

Three Districts Meet Red Cross Quotas

Three districts in the county have reported they have succeeded in reaching the suggested quotas for the 1954 RED CROSS FUND DRIVE CAMPAIGN for membership and funds. The districts "over the top" are: Uniontown, New Windsor and Hampstead in the order in which they finished. Other areas in the county are doing very well even though the weather has been inclement most of the month. Woolery's district has collected 98% of its suggested quota; Taneytown-Middleburg has 85% of the amount they need collected; Myers district has raised approximately 70% of the amount they hope to get; Westminster district has reached the 60% mark and Berrett district is well past the half-way figure. However, some of the solicitors have not reported to their respective chairmen. Everyone is urged to complete their solicitation as soon as possible and send in their reports and funds. Mrs. R. S. Farley, Sr., county chairman for this year, commends

all volunteers on their untiring efforts to complete their territories in spite of bad weather and a great deal of illness.

Janet Riley Champion Westminster Speller

Janet Riley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray D. Riley, Uniontown Road, won the spelling bee held Thursday afternoon at a special assembly in the auditorium of the Westminster Elementary School. Doris Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Miller, Pool Road, was the runner-up. Gerald Richter, high school supervisor, pronounced the words and Miss Ruth DeVore, elementary supervisor, Mrs. Frank Libman, P.T.A. president and Principal Franklin Gilds served as judges. The final elimination for Carroll County contestants will be held Friday, April 9 at 8 P. M. in the auditorium of the Westminster Elementary School.

TOWN MEETING MONDAY April 12, 1954 7:30 P.M.

For the purpose of nominating the candidates for the office of Mayor of Westminster and also two members of the Council. City election will be held May 10, 1954.

Seventeen Attend Key Club Convention

Seventeen Key Clubbers of Westminster High School attended the fifth annual Capital District convention of Key Clubs in Old Point Comfort, Va., Saturday. They were George Benson, who is the district governor, John Armacost, Charles Havens, Richard Humbert, Howard Koontz, Kent Parker, Gary Rinehart, David Stekete, Erich Willen, Larry Hare, Paul Bowers, Urban Bowman, William Jenette, William Jones, Allen Spicer, Charles Kable and Fred Schlerf.

Taitt Elected Head Of College Government

Henry Taitt was elected president of the Student Government Association in the election held last Thursday, March 25, at Westminster Maryland College. Harriett Cooley captured the vice-presidency in the election held the following day.

Taitt, who hails from Cambridge, Md., is president of the Junior class and a member of Gamma Beta Chi fraternity. He was the only candidate among seven who did not conduct an active campaign. He stated that he wished the students to "seek their own facts and then decide."

Miss Cooley ascended to the vice-presidency after serving as her class representative to the SGA for three years. She is a member of Sigma Sigma Tau sorority and is from Bel Air, Md.

Libman to Represent Chamber of Commerce

At the regular meeting of the Westminster Chamber of Commerce at Legion Hall Wednesday, Frank Libman was appointed by President Quintal to be national councillor to the National Chambers of Commerce meeting to be held in Washington in the near future.

A follow-up meeting pertaining to the United Fund Drive organization being sponsored by the Chamber, will be held April 8 at 8 P. M. at Legion Hall. Two representatives from each district have been asked to speak for their district and also to be possible members for one year on a permanent board of directors for the proposed organization.

The United Fund would include the following organizations: Boy and Girl Scouts, Heart, Cancer, Cerebral Palsy, Salvation Army, Children's Aid, and the Humane Society.

P. G. Coffman, president of the Retail Merchants Association, and Robert Lindsay, representative of the Art Metal Construction Company, Baltimore, were guests for the luncheon meeting.

County Disaster Test Successful

Eight Carroll County fire companies participated in an unheated disaster exercise at Springfield State Hospital, Sykesville, Md., Tuesday in co-operation with that state's Civil Defense program. Warfield Babylon, Carroll County CD director, pronounced the entire operation a success. He said that employees of the state hospital realistically enacted their roles to demonstrate that the hospital could handle a disaster situation without disturbing the patients.

