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## DAVIS-BLACKWAY RENAMED PRES. AND CHIEF OF FIRE COMPANY

*Annual Meeting Held On Monday Night*

At the annual meeting of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company, held on Monday evennig of this week Mr. R. Clarke Davis was re-elected president for the fourth consecutive year and Chief Herman Blackway was re-elected Chief for the eighth consecutive year.

Other officers elected were:

First Vice-President—Charles N. Satterfield.

Second Vice-President—P. Medford Brooks.

Third Vice-President — Ernest Leaverage.

Secretary—Irving Leaverage.

Asst. Secretary—Willis Wells.

Treasurer—Richard George.

Financial Secretary—Harvey Blyman.

Chaplain—C. L. Atwater.

Surgeon—Dr. H. G. Simpers.

House Committee—John T. Vickers J. T. Hadaway, Ollie Herzberg, P. M. Brooks, Jr., and J. C. Hopkins.

Band Committee—W. G. Smyth and W. H. Elliott. The other two members to be elected by the band.

Directors elected to replace those whose term expires—S. Scott Beck, S. Scott Beck, Jr., W. H. Elliott, Preston P. Heck.

J. T. Hadaway was reappointed Statistician.

Dr. C. L. Atwater was renamed Chairman of the Banquet Committee.

The report of the president, R. C. Davis which is published in this issue, showed that in spite to the indebtedness created by the construction of the new fire house, the company is financially sound and is rapidly reducing its indebtedness.

Chief Blackway's report, which follows, shows that the per capita loss by fire in Chestertown during 1939 was 60 cents.

The report follows:

At this time it is my duty to make my report, and I am deeply thankful to our statistician, Mr. John (Toots) Hadaway for the following figures:—

For the calendar year 1939 we had 58 fires—20 in town and 38 out of town—7 of these being in nearby Queen Anne. We made 3 assists to nearby companies.

To give you an idea of the type and causes of some of the fires we are called upon to extinguish I will enumerate as follows:

11 chimney fires, 4 oil stoves, 9 field fires, 2 defective chimneys, 1 matches, 2 woods, 1 oil burner, 2 waste, 6 auto, 1 air compressor, 2 smoking in bed, 1 arson suspected, 1 tractor, 2 overheated stoves, 2 lightning, 1 straw, 1 boat, 1 electric plant, 1 burning leaves, 2 spontaneous combusion.

In recent years you hear a great deal about fire prevention. We in the fire business can appreciate the good that is being accomplished along this line. It indicates that the public is becoming fire conscious. Gratifying indeed is it to note the few chimney fires.

The fire loss in the town amounts to $1835.50 and out of town $15,039. I would like to call your attention to the fact that out of 20 fires in the town 9 show no material loss. Town los per capital is approximately 60 cents.

Respectfuly submitted,
Herman Blackway, Chief.

## Kent Board Of Md. Children's Aid Society Elects Officers

The Kent County Board of the Maryland Children's Aid Society held their annual election of officers yesterday at which time, the following were elected. Mrs. Morris K. Barroll, President; Mrs. Mabon Kingsley, Vice-President; Mrs. Richard H. Collins, Jr., Secretary and Mrs. Charles Kingsley, Treasurer.

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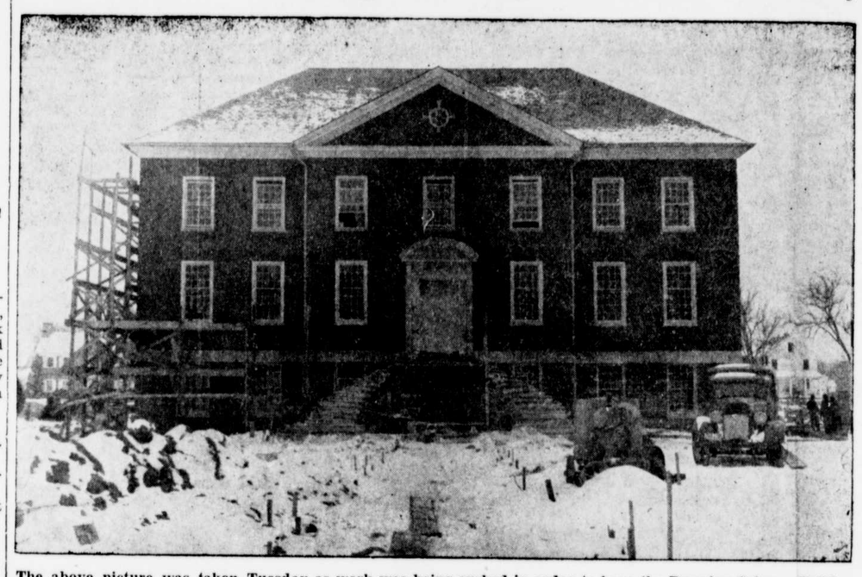
## New Science Building To Be Dedicated Tuesday



