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### Do You Know OFF THE CUFF

That talk about service, we received a letter Monday morning, addressed to our late father who passed away 35 years ago. The letter was postmarked Baltimore, October 28, 1942.

That reports from a Chestertown exchange is that the squirrel and fox crop of that section are losing their tails and look like rats. It is different in Queenstown and Centreville the crop of squirrels were never better and their fur is perfect to carry them over the winter.

That more than 70% of the \$25,000 men over 65 now eligible for federal old-age pensions have deferred their claims and stayed on the job. Another 24,000 who retired before Pearl Harbor have now dropped off pension rolls and returned to work.

That Hiddy Hammond down Wye Neck way, has located some missing advice when he asked: "What has become of the old fashioned doctor who, when his medicine did not work, recommended a sea voyage?"

That this is the way Elmer Anderson up Church Hill was seen the present day brotherly love: "Honest business is essential to every one of us. Any effort to injure business is an effort to injure each of us."

That with farmers throughout the county reporting good crops of corn, it is believed that Kennard Morris on the Friel Brothers farm adjoining town, will be up with the top notchers, as he harvested 201 barrels from 15 acres or a little over 70 bushels per acre. Kennard claims he has been using this same variety of corn for the past ten years and the yield has improved every year. He hopes to produce 75 bushels per acre next year.

That Buck Senseney of Stevensville, the champion birdhouse maker of Queen Anne's county, was barely eking out a living with an occasional sale. Then Jim Cockey suggested that he carve a few words over the door of his birdhouses, and now he has to call in Jimmie to keep up with his orders. The words: "To let—for a Song."

"Elsie" Jones of Chester, with a boy for culler, caught 87 bushels of oysters last Friday for which he received \$1.20 per bushel or \$104 or \$17.50 per hour. Not so bad for a young man who past the three score mile stone. "Elsie" claims he is not as good as when he was sweet 18. That an autoist bumped off a 200-pound hitch-hiker deer near Newark, which he kindly donated to the Wicomico Children's Home.

That to show everlasting respect for their son, the late J. Walter Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Andrew Mitchell of Ridgely, has leased ten acres of land to be known as "The J. Walter Mitchell Wild Life Refuge." The Wild Life Association of Ridgely will see that his memory is kept fresh in the minds of his many relatives and friends.

That the whipping post in the Kent county jail, Dover will be used for the first time in more than two years today, when two colored men will receive twenty lashes each as a part of their sentences for robbing a truck driver. In addition to the twenty lashes today they will receive another dressing off January 8. They also have a recess of three years in jail.

That women of the Shore have been asked to contribute any old fur coats in order that they may be used for jackets to protect service men from rough weather. The appeal is made by Volunteer Service Group of Civilian Defense. The fur is made into jackets for our Navy boys, as a protection against the elements.

### PERSONALS FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mrs. James T. Smith has returned home after spending several days in Baltimore on a Christmas shopping expedition.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley of Baltimore, have returned home after spending several days with his mother and two sisters, Mrs. Frank Bradley, Miss Rose Bradley and Mrs. Charles Barranco, Jr., on Meadowbrook avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Owens of Baltimore, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Samuel E. W. Friel Sr., of Bolingly and two brothers and sister-in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Friel, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Friel, Jr., whose homes adjoin Bolingly.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sweizer of Wilmington, Del., spent the weekend at their country home on Second avenue. They entertained a bunch of friends at a wild duck dinner on Sunday.

Mr. Roland Warner of Baltimore, is spending the past two weeks hunting in this section. Roland reports good bags every day. He will return home Sunday morning.

### OPA Demands Eating Data in Maryland

An order directing the operators of all eating places in Maryland to make inventories Tuesday and again on December 31 of practically all items used in their establishments was issued by Leo H. McCormick, State director of the Office of Price Administration, late Monday. The order also requires a record of the total number of meals served each day during the period.

Mr. McCormick said that the purpose of the inventories was to determine the amount of foodstuffs used in the thirty-one-day period. Some restaurant operators viewed the order as a preliminary to inauguration of a general rationing program.

Virtually no warning preceded the issuance of the regulation to operators of eating places and restaurateurs. It was released eight hours before midnight, when it became effective.

Hotels, restaurants, schools—private and public—hospitals, lunch counters, hot dog stands, drug store taverns and bars serving food, boarding houses and charity institutions of the OPA regulation.

