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SAYS DISEASED OYSTER THEORY IS NONSENSE

All this talk about an unknown disease killing off oysters in the Chesapeake Bay is nonsense, according to James B. Engle, aquatic biologist of the Department of the Interior who has spent the last two years making a scientific study of Chesapeake oysters.

"Some oysters have been killed by an overabundance of fresh water in the upper Bay," Mr. Engle said recently, "but it's nothing to get excited about because it happens often.

"No oysters are being taken from beds where there have been deaths, so the public has nothing to fear," he declared.

"The oyster industry is not menaced, there are just as many oysters coming to market as expected, and a high percentage of them are the fat, luscious kind that the Chesapeake Bay is famous for," the biologist added.

He explained that the size and fatness of oysters and the percentage of mortality among them are all wrapped up in technical matters concerning the percentage of salt in the water and he said he saw no reason for the oyster-eating public to worry its head about them.

For those who may be interested, however, here's the way it works, according to Mr. Engle.

Oysters positively cannot live in fresh water permanently. They can, however, develop a tolerance for fresh water and take it for considerable lengths of time, depending on conditions they are used to.

The lowest salinity which will produce usable oysters is 12 parts of salt to 1,000 parts of water. The ideal is about 15 parts of salt, but oysters will live in water that has up to 28 parts of salt.

Too much fresh water is likely to be more harmful to them than too much salinity.

Fresh water apparently has two main effects on the oysters:

1. It ruins their appetite. Thus with too much fresh water the oyster grows thinner and, if the fresh water stays too long, they die.

2. It upsets their productive system, and as a result they spawn late, and the spawn often fails to produce any young.

This is exactly what has been happening in the upper end of the Chesapeake Bay this year, according to Mr. Engle.

Excessive rain this summer reduced the salinity of the upper bay by about 50 per cent, he says.

Editor's Note—The oysters in the Chester River are in good condition this season. This is generally thought to be fresher than at Swan Point bar, where oysters are dying.

Former Countian Died Suddenly

Harvey C. Jones, 47 years old of 300 Commerce Street, Smyrna,, Del., president of The National Bank of Smyrna, died suddenly at his home this morning from a heart attack.

Mr. Jones was stricken shortly after 8 o'clock. He had dressed and was preparing to eat breakfast when he collapsed. Mrs. Jones immediately summoned Dr. Walter C. Deakyne, who lives nearby. Dr. Deakyne rushed to the house but Mr. Jones was dead when he arrived.

Mr. Jones had apparently been in good health as he attended the Rotary Club dinner Thursday night. He was a past president of the organization.

A native of Millington, Md., Mr. Jones had been associated with the bank since 1928 when he became trust officer, coming from the Clayton Bank and Trust Company.

He was very active in Smyrna civic affairs and was chairman of all of the town's war bond drives, a member of the Smyrna school board for a number of years and superintendent of the Asbury Methodist Church Sunday school for 16 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Pearl Boggs Jones; one daughter, Miss Betty Jones, a member of the faculty of the Harrington school, and his father, Harry H. Jones of Still Pond, Md. A brother, Mr. Kennard Jones, also survives.

Mr. Kennard Burke, 1st Class Aviation Machinist Mate, U. S. N., is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Joseph Walters. Mr. Burke has been in the Navy for the past three years, 15 months of which has been spent in the Pacific.

Oliver Maslin, seaman, second class, Chestertown, Md., served aboard the troop transport USS General John Pope ,a ship which the Navy now has revealed saw every continent but Antartica during her two years of wartime travels.

Firemen Answer Three Alarms

The Chestertown Fire Company answered three alarms during the past week, all of which were quickly brought under control.

Saturday—Pile of leaves on Washington Avenue.

Sunday—Woods fire in Broad Neck

Tuesday—A hot water heating coal stove exploded in the home of Andrew Reed, colored. It is understood that the water outlet had been plugged and the steam generated blew the stove to pieces. Some of the pieces went through the walls and the door of the room was blown off. No one was injured.

