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THE RURAL WOMEN'S SHORT COURSE

Interesting Report Of Activities At College Park Participated In By Cecil Group By One Who Was There

To many people in the county, the name "Rural Women's Short Course" means only a phrase heard, or seen occasionally in the papers. To another group--the farm women, the rural women themselves,-who have had the priviledge of knowing at first hand what it is, it means an open door to opportunities for learning, a promise of wider horizons of thought and vision, a memory of happy, busy hours spent with hundreds of other like-minded women in a common effort of learning and listening. The 1941 "Short Course" was an experience that few who shared it will forget. Forty women from Cecil County went to College Park joining with the other 750 Maryland women in the week of lectures, class discussions, social activities and recreation planned so carefully by Miss Venia M. Kellar, assistant director of Extension Service of the University of Maryland. To many women, the mere release from household routine, of meals, dishes, chores and responsibility was a for mof recration. Along with this release, however, came a widening knowledge from the classes which often opened up new lines of thought, or pent-up ideas. Many of the instructors, indeed, found, from the very practical discussions, that they had things to learn, as well as to teach. Among the possible subjects for class study were: Nutrition and foods, home furnishings, clothing, home management, family living, landscape gardening, poultry raising, recreation, Public speaking, parliamentary law, better English, music appreciation, leadership development, 4-H Club work.

To many other women, the assembly periods were the high lights of each day. Each assembly from 10-12 A. M. and from 2-4 P. M. opened with 15 minutes of lively singing under the leadership of the music director, Mr. Harlan Randall. Outstanding speakers of national interest were presented each day. They all brought a message of vital and absorbing value to the Homemakers of Rural Maryland—a message always underlying the theme of the week "Americanism, Our Heritage". Among these speakers were the following:

Brigadier-General Lewis B. Hershey, acting director of the Selective Service. He spoke strongly of the value and need of the farm-trained youth as a skilled workman, essential to the defense of the country. He drove home in plain words the great need for the physical up-building of the youth, in view of the very startling results of the draft physical examinations in which about 50% have been turned down because of defects--many of which could be prevented, Brig.-Gen. Hershey, generously answered questions and spoke at length on the problems of deferment. Many women expressed satisfaction at being able to see and ask questions of the man in charge of the selection of their men to National Service.

Miss Ernestine Becker, nutrition specialist of the Children's Bureau. Dept. of Labor, (famous assistant to the famous Dr. McCullom of Hopkins who rescued minerals and vitamins from the kitchen sink) gave the home-makers a challenge they dare not lay down, when she declared "45,000,000 people are not well fed. They may have enough to eat, but not the proper kind of food. They are literally digging their graves with their teeth." She emphasized the necessity for proper food, selected for vitamin and mineral content as the chief task of mothers and homemakers. An interesting item for the dairymen, as well as for the spinach hater, was her statement that "1 pint of milk is equivalent to 20 servings of fruit and vegetables in providing the body requirements of essential minerals."

Miss Mary Haworth, a problem columnist of a Washington paper, told of some of the letters received from the public at large, and what the Problem columnist actually does in trying to give a helpful answer to 'What shall I wear? What career shall I choose? How can I regain Johnny's affections, or how shall I

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Inducted Into U. S. Army

Additional Cecil County Boys Called By Draft

One hundred and seventy-five young men who had reached the age of 21 registered at the Draft Board in Elkton on July 1.

The following Cecil Countians were inducted on July 8:

Abraham Fisher Hostetter, Rowlandsville; Edward Newell Jenkins, Rising Sun; John Paul Labik, Elkton; John McVey Rawlings, Conowingo; Enos Thomas Morris, Earleville.

To inducted on July 8. colored: James Robert Dennis, Port Deposit; Robert Henry Hensen, Chesapeake City; William Henry Brinkley, 414 Spruce St., Wilmington, Del.; William Harold Wilson, Elkton; Samuel Paul Jones, North East; Harry George Jackson, Chesapeake City; Benjamin Garnett, Cecilton; Alexander Garrison, Cecilton; Austin Rodney Mills, Chesapeake City; Joseph Oscar Wilmore, Cecilton.

Motor Vehicle Law Enforcement

Accident Provoking Drivers Must Be Penalized

The Maryland Traffic Safety Commission is studying with interest results of the rigid enforcement of motor vehicle laws over the three-day Fourth of July holiday.

For the first time in the history of motoring in Maryland, at the suggestion of the Traffic Safety Commission, violators of rules and regulations which are commonly listed as the cause of the greater number of accidents, were warned in advance that they would be subject to the revocation of drivers' licenses.

With the steadily rising death rate in the State from traffic accidents, despite continued pleas for courtesy and caution in driving made by the Commission since its establishment by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor in 1939, the members of the Commission feel that the time for leniency is past, and that careless, accident-provoking drivers must be driven from the roads if law-abiding motorists are to be protected from injury and death.

