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Oystermen Urges Canada to Lift Oyster Ban

Do You Know OFF THE CUFF

With six prominent ministers who will shortly retire to make their home in Denton, the town offers a good place to linger.

That we poor folks on the outside don't know what steam this beer protesting is developing. Two signers locked horns Saturday and when the argument got to the blowing off point the signers against, started to search the family skelton closet. The signers for backedup, say Bud if that's your stock in trade, you had better start in your home pantry!

That Frank Smith who is superintending the planting of all crops on My Lord's Gift farm, told our reporter Tuesday afternoon, that he was a little over half-picked his tomato crop and had reached the ten-ton per acre mark and felt sure his crop would go fifteen or eighteen tons per acre. He believes this year's crop is a banner one throughout the county.

That Carroll Wilson of Centreville, who has a summer home on Reed's Creek, while trolling for rock fish caught a pound and a half white perch, a feat never known before in these waters. Study only rock fish and minners take the top surface while perch and hardheads like the bottom

That the Bentztown Bard must have had a close call of being bumped off by an auto. This is the way he feels: "Taking the right of way from pedestrians when they are walking under a green light is one of the delights of the average auto driver's heart. He chuckles over it as the devil is some day going to chuckle over him when he gets down below there where every light is a sulphur light."

That Bill Neal used a car without permission and was taxed ten bucks by police Justice Melvin Robinson Dick Earle, Neale's attorney, told the court that his clientelle was financial embarrassed and he and the Police Justice paid the freight and Neale was released.

That the gossipers of the courthouse green says that the cuspidors will be painted white so not to come in contact with careless hoofs.

That Major Vincent, 80, of the Snow Hill Messenger, and Mike, 75 of the Queenstown News, were two oldest editors to attend the meeting of the Maryland Editors to put on an advertising scheme for recruits for Uncle Sam's Navy, last Saturday at the Hotel Emerson, Baltimore. The Major started with the Messenger when 12 years of age and Mike started the Queenstown News when 14 years of age. They both have remained at their first love since.

That when the photographer, who accompanied Bentztown Bard of the Baltimore Sun, in writing the history of Queenstown, told Steiny to watch the little bird while he flashed the bulb Steiny must have thought Hawkeye was waving his black-jack. Either Bentz or the typist got "Pop-Pop" Cross age advanced ten years but we are all human and the writeup of Queenstown is a masterpiece.

Coon Dog

Field Trials

Eastern Shore Coon Hunters Association, will hold its coon dogs field trials at Carpenter Farm on route 213, near Cecilton, Sunday, September 14, starting at 10 a. m. A special race for Maryland dogs for Governor O'Connor trophy. Tree dog wins trophy. No Entry fee. Wall's dogs will only run in this race. G. S. Stevens, Millington, will give you further information.

PERSONALS FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelley of Annapolis, have returned home after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. William Crouch.

Q. Can Defense Saving Stamps be redeemed?

When we look around we are convinced that Queenstown is a section of "The Land Where You Never Grow Old." Mrs. Geore Timmons who celebrated her 94th birthday in July is still hale and hearty and goes about her daily house work as if she was only about three score years.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Rice of Richmond, Va., are spending the week at their country home on Reed's creek. They report splendid luck with the finey tribe. The Misses caught two rock fish Monday afternoon that weighed two and one-half pounds each.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Yakel of Baltimore, are spending a week's vacation at Woodward, the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Griffin Embert on-the-Chester.

On January 1, 1942, Father time will call Judge Thomas J. Keating to retire after nearly twenty years service on the bench. Judge Keating has made a host of friends by his fair and impartial decisions. Even before going on the bench he wanted every man to have a square deal. The Judge is considered practically a young man in this grand county of ours and we hope he will be able to enjoy the fruit of his labors in his home in Centreville until he reaches the century mark in age. Mike always considered the judge one of his closest advisers.

Tull's Successor

Begins New Duty

Thomas Elmo Jones, 34-year-old Prince George's county contractor and Democratic member of the House of Delegates, became Secretary of State Monday, succeeding the late Miles T. Tull, of Marion Station.

