Chestertown Transcript.

VOL. LXXXIII — CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1945 — No. 42

Pratt Library
Mulberry & Cathedral
Baltimore (1) Md.

DR. H. B. SIMMONS DIES AT HIS HOME HERE

Dr. H. Benge Simmons, Homeopathic Physician, passed away at his home on Saturday night, aged 79. Funeral services will be held in his home on Wednesday, December 19th, 1945 at one o'clock, conducted by Rev. Paul E. Reynolds, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

Interment will take place at Principio Furnace, Cecil County, Md.

The pall bearers will be the Directore of The Peoples Bank and Dr. Harry L. Dodd, as Honorary bearers, and Dr. William R. Howell, Dr. F. G. Livingood, James Hadaway, Emerson Russell, Romie Skirven, Charles Kibler, Theodore Jewell, A. L. Sterling and Rumsey Anthony, active bearers. Marvin V. Williams in charge of funeral arrangements.

Dr. Simmons was born near Newark, Delaware, and was the son of the late Dr. George and Mary Benge Simmons.

He was educated at the Old Academy, Goldey College, Wilmington, Del., and graduated from Pulti Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio in 1892. He practiced medicine in Ohio and came to Chestertown, Md., April 14th, 1898.

Early in his life he became a member of the Christian Church and lived an earnest christian life.

He was one of the founders of The Peoples Bank, and has been president since its opening in 1910. He was a charter member of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club.

He married Miss Cordelia Jaskson in 1891. Later he married Miss Anna Gehr, who survives. He also leaves an adopted son, Walter L. Simmons of Principio Furnace, Md., five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Three sisters, Miss Ida Simmons of Chestertown, Mrs. W. E. Laughlin of Belle Center, Ohio, and Mrs. William S. Anderson, of Mt. Sterling, Ohio, also survive.

MISS IDA SIMMONS

Miss Ida Simmons, aged 81, died Wednesday night, following the funeral of her brother, Dr. H. B. Simmons which was held in the afternoon.

Living at the home of her brother, when she died, Miss Simmons, the daughter of the late Dr. George and Mary Benge Simmons, was born in Newark, Del.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. W. E. Laughlin of Belle Senter, Ohio, and Mrs. Wm. S. Anderson of Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

At the time of going to press, funeral arrangements were incomplete. Marvin Williams is in charge of same.

CHARLES H. ASHLEY

Charles H. Ashley, died Thursday morning at the Palmatory Nursing Home, in Millington at the age of 87 years.

He was a life long resident of Piney Neck and for many years operated sail boats in Upper Chesapeake Bay Waters. He was one of the pioneers in the oyster packing business and established the C. H. Ashley & Son packing plant now operated by his son, Mr. Gilbert Ashley.

Surviving is three sons, Gilbert, Stewart, Charles, and three daughters, Mrs. J. Abner Bryden, Mrs. Charles T. Crouch and Mrs. Wm. T. Henry.

At the time of going to press, funeral arrangements, which are in charge of Marvin V. Williams were incomplete.

MISS LILLY HEPBRON GARY

Miss Lilly Hepbron Gary, aged 79, died Wednesday morning, at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. A. Pennington, on Campus Ave.

She is survived by Mrs. S. B. Frazier of Wilmington, Del., Harry Gary, of Locust Grove, William Gary of Baltimore, Mrs. L. A. Pennington, Chestertown, and Mrs. R. S. Dwyer, of Harrisonburg, Va.

Several nieces and nephews also survive, among whom, are Mrs. Ernest Strong and Mrs. Herbert Ward.

Funeral services will be held at 2 P. M. Friday from the Usilton and Wells Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. W. P. Roberts officiating. Interment will be in Still Pond cemetery.

CHARLES S. CALLAWAY

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Williams Funeral Home on Washington Avenue for Charles S. Callaway, 64 years old, Chestertown business man, who died at the Kent & Queen Anne Hospital here late on Sunday night, following an illness of several weeks. The Rev. Dr. W. P. Roberts of Christ Methodist Church officiated. Interment was made in Hollywood Cemetery in Harrington, Del.

Mr. Callaway was a native of Delaware and had been engaged in the house painting business in Chestertown for a number of years. Besides his wife, Mrs. Sadie Howell Callaway, of Magnolia, Del., several grandchildren, four sisters and two brothers. Mrs. Howard Camper, Mrs. Clarence Talley, near Wilmington, Mrs. Anne Person, Mrs. Patosi Moore all of Harrington, and Edgar Callaway of Philadelphia, and Loren V. Callaway of Harrington.

