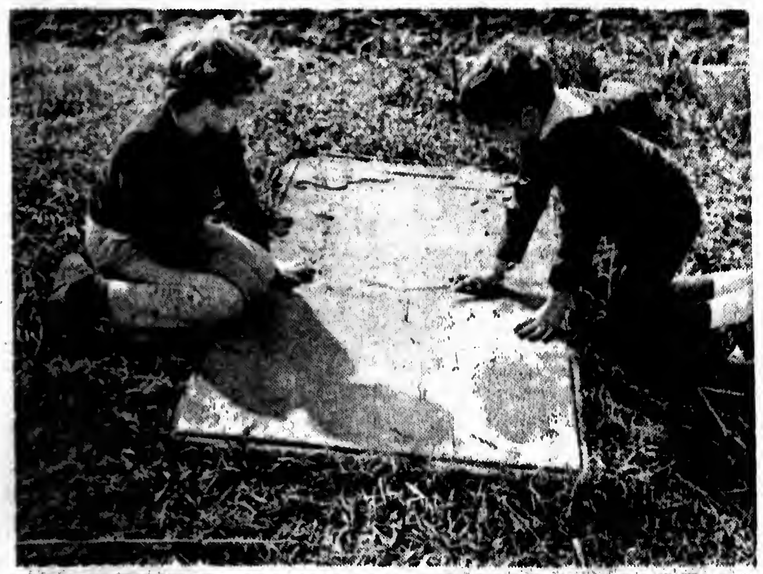
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Top. Dr. Twining's children showing Crest of Arms on one of the oldest graves found to date in Somerset County; located on the Thornton Farm Research is being made to determine the family to which the Crest belongs.

Bottom. The tombstone of Captain Blaney (1715-16) also located in the family graveyard on the Thornton Farm.

1712 Grave Marked With Family Crest

By Anne Nutter

There is a graveyard on a farm near Princess Anne that may well be the singularly most important find in recent history that corresponds with those "glorious leaders of Old Somerset" written of by Clayton Torrence.

The farm is "Thornton" and is owned by members of the Paul Twining, Sr. family.

One stone had the date 1811 but bore no name. A second was engraved with the name of a "Captain Blaney", with the inscription: "Here lyeth the body of Captain John Blaney who was born in Charlestown in New England, aged 31 years and 2 dayes who was deceased January 5, 1715-16"

A third was perhaps the most important. It was emblazoned with a Crest 2 feet by 3 feet, and with the the date of 1712, but no name was now visible. It is coincidental that this marker is dated the same as that of the famous Colonel George Gale of Tusculum who also had a Crest similar in size to that of the marker at "Thornton." Like that at Tusculum, this graveyard is one of the oldest found to date.

In another section two gravestones were found bearing the names: Ellen Gillis Woolford, 1811 1847, and Caroline G. Woolford, 1811 (8 months). Several graves were marked with stones, but bore no names.,

Who are these people buried at "Thornton?" Anxious to learn more of the history of the farm, Mrs. Twining has stated she will begin to research the records which may offer evidence as to their indentities. The Twinings have learned that William Thorne was given a land grant for 600 acres of land in 1662 which he named "Thornton" After his death his widow, Winifred Thorne, married a Colonel David Brown who lived at "Thornton" and proceeded to establish a successful mercantile business here, trading with merchants from Scotland.

One only has to scan the pages of "Old Somerset" to find information regarding the first owner of the "Thornton" farm, and Dr. and Mrs. Twining are enthused with their "discovery". They are to be commended for they have probably found one of the resting places of those leaders who realized the importance of Somerset County, and who stand historically alongside two other great leaders, John Elzey of "Almodington" and Randall Revelle of "Clifton", friends of Thorne. We wish them much success in their endeavor.

Somerset Educators At UM Conference

A group of twelve Somerset County educators and parent volunteers attended a conference at the University of Maryland Adult Education Center in College Park on Friday, March 25.

Sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education and the National School Volunteer Program, the conference dealt with methods, techniques, and problems related to the recruitment, retention, and training of volunteers at the middle, junior and senior high school levels.

