

THE WEEKLY WEATHER

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CIVIL DEFENSE SEMINAR, first of its kind here, was held last Thursday in the Kent Court House. Participants, included, from left — Rollison McGinnis, county sanitarian; Cpl. F. O. Boulter, commanding local detachment of Maryland State Police; Major General Rinaldo Van Brunt, director, Maryland Civil Defense Agency; Harry S. Russell, director, Civil Defense for Kent County; and Col. Daniel E. Still, Maryland operations officer, who conducted the seminar, one of a series being held in every section of the state.

CD Seminar Held Here

A Civil Defense seminar was held in the Court House here last Thursday, the first of its nature ever held in Kent.

The seminar, conducted by state CD officials, including Major General Rinaldo Van Brunt, director, Maryland Civil Defense Agency, had several specific objectives. These included:

To review plans for alerting key officials of a likely imminent attack; to determine better localized means of alerting people in case of attack; to discuss improvement to existing plans for orderly assignment and movements of people to shelter; to determine means by which people can be informed of emergency methods of providing protection for themselves and their families prior to an attack; to implement plans for an accelerated program of locating marking and stocking shelters; to discuss the procedures involved in handling varied situations anticipated under emergency operations; and to familiarize key officials with the use and capabilities of the emergency broadcast system.

Conducted by Daniel E. Still, operations officer for the Maryland Civil Defense Agency, and Harry S. Russell, Kent director, conducted the meeting.

Other state officials attending included: Robert C. O'Brien, disaster service officer and Henry G. Nathan, state public information officer. Richard T. Brice, IV, alternate director for Anne Arundel County, was also present.

Kent CD officials included: James E. Woodall and Mrs. Kathryn N. Pinder, of the County Commissioners; Holden R. Kaufman, county engineer; Robert J. Johnson, Kent Board of Education; George Thoma, Station WCTR; Sheriff Bartus O. Vickers; Col. F. O. Boulter, Maryland State Police.

Also, Ernest Leverage, alternate director for Kent; Mrs. Ann Townsend, Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service; James A. Weaver, extension agent; Harry C. Coleman, Jr., county communications officer; Richard Powell, Maryland Forests and Parks.

Also, Dr. A. F. Whitsitt, Rollison McGinnis and Mrs. Pauline Coleman, county health department; Robert Perry, shelter officer; Royden Meise, Eastern Shore coordinator for the Maryland Civil Defense Agency; and Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Kent CD clerk.

Larger Library Staff Seen Kent Need

An increase in staff is seen as the primary need in improving services of the Kent County Public Library. This recommendation, contained in a survey by Dr. Ralph Blasingame, was one of the topics of a recent meeting of the Board of Library Trustees.

Robert J. Johnson, president of the Trustees, said the means of implementing the report recommendations was a major concern.

He said the Trustees must take some steps in the direction of more adequate staffing in the near future. To this end, he said the Trustees hoped to increase its file of prospective employees. Persons interested in such employment should file applications at the headquarters in Bartley Building, Chestertown. Application blanks are available there.

Chestertown Firemen Had Seven Alarms

The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company had seven alarms, one of them false, during March, according to Will Quigley, company statistician.

The value of property on which the fire occurred was estimated at \$257,000 with an estimated loss of but \$175.

The company was in service for a total of four hours with the 216 men who responded giving a total of 864 man hours. The equipment travelled a total of 182 miles.

In addition to the false alarm the calls were two for furnace, two for chimney and one each for grass-woods and spaceheater.

Organization Of 'Little Theatre' Group Is Due

A dramatics, or "little theatre" group will be officially formed this Sunday, when William Smith Hall will be the scene of a workshop-discussion meeting designed to organize reviving interest in community dramatics.

The meeting will be open to the public, and is set for 2 p. m. A ten-member committee has been planning Sunday's program, at which time interest will be canvassed for various phases of dramatic production.

Members of the committee are: Carl A. Westerdahl, John Charles Hyslop, Thomas M. Elder, Susan Hollins, Leslie Usilton, Vincent M. Raimond, H. Hurr Deringer, Norman James, Nancy S. Walton and Ralph H. Usilton.

One or more summer productions are contemplated, and the committee hopes to get under way soon for its first play. An announcement about this will be made at Sunday's meeting.

