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Drive Slow and Save Cars, Tires and Gas

Do You Know OFF THE CUFF

That Nathan Morris is wishing for Clyde Embert's weather—fair and warmer—as he was deprived of the pleasure of enjoying the porch rocker on his front porch on Sunday.

That many towns of the county are making complaint to the officers that their cats are missing and they believe thieves are working a "racket" to get fur for coats and neck pieces.

That John Schelberg who is with the Coast Guard, stationed at Norfolk, Va., was on a weekend leave with friends in Baltimore, dropped into a restaurant for a bite and overheard two men order a snack before breakfast: One ordered 16 eggs, 4 slices of bread, 32 slices of bacon, 3 servings of potatoes, 4 cups of coffee and 4 cookies; the second ordered: 11 eggs, 4 slices of bread, 20 slices of bacon, 4 cups of coffee and 4 cookies. John watched these snackers devour the food and he wondered if Kennard Morris would have to loosen his belt to keep pace with these dudes.

That Edward Rowens suggests: "Every time you greet a stranger and visitor with a hearty welcome, you spread the idea that Queenstown is a friendly place in which to live."

That Marion B. Wilson, the Centreville dry cleaner, has closed his plant until his return from Defense work during the war.

That we appreciate the news item sent in by our subscribers. Please keep up the good work so that other subscribers can be kept posted on the doings of the county.

That a stamp system of rationing to be established for sugar can be expanded later to handle any other food rationing necessitated by war shortages, it was indicated today. At the same time, officials of the Office of Price Administration, which has been given full authority to ration all consumer goods reported that the sugar restrictions probably would not go into operation for another month or more, pending the printing of "sugar stamps" which each consumer must have before making a purchase.

That we wish to extend our sincere thanks to our delinquent subscribers for answering our appeal to pay up. There is still a flock that turn a deaf ear which will compel us to send a bill. With the increasing price of paper and the loss of advertising we are only receiving 17 cents per year for each subscriber—if they pay up promptly.

Government to Require 30% of Canners Pack

The contract price for tomatoes grown in this section was set by the Government at 35 c per basket Friday at the National Canners Association Convention in Chicago, according to Robert W. Phillips of the Phillips Canning Company of Berlin, who is attending the 5-day session. Mr. Phillips advised his father J. Richard Phillips, by telephone Wednesday night. He also stated that the pea contract price would be in the neighborhood of \$70 per ton.

The Government War Board is requesting a substantial increase in the tomato crop this year as 40 million cases will be required.

The Government, it was learned, plans to purchase from the canners 30 per cent of the pack and will require canners to contract with the farmer in order to be eligible for certification.

Queen Anne's county is recognized as one of the leading tomato growing counties on the Shore and with the high price our farmers will increase their acreage. A number of our farmers received 45 cents per basket, and it looks that those who grow on the market will receive better prices.

PERSONALS FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Swann entertained over the weekend at their home, at Bloomingdale, Mrs. Mabel Thomas of College Park, Mr. and Mrs. George Jones and sons Bobbie and Sam, of Centreville, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cecil and sons and Miss Katherine Thomas of Chestertown.

Mr. Norman Thomas, a member of the State Guard left last Thursday to act as a guard on the Susquehanna Bridge.

Mr. Harry Cross of Baltimore, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Rhodes and family over the weekend.

Mr. Roland Tarbutton of New York, who is spending a week with his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Callahan of Centreville, is short a head piece. While alighting from his car at the Elk's home in Easton, his \$10 hat blew off and he had to return home hatless in the cool sea-breeze early Tuesday morning. Any one learning the whereabouts of the lost hat will be rewarded if returned to Mr. William T. Callahan, Centreville-Queenstown.

Mr. William B. Morris, who is spending the winter with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cross of Baltimore, is housed with an infested toe and he is unable to wear a shoe. He has been suffering for several weeks but it only lately gave him much trouble.

Mr. Thomas Anthony had the cast removed from his leg and arm Wednesday and is now able to walk along slowly with the assistance of a cane or crutch. Notwithstanding his ability he is able to do Defense watch every night at the firehouse. He is patiently awaiting the time that he will be able to take a crack at the Back Stabbing Japs.

William Dawson, mate on the Annapolis-Matapeake ferry steamer who has been housed for the past week with a severe attack of the grippe, was rushed to the Easton Emergency Hospital on Tuesday for treatment as other complications set in and his physician ordered him to the hospital.

