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INVESTIGATE ROCK FISH DYING IN BAY

Gov. Herbert R. O'Conor of Maryland was expected to take up with the State Board of Natural Resources this week the problem of edible fish dying by the thousands in the Chesapeake Bay tributaries in the middle and northern part of the state.

A Baltimore report stated that John W. Sherwood, an authority on the waters of Maryland, had found that rock fish, one of the most valuable seafood caught in the Chesapeake Bay waters, were being destroyed by the ton and that he didn't believe Aberdeen Proving Grounds bomb testing was responsible for it.

Last week an Elkton newspaper correspondent told about residents of the Bush River section finding thousands of dead fish along the shores, and about the controversy as to whether they had been killed by the rapid growth of grass during the heavy rains or from chemical poisons or shock in the bomb testing that has been going on in that area.

Mr. Sherwood said: "Rock are being destroyed by the ton. I saw at least four tons floating on the water about two miles north of the mouth of the Chester River toward Swan Point." The fish he said, ranged from five to 40 pounds each.

He said 2,000 dead rock were found Friday in the Bloody Point area.

Mr. Sherwood explained that Army activities at the Aberdeen Proving Ground could not be the cause of the trouble, since the fish had been dead only a short time when he discovered them, and that it would take dead fish about two weeks to be moved by tides from the Aberdeen Proving Ground area to the point where they were observed."

"It is very mysterious," Mr. Sherwood said. "At the mouth of the Chester River my captain saw a grand rock barely moving. He dipped it up. Its inner gills were the normal red, but the condition of its mouth indicated it had been poisoned. The throat inside was black and the body was a strange yellow."

Mr. Sherwood said another boat picked up about 40 rock that had been dead only four or five hours.

"As far as we know there has been no operation by the Army or Navy in the vicinity. It could be sabotage in some form. Never in the history of the state has there been anything like this. The situation is extremely important, since rock is so valuable as food and as a means of livelihood for so many fishermen."

When Governor O'Conor, vacationing in Ocean City, was informed of Mr. Sherwood's report, he said he would take it up this week with the State Board of Natural Resources. With the cooperation of this board, he added, the federal government is making a survey of the Chesapeake and its fish.

Persons with homes along the middle branch suggested that some industries may be using chemicals to get rid of seaweed in the waters adjacent to their plants instead of dredging it out. They suggested this possibility should be considered by the probers.

These Middle Branch residents said the condition of the water was so bad that crabs by hundreds fled to shore or climbed on pier supports to escape it. Many dead crabs were left on shore when the tide receded.

HORSE SHOW AT CAMP TRED AVON THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, August 26th Camp Tred Avon, near St. Michaels, will be the scene of one of the finest Horse Shows ever to be held in that section of the Eastern Shore, according to plans released last week, by officials of the show.

Beginning at 1 P. M. there will be twelve classes open to horses of every description, including Jumpers, Hunters,Ponies and Saddle Horses. This will include classes both for ponies and horses in jumping, pair jumping and horsemanship. There will also be a hunt team class and jumps over an outside course for horses. War Stamps and Ribbons will make up the prizes. It was also announced that if enough of the entrants are interested a flat race will be held with a purse going to the winner.

Mrs. Thomas Burckes, director of Camp Tred Avon stated that the proceeds of the Show will be turned over to the Talbot County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Refreshments will be served on the grounds and the admission will be 25 cents with $1.00 being charged for ringside parking.

Chester River Regatta Set For Friday Evening And Saturday

The Chester River Regatta sponsored by the Chester River Yacht and Country Club is set for this coming week-end. Registration and reception is scheduled for Friday afternoon. Saturday will see a full day of racing for all types of sailboats followed by presentation of trophies and a dance Saturday evening.

In spite of the restriction and transportation difficulties, a fair number of entries have been received and with favorable weather conditions it should be a very successful affair.

