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49 SELECTEES REPORT FOR EXAMS, DUTY

Thirteen Kent County selectees reported to the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore on Monday for their induction in the Army. There were 8 white and 5 colored. They were:

Maxwell Bramble, Jr., Still Pond
John Wesley Kimble, Chestertown
Herbert Emerson Moore, Chestertown
William Milford Dukes, Worton
William Charles Miller, Chestertown
Wilson Benson Dill, Galena
Reuben Franklin Jamar, Jr., Chestertown R. R.

Colored

Lewis Wilson, Chesterville
James Oscar Wilson, Worton
Horace Frissell Moore, Chestertown
John Edward Johnson, Jr., Millington
Ellsworth Joseph Thompson, Chestertown R. R.

Also reporting at the same time were 37 other selectees from here who had their pre-induction physicals at the armory and returned here to await orders. In this group 29 were white and 8 colored. They were:

James Francis Thompson, Chestertown R. R. 3.
Albert E. Thompson Foley, Chestertown
Donald Marrel Reynolds, Kennedyville
Charles Robert Leslie Thrift, Chestertown
William Robert Magee, Chestertown
George Wilkins Hubbard, Rock Hall
George E. Gattis, Chestertown
Walter Leroy Watson, Rock Hall
William Maynard Porter, Chestertown
William Russell Miller, Kennedyville
Norman George Kendall, Rock Hall
Homer Welch Russum, Chestertown
George Beecher Jones, Jr., Millington
Clifton Benge Hickman, Rock Hall
Carroll Newton Elburn, Galena
Elwood Boyd, Towler, Galena
James Wilbur Dowling, Rock Hall
Earl Seymour Johnston, Chestertown
Raymond James Foreman, Rock Hall
Casper Graham Copper, Chestertown
Charles Griffith Clift, Chestertown
Robert Linwood Kimble, Rock Hall
John Oliver Rigo, Betterton
Carl Romaine Happersett, Chestertown
Francis McGinnis Gibson, Chestertown
Earl George Coffman, Chestertown
John M. Cassell, Chestertown
Norman Ellis Fox, Kennedyville
Lloyd Allen Gale, Crumpton

Colored

George Oliver Commodore, Chestertown R. R. 2
Price Benjamin Warrick, Golts
Norbert Francis Smith, Jr., Rock Hall
William Thomas Murray, Jr., Chestertown
William Clayton Ricketts, Millington
Houston Oliver Munson, Chestertown
Randolph Milton Smith, Chestertown
Joseph Henry Earle, Kennedyville

Prisoner Wanted Here Escapes From Jessups

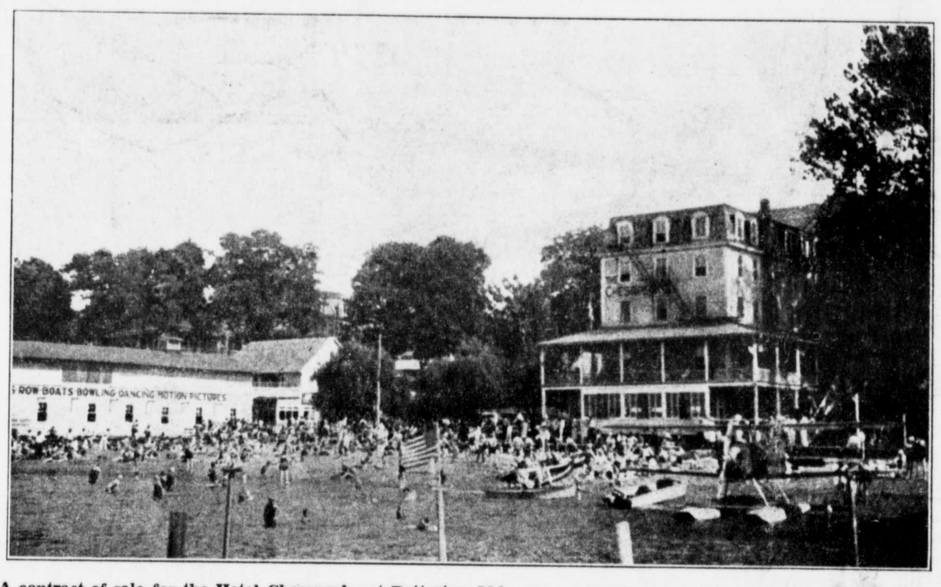
Two Maryland House of Correction prisoners, one of whom was to be released to Sheriff W. Henry Gsell, last Thursdsay, escaped from that institution at Jessups, Md., on Wednesday night.

