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County Beetle Program Starts In Four Towns

Inspectors Named. 600 Traps Being Set Out To Check Infestation

The program for Japanese beetle control in Queen Anne's county is ready to get under way. It will be confined entirely to town areas in Centreville, Queenstown, Sudlersville and Church Hill with the more settled area immediately outside Centreville to be included.

Six hundred traps will be placed, 350 in Centreville, 50 in Queenstown, 100 in Church Hill and 100 in Sudlersville. No attempt will be made to trap in the sections away from the towns. Experience has shown that the beetles usually concentrate in urban areas and spread faster there than on farms.

James Edgar Bryan, jr., has been named inspector in the Queenstown area, Ellsworth Price in Centreville and Clifford Harbidge of Ingleside in both Sudlersville and Church Hill. They will bait the traps and remove beetles.

Due to lack of time no attempt will be made to get permission to place traps on premises. If the presence of traps is objectionable householders are asked to notify County Agent Kenneth W. Baker and they will be removed. Householders are asked to help take care of the traps and see to it that they are not damaged or disturbed. Beetles should not be removed since they must be counted by the inspectors and records made.

The program is made possible by an appropriation by the County Commissioners matching similar appropriations offered by State and Federal sources.

Beetle infestation in Queen Anne's is heaviest at Sudlersville and Queenstown. They are slowly working down from Cecil county toward Sudlersville and upper Queen Anne's which accounts for one infestation and have probably been established in the Queenstown area through unwitting carriers from New Jersey and northern points.

The traps will be set about 200 feet apart, in open areas and not close to rosebushes or other preferred targets of the beetle.

County residents who may wish to view beetle damage in Cecil county will be free to join a tour to Elkton and nearby points at a date to be announced.

County Owners Win At Easton

Score Heavily At Mecklenburg Show

Queen Anne's county horse flesh won considerable prominence last Saturday and Sunday when the horse show was held at Mecklenberg Riding Club, near Easton for the benefit of the Children's Home. Among those who came home with honors were Mrs. Thomas J. Keating, jr., whose horse, Watch And, won two first and two seconds. J. Mason Shaw, Miss Barbara Herzogg, Terry Blackwood and Miss Pat Mickle and Arthur Middleton.

In the Saturday's show which was mostly for work and draft horses, J. Mason Shaw's Babs H., won first honors in the Yearling half-breds.

On Sunday Mrs. Keating's horse Watch And with Mrs. Charles Chew Mickle, up won first place in the Ladies' Saddle Class; second in the three-gaited Saddle Class and first in the Hunter Hack group.

Jimmy Grant with Miss Barbara Herzogg up, was thee winner of first place in the Road Hacks class and second in the Green Hunters.

Pat Mickle riding Tony came second in the Children's Pony Classes, and Terry Blackwood on Friskie, placed third in the Children's Jumping Class.

Court Martial, ridden by Miss Nancy Shakespeare, of Chestertown, who is well known in Queen Anne's county, was picked by the judges as reserve champion of the show.

In the Pairs of Hunters class Blazes and Belle, owned by Atherton Middleton, of Gunston Farms, came second.

Girl Scout Camp To Open Today

Beginning today and continuing for a period of two weeks, Bookers Beach on Chester River, will be the camping ground of Girl Scouts from all sections of the Eastern Shore. The beach and premises have been reserved exclusively for two weeks for the scouts.

Ninetysix girls, representing the nine Eastern Shore counties, will be in the camp with Miss Peggy Landsdale, of Baltimore as Camp Director. She will be assisted by Mrs. Mae Roe Roberts, Eastern Shore Girl Scout Director, and Mrs. T. Rigby Valliant, of Centrevile, Chairman for the Centreville Girl Scout Troop. Nineteen counsellors for each group of five girls will help with the camp work.

The smaller girls will be housed during the encampment in the cottages at Booker's while the older girls will occupy tents.

Commissioners Set 1938 Tax Rate At 70 Cents

Reduction Of 10 Cents From Last Year. With State Tax Combined Rate Is 92¼ Cents. Queen Anne's Declared To Be Free From Debt

Striking their levy for 1938 the board of county commissioners for Queen Anne's announced a tax rate of 70 cents per $100 for the ensuing year, a drop of ten cents from the 1937 figure and the third successive reduction of that amount. With the state tax of 22¼ cents added the combined state and county taxes for 1938 will be 92¼ cents.

