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BIRTHDAY BALL SCHEDULED FOR NEXT THURSDAY

Paralysis Campaign Now Going On

Arrangements have been completed for the annual President's Birthday Ball to be held at the Armory in Chestertown next Thursday evening, January 30th, according to an announcement by Mr. Holden Kaufman, Chairman of the Dance Committee. Music for the occasion will be furnished by Lynn Cheezum's seven piece orchestra and dancing will be from 9 to 1 at $1.50 a couple. The proceeds from the dance will go to the infantile paralysis campaign.

Mr. Henry Gill, general chairman of the drive in Kent County, has placed containers in the various business places in the county where contributions to the cause may be made.

Of the proceeds from the campaign, half is sent to national headquarters and half remains for infantile paralysis use in Kent County.

Tickets are now on sale for the ball and the committee hopes to make it an outstanding affair.

DEATHS DURING THIS WEEK

JOSEPH BESSE

Joseph Besse, age 73 years, passed away at his home near Still Pond on Thursday of this week. He was formerly an engineer with the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., of New York and upon retirement in 1934 he moved to his farm near Still Pond. He is survived by his wife Mary Wicham Besse; 3 sons, Joseph, John and David, at home; 2 brothers Nicholas and Fred, of Kankakee, Ill.; 3 sisters Mrs. Henry Nourie, Mrs. Joseph Nourie, of Kankakee, and Mrs. Saurilt, of Beaver, Ill.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 10 A. M., at Sacred Heart Church, Chestertown to be conducted by Rev. Father Charles Conway. B. R. Fellows is in charge of funeral arrangements.

MRS. JACOB ZEISEL

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Zeisel, age 72 years, died at her home in Queen Annes County near Chestertown on Saturday of last week. She is survived by her husband, Jacob J. Zeisel and two sisters, Mrs. Ida Sappington and Miss Janie Thomas, of Philadelphia.

Funeral services were held at Sacred Heart Church Wednesday morning conducted by Rev. Father Charles J. Conway.

Interment in Chester cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. Thomas A. Sappington, Frank J. Foley, William Slagle, James Thompson, Leonard Ziesel and Frank Baxter. Marvin V. Williams in charge of funeral arrangements.

FRANK M. LEWIS

Frank M. Lewis, 64, formerly of Fairlee, died at the University Hospital, Baltimore, Tuesday.

Funeral services were held from the Williams Funeral Home Thursday morning at 11 A. M., conducted by Rev. Strausbury. Interment was in Chester cemetery.

The bearers were Messrs. Albert Groves, William French, Robert Vandyke, T. H. M. Bramble, William Loller, and Walter Barnes.

The deceased is survived by one brother, William N. Lewis; three sisters, Mrs. John W. Kendall, and Mrs. Eva Martin, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Clara Rice, of Wilmington; two nieces also survive.

RICHARD NOBLETTE

Mr. Richard Noblette passed away at the home of Mrs. George Herbert Sunday morning in his 76th year. Mr. Noblette was a carpenter by trade. He was for many year a resident of Baltimore but for the last 20 years he has lived in Kent County. He was a member of the Methodist Church of Baltimore. He is survived by one brother, Samuel T. Noblette, of Baltimore.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 P. M. at the home of Mrs. Grace Herbert near Worton. Rev. Davis officiating. Interment in Union Cemetery. B. R. Fellows in charge of arrangements.

The bearers were Messrs. Howard Rasin, Harry Silcox, George Skeggs, John Price, Elston Kendall, Allen Jones.

MRS. ELIZABETH O'NEIL

Mrs. Elizabeth O'Neil passed away at her late home in Baltimore, Monday, January 13.

Mrs. O'Neil was for many years a resident of Lynch, she is survived by one son, Charles O'Neil, of Baltimore. Funeral services were held from her late home 243 South Conklin St., Baltimore, Thursday noon, Jan. 16. Revs. Holt and Fisher officiating. Interment in Still Pond cemetery. Rev. Davis officiating. B. R. Fellows in charge of arrangements.

...t To ...place State Boat Burned

The 53 foot yacht, Tahoka, formerly owned by Mr. E. L. Seeds, of Rock Hall, has been purchased by the State Conservation Department to replace the Calvert which recently burned.

