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NEGRO KILLED IN ATTEMPTING TO ENTER HOUSE

Walter Thomas, 20-year-old negro was fatally shot early last Sunday morning while attempting to force his way into the home of Emily Johnson also colored, who he threatened to kill.

Emily later told the officers that Thomas had come to her house, near Chesterville around 4 A. M. and tried to gain entrance, not succeeding he removed a window pane but still did not get into the house, he then went to another window. By this time the woman became alarmed as the man continued to threaten her and taking a 32-calibre pistol, the woman shot from an upstairs window at the man below, striking him above the left ear. At that time she did not know that her shot had been fatal, but when it became lighter she saw the body still lying there. She then went to the home of Trial Magistrate Clarence M. Melvin in Millington and told him what had occurred. Mr. Melvin called Edward Squires and Roland Porter, deputy sheriffs, and went to the scene, to await the arrival of Sheriff W. Henry Gsell and Medical Examiner, Dr. Frank B. Hines,whom he had phoned, in the meantime.

Upon arriving there Dr. Hines pronounced Thomas dead and after questioning the woman, Sheriff Gsell brought her to Kent County jail where she is being detained.

Several months ago, Thomas was charged with the sameoffense, against an elderly colored woman in that same section, but due to lack of evidence he could not be convicted and was freed. State's Attorney, Harrison W. Vickers. asserted that due to this and other facts concerning Thomas, that he would not prefer any charges against the Johnson woman, but further stated that the matter would be referred to the next Grand Jury for their consideration.

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LIONS CLUBS HONOR MEMORY OF PRESIDENT

Lions Clubs of America have honored the memory of President Roosevelt. Hon. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee made the following remarks in the House of Representatives:

" Mr. Kefauver, Mr. Speaker, our great departed leader was a member of Lions International. Various Lions clubs throughout the United States have joined in paying tribute to his memory. Under leave to extend my remarks, I include a resolution adopted by a standing vote of the Lions Club of America."

The resolution of the Chestertown Lions Club is as follows:

Whereas God in His infinite wisdom has called to his reward our President, Commander in Chief, and fellow Lion, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and the United States and the world has lost a great leader and humanitarian; and

Whereas President Roosevelt was an active member of Lions International, and his life and work exemplified the ideals, and principles of Lionism: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Lions Club of Chestertown does hereby join with Americans and with the peoples of all nations in recognition of the great loss to our country and to the world in the untimely passing of a great and beloved leader whose vision was pointed toward a universal peace and brotherhood of men; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the club and that copies be furnished to the press of the city of Chestertown.

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Conference Meeting W.S.C.S. May 18

The annual meeting of the Peninsula Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service is to be held on May 18th, Friday, in Grace Church, Wilmington, Del., at 2:00 P. M. The newly installed President of the Northeastern Jurisdiction W.S.C.S. will address the meeting on the subject "Don't Miss the 10:45." Mrs. Earl Shockley of Easton, Md., will lead the devotional period and there will be a program of special music. Mrs. Ralph L. Minker, President of the Conference W.S.C.S. will preside at this meeting and also at the executive session which is being held in the Church House at 9:45 A. M. Luncheon will be served in the Church House at 12:30 P. M. It is expected that this meeting will attract a large number of W.S.C.S. members from all points in the Peninsula Conference.

With the Armed Forces

Alvin R. Ashley, U. S. C. G.

Coast Guardsman Alvin R. Ashley, Quartermaster second class, whose wife, Irene, infant daughter, Linda Kay, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ashley, live at Rock Hall, Md., is serving aboard a Coast Guard-manned Army freight supply vessel carrying vital supplies to the advanced Pacific bases where our hard-hitting troops prepare for new thrusts at Jap-held territory. Coast Guardsman Ashley has a brother serving in the Navy, E. Noel Ashley, who is a Fireman first class. Alvin graduated from Rock Hall High School in 1941.

S-Sgt. Harrison W. Vickers, III, has returned to his home in Chestertown after 28 months of duty in China, Burma and India. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison W. Vickers, and will have a 30-day furlough before reporting for duty.

Private Robert C. Brenizer, U. S. Army Paratrooper and Glidertrooper, has been assigned to the 17th Airborne Division somewhere in Germany. He is attached to Division Headquarters Reconnaissance Platoon.

