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CHILD PICTURES TO BE TAKEN ON MONDAY, MAR. 19

Don't forget Monday, March 19, from 1 to 8 P. M. children's pictures will be taken free of charge at the Fire House in Chestertown.

"The best investment is in children. You had better take a good look at them as they pass you on the street, for they are the ones who are going to make a new world for you, and you can catch some glimmer of the dawn in their faces," said William J. Cameron.

Truer words were never spoken than this bit of philosophy, in the opinion of the Transcript Editors. And because we think our readers should "catch some glimmer of the dawn" we intend to help them do it. That is with the cooperation of the mothers and fathers of Kent County and vicinity, of course.

The only way we can give you a good look at all these future "world builders" is by publishing pictures of them. And soon these pictures will begin appearing in the colunms of the Transcript.

To be certain that the Transcript receives the latest and best reproduction picture obtainable—they must be of uniform size and quality—we have made arrangements with The Woltz Studios, nationally known children's photographers, to take these special pictures for us.

Expert children's photographers for the studios, with all the necessary equipment for this specialized work will be here Monday, March 19th The special studio will be set up in The Firemen's Hall, Cross Street, and will be open from 1 P. M. to 8 P. M.

There is no charge to the parents! There are absolutely no strings to this offer! It is bona fide in every sense of the word. Bring your children as guests of the Transcript. Parents do not have to be a subscriber nor even a reader of this paper to take advantage of this feature. Also, they are not obligated in any way to purchase pictures after they are taken. Those who want additional pictures may obtain them by arrangement directly with the studio when they select the pose they want printed in the paper. It is entirely up to them.

The Transcript simply wants pictures of all the youngsters and the more the better. So mothers and fathers of Kent County and vicinity should remember the day and date—Monday, March 19th at The Firemen's Hall and not fail to bring their children in.

You will be mightly glad, afterwards, if you did and very, very sorry if you fail to allow your children to participate in this event. The kiddies will have fun and both mother and dad—and the youngsters too—will be very proud to see their picture in print later.

You see, you do not have to order photographs to make sure daddy sees the picture—if daddy is in the service because many copies of The Transcript go to men in the armed forces. That's the reason we especially invite mothers of childern whose father is, perhaps, in some distant camp or thousands of miles away overseas, and who hasn't seen his offspring for a long time or maybe never has seen the little lad or lassie. What a thrill it will be for these fighting dads to see a brand new picture—inthe home town newspaper. What a "kick" they will get from showing it to their comrades!

Remember there is no age limit but the child must be accompanied by an dult.

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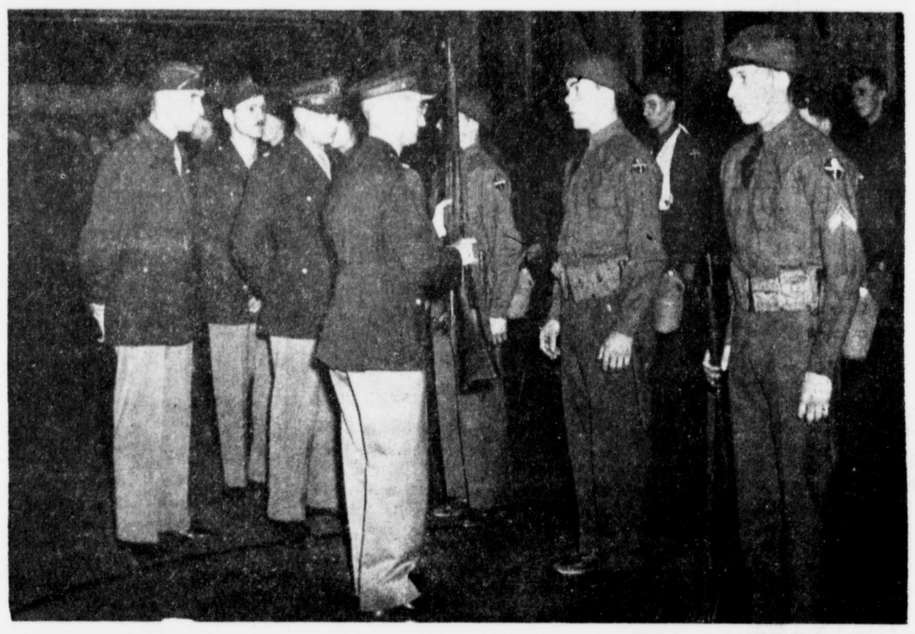
Union Service Good Friday At Millington

The Rev. D. T. Pritchard will hold a three-hour Union Good Friday Service in Asbury Methodist Church Millington, Md., from 12 Noon to 3 o'clock on Friday, March 30th. The following ministers will speak: Rev. Hugh R. Kelson, Rev. J. C. Hanby, Rev. Paul E. Reynolds, Rev. O. G. Brewer, Rev. O. H. Connelly, Rev. N. O. Hornung and Rev. D. T. Pritchard.

