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Governor O'Conor TO Save Taxpayers Money

Do You Know

OFF THE CUFF

That the blizzard out of the mid-West gave Queenstown its bitterest cold of the winter Tuesday—three days before the calendar said it would be spring.

That the Northern Eastern Shore District comprising Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline and Talbot counties had a rehabilitation meeting in the courthouse, Chestertown, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The meeting was largely attended. A dinner with trimmings pleased the inner man.

That Joe Golt, one of Bennie R Cook's chief clerks, has decided to go to school again; this time in the big city, Baltimore, in a big way. He plans on studying to be an airplane builder or something. He intends to leave Monday morning. My opinion is that Joe has wore out his old rooting grounds, and is looking for new material. What do think? Good luck, Joe!

That one of the worse snow and wind storms in recent years, as far as telephone communitions were concerned, visited Kent and Queen Anne's counties early Saturday morning two week ago, when the snow turned to sleet and broke down 125 poles between Stevensville and Chesapeake City. 600 telephones were put out of commission, including the trunk lines to Rock Hall, Galena, Still Pond, Sudlersville, Church Hill, Cecilton and Chesapeake City.

That according to official census reports as of the National Census in 1940, there are 6165 more people living on farms than there were in 1930. The total figures are 236,172 farm residents in 1930 and 242,337 1940 which shows a 2.6 per cent increase. The figures show that there are 498,556 people living in rural areas of the State who are not living on farms which is an 18.6 per cent increase over 1930

That plans for the ter-centennial celebration of Kent county are being made by the Historical Society of Kent County. It is planned to hold the celebration during the latter part of July 1942. A word of two of history may be opportune:

In the earliest days all of the Western Shore was known as the "Isle of St. Mary's," and the entire Eastern Shore as the "Isle of Kent." During the first years of the history of the Province the seat of goverment on the Eastern Shore was on Kent Island and this was known as a "Hundred" of St. Mary's. The Isle of Kent was not a county at first according to the Maryland Archives but was, the records state, "to remain a Hundred of St. Mary's until such time, as a County should be erected on the Eastern Shore and no longer.

That Brother Thornton of the Greensboro Free Press paid honor to St. Patrick by printing his last edition green paper.

That we are have information, that quite a number of beer distributors are warm for Sunday beer closing. Claiming bootleggers lay the long greens on the table

That because the home merchants wouldn't advertise, the Greensboro Free Press had to reduce the size of the paper. Well, if we had to depend our merchants to advertise, we feel sure Bill Quimby, the genial host of the Almshouse, would have two more inmates

MASS at St Peter's Catholic Church, Queenstown, at 8 o'clock. Our Mother of Sorrows, Centreville, at 10o'clock.

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McFarland, and son, Wayne, of Wilmington, Del., was weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley W. Story.

Mrs. Frank Roberts was the guest of honor at a buffet supper last Friday nite at the home of Mrs. Paul Mayfield of Wilmington, Del.

Mr. Harvey Bailey, who several months ago fell off the roof of a barn and broke his leg, is now recuperating in town.

Capt. Honk Thompson who has a job with Uncle Sam in Baltimore, spent the weekend with his family.

Mr. Orville Pinder who tried oystering two seasons for a livelihood, and later with Roser's Packing Company, has accepted the job as manager of his father, Wm. E. Pinder, farm, He left last Monday to take charge of his new job.

Miss Rachel Seney of Price, is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley W. Story on Steamboat avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sudy enjoyed several days with friends in Washington, D. C., this week.

Mrs. Franklin Roberts who has been housed with the grippe for the past several days, is much improved, but unable to be around

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haspert, who has been spending a six-week vacation at Miami, Fla., returned home on Monday. Notwitstanding Albert's fishing accident, they report a marvelous time.

Services at Queenstown Methodist, Sunday morning: Preaching 11 o'clock, Sunday School at 10.

