GOVERNOR'S OYSTER PLANS

Proposal To Lease Barren Beds Upheld And Attacked.

Maryland oystermen are divided over the wisdom of Governor Ritchie's conservation plan for leasing barren oyster beds, it was indicated yesterday by dispatches from the tidewater counties, containing comment of oystermen on the Ritchie plan.

Governor Ritchie in his message to the Legislature Wednesday recommended that an area of the Chesapeake Bay be set aside for five years and leased to persons who would stock the barren bottoms with shell. The plan also recommended that the upper part of the bay, north of a line drawn from Sandy Point to Love Point, be set aside for the production of seed oysters. Another provision would permit counties to determine wheather their waters should be leased to private interests.

Those oysterman who expressed opposition to the Governor's recommendations were concerned the most with the leasing features of the plan In Talbot county oystermen not only assailed this phase but declared they has employed counsel to fight any leases made.

James T. Larrimove vice president of the Tongers Protective Association, acted as the spokesman for the oystermen. as he described the organization's attitude, he was surrounded by a group of tongers who asserted they concurred in everything he said.

"What we want is to be left alone and to be given ample protection he declared. We then would be satisfied with conditions and wouldbe ablet o earn a living. But when it is hinted that the authority will be taken from the local courts in hearing arguments for the leasing of oysters bottoms and this power invested in a committe, the oyster men will rise up against such a move." No one can grow oysters on barren bottom and where there areno oysters growing at present nothing under the sun will make them grow.

"Some years ago a man came to St Michaels and spent thousands of dollars planting oysters on a barren bottom or ground that was not producing oysters. He failed to get any returns. What the bars need now is a little rest

Seven or eight years ago I caught the finest kindof oysters on flats that are now being sought after for private grounds. They have been worked too much and all they need is a rest.

Another thing the oystermen of Talbot are against is the practice of the Conservation Commission of taking oysters from the choicest bars ofTalbot and planting them in some other section of the State. This leaves us with a very young growth and we tongers arecompelled to wait until they reach the lawful size before we can catch them.

You can say for me that the oystermen of Talbot, now fully organized, will protest bitterly against the leasing of another acre of ground for private purpose and our lawyer is watching the applications for leases and will fight them to the end" disagreed with the view of the tongers,a dispatch from Easton stated He pointed out that the oyster industry was in a deplorable situation and added what where as several years ago 100 dredges were licensed at Tilghman's Island, there were only twenty four today.

This packer believed that the Ritchie plan would solve the problems now being faced by the industry. He asserted that Talbot packers purchased most of their oysters from points farther down the bay because the supply near Talbot was inadequate. With leased ground oysters could be obtained nearer home, he explained.

Oystermen living at Solomon Island, in Calvert county, expressed views similar to those of Talbot county tongers Capt. B. T. Bowen asserted that the oystermen of that vicinity were unanimously opposed to the leasing of the territory between the Magothy river and Cove Point.

He said that the proper solution of the problem would be found in the State planting shells and cultivating them in this area for the use of all oystermen

Opposition to the plan also came from watermen living in Anne Arundel county. The spokesman of the oystermen said leasing of the bottoms would put out of business the oystermen of Annapolis."

The Majority of oystermen in this section are negroes, he asserted. "They know nothing of the conservation program and they would not understand it if it were explained to themBut when they learn what it all means they will let out a mighty yell against it.

Naturally the oystermen in this section are opposed to leasing the oyster beds. They fear it. Theyfear that the beds will be leased out in large acreage to individual who will control the oyster tonging, dredging and prices of oysters. That will crowd out the little fellows.

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DOINGS OF THE WEEK.

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Ice has interfered with the duck shooting sport during the past week.

York carriage, good as new, for sale cheap, William Walter Grasonville, Md.

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W. B Chance is overstocked with household effects and will dispose of some Saturday, January 15, at 2 P. M.

Warren Cooper of Barcay, is nursing a broken arm caused by falling heavily on the frozen ground while attempting to am ount his horse.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Moore and family wishes to extend thanks to theirfriendswho were so kind to them in their sad bereavement and thedeathof their son, Norman.

C. Carroll Waller and William Crouch have leased the garage formerly occupied by Chester Cox and will conduct an upto date garage. It will be a authorized Dodge Sales and Service Station.

Flicker saysthat fickle money soon makes friends away from home if you don't keep a clese watch on it. Money has a better circulation at home and therefore is healthier—and so is the home community when it has a chance to work.

