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## Blue Cross Membership County-Wide May 1

### Do You Know OFF THE CUFF

That a heading in the Worcester Democrat, reads: "Tired Population to Work or Fight." It seems that Worcester county, like Queen Anne's county, has a crop of tired folk who has been suffering with an over dose of chronic lassitude.

That the Queenstown Boy Scouts have taken up Morse Code with flashlights to supplement the present communication system in emergency. The work is being conducted in conjunction with the Coast Board Reserve under Allan B. Lane, of Centreville.

That Ray Turner, a farmer near Henderson, reports a sow that gave birth to 17 pigs. It would take about 50 sows of the same strain to keep Fritz Roser's pork packing plant running.

That effective Monday, April 6, the barbers of Centreville will charge 20 cents for all shaves.

That many towns on the shore are passing ordinances compelling bicycle riders to comply with the traffic law the same as autos. This was brought about on account of the ban on auto tires.

That Leon Henderson is beginning to crack down on the rent profiteering that has already appeared all over the country, especially in areas with war factories. A number of States have introduced rent-control laws similar to those of the last war. There is no doubt that rents must be kept from roaring out of sight and that the law is the only way to do it. We hope the administrators will not be too narrow in their interpretation of a "defense area". With new buildings now practically at a standstill, housing will be tight and skyrocketing rents will be an inflationary factor.

That one of our nalkke orators in his effort to tell a thread worn story was frequently interrupted and finally belittled out at the top of his voice: "Everytime I open my mouth a silly folk speaks."

### "Work or Fight" Has New Mark

The Monday morning 'hangover' Friday became target No. 2 in Queen Anne's county "work-or-fight" campaign.

Broadening of the campaign, thus far successful in putting the county's chronic idlers to work, was made in an attempt to eliminate the practice of the farm hand who spends Monday resting up from a strenuous weekend with the bottle.

In the first phase of the drive to ease the wartime farm-labor shortage, about one hundred men were put to work on farms and in civilian defense jobs when State's Attorney John Palmer Smith threatened to prosecute on charges of vagrancy.

"The practice of farm hands getting intoxicated over the weekend, coming to Centreville and other towns and not getting back to their homes on farms before Tuesday has to be broken up," declared Magistrate Melvin H. Robinson. "It is an old custom here, but it has been getting worse, because wages are better and men with more money in their pockets use more time hanging around.

Robinson said he had received complaints from twenty-five county farmers. Four farmhands were fined on charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct and one proprietor of a loafing place, previously warned, was sentenced to sixty days in jail for maintaining a disorderly house and public nuisance.

Operators of establishments in several sections have been warned by Sheriff Edward E. Coursey not to harbor hangover loafers.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Garbage will be collected in Queenstown, each and every Monday morning.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS

### PERSONALS FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mrs. Mabel Thomas of College Park, spent the weekend with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Swann of Bloomingdale.

Mr. Richard E. Greeves who fell in the deep hole at the railroad junction while on his way home Saturday night, March 20, has been housed with a bad cold for several days will be able to visit his old pals in town this Saturday evening. He remained in the icy water for thirty minutes before he was able to extricate himself. He had a half-mile to go, before reaching the home of his brother, Mr. Albert Greeves, where he is employed as headman. His many friends will be glad to learn that his unexpected bath was not serious.

### New Vehicle Tags Cause Confusion

Walter Lee Elgin, commissioner of motor vehicles, has a new problem on his hands this year—trying to persuade motorists to keep the small metal marker issued for 1942-43 license once they get them.

Hundreds of motorists have returned the small tags to the commissioner's office with the complaint that the serial number on the tags did not correspond with the license plate issued last year.

Similar complaints have swamped the telephone switchboard at the Guilford avenue headquarters.

Yesterday officials at the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles explained that the serial numbers on the small tags were not supposed to correspond with the numbers on the larger plates issued last year.

The serial numbers will correspond, however, to the numbers on the new registration cards.

It was admitted that the small markers could be more readily stolen than the larger plates, and also that the small tags would be harder to recover since the serial numbers are only a quarter of an inch long.

The commissioner's only advice on this problem was to bolt the tags on securely.

### Shore Tercentenary Tentative Program

A tentative program for the tercentenary celebration for the Eastern Shore of Maryland, scheduled for August 1, was announced yesterday by Dr. Esther M. Dele, general chairman.

