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Shore County Commissioners Hold Meeting

Julian Kirk, Kent county, was elected president of the Eastern Shore County Commissioners' Association at the group's seventeenth annual meeting at Elkton Monday.

Samuel E. Shockley, of Worcester county, was elected vice-president, and Conlyn Noland, Chestertown, was named secretary-treasurer.

The brightest report at the meeting attended by the commissioners, clerks and treasurers of all Shore counties, was that more than ninety per cent of taxes had been collected in each county.

The association voted to hold its summer meeting in Ocean City and its autumn session at Snow Hill.

Arthur E. Hungerford, former State director of the National Emergency Council, urged the county officials to demand a "well-rounded conservation program to restore natural resources of the State."

Hungerford said failure by the State to appropriate sufficient funds for conservation had made conservation efforts "largely a farce." He predicted the new Conservation Commission created by administration-backed legislation in the recent Assembly, will "fail to achieve real restoration because it will not have the money."

"When the State is ready to spend money to restore the oysters and fisheries in the bay, they will be restored," he said. "We also will have to cut out the politics and favoritism in law enforcement."

Mayor Henry H. Mitchell welcomed the county officials, and Carroll E. Bounds, of Salisbury, responded with a brief talk.

Relief for war veterans was discussed by H. A. Dalton, Fort McHenry. Others who spoke were H. R. Horsey and State Senator Cecil Squire.

Family Flees Farm Fire

Members of the family of William Jackson barely escaped with their lives early last Thursday morning, when the large dwelling on the farm of the late Harry Fisher of Hillsboro, in the Tuckahoe Neck section, with several other buildings, including the meat house, containing a large supply of meat, were destroyed by fire. All the contents of the buildings were reported destroyed. A pet cat was so badly burned it had to be killed.

The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective chimney in the kitchen as that section of the house was in flames when one of the children was awakened by smoke.

The Denton and Ridgely firemen, upon their arrival, turned their attention to saving the barn and cattle sheds which frequently caught fire from the flying sparks. They were aided greatly by a high wind blowing away from the buildings.

Upon their return at daybreak, the Ridgely firemen observed a pet cat some distance from the home suffering from severe burns. They delayed their trip long enough to end its suffering.

The farm had recently been acquired by Henry Saulsbury Fisher, a former member of the faculty of the Red Bank, N. J. High School, who, with his family had expected to occupy the home in May. The building loss was estimated at $2500. There was said to be no insurance on the household goods of the tenant.

50-CENT LOCK PROVISION IN MD. AUTO TAG ACT

Before Maryland motorists can obtain new automobile license plates, they will have to buy locks for the tags at50 cents a set, if Governor O'Conor signs a bill which was passed just before the Legislature adjourned.

During the closing hours of the session the license-lock requirements was tacked on the end of the bill dealing with the issuance and transfer of certificates of title for vehicles.

The last-minute change in the measure requires the commissioner of motor vehicles to issue a license plate lock or locks with every set of markers. The half-dollar for the lock, or locks, would be included in the registration fee under the bill.

Dorchester County Watermen Warned Of New Law

E. Lee LeCompte, State Game Warden, sounded a warning to county fishermen this week when he notified them of a law recently passed in New York State which prohibits taking, having in possession and sale of striped bass (rock) measuring less than sixteen inches. Since the Maryland law prohibits the taking of rock-fish less than eleven inches in length. Maryland fishermen are warned any striped bass, or rock, found in any of the markets of New York State measuring less than sixteen inches, will be confiscated and no returns will be made to the consignors for the shipment.

Mr. LeCompte's warning to local fishermen follows:

Notice to Fishermen

"Mr. William C. Adams, Director of the Game and Fish Division, Conservation Department of New York, has requested us to notify the fishermen of Maryland that Governor Lehman has recently signed a bill, effective immediately, prohibiting the taking, having in possession, and sale of striped bass (rock) measuring less than sixteen inches from the nose to the fork of the tail

"We are aware there are shipments of fish made by the commercial fishermen of Maryland to the New York markets and we, therefore, call your attention to this new law prohibiting possession or sale of striped bass (rock) measuring less than sixteen inches, and any striped bass (rock) found in any of the markets of New York State measuring less than sixteen inches will be confiscated and no returns will be made to the consignors for the shipment.

