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KENT ISLAND LAD AWARDED WAR CROSS

NOW IN A NEW YORK HOSPITAL

JAS. COLEMAN GARDNER, SON OF MR. AND MRS. CHARLES F. GARDNER, OF CHESTER, RETURNED TO STATES SUFFERING FROM SHELL SHOCK.

Persons who attended the Masonic Memorial Service last summer on William McKenney's lawn, Centreville, held in honor of the boys of the county, who were serving the country, will remember three chairs draped with Old Glory, in honor of three Queen Annes county lads, then doing duty with the army of Uncle Sam over seas. One of these lads was James Coleman Gardner, son of Mr and Mrs. Charles F. Gardner, of Chester, Kent Island, also a nephew Senator James F. Kirwan. This week Queen Annes county is called upon to do honor to this twenty-year old lad. For he has been awarded the French War Cross for bravery in action, and on August 21st was returned to a New York Hospital, suffering from shell shock.

Young Gardner was one of the first volunteers from Queen Annes county, having enlisted in the Fifth Regiment United States Marine, in March of 1917. He was sent directly to New York and in only a short time thereafter to France, having seen service in that country the past 14 months. He has been in the front line trenches a goodly portion of this time, and was in the big drive made by the Marines a few weeks ago. He has been suffering from shell shock for several weeks, and was returned to New York two weeks ago. But, he was however, awarded the French War Cross for bravery in action before he became so badly incapacitated as to be sent from the line of battle.

Last week the parents of the lad re[illegible] in a New York Hospital. At once Mrs. Gardner, accompanied by her niece, Miss Myrtle Coleman, also of Chester, left for that city. They found the lad in the best of spirits, glad to see them, but very anxious to get back and see the finish of the figb! He is improving and has suffered but one serious attack from the effect of the shock since reaching New York.

Quite a number of Gardner's comrades wounded, gassed and suffering from shell shock were returned on the same boat with him, and he said of all of them he was the only one not too seriously injured to be able to walk.

He related some interesting, as well as gruesome incidents in connection with his work with the Marines. He said they captured some German Machine Guns, with German women lashed to them to compel them to stand their ground and to operate them. He also stated that had he known he would be sent to the States he would have brought as a souvenir his bloody bayonet used in the big drive.

He also saw one of his comrades, nicknamed "Pat," who after being taken prisoner by the Germans came marching back into the camp with 70 Hun prisoners that he had taken by a slight trick of his. "Pat," who had learned to talk German, told the Huns when captured that the French and Americans were coming by the billions. After seeing the pluck of this Marine they were more than anxious to surrender. "Pat," after that was commanded to stay in the rear, but the next day he was seen in the front line trenches ready for another haul after the Huns.

The French, he says, claim that the Marines saved Paris.

Private Gardner has also seen where Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt is buried.

Mr. Gardner is confident that the war cannot last many months longer, and said he believed it would come to a close by Christmas.

Mrs. Gardner and Miss Coleman returned home Sunday and said the lad expected to be given a leave of absence to visit his home as soon as he was sufficiently improved to leave the hospital, and hopes it will not be long before he will be sent back to work with his regiment.

HAY-HARRIS.

Lewis L. Hay and Miss Elsie Harris, of Templeville, journeyed to Centreville Wednesday morning and secured a marriage license from the Clerk's office, and then proceeded to Grace M. P. parsonage, where they were married. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. Q. Bacchus, pastor of the church.

Mrs. J. E. Bramble, Mrs. J. W. Yeates and Mrs. Sallie Coutin and Miss Bramble are spending several days in Baltimore.

CALL TO ARMS OF ALL AVAILABLE MEN

FROM 1500 TO 1600 MEN FROM QUEEN ANNES COUNTY WILL BE AVAILABLE.

All Queen Annes countians who have reached their eighteenth birthday and who have not reached their forty-sixth birthday must register for military service under the draft law on next Thursday, September 12. The only exceptions to this rule are those who registered on recent enrollment days. In other words, no man who has been enrolled at any preceding registration is affected by the registration next Thursday.

Between 1500 and 1600 men are expected to register in Queen Annes county.

The hours for registration will be from 7 A. M. to 9 P. M.

Men will register at the places were elections are usually held in their district.

All men within the new ages, whether citizens of the United States or not, must register, unless they are diplomatic or consular representatives of foreign nations.

