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87 PW LABORERS NOW AVAILABLE TO KENT FARMERS

County Agent McVean announces that the corn canning season in Kent has been completed, thereby releasing the services of 87 Prisoner of War and Jamaican laborers whose services will now be available in small groups to assist the farmers of the county in silo filling, corn cutting, husking, and whatever other farm work is urgent. Tomato packing will also end soon, which will release more men for other types of farm work.

Mr. McVean urges that people seeking help should keep in touch with Mr. Raymond Hill, who has charge of the placing of well over 200 men each day. He may not be able to supply any individual on short notice, but with over 200 men available he can eventually serve the needs of all. The matter of planning the distribution of the laborers so as to utilize to the full the busses used in transporting the prisoners requires much forethought, since the capacity of any given bus serving any given area is limited. On occasion it may even be that prisoners might be allotted to a farmer in a given community but the capacity of the bus serving that area is such that the extra men may not be carried under Army regulations.

Mr. McVean urges everybody to contact Hill again and again until their need is met. It is much easier for the individual seeking help to contact one man than it is for the individual to try to contact 50 or 70 users. Cooperation will make it possible for all to have help in completion of their 1945 harvesting and other necessary work on farms.

Firemen To Parade At Galena Carnival

The Galena Volunteer Fire Company will hold its carnival Oct. 3-8, Sunday excluded. A special program of entertainment features has been provided for each evening with a street parade of visiting fire companies with their equipment Oct. 5.

Will Build Garage At Harmony Corner

Mr. Edward (Reds) Smith has leased a plot of ground on the south west corner of Harmony Cross Roads from Mr. Arthur Lusby and is planning to build an automobile repair shop on the site.

Mr. Smith has recently been discharged from the Navy having served three years in the Naval Reserve(a large part of which time was spent in foreign service at the time of his discharge he had the rating of Chief Petit Officer.

Scenes of Home Shown in Movie

John Crouch, U. S. Navy, son of Mrs. A. Sydney Turner Jr., who enlisted in the service from Washington College and who is now somewhere in the Pacific war theatre, writes his mother that he recently received quite a thrill when he attended a moving picture show in which a horse show held on Hanson Hall Farm, at Lynch, owned by R. Wroth Stavely was shown on the screen.

He reports that he had no difficulty in recognizing Mr. Stavely on the screen. The latter was riding one of his jumpers. The scene brought back vivid memories to Seaman Crouch.

Harness Races Here Saturday Afternoon

The Kent & Queen Anne's Driving Park, near Chestertown will open Saturday afternoon with a harness racing card of 5 races, featuring horses from the Del-Mar Peninsula There will also be a Pony Race and a loud speaker system will be used to announce the events and the positions of the horses in the races.

Veteran starter and horseman, Wirt Willis of Wilmington will be the official starter.

Rock Hall Yacht Club Elects Officers

At the meeting of the Rock Hall Yacht Club on September 23, 1945 the following officers were elected for the year 1945-46:

Commodore, James P. Cowperthwaite.

Vice-Commodore, C. Franklin Wood.

Rear-Commodore, Harvey Brice.

Secretary, James L. Coleman.

Treasurer, Herman Hill, III.

4-H Achievement Party October 5th

The exhibits are over, but not forgotten. In fact, the foremost thought in the minds of all 4-H'ers is, "When do we get our awards?" Now even that has been settled. A 4-H Achievement party has been planned for October 5, 1945. The party will be held at the fire house and doors will be open at 7:30 P. M.

The winning county team demonstration will be given, along with a special event from each club. We are hoping to have Mr. John Clark of the Maryland State Fair Board give a short talk. Naturally there will be plenty of recreation. We'll see you at the Fire House on Friday, October 5.

Kennedyville

The regular meeting of the Kennedyville 4-H Club was held at the school on September 17. In answering the roll, each member was to tell what they exhibited, and if not, why not. Since the club is both boys and girls, it was decided to hold a short separate meetng at each monthly meeting. The next meeting, however, will be in the form of a Hallowe'en party. Committees have been appointed and everyone is looking forward to a good time.

TRAFFIC DEATHS INCREASE AS GAS BAN IS LIFTED

There were 1,059 accidents reported in Maryland during the month of August, 1945, with 37 persons killed and 544 injured. Baltimore City reported 667 accidents with 14 deaths and 299 injured, and the Counties 392 accidents with 23 deaths and 245 injured.

Both Baltimore City and the Counties experienced an increase in fatalities over August of 1944. Thirty-seven persons killed in August is the greatest number of persons killed in any one month since December, 1944, when there were 44 persons killed. The year's total for fatalities is now 262 as compared to 232 for the same period last year—an increase of 13 percent.

