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COURT TO HEAR MURDER TRIAL ON MONDAY

A murder trial is scheduled for Monday morning in the October term of the Circuit Court for Kent County and Sheriff Gsell has summonsed eighteen tailsmen to be used to make up a Jury panel if needed.

The trial is State vs. Stewart Lucas, charged with the fatal stabbing of Mary Ann Butler, both colored, at Oliver Hill on July 28, 945.

Grand Jury Report

The Grand Jury, of which Mr. Earl Hollinger is ;Foreman, finished its October term work in one day and Monday afternoon brought in the following report:

Chestertown, Maryland
October 15, 1945

To the Honorable Judges of the Circuit Court for Kent County, Maryland, October term:

We, the Grand Jury of Kent County, with your selection of Earl S. Hollinger, as foreman; and our selection of J. Abner Bryden, secretary and John Carvel Sutton, ass't. secretary, fully realize the responsibility intrusted to us, having discharged our duties to the best of our ability and according to the evidence presented, we herewith submit the following report:

We have examined seven witnesses, found four presentments and brought in four true bills.

The Grand Jury visited our County Jail and found six prisoners. We recommend a support on top of shower on first floor.

We wish to commend the Sheriff on the condition of the jail.

We wish to recommend to the County Commissioners that they provide a Comfort Station for white and colored women.

It is the desire of the Grand Jury assembled here today to thank the State's Attorney, Harrison W. Vickers for the able assistance rendered and to compliment all of the law enforcement officers of the county for their continuing efforts in decreasing crime and general law violators.

We also wish to take this opportunity to express to each of the Judges of the Court our appreciation for their courtesy and consideration to us in our labors and especially to his Honor Raymond Horney, for his charge to the Jury.

We wish to offer felicitations to Judge Constable and wish for his speedy recovery.

Respectfully submitted,
Earl S. Hollinger, Foreman
J. Abner Bryden, Secy.
John Carvel Sutton, Ass. Secy.

Grand Jury

Those composing the Grand Jury are Earl S. Hollinger, Foreman; Grover C. Woodall, B. R. Fellows, Geo. W. Wheat, Barber R. Bartley, J. Abner Bryden, Wm. N. Lewis, B. Frank Shinn, Andrew W. Wilson, Arthur A. Groves, Arthur L. Harris, Maurice A. Crouch, H. Bernard Willson, Bartus Hudson, Daniel W. Ingersol, Jr., Slater Wilson, John Carvel Sutton, Harry Meeks, Robert Moffett, C. Bradley Kerr, Raymond Jones, Roger B. Harris, George E. Hicks.

The Grand Jury returned three true bills, Stewart Lucas, charged with murder; Harry Z. Happersett, charged with carnal knowledge and Clifton Turner for non-support of minor children.

This Jury was then discharged until December 17, 1945 and February 18, 1946 unless otherwise notified.

Petl Jury

Petit Jurors are James D. Davis, Jr., Julian Cochran, Paul C. Price, Thomas D. Quinn, W. Maxwell Meeks, Clem A. Davidson, Robert Kennedy, Harry Kennedy, Raymond D. Gosman, George T. Williams, James S. Matthews, George E. Sutton, John Mays, Jefferson D. Bacchus, Howard B. Strong, George W. Rash, Clarence F. Edwards, Edward A. Carroll, John C. Willson, John W. Biggers, J. Harvey Brice, H. Finley Sparks, Oliver Henry, W. Clark Grieb, Hugh S. Sease.

Only case heard on Monday was Mrs. Charles H. P. DeCoite vs. Mrs. Samuel Dorf for damages resulting from an automobile accident. Jury trial, verdict for the defendant.

