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FIRE DESTROYS TOLCHESTER PIER IN BALTIMORE

Southport Undamaged –Running Schedule

In spite of a fire that destroyed the pier and excursion steamer Tolchester early Thursday mroning, the ferry Southport is making her schedule with the loss of only one day. The trip was abandoned Thursday due to inability to get passengers aboard the boat but the regular schedule started Friday and will continue.

The fire started on the steamer Tolchester about midnight and resulted in the complete loss of that boat, piers 16 and 17, and threatened the entire waterfront. The steamer Tolchester had just been returned to her pier from drydock in preparation for the summer excursion season and the fire is thought to have been started by workmen who were using a blow torch. Plans for the summer season had not been made at the time of going to press.

The Southport was only slightly damaged about the pilot house. Fire boats pulled her out into the stream when she caught fire and quickly extinguished the flames.

TO GRADUATE AT KENT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS

Below is a list of the prospective graduates of the various High Schools in Kent County.

MILLINGTON
General Course

Boys—Paul David Church, William Christopher Simon.

Girls—Lola Frances Bramble, Grace Genevieve Bramble, Sara Mildred Edwards, Mary Elizabeth Hollett, Mary Catherine Charlotte Semans, Ether Lavinia Stevens.

GALENA
General Course

Boys — Edgar Gale Davidson, Arthur Brice Dill, Frank Lester Newnam, William Robert Newnam, Jr., Michael Lawrence O'Grady, Jr., Irving Wright Spry, Robert Zelefro Spry.

Girls — Anna Margaret Churay, Catherine Rebecca Cochran, Mary Louise Cochran, Catherine Harrison Ford, Mary Emma Johnston, Marie Barbara O'Grady, Betty Jane Woodall.

CHESTERTOWN
Academic Course

Boys—John Elwood Barnes, Jr., Rollison Hall Baxter, Robert Hildren Bowers, Clifford Allen Brockson, James Rayfield Byron, John Alricks Deringer, William Edward Dulin, John Lee Gill, John Monroe Hudson, Edmund Pennington Lusby, John Elwood Miller, Robert Francis Miller, Joseeph Augustine Sutton, John Fillespie Walters.

Girls—Doris Emily Coleman, Carlia Thelma Crew, Gladys Irene Darby, Florence Hurtt Deringer, Hallie Marie Fogwell, Ruth A. Fogwell, Mary Hoe Groves, Audrey Mae Harper, Anna Ruth Logan, Mary Lu Lumpkin, Mary Lydia Lusby, Eleanor Marie Newton, Marian Frances Peterson, Marie Louise Thornton, Evelyn Marlene Wright.

General Course

Boys—Whaland Walter Clark, Jr., John Joseph Coleman, William Leslie Crew, Lawrence Vernon Downey, James Neavitt Fogwell, Oscar Leon Gardner, James Edward Ireland, John Wesley Kimble, John Daniel Nelson, George Gary Pennington, Robert Hope Raleigh, Charles Harry Silcox.

Girls — Alice Hurtt Deringer, Elizabeth Dorsey, Henrietta Gill, Katherine Muir, Catherine Elizabeth Price, Lydia Marie Taylor, Mary Eleanor Usilton.

Commercial Course

Boys—Wallace Reid Duyer, John Ralph Hewitt, Samuel Earl Ireland, Arthur Ross Starr.

Girls — Frances Hilda Bennett, Gladys Mae Berky, Mary Corrine Carroll, Flora Ann Hill, Marilynn Miller Lancaster, Eudora Smith McGinnis, Mary Ellen Newcomb, Virginia Sarah Simpler, Alice Rebecca Slagle, Margaret Clara Van Dyke, Mary Catherine Elizabeth Williams.

ROCK HALL
Academic Course

Boys—Edward Kent Bryden, Bernard Hepbron, Robert Preston Shallcross, Franklin Burgess Tucker.

Girls—Thelma May Davis, Ida Eloise Kelley, Betty Coleman Mench, Marianne Money, Mamie Alberta Rodney, Ella Mae Thompson.

