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McKeldin denies Compromise on Teachers Pay

DO YOU KNOW

OFF THE CUFF

That Robert Walters warns us to be careful what we say—but more careful of what we write.

That Cep Anthony clams that the few warm days brought out the honey bees and mosquitoes. Better get window and door screens working over time.

That a dance held in Chestertown for the "March of Dimes" netted $1200. Just shows what the good women can do when they are given a free hand for a good cause.

That Capt. Willie Schelberg and First mate, "Mutt" Rice broke the channel of ice with the large motor boat so they could use their drift nets in Chester river and have been working overtime with success.

That the American Legion Auxiliary of the Jeff Davis Post No. 18 American Legion will give a birthday party to its members as soon as their new home is completed in March. The members made the announcement at their January meeting.

That we received the announce- [illegible]

started [illegible] a clean up of the beer joints and gambling dens and was sailing along with fair wind until the superntendent took the wind out of his sails and he went aground in Delaware. After being re floated, he started his noise again and now he is preaching to John Law, who is keeping guard over him and his family. He had better wire Carrie Nation!

That Harry Reynolds, who once loved the city, sends in the low-down of only two days spent in the big town: "It's the country in me. I suppose, but a short trip to the city makes me plain tired. Everything was wonderful. We ate good food, slept in comfortable beds, and talked to interesting people, but I feel like I had been gone a month and fought ten rounds with Sugar Ray Robinson. "I still believe the small towns remain the most wonderful place in the world to go back

Raccoons Trouble Muskrat Trappers

Hardy band of muskrat trappers complained yesterday that raccoons are giving them, and the muskrats, trouble. They want Uncle Sam to stop it.

M. Baker Robbins, one of the leading trappers in the area of Cambridge, Md., said the group is drafting a letter asking the United States Wildlife Srvece to 'curb "predatory animals' 'on the Government Blackwater Game Refuge about 3 miles south of Cambridge.

By predatory animals, Robbins made it clear, he means 'coons.

He said they are "seriously hampering' 'the muskrat industry,which normally flourishes in this section, bu cutting down the muskrat population around the refuge. The coons also attack other wildlife ,such as ducks, Robbins said.

If the letter brings no satisfaction ,he warned, the fur will fly in court.

"We are sending the letter first," Robbins said. "If that fails we are ready to seek an injunction."

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mrs. Avis Cole, Mrs. Jeanette Melvin took off Friday for a few weeks vacation at Miami, Fla. They hope to mingle with the Queenstown colony who are enjoying the seabreeze.

Mrs. Frank Higdon of near town left Monday for Trenton, N. J. to the bedside of her sick sister, Mrs. Roxie Leary. Mrs. Leary is at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wise.

Miss Catherine Kirwan, scion of the late Sen. Jas. E. Kirwan, who was always strong with the Democrats of Kent Island, was elected President of the Young Democratic Club of Queen Anne's county. Linwood Yates, the promoter, stepped down in Miss Kirwan's favor.

It seems that Queen Anne's Democratic boys are on the front line when it comes to holding down "big jobs." A former Church Hill boy, B. Lyle Appleford, Jr., has been elected to his second term as president of the Maryland Socity of New York. The organization is composed of former Marylanders who are residents of New York and vicinity.

Rev. Ragnar Alm to be Guest Speaker at M. Church

[illegible] the Sho[illegible] [illegible] youn[illegible] ch of Chu[illegible] Indonesia and also as chairman of the Medan Ministerial Association.

Because Sweden was neutral when Sumatra fell to the Japanese during World War II, Rev. Alm was one of the few men who were permitted to continue their work. He and his American-born wife were not interned.

Rev. Alm has been a missionary of the Methodist Church in Sumatra since 1930. He was born in Dunker, Sweden, educated at the Theological School in Gothengurg and ordained a minister of the Swedish Annual Conference of the Methodist Church. He ministered in Sweden four years and Lapland three years before his appointment as a missionary.

Local Fire Company Gives Timely Warning to Motorist

State law prohibits any motorist passing a fire truck en route to a fire.

State law prohibits any motorist driving within 600 feet of any fire truck en route to a fire.

Anyone violating either of the above State laws in the future will be prosecuted.

Motorists arriving at the scene of a fire are warned to park their vehicles, leaving room for firemen and fire apparatus, to fight the fire.

When calling in a fire please give your name, state location of fire and and tell what type of fire occurred, such as chimney, house, barn, store etc.

BEAUTY PLAN FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Homemakers, ever feel you're too busy to take time for your grooming routine? Learn how you can sandwich a beauty program into your daily chores and be fresh and lovely by evening. See the helpful article in February 17th issue of The American Weekly. Nation's popular magazine with the Baltimore Sunday American. Order from your local Newsdealer.

