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KENT COUNTY LEADS STATE IN AUTO SAFETY

Although no definite figures are available for the year, the accumulated monthly reports of the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission, shows that Kent County lead all counties in the State in traffic safety for the year 1945. The December report again put this county as one of only two counties that was free of fatality or injury accidents.

During the month of December there were 1,354 traffic accidents reported in Maryland with 46 deaths and 765 persons injured. Baltimore City reported 838 accidents with 16 deaths and 443 persons injured, and the Counties, 516 accidents with 30 deaths and 322 persons injured.

A total of 13,039 traffic collisions were reported in Maryland during the past year, with 431 deaths, and 6,787 persons injured—this being an increase of 480 accidents, 46 deaths, and 172 persons injured over the total figures for the year 1944. Maryland's toll of traffic casualities averaged 1.2 persons killed and 18.6 persons injured every day.

Of the 46 persons killed during the month 21 were pedestrians; next, was motor vehicle with motor vehicle 11; motor vehicle with fixed objects 8; motor vehicle with street car 3; non-collision 2, and railroad train 1.

EXCESSIVE COST DELAYS START OF COLLEGE DORMS.

Postponement of immediate beginning of the construction of the proposed new dormitory group at Washington College is considered necessary by the college authorities, it was announced by President Gilbert W. Mead of the Shore institution, following a meeting of the Board of Visitors and Governors at the College Saturday.

"The very considerable rise in estimates of the cost of building materials and labor over what was anticipated at the end of hostilities, makes impossible the immediate execution of our plans", said Dr. Mead. "All during the war, we have been looking forward to a much needed improvement in our dormitory system, and its development was high on our list of post-war objectives. The gift of $50,000 toward this purpose this fall by the Hodson Trust, and the fact that our budget has not been thrown out of balance by war emergencies made us hopeful that some construction could be accomplished in time to help relieve the housing situation for our veterans by next fall. The facts of present prices, and the uncertainty still as the immediate future in building costs make it evident now that a postponement will be necessary. We shall still expect to go ahead as soon as a bettering of the situation makes construction possible."

The College is seeking additional temporary housing for its returned veterans from Government agencies in this field, particularly in light of the expectation that there will be probably 150 veterans in the college next September. Arrangements are already being made in the College and through Chestertown for the housing of 30 to 40 additional veterans expected for the opening of the new semester in February, and all available space at the College is already filled.

Income Tax Aid Here Feb. 15 To 20

You are advised that arrangements have been made to assign deputy collectors of Internal Revenue to various sections and communities throughout the District of Maryland for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing income tax returns for the calendar year 1945 and estimated returns for the year 1946.

The collector will be at the First National Bank, Chestertown on February 15th, 18th, 19th, and 20th.

At Centreville Court House February 21st and 25th.

At Elkton Post Office February 18th to March 15th.

Still Pond Woman's Club

The Still Pond Woman's Club held their monthly meeting and covered dish luncheon at Mrs. William M. Medders on Jan. 17. Activities included a demonstration of how to iron a man's shirt.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is the last issue of publication of **The Chestertown Transcript**, as next week dated February 1, our subscribers will receive the new publication of the Kent Publishing Company under the name of **The Kent County News.** We do not say good-bye to our readers as the new paper will be published by the owners and staff of **The Chestertown Transcript** combined with the owners and staff of the **Kent News.** The aim in combining the two publications is to give the people of Kent and adjoining counties an improved newspaper that will better serve readers and advertisers of this section of the Eastern Shore and compare favorably with some of the leading papers of the State. Both plants will be maintained, which will give us ample room and equipment for publication of newspapers and at the same time improve our facilities for commercial printing.

This final issue under the name **The Chestertown Transcript** will mark the end of a continuous publication under that name without missing a single issue since its establishment in March of 1862, by Eben F. Perkins. Mr. Perkins was later appointed Superintendent of Schools for Kent County and sold the paper to Col. George A. Hanson, the author of "Old Kent". He was followed by Mr. Sullivan who sold the paper to Mr. Casper S. Woodall. Mr. Woodall ran the paper until 1889 when the management was turned over to Messrs. C. Cox Hopper and R. H. Collins. In 1903, Mr. Hopper was succeeded by Thomas D. Bowers who continued until 1916. At that time R. H. Collins bought the remaining interests and it has been owned by members of his family since that time.

