

# TIMELY TOPICS

BAY BRIDGE  
THE PRESS  
C. C. C. CAMP  
DENTAL WORK

The Chesapeake Bay bridge is again alive. Counted out many times the bay span comes up for more with a regularity that even Max Baer in his fatal fight with Joe Louis failed to match.

The agreement of the RFC to grant a loan of \$3,000,000 reduces the amount to be raised from State or private sources to \$2,500,000, a far more feasible sum than previously necessary.

Proponents of the span are again buoyant in spirit. Ever hopeful, even in the darkest moment, these backers believe now that the bridge is well on the way to realization.

But some of the cynical pessimists aren't so sure. They can't see the government, wasting \$50,000,000 a year on the "defunct" NRA, spending a mere \$8,000,000 on anything as practical and useful as a bridge across the Chesapeake.

When tragedy stalks newspapermen are on its trail and the results are frequently as unpleasant to them as to the victims of the unfortunate circumstances.

For some unknown reason people generally—try to do everything possible to hinder the work of reporters in tragedies such as that which occurred here last week and their efforts frequently prevent accurate reporting.

Readers, not the newspapers, are responsible for the prominence given affairs of this kind. The newspapers who have played such happenings down have found themselves losing circulation to those which gave them prominence.

The wisest course, and the one which in the end will prove most satisfactory to all concerned, is to cooperate with the press.

Because of lack of enlistment in the Civilian Conservation Corps the soil erosion work, planned to occupy a unit of that organization in Kent county, has been abandoned. Kent county thereby loses a project that would have proved beneficial in several days.

The conservation of soil on Kent farm land, much of which is wasted because of erosion, would have been one of the benefits derived. Another would have been the increased business for Kent merchants necessitated by an influx of some 250 men. Too, the construction of the camp would have employed local labor at a good wage.

Why the enlistments in the C. C. C. has fallen off no one seems to know. The fact that only relief cases are taken in may have had something to do with it and the sound of war drums on the other side of the Atlantic may have frightened some away. They may have felt that it was an easy shift over from such work to war duties.

Anyhow Kent loses the proposed C. C. C. camp which is to be regretted.

The dental clinics which have been in operation in Kent county for the past four years have brought about a marked improvement generally in the teeth of Kent children and the work is to be continued under a new clinician, Dr. John Angeline, a recent graduate of the University of Maryland Dental School.

The clinician is equipped with a portable dental outfit and visits the various schools. The teeth of the children in the first three grades are examined and notice is sent to the parents of those having defects. A small fee is charged for each tooth treated and in some instances treatments have been given free. Instructions are also given in the care of the teeth and the mouth.

These clinics are especially beneficial to the children in the isolated parts of the county, who would have a hard time getting to a dentist even if the need were known.

When people wonder if our schools have progressed in recent years they need but glance at such fine work as this.

## ALMANAC

Goa, I wonder if I went and cut too much.

He who is afraid of doing too much always does too little.

- 1—Rural free delivery of mail starts, 1856.
- 2—Brigham Young is indicted for polygamy, 1871.
- 3—King Ferdinand of Bulgaria abdicates his throne, 1918.
- 4—Washington loses to the British at Germantown, 1777.
- 5—Chester A. Arthur, 21st president, born 1829.
- 6—The first German settlers reach United States, 1683.
- 7—Doctor Gram introduces Homography in United States, 1825.

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## Plan For CCC Camp Near Here Called Off By Government

### Was To Have Been Soil Conservation Unit

### LACK MEN TO FILL CAMP

### Was To Have Had Fifteen Portable Buildings

Plans for the establishment of a Civilian Conservation Corps camp near Kennedyville were definitely abandoned yesterday as Federal orders came through for construction preparations to be dropped. The camp, which was to have been located on the farm of Mrs. Rachel Hill, near the Betterton turn on the Chestertown-Kennedyville highway, was to have had a Soil Conservation Unit of the CCC outfit.

Although no reason came through with the Federal order to abandon the project it was said that the inability to fill the enlistment rolls in the Civilian Conservation Corps was the reason the construction of the camp had been halted. Far back in enrollment the C. C. C. units are having a difficult time in supplying labor to finish projects already started.

Some fifteen buildings of a portable type were to have comprised the camp and the C. C. C. unit was to have been composed of from 200 to 220 men under the command of four Regular Army officers. The men were to have been employed in soil erosion work, this work to have been directed by a group of experts along that line.