The gubernatorial appointee, sworn in Monday morning by Governor O'Connor, immediately went to work, signing numerous commissions issued by the Governor.

Mr. Jones, a resident of Fairfield, is the fourth Secretary of State to serve under Mr. O'Connor. His predecessor included John B. Gontrum, now State Insurance Commissioner and Francis Petrott, now acting Adjutant General.

Mr. Jones who has been a resident of Prince George's county twenty-two years, was district manager for the Federal Census in the Fifth Congressional District, supervising the work of more than 200 census employes.

He was elected to the House of Delegates in 1938. It was his first venture into politics. He served at the 1939 and 1941 sessions. He has not resigned from the General Assembly.

Bread Jumped 1 Cent

Monday By Merchants

Housewives awakened Monday morning to learn that bread had advanced 1 cent a loaf.

At chain stores and in bakeries price tags had been changed before opening hours. Bread costing 10 and 12 cents advanced to 11 and 13 cents, according to the size of the loaf.

"It cost more to produce bread," an official of a large bakery explained. "The cost of materials that go into bread, of labor, trucks, gaso line, tires and other commodities have advanced materially. In fact, the advance has been so great that Baltimore bakers, despite all efforts to hold down the price, have been compelled to advance bread costs 1 cent to the consumer."

Damsons for Sale—Only a few more buckets. Bring your container. George Aker, Meadowbrook.

Piney Neck Tips

Herbert Edenfield a hard working man for over seventy years and trying to put away a few pennies for a rainy day, was nudged Monday morning by a lark who claimed to be making ten bucks a day to advance him five bucks that he would be everlasting indebted to you, Mr. Herbert. "Yes," I know replied Herbert. That's the trouble.

Say, Boss Dr. Snyder is outside with a blowout. "Fine!" Diagnose it as a flatulency of the perimeter, let him fix it himself, and send him a bill for \$5 for professional service.

Most of our oystermen are working in Chester river as the oysters in Eastern Bay and Wye river are poor and will not be prime until we have some cool weather when they will fatten up.

One of Uncle Sam's Navy boys was telling Tom Collier that every time they shoot one of those large guns a \$1,000 goes up in smoke. Tom asked him "why they didn't use smokeless powder."

Amos South was telling of his experience while in New Zealand during an earthquake when the cups and saucers flew all over the place. That reminded him that he forgot to mail his wife's letter.

A flock of men and women are working overtime in Friel's cannery. The crop of tomatoes is said to be the banner crop for many seasons.

It wont be long before city cousins will be entertaining their country cousins just as soon as the weather gets cooler as the city folks are gradually waning. But the city folks must have enjoyed our hospitality as they repeated the visit nearly every week.

We hope our citizens will have their chimneys of their homes cleaned before the approaching fall when they must have fires to keep out Jack Frost. This will be a big help to the Queenstown Fire Company and perhaps save their property from the fire bug.

Harry O'Donnell, one of Grasonville's highly respected citizens and a hard worker until two weeks ago, when he had to cease work and call a doctor. The story goes that Harry met with an auto accident sixteen years ago while alight ing from his car and was knocked down and hurt his knee. He was carried to the Easton Emergency Hospital for treatment and in a few days returned home and was able to work. The bone is now decaying and he is a very sick man and may never be able to work again. All of our citizens extend sympathy.

Gossip has it that the political bee has been buzzing around Grasonville, and that the many friends of our popular constable, Joe Collier, are boosting him for the next Sheriff. They feel that he will prove another Earl Coursey in the discharge of his duties. Joe is not lacking of avoidpous.

