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THIS WEEK		26 YEAR RECORD	
Date	Max. Min.	Max. (yr.)	Min. (yr.)
December 29	40 29	62 (1940)	16 (1955)
December 30	51 39	58 (1958)	11 (1962)
December 31	51 39	58 (1958)	11 (1962)
January 1	38 30	57 (1954)	6 (1962)
January 2	43 31	61 (1955)	10 (1963)
January 3	41 31	60 (1950)	14 (1940)
January 4	47 27	68 (1950)	14 (1940)
January 5	51 24	66 (1950)	11 (1940)
Total Precipitation 0.13 inches — Total Snowfall Tr. inches			

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Lagoon Approved, Terms Cause New Hearing Bid

The Kent County Board of Zoning Appeals, under the date of January 2, approved the application of Chestertown's Mayor and Council to construct a stabilized sewage lagoon but approval was subject to a provision which has proved unsatisfactory to the applicants.

The Mayor and Council have requested a second hearing and this has been set for January 15. Members of the Appeal Board are T. Allen Stradley, chairman, Brian B. Kane, Sr., and Albert T. Nicholson.

The point of contention is the stipulation that the lagoon must be set back a minimum of 500 feet from the nearest lot line of any residential district rather than the 200 feet requested in the application for the variance from strict interpretation of the ordinance.

Mayor C. David Haacke said today that the 500-foot restriction would reduce the usable acreage by more than half and greatly curtail plans for future expansion.

He said this condition of the approval would cut the usable portion from the 145-acres which is under option on the Dana property in Quaker Neck to 65 acres. Only some 35 acres will be required for the original construction.

In its January 2 decision the Appeals Board stressed many points in favor, not only of the lagoon but the site as well, calling the latter "the most practical, and least costly, and most beneficial to the greatest number of people, both in Chestertown and in the surrounding area."

The Appeals Board decision reveals that its members had personally visited the similar system at Easton where they found nothing objectionable and even saw hundreds of ducks and geese on the lagoon.

The conclusions of the Appeals body was summed up as follows:

"The Board finds that the proposed use would not adversely affect the public health, safety, security, morals or general welfare, and would not result in dangerous traffic conditions and would not jeopardize the lives or property of people living in the neighborhood."

"The Board further finds that the granting of the application would be in furtherance of the purpose and intent of the Kent County Zoning Ordinance."

"In granting the proposed use, however, the Board will not do so as a variance, but will grant the proposed use as a conditional use, under its authority to do so as provided in Article VI, Section 6.02 (8) of the Ordinance, which provides for such a conditional use in an 'R-1' residence district, the same conditional uses being permissible in an R-2 or R-3 district as in an R-1 district."

"It is therefore, this 2nd day of January, 1965, ORDERED, that Application for the proposed use filed in the above entitled cause be, and it is hereby GRANTED, provided, however, that Applicant shall have the lagoon set back a minimum of 500 feet from the nearest lot line of any 'R' district; provided further, that during construction of the lagoon system, the sand and clay road mentioned in the testimony, will be kept properly graded and oiled; provided further, that the proposed use herein granted is limited solely to the sewage lagoon system, as requested, and that permission would have to be sought and obtained from this Board for any other use."

March Of Dimes Underway In Kent

The 1965 March of Dimes is underway in Kent County with Henry Gill as chairman for the 26th consecutive year.

One of the high spots of the program, the annual March of Mothers, has been set for Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m.

Funds for the March of Dimes, which aided so materially in the battle which has largely conquered polio, now are used also in the fight against birth defects and arthritis. More than 250,000 babies with defects are born each year in the United States where some 11 million, many of them children, are victims of arthritis.

Canada Geese Most Numerous In Kent's Annual Bird Count

Fog and poor visibility did not handicap the success of the 7th annual Christmas Bird Count, conducted on December 27 by the Kent County Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society. Over fifty persons, two from as far away as Connecticut, participated in the census, which, following rules of the Audubon Society, worked within a 15-mile diameter circle centered near Edesville. In addition, six bird feeding stations in the count circle were watched throughout the day.

The day began at 12:01 a. m. when four stalwart birders—Phillips Shively, of Lancaster, Pa., Frederic Bowes and Richard Holloway, of New Canaan, Conn., and Jill Gibson, of Chestertown—set out to "call" owls. In 6 hours of calling they identified 46 great horned owls, 7 barred owls, 4 screech owls, and 1 saw-whet owl.