The prisoners, William E. Mills, 25 of Madison, Md., and Billy Beal, 16 of Baltimore made their escape by prying apart the bars of a workshop window opening into an unfenced ball park.

Mills would have completed his sentence on Thursday, after serving two years on a larceny charge, but was to be turned over to Sheriff Gsell, and brought to Kent County to stand trial for robbing the Elliott Brothers' trucking company, who had a freight house here on High Street at that time.

The fugitive was employed by the freight company and is charged with the theft of a truck, which he abandoned in Baltimore, several cases of whiskey and a large sum of cash which he took from the company's safe.

Contract Of Sale Signed For Hotel Chesapeake At Betterton



A contract of sale for the Hotel Chesapeake at Betterton, Md., was reported signed this week. The Hotel Chesapeake was owned by the Betterton Beach Boardwalk Corp. and the reported purchaser is Mr. M. B. Shriener of Lancaster, Pa. He is prominently known in Pennsylvania as a successful hotel operator. The property besides the hotel also runs 400 feet up the board-walk to the old Ericsson property now owned by Mr. Watt. The sale was made by Chas. H. Brice of the Betterton Realty Co., which has also made the following sales recently: The Joseph Minster Cottage on the Main Street near the Ferncliffe Hotel to John J. Long of Penns Grove, N. J., a retired duPont employee; The George Myers property on Ericsson Ave., to Anna Volker of Baltimore and the W. R. Stavely farm at Still Pond to Mr. Paul Payne of Philadelphia.

ANNUAL BANQUET KENT COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Reservations for more than 300 members and guests of the Kent County Farm Bureau have been made for the twenty-first annual banquet of the group, which will be held in Firemen's Hall this Thursday evening, according to Frank O. Sutton, secretary-treasurer of the bureau.

The dinner will be served cafeteria style by the ladies' auxiliary of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company and the menu includes, chicken salad, peas and carrotts, deviled eggs, pickle, potato chips, buttered rolls, chocolate, milk and coffee.

Howard S. Leaverton, president of the bureau, will preside and give his report. Toastmaster for the occasion will be Bergen Brown. The speakers will include Roy Weagly, president of the Maryland Farm Bureau; P. C. Turner, chairman of the Maryland War Labor Board, and Mrs. C. J. Kern, chairman of Associated Women of Maryland. Also Dr. G. Paul Butler, of the New York Mirror and a new resident of Kent County will speak on Book Magic and Reading today. A special musical program will be rendered, followed by a dance.

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Adventist Church Nears Completion

The new church and church school building which is being erected by the Seventh Day Adventist congregation on a lot on Kent Street extended, is rapidly nearing completion. A heating plant already has been installed. Stained glass windows arrived last week. Pews are expected to arrive here shortly. The dedication of the new edifice will be held in May, it is expected. Much of the labor on the building was furnished by members of the congregation.

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New Organ May Be Ready For Easter

Materials for the installation of a new pipe organ in Christ Methodist Church, a gift from Mrs. Charles N. Catterfield, arrived here Wednesday. It is expected to be ready for use on Easter Sunday morning, when a special dedicatory service will be held under the direction of the Pastor, the Rev. Dr. W. P. Roberts. The organ will be a memorial to former Mayor Charles N. Satterfield by his widow, and will cost $5,000 when ready for uses.

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Announcement is made that Mr. Norman P. Foster, Manager of the Salisbury Field Office of the Social Security Board, will be in Chestertown on Monday next, March 26.

He will be available for interview on that day at the Post Office at 1 P. M.

Firemen Very Active During Past Week

The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company has been very actively engaged during the past week fighting grass and woods fires throughout the county. Beginning last Wednesday afternoon, March 21 they responded to a woods fire adjoining the farm of Mr. Irving Brown in Quaker Neck. Later that day they received another call to the Sparks farm near McGinnis Corner, which they extinguished.

