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KENT FARMERS OFFERED CORN CROP INSURANCE

Developments are moving rapidly on the new Corn Crop Insurance program being offered to Kent County farmers on the 1945 crop. First applications for the insurance protection, which is available to corn growers in only 20 counties in the United States are beginning to flow into the County A.A.A. Office at Chestertown.

Fifteen agents have been appointed to date to sign up applications and are already contacting farmers throughout the county in an effort to reach all before the closing date of May 1. Farmers not reached by agents may apply for insurance at the County AAA office on or before May 1.

Premium rates and yields for each farm were also announced and were given to each agent for the producers whom he will contact.

The first transmittal of applications have already been submitted to the Regional Crop Insurance Office. The support being given the program by Kent farmers is gratifying.

Premium rates and yields for all farms are also on file in the county A.A.A. office and may be had upon request.

Agents appointed to date are:

First District—S. Herman McCauley, Georgetown; A. Lindell Beaston, Galena; L. Carroll Clark, Massey; Mrs. Anna Hopkins, Galena; W. R. Newnam, Massey.

Second District—Arthur F. Pinder, Kennedyville; Harvey Freeman, Galena; Robert Crow, Kennedyville.

Third District — Howard Rasin, Still Pond; Lydia Magrogan, Lynch.

Fourth and Seventh District — Arvid Gustafson, Chestertown.

Fifth District—Roy Strong, Rock Hall.

Sixth District—To be announced.

Note: The following agents will not make calls on farmers, but may be seen at the places mentioned:

Mr. Ernest Strong, Chestertown Bank of Md., Chestertown.

Mr. Bergen Brown, Farm Bureau Store, Chestertown.

Mr. John Naylor, Farm Bureau Store, Massey.

Considerable interest in the program was manifested at the meetings held since program started. The meeting at the County Agent's office last Friday, April 6, was very well attended and was lively and informative. Mr. Leaverton, County Chairman of the AAA announced the program and representatives of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, answered questions from the floor. On Wednesday night, April 11, a meeting for agents was held in the County AAA office. Agents were supplied with applications and necessary equipment and final instructions given for the "Sign-up."

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Col. Kibler Receives Citizenship Award

Thursday evening the outstanding citizenship award was presented to Lieut.-Col. J. Thomas Kibler, for the year 1944. An interesting program arranged for the occasion included the presentation of the American Red Cross Award to Mr. J. B. Whitworth, chairman of the drive for Kent County.

The following editorial comment was made by the Wilmington Journal Every Evening, Tuesday, April 17, on the Citizenship Award for the town's outstanding citizen:

CHESTERTOWN AWARD

"That the people of Chestertown, are appreciative of unselfish service in the interest of the public is attested by the designation of Lieut.-Col. Thomas J. Kibler, now at Camp Pickett, Va., as the town's outstanding citizen for 1944.

Before taking up his present assignment, that of assistant post commander at Camp Pickett, Colonel Kibler was a leader in a variety of activities in Chestertown in the interest of his fellow citizens. For years he had been active in the promotion of athletics at Washington College, and was a leader in the business and social life of the community. He has many friends throughout Delaware.

The selection of Colonel Kibler, which was made by a committee of judges appointed by the Business Men's Association, the sponsor, obviously is in accord with public sentiment. The presentation of the award, which will be made at a public meeting Thursday evening, will be a community event."

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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, April 23.

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

FIRST CONTRACT BEING SIGNED FOR CORN INSURANCE

Kent County is one of twenty counties in the United States selected for a test for the Corn Insurance Program. G. Harry Cannon, prominent Kent farm owner, is shown signing the first contract in the AAA office. Witnessing his signature are A. M. Madden, Federal Administrative Assistant for the corn program; Howard S. Leaverton, Chairman of Kent County AAA and Miss Doris Oliffe, clerk at AAA.

MIDSHIPMAN REESE COREY WRITES STIRRING ACCOUNT OF PRESIDENT'S DEATH IN GEORGIA

The following letter was written to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Corey, of Columbia Manor, near Chestertown, by their son, Midshipman Reese Corey, U.S.N., a patient at Warm Springs Foundation, Georgia.

Friday 13th, Warm Springs, Ga.

Yesterday afternoon at 3:35 Central Time, President Roosevelt died in the little White House on Pine Mountain, here on the Foundation. The news came as a great shock to everyone here. The President was planning to leave the Foundation on Friday morning.

The Mayor of Warm Springs had a barbecue prepared for a farewell to the President. This barbecue was scheduled for 3:30, the menu made up of the President's favorite food. The people were waiting around for the President's arrival, when the Secret Service man drove up and announced the President was dead.

