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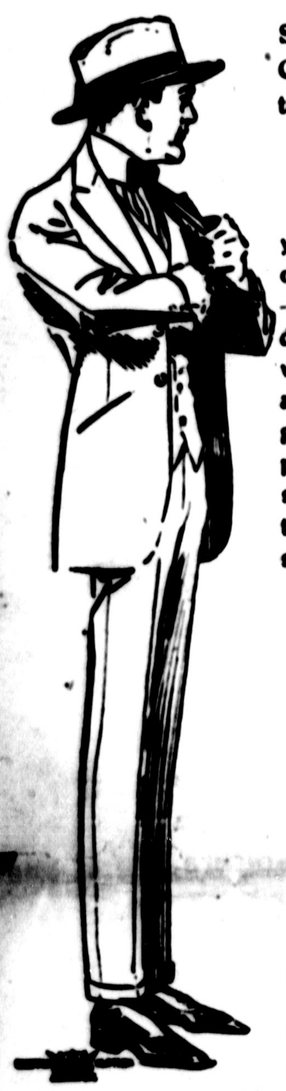

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WITH OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

"OVER THERE" AND OVER HERE

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

Mr. Joseph Sevier, of Chester, Kent Island, has received a telegram stating that Private Sevier, his son, in France, has been wounded. Mr. Sevier has not been able so far to ascertain the extent of the injury.

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First Lieutenant Harry C. Butler, who has been in the trenches in France for about six weeks writes his parents, Capt. and Mrs. Charles W. Butler, Queenstown, that he doesn't mind fighting the Hun half as much as he does the noise of the guns, when he has been relieved and given a chance to sleep.

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Ex-County Commissioner and Mrs. Harry S. Covington, of Centreville, received letters this week from their sons, Sergeant William S. and Corporal dawrd M. Covington, who are in France. The letters were written September 10th and 11th, respectively. They are both in France now, having sailed from Camp Dix, New Jersey, several weeks ago. While Edward writes that he was well throughout the trip across, he says that William was seasick most of the time. These boys, who were raised on a farm, in describing the country, say they have not seen a field larger than five or six acres, and ask their father how he would like to farm under these conditions after living on "Needwood." In spite of the small plots, however, Edward says, "the land must be very fertile for I have seen several potato patches that surely did look fine. The potatoes were fairly pushing one another out of the ground." The other son, William, writes of their safe landing, and says they are still together, and getting along fine.

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Mrs. Arthur V. Thomas [illegible] ville, [illegible] Mrs. Arthur Gleason, New York, [illegible] has been engaged in Y. M. C. A. work for the past year in London, England. Mrs. Gleason, during her stay in London, met Francis Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, and on her return to America promised him that she would write to his mother. The letter follows:

New York, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1918.

Mrs. Robert W. Thomas,
Centreville, Md.

"Dear Mrs. Thomas:—I have just come from the other side where I have been working for more than a year with the Y. M. C. A. My last evening in Eagle Hut, London, I met your son—the sailor boy—I don't know his first name, but he is a boy I could be proud of if he belonged to me. He had just been transferred to London and was, I believe, living at Eagle Hut. Anyway he is in good hands there, and will find some good friends who will take off the homesick edge and keep him out of mischief. He knew I was coming across and just wanted me to send you this little line because it would be more recent that a letter from himself to say that he was well and rather looking forward to his new work in London.

"I had a nice long list of wives and mothers to write, and it gave me great pleasure when your son asked me to include your name.

"With kindest regards, believe me,
Very sincerely yours,
MRS. ARTHUR GLEASON."

—L. L. B.—

MUST OBTAIN PERMITS TO BUILD

Those Who Contemplate Construction Work Must Comply With Ruling.

The Maryland Council of Defense has been designated as the official representative of the National War Industries Board and John E. George, of Sudlersville, who is chairman of the Queen Annes county chapter of the former organization, will have considerable work thrust upon him as a result of a ruling by the War Board, now in effect.

Under this war order all persons who contemplate doing construction work of any sort must first communicate with Mr. George, and file a full statement of facts under oath. Mr. George will then investigate the necessity of the proposed construction and transmit a report thereon with a summary of the facts, to the Maryland Council of Defense.

This action was made necessary in order to conserve materials of all kinds and also to discourage unnecessary construction. The order will be rigidly enforced, and violators will be dealt a severe penalty.

