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First Mixed Jury Did WONDERFUL Work

DO YOU KNOW

OFF THE CUFF

That oystermen and maniose diggers are still having good weather for work. Crabbers closed shutters a few days ago.

That our turkey growers are busy taking orders for Thanksgiving turkeys. Better get yours in unless you like your chicken.

That Amos South opines; "It seem so odd that so many people can tell us so much about the future and yet do so litttle—past or present.

That Elmer Neighbors hands out these safety tips: "Bad driving, and not bad luck causes accidents." Elmer, careful drivers think you have something!

That now is an excellent time, with Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner to get rid of those unneeded articles with a classified ad in the News.

That barley and wheat are showing their beautiful Irish tint. Our farmers know how when it comes to growing crops to feed the nation—United States and Europe.

That the spring like showers the past week has been a benefi to cabbage, lettuce, kale, spinach and turnips. Cabbage and lettuce have started to head.

That Benny Allen down WyeMills way, where beer hounds protested alcoholic license, believe some area are so dry that they have even taken the nip out of the air.

That hunters were out late and early yesterday morning banging away at bunny. They report good luck. Wonder what they will do for their banging when bunny takes a vacation?

That the re-opening of the Queen Theatre movies has brought new life to Queenstown. A new pier in our harbor would add year-around business. Talk it up this winter and help your town.

That you can get "No Trespassing signs printed on muslin at the Queenstown News office. 12 notices for $2.50, 6 notices for $1.25. Post your land now before it is too late and all of your game is shot up.

That Walter Eby, County agricultural agent, has called attention of the farmers of the county to the advisability of ordering repair parts for their farm machinery now rather than wait until the next growing season.

That Kent county turned down women as jurors. Taxpayers of Kent you don't know a good article when you see it. Look at the good work the women did at the November term of Court for Queen Anne's county.

That the past cold snap made motorists stock up with anti-freeze. It might have been a rapid good bye to Indian Summer and a welcome greetings to old man winter, but Indian Summer has been around for sevehal days.

That Democrats, New and Old Dealer on the Shore are all set to unite behind ONE Democratic candidate for Congress, subject to the Primary election next May. A Shore wide meeting is to b held at Easton shortly to clinch the case.

That the contractor of the bridge and dual highway are rushing work in he hopes they will complete them by late June so that Governor McKeldin, ex-Governor Lane and Mike can lead the procession before the July 4th rush for motorists.

That Joe Evans who has been enjoying life on Easy str[illegible]mmer and hopes to con[illegible]ter if he has to go [illegible] this way:

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Summer h[illegible]
Vacation is [illegible]
Money is S[illegible]

Oyster Navy Gets Ten New Officers

Ten new enforcement officers will be added to the Tidewater Fisheries Commission's enforcement fleet.

The Board of Public Works approved the strengthening of Maryland's "oyster navy" yesterday after members fo the commission reported that within two years the State's oyster propagation program should be self-supporting.

Each of the new men will be hired from State Employment Commission ligibility lists and will be pad at the rate of $2,880 a year. The force now numbers 86.

Arthur H. Brice, chairman, and John P. Tawes, a member of the commission, told Governor McKeldin and other members of the Board of Public Works that the 20-cent-per bushel "area tax" on oysters is now bringing in an average of $1,200 a day.

The tax is now collected from all tongers and dredgers who harvest oysters from bars on which the State has dumped shells or seed oysters.

"Within two years, at the present rate," Mr. Tawes said, "our oyster propagation program should be self supporting."

He said afterward that there is a chance that within six or eight years all the activities of the commission could be financed from funds collected by the commission.

The State appropriations for oyster propagation this year is $125,000.

Mr. Brice reported that the commission's new practice on enforcing the oyster cull laws out on the bars instead of at dockside has gained approval of all but a small minority of the watermen.

And, John P. Tawes seconded, it has been a great aid in conservation.

Can Wild Ducks Smell The Scent of Hunters?

"Can wild ducks smell the scent of Hunters" is the question of times put up to Conrad P. Carter, who believes they can while others differ, but C. P. has others that agree, but C.P. who is one of the best informed on upland and wild fowl, has other that believes that certain species of ducks san smell a man and when they get the scent are smart enough to get away from him. Some of these men were highly educated fellows and others were wise in the ways of ducks even if their schooling had been neglected.

