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Fatal Shooting by Guardsman Probed By State

Do You Know OFF THE CUFF

That according to Mrs. Annie Anthony as bad as the accident toll is, more people are run down by gossip than by automobiles.

That Paul Morris up Centreville way opines: The boys and girls riding bicycles today will be behind the wheels of a high-powered automobile tomorrow. A program which helps to instill in them today the rules of safety will benefit them in later years when their vehicle is potentially a more deadly weapon.

That our trappers began unloading their muskrat pelts this week. Prices run from \$2.10 to \$2.20 each. One trapper with only a small marsh will sell for better than \$1,000 this season.

Blood Bank Established At Easton Hospital

The task of placing the Eastern Shore properly in preparation for the war emergency and the needs of the civilian population has been signally advanced by the establishment of a blood bank at the Emergency Hospital at Easton.

The apparatus and equipment necessary for the operation and maintenance of such a bank, as also for that of human plasma, is already installed, and Queen Anne's County has the honor of providing the first blood donor, in the person of Miss Marie McKenney, of Centreville.

The bank can now receive and take care of blood from three donors a day. Apparatus for this purpose, including refrigerator, the various containers and donor sets, have been tested and approved, and blood contributions from donors are invited.

The type of donor preferred is between the ages of 21 and 50. Good health is a requirement. No donor may eat for three hours before his blood is taken. Then the hospital gives food to replace the liquid blood taken. Appointments for donating blood must be made a day in advance, and can be arranged with Miss Johnson at the Emergency Hospital in Easton, who is the technician in charge. Appointments can also be made in Centreville through the A.W.V.S. office.

The value of such a blood bank on the Eastern Shore can scarcely be overstated. When its services are needed, the need is instant and urgent. Promptness and availability may mean the difference between life and death, especially in the case of patients suffering from shock, loss of blood or severe burns. The need may come at any time and this is the only blood bank on the Eastern Shore.

Its serviceability to the community will of course be measured by the amount of blood and plasma available for dispensation, and the funds which sustain the service. Plasma is an especially desirable feature at present for the reason that it can be used for any type of patient's blood, and, properly preserved and refrigerated, can be kept for two years.

An indication of the widespread use being currently made of the facilities of the Emergency Hospital by Eastern Shore folk is seen in its records of free patients cared for this past year. Of a total of approximately 9,600 free patient days recorded, Queen Anne's County used 1835 days, Dorchester used 324 days, Talbot used 4,625 days, Caroline used 2,569 days and Kent used 229 days.

To enable Queen Anne's County to contribute its share of the funds which will be needed to maintain the blood bank in future, a benefit movie for this purpose will be given at the Centreville Opera House on March 28th. Half of the proceeds from this movie will go toward supporting the blood bank and the other half for maintenance of the Mobile Kitchen, under the auspices of the American Woman's Voluntary Service.

PERSONALS FOLKS YOU KNOW

One of the greatest surprises of the season was Saturday when Miss Elizabeth Henry, editor of the Eastern Shore Times decided to take a matrimony trip with Richard Fuller Hall, Jr., headman of a Worcester Development Company. Best wishes Mr. and Mrs. Hall.

Mrs. Janet Smith, Superintendent of the Easton Emergency Hospital and Mrs. Royce Spring with two nurses aids, who have already completed their course, at the A. W. V. S. office, Centreville, Thursday, March 5, and explained the Nurses Aids course. These courses are given at the Hospital daily.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Aker, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thompson of Baltimore, were weekend guests of relatives at Meadowbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. William Doehring, and his sister, Miss Elizabeth Doehring, of Baltimore were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jester over the weekend.

Mr. Hiram G. Dudley, Jr., who a few months ago removed from Mills Heights, near town, to Baltimore, were among the many victims who violated the blackout orders of Baltimore. He was placed under \$500 bail.

Mr. John Embert, who is now in the Navy at Washington, D. C. spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. James F. Boyles and Mrs. Ann Embert.

That you Mr. Voter don't forget that you must register if you want to vote this year, as we have a new registration and every person must register. Our soldier boys names will transcribed from the old books to the new books.

Effort being Made to Have Sugar For home Canning

Every effort is being made to have sugar available for home canning this summer, Mr. Louis C. Burr, State Rationing Administrator, reported.