Three of the buildings at the mental hospital were evacuated in the drill. The male patients were moved quietly to other buildings where they were entertained by the hospital therapists, unaware of the "disaster."

Hospital personnel served as casualties and were removed from wards on stretchers, in the realistic test, to a casualty center established to care for 800 emergency cases. The drill began at 2:30 and ended at 3:45 p. m. It was supervised by Shirley Ewing, Maryland Civil Defense director and the staff from CD headquarters at Pikesville. Officials of the Maryland Department of Mental Hygiene also participated.

Fire apparatus responded to the test alarm from Hampstead, Manchester, Reese, Westminster, Mt. Airy, Taneytown, Pleasant Valley and Sykesville. Other companies in the general area were on alert duty in case of emergency.

Trust Company Adds Two Directors

Joseph L. Mathias, President of the Westminster Trust Company, announced today the election of James E. Shilling and Randall G. Spoerlein to the Board of Directors. Mr. Shilling, a farmer, canner and community leader, is a Carroll County Commissioner, a member of the Westminster Kiwanis Club, a Trustee of the Reese and Community Volunteer Fire Company and a Deacon of the Bethel Church of God.

Mr. Spoerlein, a prominent farmer of the New Windsor community, is the President of the Carroll County Farm Bureau, a member of the Board of Directors of the State Farm Bureau, one of the Carroll County soil conservation supervisors, a Town Councilman of New Windsor, a member of the Westminster Kiwanis Club and a former Carroll County representative in the House of Delegates.

Doctors Work Sunday Plan

We are happy to reprint this article which appeared in the Sykesville Herald of March 25. It bears out the need shown by our editorial of March 4.—Ed.

At least one physician in Sykesville will be available every Sunday under a cooperative plan adopted by the town's two general practitioners—Dr. Bertrand Gau and Dr. Howard Hall.

The two local doctors recently agreed upon a schedule whereby each one would be available every other Sunday for emergency calls. Attending a meeting of the Carroll County Medical Association last week, they were interested to note that the very thing they had already decided to do in Sykesville, was being recommended for county-wide practice. Recently the lack of physicians, over weekends, in some Carroll communities, resulted in spirited criticism.

For the next five weeks, the Sykesville doctors will be on call for Sunday emergencies, as indicated by the following list, which the reader is advised to clip and place near the telephone.

March 28—Dr. Gau, phone 461.
April 4—Dr. Hall, phone 525.
April 11—Dr. Gau.
April 18—Dr. Hall.
April 25—Dr. Gau.

Singer Opening Draws Many Interested Women

The new Sewing Center of the Singer Sewing Machine Company on Main Street in Westminster opened last Friday and had an unprecedented registration of 1500 visitors. Officials are appreciative of the great interest shown by the people of the area.

P. G. Coffman and Nathan Weinstock of the Retail Merchants Association on Tuesday morning drew the names of those visitors who were to receive special awards. All persons picked will be notified by telephone or mail and if it is not convenient for them to pick up their gift at the store, delivery will be made.

Many Turn Out For Anniversary Dinner Of Historical Society



Two views showing large attendance at interesting Carroll County Historical Society Meeting held Thursday evening.

The fifteenth anniversary dinner of the Historical Society of Carroll County held in the Westminster Methodist Church was attended by one hundred and fifty members and friends of the organization. J. Harry Koller, president, in his address of welcome stressed the fact that the society belongs to the newcomer as well as to the oldest resident and one need not have been born in Carroll County to be eligible for membership. Mr. Koller then turned the meeting over to past president, A. Earl Shipley, who called on various people active in the Society throughout the years.

