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OLIVER WRIGHT NAMED PRESIDENT 'IIGH SCHOOL P T A

Annual Meeting Held May 13th

Oliver Wright

The annual election of officers took place at the monthly P. T. A. meeting of the Chestertown High School. This meeting was held on Monday, May 13 at 7.45 p. m. The officers for next year are:

President—Mr. Oliver Wright.

Vice-President — Mrs. Cornelia Lumpkin.

Secretary—Miss Louise Stevens.

Treasurer—Mr. Rollison Baxter.

A delegate to the P. T. A. Conference which is to be held from July 8 to 13 is to be appointed.

Mrs. Baldwin, chairman of the Program Committee then asked Miss Peacock to read "The Making of the Flag."

Refreshments were served by the eighth grade Home Economics Class and a display of the work done during the year under the leadership of Mrs. Comegys and Mr. Blades was witnessed in Mrs. Comegys' room.

The meeting was then adjourned until the second Monday of October.

LIONS CLUB LAUNCH EYESIGHT PROGRAM

Playground Project Under Way

The Lions Club of Chestertown have inauguerated a play-ground project which starte d last Saturday morning. Prof. Joseph Hall of the High School faculty is in charge and had quite a number to avail themselves of the opportunity last Saturday.

For the rest of the school year this will be continued every Saturday morning on the High School athletic field. The Lion's Club is furnishing the equipment.

This Friday a campaign was started to remedy the sad condition of eyesight among the children of the community. Dr. Peters spoke at the meeting Tuesday evening and has offered free operating costs to the needy. The Lions Club will help with the purchase of glasses and hospital costs. According to Dr. Peters many cases of poor-sight can be remedied if treated while the child is young. Failure of children to get along at school is largely due to improper sight. In other communities on the Shore where the Lions Clubs has been active in this work, many have been helped and in a few cases the blind have been made to see. The Lion's slogan in this project is "Help the Lion, Help your Community.

Minot Bennett was appointed delegate to the International Convention to be held in Havanna, Cuba in July. James B. Kirby and Charles Wheatley were appointed delegate to the district convention to be held at Frederick, Md., on June 10, 11 and 12.

BETTERTON TO HAVE BOAT

The first excursion to Betterton for the season will be decoration day when 400 excursionists employees of Social Security office will arrive.

The steamer Mohawk will start on June 9th and will run excursions from Baltimroe to Betterton every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

The Chamber of Commerce reports nearly every cottage rented and the hotel reservat ions ahead of the past several season.

Christian Drama To Be Presented May 26th

The Christian Temple Drama Guild of Baltimore, Maryland will visit Chestertown on May 26 and present the religious drama, "The Rock" by Mary Hamlin under the sponsorship of The First Methodist Church, Christ Methodist Church, and the Protestant Episcopal Church.

This particular drama has been presented by the group in Baltimore several times during the past year, and has met with unusual success. The play has reference to one outstanding incident in the life of Peter and promises to bear a powerful religious message to the attending audience.

The guild will present the Drama in William Smith Hall.

LOCAL BUSINESS MEN PLAN THREE DAY SALE EVENT

Many Attractions Planned During Barbecue Of Bargains

The Chestertown Business Men's Association is sponsoring a three day sale event for Chetertown which promises to be one of the most attractive business venture attempted here for several years.

The dates are June 4th, 5th and 6th.

The sale will be known as a Barbe cue of Bargains and to fully carry out the name of the sale, a real barbecue will be held to which the public is invited.

The sale event, which is the first venture of the newly organized business group, is for the purpose of creating good will between buyer and seler. It is not a money making affair as will be evidenced by the bargains of standard merchandise which will be offered during the three days.

As a further entertaining feature the business group is arranging to bring a museum to town during the sale. This museum will be open to the public and contains exhibits that wil lbe of interets to all who visit it.

More details of the sale event will be announced later and every effort wil be exerted to make it a real community event.

COUNTY COUNCIL P. T. A. WILL MEET HERE THURSDAY

The Kent County Council, P. T. A. will hold its Spring meeting in the Chestertown High School Auditorium on Thursday evening, May 23rd at 7.30.

Safety in the home and on the highways and by-ways will be the theme of the program which will be the first feature of the meeting.

Mr. Duyer, P. T. A. State Chairman on Safety, will be the guest speaker. Demonstrations on safety will be exhibited by the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and 4-H Club members.

After these demonstrations the business meeting will be held.

