# Social News and Events of Cambridge

### STATE PLAN TO BETTER HEALTH IS APPROVED

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responsibility for providing medical or hospital care, but should assume the following functions:

The determination of the eligibility of applicants and the certification of them for care.

The payments of compensation to physicians and institutions for care rendered to eligible persons.

The committee also takes the view that adequate appropriations should be made by the State to the State and county departments of health and to the State and country departments of welfare.

Appropriations to the State and county departments of welfare should provide for payments to physicians, clinics and hospitals for services to the medically indigent.

To implement the recommendations of the committee, it is suggested that the Health Department establish a council on medical care to formulate policies of administration.

Among other things, a bureau of medical care would be established within the State Department of Health to carry out the policies of the council on medical care, including the administration of the program.

In cooperation with county medical societies, it would be the duty of the county health officers to administer the local program in the homes, clinics and hospitals.

In the interests of economy and efficiency, it is suggested that the council on medical care seek to integrate the many agencies of the State government which now are concerned with medical care. Agencies to be included will be determined through further study.

The committee appointed by the Governor to study the chronic disease hospital program will report its findings to the State Board of Health, which then will submit its recommendations to the Board of Public Works for final decision.

Through the provisions of the legislation, one chronic disease hospital will be located on the Eastern Shore and one on the Western Shore.

While it is recognized that the construction of the hospitals must await the availability of building materials in the post-war era, Governor O'Conor said that everything that can be done in the way of careful planning will be initiated. The Governor also pointed out that the selection of the proper locations requires careful consideration of several factors.

First, the hospitals should be located convenient to residences of the largest number of patients, their families and friends. They also must be convenient to a general hospital so that the facilities of such an institution will be available for the treatment of any patient who may become acutely ill.

The question of highway and public service facilities also is important, the Governor said, and one of the functions of this newly appointed committee will be to confer with boards of county commissioners, local health and welfare officials, physicians and others having knowledge of such matters.

### O'CONOR SIGNS FISHERIES COMMISSION MEASURE

Bills giving the Tidewater Fisheries Commission more power in the commercial fishing and crabbing fields have been signed by Governor O'Conor.

The pound-net bill, through which commercial fishermen in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries would have been given unlimited rights to obtain fishing licenses was amended, and its form when Governor O'Conor signed it, stipulated that the number of commercial fishing licenses shall not exceed those issued in 1942. That means about 800 licenses will be granted this year.

There also was a stipulation in the original bill that it was an emergency measure — or that it should take effect immediately upon passage. That provision was taken out when it was sent back to the Fish and Game Committee, but finally it came back with the emergency clause restored.

The bill started out to grant the unlimited use of pound nets, but ended up just as Edwin Warfield, Jr., chairman of the Tidewater Fisheries Commission, wanted it to be—because he wrote the final draft with the acquiescence of Delegate J. Frank Fairbank, chairman of the Fish and Game Committee, and Delegate Albert W. Woodfield, chairman of the still more powerful Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries Committee. The bill provides for the issuance of about 130 more commercial fishing licenses than were held last year.

The State commission which Mr. Warfield heads, also gained a stronger control over the crabbing industry—and that bill ran into no opposition and was not mentioned as a result of hearngs before the Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries Committee.

### STATE DIOCESE HOLDS SESSIONS

Session in two Easton churches, a supper served by the ladies' Auxiliary unit of the Easton fire department at the fire house, and election of new diocesan officers, marked a two-day convention of the Diocese of Easton this week.

The meeting was the 75th annual convention of the Diocese. Sessions opened Tuesday morning at Trinity Cathedral, Easton, at which time Bishop William McClelland delivered his annual report. Following a supper at the engine house, a mass meeting was held at Christ Church.

Closing sessions Wednesday were occupied largely with the election of members of the Standing Committee, the Executive Council and deputies to the General Convention.

The Standing Committee is composed of the following: (Clerical) The Rev. Charles L. Atwater, D.D. The Rev. Hugh V. Clary, The Very Rev. John White; Lay: The Hon. William H. Adkins, Dr. E. J. Clarke.

Members of the Executive Council are: (Clerical) the Rev. Walter C. Eastburn, the Rev. J. Warren Albinson, D.D.; (Lay) Mr. William Kerbin, Mr. L. Claude Bailey, and Mrs. P. K. Wright.

Deputies to General Convention: (Clerical) the Rev. Walter C. Eastburn, the Rev. C. L. Atwater, D.D., the Rev. Durrie B. Hardin, and the Rev. J. Warren Albinson, D.D.; (Lay) Major Ray Baldwin, Mr. William C. Hart, the Hon. Dudley G. Roe, and Mr. L. Claude Bailey.

Alternate: (Clerical) the Rev. Thomas Donaldson, the Rev. Robert P. Frazier, the Rev. Hugh V. Clary, and the Very Rev. John White; (Lay) Mr. Graham Watson, Mr. Frederick Hirst, Mr. Lester Eshman, and Mr. J. McKenny Willis.

The annual convention next year will be held in Berlin, Md.

### TRI-COUNTY GRANGE TO MEET THURSDAY, MAY 13

The regular quarterly meeting of the Talbot, Dorchester and Caroline Pomona Grange will be held on Thursday, May 13th at the Cordova High School, at 8 P.M. There will be a business meeting, and Mr. R. S. Brown, County Agent, will talk on the Farm Labor Situation. Members of the individual Granges will also take part in the entertainment on the program. The Master, Mr. R. C. Mueller, will preside.





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