We solicit your favor in our new paper and ask you to cooperate in the success of the **Kent County News,** which will be published each week under the date line of Friday.

Betterton Lodge Installs New Officers

The members of Betterton Lodge No. 164 and Friendship Rebekah Lodge No. 57 held a wild goose supper Monday evening in commemorating the 164th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Wildey, who was the founder of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, April 26th, 1819 in Baltimore.

The following officers have been installed for the ensuing term for Betterton Lodge No. 164.

Noble Grand, E. Kennard Jones.
Vice Grand, Dr. J. M. Jaquett.
Secretary, William L. Dukes.
Financial Secretary, Dr. L. P. Atwell.
Assistant Secretary, Ralph Geary.
Warden, George Curlett.
Treasurer, J. William Clark.
Conductor, Horace Loller.
Chaplain, Rev. Harry H. Conner.
Supporters, Donald Carter, Harry H. Jones, Norman Hopkins, John Gressuing, Ernest Usilton, Edward Gustafson.
Inside Guard, Robie Wheat.
Outside Guard, William J. Hopkins.

Date Set For Farm Bureau Banquet

According to an announcement by Mr. Frank O. Sutton, Secretary for the Kent County Farm Bureau, the date of Thursday, February 7th, has been set for the annual banquet of the Kent County Farm Bureau.

The banquet will be held at the Fire House, Chestertown. Details of the program will be announced in the February 1st issue of The Kent County News.

Two Tied In Corn Growing Contest

J. Thomas Parsons and Theodore Redman tied for first place in the largest ear of corn contest held at the Fire House Wednesday evening. Each winner received a silver dollar as a prize.

The contest was in connection with a seed meeting sponsored by the Farm Bureau Coop.

Albert T. Nicholson won a bushel of hybrid seed corn in the lucky number contest. Fritz Krichen won a half bushel of seed corn as second prize.

ARTHUR R. COOPER

Arthur R. Cooper, age 50 years, died on Tuesday at the Perry Point Veterans Hospital. Mr. Cooper, a veteran of World War I, was a printer by trade. He served his apprenticeship at the Transcript Office and for many years was a member of the staff of this paper.

He is survived by a son, Arthur R. Copper, Jr., two sisters, Mrs. Clara Meekins, and Mrs. Howard Mench, of this county, and a brother, Clifford Cooper of Baltimore.

Funeral services were held at 2 P. M. Thursday at the Usilton and Wells funeral home.

The bearers will be members of the American Legion as follows: Norman E. Petermon, Chas. E. Hickman, Jas. H. Batchelor, Wm. Collison, Walter S. Hickman, John W. Thompson.

Old Kent Chapter Elects Delegates

Old Kent Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution met at the home of Mrs. J. D. McVean Saturday, January the 19th.

At this meeting the delegates to the Maryland State D. A. R. Conference were elected. The Conference is to be held at the Hotel Belvedere in Baltimore, March 13th and 14th. The delegates are Miss Mildred Hoyle of Chestertown, Regent, Mrs. Fredericka S. Albee of Laurel, Md., and Mrs. Harry Hoyle of Chestertown.

Alternates, Mrs. Linda Hendrickson, Vice Regent; Miss Fannie Stuart and Mrs. J. D. McVean all of Chestertown.

A memorial service was held in memory of Dr. Esther Dole, which was conducted by the Regent.

The highlight of the meeting was when Mr. J. D. McVean talked on conservation. After talking of conservation in a general way he spoke more in detail of the conservation of soil and the erosion of the soil in Kent County. Pictures and maps were shown and a general discussion followed.

Requests Return Of Dime Envelopes

Mr. Henry Gill, Chairman of the Kent County Committee for the March of Dimes campaign makes a special appeal to those, who have received their dimes container, to send their envelopes in. Todate only ten percent have been received. A special occasion will be made of the opening of the envelopes and it is hoped for a 100% return.