Operators must also keep a record of purchases of the prescribed items in the 31-day period.

The initial inventory, Mr. McCormick said, would indicate whether any operators have been hoarding rationed articles and other scarce foodstuffs.

In announcing the new regulation, Mr. McCormick emphasized that "this is not just the matter of filling out a form but a matter made binding under the law and violators will be prosecuted criminally and will be subject to the penalties of the rationing regulations."

### Chance for "A" High School Graduat

Applications will be received from young lady high school graduates who were "A" students and from college graduates to enter training in or near Washington for highly confidential government work. These positions will pay \$1440.00 per annum while learning with future advancements according to ability, followed by a complete character and background investigation. This is an exceptional opportunity and interested persons are invited to write for application Form 57 to Frank L. M. Storm, Special Representative, Naval Training Station, Brainbridge, Maryland. No further information is available. Additional details will be given when interviewed.

That notwithstanding the close season on crabs our oystermen are still able to enjoy a mess any good working day.

### Piney Neck Tips

Sheriff Coursey and his family removed from Centreville to their home on the boulevard, last Saturday. Whilst the term of the Sheriff had not expired, he wanted to get settled before cold weather arrived. His commission as Register of Wills is expected to arrive about the 15th, along with other newly elected officers for the county. He and his family were as welcome as the flowers in May by our citizens.

Owing to contractors being unable to get hardware, very little building is going on and as a consequence, our sawmill men, Bailey and Collier have put up shutters until the material situation gets brighter and have sought work in other fields of hard labor.

The tools and stock of the late Jerry K. Wrightson was offered at public sale last Saturday and brought good prices. 4,000 feet of dressed kiln pine lumber, was purchased by Buck Greaves for \$110. Buck also purchased the little house 8 x 16 feet.

The ninety-five-acre farm of the late Frederick Aulback situated adjoining Perry's Corner, was purchased Tuesday by Joseph W. A. Evans, at Assignee's sale. The price paid was \$1,500. Joe expects to branch out in the dairy business in the near future, as the land is especially adapted for stock raising.

Our section was visited Tuesday night by a real summer time thunder storm with rain, vivid lightning and heavy thunder. It lasted about one hour when the wind howled from the northwest until morning.

Our hunters and oystermen are having the best ducking season for many seasons. Every day that our oystermen are unable to work they can be found on their favorite points banging away with good results. Rabbits and partridges—which are plentiful—fall prey to our hunters' gun and thus keep their meathouse stocked with plenty of wild game.

Senator Byrd of Virginia charges that the Government services are in fested with too many thumb-twiddlers. Mack Perry thinks there ought to be a rule against Government workers bringing along their portable radios.

On account of the gas and tire rationing our citizens are doing very little visiting. Of course the same prolific crop of gossip is much alive but it can't take in much territory.

Our merchants who ever ready and willing to serve their customers are unable to keep their shelf filled with the vitamin that is essential to hard working men and their families. The rationing of two and one-half pounds of meat a week will work hard on our people. This allowance would only make Bobby Bamberg a snack before retiring.

Everything along the Narrows line as far as the oyster packers and shuckers are concerned are running smoothly, but there is liable to be a breakout at any time.

Mrs. Frank Higdon has returned home after spending Thanksgiving with her son, Oakley and relatives in Baltimore. She was accompanied by her granddaughter, little Winnie Mae Jester. Winnie Mae has prepared a list of presents for Christmas that will make Santa Claus dig deep.

Jack Frost arrived Wednesday afternoon and brought with him a snow flurry that made our citizens take stock of their fuel crop. Our citizens who use fuel oil are the most concerned as those using wood and coal are ready for winter.

Mrs. Henry C. Beck and Mrs. William P. Turpin of near town are spending a few days at Hotel New Weston, New York. These ladies believe in doing their Christmas shopping early.

That all little folks are requested to prepare their letters for Santa Claus which will be published in The News in the issues of December 11, 18, and 23.

### Oyster Packers Plan WLB Appeal

Oyster packers at Kent Island and Kent Island Narrows, their business disrupted since Tuesday by a strike of approximately 200 shuckers, will appeal to the War Labor Board for assistance, State's Attorney John Palmer Smith announced yesterday. Smith said a committee representing the approximately half a dozen affected packers was expected to present the request for help in Washington.