The Tahoka is being conditioned at the Rock Hall Marine Railway where yellow metal is also being put on her bottom as a protection against ice.

COMMISSIONERS SET COUNTY TAX RATE AT $1.25

Reduction Of 8 Cents Under 1939 Rate

The Commissioners of Kent County, in regular session on Tuesday of this week, struck the county tax rate at $1.25 on the $100 Assessment. This rate is 8 cents less than the full year rate from June 1939 to June 1940 and 25 cents more than the half year rate of June 1940 to January 1941.

The largest item in the levy was $90,094.91 for public schools. Other items levied for to make the $1.25 rate were $10,000 for slag road bonds, $10,000 for funding bonds, $15,000 in bonds held by the Chestertown Bank of Maryland, and $59,000 indebetness to the various banks of Kent County. An item of $20,000 stone road bonds due July 1st will be paid out o fgasoline taxes received from the State.

According to a statement by the County Commissioners, the records show a total of $79,000 in uncollected taxes and that if all back taxes had been paid to date the tax rate for 1941 could have been less than $1.00. The Commissioners have, previously appointed a committee to study the system of some of the other counties in the State that are practically without delinquent taxes. The plan is, following the report of this committee, to suggest changes in the tax-collecting system of Kent County.

A letter received from the State Comptroller stated that Kent County's share of the gasoline tax during 1941 will be $100,763.80. Of this amount, according to the gasoline tax law, $17,980 will be for new road construction. $55,722 will be for county road maintenance, and surface treatment; this is $19,722 more than was levied for last year. $20,000 for payment of the balance of the stone road bonds. $7,061.80 for payment of a overdraft caused by that much more spent for county road maintenance than was levied for last year.

The total bonded indebetness of Kent County after the bond payments in 1941 will be $145,000.

RE AL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Ernest W. Horsey and wife to Betterton Volunteer Fire Co., property in Betterton.

Geo. C. Johnston to Mary E. and Laurence C. Reed, property in First District.

Annie C. Harris to Elmer Golt, property in First District.

Wm. Belt Townshend and wife to James J. Hadaway and wife, property on High Street extended, Chestertown.

Otham A. Melcolm and Elizabeth H. Collins to Olin B. Stafford and wife, property on road from Chestertown to Chesterville.

Katie Smith Rosin to Henry Marion Rosin and wife, property in First District.

James J. Hadaway, Treas. to Commissioners of Kent County two Chestertown properties sold for taxes.

LOCAL CHAPTER RED CROSS SHIPS GARMENTS

Three boxes containing eighty garments were sent this week to Jersey City Warehouse for shipment abroad. Mrs. H. Gilpin Brown, production chairman of the Kent County Chapter of Amercian Red Cross, stated the boxes contained scarfs, sweaters, dresses, pajamas and layetts.

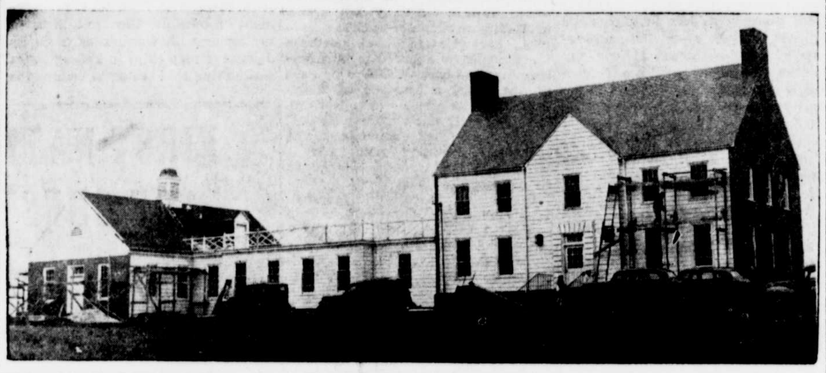
Chairmen of the different districts of the County are requested to send in their February quotas of garments as soon as they are completed.

Marriage Announced

Mrs. J. Leonard Turner, of near Millington announces the marriage fo her daughter Elva Leona, to Mr. Robert Crew of Crumpton on Wednesday, January 15th. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Ralph W. Hopkins of the Crumpton Church.

