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Negro Burned As Night Fire Razes Dwelling

Midnight Blaze Endangers Little Kidwell Area. Two Firemen Hurt

A negro was badly burned and two firemen slightly injured in a spectacular fire which destroyed the home of William Taylor on Little Kidwell early Sunday morning and which for a while threatened three other homes in the closely built negro section.

Taylor who was on the second floor of the home when the blaze started, was overcome as he reached a window above the porch. He was overlooked by neighbors busy in carrying household goods to safety and was rescued in the nick of time by firemen who braved the flames to drag him from certain death. Charles Barney led the rescue group which included Henry Lewis, jr., Robert Yates and J. West Thompson, jr.

The negro was burned severely on the legs and face. After he had been given attention by Dr. James A. McCallum and Dr. Rodney Layton he was hurried to the Easton Emergency Hospital with Tommy Price and Edwin Meredith giving first aid along the entire route.

There was delay in sending in the alarm. When the Good Will Fire Company arrived the dwelling was a mass of flames and beyond saving. The home of James Taylor fifteen feet away caught fire repeatedly but was saved. Rosie Rich's dwelling also smoked but was saved by a bucket brigade. The Queenstown Fire Company responded to a summons and assisted in quelling the blaze. Firemen were hampered by bursting hose lines, some of which were said to have been burst by careless motorists driving over them. The fire was brought under control in a couple of hours, although a second trip was necessary about 5 a. m. when embers flared up.

Coming shortly after midnight, the fire attracted a large crowd of townspeople as flames shooting high suggested a fire of much greater proportions. While absence of wind and a heavy shower in the late afternoon were aids the fire was prevented from spreading through the closely built street only by skillful efforts directed by former Chief F. Asbury Bartlett and Chief O. K. Nelson. Firemen Henry Lewis and Ellsworth Price incurred minor injuries during the fire fighting.

Wm. T. Stevens, Native Of Kent Island, Passes

Former Successful Farmer In Batt's Neck, County Treasurer, Dies

William Trystram Stevens, former resident of Batt's Neck on Kent Island, died at the Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore on Wednesday of last week after a lingering illness of pneumonia.

Mr. Stevens was born on Kent Island, son of the late William Trystram Stevens and Valerie Legg Stevens on May 25, 1868. His father came to Kent Island from Westmoreland county, Virginia, and was a descendant from an old Colonial family of that state. His mother's family was among the first English settlers on Kent Island, arriving there in 1680.

His first wife was Kate Elliott Cockey, whose people were also early Colonial settlers on the Island. For many years Mr. Stevens was a successful farmer carrying on extensive agricultural operations in Batt's Neck. He served one term as treasurer of Queen Anne's county. During that term he was instrumental in securing the first improvement to the road at Kent Island Narrows.

For many years he was an active mmeber of the M. P. Church at Stevensville for several years serving as superintendent of the Sunday School. Of late years he has attended the University Baptist Church.

Mr. Stevens second wife is Mrs. Willy Hardcastle Stevens, daughter of the late Col. A. B. Hardcastle of the Confederate Army and Mrs. Hardcastle. They moved to Baltimore several years ago where Mr. Stevens was engaged in the real estate business.

Besides his wife he is survived by two sons, William Elliott Stevens and William Trystram Stevens; two daughters, Mrs. Edward Ralston and Mrs. James W. Rowe; and four grandchildren, Rebecca Ralston, James Ralston, William Trystram Stevens and John Stevens.