The State Superintendent of Schools, David Hornbeck, addressed the group of nearly two hundred as did John W. Alden, Executive Director of the National School Volunteer Program.

This Somerset County group sponsored an exhibit featuring volunteer programs in 2 county schools, Somerset Junior High School and Crisfield Elementary School #3. The exhibit was centered on a backdrop containing pictures of volunteers working with students in the club programs at these schools along with some of the objects that the children had made. Handouts describing the activites of the children were distributed and questions were answered for visitors to the booth.

Attending were: Frank S. O'Rourke, ESAA Coordinator; Margo Green, Hilda Polk, and Ola Reese, ESAA Resource Teachers; Pat Kemp, member of the ESAA Parent Council and Parent Volunteer Coordinator at Somerset Junior High School; Mrs. Hazel Milbourne, Principal and two teachers, Pam Ford and Isabelle McGivvoney, Somerset Junior High; Frances Wise, Vice-Principal, Woodson Middle School; Kenneth Butler, Principal, Greenwood Elementary; and Miss Lola Sterling, Principal at Westover Elementary and Mrs. Edna White, parent volunteer from Somerset Junior High School.



Mr. and Mrs. William R. Fiddelke of Esperanza Shores, E. Palatka, Florida, announce the engagement and coming marriage of their daughter Laura Fiddelke M.D. to Dr. Richard W. Hall Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Hall Sr. of Princess Anne, Maryland.

Dr. Fiddelke is a graduate of Palatka High School. In 1971 she graduated with High Honors from the University of Florida with a degree in chemistry. In the fall of that year, she entered the School of Medicine at the University of Florida and received her M.D. in June of 1975. She is now finishing two years of residency in pediatrics at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Hall is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University (Bachelor of Science in Enineering). He earned his Masters in Science in 1971 and PhD. in Electrical Engineering from North Western University in 1975. He is now teaching and doing research at the University of Pittsburgh in the department of Electrical Engineering.

The wedding date has been set for Mary 14, 1977, the ceremony to be held in the bride's parents' garden in East Palatka, Florida.



ORGANIZATIONS CONTRIBUTE - Contributions and pledges from groups and organizations throughout Somerset County have helped to boost the McCready Hospital Building Fund Drive total. Individuals, and the organizations they represent, are (left to right), front row: Rev. E. N. Dennis, pastor, and Sarah E. Dennis, Shiloh United Methodist Church; Regina B. Hill, Shiloh United Methodist Women; Mary L.T. Handy, John Wesley United Methodist; Louise Whittington, Ebenezer United Methodist Women; Webster Whittington, Handy's United Methodist Church; Linda Landon, Asbury United Methodist Women; Alice Bradford, Marion 4-H Club;

Middle Row: Walter R, Schlining, Crisfield Chapter of AARP; Silvia White, Shiloh Intermediate Choir; Ruth Tuttle, Crisfield Soroptimist Club, Roland H. Brown. NAASP. Bradley Eby, Rehobeth Ruritan Club.

Back Row; Samuel Davis, Crisfield Kiwanis Club; Robert W. Howeth, Jr., Crisfield Rotary Club; Bill Drummond, Amercian Legion Post No. 16; James Griffith, Crisfield Elks 1044; Earl Price, Marion Lions Club; Bill Wilson, Princess Anne Rotary Club; Walter James, Deal Island-Chance Lions Club; Clarence Fontaine, Union Lodge 33. Contributions and pledges for Clubs and Organizations total over $22,000.

The following organizations contributed but were not present for the picture: Ladies Auxiliary of Ewell Fire Dept.; Ewell Methodist Church Choir; Ewell Methodist Church; Crisfield VFW; Crisfield Masonic Ledge; Macedonia United Methodist Church; Guess Who Social Club and the Guiding Light Gospel Choir.

Future of UMES Discussed

JAMES E. BYRD, 3rd.

"The alternative of closing UMES has been rejected" stated Dr. Shledon H. Knorr, the state commissioner for higher education, addressing the meeting of the University of Maryland Board of Regents. The site of the meeting was the new Ella Fitzgerald Center of Performing Arts, on the UMES campus with a record attendance. He said that a six member task force would be appointed to look at both UMES and Salisbury State to determine the problems involved in a merger. The task force would be made up of representatives of the respective communities and the state.

