

THE WEEKLY WEATHER

By Thomas W. Ellason, Jr.

THIS WEEK		26 YEAR RECORD	
Date	Max. Min.	Max. (yr.)	Min. (yr.)
January 6	48 29	69 (1950)	10 (1940)
January 7	49 25	63 (1950)	11 (1940)
January 8	55 40	63 (1949)	5 (1942)
January 9	52 40	74 (1937)	8 (1942)
January 10	40 29	65 (1950)	0 (1942)
January 11	41 20	58 (1950)	-1 (1942)
January 12	43 20	56 (1946)	5 (1942)
Total Precipitation 2.10 inches		Total Snowfall 6.0 inches	

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4 Kent High Schools Accredited 2nd Time

All four of Kent's high schools—Rock Hall, Chestertown, Garnett and Galena—have received official notification that their membership and accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools has been continued. The local schools were first accredited ten years ago.

The Kent schools are among the 1,261 accredited schools in the Middle States Association, an evaluating agency with member schools in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone, and the Virgin Islands.

The Middle States Association, one of six similar associations which together cover the United States, is an independent, voluntary organization of educational institutions. Its object is to encourage higher achievement and to facilitate the development of better working relations among higher institutions, secondary schools and other educational agencies in the Middle States. Membership is open to qualified public and private schools, colleges and universities, and professional and specialized schools.

An official release from Superintendent Reade W. Corr and the high school supervisory staff said:

"Being placed on the Middle States' accredited membership list certifies that a school's educational purposes are soundly conceived, and that its programs have been intelligently planned to fulfill the purposes, are effectively conducted, and are capable of producing the results that the school seeks. Membership in Middle States is recognized regionally and nationally. Accreditation warrants the consideration and certain recognition of a student's academic record when he transfers to another school, applies for college entrance, or seeks a job. Kent County students may feel a sense of pride in attending a school which has been accredited by a nationally recognized evaluating agency."

"Many hospitals, employment bureaus, and other types of institutions and agencies also strive to meet accreditation standards. They are evaluated by other types of accrediting agencies. "Kent's schools are also accredited by Maryland State Department of Education. Kent school officials consider the evaluation and the resulting accreditation by Middle States as a part of their professional program of improving instruction and in-service education."

"In order to become an accredited school, educational institutions must apply to the Middle States Association for membership. Kent's schools were evaluated and accredited by the Middle States Association in 1953-54. A re-evaluation is necessary every ten years if the schools are to be continued on the accredited list. The 1963-64 evaluation of local high schools is a unique situation since Kent is the only Maryland school system to have all county high schools evaluated during the same year."

"Prior to being accredited, schools must be evaluated by a visiting committee of teachers and administrators from accredited schools in the Middle States Association. Members of evaluating committees donate their time. Several Kent teachers and administrators



SNOW, BEAUTIFUL SNOW — at least that is what it was for Tammy 7, left, and Laura Schaubert 5, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schaubert, Jr., Cedar Street, Colledge Heights, who got in a little coating during Sunday's storm.

D & R Gets County Fuel Oil Contract

The D & R Supply Company was awarded a contract for supplying fuel oil for the furnace which heats the Court House, Jail and Little Court House.

The Chestertown firm was the low bidder among four. The contract is for one year's supply.

Kent-Queen Anne's Retarded Children Chapter Tops Goal

The \$6,000 goal for the Kent and Queen Anne's Chapter of the Maryland Association for Retarded Children had been reached. This was announced at a meeting on January 6.

The funds raised will be divided between the Boards of Education for the two counties to aid in the payment of the costs of the trainable classes. Establishment of the Chapter for 1964.

It was announced that the directors of the Chapter would meet in the near future to discuss and enlist professional help to determine the next project to be undertaken.

Chestertown Library Closed January 18-22

The Chestertown Public Library, corner High Street and Queen Street, will be closed on Monday, January 18 through Friday, January 22 for redecorating.

The Library will be open as usual on Saturday, January 23.

Voting Requirement Change Causes Objection To Charter

Chestertown's proposed new Home Rule Charter was presented for discussion Monday night before some 50 citizens (not all residents of the town) and drew only one apparent objection—the franchising of non-property owners.

Mayor C. David Haacke presided at the meeting held in the main court room of the Kent Court House. The four Councilmen—C. Burton Vansant, J. Willis Wells, Eugene Miller and R. W. Wright—were present.

Edward Collins, of Colledge Avenue; Capt. Harry H. Deringer, of Queen Street; and Thomas W. Ellason, Jr., of Byford Heights were the principal questioners about the provision of the new charter which would extend voting privileges to all citizens over 21 years of age and residents of the town for a period of 12 months after being properly registered.

Although they were the only speakers, it was apparent from the nodding of heads and murmurs in the audience that others were similarly minded.

As the meeting opened Mayor Haacke cited 10 provisions of the new charter which he thought the most important. They were:

1. The new requirements for voting privileges—one year residence, 21 years of age and proper registration.
2. The change in boundaries to produce four wards of approximately equal number of eligible voters. (These later were revealed as 506 in First, 502 in second, 567 in third and 529 in fourth for a total of 2,104.)
3. The appointment of the Water Board by the Council rather than the Mayor.
4. The establishment of the Council as the legislative body of the town with the Mayor as

the executive officer, who would vote only in the case of a tie.