"The Maryland law provides it to be unlawful to take, or have in possession, any striped bass (rock) less than eleven inches measuring from the tip of the nose to the end of the caudal finn or tail. The law also provides it to be unlawful to take or have in possession any striped bass (rock) weighing more than fifteen pounds. This specie of fish found in our markets in violation of this law will be confiscated."

Two Eastern Shore Estates Get Historical Markers

Two famous Eastern Shore estates, Crosiadore and Compton, located near Trappe, have been designated by historical markers under the direction of J. Alexis Shriver, director of historical markers, Department of Public Works for Maryland.

Crosiadore, the ancestral home of the Dickinson family, long famous in Maryland's history, is owned by John Dickinson, former assistant attorney general of the United States. The estate is on the Choptank river, with entrance on the Trappe-Cambridge road, a short distance from the bridge.

The marker at Crosiadore bears the inscription:

'Crosiadore'

"Originally patented, 1659, as 'Crois Dower', 1667 'Cros Dower Marsh' and 1695 'Crosedore Addition'. John Dickinson was born here in 1732. He was the author of (1768) 'Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania to the inhabitants of the British Colonies'. Crosiadore is still (1938) in the Dickinson family. In 1738 Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., was named for John Dickinson."

Mr. Dickinson, the present owner, recently removed the ancient boxwood plants from his home in Trappe to Crosiadore.

Compton is located on the road leading from Trappe to Oxford. The inscription reads as follows:

'Compton'

"Patented 1664 to James Elvard acquired by William Stevens before 1700. His grandson, Samuel Stevens, Jr., member of Maryland Legislature 1808 to 1820. Governor of Maryland 1822 to 1825. During his administration Jews were enfranchised. When Lafayette visited America, 1824-25, Governor Stevens met him at Fort McHenry, Baltimore."

Governor O'Conor's Success Described As Remarkable

One of the truly remarkable features of the Legislative session just ended, according to veteran legislators and observers, was the high percentage of Administration measures that Governor Herbert R. O'Conor was able to get through. Not even in the heyday of the late Governor Albert C. Ritchie, they say, did he achieve anything like the successful percentage attained by his youthful successor.

That appreciation of this fact and of its importance, extends beyond the confines of this state is evidenced by an editorial that appeared during the past week in a Philadelphia paper, which, after reviewing the Governor's cleanup of the State fiscal mess he inherited, of his budget-balancing, and his handling of relief expenditures, went on to say:

"Other States Please Note"

"Such reforms must arouse envy and ought to stir emulation at Harrisburg and Trenton. Maryland's handling of the relief problem is especially worth thinking about in New Jersey, where every possible form of raiding other funds to take care of the needy has been the practice for years. But enlightened progress in the Free State has not stopped with bringing order into the finances. Among other achievements is the reorganization of the magistorial system throughout the State, with complete abolition of the evil old fee system; and the reorganization of the People's Court in Baltimore, in which appointees from the classified civil service will oust the political appointees from constables and clerk's jobs. There also has taken place a reorganization of State government . . . which will promote efficiency as well as save money.

"The Governor, it will be seen, had basis for saying quite a mouthful. Maryland is to be congratulated on having an Executive of such driving force."

The thirty-two measures listed below, some of which already are laws, while others await Governor O'Conor's signature, represent well over ninety percent of the Administration measures sponsored by the Government. They effect practically every phase of State organization and administration, and effect the most complete change in procedure and in basic legislation of any set of laws ever passed during one session by a Maryland Legislature.

1. Entire fiscal program consisting of:
   (a) Budget
   (b) Tax Revenue measure
   (c) Bond issue Bill
   (d) Tax levy Act

Note: The above make possible a balanced budget with no increase in Real Estate taxes; also fulfills campaign promises that no money would be borrowed for current expenses and that there would be no diversion of gasoline tax money. The State is thereby placed on a pay?as-you-go basis with all relief appropriations and costs included in the budget.

