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STATE OFFICIAL SAYS OYSTERS NOT DISEASED

An article appeared in the Transcript last week as to the condition of the oysters on Swan Point Bar and the finding of dead shell fish eating ducks, sea gulls and fish at the mouth of Chester River. Below is published an article which appeared in the Baltimore Sun on Tuesday and which further deals with the subject:

Reports of widespread disease in Maryland's Chesapeake Bay oysters are unfounded, Edwin Warfield, Jr., chairman of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, declared yesterday.

He said no general mortality had been apparent, and attributed the poor quality of oysters in certain areas to low salinity.

H. Allan Dawson, of Anne Arundel county, president of the Mayo Watermans League, had said on Sunday that an undetermined disease was threatening to exterminate Maryland's bay oysters and killing large numbers of wild duck, geese and seagulls.

Yesterday John W. Sherwood, sportsman and conservationist, backed up Mr. Dawson's assertion.

Meanwhile, it was announced that a special survey of the Chesapeake Bay fisheries would be made by the general eductaion board of the Rockfeller Foundation in an effort to determine whether important species—shad, oysters and others—were disappearing from the bay, and if they were, what could be done about it.

According to an article in the current issue of the Maryland Tidewater News, a publication by the Maryland Department of Research and Education, the board also would seek to discover a basis of conservation upon which Maryland and Virginia, the two States bordering the bay, could agree.

In questioning the validity of reports of oyster mortality, Mr. Warfield said:

"It is true that oysters in the upper bay, on Swan Point and in Anne Arundel county waters are poor—that is, not fat.

"However, this is not an unusual situation, since poor oysters are present in one area or the other around the Chesapeake Bay practically every year. The mortality in such local areas is somewhat higher than in other sections, but this is characteristic when oysters are in poor condition."

He said fine quality oysters were more abundant this season than in three or four years with production to date in Maryland 25 per cent above the catch for the same period in 1944.

Regular records over the last two years, he explained, showed that the salinity during the present season has been abnormally low, and "is more than likely" the cause of the poor quality oysters in the upper bay.

According to reports from scientists of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service at the Maryland Department of Research and Education, these oysters, although not fat, give no evidence of disease, he said. He added that the fisheries commission wishes to assure the public that the oysters in queston had been observed regularly.

Mr. Sherwood, after a check with several observers about the bay, said the problem of wild-life mortality was "completely unsolved," and mentioned the following reports which have come to him:

Gerald Harrington, oyster proprietor at Kent Island Narrows, said oysters in the Swan Point area were in bad shape and unfit for use, and that mortality among them was "frightful."

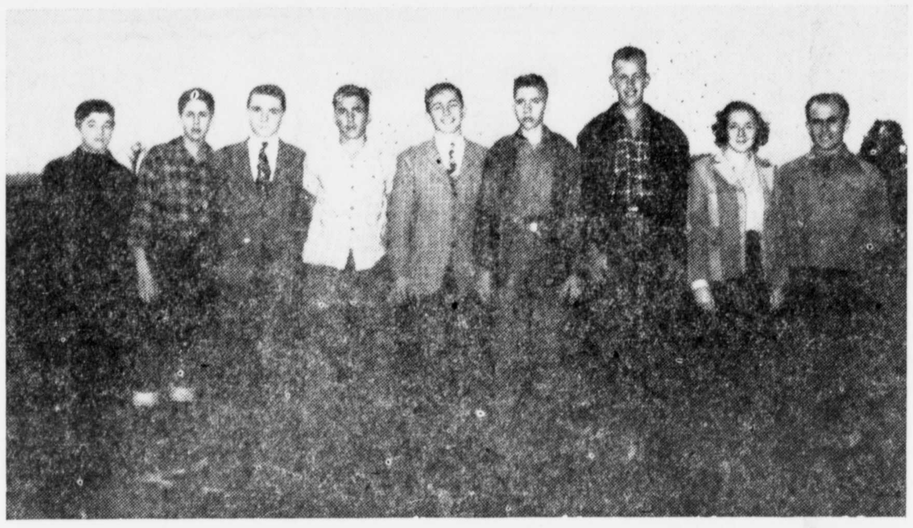
Herman Thompson, another oyster proprietor at Kent Island Narrows, confirmed Mr. Harrington's report about oysters in that section. Both men said conditions in the Chester River were fairly good.

