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Pratt Library Mulberry & Cathedral

SUGAR CORN FOR KEN. CANNERY INCREASED

Contract For 100 More Acres

Work started this week on the planting of 700 acres of sugar corn for the Kennedyville Cannery. This represents 100 more acres planted this year than last under contract.

The acreage has not only been increased by 100 but the contract price is increased from $9.00 a ton to $10. The varieties are shoepeg and yellow bantum.

Under the contracts the farmers raise the corn and the canneries pull and haul it.

CURRENT IS NOW FLOWING OVER RURAL LINES

R. E. A. Co-operative Line Energized

Farmers in Kent are happy. At last their dreams are being realized for the services, the economies and the conveniences of electricity are available to them. The "juice" is on the line built during recent months with Federal funds administered by the Choptank Co-operatives, Inc. with headquarters at Denton, Maryland.

The line was energized on Wednesday morning, May 7th. Meters are being installed at the rate of from 40 to 60 per day. This means that all applicants reached by Unit "C" whose buildings are wired and the "cut-in" cards from the Inspector (Fire Insurance Underwriters Association) are in the Denton office of the Co-operative will be able to enjoy electricity within a very few days. The availability of the current will spur those whose wiring jobs are in various stages of completion to "hurry-up."

Of the 333 members of the REA Co-operative to be served on this "C" unit in Kent and Cecil Counties, south of the Bohemia River, some 200 are ready for the current. Soon nearly all will be using current.

County Agent McVean reports nearly 200 applicants for current were not reached by this "C" unit but he believes practically all of these and many new applicants will be served from "E" unit, funds for which are expected to be allotted as of July 1st. The principal line extension will be in the area south of the Chestertown to Fairlee road in what was "protested area" but which is now open to the Co-operative. Nearly 60 applications for service are in this area and quite an increase is anticipated. The other extensions will be relatively short spurs from the "C" unit now being energized. It is expected that these spurs will be completed within a few months. Any additional prospective customers who want electricity from the Co-operative should reveal their intention or desire by applying at once for membership in the Co-operative as a guide to the course the line extensions should follow. Naturally the line will go to the applicants on record when unit "E" is approved by R. E. A. in Washington.

MARINE CORPS IS ACCEPTING ENLISTMENTS

The U. S. Marine Corps Recruiting Station, located at Calvert and Fayette Sts., Baltimore, which is headquarters for the state of Maryland, announces that the U.S. Marine Corps is accepting young men for enlistment who are between the ages of 18 and 30 years.

Also, young men between the ages of 21 and 30 years who have registered for selective service, can volunteer for enlistment in the U. S. Marine Corps.

The period of enlistment is for four years. Applicants must have a clear record; be in good physical condition; and have an average education. The minimun height is 64 inches and the maximum 74 inches. Married men will not be accepted.

Those who pass the physical examination successfully and meet the above requirements, will be enlisted at Baltimore office and sent to Parris Island, S. C., for inital training. The period of training is for about six weeks, after which men are sent to a regular Marine Corps station.

IN THE DANCE OF ALICE BLUE GOWN

Left to right—Jenifer Kingsley, Rosemary Wright, Betty Turner, Mildred Powers, Ann Wilmer, Peggy Truslow, Nellie Truslow, Peggy Metcalfe.

Rents Betterton Yacht Club Pier

Mr. Francis Gibson of Chestertown will manage the Betterton Yacht Club Pier this coming season.

Plans are for opening on Decoration Day. The Pier is owned by Turner & Co. Mr. Gibson is advertising for help, see classified column on page 4.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR A DAY IN OLD CHESTERTOWN

30 Homes and Gardens To Be Open

Plans have been completed for the annual Old Chestertown Day to be known this year as "A Day in Old Chestertown." The schedule includes 30 homes and gardens to be open for visitors and an unusual display of old furniture, glassware, crockery etc.

The merchants of Chestertown, through the Business Men's Association are cooperating in the preparations and many stores will decorate their windows appropriate to the occasion. The association is offering a prize for the most appropriately decorated window. The committee on decoration is R. J. Nicholson, Vernon Kirby and E. J. Allan.

