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ROCK HALL WILL HAVE IMPROVED POWER SERVICE

Due to efforts of the Rock Hall Business Men's Association, better electric service has been promised the Rock Hall section supplied by the Chestertown Electric Light and Power Co. Inadequate supply of current and service has handicapped residents for some time. A letter from Mr. Carl Stenger, President of the Rock Hall Business Men's Association and the reply from Mr. H. I Thompson, both of which appear below, explain the situation and the planned improvements are a matter of public record.

Chestertown Electric Light
and Power Company
Chestertown, Maryland
Atten. Mr. Mercer

Dear Sir:

The following resolution was passed at the last regular meeting of the Rock Hall Business Men's Association.

Resolved, that the President of the Rock Hall Business Men's Association be instructed to write a letter to the Chestertown Electric Light and Power Company asking them to take effective steps to insure an adequate supply of Electricity to the residents of Rock Hall during the coming holiday season and especially during the hours of 7 to 10 P. M. on December 20th, when the Rock Hall Business Men's Association will hold its community Christmas Party.

Resolved that the Electric Company requested to take steps to insure that any interruption of services caused by abnormal means or otherwise will be corrected as speedily as possible. Recommending and requesting that the Electric Company station a service man, at or near Rock Hall, in order that he will be available within a more reasonable period of time than the present practice of company permits.

These resolutions were prompted by a general discussion, which brought out the fact that the members of the Rock Hall Business Men's Association feel the service your company furnishes the Rock Hall area is inadequate, inefficient and much less than is warranted by the business derived therefrom. It further revealed the fact that our members believe your company has been indifferent to the complaints lodged with it over the past several years and the company has taken no concrete or effective steps to improve the service.

In this request it was pointed out that prior to the fall of 1944 it was deemed necessary to have a service man constantly available to the Rock Hall area. Not with standing a tremendous increase in subscribership in this same area the company has failed to make a replacement.

2407 Girard Trust Bldg.
Philadelphia 2, Pa.
December 26, 1945

Mr. Carl C. Stenger, President,
Rock Hall Business Men's Ass.
Rock Hall, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Stenger:—

Your letter of December 12th, marked for the attention of Mr. Mercer has been forwarded to me. While your letter was dated December 12, for some reason it was not mailed, according to the post mark, until 11 A. M. on December 19th. Mr. Mercer is at his home here in Philadelphia and at the present time is ill, so for this reason I am making reply to your letter.

We have fully realized for some time that the Rock Hall territory, especially in certain sections, was badly in need of reinforcement and heavier facilities installed. Up until rather recently it has been impossible to procure the necessary equipment, excepting on priorities, which were exceedingly difficult to procure. However, about two months ago we entered into a contract with the General Electric Company to design and erect an entirely new substation to be located at our plant in Chestertown, which will serve the Rock Hall territory exclusively. We have also contracted with the same people for equipment for a new substation in Rock Hall, which will be at an entirely new location, and which will be exactly double the present capacity. We also have ordered the material for a new and heavier line from our plant in Chestertown to the edge of town where the present Rock Hall substation is located. This material, as I say, has all been ordered and we are awaiting delivery of same. We have not been able to procure from the General Electric Company any exact definite date as to when they expect to make shipment; the best they can promise at the present time is by early summer of 1946, provided they do not encounter a long protracted strike in their plants. They hold out hopes of bettering this delivery date if at all possible.

We have suffered more than usual interruptions due to storm conditions this past Fall and this, together with a depleted line crew, has made it exceedingly difficult for us to render the type of service which we desire and which our customers deserve.

We regret that we were unable to continue with Mr. Ralph Bean who was formerly located in Rock Hall. Ralph advised me that he had received an offer of a position paying him more than we were able to pay him and felt that he should accept same and under these circumstances we could not, in fairness, ask him to remain in Rock Hall. Now that the war is over and men are returning, we hope to be able to build up our line crew and if at all possible procure a lineman who will be available in the Rock Hall end of our territory.

I want to thank you for the spirit in which your letter was written and assure you that it is our purpose, insofar as possible, to strengthen and build up our facilities in your territory.

I regret that an earlier reply was not forthcoming to your letter but same was only recevied in this office Monday the 24th, at which time I attempted to reach you on the telephone, in order that I might explain the situation. I was not successful in this owing to the fact that it was reported to me that you would not be available at the Rock Hall number and had gone to Philadelphia.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Yours very truly,
H. I. Thompson, President.

