

Explosion At Munition Plant Eight Injured In Blast At Triumph Plant

Eight persons were injured, including four girls from Wilmington, in an explosion late Wednesday night last, at the Triumph Explosives plant near Elkton.

Mrs. Janet O. Pary, 36, of 206 East Fourth Street, Wilmington, burned about the arms, is in Union Hospital, held for observation.

Mary Bryner, 22, of 524 East Fourth Street, Wilmington, taken to the Union Hospital, suffering from shock, was later sent home.

Helen Smader, Quarryville, Pa.; Mary McSparran, Peach Bottom, Pa., and Lydia Miller, Calvert, Md., were treated for burns. None serious.

Other workers who were treated at the hospital and released were: Alice Pajrowski, East Ninth Street, Wilmington; Hilda Rakowski, Lake Street, Wilmington and Corbet Wallace, North East.

The superintendent of Union Hospital refused to give any information about the condition of the injured.

At the Triumph plant, Robert Criswell, vice-president, also declined to give out information about the cause of the blast.

It has been learned, however, on good authority, that the explosion occurred when a fuse on an assembly line table went off.

J. B. Decker, president of the plant, was out of the city and could not be reached for comment.

Survey Of Rooms Available

The Home Registration office of Elkton reports that a survey shows there are 23 homes and apartments available throughout Cecil County. Among these are 7 large furnished homes ranging in price around \$50 monthly, 4 furnished apartments in Port Deposit, and Rising Sun in the \$30 to \$40 brackets, 2 unfurnished apartments in Elkton at \$25 to \$35 and 6 summer cottages; also 4 houses in the rural sections.

Also other rooms available are 39 in Chesapeake City; 17 in Elk Mills; 28 in North East, and 66 in Port Deposit. Although a room survey has not been made in Rising Sun 22 rooms have been registered from this section, and a few from Newark, Delaware.

Cecil County Parent- Teachers Association

Mrs. Margaret E. Cronin, Executive Coordinator of the Cecil County Defense Council, was the guest speaker at the December meeting of the County Council of the Parent-Teachers Association, held Monday evening, Dec. 1, in the auditorium of Rising Sun High School. Mrs. Cronin spoke on "Defense Begins in the Home".

The musical features were provided by the Glee Club of Rising Sun High School, composed of 25 girls and boys under the direction of Miss Wiseman, of the Music Department and the 17-piece Elkton High School Band, directed by Mr. Hugh Stuart of the Music Department. Both of these organizations gave highly pleasing programs that were greatly enjoyed by everyone.

Young Folks Injured In Auto Accident

Returning from Tome School, Port Deposit, on Monday afternoon Miss Jeanne Clark and Miss Ann Lane Wilson, of this town, narrowly escaped serious injury when the car in which they were riding overturned twice, at Barnes Corner. Both girls were badly bruised and shaken up but fortunately escaped with slight injuries. The driver of the car also escaped serious injury, but the auto was badly wrecked. It is reported the machine was traveling at a high rate of speed, when a tire blew out.

Auxiliary Banquet

A county-wide Ladies Fire Company Auxiliary banquet will be held Wednesday evening, December 10, at the Howard Hotel, Elkton. All Auxiliary members are urged to call Elkton 60 and make reservations.

To Build Tankers At Frenchtown

Four tankers for coastal trade will be constructed by the Lancaster Iron Works, Lancaster, Pa., to be delivered between July 1 and October, 1942. The company will fabricate the steel work at its Lancaster plant, and construct the vessels at its shipyard at Frenchtown, Cecil County.

CHAIRMAN OF DEFENSE COUNCIL

A. P. Wheeler has been appointed co-chairman of the Defense Council of Cecil County. The members of the committee are: Mrs. Reginald Gregory, Mrs. Robert Mackey and Walter Coolidge, Elkton; Mrs. K. Kilby and Norris Reynolds, Rising Sun; Mrs. John Maloney, Chesapeake City; Miss Mary Tomlinson and Wm. Blake, of Cecilton; Ralph Beachley and Jos. Grant, North East; J. Frank Blake, Childs, and J. Paul Slaybaugh, West Nottingham.

Mrs. John K. Burkley, Elkton, has been designated by Mrs. James W. Hughes, county chairman to represent the Women's division, and Mrs. R. C. Dodson, county chairman, to represent the American Red Cross.

The functions of the Bureau will be to study the recreational and educational needs of the county as a result of rapidly increasing population and plan a program of activity which will be assimilative in character.

Red Cross Nurs- ing Classes

Twenty-eight ladies of this town and community are receiving instruction in Red Cross nursing at the headquarters in the Alice & Shepherd store building, which has been placed at the disposal of the local Red Cross Chapter. The class is in charge of Mrs. J. B. Fassitt and meets from 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock on Tuesday afternoons.

