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Do You Know OFF THE CUFF

That Uncle Sam really need some of the pot crabbers near Pocomoke City, to put the Japs out of biz. When the State boat officer took a crab pot up a trick gun went off and the load going too close to the officer's head for comfort.

That "Pat" Murphy (not a Jew,) of Preston, claims to get 35 miles from a pint of gasoline from his washing machine engine attached to his bicycle. He has much on John Short of Laurel, Del., who lived at Queenstown for many years, who uses a washing machine motor to drive his sixteen foot bateau. Howard Melvin who was the guest of John Short, last Sunday, gave the motor a dash and he claims that the boat will make 33 miles on a quart of gasoline.

That the wise guys predicted that we would not have any crabs in Chester and Wye rivers this season, but "Chalk" Anthony said and proved different. He caught 31 nice soft crabs and 40 ripe peelers in our harbor in one hour and a-half. He sold the soft crabs at \$1.50 per dozen and the peelers at \$1.00 per dozen.

That Judge Bowens declares there is so much of this registering going on there's going to be a shortage of ink one of these days. It looks to us that this ink shortage has struck some of our delinquents already.

That our young friend, Spencer Wright, has figured it out that vacations are likely to be another of the casualties of war. But then, don't get yourself all worn out having a good time while off for your there is this compensation. If you annual "rest" you won't be too tired to do your work right for an extra week or so.

That according to Eddie Gillespie, investigation has failed to uncover confirmation of the rumor that, in the interest of rubber conservation, drives on the Chester Country Club, near Chestertown, golf courses will be limited to 50 feet. On the other hand, the unwritten rule that no golf ball may be considered lost until it stops rolling will be rigidly enforced.

That Brudd Embert, who has been home on a week's furlough, was telling his boy friends Saturday night, of his experiences while taking one of his best girls out for an airing. We stopped at a high class joint for lunch and the girl saw something on the menu with a fancy name and ordered it. To her surprise, it turned out to be three olives, three radishes, three prunes, two slices of tomatoes, a bit of lettuce and a spoonful of cottage cheese, with two slices of bread and a glass of milk, all for 60 cents. I ordered a chocolate soda to keep her from starving until breakfast.

That the recent heavy rains played havoc with our farmers barley, oats and wheat crop and farmers estimate that the damage will amount to at least 30 per cent loss. Combines and threshing rigs will be unable to move before the first of the week, providing we have no more rain after yesterday.

That we are at a lost to know why some of the warblers over the radio don't give the farmers the favorite song: "It ain't going to rain no mo."

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Theobald Hall, of Church Hill, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Laurietta, to P. F. C. J. Thomas Rhodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Rhodes, of Queenstown. Miss Hall is a graduate of the Church Hill High School and has been employed by the Friel Lumber Company for the past four years. P. F. Rhodes is a graduate of the Centerville High School and is now stationed at A. P. Hill, near Fredericksburg. No date has been set for the wedding.



WHAT'S A FLAG

What's a flag? What's the love of country for which it stands?

Maybe it begins with love of the land itself. It is the fog rolling in with the tide at Eastport, or through the Golden Gate and among the towers of San Francisco. It is the sun coming up behind the White mountains, over the Green, throwing a shining glory on Lake Champlain and above the Adirondacks. It is the storied Mississippi rolling swift and muddy past St. Louis, rolling past Cairo, pouring down past the levees of New Orleans. It is lazy noontide in the pines of Carolina, it is a sea of wheat rippling in western Kansas, it is the San Francisco peaks far north across the glowing nakedness of Arizona, it is the Grand Canyon and a little stream coming down out of a New England ridge, in which are trout.

It is men at work. It is the storm-tossed fishermen coming into Gloucester and Provincetown and Astoria. It is the farmer riding his great machine in the dust of harvest the dairyman going to the barn before sunrise, the lineman mending the broken wire, the miner drilling for the blast. It is the servants of fire in the murky splendor of Pittsburgh, between the Allegheny and the Mongongahela, the trucks running through the night, the locomotive

sick, freezing, starving at Valley Forge. It is the wagons and the men on foot going westward over the Great Plains. It is the settler hacking fiercely at the primeval forest on his new, his own lands. It is Thoreau at Walden Pond, Lincoln at Cooper Union, and Lee riding home from Appomattox. It is corruption and disgrace, answered always by men who would not let the flag lie in the dust, who have stood up in every generation to fight for the old ideals and the old rights, at risk of ruin or of life itself.