MARY WOODLAND IRELAND

Miss Mary Woodland Ireland, age 77 years, was found dead at her home east Front Street, Tuesday morning She lived alone and neighbors having missed seeing her, sprung open the front door and found her lying on a couch, apparently having died in her sleep.

She was the daughter of the late John and Millie Comegys Ireland, of near Blacks Station, and has lived in her Front Street home for the past 45 years during which time she has been active in the affairs of Emmanuel Church. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. John Comegys of Wilmington, and the following nephews and nieces: John Comegys, Woodland Comegys and Mrs. Philip Lee, of Wilmington; J. Herman Ireland, Wm. P. Ireland, J. Arthur Ireland, Howard Ireland and the former Misses Martha and Adelaide Ireland of near Philadelphia.

Funeral services were held at Emmanuel P. E. Church Thursday, conducted by Dr. Chas. L. Atwater. Interment was in Shrewsbury Cemetery. The bearers were her nephews. Marvin V. Williams is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Governor Candidate



William Preston Lane, Jr.

On Wednesday, William Preston Lane, Jr., announced his candidacy for Governor of Maryland, subject to the Democratic primary to be held this coming May. His certificate has already been mailed to the Secretary of State at Annapolis.

Mr. Lane has already received much support of his candidacy including that of E. Brook Lee of Silver Spring, Md.

He has an active military record, heads a law firm in Hagerstown and has many business interests including a morning and evening paper in Hagerstown, Vice-President of the Hagerstown Trust Co., Director in a tanning company and the Washington County Railroad Company.

Mr. Lane acted as chairman for Maryland of President Roosevelt's campaign. His candidacy it is felt sure will cause a State wide primary.

Kent Schools Closed Until Jan. 2

The fact that snow was meant for kids was doubly emphasized this week when the storm of Tuesday night and Wednesday increased the school holiday season by three days.

The holiday was scheduled to start Saturday but due to Wednesday's storm all schools were closed that day. Thursday morning, after consulting with road engineers, school officials decided Thursday morning to keep the schools closed until after the holidays which is January 2nd. This policy was adopted in Cecil and other northern counties of the State.

Resolution Adopted By Red Cross

Harm has been done to the American Red Cross by inaccurate references to the memorandum of understanding between the United Nations Relief (later Labor League for Human Rights) of the A.F. of L., the National C.I.O. War Relief Committee and the Red Cross. This agreement was originally entered into in 1942 and has been subscribed to each year by the Central Committee and renewed as recently as April 15, 1945. The present understanding runs until May 1, 1946 and will, of course, govern throughout the forthcoming campaign for funds which will take place next March. In view of that fact, the Central Committee will consider its future course together with representatives of these organizations in the light of conditions as they exist at that time.

BEER PERMIT AT POMONA IS CANCELLED

According to an order handed down by Judge William R. Horney this week the permit granted to W. Maxwell Crowding for a class D license to sell beer at his store in Pomona, is cancelled.

Mr. Crowding's first application to the Board of County Commissioners was rejected due to a faulty application. The application was resubmitted and then granted by the Commissioners.

The protestors to the granting of the license, representing residents of Pomona and the surrounding area, appealed their protest to the Circuit Court with the result as stated above.

The opinion, as handed down by Judge Horner, was based on the fact that the granting of the license would not best serve the public interests and that the applicant had failed to show evidence to the contrary. He pointed out that the area includes only three very small communities and farming area, none of these communities being more than eight miles from Chestertown and that no prior license had been applied for in that area. That the opinion was not based on reflection as to the character, reputation or appearance of Mr. Crowding. He complimented the Board of County Commissioners in their handling of the granting of licenses and stated that this was the first appeal that had been made to the Circuit Court from their decisions.

Bond Sales Now Far Over Top

The sale of Victory Bonds in Kent County continues to increase far over the quota with the following score to-date:

Sales to date	$320,000
Quota	250,000
Over top by	$70,000

Sale of E bonds to individuals is short of estimated quota as follows:

Quota	$110,000
Sales to date	90,000
Short of quota	$20,000

Firemen Answer Four Alarms

Firemen of the Chestertown Fire Company answered four alarms within the past week.

December 13th — Automobile of Roland Price on High Street.

December 16th—Roof fire at home of Geo. W. Wilson, Butlertown. Damage $35.

December 17th—Home of Barber R. Bartley on Campus Avenue. Oil fire in cellar. Smoke damage to home.

December 18th—2 story chicken house at farm of Frank Barnes, Fairlee. Upper story of building destroyed. Firemen saved part of building. Damage included the loss of 300 eatable size chickens.

Two Men Go For Induction

Two men left Kent County on Tuesday for induction into the Army. They are:

George Carroll Redman, of Chestertown R. R. 2., white.

