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AAA TO ELECT COMMITTEEMEN DECEMBER 4

On Tuesday, December 4th, Kent County farmers will go to the polls to elect their AAA Committeemen.

Mr. N. E. Dodd, Director of the Department of Agriculture's Field Service Branch, made the following statement, "I hope that every eligible farmer will cast his ballot for the men he wants to represent him under the farm program. The year 1946 will be an important one, and committeemen will have many vital decisions to make. They should be the best leaders to be found in each community. Voting for our representatives is democracy's way of making sure that every farmer's voice is heard."

Kent farmers will vote at the following places:

1st District—Massey, School, 7:30 P. M.

2nd District—Kennedyville, Farm Bureau Co-op Office, 7:30 P. M.

4th and 7th Districts—Chestertown AAA Office, 2:00 P. M.

3rd District—Worton, School, 7:30 P. M.

5th District—Rock Hall, Firemens' Hall, 7:30 P. M.

6th District—Fairlee, School, 7:30 P. M.

Co-op Seeks Power Lines In Kent County

Choptank Electric Co-operative, Inc., has filed a suit in Circuit Court for Caroline county against the Public Service Commission asking that the court set aside a PSC order excluding the co-operative from extending electric lines into several Eastern Shore areas, it was learned yesterday.

The commission's order, dated September 26, permitted a portion of Choptank's expansion program, but excepted sections of Wicomico, Kent, Dorchester and Worcester counties which the Eastern Shore Public Service Company, another utility, said it had been planning to serve.

The law requires that an appeal be taken from a PSC decision within two months. In its complaint, Choptank charged that the order was "unlawful and unreasonable."

Massey P. T. A.

The P. T. A. met Tuesday evening November 13th at the school house, Mrs. Garrett Turner, President, presiding. Secretary Mrs. Money read the minutes of October's meeting which were approved as read. The new by-laws were read and accepted. It was moved and carried that we hold a bake Saturday, December 1st at Galena Fire House, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Cannon and Mrs. Bramble were appointed solicitors.

The President suggested that something be prchased for the childrens play ground. It was announced that the Christmas entertainment would be held the afternoon of the day preceding th holidays. As there were no other business the meeting was ajourned.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Golt, of Chestertown, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Betty Louise, to Warner L. Brockson, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brockson, of Quaker Neck.

No date has been set for the wedding.

TRANSFERRED

Mr. W. Russell Wheatley, formerly of Chestertown, and of recent years of Toronto Canada, has been transferred to Montreal where he has been made Supervisor of the Province of Quebec for the Canadian Press. He is a brother of Joseph N. Wheatley, of Chestertown.

Correction!

Editor of Transcript
Chestertown, Maryland
Dear Sir:

In the Transcript November 23rd there was an error in reference to the death of Harvey C. Jones of Smyrna. Your paper stated that the deceased is survived by his wife Mrs. Pearl Boggs Jones and daughter Betty, also his father, Mr. Harry H. Jones of Still Pond, Md., and one brother E. Kennard Jones of Still Pond. Your error is that Harvey C. Jones is survived not only by one brother E. Kennard Jones, but also one sister, Mrs. Mildred Seguine of New York, and another brother Mr. Harry Hackett Jones of North East, Md., also 4 half sisters Mrs. Clara Moody of Waynesboro, Pa., Mrs. Virginia Long of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Dorothy Durham of Massey, Md., Mrs. Helen Torreyson of Washington D. C., and also 2 half brothers, Mr. James F. Jones of Millington, Md., and Mr. Russell W. Jones of Texas.

Vet Takes Ove...



John E. Benjamin

John E. Benjamin, who recently purchased the King Pin Bowling Alleys will take possession on Saturday, December 1st. He recently was discharged from the U. S. Navy after four years service, eighteen months of which was served overseas. The name of the place will be changed to Johnny's Bowling Alleys. The business also includes a lunch counter.

Mr. Benjamin was an outstanding bowler in Chestertown before entering the service.

E. S. HOLLINGER FILES CANDIDACY FOR MAYOR

Mr. E. S. Hollinger has filed for the office of Mayor subject to the town election which will be held December 17th. Mr. Hollinger, local lumber mill owner and contractor, is a past President of the Chestertown Business Men's Association, a member of the Chestertown Rotary Club and active in local civic activities.