Reports from Salisbury are to the effect that Mark Mellor former head of the telephone company of Hagerstown, has been named as district manager of the C. & P. Telephone Company of the Eastern Shore, which district includes Queen Anne's county.

Date and places for summer camps for the MarylandNational Guard units have been announced by the War Department. The First and Fifth Regiments and the State Staff Corps with the First Seperate Company, will encamp on the new State military reservation at Cascade, Md., July 10 to 24:

Clarence Minner, of Sudlersville and his young daughter, Catherine, had a narrow escape from serious injury last Sunday morning when the car in which they were riding became uncontrolable after a frent axle had broken and crashed into a telegraph pole. Mr. Minner was driving and even though the auto was badly damaged the occupants were uninjured.

U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue, Galen L. Tait has mailed new income tax blanks, the income to be paid on or before March 15. The forms are the same as those used last year, and notwithstanding the possibility ofCongress adopting some measure affecting the Federal income tax laws [illegible] will proceed with [illegible] tions to collect the [illegible] same provisions [illegible] $1,500 for a single [illegible] for married, $4[illegible] pendent.

James P. Keating, of Centreville, has been notified that he has been appointed postmaster at Centreville, by PresidentCalvin Coolidge Notice of the nomination was sent to Mr. Keating Wednesday morning [illegible] form of a Special Delivery [illegible] from a prompt be[illegible] pany at Washington [illegible] ident's appointment has to be confirmed by the Senate [illegible] ter which it will be sent to the Post Office Department and Mr. Keating's commission will undoubtedly come through in a few days

Captain William T. Roe, commander of Co. K., 1st Infantry, Maryland National Guard, of Centreville, has just retureed from an officer's conference at Frederick at which time officers from thelst Infantry were taken on an inspection trip of the new camp grounds at Cascade, located on the Pennsylvania state line, one and one half miles from Pen Mar, one mile from Blue Ridge Summit. The Co. K. commander states that the new encampment which is to be the permanent camp of the Maryland National Guard, is an ideal site.

Figures just compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture, indicate that hog cholera was reported to exist on 83 premises against 22 a year ago, and a 7 year average of 32 for the same period. 31 were classed as backyard outbreaks, and 52 occurred on farms. 76 were classed as primary and 7 as seconday. For the month of December. Queen Anne's county reported no outbreaks of the dreaded farm disease. Outbreaks in this county in 1926 however, totaled, according to the report, twenty-five.

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HAPPENINGS IN PINEY NECK

Items from Grasonville and other sections of Interest

On the question of whether women should wear cotton stocking instead of silk, Justice Coursey holds that the eyes have it.

Walter Jewell opines that after all, the average voter is no worse at messing up the wet and dry question than the average weatherman.

Mrs. Avis Cole who was married New Year's Day was given a shower by her many girl friends last evening at her home on the Lloyd Ford farm The girls had a big time.

At a luncheon given by Jake Passwater the other evening, and the guests were hitting all six, some one asked Jake—"what was your maiden name?" Jake, without blicking an eye, replied: "Chance!"

Miss Olive Mae Evans is housed with a bad attack of quinsy. It was first reported that her trouble was diptheria but her physician report different. We are pleased to state that the lady is getting along nicely and hope to be out in a few days.

The women Aid held at the home of Mrs. Georgie Collier on Wednesdayevening was agrand success and the young folks really had the time of their life. Those famous Miss Georgie's Tea Cakeswere much sought after.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Passwater entertained a number of friends at rock fish dinner at their beautifel bungalow Saturday evening. After dinner thefolks enjoyed themselves with 500. Everybody was happy and report a large time.

Miss Iola Leary is one of the gamest sports in our section She gave a duck supper Tuesday evening to a number of girl friends at her home. It only took twelve nice juicy canvas back duck with the other goods eats to satisfy those present. To be exact,each person present consumed a fraction over one half duck each.

LittleWillieCollier after spending several days securing two able guides, Uncle Billy Waters and Capt. John Thomas, to go snappering hunting, spent the day with poor success, as they never ever struck a single one, but they had a slendid appetite for supper. Capt. Jim Collier avvise them to try coon hunting.

Richard Irvins, who live in a shanty near the home of Mrs Alex. Dodd, felt sick onSunday and took his only companion, a dog, to the residenco of Mrs. Dodd, and told her that he was feeling unwell and lied down onanddiedin about five minutes He was a native of New York but had been living here about five years and was 65 years of age. Relatives from Denton came over and had the remain sent to that town for burial.