Heads Business Group



Jack Kieffer

At the annual meeting of the Chestertown Business Men's Association, held Thursday noon of this week, Jack Keiffer, of the Chestertown Marble and Granite Works, was elected president for 1946. Mr. Keiffer was vice-president during 1945.

Mr. Everett Lambden, of the Adkins Lumber Company was elected Vice President. Mr. Lambden is a past president of the Chestertown Rotary Club and for a number of years has been active in the civic affairs of the community.

Mr. Keiffer will appoint an executive committee, who with the president and vice-president, will appoint a Secretary-Treasurer.

The Business Men's Association, which has a luncheon meeting at the Chestertown Restaurant each Thursday at noon, is composed of the business and professional men of the community and is interested in the affairs of Chestertown and the surrounding territory.

Children's Aid Group Expand Membership

On January 10. 1946, for the first time, the Annual Meeting of the Kent County Branch of the Maryland Children's Aid Society will be open to its extended membership County-wide. Under its new By-Laws adopted this Fall, Annual Membership in the Children's Aid is extended to all persons who have contributed $1.00 or more, prior to December 11th, in the year 1945.

Since the Society has always looked to the entire County for financial support, it was felt by the Board of Managers that the contributors should have a voice in the selection of their Management.

In line with the democratic trend of having a broad base of interested people, it is hoped by the Management that the augmented membership will not only attend the Annual Meeting, but that the Society will gain even greater support for its work, which has already broadened under the impact of Post War Conditions. For to continue the same success it has enjoyed in the past, it will need greatly the active loyalty of all members.

J. T. KIBLER DEAN OF MEN AT WASHINGTON COL.

Washington College announces the appointment of Athletic Director J. Thomas Kibler, to be Dean of Men on his return to active work with the College this week. He has been on leave of absence from the College as Lieut-Colonel and Assistant Commandant of Camp Pickett, Va.

For more than twenty-five years, as coach and Athletic Director of the Shore institution, "Tom" Kibler, as he is known throughout the state, has made himself an outstanding figure in the athletic life of Maryland, and has achieved an enviable position as a leader and trainer of young men.

A graduate of Temple University, and of the School of Physical Training at Yale University, Col. Kibler coached for five years at Lehigh and Ohio State, and played professional baseball, before coming to Washington. He has developed championship teams in Maryland and in the Mason-Dixon Conference in his specialties, baseball and basketball. Several of his diamond stars have become well-known in the major leagues. Twenty years ago his "Flying Pentagon" basketball teams were the undisputed champions of the Eastern states.

A captain in the Infantry in World War I, he received the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry, and was wounded in action. His service during the recent conflict was from the beginning of hostilities.

The position of Dean of Men at the Shore institution is newly created, having been ordered by the Board at its meeting in October, and does not overlap any of the present administrative positions.

Governor Does Not Change Death Verdict

Annapolis, December 23—Governor Herbert O'Conor refused to set aside the sentence of death imposed upon John Henry Fields for the murder of Deputy Game Warden Gordon Barnes of Worcester County. The Governor's decision to give the death penalty sentence was announced following a hearing at the Executive offices in the State House where attorneys for the condemned man petitioned the Governor for a commutation of sentence.

After a thorough review of all testimony in the case, Governor O'Conor described the murder of the Game Warden as unprovoked and indefensible. The Chief Executive's study of the record enabled him to find no justification for upsetting the court's judgment, he stated. Governor O'Conor had previously signed the death warrant fixing December 28, as the date of execution.

Following the Governor's refusal to intervene, the sentence of hanging was carried out this morning at the Maryland Penitentiary, Prison officials today reported to the Governor.

Union Church Group Elects

The W. S. C. S. of Union Church Rich Neck held their monthly meeting and Christmas Party on Dec. 7 at the home of Mrs. Bertha B. Smith. About 80 were present and a grand time was had by everyone. A short business meeting was held and the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. C. C. Meredith.
Vice Pres., Mrs. W. R. McGinnis.
Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Earle Smith.
Treasurer, Mrs. Carroll Leverage.
Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. R. McGinnis.
Secretary of Missionary Education and Young Peoples Work, Mrs. Wilson Thompson.
Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church activities, Mrs. C. C. Meredith.

