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Pratt Library Mulberry & Cathedral

Local Merchants Offer $150 In Prizes To Xmas Shoppers

Coupon Will Be Given For Every Purchase Of 25c

THREE DRAWINGS

As a special offer to shoppers in Chestertown during the Christmas buying season, the Merchants of Chestertown are offering $150.00 in cash prizes and every purchase of 25 cents offords the purchaser an opportunity to receive part of this cash prize money.

Most of the business houses in the town are cooperating in the "Shop In Chestertown" movement and the places displaying the placcard in their window are giving the shoppers coupons.

On the dates of December 8th, 15th and 22nd, a drawing will take place at the Lyceum Theatre and the first three winners, each night will receive $25, $15 and $10.

The business men of the community have devised this plan in order to encourage shopping in Chestertown and in addition to the above the town is being lighted and decorated for the occasion. In some few instances merchants have found it imposible to handle the coupons but have contributed to the movement.

Practically all stores are now displaying full lines of Christmas goods and invite the public to visit these stores and see and inspect the merchandise before buying elsewhere.

BANKS DISTRIBUTE $53,500 TO XMAS CLUBS THIS WEEK

New Clubs To Be Started Next Week

A total of $53,000 is being distributed to members in Christmas Saving Clubs by three banks in Chestertown this week. The three banks which conducted these clubs are The First National Bank, The People's Bank and the Chestertown Bank of Maryland.

The Christmas Saving Clubs offer a system of weekly savings whereby members deposit each week throughout the year a designated amount such as 25c, 50c, $1.00, etc,. and in December the year's accumulation is distributed. It is a systematic method of saving and while it was originally started to save for Christmas shopping, the public is using the system for various other purposes such as the payment of taxes and annual obligations that come due at this season of the year.

Heart's Assignment

The heart moves 1,500 gallons of blood a day.

Fire Destroys Barn At Riverside Farm

Pictured is the barn on Riverside Farm as the roof collapsed at 9 o'clock Friday morning. This picture was printed in this paper 4 hours after fire started, entire process being completed in the shop of this paper.

The barn was a combination horse and cow stable and hay loft. In addition to the building the loss included 75 tons of hay. A $2500 loss was reported. The building was insured.

The Chestertown Fire Company responded to the call with two trucks and by pumping from Chester River through 800 feet of hose prevented the fire from spreading to other buildings. The origin of the fire is unknown although it is thought to have been from spontaneous combustion.

Mr. Hines was on the shore of the far mwith a party of friends when the fire started.

ANNUAL SEAL SALE STARTED IN KENT COUNTY THIS WEEK

Mrs. Nora C. Maxwell Named Chairman

Mrs. Nora C. Maxwell ,Seal Sale Chairman ,of the Kent County Branch of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, Inc., announces the thirty-third annual Christmas Seal Sale.

The Battle to Save lives from tuberculosis knows no truce!

With distressing war news emanating from Europe every day with their accounts of killed and wounded, it is time to pause and reflect about a different kind of war, a humane war, which is devoted to the saving of human lives and the prevention of human suffering. Such a war is now being waged—the war against tuberculosis.

Every year, at this time, the Maryland Tuberculosis Association makes its appeal to the public. They offer Christmas Seals in exchange for dollars, dollars that will enable them to maintain their winning fight against this disease which destroys so many people.

In this war we must permit no armistice, no peace, until every one of our citizens is relieved of the threat of tuberculosis, the "great white plague" of civilization. Won't you buy the penny Christmas Seals and help win this war?

Merritt Willis Wins Drawing

Mr. Merritt Willis, of Kennedyville was the winner this week of the bred sow which was raffled off in connection with the Kent County Fair.

High School P. T. A. To Meet

High school parents take notice! The monthly P. T. A. meeting of the Chestertown High School will be held on December 4 in the high school auditorium. An interesting program has been arranged for you by Mrs. George Baldwin and her committee. Come with the others and find out what your children are doing in their school. High school students cordially invited. Books will be on sale for the purpose of raising money for the school library in the near future.

GONTRUM ASKS HUNTERS TO HELP PREVENT FIRES

Woods Fires Cause Great Damage

John B. Gontrum, Insurance Commissioner, has issued a warning to hunters and others walking through the woods and fields to be most careful in discarding cigarettes or throwing down lighted matches.

