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## Pupils in County Get NYA Jobs

### Clerical Aid Given Teachers Through Establishment Of The Project

Ryland N. Sempster, state NYA administrator, has announced that a work-project sponsored by Chesapeake City High School employing eight youths has been approved. Two boys and six girls who have had commercial training will assist in typing, filing, indexing, duplicating and other related activities in the high school office.

Prof. E. P. Fockler, principal of the school, who will supervise the work of the project, explained that since moving to the new high school building there was a great amount of work to be done for which the teachers do not have time. The young people will help keep attendance records, send out form letters and notices, and perform library work.

### J. Mark Groves

J. Mark Groves, age 69 years, died at his home at Norfolk, Va., Jan. 29. He was a former resident of Cecil county. Funeral services were held from the late residence on Wednesday afternoon with interment at Norfolk.

He is survived by one son, Earle Groves of Norfolk, and one daughter, Mrs. Lewis Pennock of near Elkton.

### Emma McCummings

Mrs. Emma McCummings, widow of the late Azariah McCummings, died Tuesday morning at her home in Coonra, from the effects of a stroke. She was in the 57th year of her age.

Surviving are one son, Austin McCummings, of Baltimore, and one daughter, Mrs. Charles Honaker, of Coonra.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, at the Tyson Funeral Home, and interment made in Brookview cemetery.

### Jacob Haberman

Jacob Haberman, aged 65 years, proprietor of a clothing and notions store at Elkton for the past 35 years, died Jan. 21, in the Wilmington General Hospital after an illness of about six months.

Surviving him are: His wife; three sons, Samuel of Havre de Grace; Abraham, Wilmington, and Charles of Elkton, and two daughters, Mrs. Eva Sklut, Wilmington, and Miss Cecelia Haberman, Elkton.

Interment was made in Har Nebo cemetery, Philadelphia.

### William B. Hall

Services for William B. Hall, who died Saturday at his farm near Appleton, Md., after a long illness were held Friday afternoon at the R. T. Jones funeral home. He was 54 years old.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice Alken Hall; his mother, Mary M. Hall; a daughter, Ruth; a son Norman; two brothers, James E. Hall, Wilmington, and Francis Leslie Hall, Newark; and five sisters, Mrs. Alice Hawthorne and Mrs. Lydia Pierce, both of Newark; Mrs. Elsie Durnell, Townsend, Del.; Mrs. Laura Adkins, Berlin, Md.; and Mrs. Katie McCarns, Wilmington.

Interment was made in New London cemetery.

### Elmer E. Reynolds

Stricken with a heart attack on Saturday morning while working at the barn, Elmer E. Reynolds, a prominent farmer of East Nottingham, Chester county, Pa., passed away before medical aid could be given.

Mr. Reynolds was born April 15, 1861, the son of Joseph T. and Rebecca Pugh Reynolds, of East Nottingham township, where he had lived all his life.

He was a member of the Society of Friends and was held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends. He married Miss Sophie Reynolds, of Rising Sun, Md., celebrating their golden wedding anniversary Nov. 1938, and their entire married life had been spent on the farm, where he died. His death is the first break in the family circle.

Surviving are his wife, and two children, Melvin and Miss Rebecca Reynolds, both a home.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, with interment in Oxford cemetery.

Ernest Dempsey, of Lulton's Corner, near Cherry Hill, died in Union Hospital, Elkton, on Tuesday night. It was discovered he had taken a drink of anti-freeze, and he was hurried to the hospital, where he died shortly after being admitted.

## Briefly Noted News

Two truck loads of fine horses were received by Harry Fisher at his sale stables last week.

Thomas S. Riale is reported to have disposed of his tavern business in this town, to Samuel Gregory.

John Hason, mail carrier from Post Deposit postoffice for the past twenty-four years, was placed on the retired list last week.

Dr. Seymour, of Perry Point, has been transferred to Bath, N. Y. Dr. R. F. Downey to Northampton, Mass., and C. T. Egidio to Northport, Long Island, N. Y.