Kirby Benton, of Romancoke, Kent Island, said he had found as many as fourteen dead oysters in one bushel, with the heart still intact, but the meat gone. He said it was the first time in his recollection that oysters in that area had been so affected.

Mr. Sherwood said that from his conversations with these men and others, it was apparent that oysters in the area extending from the bayside of Kent county over to the west shore and from the Patapsco River south to Annapolis had been affected. He expressed a fear that the situation would spread farther south and into Chester River.

Walter T. Elburn, florist has received about 8000 Hyacinth and Tulip bulbs from P. Lommerse & Sons of Hillegon, Holland. This is part of the first shipment of bulbs to arrive in the United States since shortly before the beginning of the war. Mr. Elburn is now potting the bulbs and says they will be ready for the Easter market.

FAIR PROMISE FARM CONTEST WINNERS



This is the picture of the contest winners in the first annual 4-H and F.F.A. Essay Contest, sponsored by Fair Promise Farm, Betterton, Maryland. The subject of the essay was, "Why Should Eastern Shore 4-H and F.F.A. members raise more Aberdeen Angus Steers?" Fair Promise Farm will sponsor this contest annually. Kenty County did not have a single entry in the contest. The first and second prize winners each took a steer as a prize. They were allowed to pick the one they wanted out of a group. See TRANSCRIPT of Nov. 9th for full write-up of the event.



Carl M. Wagner of Princess Anne, receiving first prize, a title to a steer, from Mr. A. R. Allan, owner of Fair Promise Farm and sponsor of the Annual Contest.



Ruth Meredith of Queen Anne, Md., captured second prize and receives her prize from Mr. Allan. A full write-up of the contest was in last week's Transcript.

Garden Club Elects Officers

At the annual meeting of the Chestertown Garden Club, held on Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. Tilden Brice officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Mrs. Clarke Grieb was re-elected President; Mrs. E. Clyde Fox, Vice-President; Miss Fannie Hartman, Secretary, and Mrs. Henry Pyle, re-elected Treasurer.

At this time, members carried an assortment of bottles in which various arrangements were placed. The one taken by Mrs. R. N. Whaley was voted the best.

There will be no meeting of the Club in December, as is the custom, but meetings will resume in January when Mrs. C. L. Atwater will be the hostess.

Willian B. Vincent has tendered his resignation as superintendent of grounds and buildings at Washington College and has returned to his former position as chauffeur for the Red Star Motors, Inc., on the Chestertown Elkton bus route. He and his family have taken a home in Kingston, on the Chester River opposite here.

Petroleum Coop Elects Officers

At the annual membership meeting of the Kent and Queen Anne's Petrolum Coop., Mr. Merton R. Shawn, of Queenstown, was elected president to succeed Mr. Howard R. Leaverton, who has served in that capacity for the past five years.

Other officers elected to fill expired terms were: Mr. B. E. Wallace, of Chestertown, vice-president; and John W. Smith, of Sudlersville, director.

Funeral services for Charles Edward Hudson, 52 years old, who died last Friday Morning at his home in Piney Neck, were held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon from the funeral home of Marvin Williams in Chestertown, with interment in Wesley Chapel Cemetery, near Rock Hall.

The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hudson, of Piney Neck, and had been engaged in business for a number of years. Besides his wife and four children, he leaves a brother, William Thomas Hudson, and three sisters, Mrs. William Ward, Mrs. Claude Bryden, Mrs. Edith Wilson.

BASKET BALL TEAM READY FOR SEASON

With only a few more days of practice before Washington College raises the curtain on its 1945-46 court campaign, Coach Henry Carrington has been drilling his eighteen charges harder than ever.