There will be special musical selections with each of the Seven Last Words. The public is cordially invited. Come when you can; leave when you must.

Federal Inspection For Local State Guard Unit



After many months of hard work and drilling the local State Guard Unit under the captaincy of Wilbur J. Stenger held a Federal inspection at the Chestertown Armory Tuesday, March 6th. Federal officers making the inspection were Lt. Colonels, Cox and Claypoole of the U. S. Army. The officers were very high in their praise of the local men and said the inspection was very satisfactory.
With 44 enlisted men and 3 officers present, the above photograph shows Col. Cox inspecting the rifle of Pvt. Ellsworth Ireland. Others in the picture from left to right are: Capt. Stenger, Lt. Jack Keiffer, Col. Claypoole, Col. Cox, Pvt. Ireland and Corporal Wilbur Barnes.

State And Federal Officers Take Part In Inspection Of State Guard

The above officers conducted the inspection of the State Guard Unit. Reading left to right, 1st row are: Lt. Colonel Cox, Lt. Colonel Claypoole, both of the U. S. Army and Captain Merriken of Denton, who is the executive officer of this battalion of the State Guard. The back row are the commanding officers of the Chestertown group and are Captain W. J. Stenger, Lt. Henry Carrington and Lt. Jack Keiffer.

Report Of The Old Kent Chapter, D.A.R.

Old Kent Chapter, Dr. Esther M. Dole Regent, knowing that there were in the community a number of D.A.R. members of distant chapters, invitations were sent to attend our meetings. One person has become an associate member, another will soon transfer her membership and two others will soon be reinstated as members. Six members of the Chapter are teachers actively engaged in Americanization work.

The good citizenship essay contest was conducted, Buddy bags were prepared and equipped, A sailor, John M. Boring of Altoona, Pa., from the Landing Craft Maryland was adopted by the Chapter and received letters and gifts. The local Red Cross was actively aided by members.

Five dollars were sent to the Maryland Historical Society to aid in the printing of historical literature for the public schools. Then Kenmore Associaton, Maryland College and Pantry Shelf of Laurel, Md., U. S. O. were assisted with donations. Special topics of National importance and work of the Society were discussed at the meetingss. The twenty-fourth birthday of the Chapter was celebrated with a luncheon.

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Howard Leaverton Buys Boat

Mr. Howard S. Leaverton has purchased a 42 ft. cabin cruiser from Dr. Wm. Spear of Wilmington, Del., who also has a small farm near Rock Hall. The boat has a twelve foot beam.

Unidentified Body Found On River

The body of an unidentified white man was found on the Queen Anne's County shore of the Chester River near Love Point this week. Clad only in shorts and a pair of shoes, the body bore evidence of abrasions and brusies, which is thought to have come from an assault on the person. Having been in the water quite sometime, there were no marks of identification.

The man's description is as follows: age, 32 to 35 years, height, 5 ft. 8 inches, weight, about 150 lbs., hair, dark brown, upper teetch missing, thought to have false plate.

Anyone knowing of a missing person fitting this description is urged to contact the Maryland State Police or call Sheriff W. Henry Gsell, phone 156 Chestertown.

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New Store Opens

Everything is set for the opening of Todd's Furniture Store this Friday, March 16. The store is located on Cross Street in the building formerly occupied by Fox's. Remodelling has been done and the store now has a very attractive show window.

The large store is filled with goods ready to sell on opening day and many more to move in from storage when room permits. Besides furniture the store carries complete home furnishings.

The proprietor J. Milford Todd, needs no introduction having very successfully managed Nathan's Furniture Store in Chestertown for a number of years.

Sunday School Reorganized At Lynch

A meeting was called at the Lynch Methodist Church last Sunday night, March 11 for the purpose of reorganizing the Sunday School. Twenty-eight were present. The pastor, Rev. Melvin Kay, acted as chairman of the meeting and the following officers and teachers were elected:

Superintendent, Elston Kendall; assistant Supt., Milton Price; Secretary, Margaret Stavely; Treasurer, Mrs. Leroy Nickerson; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Alan Jewell. The teachers are: Mrs. Mabel Jewell, Rev. Melvin Kay, Mrs. Elston Kendall and Mrs. John Jewell.

The group of people at this meeting are to be congratulated upon this much needed step they have taken and they are asking all the people in th community to cooperate with them in this greatest of all enterprises—the building of christian character, upon which the success of a democratic community or nation depends.