Mrs. Harry Cross, daughter of Mr. William B. Morris and a former resident of Queenstown, was Tuesday appointed chairman of the Queen Anne's county section of the Women Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore.

Mrs. Kennard Rhodes was rushed to the Easton Emergency Hospital Tuesday, suffering from an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Rhodes only a few weeks ago underwent an operation at the hospital for appendicitis and had not fully recovered. Her many friends hope for her early recovery and that she will be able to greet her friends at her home Bennett's Outlet, near town.

President, Bennie H. Lane of the Queenstown Volunteer Fire Company, was taken to the Easton Emergency Hospital on Tuesday for a medical examination.

MRS. CHARLES T. MORRIS

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Emma Price Morris at the home of her son, Mr. Leland Morris in Baltimore, where she died Sunday, February 1.

Mrs. Morris was a resident of Queenstown until about 25 years ago when she and her family moved to Baltimore. She was 75 years old.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

This is to notify all Delinquent Taxpayers that taxes will be advertised in February.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

FOR SALE—Upright Piano, \$10.00. Apply to Rudolph Messersmith, Love Point, Md.

Piney Neck Tips

Now is the time for us to be serious and to be in prayer, according to B. Oscar Smith. The Lord may come any time now. He thinks of the prayer of the old prophet as he said "How long, O Lord, how long."

"Because we like to linger so long visiting after church," said a Grassville matron. "We have a saying in our family, 'We come on, we'll let the janitor lock up this time.'"

That our watermen report that the crop of maniose is very poor as the large flock of swan are keeping them dug out. They say they can hardly get a mess les bait for their eel pots.

The students of our school will present a three-act play, "Grandpa Gets the Smallpox," at the schoolhouse shortly after Easter.

Our patrolman on the Kent Island-Narrows bridge, Jack Genert, is very much on the alert and Monday nite he notice a wake in the channel and took aim and when he went to take the men prisoners he found he had killed a muskrat.

With practically no market and our creeks and rivers frozen over our oystermen are able to enjoy a much needed rest, but they would rather be at work as that's the way they feed their families and keep their home fires burning.

One of our young men, Preston Ruth, who is working in Baltimore shipyard, had the misfortune for a heavy board to fly up and kiss him on the chin, but he is still able to enjoy a weekend visit with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. James Ruth. He returned to work Monday morning.

A temperance program will be given at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Sunday night at 8 o'clock. Song service at 7 p. m. Everyone welcome.

That Madam Rumor has it that a number of our citizens have decided that there is a hereafter, and the day of repentance has arrived and that their first act will be to petition the court not to transfer Claude Lloyd's beer license from Perry's Corner to Grassville. Claude only asked to finish the life of his license.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Knox received last week the first line from their son, Private Palmer Knox, who sailed January 2. He is stationed at Fort Amador, in the Canal Zone. He stated it is very pretty there and swimming is an everyday occurrence. He is adopting himself to the environment rapidly, but is quite anxious to hear from his friends and relatives.

Flying Cadet Enlistment On the Eastern Shore

Working in cooperation with the War Department the Easton Lodge of the B. P. O. Elks have placed forty two men in 'refresher courses' to qualify them for the U. S. Army Air Corps.

The classes are being held in the High Schools at Easton, Denton and Chestertown and last three weeks. Mental examinations will be conducted in Easton about February 10 and it is expected that all men will qualify. They will then be sent to Maxwell Field, Ala. for flight training.

The Medical Board of the Air Corps will be in Easton at the same time to examine new men interested in joining the Flying Cadet Service. Those desiring information or interested in making application for appointment as a Flying Cadet should see Mr. James Bennett of the Bennett Motor Co. opposite the Post Office, Easton, or Malcolm L. Cleary, Chairman of the Elks Defense Committee.

No branch of Service offers such a great opportunity for young men between the ages of 18 and 26. They must be High School graduates and can be either single or married. Those qualifying will be commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants within eight months and get \$75.00 per month while training. The Air Corps needs men to "Keep 'Em Flying."

Getting the Home Town Dollar

The trading at home fever breaks out time and again in every town and city. It has done so repeatedly in Queenstown, and unless all signs fall will do so in the future.