Lieut. George A. Meidling, of the U. S. Army, conducted the surveys for the camp with the assistance of Joseph K. Williams, construction superintendent. These men were here for several weeks prior to the abandonment of the project and James D. Davis, 3rd, of Galena, had served them in a secretarial capacity.

## W. Daniel McKee To Marry

Invitations have gone out of the approaching marriage of Miss Mary Gertrude Behen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James John Behen, of Dover, to Mr. William Daniel McKee, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McKee, of Chestertown.

The wedding will take place on Wednesday, October 9th, at 6 P. M., in the Holy Cross Church at Dover. Immediately following the ceremony a reception will be held at the Maple Dale Country Club at Dover.

## John Charles Thomas Concert

John Charles Thomas, celebrated baritone of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will give a benefit concert at the New Theatre, Easton, on Sunday afternoon, October 13. The proceeds will go to the Easton Emergency Hospital.

Tickets for the concert are now on sale, according to Mrs. Elliott Wheeler, chairman. The theatre has a seating capacity of 700 and is expected that a capacity crowd will greet the well-known singer.

Mr. Thomas has arranged a program of operatic, classical and popular numbers for the benefit concert.

## Raymond Moody Named To Study Labor In Prisons

### One Of Committee Of Nine In State

W. Raymond Moody, of Chestertown, has been named to a committee to investigate idleness in Maryland prisons. The local man's appointment to the committee, which was provided for by a resolution passed by the last Legislature, came at the hands of Emmanuel Gorfine, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Mr. Moody, former secretary of the National Social Welfare League and organizer of the Social Welfare League of Maryland, was one of three appointees of Speaker Gorfine. The others were Daniel B. Chambers, Baltimore member of the Legislature, and Col. Stuart S. Janney, former member of the State Board of Welfare.

The committee will have a membership of nine. Governor Nice has named Judge Joseph N. Ullman, Robert E. Vining and Heber H. Votaw to the committee. Lansdale G. Sasser, president of the Senate, has not named the three appointments allotted to him.

No salaries have been provided for these appointees but a budget item of \$1200 has been set aside for expenses.

## JIMMY FOXX WILL HEAD ALL-STAR NINE IN BENEFIT BASE BALL GAME HERE NEXT THURSDAY

Jimmy Foxx, the Sudlersville Slugger, fresh from a successful season with the Philadelphia Athletics, will head an all-star nine in a benefit baseball game here next Thursday. The pride of nearby Queen Anne's county, with teammates from the A's and possibly other major league clubs, will join with local tossers and face the strong Federalsburg nine in a contest for the benefit of the Kent and Queen Anne's General Hospital.

Foxx, following a trip to the World Series, will bring a party of ball-player friends to his Sudlersville home for a hunting trip. The members of this party will take part in the ball game.

R. O. Wright, who is handling the details of the contest locally, has announced that Frank Baker, the original home run king, probably will play with the Foxx outfit.

The game has been scheduled for 1:30 P. M. on the Washington College field and if Thursday is a stormy day the contest will be staged on Friday, October 11.



Jimmy Foxx

## Benge S. Thomas Dies As Result Of Auto Accident

### Injured In Virginia Last Friday

Benge Simmons Thomas, son of Mrs. Mattie Thomas and the late John T. Thomas, was injured in a collision between the car he was driving and a truck in Vienna, Va., about noon last Friday. The young man, who was 21 years old, was taken to Washington Sanitarium and died there at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, 28th. The young man lived as a boy with his parents near Worton and later at Rock Hall where the family home is still retained. The car in the accident was completely demolished and the truck driver is held for manslaughter.

Besides the mother there is a sister, Mrs. Howard Rickert and brother John Thomas, all of whom with many other friends accompanied the body to Rock Hall Sunday and funeral services were conducted at the home Monday afternoon by Elder Schulte, of Washington, with the rites of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Burial was made in Union Cemetery near Worton. M. V. Williams, undertaker.

## U. S. Chamber Of Commerce Official Here Next Week

### L. P. Dickie Confers With Local Group

The Kent County Chamber of Commerce has received word from Mr. L. P. Dickie, manager of the Southeastern Division of the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S. A., that he will be in Chestertown from 10:00 A. M. until 1:00 P. M. on Tuesday, October 15 to confer with the directors and members of the organization.

