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ROY C. MITCHELL HERD LEADS IN D.H.I.A. REPORT

Following is a report for Kent County of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association for the month of December in which Roy C. Mitchell's herd led. Mr. Melvin Shank is the tester.

The Kent Annual D.H.I.A. meeting and Feed School will be held on Janurary 28th. The program is planned to begin at 10 o'clock, and adjourn at 3 P. M., with a dinner meeting at 12 o'clock, at which time the Annual D.H.I.A. report will be made.

Cash in the dairy farmer's pocket usually comes from dairy cattle that produce well over a long period of years, says George Hyatt, Jr., of the University of Maryland dairy department, in urging Kent County farmers to enter records of their outstanding milk producers for statewide recognition.

Leader to date in long-time milk production records reported from Maryland farms is a 12 year-old Jersey cow on the farm of F. Guy McGrady of Rising Sun, with a total of 77,154 lbs. of milk and 4,052 lbs. of butterfat produced in nine years.

The several State Breed Associations are spending the project, designed to give recognition to owners of cows which have produced 2,000 or more lbs. of butterfat thorough certificates for outstanding long-time production. Owners must nominate the high-producing cows, says Hyatt, and have the records checked by the local dairy herd improvement supervisor or official tester, before they are sent to the dairy department at the University of Maryland at College Park.

Dairymen who wish to enter cows for merited recognition may get nomination blanks from D.H.I.A. supervisors and official testers, or by mail from the University of Maryland Dairy Department.

Holsteins.

The five high herds for December were:

1st—Roy C. Mitchell (Glencoe Farm) with an average of 1001 lbs. milk and 37.8 lbs. fat from 16 grade Holsteins.

2nd—Olin S. Davis with an average of 928 lbs. milk and 35.2 lbs. fat from 23 registered Holsteins, five of which were dry.

3rd—Walter T. Morris, Jr., with an average of 692 lbs. milk and 33.3 lbs. fat from 20 Holsteins and Guernseys, four of which were dry.

4th—Walter P. Bloecher with an average of 643 lbs. milk and 32.6 lbs. fat from 18 registered and grade Guernseys, five of which were dry.

5th—Stanley B. Sutton with an average of 750 lbs. milk and 29.0 lbs. fat from 18 registered and grade Holsteins, two of which were dry.

The ten high cows for the month were:

1st—W. Franklin Moffett's Little Beauty, a registered Holstein, with 72.8 lbs. fat from 1969 lbs. milk.

2nd—Jas. D. Davis' Rose, Jr., a registered Holstein, with 71.3 lbs. fat from 1345 lbs. milk

3rd—Walter P. Bloecher's Dianthus a registered Guernsey, with 70.9 lbs. fat from 1612 lbs. milk.

4th—W. Robert Newnam's Louise, a grade Holstein, with 70.7 lbs. fat from 1386 lbs. milk.

5th—Olin S. Davis' Colantha, a registered Holstein, with 70.1 lbs. fat from 1671 lbs. milk.

6th—Walter P. Bloecher's Polly, a registered Guernsey, with 69.8 lbs. fat from 1367 lbs. milk.

7th—Walter T. Morris, Jr.'s Mama, a grade Holstein, with 69.3 lbs. fat from 1283 lbs. milk.

8th—R. Edward Townsend's Faith, a registered Holstein, with 65.9 lbs. fat from 1690 lbs. milk.

9th—Olin S. Davis' Maggie, a registered Holstein, with 65.7 lbs. fat from 1776 lbs. milk.

10th—Olin S. Davis' Lee, a registered Holstein, with 65.5 lbs. fat from 1597 lbs. milk.

Merger Plans Progressing

As announced last week, starting February first the Kent News and Transcript will come out as one paper known as "Kent County News". The new paper will have the combined staffs and employees of the present papers and both offices and printing plants will be maintained. One plant will be used for the newspaper and the other for commercial printing. In this way we feel we will be able to produce a better newspaper and improve service on commercial printing. Much of the work of combining has been completed and is progressing steadily.

