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R. E. A. TO BUILD LINE IN KENT

County Agent J. D. McVean was notified on July 2, that the Rural Electrification Administration had allotted sufficient funds for the construction of a distribution system for sections of Kent and southern Cecil not now served by existing utilities. This loan will be administered through the Choptank Cooperative, Inc., at Denton.

A check is now being made to make sure that easments or right of way are available. Within a week or ten days staking crews will arrive to lay out the lines.

Only those whose applications are received before the staking is completed will be served, since the contract will be awarded on the basis of poles, transformers, wire, and so on, specified by those whose applications are on file.

Indications are of a 300% increase in farm users of electricity when the line is opened, probably in the fall. This project will be known as "C" unit. "A" unit was energized last fall; "B" is now under construction. The new power lines will not be placed in competition with existing lines, but are designed to bring electricity to the more remote parts of the county, away from the regular lines.

RECORD FIELD AT RADCLIFFE PARK NEXT WEEK

The largest field of horses ever entered on local race tracks will race on July 13, at the Radcliffe Driving Park. Horses from Dover, Virginia and New Jersey will train here before going on to circuit meets.

The races which were to be held on July 4, were canceled because of the wet track. The races to be held next Saturday will have the largest number of horses entered in the history of the local track. Races start at 1:30 P. M.

CHESTER RIVER SAILING RESULTS

The past Sunday's boat races were undoubtably the most interesting set of the year due to the combination of a strong, puffy wind, and the many two and three boat duels that took place during both races. Carl Bordley and Henry Wilmer resumed their rivalry of last summer with unabated fervor; Bordley beating Wilmer's Star by 1½ minutes in the first race and Wilmer turning the tables and beating Bordley by 1½ minutes in the second race.

Other duels that provided some real sport were between the two snipes sailed by W. Walbert and A. Brown, and between R. Whaley's Lightning and N. Truslow's Hampton.

The strong westerly breeze that prevailed for the afternoon seems to have been the very breeze that T. Massey in his sixteen-foot Cricket needed to clean up the points.

Practically the entire course could be covered before the wind and with long reaches and this is evidently just the type of course on which he sails best. Massey has done moderately well in the past races with a small 2 minute handicap and he has cleared so many points in this last race that there will have to be a terrific upset for him not to win the series.

The last races of the series are to be run off on this coming Sunday, July 7 and the final placing of the various contestant will be determined then since there is room for many changes. Below is a table with the present handicaps the placements in this last set of races, and the total points received so far by the various boats.

Owner	Handicap	1st race	2nd race	pts.
Sterling	5m 37s	7	6	36
R. Whaley	6m 23s	4	5	18*
A. W. Brown	0m 0s	6	9	12*
T. Massey	3m 16s	2	1	50
Brockston	0m 30s	1	11	34
H. Wilmer	13m 0s	8	2	17*
C. Humphreys	4m 25s	3	7	33
C. Bordley	13m 47s	10	3	40
Walbert	1m 8s	5	10	12*
N. Truslow	9m 24s	9	4	34
C. Truslow	0m 13s	11	12	26
J. Pietsch	0m 0s		8	6

Dr. Hines Moves To His Farm

Dr. Frank Hines has moved his offices from Water Street and is now living on the "Carvel Farm" on the road to Tolchester.

It is reported that he has sold his house on Water Street.

For information of the location of his new offices, see the advertisement on page four of this issue.

Mr. Kent Price has recently purchased the Dodd Farm, and it is understood that he plans to move on it soon.

SAILING RACES AT ROCK HALL MAIN HOLIDAY FEATURE

The stormy weather which threatened the gala Fourth celebrations at Kent's resorts and the Rock Hall Regatta cleared up in time for all the scheduled afternoon events to take place, although they were delayed. Harness racing at Radcliffe Park was cancelled because of the wet track, but a bigger and better program is offered for next Saturday. Large crowds were at both Bayside resorts, although the weather kept away thousands more.

At Rock Hall, the softball game with the team of the B. F. Shaw Company of Wilmington went in Rock Hall's favor, 6-1; 8-0. The amateur contest was won by the Watson sisters. A large crowd attended the street dance at night.

An elaborate display of fireworks were given at the Chester Yacht and Country Club.

Results of Rock Hall Regatta are:

STAR CLASS—Aries, Henry Wilmer.