General Course

Boys — Alvin Richard Ashley, Arnold Dudley Bryden, James Kendall Davis, Benjamin Trew Durding, Jr., John William Harman, Jr., Walter Harrison Hadaway, George Albert Heinefield, Curtis Charles Jacquette, Weston Edward Kendall, George Raymond Parsons, Leonard Carroll Reihl, Alfred Wesley Robinson.

GARNETT COLORED
General Course

Boys—Ernest Wilbert Black, Melvin Theodore Brown, Romie Julian Comegys, Charles Vernon Frazier, Charles Richard Griffin, Samuel Theodore Hoxter, Horace Frissell Moore, Elijah Smith, Jr., Willard Smith.

Girls—Amie Marie Banks, Alice Elizabeth Berryman, Elizabeth Ethel Brisco, Charlotte Rebecca Briscoe, Marie Mamie Butler, Jeanne Dolores Carter, Ethel Virginia Freeman, Theresa Marie Goldsboro, Lillian Rebecca Nancy Johnson, Doris Lavinia Landman, Martha Jeannette Lomax, Gladys Jeannette Miller, Tressie Virginia Phillips, Ruby Bernice Perston, Katherine Elizabeth Robinson, Lois Geneva Rochester, Emma Gertrude Scott, Mildred Ann Scott, Emma Rozella Wilson.

May Join Local Law Firm

Rumor has it that Richard Carvell, Esq., intends to become associated with the law offices of Beck & Beck. Mr. Carvell is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law School.

ALL REGISTRANTS HAVE RECEIVED QUESTIONNAIRES

Next Registration May Be July 1st

The Local Board have finished sending questionnaires to all men who registered last October including approximately 1610. The last of these questionnaires are scheduled to be returned May 24th. This, however, does not near complete the work of the Board. All men who do not receive deferred classifications will have to report for physical examinations, be classified and either deferred or report to the induction center in Baltimore as order to report are received.

Then again indications are that a new registration will be called for July 1st at which time all men who have reached the age of 21, according to authorities, will be required to register. It is impossible to estimate the number of this group in Kent County but it is thought that the percentage of eligibles from this group will far exceed the percentage of the 21 to 36 group which registered last October.

According to a statement by Governor O'Conor, in an address to the Reserve graduation class at the Naval Academy on Thursday, America is only one step short of war. Should such a thing come to pass there may be some reclassification of the present registrants.

SCOUTING IN KENT COUNTY

Prepared by ROBERT R. HILL, II

Dr. Frederick Livingood and Dr. Gilbert Mead represented the Kent District at the monthly executive meeting held at Dover on Wednesday night, May 14th. At this meeting they found that Kent County led the Council in many things.

Opportunities for boys to become Scouts are best in the Kent District with 6 troops for each 100 twelve-year-old boy population. Kent District has exceeded the National Median as to the number of new Scouts per 100 twelve-year-old boys. The most effective recruiting was done in Wilmington with Kent District close behind with 34.7 Scouts per 100 twelve-year-old boys, the only two districts so far which have exceeded the National Median on this point. Kent has an average of 16.6 Scouts per troop, taking in 5.8 new Scouts per troop and dropping 5.3 Scouts per troop on the average. We have reached our objective of 6 troops per 100 boys, having nine troops in the county, which is the only District to have so far reached this objective. The Kent District solicited a total of $744.37 in the financial drive during Scout Week.

Troop 170—Chestertown
By Lewin Wheat

What is a Troop Accomplishment Plan? What is a Red Star Troop? The Troop Accomplishment Plan is a set of objectives for the troop to follow and accomplish. These objective include such things as attendence at meetings, hikes, and advancement records. All are rated on a percentage basis, and many of the hikes require the cooking of meals. A red star is offered to any troop who succeeds in completing the troop accomplishment plan.

Troop 170, like many other troops, is interested in becoming a red star troop, and recently engaged in a hike, cooking the meal as a unit. Um! um! smell that "chow" as a swell meal of hamburg, spaghetti, graded cheese and onions was simmering over a low fire in the scout woods. The meal was enjoyed by all and afterwards much time was spent on working on the cabin.