HOSPITAL STARTS NEW WING FUND DRIVE JUNE 1ST

Will Endeavor To Raise $30,000 By July 1st

The Board of Trustees of the Kent and Queen Anne's General Hospital, located in Chestertown, are planning a campaign for funds to build a wing on the present hospital building, the campaign to start June 1st.

The new wing will not only provide much needed additional bed space but will also enable larger and more efficient operating and maternal facilities.

The campaign will be conducted by a committee of one hundred solicitors who will visit all homes in Kent and Upper Queen Annes.

The steering committeess of the campaign are:

Finance Committee — Raymond Wilkins, chairman; Ray Tabler, C. M. Melvin, Herbert Urie, Mrs. Jesse D. Maxwell, Treas.

Publicity—Ray Tabler, Chairman; Mrs. C. R. Humphreys, vice-chairman; Mrs. A. C. Dick, Mrs. W. Clarke Grieb, Mrs. W. Belt Townshend.

Information with regard to the hospital that may answer many questions, is:

What day did hospital open? January 26, 1935.

What type of operations were first? Tonsils and appendix.

How many patients the first month? 2 patients.

How many patients the first year? 185 patients.

How many patients in 1939? 431 patients.

How many babies since opening of hospital? Baby a week.

How many emergency cases? 119.

How many patients can hospital take care of? 27.

How great an area does hospital serve? Greatest distance a patient has come? Kent and Queen Anne Counties, Canada and Florida.

How many medical cases? 106.

How many patients in clinic since hospital opened? 4,500.

ROCK HALL YOUTHS HELD FOR COURT IN LARCENY CHARGE

Tools Stolen From Wagner Shop

Charles D. Smithson and James Philips, of Rock Hall, charged with the larceny of tools valued at about $200.00, were held for the action of the Grand Jury at the October term of the Circuit Court by Judge Melvin on Monday night.

A quantity of tools, some of which were electric, were stolen from the garage of H. E. Wagner & Son, at Edesville on Monday night of last week. On Friday Sheriff Lee was notified by the Baltimore Police that the two boys had attempted to pawn tools at a pawn shop in that city.

On Saturday Sheriff Lee brought the boys to the Kent County jail and the tools were identified by Mr. Wagner. At the hearing Monday night both boys plead not guilty.

COON DOG TRIALS HELD LAST SUNDAY

Start of the Tree finals. A select gro up of hunting dogs representing four states.

A racer having his number painted o n. This job is not as easy as it looks.

With 128 dog entries and fast racing, the May field trials of the Eastern Shore Coon Hunters Association last Sunday at Morgan Creek were considered a great successs by both dog owners and spectators. The races were close and decisions hard to make. The dogs of Mr. E. E. Walls, president of the association were auctioned off for the races but the high bidders tied them up and did not use them. John Price, of Worton, won the gate prize.

The next field trials of the association will be held on September 8th.

The results of the trials last Sunday in the order in which the heats were run, the first name being the name of the dog and then the owner, were:

Tree Winners—Jessie, W. Southard; Sam, Stony Kennels; Sunny Jim, M. Nutter; Boulder, Joe McGinnis; Shadow, R. Messina; Midnight Sailor, Boyce & Curen; Buzzie, Bock & Kickline; Blackie, G. H. Smith; Texas Ranger, Boyce & Curren; Abe, Sullivan & Mench; Little Jack, Boyce & Curren; Lead, R. Wood; Lead, George Kennedy.

Line Winners—Whispering Bock, Watson; Sunny Jack, M. Nutter; Hank, Boch & Kickline; Boulder, Joe McGinnis; Blue Boy, Stong Kennels; Starter, Dulaney & Hirshu; Bobbie, Boch & Kickline; Line Fly, Chester County Club; Ariz. King, Sulivan & Mench; Abe, Sullivan & Mench; Ranger, H. Moffett; Trailer, Lehigh Valley Club; Abe, Jr., Mench & Sulivan.

Tree Final—Buzzie, Rock and Kickline, owners.

Line Finals—States, Leong & Hursher, owners.

Fox race—1st, Abe Jr., Mench & Sullivan; 2nd, Bob, Stony Kennels.

PINOCHIO TO BE PRESENTED BY W. C. PLAYERS

Proceeds For Benefit Of Children's Aid Society

The Washington Players will present The Marionettes in a performance of "Pinochio" at William Smith Hall Friday evening, May 17th at eight o'clock. There will be two matinees on Saturday principally for the children, one at two o'clock, the second performance will be at four, in the afternoon.

