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Red Cross Fourth Of July Warning

Better Be Safe Than Be Sorry Is Good Motto

The Fourth of July week end will be even more hazardous than in previous years because of increased congestion on the highways and at resort and recreational centers, resulting in part from National Defense activities, it was pointed out today by Mr. J. S. Rowland, Chairman of First Aid, Water Safety, and Accident Prevention of the Cecil County Chapter, American Red Cross.

Traffic death figures for the first three months of 1941, released by the National Safety Council, reveal that if the present rate continues, the total for this year will surpass 40,000 deaths--an all-time high. Highway fatalities last year totaled 34,000--an increase of seven percent over the total for 1939. Deaths from drowning each year average approximately 7,000.

The vacationists must not only see to his own safety, but must anticipate the carelessness of others, Mr. Rowland warned. The mistake of one motorist may result in fatality to those who may be obeying all the rules of the road.

This year's list of accidental deaths and injuries will be largely the result of carelessness and ignorance. For a safe Fourth, Mr. Rowland offers the following suggestions:

To Motorists: Get an early start for the holiday week-end trip to get ahead of the congestion and allow plenty of time.

Make a thorough check-up of your tires, brakes, lights and steering gear, for many accidents are the result of faulty equipment.

Keep an eye on the "other fellow," who may cause the accident.

Sacrifice that last hour at the beach and leave for home before the crowd.

Be sure luggage piled in the back of the car does not obscure rear vision.

Remember that driving after dark is many times more hazardous and after-dark accidents are frequently more serious.

To swimmers: Enjoy your water sports at patrolled beaches.

Bear in mind that expert swimmers can be drowned from cramps caused by swimming too soon after eating.

WHEAT ALLOTMENT CARDS NOW READY

Farmers who have planted within their wheat acreage allotment for the 1941 harvest may get their wheat marketing cards by communicating with the County Agent, at Elkton.

Farmers who have planted within their wheat acreage allotment and also farmers whose seeded acreage does not exceed fifteen acres may market their wheat penalty free provided they present the marketing card to identify the wheat at the time it is offered for sale.

On farms where the wheat acreage exceeds the allotment the production on the excess acreage is subject to marketing quota penalty tax 49 cents per bushel. Marketing cards may be secured as soon as the penalty is paid. The penalty may be paid to treasurer of the county committee at the county office on the second floor of the Post Office building, Elkton.

If the wheat acreage has not been measured it will be necessary for the wheat to be checked before the amount of the penalty can be determined. Anyone wishing additional information may call at the county office.

Building New Concrete Bridge

A new concrete bridge is being constructed over the Octoraro creek in Colerain township at the Octoraro pumping station, two miles north of Kirkwood. This new bridge will replace a covered bridge damaged in 1937 by truck accident, and later torn down.

The bridge, approximately fifty feet in length, is on road from Hope School to Penn School in Eden Township.

Two Hurt In Auto Crash

Manlove Bouchelle, 37 years old, of Elkton, sustained a fractured hip and other injuries, his car was wrecked, and Howard Brown, of Chesapeake City, who was riding with him, suffered two broken ribs, cuts and bruises when Bouchelle lost control of his car causing it to crash into a bridge abutment. Bouchelle was taken to Elkton, Union Hospital, while Brown was given treatment and sent home. The accident occurred on the Elkton-Chesapeake City road.

CECIL COUNTY TAX RATE LOWERED BY COMMISSIONERS

Increased Taxable Base Enables A Reduction Of Six Cents To A Rate $1.04 On The $100

Tax payers in Cecil will be glad to learn that the county tax rate has been reduced six cents.

The County Commissioners acting as a Board of Estimates Thursday afternoon, June 25, set the county rate for July 1 at $1.04 as compared with $1.10 for last year.

Several items contributed to the decrease in the tax rate. The assessable basis of the county has been increased during the year by over $800,000. The high election costs of practically every other year does not figure into the budget for 1941-42 and there is no general assessment this year. On the whole there were no new items.

The Board of Education through its Superintendent H. E. McBride submitted a budget to the Commissioners which was less by over $3500 than last year. While the curret expense of that department increased $9400, and its total budget was increased $6500, by using funds that had accumulated in a surplus fund, the department was able to revise its budget so that the county commissioners were asked to supply funds less by $3500, than last year.

The increase of the Welfare appropriation was $200 and the item for general public assistance remain the same as last year, $7500.

The Maryland Traffic Safety Committee's Slogan for the week is:

"A Traffic Accident Takes All The Joy Out Of The Fourth Of July Holiday"

Seventeen Draftees Rejected

Medical examiners for the Cecil County Draft Board had before them last week, 37 young men who were called for examination with 17 being rejected. The board sent 22 white and 10 negroes to Camp Meade.

