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## Tenant House Burns Near Sassafras

A tenant house on the farm of Mr. Michael O'Grady, near Sassafras was completely destroyed by fire Sunday night. Althought the house was vacant, at the time it contained the winter supply of meat which was also a total loss.

The Millington fire company responded to the call.

## FOUR DRAFTEES LEAVE FOR CAMP NEXT TUESDAY

### 3 White Men, 1 Colored Included In List

Four men from Kent County will leave for a year of military training next Tuesday to make up the January quota from this county.

The four men who make up this quota are:

**Ludwig Bartz, Order** No. 38, whose address is Chestertown.

**Melvin Sulphin,** Order No. 44, whose address is Galena.

**Harry Wilson Lewis,** Order No. 61, whose address is Chestertown.

The colored draftee is **Charles Wesley Harris,** Order No. 23, Rock Hall R. R. No. 2.

These men will leave the headquarters at 8:15 A. M. next Tuesday morning.

The third white man to leave Kent County is Order number 61, which means that 58 white men have been deferred due to dependants, physical defects or other causes.

Questionaires have been sent out and classified for the first 320 order numbers.

## SCOUTMASTERS ROUND TABLE HERE MONDAY

### To Plan For Anniversary Week

A Kent County Scoutmasters round table conference will be held at the American Legion building next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock Plans will be made for Scout anniversary week which will start February 8th, by Scoutmasters, Assistant-Scoutmasters and troop committeemen representing 11 local troops.

## Buys John Bennett Home

Dr. M. H. Jacobs has purchased the John Bennett bungalow on Kent Circle and expect to move there the early part of February.

Dr. and Mrs. Jacobs attended a veterinary meeting at the University of Pennsylvania on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

## Named Supt. Naval Academy

Rear Admiral Russell Wilson, U. S. Navy, has been named superintendant of the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Mrs. Wilson was formerly Miss Eunice Westcott, of Chestertown, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Westcott.

## Paralysis Victim Improving

Little 9 year old Donald Brooks, who was taken to Baltimore last week with infantile paralysis is getting along nicely. It is understood that his condition justified his removal from the iron lung. There has been no other cases reported in the county.

## High School P. T. A.

The home as a social center for young people" will be the topic of a panel discussion to be held at the P. T. A. meeting at Chestertown High School on Monday evening.

The panel will consist of two parents, Mrs. Maurice Barroll and Mr. John Carvel Sutton; two pupils, Betty Blackway and James Hadaway and a teacher, Miss Herminoe Riches.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Wedding Announced

**PORTER—WATSON**

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Porter, of Worton announce the marriage of their daughter, Miriam Edith to Mr. Walter L. Watson, of Rock Hall, on Saturday, January 4th, the ceremony having been performed by Rev. J. C. Byrd, pastor of Wesley Chapel Church.

The bride is a graduate of Chsetertown High School class 1939. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stevens. After a short wedding trip the couple will make their home near Rock Hall.

## FIREMEN SAVE FARM HOME OF ALBERT SUTTON

By arriving in the nick of time, Chestertown firemen saved the farm home of Mr. Albert Sutton, formerly the Crew farm between Chestertown and Hopewell Corner, Saturday night.

They were called when a bad chimney fire was showering sparks on the roof and just as they arrived at the scene the roof caught fire and was fanned by a gale of wind which was blowing at the time. Firemen immediately put up a ladder and extinguished the fire with water from the booster system. A few minutes delay might have caused serious destruction; as it was the damage was confined to four foot square hole in roof. The weather was so cold that the water turned into ice when it struck the roof.

Just previous to this fire, the Chestertown company had a call to a chimney fire at the Beal Smith farm at Kibler's Corner in Queen Annes County. The call, which was phoned in, stated that the fire was at McGinnis Corner and firemen continued to that further point. When they returned to Kibler's Corner the fire had burned itself out.

## DEATHS DURING THIS WEEK

**JOHN HERO KELLEY**

John Hero Kelley, aged 71 years, prominent farmer of Kent County, died at a Wilmington hospital on Wednesday where he had been since Christmas. He was born near Rock Hall and spent his entire life in this county.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lydia O. Kelley, a sister, Mrs. Mary E. Boulter; two sons, James Russell and John Spencer Kelley; three daughters, Mrs. Eula K. Smith, Mrs. Adelaide T. Curlett, and Miss Josephine Kelley of Camp Upton, N. Y.