Dr. Livingood To Receive Hon. Degree

Dean Fred G. Livingood of Washington College will be honored by Albright College, Reading, Pa., with the degree of Doctor of Laws at the forthcoming Commencement, according to an announcement from the College today.

Dean Livingood, who is a native of Pennsylvania, is a graduate of Albright. He later received the Master's Degree and his doctorate in the field of Education at Harvard University. In 1925, he became head of the Department of Education at Washington College and in June, 1940, was appointed Dean of the College.

Dean Livingood is prominent in civic activities and serves as Chairman of the Kent County Council of the Boy Scouts. He is also a member of the Board of Christian Education of the Peninsula Conference of the Methodist Church.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Edward C. Clark to Kentmore Park Co., property at Kentmore Park.

S. Scott Beck, Jr., Assignee, to Miller Nelson, Inc., property at Kentmore Park.

Franklin E. Ashley, et al, to John M. Ashley, property in Rock Hall.

Mary E. Fritzges to Alice Grant, property near Rock Hall.

Harry N. and Louis R. Silcox, to Clinton J. Riley, property in 3rd District.

Wm. O. Bringman and Oliva M. Bringman to Wm. Belt Townshend & Co., Inc., property corner High and Queen Streets, Chestertown.

John Wesley Lewis and wife to Walter P. Bloecher, property in 7th District.

Anna M. Thomas and Walter Thomas to Eva E. Bryden, property in 5th District.

Alice A. Layton and husband to James R. and Fannie E. Forsyth, property in Betterton.

Ida V. William to Miriam W. Hawkins, property in 5th District.

Twentieth-Century Shipwrecks

About $170,000,000 worth of gold has been lost in shipwrecks in the Twentieth century alone.

EIGHT DRAFTEES TO LEAVE 20TH

Eleven draftees left the induction center at Chestertown on Friday morning and eight white men will leave on May 20th as follows:

No.	Name
941	Alfred Elwood Hickman, Chestertown R. R.
595	Clifton Elmo McKinney, Chestertown.
964	Thos. Henry Mercer, Rock Hall R. R.
1022	Carl Joseph Walbert, Kennedyville, R. R.
1066	Charles Frazier Wheatley, Jr., Chestertown.
1091	Julian Hurlock Jones, Massey
1097	James Franklin Greenwood, Still Pond.
1088	Robert Lee Edwards, Rock Hall R. R.

These men are all replacements.

1462 of the 1611 questionnaires have been sent out todate.

MEN WANTED FOR DEFENSE WORK IN COUNTIES

Gov.'s Defense Council To Handle Recruiting

Announcement was made here today by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor that civilian volunteers to serve as spotters for Aircraft in Maryland, will be recruited immediately by the Maryland Council of Defense and Resources, the Governor's Advisory Body on all matters pertaining to State and National Defense.

The assistance of Governor O'Conor in this important preparedness move was requested by General Delos C. Emmons, Commander of the Aircraft Forces of the Nation, as still another link in Maryland's rapidly forging chain of complete preparedness.

Registration will be under the direction of the Maryland Council of Defense, Governor O'Conor outlined, and forms will be available shortly. In the meanwhile, any interested person may write Isaac S. George, Executive Director, Governor's Office Union Trust Building, and the forms will be mailed.

Many Posts In Counties

The principal need will be in the counties, where most of the observation posts will be located. All volunteers must be able to devote full time when the occasion warrants.

Those who are accepted will become members of the Observation Corps and will serve without pay on a volunteer basis. Men only will be used at the observation posts, but both men and women will be placed on duty at information centers.

Observers at Observation Posts should be men outside the draft age or unfit for military duty; they must be alert, careful and dependable in character and able to study and learn to recognize, locate and report numerical strength, altitude, and type of aircraft spotted. directed of their movebent, and time of observation.