Elmer Marshall Hackett, Worton, R. R., colored.

According to orders received by the Local Board, no men will be sent for induction or preinduction physical examinations between the dates of Dec. 20th and Jan. 2nd.

The office of the Local Board will be closed December 24th and 25th and December 31st and January 1st. The Office will be open on December 29th and January 5th both dates being on Saturday.

Fined For Tavern Brawl

George Saunders, colored, after being severly beat up in a tavern brawl, was found by Sheriff Gsell apparently trying to get into the home of Mr. C. Lee Gill Saturday night.

Mr. Gill noting the man's activities, called the Sheriff. When arrested Saunders was crazed by a combination of drunkedness and a severe cut on his head. He with two other colored men were fined $5 and costs on a charge of disorderly conduct as a result of the tavern brawl.

Wins Corn Prize

James Toth, Millington, Md., won first prize for the best sample of Hybrid Corn for Kent County. The contest was held by the Farm Bureau and County Agent, J. D. McVean was the judge. Each contestant had to furnish five ears of corn.

Real Estate Transfers

Alice Coleman Whaland to Jos. W. Lewis, property in 4th District.

Jos. W. Lewis to Howard W. Hadaway, property in 4th District on Chestertown-Fairlee road.

Herbert E. Perkins to Maurice A. Crouch, property in 4th District.

J. Rodney Dixon to Garrett S. Fennimore, property in 1st District.

Robert M. Logan to Morgan K. Bennett, property in 2nd District near Crumpton.

John R. Dierker to Herman G. Spencer, property in 6th District.

Robert E. Lee, Treas., to Tolchester Estates, property near Tolchester.

G. Ellsworth Leary to Sadie Bertha Bentley, property in 5th District.

Requests Return Of Dr. Farr

The Kent County Medical Society is exerting an effort to secure the release of Dr. Robert W. Farr from the Army so that he might return to the practice of medicine in Kent County.

The move is being made due to the scarcity of practicing physicians here.

The Chestertown Rotary Club unanimously endorsed the move at the Monday night meeting of that organization.

WHOLESALE MILK PRICES FOR NOVEMBER

Informal survey of handlers today indicates the end of the sharp decline in deliveries of milk by farmers, reflected in the prices to be paid for November milk which I am announcing. Apparently, while production has taken a slight up turn, the demands of consumers have continued unabated so that they cannot expect orders for fresh milk to be completely filled until after the first of January. The situation promises little improvement for considerably more time in the matter of butter and cream. The milk companies have, in various ways, attempted to parcel out the limited supplies equitably among their customers.

The weighted average of November prices is $4.045 for 4 percent milk, f.o.b. Philadelphia. This price compares with $4.012 for the previous month, October, 1945 and $3.949 for November one year ago. The weighted average price for November is computed on the basis of $4.05 per hundredweight for Class I and a record Class II price of $3.473.

The high weighted average price for November is attributable to the high percentage of fluid utilization. During November 96.74 percent of milk received (58,267,062 pounds) was sold as Class I, a record for any month under the Order, and compares with 93.72 percent (66,448,727 pounds) Class I utilization for the previous month, October 1945, and 94.55 percent (64,416,301 pounds) for November one year ago. The milk shortage was reflected in the record low receipts of 60,230,968 pounds of milk for November. This was a drop of about 12 percent from the 70,901,356 pounds delivered in October and more than 11 percent less than the 68,126,355 pounds delivered during November one yera ago.

Returns To Law Firm

Announcement has been made that Mr. George B. Rasin, Jr., has resumed his association with the law firm of Allers and Cochran in Baltimore after four years in the service.

Mr. Rasin, formerly of Worton, is a graduate of Washington College.

Correction!

In Mr. Milton Maslin death last week, mentioned only one niece, Mrs. Esenwein. The other nieces were Mrs. Roy Newcomb, and Mrs. Benjaman Harper of Baltimore and two nephews, Paul Maslin and Claude Satterfield both of Baltimore. Mr. Maslin made his home on Eastern Neck Island with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newcomb for one year then went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Esenwein two years ago.

Sale Postponed

The complete dispersal sale of a large herd of cattle and live stock together with dairy equipment at Walnut Grove Farm, Centreville, has been postponed until Saturday, December 29th.

The sale, scheduled for Wednesday of this week was postponed due to the snow storm.

THE MARYLAND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION'S SLOGAN FOR THE WEEK IS:

"Saving your life is more important than saving time."

DRIVE CAREFULLY!

