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PRACTICE BLACKOUT HERE THURSDAY

All Kent County Defense Units Are Now In Full Operation

EDITORIAL

Your and our country was this week forced into a world war that is so stupendous that all previous conflicts are small in comparison. The action of Japan at Pearl Harbor on Sunday, while officially not at war with the United States, was that of a nation that is without ethics or decency and that which might have been expected from a heathen nation. It is an example of what kind of a foe we are fighting and what we will be dealing with when we finally win. On Thursday, Japan's axis partners Italy and Germany declared war on the United States. We are in the war which must be fought to a finish. This twentieth Century method of fighting a war automatically moves every part of the country to the battle front and practically makes every able bodied citizen a member of the armed forces. There is a job for every man, woman and child on this battle front. The women and children, who are not physically able to carry on defense duties, have a job that will help in carrying on the war; this job is to keep calm, be optimistic and obey orders when an emergency arises. For every able-bodied man and woman there is a definite defense job that in many cases is as important as that of the men who are in uniform. Every man in Kent County can, and should do his part in active defense work such as serving in any one of the following capacities: Aircraft Spotter Service, Air Warden Service and Auxiliary Fire Service. The aircraft spotter service is now operating at seven points in Kent County 24 hours a day. To e?ciently operate these stations, without rendering a great hardship upon anyone, requires a total of 392 men and women. An equal number can be used in the other two branches of defense as are being practiced in this county, which when added up, realy means every one. These services are for the protection of one's home and family as well as that of his neighbor. Our Country is at war with ruthless adversaries but we need have no fear of the ultimate end if we remain united and calmly and go about doing the job that is before us. Our armed forces can do much better if they know that the second line of defense is being taken care of. Those of us who are going to accept every rumor as a fact are in for many disappointments. Before this conflict is over the American people like the English, will learn to accept both good and bad news and the sooner we can adjust our selves to this fact the more pleasant life is going to be. Sacrifices must be met with a smile and, with our chins up, lets help fight this war at home. When the time comes for action, act, don't argue.

OBSERVATION POST IN ACTION

Jesse D. Maxwell, Chief Observer, Kent Price and W. Neighbors, in action at post at hte home of Kent Price.

KENT UNIT OF STATE GUARD CALLED INTO SERVICE FRI.

This is Kent County's Unit of the State Guard which was organized after the National Guard left for Camp. Bottom row, left to right: Paul P. Steel, Wilbur Stenger, Clifton Starkey, Capt. Harry Parman, Lieut. Frederick Dumschott, Walter Elburn, Arthur Pinder. 2nd row: Parks Rasin, Noble Reidy, Vannort Smipers, James Anthony, O. J. Stime, Richard Hall, Ringgold Strong. Top Row: Price Rolph, Duncan Derringer, Marvin Williams, William Bennett, John Applegarth, Roland Comly, George Ekaitis.

COMPLETE COOPERATION IS ASKED BY MAYOR WILMER

A practice "Blackout" for Chestertown, made at the request of Governor Herbert R. O'Conor, state director of civilian defense, has been scheduled for next Thursday, December 18, between the hours of 6:30 P. M., and 7:30 P. M. it was announced today by Mayor Philip G. Wilmer, Kent director of civilian defense.

Mayor Wilmer, in announcing the "blackout" drill, said: "Due to Chestertown's position, one in the direct line of any attack by plane from the Atlantic on Baltimore or Washington, we feel it wise to carry out the Governor's request for the practice blackout. Accordingly we have scheduled one for Thursday, December 18, between the hours of 6:30 P. M. and 7:30 P. M. The exact moment of the "blackout" will not be revealed but all householders in Chestertown are requested to turn off lights, or draw blinds securely, when the signal for the blackout is given. Everyone should remain indoors during the period of the drill.

