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Almshouses May Have to be Eliminated

Do You Know

OFF THE CUFF

That Harry Roberts is fully convinced "That the reason ideas have such a hard time getting into some heads is because they can't squeeze in between the prejudices."

That Amos Silkworth had a flock of friends of the Maryland Yacht Club of Baltimore as his guest over the weekend. After returning from a successful fishing trip the inner man needed service before the dinner bell rang and they tried to get a lunch but no rstaurant, so they had to wait for dinner. In looking over our town they noticed a citizen with a blackjack sticking out of his pocket and they told Silkworth that Queenstown was no town for a weak sister.

That if Doc Clarke of the Worcester Democrat hands out many more bouquets we are glad that Steiney doen't wear a hat as he would have to have one made to order. Here's only an excerpt of a column article that Doc got off: "Last Saturday, the new exchange came in, the "Democrat" reached him safely, I hope. My new friend may live in a small town, but he knows how to put out a paper that, in no particular can be called diminitive, and our exchange list is greatly benefitted by the arrival of this weekly sheet."

That the Shelberg sisters really struck a meal ticket in the Eastern Bay last Thursday and Friday. They caught over three and one-half tons on Thursday and about 2300 pounds on Friday. The crew after paying all expenses shared for $78.85 each.

That the new uniforms for the recently organized State Home Guard arrived Tuesday and the members were fitted up like real soldiers by the State while the Federal government furnished the rifles and ammunitions. Capt. Ernest Grubb is in command. Albert Haspert and Bill Fleetwood are members from Queenstown.

That ending one of the busiest Summer Seasons on record, the Chesapeake Bay Ferry System, Maryland's most popular route between the Eastern and Western Shores of the State, changed to a Winter schedule of operations between Annapolis-Matapeake and Romancoke-Claiborne, effective September 23, 1941. Coincident to the national campaign to save gas, the Chesapeake Bay Ferry System affords the motorists a pleasant avenue of curtailment in motor fuel when driving to or from the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula. Not only does the trip across the Chesapeake Bay effect a savings in fuel consumption and time, the delightful break in driving gives all renewed vigor for a safe resumption of the journey. This sound logic gave cause for the Ferry System to adopt the axiom, "Use the Ferry and Relax, Fatigue Causes Fatality."

That under the new law passed by the Legislature to permit Clerks of the County to issue auto license, Senator Scott Beck of Kent is said to be the first to get a license 546-000.

That the pro and con of Salisbury are having a real beer battle over the establishing of an airport near that town. The chicken raisers claim that the noise from the motors would disturb the rest of their chickens. The next thing we will hear some nervous person near the highway will petition to stop all autos after they retire. We feel sure he could secure a bunch of signers in Queenstown.

FOR SALE—Coleman Oil Burner, heat between 5,000 and 6,000 feet. Fine for heating whole apartment. Used only two winters. Also Conreid piano. Apply Box 82, Centreville, Maryland.

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Seward drove his brother, Tom Seward and Harry Lister to their camp at Pine Bluff, twenty miles below Fredericksburg, Va., on Sunday. They returned home Monday morning.

Mr. Charles E. Bishop accompanied by Mr. Norman Bolle of Torrington, Conn, and a member of Uncle Sam's flying spuad, Miss Irma Rebecca Hall of Hebron, Md. and Miss Helen Benton of Macon, Ga., were the guest of Mr. Bishop's mother, Mrs. Mary E. Bishop for a few days.

It is a pity that Queenstown has not a few more folks to move into our town like Edwin Canterbury, Sr., He is up early and late with his sleeves half-mast putting his new home, Belhaven, in the pink of condition. We, invite you folks to drop in and see what a change in the home in less than a month. Eddie don't even take time to go fishing in his yacht. Keep up the good work and show the natives whan can be accomplished by a few hard knocks

Queenstown Homemakers September Meet

The September meeting of the Queenstown Homemakers was held at the home of the President, Mrs. Kennard Rhodes. The meeting was opened with a song and the reading of the Homemakers' Creed.

Miss Helen Harner, Home Demonstration Agent gave a demonstration on bread making, both quick bread and yeast breads were made, baked and also sampled by the Homemakers.

A sightseeing trip to Annapolis was discussed for the near future.

Members were asked to help with Red Cross work at Queenstown Firehouse on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Hinton, home Management Agent from the University of Maryland was the guest of the Club at this meeting.