Regatta Committee — W. Clarke Grieb, Chairman; Claude Truslow, Hynson Rogers, Philip Wilmer, Dr. G. Mead, Jesse Maxwell, Wm. Collins, Howard Wood, III, Rolph Townshend, Hon. S. R. Collins, J. B. Whitworth.

Entry Committee—R. N. Whaley, Chairman; Norman Grieb, Gilbert Watson, Howard Wood III, John Truslow.

Finance Committee—Brown Metcalfe, Ernest Strong, R. F. Tull.

Trophy and Badge Committee—Dr. Holt Wright, Chairman; Howard Strong, Charles Eshman.

Program Committee—Marvin Williams, Chairman; James Kirby, Wm. Collins.

Press Committee—Wm. Collins, Chairman.

Patrol Committee — Allan Lane, Chairman; R. A. Kenworthy, C. C. Jenkins, Maurice Heckscher, Morris Paschall.

Course Committee—Brown Metcalfe, Chairman; Rolph Townshend, Jesse Maxwell, Laurence Strong.

Race Committee—Dr. Gilbert Mead Chairman; Jesse Maxwell, Com. Harry Deringer, Hynson Rogers, H. S. Brown, P. G. Wilmer.

Reception Committee — Wilbur Hubbard, Chairman; P. G. Wilmer, L. R. Blackhurst, Commander Harry Deringer, Dr. G. H. Dana.

Entertainment Committee—Gilpin Brown, Chairman; Bonwell Dukes, Gerald Myers, Dr. W. H. Moyer, Mrs. A. C. Dick, Mrs. Richard Collins, Mrs. Richard Carvell, Mrs. P. G. Wilmer, Mrs. Harry Deringer, Martha Speicher, Mrs. Norman Cooper.

Yacht Committee—Commodore, R. Hynson Rogers; Vice Commodore, W. Clarke Grieb; Rear Commodore, Dr. Holt Wright; Fleet Captain, Morris Paschall; Honorary Commodore, Jess Maxwell; Fleet Secretary, Ernest Strong; Fleet Surgeon, Dr. Hines and Dr. Dick.

Pier and Grounds Committee—John Truslow, Chairman; Roland Corey, Dr. H. C. Hughes.

Kent's Future Generation . . .

This week we present another in the series of Kent County's children pictured above are: Charlotte and Betsy, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ross, Chestertown; Joseph and Jackson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Clift, Chestertown; Billy and Bonnie, children of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Wright, Rock Hall; Charlotte and Romie, children of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Jones, Betterton; Susan Ann and Jackie, children of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Witt, Rock Hall; William and Virginia, children of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Reed; Edgar and Martin, sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Legg, Rock Hall; Peggy and Patricia Ann, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Vincent, Chestertown; Bobby and Betty, children of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Taylor, Chestertown; Gwyn and Marty, children of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Atwater, Chestertown; Phyllis Ann and Lemuel, children of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Leager, Chestertown; Donald and Thomas, sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Conley, Chestertown.

School Board To Move Office

Need of additional class rooms in the Chestertown Elementary School has forced the Kent County Board of Education to move. They have rented offices in the Townshend building at the corner of Queen and High streets and plan to move there before the opening of the school year.

Tuberculosis Clinic Here September 4th

The Maryland Tuberculosis Association has announced a schedule of 31 free chest clinics to be held in the state during the month of September.

Examinations for Kent Countians will be held in the Health Center at Chestertown on Tuesday afternoon September 4th.

Pear Tree In Bloom

Mr. E. Clyde Fox of Chestertown saw something unusual this week when he called at the home of Mr. Watson at North East, Md. A pear tree caught by the frost last spring resulted in dead leaves and a crop of dwarf pears. The tree this week came into full blossom still holding its dead leaves and tiny pears.

Results Of Last Week's Sailing Races

Results of last Sunday's sailing races held at the Chester River Yacht Club were as follows:

Free-for-all, winner, Sallie S. owned by Albert Strong. Time 1 hour 4 minutes, 35 seconds.