20 FT. CLASS—1st Carlsark, Carl Bordley; 2nd Shamrock, Eldridge Zang, West River; 3rd Gale, Vincent Kramer, Annapolis; 4th White Flash, Bud Hubbard; Step-Aside, Jane Strong.

SKIP-JACK—1st Rexall, A. L. Sterling; 2nd Fair Hope, Warner Brockson.

HAMPTON—1st Tough Guy, O. J. Roremere, Cambridge; 2nd Gypsy, Oscar Semond, Cambridge; 3rd Rumpus, Neal Truslow; 4th Sho Nuff, Charles Humphries; 5th Skippy, Bucky Wilson; 6th Three Sisters, Truslow Sisters; No Name, Howard Wood.

COMET—1st Gangway, John K. Cowperthwaite; 2nd Go-It, W. P. Bloecher, Jr.

16 FT. AND UNDER—1st Tricky, Thomas Massey; 2nd Loon, Harold Boericke.

SNIPE—1st Pell Mell, George Abel, Elk River; 2nd Honey Chile, J. Weldon Walbert.

18 FT. CLASS—1st Kingfish, George Pennington; 2nd My Mistake, Jane Nitsch.

GALENA BOY SCOUTS . . . . .

Troop 157 of Galena, at a meeting on Tuesday, June 11, formally accepted a camp site on the Sassafras River about a mile from Georgetown. This site was secured for the troop through the efforts of Mr. K. A. Clark from Mr. Louis J. Horowitz of New York City, owner of the Oldfield Point Farms, of which the camp is a part.

The camp covers about two acres with a cottage on the premises that will provide for sleeping quarters, mess hall and assembly space. The beach is one of the sandiest on either side of the entire river and provides excellent swimming and boating facilities. It can only be reached by water, but this does not hamper activities since several power boats are available to the troop.

The first meeting was one of inspection and a good swim, but on the second the scouts got down to the task of cleaning up. Armed with sickles, they marched into camp and soon launched a Blitzkrieg on the grass. They will hold all future meetings at the camp and hope to begin camping by the middle of July.

We, the scouts of Troop 157 wish to thank our committeemen, also Mr. K. A. Clark, and Mr. Louis Horowitz for all they have done in making it the successful and grand camp that we all know it will be.

A. W. McCauley

HOSPITAL TAG DAY ANNOUNCED

The Building Fund Committee for the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital has set aside July 10th as Tag Day.

The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have volunteered their services as a contribution for this event.

There will be a big celebration on July 10th and everyone is invited. The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company Band will give a concert in the Square at 7:30 P. M. and ice cream will be sold. The ice cream has bee ndonae d by the Wills Dairy Company.

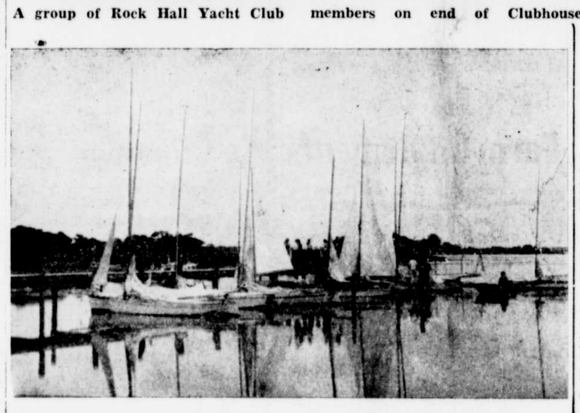
The good work that the hospital has been donated by the Wills Dairy expansion has been clearly recognized by the residents of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties. Over $12,000.00 has already been subscribed to date. The Building Fund Committee is exceedingly anxious to receive at least $10,00.00 of the subscriptions in cash in order that work on the new building can start immediately.

If it is not convenient for everyone to pay their full subscription at once, the Building Fund Committee would like to receive at least part as soon as possible.

Two dollars and twenty-six cents were raised for the Hospital fund by the Misses Frances Metcalfe, Page Wilmer, and Eliabeth Collins by an entertainment last Wednesday evening on Water Street.

Holiday Shots Made By Transcript Cameman

A group of Rock Hall Yacht Club members on end of Clubhouse verandah.



Idyllic shot of Racing boats tied up at the Yacht Club's wharf.