Dr. Dole said abandonment of plans was considered at the outbreak of the war, but further investigation led the committee to minimize the program and continue with the event.

Gov. Herbert R. O'Connor has endorsed the celebration and offered his cooperation.

The program calls for addresses by Governor O'Connor and the British Ambassador or some member of the British legation and greetings from representatives of the nine Shore counties. An historical are exhibit and a Colonial costume ball in the Armory at Chestertown are also tentatively scheduled.

### EVERETT S. THOMPSON

Everette S. Thompson of Cecil county, who had charge of the prison camps throughout the State, died suddenly at his apartment in Baltimore, Tuesday night. The deceased was well-known in Queen Anne's where he was a frequent visitor to the prison camp on Kent Island.

**TWO WATER FRONT BUNGALOWS FOR SALE**—5 and 7 rooms. Situated on Winchester Creek. 1/2 acre of land each. Apply to ERNEST BURNS, Grasonville, Md.

**BOARD WANTED**—For 2 boys, age 3 and 5. Information upon request. Preferable where there is no other children. Apply to The News office or phone 2161 Queenstown.

### Government Officials At Dedication of Defense Plant

Declaring the ceremonies "a cause for congratulations to the people of this whole area," Governor Herbert R. O'Connor officiated Thursday at the dedication ceremonies of the new plant of the Kent Defense Corporation. Senator Arthur H. Brice, of Betterton, President of the Maryland Senate assisted the Governor in the dedication.

"The most important aspect of this new plant, of course," Governor O'Connor declared, "is that it helps to expand the already tremendous contribution that is being made by Maryland to the war effort of our Nation. The industry of which it is a subsidiary has done remarkable work in expanding to meet the increased demands upon it. No doubt some of you were present at Elkton some months ago when we participated in the award of a Naval Insignia to the Triumph Plant for specially meritorious work in production. Knowing the people of this community and being fully aware of the spirit of enterprise and patriotism here, I feel it safe to predict that there will be general satisfaction with the out-put here, and that this plant will quickly take its place among the most efficient of its type in our land.

"There is a second consideration involved, too, that is of major importance to all the residents of this vicinity. This plant, production in which will be stepped up, as I understand, to top production as quickly as possible, will provide work for many people in this neighborhood. It will bring back here some of the residents who have been compelled heretofore to go to Elkton for employment. Furthermore, it will add greatly to the amount of money in circulation and will, therefore, do much to help adjust the economic situation which has been disturbed by many factors since the war began.

"It is generally agreed, and I believe the highest officials in Washington will heartily endorse the statement, that the greater the distribution of our war effort among the various communities of our Nation, the more effective the results, and the more widespread the benefits to the personnel employed. Americans generally are so accustomed to thinking in terms of large industry that the fact has been more or less generally overlooked that all the large industries combined can never hope to supply the million-and-one war essentials that our valiant fighting forces will need."

### Moffett Donates Land To Agriculture Organization

Queen Anne's County, through the generosity of one of its citizens, is to have a permanent site for agricultural activities. The land, approximately twenty-three acres, has been presented to the Extension Service and County Commissioners of the county by Mr. George M. Moffett. The site selected is about three miles southwest of Centreville, on the north side of the road from Centreville to Queenstown, and is a part of the "White House Farm."

For many years, this project has been discussed, and everyone has agreed that Queen Anne's County should have a permanent location for agricultural organizations activities but until last Fall little was done about actually acquiring it. At the time, 4-H Club leaders, and members, organized a committee for this purpose, feeling that more than ever an exhibition ground was needed to further their expanding program and aims in the County.

Mr. Moffett presented the land to Dr. James W. Crowl and J. Walter Eby as the representatives of the County Commissioners and the Extension Service. The land will be deeded to the County.

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

### To Stress Need of Saving tires-Gasoline

An extensive educational program to stress the necessity of reduced maximum speeds on the highways and the urgency of careful operation of automobiles to prolong the life of tires and conservation of gasoline, was recommended by the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission to Governor Herbert R. O'Connor. The Commission also gave assurance of full cooperation in the program suggested in Governor O'Connor's proclamation which was recently published to conform with the request of President Roosevelt for a national maximum speed reduction.

