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PERSONALS
FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Thomas and daughter, Shelia and Miss Jean Deessa spent last wek at Wildwood,N. J.

Pvt. Robert Comegys and buddy of Arlington Hall, Va., spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Sadie Comegys.

Mrs. Marie Kaufman of Betterton, was an overnight guest of Mrs. Avis Cole last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Higdon and Butch spent several days last week with Mrs. Jeanette Wehberg. Miss Beverly Higdon returned home with them after spending last week here.

Mrs. Margaret Hays of West Chester, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Skaggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Walls have as their house guests for two weeks, Mrs. Jane Vrablick and children of Baltimore, and Mr. Vrablick joined them on Saturday to spend the week end.

We offer our sympathy to Mrs. Mary Greaves on the death of her beloved neice, Miss Betty Eveland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Eveland of Ridgely. She died of polio last Wednesday after being sick only a couple of days.

Miss Ruth Ann Merchant of Centreville was the guest last week of Miss Ruth Warner.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hitch of Kennedyville, were guests on Sunday of Dr. and Mrs. Norman Hitch.

Mrs. Mary Aker and friends from Baltimore and Mrs. Thelma Bowen of Ocean City, spent last week at Meadowbrook and Mr. Jim Bowen joined them on Friday to sepnd the weekend at the farm.

Mrs. Betty Walls joined her mother, Mrs. William Lynch and sister, Miss Barbara Lynch on a shopping trip to Wilmington on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swann and family left on Saturday morning for a vacation at Niagara Falls and

Mr. William F. Shortall (Tinker) of Catosnville, Md., spent the week with Mrs. Eva Price and Mr. and Mrs. Linden Gabler.

Mike Shortall spent the weekend in Baltimore with Mr. and Mrs. George Brennan.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Meeks and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Goodhand spent last weekend at Atlantic City, N.J.

Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts and children left on Tuesday to pend a few days vacation at Ocean City.

Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Combs and Mr. and Mrs. Joe King of Wilmington, Del., were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. James Booker.

Mr. Gerald Horney accompanied by Miss Patricia Philips of Cambridge, spent last weekend at Ocean City with his mother, Mrs. Clara Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charle Schelberg have returned home after enjoying a week traveling in the South.

Miss Shirley Berger of Sherill, N. Y., was the weekend guest of Miss Lillian Comegys.

Mrs. Emily Mann returend home on Monday after spending a week in Winchester, W. Va., with friends.

Mrs. Ralph Whaley is a patient at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Grasonville

Mr. and Mrs. BenjaminF.Jenkins gave their daughter, Evelyn a surprise party one day last week in honor of her birthday. She received many lovely gifts. Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served. Those present were Rose Haddaway, Sherley Hewitt,Patsy Timms,Marian Timms,Laura Jenkins,JosephineJenkins, Charlotte Smith,HerbertTimms and Charles Jenkins.

Mrs. Grace White and son Jack spent the weekend with Mrs. Grace Collier.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Euyene Collier on the recent arrival of a fine baby girl. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

Mrs. Ernest King is a patient at Easton Memorial Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Gillis Jewell of Baltimore, was the guest last week of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jewell.

Mr. Collins Senseney and daughter Diane of Baltimore, were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ewing and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Diggs spent the weekend at ilghman's Island as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Coleman. Mrs. Diggs remained for this week.

Mr. Wesley Ruth, Mr. HarveyRuth and Mr .and Mrs. Hiram Ruth, motored to Atlantic City last weekend and Mrs. Wesley Ruth and Mrs. Harvey Ruth returned home after spending the week there.

Mrs. Adie Knight spent Friday in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson Haddaway and sons of Towson, pent the weekend. with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haddaway.

Mrs. James Shores and son of Easton, spent several days last week with her mother, Mrs. Eva Bambury.

Misses Patsy Lynch of town and Rosalie Usilton of Chester, enjoyed several days last week in Rehoboth, Delaware.

Mrs. David Smith spent last week visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. Thelma Dadds and children, Jack and Valerie of Centreville and Miss Nancy Cantrell of Baltimore, were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Smith and family.

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Finger Print Plan Urged for Drivers

Fatal accidents on Maryland roads have brought sharply to the attention of the Legislative Council the need for some type of action on State levels.