The rate is apportioned 50 cents for schools and 20 cents for other county purposes. The entire reduction was made in the portion for county purposes, the school tax remaining the same. The county tax rate for the past four years was 1935, $1.00; 1936, 90 cents; 1937, 80 cents and for 1938, 70 cents.

At the same time the commissioners announced that Queen Anne's county is out of debt and that cash is in the treasury for current expenses.

Elimination of the county debt has been achieved, according to Joseph M. George, president of the commissioners, by the purchase of $102,000 in United States Government bonds to offset county bonds which are uncallable and by the purchase of such callable bonds as were offered. Government bonds were selected to mature at the same time as the uncallable county bonds. Interest on the government bonds, it was said, will match that on county bonds because of the county's preferred financial situation.

Some $13,000 of county bonds will mature this year and they are offset by an equal amount of government bonds now owned by the county. No levy is being made for the amount thereby cutting 8 cents from the tax rate.

The Queen Anne's county rate is expected to be the lowest on the Eastern Shore again this year. Other rates thus far announced are Worcester county, 75 cents, a cut of 13 cents; Wicomico, $1.07, a drop of 21 cents; Talbot, $1.07, up 7 cents; Kent, $1.35, a reduction of 17 cents.

The Liquor Control Board has turned in a profit of $3,500 this year in additon to paying off the $5,000 advanced. It was said that this money was not used in striking the levy but that it was set aside.

Nearly complete tax collections have been given as one basis for the county's financial condition. According to County Treasurer J. William Keith $7 remains uncollected from the 1935 budget, $26 from 1936 and about $780 from 1937. Most of the latter were said to be in court or in process of collection. Mr. Keith said he expected the collections for this year ultimately to be 99.99 percent complete.

Other savings listed by the commissioners as contributing to the tax reduction were income from interest on Government bonds, reduction of debt interest rate, rentals of school board office and health office, reduction in insolvencies.

Items budgeted for which were said not to be in existence three years ago were for the Law library, fire companies, CCC dredging, beetle control, one-half additional on high school bus transportation, the four branches of Welfare work, the Children's Aid Society and additional grants for farm extension and home demonstration work. Cost of refinishing the Courthouse inside and out was placed at $5,000.

The commissioners said that in the past three years they have spent $50,000 for remodeling, repairing and building school houses an d $20,000 on the county auxiliary road program, including gravel pits and road equipment.

Bishop, Rector To Officiate At County Nuptials

Frances Metcalfe To Be Bride At Church Hill June 25

The marriage of Miss Francis Gwynne Metcalfe, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. Hayden Metcalfe, of Sudlersville, and Mr. Charles Leland Harrison, of Land's End Farm, near Centreville, which will take place on Saturday, June 25th, at St. Luke's Church, Church Hill, will be one of the most important social events of the summer in Queen Anne's county. The ceremony will take place at 2 o'clock with the Rt. Rev. George W. Davenport, Bishop of the Diocese of Easton, officiating. He will be assisted by the Rev. Walter C. Eastburn, rector of St. Luke's Parish.

The bride will have her sister, Miss Mary Cary Metcalfe, as her maid of honor, while her younger sister, Miss Josephine Metcalfe will be junior bridesmaid.

The bridesmaid will be: Miss Fredrica Metcalfe, and Misses Peggy and Patsy Branham, of Chestertown; Miss Joane Greene, of Cleveland, Ohio; Miss Anna Haydon Baden, of Baden, Md., all cousins of the bride-elect, and Miss Marion Alexander of Longmeadow, Mass.

Mr. Robert P. Harrison, brother of Mr. Harrison, will be best man, and the ushers will be Messrs. Brown Metcalfe Roe, of Sudlersville; Eugene McGuckin, of Philadelphia; John M. Finlay, of Wayne, Pa.; J. R. S. S. Greenwood, and Daniel Greenwood, of Rydal, Pa., and Charles B. Wilson, of Rochester, N. Y.