A number of men are receiving instruction in first aid, meeting in the recreation room of the Fire House on Wednesday evenings. Dr. R. C. Dodson is instructing the class.

County Nurse, Miss Martha Tosh, has a large class of colored women, and two colored men, under instruction at Port Deposit.

A course in Home Nursing and Care of the Sick, under the instruction of Miss Branin, will be conducted at the Riverview Hotel, Port Deposit, Maryland, each Friday night at 7:30 P. M. Those wishing to register for said course, may do so Friday, December 12th, at the Riverview Hotel at 7:30 P. M. There is no cost for the course with the exception of the text books.

Heads Infantile Paralysis Campaign

Senator George L. Radcliffe, of Baltimore, has been reappointed Maryland State Chairman for the 1942 "Fight Infantile Paralysis Campaign". Announcement of this was made by Keith Morgan, National Chairman for the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Senator Radcliffe, who served as State Chairman for the 1941 campaign, led Maryland in one of its most successful attacks upon the crippling disease.

Farm Group To Hold Annual Banquet

The Cecil County Farm Bureau will hold its twelfth annual banquet on Friday evening, Dec. 5, in the auditorium of North East High School. The following speakers will give talks on farm topics; P. C. Turner, president of the Maryland Farm Bureau; C. E. Wise, Jr., secretary and treasurer of the Maryland Farm Bureau, and Dr. Roger B. Corbett, director of the University of Maryland experimental station. Argus Robinson, of Elkton, will show technical pictures.

Susquehanna River Project

Included in the omnibus bill authorizing projects totaling nearly \$1,000,000,000 which the House Rivers and Harbors Committee reported, is one for the Susquehanna River at Havre de Grace, the cost and maintenance of which totals \$19,000. In addition two other projects at Havre de Grace are on the schedule for preliminary examination.

Hybrid Corn Meeting

The public is cordially invited to attend a meeting in the Rising Sun High School auditorium Wednesday evening, Dec. 10, 1941, at 8 P. M., to meet Mr. Black of W. F. Black Farm, Walnut, Ill., grower of "Genuine Pfister Hybrids". Mr. Black will show a colored movie film of corn grown in the corn belt and each operation required to make perfect seed. This picture was taken while filling the seed house this fall and is really worth seeing. Tell your neighbors about it and bring them along.

A man isn't as anxious to be right as he is to have others think he is.

Grant Approved For Hospital

Federal Funds Available Assure Elkton Project

Senator Millard E. Tydings on Saturday announced that a grant of \$160,000 had been approved to aid Cecil County in the construction of a new hospital at Elkton to cost approximately \$240,000.

The construction of a new hospital at Elkton has been advocated for some time and numerous conferences have been held with federal officials in an effort to speed up action on the application for federal funds.

U. S. Senator George L. Radcliffe headed a delegation of citizens from Cecil County a few weeks ago before officials of the public works agency, where the urgent need was expressed for modern hospital facilities to replace the present Union Hospital, housed in a converted residential building.

It was stated that the great increase in defense workers in the Elkton area has greatly overtaxed hospital facilities.

Elkton and Cecil County authorities are prepared to contribute \$80,000 toward the cost of a new building.

Academy Glee Club To Sing At Elkton

Friday evening, December 5th, is the date chosen for the appearance of the West Nottingham Academy Glee Club at Elkton, composed of twenty-five male voices. In addition to the Academy octet which will be making its third Elkton appearance, the program will feature a baritone solo by S. Loy Kutz, director, and tenor soloist Edmund Newcomb, a senior from Newark, Del. The faculty trio, Messrs. Cochran and Scott, of West Chester State Teachers' College, and Mr. Kutz, will be an added attraction. Mr. Richard Holstein, of Elkton, formerly a member of the West Nottingham faculty, will accompany the entire program.

Struck By Falling Tree

John T. Neary, of near Pleasant Grove, Pa., suffered serious injury on Saturday while cutting down a tree on his farm. He was alone at the time and was found pinned beneath the tree, which had struck him as it fell. Mr. Neary suffered a fractured leg and other injuries but is progressing as well as could be expected.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fassitt entertained at dinner on Thursday last Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fassitt, of Springfield, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Leon McCrery and son John B. McCrery, of Narberth, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Pugh, of Port Deposit, announce the birth of a son, born in Havre de Grace Hospital on Nov. 9th. The mother was formerly postmistress at Rising Sun, Miss Helen Rawlings.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin G. Lucas, of Rising Sun, explored the famous Endless Caverns at New Market, Va., while on a motor trip thru the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Alexander Vecchio of Aberdeen and Miss Alice Evans of Perryville, by Rev. Deyer of Port Deposit.