2. Creation of legislative council, composed of "key" members of the Legislature, to make continuous study of legislation between sessions.

3. Abolition of Commissioner of Loans Department by merger with Bank Commissioner

4. Abolition of Department of Mechanical Engineering.

5. State-wide Magistrate Bill abolishing antiquated Justice of the Peace system.

6. Abolition of office of Assistant Adjutant General.

7. Reorganization of State Industrial Accident Commission by providing one Executive Commissioner as Chairman to regulate functioning of department, and three trial commissioners authorized to hold separate hearings.

8. Occupational Disease Bill, broadening the scope of Workmen's Compensation Law and providing for a Medical Board.

9. Creation of Budget Bureau, with provision for centralized control of all accounting in State Departments; merger of this department with Pur-

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Methodists Await Results Of Conference

Thousands of Methodists on the Eastern Shore are looking forward to the convening of the Uniting Methodist Conference at Kansas City on April 26 to May 20, which will complete the formal union of the three branches of Methodism—Northern Methodists, Southern Methodists, and Methodist Protestants. The unification will give the Methodist church 7,850,000 members.

The Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will have four representatives, the Rev. Dr. John J. Bunting, superintendent of the Salisbury District, the Rev. Dr. Disston W. Jacobs, of Snow Hill, Granville B. Hooper of Cambridge, and Willis Overdeer of Wilmington.

The Rev. Dr. Roland P. Riddick of Salisbury, presiding elder of the Eastern Shore District of the Southern Methodist Conference, will represent the clergy of the Southern church, N. E. Elliott of Painter, Va., will be the lay delegate.

Methodist Protestants have elected as their delegates the Rev. Dr. J. Lead Green, pastor of Bethesda M. P. Church, and Fred P. Adkins, both of Salisbury. The Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Mulligan, pastor of St. Paul's M. P Church, Cambridge, will be an alternate.

The delegate-at-large has been conferred upon J. Harry Wright of Preston, who was appointed by the Board of Bishops.

Opposed To Wage Act For Canneries

Opposition to pending legislation in Congress which would include packers of fruits and vegetables in the provisions of the wage-hour law was voiced last Thursday by an Eastern Shore cannery owner.

J. Richard Phillipss, Jr., of Berlin, made the protest in speaking to approximately 200 members of the Tri-State Packers' Association at the opening session of their two-day spring meeting at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore.

Mr. Phillips urged the group, representing packers in Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey, to register opposition to the so-called Norton bill, which, he said, would include canneries under the act. However, he advised support of the Barden bill, which, he added, entirely would exempt the industry.

Certain sections of the industry are held within the provisions of the act at present, due to an "unwarranted" definition of the law by Administrator Elmer Andrews, he continued. But from the debates in Congress and the wording of the law, Mr. Phillips added, "we think we're able to show conclusively that Congress intended to exempt the canning industry, except possibly in metropolitan areas, from both the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the act."

His address opened the first business session of the meeting. Clarence Stewart, of Easton spoke on proper labeling of canned goods. Harry H. Nuttle, of Denton, who is president of the association, presided.

Wilbur G. Carlson, executive secretary of the Corn Canners' Service Bureau, and W. E. Pierce, of the research department of a can company, spoke at Friday morning's session.

ENTERTAINS FRIENDS AT BIRTHDAY PARTY

Miss Kathleen Newcomb entertained a host of her friends at her home on Henry Street, Monday afternoon, the occasion being her 10th birthday. A delightful time was had by all.

Those present were, Betty Lyons, Noreen Cook, Carolyn Parsons, Onilon Willey, Velma Hurley, Shirley Henry, Augusta Geoghegan, Agnes Geoghegan, Rose Sinclair, Ann Sinclair, Mary Orem, Joce Calrk, Shirley Shorter, Darlene Shorter, William Shorter, Jr., Donald Newcomb, Ogle Cannon, Jr., Lindy Robbins, Harry Cook, Jr., Ralph Cook, Bobby Aaron.