Banks Declare Dividends

Semi-annual dividends have been declared by the banks of Havre de Grace. The Citizens declared a three per cent dividend; Havre de Grace Banking and Trust Company, 1½ per cent, and the First National Bank, 4 per cent.

Engagements Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Morris J. Kane of Chesapeake City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Grove Vivian Kane, to Mr. Martin G. Poore. The wedding will take place soon.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Ada Carolyn Johnson, daughter of George T. Johnson, of Head of Christiana, near Newark, Del., to Roger P. Watkins of Wilmington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. S. Watkins, of Chesapeake City, Md.

Mrs. Anneatta L. Griffith, of Harrington, Del., announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Virginia to Mr. George K. Vapaa, son of Mrs. Mauri Jarvinen, of Childs, Miss Griffith attended the Women's College, University of Delaware, and is now teaching in the Harrington School. Mr. Vapaa was graduated from the University of Delaware, '37, and has been teaching vocational agriculture in the Harrington School. He will enter the U. S. Air Corps as a flying cadet. The date for the wedding has not been announced.

OLD BRIDGE NOT TO BE DISMANTLED

Gov. O'Conor has directed the State Roads Commission to abondon plans for dismanting at this time the old Susquehanna River Bridge at Perryville. In announcing his decision, the Governor stated that he was of the opinion that it would represent a distinct loss to the State to have the Bridge torn down under present conditions, particularly, in view of matters concerning national defense. It would be unwise, he stated, to tear down a structure which might be put to important use in case of emergency.

The Gov. also stated that he felt the interest of citizens of the State, especially in adjoining counties, would be served by having the bridge available for use in latter connection. The Governor will request the State Roads Commission to study the question of having the bridge open for limited use. He indicated that if without the expenditure of any considerable sum for repairs the bridge can be opened for a trial period. It will then be possible to determine whether volume of use will justify the continued operation of the bridge.

Rising Sun Red Cross Activity

The Rising Sun Branch of the Cecil County Red Cross, shipped last week for Foreign Relief the following articles: 12 Women's dresses, 15 pairs of pajamas, 5 boys shirts, 15 layettes, (each layette consists of 31 pieces); 7 men's sweaters, and 13 children's sweaters.

The new quota has just been received, and due to increased need of articles in Europe, England and China the quota is much larger than any so far received, therefore the Chapter and Branhes are in great need of workers, and would appreciate your help. Anyone wishing to volunteer their services kindly get in touch with Miss Lorraine Fassitt, Chairman of Production for Rising Sun, and Mrs. William Cherry, Chairman of Knitting, Rising Sun.

WPA To Drop 3000 From Rolls

Will Reduce Employment To Lowest Point

In anticipation of the passage by Congress of a reduced Work Projects Administration appropriation bill, plans are being made to cut the Maryland rolls from 8,000 persons to 5,000, Harry D. Williar, Jr., State WPA administrator reports.

Of the 3,000 persons to be separated from WPA rolls, Williar said, 2,0000 will come from the counties and 1,000 from Baltimore city.

"Machinery has been set in motion to effect a State-wide reduction employment of 3,000 persons by July 1, the beginning of the next fiscal year," Williar said.

"Obviously this requires the complete closing of some projects, the suspension of others, and the reduction in employment by discontinuing units of still others."

Since all WPA workers in the State have been certified by the Welfare Department as being in equal need, the administrator added, the primary criterion by which to judge what projects should be discontinued is the value of the projects themselves.

"In selecting the undertakings to be continued after Jluy 1, preference is being given to those projects which have been certified by the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy as essential to national defense, but, due to the quota limitation, some allied projects even in this category must be stopped," Williar said.

"The geographic location is also kept in mind, and projects are being curtailed where there is a reasonable opportunity for the workers to obtain private employment in industry or on the farms."

The 8,000 persons now on WPA rolls are employed on 175 projects, Williar explained, and this number will be reduced at the end of this month to eighty-five projects.

BRIEFLY MENTIONED NEWS

An injunction has been filed in the Circuit Court at Elkton to restrain the customers of the Greyhound Bus Company from congregating on Main street sidewalks, in that town.

Sterrett Patterson Beaven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beaven, formerly of Port Deposit, graduated in medicine from the University of Maryland at the recent commencement.

R. Carter Simpers, Chairman of the North East Firemen's Carnival Committee, has announced that the annual carnival will be held July 18th to August 2nd inclusive.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. McMurray were given a rousing serenade on Tuesday evening, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Jenkins.