Funeral services were held Friday at 1 P. M., from the home near Chesterville, conducted by Rev. C. L. Atwater. Interment was in Wesley Chapel cemetery. The bearers were Messrs. C. N. Satterfield, Burton Edwards, Hynson Carter, Robert Fogwell, Frank Parsons, and John Crouch. Marvin Williams had charge of funeral arrangements.

**MARY S. TONKIN**

Mary S. Tonkin, wife of Arthur E. Tonkin, passed away at her late home in Millington on Friday afternoon of last week following a lingering illness, age 68 years.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 P. M. from her late home. Rev. Strickland officiating. Interment was in Millington Cemetery.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one sister. Bearers were her six nephews. Edward Fellows was the funeral director in charge.

**MRS. LUCY BOWERS**

Mrs. Lucy Bowers, widow of the late John S. Bowers, former president of the Maryland M. P. Conference, died early Friday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Albert I. Dugan in Baltimore. She was born an draised in Chestertown, the daughter of the late Sheriff John W. Parsons. She is survived by 3 sons, Daniel Bowers, Dr. S. Cole Bowers and Frank Bowers. Funeral services will be held in Baltimore at 2:30 P. M. with interment in New Freedom, Pa.

**JOHN H. WEIST**

John H. Weist prominent churchman and business man of Millington, died Thursday of this week at his home on Sassafras St. He would have been 86 years of gae the following day.

Besides his wife, who has been an invalid for a number of years, he is survived by three sons and two daughters, Sudler G. and John E. Weist, of Millington and John E. Weist, of Sudlersville; the Misses Isabelle and Carrie Weist, at home.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 1 P. M., at Asbury Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. A. W. Strickland. Interment will be in Millington cemetery.

**LILLIAN E. OGLESBEY**

Lillian Elizabeth Oglesbey, 19-year-old Chestertown High School graduate, died at the Kent and Queen Anne's General Hospital here late Sunday night after a short illness. Death was attributed to an intestinal obstruction.

Funeral services for the young lady, who graduated from the local school in 1938, were held at 2 P. M. today from the Ralph H. Usilton, Inc., Funeral Home.

The deceased is survived by her mother. Mrs. Bradford Hirons, of Chestertown and her father, William Oglesby, of Baltimore.

Funeral services were in charge of the Rev. Melvin Kay and the bearers were: Jeff Leonard, Rollison Baxter, John Eliason, Charles Rollison, Robert Logan and Calvin Lynch. Interment was in Chester Cemetery.

## FIRE DESTROYS STORE AT EDESVILLE

Jack Stewart, proprietor, and John Townshend view the charred ruins of Store property caused by fire at 4:30 P. M., Monday.

The fire started at 4.30 P. M. in some paper in one corner of the store and quickly spread to crepe paper decorations hanging from the ceiling. Mr. Stewart and two salesmen were in the store at the time who immediately started fighting the fire. They were assisted by Jesse Jones, an employee, and Wilbur Smith both of whom were outside at the time the fire started. The flames jumped to some brooms which were hanging from the ceiling and when almost under control spread to a show window whcih contained anti-freeze. A can burst spreading burning alcohol and in a few minutes the entire building wsa in flames. Unable to get to the telephone to call the Rock Hall fire company, Mr. Smith drove the two miles and turned in the alarm. Although the entire building was in flames when firemen arrived, they succeeded in saving the part of the structure shown in the picture using the fire truck and water wagon.

The loss was estimated at $7,500 part of which was covered by insurance. It is understood that Mr. Stewart is not planning to rebuild.

Although outside walls still stand, all stock and equipment was a complete loss.

## LEGION GATHERS FOR ANNUAL OYSTER FEAST

This group of men, who served in the last war favor strong National Defense.

## CHESTERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

(By EARL HOFFMAN)

December 20, the last day of school the classes had a decorating contest to see who could decorate their room the best. Every class had neat rooms of mistletoe, holly, and crowfoot. It was hard for the judges to decide which room should get the prize because they all looked nice. Mr. Deaton's sophmores won the prize. In the last period each room had a party. Some had cider and cakes, others ice cream and cookies. After the refreshments the gifts were distributed by Santa Claus. From the way the pupils came back, they must have had a happy time. Every spare moment some one was telling somebody what they got for Christmas. We wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

## Enlisted In Army

Mr. William (Billy) Duncan Derringer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Duncan Derringer, of Chestertown, has enlisted in the Army and is now stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He was living in Florida at the time of his enlistment.