Troop 140—Kennedyville

The meeting of May 16th was held in the form of a Board of Review with Scouts Kennard Pinder, Charles Cross, and Robert Vandyke passing their Sceond Class rank. Joseph Webb, his first Class and Metal Work merit badge, and Robert Hill his Journalism merit badge. Plans are being made for a large attendance at the Camporee. Re-registration has been completed and the troop is now 100% subscribers to "Boy's Life". A Troop Charter Night is to be held on May 30th with charter presentation by a representative of the Del-Mar-Va Council.

Troop 170—Chestertown

A joint meeting is planned to be held in conjunction with Troop 130 at the next meeting night. On Wednesday, May 14th the troop entertained the committee at the meeting. Seven boys spent the night in their cabin.

Cub Pack—Chestertown

The cubs under their new Cubmaster Spencer Smith will hold a weenie roast in the cabin of Troop 130.

Kent County At Large

All Scoutmasters are urged to complete their advancement program for the quarter, so their Scouts may receive their badges at the Court of Honor ot be held at the Camporee on June 13 and 14.

Scouts will act as guides on Old Chestertown Day on May 24th. Scouts are cordially invited to attend the Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the American Legion.

HOSPITAL WING OFFICIALLY DEDICATED LAST MONDAY

Pictured taken during dedication exercises. Mrs. Nora C. Maxwell and Mrs. Jesse D. Maxwell, sponsors of the plan and for whom the wing is named. Also pictured is Mr. J. Thomas Kibler, president of the Hospital Board who presided at dedications exercises.

The principal speakers on the occasion were Dr. Eldridge L. Eliason, head of the University of Pennsylvania Hospital and who holds the chair of Surgery at that university. Dr. William Houston Toulson who holds the chair of Neurology at the University of Maryland.

Both Dr. Eliason and Dr. Toulson are formerly of Chestertown and have won honors in their professions.

Mr. Kibler stated that with the exception of $4,000 the entire cost of the hospital and wing has been paid.

J. Purnell Newcomb

Mr. James Purnell Newcomb, of Lynch, passed away at the Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, Friday morning of last week, in his 59th year. As an occupation he followed carpentering.

He was one of the pioneers in the organization of a number of Kent County Poultry shows, and was considered an authority on poultry raising.

He is survived by his wife, nee Mary E. Ivens, two sisters, Mrs. Walter Hadaway, Rock Hall; Mrs. Z. B. Wilson, St. Petersburg, Fla.; two brothers, John and Roy, of Rock Hall.

Funeral service was held from his late home in Lynch Sunday afternoon at 2 P. M. Rev. Kay officiating. Interment was in Chester Cemetery. B. R. Fellows funeral director in charge of arrangements. The bearers were Messrs. John Newcomb, Roy Newcomb, John Moffett, Walter Hadaway, C. C. Ivens and George Newcomb.

AMONG EXHIBITS CHESTERTOWN DAY

Pictured is Mrs. P. M. Brooks and Mrs. Solandt with one of the exhibits for Old Chestertown Day.

This so-called china was much beloved by our grandmothers, who called it their "Choneyware."

It is not china, which is transparent, as is porcelain but pottery, and its vivid coloring makes it very pleasing to the eye.

Mrs. Brooks has a remrakable collection of very fine design and color.

The very dark blue comes first in time, then the later lighter blues, as the potters felt this ware more nearly resembled the finer porcelaines.

China was first made in England about 1750, at Bow, also called "New Canto," after Canton, China, from which port nearly all the China was shipped to England.

The English China was poorly made of tough coarse clay, and was easily broken and burned in the kiln. The works were discontinued after a few years and Chelsea bought the moulds. They began real China making, the best artists were employed, and such beautiful China was never made before and rarely since.

Horace Walpole, who had a wonderful collection of china at "Strawberry Hill" once said "Chelsea was hard to obtain and worth its weight in silver."

But this china was for wealthy patrons only so the potters were eagerly planning a substitute.

One day a potter at the Sunderland factory noticed some children playing with bits of wet clay, pasting on pictures, which left their imprint when dry.

This was the origin of our "Old Blue."

The first potter to use this transfer printing was Thomas Turner, and Thomas Minton.

This Thomas Minton put several old Chinese patterns together thus making the famous "willow ware," which has been so widely imitated.

