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LEGION WILL AGAIN SPONSOR CARNIVAL HERE

The Frank M. Jarman American Legion Post announced this week that they will again sponsor a Carnival here on the Smith Show Lot, from August 13th to the 18th, the proceeds of which will go towards the upkeep of the Memorial Home on Maple Avenue.

There will be rides, amusements and fun for all, including the following special attractions nightly, the North Carolina Ridge Runners on Tuesday night, Cousin Lee, Wednesday night; Amatuer Night on Thursday and Happy Johnny will bring his troupe on Friday night.

On Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 P. M. a special Kiddies Matinee will be held. All rides will be reduced to 5 cents and the proceeds of that afternoon will be given to the Kent County branch of the Maryland Children's Aid Society. Prizes will be given to the children attending.

Topping the week's program will be the awarding of a free $50.00 War Bond to some lucky person.

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NEW DIRECTORIES ISSUED TO PHONE USERS

The distribution of 1,285 new telephone directors in Chestertown has just been completed, according to a statement made by Roland Hebden, Jr., manager of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City here.

Telephone users are asked to consult the new directory before makinb calls, because of the many telephone number changes. In this connection, Mr. Hebden pointed out that more than half of the calls to "Information" are for numbers already listed in the directory. If the new telephone directory were checked before calling "Information," these unnecessary calls would be eliminated and the time of the "Information" operators could be devoted to handling more essential calls. Personal telephone number lists should also be checked with the new directory and corrections made where numbers have been changed.

In order to conserve paper, Mr. Hebden stated, persons having two or more telephones have been asked to limit as far as possible their requests for additional directories. Telephone customers are also urged to take good care of their directors and when moving from one location to another to take their directories with them.

Reversing a previous policy, it is suggested that telephone directors—now being replaced by new directories—be saved along with newspapers and magazines and turned over to the proper agencies for salvage purposes.

Cooperation in the use of party-line telephones will make service better for everyone. Since the scarcity of critical materials prevents the telephone system from being enlarged, it is more important than ever that neighbors sharing the same line be considerate of one another. Good telephone neighbors make calls as brief as possible, do not call several numbers in succession, avoid interrupting conversations, answer their telephone promptly and hang up the receiver carefully. If everyone on the line cooperates, then all will receive good party-line service.

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BETTY J. WALLACE

Funeral services for Betty J. Wallace, who died at her home suddenly Sunday evening, were held Thursday, July 19th at 2 P. M. at Trinity Methodist Church. Rev. D. T. Pritchard officiating.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Bernard Wallace, Claude Shivery, Louis Hollett, James Wallace, Julian Leager, and Stanley Townsend. Honorary bearers were Messrs. Harvey Porter, Edward Walls, Arthur Anthony, and Edw. Vansant.

Interment was in Millington Cemetery. E. L. Lane in charge.

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Mrs. Catherine A. Walsh has received word that her two sons in the military service recently enjoyed a reunion in Hawaii.

Ensign Harry M. Walsh has been in Hawaii just two months, while his brother, Pfc. Michael E. Walsh, of the Marines has been there for one year. The boys will make an effort to find their cousin, Petty Officer Arthur H. Carney, U. S. C. G., who has been in the Honolulu territory for the past five years.

Kent's Future Generation . . .

This week we present the third in a series of photographs of "Kent's Future Generation," which were taken for THE TRANSCRIPT recently by the Woltz Studios. Reading from left to right, starting at the top, they are: Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bennett, Chestertown; Karen Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Criss, Chestertown; Mary Emma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bigelow, Chestertown; John Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rodney, Rock Hall; Doris Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Graham, Chestertown; Bob, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cassell, Chestertown; Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wilson, Chestertown; Edwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cole, Worton; Sally Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Derringer, Chestertown; Anna Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Myers, Worton; Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. B. Knight, Chestertown; Nancy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Teal, Chestertown.

STATE DEBT LESS THAN 25,000,000 O'CONOR SAYS

Annapolis, July 25 — Governor O'Conor today made known that the Bonded Indebtedness, which totaled more than $48,000,000 when he assumed office in 1939, has been reduced below $25,000,000 by July maturity payments of $104,000.00.