The young couple will reside in Crumpton where the groom is employed.

NEW HOSPITAL WING NEARING COMPLETION



Pictured is the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital with the new wing as it appears today. Preparations are being made to open this new wing during the month of March.

Plans are now underway to start a drive to raise $8,000 for equipment in the new wing. Already a new operating table, delivery room equipment, furniture and instrument tables have been purchased. In addition to the new wing, repairs are being made to the main building.

OWEN C. SMITH ELECTED PRES. OF BUSINESS ASSOC.

Chas. N. Satterfield Is Retiring President

At the annual election of officers of the Chestertown Business Men's Association on Wednesday of this week Mr. Owen C. Smith was elected president to succeed Mr. C. N. Satterfield who has held that office for the past year.

Mr. Richard H .Collins was elected vice-president to succeed Mr. Smith.

This organization was formed last April and has a luncheon meeting each Wednesday. Its activities deal with all civic and business movements in the community. It has headed a number of town-wide sales programs; conducted the coupon drawings during the Christmas holidays; arranged the Christmas decorations; established the parking lot on Cross Street and cooperated in numerous other civic activities. All business and professional men of the community are invited to become a member and assist in the work of the organization.

H. S. LEAVERTON INSTALLED HEAD OF FARM BUREAU

Annual Banquet Feb. 6

The newly elected officers of the Kent County Farm Bureau were officially installed Tuesday evening of this week as follows:

Howard S. Leaverton, President This is Mr. Leaverton's fifth year as head of this organization.

V. P. Price, Vice President.

Frank O. Sutton, Secretary and Treasurer.

That date for the annual Farm Bureau banquet has been set for Thursday, February 6th at Fireman's Hall.

The annual stock-holders meeting of the Farm Bureau Cooperative will be held at the Little Court House January 31st at 1:30 P. M. Directors will be elected at this meeting.

Scoutmaster J. Willis Wells, accepting for Troop No. 130 its 14th annual Charter from Dr. Frederck G. Livingood, Kent District Chairman, Wednesday evening, January 22.

UNION SERVICE FOR FIREMEN TO BE HELD SUNDAY

Arranging Annual Banquet

At a recent meeting of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co., two things of some public interest were resolved upon. One was to attend Divine Service on the last Sunday night in January each year, the Service to be a Union gathering of the local Congregations, as suggested by the Ministerial Association. This Sunday evening, Jan. 26, the first of such Services will be held in Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church, at 7:30 P. M. The Rev. Mr. Reynolds and Dr. W. P. Roberts will be present and take part in the Service, to which the public is cordially invited.

The other item of interest acted upon by the Fire Co., was the setting of the date for the annual Banquet for February 25th, and the Appointment of the Committee to arrange for the same. The Committee consists of The Rev. C. L. Atwater, D. D., Chairman; President R. C. Davis, Chief Blackway, and Messrs. T. H. Wood, Henry Gill, W. L. Fowler, A. A. Sparks, H. G. Blyman, Wm. H. Elliott, John R. Hadaway, Wm. G. Smyth, C. Julian Coleman, B. Fox, J. F. Leverage, and Richard George. The Committee will meet Monday evenings at 7:30 P. M., immeditely before the session of the Fire Company itself.

Watch Crystal Strength

It is estimated that an ordinary watch crystal will crack under 50 pounds weight.

SENATOR BRICE DINNER SPEAKER AT WOMAN'S CLUB

Senator Arthur H. Brice was the guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the Business and Professional Woman's Club held at the Fire House Monday evening. He gave a very interesting talk on the work of the Legislative Council. Other guests on the occasion were Delegates Roy Strong and Roger Harris. The program was arranged by the Legislative Committee of the club which is composed of Miss Alice Smith, Chairman, Miss Hermione Riches, Mrs. Catherine Barnes, Miss Sue Smith and Mrs. Florence Christopher. Miss Riches introduced the speaker.

Following the meeting a large group of the members expressed to Senator Brice their opposition to women serving on Jurors.

At the conclusion of this program, Mr. Preston P. Heck, Chairman of the new high school committee, talked on the need of a new school in Chestertown.

