A. Deringer addressed the Chestertown Lions Club at their regular meeting last Monday. He gave a very interesting talk on one of the battles in the Pacific and it was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. William Briscoe of Galena, whose husband, Private Briscoe, was recently wounded in action, has received word from him that he is in an English hospital for serious ankle wounds. Private Briscoe reported in his letter that he is doing well.

Lt. H. Dale Rees, Jr., after having taken part in four invasions in Africa, Italy and France on an LST ship is now on furlough in this country. His next assignment will be at Richmond, Va., where he will be attached to a Diesel School.

Robert Preston Shallcross, A.M.M. 3c of Rock Hall has been transferred from Banna River, Fla., to Norman, Okla. His brother George, who is in the Merchant Marine has sailed for foreign parts. Jeanette Shallcross who enlisted in the WAC has been transferred to the Convalescent Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Md.

Staff Sergeant Albert J. Bland of Atlantic City, Washington College ex-'39, who has been missing since the fall of Bataan, is listed as one of the prisoners of the Japanese recently moved from camp in Formosa to Manchukuo with General Wainwright. Bland was a member of the college football team while in Washington College.

Pfc. Robert G. Groves, who entered service from Washington College in 1943, has recovered from wounds received last Fall while fighting with a tank devision in Belgium. He has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal in addition to his Purple Heart, and has rejoined his unit. Groves, a member of the Washington College baseball team while in college, is a son of the famous baseball star, "Lefty" Groves of Lonaconing, Md.

Camp Pickett, Va., Feb. 12—Lieutenant-Colonel John T. Kibler, executive officer at Camp Pickett, has been notified by the War Department that his son, Second Lieutenant John T. (Jack) Kibler, Jr., a fighter pilot, was killed in action in Belgium October 15, 1944. Lt. Kibler had previously been reported missing in action. His home was in Chestertown Maryland.

Lt. Kibler was a junior at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., when he entered the Army Air Corps in March, 1942. Commissioned and given his wings at Craig Field, Ala., in January, 1943, he went overseas the following August, and was serving with the 8th Air Force in England. He was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity at W. &. L.

Lt. Kibler's father holds the Distinguished Service Cross for service in the World War. He is well known in college coaching circles, having been director of athletics at Washington College, for 27 years.

Break In Weather Aids Fish And Oyster Men

Mild weather of the past several days has caused ice in the upper bay and in Chester River to disappear sufficiently to enable fishermen to reach their fishing grounds and oyster tongers to resume operations after almost a month's costly layoff.

Frank Price, of Rock Hall, who supplies Chestertown markets with fish was able to bring a truckload here the first of this week after several weeks layoff.

Fur-buying markets were more active here on Saturday than since the beginning of the trapping season on Jan .1. Prices for pelts ranged to $1.75 for the best furs, and 35 cents each for the meat.

Choir To Present "The Crucificion"

The Choir of the First Methodist Church is rehearsing to produce "The Crucificion" in the auditorium of the church on Good Friday evening, under the direction of the Choir Director, Prof. C. Julian Coleman.

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

"LONG CHANCES SHORTEN LIVES"

DRIVE CAREFULLY!

FIREMEN'S COMPENSATION PLAN OFFERED

Mr. Richard Carvell, Chestertown Attorney and member of Board of Directors of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company proposed to the company at its regular meeting on Monday night a plan to place active firemen in the county under the Workmen's Compensation Act of the State of Maryland.

The plan met with a favorable response with the Chestertown Company and also with the Rock Hall Fire Company and will be presented to the other companies of the county, namely, Betterton, Galena, and Millington, as soon as possible.

The plan is a good one and will probably receive the support of the county as a whole. The firemen in the county receive no salary for their services and should they be killed or injured at a fire they are not covered by the Compensation Insurance of the firm for which they work. This plan of Mr. Carvell's would extend the Compensation Insurance to them while on active service with the Fire Company and would pay about the following benefits, $7,500 for total disability, $12.00 a week for 450 weeks to dependents in case of death and from a $10.00 minimum to a $23 a week maximum for disability depending on the salary the fireman earned at his place of employment. The firemen need this protection.

Mr. Carvell plans to write the bill next week and it is understood the County Commissioners are not cold to the plan. The County would pay the insurance on this blanket policy but it would not be a big item. When written it will be presented to the Maryland Legislature which is now in session.

