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## Government Appeals To Home Owners Conversion Will Modify Need For New Local Construction

Every home provided for a defense worker's family through the use of existing properties makes unnecessary the construction of a new housing unit in Cecil County, states the Homes Registration Office of the Defense Council in a report just issued.

An appeal is made to owners to remodel and repair their properties to utilize vacant space as a means of modifying the need for Government-constructed houses promptly and economically. It is pointed out that there are three major reasons for property owners to cooperate in this effort. They will be contributing to the defense effort in a practical and effective way; they will derive new income from their properties, and they will improve the underlying value of those properties.

"Where new defense housing is needed, it must be provided," continued the report. "However, we can help meet the demand by a repair and modernization program. This is a defense job that is just as vital a part of the overall defense programs as any other."

"The National administration has recognized the importance of the program. The President has advanced \$100,000 from emergency funds to the Home Owners' Loan Corporation to add the services of architects and technicians to its regular staff. The HOLC, in turn, has placed these architects and technicians at the services Homes Registration Offices throughout the country."

"Cecil County home owners, with vacant space which can be turned into apartments, should apply to our office. Technicians will be supplied to advise them without charge on reconditioning possibilities, to give cost estimates and estimate the revenue they can obtain from the financing for these jobs."

"Further assistance in the form of plans, working drawings and supervision will be furnished, if property owners desire it, at a reasonable fee. Reimbursement to the property owners will come, of course from rent."

"This is a job that has to be done in every defense area in the country. Cecil County should do its part speedily as possible. Homes must be provided for the workers who are brought here to help in the defense effort."

The Homes Registration Office is located in the Recreation Room of the Court House. As it will be necessary to arrange for HOLC technicians to come to Elkton from Baltimore, all property owners interested in taking advantage of their services should make application at once.

## PERRYVILLE FIRE COMPANY ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual election of officers of the Perryville Fire Company, held Monday evening, October 6, the following were chosen: Thomas W. Reynolds, president; Frank E. Harris, vice president; Elmore H. Owens, secretary; Charles LeRoy Minker, assistant secretary; Dr. Harold R. Cooper, treasurer. The directors re-elected for a term of two years were: Dr. Harold R. Cooper, Elmore H. Owens, Frank E. Harris, Donald C. Cole, William W. Boyd, Wilton Owens. The hold-over directors being: Charles LeRoy Minker, Thos. W. Reynolds, Dr. J. F. Magraw, Robert H. McMullen, A. James Bramble and Wm. E. Baker.

The following subordinate officers were elected and re-elected for the ensuing year: Charles LeRoy Minker, chief; N. John Lawrence, assistant chief; C. John Thomas, captain; Lee H. Sentman, Lieut. of hosemen and ladder-men; Kenneth Boulden, Lieut. of chemicals; William Manlove, Lieut. of fire police; Robert H. McMullen, chief engineer; William W. Boyd, assistant engineer.

The company have named October 25th as their annual Tag or Donation Day. The tags to be distributed Saturday, October 18th and collected on the 25th. They are asking for a liberal donation this time since they have ordered a new fire engine from the U. S. Fire Apparatus Company. The order has been placed for a 750 gallon Hale Centrifugal Pump, to be mounted on an Auto car chassis, and delivered on or before January 1st next.

## Ladies Auxiliary Holds Hallowe'en Party

A very delightful Hallowe'en party was held on Monday evening in the Public Hall by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Community Fire Company of Rising Sun.

Thirty-six members and invited guests were present to enjoy the splendid program prepared for the evening's entertainment, embracing games and various other social diversions.

The room presented a pretty appearance with its Hallowe'en decorations and shaded lights. A number were in costumes, grotesque and fancy, and masked, and everyone present received favors appropriate to the occasion.

Mrs. Francis Kennard was awarded the prize for fancy costume and Mrs. H. S. Plummer the prize for grotesque costume. Refreshments consisting of cider, grape juice and cookies were served.