She received many useful presents and all left wishing their hostess many more happy birthdays.

To Transplant Seed Oysters In Bay Waters

The dredging of oysters for transplanting will begin April 25 under the supervision of the State Conservation Department.

Thirty to forty of the dredges which had licenses for the 1938-1939 season which ended March 15, will share the business of dredging the bivalves from seed bed areas in the upper bay and transporting them to bars designated by the commission.

Last year approximately 437,000 bushels of oysters were transplanted. How many will be moved this year depends on the available supply on the beds consistent with further propagation there, it was said this week.

The dredgers will receive 5 cents per bushel for dredging and a like amount for transporting the oysters and dumping them overboard.

Capt. Amos Creighton aboard the Governor McLane, flagship of the Maryalnd patrol fleet, will direct the dredging and planting operations. Inspectors will be aboard each dredge to check the quantities taken.

Inspectors, deputies and commanders of the State patrol boats will supervise the planting of the seed-bed oysters on the depleted and much-dredged rocks and bars of the bay.

The dredging will center principally in the Tea Table region between Swan Point and Tolchester and Phoenix Shoals.

Fire Destroys Seward Home In Cambridge

The six-room house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Willey at Sewards, was destroyed by fire yesterday. A neighboring dwelling and store were saved by firemen who were called to two fires which broke out several hours apart. The burned property was owned by Mr. Charles H. Seward of Cambridge.

The first fire, which is said to have originated in the chimney, broke out shortly before noon yesterday. Rescue Fire Company was summoned and extinguished the blaze. All of the furnitureand personal property was carried from the house.

The second fire, occurred about half past one o'clock, and completely destroyed the house and furniture which had been returned to the house. Rescue Fire Company again responded but the fire had made too great a headway to be extinguished.

When the second fire was at its height, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Mende and Sewards' store were threatened, but a shift in the direction of the wind and rain removed danger of fire spreading to these buildings.

Club Women Meet Today At Hurlock

The spring meeting of the Eastern Shore district of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, including election of officers for the ensuing three years, was scheduled to open at 10.30 o'clock this morning at the Hurlock Theatre, Hurlock.

Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, of Salisbury, president of the State Federation, will bring greetings and Mrs. Hester Beall Provenson, department of speech, University of Maryland, will be the principal speaker. The Cambridge Woman's Club will furnish the musical part of the program.

The nominating committee,s slate is as follows: President, Mrs. Samuel L Byrn, Cambridge Woman's Club; vice-president, Mrs. Wilmer Fell Davis, Federalsburg Woman's Club; recorder-secretary, Mrs. James W. Hughes, Elkton Woman's Club; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Russell S. Davis, Cambridge Woman's Club; treasurer, Mrs. Grady Powell, Pocomoke Woman's Club.

Cambridge Players Arriving For Opening Of Shore League Season

With parks pretty well shaped up for the approaching baseball season, Shore League clubs this week were waiting for the weather to clear up to begin practice games. Players were expected to arrive early this week and begin spring training.

This looks like a banner year for Shore baseball. Managers of several clubs believe they have winning outfits and the fans are looking forward to some fast ball playing in the opening games.

Moguls of the league during the winter raised the player limit from 14 to 15 men, but the move is expected to make little difference as Judge W. G. Bramham, czar of the minor leagues, has ruled that a manager—playing or bench—must be counted in the player limit. Several of the pilots are "class men" and bench managers, which will, in effect, reduce the number of active players of that classification to one. Three one-year men instead of two are now permitted.

Another ruling, however, which will speed up play is that to the effect a player, in organized ball for the first time is a rookie no matter how long in the season he has played in a league of higher classification. Heretofore if he had been under contract in a higher circuit for 30 days he was a one-year man in the Eastern Shore league.

