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Do You Know OFF THE CUFF

That we are at lost to know why Lyndon Brittingham, wants to try-out the blackout on the electric pole in front of The News office and let others burn at full speed?

That according to Tom Connolly, a modern Centreville girl swooned as the lawyer finished reading her grandmother's will to the family group. Her grandmother willed her seven petticoats.

That according to Bill Thompson, a Church Hill man who doesn't believe in smoking, on becoming the father of a fine baby presented each of his friends with a 10-cent defense stamp.

That Mrs. James T. Smith is a great reader and she was pleased that Dorothy Dix warns us girls to keep up our appearances at home as well as on the streets. Since reading Dorothy's advice, Elizabeth has been wearing lipstick out to feed the hens. After all, with eggs the price they are, she feels that the hens deserve the best, don't they?

That Bennie Lane, one of our popular merchants, observes the average person in the average town can walk the distance from his home to the business section in 10 or 15 minutes. Why must he race his car as if it was a matter of life or death?

That now the Christmas holidays are history, Paul Phillips, the lumber king of Sudlersville, reports that women are more annoyed than men by things that go wrong "in their surroundings." Probably because the women have fewer surroundings to start with.

That Boney Lankford claims our reporter was a little off when he stated that he had to go to the hospital for treatment. He wants his friends to know that he is white, a gentleman of the Southern school and a good judge of beer, and that he has enjoyed the holidays with his children in Baltimore, St. Marys county and Queenstown, and that he has not been over semi-sober during the holidays.

That on returning home from church services Christmas Day, Nathan Draper, found a black snake curled upon his doorstep and waving his head to the kitchen door as if he was hungry. Nathan, while much against his religion, killed the snake which measured four feet eight inches in length. Nathan believed the snake was forcing the season, he killed it.

That the Alumni Dance in Centreville Armory, Christmas Nite, will donate \$22 to the Red Cross. Queenstown was well represented.

That a woman of Princess Anne used 6,860 coins to buy \$182.20 worth of Defense bonds and stamps—2,840 nickels and 4,020 pennies. A year's saving of "pin money."

That Price Administrator Leon Henderson Wednesday balked a proposed increase in the manufacturer's price of cigarettes by announcing a sales ceiling at the level prevailing December 26.

That Maryland's Christmas holiday industry according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture brought the farmers of Maryland an income of \$350,000.

WANTED—A position as manager of a farm. 25 years experience. Best references. Apply to The News office.

BARBER WANTED—One that is not afraid of work. Mrs. Jerry Skaggs.

PERSONALS FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lane of New York, spent a section of the holidays with their country home on Ben Avenue.

Mr. Bus Lovelace who is working in Baltimore, enjoyed the holidays with his family at his home, Woodward, on-the-Winchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmont Rice of Baltimore, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Griffin Embert of Woodward. "Mutt" and his wife enjoyed many mornings of real sport plucking out wild ducks Mrs. Rice had to divide with "Mutt" so as not to violate the bag limit.

Mrs. Florence DeVine of Blakeford, was much disappointed because she could not spend the holidays with her sister in Boston. But home duties come first with her.

Miss Mary Sherwood of Baltimore spent the holidays at her country home on Maryland Avenue. While living in Baltimore for the last twenty-three years—except the summers—she still claims that Queenstown is home, sweet home.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley Wooters of Cheston-on-Wye, were among the guests last Sunday to celebrate the new home of his mother, Mrs. John H. Wooters, near Denton. A turkey dinner with trimmings was enjoyed by the twenty children of Mrs. Wooters. Mrs. Laura Jester of Centreville, were among the guests.

Mr. J. Harry Cross accompanied by William E. Morris who is spending the winter in Baltimore, were weekend guests at the latter's home

Mr. Guy Harmon, Jr., a student at the Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Harmon of Blakeford. Young Guy was accompanied as far as Stevensville by Mr. Charles Snyder, Jr., who is also a student at the College, and who is spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Snyder of Stevensville. They will return Sunday.

Oscar Smith and Herbert Edensfield joined the Christmas procession and took a dash of the "alcoholic blues." Anybody locating a lost necktie or hat—man size—report to Herb. The sorry part of the party was that Walter Jewell, the strong man who looks after the weak, was unable to render assistance.