This is the lowest amount of State bonds to be outstanding in twenty years.

The total today of outstanding bonds is $24,994,000.

When Governor O'Conor took office the outstanding bonds totaled $48,247,000.00. Gradual reductions were made until July 1, 1944, when the outstanding total was brought to $29,468,000.

Today's mark will be reduced by a sizeable payment August 15, when $2,113,000.00 will be paid off, reducing the State's total to $22,881,000.00.

Altogether, payments for the entire year of 1945 on the State Debt will be $4,196,000.00. Meanwhile no new bonds are scheduled to be sold this year, the Governor said, pointing out that the major portion of the State's extensive Post-War Construction Program will be financed from surplus funds already in hand.

Governor O'Conor expressed particular satisfaction over the great reduction in bonded indebtedness because it brings nearer the day to which he is pointing namely, when the State will be entirely free of debt, which will make it possible to eliminate the State Real Estate Tax. Under Governor O'Conor's administration, this tax already has been cut in half.

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Bank Group Enjoyed Fishing Trip Monday

Members of the board of directors of the People's Bank of Chestertown were guests of Robert Lewis, member from Rock Hall, at the fishing grounds on Swan and Love Points in the Chesapeake Bay on Monday afternoon. They landed 15 large rock fish by trolling.

Director W. Bruce Dukes, of the Kennedyville area, was high man in the number of fish caught, and he also landed the largest fish.

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Look over the garden and try to find spaces to plant fall crops. Keep the garden full and working up to freezing weather.

$1,806,000 IS SAVED BY STATE DURING YEAR

Annapolis, July 23 — The various State agencies, departments and institutions have returned $1,806,437.12 in unexpended budget balances to the State Treasury as of the close of the 1945 fiscal year on June 30, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor made known today. This is next to the largest amount reverted for any twelve months period, the Governor pointed out, and brings the total amount of reversions from unexpended budget allotments in the seven fiscal years of this Administration well above $12,000,000.

Pointing out that the major portion of the State's post-war construction program can be financed from unencumbered surplus funds, Governor O'Conor attributed a great deal of the favorable aspects of the State's favorable financial situation now and during the past few years to continuing efforts by the Administration to conserve budget allotments and to administer the various phases of State business with the utmost economy.

Beginning with a return of $371,280.66 during the first fiscal year of this Administration, Governor O'Conor pointed out, emphasis upon economy of operation and conservation of budget allotted funds brought the following reversions in the succeeding years:

Fiscal Year		
1939	$ 371,280.66	
1940	847,563.74	
1941	1,102,985.85	
1942	1,001,109.95	
1943	4,934,642.45	9 month year
1944	2,149,198.06	
1945	1,806,437.12	

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Former Kent Men Gets Firm's Highest Award

The Order of Merit, the highest honor conferred on its employes by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, has been presented to James Hyland Jewell, formerly of Chestertown, for distinguished service to the electrical industry. Mr. Jewell, who is a son of former Judge H. Theodore Jewell and the late Mrs. Jewell, of this city, is a graduate of the Chestertown High School. He is now manager of the sales department in its Pittsburgh plant.

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Howard I. Reed, who has served as clerk in the Chestertown postoffice for more than twenty years, sustained a slight stroke of paralysis at his home in Pomon, last week, from which he is incapacitated from work.

CROP INSURANCE MEETING SET FOR TUESDAY

A meeting of great importance to all persons and organizations interested in the welfare of Kent County agriculture has been called for Tuesday night, July 31, at 8 P. M. at County Agents office, located in the Post Office building at Chestertown, Md.

The purpose of this meeting is to explain the regulations concerning the new wheat crop insurance program, and to discuss the possibilities of future insurance on other Kent County crops.

This meeting is of vital importance to Kent County farmers since Congress is closely watching the interest of farmers everywhere in the new wheat crop insurance program. A successful wheat crop insurance program will almost certainly lead to extension of insurance to other crops such as soybeans, tomatoes, etc., whereas meager participation in the wheat crop insurance program will tend to discourage the interest of Congress in extension of insurance to other crops.