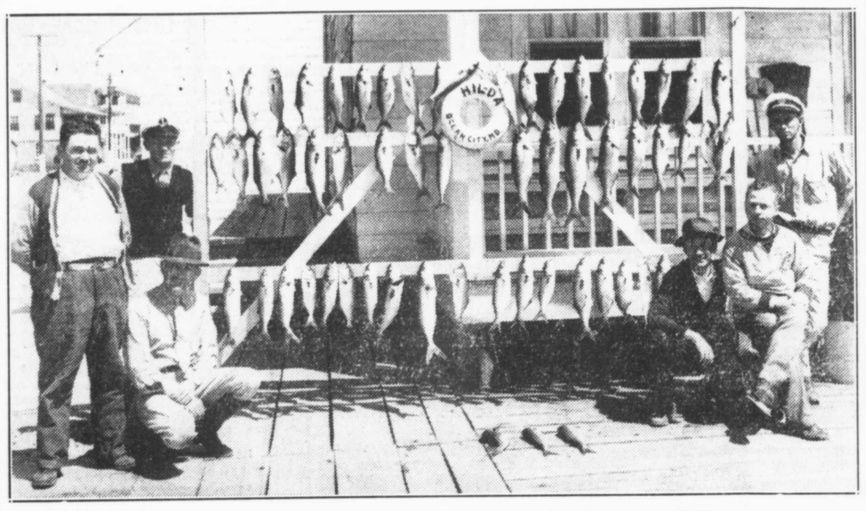
A memorial servcie was held at the Cook Funeral Parlor in Baltimore Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Burial service and interment was at the Stevensville cemetery Saturday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock.

MASONIC SERVICE

Members of the Centreville Lodge of No. 180, A. F. & A. M. ,will attend Divine Service at Centreville Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Harry V. Branford ,pastor of the church.

CENTREVILLE ANGLERS LOCATE FISH



Front row, left to right—Milton W. Seney, W. Marvin Barton, J. Hall Barton, Tony Kontos.
Second row—Captain Chester Gray of Hilda I and mate.

Four Centreville anglers had a large day fishing some twenty miles off Ocean City on Monday of last week, the party landing sixty bluefish ranging from 1½ pounds to 4 pounds in weight. The part included Milton W. Seney, W. Marvin Barton, J. Hall Barton and Tony Kontos. They went out with Captain Ches etrGray in his powerboat, Hilda I.

Old Wye Plans Holiday Service

Restored Church To Reopen July 2

Climaxing a return to vigorous life, historic Old Wye Church at Wye Mills will celebrate the Nation's Birthday with an Independence Day service to be held Sunday morning, July 2, at 11 o'clock. ,Invitations to attend the service have been extended by the Rev. Matthew S. Higgins, rector, to Jeff Davis Post of the American Legion, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Pest, the the Queenstown Lions Club, and the Centreville Rotary Club, while the Boy Scouts of the county will be invited to be present in uniform in a body.

Old Wye will be closed until July 2 to permit the work of repairing, repainting and remodeling to be completed. Passing through something of a depression in recent years as parish activities at the Church dropped down, Old Wye has taken a new lease on life in the past two years. The repairs will return the venerable structure to its former place as one of the most attractive and interesting country churches on the middle Eastern Shore.

The Independence Day service will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Higgins, who will also preach the sermon. Special music will be provided and a congregation filling the auditorium is anticipated.

County Schools Promote 2,705

Enrollment For Year 2,929 Gain Or 62

Queen Anne's public schools white and colored, high and elementary, graduated or promoted 2705 pupils during the school year just closed, according to figures compiled by Mrs. Lola P. Brown, county attendance officer. The total enrollment for the year in all schools was 2,929 or 62 more than in 1937-38. The white schools showed an increase of 17 pupils and the colored of 45.

White high schools graduated 42 boys and 49 girls, a total of 91. The white elementary schools had 176 graduates, 91 boys and 85 girls. Colored elementary schools promoted 31 boys, 35 girls, totalling 66; and the colored high school had 14 graduates, 6 boys and 8 girls.

The average attendance for the entire county was 93.3 percent, higher than last year by 0.2 percent.

Among the white schools the leaders by groups were: One-teacher schools, 1st, Ingleside, 94.6; 2d, Templeville, 94.5 percent. Two-teacher schools, 1st, Queenstown, 92.1; 2d, Chester, 88.5. Graded schools, 1st, Queen Anne, Stevensville (tied) 95.2; 3d, Church Hill, 93.8. Tri-County led the high schools with a percentage of 96.3 with Centreville second, 95.1.