Hampton, winner, At Last, owned by Bill Wilmer. Time 1 hour, 20 minutes, 55 seconds.

Other boats and their time are as follows:

Carlsark, owned by Carl Bordley, time 1 hour, 16 minutes.

Three Sisters, owned by Betty, Peggy and Nellie Truslow. Time 1 hour, 21 minutes, 7 seconds.

Bilco, owned by Billy Cooper. Time 1 hour, 20 minutes, 55 seconds.

Sho-Nuff owned by Ann Wilmer, time 1 hour, 34 minutes, 30 seconds.

Legion To Hold Victory Ball

The Frank M. Jarman American Legion Post announced this week that their organization will hold a Victory Ball and Dance at the Chestertown Armory during September. A number of special features, including cash prizes are being planned.

1946 WHEAT CROP INSURANCE IS PROGRESSING

Developments are moving rapidly on the new Wheat Crop Insurance program being offered to Kent County farmers on the 1946 crop.

Ten 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 September 30. Farmers not reached by agents may apply for insurance at the county AAA office on or before September 30.

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

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

Agents appointed to date are:

First District—Anna D. Hopkins, Galena; W. R. Newnam, Massey, Md.

Second District—Clement A. Davidson, Millington; C. Harvey Freeman, Galena, Md.

Third District—Howard M. Rasin, Still Pond, Md.

Fourth District—George W. Townsend, Chestertown, Md.

Fifth District—To be announced.

Sixth District — Jennings Townsend, Chestertown; Frank Skirven, Chestertown, Md.

Seventh District—Arvid Gustafson Chestertown.

Note:—Miss Doris Walbert, who is in the post office lobby, will be prepared to sign up all persons interested in the Wheat Insurance Program. Anyone wishing to help her by signing up for wheat insurance can do so by going into the post office lobby and see Miss Walbert at her booth there. Miss Walbert will not do any soliciting but anyone of any district may sign up with her.

Considerable interest in the program was manifested at two meetings held within the first week of this month. The meeting at the County Agent's office Tuesday, July 31, 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 Program answered questions from the floor. On Wednesday night, August 8, 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". To date we have 50 applications already signed.

W. B. Vincent Accepts College Position

Mr. W. B. Vincent, has accepted the position as Superintendent of Maintenance and Grounds at Washington College and assumes his new duties this coming Monday. The position was held by the late Bryan Newton and has not been filled since his death. Mr. Vincent has been driver of the Red Star Bus and his resignation will be missed by patrons of that service.

PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY SING

The program for the weekly Community "Sing" in the park next Tuesday evening will be sponsored by the Chestertown Business Men's Association. The singing will be under the direction of Bandmaster C. Julian Coleman, with the band as accompanists. The band Majorettes will also take part.

Bergen Brown will be Master of Ceremonies, Pete Heck and his Barber Shop Quartette, R. J. Nicholson with Historic News and other features will compose the program.

Adventists Dedicate New Church

The new Adventist Church in Chestertown will be dedicated during the regional meeting of 10 S. D. A. Churches in Chestertown this week-end, Aug. 24-26.

The first meeting will be Friday evening, Aug. 24 at 8 P. M. and Elder C. V. Leach, president of the Chesapeake Conference of S. D. A., will preside.

T. V. Armstrong, Secretary of the General Conferenece S. D. A. of Washington, D. C., will be the speaker at the 11 A. M. service, Saturday, August 25th. 2:30 P. M. Young Peoples meeting will be in charge of Prof. Howard Metcalfe and at 4:30 P. M. H. E. Voorkees will address the Laymen's meeting.