QUEEN ANNES BOYS ARE HONORED BY MASONS

GRAND LODGE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Monument and Flag Pole Unveiled Last Saturday Afternoon On Court House Plaza—Ceremony Preceded Opening of Liberty Loan Drive.—$100,650. Subscribed During Afternoon.—Meetings At Sudlersville and Church Hill in the Evening.

With Old Glory waving in the breeze in all sections of the town, and all church bells and the whistles of the trains at the M. D. & V. station and both canneries as well as that of the Centreville Electric Plant, heralding the launching of the fourth Liberty Loan drive in Queen Annes county, the McAdoo Flag, made by Mr. [illegible] L. Phillips, and presented to the town, was unfurled at 11 o'clock last Saturday across Commerce street, while Centreville Band rendered "The Spangled Banner," and thus was the drive for the Fourth and last Liberty loan begun.

The Centreville Lodge No. [illegible] A. F. & A. M. had erected a monument with flag staff and flag which was to be dedicated at the opening of the Liberty Loan drive, to the Soldiers Sailors from Queen Annes county. The members of this Lodge, together with the officers of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, who had charge of the dedication exercises, and the War Mothers of Amerton, Annes Chapter, assembled at Masters House at 1 o'clock and marched in a body to the Court House where the dedicatorial stand had been erected. This temporary stand was beautifully decorated with plants, and from this the speeches were made.

Grand Lodge Officers Present.

[illegible] Grand Lodge officers [illegible] Howard Johnson, Senior Deacon; Winfield Roe, Junior Deacon; [illegible] Jones, Senior Steward; R. C. Jones, Junior Steward, and Rev. Leonard White, Chaplain, and A. Marion Green, a soldier and mason, occupied the stage.

The exercises were called to order by Most Worshipful Grand Master Seipp, and Rev. White followed with prayer.

Senator Harper's Address.

After the dedicatorial services had taken place, and while the band played "The Star Spangled Baner," Misses Adrienne Roe, Margaret Troy, Ellen Shank and Julia Thomas, all daughters of Masons, unveiled the monument and held the flag aloft, while Senator J. Frank Harper, of Centreville, also a Mason, made the presentation address. Senator Harper's address was touching in the extreme, and his remarks were in praise of the parents who were making the sacrifice by send their sons, and the boys who had gone to protect their country. He said almost without exception the men who are having their questionaires filled at this time want to go. He very feelingly spoke of the three Queen Annes county boys who had already made the supreme sacrifice—Jeff Davis, Jr., of Centreville, and J. Edgar Potts and Julius K. Council, of Baltimore, but natives of Queen Annes county. At the close of Senator Harper's address Lieut. Green, who had come to his home in Centreville, to be present at the services, was given the privilege of raising the flag, and it was a tense moment as the band played the National anthem and the large crowd stood with bared heads, while Old Glory slowly mounted to the top of the sixty foot staff. It was then lowered to half mast in honor of the three dead heroes, and later raised to the top to float in the breeze.

Honor The Dead Heroes.

When the flag was unwound from around the monument it was found that three handsome laurel wreaths each bearing a purple ribbon with the name of the boy for whom it had been given in gold, surmounted the monument. These were presented to their relatives at the close of the services. The mothers of young Davis and Council were present, Mrs. Council having come from Baltimore for the purpose of attending the services. She has two more children in the service, Harvey Council, in France, and Miss Hilda Council, a yeoman in the Navy, and she proudly wore an armband bearing two blue stars and a gold one.

After the raising of the flag, Thomas J. Keating, of the Centreville Bar, and counsel for the Board of County Commissioners, accepted the gift in behalf of the Commissioners.

Mr. Keating, whose only son is now in France, also thrilled his audience with the eloquence of his speech, and made everyone feel prouder than ever of their loved ones who have crossed the ocean in the face of danger to fight the battles of Liberty.

The War Mothers.

In the War Mothers' procession were nearly a hundred mothers of Soldiers and Sailors, two in the number, Mrs. Council and Mrs. Joseph Fessmyer, who have three from their families in the service, led the procession, wearing arm bands with three stars. There were any number who wore two stars and one star, and in most every instance it meant all that a mother had to give.

The Liberty Loan.

At the conclusion of the dedicatorial exercises the speakers stand was turned over to the Liberty Loan Committee, and Edwin H. Brown, Jr., in [illegible] Hon. A. S. Goldsborough, of [illegible] the only speaker of the afternoon. Mr. Goldsborough is a member of the Queen Annes Bar, and was [illegible] Annes county, having [illegible] here. He needed [illegible] (See Next Issue.)