DHIA REPORT FOR QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

Below are listed the ten high cows and the five high herds for January:

Mrs. Norris Harrison, Millie, 1748 lbs. milk, 5.0 per cent butterfat, 87.4 lbs. butterfat, R.A.; Mrs. John H. Chambers, Daisy, 1634 lbs. milk, 5.0 per cent butterfat, 81.7 lbs. butterfat, R.G.; F. Bennett Carter, Hetty, 2050 lbs. milk, 3.6 per cent butterfat, 73.9 lbs. butterfat, R.H.; F. Bennett Carter Alice, 2226 lbs. milk, 3.3 per cent butterfat, 73.5 lbs. butterfat, R.H.; Theodore Fletcher: Jane, 1587 lbs. milk, 4.5 per cent butterfat, 71.4 lbs. butterfat, G.G.; Lower Round Top Farm: Hilltop Governor, 1321 lbs. milk, 5.3 per cent butterfat, 70.1 lbs. butterfat, R.G.; Bryan Price and David Williamson: Daisy, 1544 lbs. milk, 4.5 per cent butterfat, 69.5 lbs. butterfat, R.G.; E. R. Leaverton: No. 18, 1968 lbs. milk, 3.5 per cent butterfat, 68.9 lbs. butterfat, R.H.; A. C. Fox: Una, 1411 lbs. milk, 4.7 per cent butterfat, 66.4 lbs. butterfat, G.H.; Lower Round Top Farm: Readburn's Queen Anne,1392 lbs. milk, 4.7 per cent butterfat, 65.4 lbs. butterfat, R.G.

College Receives Historical Pamphlets

Washington College has just been presented by Mrs. Lillian B. Hodson, East Orange, N. J., with two interesting historical pamphlets.

One pamphlet, dated 1830, is a report of the Trustees of the University of Maryland, then consisting of the Law School and the Medical College, concerning the establishment of a College of Liberal Arts in the University. One of the members of the Trustees listed is Judge Ezekiel F. Chambers of Chestertown, a famous graduate of Washington College, and for many years Chairman of the Board.

The other pamphlet, dated 1860, is a report of a special Commissioner appointed by the Governor to seek for certain documents regarding early Maryland history believed to be in libraries in Rome, London, and elsewhere in Europe.

Eastern Star Has Birthday

The Chestertown Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, celebrated its 16th birthday on Tuesday evening, February 13th. 68 members and guests were present. The evening was taken up with singing, recitations, playing games and refreshments, all adding up to a grand birthday party.

Correspondent Speaks To Rotary

E. C. Ramsay of New York, war correspondent in Europe, was guest speaker at the Chestertown Rotary Club dinner meeting Monday evening. Mr. Ramsay discussed the relationship of the Allied governments and outlined important post-war conditions which will face the Allies around the peace table. Mr. Ramsay visited Chestertown as the guest of Wilbur J. Stenger, principal of Chestertown High School.

Former Senator Arthur H. Brice of Betterton, now a member of the Maryland Public Service Commission, has purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Harry V. Spaulding, 175 acres near Betterton. Senator Brice in turn has sold to Adrian R. Allen, of near Betterton, 140 acres of the property, reserving 35 acres adjoining another farm which the senator owns.

CHILDREN'S AID FAVORS JUVENILE COURT BILL

Kent County Branch of the Maryland Children's Aid Society urges passage of Juvenile Court with one Amendment. Rarely has there been an opportunity equal to that which now presents itself to us, the people of the State of Maryland, and particularly Kent County. There is now before the State Legislature a bill to establish State-Wide Juvenile Courts under the Circuit Court System. The "High Spots" of this bill are:

(1) Instead of the children appearing before the Magistrates Court, as at present, along with adult offenders, their cases would be heard by a Judge sitting in special juvenile session.

(2) Instead of children being charged as "criminals" and appearing as such, they will be presented as dependent, neglected, delinquent or feeble-minded.

(3) Instead of children's cases being heard without benefit of case histories, physical check-ups, and mental tests, the new bill provides for a Probation Officer who will present case back-ground at the time of the hearing.

The Maryland Children's Aid Society favors this bill with one amendment, namely that Section 48L be rewritten to give the Judge discretionary powers in commitments of children.

The Maryland Children's Aid Society favors giving the Judge the right to decide whether the child should be placed in the care of the public or private agencies, whichever agency could best serve the child's interest and needs.

$4,706.64 In Bonds Bought By Schools

Sales of War Bonds and Stamps by the schools of Kent County amounted to $4,706.64 during the month of January. The Elementary Schools sold $3,364.99 and the High Schools $1,341.65. This brings the total amount of War Bonds and Stamps sold by the schools since September, 1944 to $16,413.83.

Adventist Church Exceeds Fund Drive

On February 3 the Seventh-day Adventist Churches in North America were asked to give $1,000,000.00 toward their fund of $15,000,000.00 for war relief and reconstruction.

