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MYSTERY IN FISH LOSSES LINGERS IN BAY WATERS

A biological disturbance of undetermined nature caused the fish mortality in Maryland waters last month, according to a report of an investigation released this week by Governor O'Conor.

The study—"in which every clue, whether from press or private sources was run down"—was summerized by Dr. R. V. Truitt, head of the State Department of Research and Education, who indicated that further study would be required to establish definitely the contributing factors.

R. C. Hammer, fishery biologist of the department, conducted the investigation, Dr. Truitt said, but "the reported excessive death rate was not substantiated upon interviewing 12 sportsmen and crabbers of the fishing grounds, and after making inquiry of fifteen owners of shore property located near by."

Complete coverage of the area in which dead fish had been reported failed to support the theory of a catastrophic development that had decimated the local fish population, Dr. Trutit said in the report, since only in Dark Head Creek were dead fish found in such quantities as to indicate abnormal conditions.

"The waters of the Middle River area were normal," he said, "although at this point, in common with Bush and Back Rivers, there develops after rainy spells of summer, with consequent rich runoff, microscopic plant life of such proportions as to upset the chemical balance of the water to a degree that adversely affects, even kills, certain of the fish life in it.

"This natural and uncontrollable development, is offered in explanation of the dead fish in the creek. This same development, aggravated by pollution, is suggested in connection with the more severe loss of menhaden on the Patapsco flats. This is a chemophysical activity that results from plant processes from which lethal carbon dioxide concentrations are set up in the water."

Reporting investigations of rock mortality, Dr. Truitt said the carbon-dioxide principle, common to shallow streams, was not indicated as a probable cause of the loss of the fish.

"Interviewed watermen and sportsmen assigned three possible causes as killing agents, with opinions about equally divided between explosives, materials discharged in military activities, or waste materal disposed of by government war agencies," Dr. Truitt said.

"Detailed examination of dead and dying fish showed only one vital organ, the spleen, geratly affected. This disturbance could have resulted from either an internal (disease) cause or from environmental disturbance. Since virtually only rock were affected, and since other fish, such as trout, hardheads, were common in the region (regardless of explosvies, DDT or other factors) it would appear that the disturbance was biological.

"However, further study directed to the problem should throw light on this important subject."

Real Gay Wins Feature Race At Chestertown

Real Gay took the second and third heats in 2.11 and 2.12 to win the Free For-All Pace, feature event of the Labor Day harness race program at Radcliffe Driving Park. Miss Keen, owned by Harry Nicols of Chestertown, won the first heat in 2.11.

Class A Pace

Hunter Direct, Carter	1	1	2
Maryland Maid, Waters	4	4	1
Bobby Bennington, Hubbard	2	2	3
Jane Majesty, Tarbutton	3	3	0

Time—2:14, 2:15, 2:17.

Free-For-All Pace

Real Gay	2	1	1
Miss Keen	1	4	0
Red Arrow	3	2	2
Scotty Sis	4	3	3

Time—2:11, 2:11, 2:12.

Class B Mixed

Joan Marie Scott	1	4	1
Harold Hanover	3	1	2
Cliff Lee	2	2	3
Melba Henly	4	0	0
Patten Direct	5	3	4

Time—2:14, 2:14½, 2:15.

Class C Mixed

Wasp, Everett	1	1	1
Mike Dale, Sutton	2	2	2
Parma, Havelin	4	3	3
Little Sis, Alexander	3	5	4
Silver Mary, Lusby	5	4	5

Time 2:27½, 2:25, 2.20½.

Ensign Harry R. Roe, U. S. N. R., has reported to the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., to undergo instruction for duties aboard a destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet. He wears the American Area ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Area ribbon with two combat stars. He attended Washington College, is the son of Mrs. Pearl R. Roe, and has a brother, Sergt. Charles A. Roe, in the Army Medical Corps.

