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Red Cross Drive Started Wednesday--Please Give

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mrs. Annie Lane has returned home after spending four weeks in Philadelphia and Harrisburg, Pa., with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lane and her neice and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Oldham and son, Jay, were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Ferrick of Centreville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schelberg and son Bo, and Mr. James Booker motored to Wilmington, Del., on Sunday. Mrs. Blanche Booker returned with them after spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Combs.

Mr.Hiram Pinder returned to Baltimore after spending several days with Mr. Joseph Berry.

Mr. William U. Cross is sick at this writing.

Mrs. Reba George of Wilmington, Del., was the weekend guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. SpencerSmith.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Melvin were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Evcrett Saddler and family in Baltimore.

Miss Gladys Lane of Baltimore, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. George Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dudley, Jr., and young son, Nick, have returned to their home after spending sometime in New York and Connecticut.

Mrs. Aubrey Romine left on Tuesday for New York, where she will sail for Germany to join her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ridgely and daughter, returned home Sunday after spending several weeks at Hollywood, Fla.

Miss Margaret Jane Jester spent most of the weekend as the guest of Miss Shirley Clark in Centreville.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. William Comegys and young sons to our midst. They moved into their rew home last week.

Mr. Robert Comegys of Wilmington, Del., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Comegys.

Congratulation to the recent newlyweds, Miss Sue Draper of Centreville was married on Saturday to John Richard Whaley near town. Best of luck, Sue and Dickie.

Mrs. Emily Mann is spending sometime in Baltimore with Mr. Stephen Mann and family.

Maynard P. White, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Pressley White of Sedgewick, near Queenstown, was recently elected Recording Secretary of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity .This fraternity was founded at Jefferson College in 1848, and established at Brown in 1902. White, a junior at Brown, is a graduate of Hebron Academy, Hebron, Maine, and is a candiate for the Bachelor of Arts degree.

Grasonville

Mrs. Lidia M. Bryan has returned home after spending sometime with relatives at Pasadena, Md.

Mr. Norman Wright of Wilmington Del., spent some time last week with his sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Jewell and Mrs. Edna Haddaway as Mrs. Jewell has been very sick, but is improving at this writing.

Mr. Lawrence Quinn has returned home after undergoing an operation at Memorial Hospital in Easton and is much improved.

Miss Paula Palmer of Stevensville visited Miss Barbara Mench on Friday and Barbara returned with her to spend the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Abbott and son spent the weekend with her parents, and celebrated Mr. King's 79th birthday.

Mr. Fred Risley underwent an operation at Memorial Hospital in Easton last week and is improving at this writing. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Thomas and daughters Della and Karen, who have been spending sometime in Setauket, N.Y., were home for the weekend and moved to Setauket as Mr. Thomas has found employment there.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Young of Atlanta, Ga., visited her mother, Mrs. M.

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Rotation Market Hog Show Slated Sept 14, by FFA, 4-H

The combined efforts of the Future Farmers of America and 4-H members of four counties will produce a combined rotation market hog show to be held on Sept. 14, at a site to be selected later.

George Davis of Centreville, chairman of the committee, said the counties of Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline and Talbot will be represented. Delegates from the FFA and 4-H units in those counties were present at the recent meeting to set up the date and name the committee.

Other committee members are: John E. Hutchison, Easton, vice chairman Albert W. Dawkins, Centreville, secretary, and James Sewell, St. Michaels, treasurer. Advisers will be Vernon B. Sultenfuss, vocational agricultural teacher, Centreville Glenn Lewis ,vocational agricultural teacher, Easton; Francis Rogers, Caroline County agent; and William Nixon ,assistant county agent for Talbot and Dorchester counties.

The next meeting of the group will be at the Centreville High School at 7 o'clock, Monday March 15.

World's Lightweight Championship Bout Fri.

Champion Jimmy Carter will try to keep Paddy DeMarco from taking over his lightweight crown in a scheduled 15-round title bout as the regular Friday evening (March 5) presentation on the Gillette Safety Razor Company's Cavalcade of Sports.

Boxing fans coast-to-coast will have the opportunity to be in on all the ring doings of a bout considered by many to be one of the top matches of the year. The NBC television cameras and ABC radio microphones will be set up at ringside starting at 10 p.m.

Jimmy Carter will be appearing in his ninth title fight, his seventh as title-defender. During 1953 Tommy Collins, George Araujo and Armand Savoie were kayoed in their attempts to displace Jimmy. Since turning pro in 1946, Carter has won 64 bouts, 26 o fthem by kayo.

