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Shore Census Group Appointed

Eleven Enumerators Who Will Conduct The Business On The Eastern Shore

William E. Lednum, of Easton, district supervisor for Eastern Shore counties of the 1940 decennial Federal government census, with headquarters in the Federal Building at Salisbury, has announced tentative appointment of 11 enumerators who will conduct the business census which started Tuesday, January 2. They are:

Wicomico, S. King White, Salisbury; Harry Gibson, Delmar; Dorchester, Ernest E. Wiley, Fishing Creek; Francis H. Vincent, Linkwood; Somerset, Richard F. Jones, Crisfield.

Caroline, Louise O. Proctor, Denton.

Talbot, William Green, Easton. Cecil Harvey T. Davis, Coloma.

Enumerators are to be paid on a "piece basis" and the work is expected to last five or six months. No appointments have yet been made for the agricultural and population census which will begin April 1.

The Sixteenth Decennial Census of the United States consists of business, manufacturing, mines and quarries, population, agriculture and housing.

The information the Census Bureau seeks is positively and entirely confidential.

All reports submitted to the Census Bureau are confidential, and are seen only by sworn census employees. Therefore, they cannot be used for purposes of taxation, regulation or investigation.

Speed Limit On Roads In State

Ezra B. Whitman, chairman of the State Road Commission, is considering asking the next legislature to empower the commission to set speed limit on regular roads at 25, 30 and 50 miles an hour. The absence of any intermediary speed between 30 and 50 has made travel at some points on State highways "very dangerous," Mr. Whitman asserted.

The commission had the power to set 35 as an intermediary limit before the new law was enacted, the chairman explained.

"Simply to say that because a road is 'open' motorists may go 50 miles an hour is inviting disaster," Mr. Whitman declared. "Some of the open roads are very crooked."

The commission, he felt, should be given the authority to designate speeds anywhere from 20 to 50 miles an hour for State roads. These limits would be set after surveys are made of the roads, the chairman explained.

Spark From Shredder Fires Barn

A fodder shredder caused a spark that fell in the fodder and destroyed a barn and chicken house on the farm of Phares Getz, Bird-in-Hand, R. D. 1, near Mounterey, about 8 a. m., Saturday. From the burning barn the roof of the dwelling house was on fire several times. Firemen saved the property from being destroyed but water caused some damage, including the summer kitchen. Damage is estimated at \$4,000, partly covered by insurance.

Getz and his family saved the chickens and four pigs. One pig ran back into the barn and perished in the fire. About 400 bushels of corn, a new washing machine and farm implements burned.

—Sun, Quarryville, Pa.

Chimney Fires

Rising Sun firemen were called to Farmington, on Wednesday morning last, to extinguish a chimney fire at the dwelling of Edgar Baslam. The blaze was a threatening one, but was soon extinguished on arrival of the firemen with equipment.

The firemen were called out at about 4:30 Wednesday morning, with the mercury registering ten degrees, to extinguish a chimney fire at the home of Henry Cox, West Nottingham. The prompt arrival at the scene by the firefighters enabled the putting out of the blaze before any serious damage was done.

P. T. A. County Council

The Cecil County Council P. T. A., will be held in the Rising Sun High School on January 8th, at 8 p. m. A speaker from the state association is expected to be present. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Briefly Noted News

Thermometers in this locality registered as low as six degrees on Monday morning.

The W. C. T. U., will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. M. Pogue Thursday, Jan. 11th, at 2:00 o'clock.

The Junior League members were treated to candy and apples Sunday evening, at their meeting at the Methodist church.

The town Commissioners had Cherry street roped off in the evenings so that the young folks could enjoy safe sledding.

Montaucon Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at Perry Point, has presented an American flag to the Perryville high school.

Frank Walker, brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad suffered three fractured ribs by a fall from a freight car at Perryville.

The public schools of the county reopened on Tuesday morning after the Christmas holidays, which extended from Friday, Dec. 22nd.

Ira Gamble, young son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gamble, is a victim of mumps which have been so prevalent in this neighborhood for weeks past.

The commissioners of the town of Bel Air have fixed the 1940 tax rate at 95 cents on each \$100 of assessable property. This rate is the same as last year.

