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V.F.W. To Hold A Carnival August 8 thru 13

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tyler and children and Mrs. AudreyHaspert of Baltimore visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Horney.

S|1c Donald Anthony of Philadelphia Navy Yard is home for 16 day liberty with his parents,Mr. andMrs. Charles Anthony.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Anthony and Mrs. and Mrs. Gordon Ridgeway of Brooklyn, Md. were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Brownie Anthony.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Pinkus and Mr. and Mrs. George Muller were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Sank Pinder on Steamboat avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ginn of Washington, D.C. spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Linden Brittingham.

Mrs. Reba George of Wilmington, Del., spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Ray DeLuca and children of Kearny, N.J. are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thomas and children.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mann attended a Sale meeting on Friday evening at Frederick.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bitner and daughter Patsy of Baltimore, are vacationing for two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Horney and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haberman and children of Baltimore are vacationing for 2 weeks with her mother Mr. Rosecoe Knox and they spent a few days in New York with his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Combs and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph King of Wilmington, Del., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James H. Booker.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Poet and Mrs. Robert Triechler of Phoenixville, Pa., visited last week with their mother, Mrs. Nellie Poet and attended the funeral of their grand mother, Mrs. Hattie Poet.

Grasonville

Mrs. Lydia Bryan has returned home after spending sometime in Baltimore with friends.

Miss Carolyn Coursey and Mrs. Ruth Sparks, both employed at the White Chimney Inn in Rehoboth Beach, Del., spent last Wednesday visiting here with friends and relatives.

Quite a number here enjoyed the Annual Harrington Fair last week in spite of the hot weather.

The Immanuel Methodist Sunday School Picnic on Friday July 29 at Tolchester was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Percy Saddler, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Horney and Mrs. Richard Knapp and children of town and Mrs. Eleanor Norman and daughter and Mrs. Weber of Middletown, N.Y. enjoyed the beach at Ocean City last Thursday.

Relatives and friends gave Mr. and Mrs. Zeke Legg a miscellaneous shower at the K of P Hall last Thursday evening. They received many lovely useful gifts.

Mrs. Katie Risley returned home last Saturday from Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wilson and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wilson and Miss Elizabeth Wilson on Friday on their return back to Washington after a two weeks vacation with relatives and friends in Boston, Mass and Maine.

Congratulations to the newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stringer, who were married on Saturday July 30 at 2 p.m. at the Mother of Sorrows Church, Centreville. The bride is the former Yvonne Kimball, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kinball. A lovely reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. After which the happy couple left on an extended honeymoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Coursey and family spent the weekend in Cumberland, Md. and West Va.

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FOR SALE—17 ft. boat with 5 h.p. Gray Motor in good condition. Also some odd pieces of Furniture. Lydia Bryan, Grasonville, Md.

WANTED — Young personable bank executive—bright future—good salary, top position. Reply to The Queenstown News, Queenstown, Maryland.

Kent Island Road Called Manipulation of Funds

A Talbot county legislator Monday called construction by the State of a $60,000 service road in front of the Kent Island Shopping Center a "piece of manipulation and misuse of public funds."

The shopping center was developed by a corporation headed by David M. Nichols, a former member of the State Roads Commission.

It was opened two years ago beside U.S. Route 50, which is dual lane and at this point part of the Blue Star Memorial Highway.

Delegate James C. Latham, Democrat of Talbot, questioned statements by Herschel H. Allen, head of the J.E. Greiner Company, which held the consulting engineering contract for the Chesapeake BayBridge, that the shopping center has created a traffic hazard.

Mr. Allen recommended construction of the service road for that reason.

Mr. Latham said he investigated the service road construction firsthand after a number of his constituents had asked him about it. He said there was "a lot of public interest" in the matter.

Traffic Fatality Cited

Mr.Latham pointed out that a traffic fatality on Route 50 near the center mentioned by Mr. Allen occurred three years ago. The accident involved a car coming from Stevensville and had no connection with the shopping center he said.

Also, it was a year before the center opened.

State police records show that seven property damage automobile accidents have occurred in the shopping center vicinity this year, none of the accidents involving personal injury, Mr. Latham said.

He predicted that the new service road, since it will increase the number of entrances to Route 50, "will increase accidents and create a definite hazard."

10-Year Service

He said he speaks with some knowledge of traffic, based on ten years service with the Maryland State Police.

State police at the Easton barrack which includes Kent Island in its territory, said they had made no recommendation to the State Roads Commision concerning the shopping center creating a traffic hazard.