All Citizens Eligible

There will be no distinction of race, creed or color as long as they are citizens. Men and women for inside work at information centers will be employed in a variety of duties as clerks, typists, telephone, teletype and radio operators, scanners, plotters, etc. All such should be fairly young, in good health and comparatively free of family obligations and should be willing to enlist in case of war. Each registrant will be subject to investigation as to background.

Cosmetic Revenue

The federal government collects approximately $1,000,000 monthly in internal revenue taxes on cosmetics.

The performance of the Mildred Powers dancing class at the Lyceum Theatre on Monday and Tuesday nights was well received and showed considerable talent among those wno took part. The above was one of a number of group dances by members of the class.

Solo parts that were particularly well received included Kay Booth Steele, Bobby Townshend, Doris and Anna Stime, Peel Whitsitt and Nacy Jacobs.

MRS. CHARLES W. WHALAND HEADS SCHOOL BOARD

At a meeting of the Kent County Board of Education on Tuesday, Mrs. Charles W. Whaland was elected Chairman to succeed Mr. L. Bates Russell, whose term expired May 1st.

Mr. Herbert Urie, Rock Hall was elected vice chairman. The other member of the Board is Mr. Norman A. Wallen, of Millington, who was appointed May 1st.

MATAPEAKE RATE TO BE REDUCED BY STATE

More Trips Planned

Lowest rates for automobiles, trucks, and passengers, using the Annapolis-Claiborne Ferry, as well as more frequent and more rapid service were forecast by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor, in signing the measure providing for purchase of the Ferry by the State.

Hailing the now approved acquisition by the Roads Commission of the Ferry property as "a new era in Bay transportation", Governor O'Conor declared that, in signing the measure, he was legalizing a forward step that had been one of the fondest hopes of the present administration.

In the presence of Senator Dudley G. Roe, of Queen Anne's County, who had introduced the measure; People's Counsel Joseph Sherbow, who conducted the recent Ferry rate hearing that really opened the way for purchase by the State; and a large group of Eastern Shore businessmen, representatives of the State Roads Commission, and others, Governor O'Conor said in affixing his signature, "As I declared sometime ago, I am most anxious that there be a reduction in passenger, truck and automobile rates effective, of course, after acquisition by the State. The very purpose in purchasing these facilities is to make possible cheaper transportation over the Bay. These contemplated reductions, plus the more frequent and more rapid trans-Bay service planned, will work to the benefit of the entire State, I feel sure, in bringing baout greater use of the Ferry facilities by all our people and thus promoting an increase in travel throughout the various sections of the State.

Purchase Price Low

"The State acquires the Ferry properties at what I consider a most satisfactory price. The increased costs involved in ship construction make it apparent that the price of slightly over 1,000,000 is far less than it would cost to replace the equipment now in service and operation.

"The valuation set by the Public Service Commission was $1,038,000 as compared with the figure of over 1,800,000 contended for by the Company. Thereupon, I directed the State Roads Commission to study the problem and advise me of their recommendations. This body agreed with my belief that the Ferry Service was an integral part of the State Roads System and as such should be State owned and operated.

TO ORGANIZE FOUR COUNTY MEDICAL SOC.

According to a statement by Dr. A. F. Whitsitt, Secretary of the Kent County Medical Society, the May Day luncheon meeting of the medical societies of the four upper eastern shore counties (Kent, Queen Anne, Caroline, and Talbot), held at Sophie Fisher Inn, Chestertown, was such a decided success that the presidents and secretaries of the societies are meeting at Centreville this Friday, May 9th, for the purpose of organizing for regularly group meetings.

It is planned that once during each year each county will be the host. The group will be large enough to warrant inviting outstanding men for addresses.

The meeting in Chestertown was well attended. All except one of Kent's physicians were present, a total of thirty-one heard Dr. Perrin H. Long, outstanding authority on the use of the "Wonder Sulfa-drug."

ANNUAL SCHOOL FIELD DAY SET FOR NEXT THURS.

All Schools In County To Compete

Mr. Joseph Hall, director of the school field day in Kent County, is completing arrangements for this event which will be held at Washington College athletic field next Thursday.

