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Pratt Library Mulberry & Cathedral

Three eager coon hounds ready for the hunt. Rose and Doc belonging to Bill Godwin and Drum belonging to C. D. Hicks.

Four of the hounds broadcasting

OUTSTANDING COON HUNT FOLLOWS BROADCAST WED.

Fifteen Dogs Trial Wild Coon For One Hour

Those who tuned in on W F B R Wednesday night heard a broadcast of a drag coon hunt staged at Morgan Creek bridge. This broadcast required practically all the technique known to radio. The sound was carried from the marsh by short wave to the home of Mr. Richard Schauber where it was picked up and sent over telephone wires to Baltimore and then rebroadcast over the regular sending mechanism.

What the radio listeners did not know is that while Messrs. Robert Kennedy and Charles Starkey were laying the drag they ran face to face into a wild coon who took that opportunity to roam that particular marsh at that particular time. This unforseen circumstance effected the drag hunt by decoying some of the dogs off the drag and lessened the music at the final tree.

Another interesting feature that radio listeners were unaware of was the real hunt that was held following the broadcast. A live wild coon was turned loose and after a good start fifteen dogs were put on the trail. For an hour the pack followed the trail which lead a zigzag course through the marsh, crossed the creek a number of times before the final kill.

Cooperating in the broadcast, which was handled by Mr. Stewart Kennard, were the Eastern Shore Coon Hunters Association, headed by Mr. Edgar Walls, the C & P Telephone Company and The Transcript.

The dogs used in the broadcast were Driver, Lead and Bobby, owned by Mr. Walls; Ann and King, owned by Mr. Robert Kennedy and Smoke and Chopper, owned by Mr. Clarence Webb.

CHIMNEY FIRE AT LYNCH

Chestertown Firemen were called to Lynch Thursday night to extinguish a chimney fire on "Security" farm. The home of Mrs. Augusta Nickerson.

Emory Bonwill Writes Of Trip To California

Emory Bonwill, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Bonwill, of near Chestertown, in a letter to his mother described his trip west and his life at Santa Anita.

Folowing a full description of the trip, in which he told of the mud houses in New Mexico and the deserts of Arizona, he compared the climate at Santa Anita to that of May in Kent County although snow capped mountains are visable in the distance. Santa Anita is only 15 miles from Hollywood and Emory has seen some of the movie stars at the track and in a nearby restaurant. Bing Crosby's stables are a short distance from the stables where Emory is working.

He is having an unusual experience for a boy of his age.

ROCK HALL YACHT CLUB HAS GALA OPENING

New Home Officially Dedicated Last Saturday

The official opening of the Rock Hall yacht club in its new quarters on Lankford Bay was held at the club house Saturday evening in the form of a dance and social get-together of its members and guests.

Other clubs represented at the opening were the Chester River Yacht and Country Club and the Elk River Club.

Hostess were Mrs. Julia Skirven, Mrs. Leonard Rich, Mrs. J. P. Cowperthwaite, Mrs. Miller Strong and Mrs. Arthur Prettyman. Mr. Harvey Brice is the chairman of the entertainment committee.

Regatta Dates Announced

Announcement has been made of the dates for the annual regatta of this club which will be held at the mouth of Lankford Bay instead of at Rock Hall. The dates are the 4th and 5th of July.

Another Fish Story

A fisherman near Manteo, N. C., netted a 270-pound, eight-foot-long cow sturgeon, one of the largest fish ever caught in that region.

STATE LEGION COMMANDER TO BE HERE NEXT FRIDAY

Meeting To Be Held In Court Room — Public Invited

The Frank M. Jarman Post, American Legion has arranged a public meeting for Friday evening of next wek at which time State Commander James Fitzgerald will be the speaker.

The meeting will be held in the main Court Room of the Court House at 7.30 p. m. and among the visiting Legion Posts that will be represented are two posts from Cecil County, and the Queen Annes, Caroline and Talbot Posts. These posts include the North Eastern Shore District.

The subject of Mr. Fitzgerald's talk wil be Americanism. He has made an extensive study of the subject and has contacts with official Washington. He is a lawyer and lives at Bethesda, Md.

The public is invited to attend.

FIRE DESTROYS FODDER ON BARTUS TREW FARM

Second Farm Fire In Quaker Neck In Four Days

The Chestertown Fire Company responded to a call to the Bartus Trew farm in Quaker Neck Monday afternoon at 5.30 and succeeded in preventing a fodder fire from reaching the buildings. The loss included two fodder shocks and a fence.