J. Walter Eckenrode of the Carroll County Society of Baltimore gave an interesting reminiscence of events which led to the movement in 1939 and paid special tribute to the pioneer work of Miss Lillian Shipley and Mrs. Harry M. Kimmey. Mr. Eckenrode emphasized his impression that the Historical Society has carved for itself a niche formed on tradition and sentiment. As long as its present ideals continue, success is assured.

Miss Pauline Fuss, representing Union Bridge district, recalled the highlights of the Western Maryland Railway Anniversary meeting in 1952 and reminded listeners that the \$1,000 contribution of the

Western Maryland enabled the Historical Society of Carroll County to burn its mortgage.

Treasurer T. K. Harrison gave an interesting fifteen year financial summary; receipts having amounted to a total of approximately \$30,000 and expenditures to a total of \$27,000. Mr. Harrison gave a spirited appeal for the preservation of old documents and historic items.

Miss Amelia Anna focused attention on the contributions of Taneytown district to the society, recalling exhibits of teapots and boxes, the reading of early diaries, and the meeting which featured Eli Bentley clocks. In 1940 Taneytown district contributed the marker for the home of the Society. Miss Annan acknowledged the help of Middleburg district in the meetings and projects.

Dr. Theodore M. Whitfield gave a brief summary of the restoration work done on the Shellman House throughout the fifteen years. In the early days much of the repair work was done by volunteers, but in recent years professional help has been necessary. Special mention was made of the restoration of the kitchen and the means by which modern conveniences were introduced without destroying the look of antiquity. Reference was also made to the complete repair-

ing of the second floor and the restoration of the old Zube scenic wallpaper in the front hall.

A. Earl Shipley paid high tribute to pioneer workers of the Society, mentioning them by name and giving detailed accounts of their contributions. Of special note is the work of Dr. Arthur G. Tracey, past president and chairman of the history committee. After years of painstaking effort, he has been able to secure copies of all original land grants in Carroll County, an achievement accomplished by no other Maryland county. One set is now the property of the Carroll County Court.

Mr. Shipley in concluding his talk commented that the following observation made by Col. William P. Mauley in 1887 is just as applicable to 1953, "A characteristic of the population of this County is, and has been, its fixedness and steadiness in the occupation of the original homes. I think that a larger proportion of the families, first planted in homes on this soil, remain to this day amongst us, by their representatives, than perhaps any other county in the State."

The quotation is from an address by Col. Mauley in 1887 on the occasion of the combined celebration of the centennial on the formation of the Constitution of the United States and the semi-centennial on the birth of Carroll County. Originally the address was printed in The American Sentinel April 16, 1887, and then was reprinted in the Bulletin of the Historical Society of Carroll County April 1948.

Combined Band And Orchestra Concert Of Schools Slated Friday

The following pupils will participate in the All-County Band and Orchestra Concert to be held in the Westminster High School on April 2, 1954, at 8 o'clock: Orchestra—George Summers, Pat Houch, Ethel Roberts, Reba Sies, Rachel Sies, Edward Arrington, Stanley Sharkey, Edwin Kraft, Dorothy Mack, Mary Walker, Mount Airy; Norman Sellers, Joan Strevig, Rachael Wentz, Manchester; Audrey Bowser, Barbara King, James Yingling, Pat Roop, Lois Bowman, Nancy Roelke, Elmer Wolfe; John Skiles, Leonard Wantz, Ken Reifsnider, Robert Royer, Robert Simmons, Edward Simmons, James Wantz, Taneytown; Patsy Lambert, Kathy Willison, Gerald Meyers, Kathy Roach, Janet Meyer, New Windsor; Eugene White, Gary Carr, Wilbur Beckol, Marlene Zimmerman, Charles Carroll; Charles Millender, Donald Monroe, Vernon Rill, Hampstead, Julie Ruby Hampstead.

The concert is conducted by Mr. George Curfman, Mr. Kermit Kiehn, and Mr. Bartholomew Ferrara.