The usual practice, a barracks spokesman said, is to call traffic hazards to the attention of the State Roads Commission.

Mr. Latham pointed out that United States Route 50, at this point in Queen Anne's county, is a limited access highway.

Access to the highway is permitted only at public road intersections designated by the State Roads Commission, he said, with nearly all of these intersections resulting from roads which had existed before the new highway was built.

Called Shame

The new service road breaks the limited access principle which has governed construction of other service road "will open the door, justi- vice roads often put a property owner to considerable inconvenience because he has to go some distance before reaching an intersection.Construction of the shopping center serpice road "will oen the door, justifiably for every other motel, gas station, etc., to seek and demand the same privilege accorded the Kent Island Shopping Center," Mr. Latham continued.

It is a shame that the Greiner Co. has allowed its name and office to be used as a means of securing a service road for a private facility," he added.

"I have been moderate in the past concerning the State Roads Commision and the proposed investigation of that body but this piece of manipulation and misuse of public funds causes me to demand an impartial investigation of the commission," he said.

"It should not be a study by the Commission on State Programs. Organizations and Finance appointed by the Governor (the Green Commision) but a legislative group with power to subpeoona and the necessary funds to handle the investigation," he said.

Mr. Latham noted that the service road is being constructed under the same contract number as the Bay Bridge and revenues from the bridge are to be used to pay for it.

1½ Miles From Bridge

"This shopping center is located 1½ miles east of the Bay Bridge. It is inconceivable that any traffic hazard could affect the bridge or should be paid for from bridge revenues," the Talbot delegate said.

In addition to the service road, the State Roads Commission is building a merging lane which will allow cars to pull off the main two westbound lanes of Route 50 and wing into the service road.

The service road, which plans show as running about a third of a mile, will be directly parallel to the highway.

It will be separated from the highway by a curb and from the paved area of the shopping center by an embankment about 20 to 30 feet across.

Access Road Right

The shopping center has the right to build access road from the center to the service road. State Roads Commission plans also show a space at the end of the service road, apparently for re-entering Route 50.

The overall effect is to make it possible for cars to go directly from Route 50 to the center. Until now, cars have had to leave Route 50 via the Stevensville road just before coming to the center. Patrons then entered the parking lot area from the rear.

If cars went by the Stevensville road they could turn around into the east-bound lane a short distance part of the shopping center.—James A. Flood, Baltimore Sun.

FOR SALE OR HIRE—1954 GMC truck with 3-yard dump body. Apply to W.H. Bishop. Phone2441.

Prominent Citizen And Political Leader Dies Suddenly

Funeral services will be held on Friday morning at 11 a.m. for Edward Earle Coursey of Grasonville at the Immanuel Methodist church.

Mr. Coursey died at his home on Aug. 2 at 4:45 p.m. Death was due to internal hemorages. He had suffered a heart condition for several years, but had been il lonly since Sunday.

Mr. Coursey was 60 years old, born on March 4, 1895 the son of the late Charles O. and Alice V. Coursey. On June 10, 1920 he married the former Katherine Leith Corchran, who survives him. He spent all his life in Queen Anne's County in which he held many offices and made many lasting friends.

Mr. Coursey was a member of the Queenstown Lions Club, a director of the Stevensville Bank ,a member of the Waterman's Association, a member of the American Legion of which he was Post Commander in office in 1934 and 1938. It was while he held this office that the Auxiliary of the Jeff Davis Post was organized of which his wife was the first President. He was also a member of the Forty and Eight, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Knights of Phythias.

Mr. Coursey was Sheriff of Queen Anne's County from 1938-1942 and held the office of Register of Wills from 1952-1954.

Surviving are his widown and 5 children. Mrs. Richard E. Thompson of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Walton W. Thompson of Grasonville, Mrs. Herbert O. Palmer of Washington, D.C. and one son, Mr. John D. Coursey of Lithicum Heights. Also surviving are five sisters, Mrs. Alice E.Pierson and Miss Carolyn Coursey of Grasonville, Mrs. Edward Thawley of Marydel, Mrs. Thomas McGuire of Balimore and Mrs. Maud Newcomb of Cambridge and seven grandchildren.

Honorary Pallbearers at the services will be: Frank Delahay, Carroll Pierson, F. Asbury Bartlett, Leonard Renshaw, Howard Hissey and Hillery Kelly. All members of the Legion World War I. Acting Pall bearers will be Charles Elliot Risley, Albert Baker, Thomas Ewing, Ralph Ireland, Hiram Ruth and Morgan Chance.