At the Rock Hall church, Mr. William Anderson, the local Home Missionary Leader, made the appeal as he told of the needs in twenty European countries and in the Far East. Hearing the grim facts of the devastation the war has caused, the members were impressed to demonstrate their love and mercy toward the unfortunate in the war area in a very practical way. They gave $800.00 which was nearly $150.00 in excess of their perscribed quota. The Pastor, Curtis Quackenbush announced today the fund for this Eastern Shore District was assured.

Those Cigarette Lines Cost U. S. 8,000,000 Man-Hours Daily

The Wall Street Journal, quoting a "federal functionary," said if each of the nation's 32,000,000 smokers spend 15 minutes daily hunting cigarettes they use up 8,000,000 man-hours. With 120,000 additional man hours a day, the cigarette companies could beat the shortage.

32 BABIES BORN AT HOSPITAL IN JAN. AND FEB.

32 babies were born at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital during January and February. The dates of birth, new citizens and proud parents are as follows:

December

3—Mr. and Mrs. James H. Alexander of Millington, boy, James H., Jr.
5—Mr. and Mrs. James C. Larrimore of Price, boy ,Allen Leon.
6—Mr. and Mrs. Horace E. Holden of Church Hill, girl, Barbara Ann.
8—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Mullikin of Centreville, boy, Joseph Arthur.
10—Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Porter of Chestertown, twins, girl, Paige Jeanette, girl, Patsy Joan.
11—Mr. and Mrs. Roland E. Price of Millington, boy, Roland Edward.
11—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stanley Harrington of Chestertown, boy, Vernon Stanley.
11—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Hock of Crumpton, boy, Randolph Edward.
11—Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. Welch of Barclay, girl, Frances Diane.
17—Mr. and Mrs. William Short of Sudlersville, girl, Betty Henrietta.
18—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Johnston, Jr. of Galena, boy, Samuel Warren III.
20—Mr. and Mrs. Romie A. Taylor of Rock Hall, boy, George Robert.
26—Mr. and Mrs. G. Allan Jewell of Lynch, girl, Patricia Ann.
27—Mr. and Mrs. George G. Smith of Massey, girl, Joan Agnes.
23—Mr. and Mrs. James F. Jones of Millington, boy, James Franklin, Jr.
31—Esther Cross (Colored) of Chestertown, girl.

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4—Mr. and Mrs. John Clarence Edwards of Rock Hall, boy, John Daniel.
4—Mr. and Mrs. Phillip V. Kratzer of Chestertown, girl, Harriette Anne.
8—Mr. and Mrs. Merriett T. Bramble of Kennedyville, boy, Merriett Thomas, Jr.
9—Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Clough of Sudlersville, girl, Barbara Jean.
10—Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Gipe of Worton, girl, Lila Elizabeth.
11—Mr. and Mrs. Silas L. Wilks of Sudlersville, girl, Frances Ann.
16—Mr. and Mrs. James W. Shields of Chestertown, boy, James Lee.
17—Mr. and Mrs. Truman Miller of Chestertown, girl, Sara Lou.
23—Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Hooper, Jr., of Chestertown, girl, Marguerite Cree.
23—Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Stevens of Golts, boy Robert.
26—Mr. and Mrs. Marion J. Courtney of Chestertown, boy, Ralph Marion.
26—Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Fleetwood of Chestertown, girl, Virginia Leslie.
27—Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Robinson of Church Hill, girl, Betty Ann.
30—Mr. and Mrs. Edmon H. Deringer of Worton, girl, Judith Marie.
30—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Reihl of Rock Hall, girl, Carolyn Ovelean.

Hospital Report

	Dec.	Jan.
Full pay patients	61	68
Free patients	6	3
Total patients	67	71
Days' board to pay patients	370	554
Days' board to free patients	139	88
Total patients' board	509	642
Days' board furnished employees	369	371
Babies born	20	15

WHIPPING POST ABOLISHMENT IN DELAWARE

Legislative Hall, Dover—The General Assembly has before it a bill to abolish the whipping post in Delaware—which dates back to Colonial days and has been the center of decades of controversy as to its value in deterring crime.

The bill was introduced last week by Rep. Samuel B. Bird (R. Centreville), majority floor leader, who later explained that he considers the whipping post a relic of barbarism.

He also said he does not place too much reliance in the argument that the post keeps crime and criminals from Delaware.

This is not the first time such a bill has been inrtoduced in the Delaware Assembly.

There have been numerous efforts made to abolish the post but all attempts were defeated. On one occasion some years ago, only the sponsor of the bill voted for it.

Coast Guard icebreakers on the Great Lakes have been setting new records every year by getting war-necessary traffic through those ice-bound waters earlier each year.

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