Resigns Position

Mrs. Ruth Leary, assistant clerk-typist at Local Board No. 1, Selective Service, Chestertown, who has filled the position for nearly three years, has resigned.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co., will be held on Monday, January 14, 1946 at the Fire House at 8 P. M.

With the Armed Forces



Staff Sgt. Berkley A. Bryden

Sgt. Berkley A. Bryden, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Bryden, of Rock Hall, has arrived at Fort Meade, after 27 months in the South and Southwest Pacific with the 35th Transportation Corps. Service Groupe aboard the F. S. 9A. His ship was a supply craft, carrying supplies and wounded to and from the many islands invaded by our forces.

Sgt. Bryden expects to get his discharge and return to his home, and civilian life today.

For defense or State and Emergency, Sgt. Bryden reinlisted in the U. S. Army as a reserve.

KENT GUARDSMEN QUALIFY FOR MARKSMANSHIP

Six members of Company C, 5th Batallion, Maryland State Guard, with headquarters at Chestertown, have been made qualified marksmen according to an announcement yesterday by Captain W. J. Stenger.

These records cover an average over a period of several months are as follows:

Pvt. W. Lee Walbert, Jr., 155.
1st Sgt. Jas. T. Anthony, Jr., 154.
Sgt. Harrison M. Cooper, 147. Sgt. Cooper has recently enlisted in the Marine Corps.
Pvt. Robert M. Campbell, 142.
Sgt. Eugene Camp, 130.
Pvt. James E. Smith, Jr., 130.

This company, at the present time is composed of 28 men and 2 officers.

According to a recent announcement by Major General Milton A. Reckord, qualified members will be welcomed into proposed National Guard and the Organized Reserves.

General Reckord's statement follows:

"In recent months I served as Chairman of a War Department Board dealing with post-war planning for the National Guard and the Organized Reserves. Recently there has been considerable interest manifested in the post-war National Guard, and a number of items have appeared in the local press on the subject.

"Because of the fact that there are many young officers and enlisted men now in the State Guard who will be eligible in the future for service in the National Guard, I am writing this official letter to advise you of the fact that any individual (officer or enlisted man) physically and mentally qualified and within the proper age bracket, will be eligible for service in the National Guard and will be welcomed into the National Guard post-war organization.

EMORY F. GRINTER

Emory F. Grinter, father of Mrs. A. F. Whitsitt, died at his home in Independance, Missouri on December 29th.

Mr. Grinter retired six years ago having for many years been connected with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Besides his daughter, Mrs. Whitsitt, he is survived by his father, Mr. P. H. Grinter three brothers and one sister.

Dr. and Mrs. Whitsitt attended the funeral services which were held in Missouri on Wednesday.

In the interest of the returning veteran and in the hope that he may find a career in aviation, The American Legion is asking that the proposed economic regulation of non-scheduled flying be deferred for a period of at least two years.

It has been rumored that a very prominent farmer of near Chestertown and a local business lady of our town was secretly married on New Year's Eve at proximately one minute after twelve o'clock. We will let you know more about it later.

COMMISSIONERS TO STRIKE LEVY JANUARY 15TH

The Commissioners of Kent County, in their first meeting of the New Year on Wednesday were busy working on the levy for 1946, and expect to strike the new tax rate about January 15th.

It is almost impossible, at this time, to estimate what the tax will be as the budgets for the various departments of the county have not been completed.

The tax rate is based on estimated income and expenses for the coming year and while a large proportion of these two items is standard, many items, particularly of expense cannot be determined. Over the past several years, efforts to put the county on a cash bases, whereby the income balances the expense, have succeeded in almost accomplishing that aim with the result that fewer and fewer certificates have been issued.

The tax rate for 1945 was $1.00 on the $100 assessment and it is thought that the 1946 rate will be about the same. This figure is low as compared to the tax rate over a long period of years. The lowest rate in recent years was 85 cents but it did not cover county expenses with the result that a high rate the following year was necessary.

Kent County is fortunate in having a high type, efficient and economical group of Commissioners. They are Julian Hurtt, President; Wm. Francis and Sutton Tarbutton.