"A spark can result in fires, causing thousands of dollars damage", said Mr. Gontrum.

"Those walking in the country at this season of the year should exercise particular care. Be sure that discarded matches and cigarettes are thoroughly extinguished.

"Not only are forests in many cases ruined by fires and game is killed, but buildings are destroyed and lives endangered. So please be careful."

Earl Capel Accepts Position With State Roads

Mr. Earl Capel and family moved back to Chestertown this week and will occupy an apartment in the Lusby home on High Street.

Mr. Capel has recently been working for the Glen Martin Company in Baltimore but returned here to accept a position with the local State Roads Office.

Kent County Coon Hunt To Be Broadcast Wednesday

Drag Will Be Laid At Morgan Creek Bridge

INTRICATE HOOK UP

For the second time in the history of radio a coon hunt will be broadcast from Kent County as it takes place. This novel entertainment feature will present over the air the music of the hounds as they follow the trail and a play by play description of the hunt as it takes place.

The hunt will take place at Morgan Creek Bridge Wednesday evening and the mike will follow the hounds in the hands of Stewart Kennard who will describe the action of the dogs as they follow the trail through the marsh and across the creek and all the excitement that goes with it.

The hunt is being arranged by the Eastern Shore Coon Hunters Association with some of the outstanding dogs that belong to its members. The trail will be made as difficult as possible and at the same time kept within a small area.

The broadcast and all of the details conected with it will be worked out by a staff of technitians from W F B R broadcasting station. In order to make the proper hookup the sound will be carried from the mike over short wave to the nearby home of Richard Schauber. From there it will be carried over telephone wires to the broadcasting station in Baltimore and then re-broadcast over the regular station mechanism.

The Transcript is cooperating in arranging the program and the Telephone Company is assisting in the line hook up.

A group of technicians from the broadcasting station together with Mr. Edgar Walls, representing the coon hunters, and Mr. E. P. Volke, of the telephone company, were on the scene and worked out details last Wednesday.

The broadcast will not be purely local as it will also go over some of the Pennsylvania stations.

Tune in 1270 at 7.45 Wednesday evening for "A Coon Hunt In Kent County."

1940 TAX PAYMENT NOT NECESSARY FOR NEW AUTO TAGS

Must Be Secured Before March 31st To Avid Tax

Contrary to a former statement, the 1940 personal property tax on automobiles need not be paid by motorists in order to secure their new automobile tags provided that the tags are secured before March 31st.

This change of thought resulted from a ruling handed down by Judge Samuel K. Dennis, of Baltimore and intrepretated by William L. Anderson, deputy attorney general. The ruling held that the new law, recently passed by the Legislature, provided that all personal taxes, due and owing on the automobile, must be paid before tags could be issued.

Under the new calendar year tax law, taxes for 1940 are not due and owing until April 1st, therefore cannot be demanded for tags issued before that date. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles will have to issue tags before that date because they must be placed on automobiles not later than March 31st.

This ruling does not exempt motorists from paying their 1939 personal property tax and those who apply for tags must have their applications perforated by the county treasurer as here-to-fore.

Judge Dennis' ruling is at present the last word on the subejct although the State may take an appeal. In other words nobody knows much about what is going to happen these days.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL ENDS TODAY SATURDAY

Goal Of 750 Members Not Yet Reached

With the Kent County Red Cross Roll Class drive ending today, officials weer still uncertain whether the goal of 750 members had been reached. Many sections had not reported their total figures to headquarters in Chestertown, but officials were hopeful that the figure would be reached.

Even Chestertown had not completed a final report, but the results show by workers already surpassed any Roll Call in the past five years. 225 members, thus far, have been enrolled in Chestertown and it is expected that final tabulations will bring that amount up to 250.

Throughout the county partial returns show an increase over previous years, and it is hoped that they will be enough to meet the largest quota ever given to Kent.

News of the Roll Call success comes close on the heels of announcements that the Kent Chapter will have increased activity and expenses during the coming year. Plans have been formulated to establish much-needed highway First Aid stations in Kent; a production unit, to turn out knitted garments, bandages, etc., has been ordered; and the chapter, as usual will cooperate with the Health Department in clinics, etc. There is also a plan under way to organize a Junior Red Cross group in Kent for the first time.