In case of illness on the registration day, arrangements for tardy enrollment may be made with local boards and men who expect to be absent from their homes may register by mail, sufficiently in advance that the registration record reaches the board by September 12. If a man has no permanent residence he is to register at the place he is on September 12 and those out of the country on that day are required to enroll within five days after their return.

To Enroll 13,000,000.

"At least 13,000,000 men will place themselves subject to call for war service under the new registration. It is estimated, although only those without dependents in good health and otherwise qualified for arduous duties of soldier life are to be taken first.

Youths in their eighteenth year will be placed in a separate class. They are subject to a special selective service program and will not be called until the supply of other available men in the new classes is exhausted. This does not mean that their calling will be long deferred, however, inasmuch as it has been announced that all men in the new registration accepted for general service will be under arms by June 30, 1919. The Man-Power bill makes no specific provision for separate classification for 18-year-old boys, and War Department plans for their treatment have been made on executive initiative.

MORDECAI DAVIS CHILCUTT.

Mr. Mordecai Davis Chilcutt, aged 57, died at his home at Centreville Landing last Friday afternoon, following an illness of ten months of Bright's disease and heart trouble.

He was a son of the late Davis and Martha Chilcutt, and was born July 14th, 1871, near Easton. He was engaged in farming from the time he reached manhood until he was incapacitated by ill health.

He was married thirty-three years ago to Miss Ida Rosetta Cahall, of this county, who survives him, with seven children, four daughters and three sons. They are Mrs. C. E. Tinley, of Wilmington; Mrs. Dorsey Foster and Misses Irene and Catherine Chilcutt, of Centreville. Arthur and Layton M. Chilcutt, of Baltimore, and William M. Chilcutt of Centreville.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Grace Methodist Protestant Church Centreville, Rev. G. Q. Bacchus officiating. Interment was in Chesterfield Cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. R. B. Eaton, William F. Anthony, Edward Stewart, George A. Whitely, George W. Harris and Henry Wright.

PATTERSON-McFADDEN.

A wedding of interest to a number of Queen Annes countians took place last Saturday afternoon in Northminister Presbyterian Church, 25th Baring Street, Philadelphia, when Miss Lillian Roberts McFadden, daughter of Mrs. Lemuel McFadden, of 3410 Powelton Avenue, Philadelphia, became the bride of Mr. Henry Clay Patterson, son of Mrs. Henry Lippicott Patterson.

The ceremony was performed by Rev William H. Dampe. The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. William Otho Thomas, of Sudlersville, and was attended by her sister, Mrs. Hugh S. Keebler, as Matron of Honor. Mr. Keebler acted as best man.

The bride wore a suit of silver gray satin cloth and carried a bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley.

The service was [illegible] only the immediate families [illegible] attendance. After the first of [illegible] Patterson will be [illegible] Street, Philadelphia.

WITH OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

"OVER THERE" AND OVER HERE

DEVOTED TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE YOUNG MEN FROM QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY WHO ARE ENLISTED UNDER THE STARS AND STRIPES.

First Lieutenant F. E. Schnefpe spent the week-end with his family in Centreville. Lieut. Schnefpe left Sunday for Raleigh, N. C. where a new cantonment is being built, and where he has charge of the building of the roads for the government.

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According to official army announcements issued this week Samuel Harrison Newnam, son of Mr. John H. Newnam, of Church Hill, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Flying Service. Lieut. Newnam is a nephew of Mr. Spencer G. Newnam, of Centreville.

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Samuel Murphy, of the Officers Training School, Camp Lee, Virginia, spent the week-end with his children, Misses Dorothy and Mary Murphy, in Centreville. Mr. Murphy saw service on the Mexican Border, and since the beginning of the war until a few months ago was stationed at Camp Dix, N. J. from which place he was transferred to the Officers Training School. While in Centreville he also visited his sister, Mrs. Samuel Morris.

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Lieut. William Jennings Wallace, of the United States Marine Corps, stationed at Indian Head, spent a forty-eight hour leave of absence with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Wallace, in Church Hill, this week. Lieut. Wallace says they expect to leave Indian Head some time before the cold weather, but it is not known definite[illegible]

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Another county boy of whom many feel proud is Ensign William B. Bowers, of Church Hill. Mr. Bowers is a son of the late William B. Bowers, of Church Hill, and Mrs. L. B. Smith, of Baltimore. He enlisted in the Navy a few years ago and has recently been commissioned as Ensign, and is now Assistant Paymaster at the New York Yard. He has made good at every step in the road and his advancement has been rapid and well earned.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Valliant, of Church Hill, received a Red Cross Post card from their son Thomas Rigby Valliant, last week, stating that he had arrived safely over seas. Mr. Valliant enlisted last fall in the Ordnance Department, and was later transferred to the Heavy Mobile Artillery Repair Department, at Camp Hancock, Georgia. Before enlisting in the service he was connected with the Poole Engineering Company, at Texas, Maryland. Mr. Valliant has visited his parents in Church Hill a few weeks before sailing for France.