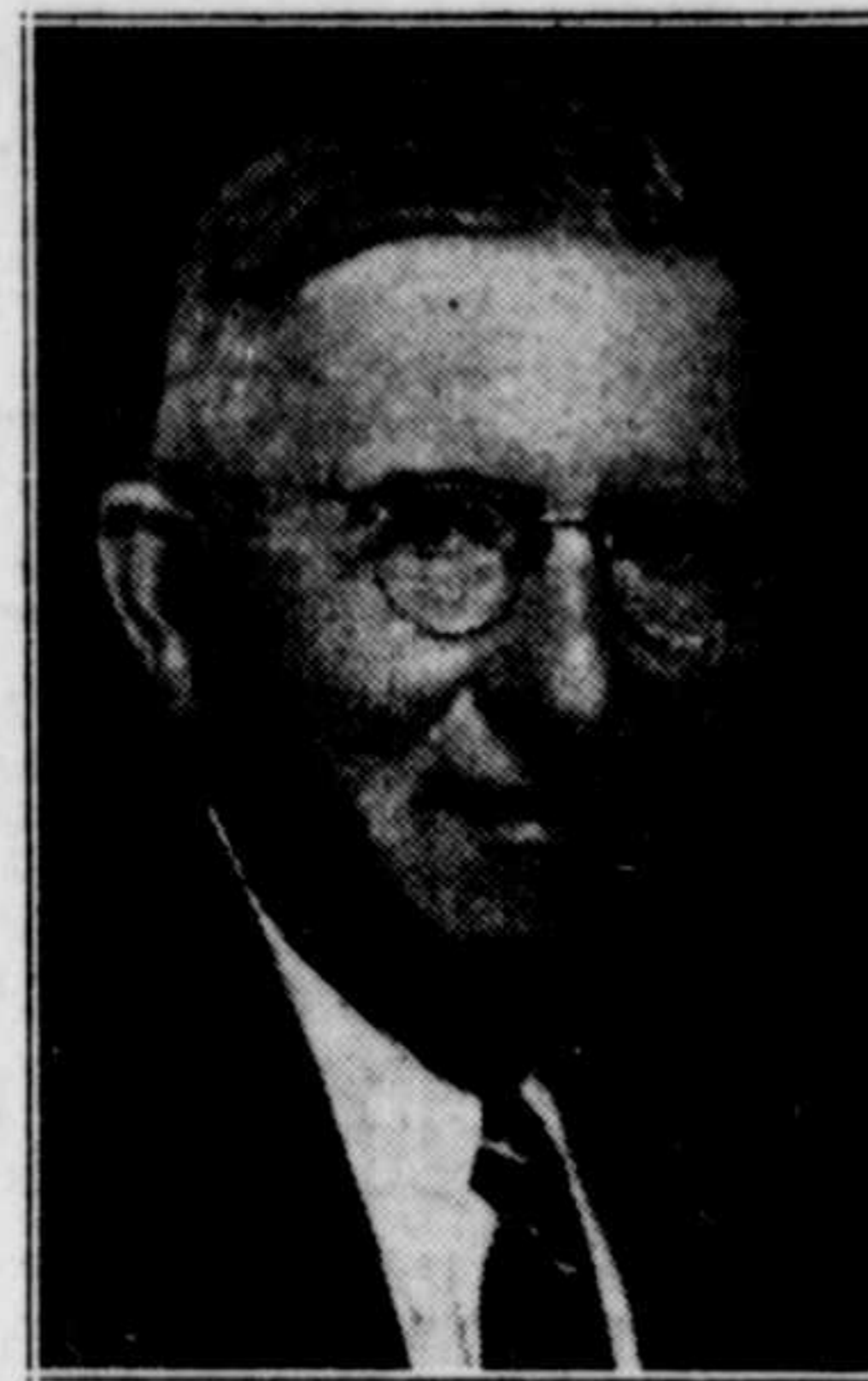
Just received a full and complete line of Men's Dress and Work Shoes All shades and prices. If shoes and price are not right, don't buy. T. J. Melvin, Grasonville, Md.

