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Mrs. Hattie Tolson is spending sometime in Baltimore with her son, Richard Tolson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowen Fromm, Mrs. Florence Seward and Mrs. Alfred Jewell were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chance and son in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Holmes Lynch has returned home from Memorial Hospital, Easton and is much improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Royden Curlett, spent a few days last week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. FredKnight in Linden, N.J.

Mr. Julian Bryan of Stevensville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Adlai Bryan on Sunday.

Mr. Thomas Drear was a Baltimoore visitor last week.

Mrs. Lemuel A. Thompson, Jr., and son Sandy of Dominion were Friday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Collier.

Mrs. Arthur Green has returned home after spending sometime with relatives in Hickory, N.C.

Miss Betty L. Thomas is spending a few days in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Stevens and family and Mrs. Stevens of Annapolis, were weekend guests of her mother, Mrs. Agnes Baker.

Mrs. Myrtle Lloyd is receiving treatments at Easton Hospital.

Mrs. Virginia Melvin and daughters of Millington, were the guests

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New Sewage System Being Proposed for Centreville

A special election will be held in the near future for taxpayers in the annexed sections of Centreville to vote on paying an equal tax with the "old town" citizens, it was announced by the Centreville Town Commissioners, following a recent meeting in the Goodwill Firehouse with about 100 citizens present.

According to the commissioners, a new sewage system has been proposed for the annexed sections of town at a cost of approximately $413,000 and to have it installed, they feel that all sections of town should be under the same tax rate.

In 1947, the town annexed about 1,000 acres of land and these areas do not have paved streets, but enjoy other town facilities such as lighting, garbage collection, police and fire protection and water.

Three of the four new sections pay a 60-cent tax rate while the fourth pays 65 cents against an "old town" tax rate of 90 cents on the $100 assessable basis.

The total assessment of Centreville is set at $3,200,000 with 80 per cent of that in the "old town" The town's population is 1,804 with less than 600 of those living in the new sections.

T. Harold Davis, president of the three-man town board, said "The town will not attempt to put in new sewers unless the annexed sections come in for their full share of the town tax rate. That is why a special election for these four sections of town—Centreville Heights, Easton Road, part of Kidwell and Chesterfield Avenues—will be held to have the people vote on equalization of the tax rate."

Smith Landskroener ,another member of the board, stated: "It may even be that the anticipated 1955 tax rate can be lowered sligtly if the entire town is equalized in paying off some of the old bonds."

As explained to the citizens at the town meeting, the present sewage system is adequate for the "old town" and is performing satisfactorily but it would be impossible to bring in the outlying areas without a new system.

W.McLean Bingley, a sanitation engineer with the State Department of Health, pointed out that "altho the Health Department is not forcing the town to put in new sewers, there may come a day when they are needed and we must demand it for the health and welfare of the citizens."

He explained that the state has ordered five or six towns in the past few years to put in new sewage systems, including St .Michaels, at a cost of approximately $350,000.

The Town Board stated that recently two business firms, willing to put up small factories or plants within the town limits, have approached the Commissioners, but upon hearing that sewers were not available, left for other communities.

Wirt Bartlett, local engineer, of the fir mof Shew and Bartlett, hired to make a survey of the entire town with the thought of running sewers the length of town, explained how the study was made and how the approximate figure arrived at for the new system.

The Town Board announced that citizens in the annexed sections must first vote to come in on the old town tax rate, and then a special election would be held for the entire town to vote on floating a bond for a proposed sewer system.

JACKPOT GAME OFFERS CASH AND FUN

For exciting fun and profit try your hand at solving the fascinating Jackpot Crossword Puzzle in the Baltimore Sunday American. Each week cash is offered to those who submit correct solutions. If no correct solution is received the prize is added to the following week's puzzle.

If you are looking for a g challenges your mental look for the Jackpot Cross zle every week, in the Sunday American. Order f local newsdealer.

Volunteer Fire Company Membership Drive Now On

The Queenstown Vol. Fire Company's membership drive is now going on. Have you donated to this worthy cause? Membership dues are only $2. Just enclose your donation in the convenient envelope that you receive from the fire company and mail it in.