Merging of these two institutions has surfaced almost yearly since the Rosenburg Commission recommended the merger several years ago. It again has been brought to the forefront by the ill timed announcement recently by a legislative analyst.

University President, Dr. Wilson H. Elkins said, "all alternatives should be taken into account, not a restrictive study that preceeds on the basis that a merger is definitely in the offing." Dr. Elkins also noted that it is not for the state board, but for the legislature to ultimately decide the fate of UMES. Chancellor, Dr. William P. Hytch delivered a brief statement, in which he remarked, "This university is not concerned about closing or merger, but becoming a viable part of the university system."

A former student, member of the Baord of Regents and Chairman of the Regent's Committee on the UMES, Edward V. Hurley, addressing the students in attendance, admonished them to do their homework well, for as he stated, "nobody is going to save this campus for you but you.". Mr. Hurley was the most outspoken of the participants at Friday's meeting.

Also during the discussion, Tony Bruce, local attorney and Chairman of the Chancelor's Community Advisory Committee, shared his own observations since his involvement. In a written statement presented to the Board of Regents, Mr. Bruce stated, as a land grant institution the UMES has special responsiblilities and resources. "This facility (UMES) offers the best hope of a continuing success of agricultural education and extension in this state and the mechanics and home economics programs on the Eastern Shore. Wise foresight would require the periodic transfer of agricultural programs from the cramped College Park campus." The Board of Regents and Board for higher education must forthrightly declare that all undergraduate programs in marine and environmental areas of the Eastern Shore and in the University be under the aegis of UMES.

A number of students from the College Park campus were on hand to protest the investment of university endowment funds in corporations with interests in South Africa.

The students' advocate on the Board of Regents was Mr Hurley, who, in the day's most heated debate, declared that the regents should sell all stock held in companies with South African dealings and ask corporate representatives to visit the university campuses for open meetings to answer questions about company support of activities in South Africa.

One of the liveliest exchanges took place when, Mary H. Broadwater, a board member, suggested that some of the corporations with South African dealings and in which the university owns stock are also on the list of those making gifts and grants to the university.

Among the examples given was the Mobile Oil Corporation, which has made a $10,000 grant for the minority engineering scholarship program.

"Should we accept such a grant from Mobile Oil, which is heavily involved in the Republic of South Africa?" she asked.

Mr. Hurley and Mrs. Broadwater were among four board members who voted against a letter approved by the rest of he board to be sent to corporations doing business in Sourth Africa and in which the university owns stock. The letter voices a basic objection to the doctrine of Apartheid on a morale basis and asks what the company is doing to end the practice.

Another dissenting vote came from Percy M. Chaimson. "It is the responsibility of the board to handle endowments for the best returns," he said. "We are in charge of running the university and not the world."

N. Thomas Whittington, Jr., Treasurer of the Board of Regents, and this areas representative to that body was on hand throughout the meeting and made a report on his committee's action. Mr. Whittington resides in the Marion Area.

Luncheon For Show Committee

A luncheon was held at the home of Mrs. Elwood Jones at "Land's End", on March 7th, for the Committee Members of the Twelfth Annual Daffodil Show being presented by the Somerset County Garden Club.

Mrs. Elwood Jones and Mrs. August Z. Schneider are Co-Chairmen of the Show Committee members present were: Mrs. Lloyd Lohmeyer, President of the Somerset County Garden Club; Mrs. J Parker Tull, Jr., Vice-President; Mrs. Snowden Dorsey, Secretary; Mrs. George Coulbourne, Treasurer; Miss Martha Simpkins, Mrs. Richard Hall, Mrs. N. T Whittington Jr., Mrs. Mark Cooper, Mrs Roy McKissock, Mrs. E. T Cato, and Mrs. Omar Carey Unable to attend were Mrs. William Ruark, Mrs. Thomas George and Mrs. Paul H. Towson.

The Daffodil Show will be held Saturday, April 2nd, at the Peninsula Bank in Princess Anne, from 1 to 6 p.m., the public is invited to attend. Plants will be on sale in front of the bank starting at 9 a.m.