All big game hunters know that if they want their game it must not get the man scent. This ability to smell man and recognize him by that scent has not been given to game birds. At least, that is my opinion and it is shared by Ray Holland, famous outdoor writer.

Santa Claus on On Christmas Seals

Santa Claus, the annual Christmas favorite of young and old alike will adorn the 1951 Christmas Seals, which go on sale November 19, when the Maryland Tuberculosis Association opens its 1951 Christmas Seal Sale.

This year's Christmas Seal was designed by Robert Stephens, well-known commercial artist of Newark, N. J., who selected the motif for his design because Santa Claus is traditionally the embodiment of unselfish giving—a virtue which has largely motivated the American public's purchase of Christmas Seal for over 40 years.

In Marine Hospital For Eye Tumor Operation

George W. Oldham, Manager of the Queenstown area of the C. & P. Telephone Company was sent to the Marine Hospital at Baltimore, Tuesday morning. He has a growth on the lower lid of his right eye. [illegible] growth, at the beginning, sev[illegible] was just a small [illegible] and now it is a tumor. [illegible]ected to remain in the [illegible] week or until the early [illegible]week. His many friends [illegible] speedy recovery.

Banks Advised to Curb Loaning

It's okay to lend money to build a needed schoolhouse, but not to add a library to an old school.

And it's all right to lend money to replace an unsafe church, but not to add a new Sunday School building to a church that can get along without it.

The National Voluntary Credit Restraint Committee today cited these among examples to guide banks and other lending institutions in its volunteer program to curb lending.

Generally, the program calls for banks to make loans only if they boost production, especially defense production, or meet essential civilian needs. This policy is designed to help fight inbation.

The committee has outlined broad policies before, but for the first time today it listed recommendations on specific types of loans as a more detailed guidepost.

The committee is composed of exe cutives of banks and life insurance companies working with the Federal Reserve Board to get a voluntary tightening-up on inflationary-type loans. It has no compulsory powers.

Its report today said the new digest of cases from regional committees which serve as appeal boards from local decisions, should give the public and lenders a better idea of what to expect in the credit restraint program.

For example, regional committees have approved loans to finance a new delicatessen, a grocery, fire-fighting equipment—and even a mortuary—in areas where these facilities were badly needed.

But the regional committees have disapproved loans which would have let a city build an agricultural livestock exhibition bulding, let merchants buy more than their normal stock of goods in fear of future shortages, or permit business men to finance a tourist hotel, social club and recreation center (including a bar) or amusement park.

Loans were approved for purchase of farm land to increase production but not for purchase of real estate as investment or for speculation.

Loans were approved to replace worn and obsolete equipment, give a new dentist his equipment, provide a newspaper a needed new printing press, and expand public utilities.

Queen Anne's Artist Gets Top Honor

A portrait by Katherine Wright Grove, titled "Mangy", was acclaimed "best-of-show" by viewers at the annual art exhibit of the Artists Professional League, held at the American Legion Memorial Home in Chestertown.

In secret balloting by the public who viewed the work of forty local artist, Miss Grove's portrait drew the most votes. A resident of Queen Anne's, Miss Grove had two entries in the show.

That our political spy who has been peeping tells us Governor McKeldin is entertaining the idea of offering a juicy appontmnt to Hall Hammond, Maryland's Democratic Attorney-General, in the form of Chief Judge on the Maryland Court of Appeals. Naturally the Governor would appoint one of his own party to the Attorney-Generalship post.

Miss Elaine Petalis in Drama, "Letters to Lucerne"

Miss Elaine Petalis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Petalis of near town, has been cast in Letters to Lucerne, the fall production of St. Mary's Junior College, St. Mary's City, Maryland. Miss Petalis, a freshman of the College division, portrayed Bingo Hill, an American girl, in this drama that was presented November 16 and 17.

Previously she was cast in the play "Off the Track," at Centreville High school and also took part in an Operetta there.

Health Department Opens Clinic to Serve Shore

Two one-day-a-week mental hygiene clinics under the adinistration of the State Health Department of Health opened last month to serve the Eastern Shore counties of Caroline, Kent, Talbot and Queen Anne's. Directly responsible for their operation are the county health officers: Dr. A. F. Whitsitt in Kent; and Dr. Louis S. Welty in the oother three counties.

