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THANKSGIVING is a day of glory and substance. Such a day it was in the beginning and it is hoped it ever shall be. Its glory is the spirit of thankfulness that pervades the hearts of us all. The substance is the bountiful supply of food that is ours.

Perhaps these are the reasons that Thanksgiving is particularly a family day, a day in which all of the family are thankful to be gathered under one roof once more. Thanksgiving day, observes a writer in the Kansas City Star, was born in that spirit as the Pilgrims went to church over snowy trails and returned to eat dinner of wild turkey from the forest and cranberries from the nearby marshes.

One may follow the traditional menu for that day or one may improvise, using the turkey for the main theme, building such variations of flavors about it that you may have your own gastronomic symphony so perfectly planned that your guests will remember your Thanksgiving dinner, for the particular harmonies of color and table need not follow too closely the spirit of the day. Your decorations may be thoroughly modern or traditional, as you please. The bowl of fruits as centerpiece is the latter. It may be flanked by such decorations as glass blown herons or silver pheasants.

For the Formal Dinner the Bird Is Carved in the Kitchen.

An Early American Thanksgiving Dinner.

Roast Turkey Stuffed
A Pair of Chickens Stuffed and Boiled With Cabbage and a Piece of Lean Pork
A Chicken Pie
Potatoes, Turnips, Squash, Onions, Gravy and Gravy Sauce, Apple and Cranberry Sauce, Oyster Sauce, Brown and White Bread
Plum and Plain Pudding With Sweet Sauce Mince, Pumpkin and Apple Pies
Cheese

No longer does the table groan with food. The modern hostess places very few viands on the table. For the formal dinner the bird is carved in the kitchen and served from that quarter. For the informal or family dinner the bird may come to the table as the festive dish that graces the board. Turkey or any fowl may be prepared and stuffed well in advance of the dinner. Chicken, duck, goose or any fine roast may be served on Thanksgiving day. Your purse, your appetite and the personal tastes of the family should be considered.

The First Harvest

IT APPEARS that in the year 1621, the Pilgrim Fathers were so overjoyed when their first harvest was gathered in that they held a service of gratitude to God. The New England colonists set apart a day for that specific purpose, and since then similar services have been held annually, the last Thursday in November being the day appointed. In 1864, Sarah Josepha Hale, who is the reputed author of the nursery rhyme: "Mary had a little lamb," advocated the granting of a general holiday throughout the states on Thanksgiving day. This was adopted.

CAUTION

All persons are warned against trespassing with dog, gun or otherwise upon the lands or woods of the undersigned as we shall enforce the law. Albert Lewis. n10

CAUTION

All persons are warned against trespassing with dog, gun or otherwise upon the lands or marshes of the undersigned as the law will surely be enforced. This means trapping also. Wm. A. Bell. n3-3t

REPORT OF
Auditing Committee
Kent County, Maryland

Chestertown, Maryland,
November 1, 1934.

To The Honorable Board of Commissioners,
Kent County, Maryland.
Gentlemen:

Complying with the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, January. 1904, we submit herewith the thirty-first annual report of the Auditors of Kent County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June, 15. 1934.

We have examined all records as provided by the Act and found them in excellent shape indicating the careful manner in which they have been kept.

All bills and vouchers approved for payment have been carefully checked and compared with bank statements. There was received from all sources, including the amount on hand June 15, 1933, the sum of $360.-387.44. The Treasurer paid out $358,832.93. The balance on hand June each source of revenue and the total charges to each major account.

Your attention is called to the large amount of uncollected taxes still unpaid, amounting to $64,302.09. A portion of this sum is uncollectable and should be declared insolvent. The remainder is assessed chiefly on real estate and should be collected or provision made to carry it. Against this sum, notes made in local banks, amounting to $51,000.00 are still unpaid.

Below is given a summary of all receipts and disbursements for the year.