Mrs. Raymond Shingler, who underwent an appendicitis operation at Union Hospital, Elkton, was able to return to her home here on Sunday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shingler, of Altoona, Pa., visited her son, Raymond Shingler, during the week.

Miss Marjorie Ebling, of Philada., was entertained over the week-end by Mrs. H. L. Shepherd.

Mrs. Mary W. Cherry has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. M. Workman, Mt. Joy, Pa.

Rev. J. B. Dickerson attended Methodist Conference in Nashville, Tennessee last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Buck on Sunday entertained at family dinner in observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding.

Turkey Supper

The Cecil County Council of Homemakers' Clubs will hold a turkey supper on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 5:00 o'clock in Zion Community House. Everyone is invited.

Farmers And Business Men

Gather To Discuss Pro- duction Problems

At the call of County Agent J. Z. Miller, farmers and dairymen of Cecil County met at the Court House in Elkton on Monday evening. The purpose of the gathering was to acquaint leading farmers, business men, feed and fertilizer dealers and others with the program for dairy and livestock feeding and more general use of home grown feed production.

The meeting was under the auspices of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and state land-grant colleges cooperating. Illustrated pictures in color were shown to better describe the work that is being done in the home grown feed program.

Cattle Shelter Destroyed

Rising Sun firemen were called to the farm of James Wood, at Eastland, Pa., on Wednesday to render aid fighting a fire that destroyed one of the farm buildings. The burned structure was a cattle shelter. A large barn on the premises, leaving the high stone walls standing. By building a roof over the walls a shelter for livestock was provided. The roof of this structure was discovered to be on fire Wednesday afternoon by a neighbor, and the firemen were called. By the time the firemen arrived on the scene the roof and stabling beneath had been destroyed. Two calves were rescued from the burning shed. The firemen prevented spread of the flames to other farm buildings. The origin of the fire is undetermined. This is the third time fire has swept the site.

Fire Truck Wrecked

In responding to a fire call at Darlington, Harford county, last week, the Bel Air fire engine was almost completely wrecked near Hickory. In an effort to avoid a collision with a truck the driver of the fire engine swerved his machine and skidded into a tree. The four firemen who were riding on the truck were thrown to the ground, and the fire truck damaged to the extent of about \$4,000. The firemen who were injured were Mr. Frank Hiser, driver, and Messrs. Aubrey Harkins and Randolph Daley, who received cuts and bruises; Mr. Joseph McGreevy, the fourth man, was unhurt.

DWELLING AND CON- TENTS BURNED

The frame dwelling on the farm of Rev. Holt, near Calvert, tenanted by William Miller and family, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday night, together with all the family's household effect, clothing, etc. The family, in fact, had a narrow escape, being compelled to flee from the burning building in their night clothes.

Mr. Miller was aroused about eleven o'clock by the crying of one of the children, and discovered the house was filled with stifling smoke. All the members of the family were aroused and escaped in safety.

The alarm was given, the Rising Sun Fire Company responded quickly, but the dwelling was doomed. The only thing that was saved was a washing machine that was on the back porch.

The dwelling was insured in the Farmers & Mechanics Company of Cecil County.

This is the second fire to visit the property, the barn having been burned about five years ago.

Misfortune has been pursuing the Miller family. Mr. Miller's sister-in-law was one of the persons to suffer injury in the explosion at the Triumph plant, Elkton, some days ago. Mr. Miller a few years ago had one of his hands caught in a fodder shredder and so terribly injured as to lose the member, and Lincoln Miller, a brother, was very seriously injured in the two car accident that occurred at Bay View on Saturday morning last.

The Community Fire Company of Rising Sun, the Fire Company Auxiliary, Red Cross and other organizations in this neighborhood are soliciting contributions of furniture, wearing apparel, etc., for the stricken family. Any articles left at the fire house will be delivered to proper place. At the regular meeting of the Fire Company on Monday evening a collection amounting to \$20.00 was taken among those present for the benefit of the family.

Meeting Of Fire Company Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Rising Sun Fire Company will hold its regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 8th, at 8:00 o'clock P. M. All members are urged to be present, as the annual election of officers will be held. After the transaction of routine business we will hold a Christmas Party. Bring a ten cent gift for the party.

Logan--Williams

The marriage of Miss Alma Elizabeth Logan, daughter of Mr. J. P. Logan and the late Mrs. Logan of Leslie, Md., to Mr. John Noel Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Bruce Williams, of Rising Sun, Md., took place Sunday, November 30. The ceremony was performed at five o'clock in the North East Methodist church, by the Reverend Allen Brown of the Havre de Grace Presbyterian church, in the presence of the families and a few friends. A small reception followed at the home of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams will live at 4105 Marx Avenue, Baltimore, Md. Mr. Williams holds a position with the Bethlehem Steel Company at Sparrows Point, Md.

