The Chestertown Transcript.

VOL. LXX — CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1940 — NO. 34

Pratt Library Maryland Hist. Soc.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL IS SUBJECT OF MEETING SAT.

Sponsors May Ask Special Election

At a meeting of representatives of business and civic groups in the central part of Kent County last Saturday evening for the purpose of discussing a new high school for that area located at Chestertown.

The meeting was called by the high school committee of the Business and Professional Women's Club of which Miss Dorothy Woodall is chairman.

The first speaker was Dr. Frederick G. Livingood. He spoke as a taxpayer and parent of 16 years residence in Chestertown, and that his position as Dean of Washington College gave him daily contact with the high school here as well as other high schools in the State. He stated that, although the teaching staff at this school is very efficient, the school building is the worse that he visits.

Dr. E. Clark Fontaine, supervisor of high schools for the Eastern Shore talked also as a taxjayer and parent with 13 years of residence in Chestertown. He stated that, in spite of an excellent faculty, the taxpayers were not getting their money's worth due to the condition of the high school building. That more than half of the students at this school complete their education there and that due to lack of facilities they are not prepared for life as are students in other high schools on the Shore. He has just completed a survey of school buildings on the Shore and this survey shows that $3,960,000 has been spent for buildings and additions during the past ten years but that no money has been spent along this line in Kent County.

Mr. Marion deK. Smith was asked to describe the county's financial condition. He stated that the final payment on the road bond issue will be made July 1st next and following this payment the entire bonded indebtness of the county will be $145,000.

Other speakers included Mrs. James Hadaway who compared this school building with others in which she had taught.

Senator Arthur Brice, who with Delegates Roy Strong and Roger Harris were guests at the meeting, was asked how a new high school could be secured. He stated that he will introduce a bill at this session to provide for a new high school with a referendum to be voted on at a special or general election. He explained that a bill without a referendum would likely delay the project and cited a number of instances where such a bill had hampered rather than helped the project concerned.

A committee was appointed to work out provisions of a bill and conduct the campaign for the new school. The committee was composed of:

Mrs. Raymond Hudson, Mrs. James J. Hadaway, Mrs. Edmond Skirven, Mrs. John Barnes, Miss Marie Bryan, Mrs. Ida Crouch, Mrs. J. T. Kibler, W. B. Usilton 3rd, Richard H. Collins, Oliver Wright, George Baldwin, J. D. McVean.

James Hepbron Takes Bride

James M. Hepbron, director of the Community Fund, of Baltimore, was married Monday to Miss Helen Lumianski, of New Bedford, Mass., at Warrenton, Va., by the Rev. Paul D. Bowden, rector of St. James' Episcopal Church.

The bride is the daughter of Barnark Lumianski, retired businessman. She resigned from an administrative post in the New Bedford school system recently.

By training a dancer, she has toured the world studying the folk dances of many countries and was for some time a pupil of Chalieff, of the Imperial Russian Ballet.

Mr. Hepbron, in addition to his fund position, is managing director of the Criminal Justice Commission secretary of the United States Federation of Justice and chairman of the Maryland State Conference of Social Work.

He was born and spent the early part of his life near Worton, this county and has many friends here.

PAYMENTS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT LOW IN KENT

Payment Of $686 In October

Kent County was the fourth lowest county in the State in the payment of unemployment benefits for the month of October according to a release from the State Office for the month of October. This release showed the amount paid in Kent and Queen Annes Counties was $892, both of these counties being under one office. The approximate estimate shows Kent had 77 persons receiving benefits.

October is one of the low months in the year in unemployment.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH THURSDAY EVE.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Chestertown, held its annual Christmas Party on Thursday evening of this week. Picture taken after the service was over and "Old Kris" has presented candy and oranges. Mrs. Herzberg helped arrange the party. Rev. Theodore H. Ernst is pastor.

DEATHS DURING THIS WEEK

MRS. DAISY W. SKEGGS

Mrs. Daisy W. Skeggs passed away at her late home in Still Pond, Saturday morning in her 55th year.

Mrs. Skeggs was a member of the Methodist Church at Worton.

She has been an invalid for the last 8 years. Her love for her church and her sunny disposition endeared her to her many friends and acqua ntances.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. John Skeggs, two daughters, Mrs. Jessie Webb, Mrs. Elston Kendall, of Kennedyville; one son George Skeggs, Chestertown; 8 grand children; 3 sisters, Mrs. Frank Holdston, Baltimore; Mrs. Bennie Herbert, Worton; Miss Effie Noblette, Betterton; and one brother. Mr. Willitm Noblette, Worton.

Funeral service was held from her late home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Davis officiated. Interment in Still Pond cemetery. B. R. Fellows in charge of arrangements.