This is the second farm fire that occured in Quaker Neck in a period of four days, both of which were of unknown origin. Suspicion of a fire bug is offset by the fact that both fires started in the day time. The Trew farm is managed by Mr. Irving Brown.

The barn on the farm of Mr. Dorsey Hines burned to the ground on Friday of last week.

KENT COUNTY SEAL SALE NETS $164.50 FIRST FOUR DAYS

Goal Of $700 Set For This County

Our Kent County Chapter of the Tuberculosis Association met on Tuesday an dannounced that $164.50 has been received from the Christmas Seals Sale at the end of the first four days of the campaign. Our goal this year is again $700—so that an efficient tuberculosis program can be carried out. Last year we almost reached thi sgoal. This year "Let's go over the Top."

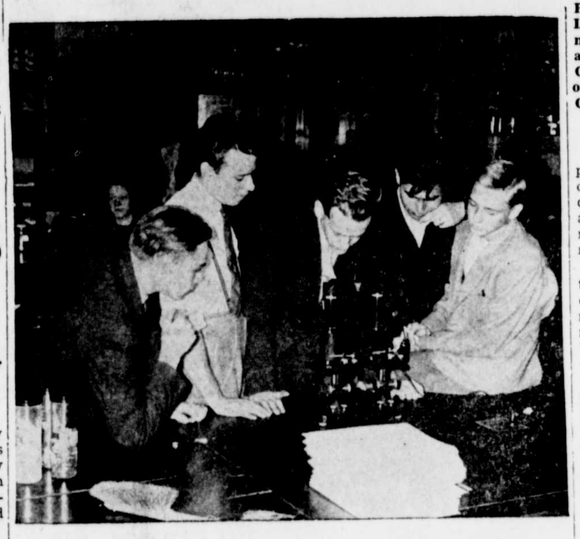
Adequate tuberculosis control and care should be of vital interest to each and everyone. Forty years ago this disease was the leading cause of death; today, tuberculosis occupies sixth place as a cause of death—heart disease, diseases of the kidneys and other diseases of the middle and older age groups, occupy the higher places on the list. But, tuberculosis still causes more deaths in the age group from 15 to 45 than any other disease.

What becomes of the money that ou pay for the Seals of the Double-Barred Cross? Some of it goes to the National and State Asociations for educational purposes and sanitoriums; part of it is used for the chest clinics held in the county under the direction of the State Department of Health and the State Tuberculosis Association. Some of it is used for the purchase and upkeep of the X-Ray equipment and other supplies that are such important aids in the early diagnosis of the disease, when the chances of help and even of cure are the greatest.

Because they are so inexpensive—just a penny apiece—everybody can buy some of the seals and so can help in the fight against this disease. Let's make this the best year we have ever had.

Attends Meeting To Arrange Girl Scout Camps

Mrs. Claude Truslow, Mrs. Thomas Kennard, Mrs. Emma Biddle and Mrs. Groves, of Betterton, attended the Eastern Shore Girl Scout Camp committee meeting held in Cambridge Woman's Club on Tuesday. Twenty four leaders and assistants were present. Mrs. Robb, of Washington, field supervisor of Camps for region three spoke to us about, what camping means in the life of a girl scout. Plans were made to open our Eastern Shore Girl Scout Camp at Bookers for two weeks in June.



Pictured at top is Sheriff Robert E. Lee firing a bullet into a bale of peat moss at the Truslow Poultry Farm as Deputy Clarence Sutton and Claude E. Truslow and Ed Ohler look on. At left College Criminology Class inspecting bullets.

This activity was not just target practice but was done for the purpose of experimentation in Ballistics, a course in which is being conducted at Washington College. The experiment was arranged by Ed Ohler a member of the college class.

The Sheriff fired three bullets into the moss, two from one pistol and one form another. Two bales of moss were required in the experiment as the bullets went clear through one bale which was tried at first. The moss was torn apart and after an hour's search the bullets recovered. They were then taken to the college for study by the class of practical criminology which is being conducted by Dr. Corington.

The bullets will be put under a bullet comparison microscope, loaned by the Bausch & Tomb Optical Company, and the markings carefully studied to show that the markings of a bullet can be traced to the gun from which it is fired.

The college course, in addition to ballistics, includes finger printing, hand writing detection and other technical work conected with modern criminology.

