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Queen Anne's Merchants Hold Down Ceiling

Do You Know OFF THE CUFF

That Deputy Game Warden, John W. Perry, must be taking life easy. He might do a little scouting around and get acquainted with what's going on along the waterfront.

That the hot, dry weather is good for our blacksmith as he is busy cutting tires for wagons and repairing wheels.

That Friel's cannery is running day and night to keep the tomato pack up to standard. Several truck loads of tomatoes are received nightly from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia. They receive about once a week truck loads from other southern States.

That you folks who are naxious to own a home of your own and have been saving money to that end can't afford to miss attending the sale of the Reamer property Saturday, Ad. in another column will give you particulars.

That some folks claim that it is a good thing that town sports can't get gunning shells as every day, when the law was open, they would hunt the field and woods and when the farmer was able to enjoy an afternoon sport his game would be shot up. Farmers and others claim that there never was as many rabbits, partridges and squirrels as this season.

That these cool days have encouraged our farmers to get busy cutting horse-rows preparatory to cutting corn and which all farmers report a good crop.

That everybody had a good time Labor Day. Some went fishing, picnicing and dothers entertainment. The weak beer dispensers through out the county sold out of beer before 10 o'clock Monday night. Beer was at a premium and those who took advantage to load up were letting it out at only 30 cents per bottle with no extra charge for dancing.

That a farmer of Kent who last week started picking his ten-acre patch of tomatoes has already delivered 60 tons for which he received \$1800. This ought to make our farmers think deep to have Kent county follow the suit of a Talbot county farmer and put our county to rout.

That Johnnie Jones is a lucky guy as far as making money is concerned. He's out early in the morning oystering catching 10 to 15 bushels of oysters for which he receives \$1.50 per and in the evening he tries his luck at trolling and has for several evenings succeeded in landing better than 50 pounds of nice rock fish for which he receives 25 cents per pound.

That "Chalk" Anthony and his crew made a haul off of Black Duck Monday evening and landed 1485 pounds of rock for which they received 22 cents per pound.

That our merchants and business men to show respect for Labor Day, closed their places of business in the afternoon to look after their Victory garden.

That the Federalsburg Times is in a class by itself among Shore newspapers. A special edition last Saturday contained photos and descriptions of all of Caroline boys and girls in Uncle Sam's service. Great work Mac.

That it was a luck trick for Dick Greaves that he was strong on his story. He met so many nice gals over the Labor Day holidays and one of them gave him her telephone number to call her up. Dick forgot the number but he remembered that she said it was the same as his year. Patrick Henry delivered his famous "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech and Dick remembered it was 1775. He made the call.

PERSONALS FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. Milton (Buck) Kaufman who has been driving a beer truck for Joseph W. A. Evans, since beer came back, had to resign his position on account of heavy work and no help and his declining years.

Miss Marian White, who has been in bad health for several months, is now a patient at Easton Emergency Hospital for treatment. Her many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Walter Stevens of Baltimore was the guest of Meadowbrook over the Labor Day holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Blake of Wilmington, Del., spent the weekend and Labor Day with Mr. and Mrs. Buck Kaufman and family. They report a nice string of large rock fish to take home. Tom recently purchased a nice yacht with sleeping quarters for four and was able to remain on the fishing rock all night if the fish were biting.

That we were partly right, or you might say we were right and we were wrong, in writing up the accident of Mrs. Elizabeth Lane Potts. It seems from her conversation over the phone that she wants to drop the Smith part and perhaps the Potts end and go back to her maiden name. Another bad break for us was the lady was returning from the Dominion and it was only 9 o'clock instead of 10. It is a pity that newspaper men have to correct their errors while others can use a lead pencil. At any rate Justice Joe Holden thought she was a little reckless and lowered her down with a dollar fine and costs.

Rural Carrier Examination

Commission has announced an examination to fill the position of rural carrier at Queen Anne, Maryland. The examination will be held at Easton. Receipt of applications will close on September 21st, 1944.