The Sunday School meets each Sunday night at 7:45 P. M.

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D. A. R. Hold Meeting

The London Bridge Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution, were delightfully entertained Tuesday night, March 6, by Miss Mary Caldwell. At 6:45 Miss Caldwell served a delicious turkey dinner to the members, afterwards the regular meeting was held. The Chapter went on record as supporting the new school bill, now before the Maryland Assembly. Also, made plans to give aid, to needy schools, elsewhere than in our own State.

JURY NAMED FOR APRIL TERM OF COURT

Judge W. Raymond Horney has drawn the following list of jurors for the April term of Court which will convene here Monday, April 16th.

First District

Arthur W. Duhamell, S. Herman McCauley, Robert W. Johnston, S. Thomas Bramble, James P. Donahoe, Edgar Alexander, William F. Stoops, Jr., Robert T. Cochran.

Second District

William Medders, Arthur Pinder, L. Hodge Coleman, Wallace H. Ford, Arthur Stricklin, E. Linwood Redmile, Ralph Geary, Harry D. Hendrickson.

Third District

Walter Moffett, Harry Silcox, Bradford Magrogan, Theodore T. Dwyer, Ross Wiltbank, William E. Cole.

Fourth District

James G. Metcalfe, Charles E. Eshman, William E. Greenwood, Frederick G. Usilton, George H. Cannan, H. Gilpin Brown, J. Heigh Hill, Samuel J. Massey.

Fifth District

Joseph B. Davis, William R. Strong, John R. Dowling, William O. Coxon, James A. Cannan, Herman C. Berg, W. Miller Strong, Charles S. Jacquette.

Sixth Dirtsict

William L. Shriley, Frank Skirven, Joseph C. Quinn, Jr., George V. Hatcherson, W. Tilden Brice, Jr.

Seventh District

Daniel E. Barrett, Harry Nicols, Carson W. Harris, George W. Stant, W. Franklin Moffett.

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RED CROSS DRIVE GOING STRONG IN KENT COUNTY

The Red Cross Drive in Kent County is still short of its quota of $7,700 but is going strong and should get over the top very shortly. $5,362 has been deposited in the bank so far but on Wednesday they reported over $6,000.00 raised, some of it not being turned in. Please get your donation in as soon as possible.

Nationally—In the first eight days of campaigning, 1664 American Red Cross chapters have reported $50,-640,420 subscribed, Colby Chester, national chairman of the organization's 1945 War Fund, has announced. tion's 1945 War Fund, has announce These collections represent $20,293,-420 above the total reported for a corresponding period of last year's Red Cross appeal.

Of a total number of chapters reporting, 122 have reached or exceeded their assigned quotas, Mr. Chester explained. He estimated that 4,000,000 volunteers are at work in the 3,757 loca lchapters. The minimum goal is for $200,000,000.

"In most sections of the nation," are off to an encouraging start. Mr. Chester said "chapter campaigns Wichita, Kansas, first chapter above 100,000 population to exceed its quota, reported 100 percent donations from the Beach Aircraft Corporation's 12,00 employees whose gifts averaged $5.75 each.

"By reason of the intensified wartime service of the American Red Cross, I anticipate a swift and generous response. Everywhere Americans are aware that every dollar contributed to this humanitarian cause will be multiplied in usefulness."

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Legion To Celebrate 26th Birthday

Frank M. Jarman Post, American Legion will celebrate the 26th birthday, Monday, March 26th with a fish fry at their new home at Maple Ave. and Cross Street.

The American Legion was founded in Paris in 1919. Speaker at the affair will be Judge Stephen R. Collins and will outline briefly the history of the legion.

The fish fry will consist of shortbread, fish, molasses, potato salad, cole slaw, coffee, cream, etc.

All servicemen and ex-service men are invited. The fry will start at 7 P. M.

Has Unanimous Endorsement Of Kent County Commissioners And Delegation At Annapolis. Bill Does Not Carrry A Referendum. Necessary For New 12 Year State-Wide Education Program.

At a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, March 14, the board voted unanimously to request the representatives of Kent County in the General Assembly to introduce a bill for a bond issue of $245,000 to provide a new high school building for Chestertown and such additions at other high school centers as may be necessary for Kent County high schools to meet the requirements of the State Department of Education for the extended and enriched program for Maryland high schools, as outlined in Governor O'Conor's five point bill for education. The Board of County Commissioners feel that this program for adequate school facilities for the extended educational program can be financed by a very slight increase in the present tax rate.

The Board of Education of Kent County, realizing that the present school plants at the high school centers are not adequate to meet the demands of the proposed twelve grade program requested the Board of County Commissioners to make the necessary provisions for housing the new program. Modifications requested include a new high school building to replace the present inadequate Chestertown High School and necessary additions and modifications of structures at other high school centers.

