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KENT WATERM'N COMPROMISE WITH FEDERAL AUTHORITIES

Controversy Was Over Stake Nets

SEVERAL MEETINGS HELD

Congressman Goldsborough Attends Meeting

ROCK HALL, Md.—At a conference of 250 Kent county fishermen and War Department officials held in Firemen's Hall here last Saturday night, a compromise was reached whereby a series of controversies between watermen and Government engineers was brought to a conclusion. Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough, representing the Eastern Shore district, and State Senator S. Scott Beck of Kent county, and Colonel Warren T. Hannum, U. S. A., chief engineer of the Maryland district took part in the parley which resulted in the fishermen being allowed to retain their stake nets in the bay for three more weeks with the provision that at the end of that period they would be removed to the legal twenty-five feet depth limit.

The decision of Colonel Hannum followed arguments presented by the two counsel, who maintained that an earlier removal of the nets would be derogatory to the fishermen's interest.

The meeting was the result of Rock Hall fishermen stringing a line of nets almost across the bay, excepting the boat channel. Betterton fishermen recently complained that fish were being prevented from proceeding northward and that while local watermen were making good catches. netmen were taking only a small catch from the water. Complaint was made to the War Department and two weeks ago a vessel, under command of Major William Boyle, drew an anchor through a number of the Rock Hall nets in the bay, beyond the twenty-five feet limit. Local watermen entered a complaint, in turn, and contended that the water was legally theirs to fish in. They also protested against the government regulation which prohibits the placing of nets outside the limit prescribed since they are a menace to navigation up and down the bay.

Last Saturday night a smaller meeting was held here at which former Senator J. H. C. Legg, of Queen Anne's county and Senator Beck spoke. Major Boyles represented the War Department. It was then decided to hold a final meeting last Saturday night at which the whole question would be discussed and settled definitely. Shad fishing is expected to be aided along the Eastern Shore waterfront as the agreement has set at rest any misunderstanding entertained by other Shore fishermen as to the government regulation.

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Twenty Marriage Permits Issued Here Last Week

Clerk of the Court Robert Shallcross and his assistants have been busy during the past week issuing marriage licences. Easter and the first real Spring weather brought a rush of prospective brides and grooms to the local office.

Aaron F. Palmatory, 28, Fairville, Pa., and M. Madeline Payne, 22, Childs, Md.

William E. Seward, 26, Cambridge, Md., and Gladys E. Collison, 26, Rock Hall, Md.

Willis V. Colna, 21, Paulsboro, N. J., and Catherine H. Shrunk, 18, Woodbury, N. J.

Edward W. Kucera, 21, and Dorothy M. Schade, 21, Philadelphia.

Charles H. Dessauer, 22, and Sara F. Pennell, 18, Media, Pa.

John J. Healey, Jr., 21, and Mildred M. Cohee, 21, Wilmington.

Charles E. Porter, 27, Chestertown, and Madaline Rollinson, 21, Denton, Md.

William Hantuk, 23, and Carolyn Felmy, 18, Millville, N. J.

Sanford D. Smalley, 24, and Dorothy Canavan, 18, Chester, Pa.

Otto E. Winterling, 23, Pine Beach N. J., and Ruth E. Crammer, 21, Mayetta, N. J.

Albert Rodman, 21, and Maryenna Ferguson, 19, Wilmington.

Robert Klause, 27, New Brunswick, N. J., and Ethel C. Kleber, 21, Trenton, N. J.

Edward Mankus, 23, and Alice Smythe, 21, Philadelphia.

Ernest Riedel, 28, and Loretta Kraker, 8, New York.

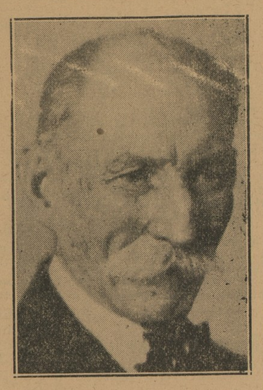
Robert T. Fulton, 25, Salem, N. J., and Esther F. Harris, 25, Alloway, N. J.

Kenneth Suydel, 22, Lehighton, Pa., and Bernice Shinton, 18, Nesquehoning, Pa.

Melvin E. Caone, 22, and Ida Brennan, 18, Atlantic City.

John Banyal, 21, and Elizabeth F. Graybow, 18, Collegeville, Pa.

SEEKS ELECTION



William A. Burk

Mr. Burk is one of the three candidates who seek the post of Town Commissioner for Chestertown at the election next Monday, April 28. Mayor John W. Barnes, the incumbent, and Henry Gill are the other candidates. A Water Board of three members will also be chosen at the election.