In this unusual peacetime season with players likely to come or go on short notice, it isn't known just how the Maroon and Black will fare in their Mason Dixon Conference, but judging from the past several days' practices they are quickly rounding into shape for their November 26 inaugural at Fort Miles. Thus far, Carrington has come up with several newcomers who should at least bring the team up to its 1944 standard when it won eight of fourteen games and placed second in the league. Washington will engage several more foes this year than it did during the war, having between twenty and twenty-five scheduled games.

The three regular veterans of last winter's quintet, Gene Rook as center, and Jim Rook and Steve Abramson as the guards, likely will open this campaign in their regular positions, but the forward posts are wide open so far. However, Freshmen Marty Chaiken and Jack Cheslock, both of whom come from Forest Park High School of Baltimore, Maryland, and Henry Lewis, a Sparrows Point High School alumnus, have the inside rail for these two spots. Lewis, who saw plenty of service in scholastic circles, has the edge on the other two. He works the ball well and is an excellent set shot. Chaiken, on the other hand, also saw service with his high school varsity, is a fine layup shot, and speedy on the court. The third candidate, Cheslock, though stockier than the others, is faster on his feet, can break like the wind, and plays a formidable defense game.

Other main candidates for the squad are John Livingood, eagleeyed set shot artist; John Coleman, good floorman from Sudlersville High School; Donald (Bull) Durham, leading competitor for guard; Bill Cooper, fast, steady performer; and George Hauver, defensive man and jump artist. Still others are Marty Jensen, Joe Sutton, Judd Williams, Turner Wiest, and Bob Shields.

Washington added another game to its already crowded pre-Christmas card. Besides twice meeting Fort Miles, once here in Chestertown and once in Lewes, Delaware; St. Joseph's in Philadelphia; and Aberdeen Bombers in Aberdeen; they will encounter league foe, Johns Hopkins in Cain Hall, the Washington home court, on December 15. Advance news received about Gardner Malonee's Hopkins outfit indicates the Jays will have a sufficiently stronger quintet than they did last year.

Rock Hall Skipper's War Duties at End

Capt. Hillry Akers, waterman of this county, who was called into transport duty in the U. S. Navy during the war, has returned to his home in Rock Hall, with an honorable discharge. Captain Akers commanded a ship which sailed to many sections of the world war theatre with supplies.

Another Rock Hall service man who is en route to his home from a long service in India, is Sergt. Stanley Loewner, U. S. A., nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Max Alexander, of that town.

ROCK HALL SELECTS SITE FOR AIR PORT

Through the efforts of the Rock Hall Business Men's Association, arrangements have been made for the purchase of a site for the Rock Hall Air Port. This site is the old Ferry Park Property at Gratitude, adjoining Rock Hall and owned by Mr. William Mercer. It is understood that very liberal purchase arrangements have been made and that in order to meet State and Federal regulations the property must be owned by a municipality such as the town of Rock Hall. It is further understood that the plot is of sufficient size to provide for the air port and leave desirable property for sale to help defray the cost of the property.

The site has been approved by State Aeronautical authorities and now awaits the approval of the American Aeronautical Administration which represents the Federal Government.

The cost of municipal air ports under appropriations now being authorized, the Federal Government provides half of the cost, the State, one fourth, and the local government one fourth.

Rock Hall has a very active Business Men's Association and at the present time that town is far ahead of any other town in the county in the advancement of aviation.

At Chestertown, it is understood that a site has been selected but todate no purchase arrangements have been made.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian C. Coleman, of Chestertown have received word that their daughter, Lieut. C. O. Coleman, Army Nurse, is recuperating from pneumonia in 235 General Hospital, France.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Roberts have received word from their son, Maj. Maurice W. Roberts, Army liaison officer, that he expects to arrive in Seattle from Japan soon preliminary to his final discharge.

J. B. Whitworth Heads Ration Board

This paper last week announced the resignation of Dr. Gilbert W. Mead as chairman of the Kent County Ration Board, having served on that Board since its organization in the early part of 1942.

This week Mr. J. B. Whitworth, who has served on the Ration Board since 1943 and during that time has been chairman of the price panel, was this week officially appointed to succeed Dr. Mead as Chairman.