Soon the potters could not keep up with the demand as the American trade grew so rapidly and every sailing vessel carried its load of the precious pottery to America. Wedgwood, Ridgway, Mason and many others eagerly copied the willow design and the "knowing" collectors can tell which potter made their particular piece, by counting the "apples" on the tree.

One of the quaintest of the stories is the one about "Quaker Penn."

He come to the Master Pottery one day and said he had to stop painting. His specialty was moss rose buds, found on Chelse-Darby porcelain, when asked his reason, he replied: "He was a Quaker, and it was not pleasing to God, to love to paint China as much as he did and he was going to raise chickens."

So ends our legend of "Old Blue." It was beloved of more women than any other ware, and in showing our collections on every single pieces, on Chestertown Day we are doing honor to ourselves, the china and the women of a by gone day.

One hundred and fifty years ago Chestertown was one of the important towns of the United States. The first census, taken in 1790, showed that it had a population of eight-hundred. It was a port of entry and a social centre. People came from great distances to attend the assemblies held in the old Court House established in 1696. The horse races for which the town was famous drew even larger crowds.

The rich planters and merchant princes of that day entertained lavishly. Their tables were graced with fine silver, so it is not surprising to learn that six silver smith's were making beautiful silver at various times in Chestertown before 1830.

Mrs. Clara S. Solandt, whose interest in antiques covers a wide field, has furnished information about these men who lived and worked here, who advertised in the Maryland Herald and Eastern Shore Intelligence, published since 1790 in Easton.

Thomas Bruff (1644-1702) came to Talbot in 1688 and gave the name, which it still bears, to Bruff's Island, at the mouth of Wye River. His great grandsons, Thomas and Joseph Bruff, worked in Easton, and later in Chestertown. Thomas Bruff's work has been found only in flat silver marked "T. Bruff". Joseph Bruff's silver is marked "J. Bruff". Charles Hackett, silver-smith, appears in the census as a resident of Kent County. He lived here from 1790 to 1806. Peter Kirkwood advertised in the Apollo and Chestertown Spy, March 26, 1793. His work is indentified by the mark "P. K." Samuel A. Leonard (1786-1848) whose tomb is in Chester Cemetery, marked his sliver "S. Leonard". The last name in the list of Chestertown silver-smiths found by Mrs. Solandt is "Lunch".

The collection of silver which will be displayed at Mrs. Thomas Kibler's on Old Chestertown Day, May 24, is a notable one. It includes a cream pitcher (1781) the work of Lynch, a pair of sugar nippers by Phillip Synge, one dozen apostle spoons, a half dozen early Georgian rat tail spoons, services brought from England before the United States was dreamed of, and many other rare and valuable pieces.

OLD CHESTERTOWN DAY NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 24th

Unusual Attractions in Old Homes, Gardens and Exhibits.

LEGION POST MAKES PLANS FOR DECORATION DAY

The Frank M. Jarman Post, American Legion is making plans for the annual observance of Decoration Day May 30th.

The program will consist of a parade to Chester Cemetery, where flowers will be placed on the graves of ex-service men and an address made by a prominent speaker. All organizations of the county are invited to take part in this annual occasion. Legionaires also decorate the graves of ex-service men in the various parts of the county. Assembly will be at Post headquarters at 10:30 A. M.

The post headquarters will be open all day Friday, May 29th to receive donations of flowers. Flowers will be called for if the post is notified. Call Gill Bros. 290.

The local post has been invited by the Jeff Davis Post in Centreville to a flag raising Sunday afternoon at **2 P. M. All legionaires are requested** to wear uniforms or caps.

Local Golfers Defeat Easton

Golfers of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club won their first league match of the season by defeating Easton here last Sunday afternoon 34½ to 19½.

The local team will play at Dover this Sunday afternoon and at Choptank Sunday, May 25th.

Helen Marie Culver Named Princess

Miss Helen Marie Culver has been selected by the Chestertown Business Men's Association as Princess to represent Chestertown at the Strawberry Festival to be held at Salisbury on May 28, 29 and 30th.

The entire peninsula will be represented at the three day affair.