Attractive propositions for paid agents to sell the crop insurance will also be outlined at the meeting and a limited number of agents signed up. Anyone other than regular AAA County Committeemen and full-time County AAA employees is eligible to act as a paid agent. Community Committeemen and alternate County Committeemen may act as paid agents. Private insurance companies and their representatives are invited to attend the meetings and sign up as agents.

All farmers in the county, as well as fertilizer, seed, feed, farm machinery dealers, bankers, merchants, and others interested in maintaining the income of Kent County farmers, are urged to attend. Representatives of the Agricultural Adjustment Agency and Federal Crop Insurance Corporation will be on hand to fully explain the program.

Business men of the county are especially urged to take an active interest in promoting the crop insurance program, because of the stabilizing effect that crop insurance has on local business. In some areas of the county, whole communities have been put out of business because of the devastating effects of crop losses with no insurance. In other areas, where crops were widely insured, merchants were able to continue in business because insurance dollars replaced crop dollars in community trading channels during the depression period.

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CORSICA RIVER REGATTA SET FOR AUGUST 4

The Corsica River Regatta, annual event of the Corsica River Yacht Club will be held on Saturday, Aug. fourth. Following the usual custom only sail boat races will be held. These will be divided into five classes Prizes will be awarded to winners in each class. Through the courtesy of J. J. Raskob, the races will be held from Pinoneer Point dock. Class races will be scheduled for the morning with the free for all in the afternoon.

The races are open to all sail boats along the Chester River and it's tributaries. A large number of entries are expected from Chester River Yacht Club and other points. Entertainment for all skippers and crews will be arranged by a local committee.

Details for the regatta are being arranged by appointed committees.

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New Boat, Slip For Matapeake

Plans for the construction of a new ferry boat for use on the Sandy Point Matapeake Ferry system, and a new slip at Matapeake have been announced by Governor O'Conor's office in Annapolis.

The new boat, the governor revealed, will represent the most advanced ideas in ferry boat design. It will be 20 feet longer than the Gov. Harry W. Nice, with a capacity of approximately 90 automobiles The new boat will be wide enough to have two lanes for trucks on each side, while its deck clearance of 13 feet, 6 inches will be enough to take care of vehicles of any height.

Completion of plans and specifications is promised by Aug. 15, the announcement stated, and delivery of the boat may be expected early next spring.

Community Sing Program Is Announced For Rest Of Summer

The line up of Community Sings:

July 24 ....Chestertown Vol. Fire Co.
July 31 .....Open
Aug. 7 ....Daughters of Amercia Lodge
Aug. 14 .....Rotary Club
Aug. 21 ....Ladies Aux. of the Fire Co.
Aug. 28.... The Business Mens Assoc.
Sept. 4 .....Vita Food
Sept. 11..... Boy Scouts of Kent Co.

Sponsors of the Community Sing which has brought so much enjoyment to the people of Chestertown and vicinity during the past three summers have determined to effect a permanent organization to continue this splendid community activity.

Representatives of a number of local business and civic organizations met at the Firehouse last Friday evening under the leadership of Julian Coleman, who has been so largely responsible for the interesting programs presented by the Community Sing during past Summers, and after thorough discussion of the problems and pleasures of such an activity drew up a slate of persons whom they thought would do much to carry on the Sing. It is believed that for the present a President, a Program Manager, a Publicity Manager and a Secretary can carry the responsibilities of the Sing. Several candidates for each office were named by the sponsors representatives and the following ladies and gentlemen have agreed to have their names placed in nomination:

For President: Conlyn Noland and Marvin Williams.

For Program Manager: Earl Hollinger and Bert Nicholson.

For Publicity Manager: T. D. Bowers, Miss Daisy Barnes and Mrs. Nell Westcott.

For Secretary: Mrs. Mary Pennington, Miss Helen Strong and Mrs. Stewart Price.