RATIONING NOW GOES TO STATE OFFICE

Allwholesale and retail food rationing files, previously maintained in offices of local War Price and Rationing Boards throughout the state, are being transferred to the Maryland OPA State Office, in the O'Sullivan Building in Baltimore.

Work of transferring the files from the local boards to the State Office will be completed during the last ten days of this month. During that time, applications for adjustment from wholesalers or retailers can not be consider, William B. Connolly, District Rationing Executive, said today.

Transfer of the files follows consolidation of boards throughout the state from 42 to 24, and the centralizing of rationing matters in the State Office. After the first of December, all questions pertaining to the files, or to wholesale or retail rationing, previously handled by the local boards, should be presented to the State Office in Baltimore.

College Students To Hear State Forester

Joseph F. Kaylor, state forester of Maryland, will give a talk and show a motion picture in Dunning Hall, Washington College, on the subject of forestry at 7 P. M. on Nov. 29 Girl students will be permitted to attend the lecture. Forestry is a subject which is not only important and interesting but it is a field of work employing a large number of college graduates, Mrs. Kaylor points out.

Judge Constable Returns To Hospital

Albert Constable, associate judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland, which includes Kent county, has returned to a Philadelphia hospital for treatment. He has been ill since last spring, and a recent relapse, after he had shown improvement, resulted in his physicians advising him to return to the hospital.

Jobs as dairy herd improvement association supervisors will be in prospect for persons who attend the two-week dairy testers' short course at the University of Maryland, Dec. 3 to 15. No charge is made for the study, but students must have had dairy farm experience and at least two years of high school to qualify. Inquiries or enrollments should be directed to the Dairy Department, University of Maryland, College Park, Md.

Real Estate Transfers

J. Raymond Hersch to Edward J. Hillyer, property in 5th District.

County Commissioners to Nathan Roy, property in 2nd District.

E. Carroll Stoffenwerck to Wm. H. Oalsley, property in 5th District.

Katherine R. Reilly to M. L. Coleman, property in 5th District.

Kent Manufacturing Co. to H. Monroe Coleman, property in 4th District.

Roy C. Mitchell to Francis K. Moewitz, property in 2nd District.

Mary B. H. Brown to Mary J. Meacher, property in 7th District.

Martha E. Reese to Edna M. Jones property in 1st District.

Xmas Opening

Mr. Marion T. Miller, of Rock Hall, is planning his annual Xmas opening on Tuesday, Nov. 27th. This annual affair is one of the highlights in the history of this store and dates back for almost fifty years.

Bridge Tournaments Are Discontinued

Duplicate and straight bridge tournaments played at the Country Club on Monday evenings, since early in the Fall, have been discontinued until the middle of January.

ANNUAL SEAL SALE OPENED MONDAY

The 39th annual tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale opened throughout the state last Monday, November 19.

The proceeds of the annual Christmas Seal Sale are used to finance the anti-tuberculosis program throughout the state, which constitutes Mass X-Ray Surveys, Case Finding, X-Raying, Tuberculin Testing, Medical Research, Health Education, Negro Program and the Miracle House, a children's preventorium.

"It was a most vital part of our war effort that those on the home front remain healthy in order to produce materials of war," said Mr. Staub, Seal Sales chairman, "The armed forces were successfully controlling the disease by x-raying every recruit; and through our greatly increased x-ray program we followed their lead. As a result, we had no sharp rise in the Tuberculosis death rate which accompanied past wars."

Mr. Staub further pointed out that the efforts of the association in cooperation with the State, County and City Departments of Health have successfully maintained the tuberculosis death rate at its pre-war level, and said, "it takes increased effort in order to keep the death rate from rising now even though the War is over, especially since the disease is rampant in Europe and has shown an alarming rise in England.

Announcement is made that Mr. Norman P. Foster, Manager of the Salisbury Field Office of the Social Security Board, will be in Chestertown, Md., on Monday next, November 26.