Former Kent Visitor As Prisioner Of War Praises American Red Cross

The cable which appears here, from Mrs. Van Starkenborgh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Marburg of Baltimore and first cousin of Mrs. Tilden Brice and Mrs. Charles Humphries of Kent County. She has been a frequent visitor here. Mrs. Starkenborgh's husband was Governor General of the Dutch East Indies and when the Japanese conquered Java they were sent as prisioners of war to Japan. His wife and child were placed in a concentration camp in Java. This cable which appears below should be an encouragement to all of those who have contributed and worked in the Red Cross.

July 1, 1945

Moneoring Report Cabled from Australia. From Batana in English.

From C. Tyarda Van Starkenborgh, Civilian Internee in Java Camp to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Marburg, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Father and Mother:

The opportunity was offered to me this morning to communicate with you parents by open letter via radio. You will understand how glad I was to be able to give you news of Tiny and me so speedily and this time in letter form. Even the telegram of 25 words which I was kindly permitted to send you allows only the essentials. All goes well with us dears. For the last eight months Tiny has been working in the children's ward of the Dysentary hospital of our camp. It is hard work but she is interested in it and fulfills her task well. We naturally all have moreto do than in normal times. You can imagine the joy and excitement that reigned when the Red Cross packages sent us by the U. S. of A. Great Britain and Canada were distributed during the first week of May. It was not only a question of the contents, which were more than welcome, but also the assurance that (not picked up) of our (friends?) were with us and they were doing what they could for us. The American Red Cross packages were most practically packed and so well that the contents were in excellent condition when we received them. The package was a large cardboard box containing 4 small ones. The small box was shared by 5 people. It was a treat each time a can was opened. Besides having (not picked up) in addition Tiny had one of rose (not picked up) with roses in lettering in red, which she uses as a cup.

Tiny has especially enjoyed the various canned meats and salmon. I, as a vegetarian, was delighted with the delicious butter, cheese, and raisins, not to speak of the powdered milk which we have enjoyed beyond reason. We have often poured over our rice a sprinkling of raisins as long as they lasted and the result was delicious in a pudding, an envious treat in camp. The packages of last year as well as this year have contained a product new to me—coffee that dissolves. It is an excellent discovery aside from the excellent flavor of the product. Tiny and I had principally hoped for maple sugar as we have vivid recollections of how good it is and our sugar supply is not abundant. Our hope was not realized but we (anyhow?) grabbed the lumps of white sugar that was to be found in the package. Four days after the Red Cross shipments reached the camp the Commander-in-Chief of the Internment Camp on Java took me by motor to the warehouse where shipments had been quickly and efficiently stored by the Japanese Military authorities. I was told that I had been brought here to control shipment and sign in the name of all the Internees on Java for its receipt in good order. As the shipment had been so efficiently stored we were able to accomplish our task easily and quickly. We were informed that relief goods had been sent us by U. S. A., Great Britain and Canada and transported via Vladevostok on the demand of the government of the U. S. A. We appreciate greatly that in wartime, when shiping is always a problem the Japanese government was able and willing to find a ship for the purpose.

We were told that a Japanese ship transported the relief supplies from Vladevostok to Java and at the moment I would be expected to write and express the thanks of the Internees to the senders. As it may still last some time before this can take place could you, in the meantime convey the heartfelt and enthusiastic thanks of the internees on Java to the American Government and Red Cross? I will add that the senders of relief supplies would have been fully repaid for their kind deed if they could have seen the smiles on all faces young and old, and heard the expression of gratitude which I heard and saw. I am glad to be able to tell father that his poems and drama have been widely read and have, in every instance brought those who live behind were in a land of (leisure) not picked up). (Not picked up) in the rank of the nations? with all its beauties and (not picked up) we have (N. P. U.) and (plenty?) of money here. Our circumstances of living make a very different picture of the normal world. You would be surprised to see many of us bored to death and wearing all kinds of clothing. It therefore is of untold value to concentrate our thoughts on points of real and everlasting worth. I was recently informed that Li was in Manchuria and was given an opportunity to wire him. I have heard from him at intervals but months have passed since receiving his last message.

