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Attendance In Schools Of County

Report Shows High Averages During The Month Of November

School Attendance Officer Edwin H. Barnes, of Elkton, reports that the attendance was high in all groups of schools during the past month. North East led the high school group, with an average attendence of 94.6 for the month, while Fair Hill led the one-teacher group, Elk Mills the graded school group, Providence, the two-teacher schools, and Cedar Hill, the Negro schools. The attendance at the Elkton Negro high school was 89.8 per cent.

The averages during the month of November in the various schools were as follows:

One Teacher Schools— Fair Hill 98.3, Pilot 97.5, Wesley 97.4, Jackson 97.2, Pleasant Hill 97.0, Union 96.8, Principio 95.9, Chapel 95.8, Hart's 95.7, Pleasant Hill 95.3, Blake 95.0, Oakwood 94.8, Liberty Grove 94.6, Jefferson 94.4, Charlestown 94.3 New Valley 93.0 Pierce's Neck 91.9, Rowlandville 87.8, Pond's Neck 86.1, Warwick 85.6, Marion 84.1.

Two Teacher Schools—Providence 97.9, Leeds 94.4, Cherry Hill 94, Colora 88.5.

Graded Schools—Elk Mills 97, Cecilton 95.4, Calvert 95.1, North East 94.0, Chesapeake City 93.9, Perryville 93.2, Elkton 92.1, Rising Sun 91.4.

High Schools—North East 94.8, Kenmore 94.7, Elkton 94.6, Calvert 93.9, Perryville 93.6, Rising Sun 92.6, Chesapeake City 91.7, Cecilton 90.4.

Colored Schools—Cedar Hill 99.0, Port Deposit 98.1, Wilson 97.9, Conowingo 95.2, Cokesbury 93.2, Cecilton 92.9, North East 91.8, Elkton Elem. 90.7.

Elkton Colored H. S. 98.8.

Parents File Suit

Parents of a Fort Hoyle soldier, who thumbed a ride with a motorist and then lost his life along with that of the driver when the automobile was in collision with a truck on the Philadelphia road have sued for $25,000 damages against the estate of the driver.

The suit in the City Court was direct against Samuel Weintraub, administrator of the estate of Irving Weinberg, driver of the automobile in which John Earl Dunn, 24, met his death not far from his Fort Hoyle post.

The parents, of Downington, Pa., allege in the suit that the death of their son was due to the negligence of Irving Weinberg. They contend the son was their only means of support. Bernard B. Feikin is attorney for the Dunns. A jury trial has been asked.

Becker--Clay Nuptials

The wedding of Miss Elinor Clay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Clay of Elkton, and Dr. M. Edward Becker, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Becker of Kennett Square, will take place at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the Elkton Presbyterian Church.

The bride will be given in marriage by her father and will have her sister, Mrs. Doyle McSpadden of Elkton, as matron of honor. Miss Kathleen Gordy of Wilmington, Del., Miss Kathryn Groves of Marshallton, Miss Lilliam Dunbar of Elkton, and Miss Alice Sheldon of Newark will be bridesmaids.

Mr. Horace Taylor of Kennett Square will be best man. Dr. Harold A. Tarrant and Mr. George Irwin of Wilmington, Mr. Raymond Moynihan of Kennett Square, and Mr. Harry Noznesky of Federalsburg, Md., will be ushers.

The wedding music will be played by Miss Mariam Jeffers of Elkton.

A reception for the wedding party and members of the family will be held at the home of the bride following the ceremony. After a wedding trip Dr. Becker and his bride will live in Kennett Square.

Miss Clay is a graduate of Women's College, University of Delaware and has been associated with the DuPont Company. Dr. Becker is with the medical division of the DuPont Company.

Men's Bible Classes To Serve Breakfast

The Men's Bible Classes of Janes Methodist Church are planning to serve a breakfast in the basement of the church on Sunday morning Dec. 24, at 8:00 o'clock. Following the breakfast, which will be prepared and served by the men, there will be a short service. It is expected to have an attendance of one hundred men.

Briefly Noted News

Mr. David Cullen has purchased a new Buick car.

The Tome School, Port Deposit, will close for its Christmas vacation December 20th.

West Nottingham Academy closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday of this week.

The public schools of the county will close on Friday, December 22, for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Frances Taylor, of Rising Sun Elementary school faculty, is driving a new Pontiac coupe.

Miss Mary Thomas and Gladys Hambleton have secured positions at Bata's shoe factory, near Aberdeen.