Pall Bearers: Howard Rasin, Carson Greenwood, Thomas Rouse, Howard Toulson, Kennard Jones, and Ralph Geary.

MRS. ANNA BYRON

Mrs. Anna Virginia Byron, aged 73 years, widow of the late J. Romie Byron, died at her home near town on Saturday of last week.

Funeral services were held from her late home on Monday at 2 P. M. conducted by Rev. Dr. W. P. Roberts.

Interment in Chester cemetery. Ralph H. Usilton, Inc., in charge of funeral arrangements.

The pall bearers were Messrs. D. B. Ford, B. F. Shinn, L. A. Sutton, P. M. Brooks, Harry Nicols and George Hendrickson.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Ida Elliott, Mrs. Charles Hawkins, and Frank Byron, and one brother, Robert Sheppard.

L. WILMER FORD

The funeral of L. Wilmer Ford, retired farmer of the Kennedyville section who died Monday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Ralph W. Dawson of 706 West Twenty-second Street, Wilmington, was held Friday morning at 11 o'clock from the Kennedyville Methodist Church. The Rev. John W. Townsend, pastor of the Peninsula Methodist Church of Wilmington, officiated.

Interment was in Chestertown Cemetery.

In addition to Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Ford is survived by three other children: William L. and Elvin M. Ford, Kennedyville; and Mrs. Lea Jester of Wilmington, and three sisters, Miss Carrie H. Ford and Mrs. William J. Ogden, Baltimore, and Mrs. Mrs. Edward Bratton of Wilmington.

MRS. DEBORAH RUDUE

Mrs. Deborah Rebue, of Sudbrook Park, but for many years a resident of Chestertown, passed away at the residence of her son Henry Redue, in Baltimore on the 26th day of Dec. at the age of 94 years. She is an aunt of Mrs. Frank Simpers of this town.

Funeral services were held in Baltimore on Friday at 8 P. M. Interment in Chester Cemetery, Chestertown, on Saturday.

ROCK HALL HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER CHAMPIONS OF COUNTY

Rock Hall High School soccer team. First Row: B. Kircher, L. Rheil, C. Jacquette. Second Row: B. Durding, B. Tucker, J. Pierce. Third Row: W. Hadaway, B. Hepbron, E. Bryden, A. Ashley, I. Thompson.

"VIOLETS" IN LADIES BOWING LEAGUE

Mirian Thomas. Lelia Anthony, Florence Walls, Kathryn Strong. Kay O'Neil, Helen Willerton were absent the evening the picture was taken. The "Violets" hold last place in the Ladies League at the "King Pin" Alleys but Watch 'em.

NEW YEAR Greetings

World News In Review

On page 4 of this issue is a complete review of the world news of 1940 including the European war, domestic affairs, national election, disasters, sports, foreign affairs and necrology.

The facts, figures, and dates and summary justifies reading and keeping this issue for further reference.

CHANGE IN FERRY SCHEDULE JAN. 2

The winter schedule for the Tolchester Ferry will go into effect Thursday, January 2nd, according to an announcement made by company officials this week.

The new schedule will include one round trip only on Sundays and week days.

Leave Baltimore 3:00 P. M. Leave Tolchester 5:30 P. M.

FARM HOME AND CONTENTS BURN CHRISTMAS EVE

No One Home When Fire Starts

The farm home of Mrs. Dora Short and her three children in Queen Annes near Brown's Corner was completely destroyed by fire the afternoon of Tuesday, Christmas Eve.

The family was away at the time and upon their return they found only smouldering ruins The Church Hill and Chestertown fire companies responded to the call and succeeded in saving the outbuildings.

Included in the loss was all household effects, clothing, Christmas presents, and the winter's supply of meat which was stored in a shed attached to the house. There was no insurance on these effects.

The farm property was owned by the Walls estate who had insurance on the building.

WHEAT LOANS STILL AVAILABLE

County Agent McVean, announces that farmers who have wheat in approved storage may still borrow at the rate of seventy-three cents a bushel for number two light garlicky wheat. A number of farmers did borrow on their wheat earlier in the fall and have made money by so doing since the advance in the price of wheat is considerably greater than the storage charges. Some are still holding their wheat—some have cashed in and secured profit on the wheat made possible by the loan.

Wheat may be borrowed on up until the end of December 1940. Details can be had at the County Agents office.

The wheat can be left in storage six months from the date it goes into storage. Farmers can borrow on wheat now stored on farms if it is placed in approved storage. Wheat stored elsewhere can be borrowed on if it is moved to approved storage.

MARYLAND IS 30TH STATE IN POPULATION

Nineteen Have Less Population

Although Maryland is one of the smallest states in land area it is 30th in the nation in population according to complete census reports.