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Commissioners Of Shore Hold Spring Meeting In Town

James M. Willis Is Chosen President

At the annual spring meeting of the Eastern Shore County Commissioners' Association held here last Thursday with several hundred people in attendance James M. Willis, of Talbot county, was elected president of the Association for the next year.

Other officers elected were Theodore Hearn, of Wicomico county, vice-president and Henry Turner, of Talbot county, secretary-treasurer.

John W. Mumford, the retiring president of the Association, from Worcester county, presided at the meeting which was held in the Court House here. Samuel J. Johnson, president of the Kent County Commissioners, had charge of the entertainment of the guests, which included a dinner in the Armory here, served by the ladies of St. James' M. P. Church.

Herbert E. Perkins, attorney for the Kent board, made the address of welcome. Road construction was the topic of discussion at the morning session of the Association and in the afternoon the Chesapeake Bay Bridge was brought before the meeting with many different opinions being expressed.

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Veterans Bureau Tells Plans For Life Insurance

Kent Ex-Soldiers Invited To Participate

The Director of the United States Veterans Bureau, through the Regional Office at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, desires to invite the attention of all World War veterans of Kent County to their privilege in the matter of subscribing to United States Government Life Insurance.

As most veterans will recall, the War Risk Term Insurance which they carried while in the service could be maintained only for a limited time after their discharge. The law required that this war term insurance be converted into other forms of insurance prior to a certain date. The time for reinstating and converting it was extended on two different occasions, but owing to the large number of veterans who did not take advantage of the right to reinstate and convert their war term insurance (only one out of seven having done so), Congress again amended the law in a manner which permits any veteran who applied or was eligible to apply for war risk insurance or converted insurance and who is in good health to make application at any time for United States Government Life Insurance up to the maximum of $10,000, but not less than $1,000.

The Government is issuing seven different forms of insurance which are as follows: Ordinary Life, Twenty Payment Life, Thirty Payment Life, Twenty Year Endowment, Thirty Year Endowment, Endowment at Sixty-two, and Five Year Convertible Term. Any firm, person, corporation or legal entity may be designated as beneficiary. Policies are free from restrictions as to residence, travel or hazardous occupations.

If any World War veteran who reads this article has any thought of taking advantage of his Government insurance privilege, he should act at once or impaired health may defeat his rights.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the Regional Manager, United States Veterans Bureau, Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Maryland.

LARGE NUMBER PUPILS WILL GET DIPLOMAS FROM SCHOOLS IN JUNE

More Than Ninety To Be Graduated

CHESTERTOWN HAS 58

Rock Hall Second With Fifteen Seniors

More than ninety students will be graduated from the four Kent high schools at the annual commencement exercises in June. The Chestertown High School with a class of 58 will graduate the largest number.

Millington will give diplomas to six seniors while Galena will graduate a class of twelve. Fifteen will finish their schooling at the Rock Hall High.

The list of graduates for the county is as follows:

Millington, (Harry R. Rasin, Principal)—John Randolph Barnhart, Paul Ryland Price, Nellie Margaret Everett, Leah Ethel Rankin, Leona Anabel Phillips, Elizabeth Stearns.

Galena, (Miss Lelia N. Ware, Principal)—Elmer Woodrow Boyles, James Deputy Davis 3rd, George Rasin Jones, Jr., John Francis Newnam, Julian Woodall, Clara Virginia Bolton, Asa Elizabeth Davis, Anna Lee Mullen, Charles Albert Moffett, Mary Elizabeth Maslin, Margaret Elizabeth Everett and Elizabeth Webb.

Rock Hall (W. A. P. Strang, Principal)—Hallie Ashley, Darris Fisher Downey, Emma Elizabeth Francis, Eva Rebecca Jacobs, Henry Monroe Coleman, James Arthur Downey, George Medcalf Jacquette, Myrtle Marie Jacobs, George Elmer Leary, Emma Norma Carter, Leona Carolyn Coleman, Gladys Margaret Edwards, Anna Louise Parsons, Cora Iola Thomas and Fannie Wickes Willson.