Below is a list of members to date:

Sam Friel, George Aldridge,Queenstown Bank, Fred C. Quimby, Jr., Charles Anthony, Sr., Hazel M. Callaway, John C. Cole, Leon Andrus, C.F. Carter, Kennard Rhodes, Joseph Magrogan, Jr., Carroll Pierson, Oscar Smith, Gilbert Minch, James K. Hunter, E.S .Rowens, Calvin Burns, Abe Stein, Orman Poet, Owen Yewell, A.W. Greaves, Sr., Joe Berry, T. C. Quimby, A.S. Dutcher, Wilmont Rice, Friel Lumber Co., Arthur Bryan, B. Frank Anders, MargaretCross Gerald Lyon, John Laughlin, James W. Stewart ,Mrs. W.W. Potter, Sr., W.H. Bishop, J. Edgar Bryan, Nellie M. Price, Clifton Green Howard Lane, Arthur Southard, William Gerloch, Frank S. Dudley, Jr., Frank E. Whaley, Mr. and Mrs. Finley Wooters, Mrs. Guy Harmon ,Sr., W. Edwin, Atkinson, Margaret Lowe, Raymond Warner, Daniel Gannan, Erson R. Leverton, Charlie Lucke, George O. Yewell, Genevieve Bailey, John E. Kinnamon, Sam Whitby, Walter Whitby, Robert A. Walters, Howard Melvin, oJe Ginsberg, C.T. Bishop, Sr., Harry aBrton, Sr., Gordon S. Shawn, Oscar Drummer and Son, W. Frank Delahay, R.S. Swann, George Steinfelt, Elmer Whitby, M. G. White, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Walters, Kenneth Roberts, Isla Corporation, (Mrs. Glenn Stewart), Wilbur Smith, H.F. Roberts, L.W. Brittingham, Mrs. Ida Mandrell, J. Howard Anthony, Walter K. Hansen, Mrs. W.P. Turpin, Harriet M. Cockey, Covert Crowder, Thomas Marsalis, Mrs. Edna Price, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard P. White, J.R. Friel ,Mildred Anderson, Joseph W. Rhyanes, George Brittingham, O.P. Alford, III, Joseph A. Muller, Willie May Johnson, E. Lyon Kehm, Willam A. Bozman, H. C. Reynolds, Karl Fisher, Herman S. Thompson, William Carey, Ben Austin, Jr., Mrs. William Beecher, William Quinn, Sr., William Quinn, Jr., Mrs. Addie Knight, William W. Whitico, Jr., Jacob Jewell, Charles Robinson, Joseph H. Collier, Carey Jewell, William M. Smith, Walter Jewell, Irvin Drummer, Clifton Pierson, J.L. Hutlie, Charles E. King, Mr. Norman Dorrell, Thomas E. Collier, C.L. McDowell, Clem Chance, Mrs. Clyde Collier, George Jewell, Harold M. Hissey, Ralph Thomas, Royden Curlett, David Smith, N.P. Corkran, Edward E. Coursey, Holton Harris, Francis Ireland, Ernest M. Smith, Charles H. Butler, Wrightson Wilson, Hattie S. Tolson, Reese Rhodes Bay Bridge Motel, William H.B. Mousley, Walter Scott, H.W. Ruth & Son, Mrs. Lizzie Thompson, James O'Donnell, William Horn, John Skinner, William Wolcott, Dunbar Chambers, Harvie Zuckerman, H. M. Orrell, Walter Miles, Charles Rose, S.M. Sewell, T.O. Meredith, Robert Hilleary, Carroll Baxter, Holland Potter, James Chance, Lemuel Kirwan, Ed Kerns, III, F.S. Wharton, Vachel Downes.

Tidewater Chamber of Commerce Met Monday

Members of the Tidewater Chamber of Commerce ,an organization including the towns of Queenstown, Grasonville, Chester and Stevensville, in lower part of the county, met Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Stevensville High School auditorium to hear a report on progress from the group's directors.

Committees are now working on contacting small industry for location in Queen Anne's County and on compiling data on the region of e to industries.

About 50 members belong to the nber. The slogan of the group "The Gateway to the Eastern e."

has been organized for nine s.

Queen Anne's-Kent Firemen O.K. Radio Plan

The devasting affects of a storm such as the recent Hurricane Hazel that ripped down power lines and communications shows the need for a radio network of one frequency for closer cooperation in case of emergency, it was cited Friday night at the monthly dinner-meeting of the Kent-Queen Anne's Volunteer Firemen's Association in the Fellowship Hall, Queenstown.

