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LOCAL FIREMEN WILL BE INSURED UNDER BILL

The bill below will be introduced in the Maryland legislature by Senator Clarence Newsome of Kent County, and it is understood that Senator George of Queen Anne's and Senator Marvell of Talbot will introduce the same bill for their respective counties.

Mr. Richard Carvell, Chestertown attorney wrote and is sponsoring the bill. He proposed it to the various fire companies of the county and received their support. The bill is an important one as it gives some security to the faithful volunteers of the fire companies that render so much unrewarded public service.

The bill is as follows:

An Act to add a new section to Article 15, of the Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Kent County, subtitle "Volunteer Firemen", said new section to be known as Section — and to follow immediately after Section ——, providing that the County Commissioners of Kent County shall secure Workmen's Compensation insurance on all active members of Volunteer Fire Companies located in Kent County; for the payment of compensation to such volunteer firemen, and to their families and dependents in case of the death of such volunteer firemen; premiums on insurance to be paid out of tax levy.

Section I

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Workmen's Compensation", sub-title "Volunteer Firemen", said new sections to be known as sections ——, to follow immediately after Section — of said Article and to read as folows:

A. The County Commissioners of Kent County shall provide compensation insurance for all active members (including, in case of death, his family or dependents to the same extent and in the same manner as the family or dependents of employees covered under the article) of all volunteer fire companies located in Kent County.

B. Compensation for injury and death, either or both, to such volunteer firemen, or his family or dependents, shall be based upon the weekly salary or compensation received by such volunteer firemen in his private employment. Any such volunteer firemen whose income is derived from any source other than wages or salaries, including board and lodging, shall be entitled to receive the maximum compensation authorized under this Article, at the time of his injury. fatal or otherwise. Where such fireman was not employed at the time of his injury or death, compensation shall be ascertained and paid upon the basis of the weekly compensation last received by him when so employed, provided, however, that in the event any such fireman shall never have been employed, he (or in the event of death his family or dependents) shall receive the minimum amount of compensation by this Article authorized.

C. Such compensation insurance shall protect such volunteer firemen (and in case of death their family or dependents) from loss by reason of injury or death suffered while actively attending a fire, engaged in fighting a fire, going to or returning from a fire and while serving as a member of any first aid or rescue squad created within the fire company of which he is a member and engaged in first aid or rescue work.

D. All payments of compensation to such volunteer firemen (or in case of death, his family or dependents) shall be governed by and be subject to the provisions of Article 101, entitled Workmen's Compensation, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1939 Edition and 1943 Supplement, and amendments thereto. The premiums for the insurance shall be paid from the tax levy of Kent County, and the County Commissioners are hereby authorized to levy yearly upon the assessable property of Kent County a rate of tax sufficient to produce the sum or sums to be paid for such insurance.

Section II

And be it further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws, whether Public General or Public Local Laws, inconsistent with this Law be and they are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section III

And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservatino of the public health and safety, and being passed by a "yea" and "nay" vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Receives Flying Cross

EMORY HINES

First Lieut. Emory M. Hines, Jr., bombardier of Flying Fortress "Vern Scott II," has recently added the Distinguished Flying Cross to his previous awards of the Air Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters.

Lieut. Hines having flown thirty missions, has been over Berlin 10 times. While he was a bombardier, he was stationed at the front gun of a B-17, which, in course of action, had the whole of the plastic nose shot off. Lieut. Hines was left in that front seat with nothing in front of him, but Fate left him uninjured.

On another mission three of the four engines were shot up and put out of commission, making their way back to England with one engine.

In the presentation of one of the medals, to Lieut. Hines, it was stated that their ship was the only one that had completed all of their missions without getting off of their course. They had been made squadron leader for the last 15 missions.

He is now at training school in San Antonio, Texas, to be trained as a pilot. His wife and 8 months old baby have joined him there.

Lieut. Hines is the son of Mrs. E. Massey Hines, and the late Mr. Hines formerly of Chestertown, and a nephew of Dr. Frank Hines of this county.

Sgt. John Ben Robinson, U.S.M.C., arrived home this week after being overseas for the past two years to spend a 30-day leave with his parents in Rock Hall.

Private Robert L. Knight, U. S. Marine Corps was wounded in action at the battle of IWO, on February 14th. He is a brother of Mr. William Knight, of Chestertown, and has only been in the service 8 months.

His wife and three children reside in Baltimore.

Cpl. Edmon Deringer arrived last week-end for Fresno, California. Al-wife and two small daughters at Worton. Cpl. Deringer will leave this week-end for Fresno, California. Also next week-end Pfc. John A. Deringer, U.S.M.C., will leave for California after spending a 40-day leave here as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Duncan Deringer.