Fred Lucas, 1937 pilot at Cambridge, will be back to Shore League wars again. Cambridge is lining up a strong team and a hot battle is expected in the opening game at Cambridge

Cambridge has the makings of a banner-winning team this season, the local management believes. Quality rather than quantity is sought in the selection of players, it was said, and as a result, a number of promising-looking players have been obtained.

Gov. O'Conor Appoints State Roads Commission's Head

Ezra B. Whitman, prominent engineer and former chairman of the Public Service Commission, yesterday was named chairman of the State Roads Commission by Governor O'Conor.

Mr. Whitman succeeds Glenn Beall, Western Maryland Republican, who was appointed by Governor Nice. The office is considered one of the most important ones which the Governor must fill.

"We are extremely fortunate to get a man of Mr. Whitman's outstanding ability and background for the important State Roads Commission chairmanship." Governor O'Conor said. "He was certainly the outstanding man for the post."

Although the terms of the other two members of the present commission, Elmer R. Jarboe and George F. Obrecht, Sr., expire at the same time as Mr. Beall's, Governor O'Conor said last night that he had not yet selected the appointees for the vacancies.

Mr. Whitman will take office May 1.

Mr. Obrecht is the present minority member of the commission. A Republican must be appointed to one of the two vacancies when the Governor acts.

The Governor's statement on the appointment was, in part:

"I have tendered to Mr. Ezra B. Whitman, of Baltimore, the appointment as chairman of the State Roads Commission, and I am gratified to announce that Mr. Whitman has advised me of his acceptance.

"In making this appointment, I am fulfilling a pledge made during the campaign and subsequently that the appointment to this all-important position would be made on the basis of competence, particularly qualifications for the post and demonstrated ability.

"I promised that politics would have nothing whatsoever to do with this assignment and I am pleased to say that this pledge has been carried out.

"Mr. Whitman, in my opinion, is one of the best qualified engineers in this section of the country.

"I do not think that a better appointment could be made for the position, and the people of Maryland can be assured that under his supervision the important affairs of the State Roads Commission will be conducted in a manner entirely satisfactory to the general public."

The Governor said that he had given Mr. Whitman free rein to do as he desired in giving Maryland the best roads of any State in this part of the country. He called attention to the fact that the State Roads Commission would have increased sums at its disposal during the next biennium to improve the highway system of Maryland.

Mr. Whitman has had long experience with road and bridge construction in both private and public life, the Governor pointed out.

The Loch Raven Dam was constructed under his direction, and he also was consulting engineer for the city of Albany, N. Y., when numerous roads and bridges were relocated, in connection with expansion of the waterworks system.

Mr. Whitman is a native of Baltimore and attended private schools there before he entered Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1901 with the degree of civil engineer.

He worked in Chicago and New York for five years following his graduation, returning to Baltimore in 1906 as division engineer of the Baltimore Sewerage Commission. He had much to do with the designing of the Back River plant, Baltimore.

In 1911 he wasmade water engineer and president of the Water Board of Baltimore. In that capacity he designed the Loch Raven Dam and the Montebello filtration plant.

He returned to general practice as a consulting engineer in 1914, and in 1917, he was appointer utilities officer at Camp Meade and had a major part in construction and operation work at the post.

Since then he has served nearly continuously on commissions of one sort or another. Following the war he went to Poland with E. H. Bouton to make a study of housing and sanitary conditions for the Polish Government.

Mr. Whitman was appointed to the Public Service Commission in 1921 and served on it continuously from then until 1927. For a large part of that time he was its chairman.

Returning to private practice again he was called to Chicago to serve on a commission which reported on the lake level at Chicago.

SENATOR DAVIS PRAISES GOV. O'CONOR'S WORK

William Fell Davis of Caroline County, Republican floor leader in the state Senate, declared he had supported practically all the administration's measures simply because I felt they were conceived honestly and presented fairly and would work for the betterment of our state government.

"It is my honest conviction," Senator Davis told the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs at its closing session last week at the Emerson Hotel in Baltimore, "that the governor is trying and has tried to the best of his ability to have as creditable an administration as anyone could and this legislature cooperated to help him achieve this goal."