## Parent-Teacher Institute

The Cecil County Council of Parents and Teachers conducted an institute on the afternoon and evening on Tuesday, October 14, in the North East High school auditorium.

This institute was of value to parents and others interested in our schools. The recent State survey of schools was one of the main topics of discussion. Mrs. Buhlig, a representative from the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, and Mrs. G. R. Clements, president of our Maryland State Congress, were among the speakers on the afternoon and evening programs.

## SOLICITING FUNDS FOR NEW FIRE TRUCK

Community Fire Company Of Rising Sun Makes Appeal For Contributions

The members of the Community Fire Company of Rising Sun are making an appeal for funds for the purchase of a new pumper. Following the disastrous fire of June 13, 1921, when the town was without fire fighting equipment, and flames swept the garage and dwelling of Scott Wilson, and also destroyed the two-story brick Methodist church, steps were taken that night, at Chantanooga, which was being held here at the time, for the organization of a fire company.

The enthusiastic and generous support given by the entire community and countryside enabled the purchase of a big 600 gallon American La France pumper, at a cost of \$10,500. This engine was received here at Rising Sun on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 21st, 1922, the Water Witch Fire Co., of Port Deposit, receiving a similar fire engine at the same time, to replace its old steamer.

The present drive for funds by the Rising Sun firemen is for a piece of equipment to replace the engine which has seen valiant service since February, 1922, and which, while responding to a fire call on Thursday last, October 9th, broke a connecting rod, with damage resulting to the head, block and crank case. Due to the age of the fire truck it is impossible to secure parts with which to make necessary repairs.

As the Company does not have enough money to purchase a new fire engine the Directors at a special meeting on Friday, October 10th, decided to make an appeal for funds for a new piece of equipment. With the funds on hand, \$3,000 additional is needed to make the purchase.

Solicitors will call on Oct. 17 and 18 for contributions, and everyone is urged to contribute as generously as possible at this time.

This new truck is necessary if our residents are to receive proper fire protection.

## Property Owners File Protests

Twenty-four owners of land in the 5,000 acres adjacent to the Aberdeen Proving Ground Wednesday filed answers to the government's petition to condemn the area or were granted until November 10 to reply to the proceedings.

The War Department wants the land for use as a proving ground, the condemnation petition stated. The property owners complained that the government's offer for their land was too low and asked that a jury determine the value of the property.

## Sunday School Board

At the meeting of the Sunday School Board, on Monday evening last at the home of Miss A. Mabel Reynolds, ten members were present to consider routine matters and enjoy a social time. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Haines on November 4th.

## Executors Sale Of Property

The property of the late Bessie Rintz, near Kirkwood, Pa., was sold by Lloyd L. Winter, executor, at public sale Tuesday to Cyrus Ferguson, whose property adjoins. The farm of 84 acres and 64 perches brought \$3850, and the adjoining brought \$101 plus the downer. It was also bought by Mr. Ferguson.

## Car Wrecked By Truck

Funeral director Ralph Reed had the misfortune to have his automobile wrecked on Wednesday last on Route 1, near Long View Inn, when a big beer truck pulled across the road directly in front of him. Fortunately Ralph escaped injury, other than some scratches and bruises.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wassmer, Trenton, N. J., were Thursday guests of Mrs. Clara B. Keen. Miss Wassmer is the grand-daughter of Mrs. Keen, being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie R. Keen, Trenton, New Jersey.

## Hand Caught In Corn Husker

Charles Smedley, Fulton House, Pa., had the misfortune to get his hand caught in a corn husker, which he was helping operate. He was taken to the office of Dr. Charles Bair, Quarryville, and on to the Lancaster General Hospital, where the middle finger of his right hand was found to be so badly mangled that it was amputated near the second joint.