Ballots listing the candidates will be distributed at the Community Sing on Tuesday, July 31. Additional nominations will be invited from the audience and those in attendance will be asked to vote for their preferences for the several offices.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE TO CROPS BY WEATHER

The recent heavy rains have caused severe damage to crops and soil throughout Kent and Queen Anne's counties as well as in the other Eastern Shore counties. Many acres of wheat standing in the fields will be almost a total loss because it has fallen to the ground and cannot be picked up by the combine. Many acres of wheat standing in the shock are beginning to sprout which will cause considerable loss. Many of the wheat shocks are beginning to turn green from the sprouting grain.

Many acres of corn, soybeans and tomatoes have been drowned-out by standing water. Most of the crops in low areas will be a total loss unless they had been drained.

Soil erosion has caused severe damage to many of the sloping fields that were planted up and down the slope. Many new gullies have been cut in cultivated fields and most of the old gullies deepened. Many tons of silt have been washed from fields by sheet erosion, which is the removal of thin layers of soil by running water. This is the most destructive form of erosion because it goes on unnoticed by the farmers until bare spots begin to appear in the fields. The ravages of erosion are apparent in gullied fields and by the slit that has washed out on the roads.

Many of the gravel roads and road drains have been washed out in the low places. These washouts greatly increase the cost of road maintenance.

The supervisors of the Kent and Queen Anne's Soil Conservation Districts believe that most of the losses caused by poor drainage and erosion can be prevented by following simple conservation practices that will practically eliminate these hazards.

Such practices as contour cultivation and strip cropping, with draws and gullies left in sod, will control sheet and gully erosion. Open field drains with proper outlets will provide adequate drainage in most cases. Poorly drained areas should be plowed and planted in the direction having greatest slope. Dead flurrows should be opened into drainage ditches.

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Sunday Movies Win In Elkton Election

Elkton voters Monday overrode the City Council in a special election forced by petition, and approved Sunday movies by a margin of 43 votes.

The vote was 278 favoring Sunday showings of motion pictures and 235 opposed. The council had previously rejected the proposal 3 to 2, when an ordinance was submitted in accordance with a "local option" bill passed by the Maryland General Assembly.

A petition signed by 20 per cent of the voters made the special election mandatory under the law.

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Family Stunned as Bolt Strikes Farm House

During the severe electrical and rain storm Sunday afternoon, the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hepbren, near Rock Hall, was struck by lightning, and considerable damaged done, but was not set afire. The bolt struck the roof and passed down the interior, slightly stunning members of the family. The damage is covered by insurance.

FOUR NAMED TO COLLEGE BOARD BY GOV.

Governor Herbert R. O'Conor today announced the re-appointment of four members of the Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College to serve for six-year terms.

John H. Hessey, Baltimore Attorney; Judge William R. Horney, Associate Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit; residing in Centreville, Queen Anne's County; Wilbur Ross Hubbard, of Chestertown; and Arthur D. Humphreys, of Snow Hill, are the members to be re-appointed.

Mr. Hessey is a native of Kent County and an alumnus of Washington College. He was appointed by Governor O'Conor two years ago to succeed the late James W. Chapman, Jr., and has since served as a member of the Standing Committee on Legal Matters.

Judge Horney has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Washington College Board during the past few years.

Mr. Hubbard, a former member of the Legislature, was selected for the Board by Governor O'Conor to succeed the late S. Scott Beck. During his incumbency he has been instrumental in making possible for the college the acquisition of the Ringgold-Pearce House, one of the famous 18th century mansions in Chestertown. It is considered one of the most notable additions to the institution in recent years. Arrangements for its conditioning and furnishing are being made by Mr. Hubbard and other interested citizens for use by the College as a President's House.

Mr. Humphreys has served as County Superintendent of Education in Worcester County. He has been a member of the Washington College Board since 1928 and for the last eight years has served as Chairman of the Committee on Faculty and Curriculum. Governor O'Conor proffered re-appointment of all four members in recognition of their faithful service on the Board. The action has been approved by Dr. Gilbert W. Mead, President of Washington College, who expressed a desire for the re-appointmentt of all four members.