In order to reduce the number of events for field day the High School Volley and soft ball matches were played off last Friday with the following results:

Girls soft ball won by Rock Hall High School, coached by Mrs. Helen Wagner.

Girls Volly Ball, Chesetertown, coached by Miss Marie Bryan.

Boys Volley Ball, Chestertown, coached by Miss Riches.

Boys Soft Ball, under 115 lbs., Chestertown, coached by Prof. Blades.

Boys Soft Ball, over 115 lbs., Chestertown, coached by Prof. Hall.

GOLF LEAGUE TO OPEN SEASON HERE SUNDAY

Chestertown To Play Easton

At an organization meeting of the Peninsula Golf Association at Easton Friday night the league was increased to five teams, the two new teams being Seaford and Choptank. The other teams are Chestertown, Easton, and Dover. These teams comprise the northern league and a southern league will be composed of teams on the lower part of the Peninsula.

The season will open Sunday with Easton playing at Chestertown.

Girl Scouts Plan Banquet

A group of merchants in Chestertown are considering closing their establishments on Wednesday afternoons. No definite action has been taken and the matter is still in the process of discussion. The proposal is for the summer months.

HELP WANTED

According to an announcement by Mr. Henry Demain, manager of the Vita Foods Products Cannery at Chestertown, he will have employment for 80 women and a number of men during the canning season. Registrations for employment are being received at the cannery now.

WITH MEDICAL DETACHMENT AT CAMP MEAD

Preparing For "At Home" Week End

The Transcript:—

It was a great pleasure for the members of the Medical Detachment who remained in camp over the week-end to entertain some of their friends from Chestertown and vicinity. Staff Sgt. Louis O. Porter has as his guests Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gordon. Pvt. First Class Lemuel R. McGinnis was visited by his wife, Mrs. Ellen McGinnis and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William R. McGinnis.

Other recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Parson, Roland Perry, Theodore Wood, Misses Ruth Byron, Margaret Brown and Frances Brown.

The Medical Detachment has been buty for the past two weeks preparing to welcome all its friends and guests ot the "At Home" week-end of the 115th Infantry on May 17-18. Among the events planned for Sunday are a parade, the presentation of the colors and a band concert. Nearly everyone in Chestertown and vicinity has either a friend or a relative here so there should be a large turnout.

There is an elimination contest going on in the regiment in boxing. The participants from this unit are Pvts. First Class Kennard E. Everett and John T. Frank.

Corp. Franklin P. Bigelow and Pvt. First Class Francis E. Weber have received their diplomas from the 29th Division Chemical Warfare school.

In the past several young gents have been lucky enough to get out of taking exercise but it was recently discovered and now they must be included in this physical endurance. Even the commanding officer, Major Joseph P. Franklin, is included in these new recruits.

Two members of this company will soo nlearn not to go to sleep while someone is giving them a lecture. The next time Lieut. Candler has to throw water on "Blimp" it probably will not be just a little bit in the palm of his hand.

Pvt. First Class Ben. F. Gardner, Jr.

CHESTERTOWN TO BE REPRESENTED AT FESTIVAL

Princess Will Attend Fete At Salisbury

Chestertown will be represented by a princess at the "Strawberry Festival" to be held at Salisbury on May 29th, 30th, and 31st. The Mayor and Council turned the matter over to the Chestertown Business Men's Association which organization will select a young girl to represent this town at the three day event.

Salisbury is endeavoring to make it a Shore-wide affair in order to help the Peninsula take its proper place as a strawberry center.

PLAN YOUTH 4-H CAMP AT BOOKERS

Kent County was represented at the Shore meeting held at Centreville, Wednesday night, to discuss the Eastern Shore Older 4-H Youth Camp to be held at Booker's Wharf on the week-end of Aug. 22, by Miss Helen N. Schellinger, Theodore Redman, Cecilia Redman, Mary Tucker Lusby, and Robert R. Hill, II.