The above picture was taken Tuesday as work was being rushed in order to have the Dunning Science Building in readiness for Dedication.

## WASHINGTON TO PLAY MT. ST. MARYS HERE TONIGHT

*First Home League Game Of The Season*

Washington College, after defeating Hopkins in Baltimore Tuesday night 49 to 37, will play its second State league game on its home court tonight, Saturday when its athletic rival, Mount St. Mary's, will be the visitors. The game will start at 8.30 p. m.

This game is always an interesting contest and Washington won the State Championship last season by defeating the Mounts who had held the hoonrs for the two previous years.

Following Saturday night's game there will be no home games for a two weeks period.

## LEGION POST GETS SERVICE CITATION

*Stands High In Legion Activity*

The Frank M. Jarman Post No. 36, American Legion was awarded a Distinguished Service Citation this week, according to a letter received by Commander William Newnam from State Adjutant J. Nelson Tibby.

The citation was awarded to the Post for maintaining a four year membership record attained before December 31st.

This is the second successive year that the local Post has been honored with this citation.

## COLD SNAP TIES UP OYSTER BOATS AND WATER TRAFFIC

*Rock Hall Watermen Catching Oysters By Cutting Holes In Ice*

Although the entire upper Chesapeake Bay is blocked with heavy ice and all oyster boats are fast at their moorings, some oystermen of Rock Hall are working off Windmill Point by cutting holes in the ice and using sleds for transportation.

With practically the entire oyster industry on the bay at a standstill the supply of shucked oysters is about depleted and the price of the bi-valves is up.

This method of working the bars from the ice and using sleds to haul the oysters has been used numerous times before when ice prevented the use of boats.

**Fish Frozen In Ice**

Residents along Grey's Inn Creek have been getting fish to eat by finding schools frozen in the ice. Mr. Bradford Schauber, while delivering milk in that section secured a bushel of yellow perch frozen solid in the creek waters.

**Traffic Through Canal Halted**

Traffic through the C & D Canal had been kept moving up until this week through channels opened by ice boats but the continued cold brought this movement to a standstill. The Ericsson Line boats have stopped and ocean traffic is keeping to outside waters.

Some boats and barges are ice bound in the upper bay and present indications point to them being there for some time.

## Millington Firemen Elect

At the annual meeting of the Millington Volunteer Fire Company the following officers were elected:

President, Clarence M. Melvin, Jr.; Vice-President, B. W. Duling; Treasurer, Geo. S. Stevens; Secretary, Warner Porter; Assistant Secretary, Edward Fellows; Chief Engineer, J. B. Anderson; 1st Assistant, Herman Voshell; 2nd Assistant, Nat Bramble; 3rd Assistant, Fletcher Casey; 4th Assistant, Chas. Anthony.

Fire Chief, Edward W. VanSant; 1st Assistant, R. M. Logan; 2nd Assistant, Sidney Dixon; 3rd Assistant, Spencer Stevens; 4th Assistant, Hurlock Gale; Ladderman, Roland Porter; 1st Assistant, Ben Jones; 2nd Assistant, Robert Baker; Captain Hoseman, Roland Porter; 1st Assistant, Edward Fellows; 2nd Assistant, Charles Anthony; Patrolman, J. E. Squires; 1st Assistant, Rodney Robinson; Fire Recorder, Rodney Robinson.

## H. VIC BOWERS HEADS LOCAL I. O. O. F. LODGE

*Other Officers Installed*

At the annual meeting of Chestertown Lodge, I. O. O. F., Mr. H. Vickers Bowers was installed Noble Grand to succeed Mr. Philip Sewell who served during the past year.

Other officers installed were:

Vice-Grand—George W. Grussing.

Recording Secy.—Holden Kaufman

Financial Secy—Clarence T. Wilson, Jr.