SUMMARY

Cash on hand June 16 1933		$7,798.35
RECEIPTS		
Taxes Collected	$166,881.03	
Interest on Taxes	4,725.72	
Interest on Deposits	.....	
Alms House	2,756.96	
Dog Licenses	1,651.00	
Loans	48,200.00	
State of Maryland	122,400.00	
Miscellaneous Items from Co. Comm.	5,974.38	
		$352,589.09
Total Receipts		$360,387.44
DISBURSEMENTS		
Alms House	$9,843.77	
Assessment	1,735.45	
Bonds and Coupons	129,210.00	
County Commissioners	7,036.81	
Education	98,909.70	
Election and Registration	8,858.69	
Extension Service	6,187.93	
Health	20,164.10	
Law and Order	29,989.05	
Miscellaneous	40,163.15	
Roads and Bridges	1,484.47	
Treasurer	5,249.81	
		$358,832.93
Total Disbursements		1,554.51
Balance on hand June 15, 1934		$360,387.44

The Exhibits following show in detail the bases and explanation for each source of revenue and the total charges to each major account.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Suggestions for improving the system of handling office routine made in previous reports is again called to your attention. The present methods are badly out of date and should be corrected.

We strongly urge the Board to comply with the recommendation of the State Tax Commission to change the present fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year. Several counties have already done so and we should adopt the plan. The procedure is outlined in Chapter 226, Section 28 of the Acts of Assembly 1929. At present the counties are all on a different basis. For simplification and to aid comparisons the fiscal year should be the same throughout the State. The change can be made by resolution moving the present date of declaring the Levy from June 15th to October 15th. Other significant dates could be changed accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,
M. deK. SMITH, JR.,
Chairman;
ISABEL R. NEWNAM,
REGINA R. KIRBY,
Auditing Committee

EXHIBIT A.

STATEMENT OF THE LEVY FOR 1933-34

Alms House	$2,000.00
Assessment	900.00
Bonds and Coupons	23,775.00
County Commissioners	5,010.00
Education	98,467.66
Election and Registration	800.00
Extension Service	2,970.00
Health	930.00
Law and Order	9,183.27
Miscellaneous	43,411.30
Roads and Bridges	2,225.64
Treasurer	3,250.00
Certificates 1932-33	48,440.13
Total	$250,363.00

EXHIBIT B

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1934-35.

Real and Personal	$15,306,757.00	.93	$142,352.84
Extra Real and Personal	105,845.00	.93	984.36
Bank Shares	155263.05	1.00	1,552.63
Corporations	221,597.66	93	2,060.86
Corporations (Domestic)	000.00	.93	000.00
Corporations (Special)	000.00	1.00	000.00
Motor Vehicles	524,655.00	.93	4.879.29
Non-Stock Corporations (Full Rate)	000.00	.93	000.00
Securities	782.490.00	30	2,347.47
Non-Stock Corp. (Security Rate)	000.00	.30	000.00
Extra Securities	107,397.00	.30	322.19
Trust Companies	000.00	1.00	000.00
Total	$17,204,004.71		$154,499.64
Since Audit June 15, 1933:			
Extra Real and Personal	$1,100.00	.93	$10.23
Extra Bank Shares	18,565.74	1.00	185.66
Extra Corporations	35,868.71	.93	333.58
Extra Corporations (Domestic)	131,988.70	.93	1,227.49
Extra Corporations (Special)	35,260.71	1.00	352.61
Extra Motor Vehicles	000.00		000.00
Extra Non-Stock Corp. (Full Rate)	300.00	.93	279
Extra Non-Stock Corp. (Sec. Rate)	108,452.00	.30	325.36
Extra Trust Companies	7,550.01	1.00	75.50
	$339,085.87		2,513.22
Grand Total	$17.543,090.58		$157,012.86

EXHIBIT C.