With the reopening of the schools in Cecil County on Tuesday, after the Christmas holidays, two new high school buildings were placed in use for the first time, those at Chesapeake City and Cecilton.

A new road will be built in Conestoga Township, Pa., to avoid the necessity of a new bridge over the Peque Creek. The 1938 flood damaged spans at Sickman's mill and Flory's run. By building half a mile of road one bridge can be eliminated.

Art Exhibits To Be Held In Two Cecil Schools

The Honore Fellowship of Port Deposit will present an exhibition of paintings, watercolors, sculptures, and sketches by Cecil County resident artists in Rising Sun, on Jan. 8, in connection with the Cecil County P.T.A., meeting, it is announced.

There also will be an exhibition of the work of the art club and classes of the Chesapeake City High School. The speaker will be Mrs. Burroughs Rice, state P. T. A. art chairman. The public is cordially invited to attend both the meeting and the exhibition.

Building And Loan Association Disburses Shares

At the December meeting of the directors of the Mutual Building Association of Elkton, the group voted to mature a series of shares amounting to \$24,900, the same to be paid the first week of January. The directors also opened a new series for subscription as of January 1.

Moved To Texas

Mrs. F. M. Leggett held a public sale of household effects on Saturday afternoon, at her home on Main street, W. E. Fisher auctioneer. She and her children left on Sunday by auto for Corpus Cristi, Texas, where they will join Mr. Leggett, who is a teacher.

Candle Causes Fire

A lighted bayberry candle, "to bring good luck during the coming year," caused about \$2,000 damage to the home of J. T. Scobey, in Havre de Grace, Christmas Eve. His daughter, Mrs. Alberta Sentman, had placed a candle in the window and the curtains caught fire.

Foundry Plant Withdrawn

The Powers Foundry Company plant in Elkton was offered at public sale Wednesday afternoon by Receiver William J. Bratton, but withdrawn when a high bid of only \$4,200 was offered by a Wilmingtonian. The iron and contents in the building were sold to Robert Emmett Hunt, Inc., Wilmington, for \$875.

Transferred To Fort Leavenworth

Capt. John Alfred McCoskey, Coast Artillery Corps, a native of Fairmount, Pa., has been selected for the 1940-41 course, Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kans., the War Department has announced. His present station is at West Point, where he graduated and is now an instructor.

Annual Meeting Of Jersey Cattle Club

The Maryland Jersey Cattle Club has called its annual meeting and election of officers for Saturday, January 6, at 11 a. m., at the Country Club Inn, Bel Air. The members of the Cecil County Club are the largest unit in the State organization and will be represented by a large attendance. Vice-President, F. Henry Jones of Ayrilawn Farm, Bethesda, Md., has invited Mr. T. S. Campbell, Jr., of Butler, Pa., the regional member of the Board of Directors of the American Jersey Cattle Club, to address the members in addition to other features.

The National Dairy Show will be held at Harrisburg, Pa., October 12th to 19th, 1940. Mr. Jones and Mr. P. B. Misner of Dunloggin Farm, Ellipton City, are the Maryland representatives in the National Board of Directors.

The annual sale at Coatesville, Pa., will be again in March. A Cecil county cow owned by Mrs. J. Norman Henry of Piney Creek Farm, North East, topped last year's sale.

Date For Peninsula Methodist Conference

Announcement is made that the first session of the annual Peninsula Methodist Conference will be held at Grace Methodist Church, Wilmington, on May 15, continuing until May 20.

Bishop Hughes in charge of the Washington Area of which Wilmington is a part, will preside. Heretofore the annual conference has been held the last week in March and due to the combining of the three denominations a later date was necessary.

Grace Church will also celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding at the same time. The host pastor is the Rev. Dr. Johns.

Attacked By Negro Intruder

Called to his door about eleven thirty Sunday night, by a knock, R. L. Stebbings, Port Deposit merchant, was struck by a Negro standing there. Grappling with his assailant, Mr. Stebbings was struck another heavy blow and rendered unconscious.

Screams of Mr. Stebbings' sister passed by to the scene, the Negro intruder running through the hallway and making his escape. Robbery was evidently the purpose of the unidentified assailant of Mr. Stebbings.

