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120 Ferry Employees to Receive Raise in PAY

Do You Know

OFF THE CUFF

That we will start publishing Santa Claus letters next week. Try to get your letters in early if you want to reach Old Kriss in time to receive your gifts.

That James F. Boyles, while enjoying his morning paper and listen to the weather man over the radio he is at lost to know which is right: "Fair and Warmer, or Clear and Warmer?"

That Ray Tabler tells us that the Nazis are trying to sink our oil tankers, but it is doubtful if they can accomplish what Secretary Ickes couldn't.

That Paul Morris, the garage man up Centreville way, tells us if John J. Lewis wants a real striking partner for a fast union, why don'e he mixup with Joe Lewis or Billy Conn

That Tom Price would like to have a bird dog. He is willing to give several rolls of wall paper in exchange, or he is willing to steal borrow or beg.

That our tomato and corn packers have about sold out all of this seasons pack.

That John Kinnamon advises our hardworking(?) men to take a tip from the clock—it passes the time by keeping its hands busy.

That Jim Dadds claims honor and faith and happiness are greatly advanced by truth, regardless of the time when truth is embarrassing.

That Vernor Robinson, up Church Hill, is not surprised the least because the six women of congress voted unanimouly in favor of the second lease-lend appropriation. The sum involved five billion nine hundred and eighty five million dollars so clearly appeared to have been marked down from six billion it was a bargain they couldn't resist.

That the Record-Observer has made another shift in the office force. Arthur Kudner, one of the best known advertising agents in the U. S. A. succeeding Luther L. Gadd as president. Another shift is expected January 1, 1942. With the new lineup, they maybe in the class with the Kent News and Easton Star-Democrat as real country newspapers. We extend our five to them for success.

That Bill Fleetwood opines, the work of community service and help to needy neighbors are not publicized. Both operate behind the scenes and the manifold gestures of friendship are known only to recipient and giver. All of us would do well to open our pocketbooks to help such community organization.

That evidence that "big-business methods" are trying to invade the present prosperous farming field was seen in Utah, where twenty-five corporations and individuals were fined a total of $9,000 for price fixing in the tomato industry.

That "Encirclement" will not be of those words which have gone up in standing as a result of recent history. No country with a sensitive regard for its reputation will ever again be able to announce that it regards itself as encircled for the only result would be to arouse strong suspicions that it was preparing an immediate and blood-thirsty attack on one or more of its neighbors.

That the fog and mist, which covered the State Wednesday and Thursday, was so thick that George Aker was only able to locate two baskets of potatoes from twenty baskets planted. One man was killed and many injured due to the fog Many autoists and steamships and planes were grounded with much damage. The fog began work Tuesday evening and the weatherman offers no relief. We may have a dash of sunshine on Sunday.

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. Daniel Connolly is being entertained by his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Saulsbury of Ridgely, for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crenshaw and Miss Regina Cabell of New York, were weekend guets of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Houghton of Wye Plantation.

Mr. Ed. Nichols, sports writer and President of the Eastern Shore Sports Writers' Association, left Wedneday morning to do his bit for Uncle Sam. He hopes to enlist in the Army Air Corps Personnel Department. The many sports followers of Ed. regrets to see him go, but his country's aid comes first.

That John Schelberg is seeking information when writing to his sweetie out in Dallas, Texas, which sentence is correct: "Misery Loves Company, or Misery Looks for Company?"

Miss Violet Baker and sister Adelaide Baker who left here a couple of weeks ago to seek employment in Baltimore, spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. Lillian Baker on Delrhodes avenue. These young ladies secured good positions the second day they were in the city.

Ed Nichols, who has headed the Eastern Shore Baseball Writers' Association, and one of the circuit's best boosters has joined the Air Corps and will leave shortly for Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. Ted Shea who has spent the past year writing several books has accepted his old job back with the Record-Observer to succeed Mrs. Cleo Green, who with much regret resigned, as her household duties needed her attention. Ted took charge of his duties at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Queenstown Homemakers..... November Meeting

The Queenstown Homemakers' Club held its November meeting at the home of Mrs. H. C. Reynolds.

The meeting was opened with a song. The Homemakers' Creed was read by the group, and the secretary called the roll, and read the minutes of the previous meeting.