Public Demonstration At College Saturday

The public is invited to attend a public demonstration in the laboratory of the criminology class Saturday afternoon from 1.30 to 3.30 o'clock. The laboratory is on the third floor of William Smith Hall.

At this time a demonstration will be made of the various crime detecting devices and should be very interesting to the public, both young and old.

The criminology class, upon completion of the course at the college in January, will go to Washington for an inspection of the laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

W. B. USILTON, 3RD GETS STATE JOB WITH NEW COM.

Appointed Secretary Of Maryland Publicity Commission

Mr. William B. Usilton, 3rd, associate editor of the Kent News in Chestertown, has been appointed Executive Secretary of the newly created Maryland Publicity Commission with a salary of $2,000 a year plus an allowance of $1,200 a year for clerical help.

Mr. Usilton, before returning to his home town several years ago was connected with the publicity department of the R. K. O. chain of theatres in New York City and other eastern cities.

The commission has an appropriation of $10,500 with which to advertise the attractions of Maryland until September 30, 1940. The appropriation is then increased to $15,000 for the next twelve months.

The news agency is to begin its work by December 15, with offices in the new State Office Building at Annapolis.

Its duties wil be to publicize the assets of Maryland such as the bay country, mountain sections, etc., for the purpose of attracting tourists and home seekers to this State. Many other States have a similar commission.

LOCAL CHAPTER OF D. OF A. ELECT 1940 OFFICERS

Home Debt Reduced To $2,200

The Chestertown Chapter, Daughters of America, elected the following officers for the coming year:

Jr. Past Councilor, Mrs. Vickers Walbert; Asso. Jr. Past Councilor, Miss Marie Legg; Councilor, Ruth Dickerson; Asso. Councilor, Miss Doris Legg; Vice Councilor, Mrs. Francis Larrimore; Asso. Vice Councilor, Mrs. Fanni eBenjamin; Conductor, Mrs. Lula Porter; Warden, Miss Etta May Leonard; Inside Sentinel, Mrs. Myrtle Perry; Outside Sentinel, Mrs. Myrtle Coleman; 18 month Trustee, Mrs. Marie Legg; 12 month Trustee, Mrs. Jessie Blakeney; 6 month Trustee, Miss Zoa Elliott; Treasure, Mrs .Sarah Pfeffer; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Fowler; Asst. Financial Secretary, Mrs. Mary Pennington; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mabel Leonard; Asst. Recording Secretary, Miss Margaret Barwick.

The report of the treasurer showed that the indebtedness on the headquarters on Cross Street has been reduced to $2,200.

Holiday Dances Planned At Country Club

The entertainment committee of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club has planned two dances for the coming holiday season. Earl Simpson's orchestra has been engaged for both dances.

The Christmas dance will be held Saturday evening, December 23rd.

The New Year dance will be a tea dance and will start at 5 p. m. on the afternoon of New Year's day, Monday, January 1st.

JAKE FLOWERS TO COACH PITTSBURG PIRATES

Learned Baseball Under Coach Kibler

Jesse A. Linthicum, Sports Editor of The Baltimore Sun, writing in his "Sunlight On Sports" column in today's paper, reveals two bits of sports dope of unusual interest to Salisbury and other Delmarva Peninsula baseball fans.

His article follows:

"Eastern Shore baseball again is making the headlines. The Salisbury club yesterday was fined $1,000 by Judge Landis for player rules violations. Announcement also was made in Cinicnnati where baseball magnates are in session that Jake Flowers, who has managed several clubs on the Shore, will join the coaching staff of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"In addition to having made several players free agents in a previous ruling. Landis fined the Salisbury team $500 for use of a blank contract in the case of Player William J. Donovan and assessed another fine of $500 for filing a contract fictitiously dated 15 days after its execution by the player.

Flowers started his baseball career under Coach Kibler at Washington College.

Sudlersville Girl Scouts To Hold Conservation Show

The Sudlersville Girl Scouts are at it again! On Saturday, Dec. 16, from 2 to 4 they are having their annual Conservation Show, at Cox Hall.

There are classes for minatures mantel decorations, table decorations, wreaths and many others; but that isn't all. There will be a handicraft table, to show that our Girl Scouts can do things with their hands, and also a cake and candy table, with goodies to tempt the eye, and delight the stomach.

The Senior Scouts, with dramatise the the old English song, "Good King Wenceslas," while other Scouts will sing "It. Came Upon the Midnight Clear." Away In a Manger." And many other songs.