Bay Span Earns Over $11,481,367

Maryland's most magnificient public work, the 4.3 mile Chesapeake Bay Toll Bridge—which marked its third anniversary Saturday—has already earned back over one-quarter of its total cost of $44,925,000.

At 6 p.m. on July 31, 1952, Governor McKeldin and former Governor Lane, the man held most responsible for the bridge, rode in the first car to cross the span.

Since that date, 6,082,954 vehicles have driven from Sandy Point to Matapeake on the Eastern Shore, or vice-versa, and paid tolls which total $11,481,367.25. The revenue total is about $250,000 more than one quarter of the bridge cost.

$2,000,000 Over Estimate

Louis J. O'Donnell, chief administrative officer of toll facilities, who released the figures, noted that the total income is about $2,000,000 more than the original estimate.

Traffic engineers originally estimated that the bridge would earn income at the rate of $2,200,000 during the calendar year 1952; $2,300,000 in 1953; $2,400,000 in 1954 and $2,500,000 in 1955.

During its first two months, the bridge income totaled $911,628.75—a disproportionate figure due to its novelty.

But from Oct. 1, 1952 to Sept. 30, 1953, the total was $3,634,110.55; the following year the bridge reached a high of $3,820,753.10; and from Oct. 1 last year to date the income has been $3,114,,895.85.

Considering the heavy volume of August and September traffic, the bridge easily could set a record in earnings during the next two months.

May Set New Record

It also, according to Mr. O'Donnell, could set a record for total traffic corresponding with the income rise. The bridge during the last year handled approximately 170,000 vehicles each month.

In the ten months since Oct. 1, a total of 2,237,440 passengers have crossed the bridge in 1,538,464 passenger cars or light commercial vehicles or in a total of 159,744 heavy commercial vehicles.

The bridge, which was built partially to stimulate commerce and the exchange of market products between eastern and western Maryland, seems to be doing just that.

If the present average of 15,974 heavy commercial vehicles per month continues during August and September, the bridge will boast about 3,600 more trucks carrying more market products than in any previous year.

Approximately 153,846 cars and light vehicles have crossed the bay each month this year, about 203 more cars per month than last year—which at least proves there are more cars all the time.

Only One Fatality

Mr. O'Donnell also cites to the safety record of the bridge—only one fatal accident involving two deaths, and two suicides during the three years.

He says there have been innumerable minor accidents.

"Most of them result when curious persons stop or slow down to take a gander at the scenery," he declares.

The bridge, which took four years to construct, is now in excellent shape, according to Mr. O'Donnell. It suffered no damages from last year's Hurricane Hazel and has withstood the raving forces of nature.

He reports a current sum of about $136,000 under contract for major repairs and rehabilitation of the stones and islands which support the bridge piles.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Burns are receiving congratulations on the birth of a fine baby girl, born on Monday July 25 at Memorial Hopital, Easton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dudley of near Queenstown, are the proud parents of a baby boy, born on Thursday morning, July 28 at the Kent-Queen Anne Hospital in Chestertown. Mother and son are doing fine.

Lost Woman, 84, Found In Ravine

Mrs. Jessie Curtis, 84, who wandered away from the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. Roy Fishpaw, at Waverly-on-Chester, near Queenstown at 4 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, has been taken to the Memorial Hospital in Easton in a state of shock.

Mrs. Curtis was found by Douglas Packard, a neighboring farmer and member of a searching party, huddled in a ravine near the Chester River at 7:45 p.m. incoherent and suffering from exposure.

A violent thunder and lightning storm had drenched Queen Anne's County with an inch of rain about 5:15 p.m. and Mrs. Curtis had been caught in the storm.

Mrs. Fishpaw told volunteer firemen and other searchers that her mother had not been well and was in the house when she left to take water to men working in the fields When she returned to the house, her mother was gone.

The farmhands searched for about an hour before Mrs. Fishpaw called in state police and firemen from Centreville.

2 Children Return

Meantime, Church Hill firemen and state police announced the safe return of a brother and sister, Kenneth, 9, and Ginger Puckett, 11, to their farm home near Church Hill at 8 o'clock Thursday night.

The boy and girl, children of Vudie Puckett, of near Church Hill, went for a hike in a nearby woods at 7:30 a.m. and when they failed to return by supper time, the father notified firemen and state police and a search ensued.