No one is more interested in supporting home industries and businesses than The News and so, we wonder, just why the many progressive campaigns have failed to produce lasting impressions and permanent effect. Why the necessity for the revival of the "campaign" so often?

Merchants, interested in winning the home town dollar, might ponder the query. Buyers, as any one admits, seek bargains. They will go to the places where they think that they can get the most for their money. Does the home merchant always bear this in mind? Does he not, sometimes, expect to get the home town dollar without deserving it?

We can hear at once, as some local merchants read this far, the short of superiority, as the thought goes down that The News is criticizing the local merchants. Well, boys, to be honest, some of you need just a bit of reform. Some of you have been careless in the appearance of your store, backward in the display of your goods and chary about extending courteous, prompt and dependable service to back up what you sell.

There are, of course, in Queenstown, exemplary local merchants. They are the pace setters. Others, who are tempted to complain of the mail order businesses and the chain stores, might cast their eyes around the community and see what the successful independents are doing, and figure out for themselves why they seem to get along in the face of modern competition.

The answer is not so hard to find. These alert, local merchants are on their toes, know their business, manage it themselves, serve the public and give more for the money than their competitors. They are pleasing their public through personal service, and the people go back for more. It is the only way to get, or to keep, business. Of course, you will find that most of them are believers in advertising, recognizing its service to modern merchandising.

There is no reason that we know of why a merchant in Queenstown can't meet competition. He can do it if he will. If he does, he will get the vast majority of the home town dollars.

Perhaps our merchants figure that if they advertise they would have to get more help—which is at a premium. They are content to keep prices at the ceiling and let the Home Dollar go to nearby towns which advertise prices at low level. Don't blame your people from buying where the Home Dollar is worth 100 cents.

D. A. R. Names State Delegates

The Major Samuel Turbutt Wright Chapter, D. A. R., named delegates and alternates to the State D. A. R. Convention to be held in the Belvedere Hotel, Baltimore, in March, at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Austin F. Roberts in Sudlersville.

Chosen delegates were: Mrs. C. H. Metcalfe, Sudlersville; Mrs. Horace Morgan, Queen Anne; Miss Ann Taylor, Centreville. Those named as alternates were, Mrs. Charles Jarrell, Hillsboro; Miss Ella Roberts and Mrs. Austin F. Roberts, both of Sudlersville.

FOR SALE—Delaware Bay Shad Fishing Skiff. 27 feet long, 7½ foot beam in perfect order. Star Motor. Will sell cheap as have no further use for it. Apply to M. W. Aker, Queenstown, Md.

WOOD FOR SALE—Mostly oak, Sawed to length desired. Howard O. Gise, Queenstown, Md.

Who's Who In Political Circles

The cold weather doesn't seem to check the willing to serve the dear people in public office. With autos equipped with pullman car style travelling is just as pleasant as when the flowers are in bloom. Well Mike enjoyed hobnobbing with a bunch of high up politicians the past weekend and the opening chapter was a pleasant chat with his Excellency, Governor Herbert R. O'Connor, who dropped in a few minutes while on his way to Cambridge to address the Home Guards on Sunday afternoon. After bidding farewell he took a run over Talbot way to try to get his good friend, Herbert Balch, to tell us what was doing in political circles. Mike's next stop was at the Fairview Country Club near Denton, where he ran into a flock of politicians from Talbot, Caroline and Queen Anne's counties. They were loaded with conversation and what Mike could collect would fill a book. He is scheduled to have a heart-to-heart talk with Mayor Jackson at the Log Inn of Dr. Theodore Cook. Mike has only a little to blow about as the politicians placed him in the doghouse. Here's his story:

It looks to us that the many friends of Elmer Anthony and Frank Whiteley are grooming them for another term for Sheriff. Their past record speaks for them. With only twelve candidates in the field the fight for Sheriff ought to be interesting.

That uncover home county candidate for Congress is still working overtime and he is getting plenty of encouragement from New Deal faction who are anxious to put a thorn in the oldline candidate. The politicians are wondering if a real congressional fight is pulled off in Queen Anne's county wont it boost Congressman Ward took? As stated in former issue the primaries of 1942 promises to be a warm sister.

The Starr section has had a representative for quite awhile, and the friends of James DeLacy, a modest unassuming Democrat, while they gather around the country store to enjoy the comfort of these long winter evenings are loud in praising their home town boy for County Commissioner. Jimmie's friends claim if he decided to run he ought to go over with a bang as he has never held office and always been a straight-faced Democrat.