He will be available for interview on that day at the Post Office at 1 P. M.

Mrs. G. M. Decker, Cecil Sheriff Wed

Mrs. Gertrude M. Decker, widow of J. Ben Decker, founder and former president of the Triumph Explosives, Inc., and Mr. Ralph W. Robinson, Cecil County sheriff, were united in marriage at the bride's home, near Elkton, over the weekend. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. K. Lambert of Elkton. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are now on their honeymoon, and will reside near Elkton, upon their return.

Navy Reduces Enlistment Period

Lieutenant A. B. Gnaedinger, officer in charge of the Baltimore U. S. Navy Recruiting Station, announced today that men now volunteering for service in the regular Navy will have the option of electing either two, three, four or six year terms of Enlistment. Regular Navy term of service previously has been four years.

Men volunteering for a first enlistment or reenlistment in the Regular Navy are now given an option on the length of time they wish to serve. Applicants 17 years of age may now be enlisted for two years, three years, or not to exceed minority. Men enlisting for minority are automatically discharged when they reach the age of 21.

Dr. J. Warren Albinson, rector of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, Elkton, also in charge of the Cecil County Co-Operative Churches, who for some months past has been suffering from serious eye trouble, is now a patient at Willis Eye and Ear Hospital, Philadelphia. It was necessary to remove one eye and the other is reported to be seriously affected.

Rev. Albinson is well-known in Kent County and has been a frequent visitor here.

Lt. Richard W. Hall, USNR., Chestertown, Md., served aboard the USS SIERRA, one of the Navy's famed "floating Navy Yards", which has received a commendation from the commander of destroyers, Pacific Fleet, for her crew's feat of performing 21,392 man-hours of work on 65 ships in one nine-day period.

At another time, during a five-week period at Port Purvis in the Solomon Islands, the crew of the Sierra helped the ship distinguish herself by substituting divers for dry-dock facilities to complete repairs on worn and damaged underwater equipment. During that period, she also provided tender service for a Fleet of LST's destined to carry troops and supplies to Iwo Jima.

Although the Sierra is designated as a destroyer tender, she repaired all units of the Fleet, from landing craft to battleships, during more than a year's service in combat waters.

Church Hill P.O.W. Camp Is Closed

The Prisoner of War Camp, near Church Hill, which was used during the summer and early fall to house German prisoners of war, who worked on the farms of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, has been closed.

The construction work on the camp was all financed by a group of canners for the purpose of having a suitable place in which to house the laborers, the canners sharing the labor with farmers of the two counties, who have found the work of the prisoners very satisfactory.

Officials of the Labor Placement Service in the two counties announced this week that this labor will not be available for the 1946 cropping season, since it is probable that U. S. Army officials will have returned all prisoners now in the state to their country by early spring. There were 165 of the prisoners employed on the farms in Kent County during this year.

OUR CONGRESSMAN'S WEEK

Congressman Roe returned to his office last Monday, the 12th, having fully recovered from a very severe attack of ptomaine poisoning.

He took an active part in hearings before before the Select Committee on Small Business and tried to see that the OPA does justice to the retail automobile dealers of the country who are only asking to be allowed the same discount that they were receiving before the war, in spite of an increased cost of doing business, of over 30%, since the war began. The hearings were very interesting and largely attended.

Congressional action may be necessary in order to give the automobile dealers relief, as, apparently, the OPA is taking a very arbitrary position in reference to the matter.

Many matters affecting the interest of the Eastern Shore were handled during the week with different Government Departments.

DEATHS

GEORGE W. SUTTON

George W. Sutton, prominent retired farmer, of the Second District, of Kent County, died on Sunday, November 18th while on a visit with his son, Richard S. Sutton at Bel Air, Maryland. Mr. Sutton has been active in politics in Kent County for a long period of years and served as County Treasurer for a period of four years. He was 72 years of age at the time of his death.