Fire Damages Store

The large general merchandise and feed store of Mr. Norman Knight at Darlington, Harford county, was damaged by fire on Wednesday morning of last week to the extent of \$2,000. Firemen from Aberdeen, Bel Air, Conowingo, Havre de Grace and Delta were called to the scene and extinguished the blaze.

The fire started in the basement of the store where a large quantity of baled straw was stored.

Medical Group Officers

Dr. Catherine Goodson of Cecilton, the first woman ever to head the Cecil County Medical Society has been elected to the presidency of the organization for the ensuing year.

Other officers chosen are: Vice-President, Dr. M. L. Sprecker of Elkton; secretary and treasurer, Dr. R. C. Dodson of Rising Sun. Dr. Dodson was chosen as delegate to the State Society, with Dr. H. V. Davis of Chesapeake City, alternate.

Wilson Properties Sold

The Scott Wilson garage property, on Main street, in this town, sold at trustee's sale on Wednesday morning of this week, was purchased for \$3,000 by a Mr. Bierman, reported to be the representative of an oil company.

The property in the rear of the Rising Sun Hotel, occupied by the Southern States Company, who conducted a general warehouse business, was purchased by them for \$3,650.

Brothers Enlist In Army

Recruiting Officer Sergt. H. L. Pierce, of Elkton, reports the enlistment on Dec. 22, 1939, of three brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Luther O. Pafford, of Upper Cecil county, in the U. S. Army. James and Buford enlisted for Air Corps, Bolling Field, D. C.; Erseul enlisted for 3rd Cavalry, Fort Myers, Va., with hopes of joining his brothers in the Air Corps at a later date.

Appointed To State Parole Board

J. Lewin Burris, of Chestertown, has been appointed Parole Commissioner for the Eastern Shore by Herndon Moser, chairman of the Maryland Board of Parole, following an examination in competition with 30 applicants. The post is under the State Merit System.

The Maryland Board of Parole was established at the last session of the Legislature to broaden the parole work in the State. All parole prisoners on the Eastern Shore will be under Mr. Burris' jurisdiction and he will have the power to arrest for violation of parole. Under the present setup there are three commissioners, one for the Eastern Shore, one for Baltimore City and one for the remainder of the State although their work is not confined to their particular districts.

Mr. Burris spent the early part of his life in the Quaker Neck section of Kent county. He graduated from Washington College and since that time has had considerable experience in criminal work. For a number of years he was assistant superintendent and director of training at the Maryland Training School for boys. He later held a similar position in Connecticut and also was assistant to the Warden at the Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas. He and his family will live in Chestertown.

Graybeal-Jones

A pretty wedding was solemnized in Stateville Presbyterian Church at noon, on Saturday, Dec. 23, when Miss Mary Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas D. Jones, Delta, Pa., became the bride of Mr. Joseph R. Graybeal, rising Sun, Md. Rev. B. W. Jones, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony.

The bride's attendants were Miss Marcellene McClung, maid of honor, Norrisville, Md.; Mrs. Kermit E. Orr, Delta, Pa., Mrs. Rush A. Orr, Whiteford, Md., bridesmaids; and little Shirley Jones, flower girl. The groom's brother-in-law, Mr. Henry Montgomery, Rising Sun, Md., acted as best man. The ushers were Mr. Wilmot Jones, brother of the bride, Mr. Willard Smith, Delta, Mr. Vernon Witman, Rising Sun and Mr. Stuart Taylor, Oxford, Pa.

The ceremony was preceded by a quarter-hour of organ music played by Mrs. Philip Barnes, Shiloh, Pa. Miss Beryl Wyman, Delta, sang two solos, "Because" by D'Harlelot, and "At Dawning" by Codman.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, with about fifty guests present.

The bride is a popular teacher in the public school at Delta.

The happy couple left Saturday evening on a honeymoon trip by auto, to Florida, where the Christmas holidays were spent. They visited Miami, Tampa, Tarpon Springs, and Silver Springs, having traveled a distance of over 2800 miles by the time they reached home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Graybeal will move to Rising Sun in the late spring, the groom being engaged in the coal business.