Historical Society Meeting April 21

The Historical Society of Kent County will meet on April 21 at Alumni House, Washington College, where the lower Eastern Shore will be the subject of an illustrated talk by Dr. John W. Robertson, of Onancock, Virginia.

Dr. Robertson, author of a recent book, "Land of the Evergreen," is interested in preserving the past of the Delmarva Peninsula, and his photographs have delighted many persons here and elsewhere.

The meeting will begin at eight o'clock in the college facility, located on Campus and Washington Avenues.

The society's program for May will feature the annual dinner meeting, with program to be announced. Beginning in June, the headquarters house of the society will have regular hours during which tourists may visit. The house will be open from two till four on Sunday afternoons, starting June 6th.

Man Held In Assault On Baby-Sitter

Free on \$1,500 bond is James Reynolds, of Wilmington, Delaware, who Monday night was charged with assault and battery on a 13-year-old girl who was baby-sitting in the home of his former wife.

Reynolds was arrested Friday night following a call by a neighbor who heard a disturbance next door, and was held at the Kent County Jail for Monday night's hearing in Magistrate's Court.

Entering a plea of not guilty to the assault and battery charge, Reynolds elected a jury trial. He was represented at the hearing by Philip J. Skipp. The State prayed a jury trial in the case, as well.

The alleged attack took place in Gretwood on Friday night. Mrs. Reynolds was not at home at the time.

Kentmore Park Man Found Dead Last Thursday

A 53-year-old DuPont Company executive was found dead in the garage of his summer home on the Sassafras River at Kentmore Park last Thursday, the apparent victim of carbon monoxide poisoning. He was Dr. Robert E. DeRight, a member of the Du Pont development department.

According to Dr. Robert W. Farr, Kent medical examiner, a friend of the DeRight family had gone to the summer home on the Sassafras River at the request of Mrs. DeRight, who had not been able to reach her husband by telephone. The friend found Dr. DeRight's body in the closed garage.

Cause of death will not be determined until a report on a blood analysis is released by the chief medical examiner in Baltimore, according to Dr. Farr.

Dr. DeRight, who lived in suburban Wilmington, was born in Chicago, Ill., and received his bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees from the University of Rochester, Rochester, N. Y.

He first became affiliated with the Du Pont Co. in 1937 as assistant to the director of the patent section of the former rayon department at Buffalo, N. Y.

Transferred to Wilmington in 1939, he became secretary of an interdepartmental committee coordinating all foreign licensing arrangements for the manufacture of nylon.

Locals Attend Girl Scout Meet At Dover

The Chestertown area was well represented at the annual meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Council, Girl Scouts of America, held Monday evening at Dover. The group included:

Mrs. John C. Huntington, Sr., and Mrs. Lester L. Lichtenberger, delegates, and Mrs. Robert Hollett, district chairman. Also included were: Mrs. George Burger, Mrs. P. M. Brooks, Mrs. William H. Cooper and Mrs. Thomas W. Ellason, Jr.

A comparative newcomer to Kent, Mrs. H. D. McKinney, of Worton, was named to a three-year term as a director of the Council.

At Galena

It's Six-for-Four, Mayor Unopposed

Six candidates for four Council seats but only one for the post of Mayor is the situation at Galena for the approaching May 11 election.

Mayor James E. Ryan, seeking reelection, is unopposed for that post but three incumbent councilmen have opposition. Filing for the posts they now occupy were William A. Briscoe, Samuel W. Johnson and Warren Gillespie. Not seeking reelection is Simon R. Woodall.

Three new candidates for Council seats are S. Richard Powell, Ralph O. Hall and John Duhamel.

Reviewer Horn Hears Five On Auto Charges

Ray Horn, motor vehicle examiner, wasn't fooling last Thursday, April 1 when he heard the cases of five convicted of traffic violations. Only one received what is generally termed the highest penalty—a reprimand.

The reprimand went to Norris Morgan Hall, 30, of Chestertown, on a reckless driving (accident) charge. Other action was:

Carrie N. Moore, 41, Chestertown, operating without license. Privilege refused one month.

Leroy Arthur Wheat, 71, Rock Hall, reckless driving (accident). License reexamination ordered.

John Tighman, 42, Rock Hall, exceeding 50 mph. Suspended one month.

Clarence Elmer Hamilton, 21, Chestertown, reckless driving (accident). Suspended one month.