The Treasurer's report was given The laws and by-laws of the Club were read by the Secretary. The nominating committee gave a report and the election of officers was postponed until the next meeting.

Mrs. Louis Rietzow, project demonstrator, gave a fine talk and demonstration on the "Problems of Storage and Home Preservation of Foods." She selected cabbage as a vegetable, rich in vitamins and easily grown, and demonstrated many appetizing ways of serving it, raw, cooked, and in relishes.

Mrs. M. G. White presented a gavel to the Club, made of walnut from historic Jamestown, Virginia. This gavel was made by Herbert Cook, a cousin of the donor.

The Christmas party for Club members, their families and friends will be held on the evening of December 11th, at the home of Mrs. Algernon Carter.

The following committees were appointed by the President: Gifts—Mrs. Rietzow, Mrs. Pittman, Mrs. Delahay, Mrs. Aldridge. Refreshments—Mrs. Howard Melvin, Mrs. B. Melvin, Sr., Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Horney. Entertainment—Mrs. A. Carter, Mrs. White, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Reynolds.

After another song, the meeting adjourned and refreshments were served by the hostess.

Band Concert Friday Night

The Centreville Band will give a Concert this evening, Friday, December 5, at the Centreville High School Auditorium. The concert, which is being given by the Band to raise funds for its maintenance, will begin at 8 p. m. They expect to be assisted by talent from Chestertown. Everybody welcome.

Piney Neck Tips

That Howard Wilson is tickled that the fly and mosquito crop has been harvested.

The late potato crop gave a very poor yield, some of our growers are not getting as many as they planted.

The mild fall-like weather has been a great help to our farmers in getting their work done before real winter sets in.

Mayor Joseph Collier who has been under treatment at the General Hospital, Philadelphia, made a trip Monday and his physician feels sure that he will only have to make a few more visits if he continues to improve.

Now that the oyster market is at low ebb and our packers have very orders, we wonder if the shuckers will strike now for more money?

Kent Island Knix Knax

Mr. and Mrs. William Grimes entertained their daughter, husband and friends at a turkey dinner on Sunday. We wonder who paid for the turkey?

Price & Son, the big wall paper kings, have gone into the real estate business. We wonder who is paying the freight.

Who was the Kent Island gent that fell overboard Sunday while fishing and said, "boys vote for Joe George."

The Ladies Aid of Chester held a supper for the benefit of the school and church. If Jake Tolson hadn't eat so much they would have made more money.

Watch next week's issue for a column from Kent Island that will knock your ears loose.

Salvaging Of Waste Paper

Maryland has been chosen the "Guinea Pig" State for a test of a new-style Government campaign for salvaging waste paper, rags, scrap metal and rubber.

Lessing J. Rosenwald, chief of the OPM Industrial Conservation Bureau, today announced the campaign would be conducted in Maryland by a State salvaging committee, shortly to be announced as a division of the Maryland State Defense Council.

Under the program, regular junk and scrap dealers will purchase waste materials from householders—a complete departure from the "tea-kettles-for-airplanes" campaign of last July when the Government asked gifts of old aluminum.

Results of the drive, which was conducted by the Office of Civilian Defense, have been described by OPM officials as "unsatisfactory."

The Government's part in the new campaign will be limited to getting across to the public the idea that waste materials should be saved and, through junk dealers, turned back to industry.

Other States will be brought into the salvage program as rapidly as possible after its working has been tested in Maryland, Rosenwald said.

Badly Hurt While Visiting Her Son

Word has reached town from Atlanta, Georgia, to the effect that Mrs. J. Fred Holden who went to Atlanta to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earle M. Holden, was badly injured in a fall down the stairs and as a result has been confined in the Crawford Long Hospital. X-rays have shown no bones broken but she is said to be suffering considerably from shock and is badly bruised.

Atlanta seems to be an unlucky city for Mrs. Holden. Last Christmas she went there for the holidays contracted pneumonia and was confined in the same hospital where she was forced to spend Thanksgiving this year.

Her many friends here in Queenstown wish her a speedy recovery.

How to Help With Christmas Mail

Due to the usual rush of the pending Christmas season, the cooperation of the public is requested by Postmaster, Mrs. Mary C. Bishop to give the best service possible during thee next few weeks. The following suggstions are submitted toward this end—and if carefully read and applied would contribute much toward expiditing of all mail and parcel post.