Icy Road Caused Accident

The snow has made traffic conditions treacherous. On Saturday morning as Jos. T. Johnson, driver for the S. M. Ward Co., was enroute with a load of coal to West Nottingham, his truck and a car being driven by parties from Brown's Mills, N. J., were in collision at the intersection of Main street and Wilson avenue. Both car and truck were somewhat damaged, but fortunately no one was injured. The owners of the vehicles adjusted their differences satisfactorily, without recourse to law.

The New Year

The New Year was ushered in rather quietly in our town. There was some tooting of horns and a few pistol shots, in the way of noise. Time honored watch-night services were held in the Methodist church here.

There was a general suspension of business, and the day was as cold as it was quiet, low temperatures prevailing all day.

Sixth District Auxiliary

The Sixth District Auxiliary will hold a covered dish supper in the basement of James M. E. Church Rising Sun on Jan. 10, 1940, from 5:00 p. m. to 6:30 p. m., everybody come, you are welcome. Bring a dish and get a good supper for 25 cents, or 35 cents without a dish, and pie for dessert. We want dishes and people to help us to have a successful supper. Proceeds for sheets for Union Hospital, Elkton.

Personal And Social

Mrs. Robert Cameron was a weekend visitor of Philadelphia relatives.

The Thursday guest of Mrs. Jennie W. Taylor was Mrs. Harry Hovermill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Thomas were holiday visitors of New Jersey relatives.

Carlton B. Nickols, of Wilmington, visited Rising Sun friends on Saturday.

Mrs. Jennie W. Taylor was the New Year's guest of Mrs. Lidia Drennen, West Grove, Pa.

Mrs. Ada K. Buffington has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Donald Dudley and family in Silver Springs, Md.

Mr. Emerson K. Patten and family of Baltimore, spent a portion of the holiday season with his mother, Mrs. H. B. Patten.

Mr. William Patterson of Aiken and Mrs. Ruth Moran were quietly married in Elkton, Md., on December 19, 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Richie, of Pilot Town were entertained at dinner on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richie.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Lane and son Richard, were holiday visitors of Mr. Lane's parents in Brattleboro, Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Jefferis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jefferis, Chester, Pa., were Sunday visitors with Mrs. William McDougal.

Mr. and Mrs. William Henry and sons, Hayes and Rodney, and Mrs. William Mask visited relatives in Haddenfield, N. J.

Mrs. Harrison R. Fehr, Sr., of Allentown, Pa., was a holiday visitor of Mrs. Harrison Fehr and children in Rising Sun.

Miss A. Mabel Reynolds was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds, Greystone Farm, near town, on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Logan and children and Miss Jennie Hilberger were holiday visitors of Mr. Paul McKabe and family, Dagsboro, Del.

Mrs. Mary Cherry and Miss Louise Worthington enjoyed a holiday visit with their brother Mr. H. L. Worthington and family, in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Founders were Wilmington visitors during the week, where they were joined by their son Mr. James Flounders and wife, of Akron, Ohio.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hovermill were his mother and sister, Mrs. Hovermill and Mrs. James Loar, of Cumberland, and Mrs. Jennie W. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoffman, of Philadelphia, visited relatives and friends here on Christmas day. Mrs. Hoffman was formerly Miss Elizabeth Kyle, of this town.

Dr. and Mrs. William M. Workman and daughter, Adelaide, Mount Joy, Pa., visited Mrs. Mary W. Cherry and sister, Miss Louise Worthington on Wednesday.

Mrs. Jennie W. Taylor entertained at Sunday dinner Mr. and Mrs. Warren L. Taylor and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Vansant, Messrs. John Taylor and Hebert Hirtzel, Jr., Wilmington; Mr. Charles C. Hawkins, of Mountaw, N. J., and Miss Dorothy Matthews, of Greenhurst.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kimble, of Nottingham, Pa., are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, John Cameron Kimble. Mrs. Kimble was the former Miss Dorothy Cameron of this town.

Mrs. Annie Marshall and sisters, Misses Mary and Stella Reynolds visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brown, Jenersville, Pa., Sunday. On Christmas they visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds, near Oxford, Pa.