The midweek prayer meeting of James Methodist church was held on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Pogue, instead of at the church.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Joseph Tyson, Thursday, Feb. 8th, at 2 o'clock. Devotional Leader, Mrs. Blanche Eiter; Program Leader, Miss Bertha Tyson.

The explosion of a small "bucket a day" heater in the Buck bungalow, on Haines Avenue, occupied by the Clark family, caused a lot of dirt, but fortunately not much serious damage.

A banquet was served to 160 members of the Milk Producers' Association at Chesapeake City, on Tuesday evening last, by the Ladies Auxiliary of Chesapeake City Fire Company.

Albert Letts, young son of Mr. and Mrs. William Letts of North East, ran against a barb wire fence while at play, and was severely cut about the mouth. He was taken to Union Hospital, Elkton, for medical care.

A testimonial dinner was tendered W. Palmer McFadden, of Elkton, by the Red Men. Mr. McFadden has been a member of the order for fifty years, and a trustee for forty-eight years.

William E. Dennison, of Springfield, Mass., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dennison, of North East, is in the Springfield Hospital, suffering severe injuries due to an automobile accident.

## Cecil Democrat One Hundred Years Old

Editor Frederick H. Leffler, of the Cecil Democrat, Elkton, has been receiving congratulations from far and wide, on the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of that paper at the county seat of Cecil.

Established in September 1834 as "The Cecil Gazette and Farmers and Mechanics Advertiser" this lengthy title has been cut, in these days of hurry and bustle to "The Cecil Democrat."

The Democrat enjoys a large circulation and advertising patronage and is a flourishing and going institution. The Midland Journal adds its congratulations to those already tendered Editor Leffler and The Democrat.

## School Band Organized

A school band, the first in any of the schools of Lower Lancaster County, has been organized the past week in Drumore, with fifteen members. This is composed of girls and boys from seventh and eighth grades at Osceola, and from ninth, tenth and eleventh grades at Drumore High School. This will be enlarged as soon as other pupils advance to the stage where they can play the type of music required in a band. The present High School Orchestra will furnish music at the Chestnut Level Men's Bible Class program February 15.—Sun, Quarryville, Pa.

## Kirkwood Detectives

The Kirkwood, Pa., Detective Association at its annual meeting of January 13, elected officers as follows: President, John H. Herr; secretary, Charles P. Swisher; treasurer, C. Merville Barr, Sr.

Directors named were: John W. Whiteside, Joseph Martin, Thomas Cassidy, T. Walter Ferguson, James E. Hastings, C. P. Penny, Frank W. Swisher and James C. Harrar.

Thomas Cassidy and C. M. Barr were named delegates to attend the Detective Associations Union meeting in June. Alternates are T. Walter Ferguson and James T. Hastings.

There were no losses during the year 1939. The treasury balance is \$112.62.

## Radio Shop Moved

Sidney Dows, who has conducted a radio repair shop in this town, at the home of Mrs. Louise Brokaw, has moved his place of business to Mr. Kelly's house, near Oakwood. Joseph Gibson will set up a radio business at the place vacated by Mr. Dows.

## Officers Elected By Press Associations

All officers of the Del-Mar-Va and the Maryland Press Associations were re-elected at their meetings held in Wilmington on Saturday morning.

The officers of the Del-Mar-Va Association are: President, W. Murray Metten, News-Journal Company; vice-president, Max Chambers, Preston, Md.; secretary-treasurer, A. O. H. Grier, News-Journal Company; directors, William B. Usilton III, Chestertown, Md.; Kent News; James C. Wickes, Dover State News; G. Marshall Townsend, Milford, Del.; Chronicle. Officers also act on the board of directors.

Officers of the Maryland Press Association: President, Leo M. Moore, Havre de Grace, Md.; vice-president, J. A. McDaniel, Federalburg, Md.; Times; secretary-treasurer, S. E. Shannahan, Easton, Md.; Star Democrat; directors John D. Worthington, Bel Air, Md.; Aegle; David S. Jenkins, Annapolis, Md.; Capitol; Clarence Vincent, Snow Hill, Md.; Messenger; Frank T. Wallace, Baltimore, Md.; Daily Record; William B. Usilton III, Chestertown, Md.; News.