Among our gunners who have been deer hunting in the mountains are George Cox, and Howard Wright.

Russell Johnson assisted in the A. & P. store Saturday morning in absence of the meat manager, Mr. Edgar Wilson.

S. W. Fitzgerald is erecting a large garage on his sawmill property at Porters Bridge, for the housing of his trucks.

The Sunshine Class of the M. E. Church held a business meeting and social at the home of Mrs. R. H. Kier on Monday evening.

The Wilson dwelling on Cherry Street, lately vacated by Robert Love and family will be occupied by Bruce Williams and family.

A card party will be held in the High School auditorium of this town on Tuesday evening, January 16, under auspices of the Lions Club.

The City Tailors' plant in Elkton, dyers and cleaners, owned by Omer L. Carson of Havre de Grace, has been purchased by Alexander Onizuk employe.

The 5th grade of the Rising Sun Elementary school recently joined the Red Cross, each pupil contributing a little donation in money. Also the 6th grade joined.

Mr. Frank Jugler and son laid a new concrete walk from St. Agnes Church to the town walk, last week. Mr. Jugler is also painting his new barn which was recently erected.

The Ladies' Aid held their annual Xmas party in the basement of the M. E. Church on Thursday. Following a covered dish luncheon at 12:30, a program and social hour were enjoyed.

Some unknown drunken driver crowded Dr. George M. Knauf off of the road near Rock Church, causing him to strike a culvert damaging his car badly, late Sunday night. The Doctor escaped injury.

The barn of the farm of State Senator Cecil Squire,- near Wood lawn, was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning, Dec. 2, burning all the contents including a horse, and an automobile. It is said the origin of the fire is unknown.

Janes M. E. Sunday School will hold their Xmas entertainment on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, at 7:45 o'clock. A silver offering will be taken at the door. They are planning that Santa will be present and treat the entire Sunday School.

According to William A. Codd, chief auditor of the State Roads Commission, five counties in the state had made overdrafts totaling $66,501 in their lateral gasoline tax accounts during the last fiscal year. The report also shows that Cecil county was good to the tune of $20,193.

Checks amounting to over $75,000 have been mailed out by the various banks in Cecil county, to their Christmas Club members. The two banks in Elkton, distributed about $50,000, while the balance was sent out by other banks in the county. The total amount of money is far in excess of last year.

A case before the Magistrate in Oxford, Pa., last week, was that of Commonwealth vs. Ernest Jenness, Rising Sun, charged with operating an automobile while intoxicated Aug. 25. 1939, the defendant plead guilty, and was put on probation for three months, and to pay the costs within ten days, and file a bond in the sum of $500, in his own recognizance.

Howard Bruce, Democratic national committeeman for Maryland since 1926, on Saturday filed by mail his candidacy for the party's Senatorial nomination.

He took this action forty-eight hours after Senator Radcliffe, seeking to retain his seat, personally filed with the Secretary of State at Annapolis, thereby definitely assuring Maryland a Democratic Senatorial primary.

Miss Hattie Butchenhart of Port Deposit, has a Pink June Rambler Rose Bush that has been blooming profusely all fall. There has been as many as a hundred roses on this bush at one time and that time was as late as Thanksgiving week.

Annual Cecil County 4-H Banquet

Will Be Held At Bay View--- Club Groups Arrange Good Program

The Annual Cecil County 4-H Banquet will be held at the Bay View Community Hall Friday night, December 15, at 7:00 P. M. sharp. The following program is being planned for the celebration of 25 years of 4-H Club work: A group of songs by the Calvert group; 25 years of Club work for older 4-H youth; Values of 4-H, Nell Waddell, Conowingo; My Pig Project, Robert McDonald, Rising Sun; My Calf Project, Bobby England, Calvert; Perry Point Specialties, Perry Point Club; Playlet, Appleton Club; 4-H Harmonica Band; Group Singing with Edith Reynolds, Elkton, Pianist and Virginia Roach, Principio Furnace, Director. Style Review of Cotton School dress, Sport dress, Best dress, Woolen dress, Wood suit. The program will conclude with the Candle Lighting Service under the direction of Daddy Jenkins, Head of the 4-H Program at the University of Maryland. The usual fine supper is being planned by the Homemakers of Bay View. The price is 50c and an additional 10c will be added for those purchasing tickets at the door. Tickets may be purchased from the following people: Olene Rhodes, Rising Sun; Charlotte Bailey, Cecilton; Betty Fell, Nottingham, Pa.; Mary Lou Wilson, North East; Grace Dixon, Cecilton; Carolyn Beauchamp, Perryville; Rowena Neal, Perry Point; Katherine Hubis, Elkton, No. 5; Shirley McCardell, Liberty Grove; Lois Jackson, Perryville; Ruby Anderson, Conowingo; Catherine Strong, Principio Furnace; May Burkins, Colora. Cherry Hill Club is to assist with the decorations.