STATE GUARD MAY CONTINUE FOR TWO YEARS

In the opinion of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, two years may elapse before the National Guard can resume its security function within the States. Certainly, in his opinion considerably more than a full year will pass before this State will have military protection other than our present armed force, the State Guard.

This period of a year, a year and a half, or two years, General Williams says, will be the most critical and important in the praiseworthy career of our State Guards.

The false illusion should not be indulged among State Guard personnel, he warns, that they are "on the way out", or that their mission is about over. In his opinion and that of other responsible officials, the twelve to twenty-four months just ahead call for more and better training and preparation than did the years before our foreign enemies surrendered. General Williams pointed out that, during hostilities, developments at home could not be foreseen and the possibility of trouble always existed. Comparatively few outbreaks occurred. But now, during the critical time that has just begun, redoubled vigilance and activity are enjoined upon us by the Chief of the Bureau. The officers and men of every unit are under a still graver and heavier responsibility to train, prepare and recruit than ever before.

Dr. Frank Goodwin Returns To College

Dr. Frank Goodwin, Administrative Assistant at Washington College and Professor of Social Studies, resumed his work at the College last week after nearly three years on leave of absence in Naval service. As a Lieutenant in the Naval Reserve, his active duty was that of Executive Officer of the V-12 unit located at Bates College, Maine.

In addition to his regular duties at the College, Dr. Goodwin will serve as educational adviser to the veterans in the student body.

Income Tax Advisor To Be Here Jan 3-4

Arrangements have been made to assign deputy collectors of Internal Revenue to various counties in the District of Maryland for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing Amended Estimated Income Tax Returns and farmers in filing Estimated Income Tax Returns for the calendar year 1945.

The collector will be in Chestertown at the First National Bank on January 3rd and 4th.

At the Court House in Centreville January 2nd.

At the Post Office in Elkton January 5 to 15.

Kent School Pupils Purchase Bonds

Kent County Public School children are continuing their good work of purchasing Victory Bonds and Stamps. During this school year to December 1 they have bought $2,596.86 worth of Bonds and Stamps. The Elementary Schools' share of this amount was $1,074.71, while the High Schools' was $1,522.15. The sale of Bonds and Stamps in the schools will be continued throughout the school year.

Vannort Property Sold This Week

Mr. J. Raymond Simpers has sold the Vannort Property at the corner of Maple Avenue and Front Street to Mr. George Gardner, of Chestertown.

This property was the former home of the late Colonel Joseph Vannort.

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICIAL HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

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 Wednesday next, Dec. 26.

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

Re-Opens Law Office Here

Mr. A. Park Rasin has re-opened his law office on High Street, Chestertown.

Mr. Rasin has recently returned from 26 months in the Army during which time he was engaged in the Italian campaign.

Re-elected Mayor



Mayor Philip G. Wilmer

Mayor Philip G. Wilmer was re-elected Mayor of Chestertown by a substantial majority at the municipal election held on Monday. This makes Mayor Wilmer's sixth consecutive term of office having been first elected in 1935. During his term of office all current indebtedness of the town has been paid off and the town's financial affairs put on a cash basis. The tax rate has been reduced from 75 cents to the present rate of 65 cents.

The result of the election for Mayor was as follows:

Mayor Wilmer	149
Earl S. Hollinger	78
Owen C. Smith	27

R. Hynson Rogers unopposed candidate for re-election as Councilman representing the First Ward 51 votes.

Goldie M. Jones, unopposed candidate for election from the Third Ward to succeed Harry Coleman who did not seek re-election, 30 votes.

Leonard C. Needles who was not a candidate, received one vote in which his name was written on the ballot.

J. Arthur Cooper and Marvin V. Williams candidates for re-election to the Water Board received 58 and 59 votes respectively.

254 votes were cast out of a total of 333 tax payers who were eligible to vote.

Eight Inch Snow Fall Here

Many of Kent County by-ways and farm lanes are still blocked as far as the use of low slung automobiles are concerned. The plows of the State Roads Commission have kept the highways open at all times although travel has been slowed down due to the slippery condition of the packed snow.

The official snow fall at Chestertown was eight inches and with this amount of snow in the fields there is always the danger of it drifting due to high winds. Motorists are urged to do only necessary traveling.

Rock Hall Wins Bowling League

The Rock Hall Bowling team captured the first half in the Friday night's Bowling League at Johnny's Bowling Alley. T. Tucker is the captain of this outstanding team. Other members are R. Burgess, J. Crouch, E. Wood, T. Legg, G. Ammel, B. Tucker. Rock Hall got off to a big start of the second half last Friday by taking three games from Bowers. R. Burgess with games 105, 120, and 111 led Rock Hall. Setting the pace for Bowers was R. Lordwitz, 110, 92 and 112. Bowers' team is captained by V. Bowers. Other bowlers for Bowers are N. Byron, R. Lord, G. Kendall, W. Willis, J. Jones and R. George.