Mr. R. E. Wolfe, who has been conducting the Rawleigh Products route in this section of the county, has orders to report for army service. He is in the reserves and formerly was with the 35th Infantry.

## KENT COUNTY HAS 4,363 HOMES

Accordnig to census released this week, Kent County has 4,363 dwelling units for its population of 13,465. Of these units 311 were vacant, for sale or rent at the time the census was taken.

The report for Chestertown, which was the only town in the county recorded among towns of 2500 and over, showed 897 dwelling units for its population of 2,760.

## Ward Asks Crab Meat Tariff

Congressman David J. Ward appeared before the United States Tariff Commission this morning in behalf of the crab-meat industry.

The Commission is holding hearings with reference to an investigation of tariff on crab-meat.

Mr. Ward stated that one of the most important industries on the Eastern Shore of Maryland is that of crab-meat and other seafoods; that we are having to meet what we consider is undue competition in the crab-meat industry because Japanese crab-meat is being sold in this country for less than we can produce and market it. He asked for adjustment of tariff rates to favor producers of this country.

## GOVERNOR TELLS DEFENSE PLANS

The following are excerpts from the address of Governor Herbert R. O'Conor before the Maryland Legislature, particularly of the defense plans in the State:

I have, on behalf of our State, extended complete cooperation to the Federal Government in the matter of National Defense. In fact, one of the most effective means to insure our national integrity is the continuation of smooth-running and well-managed State Governments.

It was with this in mind that I established in August the Maryland Council of Defense and Resources as the official State body to advise with me on matters of National Defense that are to be carried out at State level, nad to coordinate such activities within the State. The Council operates in conjunction with the Division of State and Loyal Cooperation of the National Defense Advisory Commission, the two bodies jointly deciding upon a program in all matters requiring State action.

The Maryland Council consists of twenty-five citizens, and operates through a chairman, executive director and seven sub-committees under the following headings:

1—Industrial Resources and Production.

This committee has forwarded to the National Defense Advisory Commission a vast amount of industrial

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## FIRE COMPANY TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING MONDAY

### Will Elect Officers For Coming Year

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company will be held at the fire house Monday night.

At this meeting the various officers will make their annual report of activities for the past year and the new officers for 1941 will be elected.

An effort is made to have as many active and associate members as possible present to vote not only for officials but also to help determine the future policies of the company. According to information received this week, work is going forward on the new fire truck which is being built in Baltimore. The contractor has all equipment on had and the body is being assembled on the chasis.

## HENRY GILL TO HEAD PARALYSIS CAMPAIGN HERE

### Dance Planned For January 30th

Mr. Henry Gill has again accepted the chairmanship of the annual infantile paralysis campaign for Kent County and work is expected to start Monday.

According to Mr. Gill, the campaign will be conducted similar to that of last year. Coin containers will be placed in stores and business houses throughout the county for contributions and two giant coin collectors will be placed in Chestertown two days a week. Plans are to have these giant boxes attended by pretty girls.

Mr. Holden Kaufman, chairman of the dance committee of the campaign, is arranging for a benefit dance on Thursday evening, January 30th. Efforts are being made to get an outstanding orchestra.

Of the money received from the campaign 50% stays in Kent County for the local aid of paralysis victims and 50% goes to the National organization. Last year's campaign cleared over $200 as the local share of receipts.

## UNEMPLOYMENT PAY INCREASED DURING 1940

While unemployment benefit payments by the Maryland Unemployment Compensation Board in 1940 exceeded similar disbursements in the precednig year by $914,610 the payments for the last month of the year (December) were only $300,176, the lowest figure for a month since payments began in January, 1938.

The payments for 1940 totalled $6,661,848, and the number of checks for weekly benefits was 741,846.

The total of benefit payments by Maryland at the end of 1940 was $22,552,000, these figures covering the three years of full operation of the unemployment compensation law in this State.

In the week ending December 28 the total of claims presented by the unemployed was 10,367, and of these only 517 were new cases. This was the record low week of the Board's activities.

## RE AL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Miller Nelson, Inc., to Paul Shuman and wife, property at Kentmore Park.

G. E. Leary and wife to Emory V. Hogans and wife, property in Rock Hall.

John W. Carter to Bernice E. Richard L., and Sarah A. Newsome, property in Third District.