## School For Fire Deputies

Insurance Commissioner John B. Gontum, announces that a school for Regional Special Deputies Fire Marshals will be held on February 23rd and 24th at the Easton Fire house, Easton, Maryland, beginning 9 o'clock on the morning of Feb. 23rd. Chief James W. Just will be in charge of the course.

A number of outstanding speakers will deliver the lectures. Among the speakers scheduled are: Chief James W. Just, of the University of Maryland, an outstanding fire fighting authority; Mr. J. Bruce Bielaski, Assistant Manager, National Board of Fire Underwriters and Director of Arson Division (Former Chief of Federal Bureau of Investigation); Mr. Paul I. Leary, recognized authority on inspection of buildings.

Mr. Gontum is very anxious to have representatives of each county on the Eastern Shore take this course, as no Regional Special Deputy Fire Marshals have been appointed for the Shore. The recent appointment of Mr. Curtis C. Larrimore of Easton, as a Deputy Marshal, was for the purpose of education, instruction and advice. Mr. Larrimore being one of the instructors at the University of Maryland.

## Guernsey Cow Makes New Record

A new record, exceeding the average of the Guernsey breed for her age and class has just been completed by a two year old cow Jethro's King's Paula 478822, of Port Deposit, tested and owned by Donaldson Brown. Her official record supervised by the University of Maryland and announced by The American Guernsey Cattle Club is 9312.6 pounds of milk and 536.6 pounds of butter fat in class GG.

Peterborough, N. H.—A Cecil County Guernsey breeder, Donaldson Brown of Port Deposit, has just won national recognition on his pure bred Guernsey bull, Cherub's King Jethro 269141.

This bull, having five daughters which have made creditable official records, has been entered in the Advanced Register of The American Guernsey Cattle Club. Cherub's King Jethro 269141 will be known hereafter as an Advanced Register sire. Only Guernsey which meet high production requirements are eligible for entry. The five daughters which have completed official records are Jethro's Cherub Dollie 479609, King Jethro's Roxanna 480099, Jethro's King's Lady 478815, Jethro's Yeoman's Golden 478819 and Jethro's King's Paula 478822.

## Heads Havre de Grace Bank

C. Leroy Minker, of Perryville, has been elected president of the Citizens' National Bank of Havre de Grace. Leo M. Moore, elected a member of the board of directors, was chosen vice-president, Joseph Condon was made chairman of the board, and William A. Lemler, cashier. The bank declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent.

## Pass Bar Test

The bar examiners of the state of Maryland announce that there were 65 applicants who received a passing grade at the recent examination. Among the successful candidates is Harry M. Dyer, Jr., a member of the faculty of the Havre de Grace High School. He resigned from the faculty effective the last of January.

## Firemen Respond To Numerous Calls

The severe weather that prevailed all through the month of January caused the forcing of fires in homes to the very limit, resulting in overheated stoves and furnaces and numerous fires, as the local firemen can testify from the frequent calls for aid that they have received.

Rising Sun firemen were called out at 11:30 Thursday night by a hurry call from the home of William Keetley, Colors, where fire was threatening the home. A heater pipe run through the floor and into the chimney at the fireplace, had become overheated and set fire to the woodwork.

The firemen responded promptly to the alarm, and after a speedy run to Colors, soon had the threatening blaze extinguished.

A chimney fire at the home of Ernest Reynolds, Porters Bridge, called the firemen out at 7:45 Saturday morning.

Saturday evening, about six o'clock, there was real excitement for a few minutes when it was reported the large four-story Cecil Milling Company building, formerly the Buffington store, at the corner of Main and Walnut streets, was on fire. Firemen were soon on the scene and learned the cause of alarm was the blazing boiler room chimney. The fire was extinguished before any damage was done.

On Sunday morning, at 10:30 o'clock the firemen were called to the home of Horace Hall, near Principio, to extinguish a blaze in the chimney.

## Old Bridge To Go

Despite the campaign promises of Governor O'Connor, it looks like the old Susquehanna bridge, between Perryville and Havre de Grace, is doomed.