Our thoughts are often with you both, also Grainger and family Charlie and Florence. Please give them and the family in Wilmington our love. If possible let me know how they are and tell me the latest news of them. God bless you all and may we soon be united in a world of peace and good well among men.

Lovingly, Christine.

Labor Day Crowds 2 Miles Long At Ferry

Returning vacationists using the Matapeake-Sandy Point ferry to get to the western shore side of Chesapeake Bay Labor Day evening ran into the usual holiday bottleneck of heavy traffic with some motorists spending as high as three hours in the queue awaiting transportation at the terminal.

Even with the two ferries, the John M. Dennis and the Gov. Harry W. Nice, abandoning schedules and pausing at both slips only long enough to load and unload, the line of waiting cars began to form in mid-afternoon.

By 5:30 o'clock motor vehicles stretched out more than a mile. By 8 o'clock, at the peak, the line was two miles long. It was midnight when the last car was ferried over.

State Post-War plans call for improvements in the ferry system and elimination of traffic jams.

Dr. Johnson Announces Veterinary Practice

Dr. Rufus C. Johnson, Veterinarian son of the late Chief Judge Benjamin A. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson of Salisbury has announced the opening of a Veterinary Practice in Salisbury and surrounding counties.

Dr. Johnson is the son of the former Ethel Holloway, daughter of Archer C. Holloway of Newark, Maryland. He is also a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Holloway of Snow Hill.

He is a graduate of Washington College and of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Recently he was married to Miss Grace Neighbour of Arlington, New Jersey.

War Veterans Assured Of Job Preference

Annapolis, August 27—Maryland's 200,000 veterans-of-the-future have the personal assurance of President Truman, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor made known today, that necessary legislation to continue veterans' job proferences after the formal conclusion of the war will be pushed by the Administration upon the return of the Congress to Washington.

Immediately following the statement of General Hershey, Selective Service Head, in Boston the other night that all job preferences would end with the termination of the war, Governor O'Conor conferred with President Truman at the White House and emphasized the necessity of prompt legislation to maintain the veterans' rights in this respect.

Other matters affecting the State's interest were discussed with the President but not disclosed by Governor O'Conor following his visit.

W. J. Stenger Wins Golf Championship

In what might well be described as the most interesting golf match ever played on the local course, W. J. Stenger defeated Stanley Giraitis 1 up in the final 36 hole match to win the championship tournament of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club on Labor Day.

In the morning 18 hole play, Stenger was trailing 4 down at one point in the match but recovered to reduce Giraitis's lead to one hole at noon. In the afternoon 18 hole play, Stenger evened the match on the 14th, won the 15th to go one up and held that lead by halving the last three holes.

Bramwell Geddes, last years champion lost to Giraitis in the semi finals one down.

CLASSES IN HORSE SHOW ANNOUNCE FOR SEPTEMBER

Classes were announced this week for the horse show and tournament to be held at Radcliffe Driving Park next Wednesday, Sept. 12th starting at 10 A. M.

The show is sponsored by the Kent County Knights Association and the proceeds are for the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital.

Classes, as announced are:

1—Pony, saddle
2—Pony, jumping, small.
3—Pony, jumping, large.
4—Saddle class for horses.
5—Green Hunters, 3½ ft. jump for horses.
6—Jumps in pairs, 3½ ft.
7—4 ft. jumps for horses.
8—Knock down and out, starting at 3½ ft.

Races

1—Pony running race.
2—Running race for standard bred horses.
3—Running race for half bred-horses.