Babe Ruth League

Registration for the Babe Ruth League, which is being sponsored by the Westminster Kiwanis Club, will be held on Saturday, April 10, at 2 P. M. on the Westminster High School Athletic field. There will be four teams and any boy born prior to August 1, 1951 or after August 1, 1938, is eligible to join this 13, 14 and 15 age group. Leslie Hamill is president of League. In case of inclement weather the registration will place in the high school.

Lion's Spring Fashion Dance Plans Include Coleman As Emcee

Dick Coleman, announcer for radio station WTTR, will be master of ceremonies for the Spring Fashion Dance to be held by the Lions Club in the State Armory, Saturday, May 1. All indications point toward the most elaborate dance of the year. P. Donofrio, general chairman, has announced that tickets may be purchased from all members of the club.

Termed the "Hit Dance of the Year" this annual affair is expected to be more colorful than ever with decorations carried out in arrangements of flowers in keeping with the season.

Tostesses for the evening will be directed by Mrs. Carroll Fritz and there will be the usual attractive cigarette girls. A special contest for the ladies has been planned as a highlight of the evening. Judges for the contest will be guests from out of town.

Music will be by Bob Harry's 14-piece orchestra with vocalist.

Rotarians Hear Teachers

The weekly dinner meeting of the Westminster Rotary Club was held at the Charles Carroll Hotel Wednesday evening. The program was arranged by the International Service Committee, Gerald Richter, chairman. The speakers were the two German teachers participating in the exchange teachers' program. Miss Gertrud Brachatz spoke on their experiences while in this country for the past six months. Miss Hedwig Ebert discussed western Germany, its problems of today and its hopes for the future.

Past President, Stanley Tevis, inducted two new members into the club: Charles T. Buffington, who will carry the classification of Radio and Television Repairs; and J. Howard West classification Office Equipment Retail.

Edward Sterner, Hampstead, was a visiting Rotarian and J. Hampton Johnson a guest.

Officers Elected At Local VFW

John Marsh was named commander of Molleville Farm Post 467, Veterans of Foreign Wars at the regular election Thursday night at the post home on Pool Road.

Other officers elected for the coming year included: Maurice Blizard, senior vice commander; Russell Conover, Jr., junior vice commander; William F. Holtzople, quartermaster; Roy C. Gamber, chaplain and service officer and Fred T. Hooper, trustee.

There will be a joint installation of officers of the post and the Ladies Auxiliary unit at the local post home Saturday evening, April 10, followed by dancing and refreshments. VFW State Department officers will present awards and assist with the installation.

School Bus Tags Lower

According to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Thomas B. R. Mudd, effective April 1, the fee for school bus license plates, Class H, will be \$15.00, instead of \$25.00.

Violinist Will Perform for University Women

The American Association of University Women will meet at the home of Mrs. Robert Unger, 7 New Windsor Road at Green Street, Tuesday, April 6, Dr. Jean Rosenberg, professor at Notre Dame College, Baltimore, will entertain the group with a violin concert.

Drive Safely For Telephone Company



The Plant Department of the The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company recently honored its employees who had been driving company motor vehicles for ten years or more without a responsible accident. The group pictured above averages about 100,000 miles per year in Westminster and Carroll County. Included are: J. E. Bartgis, E. G. Barber, H. C. Deeds, Sr., Wm. B. Hopkins, W. C. Uhler, J. Patton, J. D. Whitmore, L. C. Card, B. E. Sprinkle, J. R. Swartzbaugh, R. E. Culler, George L. Eppler.

COMING EVENTS

SCHOOL CONCERT—Carroll County School Band and Orchestra Concert, West. High School Auditorium, Friday, April 2, 8 P. M.

CANTATA—"Olivet to Calvary", Community Chorus, Tuesday, April 13 in Westminster High School auditorium at 8 P. M.