This assurance was made by A. E. Bowman, chief of the sugar section of the War production Board, who stated that, "In our monthly allocations of refined sugar we are taking into account the sugar that will be needed for home canning."

"While the supply may be somewhat limited, just as the supply for daily consumption is already limited, it will be sufficient to enable housewives to can what they need. It was indicated that some housewives are buying more sugar than they need for normal consumption with the explanation that they want to be sure to have a supply on hand for some canning next summer. Such buying is not only unnecessary but also unwise, because it aggravates a situation that is already difficult.

In this connection, it should be remembered that granulated sugar will harden and cake and will begin to deteriorate in quality within 3 months after its purchase under ordinary household storage conditions.

CURB PUT ON GOOSE AND DUCK FEATHERS

Use of goose and duck feathers has been restricted to war orders, mainly for army sleeping bags.

An order of the War Production Board prohibited manufacturers and dealers having goose and duck feathers on hand from using them for civilian goods, even to fill orders already received, because "army and navy needs far exceed the production."

Supplies in the hands of dealers and manufacturers will be taken over to make up the shortage.

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

Piney Neck Tips

Del K. Phillips of Baltimore, has purchased the home of the late Moe Messing, beautifully situated on Jackson's creek.

To have one of our good citizens, Ike Baker, hailed before Police Justice Robinson for violating the hunting law while he was helping to save our wild game. It seems that dogs had about destroyed all the muskrat houses on Cedar Point, and Tom Carey, the caretaker for a Baltimore Hunting Club, which rent the land, asked Ike to take his gun and kill off the dogs. It is not known if Tom furnished Ike the ammunition, but he as it may, Ike shot a section of a box of shells but had no dogs to show for his aim. The kind hearted Justice released the \$50 fine and only taxed Ike the cost of \$2.50 which should be paid by the game Wardens as Ike was only helping them out in preserving our game supply.

Our community can furnish as much gossip as any village on the Shore. The sad shooting affair at the Narrows put our gossip mills working overtime, but the latest is that one of our high flying young men had two girls under his wings and decided to get married and it seemed that he married the wrong girl as the other has him under \$1,000 bond for what may soon happen.

It is lucky for our citizens near the Narrows that they have plenty of sand handy to save their hoine from stray bullets.

Little Eugene Avery is ill with measles at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Knox. This crop of measles is not setting so sweet on Gene as he was only on a visit to help tit the milking cows.

Mrs. Ruth Benny and son, William, Jr., are resting easy at their home. The other three who were in an automobile accident near town a few weeks ago, William Benny and two daughters, Harlene, 5, and Brenda Ruth, 19 months, will have to remain a few more days at the Easton Emergency Hospital.

HIGDON—SMITH

Miss Emma Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Smith and George Higdon, both of this vicinity, were married at the parsonage of Stevensville Methodist Church, last Saturday night, Rev. George Last performing the ceremony. They were attended by Miss Merrick of Perry's Corner and Victor Burns Hoffman of Baltimore. After the wedding the bridal party were entertained by the bride's parents.

They will reside in Baltimore where the groom is working. The groom is a graduate of Centreville High School.

Churches Offer Protection

Catholic, Episcopal and Methodist clergy have mapped Queen Anne's county into fifteen "disaster areas," each with a clergyman in charge, to function in an emergency.

Parish houses, church houses and other rooms have already been obtained for emergency use as shelters and feeding centers, said the Rev. Thomas Donaldson, president of the ministerial fellowship. He is chairman of the subcommittee on food, shelter and clothing of the Red Cross disaster group and is taking a leading role in the formation of the clerical setup.

EMPLOYEES WANTED

The Kent Defense Corporation soon expects to commence operations. All who are desirous of securing employment at The Kent Defense Corporation plant should at once register with Mr. Charles E. Eshman, its Personnel Director, Chestertown, Maryland.

Mr. Eshman desires a list of all registrants at once so that he may formulate his shifts to be used when work starts. He will advise you as to this later.