Thirteen counties experienced a fatality-free month—Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne, Somerset, Talbot and Washington.

Pedestrian accidents accounted for 43% of the deaths—an increase of 78% over last year. Fixed object and non-collision accidents increased considerably—which reflects that the motorists is again traveling at high speeds.

Gasoline rationing ended on August 15th, and the 35 M.P.H. speed limit was lifted a few days later. Up to that date there were 413 accidents reported with 6 deaths and 162 injured—while at the close of the month there were, 1,059 accidents with 37 deaths and 544 injured, an increase of 225 accidents, 25 deaths and 129 injured over the first fourteen days of the month. There also was an increase during the last seventeen days of August of 145 accidents, 20 deaths and 87 injuries over the last seventeen days of August 1944; an indication that our traffic casualties will now take the place of the war casualties in ever increasing numbers, unless the motoring public suddenly wakes up and realizes that high speeds and careless driving have them defeated.

Although no traffic accident deaths were reported from Kent County during the month, three accidents were reported of which two were in Chestertown and one in the county.

800,000 Muskrats Caught In State

Maryland contributed an estimated catch of 800,000 muskrats to the American femine winter wardrobe last year, the Fish and Wildlife Service reported this week.

Undisputed leader in the muskrat trade, the Louisiana catch totaled 4,440,638 pelts, or at least 67,283 fur coats, for the 1943-44 season. Virginia caught 242,739 and West Virginia 24,831.

Louisiana also led the nation in its mink catch, with 144,717 mink taken in the State last year. Mink production totaled 5,846 for Virginia and 1,293 for West Virginia.

Arkansas led the Southern States in opossum fur production last year, but Virginia trappers bagged the most skunks—99,705 of them.

Platoon Sgt. W. O. Wright, U. S. M. C. R., who received his honorable discharge on Monday, is visiting his parents here, and expects to return to his former position with the C. & P. Telephone Co.

THE MARYLAND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION'S SLOGAN FOR THE WEEK IS:
"Hardly a driver is still alive who passed on hills at 65."
DRIVE CAREFULLY!

COAL PILE FIRE CAUSED SCHOOL TO BE CLOSED

Spontaneous combustion in the coal bin in the basement of the Chestertown Elementary school Tuesday morning caused a half day holiday.

Miss Marietta Loud, principal of the school, noting a smell of gas in the halls on Monday, notified Superintendant of Schools, Louis C. Robinson, who made an investigation. Mr. Robinson again inspected the coal pile Tuesday morning before school opened and found the gas condition worse and smoke coming from the coal pile. He immediately contacted Fire Chief Blackway and requested the fire company to wet the pile down until labor could be secured to turn the coal. Firemen responded to the alarm and not only kept the coal pile wet but assisted in turning it.

In the meantime the gas fumes and smoke made it dangerous to let the children stay in the building and those who lived in town were sent home and the children from the rural areas were kept on the play grounds until noon when classes were resumed.

Under certain conditions coal will heat and become a fire menace but generally fumes and smoke will give ample warning before it reaches the dangerous point of setting fire to a building.

Staff Sergeant Harrison W. Vickers III, U. S. A. A. F., son of State's Attorney and Mrs. Harrison W. Vickers, Jr., has received his honorable discharge from the service, and has arrived at his home here after serving 27 months in the China-Burma-India war theatre.

Old Kent Chapter DAR Plans Anniversary

The Old Kent Chapter, D. A. R. held a meeting at the residence of Mrs. Harry Hoyle, Fairlee. Nineteen members were present. As September 17th was Constitution Day, the anniversary of its adoption, Miss Mildred Hoyle, the Regent read the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States. Mrs. Brooks prepared an interesting history of its origin.

Dr. Esther M. Dole brought with her a chart of the United Nations Organization, showing its method of working. First was the Security Council with five permanent members and twelve temporary members elected by the Assembly. Second, the Assembly with representatives from fifty nations. Third, of equal importance the Economic and Finance Committee. The United Nations Organization did not come suddenly but was the result of five separate conferences at Dumbarton Oaks and others. The last one at San Francisco deliberated for eight weeks. Dr. Dole said she considered it the most wonderful thing that had ever happened. In the future she has promised to keep our Chapter up to date on current events.

Arrangements for Old Kent Chapter's twenty-fifth anniversary luncheon in October were discussed and put into the hands of a committee, Mrs. George Baldwin and Miss Ann Smith.

"Hail Columbia, Happy Land" a march used by Washington when he crossed the bridge near Trenton, and written within two years after the adoption of the Constitution was then sung.