Some of the patients, myself among them, were going to give a Minstrel Show for the President at 5:30. The cast was being "made up" for the show, when it was announced that the President was dead.

The show was called off and people of all faiths met in the chapel for a service of prayer.

This morning, the President's body left Warm Springs in state. The body was escorted from the little White House to the railroad station by two army regiments, and was carried over the same route, on the way to the station, that the President used when he left Warm Springs the preceding time. As the procession passed, the patients were lined up to see it go by. The Navy patients held their salute until the body had gone. As it passed Georgia Hall, Graham Jackson, the President's favorite colored pianist played the President's favorite song "Home on the Range" with tears running down his face. The band played "The Star Spangled Banner" and the honor guard stood at Present Arms until the train left. Other military and naval personnel also stood at attention and held their salute until the train left. The civilians present, stood with their hats held over their hearts. There were many misty eyes when the President left Warm Spring for the last time.

Reese Corey,
Midshipman, U.S.N.

KENT COUNTY DHIA REPORT FOR MARCH

The five high herds in the Kent Dairy Herd Improvement Association for the month of March were as follows:

First—James Alexander, Jr., with an average of 1334 lbs. of milk and 453 lbs. of fat from 18 Holsteins, 2 of which were dry.

Second—James D. Davis, with an average of 1274 lbs. milk and 444 lbs. of fat from 9 Holsteins, all of which were milking.

Third—Kent Oaks Farm, with an average of 980 lbs. of milk and 422 lbs. fat from 17 Ayrshires 1 being dry.

Fourth—Walter T. Morris, Jr., with an average of 988 lbs. of milk and 419 lbs. of fat from 21 Guernseys & Holsteins 3 of which were dry.

Fifth—W. Robert Newnam with an average of 1128 lbs. of milk and 394 lbs. of fat from 16 Holsteins, all milking.

The ten high cows were:

First—Huntingfield Farms, Whitey a Grade Holstein with 1848 lbs. of milk and 942 lbs. of fat.

Second—James Alexander Jr.'s Alice, a Registered Holstein with 2440 lbs. of milk and 85.4 lbs. of fat.

Third—Kent Oaks Farms, Louise, a Registered Ayrshier with 1556 lbs. of milk and 74.7 lbs. of fat.

Fourth—Roy C. Mitchell's, Wicks Farms, No. 284152, a Grade Holstein first calf heifer, with 1460 lbs. of milk and 74.5 lbs. of fat.

Fifth—James Alexander Jr.'s Tiddlywinks, a Registered Holstein with 2133 lbs. milk and 72.5 lbs. of fat.

Sixth—Kent Oaks Farm's Ann, a Registered Ayrshire with 1450 lbs. of milk and 71.1 lbs. of fat in 29 days.

Seventh—F. Bramwell Geddes, No. 10, a Grade Guernsey with 1336 lbs. of milk and 68.1 lbs. of fat.

Eighth—Kent Oaks Farm's Tumble a Registered Ayrshire with 1380 lbs. of milk and 66.2 lbs. of fat.

Nineth—Huntingfield Farms Lusby 2nd, a Grade Holstein with 1569 lbs. of milk and 65.9 lbs. of fat.

Tenth—Olin S. Davis's Nellie, a Registered Holstein with 1969 lbs. of milk and 65.0 lbs. of fat.

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Mr. Howard S. Leaverton, Chairman of the Kent County Agricultural Conservation Assn., announces they will begin issuing drafts April 19, covering production for period January, February and March. Farmers must present their sales evidence for the three months when applying for payment.

Roosevelt Honored At Betterton Church

A large congregation attended the Betterton Methodist Church last Sunday evening for the annual "Organization Night". There were eleven Betterton organizations represented, The Odd Fellows, Rebekahs Volunteer Firemen, Firemens Auxiliary, Homemakers Club, P.T.A., Womens Christian Temperance Union Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Women's Society of Christian Service and the Sunday school. A memorial service was held for the late President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, a gold star was placed at the top of the Betterton service flag, which hangs in the church. Flowers were placed on the altar in his memory. Flowers were placed under the service flag in memory of Corporal James Arthur Moore who was killed in England, April 18th, 1944.

The singing by the Betterton choir and the guest singers, Mrs. Sweetman, Messrs. Noland, Wells, Sewell, McMinaman and Sparks, added much to the service. After the sermon, which was preached by Rev. G. E. Leister, the pastor, the American flag was held by Glenn Ladell, a Boy Scout, and the names of the Betterton men and women in the service, fifty, were read by Mrs. Jessie Parsons, the mother of three sons in the service. After the reading of the names, The Star Spangled Banner was sung and the benediction given.