Saturday morning, at 4 A. M. the local company was called to the home of Mr. George Dickerson in Broad Neck. Due to the late discovery of the fire, and bad roads the firemen were unable to save any of the dwelling or the contents which burned completely.

At 1 P. M. Saturday afternoon a grass fire near the hospital was brought under control.

Monday night a call was received from McGinnis Corner, where a pump house was aflame, but a later call stated the blaze was out and the men did not have to respond.

Tuesday a woods fire was extinguished in Sandy Bottom and while the firemen were there, another call came from McGinnis Corner, stating that a grass fire was endangering property. As one of the local trucks was out of town and another being repaired, the officers thought it advisable to call the Millington Company to handle the last blaze as there was only one truck left for the protection of the town.

Thursday morning the men were called to the home of the late Page Gale where they extinguished a chimney fire.

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Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brice, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Goodman and Miss Natalie Goodman attended the Hollywood Ice Revels in Wilmington last Saturday night.

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County Tax Sales Set For April 3

County Treasurer Robert E. Lee has given notice that he will offer at public sale on the court house green here on April 3 the properties of delinquent taxpayers in five of the districts of the county, whose taxes are overdue for the year 1944. Taxes due on the properties range from $1.13 to $7.45 with interest and costs of sale to be added on the day of sale. This is the smallest number of tax sales held in the county for any one year since the establishment of the law someyears ago.—See adv. on Page 3.

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Men's Clubs Of Church Meet Jointly

Last night, Thursday evening, March 22 the Men's Club of Christ Methodist Church were to be the host of the clubs of Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal and the First Methodist Churches, in the social hall of the church.

Dr. Frederick G. Livingood, president of the club was to preside and Professor Fred W. Dumschott was expected to be the guest speaker. Both are members of the faculty of Washington College.

COON HUNTERS ELECT OFFICERS PLAN SEASON

The annual election of the Eastern Shore Coon Hunter's Association was held Friday evening, March 15 at the home of Mr. Lloyd Gale in Crumpton.

Officers elected were as follows: President, Edgar E. Walls; vice-president, C. D. Hicks; Secretary-Treasurer, Edgar Lusby; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, James Green. Executive Committee: Cecil County, Clarence Webb, Jr., John Haggerty, Sr., and John Reese; Kent County, John Wright, R. D. Gorman and William E. Wiltbank; Queen Annes, Samuel Kimble, Meeks Usilton, Louis Cohee and Thomas Green.

Seventeen Coons for stock purposes are being turned loose this year. They are released in the counties based on number of members in the association. One will be released in Cecil; 13 in Kent and 3 in Queen Anne's.

Three field trials are scheduled to be held by the association this year. They will be held on April 8, May 20 and Sept. 16. Locations as yet have not been decided.

The officers and executive committee will meet in Elkton, March 29th to discuss plans for the coming year. In spite of the war they had a successful season last year.

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Still Pond-Betterton Pastor To Be Named

The Rev. Dr. J. Earle Cummings, superintendent of the Easton District of the Peninsula Methodist Conference, conducted the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Still Pond-Betterton Methodist charge in the Still Pond Church on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Dr. L. M. Morgan of Middletown and the Rev. G. E. Leister of Centreville are supply pastors.

The annual reports showed progress in all lines of church activity. A regular pastor will be appointed to the charge at the annual session of the Peninsula Conference, which will convene in Wilmington on May 16.

Dr. Cummings also conducted the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Bond-Mowbray Chapel charge, near Pomona, of which the Rev. Lester E. Loder is pastor, on Sunday following the service. The Fourth Quarterly Conference of the St. James-Lynch charge, near Fairlee of which the Rev. J. Melvin Kay is pastor, will be held Sunday following morning service.

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Muskrat Trapping Called Worst in Years

The muskrat trapping season closed in Kent County last Thursday March 15, after one of the poorest seasons in recent years both as to the number of rats trapped and the revenue, according to leading Chestertown fur buyers.

Contributing causes for the poor season have been unfavorable weather for trapping, and the comparatively small quantity of rats.

CITIZEN AWARD PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED

The Chestertownn Business Men's Association, of which Mr. J. Milford Todd is President, is making preparations for the annual selection of the "Outstanding Citizen of Chestertown" during the past year.

