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Eastern Shore Now when Bridge Completed

DO YOU KNOW

OFF THE CUFF

That it ought not be any trouble to organize a Night Club in Queens town, as many "call" after midnight.

That the weatheran gave us a little of 3-in-1—rain, snow and hail —Sunday about 4 'oclock. Only lasted 15 minutes.

That the first of the week gave those rareing to work the blues. but remember Spring fever is just around the corner.

That when the weather permits some of our property owners had better look over their pavements, before they have a law suit or the Town Fathers send them a notice.

That Kent County wants a open bar where you can get a "morning Bracer, without having to buy a fifth or a pint. Senator Turner how would Queen Anne's fare?

That Governor McKeldin's budget for the first year in office may reach $100,000,000 it was disclosed this week. If an increase is granted in teachers' salaries the figure will go even higher.

That the Peninsula Methodist Conference Camp located at Bookers wharf a few miles north of Church Hill, will open in June, its fifth season to young people from all parts of the Del-Mar-Va peninsula.

That the Senator confirmed the newly recommended office holders for Caroline as handed in by Senator Redden, but backed up on the appointment of Kent by Senator Jewell. Two Republican politicians enjoying life under the shade of the old apple tree.

That the Tidewater Fisheries is a joke. Three men are appointed with pay and then have to get five without pay to tell them what to do. Sam Snitzer of Baltimore, was appointed by Governor McKeldin to help the wise men.

That Grason Chance can't understand, despite the metropolitan belief that farmers make money without working and receive vast sums from the government, there is no noticeable rush to the farms by those larks suffering with a desire to take life easy.

That a Delaware town refused to let a perfume company park in its limits. While the town maybe sweet enough other towns would welcome the outfit with open noses.

That the big b'hoys down Washington, D. C. way, have notified the Maryland Legislature to go slow about trucks weights.

That "Bear" Thomas and Ike Baker landed a 80 lb. tuna last week in back of Capt. Tom Carey's premises. Ike and 'Bear" were over 6 hours landing it. Capt. Tom Carey had to furnish refreshments and food while the tuna was being landed. This is no fish story, Tom Price has the tuna on display to prove it.

That the friends of our oystermen are afraid they have kiled the golden oyster spawn by helping to elect a Republican Governor who in turn appointed three pa ymembers who depend on five non-pay members to give them advice. Tired of donng nothing, but drawing their pay, dredged up 5 bushels of oysters for a friend. Folks if you have a drag (political) book a tour on the State palatial yacht. All gratis.

That maybe you thought as we did, that the new half century began on January 1950. Well, we were all wrong. The Naval Observatory at Washington tells us that as there was no year "0," the century runs fully through the year ending "00", and the Romans, who gave us not even have a figure for zero. the calendar in the first place, did Webster's Unabridged Dictionary lists the first century A. D. as the years 1 to 100 inclusive; the nineteenth century as A. D. 1801 to 1900 inculsive.

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mrs. Emily Mann, of Glenn Wood Landing, L. I. N. Y., spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. George Steinfelt of near town.

Mrs. Fred Roser is too busy entertaining weekend guests and cooking for her family to let a slight cold interfere with her activities. More power to you Mrs. Roser.

Mrs. Finley Wooters who suffered an attack of the grippe for over a week, is now able to atend to her household duties, besides her chickens and turkeys, which is pleasing to her neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Wllard H. Wrightcon of Bryantown, have issued invitations for their 25th wedding anniversary, April 7th, 1951. The reception will be held at Carmichael Church Hall. Over 200 invitations have been issued.

Mrs. Howard Melvin who under went a minor operation at the Easton Hospital several weeks ago is now feeling better and able to prepare three full meals and lunches for her husband and family, besides looking after her chickens and oth fowls.

That with taxes steadily increasing on all evels, local state and federal, Grant Yates claims it become more necessary than ever that we choose wisely those things for which we shall and shall not spend our money . . . The average tax load per family today is equal to about $2,137 as compared to $360 in 1939.

Sanction Asked on Oyster Leases

Three Tidewater senators introduced a bill Monday night requiring legislative sanctions to leases of oyster grounds.