Emil (Amy Myres knocks the old cover off, as Rock Hall wins holiday double header over the B. F. Shaw Company team, of Wilmington.

Taxes Increased As Defense Measure

The small taxpayer's share of the national program of rearmnament was brought home to the citizens of Kent County Monday when they stepped up to the counter to buy a package of their favorite cigarettes or slipped around the corner for a "quick one."

The movie public was the hardest hit with new direct taxes beginning at 3 cents on tickets 21 cents or over, increasing as the price of the ticket was raised.

Motorists, too, already over taxed, let out a mighty squawk as gasoline prices climbed a half-cent a gallon, and direct taxes on new cars went up from 3 to 3½ per cent.

The Federal Beer tax was raised to $6 a barrel in addition to existing state taxes. In Kent County, licensed sellers of beer raised the price of 10c beer to 15c, or, two for 25c. The government tax on liquor was raised 75c a gallon.

Even playing cards now have a additional tax of one cent. Radios and refrigerators are each up from 5 to 5½ per cent. Matches, which no one could consider as a luxury, any more, have an increased tax rate of one half of one per cent.

But this is only the beginning, next March the income taxes go up, exemptions come down and even the little man will be "cut in", as the minimum limits are reduced. The poor people of the $8,000 and above class will blithely stagger along under an increased surtax load.

Cattle Transfer

The American Guernesy Cattle Club, Peterborough, N. H., reports the sale of a registered Guernsey bull by John A. Redding to C. O. Taylor of Chestertown, Md. This animal is Holiday Farm Jonnie 286995.

The American Guernsesy Cattle Club, Peterborough, N. H., reports the sale of a registered Guernsey bull by Thomas Marsalis to Frank T. Price of Chestertown, Md. This animal is Broadland Masterpiece 276130.

Navy Offers Short Training Course

A four month's training course with a possible appointment as an officer in the United States Navy Reserve is open to any unmarried male, from 19 to 26 years of age, in this community.

Candidates must meet the physical requirements set by the Navy and possess credits for a minimum of two years' work from an accredited university or college.

Further information may be obtained from the Naval Reserve Recruiting Officer, Richmond Market Armory, North Howard Street, Baltimore.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Thomas, Chestertown, Maryland, have announced the engagement of Mr. Thomas' sister, Miss Marcella W. Thomas, of Baltimore and Mr. Henry L. Griffin, of Baltimore, and Clinton, Massachusetts. The wedding will take place the latter part of August. Miss Thomas is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Thomas, of Centreville.

Chestertown Rated Sixth On Shore

Chestertown, according to the official 1940 census report, is the sixth largest town on the Eastern Shore, although a loss in population was sustained.

Comparitive figures for the Shore towns are:

City	1940	1930
Salisbury	13,220	10,997
Cambridge	10,443	8,554
Easton	4,536	4,092
Crisfield	3,855	3,850
Elkton	3,515	3,331
Chestertown	2,747	2,809
Snow Hill	1,926	1,604
Federalsburg	1,749	1,369
Denton	1,570	1,604
Centreville	1,138	1,291
Princess Anne	939	975

PERSONALS

Mr. Richard H. Collins, editor of the Transcript, and Mrs. Collins are vacationing this week at Marblehead Mass., and surrounding spots in New England.

Mr. and Mrs. Thruston Branham, of Front Royal, Virginia, are visiting friends in town and at Rehobeth Beach.

Owing to the absence of the Wanderer, who is actually roaming under the blue skies of New England with her husband Mr. Richard H. Collins, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stone, of Marblehead, we are gathering together the social news of the town.

First and foremost is the fine display of fireworks at the Country Club, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the people of Chestertown and vicinity. The music from the Chestertown Fireman's band added much to the occasion.

Miss Esta V. Harrison, supervisor of schools, left on Wednesday and will spend her summer vacation at her home in Springfield, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Entrekin and daughter who have recently purchased the Wm. Walker farm have taken Miss Harrison's apartment for the summer.

Mrs. Leonard and son and Mrs. Emerson Moore and son have been visiting Mrs. Long at Dover.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Franklin Smith, of Baltimore have been guests of their relaitves here.

Mrs. Lewis B. Sheen, of Springfield Gardens, L. I., has been the guest Mrs. Florence Christopher of Fairlee. Mrs. Sheen, who is a trained nurse graduate will take charge of the health of the children at Camp Wright this summer.