Report Of Drive For Children's Aid Funds

A total of $1900.20, or approximately one-third of the goal set for the Chidren's Aid Society drive in Cecil County, was reported by chairman and co-chairman of the drive at a meeting Monday night, June 30, at the home of Mrs. J. Mercer Terrell.

Leaders of the drive are hoping that all workers will double their efforts, so that by July 16th, the date set for the next checkup meeting, all prospects will have been seen and the goal will have been reached. The Children's Aid Society was organized by the people of the county to care for neglected, homeless, and delinquent children and is dependent entirely on the people of the county for the financial backing to carry on its work.

The Glorious Fourth

The Glorious Fourth was anything but a lively occasion in this neck of the woods. The day was a drab one, with an almost continual drizzle of rain falling.

Many a planned picnic and outdoor sport had to be called off, to the disappointment of a host of people.

The legal ba non fireworks put a damper, too, on the noisemaking features that have always been past and parcel of the day's celebration, in times gone, and the Fourth this year was a particularly quiet one.

Drowned At North East

Ralph Jenkins, twenty-three, of Oxford, Pa., was drowned in the North East River, opposite Holloway Beach, Tuesday night, of last week. Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Jenkins, Oxford, he leaves two brothers, Everett and Veryl Jenkins, Lancaster, and these sisters, Mrs. Truman E. Ferguson and Mrs. Esther, at home. The family formerly resided near Little Britian Church. Mr. Jenkins was accompanied by two young men in a sailboat, from which he made his fatal dive.

The water at the point where Jenkins jumped overboard is said to be about 20 feet in depth.

The body was found Thursday morning by Alvin and Burns Foard.

Campaign Against Ragweed In State

Drive Sponsored By Garden Club Women

A drive against ragweed has begun in this state, sponsored by the Federated Garden Women of Maryland. Ragweed pollen is the chief cause of hay fever which yearly strikes 11,000,000 persons in this country.

The Department of Agriculture advises that ragweed should be cut twice each year, first just before the flowers form and again before flowers develop on the low-growing branches that shoot out after the first cutting. In this vicinity big ragweed begins flowering about August 1, and common ragweed two weeks later. If the cutting down is delayed until the flower buds form, pollen will ripen on the severed plants and get into the atmosphere in spite of the cutting. Cut down ragweed as soon as it is recognized. Now is the time.

The Department of Agriculture urges especially the cutting down of ragweed along highways and in gardens, in fields and stubble lands. Ragweed infested pastures should be mowed just before the weed begins to flower, with the cutter bar of the mowing machine raised so that the ragweed is cut 8 to 10 inches from the ground. Later in the season a second cutting may be necessary, with the cutter bar set close to the ground in order to cut the low growing branches that have developed since the first cutting. Statistics on the amount of water required to grow ragweed demonstrate it to be a great consumer of water. Ragweed is a soil thief. It is said that one ragweed plant in 100 square feet of soil will remove more than twice an inch of rainfall.

The Adirondacks and the Northern Peninsula of Michigan have for years put on concerted efforts to destroy ragweed everywhere within their boundaries. They have succeeded. And the Island of Nantucket is now attempting the same control. Freedom from ragweed and its pollen which induces hay fever have made these communities the mecca of hay fever victims, and brought thousands of dollars into their state.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ochs, of Oxford, Pa., celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding, on Saturday, June 28. They entertained the family and a number of friends at a turkey dinner.

Miss Myrtle Boyd, daughter of Mrs. Charles Myers, of Coatesville, Pa., and Mr. Hubbard Barlow, of North Carolina, were married at Bel Air on Saturday, June 28th.

Major Norman Kirk and daughter, Miss Jane Kirk, of Washington, were visitors at the home of the former's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Job W. Kirk, during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Pogue and children of Pittsburg, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Pogue and daughter, spent the Fourth with Wm. M. Pogue and family.

Misses Patty Richards, Jeanne Clark, Dorothy Fisher and Ruby Graybeal attended the summer Institute at Washington College, Chestertown, Md., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Keen and son, of Perryville, Misses Dorothy, Lillian and Anna Ryan enjoyed the Fourth of July holiday at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Taylor, Miss Esther Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Taylor and daughter spent the Fourth at Radio Park, near Wilmington.

Mrs. William Cameron and son, John, have been spending some time at Ocean City, Md., with her father, Rev. Frank White.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter E. Tome and family, of near town, spent the Fourth with New York relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman S. Pyle, of Philada., were Fourth of July guests of Mr. and Mrs. Job W. Kirk.