Treasurer,—Lusby Moffett.

## TWO KENT FARMS ADDED TO NEW ESTATE IN COUNTY

*A. Lee Towson, Jr., Buys 2 Clothier Farms*

Mr. A. Lee Towson, Jr., who last week purchased the Tilden Cooper farm on Lloyd's Creek, added to his estate this week through the purchase of the Hendrickson and Urie farms from Mr. Morris Clothier.

Both of these properties are part of a large tract formerly known as "Green Oak."

These three farms will make the new estate over 500 acres and is located on Lloyd's Creek.

## NEW TANK WAGON SAVES HOME AT ROCK HALL

*Carries 1200 Gallons Of Water*

The new tank wagon of the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Comnany proved its worth last Saturday afternoon when the Home owned by Miss Sallie Crosby and occupied by Mr. Leonard Ward and family in Skinners Neck was saved from complete destruction.

This tank wagon carries 1200 gallons of water and is used at fires in the vicinity of Rock Hall that is away from the town mains.

The top of the house was in flames when the firemen arrived. It is reported there was no insurance on the building.

## SCIENCE BUILDING AT COLLEGE TO BE DEDICATED TUES.

*Program Includes Prominent Speakers*

Next Tuesday morning the new Dunning Science Building at Washington College will be officially dedicated with appropriate ceremonies and after that date will be in operation as a college unit.

Due to the unecrtainty of the weather at this time of the year most of the dedicating exercises will take place at William Smith Hall starting at 11 a. m. after which the assembled group will proceed to the new building where the key will be officially turned over to Dr. Gilbert W. Mead, President of the College, by Dr. H. A. B. Dunning, the donor of the building.

The principal speaker at the exercises will be President Isaiah Bowman of The Johns Hopkins University.

Other speakers will include:

Dr. E. K. Marshall, Jr., Chief of the Department of Chemistry, The Johns Hopkins University who will talk on the life of Dr. John J. Abel who was internationally famous for his research in Pharamacological chemistry.

Dr. Donald H. Andrews, Chief of the Department of Chemistry at The Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Guy E. Snavely, Executive Director, The Association of American Colleges, New York.

The Dunning Science Building has been erected at a cost somewhat in excess of $80,000, including equipment. It houses the offices and laboratories of the Departments of Chemistry, Biology, and Physics. It contains also a lecture and demonstration room seating 100 and a smaller classroom, seating 30, in addition to all the necessary stock and supply rooms, departmental shops, and the usual facilities common to all educational buildings.

The Chemistry laboratories, office, and adjunct service rooms occupy the ground floor. The main floor, in addition to the lobbies and vestibule, provides similar space for the Department of Biology. On this floor also, in the rear wing, is the large lecture and demonstration room. The Physics Department, with its office, shop, and laboratories, occupies the top floor. Here also is one smaller recitation room. The attic furnishes space for storage, and for the ventilating machinery.

The building is of fireproof construction, being of brick, concrete and steel, with a gypsum-steel slab roof sheathing, covered with slate.

The careers of two of Maryland's greatest scientists receive, in the building, the recognition of a special tribute paid them by the Donor. In the entrance lobby, on either side, are placed carved stone plaques, with suitable inscriptions, memorializing the work of Dr. John J. Abel, world-famous for pharmacological research and of Dr. Ira Remsen, who, in addition to his career as a scientist and teacher, served as President of The Johns Hopkins University.

In grateful appreciation to the Donor of the building, Washington College has established the H. A. B. Dunning Caroline County Scholarship, open biennially to graduates of the High Schools of that County, in which Dr. Dunning was born and spent his youth.

The building will be open throughout the day for inspection by all who desire to visit it.

**Honorary Degrees To Be Awarded**

During the eexrcises Washington College will award two honorary degrees, one to Dr. Henry A. Brown Dunning, donor of the building, and one to Dr. Isaiah Bowman, president of Johns Hopkins University.

The degree to be awarded to Dr. Dunning will be that of Doctor of Science, S. C. D. and to Dr. Bowman, Doctor of Laws, L. L. D.

## COLORED WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH IN HOUSE FIRE

*Charred Remains Found Thursday Afternoon*

Ellen Kennard, thought to be about 80 years of age, was found burned to death in the charred remains of her home at Kennardtown, near Brice's Mill Thursday afternoon at 1.30 p. m.