"Few citizens realized, as pertinently as the members of the General Assembly in 1935 the actual state of decadence into which our state government had drifted," he told the Federation meeting.

FED. AND STATE EMPLOYES MUST PAY INCOME TAXES

President Roosevelt has signed the bill wiping out immunity of Federal and State employes from income taxation.

The measure, which the President is said to have signed last week permits the Federal Government to tax the salaries of State officials and employes, and State governments to tax the salaries of Federal officials and employes.

The new law carries into effect a policy which the Supreme Court approved in a recent decision.

ANGLERS BEGIN FISHING FROM CHOPTANK SPAN

Local sportsmen enjoyed their first fishing off the new Choptank bridge this week. Hardheads made their appearance in county waters and a number of fine catches have been reported.

Yacht Club Plans Regatta, Social Events

Looking forward to their most successful season, members of the Cambridge Yacht Club are busy working out a program of boating events and social affairs for the summer, it was announced this week.

Heading the calendar of boating events will be the club's annual regatta, scheduled to be held August 1 and 2. The regatta will immediately precede the Miles River Yacht Club regatta in Talbot waters, and will be attended by the Maryland Yacht Club as a part of its annual cruise.

In addition to the numerous yachting events, the club is arranging a much broader program of social affairs to supplement its calendar of dances.

Interest in the club has greatly increased in the past year, club officials said today. A campaign for new members is in progress at the present time under the leadership of Mayor Charles E. Brohawn, whose interest in the club and willingness to serve as chairman of the membership committee is very gratifying to the Board of Governors and members in general.

Other members of the committee are:

Dr. P. P. Payne, vice-chairman; CaptainChaplain G. Hicks, S Lambert Byrn, W. Laird Henry, Jr., John A. Councilman, Leonard Tall, Walter Moore, J. Richard Smith, Robert H. Matthews, William Yates, Edward H. Nabb, William Byrn, Oscar Seward, James Richardson, Mrs. Carleton Brerewood, Mrs. Emerson C. Harrington, Jr., Mrs. Henry Scheflenacker, Mrs. Howard Simmons, Mrs. Milford Nathan, Mrs. William Paul, Mrs. Thomas L. Coll, Mrs. Conrad J. Rosemere, Miss Frances L. Henry, and Miss Elizabeth Hirst.

At a recent meeting of the board of governors, Henry L. Johnson was appointed secretary of the club to fill the unexpired term of Joseph F. Tosick, who resigned because of time required for other duties. Walter Moore was named assistant secretary.

The Cambridge Yacht Club has one of the most attractive clubhouses in the State. Built last year through the generosity of Francis V. DuPont of Wilmington, Del., the club was officially opened last July and has since been occupied by the club.

Methodists Hold Annual Session Here

Delegates to the sixty-seventh annual session of the Eastern Shore district, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, this week decided to petition for a separate conference of Maryland and District of Columbia churches under the forthcoming Methodist unification plan.

A resolution to this effect was passed at the opening session. It was signed by fifteen ministers and received no dissenting votes.

The Eastern Shore Conference continuing today, opened with approximately 150 ministers and laymen attending. One minister and four lay delegates are representing each of the thirty charges in the district. Financial affairs, church programs and missionary work head the list of matters under consideration.

Yesterday's speakers included Deets Pickett, of the church's board of temperance and public morals.

The sessions today were to be devoted to the work of laymen, with W. T. Elliott, the district lay leader, and Dr. Harry Denman of Nashville, Tenn., the principal speakers.

The Rev. R. P. Riddick of Salisbury, presiding elder of the district, is in charge of the session, and at the opening meeting the Rev. W. X. Haddock of Accomac, Va., was elected secretary.

The Rev. Jesse Hobbs, pastor of Grace Church here, where the sessions are being held, presented Reverend Riddick with a gavel, turned from sections of wood taken from the Cambridge house in which the evangelist Freeborn Garrison was arrested, and from a pew in the first Methodist church established in Dorchester county.