At 6:00 p. m., when a covered dish supper was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Gibson, the total compilation was made. The total was 101 species and 129,799 individual birds. By far the largest total was of Canada geese—94,452, nearly five thousand more than in 1962, the next most prolific year. And this represents only a small portion of the fields and waters of Kent county.

Besides the geese, which included one specimen of the Hutchins geese, a small subspecies of the Canada, large counts were made of canvasback (6255), whistling swan (7431), ruby-crowned kinglets (23), caroline wrens (155) and common snipe (38).

Participants in the count were Burton Alexander, Mrs. Gladys Cole, Bruce Dwyer, all of Baltimore; James and Peggy Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bailey, George and Suzanne Burger, Dr. and Mrs. Delario, William and Helen Frieberg, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Gardner, Daniel Z. Gibson, Jill Gibson, Hilda Kane, Fred Keer, Moon Kingsley, Dick McCown, Ted McCaskey, Ed and Dorothy Mendinhal, Roy, Louise and John Ruhka, Turner and Jane Smith, Jimmy Smith, Winifred Suydam, Mrs. Claude Truslow, all of Chestertown.

Also, Frederic Bowes and Richard Holloway, of New Canaan, Conn.; Roberta Fletcher, Robert Pepper and Mrs. Es-Sie Pepper, of Denton; Chandler and George Robbins and Ted Stiles, of Laurel; John Halperin, Bill Hoover, and Bill Wiggins, of Alexandria, Va.; Phillips and Barbara Shively, of Lancaster, Pa.; Clifford Sims, of Rock Hall; Dr. and Mrs. John Kimmich, of Haverford, Pa.

Assisting at bird feeders were Mrs. Ellsworth Leary, Harry Carter, Lemuel Stauffer, B. L. Noyes, Bayard Parsons, O. R. Sevin, and Lowery Harrison, all of Rock Hall.

Art League Meeting Due Next Sunday
The regular meeting of the Chestertown Art League will be held at three o'clock, Sunday afternoon, January 10th at the home of Dr. Roland Gibson, 106 South Queen Street. The program will feature a talk by Dr. Gibson on Japanese art.

Hollett, Conner Again Named At Millington



Louis H. Hollett was elected president for the ninth consecutive year and Ed Conner chief for the fifth year in a row as the Community Fire Company, Inc., of Millington, met Monday.

Also named were: Charles Spicer, first vice president; Edward Vansant, second vice president; F. C. Shahan, secretary; H. H. Lantz, treasurer; J. B. Anderson, engineer-in-chief. Also, Francis George, Jr., chief engineer; Herman Voshell, Sr., first assistant chief; Arthur Davis, second assistant chief; Rev. Donald Hurst, chaplain; Wayne Pyle, fire recorder; William Prince, custodian.

Jurors Drawn For February Court Session

Jurors were drawn Tuesday for the Circuit Court term which convenes for Kent County on Tuesday, Feb. 1.

The list, as drawn, contains the names of 20 women and 28 men. By districts they are: FIRST—William Seney, Carolyn Davis, Dorothy P. Massey, Muriel P. Cook, Herbert F. Briscoe, Frances D. Barrett, Mary A. Johnston, Edith B. Lankford.

SECOND—Robert N. Baxter, Ludolph R. Wallis, Alice I. Corrigan, Dorothy A. Pinder, Albert W. Hickman, Roger B. Miller, Delia J. Caulk, Ralph O. Smith. THIRD—George H. Cooper, Richard E. Gorsuch, Ethel C. Bernsche, Edwin C. Fry, Hazel M. Baxter, Edmon H. Deringer. FOURTH—Elizabeth F. Gulbrandsen, Victor H. Doushkess, Elmer E. Horsey, Walter L. Joiner, Eleanor S. Voshell, Georgianna R. Brooks, Howard K. Schultz, Harold S. Munson. FIFTH—Farnsworth Sewell, Julian Naudin Francis, Philip Perry, William Lee, C. Elmer Wilcox, Walter F. Volker, Rachel Warren, Clifford J. Nuttall, Jr. SIXTH—Spencer Hicks, Walter Frank Barnes, Oscar Grinnell, Rose Sutton Sparks, Irma R. Brown. SEVENTH—W. Vernon Kirby, Virginia M. Plummer, Margorie A. Hawkins, Regina R. Kirby, James H. Potts.

Rotary, Lions To Hear About Heart Patients

A combined meeting of the Chestertown Rotary Club and the Chestertown Lions Club will be addressed by Dr. Donald Dembo, director of the Work Classification Unit at the University Hospital in Baltimore, in the Parish Hall of Christ Methodist Church on January 11 at 6:15 p. m.