Chestertown, (Owen C. Blades, Principal)—Academic course: James T. Anthony, 3rd, William Paret Atwater, Earl B. Capel, Alday Merrick Clements, William Jackson Hepbron, Jr., Alfred S. Hodgson, William Robt. Huey, Jr., Paul Wheatley Pippin, Virginia Rankin Bell, Margaret Ann Brown, Miriam Augusta Cornelius, Marie Louise Crow, Edna Virginia Davis, Ann Elizabeth Gardner, Hazel Marie Greenwood, Frances Elizabeth Hill, Barbee Kenly Humphreys, Ada Louise Leaverton, Ursula Moffett, Jessie Kathryn Moore, Sarah Frances Morris, Katherine Cornelius Norris, Patience H. Pyle, Lucille Rasin, Thelma Barton Smith, Dorothea Lemont Thompson, Nancy Jean Usilton, Dorothy B. Vickers, Caroline Drage Walters and Ellen E. Zeisel. General course: Leroy Lee Barnes, John Henry Crew, Leonard Myers, William Albert Turner, Marvin V. Williams, Frances Elizabeth Brice, Ethel Greenwood Clark, Ellen Elizabeth Jones, Helen Maxwell Price and Sarah Carolyn Stoops. Commercial course: Earl Allan Barnes, Charles William Clark, Medford Shields Clift, James Easom Collins, Harman Arthur Crew, Archie Paul Crew, William Edgar Lipscomb, Howard Hamon Moffett, Olden Dumont Perry, John Thomas Skirven, Frances Louise Berger, Ruth Henrietta Jones, Florence Virginia Lee, Catherine Adele Lipscomb, Sara Margaret Rash, Margaret Ellinor Smith and Ethyl Elizabeth Smythe.

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Physicians Urged To View Plans Of Kent Hospital

Asked To Recommend Improvements

Irving W. Walker, secretary to the Board of Control of the Kent and Upper Queen Anne's General Hospital, has issued a call to all physicians of this territory to visit the Health Center in Chestertown and there view the revised plans for the new hospital building. It is hoped that the various physicians may make some recommendations that will help in finally settling upon the plans to be used.

H. P. Hopkins, architect for the new buildnig, presented a revised set of plans to the board this week. The first plans failed to make provision for a colored ward. This is taken cared of in the new set.

At a meeting this week the Building Committee for the new hospital organized by electing Howard Turner, Chairman, and William G. Smyth as vice-chairman. This committee will make the final decision as to the nature of the building and will confer from time to time with Mr. Hopkins, the architect.

Drawings of the proposed building have been on display in the windows at A. L. Sparks' store for the past week and have attracted much attention and comment.

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Mr. Tom Bonwill, of Baltimore, spent the week end with friends in

OPERA SINGER TO TAKE PART IN KENT CONCERT

Miss Helen Jetson, Of Philadelphia, Will Sing On May 13

Miss Helen Jetson, a member of the Philadelphia Opera Company, will do special solo work as a part of the annual Spring concert of the Kent County Musical Society on Tuesday, May 13.

Wilbur Ross Hubbard, president of the Kent musical group, announced today that Miss Jetson had agreed to take part in the May concert which will be held in William Smith Hall, at Washington College.

The Kent singers are planning an elaborate concert detailed plans of which will be made known in the near future. The hour for the concert has not as yet been set.

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$45,0000 Reported Price Paid For Colonial Farm

Hiram S. Brown Reported As Purchaser

The price paid this week for the 405-acre farm bordering the Chester river near the site of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club, two miles southwest of here, owned by Harry Clay Brown is said to have been $45,000. The farm is the scene of a colonial residence, dating to pre-Revolutionary War days, over 200 years old and has been tenanted by members of the Loud family since its erection. The present tenant is Alfred C. Loud who, with his family has lived on the farm for fifty years. His father lived there for at least an equal number of years.

Senator S. Scott Beck, acting as counsel, bought the estate, acting, it is said, for New York purchasers. It is reported that Col. Hiram Staunton Brown of that city, former resident here and now president of the Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corporation and president of the board of governors of Washington College, is the real purchaser of the property.

It is further said the waterfront part of the estate will be transformed into a bungalow, suburban residential colony for city dwellers. Several years ago all the valuable boxwood on the estate was sold by the owner to JohnK. Hammond, Jr., of Bordentown, N. J., who transplanted the ancient wood on an estate which was once the residence of Jerome Bonaparte, brother of Napoleon and husband of the former Betsy Patterson of Baltimore, when he was in this country.

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FIREMEN CHOOSE MEN TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Band And Equipment May Be Sent To Cambridge

The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company has selected the following delegates and alternates to the first annual convention of the Delmarva Firemen's Association, which will be held in Cambridge on Wednesday, May 14:

Delegates—C. Arthur Bacon, R. Clark Davis, Arlington L. Sparks, E. Scott Thompson, William L. Fowler. Alternates—William A. Burk, Barber R. Bartley, John E. Matthews and William G. Smyth.

Besides this delegation arrangements are being made to have the Fire Company Band and as much of the apparatus as possible participate in the street peageant, which will be a feature of the convention.