The flag salute was given by the members. After another song, refreshments were served by the hostess and the meeting adjourned.

Hybrid Corn Can Take the Test

The movies, "Funk's G-Hybrid Corn," shown by Dale Landers of Newark, Del., and "Dad Brown's Job," presented by Paul Mullinix, Elkton, district manager for Southern States Cooperative, were features of the meeting of Southern States patrons in the Sudlersville section the evening of September 19, according to Brown Roe who presided.

In connection with the corn picture, Guy Harmon, Queenstown and Dr. H. J. Holbert of Bloomington, Ill., discussed the merits of hybrid corn, pointing out how much better this type stands unfavorable weather than open-pollinated varieties.

George Welch and Linwood Everett, Sudlersville, were elected to the Southern States advisory board for the W. D. Roe and Son agency at Sudlersville. Other members of the board are S. Olin Smith, Spencer Truitt, John S. Green, and Theodore Walbert, all of Sudlersville.

Tuesday Night's Blackout

Tuesday night Queenstown witnessed its first "blackout". The electric was shut off from 7 o'clock until about 9.45. Mr. Brittonham, the trouble shooter for the electric company notified us that the trouble was between Wye Mills and Denton.

The town was overcrowded with people who wanted to see the picture at the theatre, Bob Hope in "Caught in the Draft." Many waited until the electric came on again and many went home.

Wye Mills, Denton, Hillsboro, Grasonville, Chester, Stevensville, and Love Point were also in Darkness.

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.

Piney Neck Tips

Our good friend, Jake Tolson, who was feeling that Father Time was calling, has rented his oyster house at the Narrows to Gerald W. Harrington of Nanticoke, who took charge last week and is now running on full time.

The extremely dry weather is hard on our housewives who reside on the boulevard or dirt roads as the dust keeps them busy from early to late. The weatherman is trying his best to predict rain but he still hands out fair and warmer.

Now that Labor Day has passed, Sporting weekends with our city cousins are still running strong and that there are only a few missing faces on our streets and homes.

Ralph Baker and Jacob Baker, Sr., attended the Star Spangled Banner Regatta at Fort McHenry in Ralph's handsome yacht. He is a member of the yacht club.

Mrs. Edith Coursey of Washington, D. C., was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Collier for a short vacation.

Mrs. Agnes Baker is a patient in the Maryland University Hospital, Baltimore. Her many friends hope she will be able to return in a few weeks.

Now that bicycles are coming back for work and pleasure, Oscar Smith can remember when we had girls riding bicycles in bloomers; now we have blooming girls riding 'em without the bloomers. Thus do we progress in modesty.

His physician told him to take something, so Mack Perry, took a short vacation with friends and relatives in Baltimore. We wonder if Mack is tuning up to celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday in the near future.

Notwithstanding the big catches of our watermen, our packers are able to handle them. Our oldest citizens can't recall the season when the packers were able to handle the catch and keep the price up so early in the season.

Jerry Wrightson, our popular blacksmith, who has been disabled for over a year with a game leg, has invented a cripple man outfit that he can set on a stool and do his work. He invites his friends to stop in and see his invention.

The dry weather has cut the pasture short and the farmers cows are going back in the milk supply. The milk man who peddles milk from other towns to our merchants have shoved the price up. Pints are selling at 7 cents and 2 cents extra for the bottle, quarts in proportion. Just as we stated months ago, buy from your home milk man.

James G. Ruth, one of our popular oyster packers, has about compl ted a neat store adjoining his pack ing house. He will carry a full line of groceries and on sale beer.

CAPT. ROBERT McNEILL

Capt. Robert McNeill, who operated a sailing vessel from Chester river to Baltimore for many years, dropped dead last Saturday morning at the home of Connie O'Neal, Baltimore. He moved to Grasonville from Baltimore and built a home at Jackson's creek about forty years ago. Fifteen years ago he removed to the Narrows and conducted a small store. Two years ago he retired and removed to Baltimore. He was 78 years of age.

Church Services

Rt. Rev. William McClelland, Bishop of Easton, paid his annual visit to Wye Parish last Sunday.

He confirmed a class of five young people at the 11 o'clock service held in St. Lukes' Wye Mills.