U. S. Royal defeated Fairlee three games to tie Rock Hall for first place. C. Davis, Captain of U. S. Royal, set his team's pace with 117, 105 and 112. F. Barnes led the losers with 117, 95, and 94. Other bowlers for U. S. Royal and Fairlee are: U. S. Royal, M. Crew, L. Kirby, E. Miller, R. Meekins and S. Brown; Fairlee, J. Scott, Capt.; E. Jarvis, C. Gilbert, C. Foreman and W. Scott.

High team single was 518 registered by Rock Hall. High single game for the night was 120 by both L. Kirby and R. Burgess.

Post Office was unable to bowl due to the fact that Crumpton dropped out of the League. M. Todd's team will replace Crumpton. Bowlers for Todd's are J. Legg, G. Sparks, Jeffries and G. Jones. Post Office, J. Hadaway, Capt.; J. Fields, S. Price, J. Mench, J. Barnes.

Tonight's schedule at 8 P. M.: Rock Hall vs. Post Office; Fairlee vs. Todds; Bowers vs. U. S. Royal.

The first half of the Ladies League was captured by the Quints.

The team Captain is Frances Meyers. Other members of the Quints are Belle Herzberg, Etta Mae Leonard, Audrey Kaufman and Nellie Lowman.

Last nights results will appear in next week's edition.

MEMBER OF LOCAL BOARD ELIGIBLE MERIT AWARD

Public Law 112, 79th Congress, provides for the award of a Medal to certain uncompensated members or former members of the Selective Service System who have served a minimum of two years.

On Thursday, December 20, 1945 at 3:30 P. M., in the Governor's Office at Annapolis, one local board member of Maryland will be selected to represent the State of Maryland at the White House in Washington on January 21, 1946, at 3:00 P. M., where the President of the United States will make the initial presentation of the Congressional Medal.

A list will be prepared of all eligible local Board members with five years or more continuous service who are still actively serving. Each name will be drawn by Governor O'paper, folded, and placed in a bowl, from which the name of the person will be wrawn by Governor O'Conor to represent Maryland at the national ceremony. Four names will be drawn. The first will be the principal, and the remaining three will be alternates to take care of any eventuality, such as death, illness, or any other reason which would make it impossible for the principal to attend. The names will be published immediately after the ceremony.

This ceremony at the Governor's office will be witnessed by State Officials and Officers of this Headquarters.

Details regarding the award to all other eligible members in Maryland will be forthcoming at an early date.

Members of the Kent County Board who have served more than five years are Thomas W. Eliason and R. Hynson Rogers. Joseph N. Wheatley, the other member of the Board succeeded J. Thomas Kibler who resigned to enter the service. Mr. Wheatley has served for three years.

Norman Hill Publishes Another Book

Norman A. Hill, of Baltimore, editor of the book "Chesapeake Cruise", which met with such popular favor, has now published another book "Florida Cruise".

Mr. Hill is well known in Kent County, his mother being a resident of Chestertown before her marriage.

The new book is well over five hundred pages, including a hundred and forty some illustrations of which many are full page. Featured also are contributed logs of both cruising and racing, articles and stories on fishing, hunting and sports.

Changed Tax Rule Aid To Farmers

The farmer who files his 1945 federal income tax return by January 15, 1946 can skip the estimated return on 1946 income which formerly was required at that time, says J. D. McVean, Agricultural Agent for Kent County.

Changes in the income tax law now allow a farmer to wait till the end of the year to make his estimate of income and tax, and to pay the full amount of tax at that time. Difficulty of estimating income in advance has brought this change, so that farmers' payment can be made any time between December 31 and January 15, 1946.

Regular Form 1040F, the schedule of farm income and expenses, is used to determine the farm income and is filed along with the tax return, Form 1040. A supply of both forms may be had for the asking at the County Agent's office; also a mimeographed aid in organizing the items of income and expenses—all deductible items are listed.

Hospital Report

The Hospital Board report for October and November, 1945:

	Oct.	Nov.
Full pay patients	77	69
State paid patients	5	none
Total patients	82	69
Days' board full pay patients	467	585
Days' Board for for State patients	82	none
Total days Board	549	595
Days' Board furnished employees	465	460
Babies born	18	14

Feed The Birds

The heavy snow this week has presented a very serious problem for our feathered friends, the birds. Remember them and throw some food where they can easily find it.

©Maryland State Archives msa_sc3326_scm8233-0879