The Commission will devise plans for constantly reminding the motorists of his patriotic duty to conserve rubber and motor fuels by lower speeds. It has been scientifically proved that slow driving decreases tire wear by high percentages.

Complete cooperation by the motoring public will insure their having motor vehicles available for use for a much longer period of time if they will adopt these simple expedients. Care now will forestall drastic regulations which might become necessary otherwise. Any such compulsory regulations which might constitute serious rationing would disrupt our present standards of living and deprive the public of the convenience that has long been derived from the automobile.

One of the measures adopted by the State Safety Commission was to suggest to the public that they double up on the use of their automobiles by grouping rides with neighbors. This would serve two purposes, reduce the wear of individually-owned vehicles and relieve the present congestion on the highways which is a factor that is delaying defense workers from getting to their work.

### Government Plans For More Peas-Tomatoes

A War Department announcement of plans for buying canned peas and tomatoes for the army fits into early Department of Agriculture programs for increasing the production of these vital vegetables. The War Department offers to pay a premium price for peas and tomatoes provided the packer agrees in turn to pass enough of the increase on to the farmer to bring production up to the requisite totals.

It is hoped to increase peas by 32 percent over the 1941 production, and tomatoes 18 percent. This means a total of 38,000,000 cases of peas as against 28,700,000 in 1941 and a total of 40,000,000 cases of tomatoes as against 34,000,000 in 1941. This is the over-all production, to meet our own army and civilian uses and the needs of the lease-lend program.

The government has agreed to buy, through the army or otherwise all packed peas and tomatoes offered to it up to November 1 and January 1, respectively. The price offered to packers of peas, about \$1.10 a dozen cans, is conditional on the payment by the canners to the growers of prices at least \$17.50 a ton more than the average price paid in the same locality in 1940. This is an increase of around thirty percent. The price offered to growers of tomatoes must be at least \$5 a ton more than the price paid in 1940. The average farm price for tomatoes in 1940 was \$11.73.—Baltimore Sun.

### FAILED TO BLACKOUT

The many friends of Hiram G. Dudley, Jr., better known as Herman Dudley, Jr., in Baltimore, escaped a heavy fine for not obeying the blackout in Baltimore, where he now resides, a few weeks ago. This is a synopsis of Herman's alibi: "Wife went to bed at 8:30! Got up later to listen to the radio. Had a fainting spell and turned on light to locate medicine. Wife was owner of the house and he was only janitor." Judge McLanahan pointed out that all occupants of the house is responsible and let Herman off with one buck fine.

### Who's Who In Political Circles

Sunday not only cut off the political gas, but Mike as well. Mike did venture out shortly after dinner and ran into an Oldliner and a Newdealer mapping out a get-to-gather program for both factions. Mike drifted around and overheard the two politicians discussing what they picked up from a bunch of goodsbox orators, who congregated every day when they were unable to work. One of the orators in commenting on The News outfit, remarked: "It is only a tear sheet, anybody could get out a paper as good as The News." The two politicians only smiled at the hot air, but thought of the old adage:

"Where ignorance is bliss, it's folly to be wise."

Well, the much thought of two P's (Pitch and Politics) was pulled off at the home of John W. Crowl's on schedule Tuesday night. The Centreville team composed of John W. Crowl, Grant Yates, John W. Perry and William Levertson, beat Queenstown outfit composed of Harry C. Reynolds, Joseph W. A. Evans, Milton Faulkner and Mike, eight games out of fourteen. Strange as it was not a single word was whispered about politics. Barring business a return game is scheduled at the home of Joseph W. A. Evans next Tuesday evening. While the Queens town flock suffered a defeat—nothing unusual—the service that mine host gave more than compensated.

Tuesday, Mike drifted around the courthouse, but he was unable to pick up but little news in the political line, although farmers and politicians were out in full swing as Sunday snowstorm put a stop to farming activities except the cow stable. Our old friend Percy Arrington was much in the picture advocating his candidacy for the Sheriff office. Percy will have a flock of contestants—only about thirteen. Another old friend Charlie Roe, a close neighbor of Percy, is still thinking serious of taking a dash for the same office. A few warm days will make the office seekers branch out and we hope to tell our readers who's who.