Among the children who went to Camp Wright yesterday are Betty Willis, Frances Metcalfe, Jane Kibler, Jean Gill, Rosemary Wright, Page Wilmer, Elizabeth Collins, and Sallie Dare. The Misses Kreegar and Miss Frances Harris are the counselors from Chestertown.

Thirty-seven members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company and eight members of the Volunteer Fire Company and the Chestertown band participated in the parade at the carnival held at Millington on Monday evening. On Thursday of last week thirty-two auxiliary ladies participated in the parade at Sudlersville.

Mrs. M. J. Mandelbaum and Mrs. William Beck and little grand daughter, Ellen Thomas, are spending some time with the Misses Welch on Maple Avenue.

Dr. Esther Dole, is teaching History this summer at Alfred College, New York.

Mrs. Hohms and son and daughter, of Detroit, and Mrs. Beasley and two children of Washington, are the guests of Mrs. Iver Leonard and Mr. Hugh and Fanny Hartmann at Kingstown.

Three little girls, Frances Metcalfe, Page Wilmer and Lisbeth Collins conceived the idea of helping the drive for the New Wing of the Hospital, so they held a show at the residence of Miss R. H. Collins on Thursday evening for that purpose. Owing to the rain the audience was small, but in counting up the proceeds they had collected nearly three dollars. As they were going to camp the next day, the three went up to the Hospital and presented the proceeds in person.

Miss Harriette Welch will leave Chestertown next week to motor to California with several of her friends. While there they expect to visit the Fair at Treasure Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Hurd and family have moved into their recently acquired home, "The Reward" former home of Mr. and Mrs. James Nicklin. This will be their permanent residence.

Liquor Taxes Five Millions

State and local revenues from alcholic beverages in 1939 amounted to $5,142,055 in Maryland. A national total of $344,597,737 was collected by state and local tax units the country over.

KENT HORSE SHOW DATE ANNOUNCED

Place Not Yet Selected

The 16th annual Kent County Horse Show will be held on Friday August 30th. The location has not yet been selected but will be decided within the next few days.

There will be breeding classes at which colts and fillies will be shown in the morning beginning at 10 A. M.

The regular show ring classes will begin at 1 P. M. The Horse Show committee is now at work on further details which will be announced later.

TOWN AWARDS STREET CONTRACTS

The Mayor and Council at their last meeting awarded the contract for repairs to Water Street to the Chestertown Brick Plant.

The council officially accepted the census figures as turned in by the Census Board.

The Town intends to purchase a new flag for the little park in front of the courthouse.

All residents of the town are warned to keep their lots free from obnoxious weeds.

The office of the Mayor, Council, and Water Board will be closed at 12 noon on Saturdays, during July and August.

USILTON GIVES SAFETY TALK

Governor Appoints Committee Head

Speaking in the behalf of safety for this week-end's holidays, Mr. Wm. B. Usilton, III, was heard over WCAO last Monday. This talk by Mr. Usilton was a part of Governor O'Conor's wide-spread safety campaign.

In preparation for the second year's activities of the Maryland Traffic Safety Committee, Governor O'Conor announced on Tuesday the appointment as General Chairman of Isaac S. George, Baltimore insurance man and civic leader, who has been serving as Chairman of the Educational Commission of the Committee.

In addition to the wide-spread educational work that has been carried on in the past eight months, members of the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee are busy laying a permanent ground work for safety efforts in the State through the media of engineering, proper law enforcing, more complete statistical records and remedial legislation.

OPENING DATE OF BRIDGE SET

Old Sesquehanna Structure Retained

The opening date of the new four and a half million dollar bridge across the Sesquehanna has been set for July 19. Very little work now remains to be done, other than painting and removal of equipment. The toll booths and administration building are rapidly nearing completion. Examinations are being held in Baltimore this afternoon for toll collectors. Appropriate ceremonies will mark the opening of the structure.

The present bridge will be retained by the state until the present national "emergency" is over.

Licenses for retail sale of Alcoholic Beverages in Kent County declined from 51 in 1939 to 48 in 1940, as of June 1.

Farmers Warned Of Accidents

With the coming of mid-summer and harvest time, farmers are warned against avoidable accidents by Ray W. Carpenter, specialist in agricultural engineering for the University of Maryland Extension Service.