Three schools made a perfect attendance record for June. These were Stevens, which rolled up quite a record among the one-teacher schools this spring, Templeville and Stevensville high schools.

Pondtown led the colored elementary schools with Grasonville second. Kennard high school had a mark of 92.1.

DOGS KILL CHICKS

Dogs are again reported playing havoc with poultry. On Monday evening they got into a flock of turkeys belonging to Mrs. William Robinson near Ruthsburg, killed forty poults and also bruised the mother hen.

SHIFTS RESIDENCE

Monroe Horney, Grasonville builder, has bought the Episcopal rectory in Queenstown, plans to remodel it during July and will move his residence to that town.

Miss Raskob Is Wed In Pioneer Point Chapel

Becomes Bride Of Charles Wesley Lyon. Immediate Families Attend

In the beauty of lilies which garlanded the chapel at Pioneer Point, the estate of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Raskob, near Centreville, their daughter, Miss Nina Barbara Raskob, became the bride of Mr. Charles Wesley Lyon, jr., son of Mr. Charles Wesley Lyon of Los Angeles, Calif., at a nuptial mass Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

The ceremony was performed by the Most Rev. E. J. Fitzmaurice, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington. The Rev. Francis J .Fisher, pastor of Mother of Sorrows Church, assisted.

Only members of the immediate families were present.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her only attendant was her sister, Miss Patsy Raskob. The best man was Mr. Herbert Bigelow, of Minneapolis, Minn.

A wedding luncheon was served on the lawn at noon following the ceremony.

On their return from a wedding trip Mr. Lyon and his bride will reside in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Soccer Teams End Year With Dinner

County Represented At Denton Banquet

A banquet to round out the first year of the Eastern Shore Soccer League was held at Denton Tuesday night with league officials, managers of teams, referees and players in attendance. Nine members of the Queen Anne's county club were present.

The meeting was an enthusiastic one as episodes of the season were rehearsed and plans laid for 1939-40. A plaque indicative of the 1939 championship was awarded to manager Bill Henderson of the Greensboro Club and players of that team received medals.

The speakers incuded McDaniel of the Eastern Shore Soccer League, president Ekert and secretary McGahan of the State Soccer Association and managers of the teams represented. Nicholas Nides, manager of the Centreville club, was among those called upon for remraks.

The Queen Anne's county delegation included manager Nicholas Nides and David Skinner, Kenneth W. Baker, Vernon Bowen, Wilson Massey, Sammy Dell Foxx, Harry Gibson, Henry C. Lewis, jr., and Tommy Price.

Eastern Shore League Standings

	W.	L.	Pct.
Cambridge	29	11	.725
Federalsburg	29	12	.707
Centreville	19	20	.487
Milford	19	22	.463
Pocomoke	18	21	.462
Salisbury	17	20	.459
Dover	15	22	.405
Easton	11	29	.275

GAMES THIS WEEK

Tonight, Thursday — Pocomoke at Centreville, 8:15 p. m.

Friday—Centreville at Easton.

Saturday—Easton at Centreville, 8:15 p. m.

Sunday—Centreville at Cambridge.

Monday—Centreville at Dover.

Tuesday—Dover at Centreville, two games, 8:15. (Replay of Protest Game precedes regular game.)

Wednesday—Centreville at Cambridge.

Thursday, June 22—Cambridge at Centreville.

Graduates At Fordham In Law

Lyle Appleford Completes Course In Evenings

B. Lyle Appleford, jr., of New York, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard L. Appleford of Church Hill, received the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the annual Commencement of Fordham University in New York on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Appleford completed a four-year law course this month. He attended evening classes and has been admitted to Gamma Eta Gamma, national legal fraternity. He plans to take the New York State Bar examinations on June 27.

For the past seven years Mr. Appleford has been connected with the Claim Department of the Manhattan Life Insurance Company, in which department he is now assistant manager.

He is a graduate of Church Hill high school, is an alumnus of Washington College and is vice-president of the New York Chapter of the Washington College Alumni Association. He has graduated from the Insurance Institute of America, receiving the degree of I. I. O. A., and has studied insurance at Columbia University.