Loans Being Accepted For Grains and Crops

Loans for the seeding of small grain and other crops are now available to farmers in this county, it is announced by Field Supervisor C. R. Hare, of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at Salisbury. Applications are now being accepted for crop and feed loans in amounts up to $400, and such loans bear an interest rate of 4 percent per year and do not mature until August 31 of the next year. Livestock growers and dairymen may obtain loans for the purchase of feed, which are secured by a chattel mortgage on the livestock to be fed.

Due to the excessive rainfall in this section, many farmers have sustained heavy losses, and may need financial assistance in order to carry on their farming activities. Farmers in this county desiring more information or wishing to apply for crop or feed loans may write to Field Supervisor C. R. Hare, Box 1087, Salisbury, Md.

For the convenience of the farmers in this area, Mr. Hare will be in the County Agent's Office in the Post Office in Chestertown, on Monday, October 1st to accept applications.

Reported For Induction Tuesday

Howard William Lloyd, of Chestertown, reported to the Fifth Regiment Armory on Tuesday for induction in the Army.

Three Kent Countians also reported for pre-induction physical examinations that day. They were:

White — James Warren Spencer, Kennedyville.

Colored—Oliver F. Hicks, Rock Hall and Luther Rudolph Hamilton, Chestertown.

LION CAUSES EXCITEMENT IN LOCAL PARK

The Chestertown Lions Club featured a lion on exhibition in the Park, last Tuesday evening at the Community Sing which they sponsored. The lion thought to be gentle was a handful for the lion tamer and tail-twister. Tail-twister, Richard Schauber received terrible facial wounds and a torn coat loading him in the truck for his trip to the park, but recovered after first-aid treatment. He was able to continue afer a good supply of tape was applied to his face and jacket. Lion tamer Burton Vansant with whip and pistol made the lion both dance and sing. Twice during the evening the lion bolted from the stage and on one occasion grabbed Mr. Burt Nicholson, a prominent Rotarian, who put up a terrible struggle. The tail-twister and lion tamer who went in hot pursuit, were able to return him to the stage, minus his tail which was twisted off in the struggle.

The progarm was turned over to three travelling salesmen in gay ninety costumes who put on some good songs and acts. The salesmen were Preston P. Heck, Phillip Sewell and Thomas Davis. They directed one of the peppiest community sings of the season.

This was the last community sing of the Summer season. They have been held each Tuesday evening this Summer under the sponsorship of an organization.

The audience Tuesday evening expressed their desire that they be continued next year. According to Professor Julian Coleman, band leader, plans will be made this Winter for next Summer. Ed. Note—Professor Coleman, his band and all the organizations that took part have rendered quite a service to the community for these enjoyable affairs.

Dr. H. P. Copeland Sells His Home

Dr. H. P. Copeland has sold his home in Queen Anne's adjoining the Chester River Bridge to a party from Buffalo, N. Y., who will make it their permanent home. The home has every convenience and contains about an acre of ground and is directly on the water front. The price of sale is reported to be $10,000.

Shore Society Of D. C. Held Annual Election

The Annual Election of officers of the Eastern Shore Society of Washington was held in the Club Studio of the Fairfax Hotel, Wednesday, September 19th.

The following officers were elected for the fiscal year 1945-1946:

President, Leonard H. Amos, Pungoteague.

Vice-President, A. Hughlett Mason, Pungoteague.

Secretary, Miss Virginia Dashiell, Tyaskin.

Treasurer, Malcolm Roberts, Oxford.

Chairman Publicity Committee, Miss Janet Lingle, Queenstown.

Chairman Membership Committee, Mrs. Sue H. Knott, Onley.

Chairman Entertainment Committee, Mrs. A. Hughlett Mason, Pungoteague.

The film "Maytime in Sherwood Gardens" was screened.

The Eastern Shore Society of Washington in geographical area embraces the Delaware-Maryland-Virginia Peninsula. The next meeting will take place Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the Fairfax Hotel. Persons from the above mentioned area now residing in Washington, D. C., or environs are invited to attend.

Soil Conservation Office Closed Saturday

The employees of the local Soil Conservation Service Office are now working forty hours a week instead of a forty-eight hour week which they worked during the war.

Ralph W. Ruble, District Conservationist, states that Soil Conservation Service employees will work five eight hour days Monday through Friday with office hours from 8:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. The office will be closed on Saturdays.