Attending the meeting will be Edward Fellows, of Millington, the Kent County Heart Fund Campaign chairman. Expected to be present are Mrs. Thomas Fleming, executive secretary of the Heart Association of the Upper Eastern Shore; Herbert Goldstein and Mrs. Clarke Phillips, co-chairman of the Queen Anne's County Heart Fund Drive; and Senator Harry Hughes, of Denton, general chairman of the 1964-65 drive.

The work classification unit is a clinic sustained by the Heart Association of Maryland. Patients convalescing from heart attacks or suffering from heart disease may go to this clinic for study. They obtain there an examination designed to inform them and their employers of the amount and type of work they can do. Usually this ends with the patients again becoming independent, able to support themselves and their families.

Legislators Ask Advice

Opinions of the citizens of Kent on legislation which would prove beneficial to the County are being sought by the local legislative delegation. The 1965 session of the General Assembly will convene on January 20.

The appeal was made jointly by Senator Paray M. Hepburn, Rock Hall, Delegate Walter P. Boyer, both of Chestertown. Suggestions, in writing, should be made to any of the three.

Clam Workers In Queen Anne's Give Union Nod

Organized labor won its first test of strength Tuesday in a drive to unionize the clam and oyster shuckers of Queen Anne's County. The United Packinghouse, Food and Allied Workers (AFL-CIO) won the right to bargain for seafood industry workers at B. & S. Fisheries at Kent Narrows, the center of the county's watering industry. Workers at the plant accepted the union by a vote of 51 to 31 in a labor election. Eight ballots were challenged, not enough to change the outcome. Another union election has been set for January 19 at Carnabuc Seafoods.

Council Action On Charter Delayed For Town Meeting

Mayor's Year-End Report To People

- FINANCIAL CHANGES**
 - The fiscal and taxable year has been changed to June 30th as required by the State Legislature.
 - Complete financial statements and an audit system have been established on an accrual basis. This permits a more uniform financial picture and will be valuable in any future town financing programs.
 - Tax rate has been increased to 30c per hundred as a means of improving the cash reserve for potential emergencies.
 - Sewerage service charges have been placed on a volumetric basis to establish an equitable system for all users as is possible. Also, this is a prerequisite for minimum bond rates on future sewerage improvements and expansions.
 - Garbage collection system is handled on a contract basis reflecting a savings of almost \$4000 per year to the town.
 - A complete, comprehensive insurance program has been established to protect the town from any large or catastrophic financial loss.
 - On any program, it is planned to make each program financially self-supporting and not a liability to the general tax program.
 - Bank accounts as of December 31, 1963 amounted to \$33,455.67. As of December 31, 1964, the same bank accounts are \$62,363.74. This reflects an increase of \$28,908.07 for the year. All bills are paid and obligations are current.
- LEGAL CHANGES**
 - Historical Zoning Ordinance has been enacted to preserve the valuable historical buildings as well as maintaining the colonial charm and atmosphere of Chestertown. A Commission to implement this ordinance has been established.
 - Home Rule Charter has been prepared to enable future town government to operate as efficiently as possible. It also, takes into consideration the recent Supreme Court Rulings on franchise requirements, and reapportions the four wards equitably.
 - Campus Avenue extension and Byford Heights annexation has been completed which has increased the present assessable base by approximately \$500,000.
- LONG RANGE PLANNING**
 - A Chestertown Planning and Zoning Commission has been established with professional guidance.
 - In conjunction with Kent County, Rock Hall, Millington, and Betterton; Chestertown has entered into a contract with Bartholomew Associates for the study and preparation of a master comprehensive plan for the orderly growth and operation of our town.
- GENERAL TOWN IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS**
 - Covered garbage collection to help eliminate litter and trash throughout the town.
 - A continuing program for the razing of abandoned and derelict buildings which constitute a fire and safety hazard.
 - Engineering study has been instituted for the correction of the serious storm drainage problem along the railroad.
 - Program for area wide neighborhood cleanup has been initiated throughout several civic organizations.
 - Initial steps for the improvement of traffic flow and

Official action by the Mayor and Council on Chestertown's proposed new Home Rule charter, originally scheduled for Monday night, was deferred after the special Town Meeting on January 11.

This decision was made by the Mayor and Council in their January session after Mayor Haacke said that attorneys had suggested the delay because of the possibility that some desirable changes could result from the open meeting which is to be held at the Fire House at 7:30 p. m.