Controllable Items In Budget Less Than 1937

The "controllable" items in the 1942 43 biennial budget, now before the Legislature for final adoption, will be at least $25,000 less than the total of these two accounts in the budget adopted in the 1937 session, Governor Herbert R O'Conor pointed out here today.

These "controllable" items include the General Fund appropriations as well as the Bond Issue for new construction, which, together will total $48,385,163 for 1942-43, as against the 1937 appropriations of $48,410,647.

The "Special Fund" appropriations, which make up the remainder of the Budget, Governor O'Conor made clear, are dedicated by law to certain uses, and the Governor has little jurisdiction over this expenditure.

That the savings of 1937 might be well in excess of $25,000 was indicated by Governor O'Conor when he declared that "It is thought that $100,000 more can be eliminated from the present budget, and if the Senate Finance Committee finds other reductions justifiable, the 1941 total can be pared down considerably more.

"While it is evident that we are under the peak of 1937 in outlays," the Governor declared, "I do not wish to be understood as urging against any further decreases which can be made without impairment to essential government functions."

The Governor further explained that he plans for a periodic review of the budget during the next two years, "with the view to reducing still further the sum total which can be done by impounding any funds not found to be necessary."

Card Party

The Kent Island Women's Club, will hold a card party at Chester, Wednesday evening, March 26. A year's subscription to The Queenstown News will be donated.

Piney Neck Tips

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Ruth, announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret, to Howard Smith,

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ewing are receiving congratulations on the birth of a fine son.

Mr. and Mrs Kennard Buckle, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a fine daughter.

The draft carried Benson Haddaway and Leon Young to Camp Meade. They passed the physical examination. They are really in the army now.

One of prominent citizens, down Bryantown way, Alvin Bailey, was among the prominent speakers at the American Legions home gathering in Chestertown, Wednesday evening.

The Hecker property was sold at public auction last Saturday. The purchasers was Jos. W. A. Evans. The price was stated to be $1600

The St. Pairick's Day breeze dried up most of the water on the roads and yards.

Benjamin Oscar Smith appreciate the luxuries of new air-conditioned ten-room bungaiow. Notwithstanding the strong winds of Monday and Tuesday, he was able to take his daily bath, as he dread BO might accumulate.

A number of relatives and friend gave Elmer Jones a surprise party in honor of his fifty-seventy birthday at his home last Thursday evening. Mr. Jones received many useful gifts. Games were played and refreshments of cake and lemonade were enjoyed by all.

Leroy Coursey, forty, died on March 4th at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore. He had been ill several weeks with a heart ailment and asthma. Born in Grasonville, Mr. Coursey had spent most of his life in this county. Recently he had been employed by a Baltimore firm.

Surviving besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coursey are a brother, Baxter Coursey of Easton and a sister, Mrs. Madge Lloyd of Baltimore.

Criticizes Work Of Conservation Boards

The "dumb regulations" and "crazy ideas" of conservation authorities, and not the activities of the watermen or politics, have wrecked the Maryland oyster industry, Senator L. Elwood Dize contended yesterday.

The occasion was a hearing before the Senate Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries Committee on the compromise conservation legislation drawn up by the Governor's committee headed by William F. Schluderberg. The session was for for proponents of the legislation

Two opponents were given a chance to talk, however, and two tidewater members of the committee—Senator Dize and Senator Louis N. Phipps, showed themselves distinctly hostile, talking the position that the proposed legislation would do nothing to aid the watermen of the Chesapeake.

The main feature of the bill, which is backed by the State administration, is a proposal to create a board of natural resources, without administrative powers, to serve as a coordinating agency for all the commissions having power over the natural resources of the State.

More Thrilling Tales Of Sea Adventure

Thrill-packed stories of the day when the Yankee Clippers ruled the seven seas—a saga of adventure, hardship and heroics related by Cap'n Dave Landers, one of the last of the old wind ship skippers. Don't miss his great stories in The American Weekly the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all Newsstands.

Sport Dope

By Ed Nichols

Opinion differs as to whether baseball should make an issue of the draft, especially when players are forced to lose parts of two years.