N. B. Williams is visiting relatives in Wytheville, Va.

Granville Reynolds, of Fremont, Pa., has returned home from a Wilmington Hospital where he received treatment and was under observation for a week. Mr. Reynolds is 83 years of age.

Miss Virginia Graybeal, of Wilmington; Mr. Paul Graybeal and Miss Virginia Torbert, of Baltimore, were week-end visitors of G. H. Graybeal and family, near town.

Miss Dorothy Fisher was the Sunday-Wednesday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson, of Rosemont, Pa. She also visted her sister, Mrs. Eugene Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dixon, of Philada., spent the Fourth of July holiday period with Miss Margaret Haines and Mr. Edgar Brown, West Main street.

Miss Jane Jenkins enjoyed a vacation at Janes Beach, Long Island, as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Starin.

Mr. Russell Faber, athletic instructor W. N. A., enjoyed a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Faber, Pearl River, New York.

Miss Catherine Kirk and Miss Martha Tosh left on Friday for a two weeks motor trip through the New England States and Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. M. U. Zimmerman, of Easton, Md., former residents of town, called on Rising Sun friends on Sunday.

Miss Anna Haines, of Philada., spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Haines.

Mrs. Elwood Brown was a week-end visitor at her brother, at Quarryville, Pa.

Mrs. Charles Myers is a patient in Coatesville, Pa., hospital, where she underwent an operation.

Burned By Explosion On Yacht

Pierino Carlantonio, 36 years old, of Chester, Pa., is in a critical condition in Union Hospital, Elkton, suffering from first degree burns about the head, chest, arms and back, sustained when the handsome cabin cruiser, Green Goose, owned by Matthew Margolini of Chester, Pa., was burned to the water-edge Sunday at the wharf of the Chesapeake City Boat Company, near the eastern entrance to the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal.

The owner of the yacht had been working about the generator of the engine, prior to starting out on a short cruise, with Carlantonio as his guest, when an explosion occurred and in a few minutes the cruiser was a mass of flames.

Carlantonio was standing in the hatchway leading to the engine room when he was enveloped in flames. He was recued by bystanders and taken to the hospital.

The Chesapeake City Volunteer Fire Company was summoned to the scene, but it was impossible to save the boat. The loss is estimated at about $5,00.

Wife Beater Gets Suspended Sentence

Magistrate James Weinroth, of Elkton, suspended sentence of nine month in the house of correction on Thomas Braywood, colored, for beating up his wife, Mary Braywood.

For parking over two hours in the business section of Elkton five local people were fined $1.75 each by Magistrate Weinroth.

Heads Methodist Ministers Association

At a meeting of the Wilmington District Methodist Ministers Association held Monday last, Rev. Richard M. Green, pastor of Hockessin church was elected President to succeed Rev. M. E. Wheatley, of Elkton, whose term expired.

England is on the spot. If the picture isn't made dreary, she gets no sympathy; if it is too dreary, people think she isn't a good risk.

Tome Staff Dismissed

All activities at Tome school, Port Deposit, have ceased; the entire staff of employes was dismissed on June 30. The school library is being transferred to Washington hall. This library is open to the public each Wednesday morning from 9:30 until 10:30.

Liquor Violator Held

Charged with violating the county liquor law in selling beer on Sunday, Lillian Johns, who conducts a road house near Warwick, was arrested by Sheriff David Randolph and held under bail for a hearing.

Barn Struck By Lightning

The barn on the farm of Charles M. Hitchens, near Iron Hill, was struck by lightning during the violent storm of Wednesday of last week. The building was badly damaged, but not set on fire.

Pogue Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Pogue observed the Fourth by entertaining at a family reunion and dinner. The original plan was for an outdoor picnic, on the spacious lawn of their home, but old Jupiter Pluvius sent rain and the festivities were held indoors. Twenty-five members of the family assembled to enjoy the happy affair.

Engagement Announced

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Hilda A. White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. White, of Cayotts Corner, Chesapeake City, to Mr. H. Garrett Heath, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Heath of Mechanics Valley.

Marker Dedicated To Mrs. Denny

A marker which was placed in the Elkton cemetery, some time ago by Captain Jeremiah Baker Chapter, D. A. R., of Perryville, to the memory of Mrs. Elva Denney, of Elkton, former Regent of the Chapter, was dedicated last week.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Seth, of Elk Mills, entertained at a family dinner on Sunday, June 29, in celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.The couple were married in the Cherry Hill Methodist Parsonage, July 1, 1891, by the Rev. T. B. Hunter.

Mr. Seth was born in Wilmington and Mrs. Seth, the former Miss Annie Shepherd, was born in Oxford, Pa. The couple have livel all their life at Elk Mills with the exception of one year at Havre de Grace. He was postmaster at Elk Mills for 35 years, retiring from the service January 1940.