The deadline for filing for office is Saturday and there will be three vacancies on the ticket, Mayor, Councilmen from the 1st and 3rd Wards.

It is understood that Mr. Goldie Jones has filed for Councilman from the 3rd Ward and that Mr. Harry Coleman, who was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. John Hadaway, will not file for that office. It is further understood that Mr. R. H. Rogers will file for re-election as councilman from the First Ward.

Dr. Mead Again On Commtitee

President Gilbert W. Mead of Washington College was elected on Saturday to a second term as a member of the Executive Committee of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the accrediting association of the region including New York, New Jersey, Pennslyvania, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia, at the annual meeting of the Association in New York City. During the year he served also as Chairman of a special committee on Accredited Courses and Institutions for Veteran Education under the G. I. Bill.

Easton Airport Ruled Inadequate

The Eastern municipal airport's request for a Class-3 license was denied yesterday by the State Aviation Commission, which told Maryland Airlines, Inc., to cease passenger carrying operations there not later than tomorrow.

The airport lacks requisite facilities for class-3 designation, the commission director, Edward Fenimore said, explaining that the field had no weather bureau, no control tower, no administration building, no lighting and no hanger or shop facilities. However, the two 4,000-foot runways built by the army at a cost of $1,000,000, were declared to be of sufficient size and safety to meet Class-3 standards.

At the same time, a request from the Salisbury municipal airport, soon to be turned over to the city by the Navy, also was deferred because of inadequate facilities.

Easton's application listed Mayor Joseph Barnes, the City Council and Dorchester County Commissioner as joint owners of the airport. Maryland has been operating flights from Washington to Easton twice daily.

$93,000 IN XMAS FUNDS TO BE PAID SATURDAY

Three banks in Chestertown will mail $93,000 to 1641 subscribers to Christmas Savings Clubs on Saturday of this week.

Distribution will be as follows:

People's Bank $65,000 to 1150 subscribers.

Chestertown Bank of Maryland $16,000 to 250 subscribers.

First National Bank $12,000 to 241 subscribers.

A total of $550,000,000 will be distributed by 5,000 banks throughout the country with the average subscriber receiving $72.00.

The total distribution by the banks of Maryland is $12,700,000.

While the records show that the largest proportion of the total sum is used for Xmas shopping, other items such as taxes, debts, insurance, etc., are recipients of a part of the savings.

The Woman's Auxiliary of old St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Louis C. Robinson, Chestertown on Tuesday Dec. 4, at 2:30 P. M.

Xmas Lights To Go On Next Week

Chestertown will be decorated for Christmas and the decorations include the colored lighting effects on High and Cross Streets.

Also included in the program will be chimes and Xmas music from the belfrey of the Episcopal Church throughout the Christmas season.

The project will be financed by subscriptions from the businesses of the community. A committee from the Business Men's Association will solicit funds next week.

Wesley College Choir To Sing Here

The Choir of the Wesley Junior College, Dover, Del., will sing at the morning hour of worship, Sunday, Dec. 2, at the First Methodist Church. The Choir is directed by Mrs. William J. Storey and will sing the following selections: Prayer Perfect by Stenson, But the Lord is Mindful, "Saint Paul" by Mendelssohn, and Alleluia, "Exsultate, Jubilate" by Mozart. The public is invited to attend this service at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning.

CO-OP PLANT DESTROYED BY FIRE

The Southern States seed cleaning and hybrid corn processing plant in Baltimore, Md., burned to the ground early Sunday morning, November 25, along with large quantities of hybrid seed corn, soybean, red clover, and alfalfa seed, General Manager W. G. Wysor, Richmond, Va., has announced. He stated that the loss, estimated at $700,000, is fully covered by insurance.

These facilities and supplies were owned by the 178,000 farmer-members of Southern States Cooperative in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky.

"The building, which was completed less than a year ago, and the equipment in it were modern and up-to-date in every respect," Mr. Wysor said, "but despite the fireproof construction of the walls, the building burned quickly. The cause of the fire is undetermined. Nearby facilities of the organization remained intact, so service by them will continue without any serious interruption."

Corn Loans Now Available

It was announced today by Joseph H. Blandford, Director Production and Marketing Administration for Maryland, that corn loans will be made available to farmers within the next few days. These loans will be obtainable at county AAA offices, at the rate of $1.14 per bushel of No. 3 corn of 15.6 percent moisture. Discounts will be made for corn of lower grades or higher moisture content.