Planning For Christmas

At the dinner meeting of the Lions on Thursday evening last, at the Village Restaurant, a committee was appointed to cooperate with the church and other welfare organizations in arranging for the distribution of baskets to families of the less fortunate in our community, in order that they may share in the good cheer of the Christmas season.

This has been the custom of the Lions Club since its organization and those who desire to assist with contribution of provisions, toys, money or anything that will help to brighten the Christmas of these families are urged to get in touch with John C. Hindman, president, or any other member of the club.

Elk Mills Grade Crossing Dangerous

A coroner's jury Thursday night recommended a night watchman and an investigation of the warning lights and signals at the Elk Mills railroad crossing where two youths were killed on Nov. 26, when their automobile was struck by a Baltimore and Ohio train. At present there is a day watchman at the crossing.

The jury's verdict held that Vincent Hitches, 21 years old and John Ingram, 23 of Elkton, came to their death as the result of the car being struck by a train. Dr. J. C. Slicer, Cecil County cornor, conducted the inquest.

Hurt In Train Wreck

The Perryville work train of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and a westbound freight train were wrecked on Monday afternoon of last week, when the two trains collided near Pequa, Pennsylvania.

Five men were hurt—three trackmen and two trainmen. Several cars were derailed and the work train engine was seriously damaged.

Officers Seize Still

Upon being notified of an illegal still operated in the woods on a farm, near Cecilton, Sheriff David Randolph and Deputy Sheriff Ralph Robinson, seized the plant together with a lot of newly made liquor and a quantity of mash.

No one was found near the plant. The officers destroyed the still, mash and liquor.

Appeal From Assessment

The Susquehanna Power Company has filed an appeal to the State Tax Commission from its assessment recently passed by the Harford County Commissioners. The commissioners assessed the company for a total of $17,301,473, this being an increase over the previous assessment of $5,300,000.

Four Boys Rob School House

Arrested By Town Officer Cooper---Held Under Suspended Jail Sentence

Four boys of Colora section, ranging in ages from 15 to 17 years, were arrested last week and given hearings before Magistrate C. E. Marker of this town, charged with breaking into Rising Sun high school building, and stealing a large quantity of ice cream from the cafatera.

The boys are Thomas Tome, James Riale, Donald Williams and James Jones. The Riale and Williams boys are pupils at the school and have always been trouble makers.

The school building was broken into on Saturday or Sunday night about two weeks ago. After considerable detective work on the part of town Officer Phleet Cooper, in which an old auto figured as a clue, the boys were arrested and brought before the Magistrates on Friday evening. They were compelled to pay $2.50 each, costs in the case, and held under suspended sentences of six months each in jail. In the event of any future breach of the law these young hoodlums will be landed behind the bars where they will have a chance to ponder on the error of their ways.

Circuit Court Convenes

The December term of Circuit Court for Cecil County convened at Elkton Monday morning, with Judges Evans and Knotts presiding. Judging from the size of the dockets it is likely that the term will not be concluded until after the holidays. The civil calander contains 129 cases, 32 appearances and 43 appeal cases. There also will be a number of criminal cases to come to trial.

The Grand Jury, headed by Donaldson Brown, former vice-president of General Motors, was drawn as follows:

Harry D. Boulden, Ralph E. Barrows, Howard Bratton, Henry C. Hess, John C. Potts, Harvey W. Ewing, C. C. Cole, Leonard C. Wilson, James P. Bolton, Jr., Walter Wood, Harry Bessick, Negro, William T. McAllister, J. Frank Simpers, Ralph Reed, Walter Touchstone, Jerry W. Atkinson, T. Harold Brown, John B. Boulden, Frank S. Hutton, John Nickle, George L. Ewing and George G. Chamberlain.

The petit jurors drawn are:

Carl L. Taylor, George McCardle, James P. McCoy, Arthur J. Lockerman, S. Wills Lusby, Fred A. Ginn, George P. Conrey, C. Ray Ott, John W. McCool, H. B. Crowgey, Douglas J. Ayerst, J. Frank Blake, Jr., John R. Hearn, John W. Henderson, Stanley C. Moore, Cress A Beamer, Glenn McGrady, J. Edward Davis, Robert J. Duhamel, John Wilson, W. Earl Fisher, John E. Gillespie, William E. Boyd, William D. Ewing, and Stewart Smith.