One of the proposals, soon to reach the legislators, is that some or all of Maryland's automobile drivers be fingerprinted.

It is aimed primarily at the recent flood of fraud or misrepresentation cases that have passed thru Traffic Court in Baltimore city, according to Delegate Edgar P. Silver. The proposal comes up September 7, date of the next council session he said.

Invited to Explain Plan

As an advocate of the proposed measure, Mr. Silver has been invited by Senator Louis L. Goldstein, council chairman, to appear before the interim legislative group and explain his plan in detail.

The need for immediate action to deny unauthorized drivers access to our highways is obviouly, Mr. Silver said.

The central records section of the Baltimore Police Department shows that the number of cases in Traffic Court for the first six months of 1955 involving drivers who had gained their license by misrepresentation totaled 31.

Many Voilators In Summer

In July and August alone, Stanley Scherr, chief magistrate of the Traffic Court, estimated that approximately 30 such violators have been in court, or almost the total for the first six months of the year.

Obtaining a license by misrepresentation includes cases of fraud (a person having another person take his motor-vehicle tests for him and also cases in which drivers with revoked or suspended licenses use a false name to gain a duplicate permit.

In the past Frank Small, Jr., commisioner of motor vehicles, has said that a fingerprint system would be too cumbersome for practical purposes, and too costly.

Not All Would be Fingerprinted

In outlining his plan, Delegate Silver stressed the fact that he did not envision attempting to fingerprint hundreds of thousands of drivers at the outset.

At first, Mr. Silver would require that all new applicants for a license be fingerprinted. These prints would be on permanent file at the Department of Motor Vhicles.

Then, whenever a driver appearing before the Magistrate has his license suspended or revoked for any kind of traffic violation, a clerk from the Department of Motor Vehicles would take the offender's print.

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

Library Fund Appeal Pleases Officials

Queen Anne's County FreeLibrary officials expressed gratification last week in the response to the annual membership drive which has resulted in nearly 200 replies to the over 600 letters sent out.

Mrs. Nannie M. Wright, membership chairman, and her committee, mailed out letters in the annual appeal Aug. 1.

While the library is free to anyone wishing to use its facilities, money derived from state and county sources would not support it unles funds came from the public. In past years, there has not been a very large response from the average citizen and the membership committee is hopeful that more dollar memberships will come in this year.

There are three types of membership, dollar annual, $5 annual contributing, and $25 annual sustaining.

It was pointed out that the person who contributes a dollar is accorded the identical privileges and facilities as those who can afford to give $25.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, librarian, just back from a summer course at Rutgers University, reports that although the new book shelves have been filled the demand for the best-sellers is growing and will need replenishing. The Bookmoboile, which will begin its round of county schools as soon as school opens, needs more books for its shelves.

Mrs. Wright says that anyone who did not receive a letter and still wishes to help the library may mail their checks direct to the library in Centrveille.

Suitcase Spurs Hunt for Killer

The discovery of a suitcase filled with clothing has led police to redouble their search for a 30-year-old Kent Narrows oyster shucker in connection with the double murder of a man and woman near a farm tenant house during the night of Aug. 20.

State Police Corp. W.H. Massey, investigating the slayings along with the county sheriff's office, reported that the suitcase was found yesterday about seven tenths of a mile east of the house in some woods. It contained some clothing the murderer had stolen from the house.

He apparently decided it was too heavy as he fled from the scene and tossed it in the woods. Police also have a single barrell 20-gauge shotgun, found in the weeds about 50 yards from the house, which is believed to be the murder weapon.

Dead from shotgun blasts are Elizabeth Warner, 33, who lived with her father, William Warner, in the tenant house near Carmichael, and Albert Melvin Smith, 43, a farmer near Ridgely. Smith was with the Warner woman at the time of the shooting.

The victim's father discovered the crime when he retruned home early Sunday morning, Aug. 21, and saw his daughter's body lying in the front yard. Police officers later found the body of Smith behind an outbuilding.

The suspect's name is RobertWebb alias Robert Powell, and last worked at Kent Narrows. He has been known to have worked in Virginia and the Carolinas.

With no previous criminal record, the police had no photograph but described him as 30 years of age, brown skin, 5 feet 4 inches, or 5 feet, 5 inches and weighing about 135 pounds. A small man, he has a scar on the left side of his forehead slicked black hair, and a pencil mustache.