T-S. Jack W. Earnshaw of Baltimore, who left Washington College for the service in 1943, has been awarded the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters for his work in a bombing squadron of the Eighth Air Force in Europe. He also wears the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon. He expects to remain in Europe in the Army of Occupation.

With an Air Depot Group of the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command, Italy: George L. Robinson, of Kennedyville, Md., has been promoted recently to the grade of Private First Class, according to a recent announcement from his unit headquarters.

Pfc. Robinson, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Robinson, of Kennedyville, Md., has been a member of the Army of the United States since September of 1943. Prior to entering the service, he was employed as a warehouse worker and is now serving as a truck driver with a Quartermaster Trucking company here. Pfc. Robinson has been overseas 14 months.

The following was taken from a letter received by Mrs. Joseph Tubbs of Millington from her husband, Lieut. Joseph J. Tubbs, who is a chaplain in U. S. N. R., and is stationed in England. This letter was written on V-E day:

"Victory in Europe! This is truly a great day for rejoicing. The sun is shining today, and the birds are merrily singing their victory chant—all as if it had been planned. Six long years for England, and now the fear of raids, invasion, V1, V2, killing and being killed, have vanished with the dawn of this glorious day.

"The celebrations started last night about ten o'clock. All day the people had been waiting for the news, but only news correspondents carried the word of surrender. Yet it seemed definite and all indications were that Germany had quit. Then quite suddenly all the ships in the harbor let go with all the noise they could produce. Recognition signals were fired and the dim twilight grew bright with red, green, amber, and white rockets bursting in mid-air. Great crowds of people surged through the narrow streets of Falmouth singing, ringing bells, and shouting victory to the very heavens. It was a great sight to behold, the air was electric, and the contagious spirit of happiness was overwhelming. You did not know whether to laugh, shout, or cry. Most of us did all three. This continued for about two hours, and then silence again. It was dark now and a soft rain began to fall. The heavens seemed to be weeping for joy.

"This is a great day for these people here, probably even a little more so than for the people at home, even though America surely has sacrificed her sons upon the European field of battle. I wish you could be here to sense the feeling of joy that has swept this little Island. It is truly magnificient. I have never experienced anything like it before. And I hope that I'll never have to experience it again, and may the world never have to witness it again. However, I have no gloating feeling over defeated Germany, only a sense of pity that such a large section of mankind could fall as low as they did. Probably they will learn the meaning of ruthless aggression and the devastating results of war. At least we can hope and pray that will be the case."

15 KENT MEN REPORT FOR INDUCTION

Fifteen Kent County Selectees left here Wednesday morning and reported for their immediate induction at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore, where they will enter either our Naval or Land Forces.

The group included 13 white and 2 colored. They were:

White

Albert E. Thompson Foley, Chestertown
James Wesley Jones, Chestertown R. R.
William Clyburn Voorhese, Chestertown, now of Baltimore.
Elwood Boyd Towler, Galena
William Robert Magee, Chestertown, now of Baltimore.
Walter Leroy Watson, Rock Hall.
Norman George Kendall, Rock Hall
George Beecher Jones, Millington
Clifton Benge Hickman, Rock Hall
Carroll Newton Elburn, Galena
Carl Romaine Happersett, Chestertown
Casper Graham Copper, Worton
Charles Griffith Clift, Chestertown.

Colored

George Oliver Commodore, Chestertown, R. R.
Randolph Milton Smith, Chestertown

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A reduction in the electric rates of the Centreville plant will be put into effect as of July first, it was announced this week. This rate reduction will save the consumers approximately $3,000.

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Minister Celebrates 25 Year Rectorship

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Atwater were tendered a reception at the Rectory on Tuesday evening, May 15, by the congregation of Emmanuel P. E. Church. The occasion marked the 25th anniversary of Dr. Atwater rectorship at the old Episcopal Church in Chestertown.

A purse of $330, wrapped in silver, was presented to the rector, as a gift of the congregation. The presentation was made by Mayor Philip G. Wilmer, a member of the vestry, who gave an interesting and genial talk to the large number assembled. Dr. Atwater responded with gratitude and appreciation of the loyal work and service of his congregaiton, asking for the prayers of all the members that he may continue in usefulness and strength to all in his parish.