At the same time, the Queen Anne's county State's Attorney reported three men had been arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and said they were given a hearing Monday night before Melvin H. Robinson, Centreville trial magistrate. The committee designated to convey the packers' appeal to the War Labor Board was composed of Gerald Harrington, Carroll W. Baxter and John R. Coursey.

Smith said the strike was called by the United Oystermen's Union (AFL) through Clyde Phillips, organizer, who demanded that the shuckers be paid on the basis of an eight-pint gallon rather than on the basis of the nine-pint "Maryland cup" as provided by State law.

The nine-pint cup was specified, Smith explained, because of the approximately one pint water loss in the "skimming" of oysters. The traditional payment has been 40 cents for the nine pints. The union demands 45 cents, Smith said.

The State's Attorney explained that the oyster packers took the position that any increase in wages immediately would be illegal for two reasons.

1. Such a rise would violate the Maryland law governing the standard oyster shuckers' cup. 2. It would have violated the freezing of wages and the regulation requiring prior approval of the War Labor Board for any increases.

The refusal to pay the increased wage was made prior to the calling of the strike, Smith related.

He added that some of the packers were filling Government orders and said tongs—those who bring in the oysters—were unable to work because the packers couldn't handle the loads.

### Queenstown Has A Prolific Crop

The Kent News, like other county papers have lost much advertising because the merchants has been unable to get the goods. This is the way the Kent News sees the picture:

"Every town has one of those merchants who sits back and lets the other merchants of the town do all the boosting for the community. He lets the boosters advertise and expects to profit from their promotion. How good a town is very often dependent upon the activity of its boosters. Just stop to think what kind of a town would the town be if all the merchants in it were like the merchant who never boosts the town and who never invites trade to the town through advertising his store. The merchants who boost the town thru advertising business to the town thru advertising deserves the business of the town. Without them the town would be a dead place."

The Kent News might have advanced another reason why some merchants don't advertise—they might violate the ceiling prices. A case in point: A farmer wanted several pair of rubber boots. He interviewed three merchants in different towns in our county with the result for the same grade of boots: \$7.95, \$6.85 and 5.85. It looks like one merchant ceiling caved in and he went to the roof. It these roof merchants had advertised their prices they might had an unexpected caller in John Law.

**NOTICE**  
Due to my lease expiring December 1, I must vacate the barber shop in The News Building, December 4, I will close my service to my many customers in Queenstown, who's patronage I certainly appreciated for the past 12 months. Jerry Skaggs will continue the barbering at every week evening from 5 to 9 o'clock.  
BUCK SENSENEY

### Maryland Rye Will Bait Jap Beetles

Drew Pearson who is credited with knowing the Maryland political game from A to Z is broadcasting the literature to many county newspapers. We give a short excerpt:

Despite the fact that the governor, himself, is a strict teetotaler it may be that a small private stock of Maryland rye or just plain alcohol will be kept in the gardner's quarters at Annapolis. But it will not be for consumption of any of the personnel. The stock will be kept for strictly patriotic reasons.

It seems that that lowly pest, the Japanese beetle, is a highly bilubulous bug and just can't resist a swig of o-be-joyful with its meals. This discovery was made and announced by Dr. George S. Langford of the University of Maryland. He recommends that a bit of grog be added to the trap bait as special inducement to get the bug into the parlor.

Political fence-mending is well under way in Baltimore City by both the followers of Mayor Howard Jackson and the governor's political pilot William Curran who saw a sizeable anticipated majority for Governor Herbert O'Connor dwindle away to nearly the vanishing point. Fence-building is also under way by Republican boss Galen Tait and his long-shot gubernatorial candidate Teddy Roosevelt McKeldin, who surprised everyone in the election, most of all himself.

And unless the signals, now agreed upon, are changed, the entente cordiale developed by Curran and Jackson for a so-called "perfumed" legislature, will be extended to include the Baltimore City council of suspicion as to who-did-what-to-whom in the election, the ancient enemies of Curran and Jackson will make common cause in purging city council just as they did the state legislature.

### Queenstown Boys In Service

The "Queenstown Lions Club" is compiling a list of Boys who are in Service, with the idea of erecting a suitable plaque, A "Queenstown Honor Roll."

The "Lions" do not want to miss a Boy and ask relatives of Boys in Service, who upon enlisting, gave their home address as, Queenstown, to drop a postcard giving his name and date of enlistment to, A. P. Silkworth, Lions Club, Queenstown.