Ezra B. Whitman, chairman of the State Road Commission, has announced the present highway bridge across the Susquehanna river, at Perryville, will be torn down, upon completion of the new bridge.

Mr. Whitman further stated that the contract covering the new bridge provided that the old one be torn down. A toll will be charged on the new PWA span which is slated for completion on June 20th, this year.

## Property Transfers

Blanche Mayberry Ashbridge and Alfred Ashbridge to Edna M. Sadler. Land in the village of Farmington, Sixth District of Cecil County, Md. \$1.00.

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## Granted Parole

Lawrence Wright, of Havre de Grace, convicted of embezzling \$3,800 from the Gulf Oil Company in that town, has been granted a parole.

Wright was indicted by a Harford county grand jury in September 1938 on an embezzlement charge to which he pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to three years in the House of Correction.

## Jailed For Robbery

Charged with breaking and entering the home of John Huss, near Leslie, Clarence Doyle, aged about 25 years, was arrested last week, and lodged in Elkton jail.

## New Trials Asked

Verdicts of the jury in two road condemnation suits have been attacked in the Circuit Court, at Elkton, in petitions for new trials, one filed by the State Roads Commission and the other by one of the defendants, Miss Edna Lee.

Miss Lee demanded \$2,000 for her land for the construction of the dual highway stretch but the jury gave her only \$400, \$200 less, she alleged, than the commission offered her.

The roads commission on the other hand contends the \$3,000 awarded George Jeffers is \$1,500 more than he had been offered and even \$300 more than he agreed to take.

As a result of reports that wild ducks were starving on the Susquehanna flats, due to the ice, the game wardens have been furnishing feed for the feathery tribe. A number of dead ducks have been found on the ice.

## Personal And Social

Robert Fisher is among those on the sick list in our community.

Miss Mildred Garvin was home from State Teachers College, Salisbury, Md., over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Donache and son, Leigh, were Tuesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richtle.

Miss Hope Reynolds and Miss Ann Roberson were home from University of Md., College Park, over the week-end.

Calton B. Nichols, of Wilmington, was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. William McNamee, Cherry street.

Mrs. Edward Shultz, of Lancaster, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Brown, Queen street.

Little Miss Mary Edmundson, of Theodore, underwent an operation for appendicitis and is reported progressing nicely.

Mrs. Elwood Brown was reminded of her birthday on January 24th by a shower of beautiful cards from friends and neighbors.

Edward, young son of Jos T. Johnson, had the fingers of one of his hands painfully burned by its coming in contact with a hot stove.

Mr. and Mrs. Willet Yerks, of Calvert, entertained a number of friends at cards on Friday evening, on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

Among the young folks of our community reported on the sick list are Masters Francis Durham, Robert Gorrell, Harry Roberson and Jack Buck.

Frozen water pipes at the Methodist church here, last week, burst and flooded the basement of the church. Fortunately not much serious damage resulted.

Taylor R. Biles and Bunny Walters returned on Friday from a three week's stay in Miami, Florida, where the weather, according to their report, was fine, and overcoats needed but one evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Angle, of Providence, were given a dinner on Sunday, Jan. 21, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Jeck Conway, of Cedars, Del., in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary.

## Thompson--Williams

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey M. Anderson, near Lombard, Md., their niece, Miss Dorothy Hill Thompson, recently became the bride of Mr. Edward Harrison Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Williams of Calvert.

Miss Margaret Moore of Blake played "Oh Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly."

Miss Frances Gifford was maid of honor. Mr. Aired Crothers of Zion was best man. The Rev. F. A. Holland, pastor of Moore's Chapel, officiated. A reception followed the ceremony after which the couple left on a southern trip.

## Naylor--Allender

Miss Genevieve M. Allender and Mr. James W. Naylor, both of Elkton, were quietly married at the M. E. Parsonage by Rev. Melvin Wheatley, on Saturday afternoon, January 20th. They were attended by Mrs. Lee Davis, sister of the bride, and Mr. Edwin Naylor, brother of the groom.

After a wedding trip at Miami, Florida, and other Southern States, the young couple will make their home in Elkton.