Gene Roberts, president of the host company, explained how firemen from Kent Island, Queenstown and Centreville were able to work in close cooperation with the base station in Centreille in rescue work during the storm after elephone lines went down.

The question of haing one frequency for all fire company radio networks in Kent, Queen Annes Caroline and Talbot counties was raised last month since all are now on separate frequencies and cannot contact one another across the borders. Kent is in the process of obtaining radios for their fire equipment at this time.

Need CD Okay

To date, the fire groups of the four counties have okay'd the idea of going on a mutual frequency but a meeting must be held with Civil Defense officials of the counties, as the fire companies purchased their radio equipment in conjunction with this agency.

Following a ham and oyster supper, W.C. Phillips ,Sudlersville, first vice president, presided at the business meeting in place of Ernest Leverage, Chestertown, president, who is in the Church Home Hospital in Baltimore.

The 70 volunteer fire-fighters present reported a total of 45 fire calls during the past month, with two assists ,and 25 ambulance runs.

Lawrence Bettinger, of the Maryland State Forestry Department, asked about the possibility of having a buuudozer stationed in one of the two counties for use in fighting forest fires, and explained that if the Forestry Department would assign one for his district ,he would have to put it in Cecil County which has more fires of that type than this area.

He said the fire companies could go together and purchase this equipment for "about 5,000" and have it stationed in a centrally-located fire house, but if it was tunred over to the forestry department, it would be stationed where they see fit.

Rhodes is Speaker

The principal speaker, Harry C. Rhodes, superintendent of schools of Queen Anne's County, and a native son of Queenstown, related how a group of men formed a volunteer fire company in upper Montgomery County while he was in the school system there. He was instrumental in th eorganization of the company. He returned to Queen Anne's County last year to head the school system here.

Calling it a "grave and serious responsibility," Mr. Rhodes picked as his topic the question "Who or What is a Volunteer Firemen?" and outlined 10 individuals who, when rolled into one, make up a volunteer fireman.

SALESMEN WANTED

UNEXPECTED CHANGE makes available good Rawleigh business in Queen Anne's County. Splendid business secured in this district for 39 years. Exceptional opportunity for right man. Write Rawleigh's, Dept. MDJ 141-201, Freeport, Ill.

FOR SALE—26-ft. deadrise, 7-ft. beam, small cabin. New 7 h.p. air-cooled motor ,Boat and motor ready to go. $250.00. Call Rock Hall 5694.

FOR SALE—40 ft long, 10 ft. wide oyster boat, with cabin. 7 h.p. Palmer engine. Both motor and boat in good condition. Can be seen at St. Michaels. For information call Preston 2682.

FOR RENT—Four room apartment with bath. Apply to J.T. Bishop, Queenstown, Md., Phone 2761-2451.

Grand Jury Report For November Term of Court

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County, Maryland:

We, the members of the Grand Jury for the November Term of Court 1954 do respectfully make the following report:

We have been in session 4 days. We have examined 36 witnesses resulting in 6 presentments and 6 true bills.

The Foreman appointed a committee to inspect the jail. We commend the County Commissioners on the new brick steps with railing. The State Inspector has recommended that the second floor wooden floors have a fireproof covering in which recommendations we concur.

We recommend:

1. Mattresses and some costs on 1st. floor be replaced.

2. 2nd floor washbasin should have water.

The jury would like to commend the Sheriff upon the cleanliness of the jail.

A committee inspected the Court House.

We recommend:

1. The rug in the Clerk's Office be replaced immediately.

2. The washroom for colored at the head of the stairs should contain a light, a mirror, a wastebasket ,and should have an inside lock.

3. The washroom in the Jury room should contain a mirror.

4. The venetian blinds in the Court house should be kept in a state of good repair.

We should like to recommend;

1. That this county have one or more trained investigatofs.

2. That the salary of the deputy sheriff's be increased.

3. In view of the expansion of the county we recommend an additional state trooper.

4. That public lavatory facilities for white and colored be available in the county seat.

We recomend to the Board of Election Supervisors that in the future elections be held in public school buildings wherever possible.

We, the members of the Grand Jury, deeply appreciate Judge Carter's charge to the Jury.

We wish to thank the Court, the officers of the Court, the State's Attorney, the State Police, and the County Enforcement Officers for their courtesy and assistance.