Champion Hog

Kent Farm, operated by W. Clarke Grieb, has recently purchased "Surefine", the Champion Berkshire boar of the State of Maryland. "Surefine" is reputed to be valued at more than $1,000.00 and is undoubtedly the finest specimen of the breed ever brought to Kent County. Registered Berkshire sows are now kept at Deep Point, Buck Neck, King's Grant, and Fair Promise farms in Kent County.

This is another step forward in the marked improvement of livestock that is earning Kent Counyt such an enviable representation among all the other farming cuonties. Farms in this section are fast learning that it pays to raise quality animals. They do not eat any more feed than the barn-yard type and while the original cost of breeding stock is higher, the net cost of pounds of meat produced is much less.

Berkshire hogs have always been favored for quality meat production. This breed was standardized in England by Queen Victoria over fifty years ago and have always been considered the finest among all types of swine.

NINE LIGHTS TO BE ERECTED IN CHESTER RIVER

Mark Channel From Queenstown to Chester

According to an announcement by the Norfolk District of the Coast Guard, stakes are to be set about May 24th to mark sites of a series of lights in Chester River from Queenstown light to Chestertown.

Two range lights to be established off Port Ringgold (probably Ringgold Point) one in 11 ft water and another 530 yards away in 3 feet of water. Two light off Nichols Point at the mouth of Lankford Bay, one in 9 feet of water 2900 yards below Cliffs wharf and another inside range light in 6 feet of water 700 yards away. A light 2160 yards above Cliffs wharf. Other lights included are near Bookers wharf, Riverside wharf and two lights in the stretch from the Country Club to Chestertown. This includes nine lights above the present light at Queenstown Creek.

Several years ago the establishing of lights in Chester River was approved but funds have not been available. From the announcement by the Coast Guard as to the placing of stakes where lights will be established, it appears that the work is going forward. The stakes will be posts wtih slatted tops.

It was first advocated that the lights be a series of range lights placed on land but from the announcement this week they will be located in the river.

Navigating Chester River at night for boats of medium draft has been difficult for the most seasoned navigators and the lights will be welcomed. Captain W. D. Flowers, of the power boat Chester has advocated the establishment of lights for a number of years.

COON DOG FIELD TRIALS RESULTS

Results of Field trials held by Eastern Shore Coon Hunters Association at the Croudges Farm near Elkton, Md., May 11, 1941. Winner of the fox race was: 1st Past Due owned by Oak Grove Kennels, Newark, Del; 2nd Jack of Spades owned by Deloughy & Behre of Madison, N. J.

Consolation Race: Free Smoke, O. Boulden, Silview, Del.; Line Bobby, E. Bock, Allentown, Pa.

Tree final: Sheek, Martin McCrady and Esworthy, Downington, Pa.

Line final was a tie: Fool-to-fool, E. Bock, Allentown, Pa.; Brownie, F. Minnich, Allentown, Pa.

Search Your Attics

The Hospital wants that old chair in your attic! What about Grandpa's footstool? That old iron bed? House cleaners: now's your chance!

On June 14th in the public square of Chestertown at 1:30 P. M., the Woman's Auxiliary of the hospital will hold a super auction sale of used furniture. You can clear your attic and aid the hospital at the same time. Donations will be collected free of charge. Simply call Mr. Hurd, Chestertown 13 or Mrs. Sease 815F12 to make arrangements.

There will also be several articles of especial value on sale. Watch this paper for full descriptions next week.

DONKEY BALL GAME HERE MAY 28

Ladies to Play Men In Novel Feature

A novel feature is schedule for Wednesday night, May 28th when the Lion's Club of Chestertown will play the ladies of this town in a donkey base ball game under flood lights at Kibler Field, Washington College at 8 P. M.

Players will be mounted on donkeys and indications point to a hilarious affair. The proceeds are for the Lion's Club Conservation Fund.

Members of the ladies team are: Jo Redman, Florence Walls, "Joan" Townshend, "Patricia" Heck, Betty Greene, Erma Adams, Helen Adams, Ruth Jones, Christine Vansant, Kay Strong.

The Lion's Club team is Kent Price, James Kirby, O. J. Stime, Joe Hall, Jack Kieffer, E. J. Allen, Wm. Collins, W. Wells, Earl Cooper.