ENGAGEMENT

Mrs. William T. Melvin of Grasonville wishes to anounce the engagement of her mother, Mrs. Lulu I. Leary of Riverdale, Md., formerly of Grasonville, to Mr. Paul C. Mason of Glendale, Cal. The wedding will take place in October.

Juvenile To Get A Hearing To-night

A 17-year-old youth will get a hearing tonight (Friday) in Juvenile court on charges of breaking and entering and grand larceny involving approximately $700 in cash stolen from Polan's 5c to $100 variety store at the Kent Island Shopping Center.

The suspect, William Don Roberson, Jr., lives at 310 Elm Avenue, Takoma Park, Md., and is being held in the Queen Anne's County Jail under $2,500 bond.

The hearing will be before Chief Judge William R. Horney of the Second Judicial Circuit, in the Court House.

Roberson, who has a police record, is presently out on bail from Prince George's County Jail on charges of sodomy, auto theft and carrying a concealed weapon. When apprehended by Washington, D.C. police in the nation's capital last Wednesday he was reportedly driving a stolen car from Arlington, Va.

Roberson is accused of taking away from the Shopping Center store some $7000 in cash and a quantity of merchandise including a suitcase, socks and men's underwear. The theft is said to have occured the night of August 9, just about two weeks after the store opened to the public.

According to Harry C. Butler, Queen Anne's County State's Attorney, he reports that State Police recovered "most of the loot."

There were no signs of forced entry in the store, so police believe the burglar lifted a set of keys some time during the day and came back after the Shopping Center closed for the day.

The Shopping Center fronts on U. S. Route 50, between Stevensville and Chester, just two miles from the eastern end of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

Children's Aid Society Campaign for Funds To Begin Soon

Very soon, the campaign to raise funds for the Children's Aid Society will begin.

Again, because each year, just as there are needy children and parents there must be generous men and women willing to help with the problems of families in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties.

A family like the Marshalls, for example: The Marshalls needed help in caring for their two children while Mrs. Marshall convalesced from a serious illness. Alone in a new community, they were desperate until they learned that the Children's Aid Society could place their children in a carefully selected and supervised home. Mr. Marhall agreed to pay a share of the foster home care and by arrangements with the social worker the parents were allowed to visit with the children.

Giving to the society which helps families remain families is a very good deed. Think of the benefits and warmth the following deeds and gifts have created.

1. Proceeds from a supper served by a Lions Club for the benefit of C.A.S.
2. Rummage sale proceeds donated by Kent County colored people for the C.A.S.
3. A station wagon given for the Children's Aid workers by a generous donor.
4. Monthly funds raised through newspaper collection and sale by friends and board members of the Children's Aid Society.
5. A legacy left in the will of a county citizen for the benefit of the Children' Ai dSociety.
6. Many homes opened by foster parents to care for needy children.
7. Special collection taken by school children during a Children's Aid Society campaign.

WANTED FOR JUNK—Old cars, trucks, scrap copper, brass, aluminum, old batteries, radiator, etc. Cash prices paid. W.H. Bishop, Queenstown, Md.

Boat Parade To Feature A Picnic and Riview

The Corsica River Yacht Club will hold a Commodore's Review, picnic and their annual meeting at Pioneer Point dock on LaborDay, September 5.

Peachy Hockman, Chairman of the activities Committee, reports that the festivities will get under way a 10 a.m. with the Commodore's Review. This will be a parade of every boat in the club from the smallest rowboat to the largest motor cruiser or schooner gaily decorated for the occasion. There will be prizes for the boat showing the most attractive and original decorations.

After the grand parade there will be a lunch near the dock. Each member is asked to bring enough lunch, beverages, paper plates, cups and napkins for the family. These will be placed on one large table and all can fill plates from this array of goodies.

When the lunch hour is over the annual meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. as well as election of officers and prize giving. After this, the committee has planned games and entertainment for all ages and sizes.

Every Yacht Club member is urged to come and bring family and boat. This is a new experiment for the club, and one that should be great fun fo reveryone.

In case of rain, the Commodore's Review will be called off, but the luncheon, annual meeting and the games will be held in the Pioneer Point Horse Barn.