FOR SALE—Farm cart and harness in excellent condition. Price $25. Wm. M. Smith, Grasonville, Md.

Fishing Fair Set At Tilghman's Island

The 17th annual Chesapeake Bay Fishing Fair will be held at Tilghman Island, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 22, 23, 24, 1952, according to an announcement just made by Jack Surrick President of the Association. Mr. Surrick is Executve Vce President of radio staton WFBR, Baltmore.

Plans were made to bring together all of the fishing guides on the Eartern and Western Shores for a special meeting with the Executive Committee in the very near future

W. Randolph Harrison, Tilghman, Headquarter's Port Chairman, pointed out the fact that transportation tax on fishing party boats and anglers which has been in effect for a number of years, was repealed by the last Congress under the leadership of Maryland's Congressman Sasscer and the Maryland delegation. Anglers will no longer be requested to pay transportation tax for running a mile or so to the fishing grounds and then anchor. This will be welcome news for anglers all over the nation, since the item was removed from the general tax bill and is nationwide in effect.

Among the special 1952 Grand Contest events, will be a Chesapeake Bay County Mural Contest [illegible] the 15 Mary[illegible] Baltimore [illegible]

On Friday, February 15 at 8 P.M. in the Court room of the county Court House in Centreville, Architect Andrew Hepburn will speak to the public about the fact-finding survey materials he has accumulated on the proposal of the Maryland Historical Society to restore 52 historic buildings on the Eastern shore.

Mr. Hepburn is one of the Boston firm of Architects, Hepburn, Kehoe and Dean who directed the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg. He will be accompanied by Mr. Fitch, who will show the colored slides as well as other pictures he took of the buidings during the survey. There will be maps displayed with the locations of the buildings marked.

Several of these buildings are in Queen Anne's County. In fact, the court house in which the talk will be given is one of the monuments under consideration.

The public is invited, and since much interest has already been shown in the newspaper clippings posted in the library, a large crowd is expected.

Bring Back the Famous Diamond Back

More income to fishermen operating in the Chesapeake Bay is possible if the most know-how of cooking and the joy of eating diamond back terrapin is rediscovered.

Terrapin was a food for the common people of Maryland years ago but scarcity made them a rare delicacy bringing $8 to $10 a piece around the 1920's. Today, after the "plant' 'of many thousands of young terrapins in the Bay country, the supply constitutes a nuisance in other fishing operations. They fill the pots set for crabs, invade peeler pots, and are caught in large numbers when fish seines are dragged.

To turn a present nuisance into an income producer for fishermen it remains for the "Omnipotent Lady Housewife" to start the wheels of distribution moving by learning the wholesomeness, ease of cooking the and availability of Maryland terrapin at reasonable prices once quantities are marketable.

Queenstown Fire Company To Have an Ambulance

Three ambulances will soon be in service in Queen Anne's County, it was learned last week, when Queenstown Volunteer Fire Company reported the bidding on an ambulance.

The firemen will operate the vehicle, but the Queenstown Lions Club will purchase it from their funds.

As U. S. Route 50, and the proposed North-South expressway passes directly through the town, it is expected that heavy traffic will warrant the ambulance in town of less than 300 population.

It was announced that the company hopes to have the vehicle in service sometime in het spring. At present there are two ambulances in the county, one at Stevensville and one at Centreville.

Centreville's is a new machine, delivered last Saturday, and pressed into service the following day.

The Queenstown firemen also are testing their new $8,000 GMC pumper which was delivered several weeks ago. This makes three first-rate pieces of apparatus owned by the company. This engine was purchased without a special fund drive.

It has a 500-gallon-per-minute [illegible] and will ca[illegible] 500 feet of [illegible]

"short" assem[illegible] is loaded with business. Several factors may add to the usual time-consuming activities.

There's a Republican governor and a Democratic majority in the Assembly, which acts against dispatch. Also ,this is an election year, an inducement to extra oratory.

On top of that, for the first time in Maryland hisory, the Assembly has 61 vetoed bills waiting for the legislators to acquiesce or override.

Included are several which will be wrangled over before the legislators get down to new business. These holdovers include a $300 pay increase for schoolteachers and a $5,000,000 office building for Annapolis.

Then ther eare at least 50 new bills prepared by the legislative council since the last session. And the legislators will have some more of their own.

Regardless of what happens to two of the bills vetoed by Governor McKeldin, similar new ones are ready to take their place. Both are subject to long discussion before disposal.

One, likely to be one of the hottest subjects of the session, girls schoolteachers $200 more a year for eight years instead of $100 annual increases for fifteen years. In other words, the bill cuts by half the time required to go from the minimum to the maximum teachers pay.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowery are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a 7-pound boy, born Tuesday afternoon about 2 o'clock. The baby was born at the home of the mother's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Skaggs of Queenstown. Mr. and Mrs. Lowery live at Chester. Dr. Martin was in attendance.