Henry Tolson after spending [illegible] oiling up [illegible] teaching [illegible] ts, he [illegible] month.

Mr. Coursey was born inQueen Anne's county and had lived in Centreville most of his life. Hewasactive in politics andhad been County Surveyor for anumber of years. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and master of Centreville Lodge of Masons many times Mr. Coursey is survived by his wiudow, Mrs Lydia Whitworth Coursey; a daughter Miss Carolyn Coursey; a son, Charles HomerCoursey, and a sistur, Miss RoseCoursey, of Elizabeth, N. J.

Funeral services were held at his late home at 2 p m. Tuesday with Rev. Mr. Poole and Rev. Melvin Wheatley officiating. The full Masonic ritual was used in conducting the burial services.

Following an illness which has extended over a period of several years, J. Burton Downes, age 53, former county merchant and traveling salesman, died at his home in Centreville Wednesday morning at 8.15 a. m. The deceased suffered a paralytic stroke three years ago and never fully regained his former strength and onTuesday night he was seized with another attack from which he never recovered.

The deceased was well known throughout the county and prior to his illness three years ago, was traveing representative for several wholesale grocery concerns and had Eastern Shore territory. At one timehe conducted a mercantile business at Queenstown.

Besides his window, the deceased is survived by two children, Miss Katherine Downes, teacher in a Baltimore school, and J.B. Downes, Jr., associated with a provision house in Baltimore. Two sisters also survive, Mrs, E, G. B. Wright and Mrs. Clarence Cordrey, of Salisbury.

J. HARRY REW IS RENAMED

Baseball Mentors To Adopt 100 Game Schedule

Many radical changes in the regulations to govern the Eastern ShoreBaseball Leaguewere adopted at the annual meeting of League directors and club officials at Salisbury on Wednesday. Virtually all amendments to the by laws, of which therewere a great number, were to place the circuit upon a more economical basis of operation and forestall another orgy of spending which nearly sent the loop on the financial rocks at the end of the 1926 season.

H. Harry Rew, of Parksley, was re elected president for a third term of one year each. Other league officers re-elected were. Vice presidents, Walter B Miller, Salisbury; M. B. Thawley, Crisfield; secretary, James A. McAllister, Cambridge; treasurer, Robert H. Matthews, of Cambridge.

The playing season was extended to include 100 games the schedule to be arranged as a split season and to close on Labor Day.

The monthlysalary limit of players is reduced to $2,400, including playing manager and eliminates non playing manager. Guarantees to visiting clubswas changed to $100, and there is to be no division of gate receipts by the home club in excess of that amount. Allopening games and holiday receipts are to be pooled and the league is to be insured eachgame against rain for an amount of $500.

The number of players allowed on the roster of each club as the season opens was reached, to 16 anda further reducation to 13 must be made 15 days after the opening game.

The clubs' rosters cannot be changedduring the final 15days of play in each period.

George W Gillespie, Parksley; Horace B. Ford, of Crisfield, and Jas. A. McAllister, Cambridge, were appointed on a committee to arrange a schedule which this year will constitute only two game series.

The number of players allowed each club was reduced totwo and the interpretation of a class player remains as in past years pitchers who have participated in 15 or more games and, other players who have participated in 25 or more games, in leagues of high classifications.

Notwithstanding severe outside criticism of the penalty imposed for infractions of theclass players regulations, the clubs unanimously voted against a change. Under this rule offending clubs forfeit all games won to the opposing clubs.

Treasurer Robert H. Matthews reported a balance of $991, 56. A year ago there was a surplus in the treasury $3,273.

Cann r's Convention

Practically every canner and many stockholders of canning industries in QueenAnne's county are planning to attend the National Canner's Convention to be held for five days in Atlantic City, N. J., beginning Jan [illegible] uing through [illegible] gathering of [illegible] n placing vege [illegible] n cans for the [illegible] he world to [illegible] does to a [illegible] in the Tri [illegible] sociation mak [illegible] interest to those [illegible] nne's county engag [illegible] usiness.

[illegible] vention will really be [illegible] an national because [illegible] ffs and machinery from [illegible] road will be on display, it is announced.

The government will be represented by the Department of Agriculture in a stupendous display of factory equipment and demonstrations of canning processes while every manufacturer of note will have his products on display.

This is gathering will be the twentieth annual gathering of the clan and several big surprises have been arranged toadd "pep to the fiveday assembly. The information and registration office will be on Young's Pier.