Mr. Dickie is making a tour of all civic bodies affiliated with the National Chamber in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia to discuss with them, informally, matters of national concern which are of interest to business.

The local organization extends an invitation to all Kent business and professional men and women to attend the lunch meeting which will be held at the Chestertown Restaurant in the private dining room on that date at 12:10 promptly.

Those who expect to be present are requested to send or phone in their names to the secretary, Mrs. Nell Westcott, phone 115, not later than October 12.

## BING CROSBY AND JOAN BENNETT FEATURED HERE IN COMEDY "TWO FOR TONIGHT"

For a scene in Paramount's romantic comedy, "Two for Tonight" featuring Bing Crosby and Joan Bennett, coming to the New Lyceum Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, October 7 and 8, Crosby had to don a full dress suit. He balked at the collar and tie offered him. The next day, Miss Bennett, who is Mrs. Gene Markey in private life, brought one of her husband's collars and ties, and Bing wore them.

"Two for Tonight" is a brisk, fast moving comedy, plentifully supplied with music, songs and romance, of an ambitious young crooner who accidentally becomes a playwright and becomes involved with a theatrical producer, his stage star girl friend, and his secretary in a series of lively incidents that become more and more hilariously complicated.

## SCOUT MEETING CARDED FOR FRIDAY NIGHT HERE

Stanley M. Woodhead, Scout Field Executive for the upper Peninsula counties, has announced a meeting of community-minded citizens of Kent county for Friday evening of this week, October 4, to consider the organization of a Kent County Boy Scout Committee.

Mr. Woodhead has called attention to the fact that the Chestertown troop is the only active Scout organization in the county today and the purpose of the meeting is to extend Scouting opportunities to a wider field.

## SURPRISE SHOWER GIVEN NEWLY WEDDED COUPLE

A surprise shower was given the recently married Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Albaugh, who was the former Miss Dorothy E. Glenn, of Rock Hall, on Friday evening, September 21st, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Albaugh, near New Windsor, Maryland. The couple received many useful presents. Music was a part of the entertainment and later in the evening refreshments of punch and cake were served.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stem, Mr. and Mrs. George Gorsuch, Mrs. Ralph Roop, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Warner, Mrs. Clyde Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Albaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Albaugh, Misses Bessie and Helen Albaugh, Virginia Barnes, Ethel Waddell, Mary Black, Norman Holland, Frances Gorsuch, Messrs. Paul Wiles, Rowland Roop, George Williams, Merton and Frank Gorsuch.

## EDGAR FONTAINE DIES AT POCOMOKE CITY

Edgar Fontaine, 87, father of Dr. E. Clarke Fontaine, of Chestertown, died last Friday afternoon at his home in Pocomoke City after an illness extending over many months. A descendant of a Huguenot family which settled in Somerset in 1657 the deceased was long prominent in the affairs of his community.

Beside his son in Chestertown another son, Gustavus H. Fontaine, Great Falls, Mont., and a daughter, Miss Lottie Fontaine, of Pocomoke City, survive.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 4 P. M. from the Presbyterian Church, Pocomoke City, with interment in the cemetery of that church.

The record for strange meals is surely held by the dogs who ate a church. Somewhere in the Canadian north pious Eskimos built a church with a frame of walrus ribs, covered with walrus hides. It was a nice church, but between morning and evening services one Sunday, it was torn to pieces and devoured by a pack of hungry dogs.

## RFC Is Agreeable To \$3,000,000 Loan On Span Over Bay

### Unit Will Buy Bonds If PWA Issues Them

### \$4,500,000 GRANT BY U. S.

### State Or Private Sources To Raise \$2,500,000

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation yesterday agreed to lend the Chesapeake Bay Bridge authority \$3,000,000 toward the construction of the proposed \$10,000,000 span.

This decision was made known early last night as the RFC made public a letter from its chairman, Jesse H. Jones, to Albert D. Graham, of Baltimore, chairman of the bridge authority.

The letter follows: "With reference to your proposed Chesapeake bay bridge, which you estimate will cost a total of \$10,000,000."

"You have asked this corporation as to what amount of bonds it would buy from the PWA Administrator, assuming that he would be willing to buy the bonds; conditioned that you could get a grant from the public works fund of forty-five per cent. of the total cost, or 4,500,000."