## Fire Sweeps Barrens

A fire that raged all day Wednesday and all night, swept over hundreds of acres of what is known as "The Barrens", just across the State line in Pennsylvania, north of Rising Sun. Our firemen were called out to help fight the fire and keep it away from threatened farm buildings and homes in the locality. The fire grew to such proportions that the fire companies from Port Deposit, Elkton, Oxford, Quarryville and West Grove were also called to the scene.

## Sold At Sheriff's Sale

Oxford Farmers Storage Locker Plant, property of S. S. Cavin and Dureen M. Cavin, was sold at public sale at the county seat, West Chester, by Sheriff D. L. Evans. Sold for a debt of \$10,000 to the plaintiff in the writ of execution, W. T. Milligan, Jr., and Jack Milligan, executors of the estate of W. T. Milligan, deceased, for the sum of \$1,000.

## Stated Meeting Of Presbytery

The 58th stated meeting of the New Castle Presbytery, a two-day meeting, was held in Berlin, Md., October 6 and 7. The Rev. Dr. Sidney J. Venable, of West Nottingham Presbyterian church, gave a committee report on Christian education.

## Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Foard

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Foard announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to J. Emerson Craig, of Port Deposit. No date has been set for the wedding.

## Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ashby

Miss Catherine Kirk were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Townsend, Willow Grove, Pa.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shingler and Mrs. Jessie Hornaier, of Altoona, Pa., were week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shingler.

## APPOINTED MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Speaking of "personal followings" Cecil County now has a member of the House of Delegates who can lay claim to possibly the largest "personal following" that any Delegate, at least of recent years, could boast.

Mrs. Josephine A. Mackie, of Elkton, appointed by Governor Herbert R. O'Connor as a member of the House of Delegates for Cecil County, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Luther P. Jefferson, is the mother of ten children, five boys and five girls, eight of them under 18 years of age.

A widow of several years, Mrs. Mackie has been a member of the Democratic State Central Committee of her county more than six years and her appointment was concurred in unanimously by the other members of the Committee. She has not held public office personally, but has always had a lively interest in politics, she declares.

Previous to her marriage, Mrs. Mackie taught in the Cecil County public schools for three years.

## Abbott Property Sold

The 23-acre property of the late Howard B. Abbott, located at Pilot, Cecil county, was sold on Saturday by Administrator Chas. W. Drew, to H. O. Mulligan, of Pilot, W. D. Ewing was auctioneer. The price paid was \$2,335.

## Child Drowns In Tub Of Water

Falling headfirst into a 10-gallon stone jar of water used for washing clothes, Raymond Heyward Witt, two and one-half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Witt, of near Fallston, Harford county, was drowned before aid reached it.

## Kirk--Weeden

Miss Gertrude Virginia Kirk, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kirk, of Oxford, Pa., and James Seymour Weeden, Jr., son of Mrs. James S. Weeden, Sr., Westville, N. J., were married Saturday, October 4, at 4 P. M., in Oxford Presbyterian church, by Rev. G. R. Campbell. The bride, given in marriage by her father, Mr. Raymond Kirk, was lovely in her mother's ivory satin wedding gown, with real lace bertha, and train. Her wedding veil was held in place with orange blossoms. Her corsage was white roses and old-fashioned flowers.

Miss Mary Louise Kirk, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Miss Margaret Fletcher Lillian, Richmond, Va., and Miss Lillian Esther Brum, Westville, N. J., were the bridesmaids.

Walter H. Mileham, Philada., was best man. Mrs. Anna S. Wilson, played the wedding march, and Miss Ruth Menough, Philada., sang, "I Love You Truly", "Because" and "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms".

Ushers for the wedding were: Charles R. Kirk, Bath, Maine, and Dr. M. A. Rairigh, Oxford, Pa. The church was beautifully decorated with snap dragons, dahlias, and chrysanthemums. After the ceremony, a reception was held in the parlors of the church.