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DIRECTS CONCERT

Professor C. A. Bacon

Prof. Bacon conducted the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company band in its concert here last evening. The concert was the occasion for the musicians to appear in their new uniforms. The firemen's band has received an invitation to broadcast a concert over a Wilmington station.

PREACHES HERE

Gloria Cherry, 16, To Deliver Sermon On "The Old Rugged Cross"

Gloria Cherry, sixteen-year old Philadelphia High School girl, will preach tonight at the Chestertown Methodist Episcopal Church. Her sermon will be based on "The Old Rugged Cross." The service will start at 7:30 o'clock. Assisting Gloria will be her eleven-year old sister, Jean, who will conduct the song service in connection with her sister's sermon.

The girls are the daughters of the Reverend T. K. Cherry and Mrs. Cherry, of Rehoboth, Delaware, where the Reverend Cherry is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The sisters have earned quite a reputation for themselves as evangelists and have appeared in churches in all of the large cities of the East. They will be accompanied here by their parents.

Theo. McKeldin Hits Figures Of Harrington

Ferry Traffic Not a Legitimate Basis

Vehicular traffic carried across the Chesapeake Bay by ferries cannot be considered a legitimate basis for computing the amount of traffic which would use the proposed bay bridge, Theodore R. McKeldin, secretary to Mayor Broening, of Baltimore, said yesterday.

Speaking at the Engineers Club, Mr. McKeldin declared the argument advanced against a bridge by former Governor Harrington, president of the Annapolis-Claiborne Ferry Company, to be unsound in the statement that the Eastern Shore is being served adequately by ferries.

"There are many machines," Mr. McKeldin said, "which leave Baltimore for points on the Shore and take the Elkton route rather than use the ferries, because it often is impossible to leave Baltimore at a specific time in order to make the ferry connection at Annapolis.

"With only three or five trips across the bay each day, as the case may be, this service is entirely too infrequent. For example, it takes two hours to go from Baltimore to Tolchester and an hour and a half from Annapolis to Claiborne.

"It is entirely too long and too indirect a route for traffic to go around the head of the bay at Elkton; consequently only a small proportion of traffic is attracted by this route.

"It has been estimated by experts that, with the removal of these obstacles to travel between these two sections by the construction of a bridge, the existing traffic between the Eastern and Western shores will be increased two and a half times.

"The Philadelphia-Camden bridge, for example, in June, 1927, completed its first year of operation. It experienced great competition from ferries, but continued to operate and it is significant to note that the traffic carried by the bridge and the ferries combined was more than one and one-half per cent. great than the traffic carried by the ferries during the preceeding year.

"The bridge secured 46.2 per cent. of its business from the ferry, and of the remainder 53.8 per cent, was newly created business.

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—Small hard crabs are making their appearance by the thousands along the shores of the Chesapeake Bay and Chester River which is taken as an indication by crabbers of a successful season this year.

Fire Company Band Presents Fine Concert

Appear For First Time In New Uniofrms

The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Band came into its own last night. Dressed in their new and colorful uniforms the fire-fighting musicians presented their first concert in two years in the Old Lyceum Theatre. A fair-sized audience attended the concert.

Gold and red, the colors of the Chestertown fire company, were the predominant colors displayed last evening. The new uniforms are gold with red trimmings and were proudly displayed by the band members.

The concert was under the direction of Professor C. A. Bacon, leader of the band, who made his appearance in a white uniform.

The concert was sponsored by the Booster Club of the Fire Company and the proceeds will be used to help pay for the uniforms, which were bought by the Booster Club at the expense of over $600.

The program presented last evening was as follows:

1. America.
2. Presentation of Uniforms.
3. Overture, Gypsie Festival.
4. Reverie, Eternal Spring.
5. Trombone Solo, Sweetest Story Ever Told—Edgar Lipscomb. Curtain.

PART II

1. Clarinet Quartette, Selected—Messrs. Stam, Coleman, Sutton and Bartley.
2. Cornet Horn Duet, Selected—Miller Bros.
3. Saxaphone Solo, Selected—Mr. Fred A. Fetter.
4. Piano Accordion Number—Mr. Powell Cox.
5. Trio. Selected—Masters Alvin Coleman, Mark Wood and Harry Coleman.
6. Vocal Quartette—Messrs. Sutton, Maslin, Fetter. Coleman.

PART III

1. Overture, The Choral.
2. Vocal Solo, with Band, A Kiss In The Dark—Mrs. J. W. Stenger.
3. Reverie, Robbins' Farewell.
4. Baritone Solo, Lost Chord—Mr. C. E. Nichols.
5. Star Spangled Banner.