C. Lee Gill Ill At Hospital

C. Lee Gill, member of the firm of Gill Bros. in Chestertown and prominent in the business and civic life of the community is slowly recuperating at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital of a stroke suffered at his home last Sunday. Mr. Gill has, for a number of years, been a leader in the activities of the American Legion and the Kent County Boy Scout organization and his many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

RAYMOND B. WALTERS

Raymond B. Walters, age 7 years, adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Walters, of Chestertown, died early Wednesday morning at the local hospital. Besides his parents, he is survived by a number of brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held from the home on Friday at 2 P. M., conducted by Dr. W. P. Roberts. Interment will be in Chester Cemetery.

The bearers will be John C. Miller, Arthur K. Legg, Robert C. Month, Jas. V. Legg, Francis H. Plummer and Eben P. Taylor.

LIBRARY NOTICE—

Chestertown Library will be closed Tuesday, January 29, 1946 and will open on Saturday, February 2, 1946.

EDGAR D. LUSBY HEADS COUNTY FARM BUREAU

At a special Directors Meeting of the Kent County Farm Bureau, the election of officers for 1946 was held.

Mr. Edgar D. Lusby, Kennedyville, was elected president, to succeed Mr. Howard S. Leaverton, who has headed the organization for the past 10 years and was recently made president of the state organization.

Mr. Lusby has served as a director on the local organization's board for several years, and has given much to the advancement of this organization. He has also been elected as a director on the State Farm Bureau board.

Mr. Walter L. Walbert was elected Vice President and Frank O. Sutton, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Associated Women of the Kent County Farm Bureau also elected the following officers for 1946:

Mrs. L. A. Sutton, president.
Mrs. Walter L. Walbert, Vice-pres.
Mrs. Emma Bigelow, Secretary.

At this meeting the secretary reported that the local organization has a present membership of 410 members or about 53% of the farmers in the county, which gives Kent County the second highest percentage of any county in the state.

STATE UNITS ALTERED TO CURB BLACK MARKET

All OPA personnel in Maryland has been "alerted" by OPA State Director Leo H. McCormick to combat any possible black market operations in meat which threaten as a result of the strike in the packing industry.

Bernard S. Needle, Chief Enforcement Attorney for the OPA in Maryland, following conferences with Mr. McCormick and the OPA State Office Executive staff, announced that all available manpower is being thrown into the fight, the Food Enforcement units being augmented for the emergency.

Distribution of 200,000 meat price lists has been started throughout the State and Mr. McCormick has issued an appeal to the housewives to consult the lists and watch prices closely.

"The public must watch prices, report any violations promptly and give full support to the OPA in this current fight to crush the meat black market before it gains any real headway in Maryland," said Mr. McCormick. "We must realize that unless we all cooperate for our own protection we will be caught by a black market which will make anything that occured during the war period seem trifling."

Real Estate Transfers

W. Skirven Startt to Bradford Schauber, Peterson Farm on Morgan Creek in 4th District.

George H. Gardner, Jr., to Oscar L. Gardner, property on Cannon St., in Chestertown.

J. Raymond Simpers to George H. Gardner, Jr., Vannort property on High Street.

Anna C. Newton and Florence C. Skirven to Francis B. Larrimore, property in Chestertown.

Thos. L. Mallone to Tolchester Estates, property at Tolchester Estate.

Wm. H. Coleman to Eldridge M. Glenn, property in 5th District.

Robert Prayer, to Romie Walley, property in 3rd District.

Owen W. Elburn to Owen J. Elburn, property in 5th District.

Joseph M. Eaton to Marion S. Ford, property in 2nd District.

Joseph W. Lewis to Oscar A. Schweitzer, property in Chestertown.

R. Wroth Stavely to Robert L. Usilton, property in 2nd District.

County Commissioners to Louis E. Walley, property in 2nd District.

Delaware Railroad Co. to Jas. G. Metcalfe, property in Chestertown.

George R. Carter to Carrie W. Coskery, property in 2nd District.

Frank Byron to Wm. Smith, property in Chestertown.

Sells Business

Mr. Norris Crew, operator of the Sinclair Service Station on Maple Avenue, has sold his business to Mr. Robert Davis who recently was discharged from the Army. Mr. Crew will continue his poultry business at his home on Cross Street.

Kent Selective Service Board Members Get Congressional Awards

Praising the efficiency with which they had completed the "onerous task" of sending more than 154,000 Marylanders into the Armed Forces, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor recently presented Congressional Medals of Merit and Certificates to officials of the State's Selective Service System in the Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore.