Miss Metcalfe is a graduate of St. Mary's Seminary, St. Mary's County, and last week was graduated from Goucher College, Baltimore. She is a member of the Alpha Phi Sorority.

Mr. Harrison is a graduate this year from Haverford College, Haverford, Pa. He is a member of the Delta Epsilon Fraternity.

Old Wye Church To Start Regular Service

Regular services will be held at Old Wye Church at Wye Mills each Sunday morning at 7:30 a. m., until late fall. The ancient church has enjoyed increasing attendance and interest in recent weeks.

Each Friday a group of six or eight members of the cogregation work from 8 a. m. until noon under the direction of the Rev. Matthew S. Higgins, rector, in clearing up the grounds, mowing, weeding and whatever is at hand. The group consists of different individuals each week and the church and its environs is very presentable.

St. Luke's Church at Queenstown has also undergone improvements recently, the building having been painted, the lot graded and shrubbery planted.

Crop Insurance Is Discussed By Farm Groups

County Leaders Sit In At Baltimore Session To Hear Details

Farmers,, county agents, and committeemen from the principal wheat-producing counties in Maryland met recently with representatives of th Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, and AAA and extension officials at Baltimore to discuss the crop insurance program for wheat.

Present from Queen Anne's were County Agent Kenneth W. Baker, and Ernest B. Brown, J. Edgar Bryan and Fred B. Sylvester, members of the county soil conservation committee.

Provisions of the crop insurance program which has been developed under authority contained in the Agricultural Act of 1938, were discussed, particularly as they apply to Maryland conditions. If sufficient interest is shown by growers, machinery willl be set up for making the service available to those desiring it.

Under the crop insurance plan, growing wheat crops are insured against unavoidable hazards affecting yields. In most of the counties represented, the average cost for three-quarters coverage would be around one-half to one bushel per acre, which is a small proportion of the relatively high yields in this wheat-growing area.

The farmer groups represented at the meeting expressed definite interest in the plan. Further efforts will be made to ascertain local farmer sentiment in the wheat-producing counties in this area.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the feollowing Maryland counties: Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Baltimore, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery Queen Anne's, Talbot, and Washington.

Stevensville Patrol Boys Receive Awards

At the close of the Stevensville Elementary School last Wednesday the AAA Patrol boys who have looked after the safety of the smaller children in crossing streets and other emergencies for the past year were presented certificates for their splendid work.

Earl Stevens, Captain of the Patrol, also received a medal for outstanding work during the year.

H. H. Moffett, Supervisor of the A. A. A. Club of Easton, awarded the certificates which were presented by Miss Mary A. Larrimore, principal of the school.

The boys receiving the awards were: Captain Earl Stevens, Lieutenant Dudley F. Ewing, Alvin Grollman, Carl Hubble, Howard Gardner, Carville Tolson, Roy Eaton, Milton Price, David Lee Jones, and Lawrence Rembold.

County Farmers To Get $50,000 In Soil Checks

Distribution Scheduled For Courtroom Friday. Few Checks Not In

Approximately $50,000 in checks for soil conservation under the 1937 program will be distributed among Queen Anne's farmers by the county committee at a meeting to be held in the Courtroom Friday from 9 a. m. until 8 p. m.

The disbursement will represent the major portion of some $80,000 to be paid out in Queen Anne's under last year's program. Because all checks have not arrived those eligible are asked not to call for checks unless they have been notified by card to do so.

The distribution will be handled by John Cannon, secretary of the Queen Anne's County Agricultural Conservation association assisted by Ernest B. Brown, J. Edgar Bryan and Fred B. Sylvester of the county committee and County Agent Kenneth W. Baker and his staff.

About 900 individual checks will be received eventually, some recipients being eligible for more than one. Approximatly 200 of the 906 farmers and landlords enrolled in the 1937 program will not receive any payment from failure to comply with the program due to excess acreage of depleting crops such as corn, wheat, barley and tomatoes.

The largest individual check will be about $600 and the smallest will be about $1.50. In two or three cases landlords with a number of farms will receive checks totaling more than $600.

Soil conservation payments are the only ones being made under the present agriculture setup. Because of necessary delay from use of aerial maps the payments are several months late. This delay is not expected to occur again.