The young couple will make their home in West Chester, on Boot Rd., where an attractive residence awaits them. Mrs. Weeden is a graduate of West Hampton University, Virginia, and has been secretary of Eastern Laboratories, Gibbstown, N. J. Mr. Weeden is an accountant, with duPonts and is a Temple graduate.

## Elkton Munition Plants Running Full Time

Increase Of Workers In Explosive-Making Plants Expected

Two fireworks factories, one abandoned for several years, are working overtime on national defense, creating a boom-time prosperity in Cecil county and causing a serious housing shortage also.

The Triumph Explosive plant and the National Fireworks plant, both located within a mile of Elkton, are making flares, fuses and explosives to fill defense orders.

J. B. Decker, manager of the Triumph plant, said 1,900 workers are now employed on three shifts and that the pay roll will be increased to 4,500 in a few weeks. More than 300 new buildings are under construction and more than six miles of streets have been built in a plant expansion program supervised by the United States Navy.

The plant now covers more than 300 acres. It formerly manufactured fireworks and railroad signal devices. The National Fireworks plant, managed by Thomas Ducher, employs about 900 workers and also is expanding in order to keep pace with an increasing backlog of defense orders, he said. The plant was formerly the property of the old Victory Fireworks Company and was not in use for several years.

Town officials said the influx of new workers is causing a serious housing shortage and a canvass is being made of all homes in Elkton and in the surrounding country to find living quarters for employes of the two concerns.

## Purner--Farrar

The wedding of Miss Genevieve L. Purner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Purner of Chesapeake City, and Mr. Harrison J. Farrar, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison J. Farrar, Wilmington, took place at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon in St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Rev. Park W. Huntington officiated.

Preceding the ceremony Mr. Charles L. Edwards, organist of the church, gave a recital, and Mr. B. Arthur Purner, brother of the bride, sang. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Malcolm A. McDonald, the former Marjorie A. Purner, as matron of honor. Miss Edna E. Price of Philada., and Mrs. Jacob Rebmam of Wilmington were bridesmaids. Little Ruth Tengler, niece of the bride, was flower girl.

Mr. William L. Farrar, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Mr. Robert Prentiss and Mr. Malcolm A. McDonald, brother-in-law of the bride, were ushers. The bride wore her sister's wedding gown made of white satin with fitted bodice, long sleeves and full skirt with train cut in one with the skirt. Her tulle veil was caught with orange blossoms, and she carried a shaker bouquet of bride roses and bouvardia.

Her attendants were dressed in faulle taffeta. Mrs. McDonald wore soft pink, Miss Price, peacock blue and Mrs. Rebmam, raisin color. They carried bouquets of fall flowers. The flower girl wore pink silk taffeta and carried a basket of rose petals to scatter in the path of the bride.

Mrs. Purner, mother of the bride, wore defense blue with corsage of gardenias. Mrs. Farrar, mother of the bridegroom, wore a green gown with corsage of gardenias. A small reception followed the ceremony at the Hotel Darling.

On their return from a wedding trip to Lake George, Mr. Farrar and his bride will live in Wilmington.

**Blandiff--Newcomer**  
Mr. and Mrs. G. Clinton Logan attended the wedding of Doris Elizabeth Blandiff, daughter of Mrs. Arthur Carroll Blandiff, of the late Arthur C. Blandiff, of Pennsylvania, N. J., and Roger H. Newcomer, of Hagerstown, Md., on Saturday, October 11th, 1941 at 4 P. M. The wedding was solemnized in the Emanuel Methodist Church, Pennsylvania, N. J., and reception followed immediately after the ceremony at the Blandiff home. The groom holds a responsible position with the DuPont Company at their plant in Memphis, Tenn., and the happy couple left after the reception for their future home in that city.

Within the past three weeks, 15 young men have signed up for enlistment in the United States Navy, from Cecil County. The drive will be continued.

You may tell your own family you won't retaliate, no matter how a neighbor imposes on you, but look out for trouble if the neighbor bears it.