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Do You Know OFF THE CUFF

That speaking of "Then and Now, this is the way Steiny sees it: Noah sailed the ocean blue, He had troubles the same as you For forty days he drove the Ark, Before he found a place to park.

That it isn't true, opines Tom Price the paint man down Chester way, that money makes a fool of everybody, but it does give a man an excuse to display his true self through a medium of exchange.

That this is the version of John Kinnamon, who enjoys life at home on the Chester with the sea breeze wafting through his whiskers: If your life is a grind, be thankful for the opportunity to sharpen your wits on it."

That John Sudy, our artist and fisherman, and who is strong with the ash paddle, gave his idea of a perfect cat: What the country needs is a breed of cats that will look ritzy around the house, with enough hardihood to go out and live in the woods at intervals when you holler 'scat'.

That the Town election Monday was a cut-and-dry affair. Only a few votes were cast as one was enough to elect the present Board. James E. Thompson lead in the vote casted. A much muted question has arose among our legal talent if the minor members of the Board, W. Frank Delahay, is eligible to serve? We remember only a few years ago that Mike was disbarred because he sleeps out of the town limits. As all the code books of the town have been lost, strayed or stolen away, we can only remember that the law reads: "You must be a real estate owner, eligible to vote at the General Election of the State, twenty-one years old and a resident of the town." If you have any grievances consult your States Attorney, John Palmer Smith.

That the weatherman with his "Fair and Warmer," weather must be on his vacation as his assistant is really giving us the kind of weather we have been wishing for.

That rigid restrictions of the sale of oil, including "gastess Sundays," were suggested by Secretary Ickes, Defense Petroleum Coordination Tuesday, in the face of an acute shortage expected by July 1.

That not only base ball fans but others are sad to learn of the death of Lou Gehrig, the iron Man of the Nw York Yankees. Besides a real base ball player, he was a gentleman and a scholar.

Doings at Fort Meade, Md.

By Sgt. Jas. E. Thawley
Company K News

The company is looking forward to the return of Lieut. Paul E. Bruehl by June 15th. He has been at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga.

Residents of Sudlersville last week presented Company K with a ping-pong set, which is very deeply appreciated.

Officers and non-commissioned officers of Company K will have a party in Recreation Hall Thursday, which happens to be the birthday of First Sgt. Charles E. Anthony.

The company extends its sympathy to Pvt. Percy H. Turner on the death of his father.

Pvt. John E. Graham, returned from the hospital May 26. Pvt. 1st Class William H. Quillen is receiving hospital treatment for a fractured ankle, Pvt. First Class Robert G. Baker is also in the hospital, following an operation.

A rifle squad from Company K participated in the Memorial Day parade at Annapolis.

FOR SALE—Upright Piano. Recently reconditioned and tuned. \$75. Thayer, Queenstown 2091.

PERSONALS FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. John H. White of Baltimore, spent the holidays with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Carter White, near town. John and Carter report a splendid catch of hardheads.

Miss Catherine Volkman of Baltimore, spent the weekend with her uncle, Mr. John Volkman. They motored to Ocean City on Sunday. John told his friends that there was other dampness besides the ocean, at the ocean resort.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennigs McFarland of Chester, Pa., visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stant and family over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. John West, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Berig all of Baltimore, were the weekend guests of Capt. August Scheiberg and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Gates and family spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fresh of Easton.

Miss Mary Willis of Federalsburg spent the holidays with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Seward on Delrhodes avenue.

Mrs. Thomas I. Seward of Claymont, Del., spent the weekend holidays with her husband, First Private, Thomas I. Seward of Fort Geo. J. Meade, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Skaggs on Maryland ave.

Mrs. Helen McGuire who has been the past two weeks the guest of her sister, Mrs. George Ridgely of Sudlersville, has returned home.

Mr. John Anthony of Baltimore, spent the holidays with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anthony and family on Second avenue.

Warren Starr, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thompson and Mr. Daniel C. Aker of Baltimore, spent the weekend with the latter brother, Mr. George L. Aker of Meadowbrook.

Two old school mates of the State Normal School, Mrs. Harriett E. Cockey and Mrs. Edward Rowens, both residents of our town for many years, enjoyed a lunch and evening talk at the home of the latter on Steamboat avenue on bygone school days.

