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## Fireworks Bill Signed By Governor O'Connor

### Do You Know OFF THE CUFF

That Capt. Willie Shelberg fishing crew caught over three tons of rock fish last Thursday and Friday and, now the weather is getting fishy they hope to make a better catch this week.

That according to Jim Smith, lazy gardeners and farmers never raised a good crop—except weeds.

That Clarence M. Melvin, a former Queenstown boy, now police magistrate for Kent county, still has that Southern blood in his veins. He held a negro oyster shuckers for the action of the grand jury of Kent county for the murder of another negro.

That our seine haulers report good catches of nice soft and hard crabs. Of course, the season don't open until May 1, and, they have to return them back in the water until the season opens.

That fools rush in where angels, etc., according to Beverly Goldsbrough, up Centreville way, and they also attempt to force solution of age-old problems in a few years, which is, as the old man says, "contrary to human nature."

That strange as it may sound opine Bill Lilly, Queenstown doesn't need outside help to make great civic progress. Unselfish public service will do the job.

That Belvin Thomas thinks if people who mind their own business successfully usually are too busy to stick their noses in that of their neighbors.

That, frankly, brethren and sisters, if you have the money, we know of no better buy than a year's subscription to The News. After all even an editor has to eat.

That few business men in Queen Anne's county have a clear understanding of the importance of agricultural prosperity to their own well-being but, Bill Potter believe, some of them are learning.

That another Bake will be held this Saturday, April 19, at the unoccupied building next door to Baker & Cole's office.

That Clyde Embert made special trip to Baltimore, Saturday, to interview the weatherman to help us good folks of the Shore to have fair and warmer weather for Easter. After getting the weatherman that he would lend his aid Clyde, with a party of Bryantown and Queenstown friends were invited to enjoy a 15-pound rock fish bake.

That Russell Poet advise: Make yourself an honest man, and then you may be sure there is one racial less in the world.

That Howard Greaves remarked: "In our younger days, hurrying through life trying to make a living we did not have time to stop and think. In our older days, hurrying through life, we do not stop and think, for there is not much left to think about."

### Insurance Adjustors Inspecting Crops

Inspection of acreages, insured under the Federal crop-insurance program, where farmers reported complete or near-complete loss of crop are being inspected by crop-insurance adjusters, Mark Miller, Queen Anne's county agent, said Wednesday.

He urged farmers whose insured wheat fields had been damaged "so as to make it appear advisable to make other use of the land or crop to notify the Queen Anne's county committee immediately."

### PERSONALS FOLKS YOU KNOW

Miss Margarite Scottz of Baltimore, who has been spending a few days with her cousin, Mrs. Genevieve Bailey, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Honk Thompson and family moved to Baltimore on Monday where they hope to make their future home.

Mr. Burley Thompkins of Hopewell, Va., has returned home after spending several days with his daughter, Mrs. Albert McGuire on Maryland avenue.

Mr. Henry Melvin and his sister, Miss Florence Melvin has taken an apartment their sister, Mrs. Bennie Lane on Steamboat Ave. If Henry don't have to answer the draft call they will buy a home in town.

Mr. Aubrey Romine, Jr., a student at the Gunners School, Washington, Conn., is spending the holidays with his aunt, Mrs. James L. Cornell at Piney Point.

The many friends of Mr. Wesley Story will be grieved to learn of his recent sickness. He has been housed for the past two weeks with little improvement.

Miss Sophie Hall of Hepburn, has returned home after spending the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Bronson Willis.

Miss Tillie Booker has accepted a clerk position in Woodlawn grocery store.

Mrs. Lorraine Saulsbury of Wilmington, Del., is the guest of her sister, Miss Viola Baker on Delrhodes avenue.

Mr. Otis Pinder of Chester, Pa., spent the holidays with his mother Mrs. Cora Pinder on Charity ave.

Mr. Kennard Rhodes was operated upon at the Eastern Emergency Hospital on Wednesday for hydroecia.

### Doings at Fort Meade, Md.

By Corp. JAS. E. THAWLEY,  
Company K News

Spring, Easter and flowers seem to always give a fellow a different slant on life in general. Green grass is popping up and frogs are beginning to croak.

The Third Battalion of the 115 Infantry has been highly honored by being allowed to participate and represent the 29th Division in the parade held in Baltimore Monday night. The Third Battalion is really "tops" when it comes to parading. It loves to put on the dog. The men showed the public the new weapons and vehicles with which their Army is equipped.

Softball is still the leading day time recreation for the fellows. Kaymen have taken everything in their stride lately. They played the Salisbury outfit last Wednesday and trounced them by the score of 8 to 4. The boys are getting ready to challenge any team in the regiment and that's a mighty tough assignment.

"Boney" Dadds' team marked up the high score for the post in bowling last week.

There have been quite a few promotions during the last week. Those promoted to sergeant from corporal follow: James C. Dadds, Howard E. Jester, Thomas G. Walls, Henry C. McClyment and William R. Turner. Pvt. First Class James T. Anthony, Jr., has been promoted to communications sergeant. Those promoted to corporal from private first class are Sterling S. Walbert, Ward L. Wallace, Robert W. Mullikin and Howard Russum.

