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## ALAN D. JOHNSON

"Thirty" goes up on the case of Alan DeVoy Johnson, and that, in the venacular of the printing office which he loved so well, signifies that a printer has passed on from this earth to his eternal reward. Mr. Johnson, a life long resident of Elkton, learned the printing trade early in life and followed that vocation until his health failed some years ago. In his connections he not only exhibited the skill of a well trained and alert artist, but his loyalty and fidelity to those with whom he worked, were marked characteristics.

Quiet and modest in demeanor, he followed his trade in several of the printing offices here, his longest connection being with the Cecil County News which he served for twenty years. He was an accomplished and skilled workman, and his passing removes a good citizen from our midst.

## THEY WORK FOR OTHERS

Long recognized as one of the outstanding Auxiliary Units in Maryland, Cecil Unit No. 15 has again achieved both State and National honors to give the Cecil county organization a ranking place among the Legion Auxiliary groups in the State. The Unit was awarded a special prize for State leadership in enrollment during 1935, and, with the re-enrollment of that entire membership for 1936, another first in the State achievement, both State and National headquarters have bestowed citations.

While these honors are taken with a great deal of pride, the accomplishments of this Unit are measured in far more telling work than just membership drives. The work of this enterprising organization is well known throughout the State in all activities that pertain to the welfare of World War Veterans. Ever since its inception, an enthusiastic and deeply concerned membership has taken a leading part in the work among the disabled soldiers at Perry Point hospital, and its labors there are highly regarded by those in constant care and charge of the patients. Throughout the year constant contact is made in providing added comforts, arranging entertainment, assisting in various details in connection with holidays and celebrations, and making family contacts when requested by proper authorities.

In other work too, the Unit has taken a conspicuous part. Families of unemployed veterans have been provided for, relief has been extended in numerous cases and assistance given in securing compensation to those eligible for that kind of aid. And, to the memory of those whose names are inscribed on the roll of honor as having laid their all on the altar of their country, the Unit is not unmindful as attested by its cooperation in the memorials to the soldier dead.

Cecil Unit has a record of real and genuine helpfulness to others, and we feel life has been made a little sweeter to a great number through its benfactions.

## BASE BALL TO THE FRONT

While it is a far cry to the balmy days of a Cecil county Spring, and un-numbered tons of ice will have to flow under the Susquehanna river bridges before actual hostilities on the diamond get under way, the 1936 base ball season in Cecil county opens here Sunday when the moguls of the Bi State League gather for their annual confab to plan for the coming campaign and iron out any difficulties that have come to the front since the curtain was rung down last September.

Organized early in 1935, the Bi State operated most successfully in its infant year and gave the fans in nearby communities of three States by far the best base ball they have enjoyed in many seasons. Fan interest in the new organization was enthusiastic throughout the summer campaign, and, while the circuit was not as evenly balanced as desired, an almost impossibility owing to the initial effort and the territorial proximity of some of the member clubs, there was always a feeling of genuine sportsmanship among the contenders that won admiration for those teams that fought as the underdogs as well as for the leaders.

Much credit for the successful operation of the league and its achievement of popular favor was due to the officers who proved themselves capable leaders in promoting the sport, and it would seem for the best interests of the organization to continue these officials in power. With a season now in the history as a guide post, base ball fans in this section may look confidently forward to a season of even better baseball as plans for the 1936 schedule are launched at the meeting here Sunday.

## SCOUTS CLOSE JUBILEE YEAR

Culminating the activities of the 25th Jubilee Year of the Boy Scout movement, troops in Cecil county are now centering their attention on the final celebrations to be held during the week of February 7 to 14. In line with a program to be carried out by scouts all over the country, the local members will gather in the Elkton Armory on the evening of Wednesday, February 12, for their own final rally of the Jubilee Year. On this happy occasion the parents of the Scouts will be in attendance to see and learn of the work that is being done for the boys of the county through Scout education.

Two important forward steps marked the Boy Scout Movement during its 25th Jubilee Year—One for older boys and one for boys below Scout age. The first involved the launching of a definite program for older boys, known as Senior Scouting and designed to reach youth from fifteen to voting age,—and indeed indefinitely beyond. This Senior Program embraces the interests of older boys on land and sea. The Sea Scouts of whom they are today more than 20,000 were among the first groups of older Scouts to be organized. Now there are Rover groups, Explorers, and half a dozen others all pledged to carry forward Scouting ideals.