CAPT. G. F. AKERS HONORED BY THE TIDEWATER NEWS

In the August issue of the "Tidewater News" the monthly publication of the Maryland Department of Research and Education, edited by R. V. Truitt of Solomons, Md., appeared a sketch of Capt. G. Frank Akers of Rock Hall. The publication intends to have a sketch of all its field personnel and started with Capt. Akers. The article which appeared is as follows:

The first sketch in this series is of Supervising Inspector, G. Frank Akers who is in charge of the Eastern Shore enforcement area extending from Kent Shore to the Head of the Bay. "Captain Frank," as Supervisor Akers is known, has served with the Department since the time when schooners and steamboats were used only for tidewater law enforcement. His record covers a period of 43 years. This officer has progressed as conditions have changed. He now pilots one of the most modern power boats of the Department fleet. As a reward for his fidelity, his devotion to duty and his excellent work at law enforcement, Captain Frank was promoted to his present supervising capacity. His many years of service make him "the dean" of tidewater law enforcement officers.

Perhaps no finer tribute could be paid this man than the fact that under his supervision during long tenure of office, Swan Point Bar has continued to produce oysters at a high level of abundance. Undoubtedly his rigid enforcement of the law over the years has been instrumental, in a large measure, in bringing about this condition. Since 1927, he has supervised in his area the planting of oyster shells, from which, in some cases, excellent results have been obtained. Conservation, in general, and the people of Kent County, in particular, are fortunate to have had such a public servant working with them.

Legion Post Will Hold Crab Feast

The Frank M. Jarman Post, American Legion is planning a crab feast at the Legion Home, Maple Ave., and Queen St., on Friday, Sept. 21 at 8 P. M.

This gathering will open the fall and winter season and meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month at 8 P. M.

All service men as well as ex-service men are invited ot attend the crab feast and all members are requested to bring a prospective member.

Billy Cooper Won In Sunday's Sail Race

In a good breeze Sunday Bill Cooper lead the way around the course at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club in 29 minutes and 40 seconds. There were only four boats in the race but all were Hamptons. Second was the "Three Sisters" owned by Betty, Peggy, and Nellie Truslow; 3rd, "Rumpers" owned by David Barroll; 4th, "Sho Nuf" owned by Ann Wilmer.

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Evangelist Dan Sherman Harris, who spent some time here last year in organizing a Seventh Day Adventist congregation, which culminated in the dedication of a $20,000 church edifice last Sunday, was a guest for several days of Mr. and Mrs. James Coleman and other friends in Rock Hall, before leaving New York for Bombay, India, with his family, where he will be engaged in missionary work.

Rock Hall Celebration Drew Huge Crowd; Prize Winners Announced

The Labor Day celebration at Rock Hall on Labor Day drew the largest number of people since prewar days and was declared a decided success by Mr. Carl Stenger, President of the Rock Hall Business Men's Association. An estimated crowd of between two and three thousand people witnessed and took part in the various contests and events that were included in the interesting program. The Chestertown Fire Co. band furnished music on the occasion.

Starting with the parade at 1:30 P. M. there was a continuous series of events that ended with the street dance that night. One of the features of the program was the air show which included stunt flying by Captain Eddie Buckheit, U. S. Army, who has completed 32 missions over Japan flying a B29. He flew a local plane Mondey. Bill Kennedy of Baltimore made a perfect 3 point landing in his demonstration of a dead motor landing, the entire procedure being described, as it took place by Joe Williams from the ground. Mr. Williams also flew as part of the air show.

Winners of the various events were as follows:

Best decorated car, John Thompson, prize fog lights.

Best float depicting an airplane, 1st Fred Pool; 2nd Robert Bryden.

Best decorated home, 1st, Mrs. Laura Williams; 2nd Rock Hall Paint and Hardware Co., Mr. Carl Stenger; 3rd, Smith's Drug Store.

Fire Company with most men present, Chestertown.

Best Boy Scout Troup and 4-H group were both won by Rock Hall and a large American flag was presented to each group.

Longest time in service, Richard Newnam, 5 years.

Mother with most children in service. 1st, Mrs. Robert Perry with 5 sons; 2nd, Mrs. Frank Parsons and Mrs. Arnold Bryden with 4 sons each.

Widower with most sons in service, Mr. Roy Jacquette, 4 sons.