The dedication of the new church will take place at 2:30 P. M. Sunday, Aug. 26 and Elder C. V. Leach will deliver the address. The following churches will be present:

Rock Hall, Md., Grasonville, Md., Harrington, Del., Dover, Del., Salisbury, Md., Stockton, Md., Cambridge, Md., Cheswold, Del., Federalsburg, Md.

KENT COMMISSIONERS APPOINT NEW SCHOOL BUILDING COMMMITTEE

Committee Will Look Forward To 12-Year System In Selection Of Site

Dr. Frederick G. Livingood, Chestertown, member of the Kent County Board of Education; Mrs. Rolph Townshend, Chestertown; Mr. Percy Hepburn, Rock Hall; Mr. John R. Jewell, Lynch, and Mr. Olin S. Davis, Golt, have been appointed by the Kent County Commissioners as the Committee provided for in the new School Bill passed at the last session of the Maryland Legislature. These will have the full authority to pick the site and administer the spending of the $245,000 provided for the building.

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

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

COON DOG FIELD TRIALS HELD SUNDAY

The Eastern Shore Coon Hunters' Association held field trials on the Arnold Willis farm near Kennedyville last Sunday. Due to a conflict with trials in Pennsylvania only dogs from the Eastern Shore and Delaware competed.

Results were as follows:

Fox race 1st, Trailor, owned by Elmer D. George, Cordova, Md.; 2nd, Red Wing, owned by Thomas Hughes Felton, Del.

Junior Dogs—Tree and 1st line, Reds, owned by Joe McGinnis, Church Hill, Md.; 2nd line, Rex, owned by Kenneth Craig, Earlville, Md.

Senior Dogs

1st Heat, Tree, Red Ace, owned by Thomas Hughes, Felton, Del.; 1st line, Uno, owned by Edgar Walls & Son, Easton, Md.; 2nd line, Scott, owned by Matthews and Allen, Easton.

2nd Heat—Tree, Stardust, owned by O. N. Andrews and son, Easton. 1st line, Pat, owned by Edgar Walls & Son; 2nd line, Md. Flame, owned by O. N. Andrews & Son.

3rd Heat—Tree and 1st line, Red Sunset, owned by O. N. Andrews & Son; 2nd line, Joe, owned by George Porter, Goldsboro, Md.

4th Heat—Tree, Joe Boy, owned by Thomas Hughes; 1st line, Md. Blaze, owned by O. N. Andrews & Son; 2nd line, Saydor, owned by Edgar Walls & Son.

Tree Final

Won by Joe Boy owned by Thomas Hughes of Felton, Del.

Line Finals

1st line, Uno, owned by Edgar E. Walls & Son; 2nd line, Maryland Flame, owned by O. N. Andrews & Son.

Consolation Race

No dog qualified for tree in this event. 1st line, Smoke, owned by Clarence Marvel, Chestertown; 2nd line, Joco, owned by George Porter, Goldsborough.

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCE EXAMINATIONS

The high school equivalence examinations offered by the State Department of Education will be offered this fall on Thursday and Friday, September 27 and 28. This is a change from the customary date of the last week in October. The change is made so that the dates of the examinations will precede the opening of many of the evening schools.

All applications for the September examinations must be submitted by September 1.

The examinations, which are offered in the standard high school subjects, lead to the Certificate of High School Equivalence. This Certificate is the legal equivalent of a regular high school diploma and may be used for entrance to the study of various professions and vocations.

The examinations will be 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 services.

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

Duck Shooting Season To Last 10 Days Longer

Sportsmen in Maryland this year will have a ninety-day duck and geese shooting season, lasting from November 2nd to January 30th. This is ten days more than formerly.

The daily bag limit on ducks is ten while possession, except on opening day, is twenty ducks. The possession limit for migratory game birds is extended from 45 to 90 days.

It is also noted that the season for doves and coots is from September 15th to October 31st.

Rock Hall Boy's Body Discovered By Plane

The body of little Charles Donald Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baker, of Rock Hall, was found near the Eastern Neck Island Narrows Bridge shortly before noon on Thursday after searchers had been dragging for him for a number of hours.