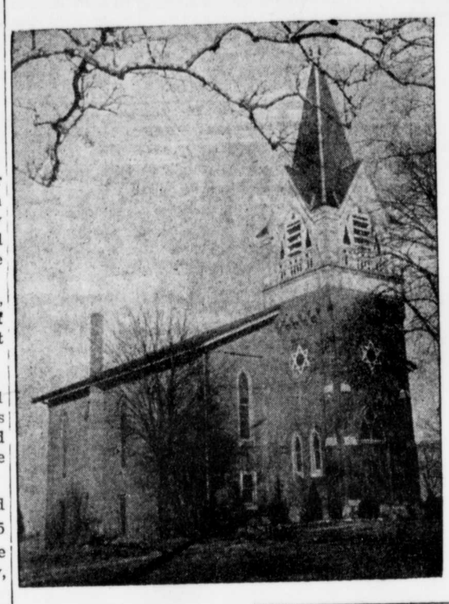
Court then adjourned until next Monday.

BASEBALL FOR CHESTERTOWN

The Chestertown Business Men's Association discussed the advisability of endeavoring to secure a base ball team for Chestertown in the Eastern Shore League. The matter will be investigated.

Miss Elsie Crew, has moved from the Thomas property on Washington Ave., to the house on High St., owned by Mr. and Mrs. William G. Smyth, formerly occupied by Mr. Jas. E. Beck.

Still Pond And Betterton Methodist Churches To Hold Home-Coming





Betterton Methodist Church
And The
Still Pond Methodist Church

On Sunday evening, Oct. 21, at 8:00 the annual Harvest Home service of the Betterton Methodist Church will be observed. On that occasion the guest speaker will be the Rev. G. E. Leister who is minister of Grace Methodist Church in Centreville, Md. Mr. Leister was minister of the Betterton Church last year.

Special music for the service will be rendered by Mrs. John Sweetman and the male quartet from Chestertown and our church choir.

Committees for the Harvest Home service are as follows: decorations and solicitation of foods, the Women's Society of Christian Service of the church, Mrs. Floyd Smith, president. The committee soliciting for the church budget: Messrs. Walter Crew, Harvey Moore, Floyd Smith, and Ernest Horsey.

The annual Harvest Home Service of the Still Pond Methodist Church will be held Sunday morning, Oct. 21, at 11:00. At that time the guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Walter Lynn Crowding new district superintendent of the Sunbury district of the Central Pennsylvania Conference. Dr. Crowding attended our church as a youth, and his family is well known in Kent County. On the day of the service there will be a reunion of the former pupils of Miss Sophie Miller who taught for years in Kent County. Her former pupils, Dr. Crowding being one of them, will attend the service and later have dinner together.

Another feature of the service will be the singing of the prominent Horne sisters from Pennsylvania. On many occasions they have played and sung in Kent County churches to the delight of large appreciative congregations. Our church choir will also assist with the music.

The following committees will plan for the Harvest Home service: Decorations, Mrs. Howard Rasin's Sunday school class; Solicitation for canned goods, Mrs. Kennard Jones, chairman; Solicitation for fresh fruits and vegetables, Mr. B. R. Fellows, chairman; Messrs. Howard Rasin, Elwin Ford, Ralph Geary, Alan Joiner, James Geary, Ben Anthony, Ray Silcox, Harry Silcox, and Earl Glenn.

KENT SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD TO AID VETERANS

Designation of Selective Service Local Board No. 1 as an official Veterans Information Center of the United States Government was announced by the Board today. The Board is located at High and Queen Street, Chestertown, Maryland.

The new Veterans Information Center has been officially named by the Retraining and Reemployment Administration which is charged by law with the coordination of U. S. Government agences serving veterans. The Board's location as a Veterans Information Center is identified by a colorful poster bearing a large reproduction of the gold discharge emblem.

Your Local Board has inducted a large number of men into the Armed Forces during the last five years. Now it is ready to assist these same men in reestablishing themselves in civilian life if they want and need our assistance.

Congress has provided many rights, privileges, and benefits for ex-service men and women. These rights and benefits are provided by many different laws and are administered by a number of different Government agencies. It is the purpose of our Veterans Information Center to aid the veteran in getting to the right place and obtaining the right information so that he may take advantage of all benefits to which he is entitled.

Persons who left positions to enter the Armed Forces are entitled by law to reinstatement in their old jobs when they return, if they fulfill certain requirements of the law. It is part of the Local Board's function to assist the veteran in asserting his reemployment rights. The Local Board is also charged by law with rendering aid to veterans seeking new employment.