It would bar future leases by the Department of Tidewater Fisheries until they had been acted upon by the General Assembly.

Leases granted prior to June 1 of this year, the effective date of the proposed law, would revert to the State unless:

1. The oysers had been planted by the lessee within three years prior to June 1, or

2. They had been planted within three years of the date the lease was executed.

The bill would give the department "authority to determine whether oysters have been planted in sufficient quatities to justify the continuance of any leases made by it."

Sponsors are Senators Louis N. Phippis, John R. Jewell, Kent, and Edward Turner, Queen Anne's.

Two Somerset county delegates, E.Layton Riggin and J. Ellis Tawes, introduced a measure last week in the House of Delegates to prohibit the planting on leased areas of seed oysters produced under supervision of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries.

For the next five years, if the bill passed, such plantings would be confined to natural bars only.

County Tax Rate, Like Everything Else, Is Up

Queen Anne's County taxpayers will this year pay eight cents more for every $100 worth of assessable property than they did last year to the state and county.

The Couny ttax rate for 1951, levied by the Queen Anne's County Commissioners will be $1.34 while the Maryland State tax amounts of $.06, for an overall total of $1.40 rate.

The county levy this year is 14 cents higher and the state rate is six cents lower. The county rate is also one cent over two years ago.

Frances C. Legg, clerk announced the levy as set y the three Commissioners, Casper T. Seney, Harry F. Callahan and E. Oliver Legg.

It was pointed out that the school tax is 87 cents of the total, leaving 47 cents for other county departments. The breakdown of where the taxpayer's money goes in the county.

Wings Are Key to Management of Game Birds

Wings can now be regarded as the key to better management of game birds in Maryland. Cooperating hunters and Maryland game hunters and Maryland game wardens last year rallied to the call from biologist of the Maryland Department of Research and Education at Solomons by sending in a number of bobwhite wings for aging. Recently, a study of these revealed that 84 per cent of the wing were from juvenile birds, and 16 per cent from adults.

This is a ratio of one adult to five young birds, hence indicating a good nesting season for bobwhites in 1950.

Furthermore, by closely studying the wings, it was found that of the imature birds, 70 per cent were born before August 3rd, and 30 per cent were hatched after August 3. Bobwhite wings are aged by measuring the length of the growing primaries. (outermost flight feathers). By knowing the day the bird was shot one can determine in this way within two days the age of the quail. Those over 150 days old can be classified as more or less than one year old. Comparison of the number of old to young birds shot indicates whether the population is increasing or decreasing.

R. D. Van Deusen, biologist in charge, Natural Resources Inventory, declared that these results indicated a later hesting season that one would expect. He pointed out that, "We hope hunters will continue their splendid cooperation [illegible] helping to achieve our goal of o[illegible] 1000 wings for the 1951 season."

One wing only from each bi[illegible] desired. Those taken from [illegible] found dead on a highway wil[illegible] be welcomed inasmuch activ[illegible] ting has ceased until fall, 1951 [illegible] should be placed in a paper b[illegible] envelope with date and county [illegible] ked plainly on the container or o[illegible] a slip of paper inside. Wings must not be wrapped in wax paper; in this way they tend to rot from not properly drying.

Doctors Warns On Diptheria

The Queen Anne's County Health Department this week issued the following warning about diptheria:

"Diptheria germs are very dangerous things these days, probably much more so than they used to be because they can still get into your throat and poison your system thoroughly, and the sore throat that you have is very readily cured by penicilin and sulfa drugs. These two powerful medicines unfortunately do not neutralize the poison which diptheria germs have already poured into your body. It is this poison which makes the disease fatal, so it is liable to be very dangerous to treat a person for sore throat alone if he is not immunized against diptheria, because a sore throat may be a diptheria one.

"The best advice that we have been able to secure in the matter of preventing diptheria tells us that children should have three injections for the first time at the age of five months should receive a booster dose at the age of two years, and another booster dose before starting to school. Children who have not received the two booster dose mentioned, or who get only one booster dose, may get diptheria in a moderately severe form. In the present situation we are recommending that all children, 12 and under, who theira toxiod or the triple toxoid have not had a booster dose of dip within the past two years, get one now, and especially that all children too young to be in school get started on their "shots" now. It takes three doses a month apart to be safe."

