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Pratt Library Mulberry & Cathedral

$1,500 More Will Start Hospital Wing

Work Offered To War Veterans

Manager, Veterans' Administration Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Maryland, announces that applications are now being received from honorably discharged veterans of the wars of the United States who are physically qualified to perform manual labor in a work camp, and who are permanent citizens of the State of Maryland, for selection in the Veterans' Contingent of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

REGATTA PLANS GOING FORWARD

Commodore Maxwell Completing Retails For July 26th and 27th

Plans for the Annual Chester River Regatta are rapidly shaping up. Already numerous entries have been received for both the sailing and motor boat events.

Sailing events will be run in three heats, two Friday and one Saturday and include Star boat; 20 ft. class, both round bottom and chine built; 18ft. class, Hampton, Comet, Scrappy Cat, Snipe, Pram, Barnegats, Moth, 16 ft.

A free-for-all will be sailed Saturday afternoon:

The motor boat events will be run Saturday and include Mile Trials which are being held for the first time this year.

Outboard classes include A, C, B, M and C Runabouts. Hydroplan events 91-135, 225 and Pacific-one-Design.

Runabouts include class E Racing, Class E Service, Class A Racing, Class B-C-D Service and F-G, J-K, H-I Runabouts.

STEADY DECREASE IN POPULATION IN KENT COUNTY

Decrease In Rural Sections Due To Farm Machinery

A population increase of 1,335 on the Eastern Shore of Maryland during the past ten years was shown today in the preliminary 1940 census figures released by William E. Lednum, District Supervisor of the Census.

The new population for the nine counties on the Shore was set at 194,993. In 1930 the count was 193,658, a decrease of almost 1,000 compared with 1920 census when 194,608 persons were counted.

Of the five counties which showed gains, Wicomico County led the way with an incraese of 3,204, the total population being 34,433. The figure marks a steady growth since 1920, when the count was only 28,-165.

More than half of Wicomico's boost is attributable to Salisbury's rapid growth which alone showed a 2,223 increase against 1930 for a bigger gain than the entire shore.

Other counties showing increases were Dorchester with 27,935; Cecil with 26,357; Talbot with 18,777 and Caroline with 17,533.

A significant fact in the population report is the growth of those counties holding progressive and growing towns. Dorchester has Cambridge, Cecil has Elkton and Talbot has Easton, all of which showed substantial gains.

"We found", Lednum said, "increases in the urban communities and slight decreases in the rural regions.

"The tendency in the agricultural areas is toward larger farms and larger farm operations, with machinery supplanting manual labor," he explained.

Leading in the matter of decreases Somerset County, since 1920 has lost more than 3,000 in population.

Her population in 1920 was 24,624. In 1930 it fell to 23,382. The new census shows it reduced to 20,672.

Queen Anne, Worcesteh and Kent Counties showed decreases against 1930 and a steady decline in growth since 1920.

A table of the Counties and their populations follows:

County	1940	1930	1920
Wicomico	34,433	31,229	28,165
Dorchester	27,935	26,813	27,895
Cecil	26,357	25,827	23,612
Worcester	21,393	21,624	22,309
Somerset	20,672	23,382	24,624
Talbot	18,777	18,583	18,306
Caroline	17,533	17,387	18,652
Queen Anne	14,474	14,571	16,001
Kent	13,419	14,242	15,026
Totals.....	194,993	193,658	194,608

LOCAL GOLF TEAM WINS EASTERN SHORE HONORS

Defeats Salisbury For Shore Championship

The golf team of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club won the Eastern Shore Championship last Sunday by defeating Salisbury 23½ to 12½. The shore championship series consisted of two matches, the first at Salisbury ended in a tie.

Chestertown won its way to the championship series by winning in the North Eastern Shore League which was composed of teams from Easton, Dover and Chestertown.

Salisbury won in the South Eastern Shore League.

WANTED—WATER COOLER

The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company Band will appreciate the donation of a water cooler for drinking water on rehearsal nights. Communicate with Mr. Julian Coleman, band leader.

Ringgold Strong Accepts Position With State Roads

Mr. W. Ringgold Strong has accepted a position as inspector with the State Roads Commission and will start work on Monday at Federalsburg.

Mr. Strong has resigned the position as secretary-treasurer of the Kent and Queen Annes Farm Loan Association which duties he assumed July 1st.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Andrew W. Wilson nad wife to Henson B. and Gladys R. Lynch, 13,653 sq. feet in 1st District.

Arthur K and Violet E. Legg to J. Medford and Frances B. Larrimore, property in 7th Ditsrict near Chestertown.