The second important move, accomplished by the Operations Division of the National Scout Movement, was the taking over of the administrative operation of the Cub Program for boys of pre-Scout age—9 to 11 years inclusive. Cubbing, launched in 1930 with a few packs as the groups are designated, has grown literally overnight, ending the Scout Jubilee Year with a membership of boys and leaders in excess of 50,000. More than 10,000 represent new Cubs and their leaders enrolled in 1935. An interesting phase of Cubbing is that it is related closely to the home, that parents have an important part in it, and that it also numbers among its leaders older Boy Scouts who have had qualities of leadership trained and developed as a result of their Scouting experience.

## SOVEREIGNTY

The King is dead! Long live the King!
The muffled bells toll sorrowing;
All lights are low, the night wind sleeps
The call of dawn the sunrise keeps.
A slender bark with silver oars
Moves slowly to far distant shores;
Upon its bier a mantle rests
Of scarlet velvet that attests,
In memory of Kingly name,
The glory of his first acclaim.

Within the ancient panelled room
Wax tapers penetrating gloom,
With flickered gleam soft shadows make
Which in the stillness seems to take
A glowing ember from the fire,
To light the way of God's desire.
When destiny in armour sheath
The part to lay the victor's wreath.
Far greater hath no man to give
Than honor and the strength to live!

Outside the palace gates where throng
The populace whose legions strong
Would pay last homage to their dead
Who gave them peace, who gave them bread.
Outside the city's stricken grief
Cathedral spires, in bold relief,
Look down upon a transient world
Still waiting with its flags half-furled.

There's hush of mart and crowded street,
Subdued the sound of passing feet;
White faces wan with vigils kept,
Their features drawn with tears unwept.
Death's couriers have marked the way,
Proclaimed the new—another day
Of changes only time may bring—
The King is dead! Long live the King.

—Orvilla Adele Gilpin.

## *Views Of The Press From Far And Near*

### *WHO'S HE FOR?*

(From the Baltimore Evening Sun)

Mr. Hoover made a rousing speech in Nebraska yesterday about the farm problem. It contained a number of stimulating remarks.

For example, Mr. Hoover strongly advocated the retirement of submarginal lands "where people cannot make a living." This is one of the key points in the Tugwellian (New Deal) program, and the principal purpose of the Resettlement Administration.

He advocated the encouragement of cooperative marketing. The Roosevelt Administration has sought to encourage farm cooperatives.

He advocated subsidies for the farmers. The AAA was the most ambitious scheme for subsidizing farmers, for a specific purpose, that this Government has yet tried.

He declared that reclamation work must be slowed down or stopped until there is a need for more fertile land. Yet, the largest reclamation job at present under way, and, indeed, the largest one ever attempted, is the Hoover (and/or Boulder) Dam project, which, when it is finished, will provide an abundance of irrigating water and transform thousands of desert into an agricultural Garden of Eden.

Lastly, he made this blunt statement:

> Let us get some things perfectly clear. There is an agricultural problem. It concerns the entire nation. It concerns the happiness of 7,000,000 homes.

That statement goes directly counter to the opinion of the Supreme Court in the AAA case, which said that "it does not help to declare that local conditions throughout the nation have created a situation of national concern," and stated that the farm problem is merely "a widespread similarity of local conditions."

Mr. Hoover's speech was supposed to be an attack on the present Administration's farm program. There can be no doubt of this because he said so himself. But in view of the points here enumerated, it was certainly an unusual sort of attack.

### *THE BAY BRIDGE*

(From the Chestertown Transcript)

Senator Arthur Brice's effort to bring the Chesapeake Bay Bridge question to a head will meet the approval of all who are interested in the project. There have been so many ifs and ands, hopes and despairs that it has almost reached the point of being a joke. If Senator Brice's efforts to bring about a conference between the Chesapeake Bay Bridge authority and Federal WPA officials is successful and present indications point that way, it should settle definitely whether or not the bridge project is alive or temporarily dead. It will show definitely whether or not the Bridge Authority is sincere in its efforts or whether they are carrying out the old political policy of kidding the public. Senator Brice has been assured the cooperation of the two U. S. Maryland Senators whose influence in Washington is particularly strong at this time.