I was wondering if it couldn't be arranged that men in baseball either are drafted before the season gets under way or not until the season is over. If a baseball player is drafted in mid-season he loses not only that season but the following one. In this way he's naturally pushed out of two years.

Don't you think this sounds like a solid suggestion? Of course, we all realize that baseball is not an essential industry. It is an essential amusement, however, and draft boards might consider this inasmuch as the country still isn't at war.

More important, however, is the effect on the individual player of draft age and eligibility.

A baseball player has only so many years of activity. His career, in proportion to careers in other walks of life, is short. He must get it, as some genius once put it, while the getting is good. A year out of his career never can be made up. Two years means a fairly fat percentage of his baseball life.

This, of course, is no plea for leniency for baseball players over others. The game must suffer under present conditions even as industry and other amusements must feel the hardships.

But in asking a baseball player to suffer two years out of his life, if he's drafted in mid season, seems to be asking more of him than any other young men who are drafted from their jobs which can be left behind and picked up again at any time of the year.

Draft Boards having baseball players among the eligibles might simply list them. The Draft officials of the Eastern Shore will have very little to worry about in such a case, however, I do think it is "food for thought" for others throughout the country.

All promising young ball tossers under contract at this time and who might be called before July 10, could be put through their test immediately. Those not due to be called before this date could be deferred until after October 10.

This would produce the same number of baseball men for the services, the only difference being that those called now would lose this season and not the next while those called after October 10 would not lose this season but would miss out on the next years play.

It really is a job for Judge Landis, the high commissioner of baseball who receives $65,000 a year. The least he could do would go to Washington and get a ruling, one way or another, on how a ball player stands, if he happens to be called in mid-season. Either the boy goes as soon as he is called, or, like a college student, he goes after completing his season or semester. In any case, the player himself should not appeal to his local draft board. That's certain to hurt his popularity. It's a problem to be handled impersonally, for the entire profession, by Landis. Baseball has no slackers The men will serve, if and when called but they don't like to lose part of two seasons.

Joe Louis "bum a month" fight program goes in forth again this Friday night at Detroit with a big bully in name of Abe Simon scheduled to receive a sweet lullabye. What a racket this Mike Jacobs is building up! Whew! Smells bad is right!

Asbury Bartlett says news concerning the County Ball Club is very scarce this week with the exception of the fact that the $10 booster ducats are moving very slowly and the time is drawing nigh.

Unless the fans act on their own initiative and have a baseball rally or in some way show they really want baseball, other steps will have to be taken within the next few weeks. I don't the financial burden carried by a few, as has been the case in the past should hold true this year. This is a county enterprise and should be shared, to some extend, by all baseball loving fans of our communities.

If it so happened that we didn't have baseball here in this county this summer, you would hear more "yapping" on street corners by grandstand managers than you could shake a stick at. Yes, pal, now is the time to act—purchase your Booster ticket today, or give whatever help possible.

Nick Knacks—Bill Nicholson, Chestertown boy, really is clubbing that apple in the Chicago "Cubs" exhibition games and seems to be headed for a great season. Addis Copple, Washington College grad has been shipped home by the Pittsburgh Pirates. Tis said he will be optioned to Harrisburg of the Inter-State for further seasoning. Bill Roe has already made plans to organize a Soft Ball team at Camp Meade this summer, great kid, that Willie. Holton Harris, skipper of the Chester Soft Ball team says he has his club ready to go for the opening game. By the way, what has happened to Grasonville diamond hero's? Uncle Grif Embert, Mike Aker, Bus Lovelace and C. P. Carter say they are going to attend the Shore Sports Writers' Banquest at Salisbury on April 5th. Bernie Dadds, Centreville's utility man states that spring fever has gripped him and will start to remodel the County Ball Park immediately. From the looks of the Baltimore dalies, Mike Kardash, Paul Swoboda and Guy Johnson are going to town down at the Oriole training camp at Haines City, Fla. Let's hope it's not a big build up to a sudden let down.