The 1937 payments are between $10,000 and $20,000 less than those made for the previous year and are about two-thirds of the total of the annual corn, hog and wheat payments. They bring the amount disbursed by the Federal government in Queen Anne's county under all farm programs since 1933 up to $80,000.

All county farmers to the number of some 1,200 may come under the 1938 program because of the complete aerial survey last year. No requests are to be made for sign-ups as in other years but in the late summer all farmers will be asked if they wish to be checked up for compliance.

At present blue line prints are being made of every farm in the county to facilitate the work of checking up. With these prints supervisors will not need to draw their own maps of farms preliminary to work.

Caroline Bar Backs Jurist

Urges Re-Election Of Judge T. J. Keating

The Bar Association of Caroline county unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Judge Thomas J. Keating and urged his reelection as associate judge of the Second Judicial Circuit at a meeting held at Denton on Wednesday of last week.

They approved resolutions to that effect drawn up by a committee consisting of William J. Richards, J. DeWeese Carter and Wilbert L. Merriken.

The resolution stated that "the Honorable Thomas J. Keating has given freely of his time, effort and energy as a member of the Bench of this Circuit in the past and has exhibited a rare ability and splendid judicial temperament for the fair, proper and efficient discharge of the duties of this high and important office," and that "it is the unanimous opinion of all members of the (Caroline County Bar) Asociation that because of the proven worth and value of Judge Keating as a member of the Bench of this Circuit he should be returned to this important position so that he may continue to efficiently and properly discharge the duties thereof."

Judge Keating's candidacy has now been endorsed by the Bar Associations of Cecil, Talbot, Caroline and Queen Anne's counties.

Men Scorn "R" Months; Caught Taking Oysters

Charged with taking oysters out of season George Fisher and George Bland of Church Hill were arrested by Captain Edwards of Rock Hall, inspector for the State Conservation Commission Friday and brought before Magistrate J. West Thompson in Police Court. The men waived a trial and were held for the November term of Court.

It was said that the men were found with about a bushel and a half of oysters taken from the Chester River near Rolph's Wharf. The area is regarded as a polluted one and is closed to dredging. The oysters were said to have been intended for the men's use and not for sale, on which a different charge would have been placed.

Drowning Accidents Cost Two Lives In Corsica River

Heads Dentists

Dr. N. P. Chanaud

Dr. Norman P. Chanaud of Centreville was elected president of the Eastern Shore Dental Society at the annual organization meeting held in Centreville on Wednesday of last week. Dr. Chanaud has been active in the work of the Society for a number of years and has filled several posts, including the vice-presidency in recent years.

18 Homemakers To Attend Rural Short Course

Variety Of Courses Set At University

Eighteen Queen Anne's county Homemakers left Centreville last Monday morning for College Park, where they will attend the sixteenth annual Rural Woman's Short Course which convened Monday afternoon with a meeting in Ritchie Gymnasium, and will continue for one week.

Those who are taking the course are Mrs. John McKenney, of Price; Mrs. Elmer Leary, Barclay; Mrs. Charles L. Brown, Mrs. Howard Dukes and Mrs. Clarence Eley, of Ingleside; Mrs. Eva A. Jones and Mrs. Theodore A. Walbert, of Sudlersville, Mrs. Florence Dashield and Mrs. Maude Kirkwood, of Stevensville.

Mrs. Algernon Carter, Mrs. L. Kennard Rhodes, sr., Miss Dorothy Melvin and Mrs. Elva C. Wooters, of Queenstown; Mrs. Charles Davis, Mrs. Elmer Kessler, Miss Ruby Kirk, Miss Margaret Leager and Mrs. Carlton Sheubrooks, of Centreville.

Among those who have been invited to speak before the various sessions are Dr. H. C. Byrd, President of the University of Maryland; Dr. Thomas B. Symons, Acting Dean of the College of Agriculture; M. Marie Mount, Dean of the College of Home Economics; Adele E. Stamp, Dean of Women, Maryland University, Allen Eaton, from the Russell Sage Foundation and many others.

During the entire week there will be an exhibit of rural art, flower arrangement, scrap books of old churches, and paintings by Maryland artists. Courses during the week will be offered in music appreciation, public speaking, parliamentary law rural sociology, child care and training, home furnishing and management of clothing, foods, nutrition, poultry, recreation, and landscape gardening. The only new course offered will be in English, which has been requested by a number of the rural women.