Those from Kent County who received the award were Thomas W. Eliason, R. Hynson Rogers and Joseph N. Wheatley, members of the Kent County Selective Service Board and Preston P. Heck, Appeal Agent. None of the above were able to attend the meeting.

Dr. Frank B. Hines of Chestertown, who has served on the Selective Service Appeal Board for the upper Eastern Shore Counties since its organization and later became its chairman, was among those to receive the Congressional Medal of Merit. Dr. Hines has been made a member of the State Appeal Board which has replaced the fourteen sectional appeal boards.

Governor O'Conor warned his audience, however, that "the work is by no means finished."

"Many thousands of our fighting men are back with us," he declared. Many more thousands are still to be released. Each one of those defenders of America's rights will require at least one thing when he arrives home, to enable him to reap the full benefit of his efforts. The thing that each one of them will require and have a right to demand, is the opportunity to earn a living on a standard in full accord with the American way of life.

"We have the responsibility to prove to the returning veterans that our assurances of a better future of them were not empty promises. Unless and until Maryland, and America, fulfill their duty to these returning members of the Armed Forces, by supplying each one of them with an opportunity to make a living commensurate with the contribution they have made to the defense of democracy, we have not done our simple and honest duty.

"Until every last man of the Armed Forces has the offer of gainful employment, we cannot consider that America has paid its debt to those men who took up the fight in her defense."

Work On Rock Hall Air Port Postponed

Due to the cold weather and frozen ground, the start of the work on the Rock Hall Air Port, scheduled for Wednesday of this week, has been postponed until Wednesday of next week.

The Air port Committee of Rock Hall Business Men's Association of which G. C. Simms is chairman, is planning a celebration of the breaking of ground for this municipal project. A number of farmers have volunteered their equipment and local residents their services for the preparation of the runways.

A great deal of public interest has been shown in the proposed air-port.

Security Officer To Be Here Monday

Announcement is made that Mr. Norman P. Foster, Manager of the Salisbury Field Office of the Social Security Board, will be in Chestertown on Monday next, January 28, 1946.

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

Receives Air Medal From Navy

While serving as a turret gunner aboard a torpedo plane with air group 13, Kennard Joseph Burke, recently discharged Aviation Machinist's Mate first class, so distinguished himself that he was awarded the Air Medal. Burke was honorably discharged from the Naval service at the Bainbridge Separation Center last week after 39 months in the Navy. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Walters, live at 103 N. Cross St., Chestertown, Maryland.

Burke, operating against Japanese positions from the aircraft carrier USS Franklin, destroyed numerous enemy aircraft attacking his plane, thus making it possible for his pilot to make many successful bombing runs on his targets. The majority of these strikes were centered around Formosa, the China Coast, and the Philippines. Besides the Air Medal, Burke wears the American and Asiatic-Pacific theatre ribbons and the Philippine Liberation bar.

Officers May Enter Regular Army

Commissioned officers of the Army of the United States who served during World War II, whether or not they are now on active duty, today were reminded that they are eligible for commissions in the Regular Army.

Deadline of March 1, 1946 has been set, however, for the receipt of completed applications in the Adjutant General's office in Washington, it was emphasized today by Colonel Harold J. Rau, commanding officer of the Dover Army Air Field.

Delmarva area officers not now on active duty, but who desire to apply for Regular Army commissions, were invited by Colonel Rau to secure any desired information as well as application forms from the Officers' Personnel section at the air base.

Ten thousand officers may be appointed by the War Department to reach the commissioned strength of 25,000 which was determined recently by Congress.

Clothing Collection Next Monday

Monday, January 28 will be "Collection Day" for the Victory Clothing Collection Drive. In all towns of the county the school children will make a house-to-house canvass. In the outlying districts all donations of clothing may be brought to the schools.

Please arrange to have all old clothes ready for collection on that date.

Anything that you can spare that some one might wear will be most acceptable. It is suggested also that letters of good will be written and attached to the garments.

Don't forget the date. Monday, January 28. Have your garments ready for collection.

Doctor To Locate In Chestertown

It was announced this week that Dr. Armando Coppola, of New Jersey, will locate in Chestertown. It is reported that Dr. Coppola, a Hopkins graduate, has purchased the Ruth Jones home on Hight Street. Mrs. Coppola formerly lived in Queen Anne's County.