Mr. Jerry Skaggs who has been in the Easton Hospital for the past four weeks suffering with a broken leg and other cuts and bruises was able to leave the Hospital last Saturday and is now resting easy at his home in town.

Mr. Burley Thompkinson of Hopewell, Va., is the guest of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert McGuire on Maryland Ave.

Walmsley—Roberts

The marriage of Miss Martha George Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin F. Roberts, of Sudlersville, and H. Edward F. Walmsley, son of Mrs. Robert Walmsley and the late Mr. Walmsley, took place at the bride's home Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, before an altar banked with Christmas greens and white chrysanthemums and lighted by candles.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a going away suit of brown and tan tweed with dark brown accessories. Her corsage was of white gardenias.

Miss Anna Austin Roberts was her sister's maid of honor and only attendant.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

What of the new year? What of 1942? What does it hold in store for us, here in our own community, here in our country, and elsewhere in the world.

Not soon will the wounds of a devastating war be healed. Not soon will the reverberations of the world conflict cease. Not soon will we cease paying the heavy penalties of bloodshed and destruction.

Withal that, the bells of a New Year ring, and they tell us that happier days are due. The decencies of life which we know so well in our community, the neighborliness which people in American towns enjoy, the sturdiness of independence that characterizes us in rural areas, may yet find their proper influence throughout the world. The world, tested severely, will yet emerge to better, happier things.

Civilization has been rudely mangled, but it has not gone to pot. We face 1942 with higher hopes than seemed realizable in 1941. This is no little progress, no small cause for cheer. A happy new year, then, neighbors; we wish you prosperity and the continuance of the democratic way of life, the American way, an American heritage that will never die.



GREETINGS

OUR WISH

May this New Year mean for you a joyous strengthening of old ties and associations, and a happy gain in the number of those you count as friends. May it mean more health, more prosperity, more joy of living.

RING OUT THE OLD!
RING IN THE NEW!

Aircraft Spotters On Twenty-Four Hour Duty

The Queenstown Aircraft Observation Post is now organized and is operating twenty four hours each day. The post is located at Bloomingdale South of town and is in charge of George W. Aldridge, Chief Observer.

Owing to the urgent call for men in Queenstown for other defense measures, such as five wardens, air raid police, fire department etc. Queenstown had to call upon its neighboring towns for men to help fill the watches, men from Wye Mills and Wye Neck are also doing their bit at Bloomingdale. There has not been an hour since Thursday December 11th that men have not been on duty scanning the skies day and night.

An observation house has been completed at this permanent post, and all spotters report there for duty, the house is completely glassed in, heated and provided with a telephone.

Although the post is on regular war time basis of constant watch, more volunteers are needed for the three hour watches.

FOR RENT—Apartment above The News office. All modern conveniences. Possession January 5. Apply to M. W. Aker.

Mobile Kitchen For Queen Anne's County

One of the most important additions to the Defense of the Eastern Shore is the Mobile Kitchen Unit. This kitchen has been contributed to the cause of Defense by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Houghton, Jr., of Wye Plantation.

In the event of an emergency, this unit will be available to any locality on the Shore. It is capable of feeding from three to five hundred persons, both quickly and adequately. The details of its duties are the result of actual wartime experiences in London, where it has proved itself not only efficient but necessary. The kitchen will be driven by women who have volunteered through the Motor Unit of the A. W. V. S.

Because of certain Defense priorities, the Unit can be delivered within the next month. It has been proposed that supplies for the operation of the kitchen should be obtained from volunteer fund which will be started as soon as possible. The importance of a maintenance fund cannot be over emphasized. Further information about contributions may be obtained from Mrs. George Moffett in Queenstown, or from the Defense Headquarters, Centreville.

Red Cross Needs Your Help

The Red Cross is asking our help in raising \$50,000,000 and requests that any one who wishes to contribute to send his or her donations to Mr. Albert Kenworthy, Centreville.

There will be no house to house canvass this time, but any contribution will be greatly accepted, as Queen Anne's County allotment is \$2,000.00.

We wish to thank those of the Fifth District, who made our Roll Call Drive such a success. Thirty four members from Grasonville joined and we thank both members and solicitors.