The discovery of the body was made by Mr. Monroe Coleman who flew over the area in his plane and directed the searchers to the spot. The clothing was found in the water some time before the body was discovered and a report stated that the clothing was badly torn leading to the belief that the little boy's dog, who was with him at the time had torn them from his body in an effort to rescue him.

With a friend, Donald, had walked to the narrows from Rock Hall and his disappearance was noted by the barking of his dog.

Canal Town Votes 244 To 80 In Favor Of Sunday Shows

Chesapeake City—Qualified voters of canal town Tuesday decided they wanted to be able to go to the movies on Sunday, just like their brothers and sisters of the neighboring county seat, Elkton.

The proposal submitted to the people by the town council was carried by a vote of 244 to 80. A total of 324 voters turned out to cast their ballot, which is almost equal to that of the average state election.

The new measure is similar to the one recently adopted in Elkton, providing for the showing of pictures from 1 o'clock in the afternoon until 11 P. M. There is one motion picture theatre in town.

Betty Lou Yarnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Yarnell of Pennsylvania who were staying at Betterton, fell out of a motor boat this week. Caught in the propellor of the boat, she suffered lacerations and a broken arm. She is now at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital, where she is undergoing treatment.

Walter Starr, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Waltetr Starr of Quaker Neck, fell out of a truck in which he was riding and injured the back of his head. He was taken to the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital where he is being treated.

EDITOR RETURNS HOME

Chief Engineer Richard H. Collins of the Army Transport Corps returned to this country Sunday after 13 months overseas. He arrived in Chestertown Wednesday evening and expects to be discharged from the service in the near future. Mr. Collins is associate editor of the Transcript.

Inspect Airport Locations Near Here

R. J. Southerland, inspector for the Civic Areonautics Administration with headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pa., and E. R. Fenimore, secretary of the State Aviation Commission, flew to Chestertown Friday to inspect sights for the new Chestertown Air-Port. They landed on the Gill farm and were met by a committee representing the Chestertown Business Men's Association, Rotary Club and Lions Club. Sights inspected were the Gill farm, the Covey farm near Hopewell Corner, the G. H. Cannon farm in Morgnec, Part of the Stokes farm in Quaker Neck bordering Wilkens Lane and the Quaker Neck road and the Hubbard farm, site of the former Air-port.

Mr. Fenimore, who has a home on Worton Creek was just apointed to his new position and this was his first job in that capacity.

SCHOOL DAY WILL BE LENGTHENED

For many years Kent County has had the shortest school day of any county in Maryland. It is necessary at this time to discontinue this practice in order to institute the Junior High School Program and begin the expansion of the old eleven year school system to one of twelve years. The Board of Education of Kent County, therefore, at its last meeting decreed that the schools of Kent County should comply with the school law that requires the public schools of the State to be in session six hours each school day exclusive of the lunch period.

To make it possible for children transported to and from the central schools to get home at a reasonable hour the principals at those schools may arrange for a half hour lunch period and dismiss at 3:30 P. M. This would extend the school day only one-half hour. The smaller schools which are served by buses from the central schools can get in six hours of work by having a longer lunch period and dismissing when the buses arrive.

Delegates Attending Legion Convention

Delegates of the Frank M. Jarman Post who left here Thursday morning to attend the American Legion Convention in Baltimore being held at the Emerson Hotel were: Commander Norman E. Peterson, C. Lee Gill, J. Elmer Batchelor and John Klein.

J. Nelson Tribby, State Adjutant announced plans for the convention this week which includes the rescinding of a previous order which said Legionaires could not wear their uniforms. He also said a parade was scheduled for tonight, Friday.

Commander Peterson, Chairman of the local delegation announced his candidacy for District Vice-Commander of the North Eastern Shore District which comprises five counties. The convention will close on Saturday night.

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