"The whistle at the Chestertown Electric Light and Power Company plant will be sounded three short blasts, pause one minute, repeat the three short blasts, pause one minute and repeat the three short blasts again. This will be the signal for light to be extinguished. At the same time fire engines will leave the fire house for the outlying districts, sounding sirens and bells. Automobiles on the streets when the signal is given shall pull to the curb and extinguish lights.

"The 'all-clear' signal wlil be three long blasts at one minute intervlas sounded by the electric plant whistle. The lights can be turned on.

Mayor Wilmer asked the 100 per cent. cooperation of the citizens of Chestertown and said that the "blackout" would be of short duration. It was important, however, he pointed out, that all householders act only upon the signals as designated.

Members of the special defense auxiliary unit of the local fire company, it was said, would make an inspection throughout the town during the "blackout" period to determine its effectiveness.

FIRE COMPANY TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING MONDAY

Ask Big Attendance

A meeting of importance to all residents of Chestertown and surrounding territory has been called by the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company for next Monday night at 8 P. M. at the fire house.

At this meeting important functions for national defense will be explained and an effort is being made to have an official from Edgewood Arsenal here to demonstrate the handling of incendiary bombs.

The purpose of the meeting is to show citizens how they can better protect themselves and their homes during the present emergency. There are many items to be discussed that will be of interest to all men, women and children.

Details of what is expected during the blackout next Thursday night will also be explained.

It is important that the people of Chestertown attend this meeting.

Duplicate Bridge Tournament

Next Tuesday evening, Dec. 16, will complete the second series of Duplicate Bridge tournaments which have been so well attended during the Fall. In reality, the actual tournament ended this week, for on Tuesday of the coming week, a Christmas party will be given, to which all Club members and their out of town guests are invited, whether they have played in the tournament or not. Duplicate bridge will be played next week, numerous prizes will be given throughout the evening for special contracts, all of which will be surprises. Come and join the fun. A light collation will be served at the conclusion of the evening, and the winner whose score, for the series, is closest to average, will be announced and a prize awarded.

Results of last Tuesday, show the following winners:

North and South

Couple 1—Mrs. Clarke Grieb and Mr. Richard Carvell.

Couple 2—Mrs. Rudulph Tull and Mr. Gilpin Brown.

Couple 3—Mrs. Norman Cooper and Mr. S. Scott Beck.

East and West

Couple 1—Mrs. Henry Kratzer and Mrs. Thos. Massey.

Couple 2—Mrs. A. C. Dick and Mrs. Harry Cannon.

Couple 3— Mr. and Mrs. Claude Truslow.

Mayor Wilmer

Kent Director of Civilian Defense

AIRPLANE PILOT COURSE TO OPEN AT HIGH SCHOOL

Men 20 to 26 Eligible

In order to increase the facilities for training airplane pilots for the Army, the Elks Club, of Easton, is sponsoring an airplane pilots course in the High Schools of the four northern counties. The object of the course is to train 25 men so that they can enter the regular training schools. The courses at the Chestertown High School includes two hours three nights a week with a total of 75 hours. The five required subjects are mathmatics, science, English and social studies.

The courses are for High School graduates or any one from 20 to 26 years of age who can pass the entrance examination.

Further information may be secured from local school officials.

Men who qualify for the course are deferred from the draft during the period of instruction.

Weddings

Miss Helen Strong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ruthwin Strong, of Rock Hall and Mr. William Kirkbride, will be married on Saturday, Dec. 27, by the Rev. Wm. Wyllie, at old St. Paul's Church.

Miss Lola Davis, of Sudlersville, and Mr. Harry Everett were married on Friday night at Pomona parsonage.

ARMY PLANE MAKES LANDING HERE

Pictured is an army pursuit plane that made an emergency landing near the Oakland Hotel near Tolchester Thursday morning.

The report stated that the motor went dead while flying at 5000 feet at 2:30 A. M. With the aid of a landing flare the three men managed to land the plane in the small field without injury to the men. The plane was damaged when the wing cut off a telephone pole. Later that morning three Army planes came to take the pilots back to base and in landing dropped a flare. The flare set fire to asage field and the Chestertown Fire Company made its first defense call.