'Yes, Sir—Us Farmers Has Got to Stick Together!' -By Talburt

## DISPELLING THE FOG

Shocked concern is being expressed by Republican officials over the warning by National Chairman Farley that the opposition would make the coming campaign about the bitterest and probably the dirtiest on record. In fact Republican Chairman Fletcher and Republican Congressional Chairman Bolton solemnly enjoined the politicians of their party to avoid sinking to the depths of the Democrats.

And all the time there was a steady output of anti-Roosevelt defamation, some of it of a character that made it inadmissable to the mails. Part of the scurrilous flood was so bad that the Republican Chairman had to deny that it was issued by his authority—not, however, until it had been circulated for weeks and in such volume as to make it certain that there was considerable organization in the production and distribution of the cartoons and literature.

Among the delicate propaganda presented were caricatures of the President grinning over tombstones with legends attributing to him responsibility for the assassination of Senator Huey Long and the death of Senator Bronson Cutting.

In the deep south there is being circulated a publication conveying that the President and Mrs. Roosevelt frequently had negroes as dinner guests and house guests.

Among the other choice morsels of the campaign are suggestions as to the President's physical and Mental health, with the implication that both are bad, when at no time since his advent to the White House has he been more vigorous in both directions than he is today.

The Republican National Committee insists that it is not paying for any of these things, which is probably true. That organization has so many recognized and informal allies, ranging from the Liberty League to Mr. John H. Kirby's Southern Committee to Uphold the Constitution, and including the "National Republican Council," that it should have no trouble keeping its skirts reasonably clean during the campaign of abuse and falsehood that is so cleverly presaged by what has already been done.

**Playing Havoc with Potatoes—and the Truth**

Anybody who recalls the whispering forays of the 1928 and 1932 campaigns will appreciate how it is done. In neither of those two campaigns did the official G. O. P. organization endorse the issues of scandal and intolerence, but these things continue right up to election day in both cases.

One element of the present combat that has Mr. Fletcher's endorsement consists of radio skits, the presentation of which has already been begun. The system is all right, for every party has the privilege of course of presenting dramatized fiction, but there ought to be a basis of truth for the statments that are put into the mouths of the players. For example, here is an excerpt from the script of one of these playlets:

Esley Stebbins said something about raisin' money. And the dialogue runs on from there.

JOHN: "Whisper when ye use that word."

ESLEY: "What word?"

JOHN: "Ye can't talk about raisin' anything—that's almost as bad as payin' yer debts."

ESLEY: "What are you ravin' about?"

JOHN: "Don't you rec'lect what happened to Burt Lyman fer raisin' twenty barrels o' potatoes? Six months in jail!"

Of course, there has not been a prosecution of any kind under the potato act, which, incidentally, is not an administration measure but was passed in the face of protest from the Department of Agriculture and enacted into law largely by Republican Congressional votes.

This perhaps comes under the head of poetic license, or something of that kind.

**Painless Tears and Groundless Fears**

In the same scintillating playlet John and Mary come to the marriage license bureau and talk to the official about their prospective nuptials. And we get this conversation:

Clerk: "You are going to get married."

JOHN: "Yes—but—"

CLERK: "You are going to establish a family, and as the head of an American family you will shoulder a debt of more than $1,017.26—and it's growing every day."

JOHN: "Gosh!"

MARY: "Do we have to pay it?"

CLERK: "It is a debt. It must be paid."

JOHN: "Before we get married?"

CLERK: "No, but you have to carry that burden and pay interest on it, in addition to the money you have to pay out to support all the other government expenses."

MARY: "How much is all that?"

CLERK: "The average per family is $240 per year, about $4.60 a week. And that doesn't include the money you pay out to run your city, county and state governments."

MARY: "Why that leaves only $20.40 a week for us, even after John gets his raise."

So they mournfully decided that they could not afford to marry, which is too bad, particularly as John's earnings were far below even the lowest brackets on the tax list and so their fears were groundless.

The passage, however, is most interesting inasmuch as it throws a new light on the opposition of some of our citizens to the tax program. It appears from the lesson of the playlet that the duPont family, which chipped in about $180,000 toward the Liberty League's budget last year, and the brother plutocrats of that altrustic organization, were worrying all the time because of the prospective burden on the Johns and Marys.

A cynical public had the idea all the time that what was worrying the plutocrats was the surtaxes on incomes in excess of $50,000 and inheritance taxes on fortunes upwards of $10,000,000.