He points out that one of the most common accidents which kills and cripples many at this time of year is the breaking of hay ropes. The trip rope often becomes worn where it connects to the fork or slings and when the rope is pulled hard or with a jerk it will break at the worn spot, causing the operator to fall to the barn floor or hard ground. Still another common accident is for the old, worn hoisting rope to snap when the forkload of hay is halfway up to the track, allowing the load or fork to fall on the individual below.

Mr. Carpenter says the only sure way to avoid these accidents is to carefully inspect all ropes, hooks and pulleys before harvest time.

It's a Cinch

Boys at Emporia (Kan.) State Teachers college never have trouble finding dates. There are 950 girl students and only 686 boys.

A CORRECTION

The Transcript wishes to correct the error it made last week on the burning of the McAlpin boat at Rock Hall. Thirteen people were aboard the motor boat instead of four, when it caught fire. All were rescued, after a short time by a boat commanded by Captain Hynson of Rock Hall.

WHEAT PROSPECT NORMAL

Loss Expected From Smut

Kent farmers expect a loss of five to twenty-five percent on their wheat yields, because of the wheat scab, according to County Agent J. D. McVean. The wheat crop, which gave promise of an unusually good yield this spring, will turn out only normally, due to the unusual weather conditions which brought about the scab.

Mr. McVean said that he could not predict the actual yield, but he believed that it would be an average one. He also pointed out that the market conditions do not look too good at the present.

In reviewing the harvest season, Mr. McVean said that the use of combines for harvesitng has been increasing rapidly.

Pictures of a record wheat crop on page five.

Mrs. Beauregard Lewis, of Philadelphia and Atlantic City, N. J., is spending July anl August with her friend, Mrs. Ida Owens, at Owen's Hotel, Betterton.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGED

Summer schedule of masses in the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church is as follows:

At Chestertown, 7:00—9:30 A. M.
At Rock Hall 9:00 A. M.
At Betterton 8:00 A. M.

Two Vacancies In County Schools Filled

Edward Lee McCabe, of the graduating class of 1940 of Washington College, has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the Rock Hall High School faculty, caused by the resignation of Clarence Kibler. Kibler resigned hi sRock Hall post to accept a position in the Federalsburg High School. McCabe comes from Bishop, Worcester County. He was active in student affairs at Washington College, being the president of his fraternity and editor of the college annual.

Due to resignation of John W. Martin, commercial teacher in Chestertown High School, the appointment of Mr. Burnice N. Deaton, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, to that position has been announced.

DEATHS REPORTED DURING THIS WEEK

Mrs. Sue Wilkins Hines

The body of Mrs. Sue Wilkins Hines, widow of William Dorsey Hines, of Baltimore, who died suddenly at the home of her son, Edward Hines, in Mattapoisette, Mass., was brought to Riverside, the country home of her son, William Dorsey Hines, Jr., near here, where funeral services were held at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. The deceased was a daughter of the late E. Miflin and Marianna Wilkins. Besides her two sons, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Tinsley Herzog, of Baltimore. Mrs. Fannie Wilkins Perkins, Philadelphia; Miss Grace and Jennie Wilkins, of the Maples, the country homestead near here, are sisters, Edward M. Wilkins, of The Maples is a brother.

William W. Hastings

Funeral services were held Friday morning for William W. Hastings, age 63, of Rock Hall. The rites were held in Wesley Chapel, the Rev. Dr. J. C. Byrd conducting the services.

Interment was made in the Presbyterian cemetery, Princess Anne, Maryland. The deceased was survived by his wife.

William A. Melvin

The Rev. William A. Melvin, husband of Minne A. Melvin, formerly of Chestertown, died at his home in Baltimore Sunday. Services were held Wednesday at the Lowe Memorial Church. Burial was made in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Minnie Peregoy, daughter of William C. and the late Rosie Peregoy, of Chestertown, and several daughters.

Mrs. Spencer Harris

Mrs. Spencer Harris, widow of Mr. Spencer Harris, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mason Morfitt, in Baltimore, on last Sunday morning at the age of 83.

She was the daughter of the late Mr and Mrs. Richard Jones of this county and spent her early life here.

She leaves behind two children, Mrs. Mason Moffitt, of Baltimore, and Mr. Spencer Harris, of Washington, N. C. The interment was in St. Pauls Church yard, the Rev. Wm. Wyllie officiating.