2 KENT SAILORS PLACE IN CLASS RACING

Figures Complete For Last Season

Two Kent County sailors placed in the official registry of Class racing on the Chesapeake Bay. The list of the placing appeared in the January issue of "Yachting" and showed that Henry Wilmer, son of Commodore Harry Wilmer of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club took first in the star class.

Jack Cowperthwaite, son of Commodore J. P. Cowperthwaite, of the Rock Hall Yacht Club placed fourth in the comet Class in competition with 92 racing boats of that class. Jack was tenth in that class last year.

These were the only two local winners listed in the summary.

FARM BUREAU LAUDS O'CONOR FOR TAX PLAN

Resolutions offering hearty congratulations "on the healthy condition of the State's finances" and approving the Governor's proposal for the complete elimination of the State's bonded indebtedness and the abandonment of the State Real Estate Tax, were adopted by the Maryland Farm Bureau in Convention Friday, and forwarded today to Governor O'Conor by Philip C. Turner, President of the Bureau.

"We congratulate the present State administration," the Farm Bureau statement said, "on the healthy condition of the State's finances. We applaud Governor Herbert R. O'liquidate the State bonded debt and the State real estate levy within the next decade, a long-cherished desire of our organization."

The Farm Bureau indorsement followed receipt by the Governor of commendation from the Commission on Governmental Efficiency and Economy of Baltimore City expressing appreciation for his "enlightened position, not only in planning the budget but in seeking its consideration by citizens who take a serious interest in the affairs of state."

The Commission's letter was forwarded by William J. Casey, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. It approved the method by which the State budget was prepared and praised Governor O'Conor's financial program as follows:

"We recognize that under your policy the State has made worthwhile progress in sound and modern methods in connection with its accounting and fiscal practices, and we not with much satisfaction that some of the recommendations that we have been making in this regard are already in effect."

Dr. Wilmer Named Commodore

Dr. Harry Wilmer, of Philadelphia and Chester River, has been appointed Commodore of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Jesse D. Maxwell.

QUESTIONNAIRES AGAIN BEING SENT TO DRAFTEES

2 White Replacements Leave Monday

The Kent County Draft Board resumed on Wednesday the sending of questionnaires to men who registered for the selective service in October. This work was halted the early part of December after 320 questionnaires had been sent out and all of this group have had physical examinations and have been classified.

Questionnaires are being sent out at the rate of 20 a day and will continue until orders to stop are received from State headquarters. The Kent County Advisory Board have resumed their sittings in the Court Room of the Court House to assist registrants in filling out their questionnaires. The hours at which the Advisory Board will be in session are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 3:30 to 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon and 7:00 to 9:00 at night.

Saturdays, 9:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M.

The Advisory Board is headed by Judge Stephen R. Collins, Harrison W. Vickers and Thomas F. Healey.

Two white men will leave next Monday, January 27th for the induction station in Baltimore to replace Ludwig Bartz and Melvin Sulphin who were sent home due to physical defects. The replacements who leave Monday are:

Frederick Gsell, of Morgneck order number 101.

George Edward Harris, of Lynch, order number 103.

Another Call In February

The Kent County Induction Board have received orders to send 7 men the early part of February. This order includes four white men and three colored men. The names of the men for this call have not been released.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR KENT YOUTHS

Meetings Scheduled For Next Week

In addition to appropriations for other defense education programs, the Federal Government recently appropriated money with which to provide training until June 30, 1941 to young men in rural areas whose ages range from 18 to 24 included in such courses as

1. Operation, care, and repair of tractors, trucks and automobiles.

2. Metal work, including simple welds, tempering, drilling, shaping and machinery repairs.

3. Woodworking including carpentering.

4. Elementary electricity, including operation, care and repair of electrical equipment.

Funds have been allocated to Maryland to carry on this work and Kent County is participating in the program.

The Federal Government pays all costs of instruction including even the instructional supplies. Instruction, therefore, is entirely free to those of you who wish to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to add to your vocational training.