Eastern Shore Oystering Season Opened Yesterday

The 1955-56 oyster tonging season officially opened in some of Maryland waters yesterday. Packing houses in Queen Anne's county are being renovated and made ready for the approaching oyster shucking time.

September the first "R" an doyster month has a large number of water men in Queen Anne's County and in lower Somerset County, overhauling their boats and running gear in preparation for the coming tonging season. For many it is quite a number of days of work as they usually change their crabbing equipment from tro-lining, scraping and netting gear to that of the tonging equipment, necessary for the oyster season.

Although the oyster tonging season opens in most Maryland waters on September 1, it does not officially open in Somerset County waters until the 15th of the month.

The main source of supply for the packing houses for the first two weeks is shell-stock brought in here from other sections of the lower Chesapeake Bay.

The oyster tonging season comes at an opportune time as it is reported that catches of crabs have dropped off considerably, that is, for the trot-liner, scrapers and netters.Crabs were reported very scarce during the first four months of the season which began on April 1.

So scarce, in fact, were the crabs, at that particular time that some of the crabbers were at that time so disgused with their small catches that some of them were reported to have taken other jobs. The crab potters had somewhat better luck with their catches, however. The month of August saw the end of the crab scarcity for the first three weeks—the fourth week showed signs of a slackening up in the catches again. The crabbing season which began on April 1, ends in ovember.

CASEBOOK OF ERLE STANLEY GARDNER

A new series of crime stories by the most famous crime story writer of our time. Read the "Case of the Invisible Circle"—an intriguing account of a murder with a clue no human eye could see—in the September 11th issue of the American Weekly. Magazine in colorgravure with the Baltimore Sunday American. Order from your local newsdealer.

County Schools To Open September 8

Twenty-two new teachers have been appointed for Queen Anne's County schools that will open for classes on Thursday, Sept. 8. Four of the new appointments were made to meet the increases in pupil enrollment, according to the report from the Board of Education office.

Supervisor Resigns

The board also announced that Miss Jean R. Moser, who for the past year served as supervisor of schools, has resigned to resume her former position as teacher of social studies at the Hagerstown High School.

All principals reported on Monday for a three-day workshop at the Board of Education office in the Centreville High School. On Sept. 3 they worked in their respective buildings to be available for the registration of any new pupils.

New teachers met for a day of orientation to the county on Sept. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the school office. On Sept. 2 they worked with their principals in the school to which they have been appointed. All teachers report to the respective buildings on Sept. 6 and 7 to set up plans and organize materials for the opening day of school, Sept. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (DST).

Kent Island Carnival A Huge Success

Those lucky Islanders did it again! Lady Luck played into the hands of the Kent Island Fire Company and the Ladies Auxiliary. Who could ask for better weather conditions and a better attendance than they had for the week of their annual carnival. A ligh shower of rain on Saturday evening caused many to run for shelter, but most all reappeared on the grounds in less than an hour. Dr. Walker of Kent Island won the hog (and it is said he won the hog last year also) and Mr. Paul Rhodes of Greensboro was the lucky winner of the Plymouth automobile. Another extreme case of good luck, for it is also said that Rhodes drives an auto that he won in 1950 at the Sudlersville Carnival and was notified on Tuesday evening that he had the winning number for this year 1955 auto from the Sudlersville carnival again. How lucky can one man be?

We hope to have the final receipts from the carnival in next week's issue.

"Scattered Brains" Scattered Cans Monday Night

Last Monday night about 9 o'clock a car load of "scattered brains" or happy travelers, from, I don't know where, were riding around town and dumping out crab meat cans, the one-pound size. The cans were from Todd Company, Crab Packers, of Cambridge, Md.

The occupants of the car spread the cans from Centreville, on the old road, to toward Grasonville. When they reached Queenstown, they dumped most of them through main street and both back streets.

There is a $250.00 fine for dumping or dropping any kind of debris on Maryland highways. The State Police are now looking for the victims. You dudes who did this tin can scattering act, had better remember the slogan, "Keep Maryland Beautiful", it may cost you a little money to find out that the State means what it says.

NOTICE TO BOAT OWNERS

Our Crabbers, who are sluffing peelers in their live boxes in the Queenstown Creek would appreciate it very much if the boats going out of the creek would go slow, so as not to kill the soft crabs and the sluffing crabs in their boxes. The heavy seas from their boats are very hard on soft crab anl sluffing crabs.

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