Howard S. Leaverton Is Made President of State Farm Bureau

At the closing session of the 30th annual meeting of the Maryland Farm Bureau at the Lord Baltimore last Friday morning, Howard S. Leaverton, of Chestertown, Kent County, was named President for 1946; Wilson Heaps of Pylesville, Harford County, was named Vice-President and C. E. Wise, Jr., stays for the thirteenth year as Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the State organization. During the annual banquet Thursday night the outgoing president, R. C. F. Weagly of Hagerstown, presented Mr. Wise with a fine initialed briefcase as a token of appreciation for his fine services from the state organization.

The Board of Directors for 1946 will consist of the Presidents of the twenty-three county Farm Bureau organizations in the State list. In addition, four counties, having reached 751 members, are entitled to two directors.

Mr. Leaverton, one of Kent County's outstanding progressive farmers, has been president of the Kent County Farm Bureau for a number of years and in addition has been active in a number of other farm organizations in Kent County. This is the first time that a resident of Kent County has been honored with the Presidency of the State Organization.

The annual banquet in the Calvert Ballroom of the Lord Baltimore Thursday night of last week was attended by nearly 700 Farm Bureau delegates and guests.

The 1946 goal of the Farm Bureau is 11,497 members. Mr. Leaverton of Kent County, 1946 President, stated that there was no reason why the state should not have 20,000 members in the organization.

COMMITTEES ARE NAMED FOR WAR FUND DRIVE

According to Mr. Roland Hebden, Jr., chairman of the Kent County Committee of the National War Fund Inc., the district representatives announced at the meeting in Chestertown on Monday, January 14th, 1946 the appointment of the following workers, who will solicit their respective communities. They are as follows:

Chestertown—Zone "A", Preston P. Heck, Miss Daisy Barnes, Mrs. W. J. Stenger, Mrs. Emerson Russell, Mrs. Merrick Clements, Mrs. Wm. Moyer, Miss Rebecca Davis, Mrs. John Townshend, Mrs. Preston Heck, Mrs. Alan Harte, Mrs. Marvin Jacobs, Mrs. Harry Deringer, Mrs. Horace Needles.

Charles H. Brice, Betterton.
E. Kennard Jones, Still Pond.
James H. Groves, Kennedyville.
Mrs. W. E. Anthony, Locust Grove.
R. W. Stavely, Lynch.
W. Paul Joiner, Worton.
Chas. P. Kingsley, Quaker Neck.
Mrs. W. Tilden Brice, Broad Neck.

Rock Hall—Zone "B", Chap Willis, Lewin Deputy, Joe Gagalski, Irvin Crouch, Mrs. M. Eden Bryden, Mr. F. W. Smith, Jr., Philip Jones.

Millington—Zone "C", Mrs. Herman McCauley, Mrs. Nellie McCauley, Mrs. Mary D. Messick, Mrs. Frances Sutton, Mrs. Margaret J. Anthony, Mrs. Edw. Freeman.

Colored Committee

The colored people of Kent County are lining up solidly behind the War Fund Drive for this county. The county chairman, Mr. Hebden, has received the following names of persons and he has approved them as leaders who will engineer the subscriptions and donations from the various communities. Other workers will be contacted by those leaders in the various places and together they will canvass everybody in their local areas.

Quaker Neck—Casper Brown.
Chestertown — Mrs. Catherine Gillam.
Morgnec—Mrs. Mildred Tate.
Millington—Slater Wilson.
Colemans—Mrs. Naomi J. Rose.
Fountain—Mrs. Louise Wallace.
Butlertown—James Wilson.
E. Georgetown—Mrs. Ruth Spriggs
Rock Hall—Mrs. Mahalia B. Drummond.
Olivet Hill—Mrs. Elizabeth Overby
Golt—Mrs. Marguerite Clark.
Melitota—Mrs. Beatrice Mason.