LISTENING POST OPERATORS ON DUTY IN COUNTY

Volunteers Wanted

Six of Kent County's seven airplane spotting stations have been on the job this week twenty-four hours a day and the seventh starts today. While it has been previously stated where these listening posts are located we will not repeat this publication as they are part of the nation's defense system.

The airplane spotter service is under orders from the Army Air Service and existing orders are that they shall be manned 24 hours a day. There are some vacancies at some of the posts for people who will definitely volunteer for a specified watch each week as only responsible people who can be depended on are wanted in this service.

Watches are for six hours per person, one day a week at most of the stations. This means that each watcher is on duty only six hours a week. It is a strenuous but an important service.

HOMEMAKER'S XMAS P/ TY

The Worton Homemakers Club will hold its annual Christmas Party on Tuesday evening, December 16th at the home of Mrs. Howard Carter in Chestertown.

Eastern Star Elects Officers

The local chapter Order of Eastern Star, elected the following officers on Tuesday evening of this week.

Worthy Matron, Mrs. Lois Hall.

Worthy Patron, Rollison Baxter.

Associate Matron, Mrs. Frances Myers.

Associate Patron, A. E. Culvert.

Secretary, Miss Ada W. Schreiber.

Treasurer, Miss Ella F. Hicks.

Conductress, Mrs. Clara Chaires.

Asso. Conductress, Mrs. Frances Taylor.

Taylor Farm Sold

George R. Debnam, III and the Maryland-Virginia Farm Agency of Easton, Maryland, announced the sale of the Ben Taylor Farms near Sandy Bottom, adjoining lands of Glenn L. Martin, to Major H. S. Gould.

Major Gould's plans are uncertain until after the duration of the war.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL REACHES $1,702.49

According to an announcement by Mrs. Harry B. Cannon, chairman of the Kent County Red Cross Roll Call, total collection to date amount to $1702.49 out of a quota of $2100. This is the largest amount ever collected in Kent County during a roll call.

Among those who deserve special mention this week for work are:

Mrs. Annie Durding and her committee from Rock Hall who turned in $310.75.

Mrs. Reinhold for work in Broadneck.

Miss Lelia Ware at Massey who collected her quota of $60.00.

Salisbury Bowlers Here Sunday

The men and ladies bowling team of Salisbury will roll against the two Chestertown teams Sunday afternoon at the King Pin Alleys, starting at 2:30 P. M.

Killed In Fall At Shipyard

Joseph E. Beck, son of Mr. James W. Beck, of Chestertown, was killed in a fall while working at the Sun Shipbuilding Yard at Chester, Pa.

The accident occurred Monday night and he died Thursday morning.

KIRBY, DUDDERAR YERKES NAMED TO ALL-MARYLAND

Lew Yerkes, triple threat back for the Sho'men was named unanimously to the Associated Press All-Maryland grid team by forty coaches and sports writers. This unanimous selection automatically made him captain of the team.

Also named to the team was senior Al Dudderar at center who nosed out his competitor at Western Maryland. Named to the second team was Washington's bulwark of defense, Ray Kirby at guard.

Unofficial word was received today that Lew Yerkes was also named to the backfield of the SUN's All-Maryland team which is selected by Craig Taylor, SUN sports editor.

CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR TO BE IN VESTMENTS

At hte service next Sunday morning, December 14 the choir of Christ Methodist Church will make its first appearance in Vestments, at which time the vestments will be dedicated. The choir consists of twenty-five members, of which Mrs. Iola Hollinger Bucher is the Director, and Miss Louise Russell is the organist.

Next Sunday at 4 P. M. December 21st, the choir will give the full program for the annual Christmas Vesper Service. The free-will offering will be applied to the expense of the vestments. Welcome to all.

The Dance at the Chestertown Armory scheduled for Friday night will be held as scheduled.