Mrs. Catherine Beck Jones, who has been in charge of the Roll Call, has agreed to continue as executive-secretary of the local chapter, and will organize the various activities mentioned above. The First Aid course which is planned after the first of the year will be taught by Delmar Thompson, expert First Aid instructor.

The First Aid classes will be open to all Kent, free of charge. Those taking the course are required to purchase only a text book, costing fifty cents. The Red Cross First Aid course is the most extensive training of this sort offered outside of hospitals and medical schools and is accredited throughout the nation.

A complete list of Roll Call returns for each community will be published next week when the final figures will be available.

Hardships in Plymouth Colony

During the first year after they landed, hardship and illness had killed half of the 100 men and women of Plymouth colony.

TRAFFIC SAFETY WEEK NOW ON

Local Committee Appeals To Motorists

A Sydney Turner, Jr., Chairman of Kent County, Maryland, Traffic Safety Committee, announces that there were thirty fatal accidents in the entire State of Maryland November 1 to the 15th, 1939, and in the same period November 1st to the 15th, 1939, there were twenty-one, showing a decrease of nine fatal accidents. From January 1, 1938 to January 1, 1939, the counties of Maryland showed a decrease of fourteen deaths this year against the same period of a year ago, but the tremendous increase in deaths in Baltimore City offset this saving in lives.

Speeding or driving too fast for conditions is still our greatest problem, and sems most in need for correction. Pedestrians still count for our heavy fatalities. From the above, our committee members will see the continued great need for a concentrated effort to save more lives by every activity at our command.

October 1938, there was one person killed in Kent County, while in October 1939, we are glad to state there were no fatalities. January 1 to October 31, 1938, there was one person killed in Kent County, while January 1 to October 31, 1939, there were two people killed in Kent County in automobile accidents.

The American people thrill to the spirit of competition, and the Maryland Traffic Safety Committee is issuing a challenge to every responsible Marylander the prize of a Human Life.

Our first two Safety Weeks showed a commendable reduction, in fatalities, but not enough, the game will never be over while there is one fatal accident. The players in the game of living and let live, need only the equipment of courtesy, alertness and care, to accept this challenge and win for Maryland the place where she belongs, first in the preservation of the lives of citizens.

December 1st to December 9th is another Traffic Safety Week, and the Kent County Traffic Safety Committee will visit all the schools of Kent County showing traffic safety pictures. We urge that at any of these schools if members of the P. T. A.'s would like to be present, that they will surely be welcome.

Social News of Interest at Still Pond

Dr. Dan Tel was the guest of Rev. Charles E. Davis, Wednesday and was guest speaker at a service as our church Wednesday evening, Dr. Lee is a native of China and is traveling in America in the interest of the Church. Mr. F. B. Harper was League leader, Sunday evening subject being Reading.

Mr. Elmer Wilmer of Baltimore, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Toulson.

The students who spent the holidays at their homes were Miss Ann Ford and Harry Hendrickson, of Washington College and B. F. Harper, Jr., of the John Hopkins University Baltimore, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Atwell have moved from Mr. Hadaway's home to one of Mr. Plant's houses.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Grant visited with their son in law in New York, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robinson with boys, John, Ben and Wesley were Thanksgiving guests of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis in Baltimore, Miss Jean Davis and friend, Miss Anna Queen returned with them and spent the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Toulson and Miss Avis Clark, of Philadelphia, were visitors over Thursday with the latters parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Massey spent Thursday with their aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Moore at Betterton.

Mrs. Thomas Mann and children, Alice and Theresa visited with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Joiner at Easton over the week end.

Miss Alice Maxwell had as her guests over the holidays, Mrs. Mary Hanson and Miss McGraw, of Perryville, Md.

Rev. and Mrs. O. G. Robinson and daughter, Joan of Washington, D. C., were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Medders during Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Sally Jewell was a resent visitor in Wilmington.

Mr. Charles Ford was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Powell's near Centreville, Md., the week end.

Rev. E. H. Collins, of Wilmington, Del., was a welcome visitor in our town last week.

Miss Cora Harding has been quite ill for the past week at her home here.