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George G. Vest, son of Mrs. George G. Vest, who spends the major portion of her time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Middleton, on the Corsica, received his commission as second Lieutenant on the 20th of August, at Camp Zackary Taylor, Louisville, Kenteuckey. Mr. Vest will be remembered by a host of Centreville boys and girls as having spent his summers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Middletown. He is a grandson of Senator Vest of Missiouri, and graduated from Princeton in June of 1917, at the age of 20 years. He has been at the Officers Training Camp for several months, but since receiving his commission has been transferred to Columbia, South Carolina.

NO NEW SCHOOLS.

To Be Erected During the Period of The War.

The War Industries Board passed a ruling last week whereby no new buildings should be erected for educational purposes, except for replacement, during the period of the war.

The Board passed this ruling when approval was asked of a plan to expend $9,000,000 for schools in New York. The Board held that the schools already built will care for the educational needs of the country until the war is over.

This ruling, it is said, would also apply to the construction of any pub[illegible] buildings, including post [illegible] not actually needed for war pu[illegible] as well as to lose essential [illegible] buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] daughter, [illegible] Pa.

PREACHERS TO TELL OF Y. W. C. A. WORK

SEPTEMBER 22 WILL BE BLUE TRIANGLE DAY THROUGHOUT MARYLAND.

Sunday, September 22, is to be Blue Triangle Sunday throughout all Maryland, and every minister in the state, and every Sunday school superintendent will be asked to tell their congregations and schools on that day what great work is done by the Young Women's Christian Association both in France and other war-ridden countries and in the United States.

The idea of observing a Blue Triangle Sunday originated with Miss Florence E. Wilbur, who recently went to Baltimore to organize the state in readiness for the big drive for war relief funds which will take place in September and will be participated in by the Young Women's Christian Association, the War Camp Community Service and the American Library Association.

Miss Wilbur in a few days will send out letters to every minister and every Sunday School superintendant calling attention to the wonderful work of the Y. W. C. A. and asking them to make it the subject of either a sermon or a talk.

The Y. W. C. A. is maintaining a corps of workers in Europe and in this country is mobilizing the women and girls so that the positions made vacant when the next draft calls more than 2,000,000 men to the colors may be filled promptly and efficiently.

MISS MAUDE V. HOLLINGSWORTH

The communities of Star and Centreville were saddened last Tuesday evening when it was learned that Miss Maude V. Hollingsworth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hollingsworth, of near Starr, had died at Emergency Hospital, Easton, at 7 o'clock, following a ten-days illness of typhoid-pneumonia.

Miss Hollingsworth was but nineteen years of age, being the only daughter. She was bright and cheerful, and possessed a loving and kind disposition that made her many admirers, and was exceptionally popular with both old and young.

Since early girlhood she had been a member of Starr Methodist Episcopal Church and Sunday School, taking an active part in all things for the interest of the church. She was also an ardent member and worker of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Miss Hollingsworth was first taken sick two weeks prior to her death with a chill, but was not considered ill until Saturday a week ago, when her physician, Dr. H. W. B. Rowe, of Hillsboro, advised her removal to Easton Hospital. She steadily grew worse, however, and no hope was given from the time she entered this institution, and the end came at 7 o'clock Tuesday.

She is survived by her parents and seven brothers. Walter W., Daniel D.; George R., and John B., all farmers of near Centreville. Hilbert N., who was called to the colors last week, and is now stationed at Camp Meade, and Thomas M. and William, at home.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at her late home, Rev. Henry Covington, pastor of Starr Church, officiating, assisted by Rev. Joel Brown, of Govans, Baltimore county. Interment was made in Chesterfield Cemetery.

The pall bearers were her five brothers, Messrs. Walter, Daniel, George, John and Hilbert Hollingsworth, and Walter Pippin.

The casket was banked high with floal tributes from the societies of the church and Miss Hollingsworth's many friends.