Board For Higher Education To Meet On Shore Colleges

The State Board for Higher Educaton will meet in the Old Appropriations Committee Room in the State House in Annapolis on Friday, April 1 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

A major agenda item will concern the Board's consideration of its plan to appoint a task force to fully explore the possibility of creating a single non-doctoral institution utilizing the existing higher educational resources on the lower Eastern Shore.

On March 14, Dr. Sheldon H. Knorr, Commissioner of Higher Education, announced on behalf of the Baord, that in its overall planning relative to the future status of Salisbury State and UMES, the alternative of closing UMES has been rejected.

Board Chairman, Harry K. Wells has also scheduled consideration of minimum standards and procedures for approval of postsecondary institutions, requests from out of state institutions to operate in Maryland, and report on a staff study of fuel and utility costs at higher education institutions.

Rabbi To Lecture At UM Eastern Shore

Rabbi Robert G. Kensin of Temple Beth Shalom in Arnold will spend two days lecturing on different facets of Judaism at the Eastern Shore campus of the University of Maryland on Wednesday and Thursday, March 30 and 31. His appearance is being sponsored by the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

His main address will take place on Wednesday on the topic of "Blacks and Jews: Convergences and Divergences of Two Major American Minority Groups" at 11:30 a.m. Earlier in the day at 8:30 he will discuss "The Jewish Tradition in Medical Ethics" with an Issues in Bioethics class. He will also speak on Social Justice to Philosophy and Sociology classes at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Rabbi Klensin, who holds a B.A. from UCLA summa cam laude, was ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati after receiving his M.A. in Hebrew Letters. He earned his B.H.L. on the Los Angeles campus of the same college.

Following his ordination in 1974, he

Previously, he has served as a rabbinic intern in Alexandria; China Lake, Calif.; Saugus, Calif. and Fredericksburg.

The Chautauqua Society, the educational project of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, seeks to improve interfaith relations by endowing college credit courses and lectures on Judaism at campuses throughout the United States and Canada.

Specialized Transportation Meeting To Be Held

A meeting open to the public of the Interagency Committee on Specialized Transportation, chaired by Frederick L. Dewberry, Executive Assistant to the Governor, will be held on April 7 at 9:00 a.m., in the Office on Aging, Tawes State Office Building, Room 1004, 301 W. Preston Street, Baltimore. The subject of discussion will be a review of the relations between Maryland's school bus program and the federal-state programs of transportation for the elderly and handicapped (Section 16-b-2 of the Mass Transportation Act.)

Body of Island Fisherman Found at Ewell

The body of a Smith Island fisherman, missing since the first part of March was found by a resident near Back Cove. He spotted it Sunday in the water about 50 feet from shore, according to Maryland Natural Resources police.

Edwin E. Evans of Smith Island, disappeared March 4 while setting nets in Tangier Sound. High winds hampered the search but the empty 16-foot aluminum skift was discovered in Back Cove with the nets dragging, Police said.

Arts and Crafts Spring Festival

The Princess Anne Area Chamber of Commerce, Eastern Shore Arts and Crafts Center, invites you to attend its First Annual Spring Arts and Crafts Festival on April 2nd and 3rd, at Washington Sr High School in Princess Anne Doors will be open from 10:00 A M to 6:00 P.M. on Saturday and 12:00 noon to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday

Crafts will include ceramics, macrame, string art, custom framing, Easter miniatures, woodworking, candles and more There will be oil paintings, water color prints, mini furniture, dolls, etc. on display Featured will be Easter plants home baked goods, antiques, and much more!

All local artists are invited to participate. For information call 651 1929. Admission is free

Phearson Named H.E. Teacher of Year

Ms. Lynne Pherson of Derwood, Maryland, has been named the 1977 Maryland Home Economics Teacher of the Year by the Maryland Home Economics Association.

Ms. Pherson, chairwoman of the Home Economics Department at Rockville High School in Rockville, Maryland won the competition and a plaque from Family Circle Magazine for her efforts in directing the development of a child development curriculum that will soon be distributed statewide.

Ms. Pherson is being honored at the Maryland Home Economics Association's Spring Meeting in Annapolis, Maryland, on April 1