It is a great multitude of people on pilgrimage, common and ordinary people, charged with the usual human failings, yet filled with such a hope as never caught the imaginations and the hearts of any nation on earth before. The hope of liberty. The hope of justice. The hope of a land in which a man can stand straight, without fear, without rancor.

The land and the people and the flag—the land a continent, the people of every race, the flag a symbol of what humanity may aspire to when the wars are over and the barriers are down; to these each generation must be dedicated and consecrated anew, to defend with life itself, if need be, but, above all, in friendliness, in hope, in courage, to live for.—courtesy of the New York Times.

A Short Sketch About Chief Judge Collins

In 1940 all the members of the Kent County Bar and a majority of the lawyers in Cecil, Queen Anne's and Caroline Counties and many lawyers throughout the State endorsed Stephen R. Collins for appointment as Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland comprising the five counties of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, and Talbot. As a result of that endorsement he was appointed in November of 1940 to that position. He was born in Chestertown, Md., attended the public schools of Kent County, Washington College Preparatory School and graduated as valedictorian of his class at Washington College with an A. B. degree.

After over one year's service in the Army during the World War and employment by the du Pont Company of Wilmington, Del., and the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore, he entered the University of Maryland Law School from which he was graduated with an L. L. B. degree in 1925, having previously passed the

Maryland State Bar Examination one year before his graduation. Since that time he has been actively engaged in the practice of law on the Eastern Shore.

As a Democrat in 1926 he was elected State's Attorney for Kent County and served in that position for a period of twelve years. In the last two elections to that office he had no opposition either in the primary or general election. During the period of his practice of law he acquired one of the largest civil practices in this Circuit in all branches of the law which he relinquished to accept the Judicial appointment. Since November 1940, he has served as Chief Judge of this Circuit.

Mystery of the Faceless Girl—True Life Story

Exciting story from real life in which a noted author tells of the case of a murdered girl whose death sent four men to the gallows and six to prison, although her murders were never caught. Don't miss this unusual story in the July 12th issue of The American Weekly. The big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

Piney Neck Tips

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Warner had as their guests over the weekend the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Sampson, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dorrell and Mr. John Hoffman of Raspeberg of Baltimore.

Mr. Wilbur Smith who is doing defense work in Baltimore, spent the weekend with his family.

Joe Collier has still a bunch of that Southern hospitality in his old bones. He had a house warming the past weekend and entertained Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simms of Mt. Rainier, near Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Collier of Grasonville, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lucas of near Wye Mills. The Mayor is perfecting plans to entertain a flock of friends and relatives over the Fourth. It looks to us that the Mayor may be branching out for the Senate.

The many friends of Robert Walters were glad to see him home to spend the weekend. Robert is one of the guards at the Hayre de Grace bridge and he can only get a leave for the weekend every two weeks.

Who's Who In Political Circles

It was Mike's pleasure to attend the get-together meeting at the Centerville Hotel, Tuesday evening. The object of the meeting as Mike sees it was just what candidates to offer the New Dealers as the meeting was strictly Old Liners. The Old Liners want to control the Legislature delegates and two county Commissioners. In other words the Old Liners will still remain to be in the Drivers Seat. Senator Dudley G. Roe presided, but did not have a bed of roses as his own men made objections and even went so far as saying that WE would have to shift our Legislature candidates if we expected to get the vote of the watermen as the present setup didn't look good to him. A Committee of four—Old Liners and New Dealers, had a meeting Wednesday night in the hopes of getting together on a harmony ticket.

It looks to Mike that the stock of Joseph W. A. Evans for the Senate which was first thought to be only hot-air, is making the Old Liners setup and take notice. WE realize that Joe Evans is the friend of the watermen as his record will prove. Now that he has purchased two small farms there is no doubt that he will be strong for the farmer.

What made Joe's stock advance was Joe George getting out of the picture. If WE and THEY don't get together then Joe may change his mind and get in the picture.