Defendants Win Removed Damage Suit

A suit of Mr. and Mrs. Mallory B. Toy of Cresapeake City against the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Dredging Company was heard by Judges Thomas J. Keating and J. Owene Knotts in a postponed sitting of the May Term of Court on Tuesday and Wednesday. The suit was the outgrowth of dredging operation on the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal and was removed from Cecil county.

The suit was tried before a jury. Following the presentation of the plaintiffs testimony the Court granted a prayer and an instructed verdict for the defendant was brought in. . Members of the jury were T. Roland Carville, foreman, Theodore E. Shea, Alfred M. Green, John Cannon, Charles E. Haymaker, J. Fred Carter, William S. Blunt, James E. Thompson, Alpheus Emerson, Carroll F. Leverage. Gurney Knotts and Howard W. Ryland.

LADIES' AID

The Ladies' Aid of Perry's Corner Church will hold their meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walters at Public Iandnig on June 30th. Everybody welcome.

Unable To Swim John W. Covell Drowns When Small Boat Upsets

Marion Dixon Of Chestertown Falls Off Boat During Search

Coming down from Chestertown to aid in the search for the body of John Willis Covell, drowned in the Corsica 8River on Monday afternoon, Marion A. Dixon of Chestertown lost his life Tuesday afternoon when he was believed to have slipped from the washboard of a small log canoe and fallen into the Corsica about 200 feet off shore from Mawrwood, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Woodward.

Dixon's body was recovered by Henry H. Evans, Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court and Thomas Trenchard at 3:05 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. They located the body about ten minutes previously but it slipped from the hooks.

A coroner's jury was impanelled by Coroner J. West Thompson at an inquest held about an hour after the recovery of the body. The jury adjourned without action pending a report of a physician and will meet this morning, Thursday, at 10 o'clock to complete deliberations.

Members of the jury included Theodore E. Shea, Handy Robinson, John Cannon, Harper Fesmyer, J. Hall Barton, Harry Draper, John Perry, Charles Mullikin, Olin Hunter, J. Cookman Orrell, Oscar Tarr and Spedden O. Hardesty.

There were no eyewitnesses of the tragedy.

According to testimony Dixon was last seen lying on the log canoe of George Brown of Quaker's Neck early Tuesday. Brown was asleep in the cabin from 10:30 a. m. until nearly 6 o'clock that afternoon. When he came out Dixon was missing. His hat was lying in the boat. A small camp chair was found with a broken leg. Whether Dixon put a foot on the camp chair and fell overboard when it colapsed or went to sleep on the washboard at the side of the canoe and fell off was not known.

Brown sailed up to the searching party off Windy Hill and inquired if Dixon had joined it. A call put through to Chestertown disclosed that he had not returned there. Search for his body was started and the body recovered.

Early reports that the body had been found held back searching parties from Centreville but at noon Earl Coursey and others who had aided in the search for John Covell's body started for the river just as news came in that the body had been located.

George Brown, owner of the boat and Edward Blackway of Quaker's Neck had come down to the Corsica Monday afternoon as part of the group of Legionnaires from Frank M. Jarman Post of Chestertown to aid in the first search. The two worked throughout Monday night and early Tuesday morning and returned to Chestertown.

About 9 o'clock Tuesday morning Brown started back to resume the search. Blackway, soak and chilled the night before, could not accompany him and Dixon asked that he be taken along.

When they reached a point off Mawrwood Brown stopped his boat. He had been up the night before and said he needed an hour's sleep. He asked Dixon to awaken him then and went into the cabin, and also asked Dixon to put out the anchor.

When Brown came out about 6 o'clock Dixon was missing, the anchor had been dropped with too short a line to keep the boat from dragging somewhat. Brown anchored the boat and went to look for Dixon among the searchers.

Joseph Holden of Centreville who was aboard a police boat early Tuesday said he observed some one, thought to be Dixon, lying on the washboard with his feet crossed just in the shade of the cabin. The board is about a foot wide and has no guard rail on the water side. When Dixon's body was found the arms were half upraised but the feet still crossed.