ASBURY CHURCH AT MILLINGTON PLANS GALA FETE

The women of Asbury Church have always played a major part in its spiritual life both in the community and the Conference. The church has many interests for women of all ages, places where the advancement of God's work may be the absorbing interest of each person.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society, a National Methodist Organization had its beginning in Asbury Church in January, 1904. Mrs. Bass, a National worker, presented the work to the new society. For 36 years the work was carried on by this group of faithful women, growing steadily in membership until at the merging of the various church societies in 1940, there were 80 members. For a number of years the Millington society was the only one in the Middletown District which was fully organized. The motto of the Home Missionary Society was "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, sayeth the Lord of Hosts."

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized during the pastorate of T. L. Tomkinson, 1883-85 with a membership of 40. Mrs. Tomkinson was the instigator of its beginning.

No record can be found giving the date of the beginning of the Ladies Aid Society. This was the oldest organization for women within the church. This society played the principal part in the upkeep of the church property.

Following the Annual Conference in May, 1940, all Women's Societies within the church were merged into one—"The Women's Society of Christian Service."

The speaker for the afternoon at the Annual Homecoming Service the second Sunday in October will be Dr. W. A. Wise who was at one time District Superintendent of this District, and is now retired and livng in Wilmington, Del. He holds his membership under the Quarterly Conference connected with the McCabe Methodist Church.

CLASSES AT COLLEGE OPENED ON MONDAY

With a total enrollment better than forty percent higher than last year, and with the largest Freshman Class in its history, Washington College this week opened its 164th collegiate year. The enrollment of girls is considerably above any previous year, due to the opening of additional dormitory facilities for them, previously used by boys. Middle Hall, erected in 1844, houses women students for the first time in its century of use.

About a dozen returned veterans are taking advantages of the so-called "G. I. Bill", and have laid aside their uniforms for the usual collegiate costume. More are expected during the year, as discharges mount.

Six new members joined the Faculty at their organization meeting last Saturday, following the exercises of Freshman Week; and all classes and laboratories opened Monday.

The official opening Convocation was held in William Smith Hall Thursday morning at 11. President Gilbert W. Mead delivered the Convocation Address. The program was:

Academic Procession under the direction of Mr. Henry Carrington, Marshal. The processional march was played by the college orchestra.

Invocation—Dr. W. P. Roberts, Christ Methodist Church.

Scripture—Dr. C. L. Atwater, Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Prayer—Rev. Paul E. Reynolds, First Methodist Church.

Convocation Address — President Gilbert W. Mead.

Benediction—Dr. Roberts.

Donation Day At Children's Home

The annual luncheon and donation day at the Children's Home at Easton will be held Thursday, Oct. 4th from 11 A. M. to 2:30 P. M.

This annual affair gives the public an opportunity to show their appreciation for the work that this children's home is doing.

This home, established by the Episcopal Diocese of Easton, is largely maintained by donations and endowments from people of the Eastern Shore.

Although under the direction of the Diocese of Easton, the children of this home are from all church denominations.

Large or small donations will be appreciated on "Donation Day" and receipts will be applied to the maintenance fund.

War Time Will End Next Sunday at 2 A. M.

Washington, Sept. 26—War Time, established in February 1942, as a production aid, formally comes to an end at 2 A. M., by time zones, Sunday, Sept. 30. A bill to set the clock back to Standard Time on that date was signed into law last Tuesday by President Truman.

Store Closing Program Stays At Rock Hall

The Rock Hall Business Men's Association of which Carl Stenger is president, has unanimously agreed to continue its policy of closing stores and business places in the town, except during the month of December for the Christmas trade, on Tuesday afternoons, and also on holidays whenever they occur.

The association has invited the business women of the town to attend its next meeting in Firemen's Hall on Oct. 1, so as to secure their cooperation in the closing program and also in the business activities of the town.

RED CROSS STILL AIDING VETS AND THEIR FAMILIES

No let-up has occured in Red Cross work, with the ending of the War, according to H. Gilpin Brown, Chairman, Kent County Chapter. Rather than for emergency aid, which made up the bulk of wartime chapter service, families are now coming to Red Cross chapters for help in solving problems that call for multiple services. Among these are financial aid and assistance, help with long range plans. Financial assistance of all kinds given by Red Cross Chapters to families of service men and women and to veterans and their families is on the increase and now averages almost $2,000,000.00, monthly.

Our Home Service Department (which is the link between the serviceman and his family) and which is directed by Mrs. Melamet has been flooded wth work and will continue to be as long as we have men and women overseas and in camp.

This portion of Red Cross work is one of many that the average person knows nothing about. When one thinks of Red Cross they immediately think of bandages, doughnuts, and coffee.

The Home Service Department is very important and is very often the only means a serviceman has of quick communication with his family or vice versa in case of extreme emergency.

This work and many, many others will continue for a long time yet and all those things will contribute to make the Red Cross just as essential now as in actual wartime.