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNTS PAID BY ORDERS ISSUED 1933-34

Alms House	$5.118.01
Attorney to County Commissioners	275.00
Auditors Salaries and Expenses	328.68
Circuit Court	2,167.88
Court House and Jail	3,403.45
County Commissioners Salaries	1.350.00
Clerk to County Commissioners	1.300.00
County Treasurer's Salary	1,350.00
County Commissioner's Office Expense	327.69
Contract Printing	900.00
Chestertown, Millington and Rock Hall Fire Co.	1.350.00
Deputy Treasurer's Salary	900.00
Extension Service	2,967.85
Easton Emergency Hospital	750.00
Election	2,502.68
Health Office and Jail Physician	718.65
Hospitals	7,683.53
Janitor's Salary	360.00
Miscellaneous	12.502.62
Orphans' Court	1,290.47
Publishing Auditor's Report	135.00
Supervisors of Assessments' Salary	900.00
Pensions	418.14
State's Attorney's Salary	1,080.00
State Department of Health	1,980.00
Schools	75.773.67
Treasurer's Office	1,260.04
Balance for 1932-33, Incorporated Towns	1.950.00
Balance for 1932-33 due Kent Co. Board of Education	22.693.99
Balance for 1932-33 due Roads and Bridges	176.88
Balance for 1932-33 due Easton Emergency Hospital	750.00
Balance for 1932-33 due Chestertown, Millington and Rock Hall Fire Co.	750.00
Due on Note in Kent Co. Sovings Bank in advance to Board of Education	21,750.00
Total	$177.164.23

EXHIBIT D.

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNTS PAID BY CERTIFICATES ISSUED 1932-33.

Alms House	$4,725.76
Assessments	835.45
Auditors' Salaries and Expenses	370.22
Board of Prisoners	4.522.65
Circuit Court	2,638.73
Circuit Court. Clerk's Office	501.55
Circuit Court, Witnesses October 1932	183.51
Circuit Court, Witnesses April 1933	345.76
Court House and Jail	3,406.68
Court House	234.50
Hospitals	4,949.44
Incorporated Towns, Bank Shares	1,423.44
Inquisitions	744.69
Kent and Queen Anne's Joint Account	192.10
Miscellaneous	973.38
Magistrates and Constables	3.358.26
Machinery for County	991.30
Orphans' Court	392.32
Reformation and State Schools	2.432.48
Registrations and Elections	6,399.72
Sheriff's Fees	1,077.35
Supplies for Jail	1,430.18
Treasurer's Office	1,739.77
Transportation of Prisoners	1,211.16
Taxes Paid In Error	326.63
Tuberculosis Eradication	3,220.08
Work on Jail	40.25
Wharves and Landings	302.04
Total	48.969.40

SUMMARY

	Taxes	Interest
1929-30	$ 12.07	$ 3.44
1930-31	574.40	108.25
1931-32	6,304.50	1,164.97
1932-33	34,681.03	2,490.41
1933-34	125,309.03	958.65
Total	$166,881.03	$ 4,725.72

EXHIBIT F

STATEMENT OF ALMS HOUSE AND FARM SHOWING EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS FORM JUNE 16, 1933 TO JUNE 15, 1934

FARM RECEIPTS		
Sale of milk for the year	$ 993.91	
Sale of Wheat—506.20 bu. @ 1.06	536.71	
Sale of Calves	111.00	
Sale of Tomatoes	334.11	
Sale of Lambs	88.00	
Rebate on Gasoline	62.28	
Bonus on Wheat	124.60	
Sale of Corn—768.42 bu. @ .50	384.35	
Sale of Wool—208 lbs. @ .25	52.00	
Contribution to bury John Cotton	15.00	
Sale of Horse	55.00	
		$ 2,756.96
FARM EXPENSES		
Fertilizer and Seed	$ 279.93	
Gas and Oil	411.17	
Insurance	59.65	
Labor, Implements, Repairs, etc.	895.22	
Mill Feed	241.41	
Tenants Share of Milk	248.44	
Purchase of Stock	162.90	
		$ 2,298.72
Net Profit on Farm Operation		$ 458.24
ALMS HOUSE EXPENSES		
Clothing, Merchandise, etc.	$ 496.07	
Coal and Freight	620.72	
Coffins	36.00	
Drugs, etc.	74.50	
Groceries, Meat, etc.	890.70	
Labor	283.12	
Lumber and Repairs	17.41	
Oil, Gasoline and Paint	111.28	
Salary of Trustees	120.00	
Salary of Secretary and Treasurer	200.00	
Salary of Superintendent	400.00	
Salary of Matron	300.00	
Salary of Physician	150.00	
Seed and Fertilizer	44.68	
Stoves, Hardware, etc.	42.36	
Telephone	37.20	
Total		$ 3, 824.04

EXHIBIT E

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNT OF TAXES COLLECTED BY CLARENCE NEWSOME, TREASURER, 1929-30.