Harrison W. Vickers, Attorney, to William C. Witt, property in 5th District.

William G. Smith and wife to Joseph J. E. Walters and wife, property on Cross Street, Chestertown.

E ta Ross Hubbard to Wilbur Ross Hubbard, property on Queen Street, Chestertown.

Marion T. Miller and wife to Raymond and Milford Carr, property in 5th District.

The County Commissioners sold the following property which was bought in by them at tax sales:

To James H. Johnson and wife, property in 7th District.

To Wm. W. Scott and wife, property in 5th District.

To Hugh W. Wallis, Jr., property in 1st District.

To James W. Dorsey and wife, property in 2nd District.

To Leon Sisco and wife, property in 5th District.

## Soloman Chairs Hurt In Accident

Mr. Soloman Chairs is suffering from cuts and bruises received in an automobile accident Thursday night near Easton. He was alone at the time and his car crashed into a horse drawn log cart that was reported to have been on the highway without lights. His car was badly damaged.

## CUT IN STATE TAXES PROMISED BY GOVERNOR

### Affects Real Estate And Income Taxes

Annapolis, January 7—In his budget message to the Legislature here this evening, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor furnished a pleasant surprise to the taxpayers of the State in the form of a reduction in the State Tax on real Estate, of 5¾% in 1942, and of 10% in 1943, for a total dollar savings for the two years of $936,100.00.

Coupled with his expected announcement regarding proposed reductions in the Income Tax Levy, ranging up to 20% in some classifications, and (because it will apply to the calendar year 1940 as well) totaling $4,500,000 savings for the three fiscal years, the lowering of the State real estate tax will mean a combined saving of $5,436,100.00 to the people of Maryland.

The Governor's address was delivered in person to a joint meeting of the two houses of the General Assembly, and broadcast to the people of the State over WFBR.

In addition, to the reduction in taxes, Governor O'Conor noted with deep satisfaction that "as a result of the fiscal policies now in effect, the State's public debt will be reduced by the end of this administration from an initial total of $48,157,000.00 to $33,865,000.00, representing a reduction of 30%. Such a reduction is unprecedented in any four year period.

Noting the probable additional burdens to be laid upon the people of the State in connection with National Defense preparedness, the Chief Executive pointed out that the State's burden of this taxation "will be relieved to the extent that the State Government is now able to reduce the taxes for the support of its various operations."

In announcing an increase of $779,943.00 in the General Funds Budget for 1942, the Governor pointed out that requested appropriations for this year had been cut $1,886,829.89. Likewise, the requests for 1943 from General Funds were cut $1,915,102.69, making a total of requests refused of $3,801,932.58.

"Due to the uncertainty of world conditions," the Governor declared, "the future at the moment is not clear, and I feel the only safe course to follow with respect to State revenues should be on the conservative side."

It was pointed out that of the General Funds increase of $779,943.00 for 1942, necessary appropriations to public schools, State owned and State aided hospitals and institutions total $604,515, which amount is equivalent to approximately 77% of the increase. The Governor further pointed out that approximately $1 out of every $3 of General Funds collected is provided for public schools.

An all time high in roads construction seems indicated. Heading the list of appropriations from Special Funds is the allocation to the State Roads Commission of $16,085,947.16 for 1942 and $16,535,048.08 for 1943, a total for the two years of $32,620,995.24 dedicated to the construction and maintenance of the State Highways.

Among the new items included in the budget by the Governor was an appropriation of $1,500,000.00 for the construction of two proposed new Chronic Disease Hospitals, one on the Eastern Shore and one on the Western Shore. Provision was made also for the necessary increases in the budget for the State Employees' Retirement System to establish an employees Contributory System on an actuarual Basis.

"I have kept constantly in mind the necessity of operating the various agencies of the State Government with a minimum of cost to the taxpayers," declared the Governor in conclusion. "While very few increases other than those required by law have been allowed, I am convinced that the various State agencies will be able to operate with efficiency and to discharge their obligations under their various laws. "Many of the requests refused can undoubtedly be justified, "but I regard them as not essential in this time of crisis and not comparable to the necessity of our maintaining security of our Governmental and social order."

## Mens Club of Christ Church Hold Banquet

The Men's Club of Christ Methodist Church will hold their annual banquet in Fireman's Hall next Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock. The Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary will serve the menu. Rollison Baxter has charge of tickets. J. A. Kennard is president of the Club.