Announcement by the Director ahead of schedule was prompted by reports that considerable corn is being sold by farmers at as low as $1.00 per bushel. Availablity of the loans is expected to advnace the price of corn at the farm to near the ceiling levels of $1.26 for No. 2 yellow, and $1.41 for white (95% white). Corn ceilings in Allegany County are 1 cent per bushel lower than in the rest of the State.

OUR CONGRESSMAN'S WEEK

Congressman Roe attended the meeting of Post Office Committee on Tuesday and supported the Bill to lower postage on first-class mail for local delivery from three cents to two cents.

On Wednesday, Congressman Roe visited the Federal Works Agency in connection with new post offices for the Eastern Shore.

Contacted the Department of Agriculture to get information as to the use of DDT to destroy weevil in mills, grain elevators and farmers' bins. This information is available for anyone interested.

Urged Secretary Anderson to lower or remove the red points on meat. As we are now in hog killing time, it is a propitious time of the year to make this change.

Congressman Roe received notice from the U. S. Coast Guard of an examination to be held on May 8 and May 9, 1946, for anyone interested in entering the U. S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Con. He will be pleased to furnish interested parties with additional information in reference to this.

German Prisoners Leave For Homeland

386 German Prisoners left the railroad station in Chestertown on Monday by special train for New York where they will board a ship for their homeland.

These men have been encamped near Church Hill and were assigned to this area for agricultural labor purposes. Their work has been a decided asset in the harvesting of crops in Kent county during the labor shortage.

Real Estate Transfers

Wm. T. Henry to Madison R. Coleman, property in Piney Neck, 5th District.

County Commissioners to Mildred Griffin, property in 3rd District.

Rolph Townshend to Nellie C. Westcott, property on Philosopher's Terrace, Chestertown.

Frank C. Turner to Anne K. Johns property in 4th District.

Anna T. Suchanels to M. J. Riley, property in 3rd District.

Samuel Wilson to Irene S. Graham, property in 4th District.

Effie M. Hudson to M. Blanche Beck, property in Piney Neck, 5th District.

Samuel H. Roane to Leonard G. Johnson, property in 5th District.

Nathaniel C. Scotten to Ernest L. Schofield, property in Georgetown.

Charles T. Hynson to Carl Zimmerman, property in 5th District.

Rock Hall Stores Open Tuesdays

According to an announcement by Carl C. Stenger, in accordance with established policy, the stores of Rock Hall will remain open all day on each Tuesday during the month of December.

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 8th, they again revert to the policy of closing each Tuesday at 1 P. M.

The thirty-ninth annual Christmas Seal Sale campaign has begun throughout the city and county under the direction of Mrs. Nora C. Maxwell, former president of the Kent County Public Health Association.

Daughters Of The American Revolution

At the last meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Old Kent Chapter, Mrs. Neal Truslow was the hostess.

Most of the meeting was given to business, as Miss Mildred Hoyle the Regent explained this was omitted at the 25th anniversary meeting in October.

Mrs. Russell Hare, Vice State Regent for France, spoke of the work of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter in Paris, France to which she belongs. They gave $10,000 to the American Hospital in France, and money for the refugee work. They took care of the Czechoslavakian aviators driven from their own country by the Germans. And also helped to care for the Pictus Cemetery where Lafayette is buried.

Miss Ann Smith spoke for five minutes on the origin of the Red Cross Mrs. Harrison Vickers made an appeal for help in repairing clothing for needy France and also an appeal for help for the approved D.A.R. schools for mountain whites.

KENT COUNTY LEADS STATE IN AUTO SAFETY

Kent County lead the State of Maryland during the month of October in safe automobile driving. During that month this county had a perfect record of no accidents, no deaths, no injuries.

During the month of October there were 1,278 traffic accidents reported in Maryland with 31 deaths and 656 persons injured—Baltimore City reporting 798 accident with 9 deaths and 372 persons injured, and the Counties 480 accidents with 22 deaths and 284 persons injured.

The State experienced a 35% reduction in traffic fatalities during October when compared with the figures for the same month a year ago. Baltimore City experienced a 31% reduction in fatalities, while the Counties showed a 37% reduction—however, the year's total for fatalities is now 336 as compared to 311 for the same period last year—an increase of 8 per cent.