Pvts. Louis Hollet and John Graham have returned to the company after having been in the hospital since arrival in camp.

And again thanks to the ladies for the sweaters. Everybody has received them now.

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### Piney Neck Tips

The real summer weather has made our gardeners get busy as we are enjoying May weather in the middle of April. The lawn mower is getting in action.

Capt. Bobbie Walters is building a small yacht or battleship, which he hopes to launch in time for the summer regatta.

Our oystermen closed one of the best seasons for years on Tuesday. The weather and prices have been the best for many years. Most of the packing houses closed over a month ago, planters took all the oysters our tongs could catch, and was paying 35 cents per bushel or 20 cents higher than former years. Our tongs were averaging two men to a boat, better than 50 bushels a day.

Our community was well represented by city cousins for the holidays. The only articles missing on the menu were spring chickens and soft crabs which are due May 1. Steamed crabs and crab soup have been on the menu for several weeks.

W. A. Thomas, the only packer to continue operation until the law closed, has paid our tongs over \$3,150.00 in the past three weeks.

Most of beer parlors proprietors have applied for licenses this week. Those who advertise next week will have to May 1 to get their license as the law require seven days between the advertisement and issuing.

Frost-proof cabbage plants for sale at 25 cents per 100 George L. Aker, Meadowbrook

Joseph W. A. Evans, one of our large oyster packers, was surprised one morning last week when he took up his fish net and found seven nice rock fish ranging from 5 to 10 pounds each gilled. Being more than a mess for his family he donated to his neighbors.

Our crabbers are turning their attention to getting their boats, lines, etc., in order for the opening of the crabbing season May 1. Dip netters tells us that our creeks are alive with crabs and that they could make wages but for the law.

### Mapping Program To Conserve Crabs

Officials of the State Conservation Department today said a long range conservation program for soft-shelled crabs was being mapped in cooperation with Virginia officials.

Officials forecast a good run of crabs if warm weather continues until the Maryland season opens May 1, but said crabs have not been so numerous in recent years.

The inter-State program being planned, they pointed out, could not be expected to produce appreciable results this season.

Two enactments of the State Legislature affect crab taking in the coming season which runs through October 31. Department officials expect the Governor to sign both bills, sponsored by the Somerset county delegation and to become effective June 1.

The use of power boats to drag scrapes over the bottom was authorized by one measure awaiting approval. Scrapes previously had to be dragged by sail, and special boats were maintained for that purpose. The act limits size of scrapes to forty-two inches—maximum practical for dragging with sail.

The Legislature banned the use of two types of devices which have come into use recently.

One is the crab trap—a wire screen cube about forty two inches along each side. The other is a crab pound—a wire device built in zigzag style with traps at each of the corners which conservation officials said stopped everything and often caused crabs to kill each other before they could be taken

### New Food Program Does Not End

The wheat situation and the need for a wheat marketing quota referendum on May 31 are affected by the recently announced expansion of the Ever-Normal Granary to provide needed food products, says R. O. Stelzer, executive officer for the AAA in Maryland.

He points out that, in contrast to the need for more pork, dairy and poultry products, the Nation and the world have more wheat than is needed. As a result, United States wheat farmers still need measures which maintain income, protect soil resources, and safeguard adequate reserves. The new development of the Ever-Normal Granary, he says, simply demonstrates the national farm programs flexibility in meeting any farm problem whether it is one of increasing needed supplies or handling surpluses.

With a record carry-over of 380 million bushels of wheat and a large crop soon ready for harvest, Mr. Stelzer says this country has 1 1/2 billion bushels of wheat in sight for the coming year. This is enough wheat, he states, to take care of the United States' needs for nearly two years.

The world wheat picture is much the same he says. There is a market for only one bushel out of every three for sale. Canada, Mr. Stelzer says, has enough wheat over and above her own needs to furnish Great Britain a two-year supply.

Here in the United States, he states, wheat farmers took steps a year ago to insure an ample domestic supply of wheat for defense purposes by maintaining an average allotment higher than the market outlook appeared to justify. They were able to do this because they had income protection through storage loans and acreage allotments, and could call upon marketing quotas, if necessary, to handle the bigger supplies in an orderly manner.

### Shore Teachers Hear Talk on World Affairs

The hope of the future of democracy lies in the right kind of education for each coming generation, Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, told the Maryland State Teachers Association last week.

Pepper spoke at the annual spring regional meeting of the association of delegates from Kent Queen Anne's, Talbot and Caroline counties at Washington College.

"Democracy today requires knowledge first of all," he said. "We too often speak of the privileges of democracy without the obligations of democracy. The educational system of our nation must therefore, not only teach men that knowledge which is power but it must teach them how to use that power to a righteous end."

"So democracy must teach citizenship, government, understanding of public problems, even world affairs, as much as it must teach them reading, writing and arithmetic—as much as it must teach them how to make a living. We must teach men and women how not only to better themselves but to better mankind."

The Senator declared, "There is no excuse in the modern world for every individual not being properly trained."

"The money spent on the right kind of curriculum and the right kind of teacher," he said, "is the best money that can be spent, except that which goes to make men and women, boys and girls healthy."