The date of examinations will be slated on admission cards mailed to applicants after the close of receipt of applications, and will be about 15 days after that date. The salary of a rural carrier on a standard route of 30 miles server daily except Sunday is \$1,800* per annum with an additional \$20 per mile per annum for each mile or major fraction thereof in excess of 30 miles. Certain allowances are also made for the maintenance of equipment. The examination will be open only to citizens who are actually residing in the territory of the post office where the vacancy exists who have been actually residing there for six months next preceding the closing date for receipt of applications, and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form 1977. Both men and women, if qualified, may enter this examination, but appointing officers have the legal right to specify the sex desired in requesting certification or eligibles. Form 1977 and application blanks can be obtained from the agency office mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications must be on file with the Commission at Washington, D. C., prior to the close of business on the date specified above.

*All regular, full-time rural carriers receive additional compensation at the rate of \$300 per annum. Temporary, substitutes, and auxiliary rural carriers and rural carriers serving one tri-weekly route receive and increase of 15 percent of their earned basic compensation, but such increase in compensation will not in any case exceed an average of \$25 a month for the fiscal year or fractional part thereof. (Act of April 9, 1943.)

FOR SALE—Six room frame dwelling, attic, cement cellar, large porches, shade trees, garden and several out buildings. Convenient to stores and school. Apply to Mrs. Marry E. Diggins, Queen Anne, Md.

Piney Neck Tips

Our community was overloaded with city cousins for the weekend and Labor Day and some even fill out the week. Quite a few of our citizens are glad that Labor Day is the waning time for city cousins.

Our crabbers are still making good catches and other crabbers from nearby are using the crabbing grounds with good success. Four or five baskets a day is the catch. Plenty of peelers and soft crabs are to be had.

Our colored population—and a few whites—learning of the fate of Queenstown's colored tribe before Justice Joe Holden, have cut out shooting crap and gone back to a less exciting game—"Knucklebones"—use same action in playing as you do crap.

Cpl. Orville Collier of the U. S. Army, son of Mr. Joseph Collier of Bryantown, is home on a 21 day furlough. He was overseas for 29 months, and he says this little berg looked better to him than any place he has been. He has been spending most of his time visiting his brothers and sisters and his many relatives, also his many friends. He has quite an attraction at Washington, D. C. He expects to see her this week end. After his furlough he will go to a camp somewhere in the State of Maine.

Well, the OPA inspector found that our merchants were complying strictly with the ceiling law and as a rule were several points less than the ceiling. The U. S. Health Department Inspector took a good look at our packing houses and all the equipment used in giving the folks of the cities clean, sanitary oysters. This ought to prove to the most skeptic that our folks are strong for for church and want to live and let live.

We don't want to swell our head but we doubt if there is any town or other property have improved in value as has the Narrows. A few years ago the whole tract about fifty acres could have been bought for \$500 or less and today a small water front will cost you more. They have all the modern conveniences and a seafood restaurant—Fishermen's Inn—known all over the shore, and 10 oyster packing plants and a population of 300 souls.

Amos South, a new merchant, and one time considered among our best oystermen, claims that he can't get enough dresses to supply his trade. His wife now in the city in the hope of getting another supply so that Amos can use a little printer's ink to tell the folks the good stuff he has and the cellar price—no ceiling.

Our crabbers claim that they will continue the job as long as the run of crabs continue as it is safe when they can land 4 to 6 baskets a day at \$4.50 per and off duty at 10 o'clock.

It is strange that some women change their minds. Only a few weeks ago, Mrs. Hannah Davis and James Burns were to be united in marriage but she through different and Jimmie was all dolled up with no place to go except to his favorite beer tavern and tell his friends that he had been fooled by a grand old lady. They were married Saturday night several weeks ago, and are now enjoying married life as long ago as they both have made several trips on the matrimonial sea before. Best wishes that they may be happy companions.

That now the weatherman predicts a warm and hot September and October, Allen Walker, Health Inspector for the State, urges all to comply strictly with the law in reference to oysters. Packing houses to thoroughly sterilize the equipment, refrigeration at 50 degrees, guard against flies, keep everything clean including plenty of hand washing.

FOR SALE—36 ft. 8 ft. beam Deadrise, Model A Ford engine. Apply to Mrs. Marie Kaufman, Queenstown, Md.