Kind	COLLECTED Original Assessment	COLLECTED Extra	UNCOLLECTED Original Assessment	UNCOLLECTED Extra	INSOLVENT Original Assessment	INSOLVENT Extra	Total
Real and Personal	12.07		130.17		69.34	19.19	230.77
Corporations			401.56				401.56
Securities			5.25				5.25
Total	12.07		536.98		69.34	19.19	637.58
Interest on Collected Taxes.							3.44

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNT OF TAXES COLLECTED BY CLARENCE NEWSOME, TREASURER. 1930-31.

Kind	COLLECTED Original Assessment	COLLECTED Extra	UNCOLLECTED Original Assessment	UNCOLLECTED Extra	INSOLVENT Original Assessment	INSOLVENT Extra	Total
Real and Personal	574.40		1,861.53		227.53	14.26	2,677.72
Corporations			131.74				131.74
Securities			10.98	3.24			14.22
Total	574.40		2.004.25	3.24	227.53	14.26	2,823.68
Interest on Collected Taxes.							108.25

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNT OF TAXES COLLECTED BY H. STOCKTON STARTT, TREASURER. 1931-32.

Kind	COLLECTED Original Assessment	COLLECTED Extra	UNCOLLECTED Original Assessment	UNCOLLECTED Extra	INSOLVENT Original Assessment	INSOLVENT Extra	Total
Real and Personal	6.273.15	27.72	4,505.41	24.76	504.05	53.94	11,389.03
Corporations	.39		391.22				391.61
Securities	3.24		23.07				26.31
Total	6,276.78	27.72	4,919.70	24.76	504.05	53.94	11,806.95
Interest on Collected Taxes.							1,164.97

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNT OF TAXES COLLECTED BY H. STOCKTON STARTT, TREAS., 1932-33

Kind	COLLECTED Original Assessment	COLLECTED Extra	UNCOLLECTED Original Assessment	UNCOLLECTED Extra	INSOLVENT Original Assessment	INSOLVENT Extra	Total
Real and Personal	33,647.28	264.15	24,812.69	182.33	603.97		59,510.42
Bank Shares			.18				.18
Corporations	348.69		239.01				587.70
Corporations (Domestic)	6.55						6.55
Motor Vehicles	409.86				2,438.28		2,848.14
Securities	4.50		138.03	3.60	11.25		157.38
Total	34,416.88	264.15	25,189.91	185.93	3,053.50		63,110.37
Interest on Collected Taxes							2,490.41

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNT OF TAXES COLLECTED BY H. STOCKTON STARTT, TREAS., 1933-34

Kind	COLLECTED Original Assessment	COLLECTED Extra	UNCOLLECTED Original Assessment	UNCOLLECTED Extra	INSOLVENT Original Assessment	INSOLVENT Extra	Total
Real and Personal	112,286.03	919.42	29,811.30	75.27	258.56		143,350.58
Bank Shares	1,473.49		264.80				1,738.29
Corporations	2,074.92		319.53				2,394.45
Corporations (Domestic)	1,224.11		3.38				1,227.49
Corporations (Special)	352.51		.10				352.61
Motor Vehicles	4,348.77		530.52				4,879.29
Non-Stock Corp. Sec. Rate	325.36						325.36
Non-Stock Corp. Full Rate	2.79						2.79
Securities	2,169.99	56.13	166.35	266.07	11.25		2,669.79
Trust Co.	75.51						75.51
Total	124,333.48	975.55	31,095.98	341.34	269.81		157,016.16
Interest on Collected Taxes							958.65