Mr. Hebden stated that arrangements have been made to place a thermometer in the park at Chestertown to indicate the progress of the campaign in Kent County.

It was reported that approximately $200 has been received by the treasurer. This is far short of the goal of 5,750 and it is earnestly hoped that everyone will give generously to this cause.

Local Resident To Address Bankers

H. K. Dugdale, nationally known advertising executive and author, will be the guest speaker at the annual banquet of the American Institute of Banking to be held in Baltimore on January 19th, in the Ballroom of the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

The subject of Mr. Dugdale's address will be "The Next Step Forward."

It is estimated that 800 bankers from Baltimore and cities throughout the East will attend the meeting, which is the first held by the Institute since Pearl Harbor.

Mr. Dugdale's Kent County home is at Wyndemere, near Quaker Neck Landing.

KENT COUNTY SOIL CONTROL REPORT FOR 1945

Thirty-seven farm plans were prepared and signed in the Kent District during the last year covering 5,590 acres. To date, 302 farm plans have been cancelled involving 10,089 acres. This leaves 256 active agreements totaling 53,801 acres.

Interest in erosion control and drainage work has spread throughout the District. During the past year 40 requests for assistance were received by the district covering approximately 6,925 acres. These requests were for assistance with both erosion control and drainage problems. If the present demand continues and technical aid is available, the district should prepare and sign between 30 and 50 farm plans covering between 4,500 and 7,000 acres during the next year.

The district now has on loan 2 tractors, 2 terracers, 2 rotary scoops 2 trucks and 1 trailer from the Soil Conservation Service. The Soil Conservation Service has loaned the district the full-time service of one planning technician, one-half time service of another planning technician, full-time service of an aide and one-third time service of a district conservationist and clerk.

The accomplishments of the district were somewhat disappointing, especially the construction phase of the program. Bad weather, lack of repair parts and operators seriously curtaile dthe construction program. As a result the equipment operated only about half-time.

All of the educational work was done through the local newspapers. Two of these papers carry a regular weekly column on soil conservation. The articles in these regular columns are widely read throughout the district.

Now that war is over, a more intensive educational program will be resumed next year, with particular emphasis on programs and tours for the schools, clubs and civic organizations.

Many farmers in the district took advantage of unlimited A.A.A. payments in installing drainage ditches, permanent pastures and contour cultivation last year. This program undoubtedly speeded up and increased the amounts of these practices established in the district.

Five supervisors meetings were held last year. Regular monthly meetings are expected to be resumed next year.

Chestertown Men Enlist In Army

John Walton Tobler, 306 Park Row John Ronald White, 209 S. Front St., and Charles Harten Crouch, 506 W. High St., were enlisted into the Regular Army at the Baltimore Recruiting District Headquarters on January 12, 1946.

These three Chestertown young men are planning to take advantage of the free educational opportunities offered to men who have served in the Armed Forces upon completion of their service.

Service men have until January 31, 1946, to enlist in the Regular Army to retain their last grade, provided they enlist within 20 days after discharge.

Sergeant George Diegel, Recruiting Sergent for Chestertown is located at the basement, Post Office, Chestertown, and invites all interested young men between the ages of 17 and 34 to make inquiries on the many advantages of enlisting in the new Regular Army.

WORK ON ROCK HALL AIR PORT TO START WED.

According to an announcement by Mr. George C. Simms, work on the Rock Hall Air Port is expected to start next Wednesday and residents of that community are planning a celebration of the event.

Sixteen farmers of that community have volunteered the use of farm equipment such as tractors, etc., and at least twenty local residents have volunteered their services. In addition to the above, a community turnout is expected.

Included in the work to be done is the grading of the runways which when completed will include a 3400 foot strip North-West-South-East and a strip 2900 foot South-West-North-East. The latter runway cannot be completed to the full length until the proposed Federal harbor-dredging project is finished as the dirt from this dredging will make a part of the runway at the water end.