On Thursday, March 8, a hearing was held before the Finance Committee of the Maryland Senate on Governor O'Conor's five point education bill. Among the features of the bill are provisions for a twelve grade system, including junior and senior high schools, smaller classes, higher salaries for teachers, aid for non-equalization fund counties and extended library facilities. County Commissioners, interested citizens, representatives from the Parent-Teacher Associations and school officials attended the hearing. Unanimous opinion in favor of the bill at the hearing indicates passage at the present session of the General Assembly.

A twelve grade program will give Kent County youth an enriched training in secondary education comparable to that now enjoyed by children in forty-five of the forty-eight states. It will provide a program of vocational education in keeping with the needs of Kent County youth. It is evident that present high school facilities are not adequate to provide either for the addition of another grade to the present schools or to house the shops and additional space required for the enriched high school program. In order that Kent County youth may benefit from the privileges and opportunities of the new program, additions to and modification of present high school plants are necessary.

In every county in the State of Maryland, with the exception of two counties now under the twelve grade system, the counties are faced with the necessity of making changes in school plants. The new program makes extensive provisions for vocational training in agriculture and mechanical work, physical education and related fields. School plants will need to provide an assembly room and a gymnasium for the extended program of physical education. The addition of one grade to the present eleven grades in each high school center will require additional classrooms. With the twelve grade system a practical certainty, Kent County now finds itself faced with the problem of making provisions for the necessary facilities to meet requirements at county high school centers.

The action of the Board of County Commissioners and of Kent County representatives in the General Assembly indicate that Kent County will have adequate school facilities to secure the benefits of the twelve grade program for our youth.

EDITORIAL

Maryland is scheduled to adopt a new educational system, which includes a raise in pay for teachers and changes the school course from eleven to twelve years. The raise in pay for teachers in Kent county would not increase Kent's tax rate as we come under what is known as "The Equalization Fund" and the increase here would be born by this state fund. Up until this year the requirements to come under the Equalization Fund were that fifty-two cents of the County tax rate go for schools. This now we understand will be increased to fifty-six cents but Kent is still way out in front as over fifty-eight cents out of a dollar tax rate goes for schools. The much needed raise for teachers does not in any way increase our tax rate.

Kent however is very lacking in school buildings and they will not meet the requirements for the new program. (In fact in only two counties in the State are the buildings adequate and all have similar bills at Annapolis). Faced with this situation the P. T. A.'s school Board got to work. On Wednesday the County Commissioners held a special meeting all three commissioners, Messers. Julian Hurtt, William C. Frances and Sutton Tarbutton voted to ask the representatives of Kent County at Annapolis to introduce without a referendum the school bond bill for $245,000.00. It is understood the bill will have the unanimous support of our delegation, Senator Clarence Newsome and Delegates Roger Harris and Frank Jester.

Kent County youths are entitled to an education as good as any other county in the State. We congratulate our County Commissioners and Representatives at Annapolis for the step they have taken for the all important education of our youth.

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FARM BUREAU TO BANQUET MARCH 22ND

The Annual Kent County Farm Bureau Banquet will be held next Thursday evening, March 22, at 6:30 P. M. in the Fire House in Chestertown. The Banquet will be served cafeteria style as the Bureau has grown so much that this is the only way seating for the large group can be handled. However this will provide plenty of room.

Howard S. Leaverton, president of the Kent County Farm Bureau has announced part of the program which is as follows: Speakers, Mr. Roy Weagly, president of Maryland Farm Bureau; P. C. Turner, chairman of War Labor Board of Maryland; Mrs. R. Weagly, National chairman of Associated Women. The guest speaker is to be announced later. There will be special music and entertainment throughout the program followed by a dance.

Tickets can be obtained from the Bureau directors or any of the Cooperative.

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Kent County school children purchased $1,573.98 worth of War Bonds and Stamps during the month of February. Of this amount the Elementary children bought $1,373.98, while the High Schools' share was $200.00. This brought the total amount of War Bonds and Stamps sold by the schools since last September to $17,987.81.

Florist Erects Two New Green Houses

John E. Court of West Chester, Pa., nationally known green house contractor, has been constructing two new green houses for Mr. Walter T. Elburn, Florist, at the latter's place of business in nearby Queen Anne's. The work is expected to be completed this week and will make a total of five houses in which to raise flowers.

Mr. Court is not a stranger in Chestertown as he was here about 15 years ago and erected a house for Mr. Elburn at that time. As there are only about fifty men capable of this work, it was several years before Mr. Elburn could secure Mr. Court's aid in enlarging his business.

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