A committee was elected at large from the Shore composed of the County Council presidents and their respective home demonstration agents and county agents or assistants. The camp is to be for older 4-H youth over 16 years of age with the idea of bringing the Shore youth closer together. E. G. Jenkins, State 4-H Boys Club leader was present to help formulate the plans for the camp.

FIVE YEARS IN STATE PEN. FOR MAN SLAUGHTER

The Circuit Court for Kent County in session on Friday, sentenced Edward Long, colored, to five years in the Maryland Penitentiary for man slaughter.

Long was found guilty of manslaughter last week by a jury as the result of the killing of James Silby at the oyster shucking house of Mr. Gilbert Ashley in Piney Neck.

The four 15-year-old Philadelphia boys, Albert Handcus, Fred Poles, Thomas Frendi, and James Price, who were found guilty of larceny and breaking and entering at the Scout Camp near Tolchester were sentenced to two years in the Maryland House of Correction and paroled to the Maryland Training School for Boys for the two years period.

Sentence was suspended in the case of Harold Newton.

Court adjourned until June 9th at which time the Petit Jury was ordered to report.

DEATHS DURING THE WEEK

PERCY G. SKIRVEN

Percy G. Skirven, author and geonealogist, died suddenly at his home in Baltimore Sunday night at the age of 75 years.

In spite of his age he was active in the business life of Baltimore and at the time of his death was manager of the shipping department of the Furnace-Withey Steamship Company which position he has held for the past 22 years.

Born in Kent County on the Rock Point Farm, he remained here until 45 years ago when he moved to Baltimore.

He has taken a great interest and contributed a great deal to the history of the Eastern Shore, particularly Kent County, and in 1935 was president of the Eastern Shore Society. He wrote three books—"The First Parishes of the Provinces of Maryland," "Maryland's Colonial Eastern Shore," and "I. U., a Historic Shrine." He wa san Episcopalian, a Mason and a member of the Maryland Tercentennial Society and the Sons of the Revolution.

Mr. Skirven married Miss Mary Gemmill, of Kent County, in 1892. She died in 1924.

He is survived by three daughters Mrs. Lenoe Badger, of Baltimore; Mrs. Charles A. Bolgiano, of Hyattsville, and Mrs. W. B. Cooley, of New York, and four brothers, Edward, Charles and Frank Skirven, of Chestertown and vicinity, and Arthur Skirven, of Chicago.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, Baltimore, at 10 A. M. Thursday.

MISS MARY M. KNIGHT

Miss Mary M. Knight, age 61 years died at her home on Queen Street, Thursday morning following a lingering illness. She was the daughter of the late William O. B. and Joanna Morgan Knight and is survived by a sister, Miss Emma Knight and a number of nieces and nephews. For a number of years she was secretary at the office of the James G. Beck Insurance Agency.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 P. M., at Christ Methodist Church to be conducted by Dr. W. P. Roberts. Interment will be in Chester Cemetery. The remains may be viewed at the Ralph H. Usilton Funeral Home Saturday afternoon.

MRS. ALICE CAHALL

Mrs. Alice M. Cahall, aged 42, died at Easton Hospital on Tuesday. She is survived by her husband James W. Cahall, two daughters and one son, of Longwood, Md. Three brothers and three sisters also survive.

The remains were brought to the home of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Cooper, on College Avenue, in Chestertown. Funeral services were held at Busick Church, near Barclay on Friday at 2 o'clock.

Ralph H. Usilton, Inc., was in charge of funeral arrangements.

MRS. AGNES ANDREWS

Mrs. Agnes Estelle Andrews, wife of Charles S. Andrews, died at their home in Rock Hall, Thursday, May 1st, aged 64 years. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Charles Jacob, and six grandchildren at Rock Hall, also a sister, Mrs. Hero Kelley.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 1:00 P. M., from the home of a stepson, Mr. Arthur Wheat with Rev. F. Charles Louhoff of the Methodist Church officiating, and Undertaker W. H. Good in charge. Burial was made in Wesley Cemetery. The bearers were Messrs. Arthur Wheat, Frank, Samuel and Charles Jacob, Spencer Kelley and Eldridge Joiner.