A number of boats had been in the vicinity during the day. No one saw Dixon fall overboard and no estimate was made as to when the tragedy occurred.

Dixon, who was 43 years old, was unmarried and lived with his unmarried sister, Miss M. Genevieve Dixon of Chestertown. He is also survived by a brother, James T. Dixon, jr., of Chestertown deputy clerk of court for Kent county, and another sister, Mrs. Nannie Trenchard of Baltimore.

Following the inquest the body was taken to Chestertown.

CHANGE HOURS

Beginning with Thursday, July 7, a representative of the Maryland State Employment Service will be at the Centreville Armory from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m., on the first Thursday of each month, only, instead of every Thursday as heretofore.

Boy Leader In Youthful Activities Suffers Heart Attack In Water

John Willis Covell, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hall Covell of Centreville, was drowned in the Corsica River off Windy Hill Monday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock when a small boat in which he was riding filled with water and overturned.

His body was recovered just before dark Tuesday evening after searching parties dragged for it almost continuously from the time of the tragedy. Edward Teat working with William Miller and William Covey brought the body to the surface.

The Covell boy, who was unable to swim, had been playing near a float off Windy Hill with Richard Newell and Frank Elzey, jr. While the other two boys were diving John was said to have gotten into a little rowboat about six feet long. The day was windy and the water choppy and the boat drifted upstream.

A short distance from the float waves broke-over the boat and in an attempt to grab an automobile inner tube which had slipped out of the boat John fell overboard. He held on to the craft for a few minutes as his companions swam out to his assistance but as the boat filled he lost his grip and went under.

An examination of the body later showed little or no water in the lungs indicating heart disease from shock or fright as the probable cause of death.

Word of the tragedy spread quickly to Centreville and searching parties were promptly formed. A group including F. Asbury Bartlett, Dr. James A. McCallum, Dorsey Wright, Pharis Morris, Joseph Holden, Ellsworth Price, Robert Thompson, John Palmer Smith, and others, among them Edward Covell, the drowned boy's brother, dragged the scene of the accident with barbed wire for two hours while awaiting arrival of power boats.

The first of these to come was piloted by John P. Corcoron of Pioneer Point who dragged over the scene for several hours.

About dark, Legionnaires from Jeff Davis Post of Centreville and Frank M. Jarman Post of Chestertown, watermen, and residents from many sections of Queen Anne's county resumed the search and maintained their activities under a full moon until 3 o'clock the next morning. Among those who helped were Chaney Clough, the first of the seine haulers to arrive, Will Teat, Will Sparks, Sterling Clough, Earl Coursey, Clayton Wright, George W. Aldridge, George Brown, Edward Blackway, Dr. F. A. Wharton, John Palmer Smith, jr., and dozens of others.

A steady stream of spectators and those anxious to help if opportunity offered poured down to the scene of the accident all afternoon and in the early evening.

As the search continued unavailing word was sent to the police boats and the Naval Academy. The police boat Miles River with Captain Clinton Jones arrived on the scene Monday evening. On Tuesday morning a seaplane from Annapolis flew over the river for about four hours without success. Fifteen charges of dynamite were exploded in a vain attempt to lift the body.

All during Tuesday numerous boats and searchers continued the dragging. When the body was recoverd other groups were preparing for another all-night search. The body was located at about the spot where John Covell was thought to have gone down, although early fears were that the changing tides might have occurred it away.

The dead boy was popular and active in a number of youthful activities. He would have joined the sophomore class at Centreville high school in September. He was always interested in athletics, especially in track.

He was adjutant of the Sons of the American Legion of Jeff Davis Post, was a former captain of the Centreville elementary school Safety Patrol in which he obtained two merit awards, and was formerly a member of the Centreville Troop of Boy Scouts.

He had been confirmed at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Centreville and was a member of the Sunday School.

Both of his parents are prominent in American Legion circles. His father, E. Hall Covell, aided in the reorganization of Jeff Davis Post in 1932 and was Post Commander in 1932 and 1933. His mother, the former Miss Carol Willis of Oxford, is president of the American Legion Auxiliary of Jeff Davis Post and served as a nurse in the World War. The boy's only brother, Edward, is captain of the squadron of the Sons of

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