The new population figure is 1,821,244 as compared to 1,631,526 in 1930.

The census report shows that there are 462,591 occupied dwelling units making an average of 3.9 persons per dwelling unit. This may be compared to 4.2 persons per private fam-

Holidays

There was little crime during the Christmas holidays the disorder being confined to minor offenses.

Twelve arrests were made as a result of a crap game on east cross street and a number of cases of assault and battery were reported.

The trial of Charles Knight, James Daniels and William Hamilton for larceny of merchandise at Fox's 5c to $1.00 Store, was scheduled for Friday night.

FOUR GO FROM KENT COUNTY IN JAN. CALL

Three White And One Colored Is Quota

While no definate call date has been received by the Kent County Draft Board, it is understood that three white men and one colored man will be inducted for military training in January.

Until official notification is received there is no information available as to who the January call will include. To date only one man from Kent County is in training with the draft army, he is George Norman, colored who was Kent County order number 8. This means that the first seven were deferred either on account of dependants or physical disability.

All of the first 360 order numbers have been classified, dependant upon the physical examination. The next 25 order numbers starting at No. 8 are as follows: This does not mean that they are eligible for call as many, no doubt, have deferred classifications.

9 57—Chas. Blake, Chest., C.
10 153—J. C. Brooks, Worton, C.
11 19—M. Henderson, Chest., C.
12 766—J. W. Peacock, Massey
13 172—M. J. Winebarger, Galena
14 126—M. A. McHenry, Kennedy.
15 187—W. R. Woodall, Galena
16 167—W. R. Magee, Chestertown
17 1369—W. B. Crouse, Rock Hall
18 162—W. R. McMenamin, Chest.
19 147—J. A. Walker, Worton
20 1300—W. F. Hill, Rock Hall
21 1355—J. H. Happersett, Rock H.
22 689—E. J. Hillyer, Rock Hall
23 1295—C. W. Harris, Rock H., C.
24 1234—S. M. Murray, R. Hall, C.
25 31—W .O. Rodney, Rock Hall
26 156—N. R. Woodard, Ches., C.
27 676—M. H. Laster, R. Hall, C.
28 112—M. V. Williams, Chest.
29 185—G. C. Scott, Chest., C.
30 1362—F. O. Puppe, Jr., R. Hall
31 108—J. T. Boyer, Worton, C.
32 109—W. V. Kirby, Chestertown
33 1443—H. A. Coleman, Jr., R. H.

"C" at the end of the name indicates colored.

Kent County's total registration was increased to 1598 this week when Woodard Hazel Howse, of Millington, registered.

Selective-service officials in the State and the United States Attorney's office have prepared to crack down on draft evaders and registrants who "neglect their duty" of keeping local boards informed of any change of status.

Return of several hundred questionnaires marked "unknown at this address" started the search for registrants who either deliberately falsified their address when they registered or failed to notify the local boards of changing their address.

Lieut. Com. C. H. Bryant, draft executive, also pointed out that it is the duty of each registrant to notify the local board of any change in his status that may alter his classification.

"Any person who gets married, loses his dependents, gains dependents, gets divorced or makes any other change that would alter his classification must notify the local board so that they may reclassify him," Commander Bryant said.

He explained that if a person has a dependent when he is classified and is therefore placed in Class III, but later conditions change so that person is no longer dependent on the registrant, it is the duty of the registrant to notify the local board of the change so he can be reclassified.

United States Attorney Bernard J. Flynn revealed that numerous cases of delinquency of registrants have been turned over to his office by the local draft boards. He stated:

"Many of these cases resulted from the fact that the registrant neglected to report changes ot his local board. In these instances of negligence the registrants will be given every opportunity to comply with the law.

"However, when we discover deliberate falsehoods in giving addresses or names we will exact the penalty under the law."

In cases where registrants become married after they registered or were classified, local boards were warned to consider facts that may reveal whether or not the person married to escape the draft.

In a circular letter, local boards were advised to consider two facts in determining reclassification of men who marry after registration. These points are: Did an actual engagement exist befort October 16, and would the marriage have taken place if there were no draft.

Betterton Group Plan Entertainment

The Betterton Epworth League are planning an entertainment in the school auditorium on Thursday, January 2nd.

Featured will be "Cousin Lee's Radio Group."

Planning Cruise

Messrs. R. Hynson Rogers and Rolph Townshend, of Chestertown are planning a vacation cruise to the West Indies. They will leave on the S S. Emilia, a cargo vessel of the Bull Steamship Co., January 14th.

Most Abundant Fuels

Of the three natural fuels available in the United States coal, gas and oil, coal is the most abundant.