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Shad Run Is Irregular In Upper Chesapeake

Reports this week from the Rock Hall and Betterton shad fishermen indicate that the run of shad in the upper Bay has been spasmodic and the catch is far below last season's run at this time.

Prices are considerably better than last year.

The run of rock fish has not been as heavy in the upper Bay during the past week as it was the first of the month, but prices are holding firm. The run of hardheads is expected to reach the upper Bay around May 1, when the hook and line fishing is expected to be on.

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The Ladies Auxiliary of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company will meet at the Fire Hall on Cross St., Thursday, April 26 at eight P. M

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Walter West, Chestertown's well-known colored handyman, fell down a cellar stairway last week and broke a collar-bone. He was rushed to the Kent and Queen Anne's General Hospital, where he was treated for his injuries.

KENT FARMERS INCORPORATE FOR LABOR

On Monday night, April 16th farmers and canners of Kent County met at the County Agent's Office to organize in order that they may attack labor shortage problem through cooperative effort. A Corporation to be known as the Kent Labor Association Inc., was organized, with A. Lee Towson, Jr., President; J. Lowery Harrison, Vice President; J. D. McCVean, Secretary. The Directors will select a Treasurer in the near future. Likewise a Labor Placement man will be employed to handle the placement of the available labor in order that it may be most effective in harvesting and processing food and feed crops.

A membership fee of $1.00 was established as a means of providing operating capital. Every farmer or canner who obtains labor thru the association will pay the fee and become a member of the association. The corporation will be non-stock, non-profit organizatoin. It is organized to direct the labor activities of prisoners of war, foreign laborers, migrant or local labor.

Labor supply is extremely short, so the effort of the group to plan the most effiecient use of the available labor is an important forward step.

The Directors chosen at the organization meeting to represent the various sections of the county are as follows:

1st District—Ralph Poore, Massey, Md.

2nd District—Edgar D. Lusby, Kennedyville, Md.

3rd District — Walter L. Churchman, Mgr. Andelot, Worton, Md.

4th District—Henry Demain, Vita Foods, Chestetrown, Md.

5th District—J. Lowery Harrison, Kent Packing Co., Rock Hall, Md.

6th - 7th District—A. Lee Towson, Glenmar Farms, Chestertown, Md.

The Extension Service is charged with the placement of imported workers in the field of Agriculture while the War Manpower Commission has the responsibility of placing the similar labor allotted to Industry.

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ACCEPTS ORGAN POSITION

Mrs. John Eliason has accepted the position as organist, of Emmanuel P. E. Church, effective Sunday, April 22.

Mrs. Eliason succeeds, Mrs. M. H. Jacobs whose resignation was effective last Sunday.

10 MEN CALLED TO SERVICE; 23 ARE EXAMINED

Twenty-seven Kent County Selectees left here Monday by bus for the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore. Of the group, three, William Cook Gale, Frank Eugene Harsh and Herbert Grancis Ward, Jr., all Washington College students reported for immediate induction. The other twenty-three, 18 white and 5 colored had their pre-induction physical examinations and returned home to await orders. They are:

Wilmer Jones, Rock Hall.
George Noble Dixon, Galena.
Alex William Herzberg, Jr., Chestertown.
George Curlett, Jr., Kennedyville.
Albert Jessie Meekins, Chestertown.
John Kantor, Millington.
Marion Carter Rash, Chestertown.
Charles Parker Coleman, Jr., Chestertown.
William Wesley Mullineaux, Washington College.
Gilbert Edison Meekins, Chestertown
Copeland Alonza Hubbard, Rock Hall.
Robert Valentine Orr, Washington College.
Curtis Arnold Gilgash, Washington College.
Richard Willson Kelley, Rock Hall.
John Carroll Loller, Chestertown.
Joseph D. Palmer, Washington College.
Roland Edward Rash, Millington.
Heston Wiltbank, Jr., Kennedyville.

Colored

Calvin Rowe, Golt.
James Archie Gland, Chestertown.
Randolph Waddell Johnson, Chestertown.
Ezekiel Junior Jones, Chestertown.
Griffin Hickson, Chestertown.

On Wednesday the following 4 white and 3 colored reported for induction.

Noble Walton Middletown, Chestertown.
Harvey Hurtt Camp, Galena.
Robert Chester-Townsend Hopkins, Still Pond.
William Thomas Gears, Worton.

Colored

Charles Edward Lively, Worton.
George Abraham Hynson, Worton.
Anthony Dennis Hackett, Galena.