FOR SALE—New 53 gallon Frigidaredare Electric hot water heater, used one month. Also a 20-gallon kerosene automatic hot water heater with oil drum, used, practically new. Both heaters can be seen at Knotts & Jewell, Centreville, Md.

Easter '51 Is The Earliest Until 2008

This year Easter comes on March 25 which will be the earliest observance of the holiday in the second half of the 20th century.

The world will have to wait until the year 2008 to celebrate it earlier. That year will be on March 23, according to coputations at the Adler Planetarium and Astronomical Museum, Chicago. The last time it was on March 23 was in 1913.

Easter can be as early as March 22 and as late as April 25, a variation of 35 days. The last time it was on March 22 was in 1818. It next will be that early in 2285. It fell on April 25 in 1943; it will not do so again until 2038.

The method of fixing the time of Easter is complicated and dates back to 325 A. D. In that year the Council of the Christian Churches met at Nicaea (Nice) in Asia Minor. Besides setting forth the Nicene cred a summary of the belief in the divinity of Christ, the councilors decided that Easter should be the fist Sunday after the paschal full moon which occurs upon, or next after, March 21, the vernal equinox.

Travel underlay this decision. In early times Easter was a day of great celebration in big cities and pilgrims journeyed on foot or in crude transposts to take part. They needed moonlight to help them fi[illegible] their way at night, s[illegible] of the [illegible]

S. S. Representativ[illegible] To be in Cntreville

A representative of the Social Security Administration will be at the Community Building office in Centreville, on March 26 beginning at 2:30 P. M.

These visits are arranged for the conveniences of workers in this area by Noran P. Foster, Manager of the Social Security AdministrationField Office in Salisbury, Md., and are for the purpose of answering all inquiries pertaining to Old Age and Survivors Insurance.

According to Mr. Foster, many persons have been losing benefits which they may have been eligible to receive as retired workers as survivors of workers who have died, because they have failed to apply for such benefits.

Anyone who thinks he may be eligible for benefits or who has questions about this Federal insurance, is urged to take adantage of this opportunity to file applications or get correct information.

Amendments to the Social Security Act, recently passed by Congress, greatly expand the coverage of this law, and offer higher benefits to everyone who qualifies. Don't delay your inquiry.

New Vegetable Prices List Released

The "Legal Minimum" prices are for the Eastern Shore. Peas, $92.40; snap bean, $101.00; sweet corn, $21.40; lima beans, $147.00; tomatoes, $36.50. These are ton price quotations. Indications by the processors for prices for three Eastern Shore counties sweet corn, $20.00 per ton; tomatoes, one canner inTalbot, $.65 for No. 1's; $.45 for No. 2's per basket, or $39.00 and $27.00 for ones and twos. Definite information on tomatoes is limited but Wicomico reports one canner offering $36 for No. 1's; $21.00 for No. 2's on tomatoes.

Contract discussions in Maryland should develop following the meeting of the Tri-State Canners Association last week.

Oyster Navy Violation Being Probed

Governor McKeldin ordered Monday night a full inquiry into violations of the State's oyster-conservations laws by inspectors employed to enforce those laws.

The order followed a revelation that two officers of the oyster police were discovered illegally taking cysters by means of a prohibited dredge from a State-owned craft and a report that the men said they were acting under orders of a high official of the Tidewater Fisheries Department, Amos S. Creighton, commander of the patrol fleet.

When the report reached Governor McKeldin, he immediately summoned Captain Creighton and the department head, Arthur H. Brice, to the executive offices.

They arrived within fifteen minutes and confirmed the account given by unofficial sources.

Afterward, Governor McKeldin said he had ordered a complete investigation and a detailed, written report from Mr. Brice and Captain Creigthon.

Awaiting its arrival, he said he would reserve comment and any statement on action he may take.

The men were surprised Monday by the pilot of a plane used in enforcement of fishery laws, H. Edwin Fleming, assistant to the department's chief enforcement officer.