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Postal Examination Is Set For August 9

The United States Civil Service Commission has called for a competitive examination of applicants for postmaster at Kennedyville postoffice, which will be conducted Aug. 9. Application forms may be received from the Kennedyville postoffice, of which Mrs. Catherine Hurlock is acting postmaster. This is a fourth class office and the annual salary is $1500.

Word has also been received that the Rock Hall postoffice, of which Harry Price is postmaster, has been advanced from a third to a second class office by reason of increases in postal receipts.

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Tuberculosis Group Plan 32 Free Clinics

The Maryland Tuberculosis Association has announced schedules for 32 free clinics in various patrs of the state during August.

Chestertown's clinic will be held Monday, August 6th and is open to all residents of the county. The examinations will be conducted at the Health Center as usual.

QUEEN ANNES HOLDUP VICTIM DIES OF HURTS

J. Henry Furbush living at Price Station, near Church Hill, who was robbed and beaten at his home last week, died in the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital here late Saturday afternoon from the effects of his injuries.

Sheriff Henry Gsell, reported that Sheriff Lewis B. Perkins of Queen Anne's County, aided by State Trooper Lewis and Corporal Andrews, of the State Police force, arrested Wilbert Melvin and his wife, Mrs. Helen Melvin, who live at Rolph's Wharf.

At the Queen Anne's county jail in Centreville, where it is reported, the pair confessed. It is reported also that the officers found a suspiciously large sum of money in the possession of the man and his wife.

Melvin and his wife are being held in the Centreville jail pending a hear-ing on alleged charges of robbery and murder.

Mr. Furbush, father of Edward Furbush, former automobile dealer of here, was badly beaten about the head and body and left for dead by his assailants at his home, it is reported.

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Among the local boys who have recently returned to the States from the European theatre, and who are now about to return to their homes here include: Howard B. Strong, Jr., who has been overseas for more than three years; Harry W. Lewis, Rollison Baxter, who has already arrived; Clifford Brockston and Horace Needles, Jr. Some of these have only 30 days leave, before further re-assignment.

Cpl. Edmund Deringer, U. S. Army, stationed in California, is spending a four day leave here.

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Reese Corey has returned from Warm Springs, Ga., where he was undergoing treatment, and is now at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Corey. Although greatly improved, he has been discharged from the Navy, due to the fact that he is barred from any strenuous action for a few years. However, in the fall he plans to return to Washington College, where he was a former student before entering the Naval Academy.

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COAST GUARD WEEK IS PROCLAIMED

Annapolis, July 23—In the presence of Commodore Reinburg and Captain McCabe, Maryland's ranking Coast Guard Officials, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor today proclaimed the period of July 30 to August 4 as Coast Guard Week in Maryland.

In the proclamation, the Governor noted that Admiral R. R. Waesche, Commandant of the Coast Guard, is a Marylander, and the "Marylanders in great numbers are serving among the Coast Guard's 172,000 members."

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LETTER TO EDITOR

The Transcript
Gentlemen:

The House of Representatives adjourned last Saturday, July 21st, until Monday, October 8th, unless some unusual development should make it necessary for us to resume our sessions.

I feel I should make some report to the people of my district of what I have tried to do since I took my seat on January 3rd last.

I have endeavored to support all moves for economy in Federal expenses and to make a start toward a balanced Federal budget. I have tried to oppose all efforts to extend Federal encroachment to deprive us of home rule and State's rights. I have answered every communication received from people in my district promptly and have tried to efficiently assist all requests which have been made me. I have supported all efforts to control un-American activities and all Bills in the interest of permanent world peace.

During the recess my office in Washington will be open daily and I expect to spend at least from two to three days in each week in Washington. Please address all communications to me to my Washington office, Room 121, House Office Building, as all my files and information are in the Washington office.

Thanking the good people of the Eastern Shore for their support and cooperation thus far in my first term, and again promising to do my utmost to carry out the wishes of my constituents, I am

Very respectfully yours,
Dudley G. Roe

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