Miss Charlotte Shall, president of the Washington Players, has a very talented cast of actors and actresses and there will be many surprises in store for those who attend.

The proceeds of these performances will be given to the Kent County Branch of The Maryland Children's Aid Society and it is hoped that all mothers will arrange a "Pinochio" party for children and their friends.

Tickets are on sale at Stam's Drug Store, Gill Brothers and at William Smith Hall, Washington College.

HARNESS RACES AT RADCLIFFE PARK MAY THIRTIETH

Will Open Season With Harness and Running Races

Radcliffe Driving Park will open its spring and summer season on Thursday, May 30th, with a matinee that will include both harness and running races.

According to the incompleted program todate there will be four or more harness races in addition to the running races.

Among the horses expected to enter the harness races are Bobby Flash who has a time of 2.10 on the local track, Cliff Lee, Red Arrow, Peter Direct, Dick Dean and Black Beauty. August Strathmore, who holds the track record of 2.9½ is not in condition to compete in these races but his record is always under fire.

Ann added attraction during the racing on May 30th will be music furnished by the Chestertown High School Band.

DEATHS REPORTED

John D. Jennings

Mr. John D. Jennings died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Hopkins, in Kennedyville Tuesday morning in his 80th year.

The deceased was formally of Baltimore but for the last 8 years had resided in Kennedyville. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. W. J. Hopkins.

Funeral service was held in the Methodist Church at Kennedyville on Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m., Rev. Bauscher in charge. Interment in cemetery adjoining the church. B. R. Fellows, undertaker.

The bearers were: Messrs. Harvey Bramble, Lynn Redmile, William Hurlock, Harry Hill, Harry Redmile, George Rasin.

William Cleaver

Mr. William Cleaver passed away at his late home at Kennedyville on Tuesday in his 71 year. Mr. Cleaver was one of our most successful farmers, a man devoted to his work and home.

He is survived by his wife and 2 sons. Funeral service were held Friday at 2 p. m. from his late home Rev. Bauscher, officiating. B. R. Fellows, undertaker.

The bearers were: Messrs. Arthur and James Lusby, Irvin and Gerald Myers, James Groves, Arthur Pinder.

According to an announcement made by Commodore Cowperthwait the Rock Hall Yacht Club will have a sanctional race for the Comet class at their regatta. Forty or more boats of this design are expected to be present.

The Queen Annes County Game Association wil hold field trials on June 2. A large entry of dogs from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland is expected.

FIREMEN RECEIVER FIRE SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

Banquet At Fire House Friday Night

Twenty-eight members of three Kent County fire company and three members of the Church Hill Company received certificates of graduation from the State Fire School at a banquet held at the Chestertown fire house Friday night of this week.

The awards were presented by Chief J. W. Just, director of the State Fire School to the following firemen:

Chestertown—S. Scott Beck, Jr., Chief Herman Blackway, Herman Blackway, Jr., Harvey G. Blyman, P. M. Brooks, Jr., John C. Hadaway, Ollie Herzberg, Jr., John C. Hopkins, Ernest C. Leverage, Irving F. Leverage, Robert W. Penn, Lieutenant W. H. Pennington, W. Curtis Perry, Thomas W. Ritchey, J. Willis Wells, Otis Beals.

Betterton—George E. Brice, J. Roeder Campbell, Charles W. Clark, Arthur Crew, Richard B. Fellows, C. Allie Myers, Floyd N. Smith, Harry Smith.

Millington—Fletcher Casey, J. B. Anderson, Edward Fellows, Edward W. Vansant.

Church Hill—Francis Hall, Charles E. Turner, Thomas E. Walbert.

PENINSULA GOLF LEAGUE OPENS SEASON TOMORROW

Chestertown To Play At Easton

The newly reorganized Peninsula Golf League will open its season tomorrow with Chestertown at Easton The third club in the northren division, Dover, is idle that day.

Each team in the league is composed of eight men and at the end of the season, which is in June, a playoff will take place between the winner of the northern and southern division. Regular club matches will be held independant of the league. A match has been arranged with Bonnie View in Baltimore on June 16th.

KENT COUNTY RED CROSS QUOTA PUT AT $1400

War Refugee Relief Fund Totals Ten Million In Country

The Kent County branch of the American Red Cross started a drive for $1400 on Thursday evening at a mass meeting held in Chestertown.