William T. Callahan

Seriously Hurt

William T. Callahan, one of our prominent merchants while on his way home to Centreville, Saturday night, bumped a parked car at Cherry lane road. He was carried home by a passing car, and after a physician examined him he found that he suffered several bruises and cuts and it will be several weeks before he is able to return to his store. His car was badly damaged. An approaching car with bright lights is said to be the cause of the accident. John Kinnamon is serving the patrons at Mr. Callahan's store from early to late. John told us that he will give the folks service.

Bob Harrison Ends Career with C. & P.



Robert C. Harris, Manager of the Easton office of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City, retired September 1, according to an announcement by Richard F. DeButts, District Commercial Manager at Salisbury.

Mr. Harris, a native of New Market, Md., was born August 3, 1876. He entered the service of the telephone company in Baltimore July 10, 1911, as a salesman and worked there and in Annapolis until 1913, when he was appointed agent for the company at Chestertown.

In 1919 he was made manager at Chestertown. In 1921 he was transferred to Easton as manager and served in that capacity until his retirement.

A testimonial dinner was given Mr. Harris at the Avon Hotel in Easton the evening of August 28, by employees of the company when a large number of his co-workers on the Eastern Shore as well as many friends in Baltimore and Washington were present.

Mr. Harris is active in civic work, being a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Easton, a member of the Easton Council, and other organizations. He and his wife will continue to reside in Easton.

Tomato Worms Damaging Late Crops

The County Agent has issued a warning to tomato growers to watch late tomato fields carefully as heavy infestations of worms are appearing in many sections of the county. The tomato worm, the County Agent said, is a chewing insect and can be controlled by dusting or spraying with poison insecticides. Calcium Arsenate is recommended by the State Insect Control Specialist, Dr. C. Graham, who visited the county a few days ago.

Dr. Graham said it was safe to use poison insecticides on green tomatoe that would not be picked for a period of ten days or two weeks, but warns against the use of poison insecticides on tomatoes that may be harvested for canning.

When visiting with farmers having infested fields, Dr. Graham advised that control measures must be put into effect during the early infestation if successful. He further stated that the worm grew rapidly and destroyed the plants so fast that the fields were ruined if control measures were not applied as soon as the worms appeared.

Regarding control measures on ripening fruit, Dr. Graham stated non-poisonous insecticides might be used, but were not usually satisfactory if the worms had gotten to be an inch and a half or two inches long.

Pity The Tax-Poor Noblewoman

An absorbing story telling of a nobleman's wife who found out that the only way to get rid of her tax burdens is to divorce her titled husband. Don't miss this illustrated feature in The American Weekly the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

Hawkeye Likes His Anti-Beer Nondeplume

Hawkeye took us to task for using his name in vain. We were not aware that the Town Fathers had power to change ones name. We have always been told that it was the duties of the Judges of the Circuit Court. If he, Hawkeye, is assuming this name or nondeplume instead of his christian and surname, then we offer him our sincere apology for misquoting him as taking an active part in circulating a petition against Mrs. Marie Kaufman not to be granted a license to sell beer, or open a much needed restaurant in the Mercantile Building in Queenstown.

This is the way he tells it: "I was handed the petition by W. Stedman Cross after Mrs. Genevieve Bailey drew it up on a typewriter. The petition contained three names when handed to me: Genevieve Bailey, W. Stedman Cross and Dr. Norman R. Hitch and I secured three more and I thought I was misusing my official capacity so I handed it to Mrs. Catherine Crouch who secured the other eighteen signers."

"I did talk to Mr. James F. Boyles and Mr. William S. Delahay and asked them what they thought about Mrs. Kaufman getting a license? They both said she ought to have them," because a restaurant is a necessity to the town.

We presume the reason for the three parties signing were: Mrs. Bailey self-interest. You couldn't hate her for that. But we wonder did Mrs. Bailey ever give the matter future thought in case Mrs. Kaufman is turned down? Could not the same people and others petition against her next April with the flimsy excuse that Queenstown is too small a village to sell beer or that her place of business was on a dangerous corner of two streets which endanger pedestrians in crossing the street?

Please don't forget what the good people of Millington done to beer parlors—closed them up.