1. Prepare postage fully on all mail matter.

2. Address all matter plainly and completely in ink, giving street address, or Box, or rural route number whenever possible.

3. Place sender's return card in the upper left hand corner of the addressed side. Tags should not be used unless necessary,in which case a copy of the address and return card should be placed inside of the parcel for identification if the tag is lost.

4. Pack articles carefully—in strong, durable container. Wrap parcels securely, but do not seal them except when bearing a printed label or endorsement reading: "Contents, Merchandise — Postmaster: This parcel may be opened for inspection if necessary," together with the name and address of the sender as sealed parcels not so labeled or endorsed are subject to first class postage. The name and address of the sender may be handwritten or typewritten on the labels. Parcels may be marked "Do not open until Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With Best Wishes," and names, numbers, or symbols, for the purpose of description may be enclosed with third or fourth class (parcel post) mail.

5. Do not enclose letters in parcels, as doing so would subject the entire parcel to letter postage. Communications prepaid at first-class rate may be sent with parcels prepaid at the third or fourth class rate by securely attaching the envelope containing the letters or other written matter to the outside of the parcels.

6. Christmas seals or stickers should not be placed on the address side of mail. Mailers may save time by buying postage stamps in advance.

In order to facilitate the collection and dispatch of mail matter on rural routes, matter deposited in rural letter boxes for collection by the carrier should have stamps affixed at the proper rate of postage.

Price Control Of Seafood Opposed

Mr. Leon Andrus, President, American Waterfoods Association, Queenstown, Maryland, Sterling G. Harris, representing the crab industry, Dr. Lewis Radcliffe, Director, Oyster Institute of North America and others interested in Maryland seafoods are making every effort, through Congressman Bland and other members of the Fisheries Com mittee in the House, to prevent the placing by Congress of a ceiling or similar restrictions on the prices of seafoods. They are contending that the price is so variable, depending on the quanity of the catch which is greatly influenced by weather conditions and other unpredictable factors, that the seafood industry should be exempted from price-control legislation.

Clerk Resigns After 48 Years

B. Hackett Turner, deputy clerk of court for Queen Anne's county has tendered his resignation after 48 years' service with the Second Judicial Circuit, comprising Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline and Talbot counties.

His resignation is effective this month.

Turner who became deputy clerk of court in 1893, served in that office for 37 years. He also served as Clerk of court for 11 years. He was elected to the clerkship in 1923 and served until 1934 when he was defeated for re-election, although retained as deputy clerk.

Who's Who In Political Circles

According to our old friend, B. Hackett Turner, who has been in the Clerk of the Circuit Court office either assisting or boss since boyhood, that these long evenings are conductive to looking over the political field. Hackett realizes that he has snow on the mountain top, but he is fully convinced that he has still a bunch of political pep in the brain valley, and may decide to take another dash for the clerkship or back the successful candidate to hold his assistant job.

There is not a shadow of doubt that Hackett will back his son, Hackett, Jr., for another term for States Attorney, as he only served a part of his present term, as he was called by Uncle Sam for duty for a few months. Please don't kid yourself that John Palmer Smith won't make the going a little tough for young Hackett as he has been, since the last election, mending the missing link in his political fences. The only lawyers left to make it a three-corner fight is Richard T. Earle, and he is some vote getter. Madison Brown is content with his law practice; Charles E. Tucker, in his declining years, wants to enjoy life with peace and content of mind; Raymond Horney and Thomas J. Keating, Jr., have been stung by the Judgeship bee and neither would consider a small office as States Attorney.

Up Crumpton way, the fighting grounds of Hodges Coleman, who always has a political ace in the hole, still feels that the Sheriff should come from his section as the late Sanford Spry made Queen Anne's one of the best Sheriffs. Hodges feels sure he could locate a good candidate in his bailiwick. With Dr. Stack for the Orphans' Court, Hodges wouldn't be asking too much, notwithstanding Crumpton is one of the smallest, yet the strongest Democratic district in the county.