Twelve counties experienced a fatality-free month—Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Dorchester, Howard, Kent, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester. Kent County was the only county to experience a perfect accident month—no collisions, no deaths, no injuries.

It is indeed very gratifying to note that all types of fatal accidents, but one, experienced a reduction as compared to October of 1944. The highest reduction for the month, 82%, were accidents involving two or more vehicles, next were motor vehicle with train accidents a 67% reduction, followed by pedestrian accidents 21% reduction; fixed object accidents and non-collision 20% reduction each.

Five Men Go Into Service

Five men left Kent County this week to enter the service, four of which were white and one colored.

For induction, Stanley Biggs, Golts, white and Clarence E. Rowe, Golts, colored.

Enlisted — Purnell T. Batchelor, Army; Howard B. Moore, Chestertown R. R. 2, Navy; Alvin T. Townsend, Chestertown, Navy.

T. B. Clinic Here December 3rd

The Maryland Tuberculosis Association has announced that a clinic will be held at the Health Center, Chestertown, on the afternoon of Monday, December 3rd.

MOTION PICTURES AT STILL POND

There will be a free motion picture explaining the new Auto Financial Responsibility law in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Still Pond, Monday night, Dec. 3, at 8 P. M. Public is invited to attend.

The Kent County Board of Education has provided a bus for transporting seventh grade students of the Chestertown elementary school on High Street to the high school on Washington Avenue for the purpose of taking instruction in shop work and home economics courses.

Application has been made to the U. S. Engineer's Office of Baltimore by Andelot Estate, Inc., on Worton Creek, owned by DuPont Copeland of Wilmington, for a permit to construct a timber wharf and a float in Worton Creek near the former Gale's Wharf property. The wharf, including a T-shaped head, will extend 345 feet channelward, while the float will be 10 by 15 feet in dimension. The pier and float will be used for freighting purposes by the operators of the 1,700-acre estate.

GAME FAN TRAPS HORNED OWL HAVING TASTE FOR PHEASANT

Havre De Grace—Missing pheasants from time to time from his pens at Robin Hood farm, near here, H. H. Bowden, the owner, set four steel traps in the hope of capturing the culprit, not knowing whether the pilferer was a two or four-legged species.

After visiting his pens several mornings, he found in one of his traps a great horned owl, with one of its legs securely caught.

The bird, which measured four feet six and one-half inches by wing spread, showed plenty of fight, but it was soon killed with a brow over the head.

Seeks Re-Election



Mayor P. G. Wilmer

Mayor Philip G. Wilmer has announced his intention of filing for re-election as Mayor of Chestertown. In the announcement Mayor Wilmer stated that his action followed a request from a number of tax-paying residents and his desire to complete a town improvement program which was halted by the scarcity of material and labor during the war.

The record of Mayor Wilmer's office shows that the town has been placed on a cash basis and that a surplus has been built up for improvements during the post-war period.

OLDEST CITIZEN DIED HERE TUESDAY

Mr. Henry A. Kratzer, Sr., the oldest citizen of Chestertown, died at his home on Water St., Tuesday afternoon, after an illness of only a few days. Up until a month ago, he was up town attending to all of his own business.

Mr. Kratzer was born in Clearfield, Pa., April 25, 1848 and was married in April 1888, he and Mrs. Kratzer having celebrated their 57th anniversary this year.

During the Civil War, he lived with his parents at Port Tobacco in St. Mary's County, later moving to Clearfield. From there, he went into the tobacco business at Norfolk, Va., but afterwards, upon the death of his father, returned to his native town. There, he remained until 1912 when he and Mrs. Kratzer, bought Stratford Manor, in Quaker Neck, the estate now owned by Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Whaley. In recent years, they built and have since lived in the beautiful Spanish house at the end of Water St.

Educated at St. Vincent's College, Loretta, Pa., Mr. Kratzer, was always modest of his many talents, which included compostion of music, his Ave Maria having been sung at the Easter Sunday Mass here, and being an inventor, numerous inventions having been patented, including the self-locking brick, and many other devices. In business, he was formerly a coal operator, banker and merchant.

His mother and father were married at Loretta, Pa., by the first ordained priest in the U. S., the Russian Prince Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin, about whom Daniel Sargent has recently published a book. Mr. Kratzer received an autographed copy of this book, shortly before his death.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gertrude R. Kratzer and the following children: Mrs. Charles Shaughnessy, of Emmitsburg, Md.; Philip V. Kratzer, Mrs. Robert Wood of Porto Rico; Henry A. Kratzer, Jr., and Mrs. Richard Carvell of Chestertown, and five grandchildren.