Besides his widow, the former Miss Mary Pennington, he is survived by eleven children as follows: John C. Sutton, Kent County; Mrs. Mary Rhyned, Wilmington, Del.; George W. Sutton, Jr., Princeton, N. J.; F. Edmund Sutton, Baltimore, Md.; Marion P. Sutton, Port Orchard, Wash.; Mrs. Elizabeth Duvall, Towson, Md.; Richard S. Sutton, Bel Air, Md.; Robert Sutton, Kent county, Maryland; Margaret Temple, New York, N. Y.; Wilson Sutton, Baltimore, Md.; Oliver Sutton, Kent County, Md.

22 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren 3 brothers and 2 sisters also survive.

Funeral services will be held at 3 P. M. at Shrewsbury Episcopal Church, Kent County on Nov. 20th. Rev. Charles L. Atwater officiating.

Funeral arrangements in charge of Hornberger and Gross, Benson, Md.

JOHN HENRY HUGHES

John Henry Hughes died at his home in the Embassador Apartments Baltimore on Tuesday, November 20, age 62 years.

The deceased formerly lived in Chestertown where he was known to his friends here as Jack. He is survived by his wife the former Miss Maude Sheppard, of Chestertown and a son, Captain Carroll Hughes now stationed in the Pacific.

Funeral services will be held at the Pitkin Funeral Parlors in Baltimore Friday at 9 A. M. Burial service will be held at Chester Cemetery, Chestertown that same day at 1 P. M.

REV. ALONZA TRAVERS

Rev. Alonza Travers aged 73, passed away early Sunday morning at his home in Rock Hall.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cora Middleton Travers, one brother, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 P. M., in Rock Hall Methodist Church with the Rev. Grayson Wheatly officiating, assisted by Rev. Paul Reynolds, Rev. S. T. Hamblin, Rev. J. C. B. Hopkins and Rev. O. Hackett.

The bearers were: Alexander Tyler, Reuben Rodney, Francis Lowe, Robert Shallcross, Charles Rodney, and Charles Thomas.

Interment was in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Usilton and Wells were in charge of funeral arrangements.

BUSINESS GROUP GUEST OF WATER BOARD

The Chestertown Rotary Club and the Lion's Club were guests of the members of the Chestertown Water Board and its superintendant, Mr. Medford Capel at any oyster scald Monday evening at the pumping station. Mr. Capel has been connected with the water works for the past 28 years.

Following a feed of oysters and the trimmings and a few remarks by the President of the Board, Mr. Wm. L. Fowler the guests were taken through the new filtration plant. The new plant was explained by Mr. Capel and Mr. Buckley, consulting engineer for the Board, and was quite a surprise to the business and professional men of the above two groups most of whom did not know that the plant existed and had to be directed as to how to get to the pumping station.

It was explained that, although the water that comes from the wells is pure as far as a health test goes, it however, contains certain chemicals and minute particles of sand that in years past has annually destroyed thousands of dollars worth of piping, valves and other plumbing fixtures. The filtering plant reduces to a minimum these objectional elements in the water and sends through the mains a type of water that any town can be proud of. Further improvements are planned as soon as improvements are made in material and labor conditions.

The Water Board is composed of Messrs. Wm. L. Fowler, chairman and a member of the Board for the past 16 years; J. Arthur Cooper and Marvin Williams. These men are elected at the periodic town elections and receive a salary of $2 per month.

34-Apartment House For Rehoboth Beach

Rehoboth Beach, Del—One of the largest housing projects at Rehoboth Beach in some time will be a 34-apartment house to be started within the next 30 days by A. T. Thawley, owner of the Thawley Hotel on Wilmington Avenue.

Town commissioners have approved the construction of the building at a public hearing of the board of adjustments.

Mr. Thawley says the apartment house will be on the ocean block on Hickman Street, and will have many unique features according to the latest design in modern living quarters.

Hunting Licenses Issued

Clerk of the Court Robert A. Shallcross has issued todate hunting licenses as follows:

County	1326
State Wide	335
Non Resident	125
4-day non-res	25
Total	1811

This is independant of the hunting licenses issued by Mr. Goldie Jones.