R. Hynson Rogers, Assignee to Houston Grinnell, 4 acres near St. Paul's Church.

Lillian Edna and Vernon M. Barnett to Rufus E. Collins, property in College Avenue in Chestertown.

James J. Hadaway, Treasurer, to William J. and Eulah K. Smith, property in Broad Neck.

COON DOG TRIALS AT MILLINGTON SAT. JULY 20TH

Under Auspices Of Eastern Shore Coon Hunters Assoc.

The Eastern Shore Coon Hunters Association is planning a mid-summer coon dog field trials on Saturday, July 20th, starting at 12 o'clock noon.

The trials will be held on the Frank Shehan farm three miles west of Millington and includes an elimination race and fox race.

A special river race will be held following the finals.

The dogs of Edgar Walls will be auctioned off to the highest bidder for use that day.

All owners of dogs that are entered in these trials are invited to attend a picnic being arranged by the Association on the day following the trials, Sunday, July 21st.

For information concerning the trials write S. S. Stevens, Millington, Md.

Pictured is Elizabeth Ann Wheat tagging Mr. W. H. Elliott during Hospital Tag Day Wednesday. Elizabeth Ann collected $28.65 and received one of the prizes. DorisCrowding another Girl Scout raised $24.10. The total collected was $139.70.

BOARD TO START WORK WHEN FUND IS IN HAND

The Board of the Kent and Queen Annes General Hospital, at a meeting Thursday evening decided to start construction work on the new wing of the hospital as soon as the present fund is increased $1500. Officials of the campaign stated Friday that they expect to have this additional sum on hand by Thursday of next week.

Total collections to date are $13,-070 and it is thought that additional funds will be forthcoming as soon as construction work is started. This will remove all doubt as to whether the buliding is to be built.

Receipts this week for the hospital from the various activities are:

Tag Day, Wednesday—Kent County $111.05; Queen Annes $26.65. Some sections of the county are yet to be heard from. The tag day was concluded with an hour's concert in the park by the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company Band and an address by Mr. Preston P. Heck. Sale of ice cream donated by Wills Dairy netted $10.30.

The Cabana, donated by Nathan Furniture Store was won by Mrs. Anna Cook Willis and netted $97.00 for the hospital.

A chicken and waffle supper and barn dance for the benefit of the hospital will be held next Thursday evening, July 18th, at Worton Manor, the home of Mrs. Nora Maxwell.

POSTPONED HARNESS RACES TO BE HELD SAT.

Expected To Be Best Ever Held On Local Track

The harness races scheduled for July 4th and postponed due to rain and threatening weather, will be held today Saturday, July 13th.

Included ni the entries are horses from Radcliffe Park, Dover, Sudlersville, Federalsburg, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Some of these horses will go on the circuit next week.

The matinee will include four big races.

Rock Hall Soft Ball Team, leaders in Soft Ball League. Bottom Row—Pete Burgess, Frank Dowling, Rob Strong; Middle Row—Joe Williams, Nebs Hudson, Bill Orr; Top Row—Woodall Rodney, Grit Urie, Rev. J. C. Byrd, Emile Myers, Tommy Warner.

GOV. ADVOCATES ABANDONMENT OF ALMS HOUSES

Audit Shows Kent Home Costs $3,709.13 Last Year

Calling the continued existence of county almshouses "a blot on the good name of Maryland," Governor O'Conor yesterday announced the appointment of a commission to draw up plans for their abolition.

"Conditions surrounding these institutions have been described as deplorable and I intend to exert every effort to bring about their abandonment," the Governor siad.

"At the same time," he added, "it is my desire to insure the proper care of dependent aged and infirm persons in our State."

Wants State Hospitals

A little more than two months ago Governor O'Conor announced he would ask the next Legislature to appropriate money for the erection of State hospitals to care for the indigent.

Because of the fact that "careful attention must be given to the financial aspects of the situation," he said he appointed Walter N. Kirkman, director of the Bureau of Budget and Procurement, as chairman of the commission.

"The question of cost will be a primary one," he added.

Leaders of medical, welfare and labor organizations are included in the twelve men and women named by the Governor.

"There are six almshouses on the Eastern Shore housing 70 inmates, 36 of whom are white and 34 colored.

Kent Home Huoses 15 Inmates

The Kent County Almshouse at present houses 15 inmates, 7 white and 8 colored according to a survey recently completed. The survey places the value of this almshouse property at $16,000.