It looks as if Ruthsburg will be in the political picture unless Fred Quimby, weakens as a candidate for Sheriff. Fred claims that while his brother Charlie had the political harpoon jabbed in his ribs for Sheriff, he feels that he can heal these sores as he is stronger with the power-that-be.

We wonder if Dr. Dudley, up Church Hill way—where all Democratic voters are for the Doctor—believe that history will repeat and make another tryout for re-election? The Fifth is a another district that has a flock of Dr. Dudley's followers, notwithstanding he has held the same office before.

Dr. Charles E. Snyder, down on Kent Island or the fourth district—a Democrat since manhood and a district heeler that have to be considered—would not object to a term to look after the widows and orphans at the countyseat. Remember voters, that the Doctor a good staunch Democrat on the shady side of life's journey, and a high calibre citizen should be rewarded. While the Doctor don't need the office from a financial standpoint, yet he might consent to serve a just cause.

Madam rumor tells us that politics make strange bedfellows, Wonder if this is true of George Aldridge, who resigned from the Draft Board to heave his hat in the political ring for the Treasurer's office? With Frank Delahay for Sheriff, and C. Tilghman Bishop for another term of the Orphans' Court as running mates and the American Legion to back them up, we can't see why George can't make Bill Keith and others setup and take notice.

QUEENSTOWN'S MEMBERSHIP RED CROSS DRIVE

Report of the membership drive for Queenstown; Seventy-five dollars was collected in dollar subscriptions. For a town of our size, this is very good. The cheerful spirit in which it was given adds much to the gift.

120 Ferry Employes To Get Raise

Wage increases of approximately fifteen to sixteen per cent on the base pay of the employes of the Annapolis-Matapeake ferry have been approved by the State Roads Commission, it was announced Saturday by Ezra B. Whitman, chairman of the commission.

The new rates was scheduled to go into effect Monday. Approximate ly 120 employes, ranging from porter or maid to captain, are affected.

Mr. Whitman said that the new rates have been inaugurated be cause "the way the employes have been paid was very unsatisfactory and we wanted to stabilize the pay.

He also asserted that under the new rates the employes will not receive overtime pay, but pointed out that the new rate is expected to give each worker a slightly larger pay than he or she received when overtime was added to the base pay.

Mr. Whitman declared that a base pay has been established for each class, such as captain, mate, quartermaster, seamen, and the like. The definite pay rates were not announced.

Richard A. Bowie, of Local 1603, International Longshoremen's Union, and John Dewicki, the union lawyer, were representatives of the unlicensed employes of the boats during the past pay negotiations with the State.

Mr. Bowie said the new rates "are over and above what was offered about two months ago."

He said he and other union men had received copies of the letters from Mr. Whitman in references to the new increases.

"We haven't had time to examine them thoroughly yet," he said, "but we will go over them soon, and then submit them to the men for approval."

Asked just what the increases were, Mr. Bowie said, "I couldn't give an answer off-hand. It is some what complicated as there are many classifications."

Mr. Whitman declared that the union representatives could not be recognized as bargaining agents because the Attorney General for Maryland had given an opinion that there was no provision in the law for bargaining agents for State employes.

However, Mr. Whitman continued the union men could be recognized as individuals representing the workers.

Besides Bowie and Dewicki other union men who had participated in negotiations were J. A. Cox, of Local 1510, of the longshoremen, representing the licensed personnel, and Leonard Weinberg, their attorney.

At various times in recent months the employes had threatened to strike last September for a few hours. They had complained that they worked long hours and that their pay compared unfavorably with the general wage standards of workers on privately owned boats.

Union Men Reject Offer

Unqualified endorsement of the rejection made Saturday by Leonard Weinberg, counsel for the ferry employes, of the State alleged pay increase for operators on the State-owned Annapolis-Matapeake ferry line was announced by Richard A. Bowie, acting secretary of Local 1603 of the Unlicensed Marine Officers' union, AFL.

In the announcement, which was made after a meeting with the personnel of the ferry company, Mr. Bowie stated that all employes concerned had unanimously agreed to Mr. Weinberg's rejection of the proposal made by the State.

"It is true," concluded Mr. Bowie" that the State Roads Commission has offered an increase of from $35 to $45 per month which is approximately a thirty per cent increase, but in order to obtain this increase employees affected must work approximately 300 hours or more per month."

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