High Butterfat Yield Recorded In Dairy Tests

A. B. Lane Guernsey Sets New Individual Records Smith Cows Lead Herds

The usual high production for May brought out the highest figures for the year in the tests of the Queen Anne's Dairy Herd Improvement Association and perhaps the highest figures for any month since the association was formed.

The ten leading individuals were all above 58 pounds of butterfat produced during the month with the top spot going to a Guernsey, No. 15, from Allan B. Lane's Spencer's Landing herd. This animal produced 78.6 pounds of butterfat. Second place went to a Guernsey, No. 11, owned by T. Harris Smith. Highest milk production was that of a Guernsey, No. 12, of Allan Lane's herd.

William C. Smith's mixed Holstein adn Guernsey herd led in herd averages with a rating of 40.6 pounds of butterfat per cow, above the mark for quality for each individual.

Records of the ten leading cows with owner's names were as follows: 1st, No. 15, Allan B. Lane, milk, 1541 pounds, butterfat, 78.6 pounds; 2d, No. 11, T. Harris Smith, milk, 1539 pounds, butterfat, 76.8 pounds; 3d, No. 7, Mr. Lane, milk, 1646, butterfat, 67.5; 4th, No. 12, Mr. Lane, milk, 1693, butterfat ,64.3; 5th, Meg, Mrs. John H. Chambers, milk, 1587, butterfat, 16.9; 6th, No. 21, B. F. McGuckin, milk, 1246, butterfat, 61.1; 7th, Red C. P. K., A. Sydney Gadd, jr., milk, 1407, butterfat, 59.1; 8th, No. 8, Mr. Lane, milk, 1336, butterfat, 58.8; 9th, No. 24, Mr. McGuckin, milk, 1221, butterfat, 58.7; 10th, No. 18, William C. Smith, milk, 1584, butterfat, 58.6.

Herd averages by owner's names were: 1st, William C. Smith, milk average, 976 pounds, butterfat average, 40.6 pounds; 2d, Allan B. Lane, milk, 776, butterfat, 35.1; 3d, Mrs. John H. Chambers, milk, 787, butterfat, 33.6; 4th B. F. McGuckin, milk, 788, butterfat, 32.9; 5th, A. Temple Blackwood, milk, 722, butterfat, 30.8.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Downes of Ingleside celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a family gathering at their home, "Cedar Grove", on Sunday.

Entries Pour In As County Pet Show Looms Up

Record Breaking List Seen. Show To Open With Parade Of Pets

Entries are pouring in for what promises to be a mammoth event as the Second Annual Pet Show sponsored by the Centreville Recreational Committee approaches. The Show will be held at the Centreville high school grounds Saturday afternoon beginning at 1 o'clock. Entries of pets is not limited to children, the classes being open to adults as well. All pets must be in cages or on a leash.

The show will open with a parade of pets around the grounds. Children are invited to appear in costume. A public address system will be installed with Roy H. Wilson at the microphone. As many owners of pets as possible will be interviewed during the proceedings.

Inquiries indicate that the various classes will be well filled. Queen Anne's county naturally will be fully represented but one lad from Holly Oak, Del., who wrote in asking, "May I enter my dog in the Pet Show?" will be accommodated.

From Crumpton came word of a miniature show in itself to be shown. The proud owner lists a display including young foxes, coons, groundhogs, skunks, snakes, turtles, bull frogs, buff cochin fowl and bantams.

A red-tailed hawk will be entered together with a terrier named Scotch and a large snake which the owner some times carries around his waist.

Donors of prizes include Dr. C. Rodney Layton, Mark Miller, Oliver C. Jones, Roy H. Wilson, G. Myron Latshaw, Miss Bertha Durney, Kenneth W. Baker, Weldon Brown and the Queen Anne's County Farm Bureau.

Swimming Site Being Prepared At Gravel Pit

Recreational Committee Contemplates Bathouses, Layouts For Games

A public swimming beach for all county residents and for particular use by the swimming classes of the Centreville vicinity is being created at the Gravel Pit on the Corsica River by the Centreville Recreational Committee in copoeration with the Queen Anne's Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Use of the beach which is expected to be most desirable in the county, has been donated by S. L. Morris, the owner.