Capt. Jim Ruth, down Grasonville way, is not a candidate for any office, but he hopes to be on the winning side to have a chance for the captaincy of the police boat. Jimmie filled the position with much credit for a term.

Some one must have put a check on the Republican move in Queen Anne's to disrupt the few remaining white Republicans left. In the words of one of their staunchest workers, it was a "bonehead move."

It looks to us that the activity of States Attorney John Palmer Smith in rounding up the "work or fight" tribe ought to be a feather in his cap for election to the State's Attorney office. After the victims promise to go to work, John Palmer noses around to see that the victims are on the job instead of hanging around beer parlors or the dispensary.

### MARTIN HIGGINS DIES

Martin Higgins, three-times Mayor of Easton, and a man associated with the business, political, civic and social life of this Eastern Shore town for almost eighty years, died at his home Sunday. He was in his ninety-eighth year.

Although his mayoralty campaign were nonpartisan, Mr. Higgins was a Republican and was often chairman of the county campaign committees. He was a member of the Maryland House of Delegates in 1888, and chief clerk of the House of Delegates in 1896-1898. He was secretary of the Maryland Senate in 1898-1900.

**FOR RENT**—or on shares. Small waterfront farm on Jackson's creek. Apply to N. P. Corkran, Grasonville, Md.

### Blue Cross Membership Opens May 1

Statistics show that one family out of every five requires hospital care each year. On person out of every ten goes to the hospital each year. Illness and accidents are unpredictable—they play no favorites and strike without warning.

The Blue Cross Hospitalization plan, that system under which a number pays a small sum each month and receives hospital treatment when he or members of his family fall ill, started to function in Maryland November 1, 1937 with a blank page on which to write its accomplishments. There are now on its membership rolls 130,000 persons eighty-five per cent of whom are in Baltimore city or Baltimore county, the remaining fifteen per cent, being scattered all over the state.

Nearly every state in the Union now has its own Blue Cross Plan sponsored by the general hospitals. Throughout the U. S. over nine million persons or one out of every fourteen persons belong to the Blue Cross Plan.

Since the Plan is required by law to eliminate profit from its transactions, the reserve can be used only for one purpose—the benefit of his members.

The service is supervised by twelve directors representing the hospitals, the medical profession and the laity. They serve without compensation of any kind. They are:

Robert O. Bonnell, President, Public Bank of Maryland, past President, Baltimore Association of Commerce, Baltimore Community Fund.

E. Reid Caddy, Administrator, South Baltimore General Hospital, Secretary, Maryland District of Columbia Hospital Association.

Stewart B. Crawford, Superintendent, Maryland General Hospital.

Wetherbee Fort, M. D., Member, Baltimore City Medical Society, Secretary, Executive Committee of Staff of Hospital for Women of Maryland. William L. Galvin, Attorney at Law.

A. J. Lomas, M. D., Administrative Consultant to St. Agnes, St. Joseph's and Allegany Hospitals.

Charles W. Maxson, M. D., Director of Surgery, South Baltimore General Hospital.

Maurice C. Pincoffs, M. D., Professor of Medicine, University of Maryland, Chairman, Committee on Medical Care, State Planning Commission. Vice-President, Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland. Stanford Z. Rothschild, President, Sun Life Insurance Company of America.

Richard T. Shackelford, M. D., Secretary, Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland.

Winford H. Smith, M. D., Director Johns Hopkins Hospital, Past President, American Hospital Association.

As already announced, the Blue Cross plan will conduct a Queen Anne County-wide enrollment enabling any resident of the county to file application for single or family membership. The enrollment will open May 1st with headquarters at the Centreville National Bank.

### BENEFIT SHOW GRAND SUCCESS

The benefit show for the blood bank and mobile kitchen at the Centreville Opera House last Saturday afternoon was a grand success, netting \$1037. The show was sponsored by the ladies of the A. W. V. S.

That the unexpected eleven-inch snowstorm Sunday put electric and telephone poles out of commission throughout the county. Travelling was slow and dangerous. Telephone and electric men worked all day Sunday clearing the poles and wires from the highways. It will take weeks to repair the telephone damage.

That it looks to us some of our Congressmen had better get their political fences just a little attention if they want the newspapers to give them a lift. A late issue of the Congressional Record carries twenty-three pages of undelivered speeches—none of them concerning a paper shortage.