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Clothing Drive In Kent Brings Results

Today, Friday, Boy and Girl Scouts will make a door to door collection for clothing to be donated for war victims under the plan of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. Mr. J. Frank Truitt is the county chairman.

Clothes may be left at Todd's Furniture Store or Cooper's Hardware Store. So far, the committee reports that the results of this drive are good, judging from the amount already left at the above stores, according to Mr. Todd and Mr. Cooper.

Remember that good substantial used clothing for both winter and summer wear is desired. (Evening dresses, tuxedos and dress suits cannot be used.)

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Chestertown Native Gets Postal Promotion

Word has been received here of the promotion of W. Lewin Howard, who had served as postmaster at Balboa Heights, Canal Zone, Panama, for the past nine years, to the postmastership at Ancon, one of the largest offices in Panama.

Mr. Howard is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Howard of Chestertown, where he attended the Chestertown High School and served an apprenticeship in the local postoffice before going to Panama.

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J. FRANK WHEATLEY

J. Frank Wheatley, aged 92, died at his home on Queen St., late Tuesday afternoon. He is survived by his son, C. Frank Wheatley, of Rock Hall, one daughter, Miss Flora Wheatley at home, one grandson, James Burke Wheatley, of Towson and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 o'clock in Christ Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. W. P. Roberts officiating.

The bearers will be James B. Wheatley, Charles, Joseph and William Wheatley, F. G. Usilton and H. B. Nicholson. Interment will be in Chester Cemetery.

Usilton and Wells are in charge of funeral arrangements.

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Five Washington College students and one Chestertown High School student took the qualifying tests for specialized training at Washington College on Thursday of last week, under the supervision of Dean Fredick G. Livingood, war supervisor for the Army and Navy at the college.

With the Armed Forces

Norfolk, Va., April—Francis T. Needles, 18, fireman second class U.S.N.R., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Needles of 232 Cannon St., has been assigned to duty aboard a fast destroyer transport designed for amphibious strikes against Jap-held territories.

The ship on which Needles serves is a converted destroyer escort, originally built as a defensive weapon to combat submarines in the Atlantic.

Before entering the Navy last June, Needles was employed as a printer by the Chestertown Transcript Co. He has a brother serving overseas in the Army.

Mrs. William B. Groves, of Betterton received from her son, Bedford Groves, T-5, a white tea set trimmed with gold. He also sent a pair of field glasses that he took from a German officer that had held him prisoner for three hours.

Groves with a fellow soldier were at an out-post, his companion being on guard with a tommy gun. When they were attacked by a patrol of Germans, the tommy gun jammed due to the cold. The Germans made them lay on the ground for three hours, until the outpost was retaken by American soldiers. According to Groves the German officer could speak perfect English and just before he was captured he started eating a map he had, piece by piece.

Word has been received from the Hurlock boys telling about their reunion on board Thomas' ship. Sam, a Pvt. in the Army was wounded in France Jan. 1st., and is now at a Convalescent Center in England. Thomas, who is a Cadet Midshipman of the Merchant Marines and who's ship docked in England immediately got in touch with Sam at the Hospital by phone. Sam was given permission by his Commanding Officer to visit his brother. He remained with him for several hours and talked about home and experiences each had had since being in the service. Sam stayed until the ship pulled out of harbor. These boys are formerly from Crumpton, Queen Anne's County.

Somewhere on Luzon—For wounds received in action east of Olongapo during the 38th (Cyclone) Division's fight to avenge Bataan, Pfc. Edward L. Daggett, son of Mrs. Mary L. Daggett, R. R. 2, Worton, Md., has been awarded the Purple Heart. He has recovered from his wounds and has returned to active duty with his company.

He took part in the 152nd Infantry's 16-day battle for Ziz Zag Pass, which opened another route to Manila.

A member of Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 152nd Infantry, he has been overseas for 15 months, and he served previously in Hawaii, New Guinea and Leyte.

The Transcript,
Chestertown, Md.
Dear Sir:

Will you please put this in the paper this week:

Mrs. Louis Kendall has recently received word from her husband, Pfc. Louis E. Kendall, that he has received the purple heart for wounds received in action against the enemy on Feb. 4, 1945. Pfc. Kendall was wounded in both legs and lower part of his abdomen, has had four operations and expecting more at any time. At present he is in a Paris hospital but hoping to be back in the good old U. S. A. at any time.

Pfc. Kadall entered the service June 27, 1944 and after taking his basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida, was sent overseas in December. He was serving with the first army in Germany when he was wounded.