QUEEN ANNES BOY KILLED IN FRANCE.

SERGEANT SAMUEL C. SHAWN LAYS DOWN LIFE ON THE ALTAR OF LIBERTY.

Only a few days after writing to his mother on July 28th, that he believed the war would soon be over, Sergeant Samuel C. Shawn, son of Mrs. Kate (Edsall) Shawn, of 5242 Sansom St., Philadelphia, was killed in action in France. Last Thursday his mother received the official telegram from the War Department notifying her that he had met his death in action on August 8th.

Young Shawn was but 28 years years of age, was a volunteer in the 77th Field Artillery, and is one of five brothers, four of whom are serving their country. The others are: Major Franklin D. Shawn, of the Quartermasters' Corps, Washington; Raymond D. Shawn, a Sergeant in the Signal Corps in France, and George W. Shawn, a radio operator at sea. One other brother, Clarence Shawn, of Montana, also survives.

Samuel C. Shawn is the son of the late Samuel C. and Kate (Edsall) Shawn, and was born at Price, Queen Annes county. He spent most of his boyhood in this county, but the last few years have been spent in Philadelphia, where he was in the employ of the Keystone Telephone and Bell Telephone Companies until the outbreak of the war, when he enlisted.

In an interview with Sergeant Shawn's mother she said, "Of course, I feel the blow, but am only too glad to be able to give my boy to his country." Not content with giving her four sons, Mrs. Shawn has been working at the Schuylkill Arsenal, Philadelphia, making tents for the Government.

Sergeant Shawn is well known here, and he with his brothers have often spent entire summers with their aunt, Mrs. Mollie Wesley, in Centreville. Otherrelatives of the young man are Mr. William T. Shawn, a great uncle, and Mr. S. C. Walls, of The Observer, a cousin.

Memorial services were held in his honor Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at St. Matthew's M. E. Church, at Fifty-third and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia.

CUTTING AFFRAY ON KENT ISLAND

FIGHT TOOK PLACE IN DARKNESS

GUS ROE, CHARLES GARDNER AND WALTER LLOYD BADLY SLASHED BY ROLAND TURNER, COLORED.—TWO OF VICTIMS IN EMERGENCY HOSPITAL.

A fight, with knife, gun and whiskey playing the most important parts, took place last Saturday night at Stevensville between the arrival of the M. D. & V. train and ten o'clock. As a result of the affray, Gus Roe and his brother-in-law, Charles Gardner, are in Emergency Hospital, Easton, badly cut, and Walter Lloyd, of Baltimore, is also nursing several severe cuts.

Those in the Fight.

It is said Gardner and Roe had been to Baltimore and returned home that evening accompanied by Lloyd, all under the influence of whiskey. They started for the home of Roe, when a negro, Roland Turner, jumped on the back of the buggy for a ride, and they told him to get off. He did this, but the men chased him, and it is said the final skirmish took place in a yard where they had chased the negro, and he used a knife as a weapon. Gus Roe had a slash across his back which is said to have cut several ribs and a severe one across the front of his body. The extent of Gardner's wounds was not learned, and Lloyd, while painfully hurt, was not injured severely enough for hospital attention. The other men were taken to Easton at once.

The Officers Called.

At ten o'clock Sheriff Spry was call to the telephone and notified that a cutting affray had taken place and Roland Turner was the man accused. Turner lives in a tenant house on the farm of Wellford Carter, near Stevensville, and upon reaching Stevensville Sheriff Spry and Constable Williamson were joined by Constables Brown and Eaton, of Kent Island, and went to the home of the negro to

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Keep the Hun on the Run

A FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN MASS MEETING

Will be Held Sunday, at 1.30 o'clock

IN FRONT OF THE COURT HOUSE, CENTREVILLE, MD.

Brass Band and Fine Singers Will Be in Attendance

Speakers---Hon. W. T. WARBURTON and HON. ROBERT E. LEE.

The Committee expects and is making every effort to have an AIRPLANE and some Overseas Soldiers present.

Under a ruling of the Food Administrator all persons are requested to use their automobiles to attend Liberty Loan Meetings held on Sundays.

If YOU are a patriot and appreciate the sacrifice our boys are making for YOU in France you will attend this meeting and see that all your neighbors do.

WM. McKENNEY,
Chairman Queen Annes County Committee.