It is with the deepest regret that we learn of the resignation of John Thayer from the editorial staff of the Queen Anne's Record-Observer. John is among the big boys columnists and only came to Queen Anne's for his health and the seaford which Maryland is famous. He will linger with us at his home, Chester Heights, until July, to enjoy the fishing, bathing and other sports which is at his front door. John made many warm friends, as he is a gentleman and a scholar. His successor will be one grand lady of Queen Anne's county, who knows the game.

Mr. John Smith, the headman of truck drivers for P. Flanigan & Son, contractors, and Mr. William Lilly, the keyman at the asphalt plant, spent the holidays with their families in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Swann spent the weekend with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Swann of Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cross of Baltimore spent the holidays with her father, Mr. William B. Morris on Steamboat avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bunn, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Matthews, Mrs. Thomas Carney, Mr. Edward Bunn, all of Baltimore, spent the holidays at the Willows, the country home of the Bunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schweizr entertained the following friends and relatives from Philadelphia: Mr. and Mrs. Otto Klingler, Mr. and Mrs. William Reck, Miss Helen Reck, Miss Helen Marvel, Mr. Charles McGuckin. They report a large time and expect to be frequent visitors to Queenstown and may in the near future purchase a summer home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts of Baltimore, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roberts on Delrhodes avenue.

Piney Neck Tips

Now that our farmers are delighted with the recent rains the citizens are rejoicing that the Bryantown election is over and that Mayor Joseph H. Collier, was reelected unanimously. Uncle Joe as he is familiarly known, is too popular with old and young for ex-Mayor Prouse, or any good man to beat him.

Mrs. Margaret Kornbau, who has accepted a position with a Philadelphia firm as typist, spent the holidays with her many friends and enjoyed a blowout with a flock of friends at the bungalow of Alvin Bailey, on-the-Wye, Decoration Day.

Fishing parties are getting stronger every weekend. They all report good catches of hardheads. Some have been lucky enough to land a few rock and perch.

Bathing parties are in full swing afternoon and evening at Ford's beach on-the-Chester. A bunch of bathers take in Barton's Beach, the camp of the Queenstown Boys Scout which is said to be the finest on the river.

Nothing slow about Bobbie Walters except the wherewith to pay his honest debts. He, with a one-man help, built and completed a 40-foot cabin boat in 60 days. The boat was launched on schedule and Bobbie is anxious to give his many friends a little airing.

Archie Coursey claims that the closing of beer parlors is enough to drive a man to drink, but he has many years ago cutout that fluid and tried to live the life of a sane man.

John Gardner, the merchant in the tenderloin, maybe poor and his profit close, but he is still able to give his patrons service with submarine prices.

The many friends of Ralph Baker were sorry to hear of his sudden illness on Tuesday evening. He was confined to his bed under the care of his physician. He has been feeling unwell for several weeks but never gave up until forced to. They hope he will soon be himself.

For pies and other sweets that are fit to eat you don't want to pass Miss Evelyn King's place of business on the boulevard.

Old man Ed. Thompson who years ago took a dash of Rip Van Winkle disease, has awoke from his slumbers and is now giving his patrons extra service.

Strange as it seems, our crabbers are happy that they are making good catches and the prices is nearly reached the airplane system.

Mack Perry, one of our beer dispensers, six days in a week, is happy, because he can enjoy Sundays with his family.

ENLIST IN THE U. S. NAVY

In a drive to enlist 35,000 men in the United States in the United States Navy and United States Naval Reserve during the month of June, Navy Recruiting Stations in the Baltimore District will remain open evenings. The main Station Room 310 Post Office Building in Baltimore will open daily from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. Monday thru Friday, and from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. on Saturdays. The Navy Recruiting Sub-Station at Salisbury, Md., will be open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings until 9 P. M. and on Saturday afternoons until 5 P. M. Service in the Naval Reserve requires active duty only during the National Emergency.

CARD OF THANKS

The Queenstown Volunteer Firemen, wish to thank one and all who attended their benefit show Monday and Tuesday night at the Queen Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard of Wilmington, Del., spent the weekend with his brother, Mr. Benjamin Howard and family on Meadowbrook avenue.