Mrs. Edw. Dittman has returned home after a pleasant visit with her daughters, Mrs. Harry Shaw and Mrs. S. Katz in Collingswood, N. J.

Little Sonny Jones is recuperating at his home from an operation for the removal of the appendix at the Kent and Queen Annes Hospital last week.

Miss Geralding Hamacker, of Baltimore has been visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rouse had as their guests over Thanksgiving her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Yingland, of Elmhurst, Del.

Mr. Wm. J. Clark who has been on our sick list we are glad to say is much improved.

Mrs. John Boulden and Miss Pearl Coleman were dinner guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. King at Betterton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harper, of Baltimore, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Harper.

Rev. C. E. Davis and Mrs. Davis and children spent Tuesday with relatives near Wilmington, Del.

Miss Jennie Bowers, of New York, visited with her father, Mr. J. C. Bowers the week end.

Mr. Charles Swartz and brother, Julian Schofield, of Wilmington, spent Friday visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Harrinson and friend, of Laurel, Md., and Milton Hogans, of Washington, D. C., were guests of their mother, Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Atwell part of the week.

Rev. C. E. Davis celebrated his birthday Monday.

Mrs. Myra Roseberry and Mrs. L. B. Harper were guests Monday of friends in Dover.

Miss Nellie Dontonio ,of Chester, Pa., was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Greenwood's over the holidays.

Little Felscea Ann Briscoe enjoyed her holiday vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Henry Clark in Chester, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew LeSage are spending this week with their daughters in Massey and will celebrate their joint birthdays Sunday with a family reunion. We wish them many happy returns of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Price and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Price's mother in Chestertown.

Mr. and Mrs. William Damaburg, of Newark, N. J., were holiday guests of their mother, Mrs. E. M. Bonwell. Mrs. Bonwell returned home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Hess Hadaway and boys, Jack, Walton and Dan, of Baltimore, spent the week end at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bedwell, Miss Mabel Nickerson and Miss Lourraine Woddall, of Wilmington, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Atwell.

Miss Clara Jones and Mr. Moody, of Baltimore, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones.

Mr. J. B. Robinson, Jr., was a Philadelphia visitor Friday.

Miss Eleanor Ford, of Clinton, Prince George County and Miss Anna Walters were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ford the week end.

The Ladies Aid will meets at the home of Mrs. Maxwell Meeks Wednesday afternoon, December 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fellows and daughter, Betty Jean spent Thanksgiving with her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geary.

Norman Perkins Dies In Philadelphia

Mr. H. Norman Perkins, aged 65 years, of Philadelphia, and formerly of Chestertown, died suddenly at his home on Wednesday of this week. He was a brother of Mr. Herbert Perkins, of Chestertown, and was the last of six brothers who went from Chestertown to Philadelphia and become prominent business men of that city.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Emily Taylor Perkins and two sons, a brother, Mr. Herbert Perkins and a sister, Mrs. Ethel Bodine.

Technicians Prepare For Coon Hunt Broadcast

Left to right—William Doster, W F B R; Harry Boon, W F B R; William Ranft, W F B R; Stewart Kennard (holding Mr. Wall's pet coon "Nina",) E. P. Volke, C & P Telephone Co. Edgar Walls, Eastern Shore Coon Hunters Association. The picture was taken Wednesday and shows the pack transmitter.

MARYLAND TO BE FEATURED IN NEW PICTURE

Annapolis, November 28—Governor Herbert R. O'Conor has pledged the cooperation of the State, he says, to the Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corporation of California, in connection with the forthcoming technicolor production "Maryland", the scenes of which are laid in Maryland and will be filmed here.

Fox hunting and the Maryland Hunt Cup Race will form the background for the picture. A technicolor camera crew of ten, with a director and the necessary technacal staff, have been in the State since Thanksgiving Day, securing shots of hunting scenes and other pictures of general State interest.

Maryland is the second State to be thus glorified by a leading motion picture company. Governor O'Conor has been informed that the picture wil be ready for release sometime next summer.

FUNDS SUPPLIED FOR STUDY OF TAX REVISION

Annapolis, November 27,—In keeping with one of his campaign pledges, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor has come to the support of the Tax Revision Commission, created by the recent Legislature, by supplying the necessary funds for its operation.