## Celebrates Ninety-Fourth Birthday

Our venerable townsman, Mr. Edwin Haines, received the felicitations of his many friends Sunday, January 20th, on the attainment of his 94th birthday. The notable event was celebrated at his home by a family dinner.

Mr. Haines enjoys remarkable health and has wonderful vitality. He may be seen daily at his hardware store, on Main street, in this town, waiting on customers in his usual quiet, affable manner and attending to the books. It is a remarkable fact that he is seldom forced to miss a day at the store on account of illness.

## Booming Business

The business of the Triumph Explosives Co., of Elkton, is "booming". Shipments and unilled orders, amounted to approximately \$1,338,000 during the period from August 1, 1939, to January 10, 1940, according to a statement by G. H. Gaan, president. This compared with gross sale of about \$726,000 for the entire preceding fiscal year, it was stated.

## Right Of Way Suits In Court

### Jury Awards \$3,000 For Land Condemned By State Roads Commission

The jury in the condemnation suit of the Maryland State Roads Commission, to obtain certain land in the Fifth district, owned by John Hamilton, for the new State road, rendered a verdict in the Circuit Court at Elkton, for \$3,000 in favor of the defendant. The Roads Commission had offered \$2,000 for the land, but the owners demanded the sum of \$4,000.

The land in question is located near Leslie. The Road Commission witnesses testified that fill for the new Leslie overhead bridge over the B. & O. railroad would come within 30 feet of Mr. Hamilton's house and would be over 20 feet high to make a grade over the railroad. This fill would shut off the property to the west and otherwise be damaged by water and the noise of traffic.

At the conclusion of the above case, the suit by the commission for land in Elkton, owned by Miss Edna Lee, also to be used for the new dual highway, between Perryville and the Delaware State line, near Glasgow, was placed on trial before a jury. A verdict for \$400 was rendered in favor of the defendant by the jury. It is understood the state offered the owner \$600, but a demand was made for \$2000.

The jury in the suit of the State Roads Commission vs. George Jeffers to obtain certain land in West Elkton, for the new dual highway, rendered a verdict for \$3,000 in favor of the defendant. It is understood that Mr. Jeffers had offered to take \$2,700 for the land, and the Commission offered \$1500.

## Nice Enters Senate Race

Former Governor Nice on Saturday definitely became a candidate for the Republican U. S. Senatorial nomination by filing with the Secretary of State at Annapolis.

Mr. Nice, whose Senatorial aspirations have been known for several months and who recently announced that in the event he was a candidate he would remain neutral between party candidates for the Presidential nomination, said he had conferred with 30,000 Republicans throughout the State before filing.

For a year Mr. Nice has been conducting a campaign by mail, but always parried questions about his possible candidacy.

## Employment Service

During the months of November and December approximately 2000 working men and women visited the Maryland State Employment Services office, showing that the people are becoming "Employment service minded".

In the last five months nearly 100 people have been placed in private employment. Placements for December 1939 increased 29% over November, showing that this Service is being used more and more by local employers.

The office has moved to new quarters in the basement of the new court house, at Elkton. This is a great improvement over their old location.

## Radio Wedding

The Huber Baking Co., whose bread trucks are a familiar sight in this vicinity, on the radio program over the Wilmington, Del., station WDEL Saturday, Jan. 27th, featured the wedding of Miss Pauline Lingo and Mr. Franklin Vatt, of that city, formerly on the "Cousin Lee's" program. The auditorium was packed with an audience of between 600 and 700 persons. The Baking Company presented the couple with a large ten layer wedding cake. It is said to have been the first "radio wedding" ever broadcast.

## Officers Destroy Stills

Sheriff David Randolph had his deputies Thursday reported the location and destruction of a "moonshine plant", on the Davis farm, near Cecilton. No one was found near the plant when the officers arrived but there was mash ready for distilling.

Another still was also located and destroyed by federal officers and Sheriff Randolph's force in woods near West Nottingham. A small quantity of newly-distilled liquor and mash was also confiscated, but no one was found in the vicinity.

It's up to a man to sit down and contemplate a standing offer.