Many veterans, of course, will not need assistance, for industry and business in general already have seen to it that their former employees in service are welcomed back to their old jobs—or better ones. But, a large number of veterans are not familiar with their rights to reemployment and what they are entitled to in the way of preference for new jobs. Full information is available at the Local Board and the veteran is urged to come in and talk over his problems.

The Board also will advise and assist the veteran with his other problems, including his insurance, G. I. loans, educational opportunities, and the like. All these services are free to the veteran for the asking, and he will find the Board's members, reemployment committeemen, and employees ready to do the utmost to save him time and trouble in getting back in stride as a civilian.

State Income Tax Is Cut One-Half

Maryland's income tax payable next year was cut in half this week by the Board of Public Works.

The board's action means, in effect, that the tax on 1945 incomes will be one per cent.

By statute, the tax remains at two per cent, but in returns next year the taxpayer will be permitted to pay only half of what is due under the full statutory levy.

At the same time the board acted to reduce the 1946 State tax on real estate from 11 to 10 cents per $100.

Because of the reduction, the real estate tax will be the lowest State rate since 1861, he said.

Public Invited To Fire Demonstration

According to an announcement by Fire Chief Herman Blackway, the public is invited to an interesting demonstration of fire prevention to be held at the fire house in Chestertown next Thursday, October 25th at 8 P. M.

The demonstration will be under the direction of Drill Master Willis of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire Department and will be both interesting and instructive to the public. This demonstration, planned for last week, Fire Prevention Week, was postponed due to inability to secure Mr. Willis until the 25th.

Two Autos Stolen In Chestertown

An automobile, owned by S. Scott Beck, Jr., of Chestertown, was stolen Friday night and found wrecked at the corner of Maple and Spring Avenues. It is understood that an Army private, a guard at the prisoner-of-war camp has confessed to taking the car. He has been turned over to military authorities for disciplinary action. The Army private, left the scene after the stolen car was in collision with an automobile driven by Mr. Frank Jester, of Still Pond.

Mr. Owen Selby reported to Sheriff Gsell that his automobile was stolen from in front of his home on Queen Street Wednesday night and State Police were notified. The Selby car carried State license plates. Mr. Selby is an employee of the State Roads Commission.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Newton have returned to Chestertown after living near Baltimore for the past several months. Mr. Newton has reopened his tailor shop which meets a need in this community.

Rev. and Mrs. Fields, formerly of Iowa and who have lived near Fairlee for several years, have purchased a lot on Kent Circle from Mr. Vernon Barnett and plan to build a home in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston P. Heck have purchased from Mr. Earl Hollinger part of his lot on Campus Avenue.

VICTORY LOAN DRIVE OFFICIALS ARE NAMED

The quota for Kent County in the forthcoming Victory Loan has been set at $250,000 according to an announcement this week by Mr. W. Robert Huey, Chairman of the publicity committee for Kent's quota drive.

This quota of $250,000, for the Victory loan which officially opens October 29th, is divided as follows:

Individual purchases of Series E bonds, $25 to $1,000, $110,000.

Individual purchases of other type bonds, $55,000.

Corporaiton purchases $85,000.

Although there is a choice of seven types of bonds the series E bonds have been most popular in the past and net 2.9% annually during their period of 10 years. They are purchased at the rate of 75 cents on the dollar.

The quota for this drive, the eighth during the period of the war, is $250,000 as compared to $400,000 which was the quota of the seventh loan held last Spring.

Kent County has met its quota during each of the eight loans and the committee is anxious to complete the drive as soon as possible. It is understood that this loan will be the last one to meet war expenses.

Mr. Charles F. Wheatley, who has served as chairman of the Kent County committee during the war period of eight loans, has named the following committees for the Victory Loan:

Advisory Committee: Dr. Merritt Brice, Julian W. Hurtt, S. Herman McCauley, Jas. D. Davis, Jr., Charles H. Brice, Clarence Newsome, Hon. Stephen R. Collins, Philip G. Wilmer, Edgar D. Lusby, Wm. B. Usilton, Harry C. Coleman, Ernest H. Strong, James J. Hadaway, Howard S. Leaverton, and G. E. Leary.