A full-time psychiatric social worker, Miss Louise Witfield, who will make her home on the Shore, will sustain the clinic's program through out the year. Miss Whitfield, a graduate of the Richmond School of Social Work, comes originally from Texas, and served with the Waves during the Second World War. She has had experience in the fields of both family counselling and psychiatric social work.

The psychiatrist for both clinics is Dr. Virginia Suttenfield, who for the past year has been trainh.g as a fellow at the Psychiatric Clinic of the University of Maryland Medical School. Dr. Suttenfield's previous training has been in the Rhode Island mental hospital system. She is especially interested in child psychiatry.

The psychologist for the Easton clinic, which meets every Thursday and serves Caroline and Talbot counties, is Henry J. Paar, Jr., psychologist on the staff of the Eastern Shore State Hospital. Mr. Paar, who is also especially interested in working with children, has a master's degree from Columbia University.

At the Chestertown clinic, which meets every Friday and serves Knt and Queen Anne's Counties, the Psychology Department of Washington College is providing psychological service and using the clinic as a training agency for its students under the supervision of Dr. Fred G. Livingood.

The clinics, part of a system developed throughout the counties of Maryland by the Health Department's Division of Mental Hygiene, of which Dr. Paul V. Lemkau is chief, are prepared to serve both children and adults. Application for appointments may be made thru the local health offices.

Christopher S. Thomas, 74, Dies Suddenly at Home

Christopher Strong Thomas, 74, one of the most prominent business men of Queen Anne's County, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Centreville around 7 o'clock Sunday evening.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. Paul's Church with the Rev. Thomas Donaldson officiating. Interment was in Chesterfield Cemetery, Centreville.

Mr. Thomas, a life-long resident of this county, was born on August 24, 1877, in Grasonville, the son of the late William and Susan Lewis Thomas.

For 50 years Mr. Thomas was connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad at station agent, both in Grasonville and Centreville. He came to Centreville in 1905, and built a grain elevator, and as a graip broker was a member of the Phiadelphia Grain Exchange for many years.

He was also in the poultry business and owned and operated the Thocar Oil Company in Centreville. He had served as a director of the Centreville National Bank for many years and was a 32nd degree Mason.

Active in many community and civic affair, he was instrumental in getting the $50,000 firehouse built for the Goodwill Fire Company three years ago.

Besides his wife, Hattie Rose Thomas, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. A. R. Sleasman, Easton, and Miss Julia Thomas, Washington, D. C. One brother, Leon, of Severna Park, Md., and one grandchild, Arthur Sleasman, [illegible] Easton, also are living, as are a number of nieces and nephews.

First Mixed Jury Did a Wonderful Job

The first mixed Grand Jury in the history of Queen Anne's County brought in 10 presentments and 10 true bills in the two days they were in session at the Nooember Term of the Circuit Court last week.

Chief Judge William R. Horney made the charge of the men and women of the jury Monday morning and told the 18 ladies they were making history in this county.

Indictments which are being tried now, nclude:

John W. A. Thomas, 16-year-old colored youth, on two charges of forgery, Oliver Wiggins, grand larceny. Four indictments against prisoners who escaped from Old Point Prison Camp on Kent Island. John D. Livly, Burton E. Hutchinson, and Leon Black, Jr., charged with grand larceny.

The three men charged with grand larceny plead guilty last Wednesday and sentencing suspended pelding an investigation by court's probabtion officer.

Barney Hutchinsons, Jr., and James Robinson, both colored, found gulity on appeals from the Trial Magistrate, and sentenced Wednesday. Hutchins received one year in the House of Correction and Robinson, six months.

Benjamin P. Clough was charged with discharging raw sewerage into Kent Narrows and plead guilty. Sentence was suspended pending the correction of the condition.

Criminal appeals heard early in the week, included:

John L. Whaley, found guilty by jury of a reckless driving charge, following his appeal of the Trial Magistrate's decision.

Retrial of Frank N. Tarbutton, on charges of keeping a gaming table, ended in the second hung jury, and the State's Attorney entered a nolle prosequi.

Charles Bonds was found not guilty before the court on a charge of stealing $8.