Then tea and cookies will be served and I hope you will go home with a place in your heart for the Sudlersville Girl Scout Troop.

Betty Payne, Publicity Committee.

REGATTA DATES FOR NEXT SUMMER ANNOUNCED

Chestertown And Rock Hall Plan Affairs

Announcement was made this week of the dates for some of the regattas in this section of the Bay.

Rock Hall Yacht Club at Lankford Bay, July 4th and 5th.

Chester River Yacht and Country Club at Chestertown, July 26th and 27th.

St. Michaels, August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Oxford, August 8th, 9th and 10th.

SAFETY PROGRAM CARRIED TO KENT COUNTY SCHOOLS

A. S. Turner, Jr., Heads Local Committee

A. Sydney Turner, Jr., Chairman Kent County Traffic Safety Committee, with Mr. Paul J. Lowry of the Safety Department of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, visited the schools in Kent County, and 2160 pupils saw the Safety pictures.

At the various schools, Mr. Turner gave a short talk to the students on Traffic Safety dwelling mostly on the importance of the pedestrian walking along and crossing the highways and streets carefuly. Particular attention was called to the importance when walking at night on the highways of either carrying a light or wearing something white.

The response and attention by the children seemed to be worthwhile in time and effort spent in showing the pictures throughout the Kent County Schools.

HOSPITAL BOARD APPROVES PLANS FOR NEW WING

Building Committee To Ask For Bids

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of the Kent and Queen Annes Hospital Thursday evening, the plans for the new wing were approved as submitted by the architect, Mr. Finney.

The building committee, composed of Messrs. G. E. Leary, chairman, Herbert Urie, William Mason, Rollison Baxter and Mrs. Nora C. Maxwell was instructed to submit the plans for bids so that a definite cost could be determined.

It has been estimated that the new wing will cost approximately $20,000. It will be a one story addition to the north side of the hospital and among other departments will house the operating room and maternity ward.

At the present time the wing building fund, as raised by the Auxiliary, amounts to approximately $3,500, and as soon as the cost is determined a drive for funds will be made.

STATE AUDITORS EXAMINING BOOKS OF COUNTY

First Examination In Four Years

Four State Auditors arrived in Kent County on Monday for examination of the books of the various county offices.

The examination includes all county offices in which State funds are handled. In view of the fact that, in addition to the Clerk of the Court and the Register of Wills, which are State offices, the offices of the Treasurer, County Commissioners, Sheriff and Board of Education all either collect or handle some State funds, and will be included in the State audit.

This is the first time that the State has made a complete audit since 1935. The books of the county are audited each year by the county auditors, the 1939 report having been recently published in this paper.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERES

Herbert E. Perkins, Assignee, to the Federal Land Bank 136 acres, etc., in 7th District. (James W. Brown property.)

Herbert E. Perkins, Assignee, to the Federal Land Bank 199 acres, etc., in Fifth District (Almeron W. McCrea property.)

Mary Catherine Elborn to Charles W. Crouch, 1 acre, etc., in the Fifth District.

Board of Education for Kent County to Bert E. Wallace, 1 acre in Seventh District. (School house property.)

Tolchester Estates, Inc., to William O. Ashley, property at Tolchester Estates.

Nellie M. Cochran and Frank Keith Cochran to Harry A. Bolton and wife, property in Galena.

Veterans May Still File For War Bonus

The time expires on January 2, 1940, for filing applications for adjusted service certificates known to many as "World War Bonds." When the adjusted compensation act was originally passed, three and one-half years were provided for claiming benefits. Later, liberalizations raised the period to fifteen years. All world war veterans or their dependents who desire and are entitled to these benefits should therefore file before January 2, 1940, as that is the final date for submitting applications. Assistance in completing the applications for those desiring it may be obtained from any service organization, Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Maryland, or the Maryland veterans commission, 202 Guilford Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

It is estimated that there are 140,000 veterans or their eligible dependents who have not applied.

Dr. Copeland To Florida Next Week

Dr. H. P. Copeland will leave next week for his annual visit to Florida. The trip will be made by auto-trailer, he having fitted the trailer out for this particular purpose.

Celebrates 81st Birthday

Mr. James R. Blunt celebrated his 81st birthday last Sunday at the home of his daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Walters near Chestertown. Mr. Blunt came here recently from Queen Annes county where he spent the early part of his life as a waterman and later engaged in farming.