Publicity Committee: W. H. Huey, Chairman; Fred G. Usilton, William S. Collins, Emerson Russell.

1st District Clarence M. Melvin, Jr., Chairman; Julian W. Hurtt, S. Herman McCauley, Jas. D. Davis, Jr.

2nd District, Wm. Bruce Dukes, Chairman; Edgar D. Lusby, E. Kennard Jones.

3rd District, R. Wroth Stavley, Chairman.

4th District, Wilbur J. Stenger, Chairman; Nelson J. Forney, Miss Harriett S. Welch, H. Gilpin Brown, Mrs. F. Perry Metcallfe, Miss M. Louise Stevens, William G. Smyth, Baurice Fox, C. E. Noland, R. J. Nicholson, Mrs. Frances Russell, Herbert F. Ward, Dr. Wm. H. Moyer, Marvin V. Williams, Dr. G. H. Dana, Mrs. F. G. Livingood, C. C. Jones, Miss Lottie Peacock, Henry Carrington, Everett Lambden, C. Roland Sharretts, Wm. Belt Hownshend, Jack Keiffer.

5th District, Herbert A. Urie, Chairman; Mrs. Cora Dowling, Mrs. Alfred Heinefelt, Mrs. Frances Boulter, Mrs. Eden Bryden.

6th District, W. Lewin Deputy, Chairman.

7th District, Charles P. Kingsley, Chairman.

Women's Clubs, Miss Helen N. Schellinger, Chairman.

A committee from the Chestertown Business Men's Association.

Elmer T. Hawkins, Colored Committee, Chestertown, and Kent County. His assistants are Casper Brown, Daniel K. Johnson, Avon R. Spriggs, Mrs. Beatrice Mason, Franklin Stewart, Fletcher Roberts, Mrs. Effie C. Groomes, Slater Wilson, John W. Mays.

CLASSES FOR HORSE SHOW AT MILLINGTON

Classes have been announced for the First Annual Millington Horse Show, which will be held at the Ballou Stock Farm this Sunday, October 21st, starting at 11 A. M.

Pony Show

Children 14 years old and under to ride.

Class 1—Riding Class. All ponies not exceeding 13.2 hands. To be shown at walk, trot, canter.

1st Prize $10.00; 2nd $5.00; 3rd $2.00; 4th Ribbon.

Class 2—Jumping Class: Two Divisions. (1) 11.2 hands and under. (2) 11.2 hands to 13.2 hands. Performance only to count.

Prizes in Both Divisions: 1st Prize $10.00; 2nd $5.00; 3rd $2.00; 4th Ribbon.

Class 3—Racing Class: Two Divisions. (1) 11.2 hands and under. (2) 11.2 hands to 13.2 hands. Races to be about one-quarter of a mile.

Prizes in Both Divisions: 1st Prize $15.00; 2nd $10.00; 3rd $5.00; 4th Ribbon.

HORSE SHOW
1:00 P. M.

Class 1—Hack Class. To be shown at walk, trot and canter. Trophy and Ribbons.

Class 2—Eastern Shore Hunters. (Green Hunters). To be shown over 4 jumps at 3½ feet. Performance 50%; manners and way of going 50%. In case of tie jumps will be raised. 1st Prize $25.00, 2nd $10.00; 3rd $5.00; 4th Ribbon.

Class 3—Touch and Out. Jumps at 4 feet to start. Raised in case of tie. Run out or refusal to count as a touch. 1st Prize $25.00; 2nd $10.00; 3rd $5.00; 4th Ribbon.

Class 4—The Millington Cup for Open Jumpers. to be shown over 4 jumps at 4 feet. Performance only to count. 1st Prize Millington Cup; 2nd $15.00; 3rd $10.00; 4th $5.00.