Plans also include the construction of a concrete ramp for the handling of sea planes which will be another facility offered by this water front air port.

The community activity in the construction of the air port shows the interest of the Rock Hall area in flying and assures the success of the project.

WASHINGTON TOPS WESTERN MARYLAND 42-35

In a red-hot shooting game of set shots and beautiful one-handed side baskets, Randolph Macon snatched a last half victory from the very clutches of the local Sho'men last Thursday. Two nights later, Washington faced Western Maryland's small outfit and rode the crest of a 42-35 victory.

Jim Rook, Washington's star guard, really hit the jackpot on Thursday, flashing a 22 point evening, which left the customers in hysterics. However, even this supreme effort wasn't enough, for, after leading in a close contest all the way, the locals' zone defense all but collapsed in the last five minutes, and the Yellow Jackets drove right through to register several important baskets. All the while, they had their forward, Cy Denton, placed along the outside court, popping shots with unerring accuracy. The final count was 55-51, Washington's second conference loss.

It was a case of too much height in the other affair, as brothers, Gene and Jim Rook handled nearly every rebound and tallied the majority of points, in helping Washington to an easy triumph, their second league win. In fact, Coach Carrington used all his substitutes in that game, holding the score down against a team which didn't have a six footer on the squad. The Westminster lads were effective on side shots and layups, but were no match for taller Washington, who, although they played very sloppy ball, moved the ball about almost at will. Several more baskets for the hosts were cancelled by the refs because of Western Maryland fouls beforehand.

Chas. H. Brice Heads Chestertown Bank

At the organization meeting of the Chestertown Bank of Maryland, Charles H. Brice of Betterton, was elected President and Mr. William B. Usilton, Chairman of the Board. All other directors were re-elected.

March-Of-Dimes Campaign

The March-Of-Dimes committee, under the able leadership of Mr. Henry Gill, is actively conducting a campaign in all parts of Kent County.

Every possible effort has been made to enable the public to contribute to this cause. Containers have been placed in places of business and in parts of the county, special money containers have been mailed to individuals.

Every dime helps control this crippling disease that preys mostly on the youth of our country.

Mr. Kennard Burke has received his discharge from the Navy and is now visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Joseph Walters.

KENT COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAX LOWEST IN PAST SIXTY YEARS

Chestertown Volunteer Firemen Re-elected Officers On Monday

R. Clark Davis and Herman Blackway were unanimously re-elected President and Chief respectfully of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company at the annual meeting held at the Fire House on Monday. Mr. Davis has been president for 13 years and Mr. Blackway Chief for 14 years.

Other officers chosen were: John T. Vickers, first vice-president; R. H. Collins, second vice-president; A. Parks Rasin, Jr., third vice-president; J. Willis Wells, secretary; Walter W. Clark, assistant secretary; Richard George, treasurer; Harvey G. Blyman financial secretary; Dr. C. L. Atwater chaplain; Dr. H. G. Simpers, surgeon; Walter T. Bennett, statistician; Walter Clark, Ernest Leverage, Ollie Hersberg, Jack Kiefer, and Henry Green, members of House Committee; William G. Smyth, grand lecturer; Beck and Carvell, attorneys.

Gilbert Hadaway was chosen to fill the unexpired term of John R. Hadaway and A. Parks Rasin, Jr., to fill the unexpired term of Dr. H. B. Simmons, as directors.

R. H. Collins, Ollie Herzberg, S. Scott Beck and William H. Elliott were elected to board of director posts for full terms and William G. Smyth and W. H. Elliott were elected to the board of directors of the band.

President Davis, in his annual report showed the company to be in excellent condition with the exception of the fact that some of the apparatus should be replaced.

The report of Chief Blackway showed that 94 calls were answered during the year as follows:

19 chimney fires.
19 dewellings.
11 outbuildings.
11 cars and trucks.
6 miscellaneous,
14 woods and fields.
14 drills.

Total fire loss for the year was estimated at $56,054.71 of which all was covered by insurance with the exception of $7,132.