FOR SALE—5 burner oil Stove with built-in oven. Fair condition. apply to Mrs. Robert Walters, Bryantown, Md.

How they Evade the Sunday Liquor Law at Ocean City

Mayor Clifford P. Cropper estimated Saturday that more than 10,000 visitors poured into Ocean City for a three-day Memorial Day holiday as the seaside resort officially opened its sixty-sixth vacation season.

Threatening to put a damper on the holiday celebrations of some was Worcester County's new legislative statute prohibiting the sale or giving away of beer on the Sabbath. It was to become effective at midnight Saturday.

However, after hasty consultations with William G. Kerbin, State's Attorney, and Sheriff J. William Hall, of Worcester county, Ocean City business interest breathed a little easier in regard to the new law.

One Ocean City hotel owner said he conferred with "a proper official" and gave the following interpretation of the statute:

First, he said, the new law does not prohibit hotel guests from buying their own beer Saturday night and placing it in their hotel rooms for consumption on Sunday, either drinking the beverage in their room or on the beach.

Second, the law does not affect any visitors to Ocean City who might arrive on the Sabbath in an automobile, bringing his own supply of beer with him, he declared.

Third, it does not effect the keeping or drinking of beer on Sundays in any private residence or place where beer is not sold under a State beer license.

And fourth, he concluded, the new law does not prohibit the "display exhibition" of beer or other alcoholic beverages on Sundays in Worcester county, and the visitor who might walk in public carrying a case of beer on a street or on the beach at Ocean City, is not subject to arrest.

Sheriff Hall said last night that if the display of beer had been prohibited, then officers could effectively halt the public drinking beer on Sunday.

We visited a number of beer parlors on Sunday in Queen Anne's, and met with this soft answer for a thirsty man: "Nay, nay, Mikey, not on Sunday no more."

Governor Herbert R. O'Connor On the Job

In making final action on the last of 937 bills passed at the recent session of the Legislature, Governor Herbert R. O'Connor has completed the monumental task of reading approximately 1,000,000 words of proposed law, plus at least 5,000 letters for and against the various bills.

In addition, hearings were held on a number of the bills, the Governor sitting one day in the House of Delegates Chamber from 10:30 to 11:00 a. m. and in person completed the requisite check-up on all the bills.

Of the 937 passed, Governor O'Connor finally affixed his signature to 854 and vetoed 83, among the latter half a dozen bills that would have provided for gambling in one form or another.

As many as 2,500 letters were received for and against one bill, while several of the other controversial measures brought floods of telegrams and communications of all kinds approaching the 1,000 mark.

The review and action on this record number of measures was undoubtedly the greatest task of its kind ever laid upon the shoulders of a Maryland Governor. Fortunately, the Governor's decisions were well received, almost without exception, and only in one or two of the very controversial bills was there any voiced objection to his announced decision.

Gontrum Outline Curb on Fireworks

John B. Gontrum, State Insurance Commissioner, already has taken steps to curb the general use of fireworks throughout the State under powers granted him by the recent session of the Legislature, he said yesterday.

Gontrum said he believed he had the authority to formulate and enforce regulations virtually as sweeping as the State-wide prohibition recently passed by the Legislature.

The filing of a petition for a referendum on the fireworks measure delays the effective date of the law. He estimated they would go into effect well before July 4.

Gontrum said the amendment to the law giving him authority over until after the 1942 general election, fireworks says in part:

Gontrum said he sent today to the Attorney General's office a set of fireworks regulations as authorized by the Legislature's amendments to the Fire Investigation Bureau law.

In general, he added, the regulations prohibit the sale and use of fireworks except in the case of mass displays under the supervision of a competent person, for which a special permit must be issued and a bond posted.

Gontrum said the regulations, if approved by the Attorney General's office, then would be filed with the Department of Legislative Reference and would become effective twenty days after the filing date.

"... For the purpose of preventing injury to persons or loss of life or property from fires or explosions, and to the extent reasonably related to such purposes... the insurance commissioner is authorized and empowered:

"To make and publish a regulations, not inconsistent with law, for the keeping, storing, use, manufacture, sale, handling and transportation or other disposition of highly inflammable materials... or any explosive, including fireworks and fire crackers. . . ."