Well, it was pleasing to Mike to shake the hands of his many friends at the political meeting in Centerville, Tuesday night. He noticed that there were enough candidates present to load two tickets. But he failed to see but one candidate for Sheriff, Percy Arrington. Of course as has been the custom for years neither faction will back the candidate for Sheriff. Of course, WE have promised several candidates in former elections to back them as WE needed their votes, but WE knew at the time WE made the promise that WE couldn't deliver the goods.

In a letter from Senator Dudley G. Roe, he stated that he would announce his candidacy for Congress, July 20. The latest flash from the political front is that the Senator will only have to fight the present incumbent, David G. Ward, and Leon Andrus. Looking over the newspapers of the Shore, Mike is wondering if Leon Andrus hasn't made a strong bid for their help in counties which have no candidates?

If the weatherman will give us fair and warmer weather for the Fourth. We feel sure that we will be able to give our readers a list of real candidates. Of course, if the harmony deal goes through it won't prevent other candidates from running Independent, provide they put up the price of admission.

EDITH M. GINSBERG

After being in bad health for the past two years, Miss Edith M. Ginsberg, passed away at her home in Queenstown, Monday morning at 8.15, age 40 years. She was the daughter of the late Morris and Jennie Ginsberg. She had the best medical attention of the State but the physicians gave her very little encouragement to ever be well. She has for the past several weeks suffered much pain and had only a week ago returned from a Baltimore hospital and never was able to leave her bed. She was under the care of a trained nurse. She was born and lived in Queenstown all of her life and had many warm personal friends. Her remains were forwarded to Baltimore Monday morning, where funeral services were held. Miss Ginsberg is survived by two brothers, Herman of Pittsburg, and Joe Ginsberg of Queenstown, and one sister, Miss Lottie Stein of Baltimore.

Insurance Commissioner Warns About Fireworks

The Fireworks Act now in effect is more stringent than the Rules and Regulations issued by the Insurance Commissioner last year as modified by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City. Under the law now in effect the term "Fireworks" means fireworks of any description, defined as follows: Firecrackers, squibs, rockets, sparklers, roman candles, torpedoes, bombs, grenades, fire-balls, signal lights and any combustible or explosive composition, or any substance or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation. It will be noticed that sparklers which were permitted under the Court's order last year are barred under the present law. No section of the State is exempt from the operation of the law.

Under the terms of the law any person possessing or discharging fireworks in violation of the provisions of the Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished for each offense by a fine of not more than \$50. Any person selling fireworks in violation of the provisions of the Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor—and shall be punished for each offense by a fine of not more than \$200. Under the new law the Insurance Commissioner has the power to seize and remove, at the expense of the owner, all fireworks possessed or sold in violation of this Act, and the ownership thereof shall be forfeited and the same shall be destroyed.

The Insurance Commissioner is authorized to grant special permits for display of fireworks in places where the discharge thereof will otherwise be legal. All applications for such permits for public display shall be made at least ten days in advance of the date of display and shall only be granted by the Insurance Commissioner after an investigation of the premises shall have determined that the display will not endanger the health or safety of persons in the locality or cause injury to property belonging to others. A surety bond with corporate surety to be approved by the Insurance Commissioner must be furnished not exceeding \$10,000.

Commissioner Gontum particularly calls the Fireworks Law to the attention of the County Commissioners, Police Department and Sheriffs of the State upon whom rests, to a large extent, the enforcement of the law.

Work Shortage In Canneries Seen

A possible serious shortage of canning factory workers in Maryland was forecast yesterday by the United States agricultural experiment station with an estimate that canners would require about 5,000 more employes than during the peak of the season last year.

Dr. S. H. DeVault and R. F. Burdette, of the experiment station, said a recent survey showed Maryland canning houses would employ about 11,000 workers during the first week in July, with labor requirements increasing each week until September 1 "when about 24,500 workers should be employed."

"At that time," the statement asserted, "canners and farmers will be competing for labor to pick and can tomatoes."

With a shortage of field workers already handicapped growers on the Eastern Shore, the added canning work contemplated presents a serious situation.

"Unless these workers can be recruited from outside the local area, canners may experience considerable difficulty in handling the tomato crop," DeVault and Burdette said.

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

A NEW MODERN HOME FOR SALE—Located on Meadowbrook avenue, Queenstown, with all city conveniences with garden. Priced right. Ben Howard, Queenstown.