Next Sunday, September, 28, is Youth Sunday, a Corporate Communion will be held for the young people at 8.30 a. m. at Old Wye Church. The 11 o'clock service at St. Lukes' Queenstown will have as its theme "Youth's Place and Part in the Church's Life and Work."

All young people in the community are invited to attend these services.

Changes in State Milk Law

Dr. R. H. Riley, Director of the State Department of Health, calls attention to a new State Milk Law and to regulations adopted by the State Board of Health at its regular monthly meeting, held August 29, governing the production, pasteurization, handling and sale of milk and milk products in Maryland.

Under the State law—as enacted by the State Legislature at the session of 1941—responsibility for the supervision and sale of milk products in all parts of Maryland, with the exception of the City of Baltimore rests with the State Department of Health.

Annual permits are required from producers, processors, distributors, bobtailers, etc., and annual fees are required. Authority to revoke such permits is given with the right to appeal to the Courts. The producer is exempt from fees; process (pasteurizers, etc.) pay $10.00 per year; distributors $2.00 per year. Bobtailers (dealers who sell or distribute milk which they obtain from a processor) are required to pay $5.00 per year.

All dealers are required to make application for permits unless they already hold same, and are authorized to continue in business until their applications have been rejected by the Health authority. Exceptions are made in the case of the producers whose milk is sold interstate. The law requires the sale of pasteurized milk and pasteurized milk products in the original container; prevents dipping, pouring by hand, etc. It prohibits the sale of unwholesome milk; and the refuse of milk containers by others than the owner.

The State Health Department is authorized to make regulations pertaining to the production, processing, storing and selling of milk and milk products. Cities of over 100,000 population are authorized to enforce the law in their own city and to collect the fees,, making reports to the City Comptroller. Municipalities having authority to enact milk ordiances if they are and provided they have been apnot in conflict with the State law proved by the State Department of Health.

The regulations established requirements for the production, pasteurization and handling of milk and are essentially similar to those which prevailed under the old law. One important change requires that where bulk sales of milk are made in large containers—gallon, etc.,—the containers must be cleaned and sterilized at the place selling the milk and satisfactory equipment must be provided for such operation.

State to Gain $30,000 Unclaimed Ferry Rebates

The State of Maryland stands to gain approximately $30,000 from unredeemed coupons issued by the Claiborne-Annapolis ferry.

William A. Codd, State Roads Commissioner auditor, said that as of Monday only $29,000 of the $59,-249 had been reedemed. Of the total, $8,894 was redeemed to public transportation companies.

Mr. Codd estimated that less than $1,000 would be redeemed at the auditor's office by Thursday, dead line set by court order.

Unredeemed funds will be placed in the debt-service fund of the State to be applied to the interest and principal of the $1,200,000 in bonds issued to purchase the ferry.

The refunds are being made in accordance with a reduction in rate ordered by the Public Service Commission and contested by the ferry company.

The coupons were issued from July 1, 1940, to last June 10, pending outcome of the contest in which the reduction was upheld. The State took over redemption after purchasing the ferry and taking over operation June 10.

WANTED—A position as foreman or lead hand on farm. Young and willing. Best of reference. Apply to The News office.

Awaiting the Benediction

Well, the hearing, wether Queens town should have another beer parlor or wether we are to remain a hick town, was called Monday in the Courthouse in Centreville, with Judges Brattan and Purnell listening to the lame testimony.

Mayor William K. Harrison, Jr., was called to the chair to call the witnesses against the petition. Billy did not need any coaching as he is always ready for any emergency.

Carter Bryan was the first witness. He claims that the beer parlor might disturb the nerves of his tenant. We must give Mr. Carter for feeling an interest in his town, as the noise from the beer parlor might disturb the nerves of his tenant.

Mrs. Constance Gabler was the next witness. She thought the town was too small for two beer parlors.

Dr. Hitch was the next witness. His testimony was far reaching as he claims that the noise from the beer parlor might disturb his slumbers as it was only thirty feet from his bedroom. The doctor must have used a elastic tape when he measured the distance as a steel tape makes it only one hundred and one feet to the corner of his store.

Rev. Charles Davis volunteered his views and very liberal in his statement, as he stated it might congest traffic more at the corner.

His testimony closed the testimony against Mrs. Kaufman. Judge Bratton requested the other ten or twelve witnesses if their testimony was about the same if so, speak or forever hold their peace as he was ready to hear the testimony of the witnesses for a beer parlor and restaurant.