Delegate Boyer Says

No Extra Money For Jail

Labeled as completely untrue by Delegate Elroy G. Boyer is the report that the last session of the Maryland General Assembly authorized "additional" money for construction of a new county jail in Kent.

"Some people," he said, "are reading things into the law which just aren't there."

In 1963, Delegate Boyer pointed out to the Legislature authorized the County Commissioners of Kent County, in their discretion "to borrow a sum not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from any bank or trust company for the purpose of renovations of and additions to the Court house and for renovations of and additions to the County Office Building."

"To this measure," Delegate Boyer said, "this session was added the words, 'and construction of a new county jail.' Not one penny was added to the original sum. It will be up to the County Commissioners to determine how much of the half million they want to spend and where."

The addition of the "jail" to the authorized building program was accomplished by House Bill No. 760, introduced by Delegate Boyer.

Other House of Delegate measures pertaining to Kent which were enacted include:

H. B. 239—Boyer and Joiner—which changes from June 1 to July 1 each year the time for distributing the profits from the liquor dispensary system to

to allow payments of fines in installments, suspend sentences and grant probation before verdict.

H. B. 945—Boyer and Joiner—which created a nine-member Kent County Governmental Study Commission.

H. B. 1006—Boyer and Joiner—which raised the amount of trial magistrates have jurisdiction over in civil cases from \$400 to \$750.

H. B. 1007—Boyer and Joiner—which authorizes the County Commissioners to establish a seven-member Board of Parks and Recreation.

Delegate Boyer was also the author of Joint Resolution No. 68 "requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a vigorous and able committee to study and resolve the persistent increases in public welfare costs."

Bills originating in the Senate and authorized by Senator Percy M. Hepbron included:

S. B. 366—which altered the time for taking clams to start at sunrise.

S. B. 441—which changes the number of members of the Board of Education from three to five.

S. B. 503—which raises from \$1,000 to \$2,000 the ceiling on monies which may be expended by the County Commissioners in connection with certain advertising required by law.

S. B. 504—which raises the appropriation the County Commissioners are authorized and directed to pay to volunteer fire companies each year.

Mayor-Council

Get, Study Engineer Fee Contract On Lagoon Work



TWENTY-THREE YEARS as clerk for Chestertown was recognized Monday night. Mrs. Marie B. Legg has held the post for that long and the Mayor and Council paid high tribute to her work at the April session. April 6 was the anniversary date of her service to the town.

Siren Still Topic

Christmas Seal Sales In Kent Over \$5,000

Christmas Seal sales in Kent County during 1964-65 totaled \$5,055.63, according to Dr. Marvin H. Jacobs, sale chairman for the Kent County Tuberculosis Association.

This amount was \$487.73 more than that contributed in the previous year. Kent was the first county in the state to exceed last year's total and has received a silver bowl from the Maryland TB Association in recognition of this feat.

The question of a fire siren in the College Heights area continues to plague the Mayor and Council of Chestertown. It was a topic again at the body's April meeting.

The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company again sought permission from the town to place a siren in the rear of the College Heights Filling Station. Opposition was expressed by Vernon Downey and Willard Thompson, the latter stating that real estate agents had predicted a great drop in property values for those living near the proposed siren site.

The Council again referred the matter, as it had in March, back to the Fire Company for the action of its directors. Mayor Haacke said it was up to the firemen to determine where alarm signals are required and place them there.

In other action the Mayor and Council:

Tabled a request, received in a letter from Henry Demain, chairman of the Snorkel Fund campaign for an additional contribution. The Council cited the \$500 donation in 1963.

Set a special meeting for next Monday, April 12, with the Citizens' Finance Committee, to discuss the new budget and tax rate. A. W. Steiner heads the committee which has Howard S. Leaverton, Frank Rudnick, Elmer Campher and P. M. Brooks as members.

Discussed traffic on Kent Street, between High and Cannon, and Cannon Street, between Queen and Water. Councilman J. Willis Wells reported that residents of the Second Ward were opposed to making the Kent street section one way. Councilman Burton Vansant said First Ward residents thought one-side-of-street parking would answer the Cannon Street problem. Both matters were referred to William Macbeth, traffic committee chairman.

Noted receipt of letter of thanks from Chestertown Elementary School for prompt painting of yellow traffic lines.

Referred to the Planning Committee an application to erect a Purooil Filling Station on the corner of High Street and College Avenue, adjacent to Radish Grocery.

