Eastern Shore Happenings

Salisbury, Md., Feb. 11—Before the end of the day it is expected that the total assessable basis of Wicomico county, amounting to about $21,000,000 will be represented in the protest to State officials against any reduction in the school budget, as prepared by Governor Ritchie.

On last Saturday night there had already been signed a protest against the cut by owners of more than $15,000,000 worth of property.

At that time every business association and every branch of the local government had declared against the action of the Governor. This week the rural section will protest through the Parent Association and fraternal lodges.

Wicomico is one of the counties that will be hardest hit by the Governor's action. It is a coincidence, but the figures of Wicomico are identical with those of Garrett county, and what is written of one is applicable to the other.

It was said by County Superintendent Bennett recently that the school population was growing more rapidly than the total population and the resources.

From 1910 to 1920 the population increased 6 per cent, the school attendance 24 per cent, and the high school enrollment 290 per cent.

In the past three years the high school enrollment has increased 43 percent. Around the Salisbury high school there are gathered a group of temporary shacks, used to accomodate the overflow of the school.

Tonight at Salisbury there will be a meeting at which it is expected the parents of 1,700 school children will meet and protest against the reduction in the school budget.

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Blades is very much agitated over the proposed abolishing of their postoffice, and linking up with Seaford in the collection and delivery of mail matter. Notwithstanding the town would have two collections and deliveries daily, many of the citizens will fight to save the postoffice.

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A delegation of citizens interested in Rehoboth, including the commissioners of Rehoboth and many cottage owners, came to Dover Monday in the interest of the road, the State Highway department contemplates building to Rehoboth. The road contemplated, goes only to the limits of the town. The delegation advocated running the road into the town limits up Railroad avenue. The delegation left with the assurance that the road would be run into the town limits.

At the annual session of the Delaware State Farm Bureau at Dover last Thursday, fifty delegates were in attendance. The morning session was taken up in hearing verbal reports of the officers and chairman of the several committees. The presidents of the several county organizations made favorable reports of the work done in the three counties.

Harry Clark, of Kenton, former president of the State Farm Bureau, gave an account of what had been accomplished in State legislation last year, securing practically all measures recommended by the Farm Bureau.

At the afternoon session, the nominating committee submitted its report as follows: For president, J. D. Reynolds, Middletown; vice president, W. V. Cosden, Dover; secretary, Thomas N. Rawlins, Seaford; treasurer, F. F. Yearsley, Marshalltown. The report of the nominating committee was accepted and the officers elected by acclamation.

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Contractors who obtained the job of building the concrete approaches to the new bridge across the Nanticoke River at Seaford, began their preliminary work this week. Their bid of $69, 447 was the best made to the State Highway commission. The bridge which is to be of the lift variety will be operated by electricity, and the contract for the steel work will be let soon.

C. Douglas Buck, chief engineer of the Highway Department, is planning to try to start road construction in a few weeks, with operations in each of the three counties. There is about the same amount of road building to be done in each county this year and in order to avoid any criticism from any section that the work in other sections is being done first, he is arranging his men so that some work can be gotten under way in each county at the same time. The stretch of highway of about five miles from the Lewes road to Rehoboth will be started the last of this month, if the weather continues moderate. There is a chance that the route may be relocated over the canal, and that this will mean the addition of a new street to Rehoboth Beach.

The new sub-highway police station, one mile north of Dover is about completed, and will be placed in service within a few days.

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R. C .Beckett, State Sanitary Engineer, who began his work with the Delaware State Health and Welfare Commission, January 1st, has made a survey for a sewage disposal plant at the Delaware colony for the feebleminded at Stockley. He has drawn complete plans for a modern disposal plant and will supervise the installation of the plant, saving that much money from the funds of the commission. Mr. Beckett stands ready to advise any community or private citizen regarding the proper method to be adopted for the protection of water and milk supplies and disposal of sewage.

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Georgetown Del., Fe. 7—George Marvel, farmer, near Millsboro, was arrested yesterday on a charge of illegal posession of a raccoon.

Arraigned before Magistrate Theodore Burton, of Millsboro, he was fined $25 and costs.

The seasons for raccoons in Sussex county closed January 15.

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Seaford, Del., Feb. 8—Gilbert Hooper, said to be a college graduate and teacher in a Cambridge school, was arrested here last night by State Highway policemen Toll and Withian, after a case of brandy, was alleged to have been found in his automobile Hooper parked his car near the dance hall. Detective Donaway approached the car and asked Hooper if he brought "anything up" with him. Hooper not knowing the detective, produced a quart, whereupon Donaway and his associates searched the machine, finding 11 other quarts. Hooper was arraigned before Magistrate James K. Phillips, who held him under $500 bail for transporting liquor in this state. He produced cash bail and was released, but his car and liquor was seized by the authorities.

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Newark, Del., Feb. 8—When an enraged bull attacked A. P .Howell, farmer near here, while he was milking in the barn early this morning, the animal upset a lantern which started a fire, destroying the barn. The animal rushed Howell and in falling knocked over the lantern. Howell managed to get a pitchfork and in the meantime the fire had gotten such a headway, he was unble to put it out. He succeeded in getting the live stock out safely, but the building and farming implements were destroyed. Several hours later sparks set fire to the corn crib, destroying it with 200 bushels of corn.

Howell was not seriously injured.