Mrs. Louise K. Brokaw entertained during the holidays Mr. Harold (Hank) and family, Newark, Del.; Miss Sara Brokaw, Newark, Del.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Wiley and son, Dixon, Baltimore, and Mr. Kirk Brokaw.

Mr. Haines Job and Mrs. and Mrs. Evan L. Job entertained at Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. George Ewing, Miss Pearl Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ewing, Mr. John Ewing, Margaret and Virginia Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Glackin and Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Pugh, of Farmington, Dr. and Mrs. J. Edwin Pugh and daughter, Patricia Ann, of Yeadon; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Jackson and son James E. of Elkton; Mr. and Mrs. J. Holly Drennen and daughter, Susan Kline, of Bel Air, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pugh, of Port Deposit.

Bandits Kidnap Darlington Resident

Force Him To Drive To Kennett Square, Then Take His Automobile

Three gunmen, two of them said to resemble the White Hall bank robbers, kidnaped a Maryland and canned goods broker in his own auto at gunpoint, drove 30 miles into Pennsylvania and finally forced the broker from his car. State Police reported Wednesday.

During a wild ride over snow-covered Route No. 1, with a gun pressed against the neck of their victim, the bandits drove past the Conowingo sub-station of the State Police.

William Cass, whose home is in Darlington and who is connected with the brokerage firm of W. E. Robinson, Inc., of Bel Air.

Mr. Cass said he encountered the three men at the outskirts of Bel Air, as he was driving to his home in Darlington Wednesday.

In the role of hitch-hikers, the men hailed him and asked for a ride toward Philadelphia, Mr. Cass said. One of the trio was tall and thin, another was shorter and more burly, he said—descriptions corresponding in general with those of the gunmen who twice held up the bank at White Hall, Md., during the autumn. The third man, he said, was about nineteen.

Explaining why he stopped to pick up the men, Mr. Cass said: "For years it has been my practice to give lifts to those in need of it, particularly on Route 1, between Bel Air and my home. Up to now I have never had any regrets."

About seven miles from Bel Air, Mr. Cass said, one of the two men in the back seat thrust the cold muzzle of a gun against his neck.

Mr. Cass said: "This man with the gun, who seemed to be the leader told me to pull over to the side of the road.

"My only sensation at the moment was to feel a chill up and down my spine and to wonder if it was really a gun I felt. I decided it was, and did as I was ordered."

The younger man, in the front seat, climbed out and look the driver's seat as Mr. Cass, at the command of the man in the back seat, moved over. Then the younger man drove northward on Route 1, passing the Conowingo police sub-station at what Mr. Cass described as "a conservative 25 miles an hour—no more."

During the ride the second man in the back seat asked the driver for his gun and was handed the weapon, Mr. Cass said.

After discussions among the gunmen as to whether Mr. Cass should be "knocked out" before being thrown from the car and after vigorous objections to this move on the part of the driver, Mr. Cass was put out on a lonely road near Kennett Square, Pa.

Before leaving him, Mr. Cass said, the men went through his pockets. Mr. Cass said: "I gave 'em the laugh—all I had was 15 cents. They took it, though."

Mr. Cass said after the robbers drove away he walked to a filling station, phoned to Pennsylvania motor police and to his home, then was taken into Kennett Square by a motorist.

The Pennsylvania authorities notified Maryland State Police, and search is under way in both states for the three gunmen and for Mr. Cass' machine.

Public Welfare Funds

Budgets stipulating how much each of the twenty-three counties may spend for relief purposes during the next nine months have been approved by the State Board of Public Welfare.

The budget becomes effective January 1. Funds for the various types of assistance were provided by the State, Federal Government and local governmental units.

The approved budget for Cecil county carries the sum of \$65,250 for Old Age; \$27,233 for Dependent Children; \$1,861 for Blind; \$15,790 for Direct Relief.

Aged in the State are expected to receive \$1,694,436 in pension payments in the next nine months.

Cecil Historical Society

The annual meeting and luncheon of Cecil County Historical Society will be held on Monday noon, January 15, at the Howard Hotel, Elkton. Joshua Clayton, Esq., president of the association, announces that Governor Herbert R. O'Connor will be the speaker.