The meeting was highlighted by the first annual Mayor's Report to the people (see elsewhere). The report reviewed the accomplishments during the past year and cited, among other things, that the year began with a cash balance of \$33,455.67 and ended with one of \$62,363.74 with all bills paid and obligations current.

Literature on new street lighting was presented but no action was taken since it was deemed advisable to appoint a special committee for a thorough study of the entire town.

A contract was awarded to Rogers Clock Service for electrical work and general repairs to the town clock. The work, however, will not start until spring.

Action on the purchase of certain town-occupied property held under lease from Washington College was deferred until it could be reviewed by the town solicitor. Mayor Haacke's appointment of town officials and Council committees was approved. These appointments were:

Mrs. Marie B. Legg, town clerk; Ernest S. Cookerly, solicitor; Granger and Faw, auditors; M. E. Capel, superintendent of water and sewers; Medford C. Capel, assistant superintendent of water and sewers. Howard B. Hadaway, chief of police; Richard Kimble and Rudolph Brown, night officer; A. Harry Foreman, supervisor of parking meters. Burton Vansant and Eugene Miller, public safety committee; Mr. Miller and J. Willis Wells, street; Mr. Wells and R. O. Wright, buildings and parks.

Rites Saturday For Former Star Athlete At Washington College

Funeral services were held in Church Hill last Saturday for Frederick Renshaw Wallace, 71, who died in a Haverford (Pa.) hospital on December 31. He had been in ill health for some time.

Member of a prominent Queen Anne's family, he was a graduate of Washington College in 1917 where he was a star athlete and coach.

He is survived by his wife, the former Josephine Small; two daughters, Elizabeth Perkins and Jean Eberly; a son, Frederick R. Wallace, Jr.; and a brother, General William Wallace USMC (Ret.), in California, who also graduated at Washington College and starred in athletics. He was a nephew of Miss Fannie M. Wallace, of Church Hill.

Mr. Wallace was born in Church Hill on September 20, 1893, and attended local schools before entering the College here. After graduation he served in World War I as a member of the 836th Aero Squadron, AEF.

In 1919 he signed with the Philadelphia National League team. After a brief career, he served as a manager of many pro and semi-pro teams.

He became director of Athletics at St. Luke's School, Wayne, Pa., in 1919 where he remained until 1927. That year he went to Haverford School as a coach and teacher and became director of athletics in 1934. He retired in 1959 after his teams had compiled outstanding records.

For two decades after 1924 he was one of the best known football officials in the East.



Frederick R. Wallace

Kent Farm Bureau Group To Confer With Morton

President T. Allan Stradley and three other members of the Kent County Farm Bureau will meet, along with other farm leaders from other Shore counties, with Congressman Rogers C. M. Morton to seek support for the FB legislative program.

Others from Kent will be Albert T. Nicholson, Frank Puppe and James Bigelow. The Farm Bureau supports a balanced budget, reduction of excise taxes, and a constitutional amendment to allow states to apportion one house of their legislatures on "factors other than population."

The Farm Bureau also asks congressmen to hold the line on payroll tax increases and minimum wages. The bureau's program calls for elimination of the present wheat and feed grain programs.

Instead the organization asked for legislation to:

- Provide corn and wheat price supports based on formulas designed to set a floor on crop prices.
- Provide wheat premiums and discounts to reflect market demand for different quality grains.
- Establish a cropland retirement program with competitive bids by farmers to remove land from production for three to five years.

Monthly Meeting Of Sr. Citizens Jan. 13

The January meeting of the Senior Citizens of Kent and northern Queen Anne's County will be held in the Parish House of Christ Methodist Church, Wednesday afternoon, January 13th, at two o'clock. The speaker will be Dr. Harry P. Ross, Kent County Chairman of the Commission on the Aging. In connection with the talk Dr. Ross will show movies of his 1964 European trip.

FIRST 1965 BABY born at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital was Faye Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson, Jr., Millington. Miss 1965 was born at 5:35 a.m. on January 1 and weighed in at 5 pounds, 9 1/2 ounces.



Faye Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson, Jr., Millington.

Guatemala To Be Talk Topic At College Sunday

Dr. Edward A. Doehler, professor of history at Loyola and St. Agnes Colleges, will speak at Washington College this Sunday evening, January 10. The topic will be Guatemala and will be illustrated with slides.

The general public is invited to the 7 p. m. meeting which will be held in Minta Martin Hall. Joining the Newman Club, Catholic student organization, in the affair will be the Wesley Club and the Canterbury Club. Dr. Doehler has spent considerable time among the Indians of the upper region of Guatemala.