Who's Who In Political Circles

Well, the beautiful day Sunday—snow and rain—kept Mike housed and with no chance to prow around and pick up the political doings. But the crop of mocking birds at Meadowbrook made the day pass very pleasantly, but Mike had to put on his thinking cap and this is about all he could write:

WE Old Line Democrats are always on the job and if you will notice WE cutout The News from the Delinquents List and gave both issues to the Record in the hope the Record would have a change of heart and come out and back our candidate for the Senate, Dr. John W. Crowl. This is not asking too much as WE old Liners have taken care of the Record and practically ignored The News from receiving any pay check. While the Record is non-political and the News claims to be "A Democratic Paper," WE hope to be able to make The News prove where it stands so that WE can give it a share of the patronage as WE only have two papers in the county and WE have decided to give them both a slice of the patronage as our sister county Kent has three papers and they each get a slice of the patronage.

The many friends of James T. Smith, better known as Flicker, is boosting him for the Legislature, as he knows the interest of the watermen and the farmer, including chicken raisers. They claim he would make a sweep as he is known from Kent Point to Crumpton as he was a stock dealer for many years and knows the farmers interest as well as the watermen. He has made a success of every enterprise he has branched out in and his friends can't see why he can't make a go in the Legislature. He is affiliated as a Democrat and has always been found on the firing line, both in the primaries and general election. Let's all whoop'er up for Flicker!

The Big Boys are having a hard time to get Mayor Howard Jackson declare himself a candidate for the Governor of our grand state. But the Mayor did take time to be interviewed by a reporter and this is what he gave out for voters to digest:

What the Mayor said, in effect, was that if conditions warrant and if the support necessary to oppose Governor O'Connor materializes, he will endeavor to gratify his ambition to be the State's Chief Executive.

However, he pointed out that he is Mayor of a great metropolis in a still developing war-and head of its organized forces for protection against air attack and, for the time being at least, he must devote his full energies to directing the protective agencies through their formative stages.

If necessary, the Mayor further let it be known, he will sacrifice his ambitions rather than jeopardize the effective completion of plans for the greatest possible protection for Baltimore and the metropolitan area.

This was the Mayor's response to continuing pressure that he forth with announce whether he intends to oppose as a candidate Governor O'Connor's nomination for a second term—a pressure exerted by the Mayor's political backers of long standing and Democrats throughout the State who have broken with the O'Connor administration.

"But very frankly, as great as my ambition to be Governor, I have something more to think about and devote my time to at present. "First, I am Mayor of Baltimore. We are in war. Second, and more important than the job of Mayor at present, is my obligation and responsibility as director of Civilian Defense for Baltimore city and coordinator for the metropolitan area, and to the job of Mayor and my work as Civilian Defense director and coordinator, I am going to devote all of my time for the present, without any thought of the Governorship or anything else that would influence me in any decision that I may have to take."

Elwood Stevens Killed by Guardman at the Narrows Bridge

A military board of inquiry met in the armory Centreville Tuesday morning to investigate the fatal shooting early Monday morning of Herman Elwood Stevens, 19-year old resident of Chester, by a State Guard sentry at the Kent Narrows bridge.

Governor O'Connor, who announced the board meeting after Brig. Gen. Dwight H. Mohr, commanding the State Guard, had visited the scene of the shooting, also said Private George Melvin Faulkner, 20, of Easton, who fired on Stevens, "will be detained by State Guard officers. Meanwhile, Lemuel A. Thompson, 19, of Chester, Stevens' companion at the time of the fatality, was prostrated at his home.

Thompson, who asserted he was hazy about many of the facts surrounding the shooting, said, however, that "no one called to us," referring to his impression that he and Stevens were not challenged by a guard.

The scene was within a short distance of two attacks on State Guard patrolling the Kent Narrows bridge late last week.

A guard, Private Christian Gernert, was fired on at 6 a. m. last Thursday by a man who escaped. At 1 a. m. Saturday, Private Wesley Mulligan and William Starkey were shot at as they emerged from an illuminated guardhouse.

The man who fired on Privates Mulligan and Starkey, in escaping, had to cross the exact spot where young Stevens was killed, it was pointed out.

Governor O'Connor, acting as commander in chief of the armed forces of the State, issued the following statement:

"I have been advised officially of the fatality that occurred near the Kent Narrows bridge early Monday morning, in which Private Geo. Melvin Faulkner, while in the discharge of his duty, gave a command to halt to persons approaching in an automobile, according to the report submitted to me by the Adjutant General of Maryland.