Lieut. George Karl Petritz, 27, of Rockford, Ill., a nephew of Mrs. Allan B. Harris, a survivor of the Japanese prison ship off Luzon in December, when 800 Yanks perished, has been awarded the Navy Cross for heroism in his services as skipper of the patrol craft before his capture. Lieut. Petritz has been in Washington where he spoke at the Navy sponsored press conference.

Part of the filming of the book "Leave Her To Heaven" soon to be produced on the screen, was shot at Warm Springs Foundation, Ga. One of Kent's boys, Midshipman Reese Corey, U.S.N., a patient at the Foundation, was in two of the scenes. Movie fans, eyes front, for we may see Midshipman Corey in the movies ere he wends his way homeward again.

Twenty thousand combat miles flown, more than 70 tons of high explosive dropped on enemy industries, and five decorations as a token of his success is the brief history of Sgt. Wilmer M. Gott ex-'46, of the Third Air Division of the Eighth Air Force, according to a news release regarding him recently received at the College from Air Force Headquarters. His unit, incidentally, also holds a Presidential Unit Citation.

Leaving Washington Colege in 1943 for army service, Sgt. Gott, now 19 years od, has competed his missions over Germany, and is waiting to come home on leave, according to a letter just received from him. Following his leave, he expects to return to service, possibly in the China-Burma-India theater of war.

THORTON WILL HEAD RACING ASSOCIATION

The Kent and Queen Anne's Driving Park Association held their annual stockholders meeting Tuesday evening of this week at the Peerless Fertilizer Co. office on Quaker Neck road.

Eugene Thorton of Worton was elected president for the coming year. Dr. J. Earl Gilfillan of Galena was elected vice president; R. A. Shallcross of Rock Hall, secretary and H. Gilpin Brown of Chestertown was elected treasurer. Mr. Thorton succeeds Mr. Oscar Roe former president, who died last year.

Directors elected were Messrs. William Cole of Lynch, Merritt Willis of Kennedyville, Harry Nichols of Chestertown, Arthur Lusby of Kennedyville and Raymond East of Chestertown.

The main topic of the meeting was whether or not they would be able to hold races at the local track this season and renewing the present lease on the track. No one yet knows what the fate of purely local racing will be.

The lease now being worked on between the Association and Mrs. Margaret Massey, provides a certain amount of rent money if two or more racing days are held and a lesser amount if no racing is allowed. It is understood that the terms are agreeable to both parties but the owner only wants to lease it by the year and the Association wants a three year lease. It is expected that this will all be ironed out later today, Friday.

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CONGRESSMAN ROE REPORTS ON RIVERS BILL

Honorable Dudley G. Roe, Congressman for the Eastern Shore of Maryland, 1st Congressional District, makes the following statement which will be of great importance to all those living on the Shore.

"I am particularly pleased at the passage of Senate Bill 35 by the House on February 22nd. This is the Rivers and Harbors Bill and is legislation that will be of great benefit to the whole country, not only in creating employment after the war, but also being of a permanent benefit to the commercial and business interests of our country.

"The Bill is divided into two parts —one part consists of projects which have been approved and for which the money is appropriated. These projects will be definitetly carried out promptly after the termination of the war. On the Eastern Shore there are the following projects:

"Duck Point Cove, appropriation of $19,200.00.

"Town Creek, Oxford, Md., appropriation of $17,300.00.

"Black Walnut Harbor, appropriation of $20.200.00.

"Pocomoke River, appropriation of $8,500.00.

"Crisfield Harbor, estimated cost, $33,500.00.

"Lower Thoroughfare, Deals Island estimated cost $21,200.00.

"Nanticoke River, estimated cost $54,000.00.

The second half of the Bill has to do with preliminary examinations and surveys and in this section of the Bill there are the following Eastern Shore items:

"Ocean City Harbor and Inlet, and Sinequxent Bay.

"Marumsco Creek, Somerset County.

"Websters Cove, Somerset County.

"Twitch Cove and Big Thoroughfare River and a boat basin at Ewell.

"Pocomoke River.

"Crisfield Harbor.

"Taylors Landing, Worcester county.

Channel from Charleston, Northeast River.

"Honga River and Tar Bay, Hooper Island.

"Channel in Honga River to the plant of White and Nelson.

"Harbor at Public Landing, Worcester county.

"Cambridge Harbor.

"Rock Hall Harbor.

"Channel from Kent Island Narrows to Well Cove, Chester River.

"Channel from Rhodes Point to Tylerton, Somerset County.

"Nanticoke River, Bivalve, Wicomico County.