The Right Rev. William McClellan, Bishop of the Diacese of Easton, and Mrs. McClellan assisted Dr. and Mrs. Atwater in receiving.

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Old Kent Chapter D.A.R. Annual Meet

On May 12th the Old Kent Chapter met with Miss Ann Smith, Washington Avenue. In the absence of the Regent, Dr. Esther M. Dole, Miss Mildred Hoyle presided. The following officers were elected: Regent Miss Mildred Hoyle; 1st Vice-Regent, Mrs. Linda Hendrickson; 2nd Vice-Regent, Mrs. Geo. E. Albee; Chaplain, Miss E. A. Knight; Registrar, Mrs. Harrison Vickers; treasurer, Miss Ann Smith; Rec. Secretary, Mrs. Stanley B. Sutton; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Harry Hoyle; Historian, Dr. Esther M. Dole; Editor, Miss Edith L. Shearer.

Mrs. Harrison Vickers read an interesting paper on the Americanization of the immigrant who comes to our shores and what the Statue of Liberty means when arriving in a strange country. Miss Hoyle talked of Lowell Mason, called the "Father of Singing in the Public Schools." His influence dates from 1838. He was then a young bank clerk of 16 years. He and his brother started "Singing Schools" and wrote music. They were always willing to sing and play for others. At first Lowell Mason did not sign his own name as he thought music composed by a bank clerk would not be acceptable.

Mrs. Owen sent word that the tea which she was to have given to the D. A. R. on May 24th will now be deferred until September.

Local Cub Pack Goes Over Top In Paper Collection

When General Eisenhower called on the Boy Scouts to collect waste paper and help knock out the Axis, the Cub Pack got busy. With a quota of 6000 lbs. this group went over the top collecting 6419 lbs. They are front row, left to right: Harry Cannon, David Sharretts. Alan Carroll, Tommy Eshman. Back row: Buster Smith, Rousby Quesenberry. Mrs. C. Roland Sharretts is the Den Mother.

Second Youth Dies From Auto Accident

Robert Shelts, one of six young men from Millington who were injured in an automobile accident near there May 6 when an automobile driven by William Hanifee of Millington crashed into a telephone pole, died in the Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital here on Monday evening from the effects of his injuries.

Henifee succombed in the local hospital shortly after being admitted while Henry Wallace is still confined to the local hospital from effects he suffered. The other occupants of the car, Earl Chance, Roger Campbell, and James Wood, sustained only minor injuries which were treated by Dr. Merritt Brice of Millington.

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Coon Dog Field Trials To Be Held Sunday

The Eastern Shore Coon Hunters' Association will hold Field Trials at the Walter Willis Farm near Kennedyville this Sunday, May 20th. The Willis Farm gives a good view of all races as a good part of the run is in one large field.

The committee expects about one hundred entries from Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey and Kentucky.

The trials will start with a fox race at 11 o'clock.

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Galena P.-T. A. Picks Coming Term Officers

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Galena High School, of which W. Skirven Startt is principal, has elected the following officers for the coming school year: President, Mrs. John Wilson; vice-president, Mrs. George Dixon; secretary, Mrs. Harry Rudnick; treasurer, Mrs. Don Driscoll.

Among the activities of the association during the school year was the serving of hot lunches to the school students during the winter months. Plans are being made to award a prize at the June commencement exercises to the student who receives the second highest average in the senior class.

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Interparochial Meeting At Millington

The Interparochial meeting for the Northern Convocation, consisting of Kent and Cecil Counties, will be held Thursday, May 24 beginning at 1:30 A. M. in Holy Cross Chapel, Millington.

Mrs. Henry Hill Pierce, who is one of the four women members of the National Council, will be the guest speaker. Previous to this Mrs. Hill represented the II Province on the National Executive Board. Her subject will be "A Just and Durable Peace."

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The State Roads Commission announces that sealed bids will be accepted at its Baltimore office until May 22 at noon for repainting metal work on the following Kent County bridges: The Sassafras River bridge between Fredericktown and Georgetown, the Chester River bridge at Chestertown and the Kent Narrows bridge between Grasonville and Stevensville on Kent Island. See adv. page 4.