Thus far the beach has been cleared off and an entrance way made and graded. Arrangements for bath houses, one for men and one for women, are being made by A. Temple Blackwood.

A float is being built by a committee of five handling the preparations, a fireplace for picnic suppers is to be built on the beach, and grounds will be prepared for supervised play including badminton, deck tennis, softball and games for smaller children.

The commttee supervising the work includes Clarence E. Woodward, Mark Miller, A. Temple Blackwood, Tony Moore, and Julian Coleman, the latter to be instructor. Julian Coleman and Tony Moore will map out swimming courses for the non-swimmers, swimmers, and junior and senior life-saving classes.

The beach, a natural one, is four miles from Centreville, two miles closer than Booker's Beach which was used last year and is planned as a center for swimming activities for Centreville and a large part of the county.

Protested Game To Be Played Tuesday Night

The game protested by Dover on May 16 will be concluded at Queen Anne's Park Tuesday evening prior to the regularly scheduled contest. The protested game will start at 8:15. Centreville will be at bat in the last half of the seventh with the score tied at 4-all, one out, Bell on second base and King at bat. The regular game will follow immediately.

GRADUATES TODAY

Miss Shirley Dewing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. M. Dewing, has completed a course of Oral Hygiene at Temple University and will be graduated this morning, Thursday, at exercises to be held in Convention Hall. Miss Dewing will start her interneship with the Philadelphia Mouth Hygiene Association in September.

AT NAVAL ACADEMY

Terry Bayliss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claire B. Bayliss, of Centreville, has received an appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy and will enter as a Plebe today, Thursday. He was a member of the Naval Reserves in 1938, is a graduate of Virgiina Episcopal high school at Alexandria, Va., and received his elementary training at the Gunston School.

Commissioners Set 1939 County Tax Rate At 84c

Figure Shows Increase Of 14 Cents Over Last Year. General Reassessment Of Property, Increased Welfare Costs, Elections Cause Rise

Striking their 1939 levy late Wednesday afternoon the County Commissioners set the tax rate for 1939 at 84 cents per $100, an increase of fourteen cents over the 1938 figures. With the addition of the new State tax rate of 23 35/100 cents, the combined rate for schools, county purposes and state will be $1.07 35/100.

Commenting on the increase in the tax rate Dr. J. W. Crowl, president of the board, remarked informally that it seemed as if requests for more money were made by all county departments.

Among the specific items which helped to create the increase was need for providing from $8,000 to $10,000 for the general assessment of property; funds for special election and to meet the cost of the 1940 Primary; increases in Old Age Pensions and other branches of the Welfare department; repairs to the jail and the Almshouse; and to offset costs of repairs to Centreville high school and erection of the new Sudlersville high school. Bonds originally assigned to meet county bonds as they mature have been allocated to meet the costs of the two high schools, and new provision must be made to meet the county bonds as they mature.

The Commissioners were in session both Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Among other delegations a group of a dozen or fifteen from Queenstown appeared before the Board seeking help toward the proposed WPA project for the building of Queenstown wharf.

Leaders of the delegation were Dr. Norman S .Hitch, William Harrison, Harry C. Reynolds, and George W. Aldridge, jr. The Commissioners took the request under advisement in order to determine what action, if any is feasible.

Miss Nellie Meredith was appointed clerk to Police Justice J. Elmer Anthony, a position created under the new magistrates' law.

The Commissioners appointed Miss Helen Marie Warner as County Home Demonstration Agent to succeed Miss Ruby Kirk. Miss Warner, a teacher in the schools of Columbus, Ohio, will assume the post August 1.

Queenstown Mayor

Harry C. Reynolds

The new board of Town Commissioners for Queenstown organized last week electing Harry C. Reynolds, president; William Crouch, secretary; and Thomas Swann, treasurer. Barry T. Barton, jr., was reelected clerk. The board was sworn in by W. I. Tuttle.