Maryland Farm Front This Week

Government dairy production payments on September-October sales and until further notice will be 80 cents per hundred-weight of milk and 11 cents per pound of butterfat in Allegany, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery and Washington Counties and 70 cents for milk and 10 cents for butterfat in all other Maryland counties, the Maryland Agricultural Adjustment Agency, the State disbursing agency, reports. The eight counties granted the higher rates must meet higher production costs because of drought damage. The rates for the July-August period, now payable, are 45 cents for milk and 6 cents for butterfat.

Soybean Orders Protect Farmer

Oilseed processors will be subsidized this year if they pay government support prices to farmers for oil, seed and for meal for livestock soybeans harvested this year for feed, Joseph H. Blandford, chairman of the Maryland Agricultural Adjustment Agency, announced yesterday. Processors will not be required to contract with the Commodity Credit Corporation for all of their 1944 purchases and sales but their purchases of 1944-crop beans will be limited to their 1943-crop requirements. Safeguards will be erected by the War Food Administration to prevent buyers and processors from withholding for speculation soybeans needed for oil and meal.

MASTITIS IS UNDER ATTACK

The scourge of mastitis, which is doing more retarding of the efficiency of Maryland milk cows than any other bacterial organism, is in for some tough going. A committee on Maryland livestock conservation, composed of representatives of the University of Maryland and other agricultural agencies and groups, met at Baltimore last month and decided to initiate plans aimed at bringing about effective eradication of the milk saboteur.

After discussing a wide range of livestock feeding, sanitation, and management problems that are preventing farmers from making the greatest possible contribution to the war effort, the committee members singled out mastitis for their first attack. A special committee was appointed to investigate the situation and develop plans for the eradication.

Dr. A. L. Brueckner, acting state veterinarian, will serve as chairman of the committee, while other committee members will include: Floyd J. Arnold, Extension dairyman for the University of Maryland; Mylo S. Downey, state boys' 4-H Club agent, also of the University; and Dr. R. W. Shermantine, secretary-treasurer of the Maryland Dairy Association, Inc.

JERSEY SHOW ANNOUNCED

Breeders of Jersey cattle from all parts of Maryland are expected to exhibit some of their prize animals at a state show, sponsored by the Maryland Jersey Cattle Club, to be held September 9 at the McDonough School, west of Baltimore, it was announced this week by F. Henry Jones, of near Bethesda, chairman of the committee making arrangements for the show. University of Maryland Extension dairymen have been invited to take part in the day's events.

Ferry Set 4-Day Record

A record total of 5,207 automobiles and 526 trucks was transported by the Chesapeake Bay Ferry System during the four days ending Monday night, Governor O'Connor announced yesterday.

During the same period 22,280 passengers were transported, the Governor reported. Regular schedules were disregarded most of Saturday and Sunday so that needless waiting on either side of the bay could be eliminated.

MOTOR BOAT FOR SALE—45 ft. deadrise, fantail. Speedy. No engine. Price right. George Prouse, Queenstown, Md.

Soldier Vote May Hold Election Returns

Because 11 States will not count their soldier votes on election day, November 7, it is possible that the outcome of the 1944 Presidential election will remain in doubt for several weeks after the polls close.

Should the election be unusually close, the winner might not be known until as late as December 7 when the canvass of Nebraska's absentee vote could determine whether the State's seven electoral votes would be cast for President Roosevelt or Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

These possibilities grow out of a survey by the Associated Press which indicates that more than 2,000,000 men and women in the armed forces have applied for absentee ballots and that, by the most conservative estimates of state election officials, approximately twice that number will vote in November.

The soldier vote is likely to be decisive in most of the 11 States which do not immediately tabulate it, and the 11—including Pennsylvania with 36, California with 22 and Missouri with 15—have a combined electoral vote of 116. President Wilson's electoral margin over Charles E. Hughes in 1916 was only 23.

In Pennsylvania, where officials expect 200,000 to 300,000 soldier ballots, the absentee votes will be counted Nov. 22. "The votes of 100,000 to 125,000 persons could easily swing a close election," commented a member of Gov. Edward Martin's official family. "We may not know who has won until the absentee votes are counted."

California, whose Secretary of State predicts a service vote of 175,000 to 200,000, will not canvass it until November 24. Missouri, receiving more than 1,000 ballot applications daily, will start counting absentee votes the Friday after election day.

Of the States which will defer their soldier vote count, eight gave President Roosevelt a total of 99 electoral votes in 1940. The other three gave Wendell L. Willkie 17.