"I am pleased to be able to report the passage of this Bill and it is only proper that due credit for same should be given to my distinguished predecessors, Congressmen Goldsborough and Ward."

Your Child's Picture To Be Published Free

The Transcript wants a picture of every baby girl or boy in this territory so it can have a cut made and the picture published in this paper. To be certain that we receive a late picture and a good one, that will portray your baby just as it is now, we have made arrangements with the Woltz Studios of Des Moines, to come to Chestertown on March 19 and take these pictures free of charge.

The studio will be set up in the Fire House and open to take these pictures from 1 P. M. until 8 P. M. On this date a representative of the above mentioned studio will be here with all the necessary studio equipment, ready for taking pictures of the youngsters. There are no strings to the offer. You don't have to be a subscriber to the Transcript and it is not compulsory that you buy any pictures of your baby after they are taken.

We just want the pictures taken of all the youngsters that we can get, and the more the better. Parents of the children will be given the opportunity to buy pictures if they wish it is entirely up to them.

So fathers and mothers of Chestertown and surrounding communities should remember the date and place, Monday, March 19, at the Firemen Hall. Bring your child in and have his or her picture taken.

Pictures For "Pop"

The Transcript management has long been interested in presenting pictures of men and women in service along with any others of local interest, and at this time are endeavoring to obtain pictures of local children for publication later on.

This plan should be especially interesting to wives of service men in foreign areas who wish to send a picture of the baby but who fear that the picture might be lost in the mails. Two hundred Transcripts are mailed regularly to men and women in the service who will certainly appreciate seeing pictures of their own children in the home-town paper.

There is no age limit, however all children must be accompanied by an adult.

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J. Milford Todd To Open Furniture Store

J. Milford Todd, president of the Chestertown Business Men's Association will open a new furniture store in Chestertown in the near future. Mr. Todd made the following announcement:

"After 23 years' experience with Nathan's Furniture Store, both as salesman and Manager of the Chestertown store, I have decided to open a modern furniture store of my own, handling an up-to-date line of merchandise including everything for the home.

"This store, which will be known as Todd's Furniture Store will be located on Cross Sttreet, next to Gill Brothers in Chestertown, will be opened in the very near future with a complete stock of goods. You are requested to watch your local papers for the opening announcement.

"At this time I wish to thank publicly those who have until this time made my business relations in Chestertown most pleasant and profitable, viz., Mr. Milford Nathan, my friend and former employer; all of the employees of Nathan's Furniture Store for the faithful and loyal service with me; and, all my friends and former patrons who make me feel that it is possible to establish in Chestertown an up-to-date store offering the best line of merchandise at attractive prices.

J. Milford Todd."

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Fallowfield Barber Shop And Dentist Offices To Move

Mr. Harry W. Fallowfield has purchased from the S. Scott Beck estate, the office building on Court Street, formerly occupied by the Chimney Corner Coffee Shoppe. Mr. Edward Vansant of the Millington Lumber Co. is remodelling the building and when completed, Mr. Fallowfield will move his Barber Shop from the Eliason building.

Dr. Harry W. Fallowfield will move his dentist office from the Eliason Building to the offices formerly occupied by Thomas F. Healey on Park Row.

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Forty or more members and guests of the Chestertown Rotary Club attended the club's annual oyster scald and feast, which was held in the basement of the Chestertown Armory on Monday evening.

CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard A. Pennington of Chestertown entertained a group of friends at their home on Campus Avenue, Tuesday night, at a reception in honor of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Piano and vocal selections were rendered during the evening by Mrs. Merrick Clements.

Married at the Kennedyville Protestant Church, February, 1895, the couple resided in that town until moving to Chestertown, where Mr. Pennington has conducted a successful contracting and building business for the past twenty years. Other members of the family include four children and five grandchildren.

Among the guests attending the reception were: Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Wallace, Mrs. Minnie Anthony, Mrs. Louise Weer, Mrs. Dora King, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Hurlock, Mr. and Mrs. Urie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper, Miss Mattie R. Whitaker, Miss T. H. Gary, Mrs. Elizabeth Brice, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lambden, Mr. Homer King, Mr. and Mrs. George G. Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. W. Howard Pennington, Mrs. Mary R. Joiner, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Ward, Mrs. Betty Pennington, Dr. W. P. Roberts and Mrs. Roberts.

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REV. REYNOLDS ASKED TO RETURN BY METHODISTS

Highlight of the fourth quarterly conference of the First Methodist Church held last week was an invitation to the Rev. Paul E. Reynolds, pastor of that church to return for his 10th year, the longest pastorate in the history of the congregation. The conference also voted an increase of $100 in his salary, to $2,500 for the coming conference year.