Firemen Kept On The Go

Three alarms on Friday kept Rising Sun firemen on the move. About 7:45 in the morning they were called to the Zion section where a chimney fire threatened the church house belonging to Trinity colored church, The blaze was extinguished before any damage was done.

About 11:15 a. m., they were calledto Porters Bride where the dwelling occupied by the family of Joseph McMullen had been set on fire as the result of a defevtive flue. The flames had made such headway by the time the firemen reached the scene that it was was impossible to save the small dwelling which was totally destroyed, together with most of the household goods.

About two fifteen in the afternoon the firemen were called to Mount street to extinguish a blaze in the chimney of the dwelling occupied by the family of Lewis Miller.

Nottingham Dectective Association

The Nottingham Detective Association held their annual meeting and dinned Saturday, Dec. 2nd, in the Oxford Research Club Room. The ladies of the Research Club had prepared an excellent turkey dinner, which was served at 12 o'clock. to 118 members and guests. At 1:30 P. M., the business meeting was held. A few thefts were reported during the year.

The following officers were elected: Pres., Robert R. Whiteside; Sec. and Treas., J. Hastings Whiteside. Directors are: E. A. Pugh, A. E. Townsend, Thomas C. Sloan, Charles J. McComsey, Paul C. Toot, J. C. Brown, Granville H. Coates, George C. Powley, Wm. M. Reynolds.

Personal And Social

Mrs. William Cresswell has been ill at her home on Main street.

Mrs. Davis Boyd, of Colora, was a Wednesday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. John Donache.

Miss Florence Yocum has been visiting relatives near West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Miss Wanda Kyle near town is boarding with Mr. and Mrs. James Gamble, and family.

Mrs. H. Donald MacLellan, of Pittsburg, Pa., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Slaybaugh left this week for Florida, where they will spend the next three weeks.

Miss Jean Smith and Dr. Kennedy Waller, of Baltimore, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing.

Miss Marion Fehr entertained a four table bridge party on Tuesday evening in honor of Mr. H. D. MacLellan, of Ben Avon, Pa.

Rev. Wm. H. Micheals and daughters, of Media, Pa., were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Micheals father, Edwin Haines.

Mary Jane, Benny Benson, and Ann Crawford Buck, children of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Buck. and Joan Hanna have been victims of chicken pox.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McCauley, of Colora, announced the marriage of their daughter Bertha May to Clarence D. Bryan of West Grove, Pa., on December 2, 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grant, near Leeds, announces the birth of a daughter born Dec. 3rd, in Elkton Hospital; weight 7lbs. 5ozs. Her name is Betty Marie.

Mrs. John C. Hindman, Sr., has closed her house on Main street and will spend the winter months with her son, John C. Hindman, Jr., and family, on Haines Avenue.

Mrs. Robert Williams and baby Susan Elaine returned to their home at Baldwin on Sunday, after spending sometime with Mrs. Williams parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Donache.

Mr. Warren Terry went to Media on Saturday, joined his wife, and went to Philada., to shop. Mrs. Terry returned home with him after spending some time with friends in Media, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Donache near town were Thursday dinner guests of their son Everett and family in Oxford, Pa., the occasion being in honor of their little granddaughters 2nd, birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. T. Johnson and sons, Russell, Donald, Edward Milton and Mr. Elmer E. Brown, all of town, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howell Johnson and family of Elkton.

Mrs. Harvey W. Ewing and Mrs. Clarence Ashby were hostesses at a beautifully appointed bridge luncheon to about fifty guests, on Saturday afternoon, at Sandy Cove, along the North East river.

Miss Elizabeth Steller, of Bridgeton, N. J., and Mr. Alfred Taliaferro, of Vineland, N. J., were united in marriage at the Episcopie Church, in Elkton, on Saturday, Dec. 2, by Rev. J. Warren Albinson. The bride's sister, Mrs. R. C. Everingnam, of Elkton. was maid of honor, and Mr. Everingham, brother-in-law, best man.

Mr. and Mrs. David B. McDowell of near Calvert, attended the twentieth anniversary of the National Farm Bureau in convention last week at Chicago. They were chosen as the representatives from Cecil county. Mr. McDowell was given special honor at the convention, having been president of the Cecil County Farm Bureau since its organization.

The Absent Minded Bridegroom

The play presented in the High School auditorium of this town, on Thursday and Friday evenings, by local talent drew two good houses, and was greatly enjoyed.