5. The change in the term of office of the Mayor from two to four years.

6. Elimination of property ownership as a requirement for holding office.

7. The change from 10 to 20 as the number of registered voters and property owners required on the petition for nomination to office.

8. Increase in the number of election supervisors from two to three.

9. Preparation of budget by Mayor for Council approval, which upon approval must be duly advertised and presented at a public hearing. The sources of revenue to support the budget to be submitted at the same time as the budget.

10. The right of citizens to petition for referendum on almost all actions of the Council, such petitions to require sig-

natures of 20 percent of the registered voters.

Mayor Haacke also pointed out that the right to seek Home Rule had been given counties and municipalities more than 10 years ago by the Maryland General Assembly and that Chestertown, now asking this type of government, was returning most of the power to the voting citizens.

He cited the proceedings for adopting of the Charter. It first has to pass the Council. Upon passage by the Council it must be advertised for four weeks within a 40-day period during which it may be petitioned to referendum by 20 percent of the registered voters. (87 out of the currently registered 433). If no such referendum is petitioned, the Charter would become effective after the elapse of 10 additional days—a total of 50 after Council approval. Current registration by

wards, it was announced, is: First 78; Second 55; Third 66; Fourth 234.

If Norman Grieb presented the question of owners of property in the town who did not live within the corporate limits having voting privileges. Mayor Haacke said there were no provisions in either the present or the proposed charter and no precedent for such.

A query of Edward Collins started a running debate with the Mayor which continued spasmodically throughout the meeting.

The first statement of Mr. Collins was that some 1,600 apparent non-property owners could control town affairs. Mayor Haacke pointed out that many of these could be property owners who had not bothered to register previously.

The Mayor said the property qualification for voting was in essence a poll tax and that like-ly federal funds would be denied the town if such a requirement were retained. He further cited the Supreme Court "one-man-one-vote" opinion.

Capt. Harry H. Deringer said that the "one-man-one-vote" edict of the Court could only be assumed to be a requirement since the Congress might legislate otherwise. Attorney A. Parks Rasin, who had helped adapt the model Home Rule Charter for Chestertown, stated that Aberdeen had just removed property ownership as a qualification for voting.

Thomas W. Ellason asked if it were true, in the event of a referendum vote rejecting the charter, that it would be inoperative. Mayor Haacke said this was the case and that any part of the charter, or all of it, was subject to referendum.

To a further query of Mr. Ellason along the same line and concerning the budget, Mayor Haacke replied that if a budget were rejected by referendum vote, the same procedure for adoption would have to be repeated.

Sterling Townshend asked about separate assessments for the town. Mayor Haacke replied that it was the custom in practically all municipalities (Baltimore City excepted) to use county assessment figures, and to do otherwise would mean a duplication of effort.

Louis B. Anthony asked if the charter had any provision for a city manager. Mayor Haacke's reply was in the negative but he said under the powers given in the Home Rule Charter, that by Council resolution such could be provided as could ordinances of all types, provided they did not violate county and state laws.

Gilbert L. Watson asked if the 20 percent provision for voters petitioning matters to referendum applied to the new possible eligible total of 2,100. The Mayor's reply was in the affirmative. A previous inquiry by Mr. Watson as to whether Chestertown was the only municipality in the area with a property ownership qualification for voting had prompted attorney Rasin's reference to the abandonment of such by Aberdeen.

At adjournment, Mayor Haacke announced that the new Charter would be considered by the Council at its next meeting on February 1.

Jay White, III, To Head Heart Drive



Kent County's annual Heart Fund Drive, which takes place in February, will be headed by James J. White, III, local attorney, who has accepted the chairmanship because of the illness of Ed Fellows, of Millington. While the regular canvass will be concentrated on Heart Sunday, February 21st, Mr. White is arranging for organization throughout Kent to sponsor dinners, dances, etc., to swell the proceeds. Organizations and individuals who would like to cooperate can contact Mr. White by phone at 778-0912.

Two From Kent At TB Seminar

Mrs. Alice Wright, president, and Mrs. Elsie Weamert, board member, represented the Kent County Tuberculosis Association at an Eastern Shore Program Seminar sponsored by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association in Cambridge last Wednesday.

County representatives exchanged ideas regarding successful projects and discussed ways of intensifying case detection programs and evaluating present tuberculosis services.

Firemen Here Answered 110 Calls In 1964; Losses Total \$105,461

The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company answered 110 alarms in 1964, according to Wayne E. Leverage, statistician, with an estimated loss of \$105,461 on properties of an estimated value of \$8,442,775.

A total of 2,141 men answered the alarms, put in a total of 72 hours and five minutes and travelled 4,973 1/2 miles.