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Committee Delay Teachers Pay Move

Pay raises for the State's schoolteaches were still without legislative sponsorship Friday after members of a House Committee failed to decide whether to back the increases.

Also held in abeyance was the rest of the program urged on the Legislature by Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, Jr., State Superintendent of Schools.

Governor McKeldin has expressed "firm opposition" to the program on the grounds that it would mean a heavy increase in taxes. Democratic leaders in the General Assembly have taken substantially the same position.

Perry O. Wilkinson, chairman of the House Education Committee, said today after a closed meeting of his group that Dr. Pullen's proposal which would cost an estimated $11,-€25,000 a year, were being held 'with the purpose of revision and changing."

Reporting that some committee members favored an increase of $250 or $300 a year in teachers' salaries, instead of the $500 asked by the school superintendent, Mr. Wilkinson said:

"We haven't found the money, We're not holdling back for lack of a sponsor. We're holding for study.

"I don't know whether the bills are going in or not. The sum of $12,000,000 would throw things haywire is we can't find the money."

Republican members of the committee declared that discussion of the projected bills was "sketchy," with Mr. Wilkinson attempting to find committee members to join him in putting the proposals before the House.

Eastern Shore Now and When Bridge is Completed

The folowing discussion of Planning and Zoning is largely concerned with possible future developments which might result from additional and quicker access to the Shore. The Chesapeake Bay Bridge now under construction is a major factor and the discussion of this project is meant to be a constructive analysis, not an unfavorable criticism.

This brief has also developed from a profound interest in an area of which I feel a part, and too, an area where a way of life exists which commands serious thought to protect it.

It is possible in the study of regions to analyze the physical and material characteristics, the natural resource, the industry, the transportation facilities, population trend etc., and from this draw certain conclusions and forsee certain problems; granting that as these conditions change through the years, so will the conclusions, previously drawn, change with them.

These factors give the Eastern Shore a great potential, and vulnerability at the same time. These factors, plus improvement in transportation which will cut down present distances and time of travel, place the Shore "on the market" more than ever before, especially areas near the bridge.

Before continuing let one poi[illegible] be made clear. This is no[illegible] cate "no change" or an [illegible] program for the Eastern [illegible] er the attitude of this [illegible] is, let the change come, [illegible] dy for it.

The Eastern Shore, acc[illegible] the patrons considered, it bu[illegible] two hours travel from [illegible] and Washington, cities of [illegible] and a[illegible] 800,000 po[illegible] [illegible] ew Bay Bridge [illegible] Baltimore and Washing[illegible] ing the present travel time [illegible] erably.

In studying the make up of the Shore let us see what some of its assets are that would cause an interest in it from areas within easy travel.

(a) The excellent river country, boating, fishing, and hunting make the land highly desirable and sought after.

(b) The rainfall, climate, vegetation, and general setting add to this distirability.

(c) The elaborate and finely surfaced highway system existing the length and breadth of the Shore provides ready access into the area, as well as throughout the area.

(d) Numerous areas are vulnerable as potential suburbs. People confined in cities think nothing of, and are accustomed to, driving from a half to an hour and a half commuting time each way. They feel it to be worth this inconvenience to arrive at day's end in some little suburb with fresh air and space where they and their children have a chance to grow up as individuals.

(e) The entire area is a fertile and highly productive agricultural region, inviting the gentleman farmer who can afford to be an absentee landlord.—Paul Pippin in Kent County News.

HOW TOP TV STARS GOT THEIR START

Faye Emerson, Milton Berle, Imogene Coca, Jerry Lester . . . how did they and other headliners get started in the business that brought them fame and fortune? Be sure to read the entertaining new TV series beginning in April 1st issue of The American Weekly. Nation's popular magazine with the Baltimore Sunday American. Order from your local newsdealer.

BAKE

A Bake will be held Saturday, March 24, 1951, beginning at 10 a. m. at Fellowship Hall, Queenstown, sponsored by the W. S. C. S. Also flowers on sale at B. H. Lane's Store Thursday, Friday and Saturday.