W. Stedman Cross is a politician of the first water and craves excitement. He represented his district (with credit) as County Commissioner one term, but flopped for the Orphan's Court. He served part of a term as town commissioner but resigned due to damp grounds.

Dr. Norman R. Hitch is self-interest as we see it. If Mrs. Kaufman is granted a license she might cut into his profit in soft drinks and sandwiches and he might have to lower his rent of the present beer parlor.

We are sorry we couldn't obtain a list of the signers against, but it was against the rules of the Court but we will be able to secure at the hearing before the Liquor Board which will be in about ten days as all of the protestants will be summoned to appear in Court where the hearing will not be held behind closed doors.

The town really needs a restaurant where the public can be served. There is a lot of people right here in Queenstown who would enjoy a restaurant meal for a change not counting the salesman and tourists that travel through our village. On Sundays for instance there is quite a few of our town folks that go away for a light meal or a snack, rather than cook at home. Majority of restaurants sell beer along with meals as they go together. Why wasn't Roland Dadds beer license protested a couple of years ago when he operated a restaurant and sold beer, and do you know that he did a good business until personal trouble of his own hinder him to continue.

And do you know over two-thirds of the signers have not as much visited or traded in the local beer-parlor.

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

Canada Urged to Lift Oyster Ban

Senator Tydings and Radcliffe of Maryland, at the request of oyster packers and producers of the Eastern Shore, Wednesday asked the State Department to suggest to the Canadian Government that it lift the ban on the importation of oysters to that country.

On December 2, 1940, the Canadian authorities imposed an emergency order prohibiting the importation of oysters, as a non-essential product. Shortly after this action was taken the Maryland Senators took the matter up with the State Department, but Canadian officials declined to reconsider their order.

The Maryland oystermen now contend that in view of the cooperation of this Government with Canada and England in prosecuting the war that "we feel that this embargo on shucked oysters should be removed."

Imports of oysters into Canada from the United States during 1939 were valued at \$229,208. Of this only 761 barrels, valued at \$6,064, were shelled oysters.

In a letter to Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, Senator Tydings stated:

"Food being an essential product for countries at war, I am anxious if you will not use your good offices to request proper Canadian authorities to review the matter, with the hope that possibly oysters may be removed from the foreign prohibited list by Canada."

Tomato Slump Hit the Counties Last Week

Tomato growers of Kent and Queen Anne's counties who are on the open market received a serious setback in the sale of their crop during the past last week, when the product slumped in price in local canneries from 42 cents to 15 cents Saturday, demoralizing the market situation which those had contract at 23 cents still continued to receive the contract price.

Local buyers gave as the reason for the unusual reduction in price the sudden ripening of the crop, which produced almost a glut in the local markets, which caused the canneries of the Shore to run overtime and Sunday to save their contract tomatoes.

Last week several large truckloads of tomatoes were parked in the streets awaiting and hoped for advance in price, which failed to materialize. Many of the offerings have been returned to the farms to be fed to live stock while a number of landlords instructed their tenants to stop picking.

Growers here state that it costs 8 cents each for baskets, 5 cents a basket to pick the crop and 3 cents a basket to haul the tomatoes to market, which results in a loss to the growers at 15 cents a basket. The county growers are unable to account for the unusual fluctuations in prices especially since Federal Government officials recently requested packers of the country to increase their packs this year by 50,000,000 cases in order to meet the demand incident to the national defense requirements for this country and Great Britain.

Knox Commends Ensign

For Rescuing Man

Secretary Knox Monday officially commended Ensign William J. Wallace, Jr., Naval Reserve, of New York, for "courageous action" in rescuing a civilian from drowning at St. Michaels, last month.

Secretary Knox's letter to Ensign Wallace cited that on August 1 a small boat carrying three persons capsized and one occupant, R. N. Parrott, was trapped beneath it.

"Without hesitation," the Secretary added, "and hampered by complete uniform, you dived from the Yacht Club dock at St. Michaels, swam under the capsized boat and rescued Mr. Parrott, who had apparently drowned."