"According to Private Faulkner's statement to his superior officers, the occupants of the car jumped out and ran, refusing to obey the command of the sentry. Private Faulkner then fired.

"According to the report made to me, of previous incidents had occurred near the bridge in the past few days, as a result of which extra precautions were being taken at the post to which Private Faulkner was assigned.

"Meanwhile, Private Faulkner was bedetained by State Guard Officers."

There were reports here that Private Faulkner was taken to Annapolis by General Mohr had made his local investigation. At the general's headquarters in Baltimore it was said, however, no statement would be issued. Inquiries were referred to Governor O'Connor's statement.

At State Guard headquarters it was said the inquiry Tuesday was behind closed doors and a report would be made to the Governor. The board of inquiry will not make public its findings, it was said.

Young Thompson, who was in bed Monday on the verge of nervous collapse, told how he and Stevens in Thompson's automobile happened on the side road, off Route 404 leading from the Matapeake ferry.

"We were coming from Grasonville when we had taken a couple of friends, and when we came toward Chester we saw a green car parked off the road," Thompson said.

"We thought it was a friend, and we were going to tease him. We found the car was a green Ford instead of the Green Mercury of our friend.

"I backed up to come out of the road, and all of a sudden I heard a couple of shots; it was night and some of the shots might have been echoes.

"Things happened so fast that I am not sure of everything. I got out of the car, but I don't know which door.

"Elwood got out of the car and called out. I ran around the car and thought Elwood was playing. I called out and couldn't get an answer.

"I didn't see the guard at any time then. Nobody called to us to stop. I didn't know what was happening. I was shaking from fear.

"I left Elwood there and I ran up the road to Kelley's garage (about half a mile distant) when a car came along. I waved, the car slowed down and then went on. Then Ralph Baker, Jr., of Grasonville, stopped. Baker felt Elwood's pulse and said it was weak. He was still bleeding.

"We took Elwood to the Easton Hospital. But I remember that when I went back to Elwood with Baker, before we started on the hospital, I was surprised to see a guard there."

Stevens, shot in the neck, was pronounced dead on arrival at the Easton Hospital. Thompson said "he died in my arms."

Stevens was described by neighbors as "a good, church-going boy with no bad habits."

It was disclosed that no publicity was given to the Thursday and Saturday shootings because county investigators wanted none as they probed the attempts on State Guard The shooting of young Stevens Monday morning, however, brought to light details of these attacks on Guards.

About 6 o'clock Thursday morning Private Gernert, going on duty at the west end of the Narrows bridge, opened the door of a small lighted guardhouse.

Instantly a bullet whizzed past his head, embedding itself in a wall opposite the door. Authorities believe it was fired from an opposite embankment. At this point there are two embankments, one for the railroad and another for the highway, with a marsh between.

The man who fired the shot disappeared in a nearby wood. Authorities explained the nearest house was a half mile from the bridge across the Narrows.

Between 1 and 2 a. m. Saturday Privates Mulligan and Starkey were on duty at the draw of the bridge. A man on one of the embankments fired at the sentries who saw him before he disappeared in the marshland. The shooters was not more than 150 yards away when he fired officials reported.

The sentries fired over his head once before he made his escape. And in escaping, it was said, this man crossed the spot where young Stevens was killed.

Are Banks Exempted?

When Mike scolded the above wording in an answer to a Price correspondent, little did he think it would be another Pearl Harbor scene! But when Mike was called from a bunch of friends at Marie's Luncheonette by Washington Irving Tuttle and grabbed in the shirt collar, Mike thought one of the Japs had escaped. As a matter-of-fact Mike thought when he was called with Harry F. Roberts, that Tut had just returned from Centreville with a fresh quart of "Calvert Special," and wanted us to join him in a social glass. But, instead, as soon as

Mike poked his nose out of the door he was grabbed and informed by Tut that he was "Cashier of the Queenstown Bank"—Valuable information for a dumbbell as Mike.

Mike withered under the terrible pain, and thinking of his few remaining grey locks and to save his face from being made a punching bag, thought it best to bend a knee to atone for his wrong doings. The grip was released and then they parted—without kissing. Sheriff Coursey arrived just two minutes and twenty seconds too late to witness an old man passing out of the picture.