Total Expense for the year of the Institution		$ 3,365.80
Orders in Levy 1933-34	$ 5,118.01	
Certificates to be provided for in Levy 1934-35	761.28	
Total		$ 5,879.29
Unpaid Bills in 1932-33 provided for in Levy 1933-34		443.42
		$ 5,435.87
Warrants issued 1933-34 not presented for payment		686.89
		$ 6,122.76

EXHIBIT G

DOG LICENSE FUND

Cash Balance on hand June 16, 1933	$ 85.70	
Cash from sale of License from June 16, 1933 to June 15, 1934	1,651.00	
		$ 1,736.70
Total Disbursements, Loss of Stock, Poultry, etc.	1,652.33	1,652.33
		$ 84.37
Less Checks issued before and paid after June 15, 1933		15.00
Balance on hand by books June 16, 1934		$ 69.37
Check outstanding June 16, 1934		5.25
Balance on hand June 16, 1934		74.62

STATEMENT AS SHOWN BY BANK
$ 8.41 Cash in Bank not available
66.21 Cash in Bank Available

$74.62 Balance

EXHIBIT H

CASH ITEMS HANDED OVER TO THE TREASURER FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS YEAR 1933-34

J. D. McVean, one-half Tel. Toll and extra calls	$ 2.25
Commissioners of Queen Anne County, removed case	126.00
Elizabeth A. Redmond, Redeeming property	26.97
M. Elizabeth Falls, Board and maintenance of Alphonzo Rasin	121.24
Commissioners of Talbot Co. removed case	156.00
W. B. Usilton, P. J. fines	44.00
Board of Education of Kent Co., sale of Worton Point School	300.00
Treas. of Maryland, beer license	450.81
J. D. McVean, one-half Tel. rent	1.50
G. E. Hicks, J. P. fines	2.20
Chas. R. Kerr, J. P. fines	36.05
Treas. of Maryland, franchise tax	12.75
State Department of Forestry, Claim collection	3.67
J. D. McVean, one-half Tel. calls and extra calls	3.40
Treas. of Maryland, franchise tax	8.00
T. H. White, rent of property	10.00
Robert A. Shallcross, Clerk, dockets, etc.	5.18
Thomas Pierce, redeeming property	14.00
J. D. McVean, one half Tel. and extra calls	1.60
Arthur P. Newsome, J. P. fines	30.00
Treas. of Maryland, franchise tax	12.50
Wm. B. Usilton, J. P. fines	68.00
J. M. Norris, board of Mary C. Norris	10.41
Treas. of Maryland, beer license	139.34
J. D. McVean, one-half Tel.	2.10
Chas. R. Kerr, J. P. fines	37.95
Geo. E. Hicks, J. P. fines	2.20
Treas. of Maryland, franchise tax	6.75
Wm. B. Usilton, J. P. fines	15.05
Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, removed cases	78.00
J. D. McVean, one-half Tel.	1.90
Wm. A. Wheatley, J. P. fines	72.00
Treas. of Maryland, franchise tax	2.50
Robert A. Shallcross, clerk, refund for jurors	72.00
J. D. McVean, one-half Tel.	1.50
Co. Commissioners of Kent Co., revolving fund	1,400.00
Treas. of Maryland, Franchise Tax	2.50
Treas. of Maryland, beer license	86.27
Co. Commissioners of Queen Anne's Co., Crumpton Bridge	268.60
T. H. White, rent of property	5.00
J. M. Norris, board of Mary A. Norris	17.77
R. A. Shallcross, clerk, beer license	7.34
Chas. R. Kerr, J. P. fines	59.65
J. D. McVean, one-half Tel. calls	1.50
R. A. Shallcross, clerk, beer license	48.01
R. A. Shallcross, clerk, excess fees	5.00
Robert A. Shallcross, Clerk, trial costs	30.00
Wm. A. Wheatley, J. P. fines	33.00