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

O'Connor's Plea To Maryland Citizens

A plea to all the citizens of Maryland for full realization that war is upon the United States, for which we are by no means adequately prepared, was made yesterday by Governor O'Connor.

"We must come to the realization that we as a Nation are in a mighty tough spot, for which we are by no means adequately prepared" said the Governor. "Right at this moment our people are not rolling up their sleeves and tackling the job of all-out production as they should."

"How many people throughout Maryland today realize that they are at this moment seeing momentous happenings such as possibly the world has never before known. Many ask why our country is not better prepared. The answer is plain. Our boys have died and more will die because our people haven't taken the situation seriously enough as individuals or as a Nation. Until this awareness comes we cannot honestly hold up our heads and tell our young men we have sent abroad to fight that we are doing our part at home."

"In the all-out preparedness which the Country must accept as it's most important home function at this period, every group must cooperate to the fullest to further the common end. On the home front, in the various functions of Civilian Defense, of Industrial management and Federal official life, we must measure up if we are to achieve our aims without unnecessary expenditure of live and resources."

FINGERPRINTING

The Boy Scouts of Centreville are arranging the details for the fingerprinting of private citizens in the interest of National Defense. Mr. Rigby Valliant has contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington and is awaiting the arrival of the official equipment.

The purpose of this program is to protect citizens, by giving them the advantage of the only positive means of identification. The A. W. V. S. will announce both the time and place as soon as possible, and it is their hope that everyone will cooperate by being fingerprinted promptly.

Who's Who In Political Circles

The ideal weather and the open house for all, gave the would be candidates a chance to feel out the voter. We have enjoyed many merry Christmases, but none of them had a thing on the Christmas of 1941. It was Mike's pleasure to attend four turkey dinners Christmas Day. He was granted at the noon dinner to do the carving act and after helping the flock of guests he was awarded the neck. The one at 2:30 and 5:30 he faired better and he got the first helping. But at the 7 in the evening he did the carving act and was awarded the last part that passes over the fence. Not a word of politics was hinted at the first three dinners. But at the 7 o'clock affair we fell in a nest of politics and the dinner was only a sideline. They even brought out State politics and this is the way they see it:

That Governor O'Connor and Mayor Howard Jackson is not going to have the battle of themselves, but that they will have to battle with Curley Byrd, president of the Maryland University. Of course, if we take in the good road work and other good work that O'Connor has done Jackson would be left at the post. But O'Connor as they see it, has some weak sister appointees that will be hard for the voter to digest.

While Mayor Jackson is only asking for a chance to prove that he has the goods and all makes errors in his appointments, yet his record as Mayor of Baltimore, is the only record that he can depend on to hand to the voters of Maryland.

It is said that the delayed-action bomb of Curley Byrd will be exploded on the Eastern Shore just as soon as gentle Spring dawn, as Byrd claims that his foot hold on the Shore. He feels sure the farmer will be 100% for him on the Shore as he has been the means of getting good prices for their heavy crops. But, Curley we are afraid that you may have another guess coming after the election and our advice would be to hold fast to your job. "Don't bite the hand that is feeding you."

While the heavy rains was a little late for mushrooms it was timely for candidates to branch out, as the Christmas spirit made the natives and politicians of Kent Island gather, not only in their homes, but on the sunny side of the rivers bank for a little talk. It so happens that our old friend Charlie Bright awoke from his slumbers as it is high time that he is informed of the political doings on the Island. He is not cookeys he will make a dash for the Legislature, but he wants to have a say in the political game. He is not fully convinced that Tom Price has the Island in his jeans and that Tom has another guess coming to him.

Capt. Joseph H. Collier, down Bryantown way, is not in the political game for office, but that he is willing to back any candidate that he thinks can fill the office, as he has, and always will be a Democrat of the high school. He thinks that now his health is improving, that he could fill a part of a term in the Legislature as an appointee.

Ex-Mayor James E. Thompson who has filled the office of Town Commissioner for several terms with credit ought to leave his hat in the ring for Sheriff or County Commissioner. Jimmie knows the folks from Crumpton to Kent Point—farmers, oystermen and sportsmen—and ought to make a good run as we believe his friends are strong behind him for any office.

Dr. Sterling up Church Hill way, can't figure where the Republicans will have a chance in Queen Anne's, although they have many recruits lately. He hopes it will be different in the State election.