"Our board has given consideration to the matter and would be willing to buy from PWA bonds against the completed project to the extent of one-half of the actual cost in excess of the grant up to but not more than \$3,000,000; the interest rate to be four per cent. and our bonds secured by a first mortgage on the bridge and the income from the bridge; and further conditioned that all legal matters, including conditions for sufficient tolls to amortize the loan, meet with our approval as well as that of WPA."

The PWA last July offered the \$4,500,000 grant on condition that the bridge authority finance the balance of the cost.

Earlier yesterday Senator Radcliffe called at the RFC, where he conferred with C. B. Marriam, one of the directors.

If the bad bridge sponsors accept the offer of the RFC and that of PWA for an outright grant of \$4,500,000 it would bring total Federal funds to \$7,500,000 and leave the remaining amount, \$2,500,000 to be provided by the State of Maryland or from private sources.

## In Series Spotlight

### In Front Again



DETROIT... Mickey Cochran (above), dashing manager of the Detroit Tigers, has won an all-time spot in the hearts of Detroit baseball fans by bringing his Tigers home in front for the 1935 American League pennant and making it two-in-a-row.

### Smallest Cub of All



CHICAGO... Paul Dominick, 14 (above), is mascot of the Chicago Cubs in the National League. Paul and many of the Cubs believe that he was important in the big drive toward the pennant... because when the little roly-poly mascot showed up after school, the cubs started hitting... and needed games were won.

## MRS. BUXTON "MENTALLY ILL" CONFINED TO SPRING GROVE HOSPITAL MONDAY

### Killed Mother-in-Law, Mrs. Effie S. Buxton, Here Friday Morning With Hatchet

With the commitment of Mrs. Thelma Buxton, admitted "hatchet" slayer of her mother-in-law, to Spring Grove Hospital on Monday the most sensational murder story in the history of Chestertown was brought to a temporary close. "Mentally ill", according to State and defense psychiatrists, the wife of Dr. Kenneth S. Buxton, Washington College professor, had slain the latter's mother, Mrs. Effie S. Buxton, 69, last Friday morning with repeated blows on the head from a hatchet.

Under the natural course of events the younger Mrs. Buxton, 27-year-old native of Canada, will be indicted for murder by the Kent Grand Jury which meets on October 21. During the October court term the indictment will be met by the defense, headed by former S. Scott Beck. Two courses apparently are open to the defense counsel. A postponement while the alleged slayer undergoes examination and treatment at the State mental institution may be asked or a plea of insanity may be made. In the latter event the trial would be to determine whether or not the young woman is sane.

Developments in Kent's most unusual murder came thick and fast. Shortly after 9 A. M. on Friday the younger Mrs. Buxton walked into the apartment of Mrs. Lewin W. Wickes, owner of the apartment house in

which the Buxtons, husband, wife and mother, made their home, and calmly announced she had killed her mother-in-law.

Lodged in the Kent county jail shortly afterwards, she was formally charged with murder that afternoon as a coroner's jury found that she had been responsible for the death of her mother-in-law. Saturday morning, after legal movements back and forth, a request for a writ of habeas corpus was withdrawn by Senator S. Scott Beck, defense counsel, when he and State's Attorney Stephen R. Collins agreed to an examination by alienists, one representing each side in the legal tangle. The agreement was reached after a conference with Judge Thomas J. Keating.

Sunday morning the younger Mrs. Buxton was adjudged "mentally ill" by Dr. George H. Preston, commissioner of mental hygiene for Maryland, who represented the State, and Dr. Andrew Gillis, noted psychiatrist, the specialist for the defense. The alienists concurred in their findings and agreed that she should be placed in a mental institution for a period of observation and treatment.

The order committing the admitted slayer to Spring Grove Hospital was signed by Judge Keating on Monday and that afternoon she was transferred from the local jail to the Catonsville institution.

## ACTIONS OF SLAYER ARE PICTURED

Although she made no statement to local or state police the actions of the college professor's wife can be fairly well pieced together from fragmentary testimony and some of the reported findings of the examining alienists.

Dr. Buxton, in a statement issued through S. Scott Beck, the attorney he had employed to represent his wife, said that she had accompanied him to the door of the apartment house, apparently in good spirits, as he left that morning for an 8 A. M. class at the college. Shortly thereafter, as she moved about her bedroom on the third floor of the apartment house, Mrs. Richard H. Collins, Jr., heard a series of thumping sounds accompanied by a whining moan, a sound she described as similar to that emitted by a dog run over by an automobile. She and her husband looked from the window of their apartment expecting to see such an incident on the main road that leads to the Chester river bridge. They saw nothing and forgot the incident.