The Rev. J. Earl Cummings, superintendent of the Easton district Conference, presided at the session. Reports showed all conference obligations met in full, and that $2,000 has been pledged in the Crusade for Christ campaign on a quota of $1,685.

The pastor reported a number of ascensions to the church membership during the year. while all organizations reported growth and increased activity.

The following church officials were elected for the coming year:

Board of trustees, Herbert E. Perkins, chairman, A. Howard Covey, E. Rumsey Anthony, Robert Moffett, J. Samuel Kreeger, Walter L. Walbert, Charles W. Kibler, Jr., Carl N. Bordley, John E. Barnes, J. Taylor Baxter, William C. Newnam, A. Sudler Baxter, J. Cordray Loud, George W. Rash, C. Julian Coleman, Richard B. Groves, Dr. G. Howard Dana, John W. Comegys, J. Clauson Jones, Stewart M. Price, J. Townshend Anthony, Dr. S. Holt Wright, B. Tilghman Hudson, Samuel G. Caldwell, James D. McVean, George E. Gorsuch, William W. Holt, Robert N. Nance, George W. Baldwin, Bergen Brown.

Reserve lay member, A. Howard Covey; secretary board of trustees, Thomas W. Eliason; lay leader, Walter L. Walbert; benevolence treasurer, Charles W. Kibler, Jr.; recording steward, John E. Barnes; lay member annual conference, J. Cordray Loud; reserve district steward, J. Cordray Loud; district steward, C. Julian Coleman; president men's organization, John W. Comegys; current expenses treasurer, George E. Gorsuch; superintendent church school, J. Townshend Anthony; president Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter; communion steward, Mrs. J. Samuel Kreeger; custodian of legal papers, Thomas W. Eliason.

The following committee chairman were elected: Membership, the pastor; pastoral relations, J. Samuel Kreeger; finance, J. Samuel Kreeger; nominations, the pastor; audit, Mrs. Stewart M. Price; records, Richard B. Groves; hospitals and homes, Thomas W. Eliason; church board of education, Miss Elizabeth Starkey; church board of missions and church extension, Mrs. Richard B. Groves; evangelism, Miss Rebecca Davis; stewardship, membership committee, temperance, Mrs. Walter L. Walbert; music, Thomas W. Eliason; church property, trustees of the church; world peace, J. D. McVean; good literature, Miss Cornelia Davis; nominating committee, the pastor; church parsonage, Thomas W. Eliason.

Receives Appointment

DR. S. HOLT WRIGHT

Dr. S. Holt Wright was appointed on Wednesday of this week, "Designated Dentist" by the director of Personnel of the U. S. Veterans Administration.

Dr. Wright will be in charge of dentistry for Veterans of both World War I and II, the headquarters of the district being in Chestertown, where he will continue with his practice in addition to his new duties.

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R.E.A. TO HOLD OPEN MEETING IN DENTON

The Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc., will hold its seventh annual members meeting on Monday, March 5, 1945 at 1:00 P. M. in the Dentonia Thetare in Denton, Md.

Mr. George Rietz, Manager of the Farm Industry Division of the General Electric Company will address the meeting. A large attendance is expected to hear Mr. Rietz and to elect seven directors for the ensuing year. At present, Herbert F. Ford of Galena is the director from Kent County. Reports from the President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Superintendent will be part of the program.

The whole program is designed to give all members an opportunity to participate fully in the business affairs of their Cooperative. Under our Cooperative form of organization the user-members control and own its rural electric service. Every member should attend this meeting as full knowledge of its management and operation is essential.

This is an open meeting. The public is welcome.

The Cooperative now operates approximately 1300 miles of rural electric lines in Cecil, Kent. Queen Anne, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, and Worcester Counties.

Benefit Dance At Armory Tonight

The Rock Hall Minute Men Company of the Maryland State Guard, of which Capt. Emory V. Hogans is commander, is sponsoring a dance which will be given in the Chestertown Armory tonight, Friday evening. The net proceeds will be donated to the Chestertown Veterans' Memorial Home here on Maple Ave. In addition to the dance program, there will be a floor show featuring Don Korte and his band, with Miss Dulcie Sheets as vocalist.

The dancing will start at 9 P. M. and stops at 12 in conformity with the recent amusement curfew.

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Name Administrator In Thomas Healey Case

Judges of the Orphans Court for Kent County have announced the appointment of John W. Barroll, Chestertown attorney, as administrator of the estate of Thomas F. Healey, well known Chestertown lawyer, who died suddenly in his law office here several weeks ago. The deceased left a mother and sister in Waterbury, Conn., who it is said, will be the beneficiaries.