ROCK HALL BUYS PROPERTY FOR AIR PORT

According to an announcement by Mr. Carl Stenger, President of the Rock Hall Business Men's Association, that association has completed arrangements for the purchase of the Wm. Mercer property for a permanent air port for that town.

This property includes the old ferry wharf and an extensive shore line which will afford adequate facilities for sea as well as air planes.

According to present plans the property will be turned over to the town of Rock Hall and the building of runways, etc., to make it a complete small airport will be accomplished with Federal, State and local funds as soon as they are available.

Other improvements contemplated by the Rock Hall Business Men's Association is the building of a public bathing beach that will further the attraction of that town for summer as well as permanent residents.

Starting next week the stores in Rock Hall will resume their policy of closing Tuesday afternoons. This closing period was abandoned during the Christmas and New Years holidays.

Found Dead In Rock Hall Home

Sam Holmes, of Rock Hall, was found dead Tuesday in his home in that town where he lived alone. He was about 58 years of age.

It is thought that he died of a heart attack while asleep as he was in bed when found. He had been under treatment for heart trouble by a local physician.

According to reports, he came to this country from Scotland and no trace has been found of any relatives in this country. He was a soccer enthusiast and coached the Rock Hall soccer team at one time.

ELIZABETH EMILY VANZANT

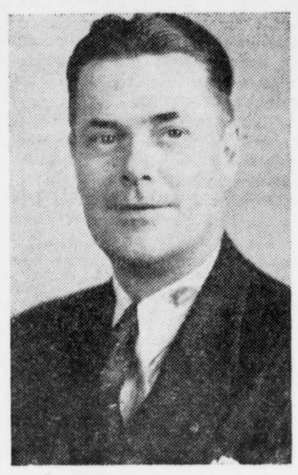
Mrs. Elizabeth Emily Vanzant, age 79 years, widow of the late T. H. P. Vanzant, died Sunday morning at her home on Kent Circle, Chestertown.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Gurtha V. Hess, Baltimore; Mrs. Walter K. Lamb, Kent County; Miss Helen Vanzant, at home. Three brothers, Cornelius Jarvis, Kennedyville; John Jarvis, Still Pond; Irvin Jarvis, New Jersey. Four grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 P. M. at the late home of the deceased, Rev. Reynolds, officiating. The bearers were Messrs. Earl Coleman, Melvin Jarvis, Raymond Hill, Alan Stradley, Charles Weedman and Burton Vansant. Interment was in Chester Cemetery. Usilton and Wells was in charge of funeral arrangements.

The Ladies Bible Class of Wesley Chapel held their annual Christmas Party in the church hall on Thursday evening.

War Fund Chairman



Roland Hepden, Jr.

Since a greater portion of the contributions to the National War Fund are now given to the United Service Organizations, Mr. Roland Hebden, Jr., Chairman of the Kent County Committee of the National War Fund Campaign, wishes to point out that USO, as it is known to millions of servicemen, recently estimated that in five years they have rendered service of one kind or another to more than a billion persons. At the end of actual hostilities some of these services were curtailed. At this time work is continuing in Europe, Panama, the Antilles, Newfoundland, Alaska, Hawaii, Philippines and is of necessity expanding in Japan. Its good work is carried on in separation centers, permanent camps, and hospitals in the United States.

USO feels a keen responsibility for the men and women in the Armed Forces during these final days in the service, when they need guidance and advice. In many of its centers careful study of the individuals and their future is emphasized instead of the pure recreational activities as heretofore. The older women of the motherly type now find that their interest is gratefully accepted.

Every Kent Countain is asked to demonstrate the generosity of his or her heart by sending or giving to the solicitors in their districts their contribution to the National War Fund. The quota this year for Kent County is $5,750.00.

From a practical standpoint, there is no better way to help so many people who need our assistance so desperately than by participating in this single drive. Thus, at one time you give aid to 42 organizations who are doing so much to alleviate suffering all over the world and to bring home comfort to the members of our Armed Forces.

The Chairman has appointed the following committee:

Mr. William Belt Townshend, Mr. Henry Demain, Mr. James J. Hadaway, Mr. Preston P. Heck, Mr. S. Scott Beck, Jr., and Mr. J. B. Whitworth, who is also serving as treasurer. The District Representatives are: Judge C. M. Melvin, Jr., Mr. A. Sydney Turner, Jr., Mr. Bard Ayres, and Mr. E. T. Hawkins.