Paddy DeMarco, a great TV favorite, gets the opportunity he has been striving for since turning pro in 1946. His January 2 upset against third ranking Ralph Dupas catapulted Paddy from ninth to third place rating in his division and won him this chance at the crown. DeMarco vows to work extra hard to become champ as a final tribute to his veteran manager, Jimmy Dixon, who died suddenly just before the Carter match was signed.

A Little Political Chit-Chat

While attending to some business at the county seat, Centreville, several weeks ago, I was talking to a few of our politicians. They are under the impression that the office holders at the Court House and elsewhere in the county have been there long enough .They think there should be a house cleaning, like the one at the Nation's Capitol in 1952. The people of the country wanted a change, maybe the people of the county want the same.

It was also said that some of the office holders have been there so long, they think they are a part of the fixtures. Even fixtures need replacing or cleaning up. We get tired of looking at the same things and faces for such a long time.

These politicians think they know where they can get the broom that can do the job.

What do you think, Isn't it time for a change?

As much as I could learn, there is not much talk about who is going to oppose who. I understand sometime in April is the deadline for filing as a candidate.

$2,000,000 To Rescue Oysters

This article is being published in a Series until completed. This is the Third Installment in the Series.

The oyster feeds itslf by pumping water between its gills, thru extraordinary little mechanisms called the palps, and past its mouth which is located near the narrow, hinged end of the shell. The pumping is accomplished by the wave-like motion of millions of microscopic hairs called cilia, all beating in rhythm, and, considered purely as a water pump, the oyster is a little marvel. When healthy and hungry an oyster weighing two ounces can pump 40 quarts of water an hour—an equivalent of about 640 times its own weight—which compares pretty well with many man-made pumps.

After passing oer the gills, the water flows between the paps which act as a highly selective filter. The palps have the capacity to strain from the water not only substances which might be injurious or poisonous, but also those which, while not necessarily harmful, are not wanted

When the water is particularly dirty, the palps work overtime, kneading the rejected particles into a kind of gummy paste and expelling them over the side of the shell like a ribbon dentifrice squeezed from a flat-mouthed tube. But because of a well developed sense of selectivity, the palps do not filter out the food the oyster wants and needs, and thus the water that reaches the oyster's mouth contains the supply of plankton (microscopic living organisms) the oyster feeds on.

Because of the palps, the oyster can live and even thrive in circumstances which at first glance would appear to be fatal.

To test this the investigating scientists built boxlike rafts so constructed that the wire enclosed bottom would remain six or eight inches below the water line while the open tops were a similar distance above. Into the bottoms of these boxes ,resting on the wire, they put a number of oysters and on the top of the water they floated varying amounts of crude oil, a concentrated pollution hundreds of times greater than any ever found in normal overwater oil operations.

Then the rafts were anchored at various places in waters where oysters grow naturally, and allowed to remain for months. Even under the thickest of the oil blankets the oysters not only survived, but what was more astonishing, begat little oysters that also survived.

Ostera virginica is not like some European species which are truly bisexed, but it can apparently change its sex in the course of its life. This is, at least, the somewhat speculatve belief of some of the investigating scientists, based on the discovery that most old oysters (their life expectancy is nine years) are females. The change, if there is a change, would appear to be mainly from male to female. But in any case, breeding among oysters is a syclical, solitary business and apparently equally dangerous to both sexes.

Spawning occurs in May, June, July and August—the four R-less months during which oysters are not in season. During this period the oyster becomes visibly swollen with egg or sperm cells as the sex may be, which it expels in tiny gray clouds by snapping its shell shut with a quick motion. It has been estimated that the female throws out upward of 50,000,000 eggs, but the numbers of sperm cells released by the male are too astronomical for even the estimators. The union of the polliwog-shaped egg takes place while both shaped eg gtakes place while both float freely in the water.

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FOR SALE—16 ft. skiff, 4 h.p. Wisconsin motor, fuly equipped, weedless wheel. $200.00. Phone Stevensville 2061.

Dairy Farming To Be Weighed

A two-day session on winter dairy problems and crops will be held in the community room of the county agent office building on Commerce Street this week for Queen Anne's County farmers.

B. Wayne Kelly, county agent, said the meetings will be held this Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Topics will be handled by specialists and a panel discussion will highlight the meetings.