ANNUAL DINNER—Carroll District, Boy Scouts of America, Monday, April 19, Manchester High School, 7 P. M.

SPRING CONCERT—Annual Spring Concert W. M. C. Little Symphony Presenting Opera "The Lowland Sea" and Mozart Concerto No. 3 for Violin, Alumni Hall, Friday, April 23, 8:15 P. M.

MUSIC FESTIVAL—County Music Festival Extended, Alumni Hall, W. M. C., Friday, April 30, 7:30 P. M.

FASHION DANCE—Spring Fashion Dance, Sponsored by Lions Club, Westminster Armory, Saturday, May 1.

DINNER—CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—Legion Hall, Wednesday, May 5.

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Spring Activities of Kindergarten

Miss Helen Widmyer, supervisor of Kindergarten in Maryland, spent Friday morning with the Westminister Kindergarten. The program included construction work and play with toys; recognition of the sixth birthday of twins, Peggy and Jacky Tevis; individual stories including Bonnie Rye's story of her new sweetheart doll; discussion of signs of Spring; story and pictures of Spring; making a Spring picture; music including songs and rhythm band with Paul Fisher conducting; memory poems; riddles and games. There were 25 children present and their work was on display. Other pictures and posters about the room told about safety, health habits, good manners, healthful foods, ways of travel, ways to dress, Mother Goose's family and Betsy Ross making the first flag. The Kindergarten members took a walk on Monday morning looking

Holds Annual Meeting

The Carroll County Dairy Herd Improvement Association held its annual banquet meeting recently at the Sandymount School, with 125 members and guests present.

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Seabrook Extra Fancy Green Beans 2 10-oz. 29c
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THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1954

THE AMERICAN WAY



Let's Have No "Morning After" Here

VESTERYEARS

from The Times

FIVE YEARS AGO

1949

The seventh annual campaign for the Westminster Community Concert Association will be officially launched with an organization dinner to be held April 4 at the Charles Carroll Hotel. A special feature of the dinner will be a sound film presenting many of the international artists sponsored by Community Concerts.

Plans for the second annual Easter Egg Hunt for Westminster children are underway by members of the Venture Club.

At a dinner sponsored by Westminster Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs on April 5, Major Toney Giorlando, U.S. Army, Armored Cavalry Instructor for the State of Maryland, will deliver an address on the significance of Army Day to all citizens of the democracies.

The Westminster Athletic Association baseball team has been granted a berth in the Baltimore County Major League, it was announced by the President F. W. B. Thomas. Practice sessions will begin next week on the new baseball diamond being constructed on the athletic field of the Westminster High School.

TEN YEARS AGO

1944

National Advertising Company, Machine and Engineering Division, Westminster, was one of 14 firms throughout the United States selected for the Army-Navy "E" award for outstanding production of war materials.

We had snow and rain on Wednesday and very cold weather which delayed the farmers with their spring work.

Exercises were held in Alumni Hall, Westminster Maryland College, on Tuesday evening, for the awarding certificates to the cadets of the A.S.T.P. who had completed one or more terms successfully.

Joseph Carbery Boyle, well-known and popular citizen of Westminster, died at the Marine Hospital, Baltimore, on March 25, aged 50 years.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

1939

"The Terrible Meek", a one-act play, will be presented by the Westminster Players at 9:30 on Good Friday night.

The J. S. Reed Piano Co., Baltimore, is occupying the room in the Carroll Theatre building. Going Full Blast! Piano sale enters second week—upright pianos start at \$65.00. Spinets, \$245.00. Grand pianos, \$385.00.

At the A. & P.—salmon 2 tall cans, 19c; chuck roast, 1 lb, 21c;

pork loins, 1 lb, 19c; bacon 1/2 lb. pkg., 15c; butter, 1 lb, 29c; 8 o'clock coffee, 2 lbs. 29c.

Little southerly JESUS HEARD came out of the game with his gloved hand looking like a well-stuffed bear. You're right, Clint was catching.