William Nesbitt was taken to Union Hospital, Elkton, on Sunday evening, suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

The car of Delbert Allen, of Calvert, was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning of last week. The machine, which was a new one, was standing in the yard of Mr. Allen's home, and the cause of the fire is supposed to have been a short circuit in the wiring.

The evening services at the Methodist church here, on Sundy, was in charge of the Bible School which had been holding daily sessions for the past two weeks.

The sale of household goods of the late Mrs. Sophia Nesbitt, at Mt. Pleasant, on Saturday afternoon, was well attended and fair prices realized.

Mrs. Harry Taylor, of Perryville, is a patient in Havre de Grace Hospital, following a fall from a chair which resulted in a fractured left hip.

The ladies of the Fire Company Auxiliary cleared about $20 at their recent bake.

Record Number Of Marriages In Elkton

An all time high marriage license record for June was hung up in Elkton with the close of the month on Monday.

Court records show 1,653 couples received licenses to marry at Elkton during the past month. This was an increase of 782 over the previous month of last year.

The Maryland law providing for a 48-hour delay between the issuing of the license and the ceremony has had little adverse effect on the "marriage business" at Elkton. So far this year 6,306 permits have been granted, 506 of which were on court orders authorizing an immediate ceremony. However, the General Assembly outlawed court orders at the last session.

County officials credit stringent marriage laws in nearby states as the chief factor in the license increase.

Didn't Know His Car Was Stolen

Willett Yerkes, of Calvert, manager of the meat department of the American Store here, did not know that his car was stolen one night last week, until notified by the police that it had been recovered at Avondale, Pa. The car had been parked in front of the National Bank here. The thieves who drove off in it later attempted to hold up a filling station, and were apprehended.

Heat Wave Sends Mercury Up

The mercury has been bobbing up and down in the nineties the past week, and all humanity has been sweltering. The ninety degree mark has been easy to reach, and some thermometers even touched one hundred degrees and better by the middle of the afternoons.

Family Reunion

The third annual reunion of the Grant-Johnson families will be held Sunday, July 13, at Lewis, a shore south of Elkton. All friends and relatives of these families are invited to attend.

It isn't flattering if the quiz man selects you to answer the big pay off question. He selects somebody who looks dumb enough to miss.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Kathyrn E. Brooks, daughter of Mrs. Ezra Wissler, Quarryville, R. D., 2, and Lester J. Rittenhouse, son of Mrs. Mabel Rittenhouse, Lancaster, were married June 21, at Elkton, Md., with Rev. W. F. Hopkins, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Marker and Mr. and Mrs. Wililam McNamee were Sunday-Monday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shingler, at Altoona, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Halus Ewing and son Halus, of Prospect Park, Pa., spent the week-end with the former's brothers, Cecil E. Ewing and Evans E. Ewing.

Miss Peggy Tyson, of Akron, Ohio, enjoyed a week-end visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Tyson, Cherry Street.

Elnora Riale Gainor, of Detroit, Michigan, a former resident of this section, visited friends in Rising Sun on Thursday last.

Mrs. Clara B. Keen entertained on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Irwin and daughter, Isabel, of Narbeth, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crothers have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Samuel Moore, in Deltaville, Va.

Ross Cameron, of Freehold, New Jersey, was a Rising Sun visitor on Friday and Saturday.

Miss M. Lidie Stewart is spending some time with relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Anna Garvin was a week-end visitor in Wilmington, Delaware.

Miss Ruth Cecil, who has been spending the past month with her mother, Mrs. Wiley Cecil and family, West Nottingham, returned to her duties at Roanoke, Virginia, Hospital, on Monday.

Mrs. Laura Smith returned last week to her home in Warren, Pa., after a visit here to her sister, Mrs. W. B. Cooney. Mrs. Cooney took the auto trip back with her for a brief visit.

Mrs. Arthur J. Ford, Miss Hanna M. Kirk, Towson, Md., were recent viistors with Mrs. Mary W. Cherry and sister, Miss Louise M. Worthington.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bryson ,of Washington, D. C., were Sunday visitor of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brown. Mr. Brown is confined to his home by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Erle Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beek, of Washington, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. G. Clinton Logan, East Main street.

Mrs. E. L. Haines visited Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Vanneman, of Princeton, and attended the Vanneman--Kinney nuptial on June 21.

Mr. and Mrs. James Flounders, of Akron, Ohio, spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Flounders.

Announcement has been made of the wedding of Miss Ida V. Petty, of Elkton, and William H. Baugher, of Rising Sun.

Mrs. Thomas B. Roberson spent the week with Washington relatives.