Kenneth and Ginger, however, oblivious of parental worries, came walking out of the woods, Thursday night were caught in the rain-storm but otherwise gave no explanation of their long stay in the woods, firemen said.

Receives Cuts and Bruises When Car Blows a Tire

One man was slightly hurt and three cars damaged in two weekend accidents on Queen Anne's County highway.

Wilbert Ford, 23, Betterton, was treated and released at the Kent-Queen Anne's Hospital in Chestertown Saturday for cuts and bruises when the car he was a passenger in, turned over on Route 19 near Roberts.

Ruben Edward Jones, 23, Worton, the driver who was unhurt, told State Police that the car blew a tire.

Jones was charged with driving without a license and a hearing set for Tuesday, Aug. 9 in Centreville.

Sunday evening about 10:30 p.m. a 1955 model car was rammed from the rear on Route 18 in front of Carey's store at Kent Narows when both were traveling west.

State Police said that the new car, operated by William E. Melvin, 22, Grasonville, was struck by a 1946 car driven by Herbert L. Sherwood, 23, Easton. No one was hurt and only minor damage inflicted on both cars. There were not charges filed.

Centreville Patrolman Suspended From Duties

Patrolman Ralph Walls of Centreville, was suspended following his arrest Saturday on an assault warrant sworn out by his wife.

The 46-year-old policeman was freed on $500 bond. Sheriff's deputies, who went to the Walls home to investigate a fight reported by police, arrested him. Wall's suspension left Centreville with only two policemen.

APPOINTED POSTMASTER

Congressman Edward T. Miller has been advised that the name of Mr. Jefferson H. Leonard was confirmed by the Senate on July 30th for the appointment of permanent postmaster at Church Hill.

V.F.W. To Hold Carnival Monday Aug. 8 Thru 13

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Carnival will be held at the V.F.W. Home at Grasonville, Md., beginning August 8 through Saturday, August 13.

Valuable ground prizes will be given away each evening and the members of the V.F.W. have worked and planned this event to give one and all plenty of enjoyment.

On Monday night there will be a Comic Parade, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Tueday night there will be a Pie Eating contest beginning at 9:30 p. m.

Wednesday evening, theFiremen's Parade should be a big event. it will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday evening is being held open in case of rain on Wednesday, the parade will be held on Thursday.

Friday night a Beauty Contest should attract young and old, it will begin at 9:30 p.m. and on Saturday evening the grand prizes of a boat, motor and trailer will be given away.

Come out and enjoy yourself at the V.F.W. Carnival.

American Legion Sponsoring Circus Aug. 26

The Jeff Davis Post No. 18, American Legion, is sponsoring the King Bros. Circus appearance in Centreville Ball Park.

The local Legion post will receive part of the proceeds of the two performances during the day.

According to the advance reports the performances will be at 2 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. with doors open one hour earlier.

Immediately upon arrival at the circus grounds, located at ball park, the bespangled folk, the scores of wild animals, horses and ponies, plus the herd of elephants, will be unloaded and the building of acres of tents will soon get under way. A total of eight tents will be raised, including the Gigantic Big Top, which seats over 2,000 persons.With one ring, European style, and all seats arranged around same, affording an unobsructed view of all the 25 cats presented in this season's performances, all patrons are assured of seeing the entire performance, as each act is presented singly.

"Big acts and displays are in great numbers, and there is a goodly number of novelty acts and trained pony drills. An added feature is Freddie Wenzel's over the falls, guaranteed to make everyone howl with laughter.

Queenstown Lions Club To Tour Dover Air Base

More than 30 members and their wives will be the guests of the Dover Air Base Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 2:30 p.m., according to the President, B.H. Lane.

The Club will tour the base and make a short flight, probably over New York City or over a scenic route in Maryland.

Members and wives to make the tour are:

Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Greaves, Mr. and Mrs. Risdon Baynard, Mr .and Mrs. George Steinfelt, Mr. and Mrs. George Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schelberg, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Hogue, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Whitby, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Comegys, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bihop, Mr. Herbert Carter, Mr .and Mrs. Alex Radcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. William Crouch, Mr. C.P. Carter, and Mr. J. Edgar Bryan.

FOR SALE—1941 Ford convertible, rebuilt motor and transmission, in good condition. Tydol Station, Queenstown.

WANTED—Duck marsh and quail ground with single dwelling on Eastern Shore of Maryland between Chestertown and Cambridge. T. K. Curtis, West Chester, R.D. 4, Pa.