Requiem mass will be said by the Rev. Father Charles J. Conway, Friday morning at 10 o'clock in the Sacred Heart Church.

The bearers will be: Richard H. Collins, Gilpin Brown, Ernest Strong, Dr. G. Howard Dana, William S. Collins and S. Scott Beck.

Interment will be in Chester Cemetery with Usilton and Wells in charge of funeral arrangements.

DR. SAMUEL L. MAGNESS

Funeral services for Dr. Samuel Lee Magness, 67 years old, retired physician of Rock Hall, who died at his home on Thursday, were held in Baltimore Saturday with interment in Lorraine Cemetery there. Dr. Magnees, who had been in failing health for some time, had been a resident of Rock Hall for a number of years. Besides his widow, Mrs. Della F. Magness, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Edward J. Lynn of Baltimore, a son, Dr. Stephen Lee Magness of Catonsville, near Baltimore, and a grandson.

COLONEL KIBLER RECEIVES CITATION

Camp Pickett, Va., Nov.—Lt. Col. John T. Kibler of Chestertown, Md., who for the past 20 months has been post executive officer here and formerly director of athletics at Washington College, Maryland for 27 years has been separated from the service at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

In a simple ceremony at retreat last Friday, Nov. 23, Colonel Frank O. Lammons, post commander presented Col. Kibler with a citation from Major General Philip Hayes for "outstanding and meritorious service as special service officer and post executive officer at Camp Pickett."

A veteran of the last war, Col. Kibler wears the Distinguished Service Cross and two wound stripes. As a captain in the 23rd Infantry Second Army, he lead his company in six major offensives and a number of defensive skirmishes.

During his tour of duty as special services officer here, Col. Kibler added considerably to his reputation as "The Little Dynamo," a title he gained during a long career as athlete and coach. He played in all major sports while an undergraduate at Temple University. After graduating he played professional baseball with the minor leagues for eleven years. He spent two years in the majors but injuries kept him from playing.

The Colonel has returned to his home in Chestertown, Md.

Pfc. Wendall H. Taylor, Jr., of Chestertown, was among those who received discharges at Fort Knox last Friday.

According to information received from John C. Eliason, now stationed at Manila, he is anticipating an early return to United States.

Congressman and Mrs. Dudley G. Roe received word that their son, William M. D. Roe, has been promoted from Lt. (j.g.) to Lieutenant as of November first.

Lieutenant Roe, a graduate of Washington College, has been head of Amphibious Supply Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands, for the past six months.

Word has been received here that Mr. A. Parks Rasin, former Chestertown Attorney has arrived in Norfolk from Italy where he has been with the 5th Army. He expects his discharge shortly and will return to Chestertown.

Among those veterans who returned home this week is Chief Petty Officer Bartus Vickers, U.S.N. Chief Vickers was in the invasion of Normandy and was later transferred to the South Pacific.

Gov. Herbert R. O'Conor announced this week the promotion of Second Lieut. Jack E. Kieffer of this city to the rank of first lieutenant. He has been assigned to Co. C, 5th Battalion, Maryland State Guard, of Chestertown, with headquarters in the Chestertown Armory.

LOCAL GROUP ATTEND STATE MEETING

Best means of tackling the jobs ahead in 1946 was the theme of the joint annual conference of the Extension Service and the Soil Conservation Service of Maryland at Baltimore, November 19, 20, and 21, which was attended by 3 delegates from Kent County.

Attending were J. D. McVean, County Agent; Helen N. Schellinger, Home Demonstration Agent and Ralph Ruble, District Conservationist.

Questions of farm labor, production and marketing goals, economic problems of farm families in reconversion, soil conservation, and home improvements were all considered, together with study of the means by which extension and soil conservation workers can best cooperate with farmers and farm families for improved farm production and living. General sessions started Monday afternoon, followed by separate group meetings on Tuesday for county agricultural agents, soil conservation workers, and home demonstration agents. Afternoon meetings of the entire group on Tuesday were followed by a banquet. Wednesday morning sessions of the extension workers were devoted to 4-H Club work, afternoon sessions covered the problems of extension education. Separate soil conservation meetings on Wednesday covered safety, production, and other technical problems.

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