Among other speakers at the one day meeting were Miss Hazel Scotten and Miss Katherine Leonard of Trappe High School, and Prof. Hugh Caldwell, of Cordova High School.

### Teeth And The Defense Program

The recent numerous news items on the dental conditions found among draftees when they come up for physical examinations are cited by Dr. Richard C. Leonard, Chief of the Division of Oral Hygiene of the Maryland State Department of Health as emphasizing the need for early and regular dental care—both at home and under professional supervision—of children of today.

Dr. Leonard said: "The deplorable mouth conditions resulting in the rejection of so many draftees may be attributed in large part to their failure to avail themselves of dental care, even when properly advised, when they—the draftees—were children. Another probable factor is the period of economic depression during which a great deal of needed preventive dental service was allowed to go unattended."

"When most of the present draftees were elementary school age there was little or no development of the present day school dental health program. These programs, still not as universal as they should be, aim at the double goal of educating the child in the importance of good teeth and of seeing that needed care is received either from a family dentist or in school dental clinics. By the first of these two aims it is hoped that children will be led to continue regular dental care in their later years."

"Had the draftees had the initial care that results from this school program the ill effects of the depression period would probably not have been so markedly reflected in the present condition of their teeth. Every dental defect that resulted in the loss of a prospective draftee's tooth had a small beginning. Had it been noted early, corrected, and subsequent defects found early and corrected, the number of necessarily extracted teeth would have been materially reduced with, in turn, reduction in the number of draft rejections."

"There is no cure for dental decay once it is started, other than prompt corrective service by a dentist. It is believed that the efforts now being made to accustom the children to early and regular dental care will prevent the development of conditions similar to that are now influencing the rejection of draftees."

### Warm Weather Is Booming Crops

Warm weather so far this month sent crops booming along, helping recovery from "the coldest March since 1916," a weather-crop report said today.

Wheat, rye, barley and grasses that "were of good color and good condition browned somewhat during the cold, windy weather of February 18-24," the report, prepared by John R. Weeks, said.

Greening began during late March. At the same time, early potatoes and peas were planted and some oats and clover seeds sown on the Eastern Shore.

"This April, mild weather from the first to the thirteenth was interrupted by cooler during the fifth and sixth. Moderate to heavy rain on the first and second and general heavy rain on the fifth saturated the surface soil and benefited grains and grasses."

The week ended yesterday was favorable for field operations and for plant growth, bringing much plowing and planting of early crops, Weeks added.

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

### Fireworks Measure Signed By Gov. O'Connor

The long-discussed measure prohibiting the indiscriminate use and sale of fireworks, as well as some 38 other bills repealing various special taxes and obsolete laws, were among 103 measures enacted into law today by Governor Herbert R. O'Connor.

Commenting upon the fireworks bill, in connection with the signing of which the Maryland Society for the Prevention of Blindness had arranged special ceremonies, Governor O'Connor declared:

"I derived much satisfaction from giving executive approval to House Bill No. 29, thus enacting into law the measure prohibiting the indiscriminate use and sale of fireworks."

"It was because I felt that the interest of the public, particularly that of little children, demanded this restriction that I placed the administration squarely behind the Fireworks Bill, and actively supported it in the Legislature. As a result of its passage, I feel certain that serious accidents marring the sight, and even jeopardizing the lives of children, will be reduced."

"The unfavorable report by the American Medical Association, emphasizing the great increase in Baltimore City of accidents causing blindness, was such as to challenge the attention of us all. The humanitarian aspect of this entire situation was most appealing, and it is a source of gratification that the twenty year fight to bring about this needed legislation has now been successful."

"The simple truth is that all the enjoyment and pleasure, which the people could expect, can be had under the terms of the bill, because the supervised use of fireworks is permitted. But, fortunately, proper restrictions surround the use and sale of fireworks, and as a result, the lives and safety, and the sight of our people will be better protected."

Mr. John W. Avirett, II, President of the Association, and Francis F. Symington, Chairman of the Fireworks Act Committee, responded on behalf of the Association for the Prevention of Blindness.

Many local measures affecting various counties were included in the bills signed today by Governor O'Connor. Further action upon some of the 800 bills remaining will be taken next Wednesday morning in the presence of the presiding officers of the Senate and House, and the Chief Clerks of the two bodies.

### Cambridge-Baltimore Boat Service Planned

John A. Moreland, traffic manager of the Tolchester Lines, Inc., said today that their ship, Francis Scott Key, would begin service June 15 from Cambridge to Baltimore. The 19 knot boat will make the round trip every Saturday, Sunday and one week day yet to be determined, Moreland announced.

Moreland said, the lines will run three excursions from Baltimore Decoration Day weekend. The "Tolchester" will make trips from Baltimore to Bettertop, Md. on Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31. Sunday the vessel will go to Solomon's Island.

Moreland said that commencing June 7 the "Tolchester" will make two round trips every week day and three on Saturdays and Sundays from Baltimore to Tolchester Beach.

LOST—A male Scotch terrier, been missing since last Friday, answers by the name of Nippy, color black with a little gray mixed. Finder return to the News office.