Treasurer Richard George reported total receipts of $7,631.04. Expenditures, $4,904.24 leaving a balance on hand of $2,726.80.

Betterton Methodist To Stage Musicale

The following musical program will be presented tonight, Friday, Jan. 18, at Betterton Methodist Church:

Selection Orchestra, Christ Methodist Sunday School Orchestra.
"The King of Love," Shelley, Mixed Quartette.
"Going Home", Dvorak, Double Male Quartette.
Sonata-Pathetique-Opus 13, Beethoven, Piano solo, Mrs. Emma Jester.
"Bless This House", Brake, Choir.
Trumpet Solo, Earl Abbott.
"Fairest Lord Jesus" "Swing Low Sweet Chariot", Unknown Spiritual, Mrs. Sweetman and Male Quartette.
Solo, Rev. Melvin Kay.
Selection, Orchestra.
"The Lord Is My Shepherd", Smart, Duet, Miriam Sweetman and Alice Campbell.
"From The Heart", Kern, Piano Solo Mrs. Emma Jester.
"It Is Well With My Soul", Bliss, Double Quartette.
Selection, Orchestra.
"Hark! Hark My Soul", Shelley, Choir.

Firemen Answered Two Alarms

Early Wednesday morning they responded to a call of a chimney fire at the Harry Baker farm near Kibler's Corner and Thursday morning to a field fire near the home of J. W. Ivens, Jr.

Hospital Auxiliary To Elect Officers

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital Auxiliary will be held at the Legion Home January 22 at 2:30 P. M. All members are asked to please attend. New members are asked to join at this meeting.

According to an announcement by Mrs. Jesse D. Maxwell, president of the organization the Auxiliary furnishes linens, layetts for the nursey and mends linen. In order to keep their good work up we want new members and the continued help of its old members.

Couple Overcome By Coal Gas

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Thompson are recuperating at the Kent and Queen Annes hospital from the effect of coal gas poisoning.

They were found in an unconscious condition at their home on Mill St. and rushed to the hospital where they were revived.

Dance Next Friday

Company C of the Maryland State Guard will hold a dance in the Armory at Chestertown Friday evening, January 25th. Music will be furnished by the Blue Hen Ramblers. See adv. page 8.

The Kent County District Boy Scouts are planning their annual banquet which will be held at the First Methodist Church Hall, Tuesdya, February 8th.

APPLICATION FOR CHESTERTOWN AIR PORT

According to an announcement by Mr. Roland Hebden, Chairman of the Chestertown Air Port Committee, Mr. Henry Gill has made an application to the State Aviation Committee for the establishing of an air port on his farm located just north of Chestertown.

Federal activities in the establishing of air ports has bogged down to the psint where it is so indefinite that Mr. Gill has decided to go ahead with the project so as to give the people of this community an opportunity to fly. Mr. Gill stated that within five years communities that do not have some type of air port are going to suffer from a business standpoint.

Facilities at the Gill farm will make possible three landing strips, two of which could be 2640 feet in length and one 3500. These facilities afford the possibility of establishing a class 2 air port.

While developments would make possible a landing field for feeder air-way lines, present plans are for local flying.

The Gill farm is now posted as a prospective flying field and unless objections are filed before February 16th, that part of the application will be completed.

Local Firemen Seek New Apparatus

A group of 14 active members of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company left early Friday morning for Long Island City, New York where they will visit the plant of a fire apparatus company.

This company is interested in the purchase of a piece of apparatus that will carry 1000 gallons of water and a pump. The company was authorized to purchase this equipment last year but necessary priorities could not be secured. The apparatus would be used principally for rural sections where water is not available.

Charles F. Wheatley Heads People's Bank

Charles F. Wheatley, for many years Cashier of The People's Bank, was elected President to fill the vacancy caused by the death of H. Benj. Simmons.