This annual affair is sponsored and financed by the Chestertown Business Men's Association but that organization does not select the person to whom the award is be made. The final selection is made by a representative group of men and women of Chestertown who advise the association of its selection.

According to instructions handed the committee the award may go to either a man, a woman or a child who does not necessarily have to be prominent or even well known in the affairs of the town or community. In some towns and cities the person selected has been obscure as far as publicity is concerned but investigation by the committee has shown them to have devoted a tremendous time and effort to the welfare of their community and fellow man.

You may share in the selection of "Chestertown's Outstanding Citizen" for 1944 by clipping the advertisement on page eight of this issue, fill in your choice and mail to Mr. Preston P. Heck, Secretary of the Business Men's Association. By sending in a name it does not necessarily mean a vote for any one person as these nomination certificates are merely a guide to the committee in selecting the individual. Wide use of the certificate will be appreciated by the committee as an aid in their all important selection.

The names of the members of the committee is a secret. It is not made up of members of the association and is known only to a committee of the Chestertown Business Men's Association, which selects them. Mail your nomination today and take part in this annual affair.

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ADVANCE SHEETS OF NEW LAWS READY, O'CONOR

Annapolis, March 20—As a direct result of the improved functioning of the Legislature with regard to the signing and chaptering of new measures passed, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor made known today, "advance sheets" of the new laws are now, for the first time on record during a session of the General Assembly, ready for distribution to Judges, Prosecuting Attorneys and all whose duties require prompt knowledge of changes in the Maryland laws.

Distribution of these "advance sheets," Governor O'Conor pointed out, is made possible chiefly by an Administration-sponsored change in the procedure of chaptering the new laws. Hitherfore the measures were chaptered as they were sent to the Governor for signature and if, for instance, out of the first one hundred measures chaptered, even two or three were held up because of requested hearings, etc., it was impossible to print and distribute the "advance sheets" until a decision had been reached upon these two or three measures.

Under the new emergency law, passed at this session and now in effect, Governor O'Conor pointed out, the Secretary of State chapters the laws as they are signed so that there need be no delay in preparing the "advance sheets" for distribution. Thus with 300 bills and resolution now signed by Governor O'Conor and thereby enacted into law, the Department of Legislative Reference has found it possible to have printed promptly the "advance sheets" which will go out to the various officials within the the very near future.

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LAMBS AND GOATS IN DEMAND

According to Mr. Harry Rudnick sale in Galena, will be this coming lambs and goats at his live-stock sale in Galena will be this coming Tuesday, March 27th.

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Chicago, Special—Vernon F. Dowling, Rock Hall, Md., was graduated in the University of Chicago's 14th wartime Convocation Friday, March 23, in Rockefeller Memorial Chapel.

Dowling was granted a bachelor's degree in the winter Convocation.

With the Armed Forces

Pfc. Thomas H. Robinson

Pfc. Thomas H. Robinson is spending a 30-day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Robinson, after returning from the European theatre of war where he was wounded. Upon returning to the United States, he entered an Army hospital, at Camp Butner, North Carolina, where he received treatment. A brother, S. Sgt. R. Lee Robinson, Jr., who also was wounded is still overseas.

Richard Foley, S1-c U. S. N., is here visiting his mother Mrs. Thomas Foley, before reporting for duty to go to the Pacific. He has previously been stationed at Newport, R. I.

Charles C. Beck, who enlisted in the U. S. Army the first of this month received orders to report to New Cumberland, Pa., today, Friday for his training. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Beck, High Street.

Norfolk, Va.—Fitzgerald Creighton, of Rock Hall, is among the Navy Nurses, pharmacist's mates, and hospital corpsmen, engaged in the air evacuation of wounded men from Pacific warfronts by means of the Navy's flying hospital transports.

Attending the Navy's Air Evacuation School at Naval Air Transport Service headquarters, Alameda, Cal., they have learned how to load and unload patients, and how to feed the wounded and treat them for air sickness and for pain.

Creighton is a pharmacist's mate first class. He is a graduate of Rock Hall High School. He wears American Defense, Presidential Unit, and Asiatic-Pacific area ribbons.

Miami Beach, Fla.—Tec 4 James R. Swann, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Swann, of Chestertown, has returned from service outside the continental United States and is now being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Miami Beach, where his next assignment will be determined.