Class 5—Knock Down and Out. To be shown over 4 jumps at 4 feet. Run outs or refusals to count as a knockdown. In case of tie jumps will be raised. 1st Prize $25.00; 2nd $10.00; 3rd $5.00; 4th Ribbon.

HORSE RACES

1st Race—The Kerry Patch. 6 furlongs. 3 year olds and up. Purse $125.00.

2nd Race—The Ballou Stock Farm Cup. 1 mile. 3 year olds and up. Cup and Purse—$125.00.

3rd Race — The Chestertown Steeple Chase. Approximately 1½ miles. Purse—$125.00.

Fire Company Plans New Equipment

With the releasing of materials, the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company hopes to shortly be able to purchase a new piece of equipment which will add greatly to the efficiency of the company, particularly at rural fires.

The new equipment will be a 1000 gallon tank mounted on a strong chasis and be featured by a special pump on the front end that will deliver water at 1000 pound pressure which will show a maximum of 880 lbs. at the nozzle. The feature of this high pressure is that it delivers water in the condition of a fog which is the latest means of fire fighting. It enables fire control with a small amount of water thereby minimizing water damage and enable extensive activity with a small amount of water.

In addition to this high pressure pump the new tank truck would carry another pump for the small booster hose system.

Veteran To Re-Open Tinsmith Shop Here

After receiving his discharge last Saturday, from the U. S. Army at Sheppard Field, Texas, Pvt. Robert C. T. Hopkins arrived at his home in Still Pond on Wednesday where he joined his wife and two children.

The son of the late Robert E. Hopkins, well-known Chestertown tinsmith, Pvt. Hopkins is re-opening his father's tin business work here on Queen St., and in the near future expects to move his residence to Chestertown to better conduct his business.

Stage Set For Harness Race Classic

The Kent and Queen Anne's Driving Park is being made ready for what promises to be the outstanding harness races of the season this Saturday, Oct. 20th.

One of the features of the event is the return to the local track of a group of horses that have been on the circuit during the summer season. These horses include strings under trainers Al Saunders and John Mallieu, both of Delaware, as well as local horses and horses from Cambridge.

This racing event is scheduled to be the last of the season at the Chestertown track and purses of $75 are offered for each race.

With the Armed Forces

Discharged veterans arriving here over the week-end were: Corporal Morgan B. Haddaway, Robet W. Penn and Alfred E. Hickman, all of the U. S. Army.

Harry Tucker, Carpenter's Mate, 3-c, Queen Anne's contractor and builder has received his discharge from the Seabeas and is now at his home near Chestertown. Mr. Tucker served over 2 years with the Navy, 10 months of which he spent overseas.

Sgt. Walter H. Moffett, Manager of the Maryland Automobile Club's Bel Air office returned home, September 21, from the European theatre of war.

He went into military service in the Summer of 1941, and after training in this country, was among the first American troops to be sent to England. He has since seen action in Normandy, France, Belgium and along the German front. Upon discharge from the Army and after a brief vacation at the home of his parents in Chestertwn, Sgt. Moffett is now on a 45-day furlough pending army discharge after which he will resume his duties in the Bel Air Branch.

After having served 45 months in the Pacific Theatre of War, Warrant Officer, B. Frank Gardner, arrived here at his home Monday before returning to Camp Meade on Thusday, at which time, he expects a terminal leave of 60 days before receiving his discharge. At the time of his inducton he was Company Clerk of the local Medcal Corps and left here with that contingent on February 3rd, 1941. After extensive drilling and training, Gardner, asked for and received a transfer to the Pacific on January 23, 1942, where he joined a task force which landed in Australia. Later, this task force was made into what is now known as the Americal Division with which he served as the Division's Assistant Adjutant General.

Officer Gardner wears the following ribbons and decorations: the American Defense ribbon, the Asiatic Pacific ribbon with four stars for participation in the battle of Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Leyte and Luzon, the Phillippine Liberation ribbon with one star; the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Before leaving the Pacific, Officer Gardner's Division moved into Japan, where he spent several weeks in Yohahama and Tokyo.