## Letters To The Editor

**The King Is Dead. Long Live The King.**

With these words the whole world with sadness realized that King George V of England had passed on. To those who have been born across the seas there is a peculiar sense of devotion that new surroundings and new loyalty to our adopted country cannot evase. He was truly a great king, dignified and commanding, but upholding with fervor the high divine right of king.

King George V was a great man. He lived with the poorest as well as the richest of his people.

Among his outstanding characteristics were: First, he loved the poor. The common people, in turn, heard and loved him gladly. They crowded places where he was, to get the grip of his kindly hand. He was a great leader. He knew the joys of kingship. He knew the service of a real man.

Second: he was deeply religious in the strictest of ritual and form; worship to him was communion with God. His favorite hymn was "Abide With Me." He loved the words and often expressed his great love for them—"Nearer My God To Thee, Nearer To Thee."

His life as a king places him among the immortals of his realm. The world honors and adores him as a genius and a lovable man. He has gone to join England's immortals and the whole world feels the emptiness of his passing, but his influence will live on both in the countries which he ruled and in the world in whose affairs he played such a wonderful part.

To the new king, Edward VIII, I am sure there is a feeling of real hope and joy in the fact that he will carry on in the same manner as the one who has gone. Democratic and wholehearted in his endeavors he will carry with him the well wishes and prayers of all the peoples in the world.

May God ever bless and preserve in the midst of the years, nations and people to follow on in the paths that their leaders have led them.

Rev. A. E. Thomas.
Pastor, Elkton Presbyterian Church
Elkton, Maryland.
January 21, 1936.

## *Cards And Bingo At Chesapeake City*

Under the auspices of the Daughters of America, a card and bingo party will be held in the Civic Club room at Chesapeake City Tuesday evening, February 18. In addition to the regular table prizes, there will be a door prize and refreshments will be served. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend the party.

## *Card of Thanks*

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy shown in our recent bereavement, also to those who sent flowers and loaned automobiles.

Mrs. Charles Fowler and
Mr. and Mrs William F Rhoades

## "ENTERTAINMENT" ★ "ON THE AIR" ★

By "DIAL"

Although Bob Burns has jumped into the radio spotlight, suddenly, he remains the same naive, homespun Arkansan he was when an unknown. The bright lights of nationwide popularity have not altered the husky lad. So many performers have their heads turned by the sudden transition from nobody to somebody that the bazzoka tootin' comedian deserves one of Mr. Winchell's orchids for his level-headed reaction.

Bob Burns

*** Most of the attention directed toward the Radio Theatre productions is naturally on the famous Hollywood moving picture stars who play lead roles. However, critics agree that much of the success of this Monday evening dramatic series is a result of the fine supporting casts, all members of Broadway's stage world.

*** Sigmund Romberg surprised Radio City attendants by driving up to NBC the other day in a horse-drawn hansom. The composer was seated high up in the driver's seat. "Rommy" didn't explain the vehicle, novel in New York, just said "he liked to drive."

*** George Olson, who brings a big new program to the airwaves each Monday night, starting February 24, is one of the big time maestros to hold a college degree. George is a loyal alumnus of the University of Michigan. The lovely Mrs Olson, Ethel Shutta to most, will be the popular singing star of this new series, which will emanate from NBC's Chicago Studios.

Ethel Shutta

*** Bob Ripley, of "Believe It or Not" fame, is enjoying great success with the radio dramatizations of his amazing facts on Sunday nights. His program now ranks among the most popular on the air and the fan mail he receives through broadcasting runs into thousands.

*** Happiest man in radio today is Edgar Guest, the poet star of "Welcome Valley" on NBC Tuesday nights. For he has returned from Hollywood and rejoined the cast of his program in Chicago.

*** Most colorful of the newcomers to radio is Tex O'Reilly, world-famous soldier of fortune, who is heard Tuesday nights over WOR and WLW. His tales of escape from death, of service under a half dozen flags and of action in the far corners of the earth, feature a program designed "for men only." Enoch Light's orchestra, Craig McDonnell, baritone, and the famous guitarist, Oyanguren, are heard with him.

Tex O'Reilly

*** "Tea at the Ritz," the CBS thrice weekly series starring Margaret Santry in interviews with notables, becomes a five times weekly program soon, with Tuesday and Thursday morning broadcasts added.