At the grave eight young ladies, close friends of the dead girl,—Mrs. Royden Powell, Misses Justina Hunter, Jessie DeFord, Beulah DeFord, Cora Pippin, Anna Turner, Mary Slaughter and Lydia Richardson, gowned in white and carrying beautiful floral designs, formed a body-guard during the reading of the burial service. The Starr choir sang "Nearer My God to Thee" after the service.

MOVING PICTURE PROGRAM.

Saturday, Sept. 7.—Julian Eltinge in "The Widow's Mite."

Monday, Sept. 9.—DeMille's "Whispering Chorus."

Tuesday, Sept. 10.—Billie Burke in "Pursuit of Polly."

Wednesday, Sept. 11.—Pauline Frederick in "Her Final Reckoning." The Official War Review.

Thursday, Sept. 12.—"The Lonely Way."

Friday, Sept. 13.—"Out West."

Saturday, Sept. 14.—Boosue Hayakawa in "The Bravest Way."

Mr. William McKenney Jacobs, of [illegible], was the guest of his mother, [illegible] Day.

CONVICT LABOR ON STATE AID ROAD

WORK VALUABLE TO THE COUNTY

AT WORK ON STRETCH OF ROAD FROM DUDLEY'S CORNER TO CHURCH HILL.—FIRST TIME CONVICT LABOR HAS BEEN USED ON ROADS IN MARYLAND.

Occupying a neat, new and commodious building, erected especially for their use, and fitted out with all necessary bunks, cook room and dining room, twenty negro convicts from the Maryland Penitentiary are quartered at Dudley's Corner, in the First District. They began work Wednesday on the first concrete State-aided road to be built by the county. The stretch of thoroughfare to be constructed lies between the Macadam road completed by the Holt Construction Company from Sudlersville to Dudley's, and the town of Church Hill. This is the first time that Penitentiary convicts have been used on roads in Maryland, though the plan has been tested out with splendid success in many states, notably Georgia and Colorado.

Months ago plans were made to complete the stretch of permanent thoroughfare from Dudley's to Church Hill. Then labor became scarce, and not wishing to disturb conditions on the farms or to attract labor from necessary occupations, John E. George, of Sudlersville, who is assistant to the Chairman of the Maryland State Roads Commission, volunteered to make an effort to secure prison labor. Accompanied by County Roads Engineer John R. E. Turpin, he visited the Maryland Penitentiary and obtained permission from Warden Leonard to use twenty negro prisoners from now until winter.

Portable Quarters Built.

Under the direction of Penitentiary officials, and according to specifica[illegible] on Commission, a serviceable and substantial portable building was constructed for the use of the imported laborers. The building is a one-story structure of three rooms. The front room is used for sleeping quarters, the middle room has two long tables and serves as a dining hall. The rear room is used as a kitchen. All rooms are light and airy.

Monday Engineer Turpin went to Baltimore. There he met the twenty convicts under the supervision of Deputy Warden R. H. Holtman. In Baltimore the party boarded the Chester River boat and came to Rolph's Wharf. From there they were transported to Dudley's in motor trucks. Wednesday morning Harvey Lafferty, of Sudlersville, joined the party as an assistant guard over the convicts.

Men Happy and Contented.

A happier or more contented group of men than these same twenty convicts could probably not be found in the county. To many, perhaps, a long hard day's work handling stone, rocks and concrete would be anything but a pleasant task, but to these men who have been cooped up behind stone walls—some of them for as long as ten years—it is a veritable trip to paradise. One negro who has spent ten years in the Penitentiary became violently ill after working several hours in the hot sun on the first day. He begged not to be sent to bed, and was soon able to work again.

This same colored man is one member of the two-man band boasted by the camp. He is the man who rattles the bones when the convict cook gets out his trusty guitar for the evening serenade. The first night or two the men were content to talk quietly or go to bed early after their unusual labor, but they have rapidly become accustomed to the work and now spend the evenings singing and dancing.

Labor Valuable To County.

This labor, coming from such an unexpected source, has, to a great extent, helped Roads Engineer Turpin solve a part of his labor troubles. The State is paid $2 a day for each man, and the State furnished quarters and feeds the workmen. Of this amount the men get fifty cents a day.

The old-time method of keeping prisoners in stripes has been abolished, and the workmen wear blue overalls, white shirts and black caps. Passersby would not distinguish them from other laborers, and this tends to make the men more contented, as it relieves them of any embarrassment they might have.

Those who saw the men at work this week pronounce them hard and willing workers, and the prison officials state they contemplate little trouble or disorder from the men. They are worked in groups, and the

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