R. H. Rogers was elected Vice President, Don T. Falls, Cashier-Teller and A. Parks Rasin, Secretary. Other Directors were re-elected.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co. will be held on Jan. 24, 1946 at 7:30 P. M. in the Fire Hall. This being the first meeting of the year, the annual election of officers will take place.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerson Bonnett, of 3608 Clarinth Road, Baltimore, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Barbara Lynn, born on Dec. 15, 1945 at the Sinai Hospital, Baltimore.

Commissioners Set Rate at .90 Here Tuesday

The Commissioners of Kent County in regular session on Tuesday of this week, completed the levy for 1946 and set the county real estate tax rate at 90 cents on the $100 assessment. This rate, with the 10c State tax, makes the total real estate tax rate of $1.00 which is the lowest total for Kent County for at least sixty years.

In tracing the records back to 1920, we find that only on one occasion has the Kent County rate been less than 90 cents and that was in 1934 but on that occasion unpaid indebtedness for that year, which was carried over, necessitated a tax rate of $1.21 for 1935. In 1934 the State tax rate was 22 cents which makes a total of 6 cents in excess of the total for 1946 The effort of the past seven years to eliminate the issuance of certificates and put Kent County on a cash basis has succeeded as no certificates of indebtedness were issued in 1945 and the levy for 1946 provides for all forseen costs so that no certificates will have to be issued this year according to plan.

An interesting comparison of the tax rates for the past 26 years, dating to 1920 may be made from the following tabulation. The first figure indicating the year and the second the rate for that year.

1920—$2.51	1933—$ .93
1921— 1.48	1934— .84
1922— 1.54	1935— 1.21
1923— 1.48	1936— 1.20
1924— 1.50	1937— 1.52
1925— 1.47	1938— 1.35
1926— 1.31	1939— 1.33
1927— 1.60	1940— 1.00
1928— 1.54	1941— 1.25
1929— 1.90	1942— 1.24
1930— 1.63	1943— 1.20
1931— 1.47	1944— 1.01
1932— 1.47	1945— 1.00
	1946— .90

In striking the levy for 1946 every effort was made to amply provide for all county expenses for 1946. In spite of the reduced tax rate the budget of expenses for this year was set at $261,201.36 which is an increase of $33,990.68 over the budget of 1945.

The budget for schools was set at $127,994.00, an increase of $20,213.32 over last year. Most of this increase is for teachers' salaries.

The allotment for fire companies was increased from $6,000 to $7,000 and as a general election is held in 1946 an increase from $2,000 to $15,000 was allowed for.

Provision for these increases is evidence of effort to meet all expenses so that indebtedness will not be carried over to 1947.

To help provide for the increases the assessed valuation of real estate and personal property, on which the revenue is based, has been increased from $16,228,390 to $16,371,015 a total of $142,625.

The estimated assessment of corporations and railroads is increased $30,840 and bank shares $93,319.

The total increase in assessable basis amounts to $266,784.

While the 1946 budget has increased $33,990.68, the Commissioners were able to decrease the tax rate from $1.00 to 90c due to revenue from the Kent County Liquor Dispenseries, which earned a profit for the County of $34,496.67 in 1945 in addition to setting up a reserve of $20,000.00 for working capital, as provided by the Dispensery Act.

The Commissioners have conservitively estimated a profit of $43,000.00 for the County's share of Dispensery business for 1946 as there will not be any further profits to be set aside for running capital.

The above amount represents two-thirds of the anticipated profits from the Dispenseries for 1946. The other one-third will be distributed to the incorporated towns as provided by law.

The County Commissioners are to be congratulated upon their efficient management of County affairs. The Commissioners are:

Julian W. Hurtt, President; William C. Francis and W. Sutton Tarbutton.

Frisby N. Wilson is clerk to the board and Conlyn E. Noland is tax assessor.

Buys Farm

Mr. W. R. Stavely has purchased the Harrison Cornelius farm at Lynch. This farm is located across the road from Mr. Stavely's Hanson Hall farm.

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