Sgt. Swann served 28 months as a member of an ordnance unit in the Southwest Pacificc theatre of operations. While there he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with two battle stars and the Distinguished unit citation.

Before entering the service Sgt. Swann was employed as a clerk. He became a member of the Armed Forces on April 5, 1941.

Headquarters, 13th AAF., Southwest Pacific—Sergeant Don T. Falls, whose wife, Mrs. Clorea Falls, resides at 105 Front Street, Chestertown, has been on foreign duty for fourteen months with a signal company of the 13 AAF Service Command, operating in the South and Southwest Pacific. He is the son af Mr. and Mrs. Don T. Falls, 109 Maple Avenue, Chestertown.

Sergeant Falls, who entered the Army in April, 1942, was stationed at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and Camp Swift, Texas, before departing overseas. A company supply sergeant with his unit, he was recently awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal.

A 1932 graduate of Chestertown High School, Sergeant Falls also attended Washington College in Chestertown for one year. He was employed in civilian life for two years by the A. S. Turner & Sons Garage.

A Ninth Air Force Bomber Base, France—For meritorious achievement during combat missions over Germany First Lieutenant Theodore J. Walbert has been awarded the air medal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore J. Walbert of Sudlersville.

Lieutenant Walbert, a B-26 Marauder medium bomber pilot, is participating in the Ninth Air Force's tactical aerial offensive against enemy communication centers along the western front. On a recent mission he took part in a bombing attack against the road junction at Rheinburg through which reinforcements might be transported to strengthen von Rundstedt's front line units.

The lieutenant is a member of the "White Tailed" 323rd bombardment group, first allied bombers to operate from a base in France after landing on the continent. Before entering the air force in July, 1942, he was employed as a production clerk by the Glenn L. Martin company, whose plants turn out B-26s.

GOAL REACHED WITH MANY YET TO REPORT

The Red Cross Drive in Kent County is over the top and on deposit in bank today, according to Mrs. Carl Melamet, secretary of the Kent County Red Cross Center is $8,970.00, with a lot more to be reported. Kent's quota was $7,700.00. Several more reports are to be turned in including the drive among the Negro citizens which was so successful last year. The Negros turned in their reports Thursday evening to late for this issue.

The following letter was received by Preston P. Heck, Chairman of the Red Cross Drive for the County, honoring Mr. J. B. Whitworth, chairman of the Red Cross Drive.

American Red Cross
Alexandria, Va.
March 19, 1945

Mr. Preston P. Heck, Chrm.
Kent County Chapter
American Red Cross
Chestertown, Maryland

Dear Mr. Heck:

Your chapter's success in the War Fund campaign of 1945 is gratifying to us as I know it must be to you and all persons in your chapter who gave so freely and willingly of their time and effort. We trust you will not overlook the opportunity to utilize the public interest reflected in your successful campaign to build and strengthen the services of your chapter.

As a tribute to the proven leadership of your War Fund Chairman we are sending you a special citation for Mr. Whitworth; also, an Honor Certificate for your chapter.

I hope you will find it possible to increase the significance of these awards by arranging a formal presentation in a public meeting.

Sincerely yours,
Ramone S. Eaton,
Manager.

It is understood that Mr. Whitworth will receive the citation mentioned in the letter at the same meeting when the Citizenship Award is made.

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HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCE EXAMINATIONS

The next series of high school equivalence examinations will be held on Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27, according to Dr. Earle T. Hawkins of the State Department of Education, who is in charge of the examinations. It is necessary that all applications be submitted by April 1.

Examinations are offered in the standard high school subjects. By passing the tests an adult who left school before high school graduation may qualify for a Certificate of High School Equivalence, which is the legal equivalent of a regular high school diploma and which may be used for entrance to the study of various professions and vocations. It is anticipated that increasing numbers of men who are returning from the armed services and who are not high school graduates will avail themselves of these examinations.

The examinations are given in the City of Baltimore and in the county seat of any county where there are applicants. Candidates must be nineteen years of age and must have been residents of the State of Maryland for at least one year. Special provisions are made for members of the armed forces.

Application blanks and further information may be obtained from the Division of Equivalence Examinations, State Department of Education 1111 Lexington Bldg., Baltimore-1.

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