Mrs. Logan, mother of the bride, was stricken with paralysis during the reception, and died the next morning at 10 o'clock. She had been in frail health for the past nine years. Funeral services were held from her late home Wednesday afternoon with interment in the North East cemetery.

Dean--Maser

Miss Evelyn May Dean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood C. Dean, of Kemblesville, Pa., and Mr. Fred W. Maser, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Maser, of New London, Pa., were married on November 20, at the parsonage of Brack-Ex Methodist church by the Rev. R. High Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Melvin, of Seaford, sister and brother-in-law of the bride, were attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Maser will live at New London.

Mays--Kline

Miss Ruby Mays, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd G. Mays of Newark, Del., and Mr. Walter Kline, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kline, of Elkton, were united in marriage Friday, Nov. 14, by Rev. Geo. E. Creswell.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Mesley, sister and brother-in-law of the bridegroom, attended the couple.

Quarryville Fire Company Purchases New Pumper

The Quarryville, Pa., Fire Company has placed an order for a new pumper. The new piece of fire fighting equipment is a 500-gallon pumper with a 300-gallon booster tank

Fatal Crash Due To Fog

One Person Killed And Seven Others Injured

One of the heaviest fogs of the season engulfed the landscape Saturday morning, slowing up traffic and leading to numerous highway accidents.

One of the worst of these traffic accidents occurred near Bay View.

Mrs. Isabella Lindamood, 43, of Conowingo, died instantly when two automobiles, one carrying five women to their homes after working the night shift at the Triumph Explosives, Inc. plant, near Elkton, collided head-on on the Calvert-North East highway at 8 a. m.

Seven other persons were injured in this collision, one very seriously, and four others grave enough to be held for observation at the Union Hospital, Elkton.

Alice Hathaway, Conowingo, suffering a possible fracture of the scalp, lacerations of the head and multiple bruises and contusions of the body, was regarded in critical condition.

Others admitted to the hospital were: Mary Brown, Conowingo, lacerations of the scalp; Mabel Brown Cahall, Peach Bottom, lacerations of the scalp; Alvin Ward, R. D. No. 3, Elkton, driver of one of the cars, broken left arm; Lincoln Miller of near Rising Sun, the second driver, fractured right leg and scalp wounds.

Joseph McCummings of near Rising Sun, passenger in Ward's car, and Elizabeth Blakely of Rising Sun one of the powder plant workers, who were riding with Miller, were discharged after treatment for cuts and bruises.

Miller was taking the five women to their homes in the Conowingo-Rising Sun section after they had finished the night shift at the powder plant.

Visibility was down to a minimum as the car moved over the Calvert-North East highway near Bay View Church.

Suddenly Miller's car, traveling in the opposite direction, loomed out of the dense fog. Both drivers swung their cars to the roadside to avoid the crash but were too late.

Passing motorists took the injured women to the hospital. Police said Mrs. Lindamood was dead when she was extricated from the wreckage.

Hildebrand--Scott

Miss Ruth N. Hildebrand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hildebrand, of Willow Street, Pa., and Wilson M. Scott, son of Mrs. Sadie Scott, of Nottingham, Pa., were united in marriage at noon Thursday, Nov. 27, in Boehm's Methodist church, with Rev. John Sylvester Smith, of Columbia, officiating. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Ralph Scott of Summit Hill, was best man, and ushers were Clarence Ressler, Lancaster, and Roy K. Dagen, Willow Street, cousin of the bride.

Preceding the ceremony, a fifteen minute piano recital was given by Thomas Erwin, of Summit Hill.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Buchanan Tea Room for members of the bridal party and immediate families. Upon returning from a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Scott will reside near Nottingham, Pa.

Hollingsworth--Wier

Mrs. Ruth Richards Hollingsworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Richards of Newark and Mr. J. Herbert Weir, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Weir, were married in the Mill Creek Friends Meeting House, near Newark. Mr. Weir is a member of the Elkton High School faculty.

Nowland--Litchfield

Mrs. Harry Washington Burns announces the marriage of her sister, Miss Minnie Trimble Nowland, to Mr. Herbert Davis Litchfield. The wedding took place at Mrs. Burns' home, near Bay View, on Saturday morning, November 22, with the Rev. Nicklas officiating. Members of the immediate families were present.

Singleton--Brennan

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Singleton, of Perryville, announce the marriage of their daughter, Viola, to Joseph Brennan of Elkton. They were married Saturday evening, Nov. 22, at Elkton Methodist parsonage by the Rev. Melvin Wheatley.

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