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Mrs. G. H. Dana will entertain at a bridge-luncheon tomorrow, Thursday, at one o'clock, in honor of Miss Anna Perkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Perkins, whose wedding is set for the near future.

The bridge-luncheon will be held at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club.

APRIL COURT TERM FOR KENT BEGAN HERE LAST MONDAY

Large Criminal Docket Will Be Tried

REPEAL CASES HEARD

Thomas W. Perkins Heads Grand Jury

The Circuit Court for Kent County began its April sessions here on Monday morning with Associate Judge Lewin W. Wickes presiding. At the sessions on Tuesday and today Chief Judge William H. Adkins was present. Forty-five criminal cases are on the docket in addition to many civil suits and appeal cases.

At the session on Monday morning the jurors were drawn and Thomas W. Perkins, of Chestertown, was made foreman of the Grand Jury. Other members of the Grand Jury are:

Thos. C. Cruikshank	Lewis S. Price
Ralph P. Williams	H. Clay Brown
W. R. Wilson	Albert B. Groves
Geo. W. Dickerson	S. T. Bramble
A. P. Emerson	J. N. Wheatley
J. A. Urie	Jesse H. Usilton
T. B. Sutton	R. T. VanDyke
Sam'l. J. Comly	Benj. F. Rash
W. B. Strong	L. T. Hyland
Walter Francis	H. U. Fletcher
J. B. Anderson	Liston Pennington

The Grand Jury, still in session, had brought in the following presentments up until noon today:

Albert Comegys, murder.

William Waters, assault with intent to kill (4 charges.)

Joe Brinkley, breaking into home.

Henry Jones, breaking into home.

J. Norman Bannon, perjury.

Margaret I. Jack, bigamy.

West Wilson, larceny.

Mack Williams, larceny.

Walter Smith, breaking and entering.

Roosevelt Maith, breaking and entering.

Sharp Junius, breaking and entering.

The Grand Jury has also brought in True Bills against the following: Joe Brinkley, Henry Jones, West Wilson, William Waters (2), Albert Comegys and Mack Williams.

The Petit Jury was drawn on Monday as follows:

William Medders	Harry Clark
J. B. Newnam	J. E. Willson
H. T. Rash	Ray Walbert
A. W. Cochran	Thos. M. Lusby
J. M. Morris	Ralph Barnett
Thos. Tucker	B. N. Willson
J. Maslin	H. S. Dempsey
F. B. Harper	Howard Turner
H. F. Jefferson	William Clark
J. E. Woodall, Jr.	R. R. Hill
Elwood Whaley	J. Abner Bryden
Andrew Wilson	L. E. Grantlin
	George E. Leary

The case of Prince E. Edwards, charged with assault and battery, which was appealed from Olin B. Stafford, was tried before the Court on Monday. The plea was not guilty. Verdict was guilty and fine was $10 and costs.

In the case of LeRoy Rochester, charged with disorderly conduct, the verdict of the Court was guilty. The fine imposed was $1 and costs. The case was appealed from Charles R. Kerr.

John C. Money was found not guilty by a jury in the case appealed by the State in connection with the death of Jacob Crowding in an automobile accident to a car which was being driven by Money.

A case from Queen Anne's county, a civil suit brought by Harry Callahan against Edwin Brown was occupying the Court today. The case was being tried before a jury.

One of the most interesting civil suits to be heard will be a $25,000 damage suit against Wilmer F. Davis of Denton, which was removed here from the Cecil County Circuit Court last year and heard at the last session of the local courts. The jury disagreed and the case was dismissed. The suit arose out of an automobile accident several years ago, in which a car proceeding from Philadelphia, south on the duPont Boulevard in Delaware, collided with a truck owned by the defendant, Miss Vera Martin, 16-year-old girl of Washington, D. C., was severely injured and later lost one eye. She was also permanently disfigured. Her mother, Mrs. Anne Martin, is bringing the suit. Similar suits, several of them for lesser amounts, are being brought by other persons who were less severely injured in the crash. They were all passengers in the automobile. Other plaintiffs are Miss Laura Mae Schurr, Elmer Schurr, Jr., Elmer Schurr and Mrs. Florence Schurr, of near Philadelphia. State Senator S. Scott Beck, of this town, and Robert Carman, former U. S. District Attorney of Maryland, are counsel for the defendant, and T. P. Fisher, of Philadelphia; F. R. Owens, of Denton, and Harrison W. Vickers, of Chestertown, are attorneys for the plaintiffs.

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Mr. James Roy Micou is visiting relatives in Washington.

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