Men Over 25 Likely To Be Drafted

Selective service reported to Congress Friday that the armed forces estimated at an overall 11,417,000, can be kept at full strength without changing current draft policies, barring unforeseen military reverses.

This means, Col. Francis V. Kessling, Jr., informed the Senate and House Military committees, that if future induction calls remain constant, few men over 26 will be drafted during the remainder of this year.

During July, 83 per cent of the men inducted were between 18 and 26 he said.

While only 10,384,000 registrants had been inducted or enlisted up to August 1, Kessling reported, that total does not include non-registered enlisted men and women and registrants over 38 now in the army or the navy. It does however, include an estimated 1,500,000 separations from service.

Total army personnel, he added, can be assumed to be at least its goal of 7,700,000 while the navy recently announced its strength at approximately 3,717,000.

The House Military Committee released Kessling's report without comment, but several members said privately it confirmed their suspicions that there have been inducted an estimated 2,000,000 more men than were necessary.

STOVES TO LEAVE RATION LIST

Coal and wood burning stoves used for cooking and heating will be removed from rationing October 15, the War Production Board and the Office of Price Administration announced last night.

Rationing of oil and gas stoves will be continued, the agencies said, adding that supplies of these types "are not sufficient to permit unrestricted sales."

Queen Anne's Merchants Holding Down Ceiling

During August, 95 retail merchants were contacted by officials of the local War Price and Rationing Board. This includes all of the retail food outlets with the exception of restaurants. Of those contacted it was found that only 8 were violating the applicable ceiling prices. Quite a few were in violation as to the proper posting of effective regulations. By far the majority of these violations were caused by misunderstandings which have since been corrected.

The situation during July was equally as good. Of the 112 meat stores and restaurants contacted, only 4 were charging illegal prices.

During the two recent months during which these surveys were conducted, the violations have averaged only 6 per cent. According to Mr. Block, clerk of the Board, this is much better than is the case in any other section of the country for which similar data has been announced.

Retailers who overcharge are subject to suit by either the customer or the local Price Panel. Mr. Philip J. Hopkins, chairman of this Panel, reports that for unintentional overcharges, the OPA is empowered to bring suit for \$25.00 or the amount of the overcharge, whichever is greater. For intentional overcharges, OPA may sue for \$50 or three times the overcharge, whichever is greater. An effort will be made to settle all violations voluntarily through the local Price Panel. Where this is not possible, the enforcement staff of OPA will bring suit.

Wherever possible, overcharges will be recovered and paid back to the original customers. In instances where this cannot be done, the overcharges will be paid into the United States Treasury.

One instance of voluntarily settling an overcharge for recapping tires took effect this week.

With the proper cooperation of merchants and customers, Queen Anne's county can very well come up to 100 per cent compliance. Local Price Panel employees are trained in the proper interpretation of the regulations and it is felt that no merchant may now excuse himself with a plea of ignorance. With the clear posting of prices which is required, no consumer need be in question as to whether or not he has been overcharged.

Christmas Packages Mailed Overseas

Having reminded the public that the period for mailing Christmas gifts to men overseas is near and lasts only from September 15 to October 15, the Navy Mail Service urges relatives and friends of service personnel to be sensible in selecting the gifts.

Perishables positively will not be accepted, and the mailing of fragile foods and materials will be discouraged by all postmasters.

"It is important to realize," said a postal authority, "that the best gift is one that will be in a functioning condition when delivered."

He pulled out a letter from a Navy mail specialist in the South Pacific, written after last year's Christmas rush. It says:

"By the time the packages arrived here, any that were at all inclined to be perishable were thoroughly decomposed, not only spoiling all the contents of that package, but also damaging mail adjacent to it. "Only today we dumped a sack filled with wrecked contents of parcels that had come entirely part. There were rotten apples, decayed oranges, melted candy, and stale cake crumbs. This happens too often."

NOTICE

Beginning September 11, my restaurant will be open daily, except Sunday, from 8 a. m. until 10 p. m. Saturdays from 8 a. m. until 12 p. m.

MARIE'S LUNCHEONETTE

FOR RENT—6 room house, with water and bath. Apply to George E. Lane, Queenstown, Md.