Public Sale

—OF—

Households GOODS

Having rent part of my home, I find I have a surplus of household effects that I will dispose of at public auction to the highest bedder, at my residence in Queenstown, on

Saturday, January 15, 1927,

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THIRD TERM GOVERNOR

Governor Ritchie ta es the Oath on Tuesday

John M. Dennis, State Treasurer was reelected for a term four years by the Senate and House of Delegates on joint ballot Tuesday.

Governor Ritchie's administration bills were introduced in both houses. In the House of Delegates James J. Lindsay, Democratic floor leader, presented them all, but Senator Mitchell, Democratic floor leader in the Senate, divided the bundle among several of his colleagues.

Copies of the budget were laid on the desks of all the members

The list sent down by the Governor included the budget bill, designed to put the allowence made in the budget into effect, and the following other measures;

Construction Loan bill providing for a loan of $4:150,000 for new buildings and construction

General Highway Construction bill providing for a loan of $3,250,000 for raod building and completing the Crain Highway.

Bridge Loan bill, providing a loan of $1,000,500 for building and reconstructing bridges.

Bill adding 1½cents to the gasoline tax for building lateral roads. If this bill is passed it will raise $1,400,000 each year will be and the general construction bill will be reduced by this amount. and the counties will be under no obligation to provide funds for lateral roads.

Bill raising the gasoline tax an additional cent to pay the States portion in eliminating grade crossing The program calls for $20.000,000 over a period of ten years, half to be spent by the State and half by the railroads.

Bill fixing the State tax rate for 1928 and 1929 at 25 cents.

Bill creating an area for private oyster planting in the Chesapeake Bay

Bill creating a seed oyster section at the head of the Chesapeake Bay.

Bill requiring the packers to contribute ten per cent, of their shells, of which one half will go to rahabilitate thenatural bars and one half to perpetuate the seed area.

Bill authorizing each county to resort to private planting on any depleted areas within its limits, subtect to the determination of the advisory committe, to be appointed by the Governor of which the Conservation Commissioner will be chairman.

Bill requiring the consent of of the commission for the abandonment or the franchise acquired and exercise before aswell as after the enactment of the Public Service Commission law.

Bill empowering the commission to fix minimum as well as maximum rates.

Bill empowering the commission to suspend proposed rates pending a determination for their reasonableness.

Bill authorizing joint investigains hearingsand orders in conjuction with the commissions of other States or of the Federal Government in the case of interstate utilities.

Bill restoring the office of general oonnsel to the commission.

Bill requiring the commission cosent to extensions by gas and electric companies unde franchises which have been exercised before the passage of the Public Service Commission law.

Message frem the Governor transmitting the proposed Child Labor Amendment to the Federal Consitution forratification or rejection

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—OF—

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The Muskrat Season

Last Saturday marked the opening of what promises to be one of the best muskrat trapping seasons in many years. Owing to the high prices at which the fur of these little animals has been sold in recent years, there has been a great temptation to violate the law, with the result that heavy penalties have been imposed upon some of those failed to observe its provisions. While the law may seem severe, it is necessary for preservation of this game. That part of the State State statutes relating to the killing or catching of muskrats provides that no person or persous shall shoot orin any mannerkill or catch,except by gigging or trapping, and muskrats or otter and it shall be unlawful for any person in Maryland to dig into or in any manner molest or destroy the roof or any part of a muskrat house or den. And if shall futrher unlawful for any person or corporation to have within his orits possession any muskrat hide or skin that has been shot or killed in any other manner except by trapping or gigging, and any muskrat perforated with small holes shall be prima facia evidence that it was shot.

The muskrat is an aquatic rodent that lives in the banksof rivers creeks, or other bodies of water, or in houses mahe ofmud or grass that it builds on the marsh; It yields a valuable fur; which, as an article of commerce, is generally in good demand. These little animalssubsist on the roots of grass they find in the marshes. and are noted for their cleanliness, as they wash the roots before eating them. After the hide has been removed the 'meat' is not unpalatable for foodand usually sells at a profitable price. For many years. under the enticing name of 'marsh rabits" it has been served as a luxury in hotels, restaurants, and on the tables of private homes. Oneof the most usual methods of catching is for a trap to be placed at the bottom of the "lead" that the animal traverfes in going from the creek to his home in the bank or on the marsh. This indgstry rexuires but little capital and the open season occurs at a time when farmers and others living in the country have leisure time. and as a result many engage in this business and derive thereform quite a handsome income.

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