Dr. Glnn Beck ,head of the dairy department, University of Maryland will discuss economical feeding of dairy cows in line with falling milk prices. John Dietrich will moderate a panel of county farmers on the merits of corn, sorghum soybean, and grass silage. A full-season pasture program will be discussed by Dr. A.O. Kuhn, head of the agromy department at the University.

Along with loose housing vs. stanchion barns for dairy cattle, the crops meeting on Friday will be highlighted by a talk by Dr. Frank L. Bentz on crop rotation. Use of cover crops for winter pasture and green manure will be explained along with corn productions and fertilizer.

The subject of chemical weed control will be handled by Joe Newcomer and T.L. Bissel will bring the latest information on insect control.

Reopened Oyster Beds Take is Good

About 24,000 bushels of fat oysters have been taken from Kent Narrows since that area was opened two weeks ago to tonging.

The strip of water about one mile long lies between Kent Island and the Eastern Shore mainland in Queen Anne's county.

On February 19, the State Health Department lifted a four-and-a-half year restriction on tonging in the Narrows because of pollution.

Oystermen swarmed over the area even though prices are low now and they had some difficulty selling their catches. Prices have been running from $1.75 to $2 per bushel.

Carroll Pierson ,Tidewater Fisheries inspector, estimated that between 230 and 240 boats were clustered in the Narrows Monday.

By Wednesday oysters were scarcer and boats fewer. Oysters caught this week by some 50 boats working were fat but not of the "select" quality of the first two or three days.

W.A. Thomas, a packer ,estimated that 8,000 to 10,000 bushels was a normal week's buying at the Narrows.

Harvey Ruth ,another packer, said that at $2 per bushel, he paid one man $226 for his two and a half days' oyster catch.

High Winds and Rain Do Slight Damage

The high winds and rain did little damage on Kent Island Monday. Winds blowing about 50 to 60 miles an hour blew in one of the big windows of the Acme Super Market at the Kent Island Shopping Center.

Quite a few TV antenas were either blown down or badly bent. High tides at the Narrows routed most of the shuckers from their shanties, and water was up in some of the packing houses.

PROGRESS OF OUR "WONDERING BOY"

Our "Wondering Boy" thinks his campaign manager is holding out on him. His contributors have been very few. Hazel still thinks his candidate, Tom Meredith, would make a good sheriff for Talbot county.

From all indications, many voters promised him their support. Some of our Queen Anne's county boys would like to vote for him if they could jump the line. Tom promises that if he is elected, he will make one of the best sheriffs Talbot county ever had.

Al Quimby reports that poll favers the "Wondering Boy" of Talbot county for Sheriff.

Cow Breeders Re-Elect Dr. Crowl as President

Members of the Eastern Shore Guernsey Breeders' Association reelcted Dr. J.W. Crowl, of Centreville, Queen Anne's County veterinarian, as president during a recent dinner meeting in the Epworth Church house at Centreville.

Also reelected was Kent Price, Chestertown, vice president; and J. Robert Barton, Queen Anne, secretary-treasurer.

The directors are: Kent County—E.R. Cook and Kent Price; Talbot County—Carroll Shortall and H.R. T. Alford; Caroline County—John Fuchs and C. J. Kerns; Queen Anne's County—Dr. Crowl, William Messix, Bryan Price, P.G. Sedley, and Perry Alford.

Following the dinner and business meeting, Arthur Mulford, secretary of the Maryland Guernsey Breeder's Association, discussed milk sales for the past year and emphasized the importance of improved quality.

A film, "Champion Animals of the International Dairy Show," was shown by John Morris, extension dairyman, and A.M. McCay, field representative of the American Guernsey Cattle Club, told what the breed had been doing in the past year.

Henry Childs, a former fieldman with the American Guernsey Cattle Club, now manager of Osborne Hill farm, Chester County, Pa., urged the promoting of the Guernsey breed and told what the local breeder can do to help by "improving selections, keeping up with modern trends, etc.

Musical selections were presented by Thelma Moore and Lois Rhodes, winners in the recent county recreational talent show.

ZONING

by Alfred C. Quimby

In a basement in Paris, France, some years ago, Karl Marks, Lenin and Trotsky decided the only way to control the masses of people was to get a hold on the land, without buying it. Today we have the same idea passed along to us under the so-called name of ZONING. In Russia they practice it under the name of communism.