Answers School Bell 2024 Days Without Break

James Ewing Compiles 11 Years Perfect Attendance Record In School

Two thousand-twenty-four consecutive days in school without a miss. Eleven years perfect attendance. That is the record completed by James Franklin Ewing, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Ewing of Grasonville, who has never missed a day's attendance from the time he enrolled as a curly-headed little lad of six in the Kent Point School until he received his diploma at Stevensville high school last week, the ultimate fruition of his public school education.

James' record is comparaable in its way to that of Lou Gehrig, the Iron Horse of the New York Yankees, who earned that soubriquet because he rolled on season after season playing every game in the schedule despite sickness, injury or other obstacle which uusally entitles a man to sit on the sidelines for once.

If Lou Gehrig's string of consecutive appearances was hard to stretch, so was James Ewing's. There are the illnesses of childhood, which usually break every child's skein. There was the weather. Unlike baseball, school keeps rain or shine and the punctual child must be present though the heavens burst, the snow whistles, or the bottom breaks out of dirt roads in the Spring thaws.

For his first three years of school Jimmy had to walk a distance of four and a half miles to the Kent Point school. There was no thought then of compiling a string of perfect attendance years but the boy, always ready and willing to answer the morning bell, saw to it that no check in the absence column appeared after his name.

He completed his elementary school work at the Grasonville school, still

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REST ROOM HOURS

The hours of the Rest Room in the County Office Building will be altered during the summer. The room will be open during June, July and August in the mornings between 9 o'clock and noon. On Saturdays it will be open in these hours in the morning and in the evening from 7 to 10 o'cock.

BOOKERS CLOSED

Bookers' Beach will be closed to the public for the next two weeks owing to the inauguration of Camp Happy Hours, the Girl Scout Camp, which opened Wednesday for counselors with the girls to arrive tomorrow, Friday. Bookers will be reopened for public use on Saturday, July 1.

ST. PAUL'S SERVICES

The Rev. Thomas Donaldson will conduct two services at St. Paul's Church Sunday morning, a service of early Communion at 8 o'clock and Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 o'clock.

BURRISVILLE SERVICE

Services will be held at Burrisville Church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Edward Covington will be leader.

Senator Ward Assumes Seat As Congressman

New Repreentative From Eastern Shore Qualifies At Session Tuesday

David J. Ward, former state senator from Wicomico county, was sworn in as a member of the House of Representatives on Tuesday to complete the unexpired term of former Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough, who resigned to become a Federal judge. The oath was administered to the new Congressman by Speaker Bankhead.

Mr. Ward was escorted to the well of the House chamber by Representative Cole, dean of the Maryland delegation, and was later introduced to a number of Democratic leaders, including Representatives Rayburn, majority leader; Boland, majority whip, and a number of other members.

Judge Goldsborough met Mr. Ward in the office of Representative Cole and walked with him to the House chamber, the first time he has visited the House since he resigned his seat last April.

A delegation from the Eastern Shore and Annapolis came over and occupied seats in the members' gallery to witness the brief ceremony. In the group were members of Mr. Ward's immediate family, including Albert Ward, Mr. and Mrs. David Ward, jr., Howard L. Ward and Mrs. George T. Gordy, a sister, and a niece, Miss Cora Gordy.

Senator Radcliffe also came over to the House to greet the new member and see him take the oath of office. After Speaker Bankhead administered the oath many members of the Democratic side of the chamber applauded.

The office of the newest member of the House was decorated with flowers sent in by friends on the Eastern Shore and Annapolis.

The matter of committee assignments for Mr. Ward was briefly discussed by members of the State delegation and it was thought possible that he might be named to the Committee on Agriculture, the only vacancy on a major committee at this time.

TEACHER GRADUATE

Miss Dorothy V. Anthony, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Anthony of "The Hermitage", graduated from the State Teachers College with the degree of Bachelor of Science on Monday. The graduating class who received their diplomas from Governor Herbert R. O'Conor, numbered seventy-two. Miss Anthony has accepted a teaching position in Anne Arundel county.