Give to make this slogan of the National War Fund live:

"Let's not stop — Until they're home."

USO deserves attention, can use more volunteers, and merits continued support of the National War Fund.

U. S. Royal Leads Bowling League

Todd's team, replacing Crumpton in the American League bowling tournment at Johnny's Bowling Alleys last Friday took two games from Bowers for a total of three points. Post Office took two games from Fairlee to win two points. Fairlee won one game but smacking down more wood than Post Office also registered two points.

High among the individuals for the matches was John Legg of Todd's with games 108, 109, and 117. Jim Fields of Post Office was high with 104, 118 and 104. W Scott of Fairlee was credited with high single game of the evening, 141 effort.

American League Standing

Team	W.	L.	Pts.
U. S. Royal	5	1	7
Rock Hall	3	0	4
Todd's	2	1	3
Post Office	2	1	2
Bowers	2	7	2
Fairlee	1	5	2

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

National League schedule for January 7:

Bud's vs. Jim's; Charlie's vs. VFF's.

The choir of the First Methodist Church of Chestertown presented their Christmas Cantata under the direction of Julian Coleman at Wesley Chapel Church on Sunday evening. It was very much enjoyed by all.

COUNTY LIQUOR DISPENSARIES NET $71,745

The Liquor Control Board for Kent County announced today that the net profits from the operation of the four dispensary stores in Kent County for the year 1945 total $71,745.01.

The law provides that the Liquor Control Board shall create and maintain a reserve or operating fund not to exceed $20,000.00 including the total inventory of stock. Two-thirds of the net income in excess of this reserve fund is payable to Kent County and one-third is payable to the governing bodies of the several incorporated towns in which dispensaries are located, pro-rata, in the proportion that the profits derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages in each of said incorporated towns bears to the total amount to be paid over to said incorporated towns.

Under the law as stated it is determined that the county and towns will share the net profits for 1945 as follows:

Kent County	$34,496.67
Chestertown	8,364.38
Rock Hall	4,002.27
Galena	2,665.93
Betterton	2,215.76

It is announced by the Liquor Control Board that the amounts to which the county and towns are found to be entitled will be paid over after completion of the annual report of the Kent County Auditing Committee.

MUSKRAT HIDES TO BRING TOP PRICES HERE

According to a statement by Mr. Morgan Bennett, of near Chestertown, probably the largest buyer of fur on the Eastern Shore, the price of muskrat hides is expected to start at about $2.00 which is exceptionally good. This price is based on the demand for muskrat fur, particularly in view of the fact that long haired fur has been of poor quality.

Mr. Bennett further stated that prospects are for a good crop of muskrats this season on the Eastern Shore judging from the number of houses in the marshes and other evidences. Due to the unusual high tides during the fall the houses have been built higher and are very much in evidence.

The crop of muskrats last year on the Shore was short, particularly in Dorchester County. The northern counties were less affected. In spite of the slump in the take last year, $800,000 pelts were sold in the State.

The season opened January 1st and will continue through March 15th.

Campbell Buys Shore Cannery

Arthur C. Dorrance, President and General Manager of Campbell Soup Company, announces the purchase of the large canning plant of Phillips Brothers located at Salisbury, Maryland, lately owned by Pratt D. Phillips, Sr.

In coming into the Del-Mar-Va territory, Campbell's will procure large quantities of tomatoes for which this territory is famous.

E. L. REDMILE

Funeral of E. L. Redmile, 72 years old, a resident of Kennedyville for sixty years, took place from his late home at 2 P. M., on Tuesday, Jan. first.

He died very suddenly from a heart attack Saturday at 10:30 P. M.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Marion B. Redmile, one brother, Harry S. Redmile and three sisters, one a twin sister, Bertha Herzog, Clara H. Johnson and Lillie McKuett.

Services were conducted by Rev. L. E. Loder, pastor of Kennedyville Methodist Church. The pall bearers were Charles Hague, Robert Kennedy, Wm. M. Hurlock, D. C. Kelly, Horton Silcox, and Arthur Brice.

B. F. Fellows was in charge of funeral arrangements, and interment was in Chester Cemetery.

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

"Never run from behind moving cars, Either you'll be dead or seeing stars"

DRIVE CAREFULLY!

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