Joe Evans was the first witness for a beer parlor and restaurant. He stated that Queenstown really need ed a restaurant and that beer was a necessity with a good feed such as Mrs. Kaufman has the credit of serving. That she operated the Wye Filling Station until it was sold afterward removing to town and everybody was pleased with her service.

James F. Boyles was the next witness. He stated that Queenstown really needed a restaurant and that he had known Mrs. Kaufman since childhood and he had never seen or heard a harmful word against her and that she conducted two beer parlors and restaurant that pleased her patrons.

Bennie Lane was the next witness and Judge Bratton asked him how far his place of business was from the proposed beer parlor. Bennie told the Judge that the buildings were annexed. He was asked: "If you thought Mrs. Kaufman would operate a rough house would you sign?" "Absolutely no!" I want to help to keep the town above reproach.

This closed the hearing for both sides and they are patiently awaiting the decision of the Judges.

Quite a few of our prominent tax payers and citizens were in attendance to espouse the cause why we should not have another beer parlor and restaurant. Among them we noticed were: Mrs. William Crouch, Mrs. Annie Berry, Miss Violet Baker, W. Stedman Cross, George Aldridge and James E. Thompson. Hawkeye acted as Sargeant-at-Arms.

In passing we must mention that the signers for Mrs. Kaufman were large taxpayers and nine of the ten were real estate owners, while a number of the signers against Mrs. Kaufman were tax payers or was given a little property so that they could participate as a voter in the town election. One of the signers against Mrs. Kaufman is not a voter.

It looks to us that Mrs. Kaufman will be granted her license because there was no evidence, except prejudice against Mrs. Kaufman.

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

Seeks Elimination of Almshouses

Governor O'Conor requested the Legislative Council to consider once again the ultimate elimination of the county almhouse by the erection of two chronic disease hospital.

Moving toward the same objective from another direction, the Gov ernor asked members of the Almhouse Commission, which he appointed early last year, to accept membership again on the commission and to resume their studies of the matter.

The Commission, in its report of November, 1940, recommended the construction of two chronic disease hospitals, one on the Eastern Shore and the other on the Western Shore.

A program, sponsored by the administration, to replace county alms houses with State-owned and operated hospitals was withdrawn at the last session of the Legislature.

Governor O'Conor, in a letter to the Council said the program was dropped because "of the urgent need for restricting the State's expenditures as far as possible and because of information gathered from members of the boards of county commission that immediate construction of the chronic disease hospitals would not result in the closing of almshouses throughout the State."

Several County Commissioners, at a meeting here last winter, expressed opposition to the abolishment of their almhouses. They were told that closing of the almshouses was not mandatory. State officials, it was said, were afraid not enough counties would send patients to the chronic hospitals.

To discuss the problem with coun ty commissioners, the council will make a tour of the counties late in October.

According to tentative plans, the members of the council will spend one day in Allegany and Garrett counties, one day in Washington and Frederick counties, and one day in Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

The council members also decided to study Delaware's system of caring for aged by visiting one of their almshouses in October. Governor O'Conor and Walter N. Kirkman, headof the Governor's almshouse Commission, will be invited to make the trip.

In addition, to discussing the almshouse question, the Legislative Council appointed committees to study possible legislation regulating building and loan associations and to determine the feasibility of setting up a State fund to take care of refunds due taxpayers.

The next meeting of the council will be held October 8, it was announced.

Wicomico Jury To Investigate Shortage

The Wicomico county grand jury, which has been probing a $75,000 shortage in county funds, will reconvene next Monday to study "additional matters considered criminal in nature."

Circuit Court Judge Benjamin A. Johnson late Tuesday ordered the jurors recalled for that purpose. Previously he had told them they would be recalled if the State found additional evidence indicating others were involved besides the five County Commissionerse and their clerk.

Meanwhile, H. Lay Phillips, one of the commissioners awaiting sentence next Monday on charges of malfeansance, sent his resignation by special messenger to Governor O'Conor saying:

"The investigation we have begun is not finished. It should be pursued relentlessly to a conclusion."

The commissioners are free on their own recognizance. Mrs. Rachel Day the clerk, pleaded guilty to thirty of eighty-five counts of larceny, forgery and misappropriation of county funds, and at present is under custody in Peninsula General Hospital. She also will be sentenced Monday.