Infantry Show Here Next Thursday

A big demonstration "Here's Your Infantry" will be held at the Washington College Athletic Field, Thursday evening, May 24th at 7:30 P. M. The show will be put on by battle scarred infantry men, fresh from the battle-fields. Besides showing the Infantry in action there will also be an exhibition of weapons and equipment. A big feature of the show will be an assault on a pillbox using machine guns, bazooka, flame throwers.

The show is being held in the interest of the 7th War Loan. By all means make plans to attend.

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AIRPORTS NOW UNDERWAY IN KENT COUNTY

Indications point strongly to the fact that Kent County will be well supplied with airplane communication both for passenger and commercial service in the early post-war period in view of the number of properties which are either being purchased or leased for the establishment of airports.

It was reported here recently that Cedric Cooper of Middletown, Del., has purchased from Judge Stephen R. Collins a portion of one of his farms on Chester River, upon which he is planning the erection of a large airport and field for the landing of planes and appliances for the repair and maintenance of airplanes.

The firm of Stavely & Son of Lynch, has been awarded the contract for the erection of a hangar 80 x 24 feet for Morris Davies, superintendent of the Kunkel Automobile Service, on the former Carroll Loller property, near I. U. Protestant Episcopal Church.

There is already an airplane passenger service in operation near Rock Hall, located on the estate of Dr. Temple Fay of Philadelphia, and operated by Ralph McGinnis of that town.

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CHESAPEAKE HOTEL DAMAGED BY FIRE

The Chesapeake Hotel at Betterton was damaged by Fire last Friday afternoon. Fire Companies responded from Betterton, Galena, Millington, Sudlersville, Church Hill, Centreville, Rock Hall and Chestertown. Mr. Owens, Chief of the Betterton Fire Co., expressed his thanks to the other Fire Companies for their help.

Betterton is just about ready to open for the season and indications are that they will have one of the biggest years in their history.

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CUSTODIAN SECURED FOR LEGION HOME

James E. Batchler and brother Jake have been secured as custodians of the new American Legion Memorial Home. James E. Batchlor is a veteran of World War 1 and is Sergt.-At-Arms of the Local Post.

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Be ready for the Victory Volunteer when he calls at your home during the Seventh War Loan. That's especially important out in the farm areas. Probably he is a busy neighbor. Don't have him make another trip.

Dudley G. Roe Explains OPA Suit

"I feel that I owe my people some explanation of the suit which has been entered against me by the OPA in the District Court of Baltimore City.

"This suit grows out of charges made by our firm last summer for receiving and handling and obtaining warehouse receipts for our farmers for Government loan wheat. We made the same charge that most other dealers on the Shore made, which charges were sanctioned by another Federal Agency. The OPA claims that these charges were in error. Our firm feels that the OPA claim is unjust and unreasonable, and we are availing ourselves of the rights of an American citizens to have the disputs judicially decided in our courts."

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Sheriff Attended FBI Demonstration

Sheriff W .Henry Gsell attended an FBI law enforcement conference Wednesday afternoon at the Maryland State Police barracks in Easton.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation gave a demonstration on the use of firearms, which included trick shooting and practical courses, adopted by their agency for its regular firearmstraining program. Other matters of interest to police were also discussed.

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Children's Aid Drive Successful

The goal of $1,400 needed to carry on the year's work, has been reached by the Kent County Branch of the Maryland Children's Aid Society. The Directors are most grateful to the public for such a ready response and for such prompt and generous gifts.

The money will be used wholly for the care of Kent County children.

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Tuesday morning the Fire Company was called to the Silco Store on High Street, where an oil burner had started to smoke from a stopped up chimney flue. No damage was done to the store or its contents.

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Millington Fire Auxiliary Elects

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Millington Community Volunteer Fire Company has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Paul Comegys; first vice-president, Mrs. Edward Vansant; second vice-president, Mrs. Edward Fellows; secretary, Mrs. William Voshell; treasurer, Mrs. Charles Anthony. The auxiliary is planning a number of benefits for raising funds during the year.

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County Agent, McVean, announces that John W. Magruder, representing the Maryland Crop Improvement Association will be in Kent County on Thursday, May 24th to make the field inspection of barley crops which are of high quality and suitable for seed. The fields that pass the inspection as to trueness of type; freedom from mixture with other grains or varieties; freedom from disease and weeds such as garlic, etc. and produced from certified seed may be certified if later examination reveals high quality grain with high percentage of germination.