Three Locals Win As Chicken-Cookers

Three local people were honor winners in the Maryland elimination contest for chicken cooking at Salisbury last Saturday. One of them, Kenneth Trumbauer, of Kings Town, took first place in the barbecue class.

Mrs. Trumbauer, his wife, gained second alternate honors in the same class and a 12-year-old girl, Linda Brazee, became an alternate in the junior division. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brazee, of Morgneck.

Chestertown's Mayor and Council, in April session Monday night, heard the president of J. R. McCrone, Jr., engineers, offer a contract for services in connection with the proposed lagoon system for sewage disposal.

K. M. Lathan, Jr., said the engineering fees are not fixed but are based on the cost of construction—the higher the cost, the smaller the percentage fee for engineering services.

The contract offered Chestertown was for seven percent of the cost, up to \$200,000. From \$200,000 to \$500,000, considered the outside maximum, the fee would be five percent of the construction cost.

Soil tests and topographical studies are now underway. It is expected that these will be completed by the end of the month when Harlan Batholomew Associates, the planning-zoning consultants, would enter the picture along with the Mayor and Council and Water-Sewage Board to make final decision as to the feasibility of the proposed location.

Mayor C. David Haacke said federal and state governments will participate on a matching-basis but only for certain phases. These include the disposal unit (a lagoon in the proposed plan) field mains, interceptor lines and pumping station. Feeder lines and mains are not included.

The Water-Sewage Board sat in with the Mayor and Council for this part of Monday's meeting. The contract, as offered by McCrone, has been referred to Ernest S. Cookerly, the town's attorney, and John C. Huntington, auditor.

Along with Mr. Lathan, Harry E. Sturdevant, of the McCrone firm, was at the meeting.

Two Future Homemakers Groups In Kent

Two Kent chapters this week are observing Future Homemakers' of America Week as proclaimed by Governor J. Millard Tawes. The local chapters, part of 101 in the state with membership totaling more than 3,000, are at Galena and Garnett high schools.

Nancy George, an 11-grade student, is president at Galena, where the membership is 14. Yvonne Cotton, a ninth-grade student, is head of the Garnett chapter of 26.

The over-all goal of FHA club activities is to help individuals improve personal, family, and community living. Among other activities, an annual state meeting is held, and this year's meeting will be on May 1 in Baltimore.

Mrs. Hilda Dorsey, home economics teacher at Garnett, and four students—Yvonne Cotton, Mary Freeman, Patricia Elias, and Eve Brown—will attend the meeting. Two Galena students will also attend. However, they have not yet been named. Garnett's FHA chapter will also send two delegates to the national FHA convention, which will be held in Philadelphia in July.

The proclamation by Governor Tawes urges all Maryland citizens to take notice of the valuable contributions made by the Maryland Future Homemakers and to encourage the continued achievements of the young people in all FHA clubs.

Old Age Tax Relief To Go To 77 In Kent

Seventy-seven Kent County residents beat the April 1 deadline in applying for tax exemption and they will be relieved of paying a total of \$3,323.83 under the present rate.

Income of those eligible cannot exceed \$2,500 and the major exemption to any is \$44.

Gets Great Britain Trip

Chestertown High senior, Eddie Fry, is one of 21 United States 4-H Club members selected to live and work with host families in England, Scotland, Wales and North Ireland during July and August this summer. He was chosen by a committee of the National 4-H Foundation.

The program under which he will make the visit is a new one between the United Kingdom and the United States similar to the International Farm Youth Exchange which has been in operation since 1948. The new program is for active 4-H members between the ages of 16 and 18 and the participants get no financial grants.

Fry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Fry, Fair Hill Farm on the Chestertown-Kennedysville road. Due to graduate from Chestertown High in June, he expected to enter the University of Maryland in September. He has been identified with many activities at the school, especially sports.

He has done much work in the dairy field, with considerable experience in breeding, feeding, developing and showing Holsteins, both his own and the family herd. He proved his ability as a judge of dairy cattle and judged in the Na-

tional 4-H contest at Waterloo, Iowa, in 1963. He has shown his own animals locally, at State Fair and the International Dairy Show. He represented Kent County and Maryland at the National Dairy Conference in Chicago last December. In January of this year he was chosen as top 4-H member in Maryland in the Holstein record book contest and in addition to a suitably engraved gold watch received possession of the coveted rotating Holstein trophy for the year.



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