Ask any serviceman and he will surely tell you never to overlook or forget the American Red Cross.

T. B. Clinic Here October 16th

The Maryland Tuberculosis Association will conduct a clinic at the Health Center, Chestertown. on Tuesday afternoon, October 16th.

According to an announcement by the Association, the tuberculin test, on which much of the early work in tuberculosis was based, came into serious question when significant number of tuberculin negtive reactors were found to have pulmonary calcification suggestive of tuberculous infection.

The evidence now accumulating indicates that calcification is a non-specific response of lung tissue to invasion. Tuberculin testing, therefore, takes again its rightful place as a biological test for the presence of the tubercle bacillus, while chest X-rays complement but do not supplant it as a diagnostic procedure.

State Legion To Map Years Work

Mr. Norman Peterson, Vice Commander of the North Eastern Shore District, American Legion, will represent that district at the first executive committee meeting of the Department of Maryland in Baltimore today.

Much of the year's program will be mapped out at this meeting including the endorsement of a State Adjutant as well as other matters of interest to returned service men and women, of Maryland.

Robert P. Shallcross has been transferred from Jacksonville, Fla., to the Naval Air Station, Hutchinson, Kansas, where he is undergoing basic training in Liberators and Privateers. His duty, while flying as an Aircrewman is Plane Captain and flight engineer.

LT. J. KIBLER IS HONORED POSTHUMOUSLY

Camp Pickett, Va.—An Air Medal and a Purple Heart, awarded posthumously to 2nd Lt. John T. (Jack) Kibler, Jr., fighter pilot, were presented here today to his 16-year-old sister, Miss Mary Jane Kibler, a senior at St. Margaret's School, Tappahannock, Va., while her father, Lt. Col. John T. Kibler, Sr., executive officer here, stood by. The presentation was made by Col. Frank B. Lammons, post commander of Camp Pickett.

Lt. Kibler was killed in action over Belgium October 15, 1944, and the citation accompanying his Air Medal declares "the courageous devotion to duty and outstanding flying ability displayed by this officer reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

The Kibler's home is in Chestertown, Md., where Col. Kibler, who is well known in professional athletics and college coaching circles, has been director of athletics at Washington College for more than 27 years.

Lt. Kibler, a leading athlete at McDonough School near Baltimore, was a junior at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., and a baseball and basketball star there when he entered the Army Air Corps in March, 1942. Commissioned and awarded his wings at Craig Field, Ala., in January 1943, he went overseas the following August, and was serving with the 3rd Bombardment Division of the 8th Air Force in England.

The citation given Miss Kibler today states that the decoration was awarded "for meritorious achievement while serving as a fighter pilot during an extended period of aerial combat over Germany and German occupied Continental Europe."

Col. Kibler, a veteran of service in France during the first World War, holds the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism.

Lt. Kibler was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity at W. & L.

GAME HUNTERS INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

Based on the number of hunting licenses issued in Kent County this season an unusual number of game hunters have taken to the woods and fields.

Although the hunting season has been open only one month and the open season is now limited to the shooting of dove and squirrel an unusual number of licenses have been issued.

As of yesterday Clerk of the Court Robert A. Shallcross had issued 509 county, 203 State-wide and 35 non-resident licenses. Goldie M. Jones, who is also deputied to issue hunting licenses at his place of business Hadaway and Jones, has issued 123 county, 52 State-wide and 4 non-resident licenses. This makes a total of licenses issued—county 632; State-wide 255; Non-resident 39, meaning that 926 hunters are afield. This total will greatly increase with the opening of the water fowl season Nov. 2 and the upland season Nov. 15. In addition to the above 38 licenses have been issued for stake ducking blinds.

The Clerk of the Court has also issued 81 licenses to oyster tongers which is about the same as last year. This does not actually count the number of tongers on the job as men 65 years or over are not required to secure tonging licenses.

The increase in the number of hunting licenses issued is attributed to the ease in securing gun shells. Dealers, in most instances will not sell shells unless the purchaser produces a hunting license.

Movie Actress Shops For Antiques Here

Lana Turner, noted movie actress, has been discovered in our community. Living near Chestertown, part of the time, she was seen on Wednessday visiting Mr. Millard Maslin's antique shop on Court Row extended. Among her purchases was a beautiful rope legged dining room table and a mahogany chest, formerly in the Kitty Knight House.

Farm Reported Sold

It has been reported that Mr. Henry Rasin, of Worton, has purchased the Benjamin Ingle Farm, better known as the Harper Farm.

This farm is now tenanted by Mr. Benjamin Williams.

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