Hospital Committee Engages Architects

Abel C. Cameron, President, has announced that, at a meeting held June 25th, the Board of Directors of the Union Hospital authorized the Building Committee to engage architects to prepare plans for the new building. The nature of hospital work is so exacting that considerable skill is required in order to have a plan and equipment that will be satisfactory and economical. The Committee has devoted a great deal of time to this matter and has finally selected, from among several well qualified firms, Buckler & Fenhagen of Baltimore. It is expected that a study of conditions will start at once and that plans will be ready in due time.

Pedestrian Killed On Dual Highway

Struck by a truck shortly after midnight Wednesday on the dual highway at Havre de Grace, a pedestrian was fatally injured.

Papers in his pocket gave his name as C. A. Ott with instructions to notify relatives in Jamestown, N. C. The body was turned over to Pennington & Son.

Order Placed For New Fire Engine

The Cecilton Fire Company has placed an order with a Conshohocken, Pa., firm for a new Hale pumper. The cost of the equipment will be about $4,000.

Haley--Towler

Miss Ruth Haley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Haley, of Cecilton, and Mr. Elwood B. Towler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Towler, of Galena, were married on June 20, at 2:00 P. M. in the Methodist Church in Cecilton, the Rev. Chas. Griffiet performing the ceremony. Wedding Music was played by Mr. Norman McCoy. Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. George A. Paul of Wilmington, Delaware.

The bride wore light blue with white accessories and a corsage of red roses, her attendant wore pink with white accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. The mother of the bride wore navy blue with white accessories and white carnations. The mother of the groom wore light blue and white accessories.

Burnett--McDowell

Miss Mary Bowen Burnett, daughter of Mrs. Raymond L. Burnett, and Mr. John N. McDowell were married Saturday afternoon, June 21, at Hart's Methodist church, near North East. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. Everett Hallman, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Newark, who was assisted by the Rev. Lawrence Knotts, pastor of the North East church.

Mr. Norman F. McDowell served as best man for his brother. Mrs. McDowell was the bride's only attendant. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Raymond L. Burnett.

Mr. McDowell is executive secretary of the University of Delaware Alumni Association.

Morse--Hebble

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Morse, of Philada., have announced the marriage of their daughter, Mary Sparrer, to Dr. Richard H. Hebble, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Grant Hebble, of Newport News, Virginia, which took place at Mount Carmel Methodist Church, Philada., on June 2. Dr. Hebble, who was recently graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Denistry, is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hartenstine, of Principio Furnace.

Pearce--Shelton

Miss Mary Jane Pearce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pearce, of Cecilton, and Mr. Robert Denney Shelton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shelton, also of First district were united in marriage in Cecilton Methodist Church, Friday, June 27, Rev. C. M. Griffith, the pastor, officiating.

To the ladies: To reconcile your man to paying for frocks and hats, ask him to go shopping with you because he has such wonderful taste.

Sentman--Aiken

Miss Helen Sentman, Port Deposit, and Mr. Samuel Aiken, Jr., were married Saturday evening, June 21, in the Methodist Church, Port Deposit, by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Jones.

The bride wore a blue dress with hat to match and a corsage of white flowers. She was attended by her cousin, Miss Ella Sentman, Wilmington, who wore dusty-rose with pink corsage. Marion Lee Paterson was best man. Hannah Pugh played the wedding march. After the ceremony a luncheon was served to the immediate relatives and friends at the bride's home.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sentman, Port Deposit. She is a graduate of Tome and is employed as a secretary at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Aiken, a graduate of Tome School and is employed in the Glenn L. Martin Airplane factory at Middle River.

Mr. and Mrs. Aiken will reside with the groom's parents.

Fadeley--Vana

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Fadeley, of Perryville, announce the marriage of their daughter, Wanda W., to Mr. Alton Vana, of Winfield, Alabama, on Sunday, June 22, at 7:00 p. m. at Baltimore. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. Harry Stewart.

The bride wore navy blue with white accessories and corsage of pink roses.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. F. Fellenbaum.

Mr. and Mrs. Vana will make their home in Baltimore.

Currinder--Founds

Miss Alice V. Currinder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Currinder, of Elkton, and Mr. W. Arthur Founds, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Founds, also of near Elkton, were married at 8 o'clock Saturdy evening, in Cherry Hill Methodist Church; Rev. L. L. Powell, officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of relatives and friends of the contracting parties.

Happy Valley Camp Reopens

Happy Valley Camp, for Girls, located near Port Deposit, which for several years has been under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Williams, has reopened for the summer. About forty girls from Washington, Wilmington, Swarthmore, New York, Philada., and Baltimore, have enrolled. Each year the enrollment has been increasing.