Woman with longest service record Mrs. Ivah Strong.

Each of the above winners received attractive prizes..

The program included a vocal solo by Mrs. Helen Wagner, instrumental solo by Mr. Hammett, and two solos by Mrs. Blanche Hepbron accompanied by Mrs. Helen Hague. The musical program was introduced by Rev. Mr. Wheatley. Rev. Hamblin assisted in the program.

On of the features of the musical program was an imitation of the Andrews Sisters by a trio gowned in the latest of Paris fashions and the latest tones in cosmetics. The trio was composed of such lovelies as Jesse Downey, George Parsons and Peaches Ashley. They were escorted by their stage door Johnnie who was none other than Trigger Colier, who saw that the girls were properly escorted and protected.

The winners of the lucky ticket drawing were:

Electric Stove—Mrs. Clara Wilson.
Blanket—Mrs. James White.
Cooky Jar—Mrs. Louise Kendall.

Lower Kent won the baseball game from Upper Kent 12 to 1.

The prizes were awarded by Mr. Carl Stenger, President of the Rock Hall Business Men's Assocation, the sponsor of the affair. Mr. Thomas Tucker was the chairman of the program committee.

Gov. O'Conor Hailed By American Legion

Batlimore—Members of the American Legion, Department of Maryland, gave Governor O'Conor a rousing reception here recently when he reported on his visit to the White House this morning. He conveyed to the Legionnaries personal assurances from President Truman that veterans' job rights would be protected regardless of the war's end.

Governor O'Conor also voiced emphatically the State's position with regard to veterans' rights.

Coast Guard Still Open To Boys 17

The U. S. Coast Guard, world's oldest seagoing military service, now is accepting enlistments of 17-year-old men for peacetime career of action as Regulars.

To be eligible for enlistment in the Regular Coast Guard a man must be 17 years old and an American citizen, must have completed at least two years of high school, must be in good health with sound teeth and clear vision, and must be at least 5 feet 4 inches tall.

Men selected will enter the service as Apprentice Seamen and will receive their initial training at the Coast Guard Training Station, located at Curtis Bay, Maryland.

Men in the Regular Coast Guard can learn while they serve—choosing any one of a number of useful trades that are essential in Coast Guard operations. Coast Guard training schools now offer complete, practical courses in radar, radio, and electricity. In addition, the Coast Guard Institute offers a wide range of correspondence courses free to every man.

In the Regular Coast Guard, a man's future is secure. He may retire with a lifetime income after 20 years' service.

The nearest Coast Guard Recruiting Office is located at 623 Post Office Building, Baltimore, Maryland.

Major Clements In Pacific

Major Frances A. Clements, U. S. Army, daughter of Mrs. Merritt Clements, of Chestertown, is on a tour of inspection in the Pacific war area. It is understood that the tour will be made by air travel.

Major Clements has been stationed in Washington as a member of the General Staff.

A preliminary estimate of the number of turkeys raised on farms in Maryland this year as of August 1 is 480,000, according to the Maryland Crop Reporting Service. This compares with 400,000 raised in 1944.

THE MARYLAND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION'S SLOGAN FOR THE WEEK IS:

"Every year is leap year for pedestrians unless you drive carefully."

The Youth Fellowship Group of Wesley Chapel held a lawn fete at the parsonage on Friday evening.

Homecoming Service Planned at Millington

Asbury Methodist Church, at Millington, Md., has planned three very interesting services for October 14, beginning at 11 A. M. the next service being at 3 P. M. and the evening service at 7:30 P. M. A guest speaker and special music has been arranged for each service. The pastor of the church is Rev. Daniel T. Pritchard.

Rev. Pritchard has been in the ministry for twelve years. His first charge was at Deal's Island, Md., and he has served at the present charge for four years. Before entering the ministry, Rev. Pritchard was a lawyer in Philadelphia.

Watch for further editions regarding this homecoming service to be held the second Sunday in October.