"Any person violating any regulation lawfully made... shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$500 for each offense."

Some Stop Signs to be Eliminated.

The Maryland Traffic Safety Commission has been notified by the State Roads Commission that the Boulevard Stop Sign at the intersection of the Matapeake Ferry Road with route 404 has been eliminated.

The Governor's Safety Commission has been working closely with the Roads body for some months regarding this intersection, and it was found that because of the short length of road from the ferry to the main highway, that upon the arrival of each ferry and the subsequent discharge of from sixty-five to seventy motor vehicles, quite a bit of congestion was occasioned because each motor vehicle had to stop at the intersection of a very lightly traveled road. Many violations occurred at this point because the motorists were unable to see the sign posting as they traveled closely one behind the other.

The Roads Commission has agreed to paint the roadbeds with large lettering of the word "SLOW" to warn the motorists on both highways of the approach to the intersection which naturally requires a very reduced speed for entrance.

The Maryland Traffic Safety Commission thinks that very necessary correction has been made at this location, and that the correction will help to expedite travel going to points on the Eastern Shore.

MASS—at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Queenstown, at 8 o'clock Our Mother of Sorrows, Centreville, at 10 o'clock.

New York Firms Buys State Ferry Bonds.

The State Roads Commission's \$1,200,000 Chesapeake Bay ferry bond issued yesterday commanded a premium of \$16,852.80 when the New York firm of Smith, Barney and Company bid \$63.20 more than the local firm of Alexander Brown & Sons.

The out-of-town house bid in the issue with an offer of \$1,210,852.80 at one and a half per cent. Four bid were submitted. The State Board of Public Works approved the issue for delivery on June 10.

The price for each \$100 bond figures up \$101,404. Serial bonds, they will mature over a fifteen-year period. With the delivery of the bonds the State will take over control of the bay ferry lines for which \$11,020,810 has been agreed on. However the State will pay the cost of repairs which the private operators have made the equipment this year the cost of materials and supplies on hand and adjustment of other expenses to the date of the formal transfer of title.

The State also will assume the cost of making rebates to ferry users who hold receipts issued by the company since the Public Service Commission reduced rates in May, 1940.

The State Roads Commission now is studying ferry rates to determine whether a further reduction is practicable, since Governor O'Connor has set cheaper bay transit as a major goal of State ownership and operation of the water transportation facilities.

Watch for Tick Fever Dr. Riley Warns

With five cases of Rocky Mountain spotted fever and two deaths reported in Maryland during May, the State Health Department issued a warning Monday for persons to use caution in entering tick-infested areas.

Dr. Robert H. Riley, State health director, said spotted fever is caused by the bite of infected ticks, adding:

"Fortunately, not all ticks are infected, but it is bitter to regard all of them as potential sources of danger, and to act accordingly. "Any ticks found on the body should be removed as soon as possible."

He said the American dog tick that fastens itself to horses, dogs and cattle as well as to humans, is generally responsible for the fever in this part of the country.

"The disease is contracted through the bite of infected insects, or by crushing the insects and absorbing the infectious material into the system through a scratch, open cut or break in the skin. The disease does not spread from person to person." Dr. Riley advised a careful inspection of the body and clothing twice a day for persons employed or picnicking and camping in tick-infested areas.

"Undergrowth and weeds should be cut out along paths leading to bathing pools and shores in tick-infested areas. Spray the trails around the settlement with creosote oil. Remove or burn debris."

The health director said that in its early stages spotted fever may be confused with influenza, measles, meningitis, typhoid or typhus fever.

"On that account, a doctor should be called promptly if suspicious symptoms developed after person has been exposed to ticks."

BATEAU FOR SALE—16 feet long in good shape, will sell at a sacrifice. Apply to the News Office.

The Maryland Traffic Safety Commission's Slogan for the week is: "If you DRIVE, or WALK, or PLAY Practice Traffic Safety Every Day."

FOR SALE—Johnson Outboard twin. 5 1/4 h. p. One year old. \$75 cash. Thayer, Queenstown 2091.