May Increase Sugar Lottment

Dealers with supplies of sugar less than the permanent inventories allowed them by the OPA may apply for adjustment, William B. Connolly, Maryland OPA State Rationing Executive said today. This applies to both wholesale and retail merchants, said Mr. Connolly, who made the following statement:

"The wholesaler or retailer of sugar, whose present net sugar inventory is less than the permanent allowable inventory, may apply to the OPA State Office in the O'Sullivan Building, Baltimore, through February 16, 1946 for an adjustment.

"Application must be made in writing stating that it will be a hardship to operate with the sugar and sugar evidences you now have and that your application is the first under this adjustment. This application must be accompanied by a report of your net inventory on OPA Form R-346 or R-346 Rev. as of either December 31, 1945 or January 31, 1946.

WALTER FRANCIS

Walter Francis, prominent retired farmer of Kent County, died at his home in Rock Hall Friday night of last week. For many years he owned and operated a farm in the Sixth District and in recent years sold his farm and moved to Rock Hall.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Mae Sutton Francis, he is survided by three sons and one daughter, Messrs. William C. Francis, a member of the Board of County Commissioners for Kent County; Lloyd Francis, Naudaine Francis and Mrs. Elizabeth Myers. Also 2 grand children and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Monday at St. Paul's Church, conducted by Rev. Wm. Wyllie. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

The bearers were Messrs. John Wilson, Nelson Rodney, John Francis, Robert Francis, Franklin Wood and Ernest Hepbron. Usilton and Wells was in charge of funeral arrangements.

MILK PRODUCERS TO HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET HERE

Announcement was made this week that the date for the annual banquet of the Kent County District of The Interstate Milk Producers Coop, has been set for Thursday evening, January 31st. The banquet will be held at Fireman's Hall, Chestertown and 360 Kent County Milk Producers are expected to attend.

The Interstate Coop is made up of shippers to the Philadelphia area and this annual gathering brings this group together. The banquet will start at 6 P. M.

Featured on the program will be addresses by R. G. Steinmeyer, Prof. at the University of Maryland and Mr. O. H. Hoffman, general manager of the Coop. Entertaining features will include the magician Dudley Winters and vocal selections by Mr. Bergen Brown.

The development of the dairy industry in Kent County makes this annual affair of unusual importance.

Messrs. Walter T. Morris and T. Allan Stradley are the local committee arranging the banquet.

Professor Louis C. Robinson, Superintendant of Schools for Kent County, underwent an operation at Johns Hopkins Hospital on Friday of last week.

C. V. CLARK TO BE PROF. OF HISTORY AT WASH. COL.

President Gilbert W. Mead of Washington College announces the election by the Board of Dr. Charles B. Clark to be Professor of History beginning in September.

Dr. Clark, a native of Ellicott City, was an honor graduate of the College, Class of 1934. He was outstanding as a student leader and athlete, and was winner of the Porter Character Medal, the College's principal graduation award. Since the death in 1933 of the original donor, Dr. Clark has maintained the award in Mr. Porter's honor.

Following graduation, he alternated High School teaching with graduate study, serving in the High Schools at Federalsburg, Preston, and Hancock, as teacher of social studies and History, and directing student activities.

In 1936 he received the A.M. degree at Duke University, where he held a scholarship; in the fall of 1941 the Ph.D. degree from the University of North Carolina, where he held an assistantship in History.

While on the staff of West Georgia College of the University of Georgia system, he entered service in the Marine Corps in 1942 and rose to the rank of Captain. He served three years in the Pacific, in advanced bases, as Intelligence Officer in Marine Aviation, and as aide to two commanding Generals, and was decorated for his services. On discharge recently, he returned to West Georgia College to complete the present year of teaching.

Dr. Clark is author of published articles in his field of study, and currently a series of articles by him on Maryland Politics during the Civil War, is appearing in the Magazine of the Maryland Historical Society.

Store Building

Construction work was started this week on a store building on Cross Street in the rear of the First National Bank and adjoining The Shore Radio and Auto Supply building. This building, being constructed by the bank, will be rented.

Members of the Fire Company of Betterton have erected an electric fire siren at Still Pond.

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