Much the same experience was that of Miss Marie Bryan, teacher in the local high school, who occupies an apartment on the first floor of the building. Similar sounds were heard by her, it is said. She located them in the Buxton apartment, however, and started to investigate but changed her mind, it is said. Both placed the sounds as occurring around 8:30 A. M.

It was learned from a reliable source that Mrs. Buxton, in answer to the queries of the alienists, said that she remembered taking a hammer to go to the bathroom to fix a loose towel rack and later found herself kneeling beside the dead body of her mother-in-law, her mind a total blank as to what had occurred in the intervening moments. The discrepancy as to the hammer and hatchet was cleared up, it is said, when Mrs. Buxton's description of the tool, which was used as the murder weapon, tallied with that of a hatchet although she called it a hammer.

## TESTIMONY AT INQUEST VERY BRIEF

Conditions in the apartment indicated that the young woman went to the bathroom, removed her blood soaked clothes, bathed and dressed anew before descending to the first floor to inform Mrs. Wickes, the apartment house owner, of the deed.

Mrs. Wickes, testifying at the inquest, which was conducted by Coroner Dr. Frank W. Smith, said that the younger Mrs. Buxton entered her apartment and said:

"Call the Sheriff." Queried as to her reasons for wanting the officer she only replied, "Call the Sheriff, quickly."

As Mrs. Wickes finished the call which summoned the officers, she testified, the young woman calmly said, "I have killed Mrs. Buxton."

According to Mrs. Wickes' testimony she suggested that a doctor be called but she was met with the reply, "No, she is quite dead. I saw that before I left."

Mrs. Wickes, however, summoned Dr. H. G. Simpers, who arrived ahead of the police and State's Attorney Stephen R. Collins.

His testimony revealed much the same story that had been told by Mrs. Wickes. The young woman had met him with a hand shake and the statement that she had killed her mother-in-law. Dr. Simpers testified that to his suggestion that she might be dreaming the young woman replied: "No I have killed her. You will find her in the back room, her head in a pool of blood."

The testimony of Dr. Simpers, who first entered the room with Deputy Sheriff John N. Bennett, told of finding the body, the head a mass of wounds, lying in a bloody puddle. Nearby was a blood-stained hatchet and a pair of glasses, he said.

R. H. Collins, Jr., was the other person to testify at the inquest. He told of the experience he and his wife had had that morning. The coroner's jury, of which A. L. Sparks was foreman, and which had previously viewed the body and the scene of the crime, was only a short time in reaching the verdict which charged the younger Mrs. Buxton with the murder.

## LAWYERS ENGAGE IN LEGAL BATTLE

Then the legal battle which still fluttered as the young woman was removed to the mental institution began. Dr. Andrew Gillis, mental specialist, retained by the defense, was refused permission to examine the prisoner, held in a special room on the third floor of the jail under the constant guard of a matron-nurse. Accompanied by Dr. Frank B. Hines, the jail physician, Dr. Gillis sought to enter the prisoner's room but was refused admittance by Sheriff John N. Bennett, who acted, he said, under orders from State's Attorney Stephen R. Collins.

Defense Attorney Beck then sought a writ of habeas corpus and Judge Thomas J. Keating, of the Second Judicial Circuit, came to Chestertown Saturday morning to hear the proceedings. It was during a preliminary conference with him that the opposing lawyers reached the agreement which led to the mental test on Sunday.

But the flare up did not end there. When Mrs. Buxton was removed to

Spring Grove on Monday she was accompanied by two physicians, Dr. Hines, the jail doctor, and Dr. A. A. Burgard, of Rock Hall, representing State's Attorney Collins.

Charges and denials of "third degree" methods by State Police were also brought into the case over the week end. The attorney for the defense, Mr. Beck, claimed that his client had been subjected to a half-hour merciless grilling by State officers. The charges were denied by State's Attorney Collins who said that the State troopers had merely taken finger prints and photographs of the prisoner.

In a statement Friday night through Mr. Beck, his attorney, Dr. Buxton said that twice within the past three weeks he had prevented suicide attempts on the part of his wife. Once she had a rope around her neck and once she tried to take gas. He said that there was no hard feeling between his wife and mother but that on the contrary they had

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