The types of fires, the number, the property values and the losses were:

- Residences, 31, \$264,825.00;
- Cars, 12, \$10,700.00;
- Grass and Field, 12, \$2,500.00, N-A;
- Outbuildings, 10, \$56,550.00;
- False Alarms, 9, N-A, N-A;
- Chimneys, 6, \$58,000.00, N-A;
- Miscellaneous, 6, \$3,200.00, \$1,075.00;
- Public Buildings, 4,

- \$255,000.00;
- Factories, 4, \$2,490,000.00, \$1,000.00;
- Woods, 4, N-A, N-A;
- Hay, 3, \$16,000.00;
- Tractors, 3, \$1,100.00, \$700.00;
- Trucks, 2, \$400.00, \$130.00;
- Assists, 2, N-A, N-A;
- Boats, 2, \$13,500.00, \$4,000.00;
- Stand-bys, 2, N-A, N-A;
- Dormitory, 1, \$250,000.00, \$1,000.00;
- Drowning, 1, N-A, N-A;
- Straw, 1, \$1,000.00, \$1,000.00;
- Barn, 1, \$20,000.00, \$20,000.00.

The causes of fires were as follows:

- Unknown, 38; Faulty Heating Devices, 30; Misuse of Electricity, 11; Burning; 8; Children and Matches, 5; Smoking, 4; Lightning, 4; Faulty Cooking Device, 3; Mechanical, 3; Alarm System, 2; Auto Accident, 1; Misuse of Flammable Liquids, 1.

College Program Would Help Provide Public School Teachers

Washington College is organizing a program to help fill the need for more qualified secondary school teachers on the Eastern Shore.

For this purpose, the college will sponsor an Eastern Shore School Superintendents Conference for Tuesday, January 19, on the campus.

The mutually beneficial program will allow county school officials to advise the college of their particular needs, while the college personnel will have an opportunity to explain the teacher preparation program at Washington College.

He added that students from

the Eastern Shore will be encouraged to meet with the school administrators to learn about the availability of scholarship aid from their home counties.

Those who are expected to participate in the conference include Harold A. Fulton, director of instruction in Wicomico County; Wilbur S. Hooper, superintendent of Dorchester County; Charles Hurley, supervisor of senior high schools in Dorchester County.

Also, Dr. Harry C. Rhodes, superintendent of Queen Anne's County; John Webb, secondary supervisor of Queen Anne's County; John L. Bond, superintendent of Somerset County; George F. Carrington, supervisor of high schools in Somerset County; Paul S. Hyde, superintendent, and Ernest Holland, administrative assistant in Worcester County.

Named To College Publicity Staff



Miss Jacquelyn Shure, a native of Baltimore, has been appointed assistant to the public relations director of Washington College.

Miss Shure is a 1964 graduate of the University of Kentucky, with a degree in journalism.

She is a member of Theta Sigma Phi, the national fraternity for women in journalism. Last year, she was assistant society editor of the Kentucky Kernel, the University newspaper.

Gets Share Of Cigarette Tax For 2nd Quarter

Distribution of revenue from the State cigarette tax for the second quarter of Fiscal 1965 brought \$15,433.70 to Kent County. The months involved were October, November, December 1964.

State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein said the total distribution in the State was \$2,903,722.15.

Methodist Merger Brings Peninsula District To Chestertown

Chestertown, next May, will become the seat of a new district of the Peninsula Conference of the Methodist Church created by the merger of the Delaware and Peninsula conferences, a merger which will become effective at that date. The district superintendent will make his residence here.

The historic name of "Peninsula," where American Methodism was cradled, was chosen for the merger. The first Methodist preaching in America took place at Lewes, Del., in 1730.

The names and approximate boundaries of the new districts will be: CHESTERTOWN — Cecil, Kent and Queen Anne's Counties in Maryland. DOVER—New Castle County (below Summit-Port Penn), Kent County (Del.) and Sussex County (above a line running below Bridgeville-Georgetown-Lewes) and the section of Caroline County from Greensboro northward.

EASTON—Talbot, Dorchester and Caroline (below Greensboro). SEAFORD—Sussex County (below Bridgeville-Georgetown-Lewes line) Worcester and the Sharptown section of Wicomico.

SALISBURY—Somerset and Wicomico Counties (except Sharptown section) and a small part of Worcester County. WILMINGTON—New Castle County (above a line from Summit to Port Penn).

Effective Sunday, May 16, there will be six districts when Bishop Lord assigns ministers at the close of the annual conference in Grace Methodist Church, Wilmington. The all-Negro Delaware Annual Conference will meet in Tindley Temple, Philadelphia, in April to dissolve itself effective on the opening dates of the various white conferences which will absorb the Negro membership.

Ministers and lay delegates of the then extinct Delaware Conference comprising Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Virginia, will meet in Grace Church as voting delegates when the conference opens Thursday, May 13.

The new names to appear on the roster of district superintendents will be Chestertown and Seaford. Wilmington, Dover, Easton and Salisbury remain the seats of superintendents, but the boundaries are drastically altered to keep the number of charges approximately equal in each district and, in the case of the Seaford District, to put all the shore resort churches under one superintendent.

The addition of 17,000 Negro members will bring the Peninsula Conference total to 101,400. In addition, there will be more than 20,000 "preparatory

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