The Kent County audit for the year June 16, 1938 to June 16, 1939 shows that the almshouse for this county cost $4,403.31 to care for the 15 inmates. A net profit from the almshouse farm of $694.10 that year reduced the total cost to the taxpayers to $3,709.31 which is an average of $247.29 per inmate which is not exorbant.

The Kent County Almshouse is under the complete management of a Board of Trustees who are appointed by the County Commissioners. The cost is paid by the County upon order by these Trustees of which Mr. J. M. Norris is chairman and Mr. C. N. Satterfield, secretary-treasurer.

The farm and home are managed by Mr. and Mrs. Byard Sutton.

Con Fey Dies Suddenly At His Home Here

Con Fay, 67 year old retired business man of Queen Annes County near Chestertown, died suddenly at his home Tuesday evening.

He moved here from Pittsburgh after purchasing the Irving Walker waterfront farm and devoted his activities to farming. On Tuesday he went about his daily activities and was taken ill only a short time before his death.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Catherine Fey; two daughters, Mrs. Ethel F. Hardie, of Harrisburg, Pa., and Miss Mildred Fey, of Pittsburgh; a son, Russell Fey, of Pittsburgh; a brother, Edward G. Fey, of Cleveland, and a sister, Mrs. Josephine Gritzeit, of Detroit.

Interment was in Pittsburgh on Saturday. Marvin William is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Wheat Drops To 68½c On Friday

Wheat took a one and one-half cent drop on Friday and the price on the local market was 68½ cents a bushel. Thursday's price was 70 cents.

The A. A. A. Federal program adds 19 cents a bushel tothose who are participating in the program.

A clause in the A. A. A. program, wheat growers are able to store their wheat and borrow at the rate of 73 cents a bushel.

Denmark's Buried Church

One of the sights for tourists in Denmark is an old church in the sand dunes, south of Skagen. Buried by a sand storm in the Eighteenth century, today only its tower is visible.

COUNTY SOFT BALL LEAGUE

Scores of the week.
Worton 18—High Rock 8
Chestertown 11—Chest. I. O. O. F. 5
Fairlee and Worton Postponed
Great Oaks 7—Still Pond 5
Rock Hall 9—Millington 5
Chestertown I. O. O. F. 8—Lynch 4
High Rock 12—Lynch 8
Worton 11—Rock Hall 9
Still Pond 14—Lynch 10

Games Next Week

Monday, July 15th
First Game
Chestertown vs Lynch
Second Game
Fairlee vs Asco
Tuesday, July 16th
Still Pond vs Fairlee
Wednesday, July 17th
Great Oaks vs Asco
Thursday, July 18th
First Game
Rock Hall vs Worton
Second Game
Chestertown vs Great Oakes
Friday, July 19
Fairlee vs Millington

Standing of League

Team	W	L
Rock Hall	7	1
Chestertown	6	2
Worton	4	2
High Rock	6	3
Millington	3	3
Fairlee	2	3
Chestertown I. O. O. F.	4	5
Great Oaks	3	5
Still Pond	1	6
Lynch	1	7

Soft Ball at Radcliffe Sunday

Chestertown Soft Ball team will play Ridgely Sunday afternoon at Radcliffe Driving Park at 2 P. M and the following night at Tolchester at 8 P. M.

Worton Player Breaks Ankle

Harold Joiner of the Worton team, broke his ankle Monday night when he slid home in the game with Fairlee. The game was called off following the accident.

Considering Soft Ball Diamond In Chestertown

A move has been started to build a soft ball diamond in Chestertown for night games next year.

The lighting arrangements will cost approximately $1,000 but the field will be more adequately lighted than the one at Tolchester.

SENATOR BRICE AND SCOTT BECK, JR. TO CONVENTION SUN.

Democrats To Meet At Chicago

Senator Arthur H. Brice and S. Scott Beck, Jr., of Kent County will leave with the Maryland Delegation for the Democratic convention in Chicago tomorrow.

The prospects are that this convention will not be as spectacular as the Republican convention in view of the fact that if President Roosevelt chooses to run for a third term he will be nominated on the first ballot.

Every indication is that he will accept the nomination but if he doesn't the convention will turn into a whirlwind.

The Maryland delegation is pledged to vote for Roosevelt on the first ballot as are enough States to assure his nomination. At the time of going to press, Mr. Roosevelt had made no definate statement as to his intentions.

The Maryland Delegation will have an interesting session on the train enroute to Chicago at which time a committeewoman for Maryland will be chosen. This promises to be an interesting contest with six candidates in the field.