Volume Sixty-Three

With this issue The Midland Journal attains another birthday, its sixty-third. The publication was purchased in 1885 by the late E. E. Ewing, from William H. Pennington and has since had the Ewing name at its masthead—father, then sons.

Scout Camp Opens

Camp Horseshoe, the Boy Scout camp on the Octoraro creek, northwest of Rising Sun, formally opened for the season on Sunday, June 29, with 86 Scouts in attendance. The schedule is seven weeks. Raleigh W. Smedley is the director.

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

"Drive Carefully, remember there are no spare parts for the human body"

Flames Wreck Yacht

The yacht, "Maria" owned by P. E. Williams, superintendent of the Elkton Gas Company, which he bought at Rock Hall, Md., some months ago, and later greatly improved, was practically wrecked by fire one night last week while tied up to the wharf in Big Elk Creek, in the rear of the plant of the Elkton Supply Company.

The origin of the fire is a mystery as it is understood that there was no gasoline abroad the raft at the time. It is believed that some one who was in or near the craft threw a lighted cigarette or cigar on the craft and that it landed in some inflammable material.

The Elkton Fire Department extinguished the flames. The loss is estimated at about $500.

Communists are relatively few. How can they block the will of the many unless the many are dumber?

Jourdan--Walls

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gilpin Jourdan, of Darlington, Harford County, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Alma Belle Jourdan, to Mr. J. Everett Walls, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Everett Walls, of Middletown, Del. The marriage was solemnized in St. Andrew's School Chapel, Saturday morning, June 28, the Rev. Walden Pell, II, officiating.

The bride is a graduate of St. Mary's Seminary, the Drexel Institute of Technology, and for the past three years has been dietitian at St. Andrew's School.

The bridegroom was educated at the Middletown High School, Wesley Collegiate Institute and Goldey Business College, Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Walls will live in Middletown, where the bridegroom is associated with his father in the lumber and road contracting business.

Strickland--Blake

Mrs. Stewart Strickland of Elkton announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Jean Strickland, to Mr. George Mitchell Blake, son of Mr. Calvin Blake of Elkton. The ceremony was preformed last Thursday evening in Elkton Methodist church by the Rev. Melvin Wheatley. The bride is a graduate of Elkton High School and Beacom College, Wilmington. For the past year or more she has held a secretaryship in Wilmington. The bridegroom holds a position with the Conowingo Power Company.

Strickland--Hoffman

Miss Doris E. Strickland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Strickland of East Landowne, Pa., was married to Mr. Elwood W. Hoffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Hoffman, Sr., also of East Lansdowne, on Saturday, June 21, at 4 o'clock in the Trinity Methodist Church. The Rev. Dr. Samuel McWilliams, pastor, officiated with the double ring ceremony.

The bride is a grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Trowbridge, Port Deposit.

Stewart--Mack

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart, of Elkton, announce the marriage of their daughter, Evelyn, to Mr. J. Douglas Mack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mack, of Indiantown, Florida, where the ceremony was performed by Judge Dorrace.

Miss Stewart was formerly assistant superintendent of the Harford Memorial Hospital from which she resigned November, 1939, later becoming superintendent of Everglades Memorial Hospital at Pahokee, Florida.

Mr. Mack is a graduate of Albany Commercial College of Albany, Georgia, and is employed as an accountant with the United States Sugar Company at Slewiston, Florida.

Crossan--Ayers

Miss Mildred Crossan and Mr. Ellis Ayers were united in marriage at Janes Methodist church, Rising Sun, on Wednesday afternoon, July 9th, at 1:00 P. M. A group of close friends and relatives attended the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. J. B. Dickerson, pastor of the church.

The bride is employed as secretary in the office of the Cecil Farmers Telephone Company, in this town, while the groom assists his father in farming. The bride and groom will reside in their newly-erected bungalow, on his father's farm, near Farmington.

Dubree--Wiggins

Miss Erma M. Dubree, of Port Deposit, and Joseph W. Wiggins, of Colora, were married Thursday, July 3rd, 7:30 P. M., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Haney, Harrisville, by Rev. W. H. Haney.

Writes Another Detective Thriller

William Edward Hayes, a resident of North East, has taken the Eastern Shore as his background in his newest mystery story to be published in the July 19 issue of Detective Fiction Weekly. This latest story is titled, "Murder for Improvement" and is a highly dramatic piece that should interest sportsmen throughout this area, since it concerns the sport of duck hunting.

School Board Gets Athletic Field Site

The jury of condemnation summoned in the Circuit Court, at Elkton, after hearing testimony and viewing the property in Chesapeake City, owned by the Bayard estate, which was desired by the Board of Education for school purposes returned a verdict for $900.

The ground in question is located to the rear of the Chesapeake City High school, and will be converted into an athletic field.