The aged woman had part time employment at the home of Mr. Geo. Hendrickson, having been employed there for the past sixty five years.

The entire home was in flames when discovered and her body was found lying near the kitchen stove which leads to the belief that she might have been building a fire and her clothing caught setting fire to the house.

Men who took some wood to the house at 11 a. m. stated that the aged woman had just gotten out of bed at that time.

## Loton Raisin Died At Betterton

Loton Rasin, age 70 years, died at his home in Betterton Saturday morning following a lingering illness.

He had been a resident of Betterton for the past thirty years and for a number of years was employed at the Clothier Estate. He was a member of Betterton Lodge 264 Odd Fellows and was well known in all parts of Kent County.

He is survived by three daughters and one son, Mrs. Oscar Wilmer, of Lansdowne, Pa.; Mrs. Walton Redmile, of Kensington, Md., Mrs. Leonard Warram, of Philadelphia, Pa.; and Mr. Loton Rasin, of Baltimore.

Funeral services were held at his late home Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Wm. Wyllie, officiating. The Betterton Lodge of Odd Fellows had charge of the services at the grave.

The bearers were: Messrs. Ellis Kendal, Warner Geary, John Brooks Wm. J. Hopkins, Wm. T. Hopkins and Harvey Hopkins. B. R. Fellows was in charge of funeral arrangements.

## Triangle Club To Meet

The Triangle Club will meet Tuesday evening, Jan. 16th at the home of Miss Dorothy Woodall, to be entertained by Miss Woodall, Mrs. Frank Truitt, Mrs. J. W. Kirby.

Willis Wells' scout master, troop 130 Chestertown, Maryland, which is sponsored by the American Legion, is receiving from Dr. F. G. Livingood, Kent County Boy Scout Chairman, the 13th charter which was presented Wednesday evening.

## NEW OYSTER CULL LAW NOT IN EFFECT

*Old Law Still Holds*

There has been some confusion concerning the law pertaining to oysters enacted by the Legislature of 1939, Chapter 353. In this law, the percentage of culls was increased to 8% and the fines reduced.

For your information, this law is not in effect at the present time, as a petition has been signed by over ten thousand voters; presented to the Secretary of State; and the above mentioned chapter must be ratified by the voters of this State in the November election.

Section 11 of Article 72 is therefore still in effect, providing a maximum cull limit of 5% with a penalty to tongers of twenty-five dollars and dredge and buy-boats of not less than one hundred dollars.

## LARGE SUIT DOCKET HERE

*Claims $25,000 Damages For Auto Accident*

A suit for $25,000 was docketed here recently in which Herman Epstein claims damages for that amount amount against Urie Latham and Thomas Thompson, the latter colored, as a result of a collision between a truck owned by Latham and driven by Thompson, and an automobile in which Epstein was riding last summer.

The Plaintiff is represented by Mr. Preston Heck. No appearance has been filed for Latham.

## BOY SCOUT NEWS

(BY GEORGE DONALD LATHAM)

**Pictures on page four.**

The Chestertown Troop 130 had its 1940 Charter officially presented to them Wednesday night by Dr. Livingood.

Dr. Livingood presented the scoutmaster and his assistants with their registration cards.

There was a very interesting initiation during the meeting. The following boys were officially initiated into the troop.

Tommy Gill, John Berky, Robert Brenizer, Bill Cooper, Hugh Baldwin, William Barnes, James Todd, Herbert Ward, Samuel Massey, Leroy Thrift, Charles Thrift, David Eliason, Reese Corey.

Many of these boys have been in the scouts for a long time, but they had not been initiated into the troop.

## Mrs. Ruth Pennington Died At Still Pond

Mrs. Ruth Pennington passed away at her late home near Still Pond Wednesday evening in her 60th year She was a member of the Worton Methodist Church and her christian spirit endeared her to her many friends and acquaintances.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. William Pennington one daughter, Mildred; two sons, Russell and Walter and three grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at her late home Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. Rev. Hallman officiating. Interment will be in Still Pond cemetery.

The bearers will be: Messrs. George Cooper, Harrison Cornelius, Alan Joiner, Jack Tomilson, Earl Cooper, Edgar Pennington. B. R. Fellows is in charge of funeral arrangements.

**BUILDING NEW SERVICE STATION**

Mr. Grover Hubbard started work this week on his new filling station on West High Street extended.