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Appointed Keeper Of Court House, Grounds

Mr. Raymond Bowers was recently appointed janitor and maintenance man for the Court House and grounds by the Kent County Commissioners.

Beginning yesterday, March 1st, Mr. Bowers' job will be to make any necessary repairs, such as painting, carpentery and cleaning of the County Buildings around the Court House and the upkeep of the grounds.

RED CROSS DRIVE NOW ON IN KENT QUOTA $7,700

Mr. J. Burton Whitworth, chairman of the Kent County Red Cross Drive is hopeful that the Red Cross Drive which started on March 1st and will last until March 31st, will be over the top by next Monday. Last year Kent with a quota of $12,000.00 raised well over $15,000.00. This year the quota for Kent has been reduced to $7,700.00.

Please get in your contribution today if possible so we can have the quota raised as soon as possible.

Committees for the County are as follows:

Mrs. Edward Freeman, Massey and Golt; Mrs. John Jewell, Lynch; Mrs. L. B. Deputy, Fairlee; Mrs. Justine P. Woodal, Georgetown; Mrs. Weldon Walbert, Lankford; Mrs. Merritt Brice, Millington; Mrs. James B. Kirby, Kennedyville; Mrs. Allen Milford, Galena; Mrs. Paul Stokes, and Mrs. William Watt, Betterton; Mrs. Roy Michell and Mrs. Miller, Kentmore Park and Locust Grove; Rev. G. H. Wheatley, Rock Hall.

Mrs. Roger Harris, Mrs. Dorsey Hines, Mrs. Herbert Fletcher, Mrs. Carl Plummer, Mrs. Hazel Moffett, Mrs. Walter Roach, Mrs. Francis McDonald, Mrs. R. N. Whaley, Quaker Neck and Broad Neck; Mrs. John Dwyer, Worton; Mrs. Wm. Medders, Still Pond.

Mrs. Rebecca Speicher, Miss Martha Speicher, Mrs. Amy McMenamin, Mrs. John Sweetman, Miss Daisy Barnes, Mrs. Jack Kieffer, Mrs. G. H. Dana, Mrs. Paul R. Comegys, Miss Mabel Toulson, Mrs. Wm. B. Usilton, III, Mrs. Frank Truitt, Mrs. Emerson Russell, Mrs. Albert Lieber, Mrs. Donald McDorman, Mrs. Frances Metcalfe, Mrs. John R. Richards, Mrs. Elizabeth Russell Wilson, Mrs. Wilbur Stenger, Mrs. Stanley Giriatis, Mrs. Ernest Strong, Miss Cornelia Davis, will work Chestertown.

Mr. Willis Wells will handle the churches and Mr. James B. Kirby will represent the clubs of the county.

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New York Alumni Honor College Men

Eastern Shore alumni and friends of Washington College have been invited to participate in a cocktail party and dinner with a New York Chapter of the Washington College Alumni Association to be held on March 23 in the Satire Room of the Hotel Sheraton, Lexington Avenue at 37th Street, New York City.

The New York group will honor two men for their efforts in behalf of the college during the past year. W. Lester Baldwin, of Baltimore, who has been responsible for the success of the J. S. W. Jones Memorial Fund, and Wilbur Ross Hubbard, of Chestertown, who raised the fund which purchased The Abbey, recently presented as an outright gift to Washington College, will be the men honored.

The fee per person for the cocktail party and dinner will be $3.00 Eastern Shoremen, planning a trip to New York, who would like to take in this party, should address Wade G. Bounds, Maryland Casualty Company, 60 John Street, New York City.

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Coon Hunter Supper Plans Changed

Plans for the annual supper of the Eastern Shore Coon Hunters Association scheduled for Friday evening, March 9th, at the Millington Fire House have been changed. Due to unforseen conditions the ladies planning to serve the supper at Millington have found it impossible to do so.

Plans now call for the supper to be served at Galena Fire House but the date has not yet been set, but watch next week's TRANSCRIPT for an announcement of the date.

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Tuberculosis Clinic For Kent County

The Maryland Tuberculosis Association announces that it will hold 34 free chest clinics in various parts of the state during March.

One for Kent County will be held on March 5th at the Chestertown Public Health Center on High Street.

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The Chestertown Lions Club held its annual Oyster Scald and ladies night at the "Blue Bird" on Monday evening of this week.

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The Woman's Auxiliary of Old St. Paul's P. E. Church will meet at the home of Mrs. C. R. Humphreys, Quaker Neck, Tuesday, March 6, at 12:30 P. M.

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