William E. Mills plead guilty on charge of breaking and entering the Pennsyvania Railroad office at Love Point, and carrying away an iron safe in September 1942. Sentencing was suspended pending an investigation by the court's probation officer.

The State's Attorney entered a nolle prosequi against Paul Morris on a charge of keeping a gaming table, because a material witness had died since Morris was indicted at the May term of court.

Grand Jury Report

To the Honorable, The Judges of The Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County, Maryland:

We, the members of the Grand Jury for the Noovember Term, 1951, do respectfully make the following report:

We have been in session for two days. We have examined 12 witnesses, resulting in 10 presentments and 10 true bills.

A committee appointed by the foreman, inspected the jail and found same to be well kept. We understand that recommendations have previously been made in past years for new plumbing in the jail—we, as Grand Jurors, demand that this condition be corrected by installing new plumbing.

We recommend that when new mattresses are next bought that a water-proof mattress be considered for sanitary reasons.

We suggest that windows in the jail be repaired in order to save fuel.

A similar committee was appointed to inspect the Court House and it was found to be well cared for.

We recommend that the—

A. Entire exterior trim of Court House be painted.

B. Record room of Clerk's Office be painted.

C. We recommend that the rest rooms be provided in the Court House for women.

We are of the same opinion as three previous Grand Juries that a local Board should be appointed by this Honorable Court and given the authority to review and pass on all applicants for licenses to sell alcoholic beverages in the county.

We are pleased to report that we find that the State's Attorney and law enforcement officers are performing their duties effectively, although apparently they are understaffed.

We wish to thank the Court, the Officers of the Court, the State's Attorney, he State Police and the County enforcement Offices for their courtesy and assistance.

Having finished our labors we now pray o be discharged.

Herbert T. Roe, Foreman
Ruth W. Draper, Clerk.

FOR SALE—2 4-lid wood cook stoves and 1 oil heater and cooker. M. W. Aker.

Wear Something White While Walking at Night

Your chances of becoming a pedestrian accident statistics will be much less if you wear or carry some thing white while walkng at night, Mr. B. A. Bloch, Easton Branch manager Automobile Club of Maryland, said today as he announced the release of the November kit of AAA safety educational materials being sent to elementary school teachers here in connection with the Club's traffic safety program.

The club official said statistics show that four out of five pedestrian fatalities occur during hours of darkness and the highest number of night accidents occur during winter months, when there are more hours of darkness.

"Most pedestrians fail to realize that it is difficult for the motorist o distinguish objects on the highway until his car is almost on top of them," Mr. Bloch said. "The bright lights of the approaching automobile seem to the pedestrian to be very bright, but actually they are effectiv only for several hundred feet. The average automobile, traveling at even the low speed of 30 miles per hour, covers this distance before the driver can react to avoid hitting a pedestrian. Light clothing enables the driver to see the pedestrian much sooner."

Mr. Hartman gave the following rules for pedestrians to safeguard themselves while walking at night:

1. Wear something white. White shoes are best, because the headlights of automobiles hit the pedestrian's feet first, giving the motorist more time to see the pedestrian and avoid hiting him. If you don't wear a white article, carry some whte object, such as a hanker chief.

2. Walk on the left side of the road facing traffic. This rule, which should be followed at all times, is particularly necessary at night.

3. Always step off the paved portion of the road, where there are no sidewalks, when meeting an oncoming vehicle.

4. If possible, always cross at a lighted intersection, never in mid-block.

The poster which will be displayed in all schools this month as a patr of the AAA's "Wear White After Dark" campaign was drawn by Roy Moore, Britannia High School, Vancouver, B. C., Canada, and was a winner in the 7th National School Safety Poster Contest.

Two Church Hill Boys Enlist in Air Corp

Two boys from Church Hill have enlisted in the United States Air Force, according to Sgt. John Colmer at the Chestertown Recruiting Station.

They are Howard B. Kennedy, son of Theodore Kennedy, and Harry L. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brown. Both have been sent to Sampson Air Force Base, Geneva, N. Y., for training.

Frank W. Brower, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Brower, Centreville, has completed boot training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, and has been transferred to the Jacksonville Naval Air Station. He enlisted in the U. S. Naval AirCorps for a period of four years, on July 9, 1951. He graduated at Washington College, Chestertown, last June.