Mr. McVean should be informed in order that he may plan the schedule for the inspections.

COLLEGE SETS JUNE 3RD FOR COMMENCEMENT

Twenty-two seniors, and the seven surviving members of the half-century class of 1895 will be the center of attention of the 163d. Commencement of Washington College on Sunday, June 3. Combined Baccalaureate and graduation exercises will be held in William Smith Hall at two o'colock that afternoon. Degrees will be awarded by President Gilbert W. Mead, who will deliver the diplomas to the graduates, and will present also certificates of congratulation to the members of the class which graduated fifty years ago.

Seniors who are candidates for degrees are:

Bachelor of Arts

Joseph Ray Arnold, Kitzmiller.
Ellen Boike, Waterbury, Conn.
James Bradley Caine, Delaware City, Del.
Ellwood Webster Cursey, Kennedyville.
Marian Vivian Dinger, Silver Spring, Md.
Vachel Augustine Downes, Jr., Centreville.
Margaret Anne Dukes Dryden, Chestertown.
Frances Marion Frary, Great Neck, N. Y.
Peggy Elaine Gilland, Baltimore
Robert Horsfield, Newark, N. J.
Dorothy Arline Lewis, Hyattsville.
Mary Lu Lumpkin, Chestertown.
Eleanor Marie Newton, Chestertown.
Dorothy Alice Reindollar, Baltimore.
Alice Lucy Sutherland, Towson.

Bachelor of Science

Harry Dalton Berry, Jr., Towson.
Florence Hurtt Deringer, Worton.
Charlotte R. Hignutt, Denton.
Jean Eleanor Horne, Baltimore.
Mariana Everngam Nuttle, Denton.

Bachelor of Science in Education

Hilda Ashley Hill, Rock Hall.
John Arthur Wood, Easton.

Twelve members comprised the Class of 1895 at graduation, of these, five are deceased, William Colbourn Brown, Whittier C. Copper, Richard Merriken, George Williamson, and May L. Matthews, who was the first woman to receive a degree from the College.

Living members include Dr. J. F. Carey, Arlington, Va., President of the class; Dr. Harry V. Holloway, Superintendent of Schools of the State of Delaware, Dr. Norman W. Cameron, Towson, Rev. William F. Venables, Newark, N. J., Dr. Harry G. Simpers, Mr. Herbert F. Perkins, and Mr. Robert J. Nicholson, all of Chestertown.

President Mead has announced also that members of the class of 1895 are expected to play an important part in the program, as Dr. Holloway has been chosen to deliver the commencement address, and Dr. Carey to conduct the devotionals.

The Class of 1945 as graduating, contains the remains of the large Freshman Class of 1941, whose entry into College closely preceded Pearl Harbor. Most of the original class are in military service, one of them at the present time being listed as "missing in action."

ADD COL GRADUATES ....

Of the Class of 1945 of Washington College, graduating this year, which entered as Freshmen in the Fall of 1941, just before Pearl Harbor, sixty men are known to be in service, and have kept their contact with the College through the Correspondence Service of the President's Office.

Of these sixty, 32 are in the Army, 19 in the Navy, two in the Merchant Marine, and one in the Coast Guard

Fourteen are officers, of whom two are Army, two Merchant Marine, and ten Navy, both in Naval Aviation and deck and line officers, principally in amphibious forces.

They have been and are in combat areas everywhere. One Army Air Lieut. Terrence Burrows, has been reported as missing in action. Pfc. Robert Grove has won the Bronze Star Medal, Sgt. William Ershler the Air Medal. There are four Purple Hearts in the group, Marine Pfc. Alex Mackrell having received two of them. Pfc. Grove, in a tank unit, received one, and Pfc. John A. Deringer (Marine Gunner on a carrier) the other. Pfc. Deringer also wears the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon.

One, after being torpedoed, received honorable discharge and is back in college. A large umber of the others have indicated their intention of returning when their terms of service are ended.

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Hardheads are making their appearance in the upper Chester River in increasing numbers and local netters are making fair catches daily. The appearance of the fish in the river and upper bay off Rock Hall, is the signal for the beginning of what promises to be a successful hook and line season.

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