Well, it looks like the Register of Wills office will not go a begging for candidates as it is one of the best salaried offices in the gift of the people, but the would-like-to-be candidates are at a lost to find out if the present incumbent, Dr. Norman S. Dudley will make another dash for re-election as he is strong in every district in the county, so it would look to us if he decided not to be a candidate he will be in a position to name his successor.

With only a handful of Republicans in Queen Anne's county, Dr. Sterling up Church Hill way, wants to be the strong sister and say who's who on the Republican State Central Committee. It looks that the doctor has his wires crossed when he wants to cutout the Third, Fourth and Fifth Districts where all the Republicans votes are located. Perhaps the doctor is playing with the Democrats as some of the dyed-in-the-wool Republicans are ready to flip to the Democrats as they claim they are weak sisters in Queen Anne's county.

Something too good to keep to ourselves. That Joe George, Dr. John W. Crowl and Hon. Joseph W. A. Evans will have a four corner fight for the Senatorship. We have inside information that you will be surprised who it can be!

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

Car and Tire Ban Not Stop Use of Auto

The blackout on new automobiles and tires, despite the average motorist's groans, may prove to be a blessing in disguise in some respects, according to Harold F. Hammond, widely known traffic engineer and lecturer.

"Safety leaders," says Mr. Hammond, traffic division chief of the National Conservation Bureau, accident prevention department of the Association of Casualty and Surety Executives, "have been pleading with motorists for years to give regular and careful attention to the mechanical and operating condition of their car."

"Now they've got to, or walk," Mr. Hammond assures us. "About half of the 32,000,000 privately owned automobiles in America are more than five years old. New production has stopped the second-hand market won't last long, tires are on a rigorous ration basis, and it is likely that other motor car necessities will be drastically rationed or stopped altogether."

"But this need not inconvenience us unreasonably. Reasonable care of the old car will keep it running as good as ever—and probably even more safely. Abused and ill-cared-for cars have produced many accidents in the past. Perhaps the motorizing public will learn the lesson of a car thrift and safety all at once."

Here are some suggestions from Mr. Hammond as to how you can prolong the life of your car:

1. Drive at moderate speed. Excessive speed is America's Number One cause of traffic accidents and the chief cause of rapid car deterioration. At forty miles an hour, a tire will wear twice as long as at sixty. A gallon of gasoline will drive the average car five miles farther. A quart of oil will last twice as long. And finally, the chances of being killed in an automobile crash are three times as great at sixty as at forty. Don't drive too fast!

2. Avoid quick starts and stops. Quick starts put a heavy strain on the entire car mechanism and also waste gasoline, while three or four emergency stops from sixty miles an hour can ruin a set of tires and burn out brake linings. Start and stop gradually and smoothly.

3. Check car frequently for mechanical defects, particularly those which may lead to accidents. Have repairs made promptly. Be sure that the following equipment is in safe condition and working properly before you drive any car, especially a second hand car: steering apparatus, wheels, tires, brakes, lights, horn battery, exhaust system, wiring, windshield wiper, and defroster.

MRS. THOMAS LLOYD OLIVER

Mrs. Thomas Harrison Lloyd Oliver, a lineal descendant of three of Maryland's most distinguished Colonial families, died late Wednesday evening at her home in Baltimore, age 87 years.

Through her mother, the late Mrs. Mary Howard Lloyd, Mrs. Oliver was a great-granddaughter of Francis Scott Key and Gen. John Eager Howard, of Revolutionary War fame. Mrs. Oliver's father, the late Col. Edward Lloyd, a former owner of Wye House, Talbot county, was a member of the Maryland Lloyd family which furnished two Governors to the State, besides statesmen, soldiers and others noted in Maryland's history.

She was the widow of Thomas Harrison Oliver, who was a prominent in the mercantile and social life of Baltimore in the first half of the last century.

All of Mrs. Oliver's earlier years were spent at Wye House, one of the most historic of Maryland's old mansions, which passed from father to son of the Lloyd family for eight generations.

The Wye estate remained occupied by members of the Lloyd family from the time it was built in the middle of the Seventeenth Century until only a few years ago when it was vacated after the death of Charles Howard Lloyd, a brother of Mrs. Oliver.