VIOLATORS OF AUTO LAW SUBJECT TO REEXAMINATION

Ruling Made By State Official This Week

Mr. W. Lee Elgin, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the State of Maryland, stated this week that he believed that many motor accidents are due to physicial disability of operators of automobiles and that actions will be taken to try to stop the appalling increase in fatal accidents.

His statement follows:

"I have come to the conclusion that in addition to carelessness and failing to obey the Motor Vehicle Laws, a primary cause of accident is physical disability on the part of the driver, and this is, most frequently, defective vision. Too many motor vehicles are being operated by persons who need glasses and do not have them, or whose glasses need adjusting. No doubt the average person fails to realize that proper vision plays an important part in reducing accidents, but statistics prove that lack of good vision adds greatly to the number of accidents.

"As Commissioner of Motor Vehicles it is part of my duty to safeguard the lives of our citizens and put forth every effort to reduce automobile accidents.

"With this thought in mind we feel that it would be well to arrange for a re-examination of persons convicted on charges of Reckless Driving, Speeding, or passing Stop Sign or Automatic Signal, in every instance where such violation results in a reportable motor vehicle accident. For Thirty Days, effective July 10th, persons involved in such accidents will be summoned to appear either at the Baltimore office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or at one of the county seats where operatnig license examinations are held.

"The re-examination of these motor vehicle drivers does not mean that all persons summoned to appear will be given a driving test;; this will be required only in the event it is deemed necessary by reason of the operator's condition.

"The eye test and examination on the Motor Vehicle Laws, however, will form part of the re-examination of all persons who may be summoned to appear.

"This checkup will in no way interfere with the usual penalties imposed on drivers whose records call for suspension or revocation of operating licenses."

Commissioner Elgin stated further that he felt this re-examination plan would aid materially in reducing the number of accidents.

Committees For Rotary Club Named J. S. Kreeger New President

Mr. J. S. Kreeger, who took over the reigns as President of the Chestertown Rotary Club July 1st, has named the following committees for the coming year:

Aims and Objects—J. S. Kreeger, Rollison Baxter, Merrick Clements, C. C. Jones, R. J. Nicholson and W. J. Stenger.

Club Service—Merrick Clements, M. deK. Smith, W. R. Huey, Gilbert W. Mead, Harry S. Russell, and B. Fox.

Vocational Service—C. C. Jones, Everett Lambden, W. R. Hubbard.

Community Service—R. J. Nicholson, Henry Gill, Everett S. Lambden, Marvin V. Williams, W. Belt Townshend, W. R. Huey.

International Service—W. J. Stenger, S. R. Collins, George Kellas.

Program—Merrick Clements, W. B. Townshend, W. J. Stenger.

Classification—M. deK. Smith, Clarence Beilharz, Marvin V. Williams, W. P. Newnam.

Fellowship—W. R. Huey, J. W. McCauley, R. H. Collins.

Rotary Information—Gilbert W. Mead, Everett S. Lambden, S. R. Collins.

Public Information—Harry S. Russell, R. H. Collins.

Attendance—George Kellas, B. Fox, J. W. McCauley.

Boys' Work—Henry Gill, Marvin V. Williams.

Crippled Children—Everett S. Lambden, B. Fox, C. C. Jones.

Rural Urban—Marvin V. Williams, R. J. Nicholson, C. C. Jones.

Youth Service—W. B. Townshend, W. J. Stenger, S. R. Collins.

Student Loan—W. R. Huey, M. deK. Smith, Gilbert W. Mead.

FORMER COUNTIAN HELD IN CANADA AFTER VISIT

Identification From Chestertown Solves Problem

Mr. Hessey Miller, of Chester, Pa., and former resident of Kent County, where he was born and raised was held up at the Canadian border by U. S. Immigration officials while returning to this country after a visit to Canada.

Mr. Miller, according to the report, crossed into Canada by train without being questioned as to a passport or birth certificate. After a visit in that country, he was returning by train and was held up at the border and requested to show a birth certificate or some other similar document proving his nationality and date and place of birth.

Anyone born in Kent County prior to 1900 has no birth certificate, as births were not recorded in these days so Mr. Miller had no birth certificate nor was he able to secure one.

The matter was finally adjusted with a certificate from States Attorney Harrison W. Vickers, stating that he had settled an estate in Kent County in which Mr. Miller was an heir and that also certified to his birth in this county. A certificate from Mr. Miller's sister, Mrs. Charles N. Satterfield certifying to his birth in Kent County also aided him to get back in the good old U. S. A.

(Editor's Note—It appears to us that Immigration officials are at fault in letting one, unknowingly, leave this country without the proper credentials that are required for their return.