Thanks

Aboard a Coast Guard Cutter at an Advanced Pacific Base (Delayed)—Close behind the first assault waves blasting the Jauanese on a Pacific island, specially-equipped U. S. Coast Guard tender-type cutters move in near the smoking beaches to convert the war-riddled shambles into usuable anchorages, channels and harbors through which vital supplies can flow to combat units on land.

While bigger fighting ships are pounding Jap positions heavily, these small cutters, called "ocean road builders," are removing wrecks fighting fires, rescuing distressed seamen, laying cables on the ocean bed, salvaging equipment, marking channels and planting moorings.

The cutters were reconverted at the Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, Md., so that they could perform their "jack-of-all-trades" work. Each has extra hawsers and gear for handling buoys and moorings, deep-sea diving gear, welding machines, six-inch salvage pumps and five diesel fire-

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CIRCUIT COURT TO RE-CONVENE NEXT MONDAY

The Circuit Court for Kent County convened last Monday with Chief Judge J. Owen Knotts, and Associate Judges William R. Horney and Albert Constable on the bench. The charge to the grand jury was delivered by Judge Knotts.

The grand jury drawn was as follows:

"We, the Grand Jury, of Kent County, with your selection of William S. Collins as our Foreman, and our selection of H. Gilpin Brown as Secretary, and James G. Metcalfe as Assistant Secreatry, fully realizing the responsibility entrusted to us have discharged our duties to the best of our ability and according to the evidence presented to us, we herewith submit the following report:

William S. Collins, Robert W. Johnston, Wallace H. Ford, Theodore T. Dwyer, J. Heigh Hill, William O. Coxen, Joseph C. Quinn, Jr., George W. Stant, Thomas Bramble, William Medders, William E. Cole, H. Gilpin Brown, John R. Dowling, Frank Skirven, W. Franklin Moffett, James P. Donahoe, Harry D. Hendrickson, Harry Silcox, James G. Metcalfe, Charles S. Jacquette, William L. Shriley, Harry Nicols, Robert T. Cochran. William S. Collins was named foreman, H. Gilpin Brown, Secretary and James G. Metcalfe, Asst. Secretary.

The grand jury finished Tuesday morning and brought in the following report:

"Officials of the Town and County report that all law violations brought to their attention have been given their best efforts. We have examined seventeen witnesses, found five Presentments and brought in five True Bills.

"The Grand Jury visited the County Jail and found five prisoners there. The condition of the jail (sanitary, etc.) is as good as can be expected when considering the age and construction of the building. We would strongly recommend repairs to shower bath on second floor, further we feel that accommodations for women prisoners should be corrected to provide proper confinement, bathing and living conditions for White and Colored prisoners.

"It is the desire of the Grand Jury assembled here to thank States Attorney Harrison W. Vickers for able assistance rendered and to compliment all the law enforcement officers of the County for their continuing efforts in decreasing crime and general law violations.

"We also wish to take this opportunity to express to the Judges of the Court our appreciation for their courtesy and assistance in our labors and especially to his Honor J. Owen Knotts for his forceful charge to the Jury."

Indictments were as follows:

Anna Gertrude Bosley for murder, Leon Reese for murder, Joseph Goulden for assault with intent to kill Howard Wickes for larceny and James Toth for trespassing.

Court will reconvene this coming Monday and in addition to the above cases will try a civil suit of $50,000 from Cecil County. In this latter case attorneys for the plantiff are Wm. Pepper Constable, Harrison W. Vickers and Richard Carvell. Defense attorneys are Edward Rollins and R. Hynson Rogers.

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WHEN OYSTERS SOLD FOR 16c A BUSHEL

Easton—The A. B. Harris Oyster House at Oxford has resurrected an old account book among their files dated 1879 when the present oyster house was owned by H. L. Clark & Co. It is interesting to note that in those days oysters were bought for 16 2-3 cents a bushel and that the shuckers were paid from 15 to 20 cents a gallon. Although the writing is faded, such family names as Todd, Haddaway, Mitchell, Gibson, Williams, Thompson, Crockett, Bridges, Speaker, Jefferson, Seth, Bergman, Wetherall, Carver, Wamsley, Voshell, and others appear in the book. The present price of oysters is $2.00 to $3.00 per bushel and shuckers are paid 60 cents per gallon.

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LEGION DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT

The American Legion will hold a dance at the Armory Friday night, April 20 for the benefit of their new home. Music will be by Lew Startt. (See adv. back page.)

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Wm. Belt Townshend has been confined to his home part of this week having sprained his ankle. He is expected at his office today, Friday.

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The Orthopedic Clinic will be held Tuesday, April 24 from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M. Dr. Harry L. Rogers, from Baltimore will be here for the Clinic, at the Health Center.

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