The official appointment came in the following telegram this week.

I am appointing you Chairman of the Kent County War Price and Rationing Board located at Chestertown. The patriotic service rendered by you to the citizens of your community can be further extended in your new capacity. I am most appreciative of all you have done in the past and am looking forward to our closer relationship with you as Chairman of this board. I would apprecite your advising this office of your decision as soon as possible.

Leo H. McCormick, State Director

Mr. Whitworth accepted the appointment as of Tuesday, November 13th.

Lieut. H. M. Branham Killed In Pacific

1st. Liuet. Hugh M. Branham, U. S. A. A. A. F., son of Capt. and Mrs. Hugh M. Branham, U. S. N. Retired, was killed Nov. 7 at Guam in an airplane crash.

Captain and Mrs. Branham, formerly of Chestertown, are residing at Ossining, N. Y.

Mrs. Naomi Taylor received a phone call from her husband, Lieut. W. Roland Taylor, U. S. N. R., recently, informing her that he had arrived in California, after four years' overseas service. He is awaiting his discharge.

Real Estate Transfers

Israel Heller to Arthur C. Montgomery property in 7th District.

Anna Evans Buck to Leon Mege, property in 5th District.

Achsah V. Crew to Lula M. Hill, property in 2nd District.

Wilhelm Heinfeld to Frank J. Heinefeld, property in 5th District.

County Commissioners to Wm. G. Smyth, property in 6th District.

County Commissioners to James A. Redding, property in 2nd District.

NOTICE!

To subscribers, advertisers, correspondents and other contributors of news. Next Thursday being Thanksgiving Day, The Transcript will go to press on Wednesday which will necnecessitate all copy being sent in one day earlier than usual.

The Editors.

MILLINGTON GIRL URGES ALL TO BUY BONDS

The following articles, written by Betty M. Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Baker, of Millington, is an excellent example of "Why the people of Kent County should buy bonds."

"Have You Forgotten These Boys?"

He hasn't forgotten. Have you? No, or the hundreds of thousands of other veterans who have sweated and bled and given their hands, legs, eyes, minds—yes, and their lives—while we sat at home cheering. On October 29th the most important Bond Drive made in this war began . . . the great Victory Loan. Your cooperation is needed. This is your chance to say thanks to the boys who won this war. The great Victory Loan will help raise money to get our boys home. It will help to give them their mustering out pay and veterans benefits. Some of these boys went in service before they finished their education. Lots of them will want to return to college. We must help them. For this is a loan with a heart. Of all loans in this war, it is the most human. It pays for healing not killing—mercy not pain. Can any of us truthfully say they have not earned it? They have more than earned it. They proved their courage when they fought over there for us. Come on, fellow Americans, let's buy as many bonds as possible. They are the ones who have sacrificed so much for us.

KENT 4-H GIRL TO NATIONAL CONGRESS

Maude E. Fogwell, 16, of Worton is winner in a state 4-H contest for overall accomplishments, which entitles her to a trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, according to the announcement at 4-H Achievement Day at College Park Saturday. The prize was provided by the State Fair Board. The Congress will be held in Chicago, Dec. 2nd to 5th.

Miss Fogwell, who lives on a 181-acre farm, is a leader of the St. James 4-H club of which she has been a member 5 years. Versatility of work is her motto, and in addition to 4-H projects she has helped during war years to do much of the farm tractor work, along with chores such as milking the cows.

In 1945 her 4-H projects included 150 chickens, 1 acre of garden, 16 dairy animals, and construction of 20 garments, along with a canning program that totalled 350 jars of food. In the home she takes care of clothing for all the family and prepares most of the meals. In church she is a substitute Sunday School teacher and regularly sings in the choir, besides entering amateur dramatics. As a hobby in her spare time, she makes toy animals. She is a 1945 graduate of the Chestertown High School.

MRS. WILLIAM R. BECK

Mrs. Daisy Ashley Beck, aged 66 years, wife of Wm. R. Beck of Piney Neck, died Saturday evening at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore.