The following is the list we now have:

- Charles Anthony,
- Thomas Anthony,
- Arthur Anthony,
- Charles Bishop,
- Thomas Blunt,
- Wendell Beecher,
- Elwood Collier,
- Orville Collier,
- Harmon Collier, Jr.,
- Frank Dudley, Jr.,
- John Embert,
- Clyde Embert, Jr.,
- Bill Greaves,
- Marion Golt,
- Leon Golt,
- Guy Harmon, Jr.,
- John E. Harrington,
- Roscoe Knox,
- Harry Lister,
- Cleveland Mansfield,
- Robert McClyments,
- Henry Melvin,
- Wilbur Morris, Jr.,
- Edward Nichols,
- Harry Onley,
- Herbert Pratt,
- George Pratt,
- Thomas Rhodes,
- Louis K. Rhodes, Jr.,
- Harry Rhodes,
- John Scheiberg,
- Carroll Sterling,
- Walter Schiffer,
- Edward Seward,
- Arnold Smith,
- Washington I. Tuttle, Jr.,
- Thomas White,
- Jack Watson,

**FOR RENT**—Five room bungalow with modern conveniences, bath, electric and garage on Benn avenue on the boulevard. Apply to B. Frank Smith, Queenstown, Md. or Phone 2181.

### McCormick on the Job For Poor Folks

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been saved Maryland residents and prices have been prevented from spiraling upward, through control of consumer goods by the office of Price Administration, Leo H. McCormick, State director said last night in reviewing price control in the State.

Since inception of the general maximum price regulation: Ten thousand stores have filled cost-of-living commodity lists with State OPA authorities.

Three thousand eight hundred retailers have been ordered to "roll back" prices to ceiling levels. Five thousand five hundred and ninety complaints of ceiling violations have been checked by OPA investigators, and violating retailers forced to comply.

Ninety-one per cent of the total businesses selling cost-of-living commodities in the State are now operating under price control regulations.

Because of this administrative control, Mr. McCormick reported, the cost-of-living index for Maryland for the first five months of control is lower than for the five months before the regulation was effected on May 15.

Nowhere in the State have food prices soared as in World War I, when, in some cases, food costs rose by 400 per cent, he said. If the same inflationary forces were allowed to exert themselves on today's prices, he said, a food bill would look something like this:

Sirloin steak, 98 cents a pound; sliced bacon, \$1 a pound; pork chops \$1 a pound; lard, 51 cents a pound; flour, 17 cents a pound; eggs, \$1.40 a dozen; butter, \$1.01 a pound; sugar, 35 cents a pound, and milk, 26 cents a quart.

1. Wear enough clothing of the right kind to keep reasonably warm in the circumstances under which we live or work, remembering that two light layers are better than one heavy one. Ankle should be kept warm and the arms covered.

2. Save fuel by heating the rooms we use and shutting off those not in use.

3. Provide house insulation (if possible) or at least weather stripping, storm doors or windows.

4. Operate on the broad basis that for comfort the minimum temperatures indoors are 60 degrees during active hours; 65 degrees during sedentary periods; 50 degrees for bedrooms; 70 degrees for bathrooms and dressing rooms. For rooms housing the old, infants, convalescents or the sick, a temperature of at least 70 degrees is recommended, with a relative humidity of 30 to 50 per cent.

5. Wear ample clothing outdoors reducing to the comfort level the moment you come inside. But the "comfort level" this year is going to require more clothing than it did last winter.

### Red Cross Surgical Dressing Work Room

The Red Cross will start a surgical Dressing Work Room in Queenstown on Wednesday, December 9th. Mrs. S. E. W. Friel, Sr., has most generously given rooms in her home "Bolingly" for this very necessary war work. The room will be open every Wednesday from 9 to 12 in the mornings and from 1 to 4 in the afternoons. The work is simple and we hope every woman in Queenstown will give as much of her time as possible to this worthy cause. The rules of the room are as follows: Do not come to work if you have a cold. The hair must be entirely covered with a bandana or some piece of washable material. Wear a wash dress or a long sleeve smock to cover wool dress or sweater. Hands must be washed before starting to work. A place for this has been arranged by Mrs. Friel.

Unable to get 12-gauge shells would like to hear from some hunter who has a good 10-gauge full choke, 32 or 34 inch barrels. M. W. Aker, Queenstown, Md.