CARD PARTY

A Card Party for the benefit of the Bishop's Guild of Wye Parish, will be held on Wednesday, February 13, at 2 p. m. at the home of O. P. Alford, near Carmichael. There will be prizes and refreshments.

Final Par tof State Income Tax

(This is the fourth and final article o fa series released by J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller of the Treasury, State of Maryland. It is important to note at this time that Mr. Tawes has suggested that Maryland Income Tax Payers delay the filing of their returns until the Legislature,which meets on February 6th of this year, has a chance to act on Mr. Tawes's recommendation of a 15% reduction on Income Taxes for the taqable year 1951.

In this final article we will cite briefly the changes that were made in the Maryland Income Tax Law by the 1951 Session of the Maryland Legislature.

Pensions—Investment income has been re-defined so that a portion of the pension received by retired employees to which they have contributed, will not be taxed as investment income, but at the ordinary income rate of 2%.

Alimony—Payments received as alimony are to be included in the return as taxable income by the recipient and persons paying alimony may now deduct such [illegible]

Military exclusion—Pa[illegible] ceived up to $1500 as m[illegible] the armed forces of our Co[illegible] to be excluded from [illegible] Any amount rece[illegible] by r[illegible]

[illegible] lieu of itemizing deduc[illegible] been required hereofore in re[illegible] under the regular method of co[illegible] tation, a taxpayer may now ele[illegible] use, an optional standard deduct[illegible] The taxpayer may now deduct 1[illegible] of the gross income to an amo[illegible] not in excess of $500.

Investment Income Taxability

The first $500 of net investment income is to be included in the return at the ordinary income rate of 2%. The form has been set up so that this segregation can be made without difficulty.

The Income Tax Division is greatly handicapped year after year by taxpayers waiting until the lastday to file their returns or to seek assistance from our offices. Persons having problems requiring correspondence with our office should make them known early so that we will have time to reply before the expiration date for filing the return.

Motorists are Taxed Enough Without Toll Roads

"Why doesn't Maryland build toll roads similar to New Jersey and Pennsylvania turnpikes?" asks the Easton Star Democrat in an editorial a couple of weeks ago.

Back in 1947 when the state, under former Governor Lane, embarked on a two hundred million dollar road building program, the idea of toll roads was considered and then rejected.

It now appears that double this amount will be needed to completely modernize the roads of Maryland. The Easton paper suggests that a super-highway toll road might well solve the problem between the Delaware line and the new Chsapeake Bay Bridge, on to Washington; that a similar dual highway toll road be built from Wye Mills to Ocean City.

Unless there is a miracle these highways cannot be built into the modern type of high speed roads for many years, under the present system of financing.

McKeldin Denies Compromise onTeachers Pay Increase Issue

Governor McKeldin yesterday denied a report he as ready to compromise on the teacher-salary issue.

To the contrary, he said, he will do everything he can to prevent the overrding of his veto of the 1951 bill for a $300 across-the-board increase in State minimum salaries for teachers.

Consideration of the vetoed bill is oone of the first orders of business at the 30-day legislative session opening Wednesday. The measure provides for a 26 per cent increase in the corporation income tax to pay the cost.

Governor McKeldin's supposed willingness to compromise was [illegible] ported in an Associated Press [illegible] patch from Cu[illegible] which [illegible] ted Lath[illegible] ery coun[illegible] ment to memb[illegible] claion [illegible]

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[illegible] misun[illegible] he had tr[illegible] school fight in [illegible] conversation an[illegible] G. Pullen, Jr., State [illegible] of schools, had been [illegible] to compromise below a $500 increase.

Governor McKeldin consistently has held that any new increase should be provided byBaltimore city and the counties, not the State.

Motorists Getting Away With Murder

Declaring that "speeders are getting away with murder", the nation-wide newspaper campaign to reduce the 1952 traffic accident toll today centered its fire mainly on speeding drivers, who alone killed 15,000 men, women and children and claimed 500,000 injured victims last year.

Public safety specialists throughout the country have branded excessive speed as "Killer No. 1" in traffic accidents and urged that the most intensive law enforcement drives against speeders be undertaken this year in all states. They have also proposed that all official and unofficial groups interested in greater safety on the highways initiate educational programs during 1952 to help lower the high toll of deaths and injuries attributable to speed by persuading drivers to "slow down for safety's sake."

The key relationship of speed to the upward death curve in highway accidents in recent yeras has definately been stablished, according to Thomas N. Boate, public safety director of the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies and acting manager of its accident prevention department.