Plt-Sgt. William E. Morris, USMC R., son of Mrs. E. R. Morris, of Chestertown, Md., is on his way home.

Morris is one of over 1,000 high-point Navy veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" is bring back to the States aboard the U. S. S. DOYEN.

The U.S.S. Doyen—one of more than 250 carriers, battleships, cruisers, and attack transports in the Navy's famed "Magic Carpet" fleet—left Pearl Harbor, Sunday, November 11, and is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco about Friday, November 16.

Passengers will go directly to the Separation Centers nearest their homes to complete the formalities of obtaining their discharges before returning to civilian life.

Brattleboro, Vt., November 19—Having done satisfactory Holstein calf club work during 1944, Robert Townsend, Rock Hall, has been awarded a Certificate of Merit and granted a Junior Membership in The Holstein - Fresian Association of America, Brattleboro, Vermont. He was recommended for these awards by the State 4-H Club leader.

All privileges of the Association except voting have been given to him until he is 21 years of age.

He is the 7390th member of The Holstein-Friesian Calf Club Association of America to achieve this national recognition.

Overseas Mailing Weights Changed

Net weight and size limits for parcels to army personnel overseas:

Effective November 15, 1945, parcels not exceeding 11 pounds in weight or 42 inches in length or 72 inches in length and girth combined, containing articles requested by the addressee, may be accepted for mailing to army personnel overseas.

There will be an executive meeting of the Kent County W.C.T.U. at the home of Mrs. Edgar Pennington, High Street, Chestertown on Tuesday, December 4th at 2 P. M.

LEGION DISTRICT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD HERE

Norman E. Peterson, Vice-Commander of the North Eastern Shore District has announced that the District Conference for the North Eastern Shore, comprising the five counties as follows: Cecil, Kent, Queen Annes, Caroline and Talbot will be held in Chestertown on Sunday, Dec. 9th, beginning at 10 A. M., in the American Legion Memorial Home of the Frank M. Jarman Post No. 36, American Legion, Department of Maryland. Every Post in the District is invited to attend and send the Post's Service officers and Rehabilitation chairmen. The Auxiliary Units of the District are also invited to attend the meeting. The conference will get under way at 10 A. M., and will deal with veterans rehabilitation.

Mr. Frank Lynch, Rehabilitation Chairman for the Department of Maryland will be present and outline the year's program.

Local Cow Sets Record

Peterborough, N. H.—A daughter of the registered Guernsey sire, Broadland Cherub, owned by the Estate of Woodland Deringer, Betterton, Maryland, has completed an official Advanced Register record. She is four year old Driftwood's Doris which produced 10,760.9 pounds of milk and 535.1 pounds of butterfat on twice daily milking for ten months for George R. Debnam, III, Rock Hall, Maryland.

This record was supervised by the University of Maryland and reported to the American Guernsey Cattle Club for approval and publication.

Owen Joseph Kendall, electrician's mate, first class, USN., Rock Hall, Md., and Millard L. Bryden, coxswain, USNR, Rock Hall, Md., figured in a combination of typical bluejacket bravery and rare good fortune, while serving on the cruiser USS BILOXI, that saved the ship from damage or destruction by suicide fliers, the Navy's records of the vessel's Pacific career have disclosed.

It happened at Okinawa, four days before D-Day.

Dawn was just breaking when the Jap suicide planes put in their appearance. They headed for the group of ships to which the Biloxi had been assigned. Every ship's guns went into action. The Biloxi's accounted for one attempting to come in off the port beam, and another that approached off the starboard bow.

But, meanwhile, a fourth Jap pilot began a suicide run on the cruiser. Though hit repeatedly and with the pilot apparently dead at the controls, the plane continued its dive. The captain ordered an emergency turn, which looked like it would turn the trick. But the plane did a freak half-roll and crashed into the ship's aft section.