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J. Harry Rew, of Parksley, Va, hsa declined the honor of serving this year as president of the Eastern Shore League. He so notified M. B Thawley of Crisfield, the retiring executive yesterday. Rew unanimously was elected at a meeting of the club owners Thursday in Salisbury. Thawley will remain temporarily a the head of the wheel until another meeting is called, which will determine whether there shall be a four or or six club organization. In the meantime, a committee will visit Easton to try to induce that town to become affiliated with the league. Crisfield is the fifth club ready to operate. The solid members are Cambridge, Salisbury, Dover and Parksley.

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The Salisbury Rotary Club was the host on Thursday evening to the Inter-City Rotary meeting of the year. The banquet was held in the commodious hall of the Bethesda M .E. church, on North Division street.

Rotarians from Dover, Pocomoke City, Crisfield, Easton and Laurel—the baby club of the Shore having recently received its charter and been organized through the joint effort of the Salisbury and Dover clubs—together with members of the Salisbury clug, filled the big hall with the spirit of good fellowship and good cheer—the predominant features of the gathering.

An interesting, instructive and lively program was rendered and this with the good things providing for the satisfaction of the inner man, made the occasion one of the most enjoyable ever held in this city.

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News reached Salisbury on Friday of the death of a boy of about 12 or 15 years of age, at the home of Jack Davis in Dennis District. The boy who was Nevins Mitchell, of near Pittsville, is supposed to have committed suicide by drinking Paris Green. No cause for his action is given. A coroner's inquest is said to have been impanelled, and there is a rumor that they are not satisfied, and it will hold another session later on, when the sheriff will be asked to be present.

Si Crabtree now buys his jitney only one quart of gas at a time. He is trying to wean it.

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Speedy Justice Recently Meted Out to Scrub Sire

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

In a special "court" convened in Howard county, Md., the last of October, A. S. Bull, known familiarly as "Scrub," was found guilty of robbing hard-working farmers and their families and was sentenced to be barbecued immediately. It was brought out by County Agricultural Agent M. H. Fairbank, who acted as prosecuting attorney, that the accused had been depriving the people of this farming community of many luxuries and even some of the necessities, taking the butter from their bread and cream from the milk.

According to a representative of the United States Department of Agriculture, "Scrub" was well represented by counsel appointed by the "court," but no arguments could prevail against the overwhelming evidence presented by the prosecution and the damaging testimony of a large number of farmer witnesses who had been robbed and had seen their neighbors robbed in the same manner by this old offender.

The jury was unanimous for conviction, and J. R. Dawson, of the dairy division, United States Department of Agriculture, delivered the funeral oration. Scrubbull meat is not of the best, but it was well cooked, and a hungry crowd enjoyed it, in a measure, because they had a sense of doing a good thing for the community. The trial was followed by a sale of pure bred bulls.

One of the unusual features of the trial was a brass band which provided appropriate music during the day. Interest in the "trial" was shown by a large attendance from adjoining counties.

Dairy Cows Improved by Advanced Registry Test

"No one thing has done so much to increase the productivity of pure bred dairy cattle in New Jersey as advanced registry testing," says W. R. Robbers, dairy expert at the agricultural experiment station, New Brunswick.

"The average production of all cows has been given by the United States census as 4,000 pounds of milk a year. Pure bred herds under the advanced registry tests soon develop cows which produce twice that amount of milk without additional feed cost.

"Care in the management of cows increases their productive capacity. It is the care incidental to advanced registry testing which often results in the cow doing much better during her second testing period than her first.

"By means of these tests and the records kept the hopelessly unproductive cows are detected so that the dairyman can elliminate them from the herd.

"It has long been recognized that the bull is the most important factor in improving the herd. Through advanced registry it is possible for the dairyman to observe whether or not the daughters of the bull are better than their dams. In this way superior bulls are discovered and are chosen to raise the standard of the herd.

"The advisory experts maintained by the department of dairy husbandry at the State College of Agriculture, New Brunswick, are always glad to answer questions on advanced registry or any other phase of dairying."

Feeding Test Made With Corn Silage and Fodder

The dairy cow has long found favor because she is able to convert large quantities of bulky roughage into a concentrated and highly nutritious product. There are, however, certain roughages on which a cow produces much better. As the business of dairying is to produce milk profitably rather than merely to convert fodder into milk, a comparison of the common farm roughages is valuable.

A careful feeding test was made at the Iowa experiment station with corn silage and fodder, alfalfa and timothy hay, and a combination of corn fodder and timothy hay.

The use of corn fodder in place of corn silage reduced the milk production 6 per cent, and the fat production 3 per cent. When silage is worth $4.50 a ton, an acre of corn yielding eight tons, if converted into silage, is worth $36, while if converted into fodder the value is reduced to $16.21.

When alfalfa hay was replaced by timothy in a good dairy ration, milk and butterfat production was reduced 7 per cent. When both alfalfa hay and silage were replaced at the same time by fodder and timothy hay, the milk yield dropped 18 per cent and fat 14 per cent.

If possible get the corn crop in the silo. Timothy hay should be sold and clover or alfalfa bought to take its place.

It is Seldom Desirable to Cross Chicken Strain

It is seldom desirable to cross strains. It can be compared, in a way, to crossing breeds; the first cross may appear to give uniform offspring, but in the second generation many undesirable qualities are liable to appear. If you have reason to believe that some other strain will give you better results, gradually work into the pure strain. Crossing the strain may set you back several years.



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