There might be some reason and judgment in adopting parts of zoning where a large city is overflowing into suburbs like Washington, D.C. is expanding into Montgomery county or Baltimore City into Baltimore county, but those conditions probably will never exist on the entire Delmarva peninsula, but should they in part come about; under the bill which Sen. Ed. Storm o. Frederick championed about six years ago, very greatly increasing the powers of the County Commissioners in every county in Maryland, they already have the authority to cope with any evils in any county which might need adjusting.

You will notice there are no road signs on highway 5 between Wye Mills and Longwood. This is not because of ZONING, but because all of us land owners at the suggestion of Mr. C.W .Kellog signed a mutual agreement with each other not to permit any highway signs along this stretch of road and now Scientists are recently telling us; drivers have no signs to keep them awake and are having accidents on straight stretches of highways because of falling asleep.

I was asked by a group of old land owners—some of whose land has been in their families for generations and centuries ,to attend a ZONING meeting in Centreville last week and advise them that all was not going well with ZONING in Talbot county. This I did, in as direct way as I know how—but since it takes about one year of ZONING before many of the Un-American Un-Democratic and Un-Christian acts caused by ZONING divide the people of a county against each other, in no uncertain way—and then the voices crying in the wilderness seem not to have their voices heard; because by that time the outsiders, who hae purchased our beautiful water fronts have taken over from us old land owners. This happened in Talbot County.

Red Cross Drive Started Wednesday

A "Kick-Off" dinner on Wednesday, March 3, for all district chairmen and workers hearled the opening of the Red Cross fund drive in Queen Anne's county, it was announced at Centreville by James E. Thompson, Jr., Centreville, county drive chairman.

The dinner was held in the Red Coach Inn, Grasonville, and some 40 to 50 workers attended.

Miss Janet Long, Baltimore, general field representative for the American Red Cross for the Eastern Area, was the principal speaker.She talked on "Disaster Relief." There was also a film on disaster relief.

Chairman Thompson announces that the quota for the county this year has been set at $2,855, and hopes are that it will be raised during the month of March.

Fund chairmen for each district are as follows:

First, Mrs. Dudley G .Roe, Jr., Sudlersville; Second, Mrs. Clay Stevens, and Mrs. Alton Coppage, Church Hill; Third, Mrs. J .Hall Barton, Centreville; Fourth, Miss Catherine Kirwan, Chester; Fifth, Mrs. James R. Friel, Queenstown; Sixth, Mrs. Thomas Pippin, Ruthsburg; andSeventh Mrs. Thomas Borune, Crumpton.

The slogan for the 1954 drive is "Answer the call—Join and Serve."

The disaster committee is one of the most active in the Queen Anne's County organization. Families struck by fire or other misfortune are bought in to county headquarters and outfitted with clothing and home furnishings by the committee. It has been called upon several times in the past year.

Half of the amount raised in Queen Anne's will go to the national organization and the other half retained for local emergencies.

Queen Anne's Zoning Unit Planned

The Queen Anne's County Commissioners, following an open discussion on zoning last Thursday night by a group of invited county representatives, said they would consider names of members of a zoning commission and appoint a commission soon.

About 20 persons attended the meeting in the Courthouse and heard T. Hughlett Henry, Jr., of Easton, attorney to the Talbot County Planning and Zoning Commission, explain Talbot's approach to zoning.

Talbot has had county-wide zoning for nearl ya year. It was the first county on the Shore to pass a county-wide zoning ordinance.

Several members of the audience commented favorably on zoning for Queen Annes. A vote on the group's feeling toward zoning was suggested but not followed.

Thursday night's meeting was the first definite step taken toward setting up a zoning system in Queen Anne's since the county was empowered to establish zoning during the last session of the Legislature.

W. Va. Girl's Notary Seal Found on Back Road

The Maryland State Roads crews find plenty of strange objects on the side of the highways as they go about their clean-up job, but the finding of a new Rotary Public seal in its leather case this pas weekend was rather unusual.

Charles Merchant, Centreville, spotted the object lying on the side of a country road near Sudlersville, between the Sudlersville Cemetery and Blanco. Opening the case, the seal dropped out. There was nothing to identify the owner except by pressing the seal on a piece of paper and the lady's name and home county and state was revealed.

Monday, the office mailed the seal to "Minnie Young, Petersburg, W. Va." The seal noted that the Notary was in Randolh County, W. Va., and a look at a map showed that Petersburg was the county seat.

Now, the State Roads boys would like to know how the seal came to land on the side of a little-used county road far from the main high way and approximately 250 miles from its home.