News from Mrs. Frank Parsons, of Rock Hall, came this week, with reference to her 4 sons in the service.

George is working in the Postal Service of Woodrow Wilson General Hospital in Staunton, Va., expecting to be discharged in November.

Thomas has been transferred to the Provost Marshall's Office at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Frank is in North Luzon, where he has been for about 6 weeks.

Bayard is in Subic Bay, having been overseas for nearly 34 months.

On the USS Steele (Delayed)—Joseph A. Marcus, Route 1, Chestertown, Md., serving on this destroyer escort, is en route to a West Coast port for the observance of Navy Dey, Oct. 27.

The Steele escorted convoys through the Solomons area without the loss of a ship in 1943. Then she moved to the Marshalls, Guam and Saipan, while fighting was in progress. Then she was part of the invasion forces at the Palaus and Leyte.

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COLLEGE BOARD APPROVES PLAN OF DORMITORIES

Washington College's long hopes for the building of an extensive new dormintory group of most modern design are moving from the dream stage to an immediate realization, judging from the information released Monday by President Gilbert W. Mead.

Following Dr. Mead's report to the Visitors and Governors at their quarterly meeting Saturday, the Board directed him to proceed immediately with detailed architectural plans and financial estimates for the erection, during the next few months of the first units of a plan which, when finally completed, (possibly by 1950) will involve the erection of a group of eight living units to house approximately 250 men. This would be in addition to the present dormitory facilites as now used by both men and women.

While no financial arrangements can as yet be made public, President Mead expressed the belief that a combination of private philanthropy and a Board appropriation of college funds may be sufficient in the very near future to construct the first two of the units, at a cost of around $125,000 and housing about 60 men, by September next.

The general plan, devised some months ago, was prepared for presentation by the college architect, Mr. Henry Powell Hopkins of Baltimore, designer of the Bunting Library and Hodson Hall, and was approved by the Board on Saturday as the plan to be followed. This plan calls for a series of units, some of them connected, built around a central court of lawns and walks in college "quadrangle" style, except that in Washington College it will be "The Triangle" with all units having entrance on the central court, and all walks converging there, and leading down to the present college buildings. The "Triangle" which will be the site of this wonderful development is well known to all as the northern tip of College property, above the tennis courts and the Fraternity Row. The property was purchased by the College a few years ago in the hopes that some day it would be used for such purpose as now planned.

Before the war, President Mead was for a time engaged upon a plan to enlarge, unite, and beautify the present East, Middle, and West Halls, on the terrace overlooking the lower campus. The new plan, however, will leave further work on these three halls for future days, concerning itself now with the new group in its beautiful location on the highest point of campus land, looking down over the countryside to the Chester River.

According to the plan as drawn by Mr. Hopkins, the complete group will comprise eight units, of which three will be connected into an apparently single buildng on the upper side of the Triangle, three on the Washington Avenue side, and one each across the point and the base of the Triangle. The single units at each point, and the middle one of each of the connected groups will be of three stories; the flanking units of the three-unit groups will be two stories each.

Curving brick walls are designed to run from the corners of each building to complete the surrounding of the inner court, the entrance from Washington Avenue, College Avenue, and the lower campus being through ornamental gates. The development as planned will not encroach on the present tennis courts.

All the floor plans in all the eight units are of standard design providing for a minimum of six rooms on each side of the central stair on each floor, or a total of twelve men to a floor in single rooms.

It is evident that the completion of the total scheme will be a matter of several years. It will involve finally a sum variously estimated at nearly $500,000. The immediate pressure for additional dormitory space is such, however, that an early start is contemplated, with the hope that at least two of the units will be constructed this coming Spring and Summer, ready for September occupancy, and others added as promptly as financing can be arranged.

"This will be the fulfillment of my greatest present dream for Washington College", declared President Mead, and it should provide adequately for our dormitory needs for the next twenty-five years. It will mark our first post-war move to carry out our plan for the College, which was first expessed with the building, between 1936 and 1940 of Rodson Hall, The Dunning Science Building, and the George A. Bunting Library. The devotion of philan-

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