*** Jessica Dragonette and Jack Benny steal the Valentine Day's honors by celebrating birthdays on February 14. Incidentally, Jack Benny will soon be heard from New York for his Sunday night NBC broadcasts.

*** One of the highspots on that Tuesday night NBC program featuring Phillips Lord's "three minute thrills," is the voice of Sally Singer. This young Pennsylvania girl has scored one of the most solid successes any feminine vocalist has achieved in the past four years. Clarity of diction plus a pleasing style has been largely responsible for her reaching stardom. She is featured with Leo Reisman's orc estra. The Four Eton Boys, Phil Duey and the Sweethearts.

Sally Singer

*** Mrs. Phil Baker, the former Peggy Cartwright of musical comedy, has finally acceded to her comedian-husband's request that she become a "radio wife," and joined Phil for his CBS broadcast on January 26.

*** For the next few weeks, Peter Van Steeden, the "Town Hall Tonight" NBC orchestra leader, will conduct with his left hand at the advice of his physicians, to avoid any strain on his recently operated "appendectomy" right side.

## CECIL FARMERS TO ATTEND MEETING AT TOWSON ON FEB. 3

### Production Credit Association Meet To Convene At 10:30

J. S. Reisler, of Nottingham, Pennsylvania, director of the Towson Production of the Towson Production Credit Association, will leave on Monday of next week to attend the annual meeting of the association to be held on February 3rd at 9:30. With him will go many farmers of the county who are association stockholders and borrowers.

Mr. Reisler was elected a director two years ago and during his term has seen the Towson Production Credit Association grow until it is now a large factor in the economic life of Cecil, Howard, Harford, and Baltimore counties, which are served by the Association.

**Doubled Business**

"In the past year," Mr. Reisler said, "our association has doubled its business over 1934. We have been able to help more and more of our county farmers save money in the operation of their farms. Farm profits are small, as we all know, though they are now larger than they have been for the past few years. Farmers must save wherever possible, and money borrowed for farm operation is one of the best ways of saving. The Towson Production Credit Association loans money to farmers to pay expenses of crop production, such as fertilizer, labor needs, machinery; to purchase livestock or other farming operations which require short time borrowing. The present rate of interest is 5 per cent, and the method of repayment is based on the farmer's ability to repay.

**To Elect Officers**

"I hope farmers of Cecil county will learn more about our association during the coming year. We farmers have, in production credit, a way to borrow money which will not dry up, as credit did a few years ago when no banks would advance us funds. It is up to us to keep our association for our use and the use of our children."

Four directors for the association will be elected at the annual meeting to replace those whose terms expire. The full board of directors, including those newly elected will meet and elect officers for the year.

## *Historical Sketches Resumed Next Week*

The STAR announces with a great deal of pleasure that the interesting and instructive feature, "Pages From The History of Elkton,' 'which appeared regularly in this paper until a few weeks ago, will be resumed next week.

From the pen of Miss Catherine Eckles Wilson, these articles, of great historical value, have been widely read and commented upon and several historical societies and large public libraries are using them for reference work and for permanent filing. Miss Wilson's articles deal with Elkton and Elkton families from the days of its founding when it was known as Head of Elk, and all facts are carefully checked for historical accuracy. Owing to the large demand for copies of the paper containing these articles, extra copies will be made on each issue but even these are often over-ordered. Those desiring extra copies are requested to leave their order early in the week to assure delivery.

A complete file of back copies cannot be procured at this time, but those desiring the complete history can have typewritten copies of the missing numbers made at this office, or at the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore.

## Kitchen Funds Available

In most rural homes the kitchen serves as a sort of workshop for the housewife. For this reason a great deal of room is usually needed, much more room than is needed in the ordinary urban kitchen. Often it is found that the kitchen could be made more efficient and convenient by adding more room, a few changes here or a little remodeling there to suit the individual housewife who spends most of her day there. Lack of funds need not delay such improvements. Funds for this purpose are available at any financial institution operating under the Federal Housing Administration's modernization credit plan.

**Old and Rich Mining Center**

Guanajuato, Mexico, is one of the oldest and richest mining centers on the North American continent, fantastically perched on a series of small hills. The little town has a fascinating history and its sumptuous "Teatro Juarez" reflects the tall tales of opulence and the splendor of Guanajuato's era of gold.


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