2,200-Pound Rock Fish Catch Made At Chester

Queenstown—One of the largest catches of rock fish made in the Chester River during the summer was landed recently by Capt. "Chalk" Anthony's crew of seine haulers opposite the harbor, when 2,200 pounds of the fish were caught.

It is reported that Captain Anthony sold the catch in city markets for 35 cents per pound.

Large schools of the fish have begun to make their annual appearance in the lower river, and anglers are expecting to enjoy rare sport shortly, as September is one of the best months in the year for hock and line fishing for rock.

KENT LEADS IN EASTERN SHORE CATTLE SHOW

A young girl, Miss Virginia M. Huffer, of Chestertown, who led her aristocratic Ayrshire bull around the ring at the annual Eastern Shore bull show and Holstein field day, at Garland Lake, near Denton, Saturday walked away with the junior championship in that division for her animal and the applause of the crowd for herself.

Miss Huffer was one of the three young women who entered their thoroughbreds in the show at Denton this year, the others being Miss Ccharlotte Stant, of Chestertown and Miss Eileen Morris of Centreville.

The show was conducted under the supervision of the breed associations and the extension service of Maryland University, with the cooperation of the Maryland State Fair Board and the Pet Milk Company.

R. N. Willis of McDonough School, Baltimore, judged the entries, which surpassed those exhibited last year, according to Floyd Arnold, extension dairyman of Maryland University.

Other Kent County cattle breeders taking top honors in the show with their 2-year-old bulls were Billy Sutton in the Holstein Class and Kent S. Price in the Guernsey breed. Mr. Price had the honor last year of showing the Junior Champion Guernsey Bull at the same show.

H. S. Russell Promoted To Lieutenant Colonel

Announcement was made this week that Major Harry S. Russell, of Chestertown, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Air Force. Lieutenant Colonel Russell is now stationed in New York city where he is connected with the publication of various Air Forces magazines.

MRS. HENRY H. EVANS

Mrs. Nancy Browne Evans, aged 64, wife of Mr. Henry H. Evans, of Chestertown, formerly of Rolph's Wharf, Queen Anne's Co., died Sunday afternoon at their home in the Imperial Hotel Apartments, after a lingering illness.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, T. Leroy Dorsey, of Delmar, N. Y., and one daughter, Mrs. Charles J. Bohn, of Baltimore, by a former marriage.

She is also survived by two sisters: Mrs. Austin Jenkins Lily, of Baltimore, and Mrs. R. W. Wasson, of Cranford, N. J., several grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

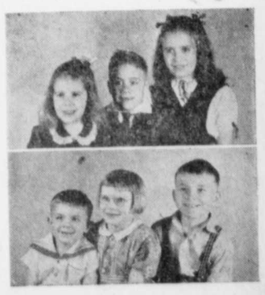
Requiem Mass was held at the Sacred Heart Church with Father Charles J. Conway officiating. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Baltimore.

The bearers were: Messrs. Rolph, Wm. Belt, John E. and Sterling Townshend, W. Robert Huey and Charles J. Bohn.

Usilton and Wells were in charge of funeral arrangements.

The controversy between A. S. Turner & Sons and the Commissioners of Chestertown as to a right-of-way for a sewer drain for Court Street extended has been settled by mutual agreement. The construction of the sewer for Court Street extended is expected to start in the near future.

Kent's Future Generation . . .



The following pictures of Kent's future generation, reading from left to right are: Barbara and Helen, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Faulkner, Chesterotwn; Elaine and Leon, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. LeCompte, Rock Hall; Nancy and Leslie, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Simms, Rock Hall; Patricia and Joyce, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Jewell, Lynch; Dorothy, Richard, Janet and James, children of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Schauber, Chestertown; Nancy and Rebecca daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Everett, Chestertown; Mary Sou, Billy and Sara Ann, children of Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Fallowfield, Betterton; Billy, Nancy and Jim, children of Mr. W. W. Elburn, Chestertown.

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