What has the hurler worried is that Clint has had a sore arm. What happens when he's healthy, they ask.

LINE DRIVES—Outfielder DON LENHARDT seems to be taking up this spring where he left off with the St. Louis Browns last fall. Len led the Browns with a .317 stick mark in 1953 and was leading the Flock with a potent .591 average as this was written. . . . The team batting average currently is .300. . . . Speaking of Bill (he doesn't like to be called Bill-Y) Hunter and Harvey Kuenn, another pretty good looking young shortstop became a regular last year (his first in the majors) in the person of Boston's MILT BOLLING. Three top-flight shortstops breaking into the American League in one season is quite a novelty. Giant's manager LEO DUCHOCHER can't stand cigar smoke. It may be an allergy or just a dislike for stogie. Naturally, Oriole manager JIMMY DYKES cooperates. A chain smoker, Jim normally puffs about two dozen a day—unless he's in the Lip's company, then he uses the count to about 50. Just pals!

Our Orioles may have been the poorest hitting team in the league last year as the St. Louis Browns, but they were first division in power, having slammed out 112 home runs to rank right in back of Cleveland, New York and Philadelphia in the round trip department. . . . Our games this coming week-end with the Cubs will be aired in WGBM over station WJLA from Ponchartroula, Louisiana on Saturday and from Mobile on Sunday. Hope you'll be listening when WGBM airs WJLA's HOWIE WILLIAMS and I bring you every play. . . . That's all for now. Dykes is waiting for me—Comin' skipper!

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Bill plays the game (and in practice workouts, too) as though he's having the time of his life. Baseball is his business and he enjoys it.

Reaching skyward six feet and tipping the scales at about 175, Bill nevertheless gives the impression of being a spry, little guy. He moves gracefully, quickly and with cat-like motions. He handled more chances at shortstop last summer than any other American League short fielder. Averages are of some importance, but total chances accepted are the most important criteria of an infielder's value.

When our Orioles play the Detroit Tigers the first home week-end of the season (on Saturday and Sunday afternoons—April 17 and 18), you'll have a chance to compare Hunter with HARVEY KUENN, Detroit's 1953 American League "Rookie of the Year."

No doubt about it, Kuenn is one of the best young natural hitters to come into baseball since the war, but he's not Bill's equal as a defensive player.

Quite a clown—quite a kid—quite a ball player is Bill Hunter!

Despite a little slump toward the end of our stay in Arizona, it appeared that our Birds would win the pennant! Premature, you say? No, the championship club training in Arizona is to receive a "trophy" from TIMOTHY R. KING of Tucson, American Legion Dept. Commander. The best exhibition record when camp is broken by each of the four teams (Orioles, New York Giants, Cleveland and the Chicago Cubs) will decide the winner. If the "champion" is not known before all four teams start their tour home, the award will be made during the season in the major league park of the winner, according to the SPORTING NEWS. The Giants were still in the battle to overhaul our Birds as this was written.

Baltimore's bustling backdrop, CLINT COURTNEY, plays the game hard, as you've been reading in your newspapers. He does everything with a vengeance. Sometimes he fires the ball back to his pitchers he der than they threw it to him. After a recent mound stint, Little southerly JESUS HEARD came out of the game with his gloved hand looking like a well-stuffed bear. You're right, Clint was catching.

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Our Orioles may have been the poorest hitting team in the league last year as the St. Louis Browns, but they were first division in power, having slammed out 112 home runs to rank right in back of Cleveland, New York and Philadelphia in the round trip department. . . . Our games this coming week-end with the Cubs will be aired in WGBM over station WJLA from Ponchartroula, Louisiana on Saturday and from Mobile on Sunday. Hope you'll be listening when WGBM airs WJLA's HOWIE WILLIAMS and I bring you every play. . . . That's all for now. Dykes is waiting for me—Comin' skipper!

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