Court Measure Appears Doomed

Unless the State administrator is holding back some secret weapon to blast a way for its steam roller, the proposal to set up a new Court of Appeals is doomed to fall before a heavy attack in the Senate.

A count of noses in the Senate Tuesday disclosed, it was understood, that at least twenty-three of the twenty-nine members of the Upper House, if left to their personal feelings in the matter, will vote against the measure.

The bill that would create the new court—the members of which would do only appellate work—has been passed by the House of Delegates.

The administration—Governor O'Conor has made the bill a so-called administration measure—is using every means at its disposal in an effort to whip its forces in the Senate in line for the proposal, but, according to reports, without much success.

The new court plan—originated by William C. Walsh, Attorney General—was formally prepared and introduced for the Maryland State Bar Association.

It calls for a court of six jurists two of whom would be elected from Baltimore and the other four from new districts that would be created in the State.

George W. Clough

The community was shocked Friday morning, to hear of the sudden death of George W. Clough, aged 88, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Agnes Thomas of Millington, around 9 a m.

He was very well known through out the county and took an active interest in political affairs. He was a resident of Kent Island, but last year made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Agnes Thomas.

He is survived by six daughters and three sons, also twenty seven grand-children.

Gov. O'Conor want to Save.

Gov. O'Conor asked the Senate Finance Committe, Thursday, to cut $550,000 from construction loan of biennium; to defer State Health Department, Warehouse for department of budget as well as addition to Motor Vehicles office on account of Federal need in construction for defense. This will mean a saving of $2,055,000 to the taxpayers for many years.

Maryland Farmers Set New Records

Maryland farmers had more cropland in the agricultural conservation program in 1940 that in any previous year, according to a report by R. O. Stelzer, executive officer of the AAA in this State.

At least 74.5 percent of Maryland's 2,412,550 acres of cropland was represented by participating farmers, he said, compared with 72.1 percent in 1939. The 1936 figure was 54.8 percent; 1937, 56.4 percent; and 1938, 68.2 percent.

This increased participation was accompanied by increased gains in soil conservation during the past year, Mr. Stelzer explained. Although the program year was only 10 months long, omitting the important months of September and October, preliminary figures show that 22,500 farmers seeded a total of 415,002 acres of legumes and grasses, including 9,595 acres of winter legumes, and disked or turned under 105,614 acres of green manure crops. Significant increases in use of lime and phosphate over the 1939 program year also were shown.

Despite the shorter program year, the 25,701 Maryland co-operators earned 73 per cent of their maximum soil-building payments, compared with 85 per cent in the previous 12-month year.

"Improved income, and improved fertility of the soil as an investment for later years are some of the benefits resulting from the greater participation in the farm program," Mr. Stelzer added. The steady advance made by Maryland farmers in recent years indicates that in 1941 farmers will achieve even greater conservation results.

Doings at Fort Meade, Md.

By Corp. JAS. E. THAWLEY.

The news begins this week with the absence of Lieut. Paul Bruehl who has gone to Fort Benning, Ga., for some training in new and advanced methods now being used by the U. S. Army. Lieut. Spry has now rejoined the company to fill one of the gaps left when Lieuts. Gillen and Moore reported for instructions in the officers' school here at the post. Company K is carrying on.

Corporal Gordon Walls has received a detail to go to Fort Benning, Ga., to help escort a unit of negro soldiers to Fort Lee, Va.

There has been quite an epidemic of colds in the company with 22 of the men being quarantined, including three corporals and 19 privates.

The boys are getting used to the army life and are joining in to the spirit of the thing. Everyone has plenty of warm clothing, gets excellent meals and is beginning to get plenty of recreation. This consists mainly of dances, movies, and starting last Sunday, boxing and various other forms of athletic recreation.

Sgt. Charles Lindsay has been acting as mess Sergeant in the absence of Sgt Carl Roe but the latter will be back shortly. Corporal Shortall just returned from the hospital where he has been recuperating from a bad cold. That is for this week.

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