The length of each course will be ten weeks with classes meeting three times per week for two hour periods. Only two classes will be organized in Kent County at first and the enrollment in each class will be limtied to twenty. Regular attendance will be necessary to carry on the work successfully and anyone who is absent three nights for any cause other than sickness will be replaced by the first one on the waiting list.

For the purpose of supplying further information to those of you who are interested in taking one of the courses, and also for the purpose of organizing the classes, the following meetings are scheduled:

Chestertown High School, 1:30 P. M., on Monday, January 27, 1941.

Rock Hall High School, 1:30 P. M., on Tuesday, January 28, 1941.

Galena High School, 1:30 P. M., on Thursday, January 30, 1941.

Millington High School, 1:30 P. M., on Friday, January 31, 1941.

Mr. Louis C. Robinson and the principal of the school will attend each of these meetings to advise with those of you who are present.

BANQUET FOR NATIONAL GUARD JANUARY 31ST

Sponsored By Local Civic Groups

A number of civic organizations of Chestertown and Kent County are planning a banquet in honor of the local National Guard unit just prior to their muster into the regular Army for a year of military training. The date of the banquet is next Friday evening, January 31st; the place is Firemen's Hall; the time 7 P. M.; price of tickets 75c. The public is not only invited to attend but efforts will be made to have as large a representation as possible to honor these men who are giving a year of their life in preparation for the defense of this nation. The guard is a county-wide outfit as its members come from all sections of the county.

The members of the guard unit together with one lady guest for each member will be invited to the banquet by the sponsors.

The committee, together with the organizations they represent, is as follows:

Mrs. Horace V. Needles, Ladies' Auxiliary Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company; Rollison Baxter, Rotary Club; Thomas Kennard, Men's Club of Christ Church; Willis Wells, Lions Club and Fire Company; Herbert A. Urie, Rock Hall Fire Company; C. M. Melvin, Millington Fire Company; Harry Jarman, of Galena, the Frank M. Jarman Post 36, American Legion; Miss Catherine Strong, Chestertown Business and Professional Woman's Club; Preston P. Heck, Chestertown Business Men's Association and Leroy Jacquette, Wesley Chapel Methodist Church.

CORN ALLOTMENT OPTIONAL UNDER FARM PROGRAM

Placing Kent County in the 1941 commercial corn area affects the application of the AAA program to farms in this county, according to J. D. McVean, County Agent, for Kent County.

Designation of the County as a commercial corn county means: That a corn acreage allotment will be determined for each farm normally producing corn; that such farms will be eligible for corn conservation payments of 9 cents a bushel on the normal yield of the allotment and for parity payments as authorized by the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938; and, corn loans will be available at the full commercial rate established under the terms of the act.

The parity rate for 1941 will be determined later, according to County Agent McVean. In 1940, the parity payment was 5 cents a bushel on the normal yield of the allotment. The loan rate on corn in 1940 was 61 cents a bushel in the commercial area.

Prior to 1941, all commercial corn counties have been in the middle west; but 24 counties in Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania were included in the 1941 commercial corn area on the basis of information on their corn production which was not previously available. It revealed that these counties met specifications as commercial corn counties, as set forth in the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938. The eleven Maryland counties are Baltimore, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Queen Anne's and Washington and the allotment is 224,979 acres for the state.

Some farmers of Kent County may choose to use a non-allotment provision of the 1941 program under which they may forego the corn payments and plant up to their usual acreage of corn. The "non-allotment" provision takes into consideration the fact that some farmers may be unable to make theadjustments underthe commercial corn allotments this year.

Mr. McVean states thatit will probably be a full month before his office can prepare material setting forth all the details and facts which farmers will need to guide their planning for the '41 program and in determining the extent to which they will participate in the program. Following the announcement of the details a series of meetings will be held throughout the counties at which farmers can study the applications of the program to their individual farms.

Marriage Announced

Mr. nad Mrs. Robert W. Johnston, of Sassafras, Md., announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Rachel Johnston to Mr. James W. Geary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warner J. Geary of Kennedyville, Md.

The wedding took place Saturday, January 18th, at 4:00 P. M., in the Methodist Parsonage, Still Pond, by Rev. Charles Davis. Their only attendents were Miss Elizabeth Geary sister of the bride-groom and Mr. Oliver Groves, of Kennedyville.