Mrs. Beck, besides her husband, is survived by the following children from a former marriage: Edward C. Ashley, Willard T. Ashley, George Conway Ashley, Mrs. Catherine A. Pletzer, Mrs. Lula A. Smith, Woodrow Ashley; two sisters, one brother, fourteen grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 P. M. in the Piney Neck Church with the Rev. Grayson Wheatley officiating.

The bearers were: Thomas Watson, Leslie Baker, Avery Ashley, Madison Coleman, Earl Boulter and Jos. Galgaski. Interment was in Wesley Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. F. Keith Cochran, of Galena, received a telophone call this week from her son, Corp. F. Keith Cochran Jr., U. S. A., informing her that he has arrived at Fort Dix, N. J., from Naples, Italy, on the U. S. S. Wakefield and expects his discharge soon.

DONATION MADE FOR COLLEGE DORMITORIES

Further progress toward the long-awaited new dormitories at Washington College is now indicated by the announcement of President Mead this week of the gift of the first $50,000 toward the cost of construction according to the plan recently approved by the Board of Visitors and Governors.

Preliminary plans and sketches of the proposed scheme have been recently on display in the College Library, and have been featured in various papers.

The gift now announced by President Mead is from the Hodson Trust, an educational foundation whose offices are in Newark, N. J. This foundation, was organized and endowed by the late Col. Clarence Hodson of East Orange, N. J., a native of Crisfield who, at the time of his death in 1928, was a member of the College's governing board.

Hodson Hall, the first building erected in the modern development of the College, was presented to the College in 1936 by the Hodson Trust and members of the Hodson family, in memory of Col. Hodson at a total cost of $65,000. This gift was followed in 1940-41 by gifts from Dr. George A. Bunting and Dr. H. A. B. Dunning, both of Baltimore, which made possible the erection at that time of the Bunting Library and the Dunning Science Building, at a combined total cost of $185,000.

The intervention of the war years caused a suspension of any activity in the physical development of the College, but there is reason to believe that further additional progress is coming in the reasonably near future.

"This gift comes at a most opportune time," said Dr. Mead in making the announcement of the Hodson donation. "With the increasing pressure of registration, and the certain return of many more veterans next year, it is necessary that we do something during the Spring and Summer so as to provide more living space by September 1946."

140 Vets Attend Annual Banquet

140 vets and their wives appeared at the Legion Memorial Home last Monday nigth for the annual banquet of the Frank M. Jarman Post where seating capacity and reservations were limited to 110. The overflow necessitated a second sitting which was made possible by an abundance of food prepared by nine ladies under the direction of Mrs. Alice B. Legg. Her assistants were: Mrs. Marie B. Legg, Mrs. Emma Biddle, Mrs. Sarah Hadaway, Mrs. Ida Blackway, Mrs. Doris Happersett, Miss Harriett Legg, Mrs. Thelma Legg, Mrs. Frances Needles.

Following the dinner, the program with Jesse D. Maxwell as toastmaster included an address by Preston P. Heck, of Chestertown.

Officers of the local post are: Norman E. Peterson, Commander and Vice-Commander of the North Eastern Shore District.

J. Lewin Burris, 1st Vice-Commander.

Owen S. Selby, 2nd Vice-Commander.

John G. Klein, Adjutant.

C. Lee Gill, Treasurer.

James E. Batchelor, Sgt. at Arms.

Harvey G. Blyman and Eli Elliott, Color Bearers.

D.A.R. Plans For Anniversary

The London Bridge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, met Tuesday, November 6 at the home of Mrs. Stewart Price. After a most delightful dinner the members held a "current events" meetin. This was followed by planning the anniversary meeting for December, which we hope may be an outstanding affair, of our year's work.

Victory Bond Sales

Quota	$250,000
Sales	73,712
Yet to go	$176,288

Bonds on sale at all banks of the County.

Bonds bear interest in both cash and security.

Irvin Sutton, member of the Youth Fellowship of Christ Methodist Church here, represented Kent County at the recent Rural Youth Conference held at Jackson Mills, W. Va. Mr. Sutton gave a brief talk on the purposes of the conference at Christ Church Sunday school.

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