## KENT COUNTY OFFICIALS BACK BRUCE FOR SENATE

*Endorsement Made This Week*

A group of Kent County officials signified their intention of supporting Mr. Howard Bruce for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate on Thursday of this week.

The endorsement was on a petition which was circulated among the various county officials and newspaper men only. A number of individual voters desired to sign the endorsement but due to the fact that time did not allow a general circulation it was confined to these officials.

The signers are:

Senator Arthur H. Brice.

Delegates Roy Strong and Roger Harris.

Roland R. Corey, Chief Judge Orphans' Court.

George R. Rasin and Harry Staveley, Associate Judges of the Orphans' Court.

Clarence W. Melvin and W. Sutton Tarbutton, members State Central Committee.

Harrison W. Vickers, States Attorney.

Stephen R. Collins, former States Attorney.

Richard H. Colins, Associate Editor of The Transcript.

Fred G. Usilton, Editor of the Kent News.

Robert E. Lee, Sheriff of Kent County.

Mr. Bruce, who is opposing Senator George Radcliffe for the office, is a prominent business man of the State of Maryland. His education and experience is that of an engineer, banker and business man. He may well be considered one of the outstanding business men of the State.

## BOWLING NEWS

(BY JOHNNIE BENJAMIN

The Eagles and I. O. O. F. tied for first place in the first half of the Chestertown bowling league. The White Owls captained by E. Walbert finished second.

The Eagles who were champions last year is composed of Edward Robinson, Ray Meekins, Charles Porter, Maynard Porter, Joe Vinyard and John Benjamin, with Cnarles Porter as captain. The I. O. O. F. team consists of Wm. Smith, L. Moffett, J. Owens, H. Kaufman, J. Hadaway and K. Price. These two clubs usually battle it out every year for the championship.

The Eagles seem to be a jinx to the lodge team for every time the Eagles come out victorious.

The standing of the clubs at the beginning of the second half is as follows:

| Captain | W | L |
|---|---|---|
| Worton, A. Williams | 3 | 0 |
| Eagles, C. Porter | 3 | 0 |
| Kennedyville, R. Kennedy | 2 | 1 |
| Hawks, C Latham | 2 | 1 |
| Silver Noggins, W. McCauley | 1 | 2 |
| I. O. O. F., H. Kaufman | 1 | 2 |
| Esso, C. Minner | 0 | 3 |
| White Owls, E. Walbert | 0 | 3 |

Church League—The M. E. team captained by M. Williams is leading in the church league and it looks as though they will be the winners of the first half. With only one more team to bowl the M. E. has a three game advantage over W. C. Jr., of Rock Hall. The W. C. Jr. club will have to win three games from W. C., alos of Rock Hall, in order to tie the M. E. club.

The standing of the Church League follows:

| Captain | W | L |
|---|---|---|
| M. E., M. Williams | 18 | 6 |
| W. C. Jr., E. Wood | 15 | 9 |
| W. C., T. Tucker | 8 | 16 |
| P. E., J. Stenger | 7 | 17 |

**Bowling Expert To Perform In Baltimore**

One of the outstanding bowling features of the local season has been ararnged by the Charles Bowling Center announcement being made last night that a personal appearance wil be made at the Charles Street plant by Andy Varipapa, World's tenpin sensation.

Varipapa who has met and defeated practically every leading tenpin bowler in the country, is scheduled to appear at the Charles on Sunday, January 14. He will give two performances, at 2.30 and 7.30 o'clock.

Possessor of virtually every worlds record in tenpin bowling, Varipapa will demonstrate his famous trick shots, which have appeared frequently to the delight of the audience, and then oppose several local tenpin bowlers.

Varipapa holds the record of 48 perfect games of tenpins.

The Charles Bowling Center at 1700 North Charles Street in Baltimore, is looking Andy Varipapa for Sunday, January 14th at 2.30 and 7.30 p. m., has given the public its only opportunoty to see this master performer in action.

To see this great show is to see Andy roll two balls down two separate alleys for two simultanteous strikes; he rolls two sixteen pound balls, one with each hand, which cross each other on the way down the alley and then pick off the seven and ten pins; he rolls a boomerang ball which proceeds halfway down the alley and then reverses to come back to him; he rolls a ball which curves thru the legs of several girls who stand in various places on the alley and then makes a strike.