The fund is this county's share of a total budget for the country of $10,000,000 and is to be used for food and clothing for the unfortunates of the European countries who have been compelled to evacuate their homes due to German and Russian invasion. Included in this evacuation are Finns, Norwegians, Hollanders and Belgians.

The war relief quota is double that of the quota given Kent County during the annual Red Cross drive in the fall which means that in order to meet this new quota, donations will have to be proportionately doubled that of the annual roll call.

The Kent County Red Cross office is in the Telephone building between Park Row and High street and the official in charge is Miss Catherine Beck Jones who is donating her time toward this worthy cause.

Mrs. Jones, stated that some misunderstanding as to how the funds of the American Red Cross were used in Europe had brought some unwarranted criticism. Contrary to the belief of some people, she said, the funds are NOT turned over to foreign countries, but are handled entirely by the officials of the American Red Cross who purchase the needed supplies and supervise their distribution. Outright cash handouts are NOT given, in any instances, to foreign officials for refuge relief, but are always administered by American Red Cross officials working in the areas being aided.

According to Chairman Usilton the funds raised fro mthis War Relief drive will be used to assist those suffering from the effects of the war now raging in Europe, the only countries NOT scheduled to participate in the benefits being RUSSIA, GERMANY and JAPAN. He said that funds colected by the Annual Roll Call would not be used by the Red Cros sfor War Relief, would be kept as usual, for emergencies and relief in the United States.

REDUCED ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULED FILED HERE

Makes $5,200 Reduction To Patrons Of Local Plant

Schedules affecting an annual reduction of approximately $5,200 in the rates of The Chestertown Electric Light and Power Company of Kent County have just been filed with the Public Service Commission of Maryland.

The Company furnishes electric service in Chestertown, Rock Hall, Tolchester, Kennedyville and Fairlee, all in Kent County, and in rural sections of that County, with one line crossing the Chester River and serving a few customers in Queen Anne's County. The reduced rates, which will be applied to all consumption after the June, 1940, meter readings, will be applicable to the service of the 1275 domestic and 313 commercial customers of the Company.

Several weeks ago the Commission arranged to have its Accounting Department make a preliminary study of the revenues, expenses and earnings of the Company, with the view of determining whether or not a reduction in rates seemed possible.

As the accounting investigation showed that the earnings of the Company were sufficient to warrant a reduction in the rates charged, the Commission communicated with Mr. H. I. Thompson, the President of the Company, and invited him to confer with the members of the Commission and the People's Counsel in the hope that a satisfactory settlement could be effected without the necessity of instituting formal proceedings. Mr. Thompson concurring in the proposed procedure, conference was held and agreement reached for the aforesaid reduction. This decrease follows a reduction of $3,000 made in the Company's rates within the year through similar informal negotiations.

The Commission has been assured by the management of the Company that in the future, as in the past, there will be full co-operation with the Commission in the effort to reduce rates whenever circumstances permit and that the conference method of settlement will be accepted whenever suggested by the Commission.

Colorado's Admission

Colorado was admitted to the Union in the centennial year, 1876.

BREAKING COLT FOR RADCLIFFE HORSE SHOW

Paul Steels hits the dirt. The colt is a 3 year old belonging to Mr. Char les Wilson. A colt should be broke at one year of age but Wilson recent ly bought the colt unbroken. At a late age it is a hard job.

Mishaps like this as well as perfection add to the thrills of horse shows.

The first horse show of the season will be the second annual show at Radcliffe Driving Park on Saturday, June 8th. This show will be for the benefit of the Kent and Queen Annes General Hospital.

The program includes eleven hunter classes, five races and a special harness race.

This show, scheduled for May, was postponed due to the wet late spring.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Merrickton Carter to Grover C. and Hazel Carter property in Fifth District.

William C. Edwards and Cora Edwards to Nelson E. Watson and Bertha Watson, property in Piney Neck.

Turner & Son, Inc., to George V. Turner, 3 tracts of land in Betterton.

Elmina Price to Willard E. Dodson 1¼ acres in Third District.

S. Scott Beck, Jr., Trustee, to David A. Bramble, property in Fairlee.

Mary A. Berg to Margaret L. Gardner, 4 lots on Usilton development in Chestertown.

Ellsworth and Alice Coleman Whaland, 2 lots on Usilton Development in Chestertown.