The sketch was a three-act farce entitled "The Absent Minded Bridegroom," and in addition to being packed full of amusing situations was well presented by the cast, who included J. B. Dickerson, as Timothy Shea; A. M. McNamee, as Patrick Rooney; Newell Jenkins, Jimmy Rooney; James Yerkes, Fred Grady; William Graham, Slade; Mrs. A. M. McNamee, Daphnay Rooney; Gertrude Buck, Nora Shea; Lorraine Johnson, Kathleen O'Connor; Jane Jenkins, Tessie Connors; Jean Garvin, Yennie; Mary Jane Buck, Yaney; Leonard Christie, (colored), Yonnie.

The production was coached by Mrs. A. M. McNamee and sponsored by the Community Fire Company of Rising Sun. The net reciepts were about $110.

Roads Improved In Maryland

Highways Ready For Contract In June Estimated To Cost $6,370,992

The Public Roads Administration said in its annual report Saturday that 38.2 miles of roads and streets were improved in Maryland under the Federal-State highway construction program in the last fiscal year.

In addition, four highway-railroad crossings were eliminated in Maryland and fourteen crossings were protected by signals.

Work completed during the year cost $2,253,101, of which $1,610,116 was in Federal funds, the remainder being provided by the State.

At the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1939, Maryland had under contract or approved for contract 104.2 miles of road estimated to cost $6,370,992, and $3,378,493 of Federal funds was available for projects not advanced to the approved-for-contract stage.

Federal payments to Maryland for work done amounted to $2,144,687 during the year. Improvements were completed on 25.3 miles of rural portions of the Federal-aid highway system, 1.6 miles of city streets and 11.3 miles of secondary or feeder roads.

Maryland's share in regular Federal-aid for the present fiscal year is $821,369 for Federal-aid highways, $123,205 for secondary or feeder roads and $200,663 for grade crossings work, making a total of $1,145,237.

The Administration said these approtionments were included in the $3,378,493 of Federal funds remaining available for scheduled projects. Funds for highway and secondary roads must be matched with approximately equal amounts of State funds. The grade-crossing funds are available without matching.

Ruling In The Newly Enacted Magistrate Law

Under a decision handed down by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, in the appeal of George B. Woefel, Annapolis attorney, named to serve as interim justice from May 1, 1939, until the new magistrate's law became effective June 1, when the powers of office were reduced and transferred to the new trial magistrate, will have a direct bearing on the appointment of two magistrates in Cecil County.

Early last spring, Granville Barrett, of Rising Sun, and Warren E. Malin, of Elkton, were appointed ed Magistrates by Governor O'Conor for two year terms. Shortly after June 1st, when the new Magistrate Law went into effect, Clifford Marker, of Rising Sun, and G. Reynolds Ash, of Elkton, were appointed Trial Magistrates by the Governor.

In its opinion, the Court of Appeals declared the Governor was without jurisdiction to make an appointment of Trial Magistrate for one month, and hence they are entitled to draw their salaries for the years of 1939 and 1940.

The Constitution forbids the reduction of salaries during the term of office.

The counties pay the salaries of the Trial Magistrates, hence many of them will have a double number to pay for two years, unless they resign.

It is alleged that not all of the appointments of Magistrate made by the Governor, prior to June 1st, were designated as Trial Magistrates, who are paid salraies. Justices of the Peace receive their renumeration from fees.

Rod And Gun Club

At the annual meeting of the Cecil County Rod and Gun Club, held Friday night in the Court House at Elkton, the following officers were chosen to serve for the ensuing year:

President, Theodore H. Brown; vice-pres., Oliver Lambert; sec-treas., Clifford Pyle; asst. sec-treas., Wm. Ray Baldwin, Jr.; Directors, Dr. Vernon McKnight, Wm. Ray Baldwin, Edwin Fockler, Sherman Marcus, Charles Jeffers.

Dr. R. C. Dodson showed motion pictures sent to the Club by the Conservation Department.

The shot gun given away by the Club was won by William Broadwater of Chesapeake City.

Arrangements are being made to hold a meeting in Rising Sun, on Friday evening, Jan. 19, the place of meeting to be announced later.

Cecil-Harford Dentists

The Cecil-Harford Dental Club held its regular meeting on Thursday night at the Colonial Hotel, Havre de Grace.

Dr. Harold R. Cooper of Perryville was elected president for the coming year with Dr. C. S. Corbin, Bel Air, as secretary and treasurer.