Strangely, there was no explosion. Descending into flooded compartments, repair parties found the reason—an unexploded 1,100-pound bomb. Hoisted gingerly to the surface, the bomb was rendered harmless.

The bomb now is mounted on the ship's quarterdeck as a memento of the occasion.

Most of the 17-million bushel crop of corn in Maryland matured well ahead of freezing weather so that little soft corn is in prospect. Use of adapted hybird varieties has not only increased yield per acre, but has also assumed more even maturing of the crop.

Victory Bond Sales

Quota	$250,000
Sales	77,500
Yet to go	$172,500

Bonds on sale at all banks of the County.

Bonds bear interest in both cash and security.

PUBLIC INVITED TO HISTORICAL MEETING 29TH

Do you think you could write history?

More than likely you believe not. You possibly think that is something for the long haired professors.

As a matter of fact, the chances are that you could make a fairly good job of history writing with a few simple pointers.

A lot of Kent County people have helped to make history in a big way during the past four years. Now it is up to the rest of us to write a fitting history about the brave and patriotic things these people have done.

The Kent County Historical Society plans to take the lead in writing this important history, but it will need the help of many other people in order to make sure that no deserving person's name is left out, and that no important thing is overlooked.

Dr. Nelson B. Lasson, Director of War Records Divisions of the Maryland Historical Society will address the next meeting of the Kent County Historical Society. The meeting will be held in William Smith Hall at Washington College on Thursday, November 29th, at 8:00 P. M. Dr. Lasson is a specialist in historical research. In his speech he will outline the things that should be included in a well written history and will tell how to go about collecting the material. He will also tell about the plans of the Maryland Historical Society to write a history of Maryland's part in World War II on a super scale. It will include the name of every Marylander who fought on the land and water, under the sea, and in the air, and tell about their exploits. It will also include a story of what was done on the home front to help win the war. Kent County's part in the great struggle will be a part of the great history.

Dr. Lasson's address will be of special interest to all teachers and students of history and to all persons who are interested in the history of Maryland and the Eastern Shore counties. The historical societies of all the counties on the Eastern Shore have been invited to attend the meeting. Also the Rotary, Kiwanians and Lions clubs of the several counties as well as the American Legion posts will be represented.

All individuals who are interested in the history of Kent County and the Eastern Shore are invited to the meeting. Members of the Kent County Historical Society are requested to bring guests.

Many individuals and organizations throughout the Eastern Shore have expressed their intentions to come, and it is anticipated that a large attendance will hear Dr. Lasson's lecture.

600 ACRES POP CORN GROWN IN KENT COUNTY

Although atomic energy, and its future development as a unit of force is the topic of the day, Kent County has not been lax in producing units of force.

If one can figure the amount of pop there is in 600 acres of pop corn he will be able to determine the amount of cooped up energy produced here this year.

Figuring 1½ to 2 tons of pop corn to the acre this crop yielded approximately 1050 tons and the prospects for next year may show a decided increase.

The price paid this year under contract was $55 per ton from a corn picker and $60 per ton picked clean. Contracts were made with Mr. John L. Stricklin, of Riderwood, Maryland and with Mr. Edwin Cole, of Lynch, local representative.

Among the larger growers this year together with the number of acres grown, were:

Edwin Cole 65, Harold Crew, 40, William Cole 12, H. S. Brown 25, Medford Brooks 20, Fred Seney 20, Albert Groves 12, T. Harry Cannon 25, Arthur Lusby 10, Wm. Knight 10, Walter Walbert 10, Earl Nicholson 10, Dick Kimble 5.

Some of the above growers averaged 2 tons to the acre and the average was between 1½ and 2 tons.

Army Recruiting Officer Here

Sergeant S. F. Kennedy, of the Elkton Army Recruiting office, is now spending part of his time at the Chestertown Post Office for the purpose of recruiting for the Army.

Anyone interested may inquire at the postoffice as to the times the recruiting officer will be there.

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