Having finished our labors we now pray to be discharged.

J. Edgar Bryan, Foreman.
Marion H. Hickman, Clerk.
Janet E. Breeding, Clerk.

Boy Scouts Raise $8,643 In Tri-County Area. Queen Anne's Contributed $1300

A final report of the recent Boy Scout Drive revealed that a total of 434 citizens in Talbot, Caroline and Queen Anne's Counties contributed a total of $8643 toward the continued support of the Scouting Movement in this area.

The funds contributed will aid the Del-Mar-Va Council to continue its program of year-round camping, training, extension of Boy Scouting, supplying of badges and awards of rank, headquarters service, and the maintenance of the professional staff, as well as other items that provide the boys of our area with better Scouting.

Sydney Gadd, Centreville, the Queen Anne's County Chairman for the Drive, announced the following lists of amounts received by town; Centreville $500, Sudlersville $125, Queenstown $225, Church Hill $109., Queen Anne-Hillsboro $160, Grasonville $122.70, and Kent Island $68.50.

The Finance Committee of the Tri County District wishes to thank all those who contributed time, effort, and mone yto make this campaign a success.

TURKEY SHOOT

A Turkey Shoot will be held at the V.F.W. home, Grasonville, Md., Saturday, November 20 at 1 p.m. Ammunition will be furnished by the V.F.W . $1 per shot. Get your Thanksgiving Turkey at the Turkey Shoot.

Appeals Court Gives Election Supervisors Authority

The Court of Appeals has reaffirmed the right of Maryland election supervisors to use their discretion in deciding during a vote recount whether a ballot has been properly marked.

Attorney for George P. Mahoney, who was defeated for Democratic nomination for governor in the June 28 Primary had argued that the law gave them no such discretion. If the ballots contained hand markings other than a X ,they argued, they had to be rejected.

"This, we think ,is too narrow a view of the discretion confided to the supervisors," the Court of Appeals said in a sixteen page opinion written by Chief Joudge Frederick W. Brune.

The opinion amplified reasons why the high court on August 25 refused Mahoney a writ of mandamus which would have required Talbot County supervisors to reject certain ballots be contended were illegally marked. The decision against him had been issued the same day arguments were heard with reasons for it to follow.

Hearing By Judge Horney

The court noted that it had earlier ordered Circuit Court Judge William R. Horney to conduct a full hearing into Mahoney's complaint and inspect ballots in question This new opinion said Judge Horney had gone into the matter thoroughly before refusing Mahoney a writ of mandamus.

The court said in effect ,that supervisors looking at a ballot are entitled to say whether an extraneous marking was made accidentally or as an intentional means of identifying the ballot. In the latter case, the ballot should be rejected.

As a general observation, we may note that every one of the types of objection noted by the appellant was of a kind with respect to which the supervisors were required to exercise their judgment and which called for determination of fact," the opinion stated.

It added that the lower court had found evidence "insufficient to warrant the conclusion that the supervisors acted clearly illegally in determining to count the ballots in question.

Supervisors Are Upheld

Then, after reviewing each class of marking protest by Mahoney council, the Court of Appeals concluded:

"The evidence, we think, shows that in making the recount the supervisors discharged their duties conscientiously and to the best of their ability.

"It fails, we think, to establish that in the exercise of the discretion confided to them to whether or not the challenged ballots should be counted, the supervisors so clearly fell into error as to show that their decisions were contrary to law or unsupported in fact so as to be clearly illegal."

$16,000 To be Mailed to Christmas Club Members

The Queenstown Bank is mailing over $16,000 to its 1954 Christmas Club members. Checks will be mailed November 20. The new 1955 club will open Monday, November 22nd. Budget now the money you will need next Christmas. Open your 1955 Christmas Savings Account, make deposits regularly, and be confident of having the money you will want for a Merry Christmas in 1955.

Christmas giving is made easy with a Christmas check and now is the time to start on a saving plan to give you cash, a year hence; cash for Christmas expenses, mid-winter vacation, a new fur coat, or whatever you like.

Drop in the Queenstown Bank for a minute or two, and just tell us how much you want to save in the next 50 weeks. Save 50c a week, and get a check for $25 ,next November. Save a $1 a week and get $50—or $2 and get $100.—maybe $5 and get $250.

WANTED—Car Salesman. Apply to W.H. Bishop, Queenstown, Md.